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You may be wandering why we have four ladies on the front of our matchday programme today.

Well, if you weren't aware already - today's is Ladies Day here at the County Ground. Today we're doing our bit to support a Nationwide initiative which is hoping to promote the women's game. I actually went to see the Ladies team train a few weeks ago and was pleasantly surprised, not only by the standard but also by the commitment and willingness to learn. Also here this afternoon is Steve Mildenhall, a firm favourite in these parts. Steve will always remind me of my first 'baptism of fire' in the football world. Just before leaving for Notts County, we did a huge photo shoot and interview with the then Player of the Year for a pre-sesson programme - only for him to leave for Nottingham on the same day. Only then did I realise how quickly things can change in the football world! Let's just hope he has a rather fruitless afternoon today...

Talking of change - I hope Wednesday night's game brought a change in our own fortunes following what was a disastrous week last week. Obviously these notes find you before the game - but we have tried to keep as much of this issue as up-to-date as much as we can, even if it did mean a sleepless right on Wednesday!

Enjoy the issue - there's only three more to come





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THE GAFFER





GOOD AFTERNOON AND A WARM WELCOME BACK TO THE COUNTY GROUND FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S FIERCELY CONTESTED DERBY AGAINST BRISTOL CITY.

What a game it was, and after the previous week's disappointment's it was nice to put in a decent performance. I kept on saying to the lads that the fans respond when we play well and they earned the fans' respect on Wednesday night. There was a danger that if we started slowly again and City were on top, that the crowd might go quiet — but we got at them from the start and it made for an incredible atmosphere.

We were due a good performance, the previous three had been poor and so the need for a good start was great. And we nearly got off to flyer too — Danny got behind their defence and neatly put us one up — but we keep saying this about Danny (and Eric) — he does ever so well to get into those positions but can't put the ball in the back of the net. It's a shame because the lad ran his socks off all game and to be fair, I can't ask for any more than that.

But there were so many good performances on Wednesday. Steve Robinson was instrumental in the first half – he made things happen and worked hard and it sparked others. David Duke on the left was superb, he had the enviable task of marking one of the best players in the league in Scott Murray and he did a great job, not only that but he got forward as well. Junior Lewis did well, not a fantastic debut, but you can tell he has strength and vision – he's clever player and I think he can only get better.

But it was just a good overall team performance and an entertaining spectacle. Either side could have knicked it and had it finished 4-4 I don't think either side would have had any complaints. We must now build on that today as we face a different kind of task.

Notts County aren't far behind us in the league and they'll be looking to overtake us today. Mind you a win for us will see us go four or five points clear of them and that could well



be a decisive gap. I have a great respect for Billy Dearden and may I take this opportunity to welcome Billy, his management team, players, directors and supporters.

The only problem I can see ahead of the today's game is injuries. Eric could be doubtful because of the flu he had in the week, whilst Junior and Steve have also picked up knocks. Hopefully they'll be ok because we haven't got that much experience on the bench - the average age on Wednesday night was very young and so we just haven't got the strength in depth that sides such as Bristol City have. They brought on two players with great experience and it just shows the gulf between some clubs.

Changing the subject slightly, this weekend I am proud to be wearing a Goal badge supporting child protection in football. Fellow managers up and down the country will also be wearing them and will also be taking the time to write about putting children first as part of an FA initiative. Goal is about doing things the right way, doing things properly.

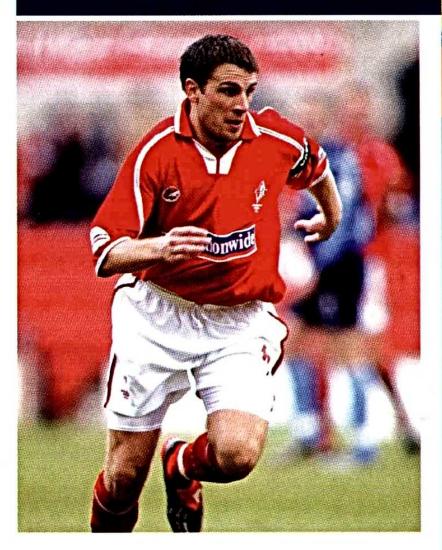
It's about allowing children to enjoy the game without abuse of any kind. That means bullying, physical, emotional or sexual abuse and neglect. Child protection is high on The FA's agenda and a priority at this club too. We already have someone responsible for child protection issues. The goal is to have someone at every club in the country aware of child protection and best practice, whether it's a Premiership Academy or a Sunday morning park side.

Already over 45,000 people have attended The FA's Child protection and best practice courses. These people are mostly volunteers who care about the game.

I'm lucky - I get paid for managing a football team. But like those who turn out to help run kids' sides every weekend, I care about the future of football. And that means putting children first.

I hope you will all get behind this campaign and for now, enjoy today's game.

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



WELCOME BACK TO THE COUNTY GROUND THIS AFTERNOON AFTER WHAT WAS A GREAT GAME ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

It was a good performance all in all - I think the fans would have enjoyed, but it was important for us to get a good game under our belts after the previous three games. Once again it was a big local derby and for some reason, we do tend to struggle against the sides at the bottom because against City we matched a very good side. City are as a good a team as you'll find in this league and we were every bit as good as them. We nearly took the lead early on and even when we went a goal behind - we did well to get back into the game. I nearly had a goal from a free kick, if only the goal was a bit bigger or a bit further to the right! The equaliser was a great goal and we keep talking about Sam – but if you ever want someone in that position and at that time then it's Sam Parkin. His goals have been valuable this season – but I think the team must be congratulated for a good effort on Wednesday.

Today's game is huge for us. Another win would take us to that magical fifty mark and whilst we still can't guarantee our safety even if we do win – it'll be a huge step because it puts a gap between us and them. They'll be looking to leapfrog us and we can't afford to let them do that. Get behind us once again and I'm sure we can put on a similar performance.



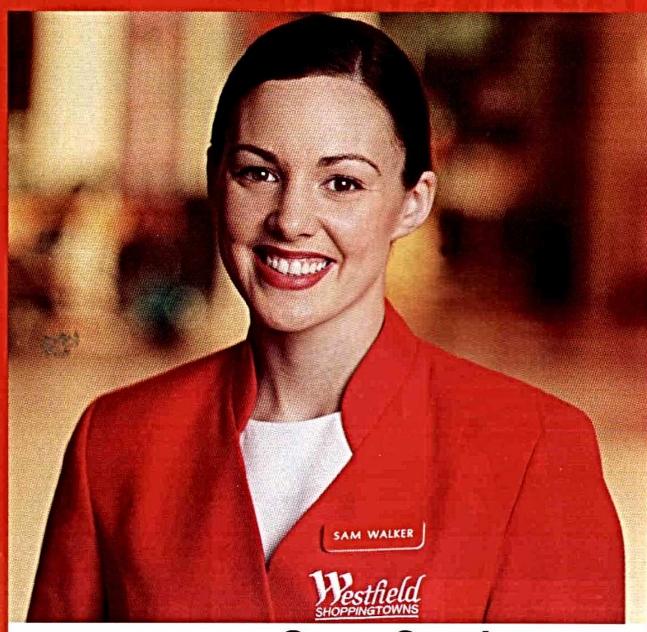
DICK MACKEY'S TREATMENT ROOM

There's been little change despite Wednesday's bruising encounter and Bristol City. Junior Lewis and Steve Robinson both had slight knocks but I am hoping that both will be available today. Neither warranted any serious amount of attention on Thursday and so they should both have trained on Friday - albeit very lightly because Wednesday's match was played at such a frenetic pace.

Other than that Adam Willis continues to improve. 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 on Wednesday 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 an more as the week developed. He has also walked well and run in the water and as a result, I'm hoping that he'll be jogging again this week.

Other than that I can report on Keith O1Halloran'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 so that he can build on his match fitness.

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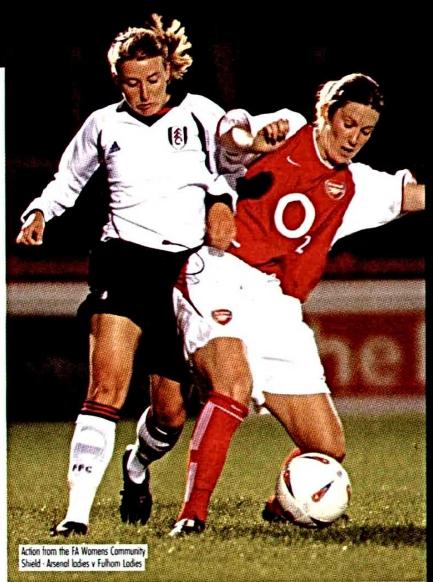


Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground for today's visit of Notts County. On behalf of the board of directors can I also extend a warm welcome to the Directors, Players, Management and Supporters who have made the long journey from Nottingham.

Because of print deadlines, these notes have been written in advance of the Bristol City game, so I sincerely hope that smiles have once again returned to the faces of Town supporters following a good result.

Wednesday was a very busy night in and the around the boardroom. We had the pleasure of inviting guests from the Prospect Hospice and the appeals committee from the Friends of Christ Church Skyline Appeal. The club had been successful in its bid for funding from the FA Community Shield (Formerly the FA Charity Shield) and we presented cheques for £3,000 and £2.100 to the Hospice and Christ Church respectively. In addition we were also successful in obtaining £3,000 for the local branch of the Child Victims of Crime charity. Over the years the FA has been a much maligned organisation, sometimes with a degree of justification. But these presentations are a sign of the good things that the FA, Swindon Town FC and football, in general can do. Can I also thank Gary Herbert, one of the Executive Club members for arranging the collection by the Rotary Club, prior to the QPR game, also for Prospect Hospice, which raised nearly £300. Thanks as well to those of you who gave so generously.

Some of you may have heard of the new suggestion from the Football League for a change to the structure of the Play Offs. Put simply, the play offs would stretch to incorporate those teams that finish seventh and eighth. These teams would play one off matches away from home to the teams finishing fifth and sixth. The winners of those matches would play one off matches away from home to the teams finishing third and fourth. (Still with me?) The winners of those two games would play off in the final at Cardiff.



MARK **DEVLIN**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC

Personally, I am in favour of the changes. It will add to the interest at the end of season, whilst favouring (in terms of number of matches to play and home advantage) those teams who finish in the highest ranked places in the final league table. It is similar to the system used in the Rugby League Premiership finals, which appears to work very well. Clubs are being asked to vote on the proposals, and if you have an opinion on the matter please let me know. You can write to me at the main club address or via e-mail on stfc enquiries@hotmail.com.

Can I also welcome the ladies football teams - Swindon Town Ladies,

Swindon Spitfires and St Joseph's School who are taking part in our half time competition. Don't forget that the County Ground is hosting the FA Nationwide Women's Premier League Cup Final on Sunday March 30, kick off 2.15pm. Why not bring along the family and see the two top ladies sides - Fulham and Arsenal do battle in the first domestic ladies final of the season? You can purchase tickets from the Box Office on 01793 333777.

Thanks again for your continued support, it is crucial as we try to enjoy a strong run in to the end of the season.

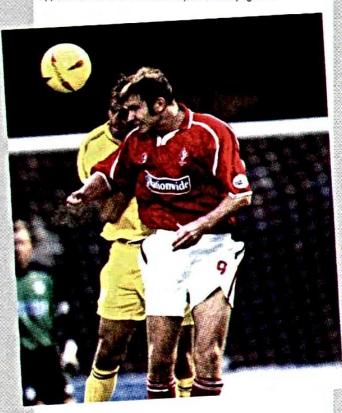
THE WEEK THAT WAS



20.03.03

TOWN EARN POINT

Swindon Town ended their dismal run of form with a 1-1 draw against Bristol City on Wednesday. Sam Parkin notched his 20th of the season in reply to Mark Robin's opener. Gurney and Reeves also came close, while Invincibile missed a number of glorious opportunities. For a full match report turn to page 14.



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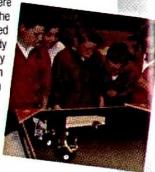
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19.03.03

ROBOSOCCER ARRIVES AT THE COUNTY GROUND

Swindon Town's stars of the future were on show for the first time this week as the new game of 'RoboSoccer' was unveiled in the Club's Cecil Green suite/Study Support Centre. Swindon Town's Jimmy Fraser and Neil Crosby were in attendance along with pupils from Eldene Primary School, who were in their seventh week of study support. Robosoccer is a game where two LEGO Robots are programmed to play a game of robot football, one-on-one. The idea is simple, the programming



challenging and the whole concept is now being played on a worldwide stage. In June at the 2002 real World Cup Football Competition, robots competed (in a stadium near to the football grounds in Japan and Korea) to be the world's best robot footballers. And in the year 2050 it is hoped that the robots will have evolved into a super team capable of playing and beating the world's best human players! Two LEGO robots are programmed to find and move the ball towards a goal. It is designed to enable pupils from the age of seven to access the world of robotics. It is highly motivational, levels of programming skills required can be graduated from an introductory level, to enable younger pupils to achieve a marked degree of expertise in robotics within a day, to a very sophisticated level which would tax university level control technology skills. This summer there will be several 'RoboSoccer' tournaments and Bolton Wanderers, Portsmouth and Swindon Town FC's Study Centre will be taking part in a tripartite RoboSoccer tournement also..

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REEVES 45

The old adage, a game of two halves, best describes Town's performance at Field Mill last Saturday. Woeful in the first half, Town were lucky to go in one down at the break. However, a second half retrieval and subsequent 45 minutes of constant pressure nearly salvaged a point only some goalkeeping heroics from Keith Welch preventing King's side from drawing level. And it was another slow start that proved to be his sides' downfall as Mansfield threw everything at Town in the opening period. Ifil lined up against Heywood and Reeves in the heart of Swindon's defence, with Gurney moving across to the right and Duke returning to his usual position on the left hand side of Town's defence. However, Town's defence were caught napping as early as the seventh minute when Liam Lawrence enjoyed the home side's first chance of the game. A Mansfield corner wasn't dealt with by Swindon's back three and Bart Griemink tipped Liam Lawrence's effort from the edge of the area over the bar

Mansfield continued to attack and on 14 minutes, they deservedly took the lead with another free kick. Town, once again failed to deal with the left-footed delivery on the edge of the area and having failed to clear at the fourth attempt, Junior Mendes stabbed the ball home from close range at the back post.

Town's midfield were sadly anonymous as the first half developed — whilst Parkin and Invincibile had little in the way of service. When Miglioranzi did break free on 25 minutes his cross was just edged too far ahead of Parkin. Town enjoyed their first corner of the match on 25 minutes following a brief spell of possession and Gurney's in swinging effort found Parkin unmarked at the back post. Unfortunately for Town's top scorer his header went wide of Welch's post and the danger passed.

At the other end Mansfield caused problems again when Corden broke free on the right hand side. Corden's pace caused Town's defence no end of problems and Griemink turned his effort around the Swindon post. Soon after Lawrence and Corden threatened again and Town, Ifil aside, couldn't deal with their attacking threat. A cross from Andy Gurney at the other end soon after found Invincibile at the back post and whilst the Australian couldn't quite get on the end of Gurney's ball, Day's header almost allowed Robinson to get a shot on goal. Town were beginning to slowly edge their way into the

game, but Mansfield went two up when Christie was brought down in the area by Matt Heywood – giving the home side a penalty (Heywood received a yellow card for his troubles). Corden slotted the ball past Griemink in the middle of the goal to double the home sides' advantage. Alan Reeves gave the visitors a lifeline against the run of play when he latched on to Heywood's flick following Parkin's nod. Reeves found himself in Mansfield's box and, following his sidekicks' header, managed to slide the ball past Keith Welch.

Town started the second half a different team. Composed, energetic and committed, it was a transformed side that took the game to the home team. Town's build up was patient and they endeavoured to get the ball wide - with Duke a useful outlet on the left hand side. This nearly bought an early equaliser when Duke's teasing cross was headed over by Invincibile. Soon after another Duke cross found Steve Robinson, an unlikely target in Mansfield's area and Robbo headed inches wide at the front post. Town continued to edge forward and Mansfield, now the more nervous of the two sides, could not keep hold of the ball. Town's best chance came just before the hour mark. A neat move saw the ball bounce around in the box and Ifil's effort was cleared off the line from Tom Curtis. At the other end and against the run of play, Mendes nearly caught Town out on the break following Corden's neat ball. Mendes broke free behind Matty Heywood only to see his effort superbly saved by Bart Griemink.

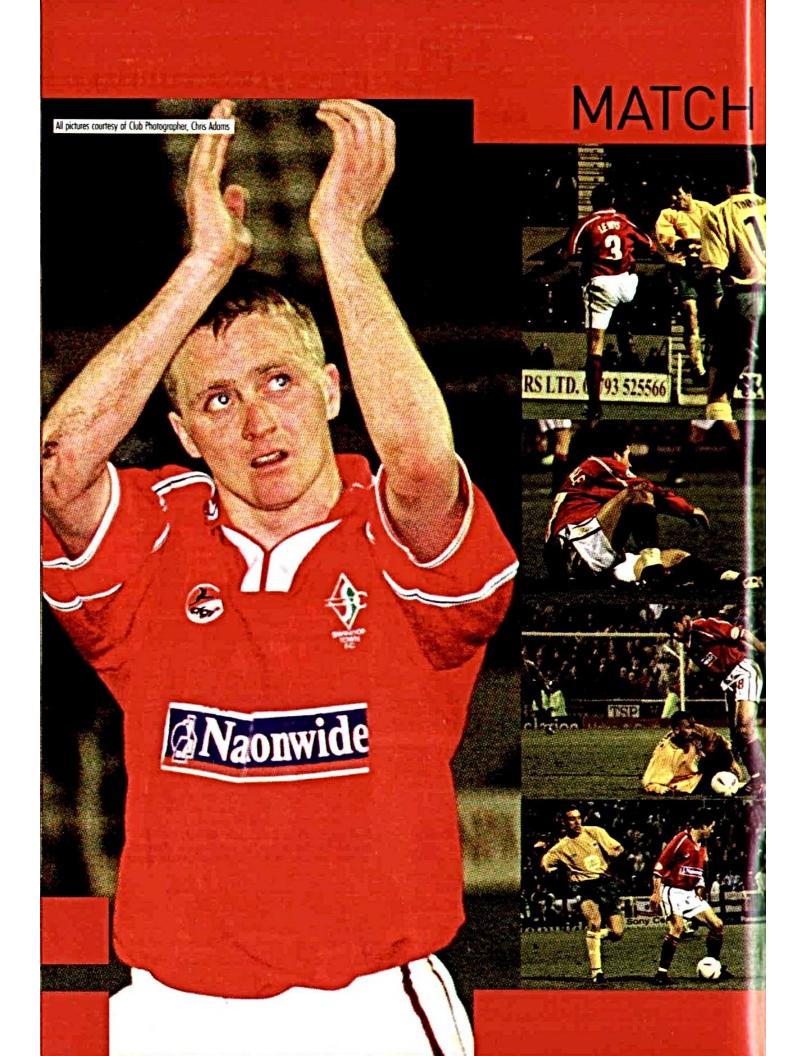
However, Mansfield's chance proved to be only a minor blip as Town surged forward once again when Danny broke free at full pelt. The Australian, who perhaps had more time than he thought, tried to beat Welch from long range only to find the home keeper edging back towards his line.

Parkin came close soon after when he converted Ifil's cross at the back post. Unfortunately Welch, Parkin's former team mate at Northampton, was on hand to prevent Sam's header from finding the back of the net. Disley then cleared off the line when Hewlett struck a fierce shot from the edge of the area and Town were beginning to look as dominant as Mansfield had in the first half. Day was on hand to clear from Invincibile again as Sabin was brought on for Miglioranzi as Town threw three men up front.

MANSFIELD: Welch, Hassell, Eaton, Day, Doane, Mendes [Williamson 75], Cyrtis, Disley, Corden (Gadsby 89), Christie [Mitchell 80], Lawrence. Subs not used: Pilkington, Andy White.

TOWN: Griemink, Gurney, Reeves, Robinson, Heywood, Ifil, Duke, Invincibile, Hewlett, Parkin, Miglioranzi (Sabin 76).

Subs not used: Farr, Beswetherick, Dykes, Taylor.



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WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH 2003 KO 8.00PM COUNTY GROUND, 8,629

SWINDON TOWN 1 PARKIN 66 BRISTOL CITY 1

Bristol City kicked the game off hoping to continue their good form and keep themselves on course for promotion, whilst Town, with Lewis and Ifil in their starting line-up, were looking to reach that magic 50-point mark.

After just two minutes Town were presented with a brilliant chance. A clever through ball from Junior Lewis found Danny Invincibile inside the six-yard box but the Australian's lob fell the wrong side of the post. Just two minutes later Lee Peacock found space just inside the Town box but Matt Heywood blocked his shot and Bart Griemink was forced into a sharp save minutes later after Lee Peacock twisted and turned on the edge of the area and drove a shot straight at the Dutchman.

Bristol City gave Town an insight into what they can do on seven minutes. Lee Peacock picked the ball up on the edge of the area and after turning Reeves with some neat footwork, unleashed a 25-yard shot that was palmed away by Griemink. The ball fell to Tommy Doherty who back-heeled the ball to Scott Murray who crossed the ball first time to Lee Peacock. The big City striker saw his glancing header find the roof of the net as City continued to threaten.

On 19 minutes some good interplay between Robinson and Gurney released 'Gurns' who saw his shot flash across goal. The ball ran through to Invincibile whose cross was blocked for a corner. On twenty-two minutes a clever long ball from defence from Jerel Ifil found Danny Invincibile who outpaced Matt Hill before beating the keeper to the ball. Invincibile's effort on goal was blocked a City defender for a corner, which was cleared.

Steve Robinson created an opportunity for himself on 40 minutes when he beat his marker and strode into the City box. 'Robbo' took the ball on a touch before hitting his shot just wide of Phillips' right hand post.

David Duke was the Town saviour on 44 minutes. A corner from Brown was met by Peacock but his header was cleared off the line by Duke as Town headed into the break.

Town kicked off the second half hoping to continue the good work they had put in the first period. Town nearly got a dream start to the second-half when Phillips dropped a cross on the penalty spot with Heywood in close attendance. However the City keeper kept his cool to dive on the ball before Heywood could poke the ball into the net.

Just four minutes into the second half Mark Robins put City into the lead. The on-loan Rotherham striker picked the ball up on the edge of the box and his 25-yard effort soared into the roof of the net to send the Stratton Bank to their feet.

On 68 minutes Town drew level. A ball into the box was brought down by Invincibile. The ball then landed at the feet of 'Super Sammy' Parkin who made no mistake from ten yards out and placed the ball into the top right hand corner of the net. Stefani Miglioranzi's influence on the game increased as the game progressed, with the former Pompey man showing some neat touches on the ball once again. The majority of the 8629 crowd also played their part as the game continued, urging Town forward.

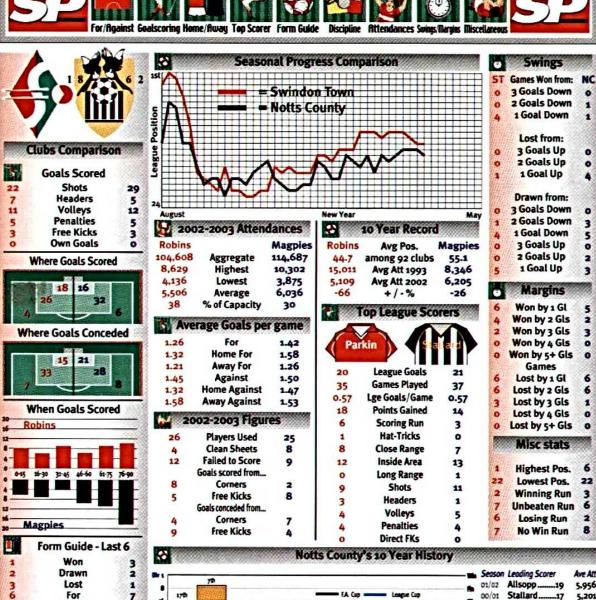
Bart Griemink made a reaction save from Lee Peacock with twelve minutes to go to keep the scores level. After some good interplay in the midfield, Duke's cross was met by Parkin as he turned City handled the ball on the edge of the area. Gurney stepped up for another free-kick in front of an expectant Town End. Gurney took a long run-up and unleashed a powerful shot which clipped the angle of crossbar and post before finding the Town fans behind the goal.

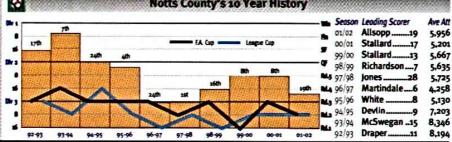
TOWN: Griemink, Gurney, Duke, Ifil, Reeves, Heywood, Robinson, Lewis, Miglioranzi, Parkin, Invincibile.

Subs not used: Farr, Dykes, Taylor, Young, Hewlett.

CITY: Phillips, Carey, Butler, Hill, Coles, Murray, Doherty, Burnell, Aaron Brown (Tinnion 80), Robins (Roberts 82), Peacock. Subs not used: Stowell, Woodman, Rosenior









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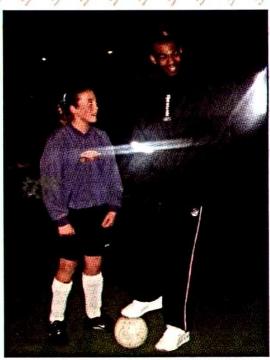
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Also as part of the Nationwide 'Supporters of Tomorrow' Scheme some of the first team players will be taking coaching sessions to teach the girls some useful tips and professional training techniques.

The first of these coaching sessions will be for the U18 Wilts County Women's Team on Wednesday April 30, 6.30pm -7.30pm.

The second of these coaching sessions is for the two winning teams of The Wiltshire and Swindon Sports Partnership Tournament that was held yesterday. The tournament was for local schools and for two age groups U12 and U14. The winners will not only get the chance to meet and be coached by our players, but will also represent Swindon Borough at the Western Area Youth Games. So congratulations to the teams that have won and good luck at the Western Area Youth Games.

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to all of the clubs and schools who have supported the Nationwide 'Supporters of Tomorrow' Scheme.

This game has been chosen for a 'Tickets for kit and equipment' promotion, this is a simple and effective scheme that has helped raise funds for ladies and girls teams at local schools and clubs.

The closs and schools that have participated in this

Swindon Town Ladies
St Josephs School
Swindon Spittires
Dorcan Technology College
Swindon Badgers
Highworth Warneford School
Blunsden Girls
Bamsbury Girls
Tower Hill Vixens

I would like to thank you all for your participation and hope that the money you have raised will help you to expand and to continue to encourage girls/women to play football.

Four of these teams will be playing at half time and hopefully they will show you the level at which girls/women's football has reached. They will play a 10 minute 7-a-side game, on one half of the pitch will be Swindon Town Ladies v Swindon Spifires and on the other half two teams from St Josephs School.

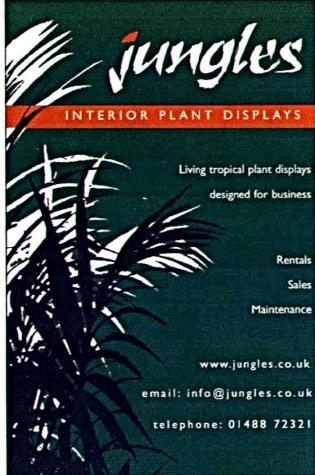
The Swindon Town Ladies team includes Sharon Black, Clare Wheeler, Leanne Gannaway, Louise Corcoran, Lucy Bailey, Natalie Mitchell and Nikki Watts. The Swindon Spitfires team includes Rachel Ely, Michelle Maull, Julia Carton, Leanna Clarke, Sharon Townsend. Mel Bristoe, Natalie Ferris and Gemma Ferris.

If anyone would like to know more about the coaching sessions (listed left) or about the Nationwide 'Supporters of Tomorrow' Scheme please do not hesitate to contact me.

Alice Wills Supporters of Tomorrow Administrator 01793 333733



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aver of the Month

In memory of Rupert Smith

Congratulations to...

Andy Gurney

Winner of the Haine & Smith Player of the Month award

Haine & Smith opticians have been looking after Wiltshire's eyes for over 27 years and have 19 local practices, including 3 in Swindon - one of which, Swindon Contact Lenses, can be found on Regent Street, in the town centre. For all your optical needs, simply log onto the website and find your local practice.

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.







With Junior Lewis joining us here this week on loan, we thought we'd take a look at five of the best loan players to have joined the Club in the last decade or two. And we even managed to miss out such legends as Neil Webb, Tony Grant (great goal against Hull) and Joey Kuffour.



ROY WEGERLE

Roy Wegerle made a fleeting appearance for Town back in the 80's whilst he was on Chelsea's books. Born in South Africa, Roy moved to The United States at an early age and started his footballing career with local side Tacoma Stars. Impressive displays then saw him move to a larger club in the States, with the full time and successful side, Tampa Bay Rowdies.

His skills and finishing abilities whilst in America hadn't gone unnoticed and soon enough Wegerle found himself in England playing professional football for the then Second Division Chelsea. Finding it difficult to adjust to the English game, Roy was used sparingly and was loaned out to the Robins, and in a brief spell scored one goal in seven league games. Roy's successful loan spell could have seen him move to the County Ground permanently, but he went back to Stamford Bridge and netted twice in twenty-three league games, gradually becoming accustomed to the English game. Roy would later go on to play for Luton,

QPR, Blackburn and Coventry before moving back to the States.



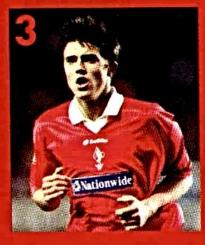
MARLON BROOMES

Marlon Broomes is currently plying his trade with Preston North End having spent two months on loan at the County Ground in 1997. He scored one goal in 12 games and big things were expected of him whilst he was at Blackburn Rovers, his first Club. Before he'd even made a competitive appearance for Rovers Broomes had figured for England's under 21s. Broomes joined Rovers from the FA National School of Excellence and he represented England at all levels up to under-21. Unfortunately Roy Hodgson's departure hindered his progress and he was shipped out on loan to QPR, Grimsby and Sheffield Wednesday. More recently, Broomes has joined Preston North End and he has figured in 30 games for Craig Brown's side since his move in August last year.



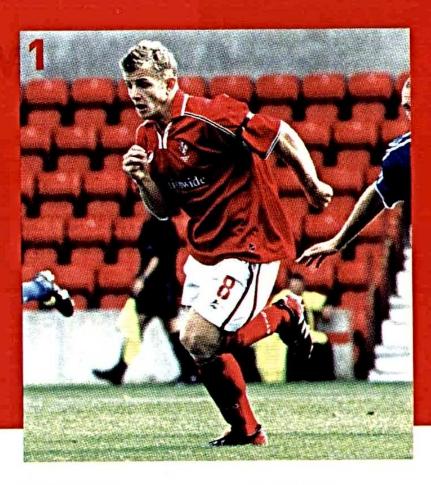
MICHAEL CARRICK

Michael Carrick was only 18 when he joined Town back in 1999, but even





then he shone in Town's midfield and scored twice in six games. He has since gone on to bigger things at West Ham having been part of their legendary 1998/99 youth side. A converted midfielder, he is a steady player, capable of both a holding or forward role, his size means he is rarely brushed off the ball and his distribution is already receiving rave reviews. He is also a former member of the famous Wallsend Boys Club, also attended by Alan Shearer, back in the north east. Broke into the Hammers' midfield at the start of the 2000/01 season and has not looked back, joining the European Under-21 Championships in Slovakia and receiving the call up to the full squad from Sven Goran Eriksson for a friendly against Spain in February 2001 - he did not take part in the game.



SHAY GIVEN

Shay Given enjoyed a fantastic month here at the County Ground having joined Steve McMahon's side in August 1995.A confident keeper who joined Newcastle United from Blackburn Rovers in the summer of 1997 for £1.5million, Lifford born Seamus immediately underlined his skills by keeping a string of clean sheets. He began his career north of the border with Celtic but, unable to break into the first team, moved to Ewood Park on a free transfer in 1994. With Tim Flowers firmly entrenched as the number one, Given had to go out on loan to make his Football League bow with the Robins. More recently he's become the Toon's regular number one and last season, was named in the PFA's Premiership Team of the Season. He also travelled to the 2002 World Cup finals in Japan and Korea with the Republic of Ireland and continued his fine form as Mick McCarthy's side reached the second round before going out on penalties to Spain.

JIMMY DAVIS

Jimmy Davis spent a very successful three months here at the County Ground having joined the Club from Manchester United. In fact, Jimmy figured in 14 games - the diminutive youngster only missing games because of an injury incurred by Eric Sabin! Davis started life at United playing for their successful youth team. However, he has since found it difficult to challenge those in the First Team and so he was first shipped out on loan to Royal Antwerp, before he signed for Town in August last year. He was quick, had a number of tricks in his locker and his best moment came at Wycombe when he scored a wonder goal. Davis was also a nice bloke too and such was his professional attitude that he was often the last to leave the training ground, be it with the First Team, reserves or youngsters. He has now gone back to Old Trafford and is sporting a new hair cut (page 22) - but he was on the bench against West Ham earlier in the season and was again against Deportivo La Coruna on Wednesday.

WHERE ARE ?

DIV2 REVIEW

Those of you that have been wandering what's happened to our favourite diminutive winger from Manchester United since his return to Old Trafford may have seen the following article in Tuesday's Daily Mail:

"David Beckham may have been left at home for Manchester United's game against Deportivo on Wednesday evening, but his Influence would appear to be everywhere at Manchester United.

"Young midfielder Jimmy Davis, pictured leaving Manchester Airport on Tuesday, is the latest United player to experiment with an eccentric haircut, showing off a style which Sportsman understands to be known in salons across the country as a 'Hoxton Fin', after the London area in which it was pioneered.

"The 20-year old may not get the chance to exhibit it to a television audience tonight as he is expected to be confined to the bench, a position he has filled just once before for United, in the Premiership game at West Ham earlier in the season."

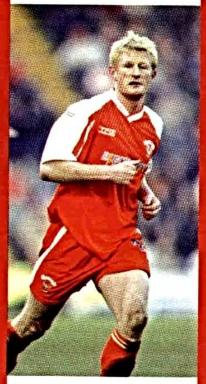
As expected, Davis did figure on the bench but unfortunately never made it onto the pitch. However, that is Jimmy's second substitute berth since the start of the season and so he's getting closer all the time!! Look out for his name as the season draws to a close – and remember where you saw him first!



Jimmy Davis



HENDRY WANTS SEASIDE STAY



Colin Hendry wants to continue playing for Blackpool on loan until the end of the season. The former Scottish international defender is due to return to Bolton next week, with his last game coming at Cardiff a week ago as he is suspended for today's trip to Stockport. "I am under contract at Bolton and I think the only way I can stay at Blackpool is by them giving me a free transfer or by releasing me from my contract," Hendry told the Blackpool website. "Technically I am out of contract in May and whether I hang my boots up is something I will decide in May. I understand that Bolton will speak to my agent this week and if they can't come to an agreement I will be back at Bolton a week on Monday."



TERRIERS LAUNCH CASH APPEAL



Huddersfield chairman David Taylor has launched a fighting fund as "a final avenue" to prevent the club going into liquidation. Taylor has warned that he cannot afford to bankroll the Second Division strugglers beyond Friday and has pleaded for potential investors to come forward as soon as possible. The Terriers, who are more than £6m in debt, need to find in excess of £1m to pay the players' wages until the end of the season. The club had to reverse their decision to sack manager Mick Wadsworth earlier this season due to their financial problems. Taylor is looking for contributions of between £1,000 and £30,000 for the fund, which will be outside the club's control, and a decision will be made on Friday as to how the money should be used. The success of the scheme will have a huge bearing on whether the club survives, is forced into administration or goes bust. Taylor said: "I cannot continue to fund the club past the end of this week. The grim reality is that if the required support is not shown this week then the existence of the club is out of my control. "



BLUEBIRDS COMPLETE DOUBLE SWOOP



Cardiff City boss Lennie Lawrence has completed a double swoop after it was confirmed that Gareth Ainsworth and Lee Fowler had completed moves to Ninian Park.

Fowler has been on trial with the Bluebirds for the last week and has impressed Lawrence who has decided to take the 19-year-old midfielder on loan until the end of the season. The Welsh Under-21 international is expected to play some part in Tuesday's Nationwide Division Two clash with Blackpool. Ainsworth has also completed his move from Wimbledon after passing a medical on Monday. The 29-year-old is out of contract in the summer and the Dons have allowed him to leave the club for a small transfer fee. Ainsworth has been blighted by injuries during his time with Wimbledon and has spent loan periods at Walsall and former club Preston in a bid to regain full fitness. However, before these problems, Ainsworth was a goalscoring hit with Port Vale, Lincoln City and the Lilywhites.



OAKES JOINS CREWE ON LOAN



Crewe Alexandra boss Dario Gradi has boosted his promotion-hunting squad with the signing of the Leicester City midfielder Stefan Oakes on a month's loan. Oakes has been surplus to requirements under current Foxes boss Micky Adams and is determined to enjoy some first-team action. The 24year-old midfielder has made 64 league appearances for Leicester City although he has started just one game this season. "Dave Bassett spoke to me a few weeks ago about going out on loan and he suggested Crewe because he has known Dario for years," Oakes told Alex's official website. "I spoke to Dario over the weekend and I'm just delighted to be involved in a first-team squad again. I've been at Leicester all my life and I made my debut at Chelsea. I played nearly 60 games in the Premier League under the likes of Martin O'Neill, Peter Taylor and Dave Bassett, but I have found it difficult to get into the side now that Micky Adams is in charge. There hasn't been a fall out between us or anything like that, but I just want to play some firstteam games."



FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

This week Chris Tanner takes a look at the fortunes of Highworth, Melksham, 'Ciren' and Fairford...

Highworth slumped to a 4-9 defeat at Melksham at Nursteed Road on Wednesday night to put them out of the Wiltshire Senior Cup.

Melksham booked their place in the final with goals from Nigel Tripp, Matty Messenger, Gary Banks and Kevin Banks. Melksham will now face Calne or Devizes in the final.

Cirencester finally picked up three points with a 3-1 victory over Bedworth at The Corinium Stadium. Ben Fitch gave 'Ciren' a half-time lead and James Constable doubled the advantage 53 minutes into his debut. James Hughes hit the third on 65, before Lee Ross hit a consolation penalty for the visitors late on.

Wootton Bassett were beaten at home by basement side Wantage Town in the Hellenic Premier Division, A goal from Mark Stevens ensured misery for Bassett and a welcome three points for the Oxfordshire outfit.

Fairford Town, minus Richard Watkins, Carl Stevenson and Dave Tyler who were all out with injuries, were due to take on Tuffley at Onder Lane on Wednesday evening.

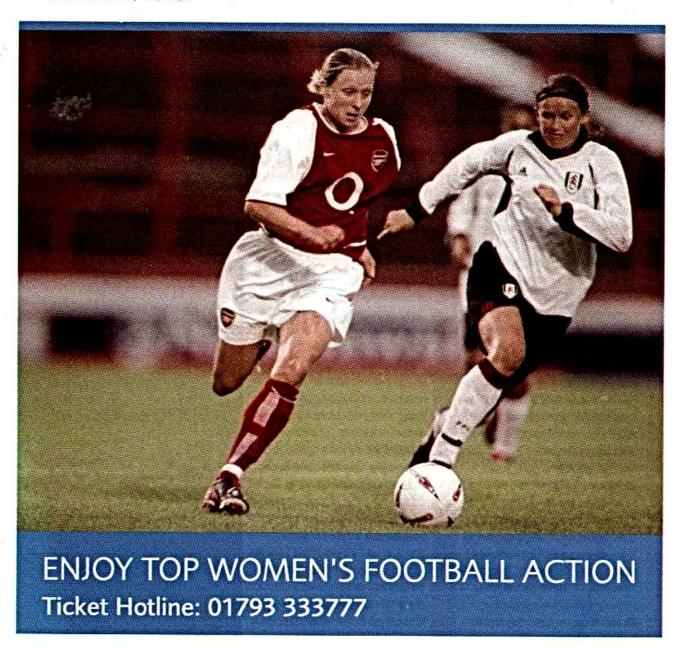
The FA Nationwide Women's Premier League Cup Final Fulham v Arsenal

County Ground, Swindon Town FC Sunday 30th March 2003, Kick-off 2.15pm £3.00 (£5.00 on the day) Adults/£1.00 Concessions £5.00 Family ticket in advance





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CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

LAST WEEKEND'S GAMES SAW OUR UNDER 9S AND 10S PLAY AT CHELTENHAM. THE UNDER 12S AND 13S WERE AT HOME TO CARDIFF WHILST THE 14S AND 15S TRAVELLED TO THE WELSH CAPITAL

The under 9s drew 3-3, with two goals coming from Dareen Jeffries. The under 10s won 3-1, but both teams put in very good performances which pleased the coaching staff.

The under 12s and 13s played against Cardiff in two very well contested games. The under 12s came from 3-1 down to draw 3-3, with Sam English scoring twice. Unfortunately the overall performance of the 12s was not up to the usaul standard that they have set themselves. The under 13s also drew 1-1 their game was played with great pace and with good guality from both teams.

The away games for the under 14s and 15s saw the 14s lose 1-2 and the 15s draw 2-2. All the Cardiff teams gave our players very good games which is what they need. It also helps there team coaches and I make decisions on the players we've got because when we play the top sides, they really give our lads a test.

Decision time on all of our players, from under 9s to 15s, is coming around next month. With all the players looking to be offered new contracts, it is a very hard time for everyone involved with the Centre of Excellence. But we have to make fair and honest decisions. Whatever happens to the players they must continue to work hard in every coaching session and every game, whoever they play for.

This weekend our 9s, 10s and 11s play Swansea whilst the 12s, 13s, 14s and 15s will have a coaching session.

Enjoy today's game Jimmy Fraser THIS WEEKEND SEES THE FA'S GOAL CHILD PROTECTION AND BEST PRACTICES INITIATIVE CAMPAIGN START. AS PART OF MY JOB AS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER I HAVE BECOME STFC'S CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER AND I HAVE TO MAKE SURE ALL OF OUR COACHES GO ON THE CHILD PROTECTION COURSE, WHICH THEY HAVE. THIS MAKES US ALL AWARE ABOUT PUTTING CHILDREN FIRST. ENSURING THAT THEY CAN PLAY FOOTBALL IN A SAFE AND POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT, FREE FROM BULLYING, VIOLENCE OR SEXUAL ABUSE. SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB ARE FIRMLY BEHIND AND SUPPORT THIS CAMPAIGN.



The visit of the oldest club in the country today sees an old face visit the County Ground.

TODAY'S VISITORS



THIS SEASON

Ins: Duncan Jupp (Wimbledon), Simon Ramsden [Sunderland - loan]

Outs: Mark Warren (Colchester), Gary Owers (Forest Green), David Cross (Hampton and Richmond), Marcel Cas (Sheffield United)

Last five games: WWWDL Odds for relegation: 8/1

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

Top scorer: Mark Stallard (22)

LAST SEASON

Position last year: 18 (Div Two)
Biggest win: 4-0 (v Bury)
Biggest defeat: 1-4 (v Oldham)
Top scorer: Danny Allsopp (27)
Most league apps: Danny Allsopp (50)

HISTORY BOOK

Formed: 1862
Biggest win: 15-0 v Rotherham
United (24/10/1885)
BIGGEST DEFEAT: 1-9 v Blackburn
Rovers (16/11)
Most capped player: Kevin Wilson
(Northern Ireland: 15)
Most league goals: Les Bradd
(124: 1967/78)
Biggest buy: Craig Short £685,000
Record against the Town: Town
wins 21, County wins, 19 Draws &

NOTTS COUNTY

Steve Mildenhall, who joined the Magpies during the summer of 2001, has recently returned to County's starting line-up after a prolonged period on the bench and looks set to face messrs Parkin, Invincibile and Sabin this afternoon. Town fans will remember the integral part he played in Town's survival at the back end of the 2000/01 season when he seized Bart Griemink's suspension and he subsequently won the Player of the Year Award for his impressive displays between the sticks.

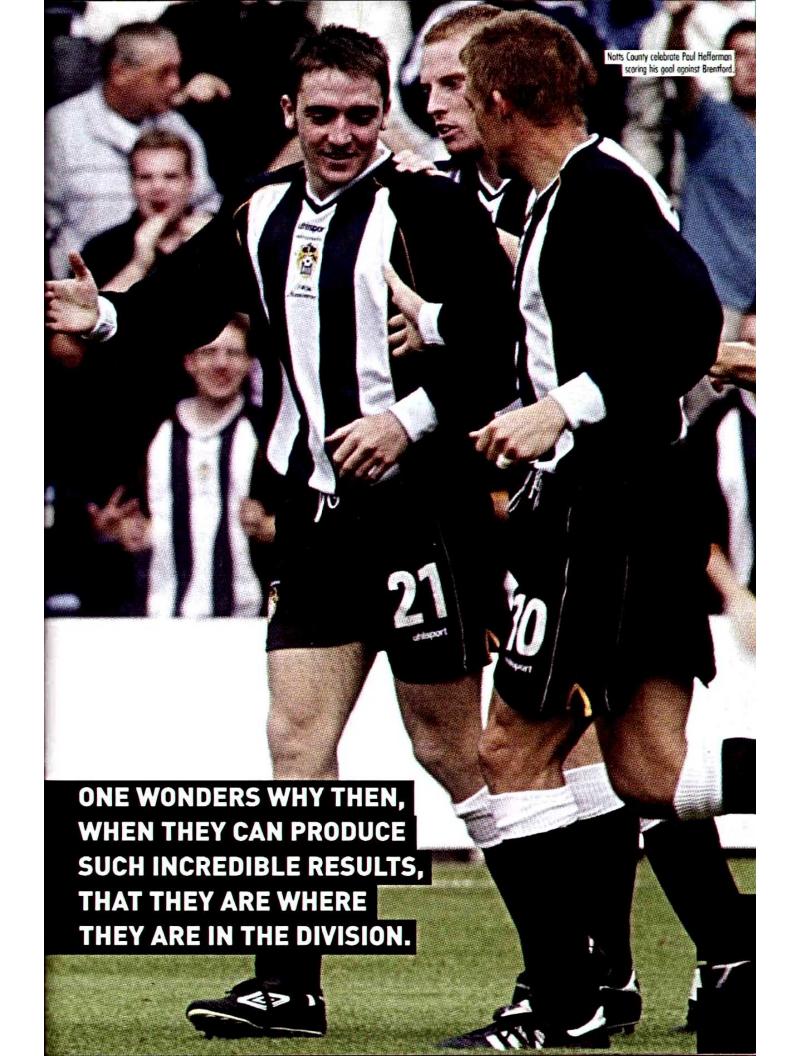
Mildy's resurgence this time around (for he suffered a loss of form at the beginning of the season) has coincided with the Magpies upturn in fortunes that preceded last weeks two defeats. Billy Dearden's side were slowly edging away from the bottom four too after what has been another campaign encapsulated by under achievement – but events of the last week, with a disappointing home draw against Chesterfield and a defeat at the hands of Northampton (sound familiar?) have left the Magpies just six points above the drop zone.

Notts County have, for the last few years, struggled at the wrong end of the division despite having one of the most potentially talented squads (and most expensive – hence the Club experiencing some financial problems in the last year or two) and are becoming one of the game's most famous perennial under-achievers. Each year bookies continue to place them amongst the early pre-season favourites to go up, yet each year they continue to flatter to deceive and this year has been no different, although there have been signs that better times lay ahead. Before the Chesterfield draw County had won four of their previous five games, including victories against the likes of Bristol City and Cardiff (at Ninian Park). One wonders why then, when they can produce such incredible results, that they are where they are in the division.

Once again a poor start was the catalyst to another poor campaign and Billy Dearden has been left frustrated by his sides' lack of achievement. One win in their first ten games (albeit against Crewe) left them floundering and despite containing the likes of Darren Caskey, Danny Allsopp and Mark Stallard the Magpies have leaked goals and seen them at a premium at the other end. They've subsequently had a massive hill to climb and although successful until now, another couple of defeats could well see them get dragged into the bottom four — especially if those at the bottom keep winning.

Goals from Mark Stallard, Danny Allsopp and Paul Heffernan played a huge part in County's brief revival and they will have to be watched closely this afternoon yet should County survive the drop then there will still be those at Meadow Lane that will be wondering why they can't apply the same kind of form from the start of the season.

Let's just hope four our sake that come 4.45pm on Saturday, Steve Mildenhall will be the busier of the two keepers and that County's faithful will be reeling from another defeat otherwise we could see the Magpies 'stealing' our league position Dearden's side just one point behind us.



THE GAFFER THE SQUAD



BILLY DEARDEN

Billy Dearden was appointed manager of Notts County on January 7 2002, a day after resigning from his post at Mansfield Town to take up the position at Meadow Lane. He replaced Gary Brazil as Magpies manager with his predecessor continuing at the Club as coach and Director of Youth Football. Bill started his playing career at Oldham Athletic part-time and in 1964 at the age of 21, he began playing full-time. He left Oldham in 1966 and went to Crewe Alexandra and during that time the club gained promotion from the Fourth to the Third Division, 18 months later he signed for Chester City but his big break came in 1970 when he signed for Sheffield United and played there for six years. In his time at Bramall Lane Bill played over 160 games and scored 70 goals. He continued at Chester City for 12 months but when Arthur Cox left to go to Chesterfield, Bill followed and became player/coach at Saltergate before being appointed Assistant Manager in 1981. He stayed at Chesterfield until 1983 when he left to join Mansfield Town where he was later offered the post of First Team Coach. He left the club in 1994 and went to take a position at Port Vale as Assistant Manager to John Rudge. In June 1999 he was invited to return to Field Mill and was offered the job as Mansfield Town Manager, which he duly accepted, replacing Steve Parkin who went on to manage Rochdale, then Barnsley.

Managerial track record

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STEVE MILDENHALL (K'per)

Steve is one of the brightest stars in the Nationwide League. A former Player of the Year here at the County Ground, Notts moved quickly to secure his signature despite reported interest form Sunderland and Arsenal. Has recently reclaimed his number one spot with some outstanding performances.

RICHARD LIBURD [mid]

Very much a talisman for the club and one of the crowd favourites. Richard Liburd has cemented his place in the squad as a player able to fill in numerous positions, and has also revealed a talent for scoring crucial goals. Returned to the team in the relegation run-in last season and has overcome to produce some of his best form of late.

NICKY FENTON Idefl

Signed from Manchester City last season for £150,000, Nicky was actually in his second term with Notts after a loan spell the previous season. A very pacy, composed defender who slotted into the side last season with consummate ease and is hugely popular with the fans. performances belie his young years and as one of the club's main performers, able to operate in the centre or on the right hand side of the defence with great ability.

IAN RICHARDSON (def)

Club Captain Ian Richardson, known as Rico, is currently the longest serving playing at Notts County. His whole hearted and tough tackling style have made Rico a favourite at the club. His will to win and pace. despite his seniority, have been a vital part of the heart of the Magpies

defence. His versatility has also seen him play at left-back and in midfield with great effect.

CRAIG IRELAND (def)

Signed by former manager Jocky Scott, Craig is a tough centre-back whose aerial ability enables him to snuff out the opposition's threat in the air. A no-nonsense performer with a lot of strength, and after an injury to lan Richardson formed a strong alliance with both Ian Richardson and Nicky Fenton.

KEVIN NICHOLSON (mid)

Notts were able to nip them to the player's signature after he impressed against the Magpies in a game at Meadow lane. A player who can deputise anywhere on the left hand side of the team. Kevin has been in and out of the side this season.



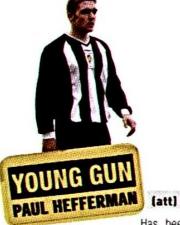
After a season in which he proved his reputation as one of the finest strikers in Division Two. Stallard spent a frustrating 2001/02 trying to shake off a hernia injury. Mark has



recently entered into the goal-scorers record books at Notts after passing the fifty league goal mark. His strength, creativity and finishing prowess have proved fruitful this season, making him the clubs leading goal-scorer with over 20 goals.

PAUL BOLLAND (def)

Spent another season ravaged with injury last time out, but showed once again that few can match his work rate and commitment to the side. Paul's never-say-die attitude has made him popular with Billy Dearden and if he can avoid the injury problems which have dogged him recently, he will remain a firm figure in the first team. Bolland has also impressed at right-back recently.



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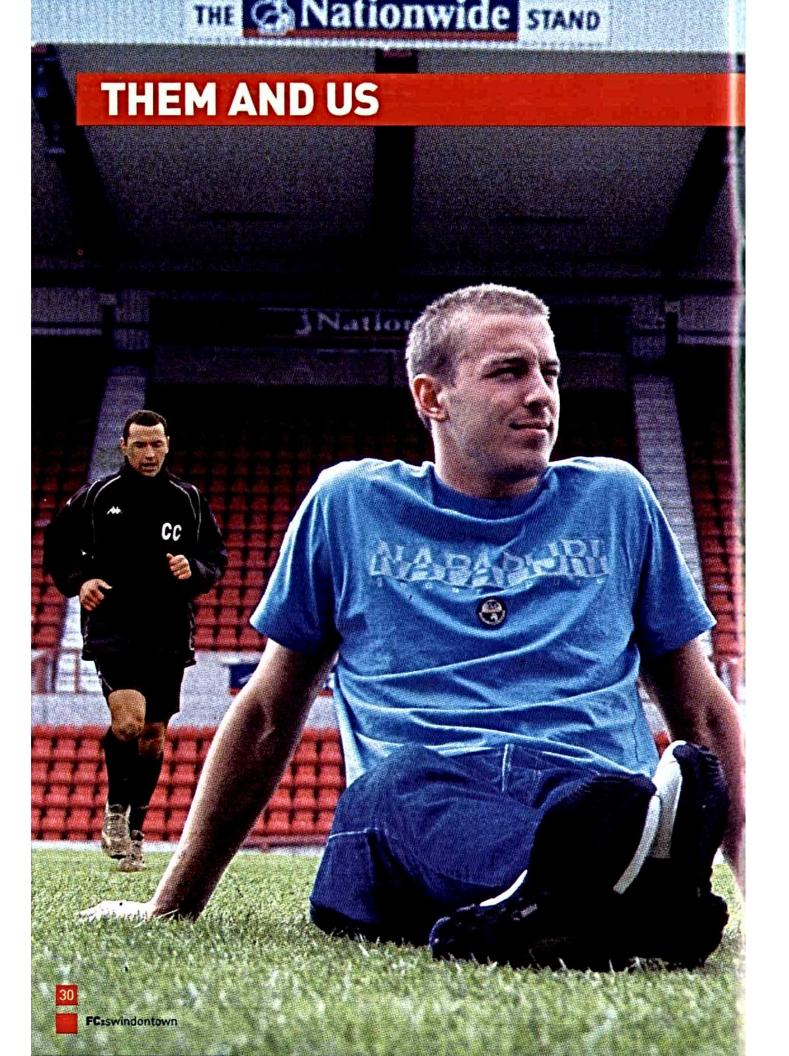
touted for two years as a star of the future, and when Mark Stallard suffered injury, Heffernan grabbed his chance with both hands. Despite his age, Heffernan possesses maturity far beyond his years and is as cool as they come in front of goal. Heffernan's frightening pace and eye for goal have made him a regular alongside Mark Stallard.

MICHAEL BROUGH (mid)

Nottingham born and bred, Michael is another player who will give his all for the side. Brough has again been impressive when called upon this season, making himself a regular on the team sheet and despite a few injuries has impressed when representing the Welsh Under 21 side.

AND THE REST

STUART GARDEN, SAUL DEENEY, DANNY STONE, IAN BARACLOUGH. RICHARD HOLME, PAUL RILEY, DARREN CASKEY, WILLIS FRANCIS, TONY HACKWORTH. DANNY ALLSOPP, SHAUN HARRAD



THIS WEEK SOME MORE FAMILIAR NAMES, ESPECIALLY FOR OUR YOUNGER FANS. COLIN CALDERWOOD, A LEGEND HERE AT THE COUNTY GROUND, WHO WENT ON TO MEADOW LANE UPON LEAVING SWINDON AND STEVE MIDENHALL, WHO COULD WELL BE IN THE VISITORS' GOAL TONIGHT.

'Mildy' soaks up the surshine at the County
Ground before his move to Meadow Lane

Signed by Macari using the money generated from the sale of Colin Bailie to Reading and Gary Nelson to Plymouth, £27,500 was certainly well invested in 21 year-old Colin Calderwood. It was a disappointment that the opportunity to feature both him and Bailie in the Swindon defence together was denied. The coolness of both would have produced a positively arctic rearguard.

Promoted to captain, the responsibility appeared to calm a wayward streak as Stranraer-born Colin embarked on a run of appearances that cemented him in the heart of Town's defence. He proved ever-present for his first two seasons at Swindon, a period that brought successive promotions and culminated in Division Two status.

Calderwood had begun his career at

Mansfield, making his debut in an away win at Crewe in March 1982. Over the next three seasons, he added a further 99 League appearances to his total, scoring his only goal as a Stag in the last match of 1983/84. Immortalised for collecting two trophies at Wembley on behalf of Swindon, Colin developed into as good a centre back as the club has had, calm under pressure and playing the game with consummate authority. Leading the club on the field to three promotions, he has the distinction of playing in all the divisions of the Football League, but sadly didn't feature in the Premiership for Swindon. In the summer of 1993 and with the Division One Play-off Winners trophy safely stowed in the boardroom, Colin chose to further his career with a move to Tottenham rather than chance his arm with Swindon's ultimately doomed bid to stay in the Premiership. It was a decision that while disappointing

everyone at the County Ground, couldn't

be seen as anything other than fair reward. No-one begrudged the Scot the opportunity to try his hand at what was undeniably a bigger club.

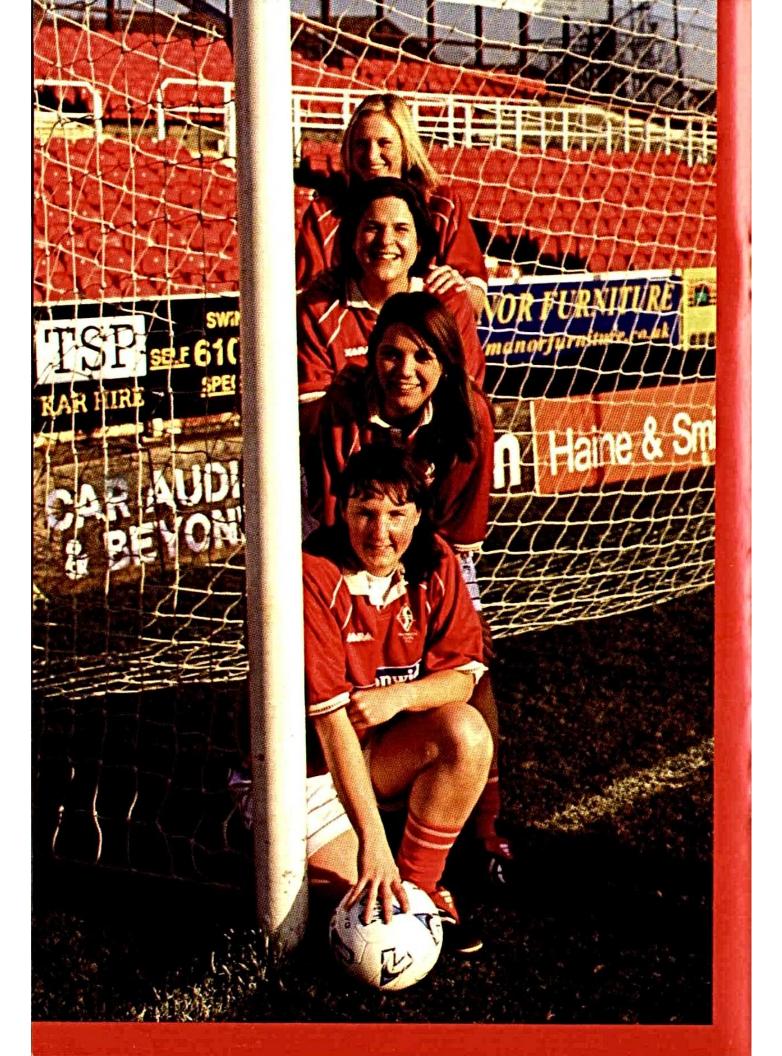
After 330 games for Swindon, Calderwood was to turn in more than another 160 matches at White Hart Lane and take his career onto the international stage. Gaining 36 Scottish caps he plied his trade at the World Cup in France in 1998, taking to the field in the 2-1 defeat by Brazil. A move to Aston Villa and then Nottingham Forest saw Colin play another 34 games, and then in March 2001, he made the short trip across the Trent to Notts County where he made the last five appearances of his career in Division Two. For our visitors here today, sadly, County were unable to manage a win amongst them and surely as sadly, Calderwood was not to play in the 2-1 win for County at the County Ground in April. Many a Swindon supporter would have liked the chance to say goodbye, even if it was to see his new team claim the points.

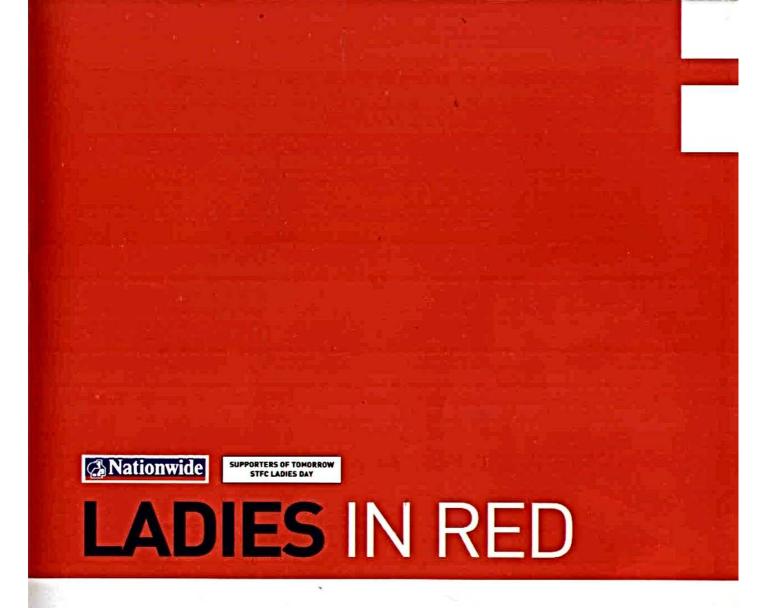
There aren't too many goalkeepers who can claim to be taller than Bart Griemink, but County's Steve Mildenhall justifies the tag. At 6'4" the Swindon born keeper out-strips Bart by an inch. But Steve made his Town debut in very unusual circumstances in an away game at Tranmere on January 10 1997. With four minutes to go and Town 2-1 down, Steve McMahon brought Mildenhall on as a replacement for midfielder Kevin Watson, asking him to use his aerial presence to cause problems for the Rovers defence. Unfortunately, the ploy failed and Town returned to Wiltshire without a point. The Division One game at Portsmouth on October 31 1997 saw 19 year-old Mildenhall make a more conventional

start when Digby failed a late fitness test. While a first half Chris Hay goal secured the points for Town, Steve will remember the game for a much more painful reason. A collision with Pethick resulted in six stitches to an intimate and sensitive region, the sort of injury that would have had every man in the country wincing in sympathy. Steve showed he had the... um... bottle to continue to the end of the game, grab the man of the match award and help Town to a victory which took Swindon to the top of the First Division table.

In five seasons at the County Ground, Mildy deputised for a succession of keepers, including Jimmy Glass and current custodian Griemink before staking a claim to the first team shirt by deposing Bart in January 2001, hanging on to it to the end of the season. It was reward for his patience that he finally made 23 appearances to the end of the campaign, more than twice as many as he had achieved in the previous four years. So there was some surprise when he was allowed to leave in the summer of 2001, just days after signing a new contract. In truth, as allways, money was the determining factor and Steve left for Nottingham just as he looked as though he would start the new season as first choice.

26 Notts County games featured Mildenhall in the number one shirt last season where he shared goalkeeping duties at Meadow Lane with Stuart Garden. Having dropped to second from bottom of the Second Division table in March, County hauled themselves clear to finish six points ahead of fourth-frombottom Bournemouth. They look set for a more comfortable finish this term and Steve, who celebrates his 25th birthday in May, is now establishing himself as a regular campaigner.





In keeping with our 'Ladies Day' here at the County Ground, Nick Judd took time out to quiz some of Town's female stars on the Women's game, it's growing popularity and hopes for the future.

The fact that the England's female football team have been set the ambitious target of winning the 2007 Women's World Cup by the country's FA speaks volumes about the development of the game in this country.

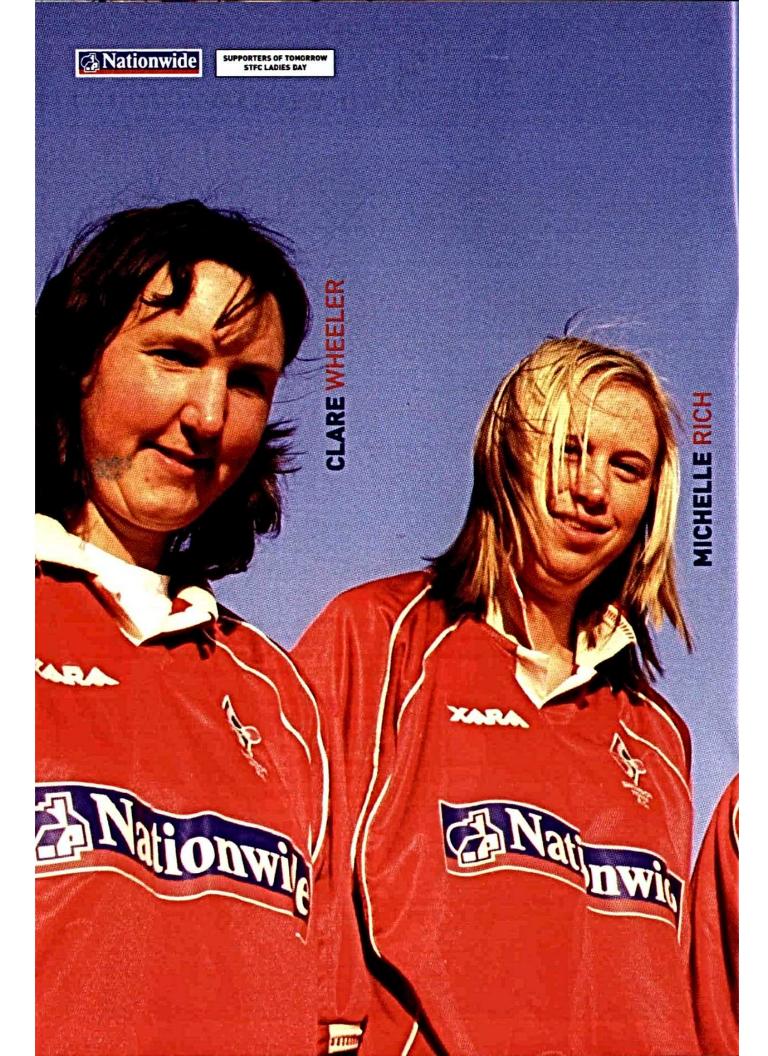
In fact, since the FA took over stewardship of the women's game in England in 1993 women's soccer has become the fastest growing sport in the country and in two years time, we're set to host the Women's European Championships. As a result, initiatives such as Nationwide's Supporters of Tomorrow are becoming more and more apparent as the game tries to take it to the next level - hence the special ladies issue of the match day programme you see before you today.

The Supporters of tomorrow scheme is an attempt by Nationwide, in association with a number of clubs including STFC, to promote the Women's game, not only in terms of players to take up the sport, but also supporters to go and watch it too (both men's and women's football). As a result we'll have many local ladies teams in

the crowd this afternoon, as well as a number local schools who will come and watch Town take on Notts County. There will also be a seven-a-side game between two local ladies teams at half time, as well as a game between two local schools.

Not only that, but the County Ground is also playing host to the FA Women's Premier League Cup Final on March 30, when Arsenal play Fulham in front of the SKY cameras. So in keeping with today's ladies theme - we decided to check out our local talent (pardon the pun) and spoke to four members of the Swindon Town ladies team. Louise Corcoran, Clare Wheeler, Kim Reeves and Michelle Rich Have all played for the mighty Reds for a number of years and as we'll soon find out, have seen the game grow, not only in Swindon but also nationally as well.

Unfortunately discerning young ladies wishing to pursue a career in football can often hit a number of brick walls. There is still an element of taboo concerning women's involvement in what may believe to be a 'man's' game - not only that but the actual, physical number of opportunities can be limited. "I was fortunate enough to have played at school, as were Louise and Clare - but even if you play at Junior School you are then faced with the secondary schools - and to be fair they can't insure girls playing after the age



of 11 - so it can be difficult," explains midfielder Kim Reeves, Clare Wheeler agrees, "I was fortunate to play a little bit at school, but I mostly played in the street with family and friends when I started out."

Swindon Town has its own youth set up. Coleview Girts are where many of Town's current players started, and they now have teams that cater for all age groups including under 10s, 12s and 14s. "We have girls join us at a young age and stay. with us for a few years," says Roger Reeves, First Team Manager (John White is second team manager and Club Secretary). "We offer some regular training and games at a fairly good standard in a strong league and many of the girls that join us at an early age stay with us until they reach the senior side." Kim Reeves, Roger's daughter, is one such player, "I've been with Swindon Town for nine years now and I love it, I'm now captain and so would love to keep

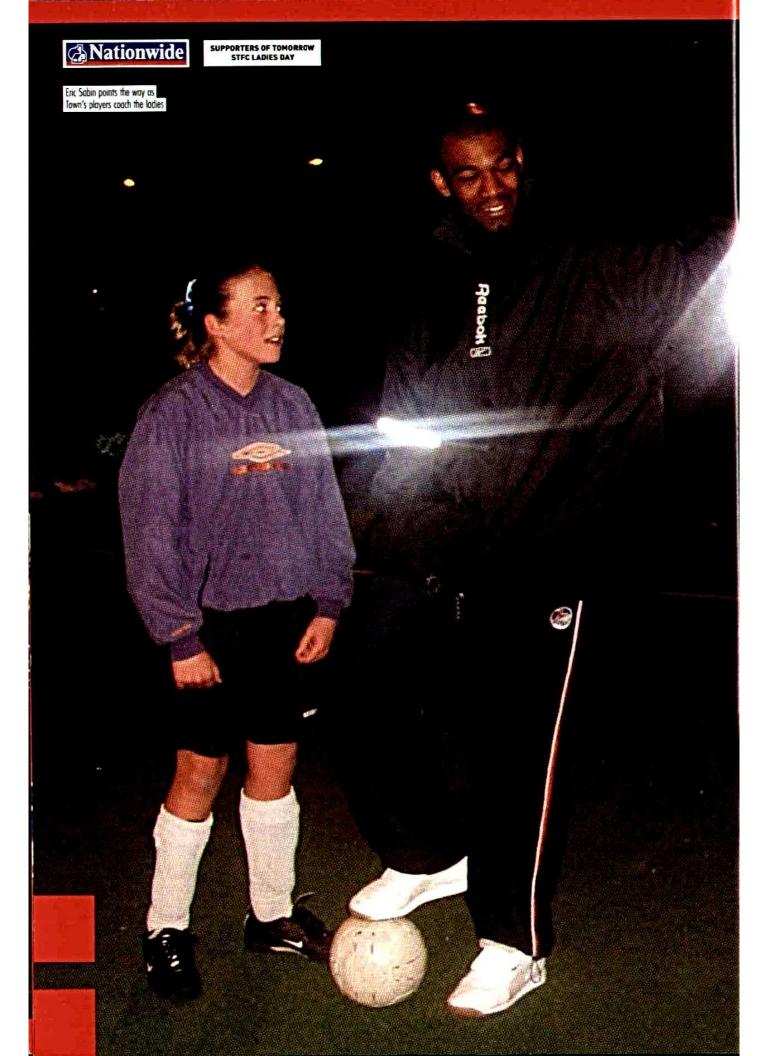
poing for as long as possible - especially having seen the side develop as it has over the years.

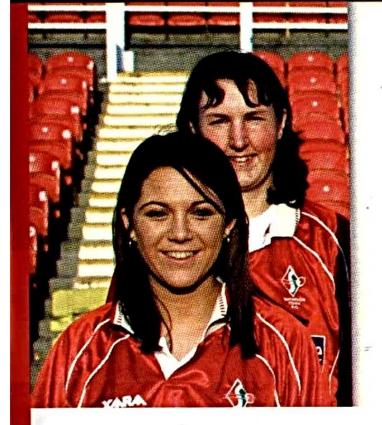
Last season Swindon Ladies linished fourth in the South West Combination League (which, to you and I, is two premotions below the lies of Fulham and Arsenal) Unfortunately this year things started badly but have now improved and Town are now mid-table. Several youngsters have come in for those that have moved away to university, new pastures or are retired. "The standard is quite good, " explained Michelie. "There are three clubs in the area." although Wootton Bassett and Swindon Splitfires play in lower leagues, but when we have met the games have always been keenly contested." And it's not just Wiltshire in which the number of teams has increased. Organised women's football has boomed under the FA, the last eight years having seen a ten-fold increase in teams.

from 500 to 4,500. These figures are in stark contrast to the dark days of the mid-20th century for women's soccer, which for practically 50 years was effectively banned as an organised sport - ironically, by he Fa

The sport had mushroomed during the first world war, when women working in factories organised frams and played matches which were often used to raise money for the war effort. One such team, Dick Kerr Ladies, became the standard bearer for women's soccer and a huge draw for charity matches both at home and abroad. They almost always attracted crowds in excess of 10,000 and often well above that figure. On Boxing Day of 1920, for instance, there was an attendance of 53,000 for their match against St Helens at Everton FC's Goodison Park. That was a match too far for football's ruling powers. who perceived the growing popularity of









the women's game as a threat to the previously total domination of men.

It was in 1970, eight years (and many more of poor organisation) after the Women's FA had taken over from the ELFA as the sport's governing body, that the Football Association lifted its ban on women's soccer. Two years later England played its first official women's international and Sylvia Gore - the former England striker known as 'the Denis Law' of the women's game - was one of the scorers in a 3-2 win against Scotland.

Under the WFA, standards began to rise at club as well as international level, but it was not until the FA took overall control 21 years later that the real boom in women's soccer began. At the grass roots level the establishment of coaching centres and after-school clubs encouraged youngsters to take up the game, while at the elite end of the scale a number of Soccer Academies - with professional coaches and top class facilities - fine-tuned the better players towards senior club and international football.

For Swindon's stars the lure of international football is great, if not a bit far fetched (in fact they all laughed when I suggested that they play for their country!). With that said there are one or two players at under 16 level that have been on the fringes of the international scene. But for the likes of Reeves, Wheeler,

Corcoran and Rich - representation comes at County level - whilst the opportunities provided at Swindon have been far greater than many areas. "The Wiltshire squad is pretty much made up of our players — with one or two from other clubs, " enthuses Corcoran. "Most of our team represent Wiltshire and so it's like playing for Town when we play for the County. Even so, it's nice to have your efforts recognised by someone else and it's nice to play for the County. Our team is made up of players from all over the area and so people recognise how good the set up is - and that is reflected in the fact that we all play for Wiltshire"

Such is the growing interest in women's football that even the male players are starting to acknowledge it. Several weeks ago David Duke, Eric Sabin, Steve Robinson and Matty Heywood trained the ladies sides and the girls admit that it was a timely boost. "We're not all Town fans, but most of us do follow how they get on and it was nice to have them come down," explains Reeves (of the Kim variety), "I used to sell programmes, as did Clare and so we have been connected with the Club. But just having the players down meant a nice change for us - training isn't boring but it's nice to have professional footballers come and take time out to coach you." Duke is no stranger to managing women's side, the Scotsman coaching a team north of the border a few years ago. "I used

to love it I must admit - the standard is very, very high and the difference is that the girls are really keen to learn."

Swindon's ultimate ambition, for the time being, is to join those that have turned professional. Fulham, who visit the County Ground in a week's time, turned 'pro' two years ago and since then Arsenal, Fulham's opponents have turned semi-pro, with Doncaster Belles announcing similar intentions soon after. Professionalism is a long way off for Swindon, with all of their players either working, at College or still at school. Yet for now they're quite content to ride the current wave of optimism that women's football is currently enjoying. "I think Sky has done a lot for our game, and it's good for us to be fair, " says Wheeler. "Before Sky we never really had any coverage and now games such as the Cup Final are beingshown which raises awareness amongst people who wouldn't really take an interest otherwise - and that spreads out to the lower end of the pyramid."

The events of this weekend will certainly raise a few eyebrows, albeit if only a number of women turn up to today's game. Let's just hope that the lads keep them interested with a victory against Notts County. If not, we could always go and learn something of their female counterparts - you'd certainly be pleasantly surprised...



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With the end of the season just a few weeks away now we still have one or two dates available in May for any company who would like to hold their Company football match on the County Ground pitch. The package includes the use of the pitch for a 90 minute game, official referee and two assistants, use of both the home/away dressing rooms, a post match buffet for up to 30 guests and a pay bar facility in the Executive Lounge. If you are interested and would like to know more details on the prices and availability please give me a call on 01793 333719.





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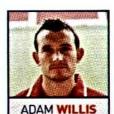
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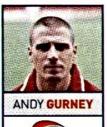
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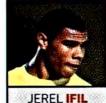


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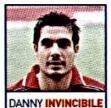


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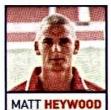


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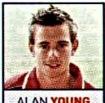
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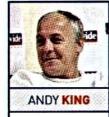
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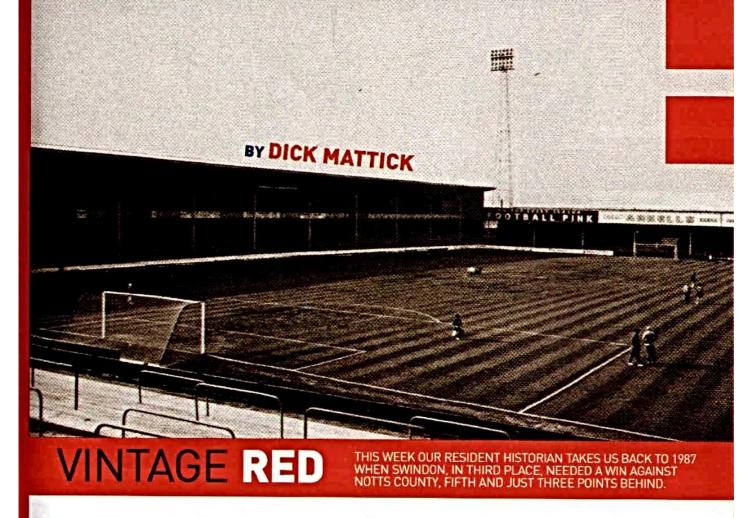


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In 1948 Swindon gained one of their most memorable Cup victories when Billy Lucas scored the only goal at the County Ground in the Fourth Round tie against a Notts County side including England centre forward Tommy Lawton. Perhaps the saddest match against today's visitors came in December 1962. Swindon recorded a 3-1 victory but Terry Wollen sustained a broken leg which virtually ended his football career.

Today's feature match took place on the evening of April 28 1987, at Meadow Lane. Swindon were lying in third position in the Division Three table just three points behind Middlesbrough while Notts County with three points less and a game more played were fifth and still had hopes of a play off position. The first half was an even affair with Swindon having a good chance to take the lead after 12 minutes. Leigh Barnard was through but delayed his shot just too long and enabled Mick Leonard in the magpies goal to block the shot with his legs. Just before half time County took the lead with their sixth corner of the match. This was cleared to Keith Downing whose centre was flicked on by Craig Jackson to David Hunt who

sneaked in unnoticed to power a header past Fraser Digby in the Town goal.

After 12 minutes of the second half Lou-Macari brought on Dave Bamber for Steve White. It proved an inspired move as Bamber was still smarting from being dropped from the team of the previous weekend. It took the combined efforts of a parry by Leonard and a clearance kick by Darren Davies to keep out his shot after he had only been on the pitch for four minutes and in the 67th minute he rose to meet a free kick from Phil King and Davies could do no more than divert it past his goalkeeper. Eleven minutes later Town took the lead with one of the most memorable bits of quick thinking I have ever seen on a football pitch. A corner had been cleared and as the home defence raced out the ball broke to Colin Calderwood. With a move reminiscent of a rugby match he met the ball on the volley and lobbed it over the advancing defence defeating the intending offside trap and running on to smash the ball into the County goal. Swindon's lead lasted just two minutes as a half-headed clearance fell to lan McPartland whose shot went straight through Digby's legs. Six minutes

from time however came the goal that was to prove decisive. Calderwood centred and the ball was neatly chested down by Peter Coyne to Bryan Wade. 'The Badger' had only got a place due to Jimmy Quinn being on duty with Northern Ireland and he proved a more than adequate replacement swivelling to hit home a left foot shot despite being tackled. Swindon went on to gain promotion through the play offs while further defeats by Bristol City and Bury saw County's play off hopes fade.

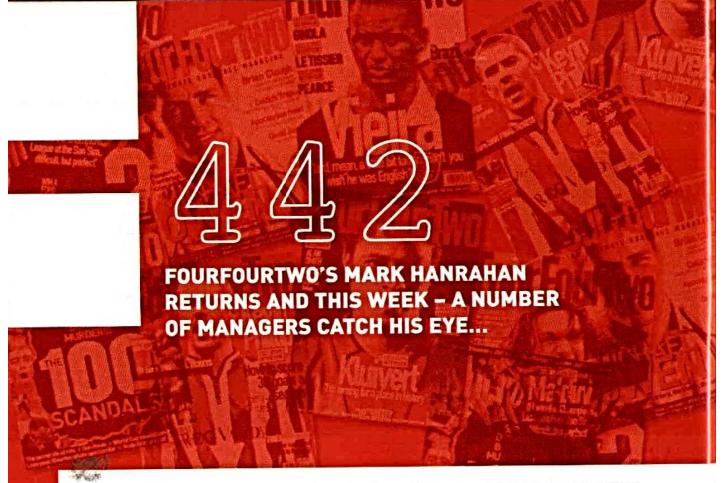
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Notts County: Leonard, Smalley Davies, Thompson, Jackson (Kevan 68), Hunt, McParland, Goodwin, Young, Fairclough and Downing.

Attendance: 6.354

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Who says managers rarely enjoy the high media profile of their playing charges? This week it's been all about the game's big cheeses as a series of high profile stories have forced the proverbial 'gaffers' to vent their spleens (although they have thus far refrained from joining their players in venting their saliva glands) on a variety of topics affecting their clubs, careers and in some cases their personal lives. From booze, to spitting, from unemployment to pastures new, all the big boys have been out to play this week — enjoy!

England Manager Sven Goran Eriksson has rejected Sir Alex Ferguson's recent claim that he had been lined up to take over as manager of Manchester United. Ferguson had suggested in a broadsheet newspaper article that the current England boss had 'shaken hands' with the Old Trafford club prior to Fergie's dramatic U-turn on his retirement and his signing of a new three-year contract. Eriksson said: "I've not been talking to, or negotiating, with any clubs - you can ask my agent. And if Athol Still (Sven's agent) had talks with United, he never talked to me about it. If I say something I have to stand up to it. So how many times shall I say no?" Leaving us fans in the clear

again. Cheers chaps! Former Swindon Town goal scoring hero, and Aberdeen Assistant Manager Duncan Shearer found himself dramatically thrown to the helm on Saturday after Don's boss Steve Patterson failed to turn up for his club's weekend fixture. Aberdeen CEO, Keith Wyness, warned the recently appointed boss Paterson that the Dons would not tolerate further drink-related absenteeism. Paterson missed his sides 3-3 draw with Dundee on Saturday due to illness caused by excessive drinking. Wyness and chairman Stewart Milne have vowed to stand by Paterson following the weekend incident. The 44-year-old openly admitted the reason he was not at the game and has confessed that he is fighting a drink related illness. Wyness, who conceded Paterson's honesty had saved his job at the club, said: "If Steve had expressed any form of denial he would have been sacked. He will be disciplined and has been warned that if there is a repeat he will be dismissed immediately. But he was so up front and honest that we decided to give him the support he needs at this time. We will provide all the best professional help available to ensure that Steve is able to fulfill his undoubted potential." Liverpool supremo Gerard Houllier has admitted he is "autted" by some of the criticism directed at his Senegalese star El Hadji Diouf after his spitting incident last week. Despite disciplining the current African Footballer of the Year, Houllier has reaffirmed his support for Diouf, who attracted waves of very public disgust after spitting at Celtic fans in his clubs UEFA Cup quarterfinal first leg at Celtic Park. The matter is due to be investigated by UEFA before Thursday's return clash at Antield, and Diouf may also face criminal charges. The Senegalese striker will not play in the return leg of the Celtic clash because Houllier does not want his misdemeanor to overshadow the game. The Frenchman fined Diouf two weeks' wages and he believes that the 22-yearold has now been sufficiently punished by the club for his actions, "There are those who should know this club better who are saying he should never play for Liverpool again. I have to say I am gutted by these comments. We are talking of a player who is just 22. He has done wrong - we have acknowledged that -and he's been punished, but is there no such thing as forgiveness?"

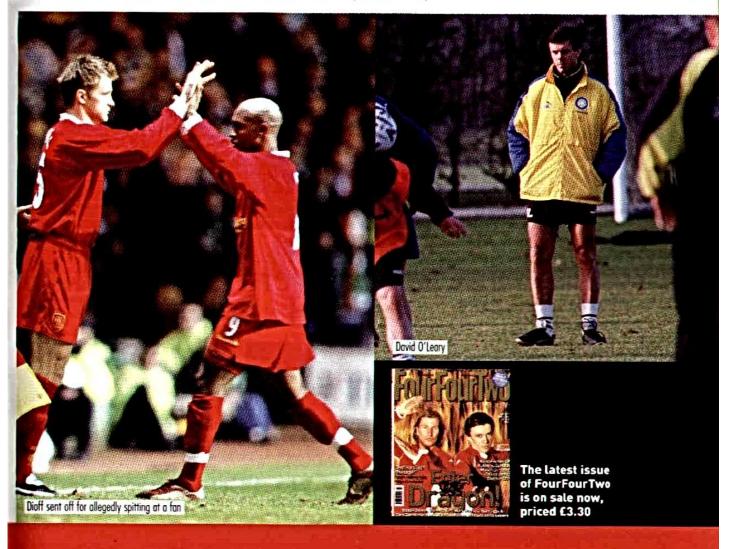
Christophe Dugarry's own spitting incident in the controversial clash with Midland rivals Aston Villa has left boss Steve Bruce pleading for reason and understanding. Bruce has publicly defended his mercurial French ace in the hope that he will not be charged with misconduct by the Football Association. There have been widespread reports that a misconduct rap will hit the French World Cup winner this week after Dugarry allegedly spat at Villa midfielder Joey Gudjonsson during the turbulent local derby. Bruce was quick to point out that no charges were leveled at Liverpool's Stephane Henchoz, who allegedly spat towards Sheffield United boss Neil Warnock at Anfield. Bruce remarked, "There is noone who hates to see someone spit at someone more than I do. It is frowned upon in our country and is a horrible, horrible thing. I have to say that when you go abroad it happens. In Christophe's case he has told me he did not mean to spit at

the player. He spat on the floor in disgust at what he had said. I keep reading that the FA are going to charge him - but he has done nothing. The same thing happened at Liverpool with Neil Warnock a few weeks ago. I just hope it goes away and we can put it to bed. I have said to Christophe that in this country and at this club one thing we cannot condone is spitting. But he has assured me he was spitting on the floor. It was a Gallic gesture."

Finally, and somewhat surprisingly, David O'Leary has this week suggested he has not given up hope of a return to management with Leeds despite his sacking nine months ago. O'Leary spent nearly four seasons at Elland Road, taking Leeds to the latter stages of UEFA Cup, Champions League, and guiding them to fourth, third and fifth place Premiership

finishes during his reign. His dismissal led to a public war of words with under fire chairman Peter Ridsdale. O' Leary has since settled a compensation dispute with the club early last month in a deal said to be worth £2m to the former Eire World Cup hero.

However, despite a series of high profile bust-ups with the Elland Road Chairman the currently unemployed Irishman would love another crack with Leeds, telling Sky Sports, "I've not ruled out managing Leeds again. I haven't. I've a long time to go now in football and I'll have no quairns going back. I'd be proud to go back to Leeds United at some time if the situation is right. I think the crowd would have me back so I haven't ruled it out in any way by the time I finish management. I'd be quite pleased to do it."



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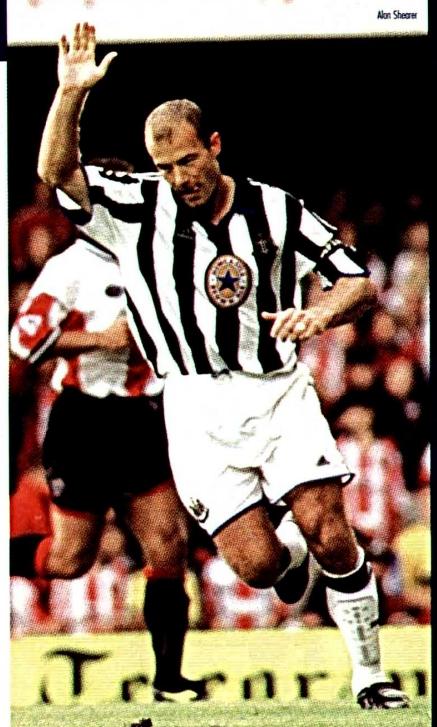
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He is one of the best captains
England has had in my generation,
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player at each club he's played
for, money did not do the talking
when he returned to play for his
boyhood club, and he's one of the
personalities of the footballing
world. Guess who?

Well it's Alan Shearer of course. Perhaps a little explanation is required on a few of the above comments. The first is just my personal opinion. Shearer was instrumental in the national team's success in Euro 96 when England got to the semi-finals; it was a team that did not play brilliantly (apart from demolishing Holland) but had a fighting spirit instilled in them from their captain.

Shearer proved to be quite a player at his first club Southampton where he joined as an apprentice. So much so he scored thirty goals in one season only to be sold for a British record to Blackburn Rovers, where he went on to score over thirty goals for two more seasons in the four he was at Ewood Park and so make another record. Without this number 9, Jack Walker would never have laid his hands on the league title. History was made again when the striker became the world's most expensive transfer. shearer turned down superbly lucrative offers to play at just about any top flight club across Europe, to join his childhood hero Keegan back in his hometown at Newcastle United. Walker pocketed an £11.4 million profit in the deal.

As for my comment that he is one of the personalities of the game, you may just have to trust me on this one. Yes Shearer is the man who said he was going home to creosote the garden fence the day Blackburn won the title but he was saying this in jest. I have met Shearer just the once but it was enough to convince me that he is nothing like the card-board cut-out

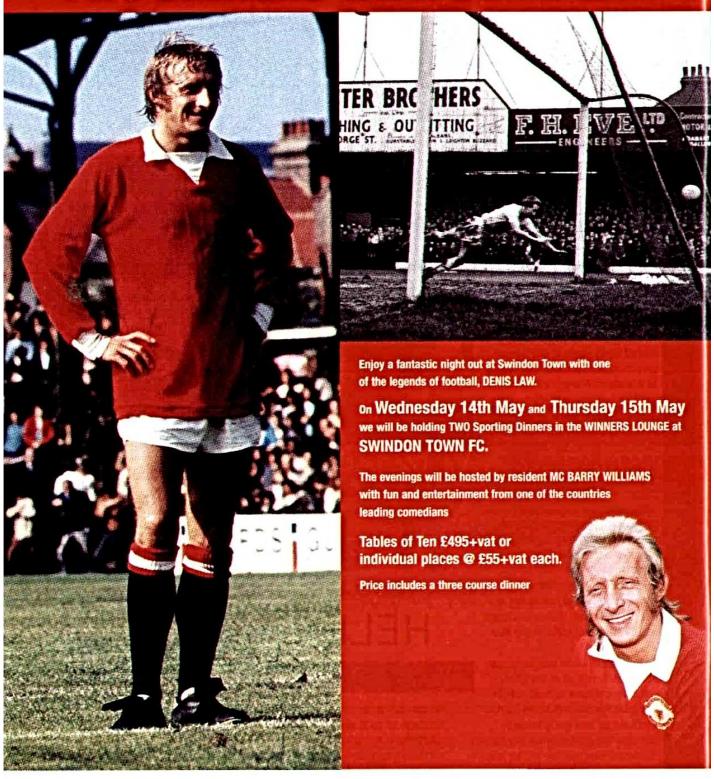


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he appears to be on television, although as soon as I stuck the microphone in front of him, that caricature appeared before my very eyes. As for this great man returning to the England set-up as a player, we're dreaming. Without trying to take anything away from the star, he is only having a tremendously successful season due to the very fact he is not playing Internationals. We need to get behind the players we currently have representing our country and stop living in the past.

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SWINDON TOWN

IN THE COMMUNITY

TODAY WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME PAUL BUTCHER AND HIS TROWBRIDGE WANDERERS UNDER 8S SIDE WHO JOIN US ON OUR SATURDAY TEAM CLUB.

May we also welcome Paul Halstead who has brought his kids from Hudbridge School all the way from London. The Hudbridge lads had a game against Greenmeadow this morning and they will be joining us for a tour of the ground and lunch before the game. To all our guests today - we hope you enjoy your stay with us.

On Wednesday March 5 we were proud to host the South West regional finals of the Smoby Table top competition, which is in its fifth year. The tournament, which took place in the Winners Lounge, was of an exceptionally high standard once again and 14 under 11 players competed. The semi-finals were a tight affair, with Hereford facing Reading and Plymouth taking on Bournemouth. Hereford were 11-6 victors, whilst Plymouth won 12-7 and in the final Plymouth romped home with a 11-3 victory. Everyone was given a £20 gift voucher for WHSmith, medal and certificate. The Plymouth lad now goes on to play in the grand final at the Millennium Stadium. We would like to say a big thank you to the Community Officers and parents that supported this great event.

We would also like to thank the officers and parents for their help in our last fun week. We had more than 200 kids attend the course and it was a fantastic success - we are really looking forward to our next course which takes place in Easter. Once again it's proving to be very popular and so if you are thinking of taking part, then get your applications in to us as soon as possible. The same also applies to Fraser Digby's goalkeeping course. Fraser is taking a one day course at the end of March and for more details - you can contact us on 01793 421303 - remember, places are going by the day!

From all of us enjoy the game and until next time, all the best

Clive, Luke and Jono.







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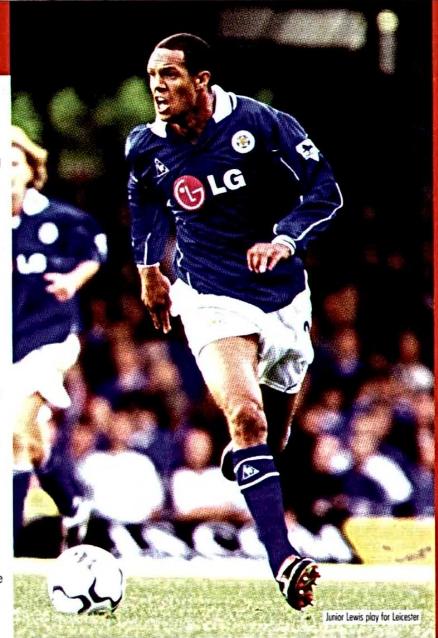


I have come to the conclusion that someone is meddling with time in order to make the football season seem shorter.

My dad first took me to watch my local team in the 1982-83 campaign and I am utterly convinced that that campaign was considerably longer than the present one 20 years later. Just what has changed since that time? We are told there is more football than ever before yet somehow it feels like the opposite. No sooner does the season get underway than it's over. How can we have gone from an opening day win over Barnsley to finding ourselves with less than 10 games to go? I was seriously considering contacting the football authorities or even the X-Files until my girlfriend solved the mystery. Apparently the season just seems shorter because I've turned 30, I think most of the bands on Top of the Pops are rubbish and I'm turning into a bit of an old fa"t! You can imagine how grateful I was to learn the truth.

But back to reality. These notes were penned ahead of Wednesday's clash with Bristol City. I pray that we were able to enjoy a first derby victory of the campaign. The gaffer was hoping to bring in a couple of fresh faces (subject to Football League approval) and with a bit of luck, he (or they) helped us send Danny Wilson's men packing. If the result went against us then our need for three points is obvious.

Those of you who made the trip to Meadow Lane back in October will remember that we played pretty well that night and really should have been out of sight before Notts County grabbed a late leveller. Hopefully we can pick up the full haul of points this time but one visiting player will be desperate to ensure that doesn't happen. Steve Mildenhall is likely to be between the sticks for County this afternoon and the bad news is that my sources in Nottingham tell me he is in fantastic form. And having conceded the only goal of the game when the two teams met here last season (a



JON RITSON

EVENING ADVERTISER

Danny Invincibile cracker in an otherwise wretched encounter), 'Mildy' will no doubt be pulling out all the stops (pardon the pun) to keep a clean sheet. Sorry Mildy, having done so well recently, you must be due a stinker mate. Please make it today.

It's hard to believe that it's just over a fortnight ago that an outside shot at the play-offs was still on. Now we are having to glance nervously over our shoulders. But let's try and help the lads out of the rut and roar them on to victory today. The last thing any of us

want is a nerve-jangling end to the campaign and getting on the players' backs is not going to help.

After today's game we prepare for the long trip to Colchester United. But we should go there in good heart. Our last two visits to Layer Road have ended in victories. Remember Gurns' free-kick there last season? Enjoy the game, get behind the lads and see you all back here for the visit of Huddersfield on April 12. Strange feeling of deja vu there. Haven't we met them before?

















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The result from the Bristol City match will be published in the next programme. However, the previous two winners were, against QPR, R Stevenson who had ticket number 848 and won £387 against Cheltenham, A Vowes who won with ticket number 801 winning £278.

Race night

We have to admit to being a little disappointed at the turnout for this event. We must say a big thank you to all who did attend and we believe they had a thoroughly entertaining evening. We raised several hundred

pounds from the event and thanks go to our race and horse sponsors, we appreciate that support.

Winning 'owners' on the night were sponsors Fred Nash, Chris Tanner, David Eeles, Nigel Bennett, Ian Ratcliffe, Maureen Kirkland, Darren Atkins and Bruce Lockhart, Incidentaly Bruces win was in the race sponsored by Chairman Willie Carson 'The Chairmans Derby' with his horse named "Good old Reevessseeee". Reeveseeee's success continued in part the next day with our only goal at Mansfield!

Events such as this are intended for all supporters and serve a dual purpose - fund raising yes, but also as an opportunity for fans to get together socially.

We would like to run more, but really need to understand what fans would turn out for eg. Race nights, quizes etc. Please let us know and we will try to put on what is demanded, but please let us know so we can start to plan for next season. Any of our half time draw ticket sellers will take

your views or you can write to us C/O The County Ground.

Vale of White Horse Satellite Group

The Vale and White Horse Satellite Group have their next meeting on the April 9. This event will have the usual quiz plus attendance by Matt. Heywood as the group sponsors his playing kit. The venue for the event is Hanney Royal British Legion and will start at 7.30pm. Why not go along and meet last season's Player of the Year.

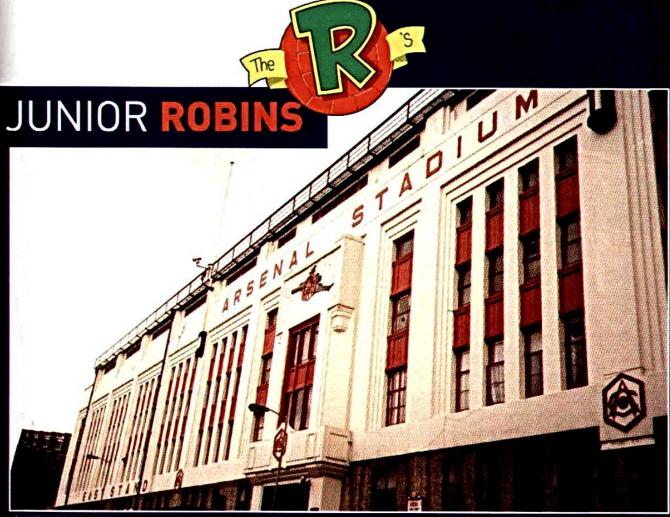
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Highbury stadium

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to all the junior fans here for today's game against Notts County, 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 Totlenham 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

(9) 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

1.2 45(iii) Leave Highbury stop for lunch at Macdonalds(not provided

in cost)

14.00pm Arrive at Natural History Museum
16.00pm Leave Natural History Museum
18.30pm Return to County Ground

The prices for this trip are

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| Child | 83 |
| Junior Robin | £3 |

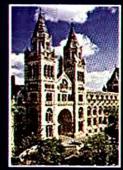
I hope that this is the first of many trips to come and that we can get the support to make these kind of trips a success. If you would like anymore details please do not hesitate to contact myself on

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

Alice Wills

Junior Robins/Schools Project Manager



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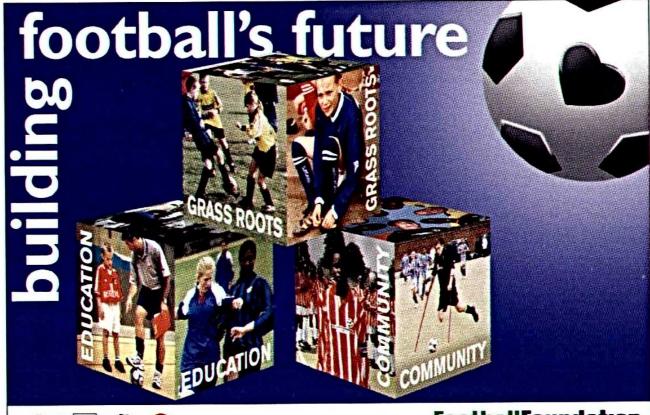
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A warm welcome to today's mascots.

Firstly, we have George Walley from Hayden Wick Primary School. George is seven years old, loves playing football and his favourite player is Stefani Migliroanzi. Next up are Jason and Peter Twyford. Jason is 11 years old and lists amongst his hobbies football and playing on computer games. He supports Manchester United, whilst brother Peter is an Arsenal fan! Peter is eight years old and also likes football and computer games.

To all of our mascots – a warm welcome and enjoy the game!

Also today we must also welcome Gillian and Honald Thomson. The married couple are here today and from all at STFC, (especially Alant) we hope you enjoy your day!





ROCKIN'S POSTBAG

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

Mr Robin,

We were disappointed that you didn't respond to our recent letter inviting you to be on our new TV programme Diet Trials, we were sure that in your overweight condition and high public profile you would be perfect for trying out one of the diets available, maybe we can put you down for the next series?

A Man Holmes

Mr Holmes

You cheeky monkey! Overweight indeed, I'll have you know that I have the physique of a racing snake. A false impression may be given because my feathers get a little ruffled sometimes (I blame referees) and that can make me look a little bulky. And - hardly one to talk yourself, more chins than the Chinese telephone directory I'd say. Not that I think there's anything wrong with keeping in shape and eating healthily. But you're not telling me that Ron Atkins' diet is safe - sounds very dodgy to me, and flouncing around with Billy Connolly doing all those aerobics is definitely not for me - I put my ankle warmers and turquoise lycra suit to bed a long time ago along with the shell suit. A while back I did cut down a bit on the big meals as I felt I might have been able to pinch a bit more than an inch. One day I just fancied a big dinner and I went into the kitchen here at the CG, one of the lads pointed out that all the meat had been placed on a very high shelf to keep it out of temptation's way, he said 'I bet you £50 you can't reach that meat', I replied 'no thanks - the steaks are too high'. So, Mr Holmes I will not be wanting to appear on your little programme but the secret of my perfect figure is to get up early and eat a low-fat worm, and do plenty of leaping around every time Town score - this season Sammy Parkin is keeping me very fit!







01 OFF TO THE POLE!

In April 2003, Norman Butler from Swindon will set off on an epic trek, pulling a 70kg sled 400 miles to the Magnetic North Pole. His journey is expected to take approximately 30 days. He will encounter bitter winds, with temperatures as low as minus 40 degrees, will have to be prepared for falling through the ice into freezing waters and be vigilant against the very real threat of polar bears. He was so unfit in 1996 he could hardly run to the end of his garden. He changed his drinking and smoking ways and in 2001, Norman successfully completed an unsupported row across the Atlantic Ocean, covering 3,143 miles in 82 days. During this voyage, made in his self-built ocean rowing boat 'Spirit of Swindon', which was only 24 feet long and 7 feet wide, he had to overcome many hazards and obstacles including near fatal encounters with freighters, forked lightning, sleep deprivation, exhaustion, storms and 40ft waves. When he decided to take on the rowing challenge he was only a novice rower and had never been to sea. Prior to commencing his preparations for the Polar Race, Norman had never skied or been further north than Leeds. He is aiming to create local history by becoming the first person to have rowed an ocean and to have trekked 400 miles to the North Pole - good luck Norman!!

02 CLOWNING AROUND

Now those of you that know me will know how much I have been waiting for this day. One of our members of staff, who can be pictured here a few years ago dressed as a clown, loves a practical joke. And to be fair he's not bad either - he's now got me twice. But when he laid down the gauntlet last Wednesday by admitting that no-one had got him yet - I thought I'd better bring him down a peg or two. So here you are mate - just remember who does the programme!!

03 MAKING THEIR DAY

Two weeks ago we were lucky enough to meet a plucky

group of individuals from Brimble Hill Special School. The children were treated to a tour of the County Ground courtesy of our touring specialist, Marion Childers - and all seemed to have a good time. The kids comprise two classes at the school and are all eight years old.

04 CHAMP MANAGER TO GIVE AWAY!

We've got three versions of Championship Manager to give away! Championship Manager 4 is the next generation of football management games, offering more player data, leagues and competitions than any other title. All you need to do to get your hands on a copy - is tell which player playing today has played for both Swindon and Notts County. Answers to the usual by Monday April 1 - winners will be listed in the ensuing programme.

05 AND FINALLY

News of a 'Dance for Prospect' - in which a number of bands are trying to raise funds for the Prospect Hospice. As always, this is in the name of charity and is a great cause - so get behind it!

MY SWINDON XI - SPURS TOWN

All of the Town players below also played in N17. FA Cup winners, World Cup finalists, International managers....
Tottenham should be pretty grateful for the contribution Swindon Town have made to their history. Or is that the other way round?

- Kevin Dearden
- 2) David Kerslake
- 3 John Gorman
- 4 Colin Calderwood
- Terry Fenwick
- Neil Ruddock
- 7) Micky Hazard
- Ossie Ardiles
- Shaun Close
- 10) Glenn Hoddle
- 11) Tony Galvin
- Manager Les Allen

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STEVE ROBINSON

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March 22 1978 brought a trip to St James' Park Exeter where Town fought out a 0-0 draw with the Grecians. Three days later Town were in Devon again, gaining a 2-0 win at Plymouth courtesy of goals from Dave Cunningham and Chris Guthrie. It was Cunningham's first goal of the season and Swindon's first win in six games However, most will feel that the most important result of the week was achieved in the 3-2 win at home to Oxford on the 27th. David Moss was the star with a hat-trick, while Oxford finished second despite goals from Peter Foley and Jason Seacole. The outcome left United in 18th place, ten places behind Swindon. Such as it always is.

On March 18 Nottingham Forest had drawn 0-0 at Wembley against Liverpool in the League Cup final. Forest finished the job with a 1-0 win in the replay at Old Trafford, 25 years ago today. A John Robertson penalty was enough to take the trophy to Nottingham.

- 1) Which future Town defender featured at right back for Exeter that day?
- 2) And which future keeper, destined to make two appearances for Swindon, played in goal for City on the same day?
- 3) A Liverpool player received a yellow card in the League Cup final replay, his first in over 800 games. Who was this?
- 4) And which future Swindon right back missed the game through injury?
- 5) On 28th, which ex-Swindon star was appointed manager of Stockport County?

THE NAKED CHEF

Turbo's been busy in the kitchen this week and his second recipe is fairly traditional.

NO. 21 TURBO'S TOAD IN THE HOLE

- 1. You will need the following ingredients: 1 [12 ounce] package pork sausage, 2 eggs, 1 cup all-purpose flour, 1/2 cup water, 1/2 cup milk
- Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
- Brown sausage in a large skillet (grill will do, or you can even fry them); drain and place sausage in a baking dish.
- In a small bowl beat eggs; add flour, water and milk and beat all together. Let sit for five minutes.
- Four mixture over sausage and bake in preheated oven for 25 to 30 minutes, or until top is browned and crusty.

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!!





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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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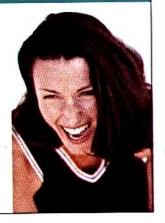
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UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

WHEN DID YOU START PLAYING FOOTBALL?

I started playing football when I used to kick a ball around in the garden with my Dad sometimes my Mum even used to join in!

WHAT ABOUT AT SCHOOLS

I go to Oliver Tomkin's Primary School and play football with the boys at lunchtime. Most of my friends stick to Netball, which I do enjoy playing - but it's not as good as football!

HOW DID YOU COME TO JOIN

When I was seven Martin Coe asked me to go along to Coleview which is now Swindon Town, but I felt that I was a bit small. I went back a year later and really enjoyed it. I play in the under 10 team and take part in lots of mini tournaments which is good at improving my skills.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

I would like to play for Swindon's first team and perhaps one day - England!



JADE SCHOFIELD

AGE: 10 POSITION: DEFENDER

All failures are subject to change without prior notification

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SOUTH WEST COMBINATION

TOWN'S LADIES PICKED UP ANOTHER THREE POINTS LAST WEEK WHEN THEY VISITED AYLESBURY UNITED IN THE SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE. THEY WON CONVINCINGLY BY FOUR GOALS TO NIL.

It was a fairly even game until Town scored twice in a glorious three-minute spell. Lucy Bailey put Town one up before Louise Corcoran added a second following a neat passing move involving Hayley Sprules and Nikki Watts. In the second half Kim Reeves got the third and Lucy Bailey ran through to bag the fourth. Once again this was a good team performance and defenders Clare Wheeler, Laura Stallard and Pam Ashman ensured that the Aylesbury forwards rarely troubled 'keeper Wendy Davis. Town's reserves, who play in the Wiltshire County League, have been without a fixture for the last couple of weeks but have somehow managed to remain in the middle of the table.

Town's under 14 11-a-side team, who play in the Surrey Primary League, had a resounding home win against Wey Valley, winning by nine goals to nil. Clare Morton got four taking her total for the season to 25, whilst Laura Alsop bagged two, Holly Burton, Carley Smith and Robyn Levett got one apiece. Town are now second in the league.

The under 14's 7-a-side team played host to Kingsdown School, Warminster, in the Wiltshire County League and won 4-3. April Polden scored twice, whilst Lisa Coe and Abigail Curtin got one each. Town's under 12s are currently unbeaten and are top of the Wiltshire County League. Last weekend they beat Frome 5-0, with goals from Amber Egerton, Kerry Abley, Chloe Bryant and two from Michelle Thompkins ensuring a comfortable victory.

Town's under 10 7-a-side team have recently played in friendlies with Swindon Spitfires and Bristol City Academy. They have also played in a tournament at Bradford and Avon and these have all been played with great enthusiasm - the girls are developing into a good all round team.

Tomorrow Town entertain Exeter City in a league fixture. When the two sides last met in Devon a month ago, they shared six goals in a ding-dong battle, with City equalising with the last kick of the game. This game will be played at Aldbourne's ground and will kick-off at 2.00pm.

| Sun 18 Aug | Cardiff City | | 9-5 |
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| Sun 08 Sep | Reading Royals | H | 3-4 |
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| Sun 22 Sep | Portsmouth | H | 8-2 |
| Sun 29 Sep | Chesham United | A | 1-0 |
| Sun 06 Oct | Newton Abbot | H | 5-2 |
| Sun 13 Oct | Yeavit Town | A | P-P |
| Sun 20 Oct | Cardiff City | H | |
| Sun 27 Oct | Oxford United | | 1-2 |
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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

STEC 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...





Huddersfield Town 12.04.03 (3.00pm)



Plymouth 23.04.03 (7.45PM)



Luton 03.05.03 (3.00PM)

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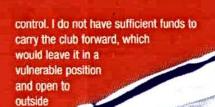
WHO? HUDDERSFIELD TOWN KICK-OFF? 3.00PM WHEN? SATURDAY APRIL 12

When Huddersfield dropped into Division Two in season 2000/01 - many were expecting the Terriers to bounce straight back up. And they nearly did too - having finished sixth in the league they narrowly lost out in the play-off semi-finals against Brentford.

However, since then - Huddersfield have embarked on a disastrous run of form that is threatening their very existence. In the bottom four after a horrendous season on the field, the Terriers' future is looking ominously shaky as Chairman David Taylor launches a fund to keep the Club afloat.

In fact, such is their situation that by the time you read this the Club could be forced into liquidation - only the success of the Fighting Fund will be enough to stop the unthinkable. Taylor, during the week, reiterated that the club would fold yesterday if potential investors did not materialise. "I must repeat what I said at the end of last week, that I cannot continue to fund the club past the end of this week," he told the club's official website. "The grim reality is that if the required support is not





Huddersfield haven't even the cash to finance a new player to help turn their fortunes around. Such has been their slump this year that Taylor wanted to sack Mick Wadsworth, but didn't have the funds to do so. As a result Wadsworth has carried on regardless, but three defeats in three has seen them edge closer to the drop. Martin Smith leads the line with 12 goals to his name. other than that it's been the Terriers' shot-shy form in front of goal that has seen them lose so many games. Town will have to be careful that they don't go down to all of the division's bottom four having lost to Northampton, Cheltenham and Mansfield already - yet a win for Andy King's side could push the hapless Terriers

closer to the relegation

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| | Sat 17 Aug | Blackpool | Away | 0-0 | 6,404 | | 2 |
| | Sat 24 Aug | Cardiff City | Home | 0-1 | 7,564 | 2,27 | 5 5 |
| | Mon 26 Aug | Brentford | Away | 1-3 | 6,299 | | 10 |
| | Sat 31 Aug | Stockport County | Home | 0-1 | 5,456 | 200 | 18 |
| | Sat 7 Sep | Port Vale | Home | 1-2 | 5,029 | 249 | 19 |
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| | Tue 17 Sep | Cheltenham Town | Away | 0-2 | 5,761 | | 21 |
| | Sat 21 Sep | Northampton Town | Home | 2-0 | 4,719 | 442 | 17 |
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| | Sat 5 Oct | Oldham Athletic | Home | 0-1 | 4,326 | 376 | 21 |
| | Sat 12 Oct | Colchester United | Home | 2-2 | 4,152 | 98 | 22 |
| | Sat 19 Oct | Bristol City | Away | 0-2 | 13,20 | | 22 |
| | Sat 22 Oct | Southend United (LDV1) | Home | 6-1 | 1,747 | 102 | N/A |
| | Sat 26 Oct | Mansfield Town | Home | 2-1 | 4,136 | 213 | 21 |
| | Tue 29 Oct | Notts County | Away | 1-1 | 4,797 | | 21 |
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| | Wed 22 Jan | Blackpool | Home | 1-1 | 4,878 | 192 | 14 |
| | Sat 25 Jan | Wigan Athletic | Home | 2-1 | 5,238 | 305 | 11 |
| | Sat 1 Feb | Barnsley | Away | 1-1 | 8,661 | | 11 |
| | Sat 8 Feb | Tranmere Rovers | Away | 1-0 | 7,181 | | 11 |
| | Sat 15 Feb | Wycombe Wanderers | Home | 0-3 | 6,239 | 376 | |
| | Sat 22 Feb | Port Vale | Away | 1-1 | 4,085 | 385 | |
| | Sat 1 Mar | OPR | Home | 3-1 | 7,716 | 2,70 | 10 11 |
| | Sat 8 Mar | Northampton Town | Away | 0-1 | 5,566 | | 12 |
| | Wed 12 Mar | Cheltenham Town | Home | 0-3 | 5,583 | | 12 |
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Saturday 22nd January 2002 **Swindon Town 1 Notts County 0**

MEN IN THE MIDDLE

Referee: R. J. Beeby Assistant 1: P. J. Kirkup Assistant 2: P. Miller 4th Official: K. G. Barnes

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