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EDITOR'S EYE I must admit I was starting to get used to not having a programme to produce – the last two weeks have been very quiet without a home game, yet I suppose I should make the most of them, there is only two games left after today's encounter!

So much has happened since the 5-0 demolition of Notts County. I had the pleasure of Mr Parkin's company the same evoning as the County game and I took him up on an invitation to celebrate his hat-trick and our subsequent win. A good night was had by all I think, it was just a shame that I couldn't repay Sam with a similar performance for my five-a-side team the following day (Sam coming to watch the mighty Athletco Madras - cheers for the support Sami) We've also had new kit and Season Ticket price details announced in the last ten days. You'll find the details of both in these hallowed pages, but I'm looking forward to seeing what the response will be to the new prices - I'd like to think that the reduced offers will lead to some bigger attendances next year. Not only that, but I think the black and gold kit will make us a menacing force on our travels!

Finally -a word on last week's draw at Peterborough. Once again I had the pleasure of joining Ed Hadwin on BBC Radio Swindon - yet neither us of could believe Eric's sending off. Let's face it, the 'ref' couldn't have picked a more innocent player. As for Sam's miss - I think he needs to stop watching me play - it's catching!





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GOOD AFTERNOON AND A WARM WELCOME BACK TO THE COUNTY GROUND FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S CLASH WITH HUDDERSFIELD TOWN.

It's been a couple of weeks since our last home encounter and I'm afraid to announce that our travels haven't been that fruitful. A 1-0 defeat at Colchester was followed by last week's eventful draw at Peterborough and so I'm looking for a good reaction from the lads this afternoon. May I take this opportunity in welcoming Mel Machin, his management team, players, directors and supporters from Huddersfield Town to the County Ground. It's been a tough season for Huddersfield – their off-field problems have been well documented in recent weeks and no one likes to see another Club in trouble – I sincerely hope that the future is brighter for the Club.

Unfortunately such is the state of football that Huddersfield aren't the only Club experiencing financial difficulties at the moment. We have been no strangers to such problems and as a result – we have had to take a serious look at the playing budget ahead of the new season. Many people were speculating about who would stay and who would leave the Club this summer – and many of the decisions (detailed on page 20-21) have been made with the new playing budget in mind. This playing budget is probably, to put it into context, about 60% of Colin Todd's budget – but I now know that this is within the Club's means and so I am happy to be operating within a budget that means that the Club can now move forward. Many Clubs have gambled on their futures with a number of big signings – I think this will become rarer and rarer next year and to be able to look to the future this Club has to operate within its limits and I firmly believe that, for the first time, Swindon Town now is. Hopefully now we can look to build a successful squad ahead of the new season.







Mind you, before that we have a number of games left this year beginning with today's game and a win is paramount this afternoon – for we have slipped up in recent weeks, have paid for some poor play. As a result - a good performance, as well as a positive result are high on the agenda for us this afternoon.

I was disappointed at Colchester because we had played so well the week before hand against Notts County. We didn't take that form to Layer Road and instead - we played well below par. I thought Colchester were fairly poor, yet because they got ahead we got nothing out of the game. Last week was equally as frustrating. Peterborough are scrapping for points, yet we allowed them to come at us in the first half. We didn't play particularly badly, just defended poorly at times and we were punished for some sloppy defending for their goal. Not only that but we didn't attack until we went down to ten men and these are the kind of thinos we have to change because they are costing us dearly.

With that said, the effort put in having gone down to ten men was superb. There was passion and commitment from all the players and Danny did very well to get us back into the game. Sam could have knicked it for us at the end and to be fair, in that position you'd put your house on him to put it away! As for the sending off – well, how he sent Eric off when there were a number of players involved is beyond me – unfortunately the referee has made the decision and we, as managers, players and supporters, have to live with it – no matter what we think of it.

Many thanks for your support over the last two weeks – the support at both Colchester and Peterborough was fantastic, especially when you consider that in terms of going up or going down, we haven't really got anything to play for. I just hope that we can produce a strong finish towards the end of the season and finish as high as we can in the table as we look ahead to next year.

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



GOOD AFTERNOON AND A WARM WELCOME TO WHAT IS OUR THIRD GAME AGAINST HUDDERSFIELD THIS SEASON.

As you know we have experienced some good times against Huddersfield this season so far, with a win in the Cup and one in the league – I juts hope it's not a case of 'third time lucky' for our visitors today!

Huddersfield visit us on the back of a good win last week against Chesterfield and they will be keen to get themselves out of the bottom four with a win. They will be scrapping for anything they can get and whilst our record against the lower sides is not great – we must look to avoid another poor performance. Since our last game here at the County Ground I think it's fair to say that we've not played as well as we can do and we've subsequently gained just one point from our travels. Last week's result was particularly disappointing because I thought Peterborough were a poor side. We didn't get going in the first half and it wasn't until we had Eric sent off that we started to get at them. Mind you, when we did, we really could have snatched the game. Ok they had a couple of chances, but Sam had the best of the game when he was put in by Danny. Needless to say that we've given him a bit of stick this week – I just hope he returns to his usual best today!

Overall I think we can all improve, but Huddersfield will be a tough side to beat. Not only are they desperate for points but they also have a new manager at the heim and players often tend to try that little bit harder when they're trying to impress a new boss. Yet we should be confident of winning and three points this afternoon will see us catch the likes of Plymouth and Luton before we play them in the next few weeks.



It's been another quiet week for me here at the County Ground - only David Duke was the new addition to the Treatment Room having come off against Peterborough last week.

Dukey has some soreness still in his back and at the time of writing is looking doubtful for this afternoon's game. This type of injury may well be down to the hard grounds that we've been experiencing, but he has been swimming and having treatment so we will wait and see how he progresses, but he must be a doubt.

Adam Willis is progressing very well. I used to be a pretty good running partner for him, but now it is hard to stay in touching distance! He went running up to Old Town around the gardens on Wednesday and is doing very well. It is now just a question of time before we see him back in action.

Keith O'Halloran has had his a plate removed and is in good spirits. We are now looking forward to seeing him back and I know Keith is looking forward to starting 'afresh' for pre-season:



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AND LOTS, LOTS MORE

Good afternoon and welcome back to the County Ground for today's visit of Huddersfield Town. On behalf of the board of directors at Swindon Town I would like to offer a warm welcome to the directors, management, players and supporters who have made the long journey down from Yorkshire.

We were saddened to hear the recent news that Huddersfield Town had gone into administration, a situation that is no stranger to us here in Swindon.

As many Club's have found out a period of administration can often be a watershed for a Club, with most Clubs emerging out of administration stronger and fitter, with a much better future ahead of them. Huddersfield are one of the country's oldest Clubs and we wish them well as they look to secure their future.

The season is beginning to reach its climax, and at Swindon there are still several things for us to aim for. A top ten finish and a points total well in excess of last year's final figure are the two objectives I would most like to see us achieve. Off the field we need to work very hard to build on our fan base for next season.

The first part of this plan is the launch of next year's Season Ticket prices. All of our current Season Ticket holders should, by now, have received their application form through the post. If, for whatever reason you haven't then please call the Ticket Office on 01793 333777 and we will be happy to send another form to you.

There are many new ideas contained within our new Season Ticket offering. Firstly, we have offered existing Season Ticket holders the best prices available if they renew. This is our way of thanking them for their support during a very difficult season. Secondly, there is the chance for Season Ticket holders to reduce the price of their ticket even further by introducing new Season Ticket holders. Introduce a new Season Ticket holder and save 20%, introduce five and get your ticket absolutely FREE.



MARK **Devlin**

We have increased the number of family ticket options available from one adult and one child right up to two adults and three children. We have launched an automatic cup tie ticket offer for Season Ticket holders making it much easier to claim your tickets for home cup ties. We have also relaunched the Junior Robins as we begin to build support amongst our younger fans. Season Ticket holders will now be able to purchase a season ticket for the Town End Car Park for the first time and those fans who are able to pay in person by cash or alternatively by cheque will receive a £10 STFC Superstore gift voucher for their assistance.

If all of this sounds like a sales pitch, then I'm guilty – it is! Building our Season Ticket base is one of the most important challenges facing the Club and with the help of our supporters we can be successful. As fans you are the most important ingredient in the Swindon Town 'mix'. This is the reason for the application form being entitled 'Falling in love with you', one of the our most sung songs by our fans. Please support your Club and help us to build a brighter, more exciting future. Details of next year's prices and benefits can be found on pages 31-34. Enough of the sales talk – there has been much discussion about players' contracts, who will be staying and who will be leaving etc. Make no mistake this Club is ambitious. We want to build a Club with a squad of players who will play their hearts out for the red shirt.

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This year I have been proud to see how hard the players have worked to turn the results, and the season, around when it might have been easier to hide. Next season we want to build a squad that can further improve upon this year's final position. I hope we can have a real go at the play-offs and beyond. But we have to achieve this in a professional, cohesive and affordable manner. Many of the hurdles facing the Club have been cleared, but we need to vastly improve revenues into the Club before we bolster our playing budget over and above that that has already been allowed for. Just because players choose to leave the Club doesn't mean we are unambitious, however we do need to budget carefully to ensure our long-term liability and lay the foundations for future success.

Thanks again for your support and enjoy the game.

THE WEEK THAT WAS

30.03.03

FULHAM TAKE CUP AFTER DRAMATIC FINISH

Fulham won the FA Nationwide Women's Premier League Cup Final at the County Ground via a penalty shoot out. Both teams played some good football, but neither team could provide a breakthrough until the 88th minute when Rachel Yankey put the ball past Arsenal keeper Emma Byrne. However on the stroke of full-time, Arsenal took the game into extra-time with a dramatic equaliser when Clara Grant, a Republic of Ireland international, squeezed the ball home. Fulham's Kim Jerray-Silver eventually decided the game following four penalty saves from Norway international Astrid Johannessen to deny Arsenal.

COMINGS AND GOINGS Andy King reveals who he'd like to keep next season - as well as

Andy King reveals who he'd like to keep next season – as well as who he'll be releasing. For full details turn to page 20.

03.04.03 RED AND WHITE DYNAMITE

To find out the results of the vote for next season's home and away strips - turn to page 35.

03.04.03

WILLIS LOOKS TO FUTURE

Swindon Town defender Adam Willis has admitted that he's disappointed by the news that his contract won't be renewed next season – but said that the decision came as no surprise. Willis was given a year's contract at the back end of last season following a string of fine performances in the middle of Town's defence. However, such has been the form of Heywood, Reeves and Gurney that opportunities haven't been forthcoming this time around and his recent injury, picked up against Barnsley at Oakwell – has only made things worse "I can't say that the news came as a great surprise. I have been unlucky with injuries this season and the latest one has meant that I haven't been able to play myself into Andy's plans – it's the worst injury I've ever had. But that is just the way things go in football. I would hope to get another contract at another Second Division club, but beggars can not be choosers can they, especially in this industry."

04.04.03

KING ON THE HUNT FOR NEW STARS

Andy King is on the lookout for new stars already following last weeks news that he is to release up to five players – and he is hoping to run the rule over 40

players in a trial match in May. Town's boss is already looking to next season and is looking to run his eve over a number of Premiership players out of contract, as well as a large number of European players in a trial game in early May. "Last time we did this we had a number of scouts bring their own players where as this year I have personally written to every Premiership and Division One Club in an effort to see which players will be released at the end of the season. Not only that, but Eric Sabin's agent is doing the same in France and the plan is to have about 20 English players playing against 20 or so players from France. Eric's agent is



reliable and I know that the players he puts us in contact with will be of a decent standard. I'm not saving that we'll

definitely make some new signings on the back of it, but you never know what might turn up and I'm hoping that we'll find some good talent." The trial game is being pencilled in for May 7 or 8 and the Club are waiting for the final details to be finalised.

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SATURDAY 22ND MARCH 2003 KO 3.00PM COUNTY GROUND 4,246

SWINDON TOWN 5 PARKIN 43, 61, 89, GURNEY 59, DUKE 69 NOTTS COUNTY 0

Town were in vintage form against strugglers County and they threatened to run riot against a desperately poor side at the County Ground. Parkin netted three more to take his tally to 24, and it could have been four or five for the front man as Duke and Gurney also netted.

Lewis could also have had two as Town returned to the kind of form that saw them climb the table in January, It was awesome and could easily have been double figures as Steve Mildenhall endured a torrid afternoon. As Manchester United winger Jimmy Davis enjoyed Town's performance from the stand, Town's former 'keeper was forced into a save as early as the second minute when Duke's cross was headed goal wards by Parkin. Parkin's header hit Heywood en route to goal and Mildenhall had to readjust to keep Town at bay, Miglioranzi shot over once again, this time from 25 yards before the visitors enjoyed their first effort of the game. A mix up in Town's defence allowed Stallard to shoot at goal, with Griemink quick off his line to thwart the visitors' top scorer.

Three minutes later came Town's best chance of the first half. A neat move, orchestrated by the busy Steve Robinson, found Invincibile on the right and his cross was met by Lewis. Unfortunately the Leicester midfielder could only see his effort finish inches wide of the post. Four minutes later a neat one two allowed Gurney to hit a left-footed effort wide from 25 yards - before Bolland saw a good chance finish over the bar just before the half hour mark. Heffernan came close on 35 minutes when Ifil allowed a Mildenhall clearance to bounce. Heffernan broke free and his shot was deflected just wide of Griemink's post.

A minute later and Notts County really should have taken the lead. A long ball releasing Caskey on the right was thwarted by Reeves. However, the rebound fell to Stallard following Heywood's failure to clear the ball and Stallard 's effort, having beaten Griemink, rebounded off the post. Town finally broke the deadlock on 41 minutes. A Gurney free kick fell to the Town's top marksman in the box and after some nifty foot work, Sam coolly slotted home from six yards with his right foot.

Town Started the second half much as they'd finished the first - on top - and three great chances fell in the opening two minutes. Invincibile forced 'Mildy' into a good save when his 20-yard strike saw the former Townie turn the ball around the post for a corner. The subsequent corner from Gurney found Heywood whose header was superbly forced away by 'Mildy' once again. Immediately after Town really should have made it two. Neat work from Lewis found Parkin in the area who's neat touch allowed Lewis to send a right footed effort against County's post. Gurney, with the goal at his mercy, shot wide with the rebound.

Gurney went one better when he doubled Town's advantage on 58 minutes. Another neat move found Invincibile in the box and, having twisted and turned, he sent a cross to the back post where Gurney was on hand to volley the ball home with his right foot. Soon after Invincibile was pulled down on the edge of the box when he appeared to have the better of his marker. Gurney's subsequent free kick hit the wall, but from the throw that followed Reeves's flick found Parkin who rifled home from short range with his right foot. Invincibile could and should have done better on 65 minutes. The Australian was released on the right hand side and, with Mildenhall off his line, he tried to lob him from 35 yards, unfortunately he sent his effort high and wide.

David Duke made it four on 69 minutes. Dukey was unmarked when Invincibile broke free on the right hand side and the Aussie's cross was beautifully controlled by Duke, who then side stepped one defender and Mildenhall before dinking the ball over the hapless keeper. Parkin then had a glorious chance to net his third. One on one with Mildenhall, Parkin could only see his shot find Mildy's body and it looked as though he'd have to settle for two. That was until Sam went through right at the death to slot home his third to make it two hat-tricks for the season and 24 goals in total.

TOWN: Griemink, Heywood, Ifil, Reeves, Gurney, Duke, Miglioranzi, Lewis (Hewlett 71), Robinson (Young 76), Parkin, Invincibile (Sabin 72). Subs not used: Farr, Edwards.

NOTTS COUNTY: Mildenhall, Bolland (Holmes 80), Nicholson, Fenton (Stone 45), Ireland, 🚪 Francis, Liburd (Hackworth 81), Brough, Heffernan, Stallard, Caskey. Subs not used McFaul, Deeney.



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SATURDAY 29TH MARCH 2003 KO 3.00PM LAYER ROAD 3,787

COLCHESTER UNITED 1

Andy King reverted to the three up front as Town looked for their first win at Layer Road since 1983. Meanwhile Colchester started with new-boy Ben May, a deadline day loan signing from Millwall, who lead the line alongside Scott McGleish.

Town almost gifted the U's with an early lead when a sloppy header from David Duke allowed Karl Duguid space to play in Kem Izzet whose shot was deflected over for a corner, which was headed clear from Heywood. Minutes later Joe Keith saw his 20-yard shot tipped round by Griemink. On five minutes Eric Sabin found some space on the left hand side but could not find the angle for an effort on goal, and the ball found its way to Matt Hewlett but his 25-yard effort flew over the bar. Danny Invincibile then shot wide after finding space in the area. Just after the ten minute mark Sam Parkin was brought down inside the United half which presented Town with an opportunity on goal but Gurney's 30-yard effort also found the top of the stand behind the goal. After a period of midfield play, Parkin picked the ball up and skipped past his marker but chipped the ball just wide of the upright.

With 22 minutes gone Colchester created the best opening of the game. Good work from Ben May and Karl Duguid left Scott McGleish with a chance inside the box but his effort came off his knee and fell just behind the goal. Danny Invincibile made his first real contribution of the afternoon on 33 minutes when his run towards the box from the left hand side gave him space for the shot, which was easily gathered by McKinney. Sam Stockley continued to impress down the right hand side for the U's. finding space with far too much ease behind David Duke. Stockley put another good ball into the box on 41 minutes but Griemink gathered before danger ensued. Jackson then put his cross over the bar just on the stroke of halftime. Town kicked off the second half unchanged and immediately went on the attack. Junior Lewis pierced the United defence and laid the ball off to Eric Sabin who

turned well before unleashing a left foot shot which just flew over the bar. Colchester struggled to get hold of the ball in the opening minutes of the second half with Town keeping the ball well, but Colchester had a long range shot from Thomas Pinault on 50 minutes which Griernink held well.

Karl Duguid got in behind Duke on 55 minutes and ran unchallenged from the half way line. Duguid's cross found McGleish but Matt Heywood was on hand to clear the ball for a corner. From the resulting corner taken by Keith, Johnnie Jackson headed the ball back across goal for Kem Izzet to break the deadlock, heading home past Griemink for his third goal in four games.

Town boss Andy King made a double change on 67 minutes with Eric Sabin and Danny Invincibile being replaced by Alan Young and Daren Dykes. Both oncoming substitutes were making their second visit to Laver Road having played for the reserves during Wednesday's 5-0 Avon Insurance Combination defeat. Alan Reeves also made an appearance as substitute on 76 minutes, replacing Jerel Ifil who had made his last appearance in a Town shirt. Junior Lewis played through Miglioranzi on 78 minutes and the Brazilian did well to get to the ball, poking the ball across goal but Scott Fitzgerald did well to get back and cleared the ball for a corner, which was cleared. Two minutes later Colchester were on the charge with a two on one. Duguid and Stockley raced past the halfway line with only David Duke to beat but could not muster an effort on goal. Alan Young had his 85th minute effort easily saved after Dykes had seen his left foot shot blocked just inside the box. Alan Young earned another corner on 87 minutes but Gurney's ball into the box was headed clear with the U's defence continuing to frustrate King's men. Colchester could have sealed the win on 88 minutes but McGleish shot wide when well placed inside the box. At the other end MccKinney gathered well to collect a low cross from substitute Dykes.

COLCHESTER: McKinney, Stockley, Fitzgerald, Baldwin, Jackson, Duguid, Izzett, Pinault, Keith (Stockwell 80), May, McGleish Subs not used: Morgan, Bowry, Edwards, Gerken.

TOWN: Griemink, Gurney, 🗓 Heywood, Ifil (Reeves 77), Duke, Hewlett, Miglioranzi, Lewis, Sabin 💈 (Dykes 65), Darkin, Invincibile (Young (65). Subs not used: Farr, Robinson.



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SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 2003 KO 3.00PM LONDON ROAD 4,310

PETERBOROUGH UNITED 1 SHIELDS 35 SWINDON TOWN 1 INVINCIBILE 71

Swindon Town were reduced to ten men following an incredible fracas involving virtually every player on the field at London Road - yet did enough to earn a deserved point after a superb second half performance.

Eric Sabin was the unfortunate Town player to see red when he was given his marching orders by the referee. It seemed to be a harsh decision from Graham Salisbury as virtually every player became involved in a fracas in the Peterborough area - but the decision brought the best out of Town's troops as Invincibile equalised following Tony Shields' first half opener.

Peterborough had taken the lead in a poor first half when Tony Shields rifled the ball home from eight yards out. Town had failed to clear from a Peterborough corner and Shields made the most of being unmarked when he drove a fierce effort past Greimink - returning to his former Club - to put Barry Fry's strugglers ahead. And their lead was deserved too - for following what was a solid start for Town the visitors appeared disinterested as the home side looked to improve on their orninous league position. The front duo of McKenzie and Clarke, with 22 goals between them, kept Heywood and Reeves on their toes and what ensued was a tremendous dual between Town's back line and Peterborough's strike force.

Clarke came close when he turned smartly on the edge of Town's box only to see his looping deflected effort finishing just high of Griemink's post. Town's chances on the other hand were few and far between and despite Sabin's pace, King's side rarely threatened what looked to be a nervous Posh back line. The best chance fell to the Frenchman following an impressive through ball from workhorse Robinson. Yet with the goal at his mercy Sabin finished with the familiar lack of composure - his tame shot not troubling Tyler in the home goal.

Invincibile came on for Duke just before Peterborough took the lead and not even the introduction of the Aussie's pace helped Town in the final third. However, they managed to keep the deficit down to just one as the referee blew for half time. And what a second half it was! For all the lack of passion and quile in the first half, King's side more than made up for it in the second as they became embroiled in a titanic end-to-end struggle. Peterborough looked to have the upper hand in the early stages before Sam Parkin headed Robinson's impressive cross just inches wide on 50 minutes. Both sides continued to edge forward and McKenzie's tussle with Heywood gave the game a more competitive edge. On the hour mark tempers flared when Sabin appeared to floor one of Peterborough's defenders. From the top of the stand it appeared six of one and half a dozen of the other, yet such was the home defender's reaction that the referee felt obliged to give the Frenchman his marching orders. Not only that, but he had to have eyes in the back of his head as all 22 players got involved in an Ice Hockey-style brawl in the penalty box which lasted for several minutes. However, the sending off appeared to be the catalyst Town needed to get going and they looked to avenge what was a harsh decision with some great attacking football. The visitors deservedly equalised when Invincibile latched on to an horrendous back pass by Ian Hendon after the hour mark. The burly defender looked to play the ball back to Tyler when under pressure from Parkin, but unknowingly allowed Invincibile to pounce on the loose ball and round the home goalkeeper on the edge of the box.

With just ten minutes to go Peterborough began to pile on the pressure as Town failed to capitalise further on their prolonged periods of possession and captain Reeves was on hand to save the ball off the line from a Peterborough corner. Town's skipper was again inspirational along with Heywood and the former Burnley defender got in on the act minutes later when, unknowingly, his head was in the right place in the right time to foil a goalmouth scramble. Moments later Parkin had the best chance of the game to steal all three points. Invincibile broke free once again on the right hand side and, having delayed his cross, squared the ball back to Sam Parkin who, from four yards, sent his shot over the bar with the goal at his mercy. Parkin will want to forget this glaring miss - uncharacteristic for the leading marksman and which would have wrapped up all three points for King's men.

PETERBOROUGH: Tyler, Gill, Arber, Rea, Burton, [] [Farrell 75], Scott (Scully 75], Shields, Hendon, Clarke, McKenzie, Subs not used: Fotiadis, Fenn, Boucaud.

> TOWN: Griemink, Robinson, Gurney, 🚪 Heywood, 💹 Reeves, Duke (Invincibile 36), Hewlett, Miglioranzi, Lewis (Edwards 88), Parkin, Sabin. 📕 Subs not used: Dykes, Farr, Young,

MATCH ACTION



WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL 2003

SWINDON TOWN 2 HERRING, YOUNG QPR 1 PLUMMER

STFC line-up: Craig Farr [Steve Smith 55], Luke Garrard, Jan Oliver [Chris Taylor 70], Gareth Edds, Jan Herring, Kevin Halliday, Daren Dykes, Nathan Edwards, Mark Draycott, Alan Young, Jamie Cheeseman [Crosby 82]

IN RESERVE



SWINDON TOWN RETURNED TO WINNING WAYS AGAINST A STRONG OPR SIDE LAST WEEK. THE 2-1 VICTORY FOLLOWED TWO EMBARRASSING DEFEATS IN WHICH TOWN SHIPPED 11 GOALS WITHOUT RETURN.

The previous two weeks had seen Colchester send five past Town, Cheltenham six and so a win was needed for Town's second string to get back on track. QPR fielded a strong side with Nick Culkin, Richard Pacquette and Brett Angell amongst the names on the Rangers team sheet. Town started with Dykes in midfield and Cheeseman and Draycott up front.

It was a bright start to the game and Town nearly took the lead inside two minutes. A good ball from Dykes found its way through to Alan Young but his shot flew past the post into the Stratton Bank. Tommy Williams crashed his 30-yard free-kick against the crossbar for Rangers on five minutes before Wes Daly hit a long-range effort straight at Farr two minutes later. Daren Dykes enjoyed a bright opening with several teasing balls into the Rangers box, but former Manchester United keeper Nick Culkin was alert to the danger, commanding his area well.

On 35 minutes Brett Angell had a great chance to open the scoring but was denied by Town keeper Craig Farr. Angell pulled away from his marker at the back post and planted a firm header towards the bottom corner, but Farr made a great reaction save to keep the ball out. The save was to prove vital as two minutes later Town opened the scoring. A corner from the left from Edds was met by lan Herring who powered his header past Culkin to put Town ahead going into the break.

Within 15 minutes of the re-start a corner from Tommy Williams was met by Chris Plummer who headed past substitute keeper Steve Smith in the Town goal. However it was not long until the Town lead was restored. Another corner from Edds evaded the Rangers defenders before finding its way to Alan Young, who hit the ball into the back of the net at the second attempt after his initial shot has been cleared off the line.

With eight minutes to go Dykes showed some good pace down the right before hitting a shot narrowly over Culkin's bar. Neil Crosby replaced Jamie Cheeseman with eight minutes remaining, but by then Town had done the hard work earning three welcome, and richly deserved, points at The County Ground.



Wed 14 Aug	Wycombe W	Away	3-0
Wed 21 Aug	Millwall	Home	1-0
Wed 28 Aug	Cambridge United	Away	1-1
Wed 4 Sep	Peterborough United	Away	3-2
Wed 18 Sep	Luton Town	Home	0-4
Wed 2 Oct	Brighton & HA	Away	0-2
Wed 9 Oct	Bristot Rovers	Home	2-1
Wed 16 Oct	Norwich City	Away	8-1
Wed 30 Oct	Reading	Home	1-1
Wed 27 Nov	Barnet	Away	3-2
Tue 14 Jan	Cardiff City	Home	2-0
Tue 28 Jan	Southend United	Away	4-1
Wed 26 Feb	Bristol City	Home	1-6
Wed 5 Mar	AFC Bournemouth	Away	1-0
Wed 26 Mar	Colchester United	Away	0-5
Wed 2 Apr	Cheltenham Town	Home	0-6
Mon 8 Apr	OPR	Home	2-1
Wed 16 Apr	Leyton Orient	Away	
Wed 30 Apr	Portsmouth	Away	
Tue 6 May	Oxford United	Home	
TBA	Northampton	Home	
TBA	Gillingham	Home	
TBA	Brentford	Away	

RESERVE TEAM

TURES 2002/03

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







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Unfortunately Town's fans will be saying goodbye to Danny Invincibile, Adam Willis, Gareth Edds, Nathan Edwards and Kevin Halliday. Meanwhile Alan Reeves could be in line for a coaching role, whilst Matty Heywood and Stefani Miglioranzi can look forward to another season here at the CG. As for the rest – well, I'm sure we'll find out soon enough whether the likes of Steve Robinson are staying. Here's what Andy King had to say:

DEPARTURES

DANNY INVINCIBILE

"I'm sad to announce, and I openly admit that I am very sad to have lost his services, that Danny Invincibile will be leaving us this summer. I made one last offer to the lad two weeks ago, but he feels that he can better his career elsewhere. As a Club we offered what I believed to be our top wage - but in laimess to him that offer was below what he was on last year. Unfortunately because of the way the Club is now structured, (although to be fair it has to be), we can't afford to let any player receive that much more than any other and he believes he can further his career with another Club. I have nothing but good wishes for him and the two years I've had with him have been great. His endeavour and his work rate have been second to none - he's been a great asset to the Club and his professionalism has been unquestionable. Ljust hope he plays well until the end of the season and leaves in as good terms with the fans as he deserves because they love him.

Adam Willis

"I made a decision on Adam last year after he had a good spell in the side. He did well and I made the decision to keep him on for another year, but I think that to improve next season, and by that I mean play-offs, then we have to improve our playing squad. I just feel that Adam hasn't put himself in the first team as often as I'd like. As you know Adam is also one of the bigger eamers and so the new structure doesn't allow me to keep players that won't be in contention with the first team. He's a good, honest lad though and I wish him well for the future."

Gareth Edds

"I've made the same decision with Gareth, I feel that he hasn't put himself in the frame as much as I'd like since the start of the season and such is the structure that I just can't have players in the squad that I don't feel will challenge the first team."

Nathan Edwards and Kevin Halliday. "Thave made the decision not to renew their contracts because they haven't really threatened first team players. At that age they really need to be putting pressure on those in the first team and make sure that there is competition for places and unfortunately they haven't done that. I am a firm believer that if they're good enough, they're old enough, but they never showed me enough to make me think about starting them which is a sharme."

STAYING

Alan Reeves

"I am Alan's biggest fan and last year I made it no secret that I thought he had another year in him and he's proved that. I don't think anyone can argue with what he's done this season. He leels that he has another year in him and I have to admit I do doubt that. It's not that I see any depreciation in quality, it's just that if we are to progress then we'll need some. younger, more progressive players in the side. But Alan Reeves believes he can play, I think he could probably offer 20 games and so we're in discussion at the moment about a combined playing/coaching role. I'm not sure if he's too happy about it, he's having to do more for his money (!), unfortunately that's the way the game is, but I am giving him an opportunity to get on the ladder and I am certain he will take it in both hands. He has a strong character, he voices his opinions and he has the desire to succeed. He has the credentials to be a good coach."

Matty Heywood

"Matty's contract is with the Chief Executive. Everything is right about the player, you would have to be hard pushed to find a better defender in the division. I don't think there are any problems with his contract, it's up to Mark to finish it off and I believe Matty will do a good job for us next year."

Stefani Miglioranzi

"I think it's only fair after the year that Stef's had that we give him a more permanent deal. The problem we had this year was his injury history and so we kept him on a month-to-month basis. But he has been superb, trains hard and he has proved that he can play without fear of injury. His attitude is excellent, his professionalism is great and I think he'll be a good asset for us,"

MAYBES

Enc Sabin

"Eric is mulling over the situation to be fair to him – again the money is not as much as he'd like and if he decides that financially it's not right, then unfortunately there is no room for discussion. I just need to know from Eric, what he's doing because I have to know whether or not I should to go out and buy one striker or two – but I'd like to think he'll stay with us and help the cause!"

Steve Robinson

"I've spoken to Steve about a year's deal and again, it's an offer that is more favourable to the Club than the player. I must admit that I am a big fan of Steve's and if he decides to take up this offer then I believe we've got a very good player on a lot less money than he was on when he first joined the Club We'll just have to see what he decides."

Daren Dykes

"Thaven't made up my mind with Daren and I'll stick him in the first team before I do. One thing I've discussed with Daren, and he agrees, is that we thought next year would be his year having only been out of non-league football for 12 months. He hasn't enforced himself upon me and the learning curve hasn't been as steep as I would have liked, but I want to give him a go and make a decision on him then."

Craig Farr

"The same goes for Craig Farr, I am a big believer that Craig has what it takes to be successful but I have to bring him up to speed by giving him some first team experience. I will play him and see it he can rise to the challenge, for I believe that Bart has had it too easy this season. Bart hasn't been challenged at all and it's essential that Craig pushes him so that they both improve. As yet, he hasn't shown me the responsibility although he was very good at Kidderminster, but I'd like to give him the chance to show me what he can do. I believe in him - he just needs to believe in himself and he will get the chance before the season's end."

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DIV2 REVIEW



VALE FANS TO

TAKE CONTROL

CHAMPAGNE ON ICE FOR JEWELL



Wigan boss Paul Jewell is keeping his feet on the ground despite the fact his side could be promoted this afternoon if results go their way. If the Latics beat Brentford and the teams in the chasing pack slip up, then Jewell's side cannot be caught. But he said: "I'm not worried about the ifs. I just want us to concentrate on what we can do. Three points on Saturday is as much as we can do this week and that's what we're after. I've been in the game long enough now to know not to get carried away or to spend time thinking about what might happen. As soon as you start doing that or taking things for granted, this game will come back and kick you in the teeth," he told his club's website.



Port Vale are expected to be in the hands of new owners on Monday, with fan-based consortium Valiant 2001 set to complete the take-over. Valiant 2001 will put an end to weeks of uncertainty when they sign the contract that gives them the ownership of the Second Division club. Football League rules meant they had to re-structure their financing despite being the preferred bidder but they finally have the money in place to complete a deal. The move will also put an end to any interest from rival buyers Summerbank management, lead by businessman Brian Carter as well as Steve Ball and Ian McIntosh. The Second Division club were placed into administration before Christmas with debts totalling around £2m.



GIVE A DOG A BONE



Cheltenham striker Damien Spencer is facing a spell on the sidelines after he tripped over a plastic dog bone. The 21-year-old, who lodges with Bristol City striker Lee Peacock, injured himself at home on Sunday. "Damien was walking down the stairs and tripped over the bone," Robins boss Bobby Gould explained. "He fell halfway down the stairs, injuring his knee and splitting his hand open," Gould told his club's website. Spencer will miss Cheltenham's clash with Luton on Tuesday - and could be out for longer depending on the extent of his knee injury.



FRY ISSUES POSH CUTS



Peterborough United could be facing the loss of strikers Leon McKenzie and Francis Green at the end of the season, with the Posh cutting their squad over the summer. The duo have both suffered serious injury problems this season, but are believed to be interesting a number of clubs, including Hull City. Posh boss Barry Fry told the Evening Telegraph: "There's bound to be interest in Leon because we all know that at his best he's different class to most strikers at this level. His absence has been a major blow to us this season. All genuine Posh fans know that you can't be without your star striker for so long and expect to do too well." London Road duo lan Hendon and Richard Scott are also set to leave the club when their short-term deals end in the summer.



FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

This week Devizes. Highworth, 'Shrivy' and Fairford go under the watchful eye of Chris Tanner in this week's local football roundup.

Devizes Town gave themselves a chance of staying up with a 1-0 Screwfix Premier Division win over Backwell United. Justin Lyle scored the only goal of the game to leave the Nursteed Road side three points adrift at the bottom of the league.

Last Saturday there was a full programme in the Hellenic Premier Division. Highworth Town took all three points from Southall Town with a 3-1 victory at The Rec. Matty Saye and Justin Miler (2) were the scorers for the Wiltshire side. Pewsey Vale took a point at home to Pegasus Juniors with a double from Wall.

New College Academy were beaten 3-1 by Chipping Norton whilst Purton were 2-0 winners at Winterbourne. Easington Sports took all three points from their visit to Shrivenham.

Last Monday Fairford Town progressed into the final of the Gioucestershire Challenge Trophy. Bitton held the Cinder Lane side at 1-1 at the end of normal time, but further strikes from defender Phil Ward and the impressive Courtney Chessell, Fairford Town now face Yate in the final at Almondsbury Town on Tuesday May 6th.



TODAY'S VISITORS



THIS SEASON

Ins: Eddie Youds [Charlton], Kevin Sharp (Wrexham], Kevin Gallacher (Sheff Wed)

Outs: Delroy Facey (Bolton), Chris Beech (Rochdale), Kevin Gray (Tranmere), Paul Evans (Sheff Wed), Martyn Margetson (Cardiff), Chris Hay (St Johnstone), Michael Senior (Halifax, Steve Jenkins (Cardiff)

Last five games: LDLLW

Odds for relegation: 8/1

[Odds courtesy of www.swindonbet.co.uk] Top scorer: Martin Smith 13

LAST SEASON

Position Last year: 6 (Division Two) Biggest win: 5-1 (v Wrexham) Biggest defeat: 0-4 (v Mansfield) Top scorer: Leon Knight 17 Most league apps: Margetson 57

HISTORY BOOK

Formed: 1908 Biggest win: 10 - 1 v Blackpool (13/12/1930) Biggest defeat: 1-9 v Blackburn Rovers (16/11) Most capped player: Jimmy Nicholson (Northern Ireland: 31) Most league goals: Jimmy Glazzard (142 1946/56) Biggest buy: Marcus Stewart £1,200,000 Record against the Town: STFC wins 15 HTFC Wins 8, Draws 7

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

When Huddersfield visited the County Ground in November last year - both Clubs were struggling at the wrong end of the division and were in poor form.

Since then the contrasts of the two clubs couldn't be more transient – Town embarking on their best run of the season (starting with two wins in a week against the Terriers) and flirting (albeit rather briefly) with the play-offs, whilst Huddersfield have gone from one catastrophe to another both on and off the field.

Not only are the Terriers languishing in the bottom four with only a handful of games to go – but they have also been rocked by a series of devastating financial blows that threatened their very existence two weeks ago. Chairman David Taylor launched a fund that was hoped would keep the Club afloat, stating that the Club could close if it wasn't supported. More recently, the players (who allegedly haven't been paid for a couple of months) have pushed the Club into administration and Mick Wadsworth has also left. Mel Machin (who was linked with a job at the County Ground you may remember) taking over until the end of the season – all in all it's been a season to forget for the McAlpine faithful.

What makes it worse is that it wasn't so long ago that The Terriers were pushing for promotion to the Premiership before they were cruelly relegated to Division Two on the last day of the 2000/01 season. Even last year, under the guile of former Town boss Lou Macari, Huddersfield were hoping for an immediate return to Division One until they were knocked out of the play-offs at the first hurdle having finished the season in sixth place.

This year, with a large number of players having left for pastures new (including former Town striker, Chris Hay, who left to join St Johnstone), the Terriers found themselves with an inexperienced squad. Even Leon Knight, who spent much of last season on loan at Huddersfield from Chelsea with devastating effect, left and at present, there are only a small number of players that Town fans may remember from last season's encounters. However, there was a widespread belief that the Terriers' younger players would, at one stage, come good. Unfortunately that hasn't happened and at the time of writing Huddersfield are four points off safety and just two points above bottom spot. Not only that, but Peterborough (in 19th spot) have a game in hand over them and Huddersfield still have Wigan and Oldham to play.

With that said Mel Machin's first game in charge bought instant reward last week and a 4-0 victory over Chesterfield has given the Terriers hope of a miraculous recovery. Two goals apiece from Stead and Smith (the sides' top scorer) have offered them a slender lifeline and a win today will see them edge closer to Barry Fry's side. Huddersfield will have to improve on their abysmal goalscoring record away from home (just nine registered all season) if they are going to register their first back-to-back sequence of victories since January – a run that saw them overturn both Cardiff and Plymouth.

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Danny Schofield celebrates with team mates



MEL MACHIN

Mel began his career with Port Vale as a striker spending four years in the Potteries and making his debut in October 1962. After 30 appearances and six goals, Mel joined Gillingham in July 1966 for whom he made 156 league appearances scoring 11 times, before spells at Bournemouth and Norwich followed. Converting to a midfield and full back's role, Mel made 117 appearances for the Canaries, scoring four goals, before a knee injury hastened his retirement.

A brief spell in the USA with the Seattle Sounders in the summer of 1977 preceded roles as Youth Team Coach, Reserve Team Coach, Assistant Manager and Chief Coach with the Canaries. A successful partnership with Ken Brown finished in May 1987 when with no guarantees to his future, Mel accepted the poisoned chalice of the Manager's position at Manchester City before joining Barnsley and Bournemouth (with some scouting jobs sandwiched somewhere in between). On March 25th 2003, the Terriers came to the end of their tether with Wadsworth and sacked him with the club bottom of Division Two. Machin took over the management of the club for the remainder of the season.

Managerial track record

Huddersfield 26-03-03 -	2	1 1 0
Bournemouth 94 -2000	322	11912182
Barnsley 89 - 1993	185	64 72 49
Man City 87 -1989	129	58 43 28

THE GAFFER THE SQUAD

ADRIAN MOSES

Joined Town from Barnsley for an undisclosed fee in December 2000. He worked his way up through the ranks at Oakwell to establish himself in the first team picture. Represented England at under 21 level and has also played in the Premier Division for Barnsley. Has become a regular this season missing out on the recent Barnsley Derby through suspension.

CHRIS HOLLAND

Chris was signed by Steve Bruce from Birmingham City for a fee of £100,000, and made his debut in February 2000. He started his footballing career as a trainee at Preston before moving to Newcastle United and then Birmingham. A pacy midfielder, Chris has been a regular member of the first team during his time at the club.

DANNY SCHOFIELD

Danny signed for the club in the summer of 1998 from non-league club Brodsworth Town and made everyone sit up and take notice when he broke into the first team last season. He can operate on either flank or is equally effective as a striker. Has recently returned from a hernia operation.

ANDY BOOTH

Re-joined the club on transfer deadline day 2001 after a five-year stint at Sheffield Wednesday and following a loan spell at Spurs. Andy began his career as a trainee with Town and quickly established himself in the first team. He made over 150 appearances for his hometown team, before earning a £2.7 million move into the Premiership with Sheffield Wednesday. He quickly adapted to life in the top flight and earned rave reviews in his first season with Wednesday. A regular in the side last season, Andy is a fans favourite.

JONATHAN STEAD

Jonathan has been with the Academy since the age of 11. The versatile forward can play on either wing or as a centre forward. He impressed in preseason friendlies and has been a first team regular ever since.



After seven years at Sunderland, Martin left the Stadium of Light for Sheffield United in the summer of 1998, where he scored 28 goals in over 100 appearances. Signed for Town by Steve Bruce in a £300,000 deal at the beginning of February 2000. Martin has been a regular member of the squad this season and is the club's top scorer.

THOMAS HEARY

Thomas is one of the club's longest serving players, having risen through the ranks after originally being spotted playing non-league football in Dublin. He made his first team debut against Stoke City on Boxing Day 1996. During his time at the club he has played in a variety of positions.





A regular in the reserve team last season but was unable to force his way

into the first team fold. Nat began his career as a trainee with Town and has been converted to a central defender after starting his career as a striker. He has been most impressive this season and is one of the club's rising stars.

JON WORTHINGTON

Jonathan Worthington is another Academy success. Jonathan is a gritty midfielder and has become a regular member of the first team squad.

PHILSENIOR

Phil was involved with the first team squad last season on the bench and following a recent injury to Scott Bevan he has become our regular first team keeper. Phil came through the Academy system and was a pupil at Lilleshall, after which he represented England at youth level.

KENNY IRONS

Arrived at the McAlpine from Tranmere Rovers during the summer of 1999 for a fee of £450,000. Built a reputation at Prenton Park as a hardworking midfielder with an eye for goal. A free kick specialist, one of his most memorable games for Town was at Stamford Bridge when his stunning free kick knocked Chelsea out of the Worthington Cup.

AND THE REST

Scott Bevan, Nathan Clarke, Chris Holland, Danny Schofield, Simon Baldry, Gianfranco Labarthe, Jason Gavin, Kevin Sharp, Paul Scott, Jonathan Worthington, Anthony Lloyd, Ben Austin, Andrew Jeffrey.

THEM AND US

Duncan Shearer doesn't have the most common name but he holds an unusual distinction, not for Swindon or Huddersfield, but for Blackburn Rovers.

Born in Fort William in 1962, Duncan began his career in Inverness before joining Chelsea. He made his debut in the old First Division on February 1 1986 playing alongside fellow future Town signing Mickey Hazard and Duncan gave immediate notice of his professional intent by scoring in the 2.2 draw at home to Leicester. Standing in again for Kerry Dixon a week later he couldn't prevent Chelsea suffering a 4-1 home defeat, incredibly to Oxford United, but come March, Shearer had signed for Huddersfield in Division Two. In just eight appearances Duncan cracked in seven goals and went on to notch 38 in 83 appearances for Huddersfield. Despite this, in 1987/88 the Terriers finished 14 points adrift of second-from-bottom

Reading but on June 22 he regained his First Division place by signing for Swindon. His impact in Wiltshire was immediate, finishing top goalscorer in 88/89 with 14 goals as Swindon finished sixth, but losing in the play-offs to Crystal Palace. If that was good, he missed just three appearances the following year, top scoring again with 20 goals.

As John Motson might say, 'it just got better and better and better' as Duncan missed just two games in 90/91, scoring 22 and had scored the same again the following season, this time in just 37 appearances when Blackburn's Kenny Dalglish came calling with an £800,000 cheque. Now some might joke that Dalglish signed the wrong Shearer as three months later Rovers were to sign Alan Shearer for £3.3m, but I believe that canny Kenny knew exactly what he was doing. After Duncan left the County Ground, Swindon scored just seven goals

in the last nine games and finished eighth. Blackburn, who had been top of the table since January were slipping alarmingly and eventually secured the last play-off place in sixth spot. Duncan spent most of his time at Ewood on the bench and was sold on to Aberdeen for £500,000 as his name-sake arrived, but the goal drought that Swindon suffered after his departure prevented Town overtaking Blackburn in the race for a top six spot. The net loss of £300,000 was small change to Rover's sugar daddy Jack Walker. Back in Scotland, Shearer (D) scored his favourite 22 goals in 92/93 as the Dons finished second to Rangers, again finished top goal scorer the following year, and Duncan was to claim seven international caps between 1994 and 96. Over the next three seasons his place became under increasing threat from Dodds and Windass and he was allowed to leave for Inverness Caledonian Thistle in the summer of 1997 where he was to double up as Youth Development

THIS WEEK SOME NAMES FROM TOWN'S MORE RECENT PAST. DUNCAN SHEARER, NOW WITH ABERDEEN AND 'AYE AYE' IFFY ONOURA – CURRENTLY WITH FA CUP SEMI FINALISTS, SHEFFIELD UNITED.

Duncan Shearer in his Swindon days.

Officer. Two more seasons saw him make his last appearance in August 1999, by which time he was assistant manager to Steve Paterson, a role he still held at the beginning of this season.

Iffy Onuora started his League career with Huddersfield in 1989 when, while studying at Bradford University, Glasgow born Iffy (real name Ifem) came to the attention of manager Eoin Hand after three mid-table finishes in the old Division Three.

Huddersfield made the play-offs in 1991/92, only to fall to Peterborough before Stoke claimed the third promotion spot. All told, 6ft 2in Iffy made 169 League appearances between 1989/90 and 1993/94 and scored 30 goals for the Terriers. He dropped to the basement of the Football League when he joined Mansfield (under a certain Mr King) in July 1994 for £75,000 where he spent two seasons. It was not a prolific spell for the big striker, when playing 28 games he registered just eight goals.

In the summer of 1996 he joined Gillingham for £25,000. The Gills had just claimed second spot in Division Three and his 21 goals over 40 games helped cement them into a healthy mid table spot in their first year back in Division Two. Having top scored at Priestfield with 21 goals in his first season the goals dried up in 1997/98 as Iffy recorded just two goals in 22 matches and Ade Akinbiyi took the coveted top strikers mantle. He came to the County Ground in March 1998 for £120,000. Town had missed the contribution of a big target man since the departure of Wayne Allison to Huddersfield in November 1997 and stepping in to the Chief's boots he attempted to emulate his record of a goal every three games. Playing six games to the end of the season, Iffy scored a solitary goal which cained a win at QPR on his debut.

His record at the County Ground was almost identical to his first two seasons at Gillingham. Ending his first full season with 20 goals, the wheels came off in 1999/2000 when Iffy managed just four strikes in 24 games and he moved back to Gillingham when the Gills made a double swoop for him and Ty Gooden in January 2000 for a joint fee of £200,000. It was a happy outcome for the pair as both featured in the dramatic 3-2 win over Wigan at Wembley that summer to clinch the Second Division Play-off trophy as Town dropped from Division One to Two.

Another 86 matches in Kent produced 26 goals as Iffy helped Gillingham to establish themselves at the higher level. A freetransfer move to Sheffield United last summer saw 35 year old Onuora team up with the man he replaced at Swindon, Wayne Allison for what might be considered one of the oldest strike partnerships in Division One.

MATCH ACTION

SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 2003

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SWINDON TOWN 0 CARDIFF CITY 1

STFC line-up: Steve Smith, Danny Taylor, Ian Oliver, Aaron Salter, Luke Garrard, Chris Taylor, Harry Hambidge, Michael Pook, Mark Draycott, Jamie Cheeseman, David Stroud, Justin McKay. Subs: Matty Bulman, Mark Jones, Leigh Henry, Ben Price.

UNDER 19'S

TOWN'S UNDER 19S DISAPPOINTING FORM CONTINUED LAST WEEKEND AS THEY WENT DOWN TO THE ODD GOAL AGAINST CARDIFF AT THE COUNTY GROUND.

Town have now failed to beat the Bluebirds on three separate occasions, but as Viv Busby explains – the gulf between the two sides is growing bigger all the time. "Cardiff are a very, very strong side. But then you expect that because they have the financial backing of Sam Hamann. They have a huge squad and have a larger number of players to draw upon. In contrast we have a relatively small squad and an even smaller budget – but we gave them a good game all the same in the second half in particular, we pushed them really hard."

Town had gone a goal down before Busby made wholesale changes. The disappointing front duo of Draycott and Cheeseman were replaced by youngsters Leigh Henry and Justin Mckay as the home side went to a 4-3-3 formation. 'Buzzer' takes up the story. "The 4-4-2 formation hadn't been working and so we put the younger lads on. Unfortunately we had just gone a goal down, but after that we started to play some lovely football. We enjoyed a very good half-hour spell and looked lively but it was too little too late – we couldn't get ourselves back in the game.

"All in all it was a disappointing performance, not at all anywhere near the standard that we're used to. But it's difficult to have a go at the lads when they're playing sucg a strong side and I have to admit that over the course of the season, Cardiff have been better than us.

"And we must continue to take the positives out of the game. The younger lads that came on did well and all in all, it was a great experience for all the lads to play on the County Ground."

Sat 17th Aug	Cheltenham Town	Away	2-1
Sat 24th Aug	Bristol Rovers	Home	0-0
Sat 31st Aug	In Service Day		
Sat 7th Sep	Cirencester		0-3
Sat 14th Sep	AFC Bournemouth		3-2
Set 21st Sep	Portsmouth		3-1
Wed 25th Sep	Grimsby	2.216	Special
Sat 28th Sep	Swansea City	Away	3-2
Sat 5th Oct	Cirencester	Home	4-1
Sat 12th Oct	Cardiff City	Away	1-1
Sat 19th Oct	Torquay United	Away	2-1
Wed 23rd Oct	Salisbury City	Kome	4-0
Sat 26th Oct	Exeter City	Home	3-0
Sat 2nd Nov	AFC Bournemouth	Home	3-2
Sat 9th Nov	Plymouth Argyle	Away	
Sat 16th Nov	Cardiff City	Home	
Sat 23rd Nov	Cirencester	Away	
Sat 30th Nov	Torguay United	Home	
Sat 7th Dec	Exeter City	Away	
Sat 14th Dec	AFC Bournemouth	Home	
Sat 21st Dec	Free Week		
Sat 28th Dec	Christmas Break		
Sat 4th Jan	In Service Day		
Sat 11th Jan	Plymouth Argyle	Home	-
Wed 15th Jan	Spurs	Away	0-1
Sat 18th Jan	Cheltenham Town	Home	210
Sat 25th Jan	Bristol Rovers	Away	P-P
Sat 1st Feb	Swansea City	Home	-
Sat 8th Feb	Cardiff City	Away	1-1
Sat 5th Apr	Cardiff City	Home	0-1

UNDER 19'S

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



'FALLING IN LOVE WITH YOU'

2003-2004 SEASON TICKET INFORMATION

WITH THIS SEASON COMING TO A CLOSE IT'S TIME TO LOOK AHEAD TO 2003/04 AND ON THE NEXT TWO PAGES, YOU CAN FIND OUT HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST TO COME AND WATCH THE REDS. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT ALSO HOW YOU CAN GO ABOUT GETTING YOUR SEASON TICKET AHEAD OF THE BIG KICK OFF IN AGUST.



FALLING IN LOVE WITH YOU' - SEASON TICKET PRICES 2003/04

SWINDON TOWN CHIEF EXECUTIVE, MARK DEVLIN, SPOKE TO SWINDONTOWNFC.CO.UK IN THE WEEK AHEAD OF THE LAUNCH OF NEXT SEASON'S SEASON TICKET PRICES.

"The season is beginning to reach its climax, and at Swindon there are still several things for us to aim for. A top ten finish and a points total well in excess of last year's final figure are the two objectives I would most like to see us achieve. Off the field we need to work very hard to build on our fan base for next season.

"The first part of this plan is the launch of next year's Season Ticket prices. All of our current Season Ticket holders should, today, have received their application form through the post. If, for whatever reason you haven't then please call the Ticket Office on 01793 333777 and we will be happy to send another form to you.

"There are many new ideas contained within our new Season Ticket offering. Firstly, we have offered existing Season Ticket holders the best prices available if they renew. This is our way of thanking them for their support during a very difficult season. Secondly, there is the chance for Season Ticket holders to reduce the price of their ticket even further by introducing new Season Ticket holders. Introduce a new Season Ticket holder and save 20% off your ticket, introduce five and get your ticket absolutely FREE.

"It is crucial that we encourage as many family groups and kids to come to the County Ground in support of the team so we have increased the number of family ticket options available from one adult and one child right up to two adults and three children. We have launched an automatic cup tie ticket offer for Season Ticket holders making it much easier to claim your tickets for home cup ties. We have also re-launched the Junior Robins as we begin to build support amongst our younger fans. Season Ticket holders will now be able to purchase a season ticket for the Town End Car Park for the first time and those fans who are able to pay in person by cash or alternatively by cheque will receive a £10 STFC Superstore gift voucher for their assistance.

SOME QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Since their release last week – there have been a number of questions asked in relation to next season's Season Ticket Prices. Mark Devlin did his best to answer those queries...

Q. Why have the matchday admission prices in the Arkells and Nationwide stands remained the same as last season?

A. Yes there were many negative comments about the pricing levels in these two areas last season. In response to a suggestion at the Trust Fans Forum, we trialled lower prices (£17 advance/£19 matchday) at the Wigan and Wycombe games earlier in the season. Unfortunately the response was not as good as we had hoped for especially given that the team were playing so well at the time. Therefore, we are not in a position financially to take a gamble on lower prices. If the fans were not to respond in greater numbers as required then we could have been left with a hole in the budget and cash-flows with the resultant problems that this brings.

Q. Why are Wing seats priced the same as central seats?

A. Put simply, we have had issues in the past with fans purchasing lower priced seats and then moving to available central seats just after kick off. This is not fair on those supporters who pay the correct prices and the Club suffers financially.

financially. Q. Last season you could purchase, in advance or on a matchday, a special rate ticket for two adults and two children. Why is this not available anymore? A. It is. We have reduced the children's price in the Family Enclosure from £5 to £2. This means that, either in advance or on a matchday, Two adults and Two kids can obtain entry for just £40. The only stipulation is that the seats are in the family enclosure. We plan to operate several different activities in the family enclosure throughout the season, such as close up magicians and face painters, and therefore adults unaccompanied by children will not be able to purchase tickets in this area. We want to create a real family atmosphere for those who want to watch Town play within that kind of environment.

'FAN-GET-FAN' INCENTIVE

Introduce a friend as a new season ticket holder (not a season ticket holder this season) and get 20% off your own season ticket. If family ticket introduced this counts as one 20% discount. You will receive a 20% discount per each new season ticket holder introduced, i.e. introduce 2=40%, introduce 5 = get season ticket FREE)

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Adult or concession must be accompanied by at least one child. Maximum of three children per adult.

CONCESSIONS

Disabled - Registered disabled including a helper. Senior Citizen - 60 years and over before 1 August 2003. Students - Persons in full time education. IMPORTANT: PROOF OF STATUS WILL BE REQUIRED ON APPLICATION

SEASON TICKET PRICES

2003/2004 SEASON

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	ARKELLS/NAT	IONWIDE	TOWN END	DISABLED ENC.
ADULT IEI	330	361	247	138*
CONCESSION IEI	168	181	124	138*
JUNIOR [E]	69	69	69	138*
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	ARKELLS/NAT	IONWIDE	TOWN END	DISABLED ENC.
ADULT (C)	380		260	138*
CONCESSION (E)	194		134	138*
JUNIOR (E)	76		76	138*
REGULAR AFTER JOLY	5			
	ARKELLS/NAT	IONWIDE	TOWN END	DISABLED ENC.
ADULT (E)	399		273	138*
CONCESSION (E)	207		144	138*
JUNIOR (C)	83		83	138*
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* Disabled price includes helper

FAMILY SEASON TICKET PRICES [FAMILY SEASON TICKETS ONLY AVAILABLE UP TO 31ST MAY 2003]

1 ADULT +	1 ADULT +	1 ADULT +	2 ADULTS +	2 ADULTS +	2 ADULTS
1 JUNIOR	2 JUNIORS	3 JUNIORS	1 JUNIOR	2 JUNIORS	3 JUNIORS
£382	£434	£486	£722	£774	£826

Please note: Adult prices as 'EARLY BIRD' renewals and each junior 25% off normal price. Town End not available

EXCITING NEWS OF NOT ONE BUT TWO DINNERS WITH DENIS LAW



Enjoy a fantastic night out at Swindon Town with one of the legends of football, DENIS LAW.

on Wednesday 14th May and Thursday 15th May we will be holding TWO Sporting Dinners in the WINNERS LOUNGE at SWINDON TOWN FC.

The evenings will be hosted by resident MC BARRY WILLIAMS with fun and entertainment from one of the countries leading comedians

Tables of Ten £495+vat or individual places @ £55+vat each.

Price includes a three course dinner



TO BOOK YOUR PLACES - Call the STFC Sales Team on 01793 333718/9 or by fax on 01793 333703, alternatively by e-mail on mikegsullivan@yahoo.co.uk



Nationwide

Nationwide

RED AND WHITE DYNAMITE!

Yes folks – these are the two kits that you voted for, the red and white shirt winning with 48% of the vote ahead of the all red number and black and gold away number romping home with more than half the votes. We had nearly 1,700 votes between the two votes and whilst the away kit was leaps ahead of it's competitors – the home vote went right up to the wire (with just seven votes separating the two kits).

The home shirt will hopefully now be produced in time for the lads to wear it against Luton on the last day of the season – whilst it should be in the shops for you to buy (in time for your holidays) in June.

Meanwhile, the away kit should be ready for midto-late May in the shops and fans are reminded that these jerseys are under £30. Both adult versions will retail at £29.99, the children's version at £24.99.

Chief Executive, Mark Devlin thanked the fans for their involvement in selecting their favourites shirts. "Between the two votes we've seen more than a thousand fans get involved and that is fantastic. Admittedly the voting process has been a little rushed - yet we wanted to avoid a similar situation to last year. The important thing is that the fans have been able to voice their opinions and I'm hoping to involve them more in terms of merchandise decisions in the future - after all, it is the supporters that have to part with their money. The revenue generated in the Superstore during the summer is crucial to the Club, and we are pleased to be one of the first Clubs in the country to make their replica shirts available directly from the Club at under £30. I'm sure that the fans will be proud to wear the replica shirts that they themselves have voted for."


SWINDON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

TODAY WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG WARM WELCOME TO OUR FRIENDS FROM GREENMEADOW FOOTBALL CLUB.

Gary Nash has done a fantastic job in arranging his Club's visit to our Saturday Team Club, with nearly 100 attending today's game this afternoon here at the County Ground. Everyone has enjoyed a ground tour, coaching session and lunch and at half time we will witness 16 of the players playing in a small-sided game across the pitch.

On Monday we are on our travels to Childrey where we are coaching the youngsters from Uffington Junior Football Club. We have been coaching in the Uffington area for nearly three years now. If any of you feel that your local Club would benefit from a coaching day ran by us, then get your manager to give us a call.

The first Easter course here at the Club is completely full, but there are just a few remaining places on week 2. If you are interested then give us a call ASAP on 01793 421303.

We still have a few vacancies for Fraser Digby's coaching clinic on Friday April 25 2003 – if you're interested then give us a bell.

Have a great Easter! Clive, Luke and Jono









FUTURE BUSINESS LOGISTICS













A WARM WELCOME TO TODAY'S MATCH SPONSORS GREENHAM, SUTECH, AND THE SUPPORTERS CLUB 50/50 DRAW.

COMMERCIAL VIEW WITH MIKE SULLIVAN

Today's first matchday sponsors are our regular visitors to the County Ground, **GREENHAM**. I am sure that you are all aware of how supportive Greenham have been to the Club this season. Ranging from sponsoring the Town End, sponsoring Sporting Dinners to a high number of home games this season and more recently, our Season Tickets. They have 19 branches nationwide, with the nearest branches to Swindon being in Newbury, Bristol and Cardiff.

A party from SUTECH are also joining us today in the Sponsors Lounge. Based in Market Lavington in Devizes, Sutech have been instrumental in playing a major part in the return of the Club's scoreboard at the Stratton End. The company recently entered a team in the recent 'Game of Two Halves' against Bristol City, and this is the first time they have joined us this season in the Sponsors Lounge. Their party today is led by their Managing Director, Mr.Chris Walker, and his father Mr. David Walker.

Joining us again as matchday sponsors are our good friends from the **THE STFC SUPPORTERS CLUB 50/50 HALF TIME DRAW**. The draw is organised by the supporters club and the sponsorship is one way that proceeds of the draw are returned to help the football club. It will also allow 12 fans, allocated by lucky draw from those supporters who pay for their entries by regular subscription, to enjoy a special day out at the football club. This is the second match sponsorship this season by the 50/50 draw and the third by the supporters club as a whole, showing how fans can really contribute that little extra to help the football club. Profits from the draw in previous seasons have also allowed a major £5,000 sponsorship in each of the previous two seasons for the Football Club's school of excellence. For more information turn to page 50.

On behalf of everyone at the Club, I hope that all of today's guests have an enjoyable time with us today.

MOËT & CHANDON CHAMPAGNE

MAN OF THE MATCH

SAM PARKIN V NOTTS COUNTY 22.03.03



Pictured here celebrating his Moet and Chandon Man of the Match Award is 'Super' Sammy Parkin. Young Samuel bagged an impressive hat-trick, his second of the season, against Notts County three weeks ago. He also collected the ball and had it signed by all the players.

Moet & Chandon Brut Imperial is the most fashionable fizz, setting the trend and appreciated by those with an innate sense of style. A champagne for every occasion, Moet & Chandon is pale gold, mature and refined. A truly unique combination of a soft yet dry finish. Moet & Chandon's reputation for turning an event into an occasion is legendary – so feel free – enjoy!



"The Doc' comes to lunch On Monday of this week, the club held another of it's very popular Sporting Luncheons. This time our special guest was ex. Manchester United and Scotland Team Manager, TOMMY DOCHERTY. First of all, Tommy provided us with some interesting tales about all the Clubs he had managed, and then took questions from the floor. The luncheon was hosted by Barry Williams and the Club would like to thank GREENHAM, and especially their Operations Director Mr.Mike King for sponsoring the Luncheon. We will show more highlights from the Luncheon in our home programme v Plymouth Argyle

Talking of Manchester United....

Places for our TWO Sporting Dinners with DENIS LAW on May 14th and 15th are selling well. We still have a few places available for both evenings, although the later date of the 15th is close to selling out already. So if you want to book your places, or even take a table of ten then ring now before it is too late. Just ring James on 01793 333718 and he will gladly take your booking. The price is £495 plus vat for a table of ten and includes a high quality three-course dinner with coffee and mints, individual places are also available.



Why don't you become a Kit Sponsor next season?

Joining us today in the Sponsors Lounge are our player kit sponsors for this season. They are enjoying one of the benefits of being a kit sponsor which is a VIP Day out for Two people at a home league game. During the afternoon, and before the game, the sponsors will have their photograph taken with the player they have sponsored this season. Once we have completed the League programme of games, the sponsors will then be notified that they can come and collect the players shirt fully signed. Have you ever thought about sponsoring a players kit? We are presently taking bookings now for the forthcorning 2003/04 season. Just give our Marketing Assistant James Sparks a call on 01793 333718 now to find out the availability of players requiring kit sponsorship.

And finally...

A warm welcome to Classic Gold. Classic Gold Digital is your Classic Hits station for Swindon and Wiltshire, and are long time supporters of Swindon Town Football Club. Like most of you here today they remember the days of the Premiership, so this season we've decided to show our support, and get behind the team. Classic Gold is an uptempofun station with attitude. A contemporary radio station playing mainly 70s and 80s music flavoured with 60s and 90s. Andy Westgate is the local drive-time presenter on 936/1161 AM and you can join him weekday afternoons from 3-7. Four hours of great music, and if Swindon Town are in the news, or there's anything you should know. Andy will keep you up to date.

KIT SPONSORS 2002/03



BY DICK MATTICK

VINTAGE RED DICK MATTICK TAKES US BACK TO 1996 - TOWN HAD JUST WON PROMOTION TO DIVISION ONE AND WERE IN RAMPANT MOOD.

The earliest clash between today's two sides came in the Second Round of the FA Cup in the 1912/13 season when Swindon emerged victorious by 2-1. It was not until season 1963/64 that the sides met in League competition with Huddersfield completing the double winning 2-1 at home and 2-1 away.

Today's featured match took place on October 16 1996. Swindon went into the game on the back of a 1-0 win over local rivals Oxford and were in a mid-table position while Huddersfield were in seventh place with every hope of clinching a play-off spot.

The first 25 minutes gave no hint of the drama that was to follow. Swindon opened the scoring in the 28th minute thanks to a superb individual goal by Mark Walters. He skipped past three defenders before driving a shot under the diving Steve Francis in the Huddersfield goal. Walters had a hand in the second goal that came just four minutes later when he crossed to the far post where Peter Thorne was on hand to head it into the net. Swindon went further ahead just two minutes later. Mark Robinson broke down the right and picked

out Wayne Allison with his centre. 'The Chief' met it on the volley and carefully steered it into the corner of the goal giving the keeper no chance. The Yorkshire side were reeling now and might well have fallen further behind when Scott Leitch fired over the bar. A fourth goal came just four minutes before half time. A clearance by Lee Sinnott was charged down by Kevin Horlock who raced on to the loose ball and ran some 50 yards to round Francis and stroke the ball into the empty net. "Can we play you every week" sang the Swindon fans as they delighted in the goal feast.

There was more than a stroke of fortune about the fifth goal just two minutes into the second half. Allison lost his footing having broken through, but as he fell the ball squirted to Peter Thorne who lashed the ball home. A minute later the Huddersfield defence seemed to fall apart like the Red Sea did for Moses allowing Thorne to complete his hat trick. It looked feasible that Swindon might run up double figures but now Huddersfield seemed to get more of a grip on the game although they had little but pride left to play for. The bookings of Tom Cowan and Paul Reid indicated a more committed attitude but it was too little and too late. Huddersfield Manager, Brian Horton, described it as the worst performance he had seen in 15 years while Steve McMahon paid tribute to the hard work of his side which finally produced a big win which they had threatened earlier in the season but never produced. Neither side celebrated promotion at the season's end or faced relegation so Huddersfield had the chance of revenge the following season.

PINK

Town: Talia, Robinson, Elkins, Leitch, Seagraves, Culverhouse, Walters, Darras, Thorne, Allison & Horlock.

Huddersfield: Francis, Jenkins, Gray, Sinnott, Cowan, Edwards (Crosby 77), Collins, Dyson (Lawson 46), Reid (Heary 73), Dalton & Rowe.

Attendance: 7,724

LAST FIVE MEETINGS:

 Huddersfield2-3
 Town 23/11/02

 Town
 1-0
 Huddersfield 16/11/02

 Huddersfield2-0
 Town 09/03/02

 Town
 0-1
 Huddersfield 05/02/02

 Town
 2-0
 Huddersfield 07/03.00

MARK HANRAHAN RETURNS AFTER A THREE-WEEK LAY OFF WITH FRESH SPECULATION SURROUNDING RYAN GIGGS, HARRY KEWELL AND THE FULHAM MANAGER'S JOB.

Fresh from Peter Reid's '£5,000 per point won' appointment at Elland Road, Leeds United this week moved quickly to deny reports that a deal has been struck with Manchester United for their Aussie Winger Harry Kewell. Tabloid reports had suggested that Sir Alex Ferguson's side had agreed a cut-price £6m deal with their fierce rivals for Kewell, United are rumoured to be on the brink of selling current left-flanker Ryan Giggs to Inter Milan in the summers major bank busting deal. Leeds made it clear that they "categorically deny" any club had made an approach for the 24-year-old Australian, and a deal had unquestionably not been done. Kewell's agent Berni Mandaric is currently negotiating with Leeds over his client's new contract. It appears that Kewell will look to extend his seven-year stay in Yorkshire for what is suggested to be another five seasons.

Fulham look set to confirm their new manager by the summer following their decision not to renew former French star Jean Tigana's contract beyond the current campaign. The West Londoners claim they have had over 30 applications to succeed Jean Tigana and that their phones have been 'red hot' with interest from all over the world. Senior figures at

the club have noted their pleasure at the caliber of the prospects that have contacted Fulham since the Tigana decision and an appointment is hoped for before the end of the season. Names rumoured to be in the hat for the Cottager's hot-seat include Reading's Alan Pardew, Derby's George Burley and Leicester City and former Fulham boss Micky Adams, who was himself ousted from the job to make way for the Kevin Keegan Era at Craven Cottage. Relegation threatened Sheffield Wednesday are in contact with Portsmouth about extending striker Lee Bradbury's time at Hillsborough. Bradbury completed his loan spell with the Owls in style scoring in the clubs 4-2 win over Wimbledon before returning to the south coast. Wednesday are keen to have him back and a club spokesman said: "As everyone knows, Lee's month-long loan deal expired after Saturday's game, and he has returned to Portsmouth. "We are asking Portsmouth if we can take him until the end of the season, but we don't yet know if they want to keep him themselves."

Aston Villa's out-of-favor striker Marcus Allback has placed a huge question mark over his future at the club having

developed into little more than a fringe player at Villa this season despite his World cup exploits for Sweden. Signed by Villa manager Graham Taylor from the Dutch club, Heerenveen, for £2m last summer Allback has managed only six starts - three in cup games and three in the league - and scoring two goals in the process. Neither goal came during what has been a rare start. Allback said: "People have asked me how I have adapted to Premiership football, but I cannot give them a proper answer because I have hardly played." Boss Taylor himself admitted Allback was signed as he was all but certain of losing the likes of Juan Pablo Angel, Bosko Balaban the resurgent Dion Dublin, Both the unsettled Angel and Dublin have regularly figured in a Villa first team shirt throughout the course of the season alongside England Ace Darius Vassell.

Despite their all but mathematical relegation from the Premiership, WBA boss Gary Megson remains proud that his club have not followed the route of so many struggling Nationwide League outfits seeking the 'quick thrill' of the Premiership. Megson admits an immediate return to Division One is a formality but takes consolation from his club not over-stretching financially to stay up. "In terms of size we are similar to teams such as Watford, Swindon and Barnsley, but what was meant to be the best thing that ever happened to them promotion to the Premiership - turned out to be the worst. "We knew this would be a hard season on the pitch as a conscious

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financial decision was made. Financially we have not got a problem, for the last three years we have announced profits. If we are relegated we will not have to sell every single player, we will not have to go into administration. "More and more managers are going to have to accept that it has to be done right, financially. I heard Peter Ridsdale say recently that managers are not interested in balance sheets and don't want to know about them. Some of us know all about them." Are you the better manager getting the club up from the First Division with a wage bill of £3.5m or are you better getting one in mid-Premiership owing £70m?"



The latest issue of FourFourTwo is on sale now, priced £3.30

Horry Kewell



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JUNIOR ROBINS

JUNIOR ROBINS PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2002/03

This year Junior Robins members are invited to vote for their Player of the Year 2003/04. All you have to do to register your vote is send the name of your player on a postcard to Alice Wills at the address below. A lucky winner will be selected to award the winner with their trophy ahead of the Luton game - so get those votes in now!

Highbury station

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to all the Junior Robins here this afternoon for today's game against Huddersfield. As you may have read in my last notes, we have been busy organising a trip to Highbury. I am very pleased to announce that the trip is sold out – and I can only apologise to those that haven't made it! I look forward to seeing you all on April 24.

We are also re-launching the Junior Robins this summer and next season (2003/04) all Junior Season Ticket holders will automatically become Junior Robins – with Junior Season Tickets priced at £69. Non-season ticket holders will have to pay a membership fee of £10 – with membership running from August 1 2003 to July 31 2004.

The benefits of being a Junior Robin are listed below"

- Souvenir pack, water bottle, stationary pack and mouse mat
- 10% discount in Club Superstore
- Christmas Party
- Christmas Card competition
- · Signed birthday card by the players
- Junior Robins page in the programme letters and photos welcome
- Chance to be Swindon's mascot drawn at random at the beginning of the season
- Reciprocal visits to away games (where possible)
- Various competitions, guizzes and events held throughout the season

To join the Junior Robins please contact myself on 01793 333733, collect a flyer from main reception or send a stamped addressed envelope to:

Junor Robins/Schools Project Manager The County Ground, County Road Swindon, Willisture SNI 255 All cheques should be made payable to Swindon Town Football Club...

As a special bonus there will also be a prize draw of membership forms at the first home game of the new season. Eight lucky winners will get the chance to meet and join in a question and answer session with 'Super' Sammy Parkin.

NATIONWIDE SUPPORTERS OF TOMORROW SCHEME

There will be two coaching sessions to promote girl's and women's football.

The first will take place on Tuesday April 29 at 3.30pm at Dorcan Technology College. It will be for the lucky girls that won the Wilts and Swindon Sports Partnership Tournament. It will be run by some of the STFC playing squad and will be for 48 children. All children are welcome to watch and meet the players that attend.

The second session is for the under 18s ladies Wiltshire County team and will be held at St Josephs School from

6.30pm to 7.30pm. This will also be taken by members of the STFC playing squad and again – anyone interested in coming is welcome to come and meet the lads.

I hope you enjoy the game and I look forward to seeing some of you on April 24!

Come on you Reds!

Alice Wills Junior Robins/Schools Project Manager



A Sabin training the Latiles team

A LOOK BACK AT THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR RECENT GAME OF TWO HALVES





The Club were delighted with the response to our 'newest' event', A GAME OF TWO HALVES' held recently at the Bristol City game. A days great golfing, superb summer-like conditions with the weather and a thrilling local derby against our neighbours from further down the M4 combined to make it a great day out for all the companies that entered a team. Those companies who entered a team were SAMUEL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LTD, BANK OF SCOTLAND, SUTECH LTD, CLAIRLINE LTD, JOHN LAMPIER & SON, KEITH LODGE INDUSTRIAL ROOFING AND THE JAMES WILLS TEAM.

The winning team were KEITH LODGE INDUSTRIAL ROOFING with a total of 92 points, Runners up were WATSONS DIVOTES with 90 points. Winner of the Longest Drive was Phil Richardson and the winner of Nearest the Pin was Keith Lodge.

The Club would like to thank all those companies who played in the day and we look forward to seeing them again in our next Game of Two Halves which is scheduled for later on in the year around September or October. Don't forget however, that we are now taking bookings for the Swindon Town Golf Day in July at Wrag Barn Golf Club. If you would like to enter a team then just ring James on 01793 333718 for more details - or turn to page 51.





STFC's Fraser Digby enjoys a pre-match joke



The Clubhouse at Marlborough



Excellent putt - I'll put you down for a birdie!



▲ Keith Lodge Roofing - winners of the best team - with Fraser Digby



"It went straight down the middle!"



Runners up of the best team award with Fraser Digby



There's nothing to it - this game's easy!



Guests enjoy a pre-match meal



The Wiltshire countryside beckons



Robbo in action against City



Jerel Ifil gets stuck in

Mel Machin's appearance in the visiting dug-out today again emphasises just how bizarre, unpredictable and strangely fateful football can be.

Just over six months ago, the Terriers boss was approached to help haul Town out of a dreadful slump. The gaffer made it clear he was less than happy to work with Mr Machin and the issue was quietly forgotten as results took a turn for the better. But whatever happened/didn't happen behind the scenes during that unhappy period, it should mean we have a competitive encounter today. Aside from the Machin issue, the Terriers will be desperate to pick up three points for two reasons. Victory would boost their fight for survival (at least on the pitch) and would go some way to making up for two defeats at the hands of Town in successive weeks during November. The 1-0 FA Cup win was instantly forgettable. In fact, all I can recall is Andy Gurney's late winner. The league match at the McAlpine was far more entertaining. I just wish I'd put a bet on David Duke scoring the opening goal within 40 seconds. I'd be a very rich man now.

You have to feel more than a degree of sympathy for the Terriers. The administrators are working hard to make sure the famous old club does not end up that certain creek we all know about. Having come so close to oblivion ourselves, it is not hard to understand how Huddersfield's players and supporters must be feeling. I just hope understanding does not extend to handing over three points. It would be nice to complete a winning hat-trick over the Terriers. However, I'm not sure I'll be rushing to the bookies to back Dukesy for the first goal.

But back to my opening remarks about 'unpredictable' etc, our number 11 will probably prove me wrong. These notes are being penned too early in the week for me to comment about ticket prices for next season. They should be known by the time you read this. Whatever the cost, at least there has been consultation with supporters' groups



JON RITSON

this time. With five games to go, we might be stuck with the 'nothing to play for' tag, but an exciting end to the season is still on the cards. Our remaining two away trips are at Crewe and Oldham respectively. Both teams are still going for automatic promotion and I'm not sure whether EVENING ADVERTISER

they'll relish facing us or not. Anyway, get behind the boys today and help them edge a step closer to ensuring a top half finish. See you all back here for the Plymouth Argyle game on April 23. I just hope it isn't the same referee and assistants as we had at their place!!

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Catch up on the Away travel sponsored Half Time draw

Latest results

The Bristol City Prize winner was Mrs M. Large who worn with ticket number 194 and collected a winning prize of £310 - a second win for this lucky fan! Incidentally, the prize paid at this match set a new record prize at a mid-week match, another in a long line of records this season.

Notts County - up to the printing date of these notes the prize had not been claimed. So if you have ticket number 816 a prize of £367 awaits you! Please make contact as soon as possible, prizes have to be claimed within one month of the draw.

UNIQUE OFFER - Danny Invincible

Although it appears Danny may be leaving us at the end of the season, the Supporters Club are offering a unique memento of his stay with us. Knowledge of a trip to Australia gave us the opportunity to obtain - direct from Marconi Stallions (his former Club) - Danny's famous number 13 shirt. Having brought this back to the UK, it is now signed and is on offer to the winner of a simple competition.

All you have to do is quess the attendance at the last match of the season against Luton. It works like this, guess the attendance and pay the entry fee to the competition of just £1. Entries will be taken at the following places in and around the ground, just write your details, guess and pay the entry fee its as simple as that. You can pay your pound in the Winners lounge before and after the game, at the away travel office. at the Club Superstore and from any half time draw seller (please provide name address and guess on a note). Write to us C/O The County ground supplying your details, the quess and the entry fee.

Closest guess to the actual attendance will win and in the event of a tie the winner will be established by simply drawing lots. The decision of the organisers is final.

Supporters Club membership

In order to keep our membership secretary busy at this time of year, we run a special offer of membership for the rest of this season and all of next season at this seasons price of just £5 for adults with concessions available for junior and family membership. Details can be found on our web site. Don't forget, discounts on away travel etc are on offer.

Half time draw

Those fans that pay by regular subscription have been entered into a lucky draw for a special day out at the County Ground. Winners were: A. Walsh, A. Hayes, J O'Hanlon, M. Knight, P. Spearman, G. Harling, T. Partsie, P. Ritchings, C. Brothers, D. Drewitt, S. Bayliss, and T. Chamberlain.

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

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TODAYS MASCOT

Today's lucky mascots are Luke Hobbs (Swindon) and Lee Pearson (Huddersfield).

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Luke Hobbs, of Dorcan School, is 12 years old in a couple of week's time and he is a massive Swindon fan. His favourite player is Danny Invincibile – enjoy him while you can Luke! Our visiting mascot today is Lee Pearson who's six years old. A local lad, Lee attends Holy Road Infants School and his favourite 'Terrier' is Andy Booth.

To be come a matchday mascot (and you need to get in quick, there's only two home games left!) – you have two options. The first is the Matchday Mascot Package (£250 +VAT for four people) in which you can receive hospitality treatment in the Executive Lounge including a three-course meal, a kit and the chance to lead the team out before the game. The other option is slightly less priced at £100. Unfortunately for this you don't receive the same amount of lavish attention – instead all you need to do is bring your kit, your boots and you can lead your heroes out before the game! For more information or to book a mascot package, contact James Sparks at the Club on 01793 333718.



ROCKIN'S POSTBAG

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

Rockin' Robin,

My team Bristol City sailed to a glorious victory in the LDV Cup over the mighty Carlisle, but no-one took any notice! How come our triumph went unnoticed, surely some recognition for this mighty win is in order?? Dandy Wilson, Bristol City.

Dandy,

......did somebody say something?NEXT!

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Rockin' Robin,

What am I to do with young Wayne Rooney, everybody wants a piece of him, the England Manager, advertisers, sponsors, young women.... what am I to do? The lad is too young for all this - I don't want him to burn out! What would you suggest, Rocky.

David Moist, Everton.

David,

During the summer let him grow his hair, maybe grow a moustache (if he can), change his name by deed poll and make the boy keep a low profile so come the new season he might just be forgotten about by the press and public. Send the lad out on loan to a Division Two side - let's say here at the County Ground and give the boy a season to grow up a bit, help that side to gain promotion and he will return much more level headed after having grafted for a season, finding out what football is really like at this level and it would be a perfect set-up to the rest of his career. Trust me, I'm a Robin who knows these things (and I haven't got five bellies - it's just where my feathers get ruffled sometimes)

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Once again send in your answer to the anagram below and you could win two tickets to one of the two remaining league games at the CG. MY BEER MUSIC, KEN, Born: 26.8.71, Altrincham, Defender

THE ROBIN THAT ROCKS! by Alyn



KIT DESIGN WAS NOT ONE OF THOSE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT SEASON...







01 TOWN DOING THEIR BIT FOR CHARITY

Swindon Town were delighted to present a cheque to two separate charities before the Club's derby clash with Bristol City. The two cheques, which together totalled £5,100, were made up of money successfully obtained from the Club from the proceeds of the FA Community Shield. £2,100 was donated to the Friends of Christ Church Skyline Appeal and it was presented by Mark Devlin (Swindon Town's Chief Executive) and Mike Spearman to The Bishop of Swindon, Reverend Simon Stevenette (Club Chaplain and Vicar of Christchurch), Angela Ruck and Michael Slipper (Appeals Committee). The second cheque, for £3,000, was presented to the Prospect Hospice in Wroughton. Once again the cheque was presented by Mark Devlin and Mike Spearman, and Mike Bowden, Mark Suddaby (Swindon Rotary Club) and David Line (Chief Executive Prospect Hospice) were on hand to receive it on behalf of the Hospice.

Mark Devlin was delighted that the Club could support the two charities. "As one of the major organisations in the Town it is important that the Club tries to assist the Community whenever and where ever possible. These are two very worthy charities and I sincerely hope that the money will go some way to helping them to achieve their aims."

The Football Club was also fortunate enough to be able to secure a donation of \pounds 3,000 for the local branch of the Child Victims of Crime Charity.

02 MARATHON MEN

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Two members of Swindon Town's staff are running the London

Marathon tomorrow. Between them they've already run 24 (at which stage Mike is keen to point out that he's done 17 of them) London Marathons and they're both harbouring different expectations. Sales and Marketing Manager, Mike Sullivan – who is raising money for Sparks' Children's Fund in London, is looking at finishing the race in about five hours. In contrast, Clive Harper – who has had to contend with a number of knee injuries, is just hoping to finish the race on Sunday and ahead of Mike!

To both Mike and Clive – we wish you the best of luck (especially you Clive). If you would like to donate any money to Mike's cause, then feel free to contact him here at the Club.

MY SWINDON XI - ARISTOCRACY TOWN

Demonstrating a classy touch, this Town side had aristocratic connections. There's nothing too common about playing for Swindon.

- **Jim Barron**
- David Duke
- Phil King
- Derek Hall
- Gareth Hall
- Stan Earl
- 7 Ray Page
- 8 Andy King
- Charlie (King) Henry
- 10 Harold Court
- 11 Garry (Lord) Nelson

YOU ARE MY SWINDON

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

SEND THEM TO:

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

Or email: stfc_enquiries@hotmail.com

WIN TWO TICKETS! 25 YEARS AGO by Dave Wallis

Again answer the question highlighted below and you could win two tickets to one of the two remaining league matches here at the CG.

Swindon were playing catch up with the fixtures 25 years ago as the winter postponements left ten games to squeeze in before the beginning of May. In a nine-day period, three matches were drawn. A Chris Guthric goal at Tranmere was cancelled out by a Russell Allen strike 12 minutes from time on March 31 1978 and Cambridge, lying second in the Third Division, ground out a 0-0 game at the County Ground as we progressed into April. Another home game, this time with Colchester, produced the second 0-0 outcome in five days but things got worse on April 8 when Walsall visited the County Ground and left with a 3-2 win. Kenny Stroud and David Moss scored Town's goals. Town defender Colin Prophett also got on the score sheet by scoring the own goal that took all the points to the West Midlands.

1. One of Walsall's goalscorers in the game against Town later managed the Saddlers as well as Grimsby and Lincoln. Who is he?

2. On April 3, Arsenal asked their retired ex-goalkeeper to be on stand-by as cover for Pat Jennings for their FA Cup semi-final against Orient. He is now a TV presenter and Don Rogers once had him grovelling in the Wembley mud. Who is he?

3. In the other semi-final, which team beat WBA 3-1 at Highbury on April 8 to reach the FA Cup final for the first time in their history?

4. Manager Frank McLintock resigned from which Midlands club after ten months in charge on April 5?

5. On April 11 an English maverick was recalled to the England side to face Brazil. He once starred for Sheffield United, Leeds and QPR. Who is he?



STEVE ROBINSON

THE NAKED CHEF

THE 'TURBMEISTER' RETURNS WITH A SEASONAL OFFERING THIS WEEK...

NO. 22 TURBO'S HOT CROSS BUNS

 You will need the following : 3/4 cup warm water, 3 tablespoons butter, 1 tablespoon milk, 1/4 cup white sugar, 3/8 teaspoon salt, 1 egg, 1 egg white, 3 cups flour, 1 tablespoon active dry yeast, 3/4 cup currants, 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1 egg yolk, 2 tablespoons water, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract, 2 teaspoons milk

Put warm water, butter, milk powder, 1/4 cup sugar, salt, egg, egg white, flour, and yeast in bread maker and start on the dough.

 When five minutes of kneading are left, add currants and cinnamon. Leave in machine until double.

4 Punch down on floured surface, cover, and rest 10 minutes.

Shape into 12 balls and place in a greased 9 x 12 inch pan. Cover and let rise in a warm place until double the size, about 35-40 minutes.

Mix egg yolk and 2 tablespoons water. Brush on balls - pardon the pun...

Bake at 190 degrees C for 20 minutes. Remove from pan immediately and cool.

To make crosses: mix together confectioners' sugar, vanilla, and milk. Brush an X on each cooled bun.











IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING, THEN CONTACT SWINDON TOWN'S SOCCER CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR. JIMMY FRASER, ON 01793 333724



Swindon Town's **Soccer Centres**

GOOD AFTERNOON AND A WARM WELCOME TO THE COUNTY GROUND FOR TODAY'S GAME AGAINST HUDDERSFIELD.

This week signals the last week before the start of the Easter holidays. Children at all the centres have enjoyed a seven-week course including the learning of basic skills: passing; control; heading; dribbling, shooting as well as mini-sided games.

At the end of their last session each child receives a medal to show how well they've done on the course.

With the numbers at an all time high we hope the kids book on again and join the six-week course before the summer holidays.

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

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

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Monday	5.00 - 6.00 pm	5-10 years
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Tuesday	4.00 - 5.00 pm	5 - 6 years
	5.00 - 6.00 pm	7-8 years
Thursday	4.00 - 5.00pm	5 - 6 years
	5.00 - 6.00 pm	8 - 11 years

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BLOOR HOMES

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT



HOW DIE YOU COME TO JOIN SWINDON TOWN?

My Dad knows John White and he got me to go along. When I started I could not kick a ball properly but I have improved and it's good fun. I started to play in the under 10s and moved onto the under 12s. I now play for the under fourteens in the Surrey Primary League and we are doing quite well.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE

I would like to play for England and the Swindon first team of course, or possibly Chelsea.

HEN DID YOU START

I started to kick a tootball around with my Dad

and my sister in the garden. Our Jack Russell dog used to join in sometimes too!

WHAT ABOUT AT SCHOOL

When I went to Grange Junior School in Stratton St Margaret I played in the school team with the boys. I now go to Kingsdown School at Stratton and we have a girl's team. We have played in several tournaments against other schools and although they have been good fun we have not won anything – yet! I also play football during my breaks with boys and girls.

STFC LADIES

TOWN'S LADIES, HAVING SPENT MOST OF THE SEASON DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO THE TWO RELEGATION SPOTS, HAVE NOW MOVED UP TO FOURTH PLACE IN THE SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE.

The Town have entertained the two bottom clubs and have taken maximum points. The home game against Exeter City was a hard fought game with the Devon side leading until the 78th minute when Nikki Watts turned in Michelle Rich's cross. With time running out the Town got the winner. Michelle Rich was again the provider and Nikki Watts the scorer.

The Town's next game was against bottom side Aylesbury United and was a more one-sided affair, with the Town recording their biggest win of the season. In the 11th minute Lucy Bailey put the Town ahead and ten minutes later Nikki Watts scored a second. Aylesbury pulled a goal back but Lucy Bailey and Nikki Watts both scored again before half time. Within four minutes of the restart Lucy Bailey completed her hat trick, Clare Wheeler converted a penalty and then Nikki Watts completed her hat trick to take Town's tally to seven.

The Town's regular goalkeeper Wendy Davis was not available for these games and the Town are grateful to Chippenham Town for the loan of their keeper, Becky Powell, who did a first class job between the sticks.

The Town Reserves had a good win when they travelled to Somerset to face Clevedon Town Reserves. Lucy Bailey put the Town ahead after 15 minutes, and Laura Stallard and Nat Mitchell scored before the break. In the second half the Town ran riot with two more goals from Lucy Bailey, a goal from Schonsel Whitehead and Louise Corcoran who got number seven just before time.

Tomorrow the Town travel up the M4 to face Reading. The Town won the home fixture by one goal to nil and the Berkshire side are currently fighting a relegation battle.

SOUTH WEST COMBINATION

KELLY WILSON

POSITION: DEFENDER

AGE: 13

Sun 18 Aug	Cardiff City		0-5
Sun 25 Aug	Aylesbury United		P-P
Sun 01 Sep	Plymouth Argle	A -	2-4
Sun 08 Sep	Reading Royals	H	3-6
Sun 15 Sep	Clevedon Town		2-2
Sun 22 Sep	Portsmouth		0-2
Sun 29 Sep	Chesham United	A	1-0
Sun 66 Oct	Newton Abbot		5-2
Sun 13 Oct	Yeovil Town	4	P-P
Sun 20 Oct	Cardiff City		
Sun 27 Oct	Oxford United		1-2
Sun 03 Nov	Aylesbury United	H	
Sun 10 Nov	FA Cup 2nd Round		P-P
Sun 17 Nov	Exeter City		P-P
Sun 24 Nov	Reading		P-P
Sun 01 Dec	Clevedon Town	H	P-P
Sun 08 Dec	Exeter City	H	P-P
Thur 12 Jan	Plymouth Argyle	H	9-9
Sun 19 Jan	Yeovil Town		3-2
Thur 12 Feb	Newton Abbot		3-3
Thur 19 Jan	Reading Royals		3-10
Thur 09 Feb	Yeovil Town	H	3-2
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WITHOUT A WIN IN THEIR LAST FIVE AWAY GAMES - ANDY KING'S SIDE WILL BE LOOKING FOR THEIR FIRST VICTORY SINCE THE WIN AT TRANMERE WHEN THEY TRAVEL TO CREWE'S GRESTY ROAD STADIUM.

A ROUGH GUIDE TO... CREWE ALEXANDRA

WHO? CREWE ALEXANDRA WHEN? SATURDAY APRIL 19

WHERE? GRESTY ROAD KICK-OFF? 3.00PM

STFC TRAVEL CLUB: The coaches are set to pick up fans at the following destinations: Wootton Bassett (Coped Hall Bus Stop): 09.00am, West Swindon (Ashington Way): 09.15am, County Ground: 09.30am, Ermin Street: 09.45am. The coach fare is £13.50 per adult, Under 15's £12.00 - Supporters Club members will receive a £1.50 discount (membership card must be shown).

BY CAR: Exit M6 at junction 16 (s/p Stoke-on-Trent, Crewe A500, Nantwich) At motorway roundabout turn left (s/p Crewe A500, Nantwich) At roundabout after 2.2 miles turn right (s/p Crewe A5020). At next roundabout after 0.9 miles, turn left (s/p Crewe A5020). Follow signs to Crewe for 2.0 miles, over two roundabouts and through lights. Pass Brocklebank pub and Royal Mail building on LHS, then turn left at roundabout (s/p Nantwich A534, Crewe Station) into Nantwich Road and over railway bridge. Gresty Road is the first left after the station.

Ticket Prices: Adults: £16.00. Senior Citizens: £13.00, Juniors (under 16's): £4.00

PARKING: The best option is the industrial estate to the east of the A5020 Weston Road, opposite the Royal Mail sorting office. It's a 5-10 minute walk to the ground. Alternatively, there's a 500-600 stewarded car park in St Clair Street (£1.50 for over 3 hrs). To get there, turn into Gresty Road and St Clair Street is the second turning on the right after the ground There's also street parking around here, but the roads often get gridlocked before kick-off. A new car park with 800 spaces is now open, behind the new main stand

TRAIN: FROM RAILWAY STATION (Crewe): For the latest train information contact (0345) 484 950. Or visit www.thetrainline.com. From the station, turn left into Nantwich Road, then first left into Gresty Road, BY BUS: 'Arriva' bus nos, 4, 29, 39 and 44 all run near to Gresty Road





NEXT IN TOWN...



Plymouth 23.04.03 (7.45PM)



03.05.03 (3.00PM)

Next season's Season Ticket Prices available on page 33

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NEXT PLEASE...

AT THE COUNTY GROUND



WH0? PLYMOUTH ARGYLE KICK-OFF? 7.45PM WHEN? WEDNESDAY APRIL 23

When Plymouth earned promotion to Division Two last season as Champions (and with a huge points tally of 102), few would have expected them to have done as well as they have this time around.

With only a few additions to Paul Sturrock's squad (including long-term Town target, David Norris, who has joined the Club on loan)– Argyle have surprised everyone with their ninth place position and whilst they're 12 points behind QPR in sixth place with a handful of games to go, they won't have written off their outside play-off chances just yet. However, with Town just six points behind (hopefully three after today) – anything could happen as the sides in the top half of the table look to finish as high as they can.

A good start formed the basis of Plymouth's season and despite an opening day ding-dong against Mansfield (in which they were on the wrong side of a seven-goal thriller) – the Pilgrims went on to record an unbeaten run of six games (including four victories back to back). And whilst many were tipping them to slide down the table at some

> stage, a steady period of form has meant that they have been

"there or there abouts" in the top half of the table.

More recently Sturrock's side have endured just one defeat in the last five and included in that run was an impressive 1-0 win away at Wigan. The victory was

encapsulated by a strong defensive display and whilst they may not have scored that many goals – they certainly have one of the meanest defensive records on the road.

Town will be looking to go one better than the 1-1 draw encountered at Home Park – a lastminute penalty cruelly denying Town of what would have been a marvellous

> three points following a trademark free-kick from Mr Gurney.

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