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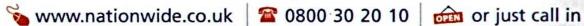


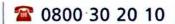
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Well, what a difference a week makes. Just two or three weeks ago I was getting slightly over excited at the prospect of reaching the top six. Now, with four defeats in five games - we seem to be looking over our shoulder once again at the teams below us. I sincerely hope that talk of getting dragged into relegation trouble will be avoided with a win tonight - but it's clear that Town must play much better (or at least start a lot better) than they have done in recent games. It's just goes to show how quickly things can change in football. This season alone we've been top, in the bottom four, in with a shoul of the play-offs and now in trouble again - the saying 'never a dull moment' couldn't be truor here at the County Ground!

What makes it worse (and it could just be me here on this one living in Reading) is the success of our fivals Reading. Now I am not the Royals' biggest fan at the best of times, but to achieve what they we done (a.c. virtually cementing their place in the play offs in Division One) is tremendous. They've even taken on Luke Chadwick on loan and the newspapers on Monday were linking Paolo Di Canio to the Madejski Stadium. Yet it wasn't so long ago that Reading were below us in the table with a dated ground in Elm Park, I bet even the most ambitious of Royals fans couldn't have predicted their meteoric rise in the football world - but it just goes to show what can happen. So should we lose this evening - don't be too downhearted. Ok we might not make the top ten as first planned but there's always next year! Mind you, a rare win against our local rivals, especially after last week's oxfeat at the hands of Cheltenham, wouldn't go arniss. Let's do our bit, keep the faith and with a bit of liuck - the tide will turn.





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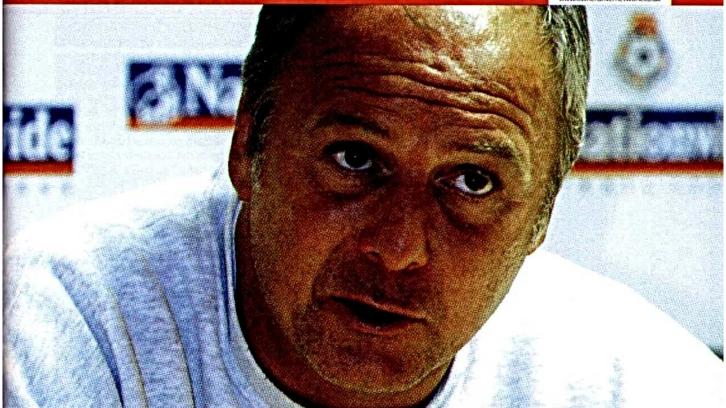
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A WARM WELCOME TO ANOTHER LOCAL DERBY THIS EVENING - AND MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY IN WELCOMING DANNY WILSON, HIS MANAGEMENT TEAM, PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND DIRECTORS TO THE COUNTY GROUND.

Danny Wilson is a young manager that I have great respect for and his side are currently looking to cement their position in the top six. I must admit that it will be a nice change to play a side at the top end of the table, for three defeats in three against those in the bottom have made for a very disappointing week for us. Add to that the fact that tonight's game is a local derby and I think we can expect a passionate encounter.

Last week at Northampton we went down by the odd goal against a very poor side. I thought we deserved all three points and had we got ahead would have won comfortably. Unfortunately we just didn't perform against Cheltenham in the week — a poor and slow start gave us a mountain to climb and frustratingly — we found ourselves in the same position on Saturday at Mansfield. It was another poor result to be honest. I asked for a good start, especially after the Cheltenham game. One with energy, pace and commitment and unfortunately we didn't get it and I'd warned against Mansfield's attacking options. They play in somewhat of a cavalier style at home and had scored something like 33 goals — so we knew what they were capable of. They came at us from the start and got the ball behind our defence — fair play to them, but I was just disappointed with our own approach in the first half. In the end we were lucky not to be three or four down because we could quite easily have lost the game such was our first half play.

Thankfully, and I don't know how, we got a goal back before the break and so when the lads came in at half time — we had a lifeline when perhaps we didn't deserve one. 'Reevesy' did well to get a goal back, other than that we hadn't really threatened, but that gave us some momentum to go out at them in the second half and as far as effort is concerned — I couldn't have asked for any more — it was a transformation. We kept the ball, grew in confidence and were patient whereas in the first half we gave the ball away



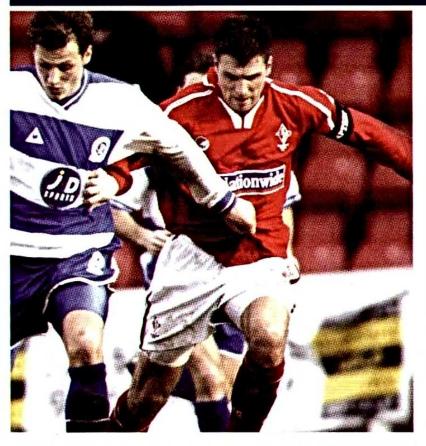
too cheaply. In the end we had a load of chances and have absolutely battered them for the whole of the second half. We played some fantastic football and looked a different class from the team in the first half - the ball just wouldn't drop for us in the final third. But we spreaded the ball out wide and got behind their defence, put crosses in and played with endeavour we just couldn't score. The second half performance deserved a point alone, but we can't keep allowing ourselves to be in a position whereby we have to chase the game because we've pretty much given them a two-goal lead.

We've now gone three games without a win against the three bottom in the league. Fundamentally that is wrong - yet people were expecting to win these games because the teams are at the bottom of the table and as I keep saying you have to earn those wins. We made too many mistakes, started slowly and to be honest, didn't deserve to win these games and so we have to work harder to make sure we perform to the level that saw us climb the table earlier in the season.

And once again we've slipped up in the league and I keep saying we need a win or two to be absolutely safe and we still haven't got it. I don't want to finish the season scrapping around for points here and there to make sure of our safety but the way we're playing - that might well be the case because we just have not been good enough. As a result we may have a new face in the squad ahead of tonight's fixture. The most difficult thing about losing is not having the personnel to change things and so I've had to go out and get a new face. Hopefully in time we will be in a position whereby some of our younger lads can get the chance to show me what they can do - but until we're safe I am not prepared to put them into a pressurised situation. With a bit of luck a win today will see us move closer to safety - I think it will take 52 points and so we are two wins away from that. But I want to see us finish strongly, it's been a poor run of form and if we are to push those in the top ten then that has to be put right.

Enjoy tonight's game, once again many thanks for your support - especially on the road and I hope we can give you something to shout about tonight and what should be an exciting derby.

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



A WARM WELCOME BACK TO THE COUNTY GROUND FOR THIS EVENING'S GAME AGAINST BRISTOL CITY.

Tonight's game promises to be another tough encounter - not least because it's a local derby but also because City are looking for promotion. Danny Wilson's side must still hold hopes of automatic promotion and last week's win will have kept them in the hunt at the top. They are a strong footballing side and we'll know what to expect - we need to make sure that we rise to the occasion if we are in order to return to winning ways.

It's been an awful week for us. Having beaten QPR I think many of you, and many of us as well to be fair, were expecting to continue our rise up the table with wins against the sides at the bottom. Unfortunately it hasn't turned out that way and we've struggled - not only have we lost them all but have played poorly as well.

It's difficult to put your finger on what exactly has gone wrong - it is the same side that's playing we just seem unable to start well. At Mansfield on Saturday we turned

things around in the second half in terms of our performance - but by then we were already losing and it's always hard to come back having gone behind. The same happened at Cheltenham and Northampton and the Gaffer has made it clear that he wants a bright start this evening. As you will know Andy has brought in Junior Lewis and to be fair - his addition will be good for us. It means that there's a bit more competition for places and that can only be good for us all. Hopefully it's just a case of getting a win and stopping the rot because we want to avoid a run similar to the one experienced earlier in the season. Not only that, but we are starting to slide down the table and I don't think any of us want to endure a relegation scrap. I honestly believe it's nothing more than a slump in form - but we need to get out of it guickly so that we can finish the season as high as possible in the league. A win today should be enough to see us safe - perhaps then we can think about finishing strongly as we approach the end of the season.

DICK MACKEY'S TREATMENT ROOM

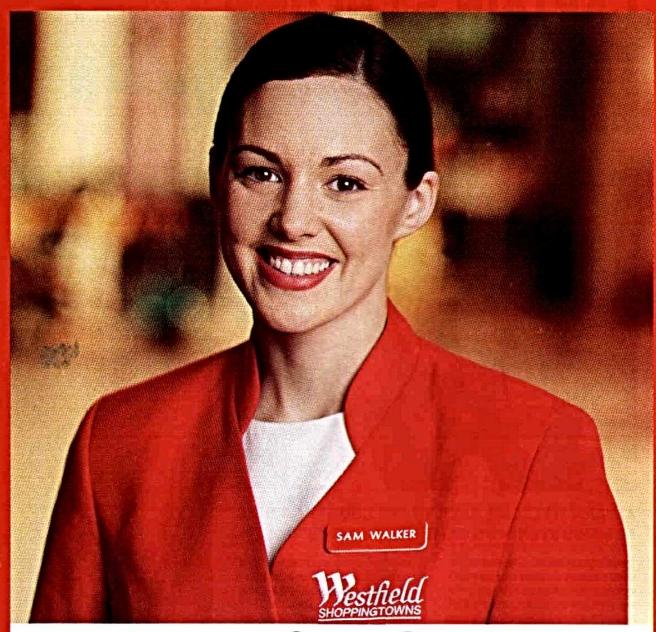
Once again it's a relative clean bill of health this week as Adam Willis is the only player to enter the Treatment Room.

Adam, as you will be aware has been out for a number of weeks now but I think he has started to turn the corner. Adam was set to have a scan today and he is feeling a lot better in himself. You can tell just by the lad's body language that he's feeling more confident and he's been busy in the pool, doing 40 lengths on Monday. He has also walked well and ruin in the water and as a result, I'm hoping that he'll be jogging again by next week.

Other than that I can report on Keith O'Halloran's development. Keith is still training with the first team, but he just needs some more games under his belt. Keith is getting better all the time but he needs match fitness and with many of the reserve games being called off - he's not getting it. Perhaps now that the weather is improving we can look to get him some more games.



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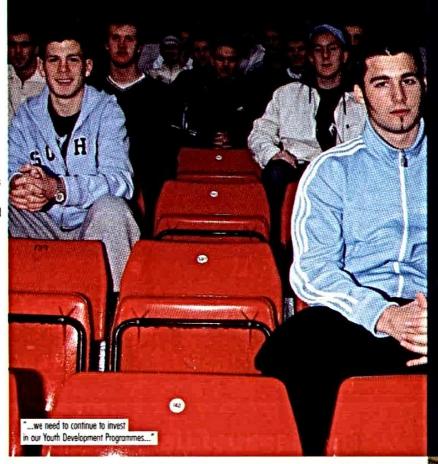


Good evening to you all and welcome to the second consecutive local derby at the County Ground to be played under the floodlights. On behalf of the board of directors can I also extend a warm welcome to the directors, management, players and staff from Bristol City. Football is renown for its cliches, but it really is a game that can take you from triumph to disaster, as Kipling said, in a very short time. A fortnight ago we all celebrated a tremendous performance and result against QPR, yet here we all are more than a little disappointed following the last three results. However, we should try to treat both triumph and disaster the same - again as advised by Kipling.

At the start of the season I was asked what I thought would represent success during my first season at Swindon. My response was that financial stability and an improved league position would indicate a giant stride forward. Well, although still tight, finances have improved and a position in the top ten is still very possible. It has been fantastic to have flirted with the playoffs, but the traumas of last dfew seasons have left a deep scar on the Club and it is not going to be fully repaired overnight.

Let me assure you that we are still ambitious. This Club is capable of sustaining football at a higher level. But there is plenty of work to do before we can achieve that. We must grow stronger financially, we have to improve revenue into the Club, we must grow the fan base again, we need to continue to invest in our Youth Development Programmes and we must improve our relationship with the community and with schools, kids and families locally. What I hope we can all build is a club that local people can be proud of and will want to support irrespective of results on the field. And finally, we will need to be very shrewd in the transfer market.

We are very close to finalising the new Season Ticket prices. We have spoken to the Supporters Club committee and have received their feedback. We have focused on introducing incentives



MARK **DEVLIN**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC

aimed at increasing the number of Season Ticket holders. I can also assure our current Season Ticket holders that they will receive the best prices when they renew.

The current plan is for our Season Ticket holders to receive their application forms by post in the week before the Huddersfield game on April 12. The prices will then feature in every home programme between then and the end of the season. I would also hope that we will be able to write to anyone else on our database inviting them to ioin the Club as Season Ticket holders.

It promises to be a cracking atmosphere this evening. With your vocal support I'm sure the players will be able to end our current run - as we all aim to finish in the top ten of the Second Division.

Thanks for your support and enjoy the game.

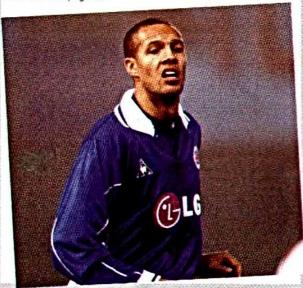
THE WEEK THAT WAS



17.03.03

JUNIOR JOINS US ON LOAN

Swindon Town boss Andy King has swooped to sign Leicester City midfielder Junior Lewis on loan, subject to approval by the Football League. Lewis, 29, is set to join Town for a month and could go straight into tonight's squad to face Bristol City. To meet Junior Lewis turn to page 51.



15.03.03

WIGAN REMAIN UNBEATEN AS CREWE SLIP UP

Second Division leaders Wigan could only manage a 1-1 draw with Luton with Neil Roberts scoring a 74th minute equaliser for the Lancashire side. Steve Howard scored the opener for Luton. Crewe were held 1-1 by Port Vale so could not take advantage of Wigan's slip-up. Tonight's visitors gave their play-off hopes a lift with a 1-0 defeat of Peterborough secured with loan star Mark Robin's 12th-minute goal. Oldham and QPR took a share of the spoils as they drew 0-0 while Blackpool and Plymouth played out a 1-1 draw. Huddersfield lost 2-0 at Colchester thanks to goals from Kernal Izzet and Scott McGleish and Barnsley drew with Wycombe. Fellow struggler's Northampton earned a 1-1 draw at Cheltenham with the equaliser coming from Paul Harsley, who scored against Town last weekend at the Sixfields, in the 75th minute after Mark Yates had given the home side the lead. Hotshot Luke Beckett scored twice to give Stockport a 2-1 win at Brentford, who had taken the lead through Mickael Antoine-Curier. Mark Stallard helped Notts County to a 1-1 home draw with Chesterfield, cancelling out Caleb Folan's opener for the visitors

15.03.03

TOWN LOSE AGAIN BUT YOUTHS SHOW THE WAY

Swindon Town recorded their third consecutive defeat as Mansfield emerged 2-1 victors. Wayne Corden and Junior Mendes got the goals as Alan Reeves' effort wasn't enough to level the scores. Meanwhile Town's youngsters were enjoying better times with the 17's winning and the 19s drawing 2-2. For full reports turn to page 20-21 respectively.

14.03.03

'MIG' MAKES TEAM OF THE WEEK

Swindon Town's Stefani Miglioranzi has been named in the Nationwide Second Division Team of the Week. The classy midfielder has been included in the



named eleven after showing glimpses of what he can do in the past few games. Whilst the team were beaten at Northampton and at home to Cheltenham, the former Portsmouth favourite has continued his good form. The Nationwide Team of the Week also includes Northampton players Lee Harper, Paul Reid and Derek Asamoah.

13.03.03

TOWN HELP RADIO ONE ON THEIR WAY

The team from Radio One eventually made it to the County Ground having negotiated the capital and they were welcomed by a greeting from our favourite furry friend. Rockin' Robin gave Comedy Dave, Chappers and Neil sandwiches and drinks on arrival as they made the brief stop in Wiltshire. Having arrived at 6.00pm, a couple of hours later than planned — the trio were also introduced to the players who were preparing for the Cheltenham game. The lads from Radio One embarked on a trail of all the 92 league clubs whilst collecting memorabilia along the way. One lucky Radio One listener will scoop the lot at the end of the week. Added to the collection is now a signed Swindon shirt (with Radio 1 on the back), a signed pair of Rockin's tights as well as a signed seat from the Nationwide Stand. Chappers and Comedy Dave did have time to sample the local delicacies (Arkells) before heading off to Cardiff, Swansea and finally Cheltenham.

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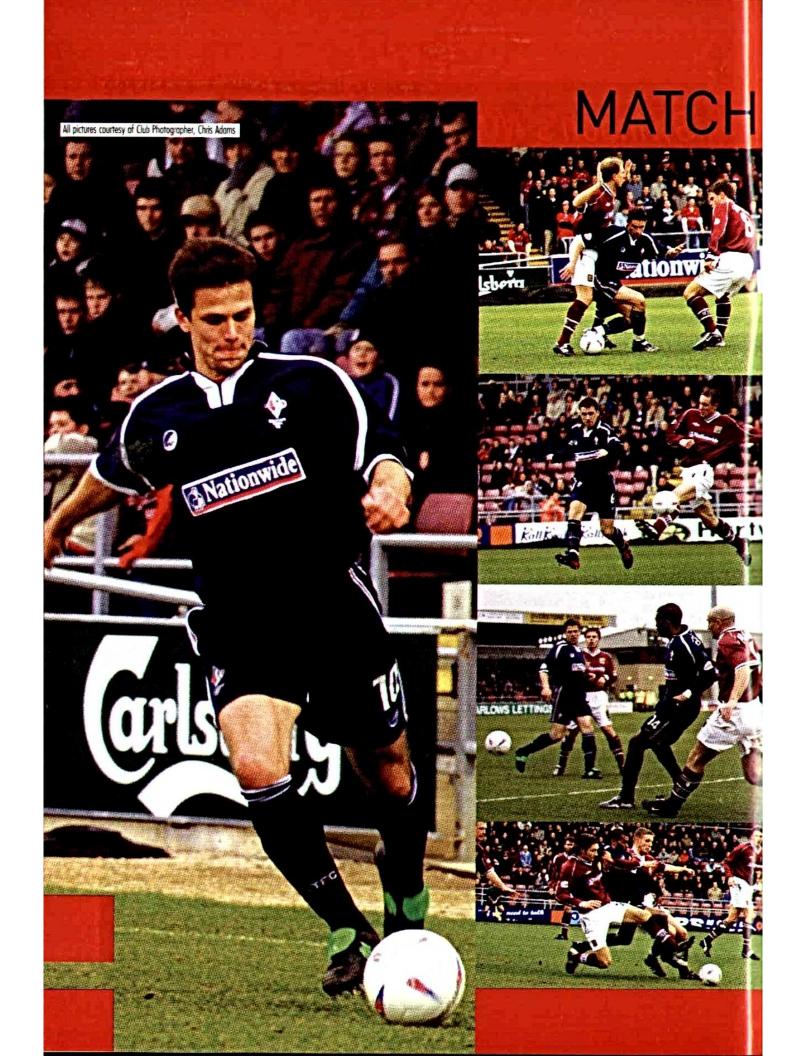
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NORTHAMPTON TOWN 1 HARSLEY 61 SWINDON TOWN 0

Northampton had not won since New Years Day, with the last win at Sixfields coming on 23rd November. However, a Harsley goal just after the hour mark was enough to see off Andy King's side.

The Swindon away fans had once again done themselves proud, selling out their allocation and taking a substantial section of the home stand; they were in full voice long before the start of the game. However, it was the home side that started the game with the early possession. On eleven minutes Paul Harsley found space outside the box but his long-range effort went wide of Griemink's goal.

As the quarter of an hour mark approached, both sides struggled to get the ball down in the blustery wind. Swindon created a half chance on 16 minutes when Miglioranzi was released down the right but his cross could not find the waiting Duke in the area. Swindon then had a golden chance on 18 minutes when Duke found Hewlett in space inside the box. Hewlett took the ball onto the six-yard area but his shot was hit straight at Harper and the rebound was cleared by Paul Trollope, son of County Ground legend John Trollope.

Swindon began to take control after twenty minutes with Hewlett and Robinson making their presence felt in the heart of the midfield. On 27 minutes Northampton striker Derek Asamoah picked up the ball on the left hand side of midfield and ran at the Town back line. He skipped inside Gurney before unleashing a shot from inside the area that hit the side netting but served as a warning to Town of what the home side could do. Eric Sabin nearly broke the offside trap on the half hour mark but the linesman's flag denied the Frenchman a clear run at Lee Harper's goal. Asamoah was again at the heart of the Northampton threat when his 20-yard run culminated in a corner, which Gurney cleared at the second attempt. On 38 minutes Town created a chance carved out from some neat interplay between Sabin and Duke. The Frenchman laid the ball off for Duke whose shot from just inside the area fell straight into the arms of Lee Harper in the home goal. Two minutes later Sam Parkin picked up a long ball from Hewlett and laid the ball back to Beswetherick whose cross was deflected away for a corner. His first effort found Parkin unmarked at the back of the six-yard box but the former Northampton loanee couldn't get his shot away under pressure. On 47 minutes and with Town unchanged in the second half,

Derek Asamoah got in behind Heywood and Duke before firing the ball across goal. Alan Reeves made a vital interception to deflect the ball past the oncoming Darryn Stamp from Asamoah's low cross. On 54 minutes Stefani Miglioranzi played through Eric Sabin but defender Paul Reid did well to out muscle the former Wasquehal man to reclaim the ball. Minutes later Steve Robinson put a high ball into the box which Harper claimed well. A Paul Harsley shot was brilliantly saved by Bart Griemink.

John Frain swung in the ensuing corner which found it's way to Paul Harsley on the edge of the box who drove his low shot through a crowd of players into the bottom corner of the net to put his side in the driving seat.

On 65 minutes Bart Griemink had to race out to deny Derek Asamoah as the diminutive striker raced past Alan Reeves. Asamoah was the main threat to the Town defence and had a lot of possession on the ball. On 67 minutes Miglioranzi found space on the right hand side and his cross found Parkin in space in the box but his header was well saved by Harper down to his right. With twenty minutes to go John Frain swung in another dangerous free-kick but Bart Griemink did well to claim the ball with pressure from Stamp. Three minutes later Steve Robinson saw his 25-yard shot fly straight at Harper, who did well to hold the ball.

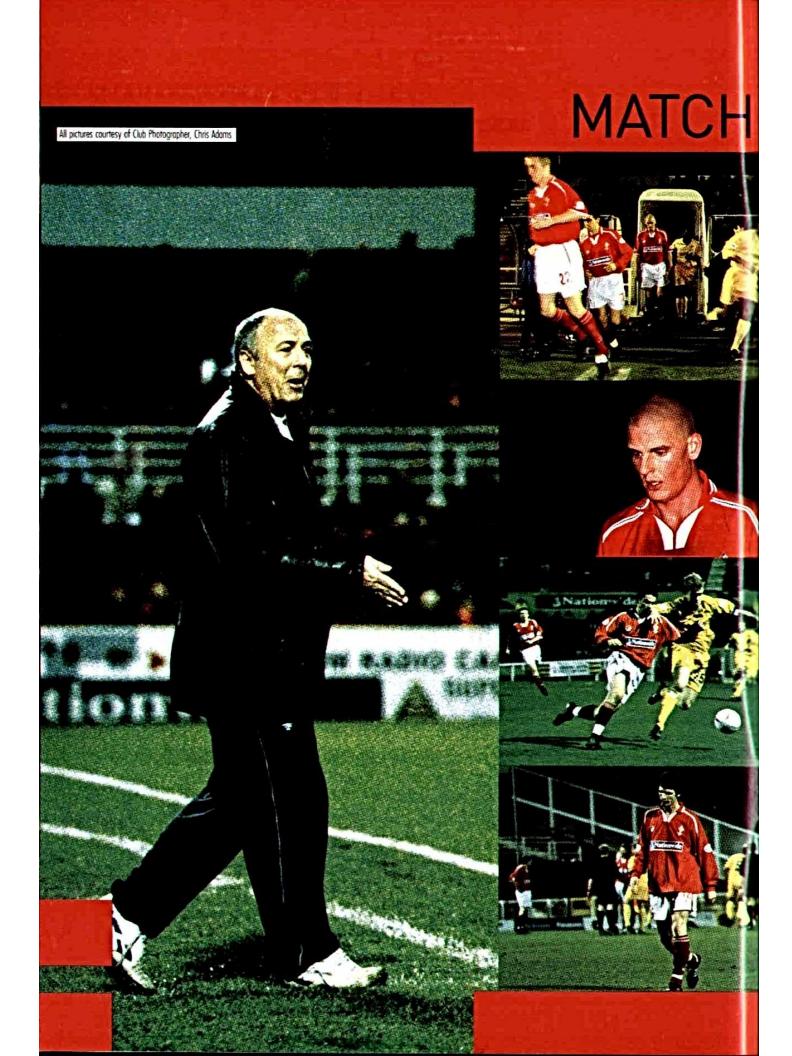
With just fourteen minutes to go Bart Griemink was forced to race out of his area to clear the ball with his head from the oncoming Stamp. Town replaced Jon Beswetherick with Danny Invincibile to try and up the ante. After a foul on Sabin, Gurney saw his free-kick from the edge of the box gathered by Harper with Town desperately trying to find an equaliser.

On 79 minutes Eric Sabin turned away from Paul Trollope but was then fouled by Trollope as he paced away. Gurney's free-kick could not trouble Harper and Northampton stormed away on the attack once more. The resulting long ball found Asamoah who outpaced Heywood and earned his side a corner, which was cleared.

With eight minutes to go Danny Invincibile latched onto a long ball down the right hand side, out running Frain before crossing the ball for Parkin but he could only hit the ball at Harper.

NORTHAMPTON: Harper, Gill, Sampson, K. Reid, Frain, Johnson, Trollope, Harsley, Hargreaves, Stamp (Gabbiadini 84),
Asamoah (McGregor 84) Subs not used: Spedding, Abbey, Lincoln.

TOWN: Griemink, Gurney, Heywood, Reeves, Duke, Robinson, Miglioranzi, Hewlett, Beswetherick (Invincibile 75), Sabin, Parkin Subs not used: Ifil, Dykes, Farr, Taylor



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Nationwide 6

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12 2003 7.45PM COUNTY GROUND 5,583

SWINDON TOWN 0 CHELTENHAM TOWN 3

DEVANEY 32, BROUGH 40, SPENCER 90

The referee successfully stole the show once again as Town fans experienced a case of déjà vu against lowly Cheltenham. A catalogue of ridiculous, almost embarrassing decisions including a harsh sending off from the official made Town's lacklustre performance appear even worse than it was.

In fairness the visitors had the better of the opening 45 minutes - Jon Brough enjoying the first chance of the game on five minutes when he seized on a Heywood slip only to see his attempted lob finish wide of the goal. Two minutes later and the visitors enjoyed two corners in quick succession – the first was cleared whilst the second, half cleared by Griemink, was nearly converted by Devaney who's half volley found the grateful Dutchman.

Town never really threatened. On 13 minutes Invincibile headed wide from Robinson's cross before Hewlett saw a quick-fire left footed effort was tipped round the post by Higgs in the visitors goal with what proved to be the best chance of the half for the home side.

Martin Devaney, who was to prove dangerous all half, saw another shot deflected wide of the post before he finally gave the visitors the lead on 31 minutes. Following a defensive error, Devaney broke free from what looked like an offside position to slot the ball home from the edge of the area. King will be slightly aggrieved that his defence stopped whilst hoping that the linesman would raise his flag. Danny had two half chances before the visitors made it two-nil. A tame shot from Jon Brough was deflected past the hapless Griemink in front of the despairing Town End

Sabin was brought on for Matty Hewlett at half time as King reverted to the three up front and the Frenchman was released by Robinson early on. Having beaten his man, Sabin saw his cross blocked for a corner. Rather frustratingly however, Beswetherick over-hit his effort for the second time. Town were seemingly laboured in their efforts, every touch, tackle and ball was a yard slower than Cheltenham and all in all – a very frustrating performance ensued in the opening exchanges of the second period. The only exceptions were Sam Parkin and 'Eric Sabinho' (as the Town End sang). Sam's effort was second to none whilst Eric's pace caused no end of problems.

Town did however begin to pile on the pressure. The football still wasn't pretty but they were beginning to get behind Cheltenham's resolute defence. Sabin's cross come shot was well saved before Duke's effort was blocked on 57 minutes. At the other end a nice bit of trickery from Devaney involving a neat one two with Marvin Brown culminated in a poor shot that went wide of Griemink's goal. Then, as Sabin broke free again - came a moment of great controversy. The Frenchman was seemingly brought down in the box but the referee waved play on, much to the disdain of the crowd. Minutes later the referee waved away penalty appeals once again, this time an apparent hand ball following Sam Parkin's goalbound header. Marvin Brown came close for the visitors on 70 minutes. A neat turn on the edge of the area led to a shot that fizzed the hands of Griemink in the Town goal. At the other end another slow move finally allowed Gurney to test Higgs in the Cheltenham goal, the keeper diving low to his left to save comfortably.

Gurney came close soon after when he headed Invincibile's cross over from eight yards before Beswetherick sent a well struck left footed effort over the bar from all of 25 yards. As Cheltenham made a rare foray forward Town backed off as Michael Duff forced Griemink into a save from 30 yards. Soon after, Town were caught napping once again as Grant McCann shot from long range. And so it proved to be one of those days. Alan Reeves' effort on 80 minutes summed it up. An intricate ball from Miglioranzi found Invincibile who's cross found Reeves yards out. Unfortunately Reeves sent his volley over the bar as he found the cross too hard to control.

It got worse shortly afterwards as the referee successfully lost control of the game. As Devaney broke free Beswetherick tracked back and appeared to tackle the rampaging forward – giving the ball back to Griemink. Unfortunately, and quite unbelievably, the referee adjudged 'Bes' to have fouled the marksman and subsequently sent off the former Wednesday man. What appeared to be a 50/50 tussle seemed to have been a clinical foul.

Damien Spencer then confounded Town's misery at the death. The substitute broke forward and unleashed a powerful strike that nestled in Town's top left hand corner.

TOWN: Griemink, Gurney, Heywood, Reeves, Duke, Miglioranzi, Hewlett (Sabin 45), Robinson, Beswetherick, Parkin, Invincibile. Subs not used: Farr, Ifil, Dykes, Taylor.

CHELTENHAM: Higgs, Victory, Mike Duff, Bird, Shane Duff, Milton, Yates, Devaney, McCann, Brown [Spencer 75], Brough. Subs not used: Book, Howells, Naylor, Howarth.



This Week sees
Rockin' The Robin
reunited with City
Cat for the first time
since Rockin' rugby
tackled the Cat at
Ashton Gate earlier
this season! Rockin
gives us his thoughts
on five of the best
local mascots including himself at
the top of course!



OLLY THE OX OXFORD UNITED

Olly is a newcomer to the Mascot game and he is a strong representative, having played his part in building the Kassam Stadium (which is still half finished). Rockin' first met Olly during the 2002 Grand National and Huntingdon Racecourse, RR greeted him with a typical rugby tackle with some afters. On that day Olly finished stronger than RR during this particular race but Rockin' got his own back a few months later at The Kassam during the FA Cup Second Round tie. Before this game there was a relay race in which Rockin' won neither fair nor square...

show, but he knows that Swindon's own Rockin' has a patent on the name, and wouldn't want to upset his friend and neighbour, although he said, "Maybe the two of us should perform a version of the dance for charity sometime! With my posture and technique and Rockin's vibrancy we could re-launch 'Come Dancing!'" Whaddney performed heroics in keeping a clean sheet as 'keeper for the Southern mascots as they beat the northern mascots with a goal by Cyril the Swan at Derby last August.



WHADDNEY ROBIN CHELTENHAM TOWN

Whaddney is another of the region's robin mascots. He's known for his prematch dancing and was recently falsely accused of being drunk when teaming up with the cheerleaders at Chesterfield! He recently performed 'Rockin Robin' at a school Christmas



Kingsley, a distant relative of the Fordbury Lion in Reading's Fordbury Gardens, has been Reading's official mascot since the beginning of the 1997/98 season, and has quickly become one of the most popular figures at the Madejski Stadium. Kingley's short career has been surrounded in controversy! In 1998 he was warned by the FA after running on to the pitch to celebrate a Darren





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Caskey goal against Bournmouth. The rampant Royal was also accused of being a bad dresser during a beach party in March 2000. Despite these setbacks Kingsley's popularity is growing at Reading, and he remains a vital member of the squad. Apparently, Kingsley is a master at penalties, but I have been told that when he takes them he swaps his boots for a pair of predators – The Cheat!

CITY CAT (BRISTOL CITY)

Obviously City Cat is probably best remembered for the infamous 'Wolfie versus the three little pigs incident'. City Cat stole the headlines back in 1998 after he heroically split up the fight between Wolfie and the three Little Pigs at Ashton Gate. City Cat recalls, "We had had the three Little Pigs down at Ashton Gate that season. They were mascots of a sponsor, not Bristol City. I remember it well. It was at half time, I was by the touchline greeting kids and giving them autographs when I heard a big roar, I didn't know what was

happening so I turned round and saw Wolfie and the Three Pigs exchanging punches! I immediately turned round and ran to break the fight up. It got international coverage afterwards although some of the media got the wrong end of the stick and tried saying that I was involved, which I wasn't."

ROCKIN' ROBIN SWINDON TOWN

Probably most famed for his prematch dance Rockin' is debatably one of the best mascots in Wiltshire. Rockin proclaims, "Being mascot for the team you love is an honour and I adore Swindon Town! I really enjoy winding up the crowd and meeting the Swindon fans!" Thinking back over his favourite moments as the Swindon Mascot Rockin' recalled, "Ashton gate last season has to be one of my

fondest memories. City Cat and I were having a penalty shootout at the Bristol City end of the ground. All of a sudden he decided to run to the other end of the pitch with the ball! I was trying to figure out what he was doing, then it struck me - he was going to score in to an open goal in front of the Swindon faithful! I couldn't let this happen! By the time I realised what he was up to he was on the half

way line so I

had a long way to go! I gave chase down the Ashton Gate pitch at full pelt! As City Cat pulled back his right paw to strike the ball, six yards from goal, I lunged across him, forcing the ball wide, a tackle worthy of an England call up! The Town fans cheered and I needed oxygen!"

Rockin' boasts an unbeaten penalty shootout record of over 50 games and is hoping to get in to the Guiness Book of Records this year!



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WINNING MARGINS

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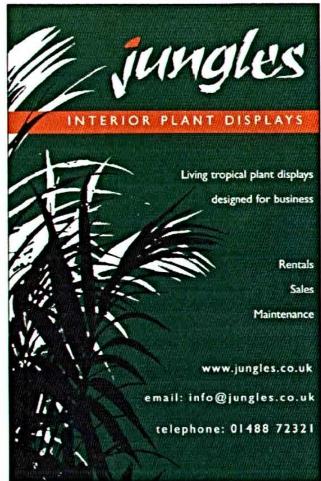
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The Haine & Smith Player of the Month award has been kindly donated by Barry Smith, whose son Rupert tragically died in 2001. Rupert was a keen supporter of the club and attended as many games as possible.







MATCH ACTION



SATURDAY MARCH 15TH 2003

SWINDON TOWN 4 WYATT 3, LEWIS SWANSEA CITY 2

STFC line-up: Matty Bulman, Sean Foley, Ben Pryce, Leigh Henry, Leigh Mkills, Mark Jones, Ashan Hulgate, Wayne Hunt, Mitchell Wyatt, Lance Lewis, Dom Khaekphong. Subs: Jamie Morse.

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UNDER 17'S



UNDER 17'S EIXTURES 2002/03

THE SWINDON TOWN U17'S TOOK ON SWANSEA CITY LAST WEEKEND AND AFTER AN INDIFFERENT START, FINISHED 4-2 WINNERS AGAINST THE WELSHMAN TO STAY TOP OF THE LEAGUE.

Town started slowly and went 1-0 down but quickly drew level with Mitchell Wyatt finishing well after a mazy run from the half-way line. The U17's included a number of U15 players, previously untried at U17 level, but the newcomers came out of the game with some good performances and can look forward to more games with Jim Fraser's side. Poor defending from a free-kick allowed Swansea to make the scoreline 2-1 but Town drew level following good work from Lance Lewis. Lewis released Mitchell Wyatt who scored his second of the game.

After a few encouraging words during the interval, the Town side showed much more spirit after the break and their commitment was shown with two second half goals. The third came from a penalty after Mitchell Wyatt was fouled inside the box, Wyatt getting up to net his third of the game for another hat-trick. Town finished the game with a goal from Lance Lewis following good pressure from the front two on the Swansea defence. Lewis picked up the loose ball and coolly bent the ball round the keeper.

U17's Manager Jimmy Fraser was pleased with the performance, "I was pleased with the way the lads came back in the second half but they started poorly. We cannot afford to start games so slowly and Swansea took advantage of this with two first half goals. It was a game of two halves really. The team have never really played together for more than two games and we had a lot of U15 players in the side against Swansea and they will have gained valuable experience at this level. That was our last league game this season, but we are awaiting the outcome of the Cardiff vs Torquay game before we know where we will finish in the league. If things go our way then we will win the league but we are looking all performance at the end of the day, not league position."

Cardiff have to defeat Torquay in order to leapfrog Cardiff at the top - we'll let you know of the result as soon as we here. Town's under 19s drew 2-2 with Northampton.

Sat 17th Aug	Oxford United	Home	5-0
Sat 24th Aug	Exoter City	Away	4-1
Sat 31st Aug	In Service Day		
Sat 7th Sep	Cheltenham Town	Home	4-0
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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	р-р
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-9
Sat 14th Dec	Torquay united	Home	P-0
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	-
Sat 1st Feb	Free Week		
Sat 8th Feb	Cheltenham Town	Away	2-8
Sat 15th Feb	Swansea City	Home	
Sat 22nd Feb	Cardiff City	Away	
Sat 1st March	PLymouth	Home	5-0
Sat 15th March	Swansea City	Home	4-2

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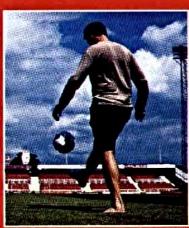
On the goal scoring front there were very few former Town players who hit the headlines last weekend. The only 'ex-Townie' to score was Guiliano Grazioli who hit a 72nd minute winner as his Bristol Rovers side won 2-1 against Leyton Orient.

John Moncur was on the West Ham bench during their 0-0 draw at Goodison Park with Everton. Kevin Horlock played in Manchester City's 1-0 win over Birmingham at Maine Road and former Town loan player Michael Reddy played in front of 24,726 as Sheffield Wednesday were beaten by Ipswich at Hillsborough.

Fraser Digby, currently part of the Sales and Marketing team here at The County Ground, kept a clean sheet for Kidderminster as they won 2-0 at Cambridge to keep Harrier's promotion hopes alive. Frank Talia, also another former Town keeper, was between the sticks at Adams Park for Wycombe as they drew 2-2 with Barnsley.

Paul Edwards and Jim Whitley were both in the Wrexham side that drew 1-1 at Lincoln, whilst another exloance, Jo Osei-Kuffour, played for Torquay at home to Scunthorpe.

Town fans who watch Sky Sports' 'Soccer AM' will have noticed that George Ndah joined Helen Chamberlain and Tim Lovejoy in the studio on Saturday morning. Finally, Town's 1993 Wembley hero Craig Maskell is now turning out as player-coach for Aylesbury.



Guiliano Grazioli



QPR'S KEEPER SEARCH

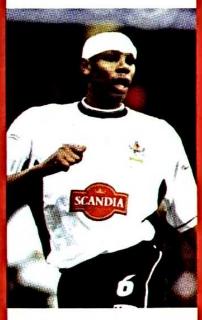


QPR are looking for a goalkeeper amid fears a knee injury suffered by Nick Culkin could be more serious than was first thought.

Rangers are trying to sign some cover for Chris Day, who is the only fit keeper at the club now Culkin is sidelined. Day only recently returned to action himself after 16 months out with a broken leg. Teenager Jake Cole is also injured and as things stand, defender Steve Palmer would have to go in goal should anything happen to Day. Chippenham Town's James Bittner joined the club on a non-contract basis when Culkin picked up an injury earlier this season. He was recently brought back to Loftus Road but suffered a shoulder injury. Reading goalkeeper Phil Whitehead played for Rangers in a reserve game against Plymouth on Tuesday, but did not impress.



PALMER STAYING PUT



Stockport County boss Carlton Palmer has vowed to fight on at Edgeley Park, despite criticism from the club's fans. Some supporters called for Palmer's dismissal following Saturday's defeat at Barnsley, which has left County just a place and a point out of the drop-zone. But Palmer, who also tasted relegation last season after taking over three months into the campaign when the side was bottom of Division One, is determined to see the job through. He said: "I've been in the game a long time and know football supporters are fickle. I'll carry on doing the job the best I know how. There's still a lot to play for and we know what we need to do to stay up. We're out of the bottom four and so it's up to other teams to get us to drop in there and up to us to keep out ourselves out of it." Palmer told the Manchester Evening News.



WELLENS SIGNS NEW DEAL



Blackpool midfielder Richie Wellens has signed a new two-year contract. His decision to put pen to paper is a major boost for manager Steve McMahon, whose side are chasing a play-off spot. "It is great news for everybody - for myself, for Richie and especially for the supporters," said McMahon. "If he left, we would struggle to find a replacement as good as Richie. He is now settled in Blackpool and didn't want to move. He just wanted all things to be right."



U'S FINED BY FA



Colchester have been fined by the Football Association for their part in the clash with Oldham on September 21, 2002.

Oldham have escaped with a warning, but Colchester have been ordered to pay up £1,000 by the FA. The punishment is for the conduct of U's players in the game at Layer Road. Oldham's Clint Hill was red-carded for a late tackle and Colchester's Mark Warren was sent-off for violent conduct in the aftermath of the incident. A letter from the FA to Colchester read: "The papers relating to the charge in respect of the above match were placed before a disciplinary commission. And, having taken into account the club's admission of quilt, the Members decided that Colchester United FC be reprimanded, warned to it's future conduct and fined the sum of £1,000."



FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Swindon Supermarine were left nine points from safety as they once again failed to take any points from their home game with Weston Super Mare. Goals from Jody Bevan and John Miller secured the points for the visitors.

Cirencester Town lost 3-1 at home to Gresley Rovers, despite Ben Fitch's eighth minute opener for The Centurions.

Paul Day hit a hat trick for Highworth Town as they hammered Pegasus Juniors with a fine away performance. The other goals came from Justin Miller (2) and Mark Belcher

Fairford Town moved up to fifth place with a 1-0 win over Almondsbury Town at Cinder Lane. Striker Richard 'Gino' Watkins scored the only goal of the game, following some good build-up play from substitute Jamie Webb. Fairford Town entertain Tuffley Rovers at Cinder Lane this evening.

Pewsey Vale produced a great second half comeback to defeat Wantage Town 4.1. Trailing 1-0 at the break, goals from Dave Parfitt (2), Tom Ritchie and Ross Anderson gave them the points.

Wootton Bassett lost out 5-1 at Southall Town with Stuart Lamont grabbing a consolation for the visitors.

Purton were beaten 2-1 at Chipping Norton whilst New College Academy were 2-0 winners over Adderbury Park.

Shrivenham were 3-0 winners over Kidlington with Neil Sutton netting a penalty for 'Shrivy'.

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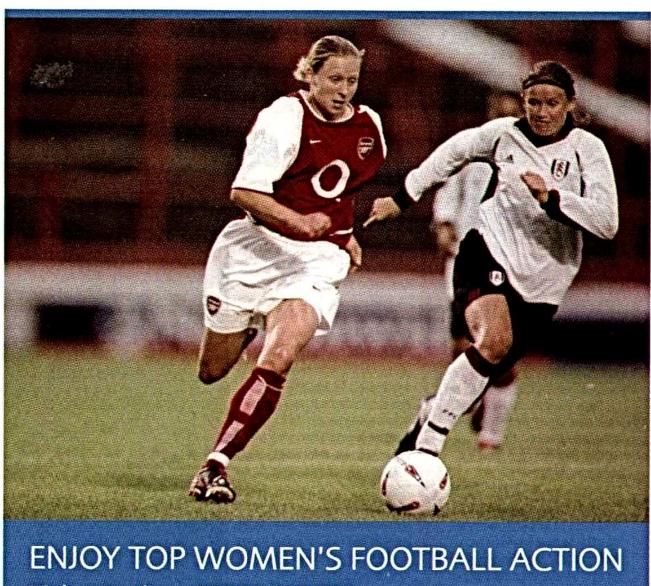
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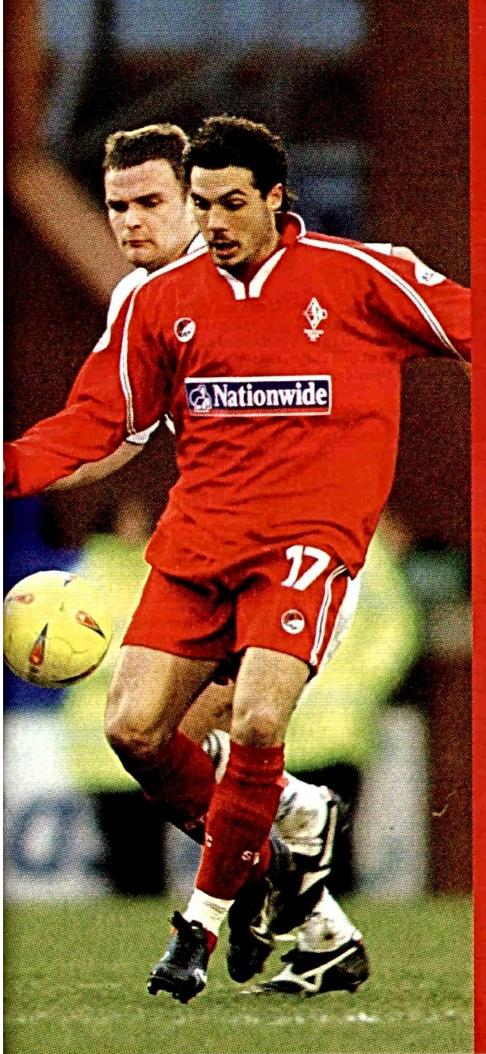




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Danny PFA Player of the Month

Swindon Town striker Danny Invincibile has been named PFA Second Division Player of the Month for February.

Invincibile has been given the award after a number of impressive performances in February that included a valuable strike at Oakwell against Barnsley. The former Marconi Stallions striker follows in the footsteps of Sam Parkin who has won the award previously this season.

Paul Scholes has received a timely boost to ease the disappointment of United's Worthington Cup Final defeat at the hands of Liverpool by being named the Premiership's player of the month for February, as voted for by the fans in the PFA's exclusive awards initiative.

In the First Division, Portsmouth defender Linvoy Primus has been playing a key role in Pompey's relentless drive towards the Premiership and whilst the likes of Merson, Taylor and Todorov have been getting most of the headlines, Linvoy's contribution has not gone unrecognised by the fans.

Swansea star Leon Britton, on loan from West Ham, takes the honours in the Third Division.



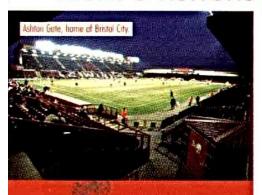


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WORDS BY DAN KEEL

TODAY'S VISITORS



THIS SEASON

Ins: Tony Butler (West Brom) Outs: Jamie Attwell [Torquay], Damien Spencer (Cheltenham), John Burns (Carlisle), Mark Lever (Mansfield), Tom Jordan (Southend), Kayode Odejayi

[Forest Green]

Last five games: WWWLW Odds for relegation: 7/1 Odds courtesy of

www.swindonbet.co.uk)

Top scorer: Scott Murray [22]

LAST SEASON

Position last year: 7 (Division Two) Biggest win: 3-0 [Northampton, Chesterfield, Oldham) Biggest defeat: 1-5 (V Blackpool)

Top scorer: Tony Thorpe [19]

Most league apps: Mickey Bell [48]

HISTORY BOOK

Formed: 1894 Biggest win: 11-0 v Aldershot Most capped player: Billy Wedlock [England: 26] Most league goals: John Atyeo [314: 1951/66] Biggest buy: Ade Akinbiyi £1,200,000

Record against the Town: Town wins 23, City Wins 39, Draws 26

BRISTOL CITY

Today's visitors narrowly missed out on a play-off spot last season, ending the campaign in seventh spot after what appeared to be a cemented spot in the top six place and at one stage, Wilson's side were top of the Second Division.

However, this wasn't the Robins' first taste of disappointment, City narrowly missing out on the play-offs for three years running. With that said, at present, they once again find themselves in a promising position amongst the seven other promotion hopefuls scrapping for a play-off place.

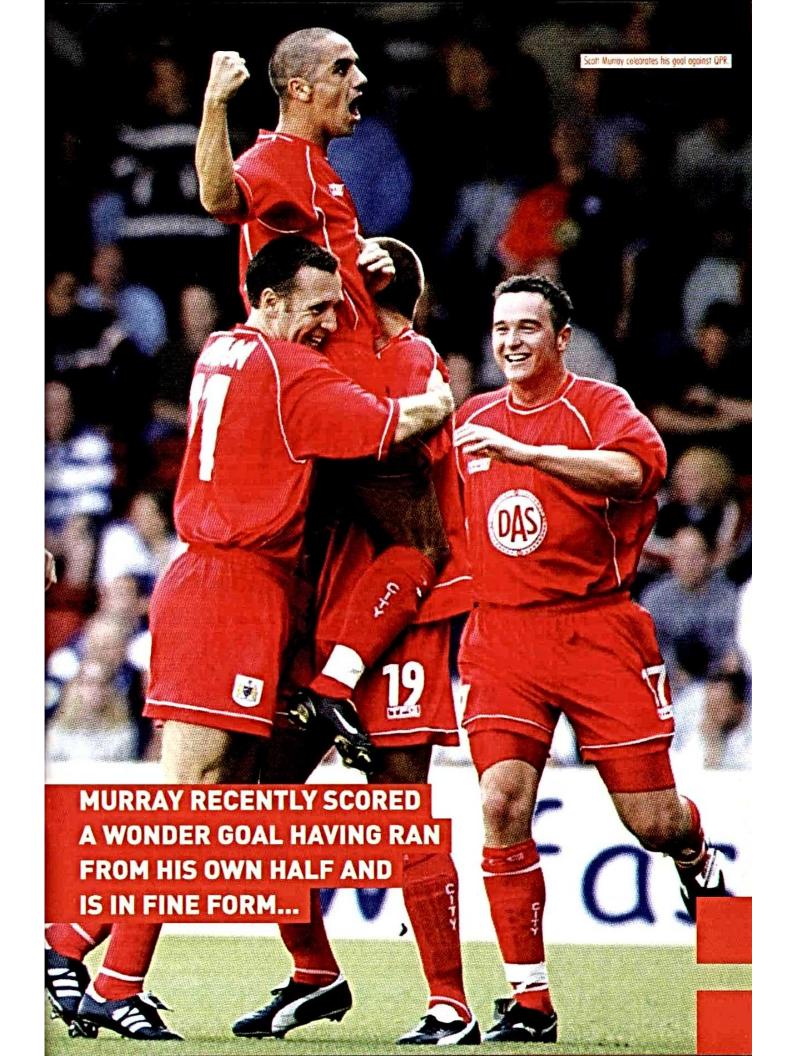
After a summer scare where Brighton fought hard (but failed) to prize Danny Wilson away as a replacement for Micky Adams, The Robins began another term aiming to finish in the play-off zone or above.

And despite beginning the season with some shaky away results, City put together an unbeaten run of 19 games, a post World War 2 club record. This included a 2-0 win over Andy King's side in October, when Brian Tinnion scored an emotional wonder goal in his 400th appearance for the club.

After enduring a tough New Year period, where they failed to win throughout January and most of February, City have now regained the necessary kind of form making them a solid bet for a play-off place. Cup silverware is also a distinct possibility after securing a trip to the Millennium Stadium to face Carlisle in the LDV Vans Trophy Final.

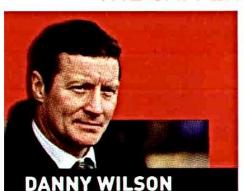
All of this success has come despite the summer loss of Tony Thorpe, top-scorer at the club for three years running. Wilson has deployed a variety of players to fill the gap left by the current Luton Town striker, but none have had the same impact as former Manchester United striker, Mark Robins, currently on loan from Rotherham United (Robins may well have returned however, by the the time you read this as a result of his loan spell ending at the weekend).

After scoring on his debut, Robins has netted regularly and has given City the experience that Wilson has been craving to add to his young squad all season. Wilson is currently fighting to extend his loan spell, ideally hoping that he would be available for any additional play-off fixtures. Should Robins return to Rotherham then hopes will be pinned on City's bright Scottish spark, Scott Murray. Murray recently scored a wonder goal having ran from his own half and is in fine form - let's hope messrs Heywood, Gurney and Reeves keep him quiet this evening.



THE GAFFER

THE SQUAD



Danny Wilson was appointed manager of Bristol City in June 2000 with the aim of returning the club to the First Division. He had only been out of the game for three months following an up and down spell as Sheffield Wednesday manager, which ended with the Owls looking certain to be relegated from the Premiership. Wilson was tremendously popular at Hillsborough as a player during his four year spell with the club between 1990 and 1994 helping them to promotion from Division Two and success in the League Cup in 1991.

He was appointed player-manager of Barnsley in 1994 when Viv Anderson moved to Middlesbrough as assistant to Bryan Robson. He took them to an unlikely promotion in 1997, but was unable to keep the Tykes in the top flight, making a swift return to Division One.

In his first year at Hillsborough, Wilson endured a mediocre season, but the 1999/00 campaign proved disastrous. The Owls were entrenched in the relegation zone for the whole season, and Wilson was eventually sacked in March after failing to turn the tide.

Managerial track record

Bristol 27-06-00- now G157 W73 L48 D36 Sheff Wed 1998-2000 G80 W23 L40 D17 Barnsley 1994-1998 G201 W74 L72 D55

STEVE PHILLIPS

Goalkeeper who joined City in November 1996 from local non-league side Paulton Rovers. A good shot-stopper, he made steady progress at Ashton Gate under goalkeeping coach Mike Gibson, and earned his first-team debut in December 1998. Is now firmly established as the club's number one goalkeeper.

LOUIS CAREY

Versatile defender who is a product of the club's youth system, Louis began his career as a right-back, but feels more at home in central defence from where he is capable of making some devastating forward runs. Gained international recognition when he played in a friendly for Scotland under-21s, for whom he qualifies through his grandparents, but is still available for selection by England. Signed a new four-year deal in July 2000 and skippered the side for the first time in March 2001. Recently played his 300th game for the club.

MICKEY BELL

Left-back snapped up from Wycombe Wanderers for a tribunal-set fee of £150,000 in the summer of 1997. Formerly with Northampton, he can operate as wing-back or a conventional full-back. A member of City's 1997/98 Second Division promotion-winning side, he is a threat in dead-ball situations, having scored a number of goals from free-kicks. Signed a new four-year deal in May 2000.

TOMMY DOHERTY

City's skipper is a central midfielder who came up through the youth ranks

to make his first-team debut as substitute in City's 9-2 FA Cup drubbing of St Albans City in December 1996. Was a first-team regular in City's Second Division promotion side the following year, his form winning him a call up to England's under-18 squad.

TONY BUTLER

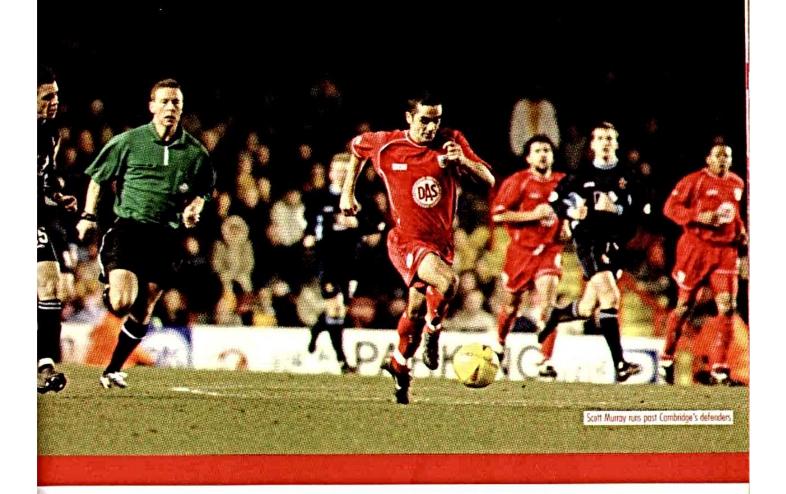
Central defender who was a free transfer signing from West Bromwich Albion in November 2002, after completing two-month loan spell, signing a two-year deal. Started his career as a trainee with Gillingham before moves to Blackpool and Port Vale.



Defender who can play at left-back or in the centre of defence. Progressed through the ranks to make his first team debut at the age of 17 in the First Division in November 1998. Has featured regularly in the first team squad since the latter half of the 1999/00 season. Scored his first goal for the club in the 2-1 win at Swindon in January 2002 and was voted Player Of The Year and Young Player Of The Year for 2001/02 by the Supporters Club.

JOE BURNELL

Joined City as a schoolboy where he played for the club's under-19/reserve sides. Showed maturity beyond his years when he made his first-team debut in January 2000, and scored his first goal for the club during City's Auto Windscreens Shield



run. Established himself as first team regular last season in midfield and has captained the side in Tommy Doherty's absence.

LEE PEACOCK

Powerful striker who became City's third-most expensive signing when he arrived from Manchester City in a £600,000 deal in August 2000, and has scored 32 goals in his opening two seasons for the club. Began his career as a trainee at Carlisle United before moving to Mansfield Town where he was a prolific scorer for The Stags in Division Three.

BRIAN TINNION

Cultured left-footed midfielder who is currently City's longest-serving player and is now in his tenth season with the Club. Has been an influential member of the first team since a £180,000 move from Bradford City in 1993. Started his League career at Newcastle United, where he played in the same youth team as Paul

Gascoigne. Signed a new two-and-ahalf year deal in December 2000.



City's current leading scorer is a pacy, goal-scoring, right-winger signed from Aston Villa in December 1997 for an initial fee of £85,000, rising to £150,000 on appearances. Began his career as a striker at Fraserburgh, before converting to the right flank at Villa Park. Popular with both fans and team-mates at Ashton Gate, he signed a new four-year contract in summer 2000 and was named in the PFA

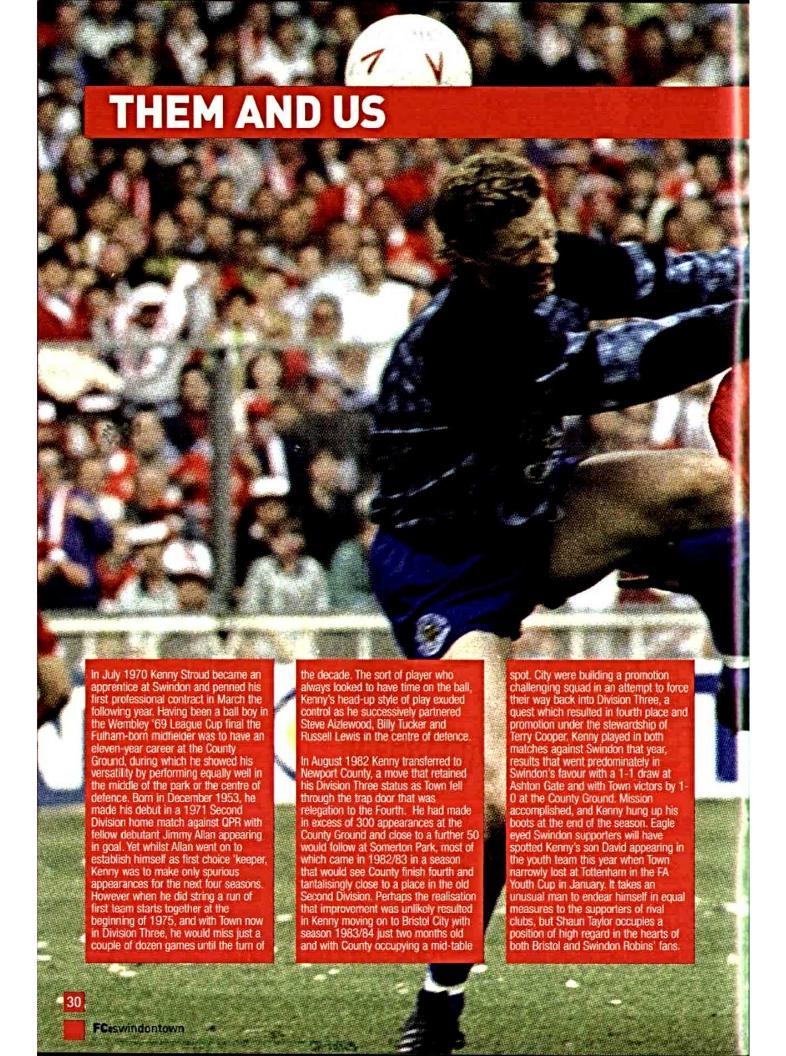
Division Two Select XI by his fellow professionals last season.

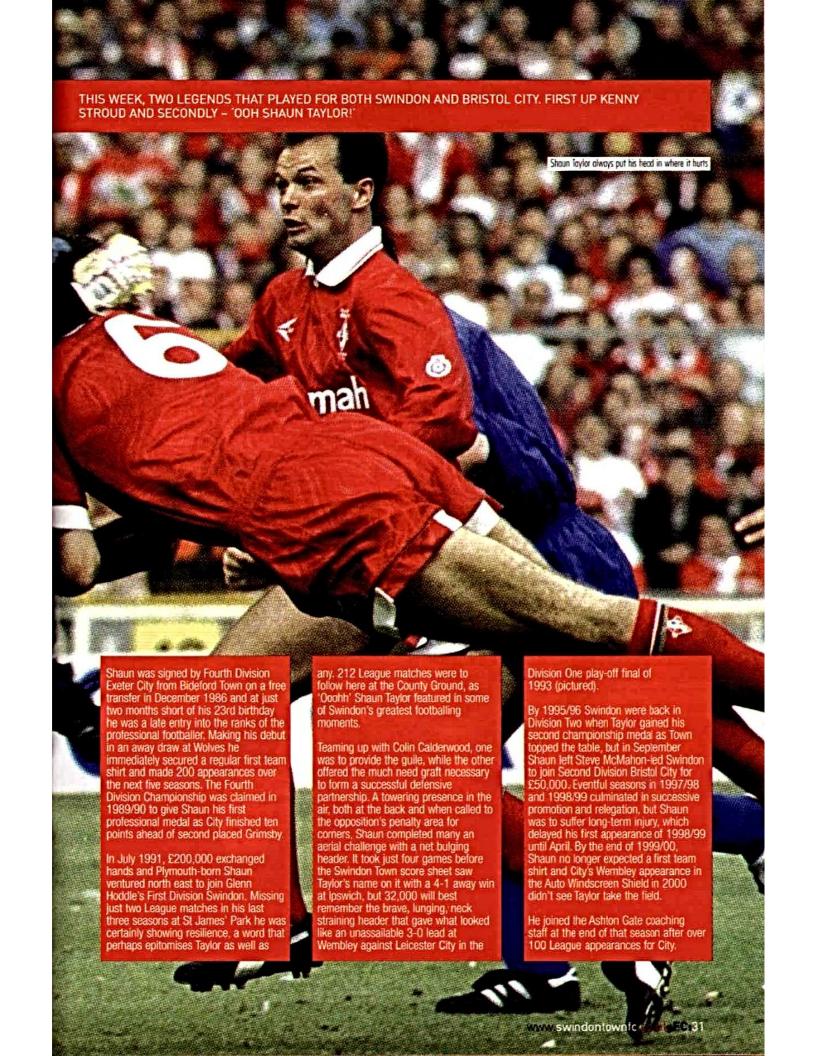
AARON BROWN

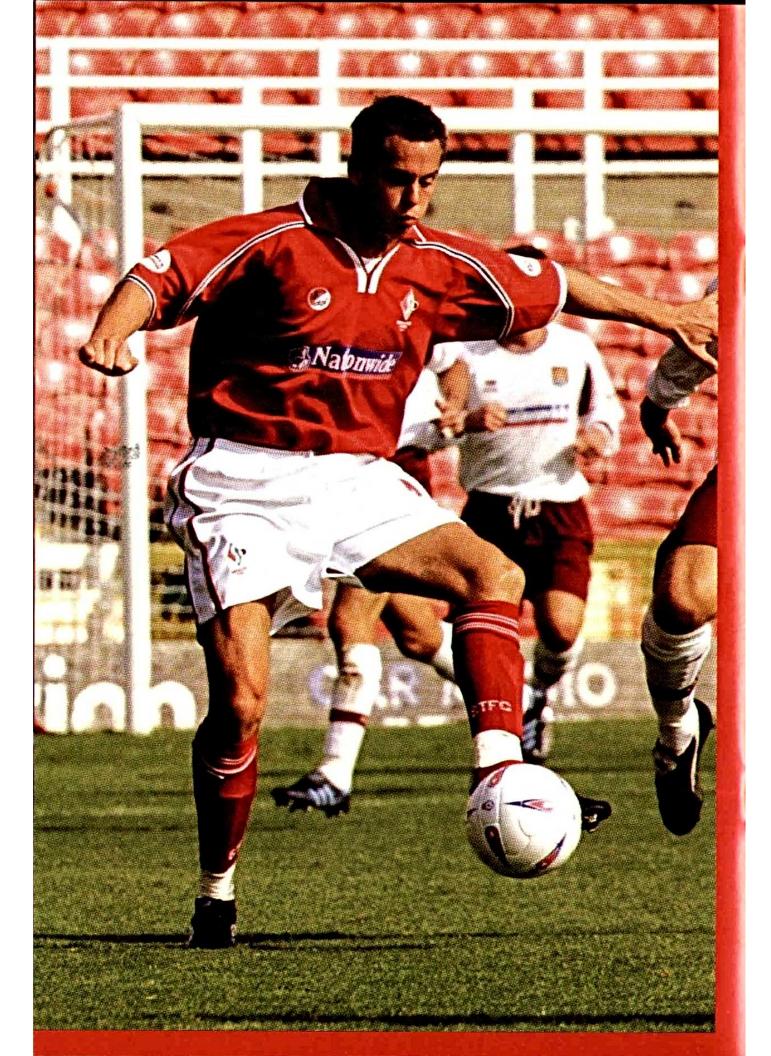
Skilful left-footed midfielder who is a product of the club's Academy. Made his first-team debut as an 18-year old in the First Division in December 1998 and is now a regular member of the senior squad, attracting interest from First Division clubs. When he and younger brother Marvin appeared in a Worthington Cup tie at Nottingham Forest in September 1999, they became the first brothers to represent the club since the early 1970s.

AND THE REST

Tony Butler, Joe Burnell, Peter Beadle, Mike Stowell, Robin Hulbert, Simon Clist, Lee Matthews, Christian Roberts, Danny Coles, Kevin Amankwaah, Marvin Brown, Darren Jones, Craig Woodman, Clayton Fortune, Liam Rosenior, Albano Correia, Andrew Burke, Aaron Shanahan, Ben Cleverley, Keith Millen, Leroy Lita







'HEW' DARES WINS

MATT HEWLETT ON THE 'UPS AND DOWNS' OF TOWN'S SEASON SO FAR, ENGLAND, AND TONIGHT'S VISITORS.

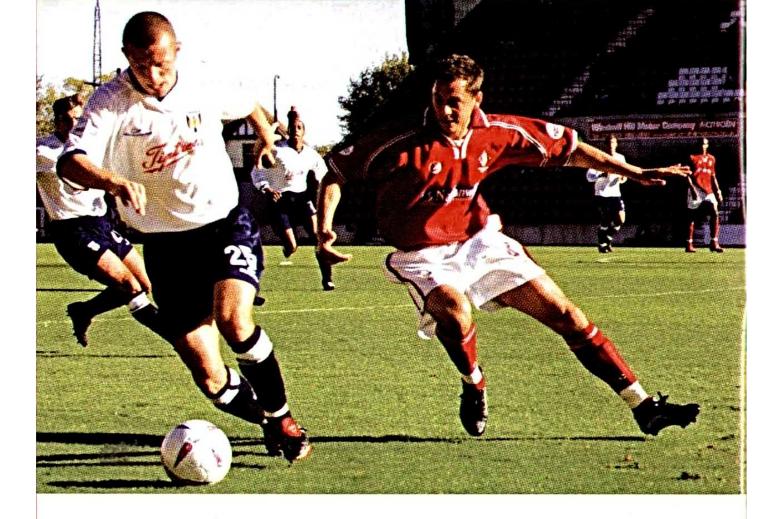
There aren't many players that successfully make the switch along the M4 corridor. However, there are exceptions to the rule and joining such players as Jamie Cureton (who went from Bristol Rovers to Reading), Andy Gurney (Bristol Rovers to Reading to Swindon) is Town's central midfield dynamo, Matty Hewlett.

Hewlett, at just 27, has pretty much been there and done it in his three-year spell at the Club and has probably encountered more ups and downs already than most footballers do in their entire career. Since moving down to Wiltshire Hewlett's seen three managers, a whole host of players come and go, both the top and bottom of the league not to mention a roller coaster ride of controversies off the field and all in all — it's been a huge learning curve for the Bristol-born midfielder.

"I had no hesitation joining Town when Colin Todd enquired in the summer of 2000. I knew all about Swindon having played for City and the management team including Todd and King had a lot of experience between them. And my time here's been very interesting I must say! But whatever happens off the field you always try and get on with the job in hand – that's something that you can control - unfortunately it's been pretty inconsistent on the field too. This year has been better, despite that poor run earlier in

the season we'd managed to claw our way into the top half. Unfortunately results have gone against us recently and we must look to put that right as soon as possible if we're to avoid another nervous end to the season." Joining from today's visitors Bristol City – Hewlett came with a glowing reference that included England Schoolboy honours and whilst the vast majority of Colin Todd's plethora of new signings have since been and gone – Hewlett has stood the test of time (as have Danny, Dukey and Bart) and is still a major part of the backbone of Town's team.

"I've been fairly lucky with injuries because at City I was in and out of the side. But I've settled down despite a niggling injury in my first season and since then it's been a good run in the team — I've enjoyed it." Matty started life with Bristol City's youth ranks and immediately rose to the top — the youngster forming an integral part of City's midfield having excelled in the Club's YTS set up and he found himself playing alongside the likes of former Town legend Shaun Taylor, Manchester City striker Shaun Goater and Adi Akinbiye. Unfortunately Hewlett's progress was hampered by a plethora of frustrating injuries — thus enabling Town to take him off the Robin's hands in the summer of 2000 after a spell of eight years at the Club. Not only that, but Hewlett was also making great strides on the international scene too. Playing for Ergland's under



18s, Hewlett found himself rubbing shoulders with the likes of Phil Neville, who of course has since gone to become a regular at Old Trafford and indeed in the England set up.

"I'm very proud of my England caps.

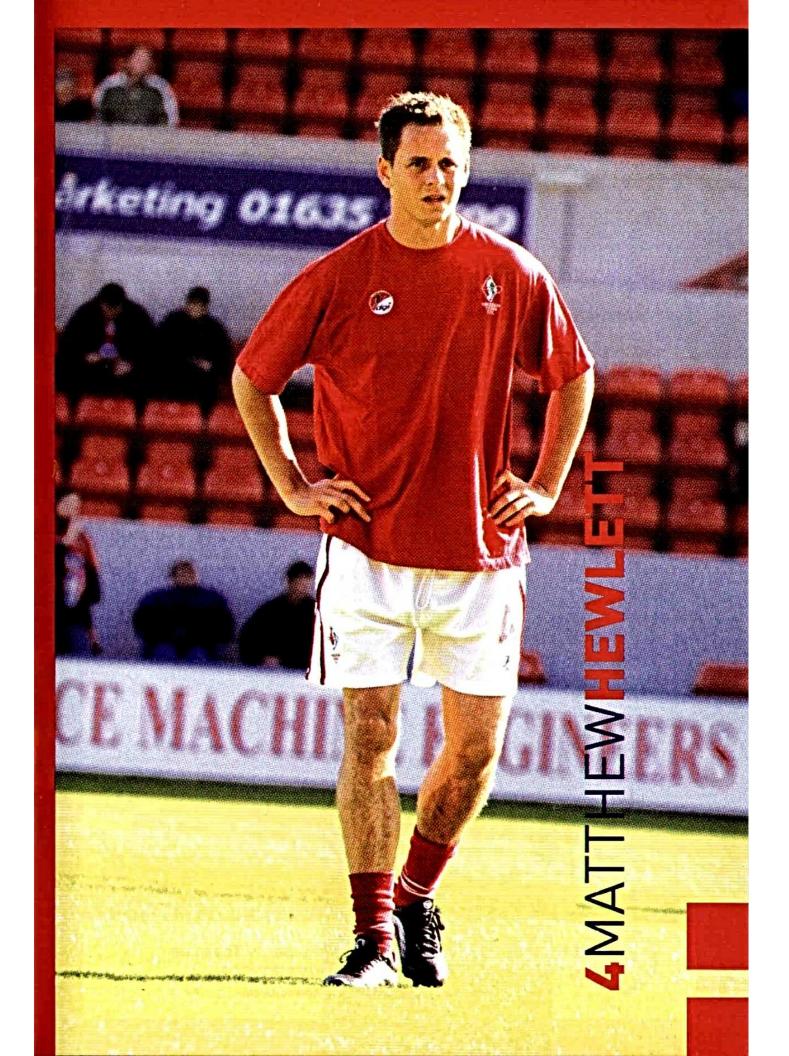
Despite only playing for the under 18s – to play for your country at any level is a great honour, one of the greatest feats a player can achieve and so it was a good time in my career. Obviously in that side were players such as Phillip Neville and we all know what he's gone on to achieve – it was a great experience."

One feels that Hewlett's potential wasn't really achieved, especially on the international scene and injury was to blight his early Town career as well (Matt picking up a niggling injury away at Oldham in October), that despite a promising start. Yet despite his injury Hewlett went on to make 30 appearances (that despite missing four months of the season) in the middle of Town's midfield and to be fair – he's been an ever-present ever since – forging an impressive trio with Steve Robinson and Stefani Miglioranzi this time around.

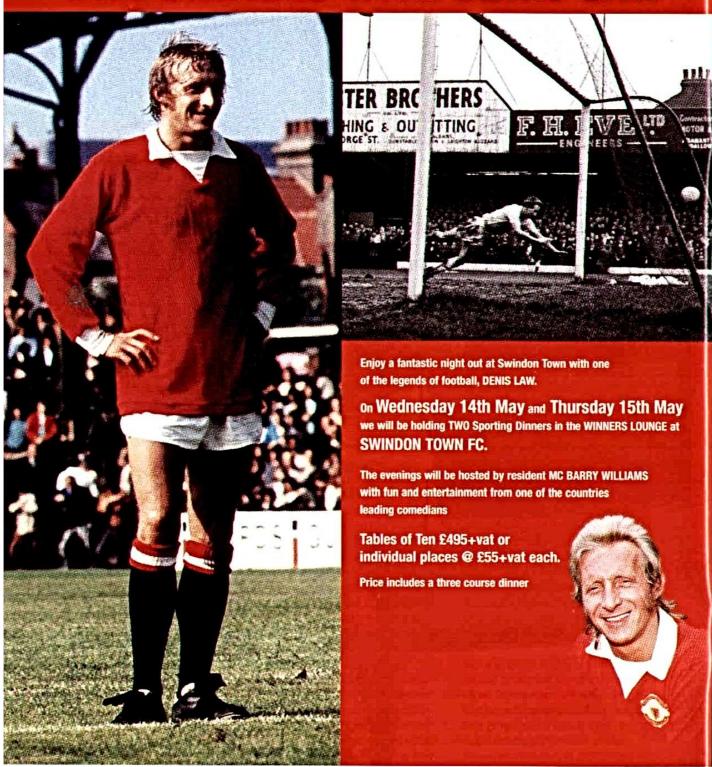
"We've been fairly settled so far and because we've had a good run in the side together - we now know what we're capable of. 'Robbo' works his socks off whilst the addition of 'Stef' to the middle has added a bit of class. Unfortunately we've lost our way in the last week or two and 'the gaffer' has subsequently bought another face in. That can only be good for us - it keeps us all on our toes because we now have some competition something that's been missing." And for the first time in his professional career Hewlett has seen the top end of the table, firstly at the beginning of the season when Town were top, and more recently when Andy King's side were pushing towards a play-off spot. Unfortunately before then Hewlett sampled the bitter taste of relegation with Bristol City before Town's 'near-miss' (in 2000/01) and subsequent mid-table finish last year. Results of the last week have seen Town slip down the table again sparking fears of a last minute panic - but Hewlett is confident that Town can stear clear of troubled waters and perhaps even challenge at the the top next time around. Bristol City, tonight's visitors, will be hoping to go one better this time

around themselves having been 'there or there abouts' at the top end of Division Two for the last few seasons. Danny Wilson has constructed a side that has been on the fringe of the play-offs for the last two years, but this time around they look set to finish in the top six, the side currently fifth ahead of QPR. So with Hewlett's inside knowledge, who can we look out for as potential dangers this evening? "Well we all know what dangers City possess. They're a strong side, one that likes to get forward too and so it will be a tough game. At the end of the day though they're only human and despite being at the top of the table we seem to play better against these kind of sides and we need to do it again."

With a bit of luck Town may well return to the kind of form that saw off the likes of Wigan, Tranmere and QPR and in doing so, dent tonight's visitors promotion hopes. City have proved to be a thorn in Town's side in recent seasons and not since an Alan Reeves inspired victory in 2000/01have we got anything out of our local rivals. And you never know, a rare goal from Mr Hewlett perhaps — I think he'd enjoy a goal against his old friends from 'down the road'...



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A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL FOR THIS EVENING'S LOCAL DERBY AGAINST BRISTOL CITY.

The home games are coming thick and fast at the moment – let's just hope for a better result than last week's against Cheltenham!

It's also getting busy here at the Community Office too and it's not long until our Easter courses. As you will know, our last course (in half term) went down very well, with over 200 kids taking part. The effort put in by the kids, not to mention the coaches and parents too was fantastic and everyone seemed to enjoy the week.

The next course takes place on April 15, 16, 17

— as usual places are going very quickly and if you're interested in taking part, then give us a call on 01793 421303.

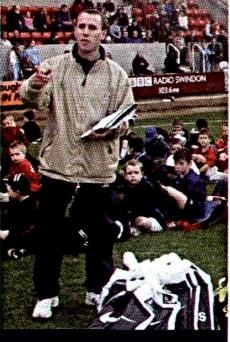
Also taking place in April is Fraser Digby's Goalkeeping Course. Fraser, as many of you will be aware by now, has rejoined the Club in the Marketing Department and he is doing a goalkeeping session on Friday April 25. Once again places for this are running out, so let us know as soon as possible if you're interested.

Finally for today – we must mention our sponsors, RAFU's Restaurant. Rafu's have been magnificent in supporting us this season in a variety of ways. Most recently, they have presented us with a cheque for £1,000. Their support is so valuable and we must thank them again for their efforts. We can only apologise for last week's result – for the guys witnessed the 3-0 defeat against Cheltenham!

Until Saturday – take care and in the Notts
County issue, you'll find out who won the Smoby
Table top Competition – as well as meet our
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All the best Clive, Luke and Jono







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CLASION (B)LTD are regular visitors to the County Ground. Swindow-based Clarion are really on the ball when it comes to superb car radios and equipment. As well as being regular match sponsors, they are also in perfect tune with the Club. Clarion supply radio/cd and radio cassette units, car tv's, amplifiers, loudspeakers, CD charges and much more from an award winning line up.

GREENHAM are once again with us tonight. They come to a high number of home games and their party of clients, staff and guests can regularly be seen enjoying themselves in our Sponsors Lounge. Their party is led tonight by their Operations Director, Mr. Mike King, who has himself been very supportive of the Club and has just agreed to sponsor the Club's season ticket mail shot due to go out shortly.

PRICEWATER HOUSE COOPERS are with us tonight for the first time and are based in Great George Street, Bristol. Their party tonight is led by their Senior Manager Mr. Stephen Hall. PricewaterhouseCoopers is the successor partnership to the UK firms of Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand. On behalf of the Club, I hope that all of our sponsors have an enjoyable time with us tonight.

Today saw the Club's first golfing event of the year, the unique GAME OF TWO HALVES. Teams from SAMUEL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LTD, BANK OF SCOTLAND, SUTECH LTD, CLAIRLINE LTD, JOHN LAMPIER & SON, KEITH LODGE INDUSTRIAL ROOFING and JAMES WILLS registered early this morning for bacon rolls and coffee at Marlborough Golf Club before playing in an 18 hole Stableford competition for team and individual prizes. After the round had been completed, it was back to the clubhouse for dinner before setting off to tonight's game. Tickets for the game and half time refreshments were all included in their day. I would like to thank all of those who have joined us today and hope that the ball ran kindly for them.







MAN OF THE MATCH

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Pictured here celebrating their joint Moet and Chandon Man of the Match Awards are Sam Parkin and Stefani Miglioranzi. The duo were presented with their award by Dave Martin of the 419ers Soorts and Social Club.

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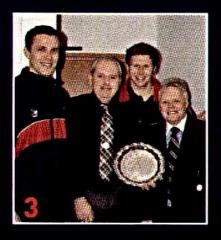
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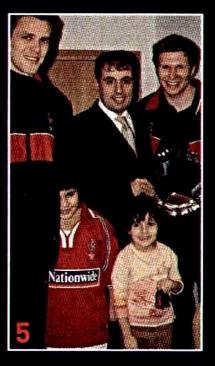
As one of the benefits of being a Season Ticket holder last season we introduced a monthly prize of a season ticket holder winning a VIP Day out at a home game each month. Recently we pulled out, at random, the names of ten lucky winners who will be joining us, along with a guest for our home game v Notts County for a VIP Day out at the Club. Here are the names of the ten lucky winners: Mr.J Humphries (Stratton St Margaret), Miss G Brain (Broad Town), Mr. E Cook (Poulton), Mr. D Emerson (Chippenham), Mr. Gubbins (Swindon), Mrs King (Faringdon), Mr.Lawrence (Swindon), Master Matthews (Swindon), Mr Pyle (Andover), Mr C Yates (Chippenham). We will contact all of the lucky prize winners with the details and timings of their day. Remember this is just one of the benefits of being a Season Ticket holder and in the next home programme with Notts County I will explain details of a great new mouthwatering benefit for season ticket holders that we shall be introducing next season.

- A representative from Greenham is presented with his silver salver.
- 3 Representatives from Highworth Plumbing and Heating receive their silver salver.
- 4 John Harward from Barclays Bank receives his match ball.
- 5 Andrew Andronikou from Hacker, Young and Partners with his kids and Sam and Stef.









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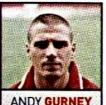
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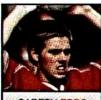


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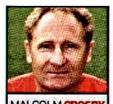
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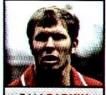
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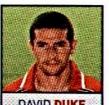
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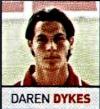


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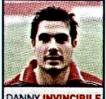
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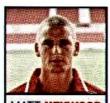
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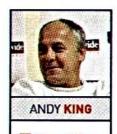
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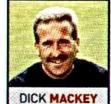


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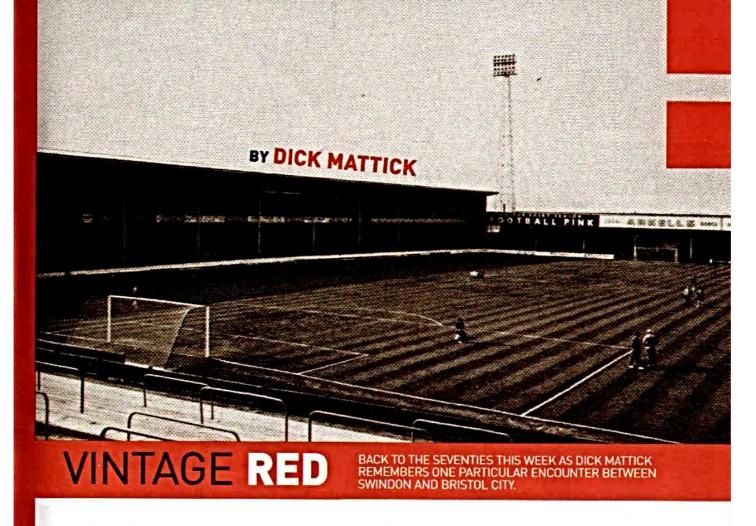


1 DRUGTEST



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The first Football League fixtures between Swindon and Bristol City took place in the 1922/23 season. City recorded a double in just two days winning 3-1 at home on Boxing Day and getting the only goal in the return fixture the following day. Town's first hat trick scorer against City was Peters who helped Town to a 4-2 victory in the home fixture of the 1933/34 season.

Today's feature match took place on November 7 1970. Both sides were in the relegation area with Swindon having just 12 points (all from home games) and Bristol City just below them with 10 points. City manager, Alan Dicks gave a first team debut to Dave Rodgers and brought back fit again Alan Garland while Town had Mickey Blick deputising as centre half for the injured Frank Burrows. The first half turned out to be a typical dour local derby with few chances created by either side. Perhaps the best effort of the half came when John Smith tapped a free kick to Rod Thomas who blasted in a shot that Mike Gibson in the City goal did well to keep out. In a game where defences were on top it was perhaps not

surprising that Graham Russell picked the two opposing captains, defenders Stan Harland and Dickie Rooks as the star players.

After 63 minutes came an incident that centred on referee Roger Kirkpatrick. Spectators of the time will remember this rather Pickwickian character who seldom managed to allow a game to go by without bringing himself to spectators attention. Rogers lobbed the ball in from the right and Gibson appeared to turn it over for a corner. Kirkpatrick consulted his linesman before racing off to the centre circle in his own distinctive fashion. A posse of Bristol players chased him and persuaded him to talk to the linesman again. It was clarified that the linesman had been agreeing it was a corner not a goal and so the stalemate continued. It was soon broken however when lan Broomfield shrugged off a challenge from Stan Harland and slipped the ball to John Galley. He beat Roy Jones with a left foot shot. Don Rogers had been wandering from wing to wing and in the 71st minute he hit a low shot with tremendous power. Gibson managed to parry it but Arthur

Horsfield seized on the loose ball and smashed it into the net. In truth a draw would have been a fair result but the luck that often afflicts sides at the bottom struck the visitors in the dying moments. Had it not been for the mix up over the goal that wasn't the spectators would probably have been on their way home when Horsfield drove the ball across. John Trollope missed it but Peter Noble made no mistake to give Town a 2-1 win that lifted them out of the relegation area.

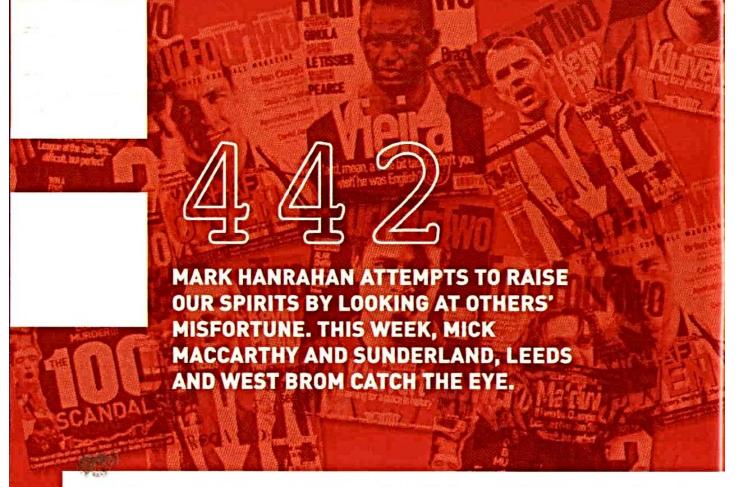
Town: Jones, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Blick, Harland, Smith, Smart, Horsfield, Noble and Rogers.

Bristol: Gibson, Drysdale, Merrick, Wimshurst, Rooks, Rodgers, Garland, Broomfield, Galley, Tainton and Sharpe.

Attendance: 16,453

LAST FIVE MEETINGS:

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Bristol City	2-0Town	19/10/2002
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Bristol City	3-1Town	18/08/2001
Town	1-1Bristol City	10/02/2001
Bristol City	0-1Town	09/09/2000



Following his appointment as the new Sunderland boss, Mick McCarthy has pledged to "do his best" to keep Sunderland in the Premiership. The former Eire coach had his appointment confirmed this week following the shock departure of Howard Wilkinson and his highly rated assistant Steve Cotterill from the Stadium of Light. Wilkinson's tenure came to an end on Monday night after a run of two wins from 20 games. Despite having only nine games to save bottomof-the-table Sunderland from the drop. McCarthy's enthusiasm remained undimmed, "It's an absolute privilege and pleasure to be here. I'm looking forward to working with the club." McCarthy, who has signed on a rolling contract with the club continued, "I looked at it and everything about the club and players - especially the passion - proves that this is a proper football club. Everyone connected to it has a passion to do well. Everything about the club is right - except for the league position. We will try to get immediate results on the field. It would be a wonderful achievement to avoid relegation. I'm not saying I can keep them up - but I will do my best."

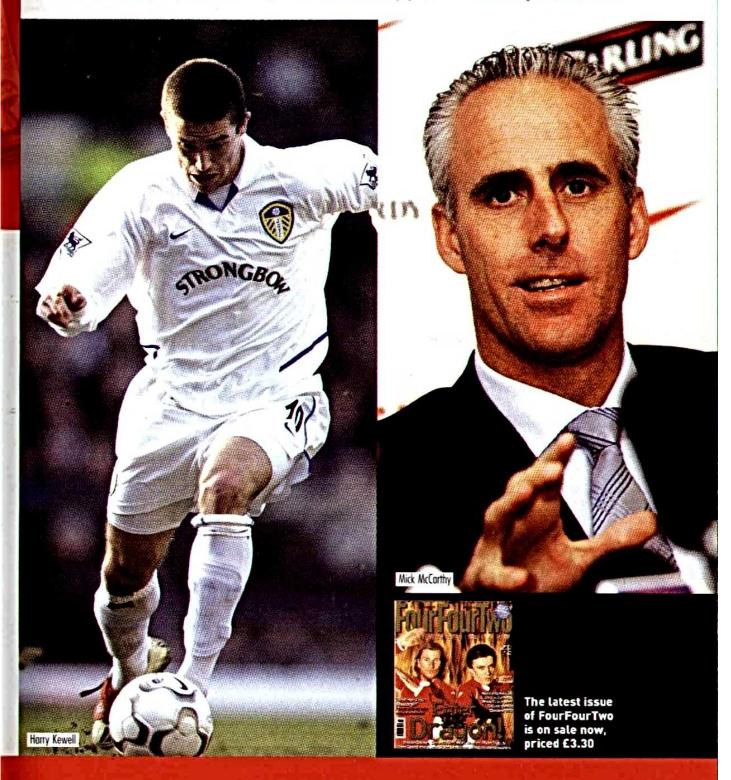
Despite constant rumours surrounding Harry Kewell's potential departure from Terry Venables' struggling Elland Road outfit, talks will begin next week on a long-term Leeds contract after his agent insisted the forward has not raised the prospect of a move. Bernie Mandic, the player's agent, insists that he has yet to be offered a deal despite suggestions of a £50,000-per-week pay packet over the next five seasons has been on the table since the start of 2003. The 24-year-old is out of contract in just over a year and there are suggestions that a number of clubs will look to lure Kewell during the forthcoming summer break. Manchester United, AC and Inter Milan, have all emerged as possible destinations for the Australian international and all three can offer him European football next season. Mandic stated: "I read some nonsensical comments in some newspapers saying Harry is reassessing his future. That's a load of nonsense as nothing has changed since Leeds went out of the FA Cup. We stand by exactly what I said months ago. We agreed that when the chairman is ready he will sit down and discuss the future. At this point in time no deal has been offered and no deal has been discussed. That's all there is to it." Despite relegation looking all but a formality, West Brom manager Gary Megson is expected to go on a shopping

spree for players this summer rather than wait until next January's transfer window. as was the case this time around. WBA signed just one player this January. Nigerian loan ace Ifeanyi Udeze. Megson hoped to add five players to his squad during the 2003 transfer window, with names like Macedonian skipper Artim Sakiri, Spanish defender Roberto Rios and Spurs midfielder Tim Sherwood. Albion chairman Jeremy Peace admitted trying to deal in the transfer window left clubs as a "hostage to fortune" due to the relatively short space of time clubs have to work in. "The ideal scenario of getting the players lined up to sign on 1 January just doesn't happen. You'd be naive to think that," claimed Peace.

Steve Bruce's recent rash of signings look set to continue with Polish international Aleksander Klak and former French international Bernard Lama joining the club on trial this week with a view to permanent deals. The resurgent Blues are looking to sign a new goalkeeper since first choice Nico Vaesen suffered knee ligament damage against Aston Villa. Vaesen will be out for up to six months and that has left lan Bennett as Bruce's only senior goalkeeper. Neither Lama nor Klak are registered with clubs

meaning Bruce can still sign them despite the transfer window being closed. Blackburn's veteran Norweigan International defender Stig Inge Bjornebye has announced his retirement from football on Tuesday after failing to regain full fitness following a serious injury. The 33-year-old former Rosenborg and Liverpool full-back decided to hang up his boots on medical advice after a freak training-ground accident last year left him with a fractured eye socket. "It was a terrible injury and

presented me with a massive challenge, but I have always been positive I could overcome it. The will has always been there, but in the end it has not proved realistic. I didn't want to be just a footballer, I wanted to play at Premier League level twice a week. "



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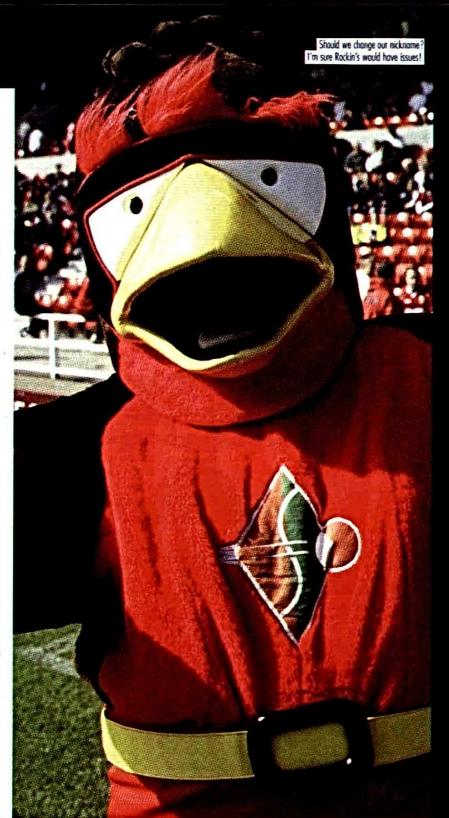
As if talking non stop about football with friends, family and colleagues wasn't enough the internet is now providing an excellent means of doing exactly the same.

If your friends/ wife/ husband or work colleague keeps telling you they're not interested, you don't know what you're talking about or "is that the time", then worry not. Your BBC online team at BBC Swindon/ Wiltshire have a way of ensuring you don't lose all your friends.

The all new message boards at www.bbc.co,uk/wiltshire means you can cheer Swindon Town and get a response from fellow Swindon or other football fans from anywhere on the planet. Now the British are very good at complaining, so I bet when the team aren't on top of things (Cheltenham and Northampton spring to mind), the message boards will be full to exploding. The other day though I did see a compliment to Andy King on the website. Peter Gardner from Swindon wrote "well done King, I knew you could do it even if it did take you time".

A debate has sprung up though as to whether STFC should be called the Robins or not. I know it is an issue that has raged on for years. On message boards, the majority at the moment say no. Real supporters of the club do not say they support the Robins, instead it's Swindon or the Town. So I'd like to throw this out to you so as we can get the definitive answer on this. Do you support the Robins, bearing in mind the local rivals Bristol City and Cheltenham Town go by the same name - or is it the Town who just happen to have Rockin' Robin as their mascot?

Of course, you can comment on other issues that are important to you with regards to the club. Gerry

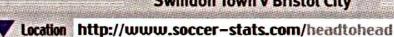


HELEN WINGROVE



Phillips in London has already used the site to comment both about the name "The Robins" and Andy King. He suggests we should look for a more up to date name next season, so may be you could start talking about that. You never know what you might start.

Swindon Town v Bristol City



























Clubs Comparison

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21	Shots	33	
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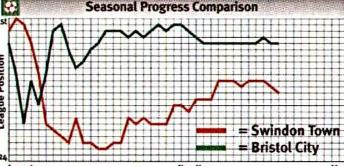
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2002-2003 Attendances

	Robins
Aggregate	223,194
Highest	18,085
Lowest	9,084
Average	11,747
% of Capacity	55
	Highest Lowest Average

Average Goals per game

1.27	For	1.68
1.33	Home For	1.68
1.21	Away For	1.67
1.46	Against	1.05
1.33	Home Against	0.68
1.58	Away Against	1.44

2002-2003 Figures

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10 Year Record

Robins	Avg Pos.	Robins
44-7	among 92 clubs	48.1
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Top League Scorers



19	League Goals	13
34	Games Played	36
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17	Points Gained	7
6	Scoring Run	3
1	Hat-Tricks	0
8	Close Range	2
11	Inside Area	10
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8	Shots	11
3	Headers	0
4	Volleys	2
4	Penalties	0
0	Direct FKs	0

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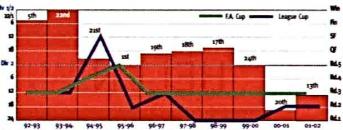
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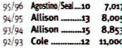
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Bristol City's 10 Year History



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JUNIOR ROBINS



Highbury stadium

Good Evening and a warm welcome to all the junior fans here this evening, especially our loyal Junior Robins. In my last notes I mentioned that we will be organising a lot of events for next season. However, as next season is still a long way off, we have decided to organise our first trip for next month. It will be on Thursday April 24, which will be during the Easter holidays.

The trip is scheduled to be a visit to Highbury, the home of the current Premier League Champions Arsenal and then onto the Natural History Museum for a look at the many areas of historic interest this excellent tourist attraction has to offer. However, as Arsenal are still in the Champions League we will not know whether we can go to Highbury until the draw for the Quarter Finals are known. The draw will be made on Friday March 21 so we should definitely know by then. If we are unable to go to Highbury because of the draw then we will change the trip accordingly, and go to White Hart Lane, home of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club.

The Natural History Museum is home to one of the largest collections of insects, animals, fossils, rocks, minerals and meteorites in the world. That's more than 67 million items in its collection in total, including the skeleton and reconstruction of the extinct dodo, the Blue Whale model, and the giant flesh-eating monster, Tyrannosaurus Rex.

The itinerary for the trip is as follows:

Thursday April 24 2003

09.30am Meet and leave from The County Ground

11,30am Arrive at Highbury for a behind the scenes tour of Highbury,

which will include a look in the dressing rooms

12.45pm Leave Highbury stop for lunch at Macdonalds(not provided

in cost)

14.00pm Arrive at Natural History Museum

16 00pm Leave Natural History Museum

15.30m Return to County Ground

The prices for this trip are:

Adult	£10
OAP	£8
Child	83
Junior Robin	£3

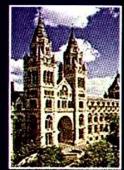
I hope that this is the first of many trips to come and that we can get the support to make these kind of trips a success. If you would like anymore details please do not hesitate to contact myself on

111793 333733.

Good Luck to the lads tonight, COME ON YOU REDS!!

Alice Wills

Junior Robins/Schools Project Manager



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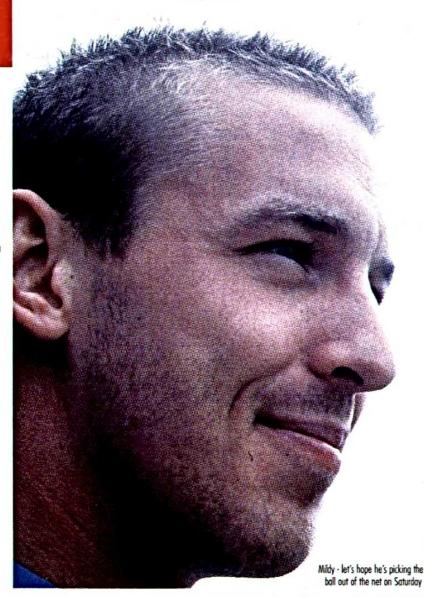
Better make the most of this derby date ladies and gentlemen as such occasions could be few and far between next season.

Obviously our win tonight will put a spanner in Bristol City's promotion push but Danny Wilson will be desperate to make the step up this year after two near misses. With Reading aiming for the Premiership and Oxford United doomed to failure in their Third Division play-off quest, it could be a touch lonely for Town fans next season. Instead, we have the prospect of trips to Hartlepool United (bound to be on a Tuesday night) and Grimsby Town (another long haul but great fish and chips).

But then what really constitutes a 'derby' these days. I have heard some people laughingly describe Wycombe and Plymouth as derby games. Utter nonsense. You will notice I have failed to mention Cheltenham Town. I feel this is an act of kindness considering our wretched fortunes against Bobby Gould's men this season. We will simply forget that they exist – especially if they are relegated.

But tonight's game is 'the derby' as far as the older generation is concerned. It seems Bristol City was 'the match' long before Headington (oops) United appeared on the scene. I'm hoping for a 'first' this evening. I have yet to see Town win against the Ashton Gate mob (I missed Reevesy's winner at their place a couple of years ago).

We certainly owe them one as the last two meetings have ended in victory for Wilson's men. I must admit I'm sick of the sight of Brian Tinnion. The 2-0 defeat at Ashton Gate in September marked the climax of the off-the-field stress but slowly we turned the corner. These notes are being penned ahead of the trip to Mansfield Town and I'm desperately hoping we are going into this game with 49 points on the board. It would be a tragedy if the season just petered out and we were left with a real feeling of anti-climax going into the summer break. The lads have



JON RITSON

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endured a fair bit of stick in recent games but hopefully they will give the fans something to really shout about this evening. The volume needs to be cranked up from the word go if we are to drown out the travelling hordes. A couple of crackers from 'Super Sammy' should do the trick. After tonight there is barely time to take a breath before Notts County arrive in town. I understand a certain goalkeeper at Meadow Lane is performing quite well for them. Can't think of his name. Steve something?

The contract issue is starting to hot up and it won't be too long before we

know exactly who is staying and who's for the chop. Will there be any surprises? Mr King is keeping his cards fairly close to his chest for the time being. Fans are of course talking about Danny Invincibile. Will he sign on the dotted line or seek his fortune elsewhere? What do you think? Anyway, get behind the boys and help end my Bristol City 'duck'. See you all again on Saturday for the visit of the Magpies. Oh, one final thing. When the teams run out. Rock n' Roll Star by Oasis has got to go. It's a great song but it's just not working for me. I'd urge the club to think of something more rousing (although the players chose the song themselves - Ed).















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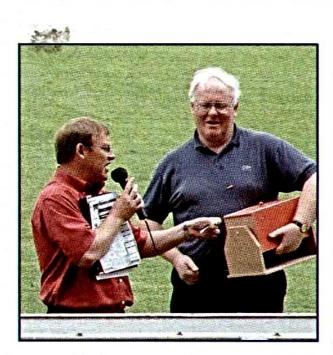
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Bringing the results right up to date recent prize winners were. for QPR, Mr. Robert Stevenson from London who won £387 with ticket number 848. Although living in London, Robert is most definitely a Swindon fan.

Against Cheltenham, this draw saw Ashley Vowes from Swindon winning £278 with ticket number 801 with a ticket purchased in the Winners Lounge.

Disabled group

Town's Disabled Group held their recent event in the Winners Lounge and had special guest Tom Watt (ex East enders) entertaining them for the evening. Their monthly meetings are fun and they always attract special guests to bring that little extra to the entertainment. Please keep reading the notes here for forthcoming events and also the groups away travel trips.

Away travel group

Town's away travel group are still taking bookings for the end of season trip to Southern Ireland. If you wish to spend a week away with similar minded Town fans in a beautiful part of Southern Ireland, please enquire for details at the away travel office.

Vale of White Horse Satellite group

The Vale of Whiten Horse Satellite Group are holding their next meeting in the usual venue of Hanney Royal British Legion. The event kicks off at 7.30 for

8.00 pm. The group sponsor the kit of Matt Heywood and Town's centre back will be present on the evening to meet the fans and field questions. The evening will also include a customary fun quiz, just to round off the evening.

Communication

Members will shortly receive their next newsletter and enclosed will be details of a special half time draw that we are planning for the last match of the season. In addition to the usual prize split we are providing some additional goodies. More news shortly...

Write to us C/O The County Ground, Visit our web site at www.go.to/swindontown

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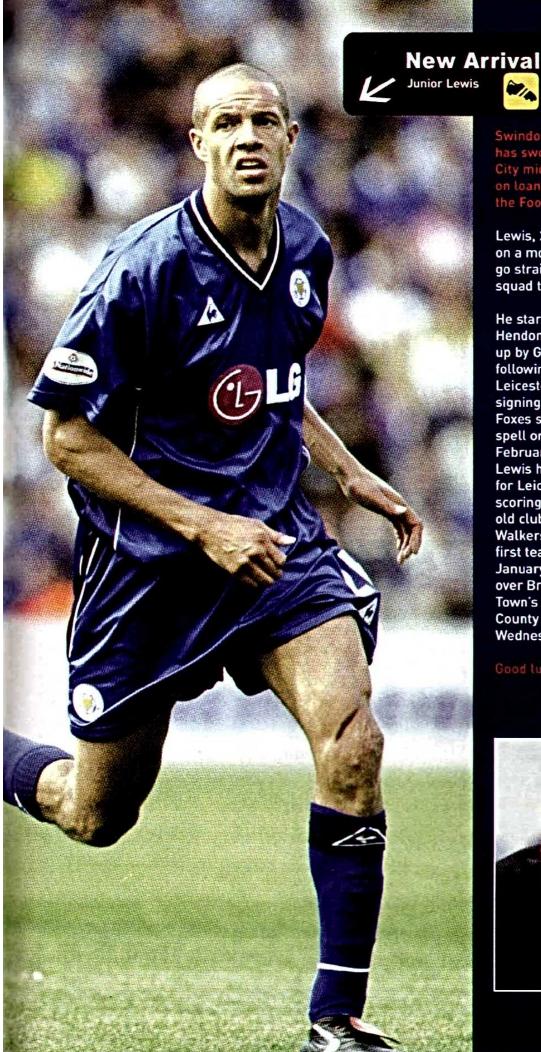
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Swindon Town boss Andy King has swooped to sign Leicester City midfielder Junior Lewis on loan, subject to approval by the Football League.

Lewis, 29, is set to join Town on a month's loan and could go straight into tonight's squad to face Bristol City.

He started with non-league Hendon before being snapped up by Gillingham before following Peter Taylor to Leicester initially on loan, signing permanently for the Foxes soon after. He spent a spell on loan at Brighton from February to April of last year. Lewis has started 12 games for Leicester City this season scoring one goal against his old club Gillingham, at The Walkers Stadium. His last first team outing came in January in the 2-0 FA Cup win over Bristol City, ironically Town's opponents at The **County Ground on** Wednesday evening.

Good luck Junior!



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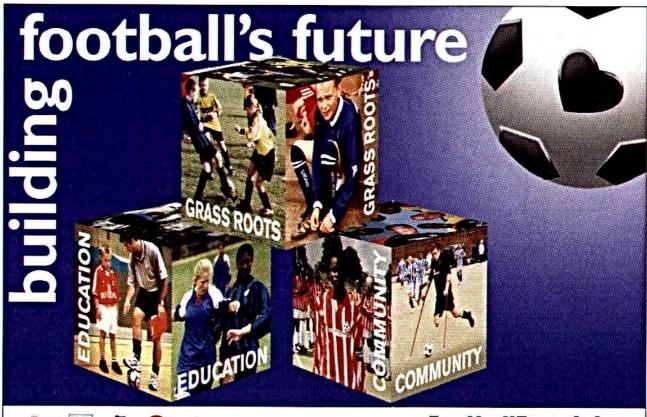
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Joining us today is George Arnold – Bristol City's mascot.

George is 12 years old and attends John Cabot Technology College. His favourite City player is centre forward Scott Murray. His hobbies include football, of course, as well as Rugby, skateboarding and playing video games.

Following last week's visit of Radio One, Rockin' Robin has made up his own tedious link, much like Cornedy Dave's on Chris Moyfes' show.

Mansfield is a town in the north of England. England is a country and there are lots of countries in the world. The world, also known as Earth is a planet which is in the solar system. Our solar system is called the Milky Way, which is also a chocolate bar made by nestles - mmmmmm. Cadburys also makes chocolate and is based in Birmingham. Birmingham is in the Black Country, which doesn't mean the ground is black; it's just the name of the region. A region is an area and area sounds like hairer. Everyone grows hair in lots of different colours. There are 3 primary colours which are red green and blue. 3 is a magic number, and apparently all things happen in threes. In the Christmas carol there are three French Hens. A hen is a bird, a female chicken I think, which clucks and eats seed while living on a farm. Farms look after animals and also grow crops. Tractors are used to plough the fields the crops grow in. Ploughman's are big meals with lots of cheese and pickle in them and are sold in pubs. Pubs also serve beer, which is refreshing. Guinness apparently has as many calories in it as a roast dinner. Dinner is followed by supper, which if spelt incorrectly could say super. Super Ted was a kid's action hero, who could fly. Other flying hero's include super woman and super man, also Jurgen Klinsman. Jurgen is a German who used to dive a lot for his goal celebrations. A celebration is a party, and that's what we will be having at Swindon tonight after we have beaten Bristol City!

ROCKIN'S POSTBAG

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

Monsieur Robin,

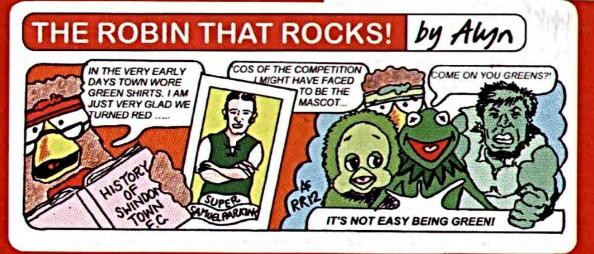
Ah, my good friend Rockee, once again I find myself writing to your good self for your best advice. Several of my super players have been accused of trying to—'ow you say—'con' the referee in recent matches. My boy Franny Jeffers went over for a penalty against Chelsea and my old man Martin Keown succeeded in getting Francesco Totti sent off in the Roma match. What is happening—do you think I should exercise more control over my players who are accused of acting? What say you RR?

Arsenal Wenger

My dear Arsenal,

I fear your lads need better acting lessons, the spotty boy Jeffers went for the triple salco, pike and twist at the merest non-touch from Cuddicini... I thought he was going to take a bow and get flowers thrown at his feet, and as for Frankenstein Keown... I saw him rolling around sucking his thumb and blubbing after Totti tickled his chin, I thought the physic was going to rush on with his blanky! Your players need proper acting lessons if they are going to succeed in achieving these results convincingly. I'm reminded of one of my great Actor friends who taught me everything I know, I won't name names because he was a private man who played all the great parts on the stage, and he worked with all the great names, Larry, Sir Ralph, Sandy Powell... in his heyday he was world renowned for his Bottom, and received standing ovations for his Nanky Poo. Anyway, Tarquin sadly passed away recently at the age of 93 whilst treading the boards, after reciting the 15 minute death scene from Thomas A'Beckett which left the audience in stunned silence, he stumbled from the stage and collapsed in the wings. The audience were stunned because he was actually playing the part of Widow Twanky in Aladdin, Any hue, I digress. Basically Arsenal, your boys do not need to act-you have a team capable of beating anyone fair and square, Hoof out the play-actors!!







01 GILTRAP A HIT WRITES WALLIS

On Friday March 7 a number of Town fans attended the County Ground, not to watch Swindon Town but to see a virtuoso performance of a different kind.

A select but discerning audience had gathered at the Winners Bar to see and hear one of the great guitar players of our time, someone who counted Queen's Brian May amongst his admirers, the self taught, Deptford-born Gordon Giltrap.

Not being a musician but keen on a harmonious evening just the same, I went along and witnessed the musical equivalent of keepy-uppy, as Gordon utilised a variety of guitars to demonstrate that he was indeed a true professional of his trade. Perhaps his best known piece is 'Heartsong' which fronted the BBC Holiday programme for many years and which always brings mental pictures of shimmering heat and relaxed days by the surf. Gordon's personal equivalent of this was a number called 'On Camber Sands' which recounted memories of his own childhood family holidays and during which you could almost picture the Punch and Judy show and the sand - covered ice creams.

It was an intimate atmosphere and one that allowed a very personal relationship between performer and audience. Numbers such as 'Doorway in the Rain', which Gordon had written to remember sheltering from a storm with his father, painted a vivid picture of a moment shared between a young boy and his father and was representative of his skill as an evocative composer and performer. My fellow concert-goers, all accomplished guitar players, were ready to consign their instruments to the bonfire after such a demonstration of the stringed art.

Becoming a temporary roadie at the end of the evening to help move Gordon's tools of his trade out to his transport added to the intimacy of the evening. The Swindon Town shirt, signed by Gordon and presented to 11 year-old Ross Hancock by draw winner Terry Carr will be for him a treasured memento of a very special evening.

02 SMUDGER ON THE PISTE!

Pictured here is Town fan and programme contributor, Alyn Smith, wearing his STFC shirt in an exotic destination - up in the French Alps whilst learning to ski. Alyn actually got on quite well learning to ski, but standing still was a problem...

MY SWINDON XI - DOUBLE ROBINS

All the team below can lay claim to being Robins on two different counts. They all played for both Swindon and Bristol City, making a total of over 2,000 League appearances for the two clubs. Perhaps the biggest hero amongst them is Shaun Taylor, respected for his endeavour whichever red shirt he was wearing.

Alex Ferguson	32	7
2 Kevin Baddeley	95	1
Brian Williams	99	77
John Emanuel	6	128
Kenny Stroud	311	69
Shaun Taylor	212	105
Fitzroy Simpson	105	4
Matt Hewlett	65	127
Wayne Allison	101	195
(i) Robin Hulbert	29	32
Howard Pritchard	65	157

YOU ARE MY SWINDON

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

SEND THEM TO:

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

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STEVE ROBINSON

THE NAKED CHEF

Tiurbo returns this week with a special bacon and cheese culinary delight..

NO. 20 TURBO'S BACON AND CHEESE GNOCCHI

- L You will need the following: 30g/1oz butter, 150ml/1/4 pint milk, 55g/2oz plain flour, 2 tbsp double cream, 55g/2oz jalapeno cheese, grated, 2 slices of bacon, grilled, 255g/9oz gnocchi, salt and freshly ground black pepper
- In a large hot saucepan place the butter, milk and flour. Whisk continuously until a thick, smooth sauce forms.
- Add the grated cheese, cream and seasoning and stir through.
- In another large saucepan full of salted boiling water, cook the gnocchi for 3-5 minutes.
- Drain the gnocchi when soft and mix into the creamy cheese sauce.
- Place in a deep bowl and serve with grilled bacon and a drizzle of Pesto on top It's that easy - and as you'll find, very tasty and quick!

If any of you actually follow Turbo's recipes - we'd like to know. Have you ever used one of his recipes? What was the food like, does our resident chef know what he's talking about? Send in any pictures of you and your food to us here at the Club - the address is on this page!!

WIN TWO TICKETS! 25 YEARS AGO by Dave Wallis

Simply answer the highlighted question below and you could win two tickets to one of the few remaining home games here this season.

Town took their first point after three straight defeats with a 1-1 home draw with Chester City in Division Three on March 17 1978. Chris Kamara scored Swindon's goal after eight minutes before a 70th minute City equaliser from Ron Phillips. Chester had not won away from home for over a year and Town left the field with boos from the 4,275 crowd ringing in their ears.

On the 11th, Everton won at Bristol City in Division One with a goal from Trevor Ross. The result left Everton in second place while City were in a comfortable midtable position, City consolidated their position on the 21st, beating Chelsea 3-0 at Ashton Gate.

On 18th, Nottingham Forest faced Liverpool in the League Cup final. The result was a 0-0 draw with Forest's clean sheet maintained by debutant Chris Woods who had still to make his League debut.

- Chris Woods' inclusion in the Forest line-up was at the expense of an injured keeper who was to be named PFA Player of the Year two days later. Who?
- 2) On the night of the Chester game, one of Town's centre backs was diagnosed with a blood clot in the knee which was to sideline the ex-Newport County defender until the last four games of the season. He later played for Portsmouth. Who was he?
- 3) On March 11, two Chelsea players both made their 700th appearances for the club in a match at Derby. One had been an England goalkeeper nicknamed the Cat. Who?
- 4) And the other was a ferocious defender, known for his Chopper. Who was he?
- 5) On the 16th, who re-joined Plymouth as 'consultant manager' 13 years after being dismissed by Argyle?





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The Soccer Centres are in full flow now with over 700 kids (aged between 5-11) in attendance learning the basic skills in football including passing, dribbling, heading, shooting and performing in mini games.

The Soccer Centres are for kids of all ages, boys and girls and the aim is to improve their football skills. All in all Soccer Centres are based around enjoyment and fun.

Also just starting is our advanced Soccer Centre. This is for kids who have done really well at their local Centre and it gives them the chance to train and practice passing, dribbling and shooting at an advanced level. Only a selected few from the advanced Centre may be asked to attend a trial at the STFC Centre of Excellence and hopefully sign for Swindon Town.

To book your place on a Swindon Town Soccer Centre you have to pay in full at your chosen leisure centre reception as soon as possible, for they do fill up rather quickly!

The cost of the courses is £3.00 per session (with each session lasting an hour long). Non-Swindon borough courses may differ, so 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 — we'll do the rest!

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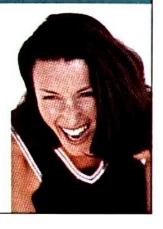
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UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

WHEN DID YOU START PLAYING FOOTBALL?

I have two sisters who are not that interested in football, so I used to play in the garden with my Dad and uncles. Dick Mackey, the Club's physio, told my Dad about Coleview Girls and I went along. John White ran it and we played in a lot of tournaments, indoors and out. We were successful and I managed to win a lot

WHAT AROUT AT SCHOOL ?

When I went to Eldene Junior School I trained with the boys – unfortunately I couldn't actually play with the team. We moved house and I went to Drove Junior School. Mr Hinder, my teacher at the time, found out that it was possible for me to play in the school team while at the

Junior School – and I did. When I went to Churchfield Secondary School we didn't have a girl's team but I was still playing for Coleview so it didn't matter.

HOW DID YOU COME TO JOIN SWINDON TOWN?

I was playing for Swindon Spitfires when the Town started and I joined them along with Parm Ashman and Clare Wheeler. I still kept in contact with Coleview and played in six-asides for them.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

I am now in my ninth season with Town and am captain so I hope to keep going for a few years yet. I also have the honour of captaining the country side and I would like to continue



KIM REEVES

AGE: 25
POSITION: MIDFIELD

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STFC LADIES

SOUTH WEST COMBINATION

LEAGUE FIXTURES 2002/03

THE TOWN LADIES ACHIEVED THEIR BEST RESULT OF THE SEASON IN THE SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE WHEN THEY BEAT FOURTH PLACED CLEVEDON TOWN BY FIVE GOALS TO NIL.

Town took the lead against the run of play when Kim Reeves turned in Nikki Watts' pass. Nikki Watts then added a second before half time. Two goals in the first three minutes after the break killed off the visitors. Michelle Rich knocked in Louise Corcoran's cross and then Lucy Bailey ran clear to score. Julie Selway took the Town's tally to five with a 30-yard shot midway through the second half.

The Town's Under 14 eleven-a-side team produced a first class performance to overcome second placed Aldershot to win earn a place in the final of the Surrey Primary League Cup Final. A Clare Morton hat trick and a Carley Smith goal gave the Town a 4-1 win. The Town will play Portsmouth in the final at Woking on Sunday May 4.

Town's youngsters featured in the Wiltshire County Youth side that beat Somerset by five goals to three. Lucy Bailey again captained the side and was joined by Fiona Baldwin, Sam Quinn, Nikki Watts, Laura Stallard, Kirby Cliff and Michelle Brown. Lucy Bailey scored four of Wiltshire goals and Nikki Watts got the other one. The same players have been selected for tomorrow night's game against Gloucestershire to be played at Almondsbury.

On Sunday the Town entertain Exeter City in a South West Combination League fixture. When the two sides met in Devon a month ago, Town shared six goals in a ding-dong battle with City equalising with almost the last kick of the game. This game will be played on the Aldbourne FC Ground and will Kick off at 2.00pm.

Look out for a special 'Ladies Issue' of the matchday programme this Saturday against Notts County!

Sun 18 Aug	Cardiff City		0.5
Sun 25 Aug	Aylesbury United	A	P-P
Sun 01 Sep	Plymouth Argle		2-4
Sun 08 Sep	Reading Royals		3-4
Sun 15 Sep	Clevedon Town		2-2
Sun 22 Sep	Portsmouth		0-2
Sun 29 Sep	Chesham United	A1	1-0
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Sun 20 Oct	Cardiff City		
Sun 27 Oct	Oxford United		1-2
Sun 03 Nov	Aylesbury United		P.P
Sun 18 Nov	FA Cup 2nd Round		PP
Sun 17 Nov	Exeter City		P-P
Sun 24 Nov	Reading	*	P-P
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Sun 08 Dec	Exeter City		9.0
Thur 12 Jan	Plymouth Argyle	H	P.0
Sun 19 Jan	Yeavil Town	H	3-2
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A ROUGH GUIDE TO ... COLCHESTER UNITED

WHO? COLCHESTER UNITED WHEN? SATURDAY MARCH 29

WHERE? LAYER ROAD

KICK-OFF? 3.00PM

Ticket Prices: SEATS: £8.00 -£14.00 TERRACES: £6.00 -£12.00 ALL PAY ON THE DAY

STFC TRAVEL CLUB: : The Travel Club will be departing Wootton Bassett (Coped Hall Bus Stop) at 8.45am, West Swindon (Ashington Way) 9.00am, County Ground 9.15am and Ermin Street 9.30am, The coach fare is £15.50 for adults, £14.00 for under 15s whilst Supporters Club members get a £2.00 discount.

BY CAR: Colchester is pretty easy to get to, but the residential area around the ground isn't known as 'The Crystal Maze' for nothing. From the A1, exit onto the A1139 Fletton Parkway towards the Town, then take the third exit onto Nene Parkway, and then the first exit from this into Shrewsbury Avenue (turn right at the junction off Parkway). Then turn right at the lights into Oundle Road, and you will see the ground on your right, just across the roundabout.

ARKING: There is no car park at the ground but you should be able to find a space on Layer Road itself, as there are no resident's parking

schemes in operation. Be warned though, the army barracks opposite the ground is strictly out of bounds!

TRAIN: There are two train stations, but unless you are on a stopping service, you will end up at Colchester North rather than Colchester Town. From Colchester North, take any bus one stop to the High Street. From the bus stop, go back to the top of North Hill, cross the road, turn left and go along Head Street to Headgate. Turn right here for bus Eastern National, bus number 64 or 64A to the ground. For the latest times call 0845 748 4950 or visit www.thetrainline.com

SWIFT HALF: There is only one pub close to the ground which is The Drury Arms. This is on the corner of Drury Road and Layer Road. The Dragoon on Military Road is 10 minutes towards the town centre comes recommended in the Good Beer Guide and does decent food too.

A ROUGH GUIDE TO... PETERBOROUGH

WHO? PETERBOROUGH WHEN? SATURDAY APRIL 5

WHERE? LONDON ROAD KICK-OFF? 3.00PM

Ticket Prices: SEATS: £7.00 -£15.00 TERRACES: £7.00 -£10.00

STEC TRAVEL CLUB: The Travel Club will be departing Wootton Bassett (Coped Hall Bus Stop) at 09.15am, West Swindon (Ashington Way) 09.30am, County Ground 09.45am and Ermin Street 10.00am. The coach fare is £12.50 for adults, £11.00 for under 15s whilst Supporters Club members get a £1.50 discount.

BY CAR: From the A12, leave at the A604 Cambridge exit and head for Colchester along the Essex Yeomanry Way. At the next roundabout, take the second exit onto London Road - the ground is well signposted.

PARKING: There is a car park on the left just before the roundabout.

which is a good bet as the one at the ground fills up quickly.

TRAIN: Peterborough train station is on a major train junction and receives direct trains from a range of cross-country destinations as well as on the east coast mainline. For the latest times call 0845 748 4950 or visit www.thetrainline.com

SWIFT HALF: The designated away fans pub is The Bridge, which is well, on the bridge (!) just along London Road from the ground. For more substantial food there is The Cherry Tree next to the Oundle Road

NEXT IN TOWN.



Notts County 22.03.03 (3.00pm)



Huddersfield Town 12.04.03 (3.00pm)



Plymouth 23.04.03 (7.45PM)



Luton

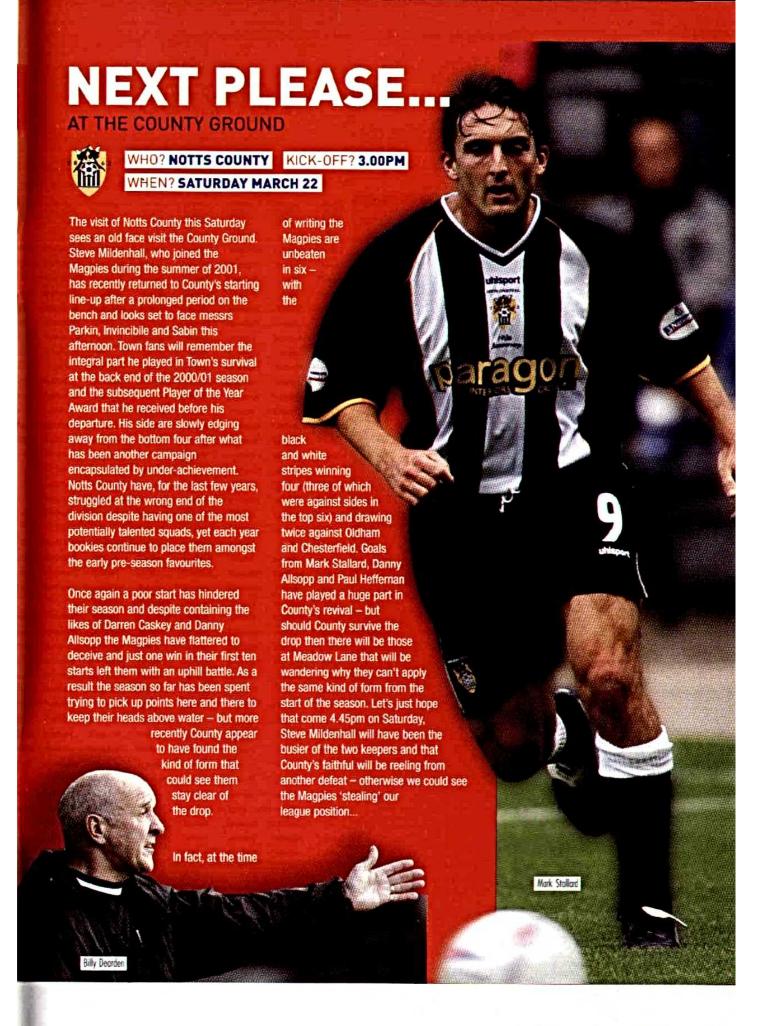
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Ticket Office Opening Hours

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Lines are open from 9.00am weekdays 01793 333777



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Sat 5 Apr Peterborough United Away

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Home (7.45)

Our office here at the County Ground, like many others, sees many casualties. This week it was the turn of the fax machine to pass away and despite the best efforts of Linda, Alice, Caren and Kim to revive the flagging machine - we had to cut our losses and say goodbye. However, help was at hand in the form of Mike Spearman who dug deep and bought a new one for us to save the day! From all of us in the office - many thanks Mike! Now did I mention that my computer has been playing up recently...





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BRISTOL CITY

Manager Andy King

Manager Danny Wilson

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MATTHEW **HEWLETT** / 5 / TOMMY **DOHERTY**

ADAM WILLIS TONY BUTLER

ANDREW GURNEY / 3 / MATTHEW HILL

KEITH O'HALLORAN SCOTT MURRAY

JEREL IFIL / 🖸 / JOE BURNELL

SAM PARKIN / PETER BEADLE

STEFANI MIGLIORANZI / LEE PEACOCK
DAVID DUKE / BRIAN TINNION

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DAREN DYKES ROBIN HULBERT

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CRAIG FARR CHRISTIAN ROBERTS

MATTHEW **HEYWOOD** / DANNY **COLES**

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DAVID BAMPTON

ALAN REEVES / MARVIN BROWN

NATHAN EDWARDS DARREN JONES

KEVIN HALLIDAY CRAIG WOODMAN

ALAN YOUNG Z LIAM ROSENIOR

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LAST COUNTY GROUND MEETING

Saturday January 1 2002 Swindon Town 1 Bristol City 2

MEN IN THE MIDDLE

Referee: C. Penton Assistant 1: M.D. Postles Assistant 2: M.A. Williams 4th Official: K.J. Hawkes

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