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EDITOR'S EYE

I think the lads have been waiting for this game ever since that terrible night at Cheltenham back in September. It certainly was the lowest of the low what with a terrible performance and dissension in the ranks – I'm sure there'll be a few players looking to punish the lowly Robins.

If they perform anything like they did on Saturday then I'm sure they'll do enough to ensure three points and with Northampton and Mansfield still to play – I'm certainly not writing off a final flurry towards the top six. If QPR keep playing like that I can see them dropping out of the top six, whilst Luton were another to slip up at the weekend.

It was also great to see 'Super Sam' bag against the Club he supported as a boy – not only that but the quality of the goal too. With Heywood and Robbo close behind him in the goalscoring charts – it looks set to be a tough battle for top spot! You can read all about their 'wager' on page 32...

Finally from me, just a quick word on our programme designers. Both Wes Strange and Brad Sharp have done their bit in making the programme look as good as it does and so I must thank them for earning us our latest award. Programme Monthly, who have been kind to us in the past, have recently voted us as the Best Designed Programme in Division Two. Good work lads!



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A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL FOR WHAT IS OUR SECOND HOME GAME IN JUST FOUR DAYS - IF TONIGHT'S GAME IS ANYTHING LIKE SATURDAY'S THEN WE SHOULD BE IN FOR ANOTHER CRACKER!

It was a fantastic performance and an incredible atmosphere, certainly one of the best since I've been here and to be honest – everyone deserved it, it was just a great Club effort. The lads were tremendous, played with great spirit and were well worthy of the victory. And the fans as well, despite QPR bringing nearly 3,000, rose to the occasion and made for a superb spectacle – The County Ground was absolutely buzzing. I'm sure that with Cheltenham's visit tonight you'll all be well up for it again – I just hope that we can put on a similar showing and make up for what was one of the lowest moments of the season at Whaddon Road.

I think it was the nature of Saturday's win that made the result so good. QPR were on a good run and had lost just once in the last ten games. As a result Ian Holloway, a manager that I have great respect for, won the Manager of the Month Award and he said to me after the game that we had deserved the three points. That to me is a signal of how well we played – it's not very often that the opposing manager comments on how well you've performed.

And despite going a goal down we got straight back into it and that was important. QPR are one of the strongest teams in the league, have a great mixture of youth and experience and we outplayed them. We were solid at the back, creative in midfield (it's not very often that we see Turbo get that far forward – I wish he'd do it more often) and up front we caused them all sorts of problems.

THE GAFFER CONT'D...

'Bes had a great debut'

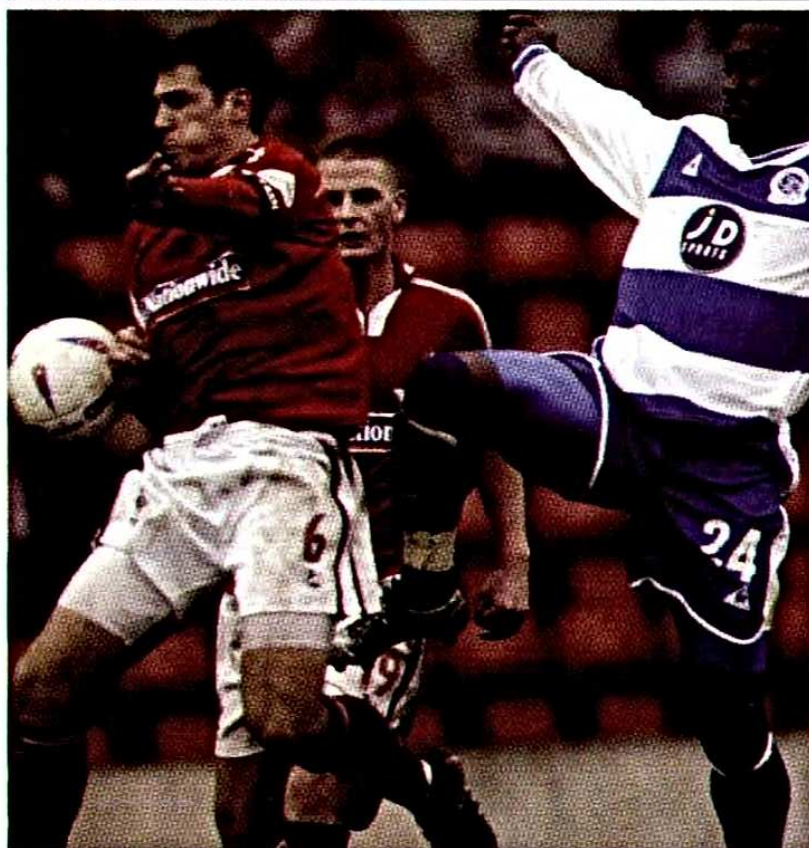


The fact that we restricted such a strong attacking force to only a few chances was great, but also, and especially after our last two league games which haven't been as good, to get three goals was great. It was just a superb all round team performance and I know everyone will go on about Sam's goal, but I think everyone played a part. Sam has got great feet and it was a special finish, but all over the park there were tremendous performances. David Duke, who is one of the most underrated players in this side, had to chop and change again and he did a good job. Jon Beswetherick provided us with some good width on the left and Reeves, Heywood and Gurney were their usual solid selves. In midfield Miglioranzi bossed whilst Robbo and Hewlett ran their socks off and closed down, whilst Eric and Sam worked well together.

I must admit, despite saying that the dream is over, that I had a cheeky look at the top of the table after the game! You can't help but get excited after a performance like that and we're still only eight points off QPR. As long as it is possible we will work hard and you never know what could happen.

The one thing we can't afford to do this evening is get complacent. We have three of the bottom four teams in our next three games, but that doesn't mean that they'll be easy. In fact they'll probably prove to be tough games with all three sides scrapping for points and if we relax at all we'll get beaten. However, if we show the same kind of attitude as we did on Saturday then I'm sure we'll emerge victorious. Tonight's game gives us all a great opportunity of avenging that awful night at Cheltenham. Those that were there will agree that it was probably the worst game of the season and I know the players are keen to put that right, as am I. That defeat encapsulated that awful run we had and now, having lost just three in twenty, I am hoping that we can show them just what we're capable of and in doing so – keep us in and around the top part of the table. We have all kept every faith in ourselves and have come out of that period all the better for it – I just hope the lads can enjoy this one and get what they deserve. Again many thanks for your support on Saturday – a similar performance from both you and the team will see us continue our good run.

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL FOR TONIGHT'S DERBY CLASH WITH CHELTENHAM – A GAME ALL THE LADS HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO FOR SOME TIME.

As I'm sure the 'gaffer' has already said – the lads have been looking forward to playing Cheltenham again. For me the previous encounter with tonight's opposition was one of the lowest points of my career, let alone this season and the only chance we can avenge that is with a good performance and subsequent victory. The lads are still absolutely buzzing after Saturday's win against QPR and the best thing about it is, with some of the other top sides losing, is that we are back in the play-off hunt again. Obviously we are the outsiders, but with the bottom three teams to play before the game against Bristol City, there is the opportunity to pick up points. If we can get six points from the next nine then that Bristol City becomes a huge encounter for us. That is not to say that the next few games will be easy because they most certainly won't be. Cheltenham,

Northampton and Mansfield will all be scrapping for their lives and we will have to approach each game as we did at the weekend, otherwise we know what can happen. These teams mustn't be taken lightly, Cheltenham have already beaten us once and the same will happen again if we get complacent.

But I think the lads will be up for this one, not only because of what happened earlier on in the season but because we're really confident too. You could see on Saturday how much we were enjoying the game and it was a huge win for us. What made it even better was the atmosphere. QPR brought a few fans down and you responded and I think it helped us get ourselves back in the game. More support like that will be very much appreciated tonight, hopefully we can repay you with another win!



DICK MACKEY'S TREATMENT ROOM

This week we have had a few players in the Treatment Room after Saturday's game against QPR.

It was a tough game and both Jon Beswetherick and Matty Hewlett have been in with knocks. Jon was on the receiving end of a heavy challenge from the Rangers keeper, Nick Culkin. They were both going for a 50:50 ball and Jon took a knock but he should have recovered in time for tonight's game, as should Matt Hewlett.

Adam Willis has been continuing his recovery work and is making good progress since sustaining an ankle injury against Barnsley at the start of February. He has been running on the treadmill, in the pool and doing some weights. He should be back in contention in around three weeks.



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Good evening and welcome to everyone for today's local derby and the first league visit of Cheltenham to the County Ground. On behalf of the board of directors can I also extend a warm welcome to the directors, management, players and supporters who have made the short journey from Cheltenham.

Saturday's performance, especially in the second half, was probably the best of the season, and to come against a team in the thick of the play-offs made it doubly rewarding. The atmosphere inside the ground was, in my opinion, also the best of the season and I thank you all for the quality of support you gave the players during the afternoon. Even when we went a goal behind the volume didn't diminish and, as a whole, the Club got what it deserved on Saturday.

Today's opponents will offer a very different challenge. Fighting for survival in this division will ensure that the match will be a real battle, and when it's a local derby as well, there is also a matter of local pride at stake.

Cheltenham F.C. are a very well run club, which reflects the fact that not so long ago they were a non-league club run on non-league financial guidelines which normally means not spending more than you generate. Despite the excellent hospitality afforded by the Cheltenham directors at Whaddon Road earlier this season, that night remains very much the low point of my season so far. Contrast this to the atmosphere, spirit and result at the County Ground on Saturday and I believe we can safely and accurately say that progress is being made.

There has been much debate recently over players out of contract, new contracts and future playing plans. It is therefore important that I re-iterate the approach of the board. Andy King and I have already spoken at length about out-of-contract players and the Club's approach to offering new deals to the players Andy wishes to retain. I have indicated to Andy the projected playing budget for next season, which has been set at a percentage of turnover which is



QPR's Marc Bircham is challenged by Andy Gurney

MARK DEVLIN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC.



realistic and which does not overstretch the Club leading to a risk of further financial problems. It is important to the board that the Club builds from a strong financial base and scouting set up. The days of overspending in the sheer blind hope of playing success are over. I have said it before but we need to operate as a professional business, allowing a little for the vagaries of the football industry, if we are to prosper in the long term. This should not mean that

we are uncompetitive or unambitious. In fact you will undoubtedly see more and more clubs run on realistic budgets and business principles, otherwise sadly, we will lose a few of our fellow league members through football's financial madness.

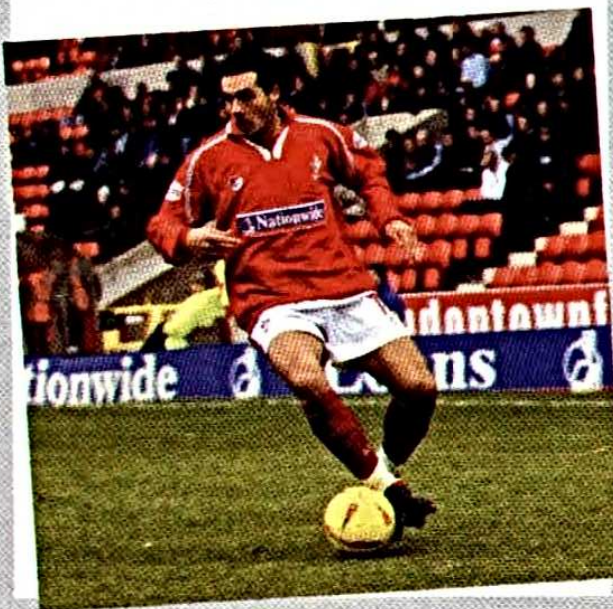
Thank you for your tremendous support, enjoy the game and let's hope we are able to put the record straight this evening.



03.03.03

INVINCIBLE WINS PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Danny Invincible was the second player to win the PFA 'Give Me Football' Player of the Month Award last month. Danny follows Sam as the lucky recipient of the award voted for by the fans. And that's not all, for 'Super Sam' currently tops the chart for March, with Bart Griemink and Danny fourth and fifth respectively!



03.03.03

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01.03.03

WIGAN ALMOST THERE...

Wigan took all three points against Chesterfield at The JJB thanks to goals from Gary Teale, Tony Dinning and Andy Liddell on Saturday. David Reeves grabbed a consolation but could not prevent defeat. Peterborough earned a shock win over Crewe with a 90th minute strike from Leon McKenzie to deny Crewe a point to help their promotion challenge. Cardiff are now just a point behind Dario Gradi's side but they came from behind at Stockport to take a point in a 1-1 draw thanks to a strike from former Town striker Peter Thorne. Oldham took a 1-0 win at Mansfield with a Fitz Hall penalty two minutes from time. At the other end Huddersfield edged away from the bottom with a superb 2-0 win at Northampton. Tonight's visitors were 3-1 losers at Ashton Gate against Bristol City. Goals from Mark Robins, Aaron Brown and Liam Rosenior secured the points for City.

28.02.03

TOWN LADS DO THE ROUNDS

Hundreds of children met two of their stars in Debenhams last week, whilst Daren Dykes and Mark Devlin witnessed the end of the Community courses - with nearly 200 kids taking part.

Matty Heywood And Eric Sabin were both present at Debenhams, the high street store that now sells STFC gear - and the duo were on hand to sign autographs and have their pictures taken with the fans. Two lucky fans, picked out from all those that entered a competition in the store, were the lucky recipients of a signed football, whilst one fan won tickets for his family to a game of their choice.

The Winners were as follows:

James Selwood, 27 Fairford Crescent (Signed ball)

Chris Gill, 80 Colingsmead, Swindon (Signed ball)

Jeremy Marsh, 89 The Bramptons, Shaw Ridge,
Swindon (Tickets)

Look out for further promotions at Debenhams in the future.

Meanwhile, back at the County Ground Jon Holloway was wrapping up the half term community courses. Nearly 200 kids took part over the last three

days and made for a fabulous feast of football. Daren Dykes and Mark Devlin were on hand to present some players with prizes for best player etc, whilst every child got a goody bag (including a calendar, Swindon bag, programme and drink.)



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SWINDON TOWN 3

ROBINSON 18, PARKIN 64, HEYWOOD 68

QPR 1

SHITTU 15

Nearly 8,000 packed in to the County Ground for this, an eagerly awaited fixture. QPR started the game in sixth place having not conceded a goal against Town in the previous three encounters. A win for the Robins would see them go just eight points behind the Hoops. Town started the brighter of the two sides as they attacked the Stratton Bank and their first effort came in the first minute when Sabin was played through. His shot however found the new scoreboard rather than the back of the net. Miglioranza also started well, orchestrating proceedings and linking play well with Beswetherick on the left hand side of the field.

Eric Sabin then showed what he can do just a minute later when he knocked the ball through for himself and accelerated past Clarke Carlisle. He then cut inside and crossed for Robinson but the ball was cut out by the Rangers defence just as Town threatened. Beswetherick was then found in space by Hewlett and charged down the left hand side. He crossed into the box but Sabin's effort just fell into the arms of Culklin, the QPR goalkeeper. Former Plymouth man Beswetherick enjoyed a solid debut and would later receive a standing ovation from the home crowd. QPR took the lead on 15 minutes when a corner from Gino Padula was met by Dan Shittu who headed past Griemink for the opener. The QPR fans on the Stratton Bank celebrated their team's early lead but the Town were to reply just minutes later.

On 18 minutes Steve Robinson was played through and he coolly chested the ball down and poked the ball past Culklin from eight yards out to level the score – it was Robbo's second of the season. QPR then took somewhat of a stranglehold in the midfield, yet without threatening Bart Griemink in the Town goal. They were awarded a free-kick on 29 minutes that Richard Langley stepped up to take, but his curling right foot effort flew just over the bar. Just past the half-hour mark Town stepped up their efforts with Beswetherick's corner testing Culklin in the away goal.

A corner by Richard Langley was then headed off the line by Jon Beswetherick. The ball dropped to Dan Shittu who hit a shot on the turn at Bart Griemink, the Dutchman palmed the ball onto the bar and away for a further corner which was cleared. Langley then had another free-kick which fell almost in exactly the same position as the first, landing just over the bar. Furlong then was

sent clear with minutes remaining of the half but Bart Griemink dived at his feet to make a superb stop to deny the former Chelsea man. The Town End responded by singing the praises of the former Birmingham keeper as the rain began to fall.

Stefani Miglioranza took control of the game on 55 minutes when he made a superb run after starting the initial move. His final ball to Parkin was cut out by Shittu in the Rangers defence. As the Town End and Stratton Bank exchanged tunes, Town looked to take the lead and had an opportunity after a long throw into the box by Duke was headed out for a corner. Beswetherick took the corner and after receiving the ball back, stepped inside Shittu and unleashed a powerful drive which was deflected to safety. Town took the lead on 65 minutes when Parkin waltzed past two players on the edge of the box and clipped the ball past Culklin to put Town 2-1 up. The Town fans amongst the 7,716 rose to their feet to salute 'Super Sam' as he celebrated in front of the Arkell's Stand. The strike was Parkin's 20th goal of the season, coming against the side he supported as a boy.

Town extended the lead on 69 minutes when Jon Beswetherick curled in a teasing corner that found Matt Heywood unmarked at the back post and he headed home to take the score to 3-1. Immediately after the goal Matt Hewlett unleashed a 25-yard drive from a Miglioranza cut back, seeing his shot fly straight at Culklin. QPR substitute Tommy Williams knocked a ball across goal which was just missed by Kevin Gallen. The resulting corner was then claimed by the confident Griemink who rose above the QPR players to take the ball.

With five minutes remaining a ball out from defence found Parkin on the half way line. He then released Sabin who outpaced his marker to create space just outside the box. Sabin's shot was palmed away by Culklin to the byline. Parkin followed up but could not score his second of the afternoon from such an acute angle.

Town were simply superb. Sam Parkin reached 20 goals for the season and Town took all three points to keep them in eleventh place ahead of the visit of Cheltenham. If you weren't here this afternoon, come down to The County Ground this Wednesday evening and get behind the team as they continue to entertain.

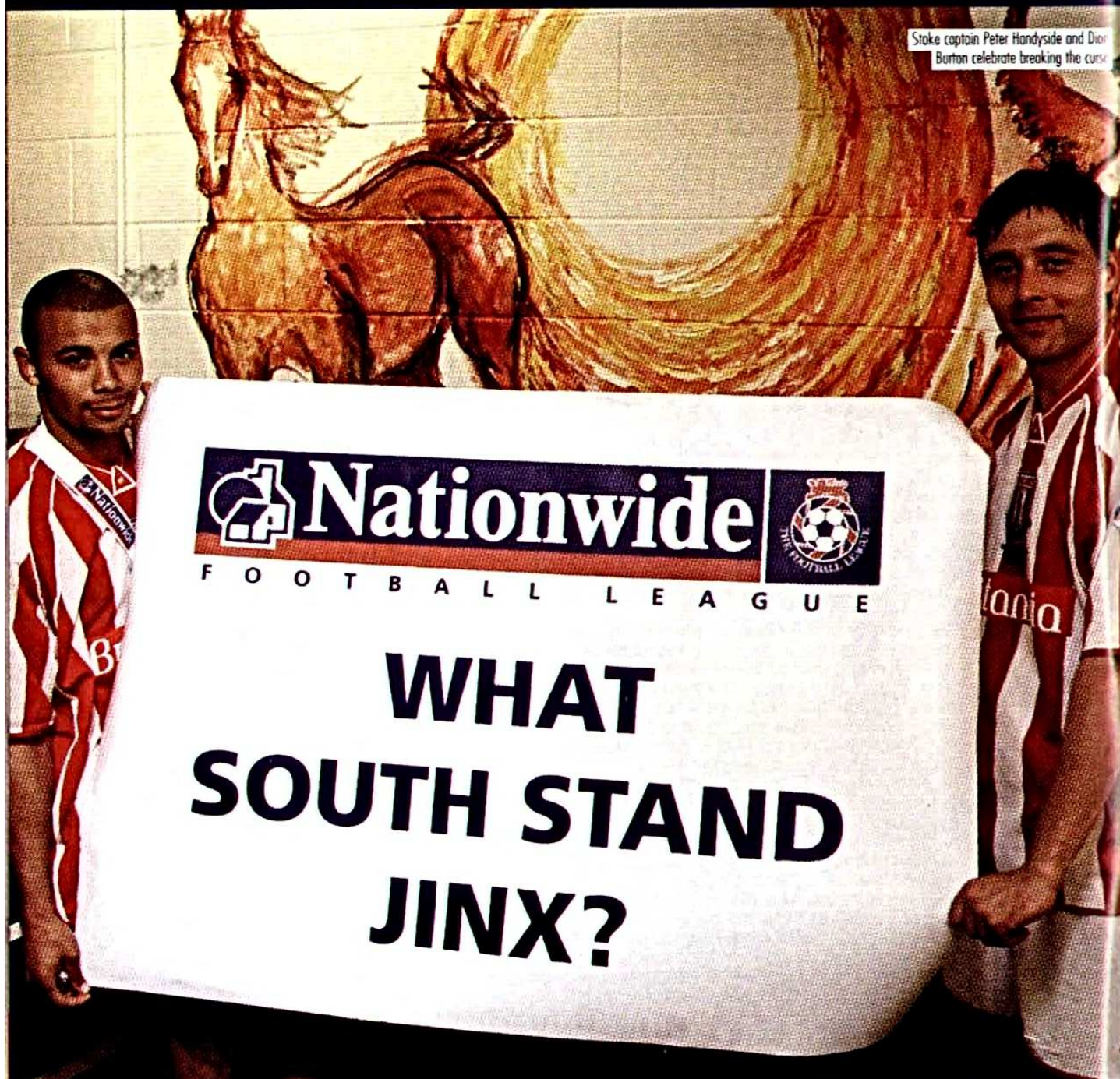
TOWN: Griemink, Duke, Beswetherick (18), Gurney, Reeves, Heywood, Robinson, Hewlett, Miglioranza, Parkin, Sabin. **Subs not used:** Farr, Young, Edwards, Dykes.

QPR: Culklin, Padula (Paquette 72), Palmer, Shittu, Carlisle, Langley, Bircham, Cook (Williams 72), Bean, Gallen, Furlong (Angell 82). **Subs not used:** Day, Burgess.

SUPERSTITIONS

FOOTBALL IS RAPIDLY BECOMING ONE OF THE MOST SUPERSTITIOUS SPORTS ON THE GLOBE, AND ALTHOUGH WE IN THE NATIONWIDE LEAGUE HAVE A FAIR WAY TO GO IF WE ARE TO PULL OURSELVES LEVEL WITH THE RIDICULOUS RITUALS PERFORMED OVERSEAS, RECENT STORIES SUGGEST THAT WE MAY BE CLOSER THAN FIRST THOUGHT - AS DAN KEEL EXPLAINS.

Stoke captain Peter Handyside and Dion Burton celebrate breaking the curse



Despite the fact that our idols can still refrain from sleeping with their boots on, and that we the fans can attend matches without inserting objects into our underwear, many do not seem to be ruling out the benefits of mystical powers.

A Feng Shui Doctor was recently called into the Millennium Stadium to help lift the increasingly famous 'South Stand Curse.' Chinese Astrology guru, Dr. Paul Darby was accompanied by a horse which galloped around the pitch whilst he scattered sea salt and incense and chanted Buddhist prayers. The ceremony was arranged following 11 consecutive defeats for teams who prepared in the southern changing room. This tally included losses for teams in two FA Cup Finals and two League Cup Finals. Andrew Vicari, 1995 European Artist of the Year, was asked to paint galloping horses surrounded by reds, oranges and yellows on the changing room wall. The Doctor had recommended these images and colours as they are said to increase positive energy levels.

The 52 year old added, "This isn't about making sure that South Stand teams win. All we are trying to do is redress any imbalance of positive energy within the stadium. I'm not doing anything negative to the North End, just boosting energy levels in the South to achieve an equilibrium of positivity." That very weekend Stoke succeeded in breaking the curse by beating Brentford 2-0 in the Division Two Play off Final after changing in the southern dressing room!!

This was not the only stadium that seemed to benefit from mystical forces last season. After Southampton's move from 'The Dell' to 'The St Mary's Stadium,' Gordon Strachan's team simply could not win. This was until they invited a Pagan Witch to sit in the stands. She claimed that the stadium had been built on a medieval burial ground meaning she could use her powers to protect the Southampton goal-line from opposing shots. Indeed

'The Saints' went on to record two victories on the trot during which they scored six goals whilst conceding none. Gordon Strachan later admitted it was a last desperate attempt to change the fortunes of the team as everything else he had tried had failed. Leyton Orient and Oxford United also used similar tactics this season when struggling for form. A druid was called into Brisbane Road whilst United called upon the Bishop of Oxford to lift the apparent curse on their new Kassam Stadium.

Pre match rituals can also be rather amusing. The smooth shiny head of Fabien Barthez receiving a gentle kiss from Laurent Blanc was an eye-brow raising image and one which United fans were sad to miss out on last season. Maybe this lack of pre-kick-off bonding contributed to United's trophyless campaign? Unfortunately this was not something which we could look forward to in the World Cup due to Blanc's retirement from the international stage. This could have presented the perfect opening for a totally bald show of affection. Frank Leboeuf replaced the rock of the French defence, yet sadly we were not treated to a shiny show of solidarity in Japan.

Another episode involving a Nationwide League superstition occurred when West Brom boss, Gary Megson controversially refused to accept his 'Manager of the Month' Award. He justified his decision, stating, "I'm delighted to have won the award, but a defeat always seems to follow whenever a manager wins, so I don't even want to touch it." Fortunately sponsors 'Nationwide' agreed to let the club put the award up for auction.

To reach the utterly ridiculous rituals, however, we need to travel further afield. The 1995 African Football Champions Cup was the stage and the team involved was Orlando Pirates of South Africa who faced the rampant and firm favourite ASEC Mimosas of the Ivory Coast. For several days before this cup-final, the players had bathed in a special potion prepared by their faith healer.

Once at the stadium they followed this man out of the changing rooms keeping to the left hand side of the passageway in order to avoid bewitchment. As expected it was one of the most one-sided matches in the history of African football, but amazingly, shot after shot from Mimosas went wide, hit the post, hit the bar or was spectacularly saved. In the final minutes of the match, the only South African (who wasn't in defence) latched onto a long clearance from his keeper to mis-hit the ball into the bottom corner of the Ivorian goal and clinch the title in the most ridiculous manner. There seemed to be no other explanation for it, the lucky potion must have worked.

There was however a ritual in Argentina which would surely fail to go unnoticed no matter how many times it occurred. The famous Argentinian goalkeeper, Sergio Goycochea struck the back pages of South American newspapers when he began urinating on the penalty spots before kick-off. He experimented with his theory before a cup final in which the opposing team missed two penalties. Following this it seemed foolish to remove 'The Latin Leak' from his match-day preparation and so he continued the ritual throughout his career. Unsurprisingly it became a nationally celebrated, (if somewhat controversial) ceremony, but one which was popular with police as it aided congestion outside the ground due to fans from both sides arriving at stadia earlier than usual to catch a glimpse of one of the great sporting rituals.

This ritual was later adopted and modified in 1994 by Birmingham City manager, Barry Fry after he became aware of its success in South America. Fry now openly admits to leaking a small amount of his bodily fluids onto the four corners of the pitch before kick-off in an attempt to save City from relegation. He later explained, "It's a pretty difficult exercise to squirt a little by the corner flag, walk sixty yards to the next corner and do it again four times in succession - it didn't work. We were relegated and I was later sacked!"

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Most Scoring chances per game

	On Target	Off T		On Target	Off T
Wigan	6.65	7.15	Blackpool	5.32	5.09
Plymouth	5.71	7.18	Wycombe	5.29	5.09
Cardiff	6.18	6.06	Huddersfield	5.21	5.15
Barnsley	5.65	6.35	Swindon	5.29	4.76
Crewe	6.62	5.38	Cheltenham	5.35	4.56
QPR	5.71	6.03	Stockport	5.12	4.44
Mansfield	6.15	5.47	Port Vale	4.62	4.85
Tranmere	5.50	5.35	Notts County	5.06	4.12
Bristol City	5.41	5.32	Northampton	4.65	4.32
Luton	5.21	5.44	Colchester	4.33	4.15
Peterborough	5.76	4.88	Chesterfield	4.12	4.24
Oldham	4.85	5.65	Brentford	3.55	4.18

TOP GOALSCORERS

volleyed shots

Player	Club	Tot
Earnshaw	Cardiff	11
Hulse	Crewe	5
Henriksen	Kidderminster	5
Kewell	Leeds	4
Solskjaer	Man Utd	4
Beattie	Southampton	4
Sinclair	West Ham	4
McVeigh	Norwich	4
Todorov	Portsmouth	4
Cureton	Reading	4
Byfield	Rotherham	4
Smith	Huddersfield	4
Stallard	Notts County	4
Gallen	QPR	4
Beckett	Stockport	4
Parkin	Swindon	4
Haworth	Tranmere	4
Gray	Rushden	4
Hartson	Celtic	4

penalties scored

Player	Club	Tot
Ferguson	Rangers	8
Dickov	Leicester	7
Alexander	Preston	6
Beattie	Southampton	5
Blake	Burnley	5
Merson	Portsmouth	5
Liddell	Wigan	5
Lee	Rotherham	4
Sonner	Walsall	4
Hunt	Brentford	4
Tinnion	Bristol City	4
Keith	Colchester	4
Eyres	Oldham	4
Parkin	Swindon	4
Brown	Wycombe	4
O'Connor	Bournemouth	4
Crosby	Oxford	4
Russell	Torquay	4
Morrell	Wrexham	4
Duffield	York	4

Margins of Victory

Games WON by	1gl	2gl	3gl	4gl	5+gl
Wigan	10	13	1	0	0
Crewe	7	8	2	1	1
Cardiff	11	3	1	3	0
Oldham	11	3	0	2	1
Bristol City	6	6	4	1	0
Tranmere	11	2	2	1	0
QPR	5	7	1	2	0
Blackpool	7	5	3	0	0
Luton	11	2	2	0	1
Brentford	9	2	0	0	1
Plymouth	7	4	1	0	0
Swindon	6	4	2	0	1
Wycombe	4	4	2	0	1
Chesterfield	9	1	0	1	1
Mansfield	5	2	0	1	1
Peterborough	5	2	1	1	0
Stockport	4	3	1	1	0
Barnsley	7	2	0	0	0
Colchester	7	1	1	0	0
Huddersfield	6	2	1	0	0
Port Vale	7	1	1	0	0
Northampton	4	1	3	0	0
Notts County	4	1	3	0	0
Cheltenham	3	3	0	0	0

Goals in last 15 Mins of match

FOR	76-90	Tot	%	AGAINST	76-90	Tot	%
Peterborough	14	34	41	Mansfield	22	70	31
Luton	16	50	32	Cardiff	8	27	30
Notts County	16	50	32	Tranmere	14	48	29
Bristol City	18	59	31	Northampton	15	55	27
Oldham	14	50	28	Chesterfield	13	48	27
Blackpool	12	45	27	Stockport	15	56	27
Wycombe	12	46	26	Crewe	8	30	27
Huddersfield	7	27	26	Plymouth	10	38	26
Cardiff	13	51	25	Peterborough	10	39	26
QPR	12	49	24	Wigan	5	20	25
Tranmere	11	46	24	Oldham	7	29	24

ordered by late goals as %
of all goals

Goals from Set Pieces for and against

SCORED	Co	FK	CONCEDED	Co	FK
Plymouth	11	7	Mansfield	10	10
Crewe	4	12	Cheltenham	10	6
Oldham	8	7	Blackpool	7	8
Brentford	7	6	Northampton	2	13
Bristol City	5	8	Port Vale	12	3
Wigan	7	6	Huddersfield	6	8
Blackpool	10	2	Stockport	11	2
Swindon	8	4	Barnsley	4	7
Cardiff	8	3	Cardiff	3	7
Luton	7	4	Notts County	6	4
QPR	6	5	Swindon	3	7
Tranmere	6	5	Tranmere	6	4
Wycombe	7	4	Bristol City	3	6
Notts County	2	8	Peterborough	6	3

Co = Corners FK = Free Kick Routines

COMEBACKS

Won from	-3	-2	-1	Tot
Luton	0	0	6	6
Blackpool	0	0	4	4
Mansfield	0	0	4	4
Swindon	0	0	4	4
Tranmere	0	0	4	4
Bristol City	0	1	2	3
Barnsley	0	0	3	3
Crewe	0	0	3	3
Port Vale	0	0	3	3
QPR	0	0	3	3

THROWAWAYS

Lost from	+3	+2	+1	Tot
Cheltenham	0	0	6	6
Barnsley	0	0	5	5
Stockport	0	1	3	4
Chesterfield	0	0	4	4
Notts County	0	0	4	4
Mansfield	0	1	2	3
Luton	0	0	3	3
Northampton	0	0	3	3
Plymouth	0	0	3	3
QPR	0	0	3	3

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

Scorers' Points Gained & Scoring Run

Club	Gls	Gl/gm	Pts	Run	1stG
Robert Earnshaw	24	0.73	18	3	7
Sam Parkin	19	0.61	17	6	5
Rob Hulse	19	0.66	14	4	7
John Murphy	13	0.45	13	2	6
Luke Beckett	22	0.65	12	4	10
Simon Haworth	15	0.52	11	8	5
Martin Smith	12	0.44	11	1	4
Steven Howard	14	0.47	10	4	7
Bruce Dyer	12	0.39	10	3	3
Mark Stallard	17	0.52	9	3	4
Andy Liddell	15	0.54	9	2	7
Rowan Vine	10	0.32	9	1	3

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

Fouls and Offsides per game

avg. fouls per game	avg. offsides per game
Luton 14.44	Luton 5.26
Tranmere 14.26	Barnsley 4.47
Brentford 13.94	Tranmere 4.18
Wycombe 13.79	Peterborough 4.03
Oldham 13.62	Wycombe 3.68
Notts County 13.47	Crewe 3.56
Swindon 13.41	Cheltenham 3.47
QPR 13.35	Oldham 3.44
Barnsley 13.00	Stockport 3.44
Mansfield 12.91	Blackpool 3.41
Bristol City 12.85	Brentford 3.36
Chesterfield 12.65	Swindon 3.32
Northampton 12.62	Plymouth 3.24

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Clubs Comparison



Goals Scored

20	Shots	20
7	Headers	7
11	Volleys	4
5	Penalties	0
3	Free Kicks	1
0	Own Goals	1

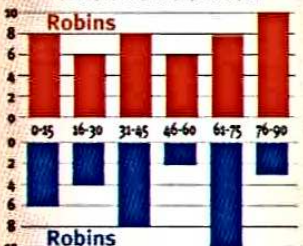
Where Goals Scored



Where Goals Conceded



When Goals Scored



Form Guide - Last 6

3	Won	1
2	Drawn	2
1	Lost	3
8	For	9
7	Against	13
11	Points	5
1	Goal Difference	-4
WDWLDW	Sequence	WLDLWL

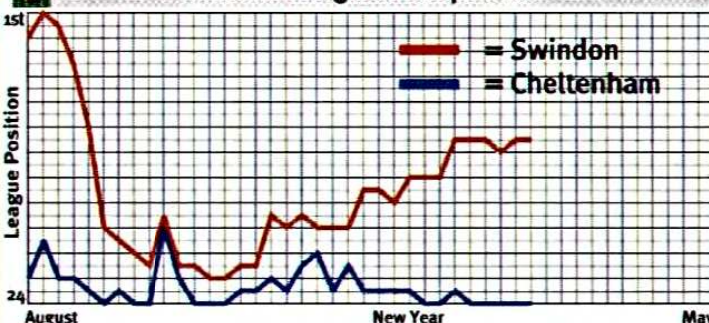


Yellow & Red Cards

45	Yellow	40
1	Red	3



Seasonal Progress Comparison



2002-2003 Attendances

Robins	90,396	Aggregate	80,113
	7,716	Highest	6,382
	4,136	Lowest	3,568
	5,317	Average	4,713
	37	% of Capacity	64



10 Year Record

Robins	Avg Pos.	Robins
44.7	among 92 clubs	94.4
15,011	Avg Att 1993	919
5,109	Avg Att 2002	4,991
-66	+ / - %	443



Average Goals per game

1.35	For	0.97
1.41	Home For	0.88
1.29	Away For	1.06
1.41	Against	1.56
1.24	Home Against	1.47
1.59	Away Against	1.65



2002-2003 Figures

25	Players Used	26
4	Clean Sheets	8
10	Failed to Score	10
8	Goals scored from...	
	Corners	3
4	Free Kicks	4
3	Goals conceded from...	
	Corners	10
7	Free Kicks	6



Top League Scorers

Parkin	19	League Goals	8
Alsop	31	Games Played	31
	0.61	Lge Goals/Game	0.26
	17	Points Gained	7
	6	Scoring Run	1
	1	Hat-Tricks	0
	8	Close Range	4
	11	Inside Area	4
	0	Long Range	0
	8	Shots	3
	3	Headers	4
	4	Volleys	1
	4	Penalties	0
	0	Direct FKs	0



Swings

ST	Games Won from:	CT
0	3 Goals Down	0
0	2 Goals Down	0
4	1 Goal Down	1
0	Lost from:	0
0	3 Goals Up	0
0	2 Goals Up	0
1	1 Goal Up	6
0	Drawn from:	0
1	3 Goals Down	0
3	2 Goals Down	0
0	1 Goal Down	4
0	3 Goals Up	0
5	2 Goals Up	2
	1 Goal Up	3



Margins

6	Won by 1 Gl	3
4	Won by 2 Gl	3
2	Won by 3 Gl	0
0	Won by 4 Gl	0
0	Won by 5+ Gl	0
4	Lost by 1 Gl	7
6	Lost by 2 Gl	6
2	Lost by 3 Gl	2
0	Lost by 4 Gl	1
0	Lost by 5+ Gl	0

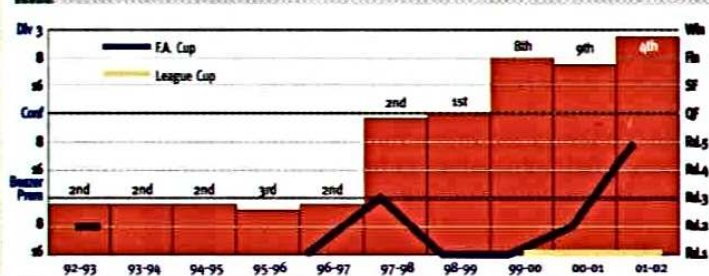


Misc stats

1	Highest Pos.	18
22	Lowest Pos.	24
2	Winning Run	2
7	Unbeaten Run	4
6	Losing Run	3
7	No Win Run	8



Cheltenham Town's 10 Year History



Season	Leading Scorer	Ave Att
01/02	Alsop.....20	4,074
00/01	Grayson.....13	3,695
99/00	Grayson.....11	4,125
98/99	Grayson.....17	3,112
97/98	Watkins.....17	1,839
96/97	Boyle.....12	995
95/96	Eaton.....23	714
94/95	Smith.....20	1,032
93/94	Eaton.....14	919
92/93	Smith.....28	875



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SWINDON TOWN 1

DYKES

BRISTOL CITY 4

STFC line-up: Craig Farr, Danny Taylor (O'Halloran), Kevin Halliday, Nathan Edwards, Ian Herring, Luke Garrad, Daren Dykes (Neil Crosby), Michael Pook, Alan Young (Mark Draycott), Chris Taylor, Ian Oliver. **Subs:** Steve Smith, Dave Bampton, Ian Herring

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IN RESERVE



RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES 2002/03

KEITH O'HALLORAN MADE HIS LONG AWAITED RETURN TO ACTION AFTER MORE THAN A YEAR AND A HALF ON THE SIDELINES. UNFORTUNATELY, THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE SUCH THAT HIS SIDE WENT ON TO LOSE 4-1 AGAINST LOCAL RIVALS BRISTOL CITY LAST WEDNESDAY.

O'Halloran came on with about 25 minutes to go much to the delight of the crowd (and there were a few here last week!). Replacing Danny Taylor, the midfielder looked good with some nice touches – however, the plucky Irishman still has some way to go in terms of reaching full fitness.

Daren Dykes had given Town the lead with an incredible virtuoso goal on four minutes. The striker rounded four players before putting the ball in the back of the net. However, Bristol City soon began to exert their authority on the game and their first chance from Craig Woodman was tipped over by Craig Farr. City finally drew level when Darren Hawkins headed home from Liam Ross's cross from the right hand side on 37 minutes before Leroy Lita made it 2-1 just before the break. Lita seized on a Craig Farr mistake to stroke the ball home into the empty net.

Daren Dykes, impressive for the home side, nearly equalised shortly after the half time break with a shot from the edge of the area on the turn. Town looked light-weight up front however and after O'Halloran's introduction, Malcolm Crosby threw on Neil Crosby and Mark Draycott in an effort to salvage something from the game.

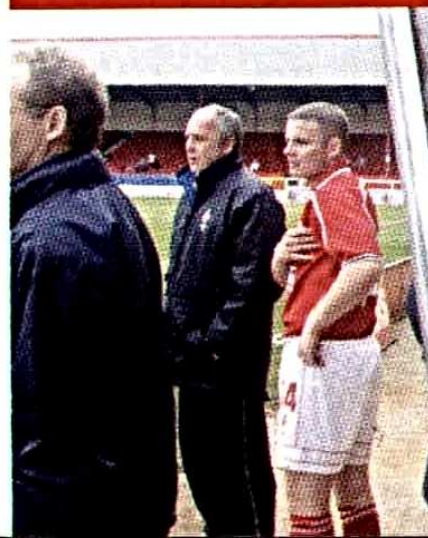
Former Town midfielder Robin Hulbert made sure of the points when he converted a shot from the edge of the area following a neat lay off, and Kyle Allcock confounded Town's misery at the end of the game when he slotted into an empty net following a cross from the right hand side (that despite him looking suspiciously offside).

Keith O'Halloran, talking to the Club's official website after the game, said, "It was great to be back. It's been a frustrating period on the sidelines but that's behind me now and I can look to the future. It was a start, and whilst my fitness may not be one hundred per cent, I feel that that will come in time.

"Unfortunately it wasn't the greatest of games – it wasn't a good result but we had a young side and I thought the younger lads did well. They will gain experience playing against sides such as this and that can only be good for them." You can listen to Keith's interview in full on STFC World – in which there is a free trial until March 15.

Wed 14 Aug	Wycombe W	Away	3-0
Wed 21 Aug	Milton Keynes	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 14 Jan	Cardiff City	Home	2-0
Tue 28 Jan	Southend United	Away	4-1
Wed 5 Feb	Northampton Town	Home	P-P
Mon 17 Feb	Crystal Palace	Away	
Wed 26 Feb	Bristol City	Home	1-4
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	P-P
TBA	Plymouth Argyle	Home	
TBA	Brentford	Away	

UNFORTUNATELY, AS A RESULT OF TOWN'S RE-ARRANGED FIXTURE WITH BLACKPOOL, LAST WEEKS SCHEDULED GAME AGAINST CRYSTAL PALACE HAS BEEN POSTPONED.





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MATCH ACTION



SATURDAY MARCH 1ST 2003

SWINDON TOWN 5

WYATT 2, ZEBROVSKI, LEWIS, PATTEN

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 0

STFC line-up: Matty Bulman, Nathan Battle, Ben Pryce, Chris Zebrowski, Leigh Mills, Leigh Henry, Matty Bennett, Kirk Wilmoth, Mitchell Wyatt, Lance Lewis, Ashan Holgate. **Subs:** Tom Valentine, Andrew Petten

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UNDER 17'S



UNDER 17'S FIXTURES 2002/03

ON A DIFFICULT DAY FOR THE TOWN PLAYERS AND MANAGEMENT, SWINDON TOWN U17'S PRODUCED A THOROUGHLY PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE WITH A 5-0 WIN OVER PLYMOUTH ARGYLE. THE WIN SEES THEM REMAIN AT THE TOP OF THE LEAGUE.

The Town players were informed of their futures just a day before the game and several of the team were playing their last games for the side. However, they still started very well and were 4-0 up at the break. A double from Mitchell Wyatt and further strikes from Lance Lewis and Chris Zebroski put Town firmly in the driving seat.

In the second half, Andy Patten scored an excellent individual goal that proved to be his last for the Club, as he was one of those players that Town will not be giving another contract to. Patten's goal was the pick of the five goals and highlighted the spirit within the side.

U17's Manager Jimmy Fraser gave his thoughts on the game.

"It was a very good performance. The lads were told of their futures on Friday and to play like they did was brilliant.

"We started the game well and were superb for the first thirty minutes. It was a difficult surface as it was sticky, but we passed the ball around with real purpose and attacked well.

"Plymouth got lambasted at half-time by their manager, who made it clear what he expected from them in the second period so we knew what to expect. We were under some pressure early on in the second period but weathered the storm. Andy Patten then got a very good breakaway goal to polish off a fine display from the team."

Sat 17th Aug	Oxford United	Home	5-0
Sat 24th Aug	Exeter City	Away	4-1
Sat 31st Aug	In Service Day		
Sat 7th Sep	Cheltenham Town	Home	4-0
Sat 14th Sep	Swansea City	Away	2-2
Sat 21st Sep	Cardiff City	Home	2-3
Sat 28th Sep	Cirencester	Home	10-2
Sat 5th Oct	Plymouth Argyle	Away	0-1
Sat 12th Oct	AFC Bournemouth	Away	0-3
Sat 19th Oct	Bristol Rovers	Home	4-1
Sat 26th Oct	Free Week		
Sat 2nd Nov	Torquay United	Away	p-p
Sat 16th Nov	Cirencester	Away	4-1
Sat 23rd Nov	Plymouth Argyle	Home	p-p
Sat 30th Nov	Bristol Rovers	Away	1-0
Sat 7th Dec	AFC Bournemouth	Home	p-p
Sat 14th Dec	Torquay United	Home	p-p
Sat 28th Dec	Christmas Break		
Sat 4th Jan	In Service Day		
Sat 18th Jan	Oxford United	Away	2-0
Sat 25th Jan	Exeter City	Home	p-p
Sat 1st Feb	Free Week		
Sat 8th Feb	Cheltenham Town	Away	2-0
Sat 15th Feb	Swansea City	Home	
Sat 22nd Feb	Cardiff City	Away	
Sat 1st March	Plymouth	Home	5-0

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

**THE UNDER 17'S
NEXT FIXTURE IS AT
HOME TO SWANSEA
CITY THIS SATURDAY
MARCH 8 2003.**

And with his 20th of the season, it's 'Super Sammy Parkin!'

Even Sam was shocked by his 'shirt-swinging' celebration on Saturday as he stroked home his 20th of the season. And what a goal it was too, the former Chelsea man beating two men before slotting home past Nick Culkin. "It was probably the best goal of my career, but I've never taken my shirt off before and I'm sure I'll never do it again!" he joked.

As long as he keeps slotting them away I don't mind how he celebrates, although it might be cold a tad cold should he do it again this evening...



DIV2 REVIEW

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



We had a very busy and pleasing half term holiday period with every team in action. After the Under 12's and Under 15's played at Gloucester on Monday the Under 16 players came in for a practice match against our full time scholars which gives Viv Busby and I the chance to see them against older players.

On Thursday our Under 14's played against the Cirencester and District Rep. Team, this allowed us to play a couple of trialists who have now been offered a six-week trial period. On Friday we entertained the Brazilian Soccer Schools at Under 9, Under 10, Under 11, under 12 and Under 13 ages and ran out convincing winners in all the games.

On Sunday our Under 12's were beaten 2-0, our Under 13's put on a fantastic performance winning 4-1 with two goals from Steve Bick. Our Under 14's lost 1-0, with the Under 15's winning 2-1 in a very keenly contested game, Ben Wells put the under 10's one up with a great strike from the edge of the box. Tom Valentine and Dom Khaekphong both claimed to have scored the winning goal. Dom whipped in a good free kick which Tom says he touched it over the line. From our point of view as coaches we look for performances before results, but the players wanting to win is a great habit to have as well.

Finally today, my sister-in-law, who is a season ticket holder here, gave birth to a little girl named Honour. Thankfully she is back for tonight's game, so congratulations to Kirsten and Gus - enjoy tonight's game.



VISITORS EXTEND BROWN'S LOAN DEAL



Tonight's visitors have successfully managed to extend Marvin Brown's loan spell at Whaddon Road for a second month.

The Bristol City youngster has scored one goal in his six appearances for the Robins during February. However, City inserted a clause in the deal that means Brown could not play in the clash between the two sides on Saturday. Cheltenham desperately needed to take something from tonight's game as they look to move off the foot of the Nationwide Division Two table.



PENNANT REJECTS HATTERS MOVE



Arsenal winger Jermaine Pennant is reported to have rejected a loan move to Division Two rivals Luton Town.

Hatters boss Joe Kinnear has been keen to strengthen his attacking options as his side bid for a place in the Nationwide Division Two play-offs, but without success. The England Under-21 star has recently returned to Highbury after a successful three-month loan spell at Watford and is not in manager Arsene Wenger's plans. However, Pennant was not keen to drop below the first division as he considers his options for next season.



HILLS FEELS WRATH OF MCMAHON



Blackpool boss Steve McMahon has revealed the shock news that John Hills will be leaving the club in the summer.

The 24-year-old defender has played more than 150 games for the Seaside but has rejected a new contract and is set to make his Bloomfield Road exit at the end of the season. "I spoke to John late last week and he will be leaving the club in the summer," McMahon confirmed to the club's official website. "There is no more negotiating now. He has made his bed and he has got to lie in it. His contract is up and we can't do anymore. We have offered him a wage rise but he's not accepting it. If he doesn't get what he wants from other clubs he certainly won't be coming back to this football club because the contract won't be on the table again.



PARKINSON READY TO RULE



Football's newest manager has been thrown straight in at the deep end for the ultimate sink or swim challenge. Yet Colchester boss Phil Parkinson is confident that he will not only swim, but that he can don his lifeguard's jacket and drag the U's out of relegation trouble. And so far it seems to be going well for both Club and manager, with the signs of recovery evident in a four-game unbeaten run since Steve Whitton's sacking – Parkinson puts it down to his experience from previous managers. "I have learned a lot from Alan Pardew at Reading this season and you naturally pick things up from previous managers you have played under. Mark McGhee was very influential on my own thinking. Alan has raised the professionalism of Reading Football Club to right up there with Premiership clubs."

LOCAL

FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Devizes saw their Cup dream shattered on Saturday as they lost out to Maldon in the quarter finals of the FA Vase.

Pete Tripp's men were outgunned in Essex in front of a bumper 491 crowd at Nursted Road. Paul Hunt was brought into the Devizes side for the game but he could not make an impact as goals from Robbie Reinalt, Nicky Smith and Terry Warwick secured victory.

Chippenham Town shared the points with Worcester City in front of 1,300 at The Lane to enable Tamworth to go 11 points clear at the top of the table.

Swindon Supermarine were winners once again as they triumphed over Shepshed Dynamo 2-0 at Hunts Copse. Goals from Shaun Terry and Jimmy Carter now leave Supermarine nine points from safety.

Highworth Town bounced back with a 4-0 win over Almondsbury Town. Goals from Matt Saye, Tate Hulbert(2) and Ross Adams gave the visitors the points. Highworth now face Fairford Town on Saturday in what should be an entertaining game of Hellenic Premier Division football.

Elsewhere Wootton Bassett beat Bicester 3-1, with Fairford Town and Pewsey Vale both without games. Purton beat Harrow Hill 2-0 and Shrivenham defeated Winterbourne 2-0.

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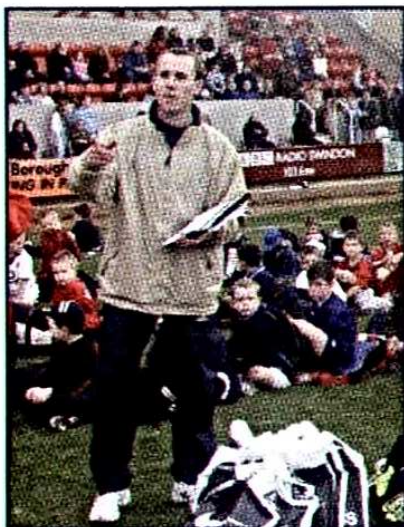
IN THE COMMUNITY

LAST WEEK JON HOLLOWAY WRAPPED UP THE COMMUNITY COURSES FOR ANOTHER TERM, WITH OVER 200 KIDS IN ATTENDANCE

The Community courses have grown and grown in the last few years and this months was no exception. Not only that, but more and more Swindon shirts were starting to appear as well!

Nearly 200 kids took part over the three days and made for a fabulous feast of football. Daren Dykes and Mark Devlin were on hand to present some players with prizes for best player etc, whilst every child got a goody bag (including a calendar, Swindon bag, programme and drink.)

Jon Holloway would like to thank the kids, coaches and parents for a superb course – for information on the next one give the lads a call on 01793 421303.



Jon calls the shots (left) as Mark Devlin and Daren Dykes do the honours and (top) the stars of the week



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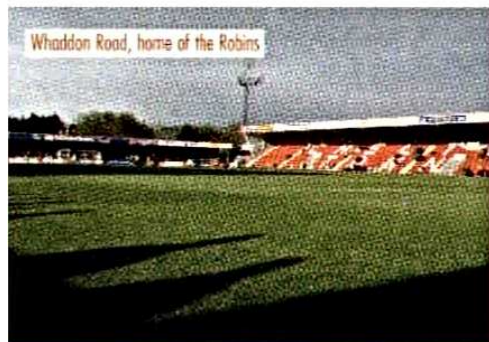
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TODAY'S VISITORS



Whaddon Road, home of the Robins

THIS SEASON

Ins: Paul Brayson (Cardiff), Damien Spencer (Bristol City), Jon Coates (Swansea), Richard Forsyth (Cheltenham), Grant McCann (West Ham)

Outs: Neil Grayson (Forest Green), Keith Hill (Morecambe), Jon Coates (Woking)

Last five games: LDLDL

Odds for relegation: 1/3

(Odds courtesy of
www.swindonbet.co.uk)

Top scorer: Julian Alsop (10)

LAST SEASON

Position last year: 3 (Division Three)

Biggest win: 4-0 (v York)

Biggest defeat: 1-5 (v Hull City)

Top scorer: Julian Alsop 26

Most league apps: Mike Duff 56

HISTORY BOOK

Formed: 1892

Biggest win: 4-0 v York City
(09/03/2002)

Most capped player: Mike Duff
(Northern Ireland: 2)

Most league goals: Srevo Book
(159: 1999-present)

Biggest buy: Grant McCann
£50,000

Record against the Town: Town
Wins 0, CTFC Wins 1, Draws 0

WORDS BY DAN KEEL

CHELTEMHAM TOWN

Following a string of successful seasons taking them from the Dr Marten's League to Division Three play-off glory, England's second flock of Robins have disappointed in Division Two.

In no less than five years Steve Cotterill, now Sunderland's number two, developed his Southern League side into the Third strongest team in Division Three, whilst achieving a great FA Cup run in the 2001/02 season before succumbing to West Brom in Round Five. A thrilling 3-1 victory over Rushden & Diamonds at the Millennium Stadium secured a place in Division Two, leaving fans wondering if yet another promotion was possible.

However, with Cotterill's move to Stoke City, before joining Howard Wilkinson at the Stadium of Light, the step up has proved to be a real challenge for Cheltenham, and they currently lie at the foot of the table.

Despite encouraging wins against full strength Norwich and Oldham sides in the Worthington and FA Cup, frequent injuries leading to multiple loan signings meant that they gained little momentum in the league and failed to make an impression in the first half of the season - that despite a 2-0 win over Swindon. New manager Graham Allner was sacked in mid-January and was replaced by former West Brom, Coventry and Wales manager, Bobby Gould.

A win against promotion chasing Tranmere Rovers, and the signing of Grant McCann from West Ham for a club record fee of £50,000 gave fans hope. But inconsistency has since continued leaving the Robins deep in relegation trouble and home crowds gradually shrinking - a far cry from when they turned over Andy King's side in emphatic fashion in front of a packed Whaddon Road earlier in September.

Some sections of the home support have criticised the players' commitment and after a recent 3-1 defeat at the hands of Barnsley, the board apologised to fans and expressed their disappointment with regards to the manner of the defeat. Matters were not helped when current top scorer, Julian Alsop, spoke to the press about his desire to find another club on the eve of the fixture.

However, The Robins still have time to avoid the relegation trap door and an upturn in fortunes would see them catch their fellow strugglers. A narrow defeat against high-flyers Bristol City will have given Gould's side hope - but with just one league win their last ten away from home, it doesn't look good for the Cheltenham side.

The extension to loan signing Marvin Brown's contract will come as a timely boost for the Robins however - it's kind of player that is required to lift them away from the drop zone.

A black and white photograph of a football player, Marvin Brown, celebrating a goal. He is wearing a white jersey with red vertical stripes and the 'TOWERGATE INSURANCE' logo. He is running towards the camera with his arms outstretched. Two other players in similar kits are visible on either side of him, also celebrating. The background is a blurred stadium setting.

Marvin Brown celebrates his goal against Trimmere

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THE GAFFER



BOBBY GOULD

Born in Coventry, Bobby began his playing career as a young striker with Coventry City in 1962 and helped the Sky Blues win the Division Two Championship in 1966-67. He then signed for Arsenal and spent two and a half years at Highbury before moving on to Wolves, where he enjoyed two spells, West Bromwich Albion, Bristol City, West Ham, Bristol Rovers and Hereford United. Following his retirement, Bobby moved into coaching and held posts at Charlton, Wimbledon, Aldershot and Chelsea before landing his first management job at Bristol Rovers in 1981. After two years with Rovers he was given the top job at his home club Coventry City, then in the old first division, and it was during this period he gained a reputation as a spotter of talent in the lower divisions. Following another spell with Bristol Rovers, Bobby returned to the First Division to replace Dave Bassett at Wimbledon, in 1987. There he achieved his greatest triumph as a manager when the 'Crazy Gang' team won the FA Cup in 1988, beating Liverpool 1-0 in the final. Spells at Bristol Rovers, WBA and Coventry followed before his most high profile as he took charge of the Welsh national team.

Managerial track record

Cheltenham 2003 Present	G7 W1 L2 D4
C'diff 2000-02	G52 W24 L13 D15
Cov 1990-92	G58 W18 L21 D19
WB 1991-92	G66 W22 L21 D23
W'don 1987-90	G142 W57 L42 D43
Bristol R 1985-87	G104 W31 L48 D25
Coventry 1983-84	G69 W20 L32 D17
Bristol R 1981-83	G78 W36 L28 D14

THE SQUAD

STEVE BOOK (left)

Long-serving goalkeeper who joined Cheltenham Town at the start of their rise through the leagues in 1997. A confident, bubbly character and an agile goalkeeper with excellent reflexes, Steve has fought off competition from the other goalkeepers at the club to remain virtually ever-present for the past five seasons. Steve began his career in non-league football with Welton Rovers and Weston-super-Mare. He enjoyed brief spells with Brighton & Hove Albion and Lincoln City before joining Forest Green Rovers.

JAMIE VICTORY (left)

One of Cheltenham Town's most highly-rated players, Jamie re-established himself last season as one of the best left-backs in the lower divisions after missing much of the 2000/01 campaign through injury. Jamie began his career as a trainee with West Ham but was then released to join AFC Bournemouth in 1995. He made a number of appearances for the South Coast club before joining Cheltenham Town in 1996 and winning the supporter's Player of the Year Award in his first season at Whaddon Road.

MICHAEL DUFF (left)

Michael became the first Cheltenham player to gain full international honours when he lined up for Northern Ireland against Poland in a friendly last season. His rise to prominence coincided with a move to the centre of defence after spending the early part of his career at either right-back or in midfield. A tall, athletic defender who continues to make excellent progress, Michael joined Cheltenham Town as a youth team player in 1996.



YOUNG GUN SHANE DUFF

(left)

The younger brother of Michael Duff, Shane is also a central defender who joined the club straight from school. He spent a year in the youth team before being offered a professional contract and spending the following two seasons in the reserves. He spent time on loan with Evesham United last season, where he earned rave reviews for his performances in the Dr Martens League.

!DANGER! JULIAN ALSOP

(right)

Without doubt the Cheltenham Town success story of season 2001/02, 'Big Jules' ended the season as top scorer with 26 goals in all competitions and was named supporter's Player-of-the-Year. Cheltenham beat off interest from several other clubs to capture the 6ft 5ins target man on a 'Bosman' free transfer in the summer of 2000. A powerful physical presence and good finisher in the opposition box, he is also a very useful player to have when defending set piece situations.

MARK YATES (right)

Another player to have won the supporter's player of the season award in the past, Mark is a central midfielder with a non-stop work rate,



Martin Devaney puts the pressure on Trannmere's Iain Hume

whose tackling, passing and box-to-box running have been a key feature of the Cheltenham side for the past three and a half seasons. He began his career as a striker with Birmingham City but had dropped back to midfield by the time he joined Burnley. A brief spell with Doncaster Rovers followed before spending a number of years in the Conference with Kidderminster Harriers, making over 250 appearances, many of them as captain. He joined Cheltenham for £25,000 in early 1999 and has missed only a handful of matches since then.

HUGH McAULEY (mid)

Starting life as a trainee at Anfield, Hugh played in the Conference for Northwich Victoria and in the League of Wales and UEFA Intertoto Cup for Conwy United before settling at Leek Town. Hugh was a striker in those days and scored 33 goals in two seasons in the Conference for Leek before joining Cheltenham for a £20,000 fee in July 1999. An intelligent player and good passer of

the ball, he now operates either wide or in the centre of midfield after making the successful transition two seasons ago.

MARTIN DEVANEY (att)

An exciting young striker or wide player now in his fourth season with Cheltenham Town, Martin scored the club's first ever Football League hat-trick in the 5-2 defeat of Plymouth Argyle in 2000. Born in Cheltenham of Irish parents, Martin trained with the Republic of Ireland at under-16 level and began his career as a schoolboy with Birmingham City. He switched to Coventry City and spent two years at Highfield Road, one as a professional, before joining Cheltenham following a pre-season trial in 1999. A tricky front runner with pace and an eye for goal, Martin has scored some spectacular goals for the club but was unable to break into the team on a regular basis last season.

GRANT McCANN (mid)

Grant became Cheltenham Town's

club record signing when he joined the Robins from West Ham United for a £50,000 fee in January 2003. A young Northern Ireland international, Grant began his career with West Ham and had brief loan spells with Livingston in Scotland and Notts County before his first loan spell with Cheltenham Town. He joined the Robins on a long term loan during season 2000/01 and made a great impression with the club's supporters operating either at left-back or in midfield.

TONY NAYLOR (att)

A diminutive but skilful and intelligent player who makes and scores goals, Tony joined Cheltenham Town in the summer of 2001. His signing proved an inspiration as the Robins, who had struggled to score goals in their first two seasons as a Football League club, began to find the net regularly. Tony helped himself to 18 goals in all competitions but his influence on the team, particularly in bringing out the best in the players around him, was huge.

THEM AND US

Born in Southall in December 1963, Ray Baverstock was to make his influence on many clubs west of the capital. Initially an apprentice here at the County Ground, Ray signed professional forms for Town manager John Trollope on his eighteenth birthday and made 17 Division Four appearances, mostly at right-back.

Making his debut in an away loss at Blackpool in September 1982, his left-back partner was future Cheltenham teammate Kevin Baddeley while the team also provided another Swindon/Cheltenham connection in Brian Hughes. Season 1982/83 was to be a microcosm of Baverstock's career, as the games that featured his name on the team sheet were to comprise his entire appearance total in the Football League. With Swindon finishing in eighth place and with worse finishes yet

to come, Baverstock may not have taken to much persuasion to drop to the Southern League when in July 1983 a free transfer took Ray to Whaddon Road.

He was to make 283 appearances scoring 22 goals as Cheltenham laid the foundation for League football. The Cheltenhamshire Robins (don't mention old rivals and now inconsequential Gloucester) claimed the Southern League championship in 1984/85 and entered the Gola League, now the Conference, as a result. Playing alongside Kevin Baddeley, Brian Hughes and another ex-Swindon man Steve Abbely, the four had made over 200 appearances for Swindon in the 1980's.

In 1990 Ray made the diplomatically tricky move to Gloucester City and then moved quickly on to Worcester in July

1991. Equally speedy moves to Bath, Moreton Town and back to Gloucester led Baverstock back to Wiltshire and Trowbridge in July 1993 and then to Forest Green Rovers twelve months later.

Briefly drawing breath, Ray made the move into management a mere three months after that when he joined the Centurians of Cirencester in October 1994, staying for almost ten years. Transferring on to lead Devizes Town last summer, Ray recently moved back into Swindon to take charge of Swindon Supermarine where he now occupies the managerial chair vacated by another ex-Swindon Town player, Tom Jones.

Winger Mike Summerbee was one of the original Bert's Babes who took Swindon Town to the uncharted territory of the Second Division in the early



THIS WEEK MIKE SUMMERBEE AND RAY BAVERSTOCK GOING UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF DAVE WALLIS - WITH BOTH HAVING PLAYED FOR SWINDON AND CHELTENHAM.

Mike Summerbee, pictured here for Manchester City with Joe Mercer

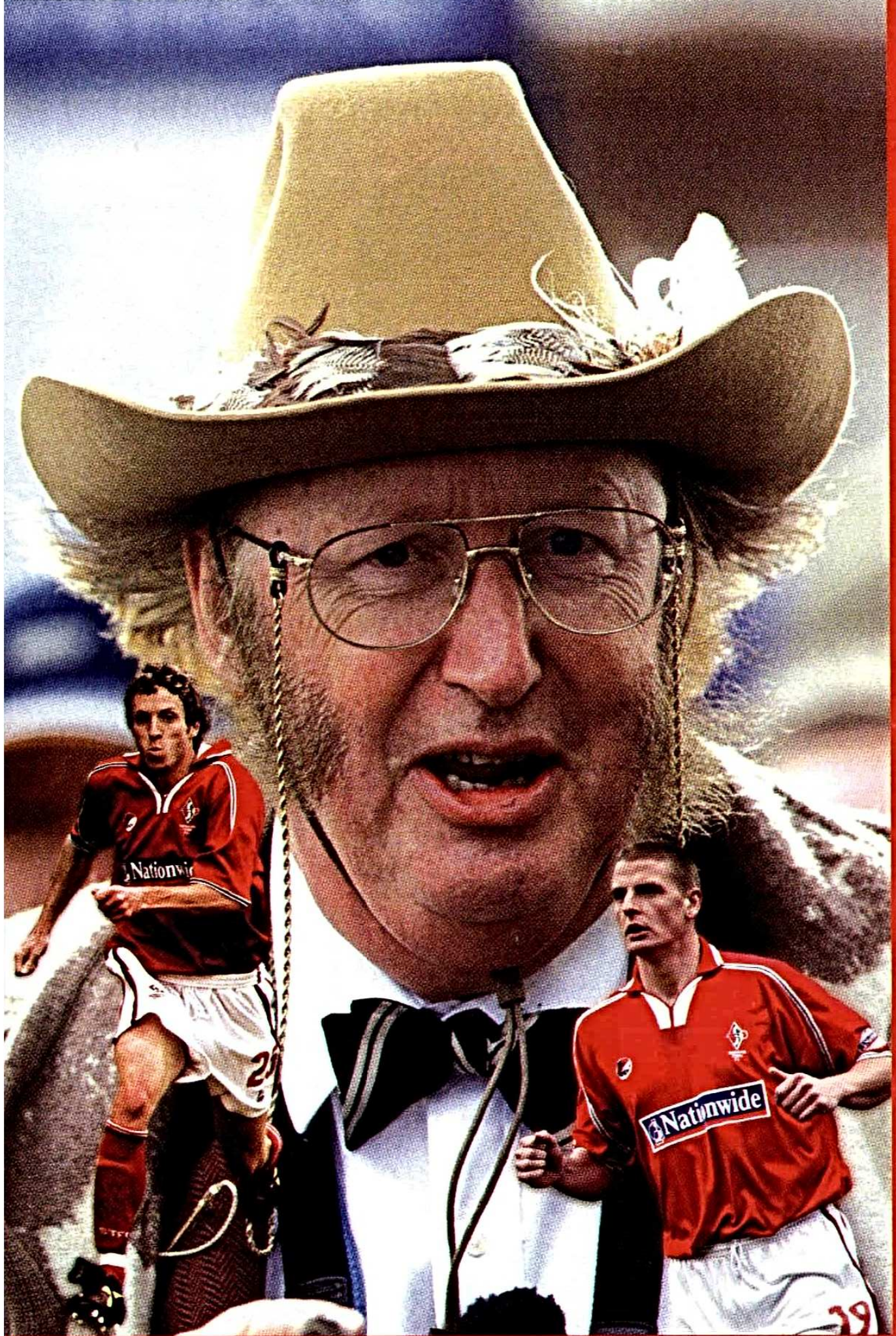
1960's. Signed by Bert Head, Mike was learning his wingmanship in Cheltenham for a YMCA club called Baker Street when he was invited to step into the Football League. Cheltenham Town themselves had been under the stewardship of Mike's father, George, between the summers of 1950 and 1952 indicating that the Summerbee's were a footballing family. George played for Aldershot, Preston, Chester and Barrow and Mike's uncle Gordon appearing for Aldershot before the war.

Initially signing as an amateur in 1958, Buzzer actually made his League debut against Bournemouth in 1959 some months before he signed his first professional contract, and he played a big part in securing Town's promotion to the Second Division in 1962/63. When relegation came in 1964/65, top scorer

Summerbee chose to further his career with a move to Second Division Manchester City in exchange for £30,000, a change that brought great success. The Second Division championship was claimed in Mike's first season and such was City's prominence in the late sixties and early seventies that he gained a 1969 FA Cup winners medal, but Mike missed the European Cup Winners Cup final the following season. The European Cup and the UEFA cup stages would also witness Summerbee's skills

England honours were forthcoming, although Alf Ramsey's lack of penchant for wingers limited Mike's international cap haul to eight, but perhaps City's most celebrated success occurred when they pipped local rivals United to the First Division Championship by two points in 1967/68. After nine eventful

seasons and over 350 appearances he left City in June 1975 for Burnley, where he made another 50 appearances before moving on to Blackpool eighteen months later. Just three matches at Bloomfield Road meant a further departure, this time back to the Manchester area and Stockport County in the summer of 1977. If this was to be a swansong it was a fruitful one, as Mike clocked up another 87 games before winding up his career with 716 League appearances to his name. Of course Mike's son Nick was to bring about the rare feat of representing the third generation of footballers from the same family. In an interesting twist, all but Nick made their Football League debuts at the County Ground, Mike for Swindon and George and Gordon in a match in 1934 while representing Aldershot. Nick's debut came in an away match at Hull in 1990.



PLACE YOUR BETS!

ROBBO AND MATTY HEYWOOD ARE NECK AND NECK OVER A BET MADE AT THE START OF THE SEASON – BUT WHO WILL WIN?! NICK JUDD INVESTIGATES...

When describing both Steve Robinson and Matt Heywood – the words goal and scorer wouldn't be the first to spring into mind.

Which is perhaps why the two made a bet at the beginning of the season – the duo putting a wager on who would score the most goals by the season's end. Steve Robinson edged ahead of his colleague with Town's first when he found himself in the opposing box to equalise before Heywood bagged the side's third with a header in the second half.

That made it 2-2 so far and as Heywood explains, the bet is hotting up – especially as the end of the season is drawing closer! "Yeah, we're both hot on the heels of Sam now with two each and to be fair, once he'd scored (and I was pleased to see him score, honest) I thought I might as well chip in with one myself! But seriously, it doesn't matter who scores as long as the side wins – especially at this stage of the season. That and as long as I'm ahead of 'Robbo'..."

Steve Robinson will be the first to admit that he's not the most prolific attacking force in the world. Mind you, shortly after his

arrival at the Club at the back end of season 2000/01 he pitched in with a dramatic brace against Oxford – thus prompting many Town fans into thinking he was capable of adding more to the goals for tally. "That was a one off, I can't remember having scored two in a season let alone in a game! And to be fair when I do get a shout at having a shot they normally hit row z. But this time around I set myself a target of ten goals and whilst I may not be there yet, there's still time to go! Admittedly it's a bit high but if you don't set yourselves targets you have nothing to aspire to."

One has to admire Turbo's optimism – yet whilst he may not have set the goalscoring charts alight, it seems as though King's advice could be paying off. "The gaffer's always trying to get me to go forward because he feels that the midfield don't support the front two or three enough. To be fair it's easier when we play with the two upfront, I mean you try keeping up with Eric and Danny! Seriously, when we had the three it was difficult to get forward in time to support but with the two it seems to work better.

"I don't know why I was as far forward as I was against QPR but when I saw the opportunity I just gambled off Sabin's header and

Heywood in action
against Tranmere



managed to poke the ball past their keeper. It was a great flick from Eric and whilst I thought I'd messed up my first touch, I managed to get on the end of it in time. I think the important thing was that we got back into the game quickly because the longer you go chasing the game, the more desperate you become."

Heywood's effort was what you might call more of a defender's goal with the former Burnley man unmarked in the Hoops box to head home from a Beswetherick corner. "I couldn't believe I was unmarked. They seemed to have so many bodies in the box, but thankfully none of them were marking me! It was a simple goal really, 'Bes' found his range after a few corners and it was a good delivery – all I had to do was get my head on it and thankfully it went in." Heywood by trade isn't normally expected to get forward as much as perhaps Robinson is. With that said, he managed to find the net a few times last season and although he hasn't found the 'onion bag' with as much regularity he's certainly returned to the kind of form that saw him

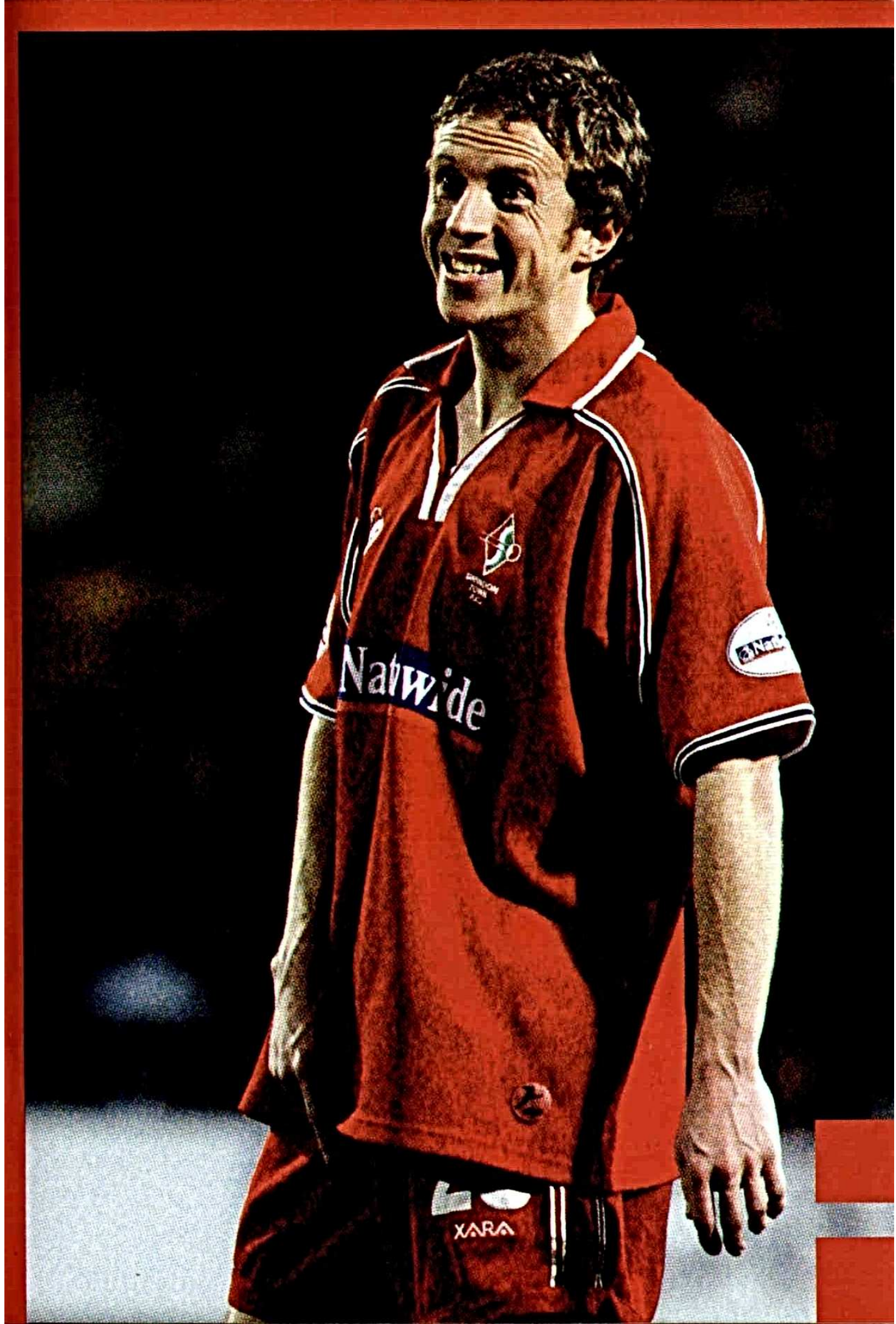
pick up almost every award going last season. "I was surprised by last year. I am not complaining, it's nice to get loads of awards but it put a bit of pressure on me this time around. That and I've got less space in my house! I didn't start too well either this year. For whatever reason I thought that I wasn't playing as well as I know I can do – but thankfully now that seems to have worked itself out and to be honest, the whole of the back three are playing to a high standard. I can't really explain why we're playing well – we're just confident in ourselves and enjoying every game."

Heywood's upturn in form coincides with talk of new contracts as we reach the end of the season. Turbo's is also up for renewal and as they explain, all they can do is play as well as possible. "It's a difficult time of year, not only because we're still trying to finish as high as possible in the league, but also because some of us are playing for a new contract. All we can do is play as well as we can do and help the team to finish as high as

possible – at the end of the day there is nothing else we can do because it isn't our decision and by thinking about it you put more pressure on yourself."

Heywood agreed. "I don't really think you can think about it too much. At the moment we've got ourselves back in the play-off hunt. We're now just eight points away again and there's still a few points to be won, anything can happen. It's a case of work hard now and think about everything else later."

Which brings us on to tonight's encounter. Both Robbo and Heywood endured a torrid evening at Whaddon Road. Both are looking forward to putting things right. Heywood even had to endure a 'spat' with some of the fans – with everyone's frustrations seemingly reaching boiling point. "I think that night has been well publicised what with us losing heavily and the arguments that followed – it wasn't nice at all and it's certainly one of the worst games I've ever had to play in. The most frustrating thing was that whilst we could

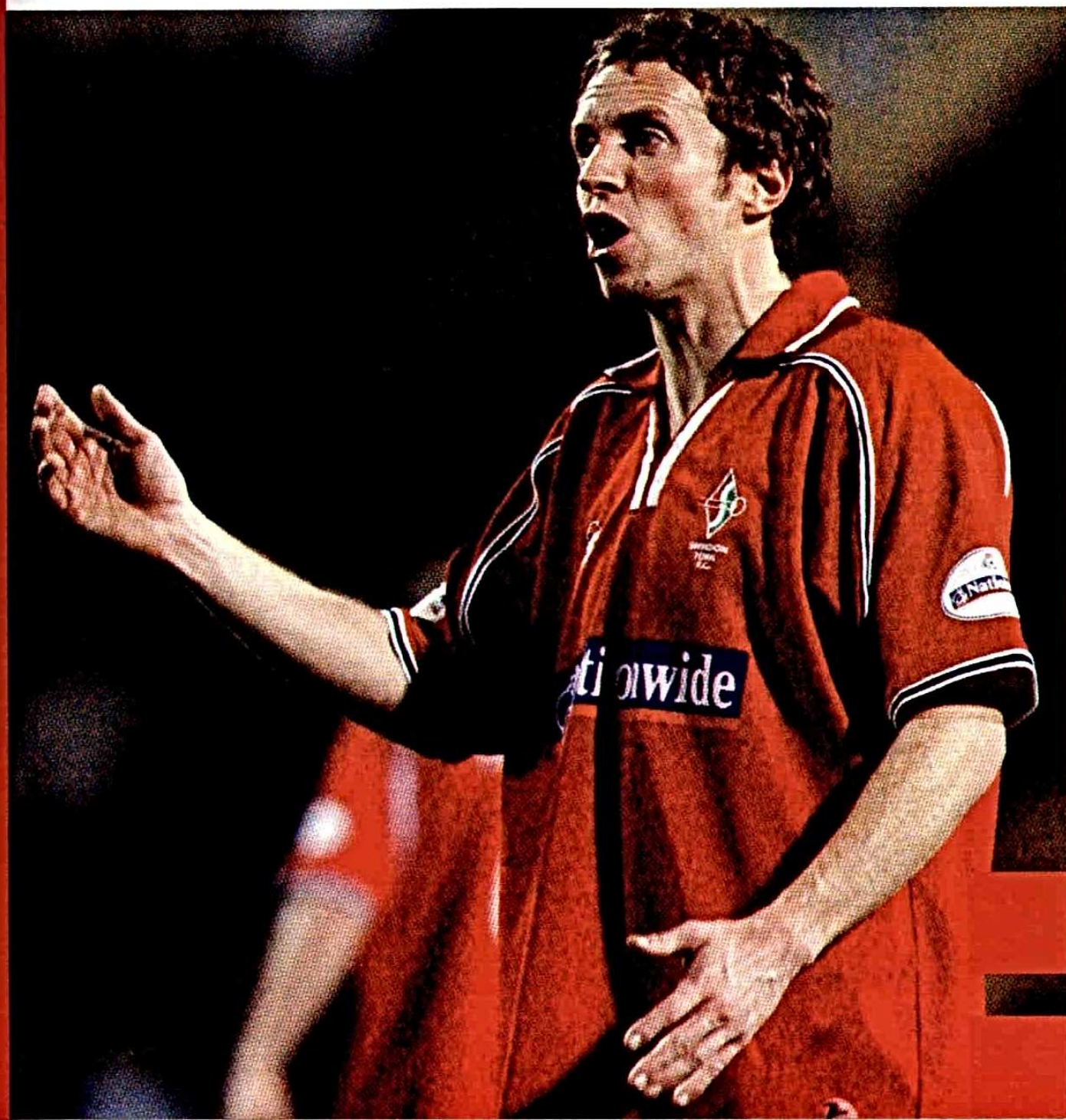




hear the fans annoyance, there was nothing we could do about it because too many of us were playing poorly. We played like a pub team and were all off our game. But we've learned from that and come a long way – just look at how we played against QPR. Instead of looking back at what happened that night we need to build on what we've achieved over the last 20 games or so" Robbo agreed, "It's a good opportunity to

make amends for that night. Cheltenham are scrapping and it won't be easy, but if we play to our strengths then we can beat anyone – it's just a case of being professional and doing a job. That game was the start of our bad run and we've come through that. It'll be interesting to see how we perform on Wednesday – especially after the win against QPR." There's no question that should Town repeat

the form that saw them ease past Ian Holloway's side on Saturday, they will have enough in their locker to turn over Bobby Gould's struggling team. However, should you see either Robbo or Heywood venture past the half way line then be warned that either could be prepared to shoot! Mind you, a repeat of their efforts wouldn't go amiss – in the meantime I'm afraid my money's on a certain Mr Parkin. Sorry lads!





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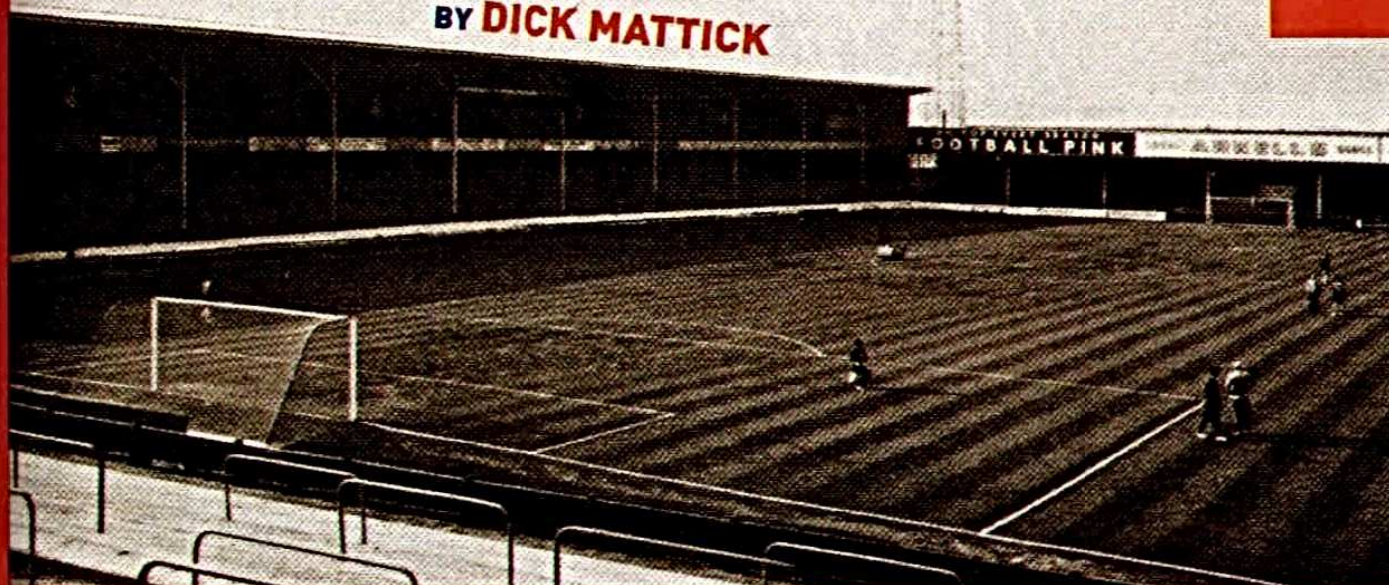
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CHELTEMHAM BOAST A 100% RECORD AGAINST THE TOWN – A RECORD THAT FEW CLUBS AND MATCH. MIND YOU, THERE'S ONLY BEEN ONE ENCOUNTER – AND I'M SURE WE'D ALL LIKE TO FORGET IT TOO.

As they go into this evening's match, Cheltenham Town can boast a record denied to both Arsenal and Manchester United. That is 100% success in League matches against Swindon Town. The 100% record is represented by the victory in the only clash in the Football League that took place on September 17 last year. It was one of the low points of Swindon's season with angry confrontations between fans and players after a very disappointing display.

Swindon fielded a 4-4-2 formation. Danny Invincible returned to the side but injuries ruled out Adam Willis, Alan Reeves and Stefani Miglioranza. The Swindon goal was threatened as early as the third minute when a free kick by Hugh McAuley struck Matt Heywood and Bart Griemink reacted smartly to save. The first 20 minutes were dominated by Cheltenham and Griemink had to scramble a shot from Richard Walker round the post and could only watch as Tony Naylor failed to hit the target when well placed. The folly of protesting against the referee's decision was shown when Andy Gurney argued

about his tackle on Russell Milton being adjudged a foul. It allowed Milton to take his free kick from 10 yards closer to the Town goal and his crack at goal found the Town net via the head of Matt Hewlett. This goal proved to be the only goal of a disappointing first 45 minutes.

Early in the second half came a moment of farce that was to ruin Town's changes, not only in this match, but in those that followed too. Sam Parkin slid into Steve Book in the Cheltenham goal and was red carded. What gave the incident its comical nature was that referee Mr Robinson had had to scramble up from having slid into the two players himself before flourishing the red card. The Whaddon Road pitch was extremely slippery especially in the goal mouths and Parkin's challenge seemed to owe more to a loss of footing than a loss of temper. It seemed that being reduced to 10 men might give Swindon the spur they needed and the five minutes that followed saw Town produce some of their best football of the match, with Gareth Edds forcing a save from a free kick and Eric Sabin shooting

wide after a speedy break. After 65 minutes Naylor put Milton through and he gave Griemink no chance with a carefully placed shot to make it 2-0.

It was an indication of the thinness of Swindon's squad at this time that, despite the fact that Town hardly looked like scoring between this goal and an Invincible effort in the last minute, none of the visiting side subs were used. It was the seventh defeat in a row for Swindon whose players Andy King described as nervous wrecks.

Cheltenham: Book, Victory, Duff, Yates, Naylor, Milton, McAuley, Walker, Howarth (Williams), Alsop (Spencer) and Finnigan

Swindon: Griemink, Edds, Duke, Gurney, Heywood, Hewlett, Jackson, Robinson, Invincible, Parkin and Sabin

Attendance: 5,761

Previous Meeting:
Cheltenham 2-0 Swindon 17.09.02

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MARK HANRAHAN RETURNS THIS WEEK, ALBEIT A LITTLE BIT CONCUSSED! STILL, THE FOURFOUR TWO BIG MAN STILL HAD ENOUGH TIME TO TELL US WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE WORLD OF FOOTBALL.

Talk of new stadia seems to be en-vogue at the moment. However, whilst the gossip mongers have once again been speculating our mighty reds relocating to a sparkling new construction, Everton's lingering hopes of moving to a new stadium at the King's Dock site in the centre of Liverpool have all but disappeared down the swanny! Regeneration company Liverpool Vision have announced a waterfront re-development is still planning to go ahead, although sadly for the Toffees this will be minus the proposed football stadium, such was the alleged insecurity of Everton's financial proposal.

Massimo Maccarone has, according to his agent vowed to put his frustration behind him and stay and fight for the Middlesbrough center-forward's shirt. The bald-headed Italian striker has been missing from Steve McClaren's line-up in recent weeks as new forwards Michael Ricketts and Malcolm Christie have formed a new-look Boro strike partnership. Stories in Italy have linked the young front man to an early return home with Juventus, Milan and Inter all having Maccarone watched. However, whilst speculation that Maccarone's first season in a Boro shirt will also be his last

Paulo Fabri, the player's agent, insists that will not be the case. "Massimo is not happy at the moment - no player is happy on the bench," he said. "But he is going nowhere - he has a will to succeed. I know clubs like Juve and Milan, where he began his career, are keen on him and that he is flattered by such talk, but he wants to stay and show the Middlesbrough fans what he can do."

The Intertoto Cup may disrupt the summer holidays of players and coaches but it does offer places in the Uefa Cup, which could prove lucrative as the season progresses. However, it appears English clubs have finally delivered the competitions first high-profile snub. Indeed, this week it was revealed that Bobby Robson's Newcastle United were the only Premiership club to express an interest. With Robson's team almost certain to qualify for Europe again thanks to their lofty league position it looks highly likely that the Geordies will not need to utilise the competition this time around. Leeds United, Aston Villa and Fulham have all turned the opportunity down after worries about players getting tired later on in the season. This despite Fulham winning the competition last summer and subsequently qualifying for the UEFA Cup.

I hope you were as shocked as me to learn that Queens Park Rangers boss Ian Holloway took the Division Two award. Ok, so his side have won two and drawn two games during the last month and have lost only two of their last 10 league games. Now, far be it from me to begrudge anyone success, but let's be honest here. Combine the problems our own Guv'nor has overcome this season with only a single defeat in 2003, capped most recently with a comprehensive defeat of a very ordinary QPR and I'm sure you'll agree that something seems to be amiss here! Ah well, at least we'll have the chance of stuffing QPR in the play-offs to even the score - right Andy?

For what it's worth, Reading boss Alan Pardew has won the Nationwide Division One Manager of the Month Award for February after the Royals won all five of their games during the month, beating Burnley, Gillingham, Millwall, Sheffield United and Rotherham. Reading are tucked-in behind Leicester and Portsmouth sitting third in the table 11 points off the top two. The Division Three award went to Bournemouth's Sean O'Driscoll after they collected 13 points from a run of six games. Neil Warnock's resurgent Sheffield United

have confirmed they are in talks with Blackburn to sign defender John Curtis. The former England U21 defender left Alex Ferguson and Old Trafford behind for a crack at first team football with the Ewood Park outfit nearly three years ago

after failing to establish himself with the Red Devils. Curtis has since made over 70 appearances but has lost his place under Graeme Souness, playing just seven times this term. The £1.5m signing appears to be heading out of the

Barclaycard Premiership club with a Sheffield United spokesman saying, "We're talking to him this morning about a possible deal. There's no truth in the stories that a deal has been agreed, but we are hoping to sign him."



Alan Pardew



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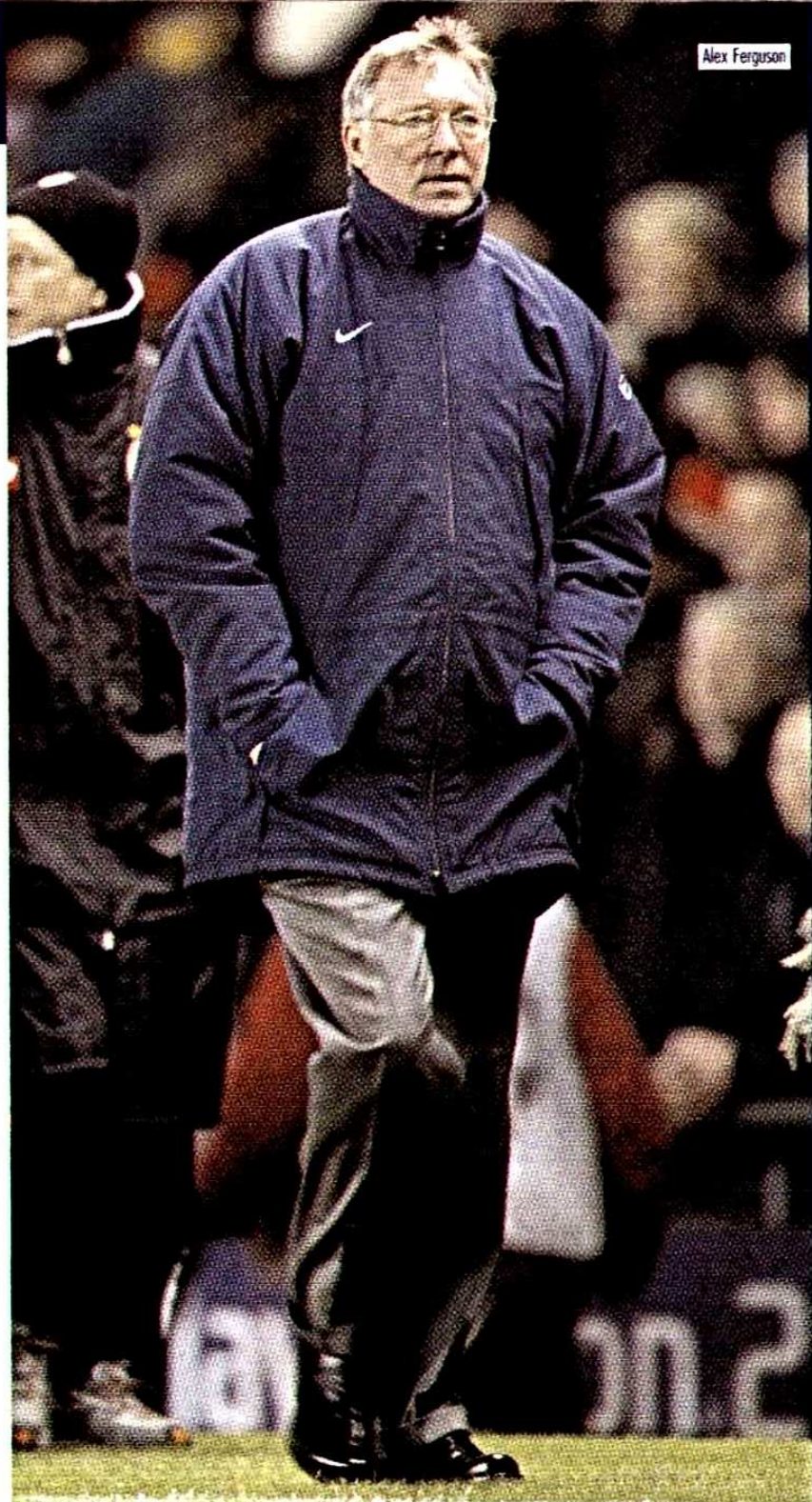
I was asking myself at the weekend about Alex Ferguson's sanity...oh, sorry...Sir Alex Ferguson's sanity. Why, oh why, did he feel the need to tell the press and therefore the world, that Sven had agreed to go to Old Trafford after England had been to the World Cup? Eriksson had, apparently, initialled a pre-contract contract? And Sir Fergie says this all happened not even a year into the Swede's five year England contract.

There is a problem with this kind of information being given to the press - actually, let's make that plural i.e. problems. Firstly, what motive does the Man Utd boss have in telling us this story? We all know that there is a huge stink every time Beckham and gang are called up for so-called unnecessary friendlies. So does Alex really think that by telling everyone Sven was going to join United, he is getting his own back in the Club v. Country argument?

It seems to me that over the years Ferguson has become a very skilled politician (and I use that in the worst sense of the word). There have been many well documented cases of his hysteria towards reporters and journalists, who are just trying to do their job in the same way as they do at every other club. This has led to a situation that the media has become a tool that he uses, because nobody wants to get on the wrong side of him and thus lose their access to the club.

It was all very well scripted. Sir Alex gave an interview to a lucky Times journalist. After the furore about the flying boot, it was time to reassert himself. What better way of diverting attention away from that issue than serving up something even juicier, England's foreign manager was ready to walk out on his job! The article also, if you read between the lines, illustrates that Ferguson has some degree of contempt for Eriksson and his methods.

Maybe I'm being far too cynical, but there has been lots of recent talk about Ferguson remaining at Old Trafford in some capacity when he



HELEN WINGROVE



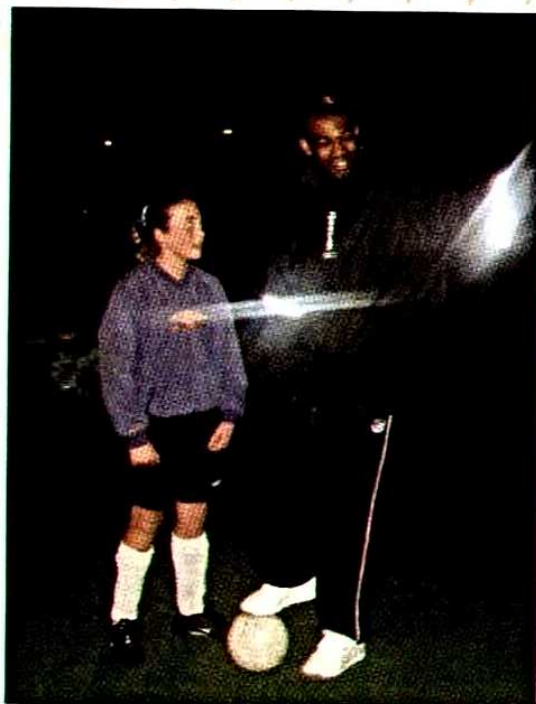
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retires from management. He has some rich and powerful friends who have bought a number of shares and could look to gain a controlling interest. Perhaps by putting Eriksson, The FA and the

Utd board on the back foot in this way he has cleverly ensured that Eriksson could not take over, and the next Man Utd manager would be someone more in his own image.

NATIONWIDE SUPPORTERS OF TOMORROW ROBBO HITS THE DUGOUT!

Ladies Manager Roger Reeves said the event was a huge success.



▲ Watch my magic reflectors...

"We were very grateful for the lads coming down - it gives us a rest and I'm sure the ladies would rather be trained by professional footballers than by us! And they responded too - they put the effort in and really enjoyed it. I just hope that the lads enjoyed it and that they can come again - they were great."

THE UNDER 14S GIRLS THAT ATTENDED ARE LISTED AS FOLLOWS: Claire Moreton, Carly Smith, Tara Lofts, Sally Thompson, Lisa Coe, Robyn Levett, Freya Keene, Leanne Gannaway, Chantelle Lovell, Natalie Beaumont-Farrell, Almas Ben-Arabia and Kerrie Keene.

And the seniors: Sam Quinn, Michelle Rich, Michelle Brown, Lucy Bailey, Natalia Wilson, Louise Corcoran, Clare Wheeler, Nicola Watts, Rebecca Powell, Chantelle Kirkum, Kirsty Clift, Kim Reeves, Michelle Brown, Laura Gawthorp, Karyn Poole

Swindon Town Football Club has also chosen the Nationwide Second Division League game against Notts County on Saturday March 22 to support the scheme.

Four Swindon Town first team players appeared at Peatmoor School in the first of three coaching sessions as part of a Nationwide promotion.

The 2002/03 Nationwide Supporters of Tomorrow scheme, an initiative aimed at encouraging female supporters to play and watch football, will focus on maintaining the momentum of the fastest growing game in the UK - Women's Football.

Swindon Town took first team members David Duke, Matty Heywood, Steve Robinson and Eric Sabin to train the ladies team two weeks ago.

The under 14s trained from 6.30pm to 7.30pm and were coached by David Duke and French striker Eric Sabin. The senior ladies team trained from 7.30pm to 8.30pm, receiving advice and tips from Matt Heywood and Steve Robinson.

The girls were treated to some basic coaching skills including passing, dribbling and keeping the ball before taking part in a game. Despite some controversial refereeing from Steve Robinson - the ladies appeared to enjoy themselves!



▲ Dukey gets his coaching gloves on!

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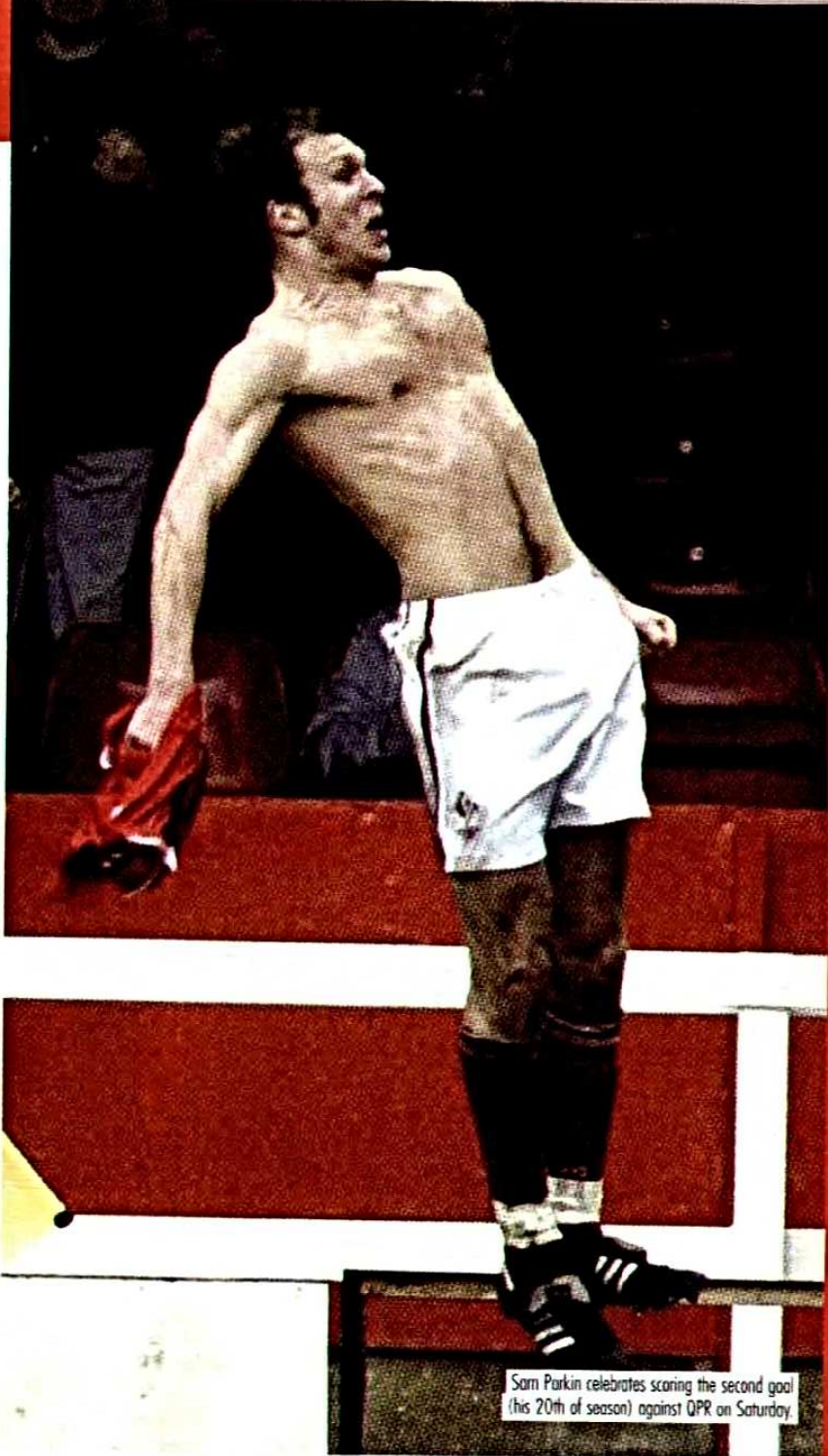
I don't really want to open old wounds but there is no doubt a shocking display and the sight of players and fans openly abusing each other made Tuesday September 17 one of the most depressing nights in the club's recent history. I vividly recall Willie Carson surrounded by fans in the car park and the lads getting jeered as they climbed aboard the team bus. If you had approached me at about 11.00pm that night and said 'Don't worry, Jon, by March 5 we'll be 11th in the league and eight points off a play-off spot' I'd have roared with laughter as the men in white coats dragged you away.

Andy King's job looked about as secure as David James (maybe a bit harsh) and civil war in the stands threatened to rip the club apart.

But here we are six months on and how the picture has changed. The same manager is still in charge and the same players are still on the pitch for the most part. Football is notoriously fickle as we all know but from looking relegation candidates, you can only applaud Andy, the lads and you (the fans) for turning around what threatened to be a disastrous campaign. Maybe that defeat at Cheltenham was the lowest of the low and from then on it simply had to get better?

That brings me on to Sam Parkin. 'Super Sammy' was sent off that night. He'd gone seven games without a goal and his confidence was fading fast. But after a spell on the sidelines, he returned hungry for goals and has never looked back. Maybe some good came out of that night after all. But with 20 goals already under his belt (what a strike that was against QPR) he won't be happy to stop now.

Bobby Gould has steadied the ship at



Sam Parkin celebrates scoring the second goal (his 20th of season) against QPR on Saturday.

JON RITSON



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Whaddon Road but it still appears to be sinking. The other Robins' may be bottom of the league but they aren't going to give up without a fight. Andy is right to warn against complacency. Hopefully we have another good turn out tonight and with Andy King up against Bobby Gould, a

tame affair is not on the cards. So get behind the lads and let's see the left half of the new scoreboard light up as it did against QPR. After tonight we've got a load of Cobblers and a Stag night (come on, keep up!) before it's back here for another derby with Bristol City. Bring 'em on.



TOWN SCORE WITH NEW BOARD!

Those who came to Saturday's game will have noticed a new scoreboard on the Stratton Bank.

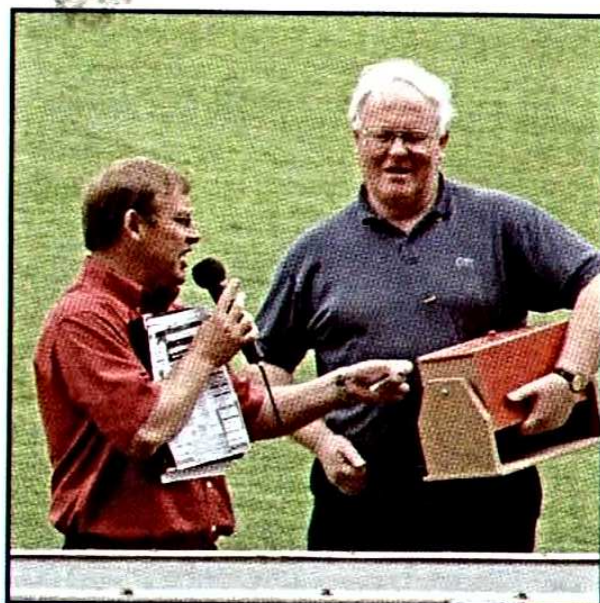
The Club purchased a scoreboard from the old Wembley Stadium and after

preparation work finished last Wednesday (just before Town's reserve defeat against Bristol City), the new board was put into place at the top of the Stratton Bank stand. The Club have been without a functioning

scoreboard since the season 2000/01 and Town now have a piece of Wembley history at The County Ground! It is hoped that in time new software will enable more information to be broadcasted on both screens.

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No news today, the winners from Saturdays match against Q P R and tonight's game will appear in the next programme notes. We wonder if we will be reporting that we have beaten our recent record prize of £401?

Website

For supporters who have not yet

visited the site please have a look. We have received over 12,000 hits since the site was developed and it always carries Supporters Club news.

Disabled Group

The STFC Disabled Group are holding their next meeting on March 10th. They are hoping to have a well known personality making a guest appearance.

Sporting Dinner

We were able to invite a number of guests from our membership to the recent dinner where the guest speaker was World Cup hero, Nobby Stiles. Those invited to attend were chosen by a 'lucky' draw from our membership list.

Player of the Year

We are now getting towards the end of the season and voting forms will be sent out to our members with our next newsletter. Please ensure you use your vote.

Race Night

A reminder that this is taking place on Friday March 14, in the Winners Lounge starting at

8.00pm. It may still be possible to sponsor a race at a cost of £20. If you are interested please ring Roger Bunce on 01865 820499. Individual horse sponsorship is also available at £5, please contact Roger again. Entry on the night costs just 50p and this will include a copy of the race card.

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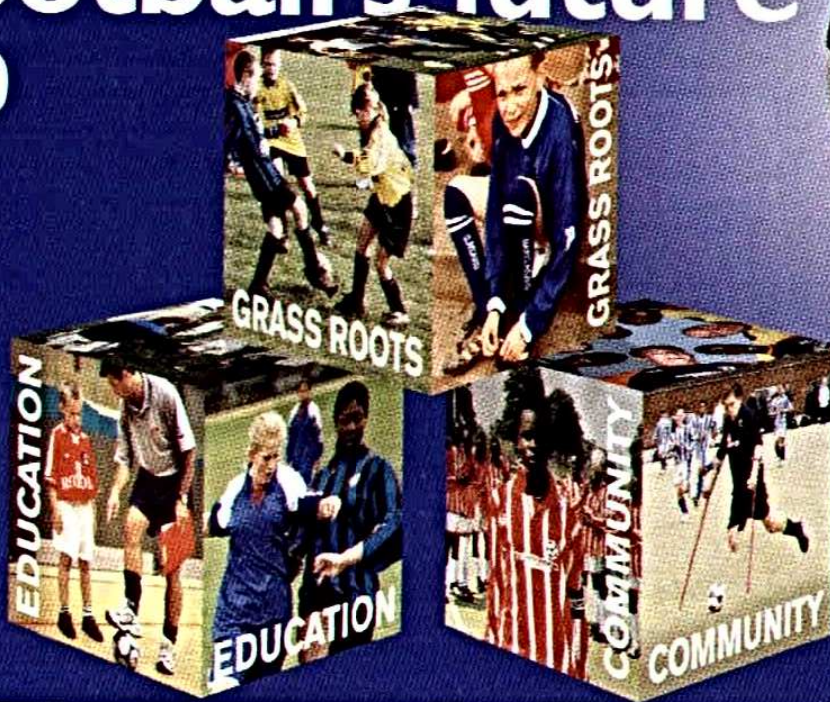
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Good evening to all our Junior Robins and welcome to tonight's match against Cheltenham.

JUNIOR ROBINS

I had a great feed-back from the Juniors/parents who attended the 'DAY OUT AT THE COUNTY GROUND' - apparently everyone enjoyed the day and we hope to arrange more of these type of events for you in the future. Our grateful thanks to Clive and Jon of the Community Office for all their efforts.

Our Junior mascot for the day was EDWARD SALMON, Edward was among the Juniors who attended the 'day out'. Well done Edward. The Juniors 'Penalty shoot-out' at half-time against Wycombe Juniors was a success and congratulations to us on a narrow victory. We would like to welcome Alice Wills from the Marketing department who has very kindly 'come on board' as senior co-ordinator from the Club for the Junior Robins. Alice is working with us to formulate a re-launching of the Junior Robins. We are working hard at the moment to put together a package to suit all members. Once this has been achieved look out for the 'postie' as the information enclosed will require you and your parents attention.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS THIS WEEK GO TO: Darren Howlett who will be 10 years old on March 5, George Skinner who will be seven years old on March 25 and Nickie Dalton who will be 14 on March 28. Also Happy Birthday to Nathan Hawkins who is ten years old today, Sharna Hunning who is ten on Saturday, Elizabeth Skeats who's six on the 16th and finally Joe Kravesslar who will be 11 on the 23rd.



ROCKIN'S POSTBAG

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

Dear Rockin'

I'm having a few problems with some of my players who don't seem to have their minds on the game, they don't seem to be quite as focussed as they have been and although we are still the greatest team in the land, I wondered if you have any advice on the use of psychologists to help with the old grey matter.

Sir Fergie Alexson.

Dear Sir,

I've known quite a few players who have lost a marble or three along the way, and it's not a pretty sight, so it might be time to get a Trick Cyclist in to sort them out before they turn the corner. I knew one player who was convinced that he had become an Alsatian. He was carted away barking and snarling, and a few weeks later returned in a much calmer state. 'How are you feeling?' I asked him in a quiet moment - 'much better' he replied 'just feel my nose'. Then a bizarre case of the goalkeeper who had it in his head that he was a three-piece suite - this one was so alarming he was taken straight to Intensive Care in the hospital. Later that night I phoned to see if there had been any developments, I got through to the Doctor on the case and I was relieved to hear his verdict that the patient was 'comfortable'. So, you see the pressures of the game can turn a player ga-ga in this day and age, watch out for tell-tale signs such as players wearing dresses and girly headbands.

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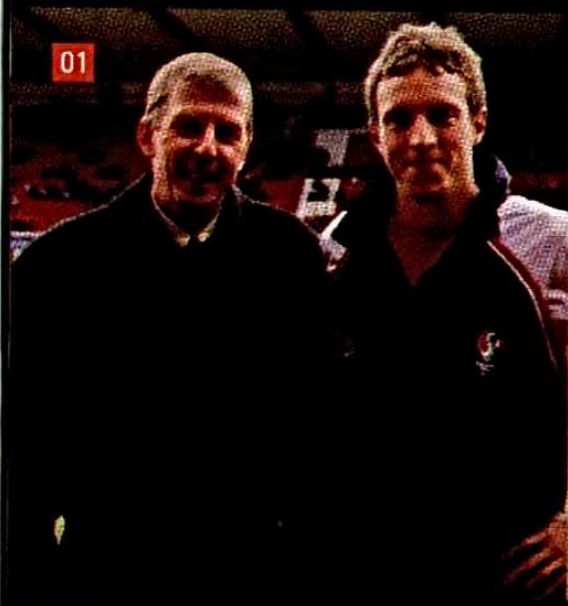


LAST WEEK 'DUKEY' SENT A DEFENDER SO FAR THE WRONG WAY WITH A DUMMY.....



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01 BUCKLEY'S LUCK CHANGES AT LAST!

Before the game against QPR we met Town fan Steve Buckley, who had travelled down from the North to support the Reds. Steve lives in Billingham, five miles outside Middlesbrough and has supported Swindon Town since 1965. "My father used to take me to watch Middlesbrough and Mel Nurse was my favourite player," Steve says. "Being nine years old at the time and impressionable I continued my support when Mel moved to Swindon and I have supported the team ever since! So after 38 years now, I still follow Town and go to lots of away games in the North, within 150 miles of home and used to travel the 550 mile round journey 5-6 times a season to visit the County Ground.

"Now my wife and I make it a weekend visit, two to three times a season, but we seem to always bring bad luck as its quite a while since we have seen a home win" (we suggested that he left immediately!!). Thankfully Steve's luck changed as the Reds romped to a 3-1 home win. "We have had some good results lately and I must say I enjoyed the early season 4-2 win at Chesterfield. My favourite player is the one who scored the last goal, Matty Heywood.

"High in my all time player list is Paul Bodin, a very intelligent player - when he had the ball I did not panic. Sean Taylor was also a favourite. However Mel Nurse remains my all time best ever."

After the game Steve and his wife were very happy and now that he's banished his bad luck - we'll happily have you back Steve!

TODAY'S MASCOTS - A WARM WELCOME

04 Today we welcome Nathan Hawkins to the County Ground. Nathan is a Junior Robin and is aged ten years old. He attends Ruskin Junior School and plays for Croft under 10s as a right midfielder. Nathan says that he also supports Manchester United, but his favourite Town player is Stefani Miglioranza.

03 Also this evening we give a belated welcome to Michael Cartin, who was another of QPR'S mascots on Saturday. Martin has followed in his father's footsteps in supporting QPR, although when asked his favourite player the likes of Rod Marsh and Stan Bowles were not mentioned. The Cartin family are expecting big things from son Michael and were hoping he'd get spotted in the warm up by a scout!

02 Finally we welcome Ellis Pyzer to the County Ground. Ellis plays for our Centre of Excellence under 10s and supports Swindon, Celtic and Manchester United.

MY SWINDON XI - LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION.

This week, a team of ex-Swindon players who had a transfer move already mapped out for them.

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STEVE ROBINSON

WIN TWO TICKETS! 25 YEARS AGO by Dave Wallis

Once again answer the highlighted question below correctly and you could win two tickets to a game of your choice this season.

On March 11 1978, Swindon's away match at Port Vale resulted in a 1-0 win for the home team. The famously named Neville Chamberlain scored a 91st minute winner to keep all the points in Burslem. Town keeper Jimmy Allan pulled off two excellent saves and Chic Bates had a 34th minute goal ruled out for pushing before a defensive lapse let Vale in at the death.

Three days later, Wrexham were the visitors to the County Ground. The Welsh club had recently brought Blyth Spartans' FA Cup run to an end in the fifth round and now faced a sixth round tie at Arsenal. It was also Wrexham who had eliminated Town from the League cup back in December. A goal for Town from Dave Moss was not enough to secure any points, as Wrexham ran out 2-1 winners with two goals from John Lyons. The win was Wrexham's third in a seven-on-the-trot sequence that kept them at the top of the Third Division, while Town's third successive defeat dropped them down to mid-table.

1 Which future Swindon Town manager wore the number nine shirt for Port Vale against Swindon that month?

2 And which future Town manager scored his last goal of 1977/78 for Everton in a 3-3 draw at home to QPR on March 4?

3 On March 5 1978 a future Swindon left back was called into the England U-21 team to face Italy as an overage player. He would join Town from Southampton and play over 50 games between 1980 and 1983. Who was he?

4 Name the winger who played for Nottingham Forest, Arsenal and Cologne and who scored both England goals in the 2-1 win.

5 Birmingham City lost the services of their 'consultant' on March 6 when he resigned after criticising the players at St Andrews. He had been perhaps the most successful English manager of all time. Who?

Answers: 1 Ken Bloomfield, 2 Arthur Cox, 3 David Pegg, 4 Tony Woodcock, 5 Sir Alf Ramsey

THE NAKED CHEF

Turbo celebrates his second goal of the season with a cheap and cheerful pasta dish.

NO. 19 PASTA CARBONARA

1. You will need the following: 100 grms pasta of choice (spaghetti, tagliatelle, penne), 2-3 rashers of bacon, 1 small onion, 1 clove of garlic, 1 egg, 2oz cheese

2. Boil pasta as packet instructions (4-8 mins).

3. While pasta is cooking, chop onion, garlic, bacon, mushrooms and pepper and fry gently in a tablespoon of oil.

4. Drain water from pasta and mix fried bacon & veg into pasta. Turn heat off.

5. Mix grated cheese into beaten egg and stir this mixture into savoury pasta in saucepan.

6. The retaining heat will immediately cook the egg and cheese but keep stirring until the pasta is coated with the mixture. Serve immediately.

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Swindon Town's Soccer Centres

GOOD EVENING AND A WARM WELCOME TO THE COUNTY GROUND FOR THE GAME AGAINST CHELTENHAM.

Last week, as many of you will know, was half term and so was a quiet one for the players and coaches of the Soccer Centres.

Needless to say that this week, with the start of the new term, is going to be a hectic one. This also means that there'll be some new faces with over 700 kids in our centres – it is great to see so many numbers using our courses.

To book your place on the Swindon Town soccer centres you have to pay in full at your chosen leisure centre reception as soon as possible. The cost of the courses is £3.00 per session (sessions are 1 hour long). Non Swindon borough courses may differ, please check with your centre. All you need to do is make sure the kids have a full playing kit, shin pads, trainers and a drinks bottle- 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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Monday	5.00 - 6.00 pm	5 - 10 years
Saturday	9.00 - 10.00 am	5 - 8 years
	10.00 - 11.00 am	5 - 8 years

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

HAYDON CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

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

STRATTON

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

LINK CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

MARLBOROUGH

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

RIDGEWAY LEISURE CENTRE

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

CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday	5.30 - 6.30 pm	9 - 11 years
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UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

When did you start playing football?

My older brother Daniel plays football and I used to play in the back garden with him and his mates.

What about school?

When I went to Blunsden Junior School the girls had a school team and I played in that. We entered several tournaments. I now go to Warneford Secondary School and Highworth and we have a girl's team there and play other schools in the area. In all of the school teams I have played in goal.

How did you come to join Swindon Town?

Sally Ann Thompson is a friend of mine at school and we play in the same team. She was playing for Coleview and she asked me to go along to a training session. After a few weeks I started to play for the Under 12 team in the Wiltshire County League.

What of the future?

I hope to carry on playing for the club and perhaps one day even play for England.



NICOLA BUTLER

**GOALKEEPER
AGE 12**

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

STFC LADIES

SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES 2002/03

TOWN'S LADIES PICKED UP THREE VALUABLE POINTS WHEN THEY ENTERTAINED READING IN A SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE GAME AT ALDBOURNE ON SUNDAY.

Clare Wheeler headed in Michelle Rich's corner for what proved to be the only goal of the game and pulled the Town further away from the relegation dog fight.

John White manages the Town's seven-a-side under fourteen team that play in the Wiltshire County League. They made an impressive start to the season when they beat Frome Town away by two goals to nil.

Since then they have made steady progress with a squad of thirteen year olds fresh from the under twelve squad and some new under fourteen faces. At present the team occupies a middle of the table position with three games remaining. Two of these are tough fixtures against Chippenham Town, but Town should finish at least fourth in the final table. The squad regulars include April and Cathy Polden, Sally-Anne Thompson, Lisa Coe, Abigail Curtin, Samantha Masters and Lyndey Palmer. The top scorer at the moment is Lisa Coe with nine goals.

Their record in total reads: P11 W6 D0 L5 F30 A30 Pts18

The town once again have a large contingent selected for the Wiltshire County Youth squad to face Gloucestershire at Almondsbury. Michelle Brown, Laura Stallard, Nikki Watts, Sam Quinn, Lucy Bailey, Fiona Baldwin, Kirby Cliff and Channelle Kirkum will all join the party to travel.

On Sunday the Town entertain Clevedon Town in the South West Combination League. When the two sides met in Somerset earlier in the season goals from Angela Green and Lucy Bailey gave the Town a share of the points.

This match will be played at Aldbourne FC Ground and will kick off at 2.00pm. The Town Reserves are without a fixture.

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	P-P
Sun 08 Dec	Exeter City	H	P-P
Thur 12 Jan	Plymouth Argyle	H	P-P
Sun 19 Jan	Yeovil Town	H	3-2
Thur 12 Feb	Newton Abbot	A	3-3
Thur 19 Jan	Reading Royals	A	3-10
Thur 09 Feb	Yeovil Town	H	3-2
Sun 16 Jan	Devon	A	
Thur 26 Jan	Reading	H	
Thur 02 Feb	Portsmouth	A	
Thur 14 Feb	Chesham United	H	
Thur 09 Mar	Aylesbury United	H	

THIS WEEKEND WE'RE BACK ON THE ROAD AS TOWN LOOK SET TO FACE STRUGGLERS NORTHAMPTON TOWN. AFTER THAT WE'RE OFF TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE TO FACE MANSFIELD. TWO WINS IN TWO WOULD KEEP US IN THE HUNT AT THE TOP - WHY NOT GET BEHIND THE LADS? FOLLOW OUR INDESPENSIBLE TRAVEL GUIDE...

A ROUGH GUIDE TO... NORTHAMPTON

WHO? NORTHAMPTON

WHEN? SATURDAY MARCH 8

WHERE? SIXFIELDS

KICK-OFF? 3.00PM

Ticket Prices: £14.00 adults, £9.50 Citizens/students/juniors (under 16)

STFC TRAVEL CLUB: The Supporters Coach will be leaving Wootton Bassett (Coped Hall Bus Stop) at 10.45am, West Swindon (Ashington Way) at 11.00am, The County Ground at 11.15am and Ermin Street at 11.30. The coach fare is £9.00 adult, £7.50 under 15s. A £1.00 discount is available on production of membership card.

BY CAR: Exit the M1 at Junction 15a (s/p Northampton, Oxford A43 services). Follow signs to Northampton A43 for 1.3 miles, over three roundabouts to fourth roundabout. Here, go straight on (s/p Coventry A45, Market Harborough A508, Sixfields Leisure). At next roundabout, on Upton Way, turn right into Sixfields complex.

PARKING: There is plenty of parking in the Sixfields Leisure complex, but arrive early to ensure a place.

TRAIN: You need Northampton Castle station and for the latest train information, call 08457 484950. Alternatively visit www.thetrainline.com. From the station you can either get a taxi or buses numbered 27 or 28. By foot cross the car park and up steps to main road. Turn right towards Esso garage, over bridge passing Shell garage and 'Thomas A Beckett' pub. Bear left where road divides into Weedon Road. Past rugby ground on left hand side and Big Hand Mos pub on right, straight over roundabout by Rover garage, turn left at next roundabout into Sixfields.

A ROUGH GUIDE TO... MANSFIELD

WHO? MANSFIELD

WHEN? SATURDAY MARCH 15

WHERE? FIELD MILL

KICK-OFF? 3.00PM

STFC TRAVEL CLUB: No details available as yet. Visit www.sastravel.co.uk or phone 01793 825935 for more information.

BY CAR: Exit M1 at junction 27 (s/p Mansfield A608). At roundabout take third exit (s/p Hucknall, Mansfield A608) onto the A608. Go straight over two roundabouts, following signs to 'Mansfield A611' and at the third turn left (s/p Mansfield A611) onto the A611. Continue through countryside and suburbs for 3.8 miles to lights at T-junction. Here, turn left (s/p A611 Mansfield) onto the A60 Nottingham Road. Past the 'Trading Post' pub on the LHS after 0.1 miles, and between 'The Talbot' and 'The Plough' after 0.7 miles. Past KFC on LHS and straight through

second set of lights (s/p Ring Road, Town Centre). At next lights, (by church) turn left into Quarry Lane.

PARKING: Field Mill has a huge car park (£2), street parking is also available nearby.

TRAIN: For the latest train information, call 08457 484950. Alternatively visit www.thetrainline.com. Ten minute walk. Exit platform following signs to Stockwell Gate and Bus Station, down steps. Turn left along dual carriageway. Straight on at lights, continuing along Portland Street. Turn right at lights (by church) into Quarry Lane.

NEXT IN TOWN...



Bristol City

19.03.03 (7.45pm)



Notts County

22.03.03 (3.00pm)



Huddersfield Town

12.04.03 (3.00pm)



Plymouth

23.04.03 (7.45PM)



Luton

03.05.03 (3.00PM)

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NEXT PLEASE...

AT THE COUNTY GROUND



WHO? **BRISTOL CITY**

KICK-OFF? **7.45PM**

WHEN? **WEDNESDAY MARCH 19**

For some it's the most eagerly awaited game of the season and when Bristol City visit the County Ground in two weeks time – Town's faithful will be desperately hoping to scupper City's promotion charge.

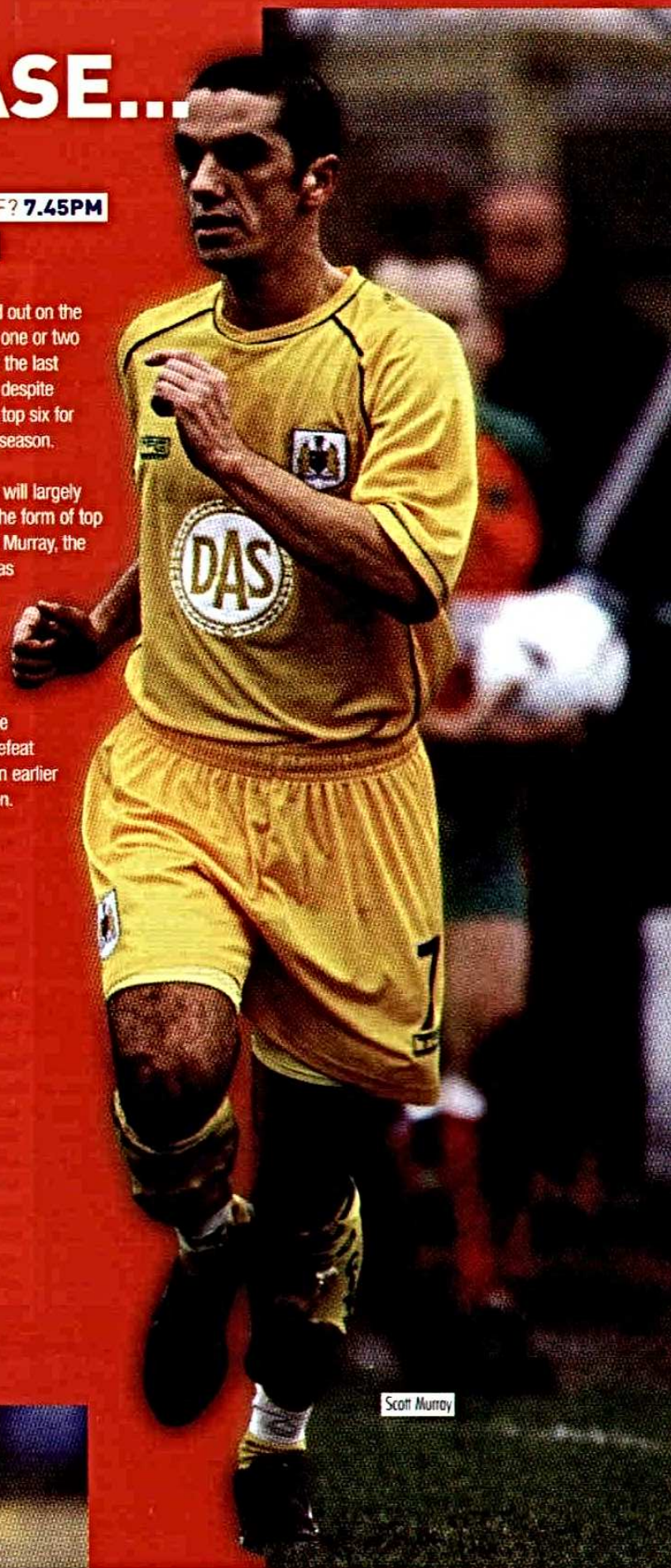
To be fair the Robins of the Bristol variety are doing a pretty good job of that themselves with just three wins coming in their last 11 league games and once again, it appears as though Danny Wilson's side are set to capitulate when the pressure's on.

With that said – The Robins can not be underestimated and despite their slump in form – still occupy fifth place in the league – a testament to the ability of Danny Wilson and his young squad.

Wilson's reputation has been enhanced since his move to the South West, yet should City fail to go up again then the Ashton Gate faithful will surely begin to question his ability to lead the Robins back into Division One. Failure to reach the play-offs will be their fourth successive occurrence since their relegation in 1998/99. In fact many City fans will be hoping that history won't be repeating itself, for they

have missed out on the play-offs by one or two positions for the last three years, despite being in the top six for most of the season.

City's hopes will largely depend on the form of top scorer Scott Murray, the youngster has notched 13 goals since the start of the season, including one in the 2-0 defeat against Town earlier in the season.



Scott Murray



Danny Wilson

TOWN STATISTICS 2002/03

STFC FACT FILE

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

DATE	FIXTURE	RES	ATT	AWAY	POS
Sat 10 Aug	Barnsley	Home	3-1	6,120	808 4
Tue 13 Aug	Chesterfield	Away	4-2	3,189	1
Sat 17 Aug	Blackpool	Away	0-0	6,404	2
Sat 24 Aug	Cardiff City	Home	0-1	7,564	2,275 5
Mon 26 Aug	Brentford	Away	1-3	6,299	10
Sat 31 Aug	Stockport County	Home	0-1	5,456	200 18
Sat 7 Sep	Port Vale	Home	1-2	5,029	249 19
Wed 11 Sep	Wycombe W (WC 1)	Home	1-2	2,993	265 N/A
Sat 14 Sep	QPR	Away	0-2	11,619	20
Tue 17 Sep	Cheltenham Town	Away	0-2	5,761	21
Sat 21 Sep	Northampton Town	Home	2-0	4,719	442 17
Sat 28 Sep	Luton Town	Away	0-3	6,393	21
Sat 5 Oct	Oldham Athletic	Home	0-1	4,326	376 21
Sat 12 Oct	Colchester United	Home	2-2	4,152	98 22
Sat 19 Oct	Bristol City	Away	0-2	13,205	22
Sat 22 Oct	Southend United (LDV1)	Home	6-1	1,747	102 N/A
Sat 26 Oct	Mansfield Town	Home	2-1	4,136	213 21
Tue 29 Oct	Notts County	Away	1-1	4,797	21
Sat 2 Nov	Wycombe Wanderers	Away	3-2	6,021	17
Sat 9 Nov	Tranmere Rovers	Home	1-1	5,077	255 18
Tue 12 Nov	Kidderminster (LDV2)	Away	2-3	1,322	N/A
Sat 16 Nov	Huddersfield Town (BAC1)	Home	1-0	4,210	253 N/A
Sat 23 Nov	Huddersfield Town	Away	3-2	8,334	17
Sat 30 Nov	Peterborough Utd	Home	1-1	4,709	205 17
Sun 8 Dec	Oxford United (FACup2)	Away	0-1	11,645	N/A
Sat 14 Dec	Plymouth Argyle	Away	1-1	8,111	18
Sat 21 Dec	Crewe Alexandra	Home	1-3	4,957	276 18
Thur 26 Dec	Brentford	Home	2-0	6,045	648 15
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 14
Sat 18 Jan	Stockport County	Away	5-2	4,318	14
Wed 22 Jan	Blackpool	Home	1-1	4,878	192 14
Sat 25 Jan	Wigan Athletic	Home	2-1	5,238	305 11
Sat 1 Feb	Barnsley	Away	1-1	8,661	11
Sat 8 Feb	Tranmere Rovers	Away	1-0	7,181	11
Sat 15 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	Home	0-3	6,239	376
Sat 22 Feb	Port Vale	Away	1-1	4,085	385
Sat 1 Mar	QPR	Home	3-1	7,716	2,700 11
Wed 5 Mar	Cheltenham Town	Home (7.45)			
Sat 8 Mar	Northampton Town	Away			
Sat 15 Mar	Mansfield Town	Away			
Wed 19 Mar	Bristol City	Home (7.45)			
Sat 22 Mar	Notts County	Home			
Sat 29 Mar	Colchester United	Away			
Sat 5 Apr	Peterborough United	Away			
Sat 12 Apr	Huddersfield Town	Home			
Sat 19 Apr	Crewe Alexandra	Away			
Wed 23 Apr	Plymouth Argyle	Home (7.45)			
Sat 26 Apr	Oldham Athletic	Away			
Sat 3rd May	Luton Town	Home			

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



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SAFETY MESSAGE FOR TOWN END FANS

We need positive support for our team but it must be done safely. Shouting, singing and chanting in support of the team is great, but some people in the Town End are creating a dangerous situation by jumping about in the emergency safety walkway and stairways, thus blocking them and also pushing other fans in their excitement. Two people have been injured in the past few games in the stairways of the stand. We urge all true Swindon supporters to help the stewards in keeping these areas clear, so reducing incidents and accidents. People who refuse to comply with this common sense request risk banning from the stadium.

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Parkin	Davis ¹	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Dykes	Invincible	
Parkin	Davis	Farr	Willis	Edwards	Young	Cobian	
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Parkin ¹	Invincible	Farr	Robinson	Edds	Willis	Young	
Parkin	Invincible	Farr	Willis	Bampton*	Young	Halliday	
Parkin	Sabin	Farr	Bampton	Edds	Willis	Young	
Invincible	Parkin ¹	Farr	Sutton	Edds	Willis	Bampton	
Parkin ¹	Nightingale	Farr	Sabin	Edds	Willis	Marney	
Nightingale	Parkin	Farr	Sabin	Willis	Edds	Halliday	
Parkin ¹	Invincible	Smith	Sabin	Willis	Edds	Nightingale	
Marney	Parkin ¹	Smith	Willis	Sabin	Edds	Nightingale	
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TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
WIGAN	34	24	7	3	56	20	79	+36
CREWE	34	19	7	8	57	30	64	+27
CARDIFF	33	18	9	6	51	27	63	+24
OLDHAM	34	17	11	6	50	29	62	+21
BRISTOL C	34	17	8	9	59	38	59	+21
QPR	34	15	9	10	49	40	54	+9
BLACKPOOL	34	15	9	10	45	41	54	+4
TRANMERE	34	16	6	12	46	48	54	-2
LUTON	34	15	8	11	50	45	53	+5
PLYMOUTH	34	12	11	11	42	38	47	+4
SWINDON	34	12	10	12	46	48	46	-2
BRENTFORD	33	12	9	12	36	35	45	+1
WYCOMBE	34	11	9	14	46	43	42	+3
CHESTERFIELD	34	11	6	17	30	48	39	-18
NOTTS CO	34	8	14	12	50	54	38	-4
PETERBOROUGH33	9	11	13	34	39	38	-5	
COLCHESTER	33	9	11	13	37	45	38	-8
BARNLEY	34	9	10	15	39	50	37	-11
HUDDERSFIELD	34	9	9	16	27	39	36	-12
PORT VALE	34	9	8	17	39	56	35	-17
STOCKPORT	34	9	7	18	44	56	34	-12
MANSFIELD	34	9	6	19	50	70	33	-20
NORTHAMPTON	34	8	7	19	31	55	31	-24
CHELTENHAM	34	6	12	16	33	53	30	-20

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PLAYER	LEAGUE			FA CUP			NATIONWIDE LEAGUE			TOTAL		
	APP	GOALS	MIN	APP	GOALS	MIN	APP	GOALS	MIN	APP	GOALS	MIN
BART GRIEMINK	34	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
DAVID EDDY	34	0	1	11	0	0	11	0	0	1	0	0
MATTHEW HEWLETT	28	1	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	11	0	0
ADAM WILLS	34	0	4	11	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
ANDY CUNNEY	31	7	8	2	1	0	1	0	0	11	0	0
KETHON HALLIDAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JIMMY DAVIS	110	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
SAM PARKIN	201	19	18	2	0	0	1	0	0	11	1	0
STEPHAN MURRAY	270	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0
DAVID DUKE	219	4	7	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
JUAN COBAIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ERIC SABIN	229	4	7	2	0	0	1	0	1	11	0	0
DAREN DYKES	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	11	0	0
NEIL RUSSELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DANNY INVINCIBLE	270	5	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0
MATTY HEYWOOD	34	1	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
ALAN REEVES	27	2	3	2	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
NATHAN EDWARDS	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KEVIN HALLIDAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STEVE ROBINSON	210	2	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN YOUNG	11	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
CHRIS COLLINS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IAN HERRING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAVID BAMPION	11	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JOHNNY JACKSON	110	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
CRAIG FARR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0
DEAN MARNEY	7	0	1									
LUKE NIGHTINGALE	21	0	1									
JEREMY LIF	114	0	0									
JOHN BESWETHERICK	1	0	0									

TONIGHT'S FIXTURES 05.03.03



Man Utd vs Leeds
Middlesbro vs Newcastle

Nationwide 1

Derby vs C Palace
Norwich vs Reading
Sheff Wed vs Coventry
Stoke vs Brighton
Wolves vs Ipswich

Nationwide 2

Swindon vs Cheltenham



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ANDREW GURNEY ✓	6 ✓	MICHAEL DUFF
KEITH O'HALLORAN	7	LEE HOWELLS
JEREL IFIL	8 ✓	MARK YATES
SAM PARKIN ✓	9	PAUL BRAYSON
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI ✓	10	TONY NAYLOR
DAVID DUKE ✓	11	RUSSELL MILTON
JON BESWETHERICK ✓	12	SHANE HIGGS
	13	
ERIC SABIN ✓	14	HUGH McAULEY
DAREN DYKES	15	RICHARD WALKER
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Parkin	Sabin	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Young	Dykes
Sabin*	Invincible	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Young	Parkin
Parkin	Davis ¹	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Dykes	Invincible
Parkin	Davis	Farr	Willis	Edwards	Young	Cobian
Sabin	Parkin	Farr	Willis	Hewlett	Young	Dykes
Parkin	Sabin*	Farr	Reeves	Edds	Young	Dykes
Parkin	Sabin	Farr	Edds	Edwards	Young	Cobian
Parkin**	Sabin	Farr	Miglioranza	Edwards	Young	Dykes
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Davis	Sabin	Farr	Young	Jackson	Edds	Willis
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Sabin	Parkin	Farr	Edds	Willis	Miglioranza	Young
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Parkin	Invincible	Farr	Willis	Bampton*	Young	Halliday
Parkin	Sabin	Farr	Bampton	Edds	Willis	Young
Invincible	Parkin ¹	Farr	Sutton	Edds	Willis	Bampton
Parkin ¹	Nightingale	Farr	Sabin	Edds	Willis	Marney
Nightingale	Parkin	Farr	Sabin	Willis	Edds	Halliday
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CREWE	36	20	7	9	62	34	28	67
CARDIFF CITY	35	19	9	7	53	29	24	66
OLDHAM	36	18	11	7	52	31	21	65
BRISTOL CITY	36	18	8	10	61	39	22	62
QPR	36	17	9	10	53	40	13	60
TRANMERE	36	17	7	12	48	49	-1	58
LUTON TOWN	36	16	8	12	55	48	7	56
BLACKPOOL	36	15	9	12	46	44	2	54
PLYMOUTH	36	13	11	12	50	42	8	50
SWINDON TOWN	35	12	10	13	46	49	-3	46
WYCOMBE	36	12	9	15	52	47	5	45
BRENTFORD	35	12	9	14	36	41	-5	45
NOTTS COUNTY	36	10	14	12	53	54	-1	44
BARNLEY	36	11	10	15	42	51	-9	43
CHESTERFIELD	36	12	6	18	34	52	-18	42
COLCHESTER	35	10	11	14	39	47	-8	41
PETERBOROUGH	35	9	12	14	36	46	-10	39
PORT VALE	36	10	8	18	40	57	-17	38
STOCKPORT	36	10	7	19	46	58	-12	37
HUDDERSFIELD	36	9	9	18	27	45	-18	36
MANSFIELD TOWN	36	10	6	20	54	75	-21	36
NORTHAMPTON	36	9	7	20	32	57	-25	34
CHELSEHAM	35	7	12	16	36	54	-18	33

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Portsmouth	v	Norwich	Swindon	v	Cheltenham
Sheff Utd	v	Burnley			
Reading	v	Wolves			



Question of the week.

Who is this young superstar? He was signed for Crystal Palace at 11 to their school of excellence, he then went on to the Southampton school of excellence. His claim to fame is that he scored on the same pitch as Trevor Brooking.

Those astute observers will note that he is kicking a coconut!!!! Hence his career quickly went downhill so he was transferred to the written & media world.



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