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## EDITOR'S EYE

As you may have noticed this is a bumper edition today and inside the hallowed pages are a veritable number of feasts and treats. Player of the Year, Goal of the Year, action from our last three games and our 'piece de resistance' – an interview with Sir Seton Wills. You'll have to read what he thinks about this season and next on page 26-29 – all I can say is thank you to the man himself for taking time out to take part in the interview – it was very enjoyable and very much appreciated! Also worth a look is Dave Wallis's review of the season – Dave has successfully managed to encapsulate every high and low in just four pages – it makes for very interesting reading!

Changing the subject slightly – I saw with great interest that Trevor Brooking took over the manager's hotseat at West Ham in time for the win against Man City last weekend. My claim to any fame is to have played (and scored) with Trevor whilst on a coaching course in America. I got to know him very well in the week we spent with him and he is a great, genuine guy who keeps himself very fit. I'd like to wish the Hammers every success under their temporary boss. The result at Man City was a great start – I just hope that they escape the drop. The transition from non-executive director to manager is a daunting one, not least for a man who has worked extensively in the media and for four years was Chairman of Sport England. Good Luck Trevor.

Anyone who read 'The Advers' article on the day of the Plymouth game cannot have failed to have been moved by John Ritson's piece about the stress on football managers. I thought it was a great article and despite all the off field problems here at the CG, as well as the dip in form earlier in the season – we should all congratulate Andy King on a respectable league position. Thanks Andy.

Finally from me – a big thank you to all those that have helped with the production of the matchday programme. Again your help has been instrumental in us producing what I consider to be a half-decent publication on time every week and without you – that probably wouldn't happen. And so to Dick Mackey, Chris Adams, the Youth Department, Ben Leach, Dan Keeflin, Dave Wallis, Dick Mattock, Mark Hamman, Helen Wingrove, Jon Ritson, the Community lads, Nigel Bennett, the Trust, George Chadwick, Chris Tanner, Adam Collier, Roger Reeves and my Mum (proof reader extraordinaire) – a massive thank you.

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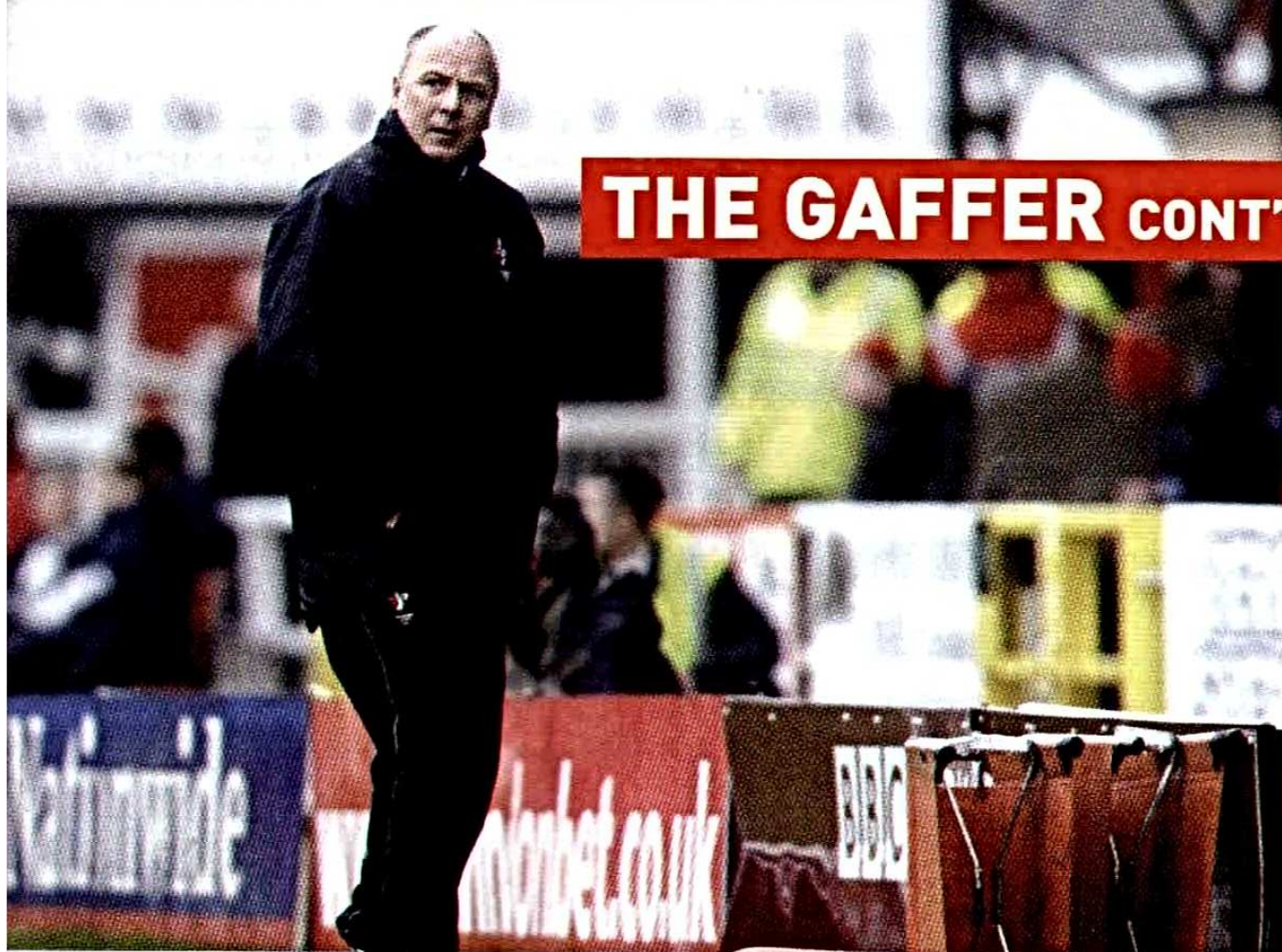


**GOOD AFTERNOON AND A WARM WELCOME TO WHAT IS OUR LAST GAME OF THE CURRENT SEASON. TODAY'S ENCOUNTER WITH LUTON TAKES ON A GREATER SIGNIFICANCE FOR ME, NOT ONLY IS IT THE LAST GAME OF THE YEAR - ALWAYS A GREAT EVENT IN ANY CASE - BUT IT ALSO REUNITES ME WITH A FEW OLD FRIENDS.**

Some of you may know that I started my footballing life with Luton Town and it also happens to be my hometown. In fact, should we lose today (god forbid), the King family could stand to lose a lot of money! My sister runs a pub in the area and it's always inhabited by Luton fans and I doubt they'll be too happy with her if we win - but I'd imagine a few bets have been made as well just to make it interesting!

The visit of Luton also reunites me with my best friend (pictured over the page), Mick Harford and I would like to welcome Mick, Joe Kinnear, his management team, directors, players and supporters to the County Ground. Luton, like us, have had a season of ups and downs that have almost run in opposite directions. As you know we had a great start and went to the top of the league whilst Luton struggled at the beginning of the campaign. At that time Mick Harford was phoning me up so that I could console him - but it wasn't long before the roles were reversed and I was calling him as we embarked on that awful run! And again, when our form picked up, Luton's dropped. Yet thankfully here we are - both in the middle of the table and to be honest, I think we would have both settled for that at the start of the season. Obviously both clubs have aspirations to reach Division One, but with the financial situation as it is here and Luton coming up from Division Three - I think mid-table is a fair reflection of the two Clubs' seasons respectively. And there was also a stage





## THE GAFFER CONT'D...

when both Clubs must have fancied the play-offs – Luton pushing the top six very hard at one stage whilst we were within mathematical distance of QPR having beaten them here 3-1.

I think in the wider scheme of things, looking at the broader footballing picture, it is just nice to be able to finish the season with no worries. Both teams can enjoy today's game without the threat of relegation. Unfortunately, another good friend of mine, Kevin Ratcliffe is not in a position to do so having left Shrewsbury on Tuesday night. Unfortunately Shrewsbury were relegated this week and it just highlights the pitfalls of management. Kevin was the hero when his side beat Everton in the FA Cup – yet here he is now without a job having been relegated from the Football League. I hope Kevin recovers, because I know he's feeling very low at the moment, and returns to the game in some form or another.

The hardest thing for me personally at this time of year is releasing players. Managers

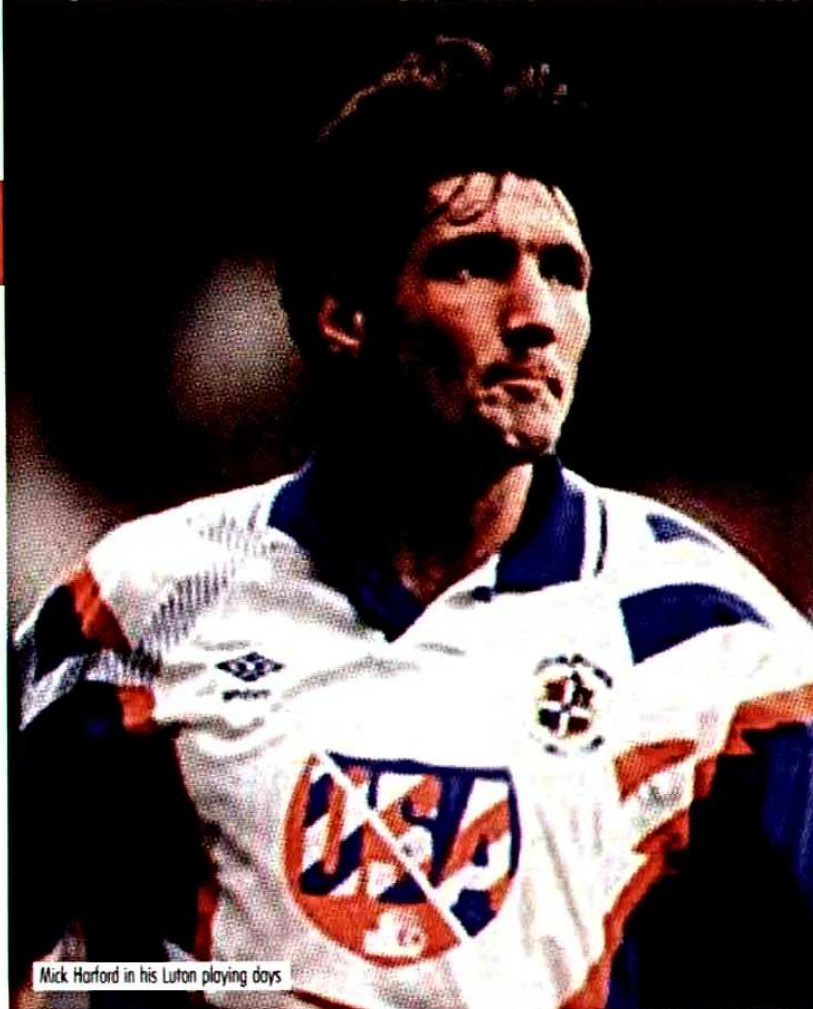
up and down the country are having to let some of their professionals go and I am no different. It's not the Adam Willis's and Gareth Edds's that worry me (although I wish them the best of luck) – they are very good professionals and they will recover and deal with it. It's letting the younger players go that I find very hard to deal with because, in essence, you are destroying their dreams. Take Kevin Halliday and Nathan Edwards for example, both good players and great professionals. Unfortunately I have had to let them go, but I know that I'm destroying their aspirations to play professional football. And the younger ones, the likes of Neil Crosby who is related to Malcolm – I have had to make a decision on him and it is very hard. I sincerely hope, and I do mean this, that the younger lads stay in professional football because they are great pros. I just hope that they find opportunities elsewhere and succeed in whatever they do.

Well, what a season it's been for us all looking back on it. We've seen so many ups and downs and after a good start,

expectations hit the roof before we endured a torrid run of form. That was a very difficult time for us all here at the Club and understandably so. I, like the fans, want results, yet because I can control things in some way as manager, I often take the blame. I can understand that – fans want success and have every right to reflect their feelings. But in the end we all had our say. I said my piece as did the fans, but the main thing is that we stuck together and came through it and I must thank you all for that. To those that supported me through that time and sent me the nice letters, and also those that let us all get on with the job – a huge thank you. In the end we've worked together, united and succeeded. The results that followed improved and it just shows how strong we can be when we unite as a team.

I would also like to thank the players for a fantastic achievement in finishing in a respectable position in the league. I set them a milestone of 60 points and a win today will see them reach that and so to have come through that period, to show such professionalism and commitment is





Mick Harford in his Luton playing days

fantastic and I can't thank them enough. One player in particular, Keith O'Halloran, has shown great character. Compared to him, I have been through nothing because he could do nothing when the team was struggling because he was injured. But he is on the way back, he's had the last plate removed from his leg and with a bit of luck he'll be ready for pre-season. We all talk about new players, but should Keith return to full fitness and perform as he did before the injury, then it will be a great boost for this Club and like a new signing for me. He was an inspiration to me in the hard times and I thank him for that.

I would also like to thank those that don't normally receive the plaudits, the backroom staff. From Chief Executive Mark Devlin, who's working hard to turn this club around, to Paul Cowling in the maintenance team, who works so hard for this Club every day of the week, and all those in between - a huge thank you. They put so much effort in and they too have always supported me. Finally I would like to thank my personal secretary, Linda Birrell, who not only works hard - but puts

up with me which is no mean feat I can tell you! After today my attentions turn immediately to next season. We already have one pre-season friendly to look forward to with Wolves coming here on July 16, but we are also trying to get two more Premiership Clubs to visit us. These games will really whet the appetite and put us in good stead for the new campaign. Hopefully by then we'll have some new faces and even today - I am hoping to have secured the services of a new striker. I am hoping that the details of this new player can be disclosed next week because I am very keen to build a squad capable of the play-offs. With the League broadening the play-off places as well next year, we have every chance of making a real go of it and like you - I am desperate for some good times at Swindon Town Football Club.

Enjoy the summer - thanks again for your support and I look forward to seeing you all in July.

Thanks again.

**Andy King**

## TODAY'S FIXTURES 03.05.03

**BARCLAYCARD**  
PREMIERSHIP

|             |     |            |
|-------------|-----|------------|
| Arsenal     | P-P | Leeds      |
| Aston Villa | vs  | Sunderland |
| Blackburn   | vs  | West Brom  |
| Fulham      | vs  | Everton    |
| Liverpool   | vs  | Man City   |
| Man Utd     | vs  | Charlton   |
| Middlesbro  | vs  | Tottenham  |
| Newcastle   | vs  | Birmingham |
| Southampton | vs  | Bolton     |
| West Ham    | vs  | Chelsea    |

### Nationwide 2

|              |    |              |
|--------------|----|--------------|
| Blackpool    | vs | Chesterfield |
| Brentford    | vs | Peterborough |
| Bristol C    | vs | Port Vale    |
| Colchester   | vs | QPR          |
| Crewe        | vs | Cardiff      |
| Huddersfield | vs | Oldham       |
| Mansfield    | vs | Northampton  |
| Notts Co     | vs | Cheltenham   |
| Plymouth     | vs | Wycombe      |
| Stockport    | vs | Tranmere     |
| Swindon      | vs | Luton        |
| Wigan        | vs | Barnsley     |

### Nationwide 3

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

04.05.03

**BARCLAYCARD**  
PREMIERSHIP

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| Arsenal | vs | Leeds |
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### Nationwide 1

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



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Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground for our final first team fixture of the season. On behalf of the directors at Swindon Town can I also welcome the directors, management, players and supporters of Luton Town.

Just over a week ago I attended the Football League Conference in Leicester where there were three key issues discussed. Firstly, there was the issue of clubs going in and out of administration, but of more concern, particularly to First Division clubs, those clubs who are perceived to deliberately go into administration and emerge free of debt and with a sporting advantage. Our view is that, whilst administration remains a legitimate route to rescuing a business that has serious financial difficulties, clubs should not be penalised however, if it can be proved that this course of action has been taken deliberately then sporting sanctions, i.e. the loss of points, should be used as a deterrent. Next up was a proposed change to the play-off structure. The suggested changes sought to provide greater interest in end of season games by including teams finishing seventh and eighth. However, the new rules would reward the teams finishing third and fourth, by making their possible progression to the play-off finals a little easier than presently so. As a club we gave the proposed changes our blessing. Finally there was the issue of salary capping. Our position is that you should not need to impose a salary cap to help clubs stay viable. That said, we are keen to see how the experiment, using the Third Division, next season works and if there is something to be gained by the new laws they will need to abide by. Clubs will only be allowed to spend 60% of their turnover, which will be determined by preset rules, on players salaries and associated costs.

Following on from my notes in the last programme, I am really delighted with the response so far to our season ticket packages. Particularly pleasing is, that of current sales, over 15% are new season ticket holders which bodes well for next season. Thanks to everyone who has already purchased their season tickets.

I have publicly stated that I want to the club to return to its community roots and work very hard to encourage families and kids into the County

Ground to support the team. Part of this process has been to develop a family enclosure that is more than just an area of the stadium. We were therefore delighted on Tuesday to announce the sponsorship of the Family Enclosure by the Oxford, Swindon & Gloucester co-op. They are a company committed to its community and are a great partner for what we are trying to achieve. The launch of the sponsorship was tied in to the opening of their new £4.5 million, 10,000 sq. foot store in Highworth and is a real credit to everyone involved in its conception and build. The sponsorship will allow us to operate themed events within the family enclosure at selected matches throughout the season. My thanks go to Bill Laird and everyone at the Oxford, Swindon & Gloucester co-op for their support and for having the foresight to get involved with Swindon Town FC. I would also thank Mike Sullivan and Rockin' Robin for their hard work in securing the sponsorship. There is much work to do at the County Ground during the close season. Obviously, I will be working with Andy King to secure the players he feels we need to build a squad capable of going for the play-offs. The pitch is scheduled to undergo major renovation to provide the type of playing surface, throughout the season, we believe we need. By now you will probably be aware that we have agreed to play Wolves in a pre-season friendly at the County Ground on Wednesday, 16 July. We are working hard to secure a good list of pre-season matches, both home and away, and we will let you know of the fixtures and ticket prices as soon as we confirm them.

It has been a difficult season, but one where I believe we can honestly say that some measure of progress has been made. We are financially more stable, although it remains a very tough business, financially, to be in. The team have gained more points than last year, finished higher than last year and flirted with hopes of the play-offs, despite the financial constraints we had to impose to get the club back

onto an even keel. We operated the smallest squad in the division and our playing budget was certainly one of the smallest in Division Two. I would like to thank each and every one of the players for their efforts this season and I would also thank Andy King, Malcolm Crosby, Viv Busby and Jim Fraser for their hard work and dedication to the cause.

On the subject of thanks I would like to thank (sorry if this sounds like Halle Berry at the Oscars!) all of the staff at the club, particularly Linda Birrell who has maintained her sanity despite having to work closely with Andy King and I during the season, for their dedication over my first year at the club. I know it has been difficult on occasions for them, but we could not have got a more settled club without them. Also thanks to all of our matchday staff and stewards for their assistance in making matchdays work for the club. To the Supporters Club for their help and fundraising efforts throughout the season and to the Trust for their donation towards the costs of our training ground. A massive thank you from everyone associated with the club must go to Sir Seton Wills and the Wills family. This club simply would not exist without their continued support.

Last, and definitely not least, we would like to thank you, our loyal supporters, who have stuck with the club through the many difficult times it has experienced. Your support is crucial, and we cannot progress properly without you onside. I know we still face many difficulties, and we are not always able to make popular decisions, but I would ask you to stick with us, we are improving in many areas, and help us to build our fan base again. Your support and loyalty is not taken for granted, and we look forward to seeing you back here next season for a crack at the play-offs.

Enjoy the game and your summer break- don't forget to wear your new Swindon shirt with pride around the many holiday resorts you visit during the close season.

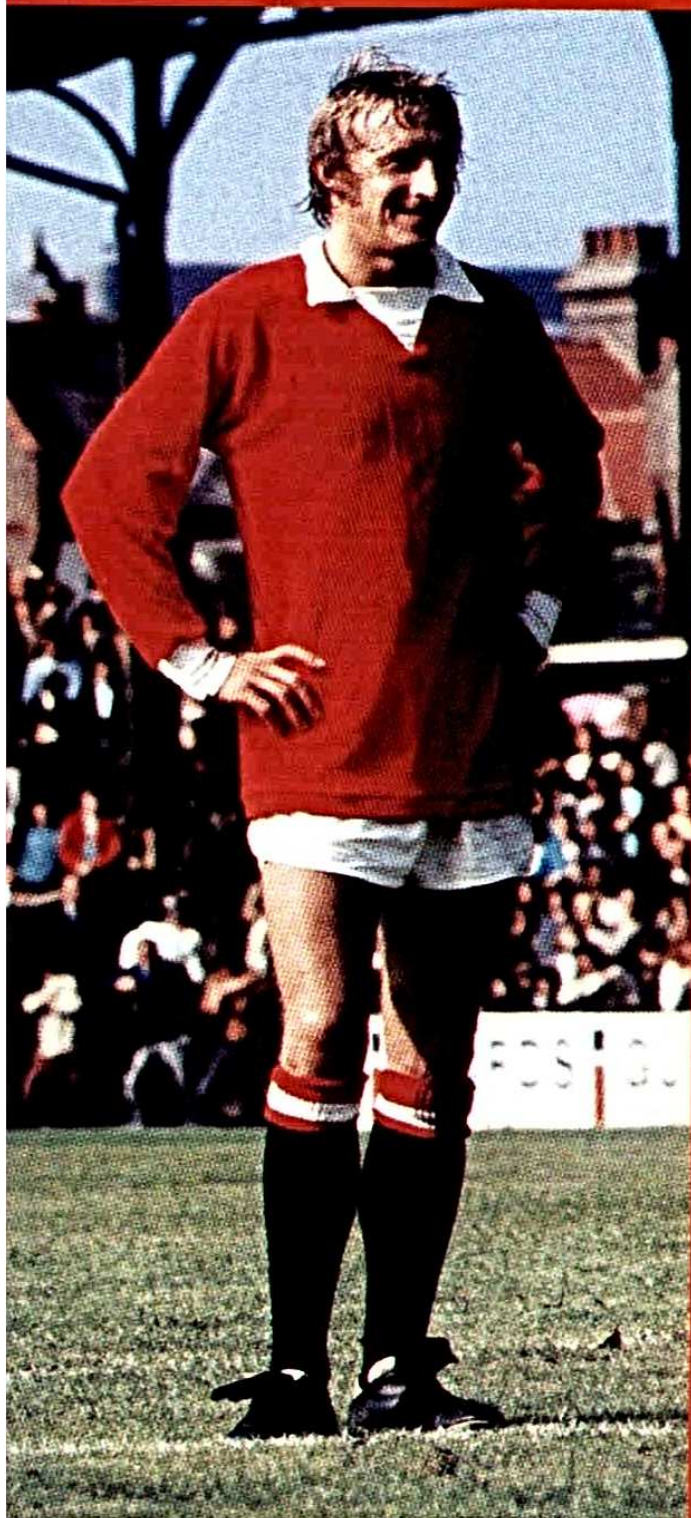
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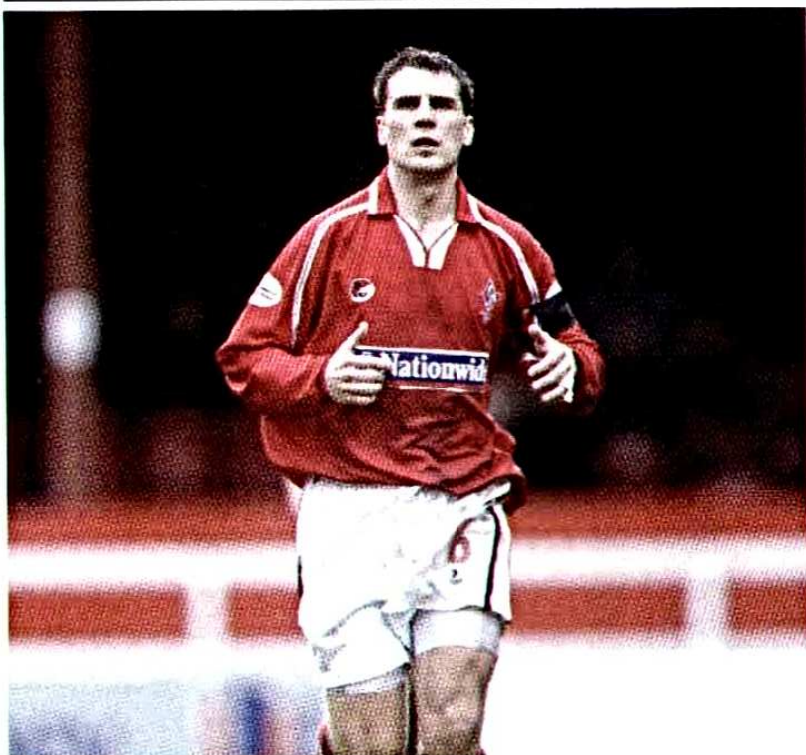
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# CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



## A WARM WELCOME TO THE COUNTY GROUND FOR THE FINAL GAME OF THE SEASON AGAINST LUTON TOWN.

Today's game provides us with the opportunity to celebrate the season to date as we look to finish the season in a mid-table position for the second year in a row. Admittedly we would all have liked to have finished in a higher position – but when you take into consideration the poor run that we had earlier in the season and everything that has gone on both on and off the field – then I think that you'll agree that finishing in mid-table is a respectable place to end the campaign.

I think if you had said to us when we were in that lull that we would finish in the middle of the table then we would all have taken it. I suppose next year, if we are to make the next stage which is the play-offs, then we have to eradicate the poor runs of form and the inconsistency that has prevented us from doing better than we have.

Today's opponents have also had a great season. Having come up from the Third Division last year Joe Kinnear's side have looked at home in this league and have

been 'there or thereabouts' all year. They will be tough opposition this afternoon, the 3-0 defeat earlier in the season is testament to the danger they pose.

But after our 4-0 defeat last week I think we owe it to ourselves, as well as the fans to finish the season on a high. In terms of points I don't think today's result will make too much of a difference – but as we look ahead to next year I think we would all go away with a smile on our face if we can finish with a good result at home.

Finally from me I'd just like to say thank you to you all for your support this season. It's not been an easy year for us all – but you have been there through the good and the bad and your support has been fantastic. Also, I'd like to say good luck to all those that are leaving us this summer. The likes of Danny, Adam, Gareth and co have all done a good job for this Club – I sincerely hope they all find Clubs in the summer and are successful – unless they're playing against us that is!



## DICK MACKEY'S TREATMENT ROOM

The Treatment Room has been busy this week with a number of players coming in.

Adam Willis has been progressing well and should have trained yesterday as he continues his bid for full fitness. He has been out of action since injuring his ankle at Barnsley in February and has worked very hard.

Daren Dykes came off against Huddersfield after taking a knock to his ankle. He will go for a precautionary scan next week, but we have to be conservative with him in terms of training until we know the full extent of the injury.

Alan Young, at the time of writing, stood a 50:50 chance of playing for the reserves yesterday after a bout of tendonitis in his ankle which was probably caused by the increasingly hard grounds.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have assisted in the Treatment Room this season and wish everyone an enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you all next season.



# THE WEEK THAT WAS

14.04.03

## ECKERSLEY JOINS TOWN ON TRIAL

Swindon Town Manager Andy King revealed that he is trying to bring Bolton Wanderers midfielder Michael Eckersley to the Club.



King has spoken of his desire to bring young, fresh talent to the Club and as a result, he has brought Eckersley to train with the Club as well play for the reserves. Eckersley, 18, is in his third year with Wanderers after playing for both Manchester City and United during his schooldays. He has an excellent attitude and offers a strong passing game. Town Manager King said: "Eckersley is a player

who I like. I saw him play a couple of weeks ago and I think he could offer us that quality we are looking for. I would like to sign him and we will hopefully tie something up soon. He is a Steve Robinson type, he is a small lad. He has good pace and is very competitive. He is a tough lad and I am going to try and bring two or three of these young players in to strengthen the squad."

25.04.03

## TOWN GIVEN PLAY-OFF HOPE BY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Swindon Town have been given a major boost following a meeting of officials from all 72 Football League Clubs held at Leicester City's Walkers Stadium. The new play-off structure would see six teams competing in the play-offs rather than the four teams per division at present. For example, Under the new play-off system, the team finishing fifth in Division Two next season would face the team in eighth place in one quarter-final, with the sixth and seventh-placed teams contesting the other.

28.04.03

## SABIN GOING SUPER HOOPY?

Eric Sabin – who is yet to accept an offer to stay at the County Ground – played in a 'behind closed doors game' for QPR on Monday morning and scored in a 2-2 draw with Spurs. Swindontownfc.co.uk, unable to get hold of Eric Sabin, managed to contact Ian Holloway after the game, he said, "He's a player that we have been interested in for some time and we tried to get him here before transfer deadline day. Unfortunately, for a number of reasons that didn't happen and an agreement couldn't be reached. "He played for our reserves in a behind closed doors friendly this morning against Spurs and scored in a 2-2 draw so I am delighted with him. He is available on a free transfer in the summer and so we want to get him here and have a look at him, get ahead of the game if you like." The news follows last week's news that Andy King was in the hunt for Barnet striker, Junior Agogo, who scored again for the London Club on Saturday. The 23-year old tops King's wanted list as he looks to replace Invincible – who has already announced his intention to leave. Should Sabin move then King will have to look for another striker this summer.



25.04.03

## KING HOPING TO AGOGO FOR JUNIOR

Swindon Town Manager Andy King has admitted his interest in Barnet striker Junior Agogo. There has



been speculation in the media over the last few days linking Town with the 19-goal former Sheffield Wednesday man, and King spoke to the press about the player. "Agogo is certainly one player who I have contacted. I have asked the board about funds available and we want to be challenging

for the play-offs next year. If there is an amount available I would like to go in for a striker. The boy Agogo wants to progress and return to play in the Football League. He has played for Sheffield Wednesday and has indicated he would like to come to Swindon. I have made my offer for him. He is not yet 24 so cannot walk away for nothing. I would certainly be in the market for him if he came available."

28.04.03

## TOWN YOUTHS IN FINAL AGONY

Swindon Town's under 18s lose out in the Midlands Youth Cup Final against Notts County. Viv Busby's youngsters were reduced to ten men before going down to an extra-time winner at Meadow Lane. For a full report turn to page 22.





**28.04.03**

## POSITIVE SIGNS FROM EARLY SEASON TICKET SALES

Early signs have shown that the Club's Season Ticket Sales for next season are going well. At this stage Season Ticket Sales (for new Season Ticket holders) are 20% up on this time last year, with many fans taking advantage of the fantastic offers available. For further details on general ticket enquiries – please call the STFC Box Office on 0870 443 1894 or send an email to [stuart@swindontownfc.co.uk](mailto:stuart@swindontownfc.co.uk).

**28.04.03**

## SWINDON TOWN GOAL OF THE SEASON 2002/03

Voting has ended for the Swindon Town Goal of the Season 2002/2003 and you can find out the winner on page 43...

**29.04.03**

## MEET TOWN'S LATEST SIGNING

Oxford, Swindon & Gloucester Co-op are set to sponsor STFC's family enclosure at the County ground next season. The deal involves sponsorship of the family enclosure, which is part of the Arkells Stand in the 15,728-



seated stadium on County Road. This is the first time the enclosure has been sponsored in this way. Club mascot 'Rockin' Robin is also part of the sponsorship deal. Oxford,

Swindon & Gloucester Co-op's Bill Laird said, "Many people will already know that the Co-op has strong links with the local community. We are very pleased that this deal will help make live football more of an enjoyable, family experience". The sponsorship deal was signed on Tuesday morning linking to the opening of the Co-op's new £4.5 million Highworth supermarket. The store opened at 10.00am and the actual sponsorship deal was signed by Bill Laird for Oxford, Swindon & Gloucester Co-op and Mark Devlin, Chief Executive of Swindon Town.

**29.04.03**

## SAM, STEF AND SPUD WOW THE LADIES

As part of the Nationwide 'Supporters of Tomorrow' scheme, an initiative set up in order to promote girls/women's football, Swindon Town Football Club, this week, held a second series of coaching sessions following the ones that took place earlier in the season. For full details and pictures, turn to page 60.



**03.05.03**

## ARE YOU TOWN'S BIGGEST FAN?

Are you such a fanatical football fan that you travel hundreds of miles every week to watch the Town? Have you not missed a match, home or away, for ten years? Have you moved house just to be closer to your beloved Robins? Do you volunteer to spend hours of your own time promoting the mighty reds in the local community? Nationwide Building Society, sponsor of the Football League, is looking to hear from fanatical football supporters who dedicate their life in support of their first, and maybe only, true love - their football team. So, if you think you are your team's biggest and most loyal fan, they want to hear from you. All you have to do is visit [nationwide.co.uk/football](http://nationwide.co.uk/football) and explain to them why you think you are Town's greatest fan. A panel of judges will then decide which fan has shown the greatest commitment, sacrifice or loyalty to their team. One winner from each of the 72 Football League clubs will be given a pair of season tickets for season 2003/4 as a reward for their outstanding support. The closing date for entries is May 31st, prizes will be pre-designated seats and all winners will be notified by Friday June 13th.



# MATCH

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## CREWE ALEXANDRA 0

## SWINDON TOWN 1

MIGLIORANZI 75

Andy King gave a full league debut to Ian Herring at The Alexandra Stadium, with Andy Gurney and Eric Sabin both missing through suspension. However, the game lacked any real quality as both sides struggled to come to terms with the blustery conditions.

Crewe were the victims of the wind in the first half with seemingly every ball played coming straight back into their faces. Crewe had been struggling at home this season and the pitch certainly did not help their promotion plight.

Town midfielder Stefani Miglioranzi had the best chance for Town early on but his fifth minute effort flew just over the crossbar. Minutes later Kenny Lunt was in the right place at the right time to divert an Alan Reeves header off the line as Town pressed in the opening exchanges. Herring, starting the game as right wing-back in a 3-5-2 formation, looked strong on the ball and showed no nerves on his full league debut. After riding the initial storm, literally (!), Crewe began to show why they are second in the Nationwide Second Division with some patient play. Rob Hulse flashed a header wide from Kenny Lunt before Bart Griemink did well to tip another Lunt free-kick wide when taken by surprise by the Crewe man.

On 26 minutes a strong run from Dean Ashton saw him skip past Reeves and Heywood, but he saw his shot go well over when well placed. On 29 minutes Ashton's cross almost found Steve Jones but the ball connected with Jones' heel rather than setting up a scoring chance. Kenny Lunt was again at the centre of all things threatening for the home side when he dragged his shot just wide after a decent run into the Town half. Then on 32 minutes Crewe should have taken the lead. A foul by Matt Heywood on Steve Jones who, after a one-two with Ashton, was felled inside the box. Kenny Lunt, who had threatened earlier, stepped up to take the penalty. Lunt

hesitated in his run-up and stabbed his shot near enough to Griemink and the big Dutchman did enough to palm the ball against the post to keep Town in the game. From the resulting corner Steve Foster headed straight at the Town keeper. Minutes later Neil Sorvel drove a half volley at Griemink as Crewe tried to break down the Town defence before the break. However, Town should have scored on 43 minutes. Sam Parkin rose high in the area to head a flick-on from Heywood over the bar after a good cross from Danny Invincibile.

After the break Town came out looking to build on their solid first half performance. Boss Andy King made no changes to the side during the interval, simply urging his troops on as they bid for three points to all but secure Second Division safety. Just two minutes into the second half David Duke should have put Town ahead. A cross from the left hand side from Robinson was met by Duke at the near post but the former Sunderland player poked his effort agonisingly wide. Town continued with their work-rate into the second half, with Steve Robinson showing great energy with a fantastic covering tackle on 54 minutes. On 66 minutes the Alexandra Stadium crowd came to life with the news that Bristol City were 2-0 down to Colchester. This proved to be the spark the game needed as the game came to life. Dean Ashton hit a free-kick narrowly wide of Griemink's left hand post on 68 minutes before Invincibile shot straight at Clayton Ince on 69. Ian Herring showed his strength with twenty minutes to go, standing up strongly to Rob Hulse, as the Crewe man tried to pass the Town youngster.

As the game flowed into the final twenty minutes, Town began to take control. First Danny Invincibile saw his 20-yard effort saved by Ince, with the resulting corner being met by Robinson, who shot well wide. The decisive goal came on 75 minutes. Stefani Miglioranzi jinked past two challenges before firing the ball past Clayton Ince, who seemed to be deceived by the flight of the ball.

**CREWE:** Ince, Foster, Walker, Walton, Vaughan, Lunt, Brammer, Sorvel, Jones, Hulse, Ashton (Rix 76)

**Subs not used:** Bankole, Sodje, Bell, Oakes

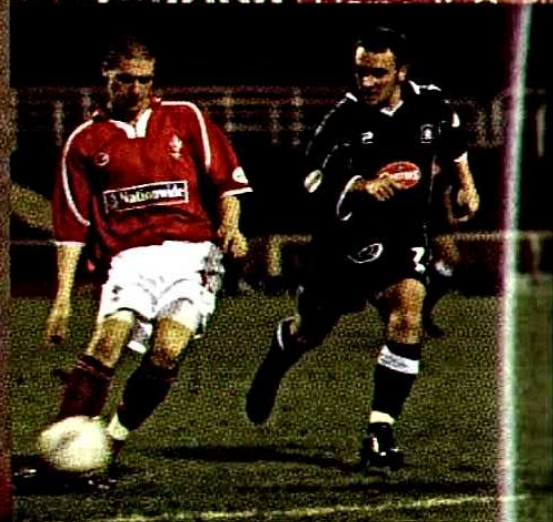
**TOWN:** Griemink, Lewis, Heywood, Reeves, Herring, Robinson, Miglioranzi, Hewlett,

Duke (Taylor 81), Invincibile, Parkin **Subs not used:** Draycott, Halliday, Young



# MATCH

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## SWINDON TOWN 2

INVINCIBLE 38, PARKIN 68

## PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 0

Swindon may well have nothing to play for this season, but if the performance of their youngsters is anything to go by – then we could well be in for a real treat next time around. Add to that some vintage performances from the older heads and what you had on show last Wednesday night was Swindon Town at their very, very best.

Plymouth, despite having lost just one in their last seven, simply weren't at the races. Soon after the kick-off Miglioranzi, who's touches and all round play left Plymouth bemused on more than one occasion, hit the bar as early as the fourth minute. Herring fed Steve Robinson on the right and his cross was re-directed onto the visitors' upright via the Brazilian-American. Defensively Town had little to do. And once Aljofree had hit his effort over the bar on eight minutes – Town had their best chance of taking the lead. With the ball in Argyle's box, Town's players appeared to be lining up to score. First, Robinson saw his effort rebound to Parkin and, instead of hitting the bar, the former Chelsea striker squared to Hewlett who's scuffed effort was cleared. Four minutes later and another scramble was thwarted when Reeves' header was parried by Larrieu in the Plymouth goal. Soon after, long term target for Andy King last summer, Dave Norris, hit a wicked effort just over the bar and those fans that had turned up (5,087 in total) – were slowly being treated to a veritable feast of football. A minute later and Sam began to assert his authority on the game. With some clever touches and great strength – Parkin enjoyed his first chance when some nifty footwork enabled him to shoot inches wide. On 38 minutes Town took the lead. A cross from the right was headed back across goal from Herring and Danny Invincible headed home from close range. A minute later and Parkin could have made it two. Under pressure from one defender – Sam held off forthcoming challenges to poke the ball inches wide of the goal. At the other end Farr was called into action for the first time – albeit from

long range. The youngster tipped over from a speculative 25-yard effort and at half time Town were looking good for their lead at the interval.

Ian Herring nearly stole the glory early on in the second period when his header at the back post from a Robinson corner fell narrowly wide of the post. However, Plymouth slowly grew in confidence and whilst Town still ventured forward, the visitors sensed that a point was there for the taking – making for a fabulous, end-to-end game of football. Nathan Lowndes came close to equalising when, having seized upon a rare mistake from 'Reeeeeeves' – he rounded Craig Farr only to see his effort find Miglioranzi on the line. At the other end Larrieu was busy once again – this time palming away a deflected Hewlett effort from all of 25 yards. Junior Lewis – by far giving his best performance since his loan move from newly-promoted Leicester – came close when he narrowly failed to get on the end of a David Duke cross before Danny should have done better. Twice. Firstly, the Aussie chipped over when released by Parkin on the right hand side before his pulled back cross was blazed over by Robinson from close range. Danny had his best chance to make it two when he was released down the middle by Hewlett soon after. The former Bristol City midfielder did well to open up some space for Danny who, with just the keeper to beat, saw his effort rebound for a corner. However, Invincible looked to have taken one touch too many as Town searched for that elusive second goal.

Sam Parkin then supplied the icing on the cake when he scored his 26th of the season. Admittedly a quieter performance from the hitman in the second period, he was released by Hewlett with just the 'keeper to beat. However, Parkin found himself under increasing pressure from a defender and just when it looked as though he may have earned a penalty as he fell to the floor, he managed to stick out a toe and poke the ball home in the 69th minute to put Town two up.

**TOWN:** Farr, Herring (Bampton 66), Heywood, Lewis, Reeves, Robinson, Miglioranzi (Taylor 66), Hewlett, Duke, Parkin, Invincible (Young 83). **Subs not used:** Griemink, Draycott.

**PLYMOUTH:** Larrieu, Worrell (Wotton 74), Hodges (McAnespie 74), Coughlan, Aljofree, Norris, Beresford (Yetton 84), Bernard, Frio, Keith, Lowndes. **Subs not used:** McCormick, Bent.



# MATCH

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## OLDHAM ATHLETIC 4

LOW 27, EYRES 31, HAINING 79, CORAZZIN 83

## SWINDON TOWN 0

The Lancashire sunshine faded to grey last Saturday as the goals rained down on Andy King's side. Yet whilst the score-line may have flattered Ian Dowie's promotion hopefuls - Town were punished for some sloppy defending as Oldham gave them a comprehensive lesson in finishing at Boundary Park.

Town started the game brightly and without threatening the home goal - looked more than comfortable against a strong Latics side looking to cement their position in the top six. Craig Farr, making his second appearance in a week, looked at home in goal whilst Town's defence restricted the home side to speculative efforts from long range. At the other end Town never really looked like scoring - Parkin enjoying the best efforts against his former Club. The former Oldham and Chelsea striker was unlucky not to latch onto Heywood's flick following Duke's throw in early on before Fitz Hall was on hand to block his effort later on. Invincible looked bright in the opening exchanges but faded as the game progressed and Oldham grew in stature.

Armstrong had the best of the home sides' chances when he flashed an effort across the face of Farr's goal early on before a crazy spell of four minutes just before the half hour mark were enough to undo all the good work. In the 26th minute the home side took the lead. Clive Wijnhard, who scored at the County Ground earlier in the season, made his presence felt in Town's box and his hard work allowed the ball to break loose in the box. Josh Low was on hand to stab the ball underneath Craig Farr's body to open the scoring.

Town hardly had time to recover before Oldham made it two. This time David Eyres was on hand to double the home sides' advantage when he got in front of a Town defender to finish at the near post following Low's cross. Eyres and Low enjoyed a relatively easy afternoon on either wing and they caused Town no end of problems as the home side got their noses in front.

Town will have felt slightly hard done by at the break - some poor defending effectively ending the game at an early stage despite Town looking fairly comfortable as a whole. However, Andy King made the most of the opportunity to try out some youngsters and as Town came out for the second half, Ian Herring replaced Steve Robinson. And Herring's impact was immediate - the youngster getting stuck in and rarely giving away possession when on the ball.

Again Town looked on a par with their opponents - but some sloppy mistakes were costing them dear. The pace of Andrews on the right hand side was giving David Duke all kinds of problems and Clive Wijnhard - who would later come off to be rested ahead of the play-offs - found himself through on goal with just Farr to beat as Town's defence looked for the linesman to raise his flag for offside. The flag never came, but Town were to breathe a huge sigh of relief as the Dutchman pulled his effort wide of the post.

Sam Parkin then had his best of the game. Town's leading marksman rose above Oldham's defence for the first time in the afternoon and he rattled the home sides' bar with a powerful header. Had his effort gone in - I'm sure we would have seen a different end to the game than what actually occurred - the home side taking advantage of making sure of the spoils. Town's defence weren't helping themselves and were regularly caught in possession, but Haining added the home sides' third from close range amongst a maelstrom of players following Hall's effort rebounding off the post. Again Town had failed to clear an innocuous chance and it was four soon after when substitute Carlo Corazzin got in the act following a Reeves mistake in the middle of Town's defence.

David Eyres attempted to heap more misery on King's side when his chip narrowly fell just over Town's bar and in the end - Town were relieved to hear the final whistle.

**OLDHAM:** Miskelly, Hall, Haining, Armstrong, Murray, Low, Darren Sheridan (Baudet 82), Eyre (Cariss 69), Eyres, Andrews, Wijnhard (Corazzin 78) **Subs not used:** Roberts, Duxbury.

**TOWN:** Farr, Heywood, Reeves, Lewis, Gurney (Garrard 82), Hewlett, Miglioranza (Taylor 64), Robinson (Herring 45), Duke, Parkin, Invincible. **Subs not used:** Griemink, Draycott.



## PORTSMOUTH 4 SWINDON TOWN 0

**STFC line-up:** Craig Farr, Michael Eckersley, Ian Oliver, Ian Herring, Luke Garrard, Nathan Edwards, Kyle Lapham, Dave Bampton, Mark Draycott, James Hambidge, Chris Taylor. **Subs not used:** Steve Smith(GK), Jones, Aaron Salter, Jamie Cheeseman.

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## IN RESERVE



## RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES 2002/03

**YOUNG BOLTON MIDFIELDER MICHAEL ECKERSLEY STARTED HIS FIRST GAME IN SWINDON TOWN COLOURS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, BUT HE COULD NOT PREVENT A 4-0 DEFEAT AT PORTSMOUTH.**

Eckersley has been training with the Town first team over the past week and has shown glimpses of his talent, but got his chance to shine this week in front of watching Town Manager Andy King.

Portsmouth fielded a strong side that included Deon Burton, Lee Bradbury and Japanese keeper Kawaguchi. The home side started the stronger of the two sides and took the lead with a long-range Lee Barrett effort on the half hour after some good build-up play from Chris Clark.

The score remained 1-0 at the break with Town's youthful side full of running. However Portsmouth doubled their lead thanks to Deon Burton before Neil Barrett scored his second of the game for Pompey's third goal. Town went four nil down when Lee Bradbury powered home a cross from Warren Hunt as the game drew to a close.

Reserve Team coach Malcolm Crosby remained upbeat after the game:

"It was a tough game for the lads because most of the team played on Monday evening in the Midland Youth Cup Final, which went to extra-time. We had a very young side out there but they are gaining experience all the time.

"We started with Mark Draycott up front and Harry Hambidge, who is a winger, started alongside him. We had a lot of possession but couldn't really threaten. I was pleased with the contribution of Michael Eckersley from Bolton, he did well and we'll get another chance on Friday when the Reserves play Gillingham."

The game was Pompey's last in the Avon Insurance Combination, before they enter the Southern section of the Barclaycard Premiership Reserve League.

|            |                     |      |     |
|------------|---------------------|------|-----|
| Wed 14 Aug | Wycombe W           | Away | 3-0 |
| Wed 21 Aug | Millwall            | Home | 1-0 |
| Wed 28 Aug | Cambridge United    | Away | 1-1 |
| Wed 4 Sep  | Peterborough United | Away | 3-2 |
| Wed 18 Sep | Luton Town          | Home | 0-4 |
| Wed 2 Oct  | Brighton & HA       | Away | 0-2 |
| Wed 9 Oct  | Bristol Rovers      | Home | 2-1 |
| Wed 16 Oct | Norwich City        | Away | 0-1 |
| Wed 30 Oct | Reading             | Home | 1-1 |
| Wed 27 Nov | Barnet              | Away | 3-2 |
| Tue 14 Jan | Cardiff City        | Home | 2-0 |
| Tue 28 Jan | Southend United     | Away | 4-1 |
| Wed 26 Feb | Bristol City        | Home | 1-4 |
| 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  | QPR                 | Home | 2-1 |
| Wed 16 Apr | Leyton Orient       | Away | 1-5 |
| Wed 30 Apr | Portsmouth          | Away | 0-4 |
| Fri 2 May  | Gillingham          | Home |     |

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

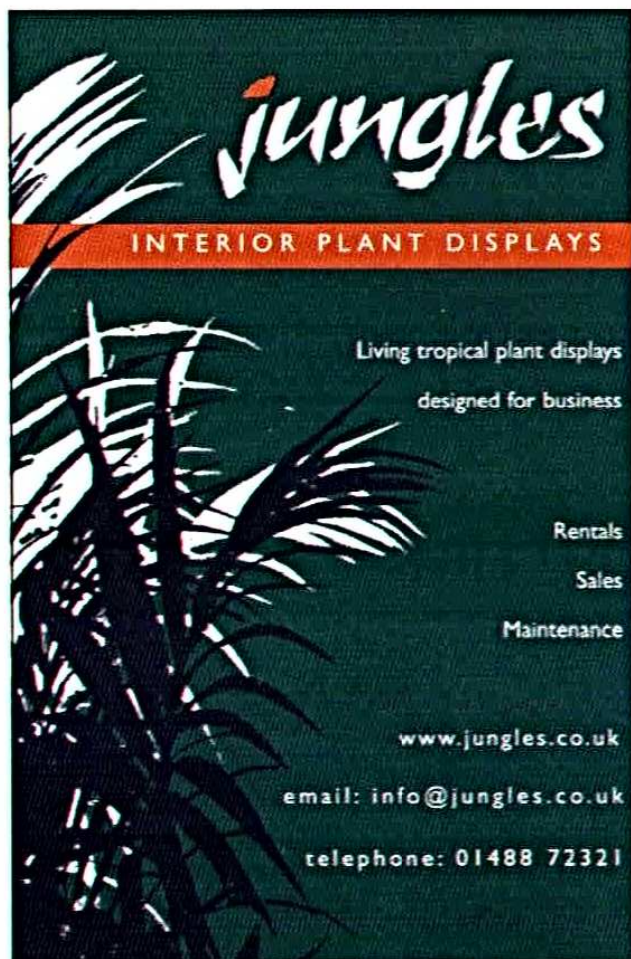




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# MATCH ACTION



MONDAY 28TH APRIL 2003

## NOTTS COUNTY 2 AET

## SWINDON TOWN 1 AET

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**STFC line-up:** Steve Smith, Kyle Lapham, Ian Oliver, Mark Jones, Luke Garrard, Chris Taylor, James Hambidge, David Bampton, Mark Draycott, Jamie Cheeseman, Michael Pook. **Subs:** Matty Bulman, Aaron Salter, Leigh Henry, Danny Taylor.

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# UNDER 18'S



## UNDER 18'S FIXTURES 2002/03

SWINDON TOWN'S UNDER 18S LOST OUT TO NOTTS COUNTY IN THE FINAL OF THE MIDLAND YOUTH CUP AT MEADOW LANE ON MONDAY NIGHT.

Town's line-up included five youngsters with first team experience (Dave Bampton and Chrissy Taylor to name two), but even they could not prevent a 2-1 loss after extra time. Town did well in the first half however, creating numerous shooting opportunities. Michael Pook came closest just before the half-hour mark with a fierce drive that flew just over Greg Smith in the County goal. Chris Taylor then headed just wide as Town dominated the half.

With the scores level at the break, County brought David Kettle into their frontline to boost their options. Steve Smith did well to save from Kettle as County came increasingly into the game. Notts County took the lead when a superb ball from Kelvin Wilson was met by Kettle who tapped into the net past the hapless Smith.

Town replied with a clever lob from Mark Draycott, but once again Greg Smith was up to the task in the County goal. Town finally (and deservedly) equalised when a corner was deflected into the net by a Notts County defender. As the game headed towards extra-time Draycott shot wide before Town were reduced to ten men as Luke Garrard received a second yellow card for pulling back Shaun Harrad just before the hour mark.

In extra-time, Notts County had a flurry of chances with Bostock, Kettle and Harrad all seeing efforts either saved or go wide. County substitute Eddie McIntyre rattled the bar with a 25-yard free-kick before Willis Francis got what proved to be the winner for the home side on 118 minutes. Spencer Commons laid the ball through for Francis who turned his marker before firing a left-foot shot past Smith in the Town goal.

Youth Team Coach Manager Viv Busby was disappointed by the result and after the game – admitted that Town's mistakes cost them dear. "It was a game of two halves really. The lads played superbly in the first half and made them look second rate really. We spoke about what we could do to 'open the door' in the second period but it wasn't to be. County came out fighting in the second half and we just couldn't cope with it. Some of our lads got a bit upset at the referee and I spoke to them and said the referee will never change his mind. Ten minutes into the second half we picked up a couple of yellow cards and we were down to ten men – it was sloppy on our part. But we battled well in extra-time and credit to the lads for that."

|              |                     |                |     |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------|-----|
| 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 |
| Sat 21st Sep | Portsmouth          |                | 3-1 |
| Wed 25th Sep | Grimsby             | 2-2 (4-3 pens) |     |
| 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 |
| 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 | Torquay 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           | p-p |
| Sat 18th Jan | Cheltenham Town     | Home           | 2-0 |
| Sat 25th Jan | Bristol Rovers      | Away           | p-p |
| Sat 1st Feb  | Swansea City        | Home           | p-p |
| Sat 12th Apr | Peterborough United |                | 1-1 |
| Sat 14th Apr | Wycombe Wanderers   |                | 2-1 |

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



# MATCH ACTION



SATURDAY 26TH APRIL 2003

## PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 1

## SWINDON TOWN 1

CHEESEMAN

**STFC line-up:** Steve Smith, Kyle Lapham, Ian Oliver, Mark Jones, Aaron Salter, Leigh Henry, James Hambidge, Justyn McKay, Micahel Pook, Jamie Cheeseman, David Stroud, Ashan Hulgate. **Subs:** Mitchell Wyatt

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# UNDER 19'S



## UNDER 19'S FIXTURES 2002/03

TOWN UNDER 19S EARNED A POINT FROM THEIR LAST GAME OF THE SEASON AWAY AT PLYMOUTH LAST WEEKEND.

After a three-hour coach journey the side looked a little sluggish in the opening twenty minutes as Plymouth dominated the early exchanges. However, Town soon came into the game and played some attractive football. Neither side could break the deadlock in the first half but it was the home side who took the lead after some good build-up play. Town responded well with some controlled football and equalised with a goal straight from the training ground. Ashan Holgate showed some trickery on the edge of the Plymouth box and unleashed a fierce shot. The Pilgrims's keeper could not hold the ball and the predatory Jamie Cheeseman was on hand to stroke the ball into the net with the keeper stranded.

After the equaliser Town continued to dominate the game and had a number of good chances as well as six second half corners. Youth Team Manager Viv Busby was pleased with the result: "We didn't start well at all, but the lads didn't have the ideal preparation with a three-hour coach trip. However, they adjusted themselves after a disappointing first twenty minutes and showed good levels of commitment to the cause. There were five players in the side who are still at school which is a great sign. They are obviously young but by playing them in the Under 19's they are gaining great experience."

On the whole it's been a good season for the youth department and Viv Busby has been pleased with many of the youngsters' progress. "The under 17s, 18s and 19s have all been successful this season. The 17s finished runners up, as did the 19s and that was with three games to play – the season being cut short as a result of some cancellations. All the lads that have played for the 17s and 19s have performed well and the games have been enjoyable to watch. The 18s had a memorable run in the FA Youth Cup culminating in a fabulous game against Spurs at White Hart Lane, whilst the Midlands Youth Cup Final was the highlight of the season – the lads unfortunately losing in extra time against Notts County at Meadow Lane.

"Obviously the aim of the youth system is for players to progress through to the reserves and the First Team and so myself and Jim must congratulate all the lads that have been included with the First Team and have made their debuts this season. Let's hope there'll be more doing the same in the future."

|              |                     |              |     |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------|-----|
| 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 |
| Sat 21st Sep | Portsmouth          |              | 3-1 |
| Wed 25th Sep | Grimsby             | 2-2 14-Spend |     |
| 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 |
| 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 | Torquay United      | Home         |     |
| Sat 7th Dec  | Exeter City         | Away         |     |
| Sat 14th Dec | AFC Bournemouth     | Home         |     |
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| Sat 12th Apr | Peterborough United |              | 1-1 |
| Sat 14th Apr | Wycombe Wanderers   |              | 2-1 |

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## MARK HANRAHAN MAKES ONE LAST APPEARANCE BEFORE THE END OF THE SEASON AND THIS WEEK – REFLECTS ON THE EVENTS OF 2002/03.

So, was it as good for you as it was for me darling? Err, yeah you could say that! Each of the five divisions, including the Conference has had it's own amazing stories to tell this year. Sadly, with so much to say and so little space I'd rather avoid the big old blow-by-blow of the season we are about to wave goodbye to in favor of a bit of reminiscing? After all, what better way to spend your time when depressed and on your way home from the delights of Oldham than with a good reminisce? It is, after-all, every football fans favorite 'R' word, pastime and a god-given right!

Where else could I possibly start than at the true theatre of dreams – SN1 style! I never actually managed to make our opening day mauling of Barnsley thanks to the work commitments of your nation's biggest footballing mag – bless 'em! However, I enjoyed every kick courtesy of the frantic text messaging from the editor of this very matchday mag. Who would have guessed that a Swindon Town centre forward, bought for just £50k, would manage an opening day hat-trick and that the team we had 'endured' for several seasons prior to that particular game would suddenly prompt our County Ground faithful to draw very vocal

comparisons to the current World Champions of our splendid game? Cheers for that Nick! Never has a text message been so sweet!

Outside of Wiltshire, a particularly lasting memory from this season will be the emergence of a young lad from the blue half of Liverpool. The kid Rooney not only captured our imaginations with a collection of spectacular strikes, but also went on to become England's youngest ever full international cap. Not content with that, he followed an impressive England debut up with a man-of-the-match performance in the crunch Euro qualifying win over the Turks and was nominated for this year's PFA Young Player of the Year Award. We had been warned that another major talent was going to break through into the Premiership this year. I however, had not expected this talent to be hammering 25 yard drives past our current England No.1 and having a couple of England caps to his name when I first heard his name back in July 2002. Don't try and tell me you did either!

Back to Swindon and the next most obvious highlight was the excruciating, nail-chomping glee experienced with our

home victory against Champions-elect Wigan. Danny-boy, quite clearly enjoying a heavy case of BeckhamversusGreece-itis put in one of the most live-wire performances I have seen from a Town player. Whilst the rearguard looked rock-solid, the midfield battled their hearts out for the full ninety-minutes - who will ever forget Turbo's 60-yard injury time charge to the far corner at the Town End in an effort to soak up those crucial remaining seconds – amazing stuff! It was not even a case of Wigan playing badly. Indeed they threatened for long spells but ultimately lost to the better team. Andy King deserves all the credit he gets for managing to pull us out of our early season slump to the respectable position we currently occupy. Unlike last season's mid-table finish, this year's wins over a clutch of high-flyers including Crewe and QPR and Tranmere promises much for us long suffering Town fans next season.

Arsenal's Premiership power struggle with Manchester United has been like watching an old classic heavyweight-boxing match. Both fighters are evenly matched and favour has swung from one side of the ring to the other in one of the most explosive Premiership campaigns to date. Speaking of boxing, even the



Wenger versus Ferguson mental tussles have been like watching two championship fighters at the weigh-in with all their mind games, bluffing and thinly veiled insults. At the time of writing, and with the distractions of their Champions League campaign over for another year, United may

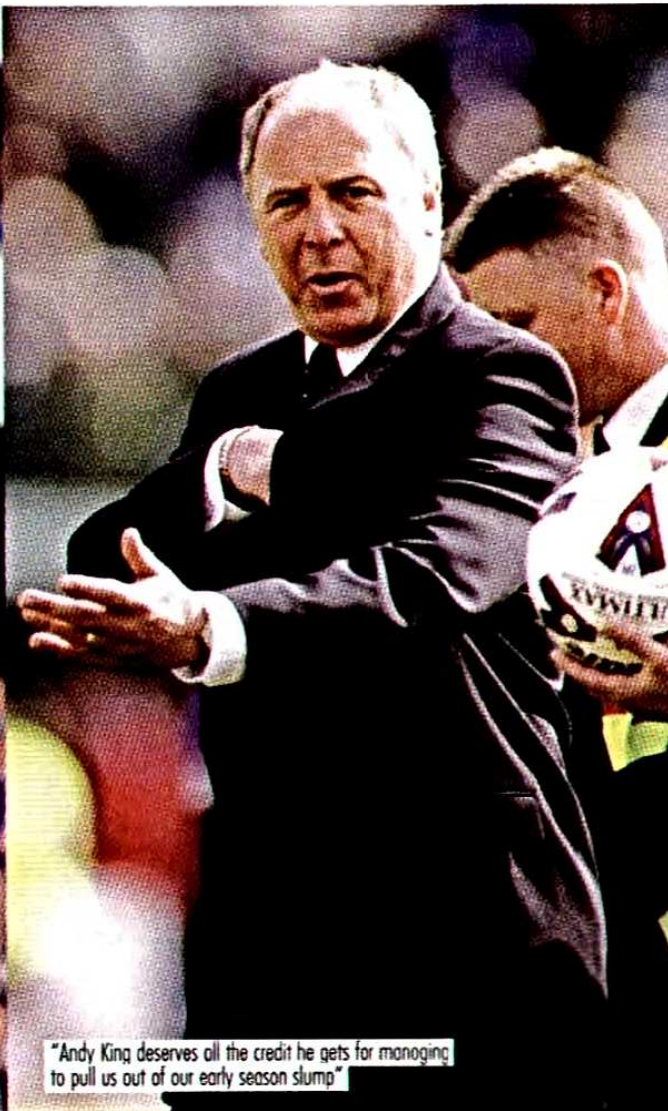
have overhauled a Viera-less Arsenal's healthy lead at the Premiership summit. Have Wenger's men shot their bolt? Have United managed to slip in through the back door to pip the Gooners to the Premiership crown? With two games remaining I'm going to take the Brooking-esque line of

not betting against either of them!

That's all from me for this season – enjoy the summer break. Endure those Saturday afternoon shopping trips and all being well; see you all again next August. It's been emotional!



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# VISION FOR THE FUTURE

**As the season draws – the inevitable long line of thank yous will take place as Town officials pay tribute to those that have helped, in some way, to the running of the Club over the last nine months and beyond.**

**With that in mind FC: Magazine took the opportunity to thank perhaps the most crucial of contributors to the Swindon cause and on Wednesday afternoon – Nick Judd had the pleasure of talking to major shareholder, Sir Seton Wills.**

Having only met Sir Seton on a number of brief occasions – I must admit I was very excited about interviewing him. After all, this is the man that has pretty much single handedly kept Swindon Town afloat, yet rarely graces the media with his presence, such is his humble nature.

Sir Seton Wills has been supporting the mighty reds since 1958 when his Uncle first brought him to the County Ground as a youngster. "My uncle lived out in Blunsdon and he brought me to the County Ground when I was eight years old. We used to have a seat in the old wooden stand and I came with him for many years," explains SSW. However, in 1993 he was to become more than 'just a fan' when Nick Arkell invited him to be a member of the board. Sir Seton's timing was immaculate – for the same year Town earned promotion to the Premiership! "Glenn had just started in charge of the team and it was very exciting stuff. When he first joined he pulled us out of a rut and then, in his second season – well the rest is history! It was a fantastic year to be involved and Glenn, having brought in Shaun Taylor as his first signing, attracted the likes of Micky Hazard and John Moncur to the team and we built up a very impressive squad. Unfortunately Glenn and John (after a year as manager) both left – but the time they were here was very exciting for everyone involved."

The excitement that Town's year in the top flight appears to be something very close to Sir Seton's heart – yet he also

remembers the earlier play-off success, as well as the infamous win in '69. "The League Cup Final, as it was in those days, was a fantastic effort because we really came from nowhere to beat Arsenal. Then we had another play-off final with Ossie Ardiles when we beat a very good Sunderland team and then the highlight of my time as a fan – the win against Leicester – which was absolutely breathtaking. Yet even in the Division Four days the football was very entertaining and we were playing in front of big crowds here at the County Ground."

A return to the days when Town were attracting big crowds is certainly where we'd all like to be in the future – the Club unfortunately seeing crowd figures dwindle in recent years. And as Sir Seton explains – there are Clubs that have proved that it's possible. "I think big crowds are the key to the success of any Club. Not only that but it just makes for a better atmosphere. We've all seen what a packed County Ground is like and it is fantastic, but I think it would help if we could see a return of standing terracing though! Even Old Trafford when it's full can be quiet now that it's an all-seater stadium and I remember when I used to stand in the Town End and the Stratton Bank – the excitement on the terraces was brilliant. Nowadays you see people standing up when exciting things happen and so I think it makes sense for all football grounds to have a standing area."

"But yes, I would love to see a bigger crowd here and you only have to look at what Reading have done to see what it can do. They used to play in a dilapidated stadium in front of crowds of three or four thousand and now – they're playing in front of 20,000 and are on the brink of the play-offs. Hull City are another good example. They're in the league below us, but since moving to a new stadium they have achieved regular crowds of 13,000. Yet these teams have also been successful on the field and it's the combination of on-field success and a loyal following that is so important. As well as the new stadiums

these teams have been doing well on the pitch too and so the drop in crowds here is understandable – our fans have seen the Club go from the top league and a high level of play to the Second Division. But I think we can achieve success here and this season we have shown glimpses of what we can do here – it's just a case of building that success again."

As well as attracting the fans back to the County Ground – Sir Seton sees success on the field as the major key to a brighter future. And so with a mid-table position secured this time around, what has he made of the season so far? "I think we've had some incredible highs and some terrible lows! We saw Sam Parkin score a hat-trick on his debut before we travelled up to Chesterfield and scored four goals to send us top of the league. And then we went on that awful run and it was very, very disappointing. I think we were all affected, the fans and Andy King, and it threw the Club into turmoil. It was the start to the season that we could have well done without; crowds went down – interest waned and we even started to wonder if Andy King should go, all because we couldn't work out why everything had gone wrong and the results were so bad. And then of course as we entered 2003 we hardly lost a game – and all this with the same manager and same set of players! Who knows what went wrong in that period – I joked that it was the muddy pitches (!), but you just can't put your finger on it. And the one thing that came in the middle of it all, the biggest disappointment was the defeat against Oxford. Had we played our proper team I think we would have won, unfortunately we had a couple of suspensions and injuries, but just think what excitement that would have caused – and of course the revenue that it would have given us. And then we all dreamed of the play-offs before we lost to three of the teams in the bottom four! You just can't put into words the feelings we've experienced this season and that's what makes football so exciting, but you wonder how the same players can beat Wigan and Tranmere and concede five against Cheltenham without reply!"





The Cheltenham game, for all those that went to Whaddon Road, was arguably the lowest of the low. Not only did Town go down 2-0, but the game also sparked alarming fury amongst Town's supporters – the majority of which was directed at Andy King. Sir Seton Wills and Andy King are good friends – but how does SSW think Town's boss has done this season, taking into account the awful run that saw Town go seven games without a win? "He's had an extremely difficult job to do really in that he's had no money. He's had a very tight budget and has had to work with some players that were brought in when he wasn't in charge of the first team. He's had a very good player in Keith O'Halloran sidelined through injury, he had the Neil Ruddock saga – all in all it's been a very tough time and he's done magnificently well to come through it."

This summer will be the first in which Andy will have full control of the first team since his time here. As we know, last summer he was sacked whilst Roy Evans came in to

replace him before the current board reinstated him, and so the close season will be first semblance of continuity at the County Ground for some time. With that in mind, and with Andy on the hunt for new players – what kind of player does Sir Seton think we need to bring in to take us to the next level – the play-offs? "What's disappointing at the moment is that we haven't had enough goals from elsewhere in the side and you can't rely on Sam alone. I think we need a striker that can contribute 12-15 goals alongside him and that is the focus of Andy's attentions at the moment."

Andy is confident that he can bring in a new striker, maybe even today having watched a number of players over the last few weeks. Yet having been scouting with Andy himself, how hard is it to spot the right player? "Scouting with Andy is certainly an experience I can tell you! Yet it's amazing really – we all think we can spot a player but in reality it's not that easy. Andy talks to other managers, players and scouts before buying a player and so it's more than just a

case of watching them play. It would be very easy to see a player have one good game and buy them on the back of it – but you couldn't guarantee that they'd be any good for a considerable amount of time, like the whole season for example."

One player that has proved to be a real success story is Sam Parkin – a player that Sir Seton went to watch on a regular basis and had substantial involvement with. "I think Sam's record speaks for itself. But it was a gamble getting him because although he'd played for Chelsea's reserves, he'd gone to Northampton for a season and scored just four goals – so we were nervous about bringing him here. But not only has he scored goals, he's also proved to be a very good player as well. He's strong, links up well with his fellow forwards and he could be the key to our success next year."

Also key to the Club's success next year could be its ability to stay free of financial trouble. "This year administration has been





successfully assuaged, Mr Ruddock has been and gone and so now I think we're looking for a more stable footing. The back room staff have worked very hard, not only because there aren't many of them, but because they've had to reduce their costs and they've done so superbly. But you look at the press and it seems as though the vast majority of Clubs in this country are in big trouble. There aren't many clubs matching their income with what they spend, but then it's difficult because we all want success and all want better teams than what we can afford! But I think we're now in a position where we can now match spending with what's coming in and next season, the players will be getting what the Club can afford to pay them and that's the money that will come through the gates and through commercial revenues. That is the way it has to be – the price of failure is so huge you can't afford to spend what you haven't got."

There have been times in the last few years when that hasn't been the case, Sir Seton himself having to dip his hand in his

pocket to prevent the Club from incurring more financial difficulties. But with the state of football as it is, and Swindon in the past seemingly moving from one crisis to another – what has motivated the African property owner into helping the Club out on such a regular basis? "I think we all dream of what could happen. Again look at the Reading scenario – that could happen to us in the next few years and if it does, I would like to be a part of it. I want to return to the days when we were a force in Division One and with a bit of hard work and patience from us all – we can get there. I think we've moved away from the Club that was within its rights to be called a 'crisis Club', and having learned our lessons from the past, and having learned from what is happening to other clubs, I think we're in a position to build for the future."

"I also think we have the team in place to look after things off the field, a manager prepared to look around and find the bargains and fans that are willing to back

us. I hear Season Ticket sales are already up on last year and add those to the core that we had this year and I think as a whole, things are looking up. On the field I think we have a solid base with Parkin, Heywood and Migloranzi and whilst it's disappointing (although understandable) to lose the likes of Danny Invincible, there are enough players out there both young and old that can take us forward."

"Add to that Andy's experience as a manager, as a scout and his contacts in the game – and I think we have a great chance of moving forward this summer. I just hope that collectively we can produce the players that Andy want and they, in turn, produce the right results on the field."

I couldn't agree more, or have put it better myself! Let's just hope that Sir Seton is rewarded for all his efforts and continual support with a win this afternoon. That is if Andy King lets him come – 'the gaffer' considers Sir Seton to be something of a bad luck charm!





## TODAY'S VISITORS



Kenilworth Road, home of Luton Town

### THIS SEASON

**Ins:** Alan Kimble (Wimbledon), Sol Davis (Swindon), Chris Willmott (Wimbledon - loan), Lars Hirschfield (Tottenham - loan), Sammy Igoe (Reading - loan)

**Outs:** Jean-Louis Valois (Hearts), Stuart Douglas (Boston United), Andrew Fofiadis (Peterborough)

**League Position:** 8

**Last five games:** DLDWD

**Top scorer:** Steven Howard 23

### LAST SEASON

**Position last year:** 2 (Division Three)

**Biggest win:** 5-0 (v Halifax)

**Biggest defeat:** 1-4

(v Macclesfield)

**Top scorer:** Steven Howard 24

**Most league apps:** Mark Taylor 45

### HISTORY BOOK

**Formed:** 1885

**Biggest win:** 12-0 v Bristol Rovers (13/04/1936)

**Most capped player:** Mal Donaghy (Northern Ireland: 58)

**Most league goals:** Gordon Turner (243: 1949/54)

**Biggest buy:** £850,000 Lars Elstrup

**Record against the Town:** STFC wins 18, LTFC Wins 26, Draws 14

The delight of winning promotion last season was just another chapter in a long line of ups and downs that the Hatters have experienced in their recent history. Like Town they've enjoyed life at the very top, but they have also suffered the indignity of twice tumbling from the highest division to the lowest. Now, they hope, they are on their way back again after finishing last season as runners-up in Division Three. .

## LUTON TOWN

It was 1974 that Luton became the first club in the country to sink from the top division to the bottom, and back all the way up again. Now their supporters are hoping that history can repeat itself following promotion from the Third Division and a strong season in the Second. Not only that, but the Club has also emerged from a number of financial difficulties that threatened to undermine their very existence.

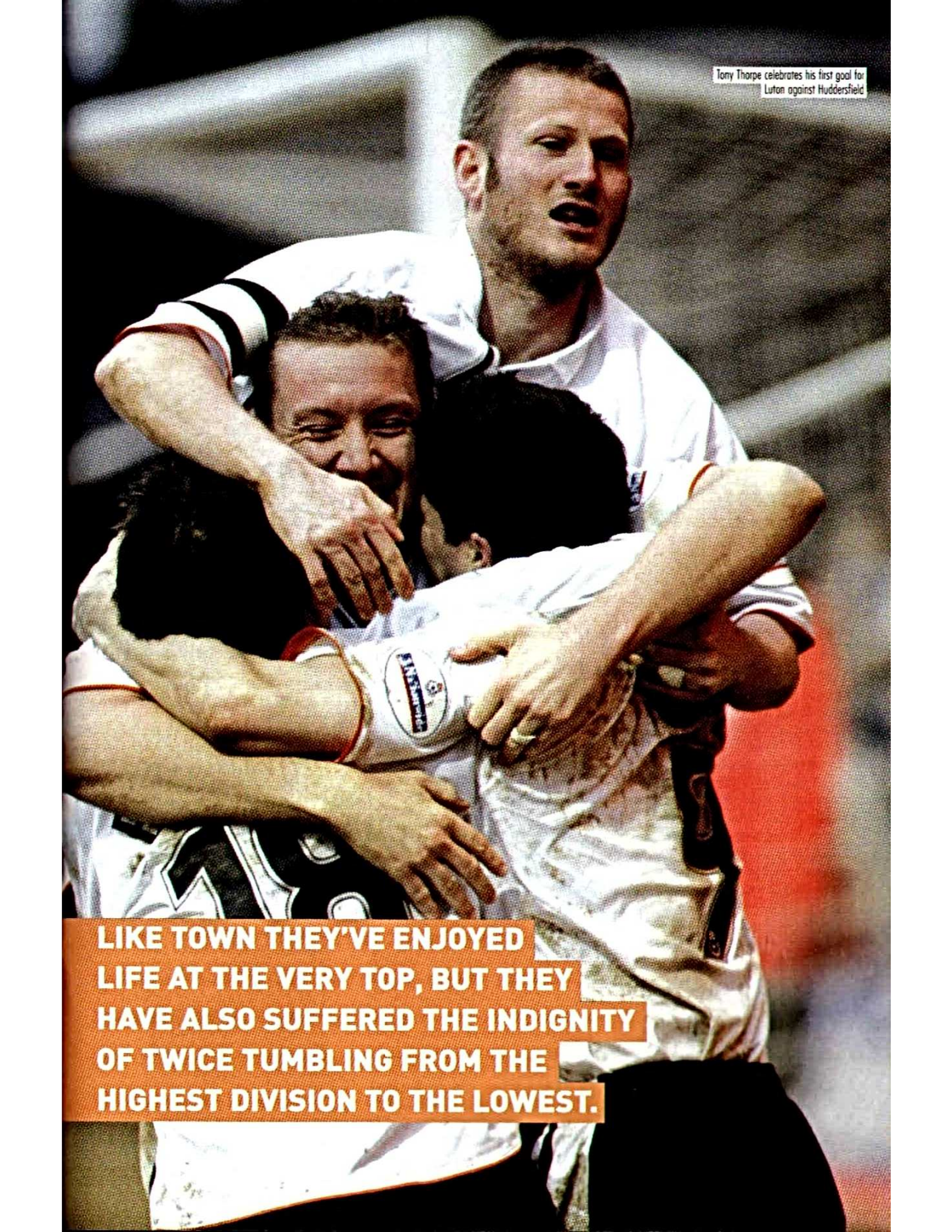
Like most clubs in financial strife Luton not only survived, but emerged stronger than ever before, and a year later an old friend returned as the new owner and chairman - Mike Watson-Challis, who had been a director in Luton's glory years, for a decade when they flourished in the old First Division, now the Premiership. He and his colleagues on the board made an inspired choice when they decided to appoint the respected and highly experienced Joe Kinnear as manager in February 2001. It was too late to prevent the relegation that had looked nearly certain since the early days of that season, but on the day relegation was confirmed Kinnear promised the fans: "We'll be promoted in 12 months time..." Brave words, but Joe kept his promise to make it a brief stay in Division Three. Four club records tumbled in the process: 30 league victories, a run of 12 on the trot, 15 away wins and 97 points gathered.

The club was originally formed in 1885 when Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior decided to merge, at a time when Luton was on the threshold of a boom thanks to the growth of the hat-making trade which was to give the club its nickname. Players were paid for the first time in 1891, making Luton the first club in the south to embrace professionalism. Three years later they were founder-members of the Southern League, and in 1897 joined the Football League's Second Division. Luton were comfortable in the Second Division and in 1955 (after a series of ups and downs) won promotion to the top division - what is now the Premiership.

A series of promotions and relegations followed in the ensuing years until they returned to the top flight once again. Miraculously Luton survived for ten seasons, with the first providing one of the game's classic showdowns. On the last day of the 1982/83 campaign Luton travelled to Maine Road needing a win to stay up and to condemn Manchester City to relegation. City had only to draw, and got to within four minutes of success. But then Raddy Antic, a Serb who had gone on as a substitute, struck the winner, and David Pleat was forever famous after that for his televised victory jig of delight across the pitch.

More recently the Club's second slide down the divisions began in 1992 - a year before Town suffered the same fate. However, just 11 years on (and having dropped to the basement division again) - Luton appear to be on the up. Promotion last year has been followed by a solid 8th place finish this time around and next season Luton will, no doubt, be amongst the favourites to go up. Kinnear has built on the success of last year's team and with the additions of Tony Thorpe (from Bristol City) and Sol Davis (remember him?) - they look set to go from strength to strength - especially if top scorer (of the last two seasons), Steven Howard, can keep finding the net.



A photograph of a football player, Tony Thorpe, celebrating a goal. He is wearing a white football kit with red accents and is being embraced by several teammates. The background is a blurred stadium setting.

Tony Thorpe celebrates his first goal for  
Luton against Huddersfield

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## THE GAFFER



**JOE KINNEAR**

Born in Dublin, but brought up in Watford, Kinnear was playing non-league football for St. Albans City as a teenager when Tottenham spotted his potential, and signed him in 1965. Joe was a reliable defender who enjoyed ten of the best years in the history of Spurs, making more than 280 appearances for them, and collecting 26 Republic of Ireland caps as well as an impressive array of medals. He then played for Brighton - Brian Clough signed him - for four years before moving into coaching. For six years he was the national team coach in the United Arab Emirates, working alongside his old Spurs pal Dave Mackay, but his major impact in this country came after taking charge of Wimbledon in 1992. Fully fit after being sidelined for 18 months, he was ready to get involved again when Luton approached him, relishing the chance to take control of all football matters at Kenilworth Road. With the backing of a supportive chairman and board, Joe Kinnear has also brought about a dramatic revival in Luton's fortunes.

### Managerial track record

Luton 2001-Present G121 W56 L37 D28  
Wimbledon 1992-99 G364 W130 L125 D109

## THE SQUAD

### EMMERSON BOYCE (def)

One of the many to come through from Luton's schools and youth development programme, the defender was signed as a YTS boy in the summer of 1995, and made the breakthrough to the League squad at the age of 19 midway through the 1999/00 season. He became a regular at right back, with a liking to attack on the overlap, and signed a new contract in the summer of 2002.

### SOL DAVIS (def)

Town boss Andy King failed in attempts to persuade Sol to sign a new deal, and Luton manager Joe Kinnear nipped in to add the tough-tackling left back to his squad. Davis had joined Swindon as a trainee in the summer of 1998, and made rapid progress through the youth and reserve teams to become a regular in the Nationwide League.

### CARL GRIFFITHS (att)

An impressive scoring record - a goal in every 2.5 starts for seven previous clubs - led to the striker becoming a major target for Luton after their relegation from the Second Division in 2001. They got their man from Leyton Orient for £65,000, but he suffered a broken leg soon afterwards and missed most of the promotion season after a highly promising start.

### PAUL HUGHES (mid)

A promising career that began at Chelsea was cruelly interrupted after the gifted midfielder earned the admiration of, among others, Joe Kinnear and Glenn Hoddle. Hughes worked his way up at Stamford Bridge from trainee to Premiership and gained experience on loan to Stockport, Norwich and Crewe. When Hoddle became manager of Southampton he soon recruited Hughes, but a serious

groin injury put the midfielder out of football for nine months. Southampton then made him available for transfer, and he joined Luton just before last season kicked off.



### YOUNG GUN PETER HOLMES

(mid)

A midfielder who once seemed destined for soccer stardom - he is a product of the FA School of Excellence, from the same year as Michael Owen - Holmes has had to fight to stay in pro football. Sheffield Wednesday were his first club, but their relegation from the Premiership in May 2000 left them desperate to cut the pay-roll and he joined Luton for a nominal fee.

### ALAN NEILSON (def)

Alan Neilson, a former Welsh international, was signed on a free transfer after being released by Grimsby as part of a cost-cutting exercise. He brought with him plenty of top football experience. His international career began with appearances for Wales at youth and under-21 level, followed by five full caps, and he enjoyed a good career in the Premiership, with his first club Newcastle and then with Southampton and Fulham, and established himself at right back for Luton in the closing stages of last season.

### KEVIN NICHOLLS (mid)

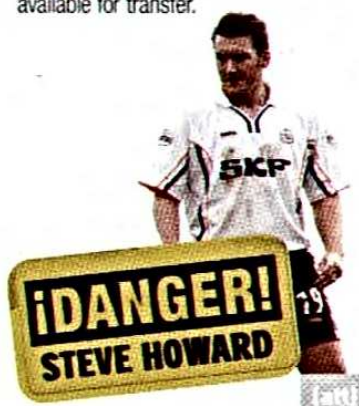
The tough-tackling midfielder began his career as a trainee at Charlton and quickly made an impact after skipping





Kevin Nicholls and Chris Willmott in action against QPR

England youth teams at under-18, under-19 and under-20 levels. At the time Joe Kinnear, now manager of Luton, was in charge of Wimbledon, and made a note of the young Nicholls, and just before last season started he was surprised - and well pleased - to hear that Nicholls was available for transfer.



Joe Kinnear swooped on deadline day in March 2001 to prise the tall striker

away from Northampton for £50,000, and the deal looks a bigger bargain with every game. Howard had cost the Cobblers a then record club fee of £120,000 when they recruited him from Hartlepool two years previously. Howard exploded into action in his first full season with Luton, and his 24 goals made him the Third Division's top league marksman. Not surprisingly, the fans voted him their player of the year.

#### MATTHEW SPRING (mid)

Spring has been at Luton since he was a schoolboy, and was a driving force in the side which reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997. After a league debut when still only 17, he soon became a regular in Luton's Second Division team, and his first 100 appearances were clocked up while he was only 20.

#### CHRIS WILLMOTT (mid)

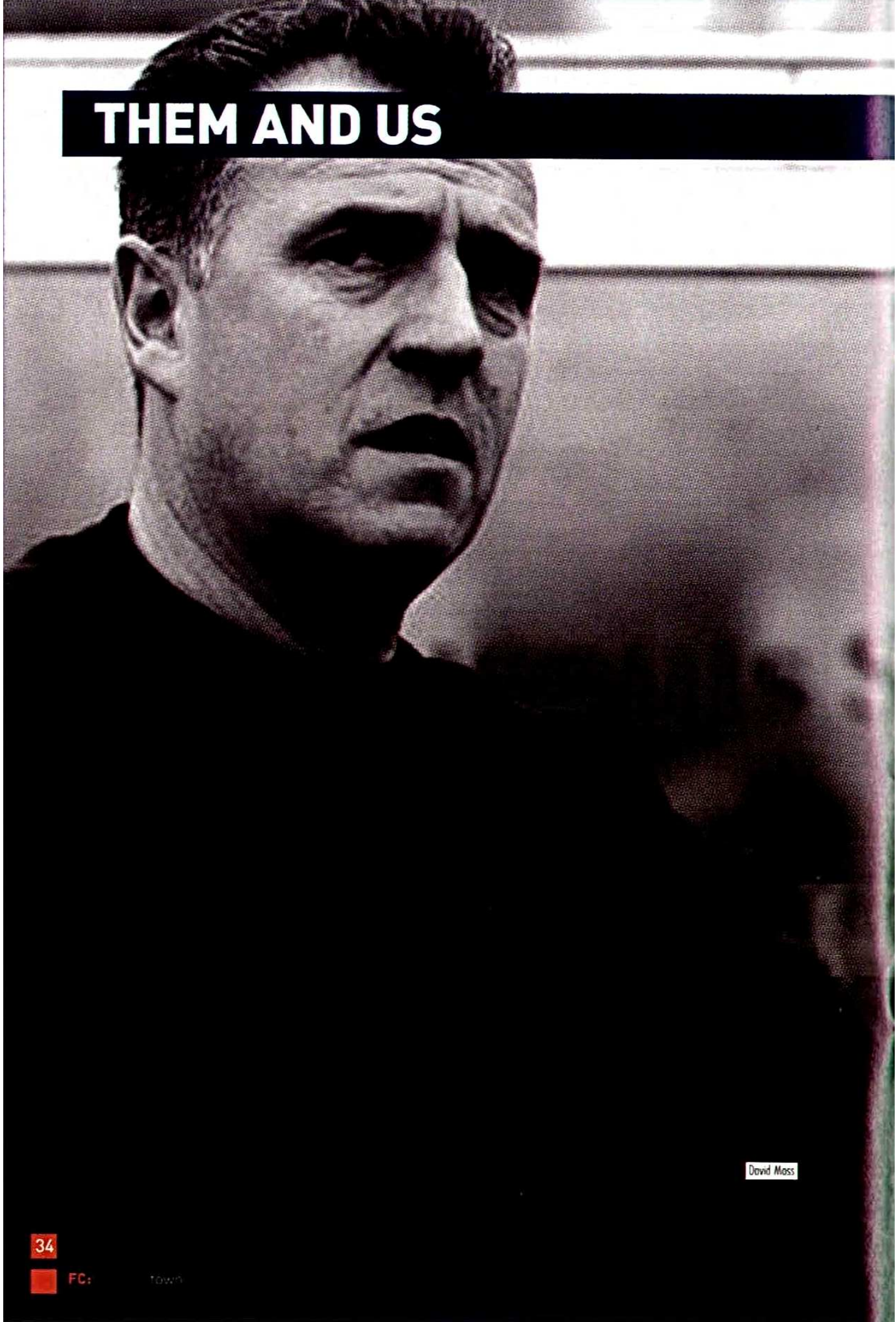
Chris became the latest in a long line of ex-Hatters to return to Kenilworth Road when he signed on a month's loan from Wimbledon at the end of January 2003. Bedford-born, Willmott, 25 when he returned to Luton, grew up in the same Youth Team as Matthew Spring, Emmerson Boyce, Gary Doherty and Andrew Fotiadis and made his Hatters debut in a 1-0 home victory over Blackpool in February 1999.

#### AND THE REST...

Aaron Skelton, Russell Perrett  
Marvin Johnson, Adrian Forbes  
Tony Thorpe, Steve Robinson  
Chris Coyne, Dean Crowe  
Carl Emberson, Ahmet Brkovic  
David Bayliss, Ian Hillier, Duncan Jupp,  
Sammy Igoe, Alan Kimble



# THEM AND US



David Mass



DAVE WALLIS BREATHES A HUGE SIGH OF RELIEF THIS WEEK IN HIS LAST LOOK AT TWO PLAYERS THAT HAVE PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS. APART FROM SOL DAVIS, WHO SHOULD FACE HIS FORMER CLUB TODAY, DAVE MOSS AND JAKE FINDLAY HAVE ALSO REPRESENTED BOTH SWINDON AND LUTON

When David Moss joined Swindon he was hoping to follow in the footsteps of legendary Town winger Don Rogers. Signing as a professional four months after the League Cup final victory over Arsenal, expectation was high as Swindon prepared for their first season back in Division Two in the summer of '69 (with an acknowledgement to Bryan Adams).

Born in Witney in March 1952, it's a relief that David crossed the Oxfordshire/Wiltshire border to come to the County Ground, as amongst other things it meant that the hat-trick that he scored on March 27 1978 won the match for Swindon rather than Oxford United. Mossy initially played seven seasons at the County Ground and scored 60 goals in 230 League 230 appearances. Making his debut against Hull City as a substitute for David Dangerfield in January 1972, Moss' first spell at Swindon saw Town drop out of Division Two in 1973/74, a campaign that saw him almost ever-present fixture in the first team. He finished as Swindon's top goal-scorer on two occasions during this time and notched 60 League goals in total prior to his move to Luton in May 1978 for £110,000.

Under the leadership of David Pleat Luton were attempting to improve upon their Second Division status and Moss joined a developing team that included Bob Hatton, Mark Stein and future Town keeper Jake Findlay. Success wasn't immediate. An 18th place finish in 1978/79 saw Moss outscore his teammates with 13 goals, two records which were improved upon the following year as Luton finished sixth and Moss scored 24.

David was at this time gaining an increasing reputation from the penalty spot with nine of the season's haul coming from twelve-yard set pieces, and another seven were to follow in 1980/81 as Luton rose one place to fifth and Moss finished second top

scorer with 16. Joining Luton at this time and claiming seven goals for himself was someone who would one day claim the penalty from which Paul Bodin scored a Premiership winning goal for Swindon at Wembley, Steve White. In 1981/82, the hard work of David's Pleat and Moss was rewarded with the Second Division championship and amazingly, Mossy's 15 goal haul included 11 penalties. Missing just three games in the top division, Moss helped Luton to avoid an immediate drop but first team appearances were beginning to decline as the number 11 shirt was occupied by five different players during 1983/84.

A similar story developed the following season and in July 1985 after 88 goals in 221 League appearances for the Hatters, Swindon Town manager Lou Macari added David Moss to his squad as he formulated a plan for a stab at the Fourth Division championship. While that was ultimately successful, it was not a fairytale return for the prodigal son. David played just four more games at League level, three of which were lost as he failed to score and by the end of September, Moss' League playing career had concluded.

David later teamed up with ex-Luton team-mate Brian Horton in a managerial/coaching duo at Oxford United before the pair repeated the performance at Manchester City where David accepted the mantle of assistant manager. He has spent this season battling against relegation from the Football League as manager of Macclesfield Town.

Goalkeeper Jake Findlay joined Town in August 1985 as part of a Lou Macari summer squad shake up. Swindon had finished 8th in Division Four the previous season and an assault was planned at promotion in an attempt to draw to a close a four-year spell in the basement league. Born in Blairgowrie around ten miles from Dundee in July 1954, Findlay began his career as an

apprentice at Aston Villa where he signed as a professional in June 1972. Playing deputy to Jim Cumbes he made his debut in a 2-1 Division Two home defeat to Sunderland in April 1974.

With the arrival of John Burridge and the development of highly rated Nigel Spink, Jake's appearances at Villa Park were limited to just 14 appearances before a £100,000 move to Luton re-ignited his career in November 1978. The move meant a drop in standard from Division One to Two for Findlay, but over six seasons at Kenilworth Road Jake clocked up 167 League games and helped the Hatters take the Second Division championship in 1981/82.

As Luton stabilised their position in the higher division Findlay shared the number one shirt with future Town goalkeeping coach Alan Judge before losing out to Tony Godden, on-loan from WBA in March 1983. In the summer, Les Sealey arrived from Coventry and he went on to claim the keeper's shirt in all 42 League games through 1983/84. Findlay remained frozen out the next season as Sealey and up and coming Andy Dibballe rivalled for the shirt, and it was time for Jake to try a few new pastures.

A six match spell on loan to Barnsley was followed by a spell at The Baseball Ground where he was to make one League appearance for Derby against Charlton in place of Steve Cherry as County experienced the ignominy of dropping into Division Three.

After his move to the County Ground Jake was to make just four more League appearances, featuring in the opening four games against Wrexham, Hereford, Torquay and Southend. With just one win and six goals conceded it wasn't an auspicious start for a keeper and by the middle of September Macari had moved once more, this time to secure the services of Kenny Allen who remained ever present to the end of 1985/86.



AND THE SWINDON TOWN PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR 2002/03 IS...

# 'SUPER' SAMMY PARKIN

As if there was any doubt! You, the fans, have had your say and collectively between us here at the Club and at the Evening Advertiser – we received in excess of 1,000 votes. And Sam Parkin, who joined us in August from Chelsea – has romped away with this year's award whilst the real race for second place proved to be very interesting.

Listed below are all the runners and riders for 2002/03:

## STFC Player of the Year

SAM PARKIN

## Runners Up

2. ALAN REEVES

3. STEFANI MIGLIORANZI

## Supporters Club Player of the Year

SAM PARKIN (to be presented by Mandy Pearson and Paul Bartlett)

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SAM PARKIN (to be presented by Jon & Carol Edwards and Ted and Joyce Deaman)

## Junior Robins Player of the Year

SAM PARKIN (presented by Junior Robin, Christopher Sinsbury)

## Goal of the Season

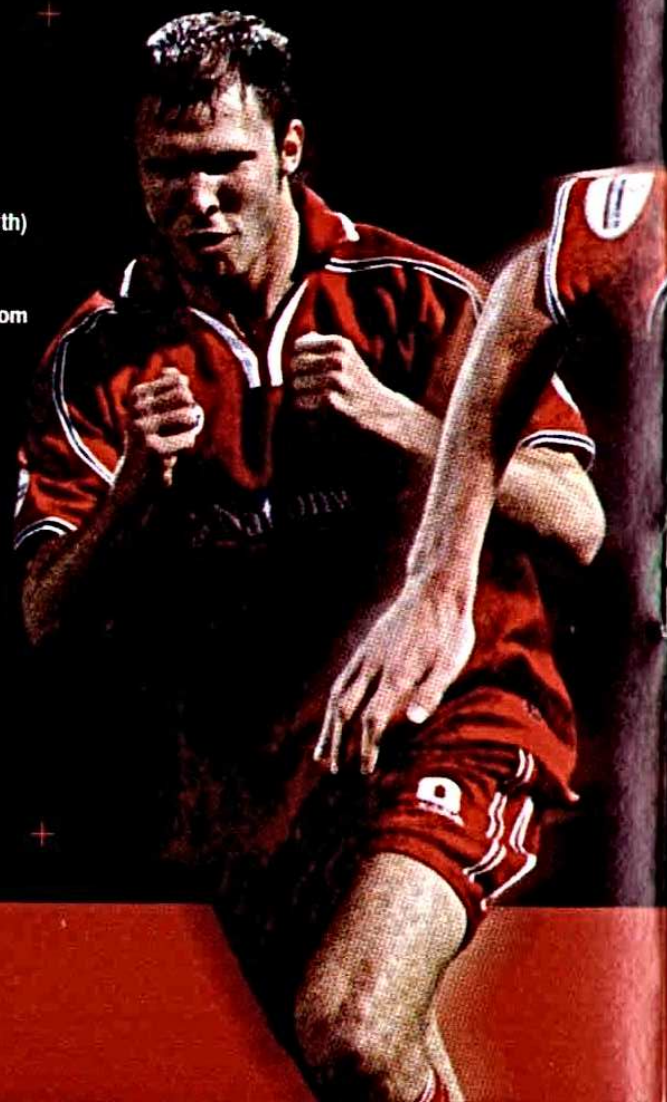
SAM PARKIN (v QPR, presented by Adrian Smith)

## Trust STFC Player of the Year

SAM PARKIN (presented by a representative from TrustSTFC on Thursday evening)

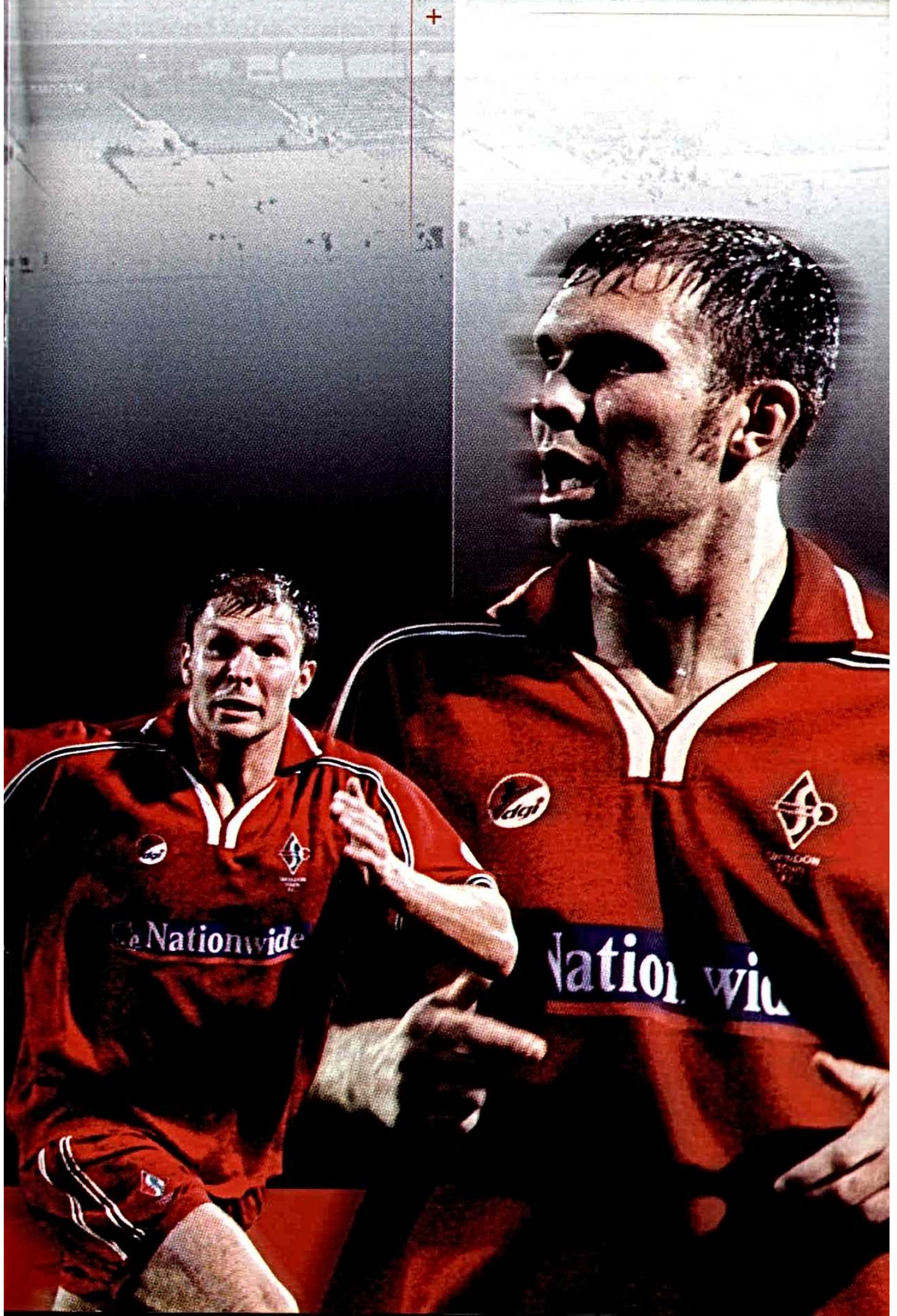
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## REVIEW OF THE SEASON 2002/03

**It's never boring being a Swindon supporter and this season has been the usual roller coaster ride with the highs of a win against run-away champions Wigan and the lows of despair from the fiasco at Cheltenham. We've been inconsistent but when the team has hit peak form we've been a match for anyone in the division as Dave Wallis explains.**

The organisers of football being what they are, Town started by playing 11 League games (almost a quarter of the season) in the first 49 days, and it all started so well with seven points from the first nine.

An opening day victory against promotion favourites Barnsley was only seen in it's true perspective as the season developed and the Tykes were proved not to be the force that they were expected to be.

Perhaps a better indication of things to come was the hat trick from Sam Parkin, as he served notice of his intention to finish Town's highest goal scorer since Peter Eastoe in 1975. Following up with a 4-2 win at Chesterfield and a 0-0 draw at Blackpool, August was proving to be a good month for Town.

Then the wheels came off in dramatic fashion. Successive 0-1 home defeats at the hands of Cardiff, Stockport and Port Vale (1-2) were difficult to stomach. While the loss to the high-spending and highly rated Welshmen may have been considered acceptable, the outcomes against County and Vale contrasted sharply with newly forming expectations. But that was only half the story.

Sandwiched around the three home disappointments were further losses at

Brentford, QPR and horror of horrors, Cheltenham, with the margin of defeat two goals on each occasion.

Surely all those that travelled to Whaddon Road in September will agree that the season plumbed it's lowest depths that night. With the Gloucestershire Robins struggling to come to terms with their newly won Division Two status, their Wiltshire counterparts totally failed to capitalise on the opportunity. Sam Parkin's red card epitomised the evening. Swindon were so poor Cheltenham were made to look excellent and newly arrived Steve Coppell quickly discovered what he could be letting himself in for. Unsavoury scenes between supporters and players followed which were reflective of just how much everyone cared about the desperate situation Town found themselves in. There was no respite in cup competition either,





when Wycombe Wanderers arrived at the County Ground to contest the first round of the Worthington Cup on September 11 and left with a 2-1 win and progression to the next stage.

With just two goals to show from eight competitive matches, the early season optimism looked more misplaced than a Chris Waddle penalty. Finally, on September 21, Town scored a 2-0 victory at home to Northampton, the relief was palpable but the corner had not been turned.

Defeat at today's opponents Luton didn't help and by the time last week's rivals Oldham arrived in Wiltshire for the first game of October, Town had lost eight out of the previous nine matches. The visitors made it nine in ten by the end of the afternoon and a hard fought draw at home

to Colchester followed by a loss to Bristol City at Ashton Gate left Town in 22nd in the table.

Were the seeds of a revival sown in the LDV Vans Trophy? Town scored six against Southend on October 22, as many as had been registered in total since the win at Chesterfield on August 13. Certainly it was a fillip to the confidence if no assistance to the League position, but then things started to take a turn for the better.

Wins against Mansfield, Wycombe and Huddersfield, coupled with draws with Notts County, Tranmere and Peterborough made the late November League table look healthier than it had since the summer, although defeat at Oxford in the FA Cup at the beginning of December denied us a trip to Arsenal in the next round. Exit from the LDV at the hands of Kidderminster was

inconsequential in comparison.

November also saw a re-emergence of Town's biggest asset. After hitting four in the first two games of the season, Sam Parkin's shooting boots had virtually deserted him as he registered just two more League goals before the onset of November. A brace on the 2nd against Wycombe and a single against Tranmere a week later started to turn things around and by the end of the month Sam had notched another couple to take his League tally to 11.

December saw a faltering in Town's revival with just one win recorded, this one against Brentford on Boxing Day, but the style in which the 2-1 win was gained still suggested the new year might yet produce a happy ending to 2002/03. 'Super' Sam continued to produce point winning goals





and his strike in the 3-1 defeat at home to Crewe is the only game so far in which he has scored and in which Town haven't gained at least a draw. Not quite a statistic to rival Ian Rush at Liverpool, but time is on Sam's side.

The games at Wigan and Plymouth produced just a point between them. Town denied a win at Home Park courtesy of a late, late penalty award for Argyle.

A new year brought new optimism. A draw at Cardiff was followed by a 3-0 win at home to Chesterfield and when Town scored five against Stockport for the first time in a League match since October 1996, Town were enjoying their best spell since the start of the season. If a draw at home to old adversary Steve McMahon's Blackpool was less inspiring, the excellent 2-1 win in the last game of January against run-away leaders Wigan caused raised eyebrows around the country.

A draw at Barnsley on the first day of February gave way to a good win at Tranmere, but Town supporters know better than to get over confident. The first defeat of 2003 came six weeks into the new year and was a heavy one, Wycombe Wanderers avenging Swindon's win at Adams Park in November with a 3-0 win at the County Ground, and the month was seen out with a 1-1 result at Port Vale.

At the beginning of March all the hard work of the previous months had consolidated Town up to 12th and when the month commenced with an excellent win against QPR it captured the imagination and made us wonder whether we could yet make a late stab at a top six finish.

So, Swindon being Swindon, results set about making a mockery of such considerations with three defeats on the trot, and against teams that anyone with a formbook would not have believed. The first team to be relegated from Division Two this season was Northampton, so of course they were the first of the three to take maximum points against Swindon. Then Cheltenham made the trip to Wiltshire and were allowed to rub our noses in it again as they recorded their first League Wiltshire/Gloucestershire double at the first attempt. Then Mansfield, themselves deep in the relegation mire, enjoyed a 2-1 win and Town supporters were left scratching their heads. How could the team capable of beating Wigan fall to such lowly opponents?

Some confidence was restored with a draw at Ashton Gate and then Sam Parkin hit his second hat-trick of the campaign in a 5-0 demolition of Notts County. The victory took Town to 50 points but nobody

at the County Ground was saying that we were safe. It's still possible that there will only be three teams with less than that at 5pm today, so the defeat at Colchester on the last day of March seemed designed to keep the nerves jangling. A Danny Invincible goal produced a draw at Peterborough and a week later Town succumbed to a Huddersfield win in the Terriers' third attempt of the season.

If there have been two great consistencies of the season, they are that Town will let themselves down against the weakest teams in the division and perform heroics against the teams at the top, so when we travelled to Gresty Road Crewe to face a side contesting an automatic promotion place we should have already had the evening's celebrations planned. Miglioranza's 75th minute strike secured the points and four days later a 2-0 win against Plymouth pushed Town into the comfort zone of Division Two. If anything, the 4-0 capitulation against promotion seeking Oldham last weekend seems almost against the form book.

To paraphrase a well known football cliché, it's been a season of three thirds. Fifteen games into the campaign, Town's good start had evaporated to such an extent that we looked in danger of being cast adrift at the bottom of the table. From top to 22nd, four points from 33 on offer





## GOAL OF THE SEASON 2002/03



Listed below are the top five goals of the season as voted for by you on [swindontownfc.co.uk](http://swindontownfc.co.uk). Many thanks to all that voted and congratulations Sam. That mantlepiece will be getting rather cluttered I feel... And congratulations to Adrian Smith from Gloucester who will present Sam with his trophy before the game.

and a sequence of seven defeats on the trot. Elimination from the LDV and Worthington Cup left us surveying a desperate, worrying scene. The period was most epitomised by the terrible night at Cheltenham when everyone turned on everyone else.

The contrast between these dire straits and the next 15 games was huge. Suddenly things started to click as stylish victories were recorded against Wigan, Brentford and Stockport, the high only being punctured by defeat in the FA Cup at Oxford. How we could have done with the money from a visit to Highbury! Then, when we were perhaps naively wondering about the play-offs, we finally hit a form that approximated to what we expected at the beginning. Some bad games, some good games. Wins against QPR and Crewe were balanced against atrocious defeats to Cheltenham, Northampton and Mansfield. Consistently terrible, consistently excellent and then consistently inconsistent. Three seasons in one. We've had more runs than the England cricket team made in Australia. A run of seven straight defeats. A run of seven games without a loss. Sam Parkin had a run of eight games without a goal and then scored five in six. In truth, we've finished about where we deserved and probably where we would have settled for at the beginning of the season. Barring a

six goal defeat today (and of course, no-one should write that potential off) Town should finish with a better goal difference than we've achieved in any of the previous three seasons. A win (just as likely!) would see us claim more points since our return to Division Two and our highest League position over the same period.

The big plus factor of course has been the success of Sam Parkin, surely the man to run away with all the end-of-season awards, but the cause has also been served by a string of loanees, namely Jimmy Davis, Johnny Jackson, Luke Nightingale, Jon Beswetherick, Dean Marney, Jerel Ifil and Junior Lewis.

The season has seen Andy King's position under huge threat, and then seen the manager rewarded with a contract extension. We've seen Neil Ruddock's departure, Steve Coppell's arrival and Mel Machin's failure to even step on to the Swindon station platform. Today will see Danny Invincible move on to pastures new and we've seen Ian Herring swap his one-way ticket to nowhere for a professional contract next season.

We've beaten four of the top seven in the division and lost to every team in this afternoon's bottom four. Pretty much a standard twelve months for Swindon Town then...

### 1. Sam Parkin (v QPR 01.03.03)

A twist and a turn, a neat side step and then a pass into the bottom of the net. And against his former Club too – a great goal coupled with an awful celebration, it had it all!

### 2. Andy Gurney (v Tranmere 09.11.02)

A trademark free-kick from 'Captain Caveman'. According to some of the lads it was Gurns' new boots that were responsible...

### 3. Andy Gurney (v Plymouth 14.12.03)

Another long range effort from Gurney. This goal nearly earned all three points at Home Park – only a last minute penalty spoiling Town's day.

### 4. Stefani Miglioranza (v Southend 22.10.02)

He doesn't have many shots, but when he hits them, he certainly connects! If only 'Stef' did this more often – this was a pile driver from about 20 yards following a poor clearance by the visitors.

### 5. Danny Invincible (v Peterborough 05.04.03)

What is it about Danny and scoring good goals against Posh?! Not quite as spectacular as the 2000/01 effort, but pretty good none the less. Danny latched on to a poor back pass, rounded the 'keeper and from an acute angle – stroked the ball into the empty net with his left foot.





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I would also like to welcome **PETER DAVIS**, the Commercial Manager of Luton Town. Peter is a very close friend of mine and has been instrumental in bringing along with him 50 members from the Executive Club of Luton Town. He has just recently joined the Club from Oxford United, and has promised to buy me a drink after the final whistle depending on the result (seriously though Peter I wish you well in your new position).

Another person I would like to mention is **Mr. BILL LAIRD** of the Oxford, Swindon and Gloucester Co-operative Society. As many of you would have read in the local paper and also on the club's official website, they have agreed to sponsor our Family Enclosure as of next season. I am delighted, and very much looking forward to working with Bill on a number of new initiatives in the coming months and I am sure that this will be the start of a long and rewarding partnership for both parties.

Well, here we are at our final home game of the season. Having mentioned that, as a Marketing Department, we now start to go into our busiest time of the year. In the next three weeks we will be staging three Sporting events which include TWO Sporting Dinners with ex Manchester United and Scotland legend, DENIS LAW, and our Corporate six-a-side football tournament, where local sides will compete for 'The Peter Godwin Memorial Cup'. The Denis Law Dinners have proved to be very popular and it is the first time that the Club have ever held two Sporting Dinners on consecutive evenings. We are delighted that we have confirmed bookings of over two hundred guests on each evening, but still have a few remaining places available should anyone wish to make a last minute booking. The dates of the Dinners are Wednesday 14th May and Thursday 15th May. Included in the price of the ticket is an excellent three-course meal plus coffee and mints. The Corporate six-a-side tournament has also been very well supported, and we only have space left now for one



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## MAN OF THE MATCH

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more team. The date for this event is Sunday 18th May. If you are interested in finding out more details on any of these events, then give myself or James a call on 01793 333719 or 333718.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all those Companies who have supported the Marketing Department and the Club this season. Whether it was by: Match Sponsorship, perimeter advertising, programme advertising, kit sponsorship or by supporting one or more of our dinners and events - A HUGE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. We would of course, be delighted to see all of you again on board for next season.

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## VINTAGE RED

DICK MATTICK GOES BACK THREE YEARS AGO – BACK TO THE DAYS OF JUAN COBIAN, MARKO TUOMELA AND MARTIN WILLIAMS....

Swindon's first ever League match was against Luton Town. It was in August 1920 when Town rattled up a 9-1 victory at the County Ground. Harold Fleming scored four of the goals, but the honour of scoring the first League goal in Town's history went to Bill Batty. Another notable encounter came in 1963 when Swindon travelled to Kenilworth Road for the Third Round to record a 2-0 victory with Cliff Jackson getting the goals.

Today's featured match was a more recent affair being played on September 23 2000. Both Town manager Colin Todd and his assistant Andy King were returning to one of their former clubs, as was Town striker Martin Williams. After eight minutes, Sol Davis, now a Luton player, set up a chance for Gary Alexander before Mark Ovendale did well to save the shot. With 13 minutes gone it was Mark Stein who seized on a chance following poor marking in the Swindon defence and rifled the Hatters in front. They nearly increased their lead after 22 minutes when a corner, swinging under the bar, was mishandled by Bart Griemink. Fortunately the tall custodian managed to snatch it up before it crossed the line. David Duke had been one of the Robins's most

industrious players on the left of midfield and after 28 minutes he got the equaliser, taking a pass from Keith O'Halloran and cutting inside past a defender before firing home a left foot shot. Swindon were pressing hard and Juan Cobian, enjoying one of his few appearances for Swindon, saw his free kick float just over the bar before Mark Robertson crossed and Martin Williams produced a spectacular scissors kick to volley the ball home. Two minutes later, in the 43rd minute, Luton drew level. The Swindon defenders did not seem to have decided who should be marking who when Stein picked out Liam George with a pass and he had an easy task to beat the exposed Griemink.

The interval seemed to see the problems in the Town defence sorted out and Luton seldom threatened the Town goal. Alan Young was brought on for his first taste of first team football after 10 minutes of the half on the right side of midfield and Town continued to press. Williams had put one header earlier in the half just wide but he made no mistake in the 67th minute meeting a cross from O'Halloran to restore Swindon's lead. The last ten minutes were

an edgy period with Peter Holmes firing over for the home side and Griemink doing well to keep out a deflected drive by Peter Thomson. The win took Swindon out of the relegation places for the first time in the season and although they eventually survived Swindon flirted with relegation for much of the season finishing just one place outside the relegation zone with 52 points. Sadly, Luton ended just two places lower with 40 points and were consigned to Division Three.

**Luton:** Ovendale, Fraser, Boyce, Watts, Scarlett, Holmes, Spring (Locke 66), Taylor, George, Kandoi (Thomson 72) and Stein.

**Swindon:** Griemink, Cobian (Robinson 62), Reeves, Tuomela, Davis, Robertson (Young 55), Duke (Invincible 68), O'Halloran and Williams.

**Attendance:** 4,933

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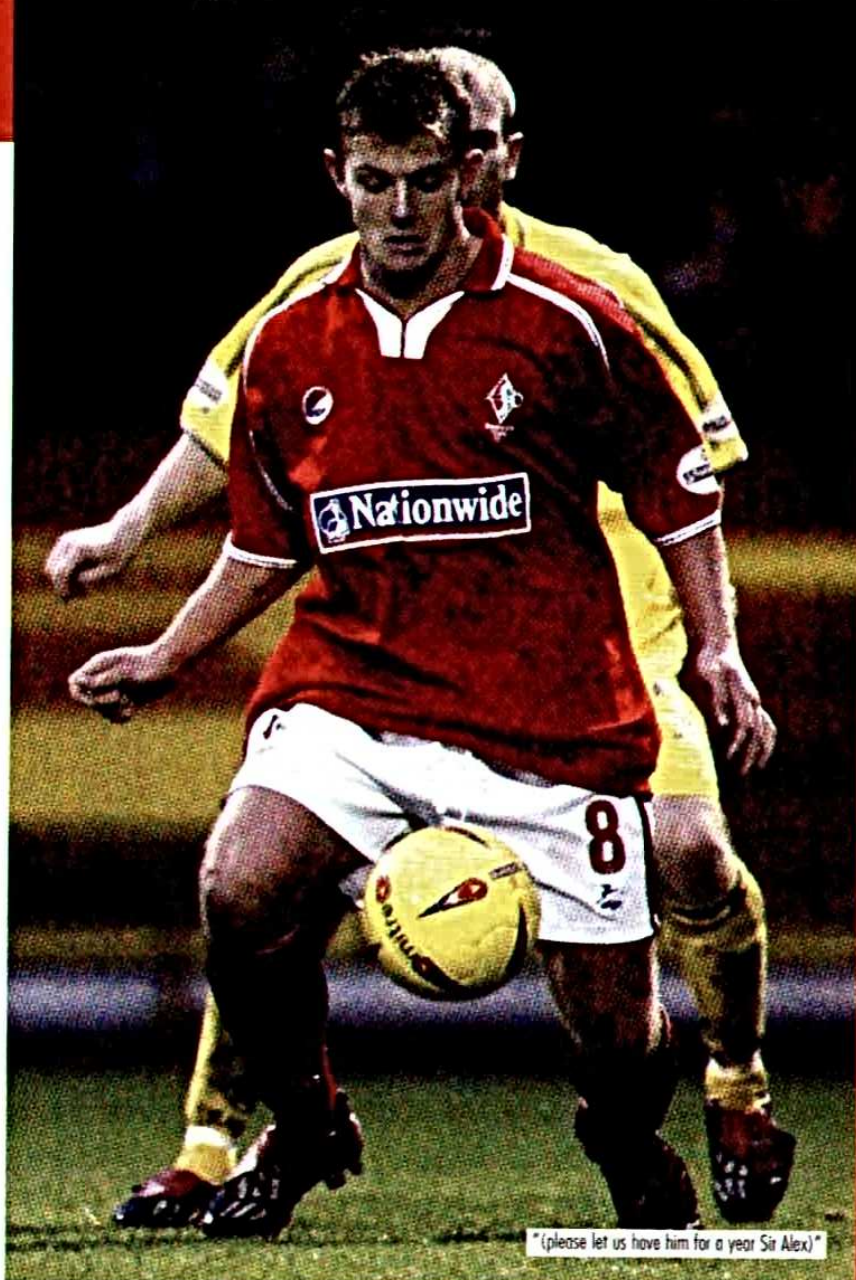
'Table-toppers' was the Adver back page headline after the 4-2 win on a sunny August night in Chesterfield.

Sadly, it was the first and only time we would top Division Two and I don't think any of us present at Saltergate that night were convinced that the league would prove to be a picnic. Less than two months later we found ourselves in the bottom four with civil war breaking out in the stands. Fortunes can change alarmingly quickly in football - as well we know here at the County Ground. I think I once made a comment about it being nice to have a 'normal' season but I was kidding myself. Just how do sports writers covering other clubs survive on a diet of normality?

That is exactly what Mark Devlin and his fellow directors are striving for and although it makes for less 'sexy' headlines, I don't think anyone will be complaining if we end up with a boringly 'normal' club. I wonder if we will get through next season with the focus purely on the football? One shouldn't tempt fate but I dearly hope so.

But as we wrap up the current campaign, let's take a brief look back to another incident-packed season. 'Super' Sammy Parkin's 25 goals have been absolutely vital and he is the overwhelming favourite to lift the Evening Advertiser Player of the Year trophy today. Another summer signing, Stefani Miglioranza (or Miggieandritch according to 'the gaffer') has been a welcome addition while loan signings such as Jimmy Davis (please let us have him for a year Sir Alex) have also had a positive impact. Andy King survived a turbulent period when results were going disastrously wrong and is set to sign an extension to his deal. He is now trying to find seven new faces to make sure next season proves to be more than mid-table obscurity. Let's hope he can find another Mr Parkin and a few friends besides.

I noticed 'Razor' Ruddock was on A Question of Sport the other night. The



## JON RITSON



### EVENING ADVERTISER

Ruddock 'saga' threatened to get very messy at one stage but thankfully it is a burden now removed - although at some cost! A few hurdles still remain and supporters will be hoping the debenture issue is resolved satisfactorily in the summer.

As for the summer, no World Cup means we should all get a break to recharge our batteries but the season never really ends does it? By the time you have finished speculating about new signings, the fixtures are out for the following season.

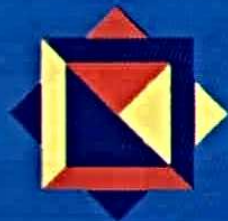
Mark my words, come the middle of July you will be straining at the leash to set off for that first pre-season friendly at a non-league club. There's nothing quite like that first game and 90 minutes of staring at triallists going 'who's that bloke?'

Enjoy the game today and let's try and roar the lads on to 60 points and hopefully a top 10 finish. I'd like to wish you all a pleasant summer and thanks for taking the time to read my ramblings over the last year.



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## PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Last week the first of the Player of the Year awards was presented before the start of the game. The Executive Club Player of the Year, sponsored by Haine & Smith Opticians was presented by Linda West - Operations Director of H&S and Andrew Mallinson, Marketing Director, - to the Swindon Town Player of the Year as voted for by our Executive Club.

This year's award goes to Sam Parkin who has consistently produced excellent form and scored many important goals for the Club. Sam will have received a trophy, a magnum of champagne and a night out in one of London's top five star hotels, complete with dinner and champagne. Congratulations Sam!

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

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This is because anyone who purchases a Season Ticket by cash or cheque will receive a £10 Superstore voucher. Of course, the voucher can be used to purchase anything from the new range of STFC replica gear (which you can view in full on page 38).

The Club have also successfully negotiated to take over the operation of the County Ground Car Parking, situated at the Town End of the stadium. There are 250 marked bays available to Season Ticket Holders only, on a first come first served basis. A seasonal car park pass is priced at £79 and is valid for all first team home fixtures. Please contact the Ticket Office on the number below for more information.

Also, for just £10 you can enter the Executive Lounge Lottery at every home League game. That's 23 chances to win a VIP day out for four at a home league game and meet the Man of the Match.

It is very encouraging that over 15% of Season Ticket sales are new Season Ticket holders. There are a variety of family packages available and 'Early Bird' children Season Tickets are just £69. Early Bird offers end on May 31 - so get your application form in quickly to obtain the best prices.

For further details on any of the above or for general ticket enquiries - please call the STFC Box Office on 0870 443 1894 or send an email to [stuart@swindontownfc.co.uk](mailto:stuart@swindontownfc.co.uk).





# SOME QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Since their release – 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.

**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)

## MATCHDAY TICKET PRICES

|                | ARKELLS/NATIONWIDE | TOWN END |
|----------------|--------------------|----------|
| ADULT (€)      | 19/21              | 13       |
| CONCESSION (€) | 12/13              | 10       |
| JUNIOR (€)     | 6/7                | 7        |

## FAMILY ENCLOSURE

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|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| ADULT (€)      | 18 |
| CONCESSION (€) | 11 |
| JUNIOR (€)     | 2  |

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

|                | ARKELLS/NATIONWIDE<br>RENEWAL | NEW | TOWN END | DISABLED ENC. |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-----|----------|---------------|
| ADULT (€)      | 330                           | 361 | 247      | 138*          |
| CONCESSION (€) | 168                           | 181 | 124      | 138*          |
| JUNIOR (€)     | 69                            | 69  | 69       | 138*          |

**LAST MINUTE** BEFORE JUNE 30TH

|                | ARKELLS/NATIONWIDE | TOWN END | DISABLED ENC. |
|----------------|--------------------|----------|---------------|
| ADULT (€)      | 380                | 260      | 138*          |
| CONCESSION (€) | 194                | 134      | 138*          |
| JUNIOR (€)     | 76                 | 76       | 138*          |

**REGULAR** AFTER JULY 1ST

|                | ARKELLS/NATIONWIDE | TOWN END | DISABLED ENC. |
|----------------|--------------------|----------|---------------|
| ADULT (€)      | 399                | 273      | 138*          |
| CONCESSION (€) | 207                | 144      | 138*          |
| JUNIOR (€)     | 83                 | 83       | 138*          |

\* Disabled price includes helper

## FAMILY SEASON TICKET PRICES

(FAMILY SEASON TICKETS ONLY AVAILABLE UP TO 31ST MAY 2003)

|                       |                        |                        |                        |                         |                         |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 ADULT +<br>1 JUNIOR | 1 ADULT +<br>2 JUNIORS | 1 ADULT +<br>3 JUNIORS | 2 ADULTS +<br>1 JUNIOR | 2 ADULTS +<br>2 JUNIORS | 2 ADULTS +<br>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



# SWINDON TOWN

## IN THE COMMUNITY



▲ Croft Under 8s



▲ Derry Hill Boys Club



▲ Shrivenham & Watchfield

### GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO OUR LAST GAME OF THE SEASON TODAY AGAINST LUTON TOWN

We are delighted to welcome our special guests this afternoon attending our ever popular Saturday Team Club package. First up is Neil Batten who is here today with his youngsters from Shrivenham and Watchfield. 'The Royals' were formed in June 2000 following the merger of Shrivenham Boys Football Club and Watchfield Eagles. For the 2003/04 season they will have teams from Under 7's through to Under 17's playing in either the Vale of White Horse District Boys League or the newly formed North Wilts & District Youth & Minors League. Shrivenham F.C., who the "Royals" are affiliated to, recently received a substantial grant from the Football Foundation to improve their facilities. This will also benefit the junior teams. Plans for the future are to increase the number of age groups playing as well as introducing more girls teams.

Also with us today is Wendy Crocker with her Derry Hill Boy's Club and Francis Klein with Croft under 8s. Derry Hill Boys FC was founded in 2001, and offers development under the FA Club Coach framework for children, both boys and girls, from ages 6-11. DHBFC offer mini-soccer for children aged 6-10 and youth 11-a-side football for others. We aim to keep our team squads small, so that all members get access to the development opportunities that best suit their skill level. To all of our teams – we hope you have a great day with us and return again next season. If anybody is interested in joining any of the above teams – then contact us here at the Club and we'll put you on to the right people.

Our courses here at Easter were absolutely fantastic. This was due to the great weather, the excellent coaches and the superb efforts and behaviour of the 400 youngsters that attended. The whole holiday period was epitomised on the Friday when we ran our Fraser Digby coaching clinic. Over 50 future 'David Seamans' attended the action-packed day, with Fraser and his expert team of goalkeepers supplying some great tips and sessions for the youngsters. The day was so successful that we have booked our next clinic for Friday May 30 2003 from 1.00pm – 5.00pm. Give us a call if you are interested. Our Whitsun course is also in place for May 27, 28 & 29. Places are going quickly – so to avoid disappointment, give us a call ASAP.

Jon and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for your fantastic support throughout the season, and we look forward to seeing as many of you up and coming stars on our courses throughout the forthcoming months.

Have a great summer!  
Clive, Luke and Jono.





▲ Football croquet



▲ 'Diggers' shows them how it's done



▲ Who wants to clean some boots?



▲ One of the teams



▲ Clive hands out the goodies



▲ Aren't you supposed to keep it out of the net?



▲ Shrivenham & Watchfield



▲ Another proud team with their new t-shirts



# SWINDON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## Half time 'SAS Away Travel' sponsored draw

The winner for the draw at the Plymouth match was David Bayley from Birmingham. His ticket number of 872 won a prize of £308. Incidentally, David is on the scouting team at Walsall and although he has always bought a ticket at any match he covers this was his first ever win. It could be you today! Today you have three chances of winning in what we are hoping will be a bumper draw for the finale to the season. We are hoping to pay out a cash first prize of £500 and this would take the total prize fund paid away to over £8,000 this season.

It is true to say that this season has been a series of successes for the draw and we must thank all of you for helping to make it an ongoing success. Don't forget, we offer a season's membership for £24 (or £6 each quarter) - it really helps if you pay in advance. Please send cheques etc to us at the County Ground. If you wish to join our band of sellers next season, or you know friends who you might encourage to join - even if they don't come to matches then please phone Roger Bunceon 01865 820499.

## End of Season Dinner

Last night supporters enjoyed an end of season dinner at the County Ground. No doubt there may be a few bleary eyes at the match today. We hope they enjoyed the night that we hope will become an annual event.

## Player of the Season

Votes have been coming in for the Supporters Club Award and this will be presented on the pitch before today's game. Will Matt Heywood hang on to the trophy? Or will there be a new winner this season. The Disabled Group will also be awarding their special award for the season prior to the match.

## Danny Invincible shirt

Another award will see the ticket drawn for Danny's one-off Marconi Stallion's shirt from Australia.

## Membership fees

As announced in the last programme fees are held for the fourth season in a row. Adults £5 - Senior citizens and disabled at just £3. Indeed we have made the decision to reduce fees for under 18's to just £2 with family membership also down to just £13 for two adults and up to three under 18's. This family group travelling to Oldham last Saturday would have saved £10 on the published away travel price and almost paid for their annual subscription in one go, let alone all other benefits that accrue with membership of the supporters club. Application forms may be downloaded from our web page or picked up from the travel office. Alternatively, send your membership fee to our membership secretary, Tracy Richman, C/O The County

Ground quoting your full details. The sooner you join the easier it is for our administration.

## And Finally - Thank you!

As the season draws to a close we would like to thank all supporters who have contributed to Supporters Club activity and also to Football Club officials who have always taken the time to listen and help us where they can. Special thanks also of course to our half time ticket sellers, including those who have helped at the last moment to turn the draw in to the success it has been. A real thank you to Patrick Richings who has spent countless hours ensuring our web site is up to date and a great place to find information on the supporters club and its activities. A thank you too all loyal Town fans, who have shown that this Town deserves a successful Football Club. As we move towards next season with fresh hope, let's have a real go at getting others to return and if they join the Supporters Club then so much the better, as together we still believe that we can really make that difference. Have a great summer and see you back in August - Oh, we mean July for pre-season.

Write to us C/O The County Ground, Visit our web site at [www.go.to/swindontown](http://www.go.to/swindontown)

Membership enquiries telephone 01225 866012

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| Adults      | £5.00  |
| Concessions | £2.00  |
| Family      | £13.00 |

(Senior citizens, disabled and under 18s)  
(Up to 5 people, maximum 2 Adults)





# CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

I WATCHED OUR UNDER 15'S GAME AND I WAS LOOKING FOR A GOOD PERFORMANCE FROM OUR PLAYERS WHO HAD UNDERPERFORMED IN THEIR HALF TERM GAME AGAINST READING.

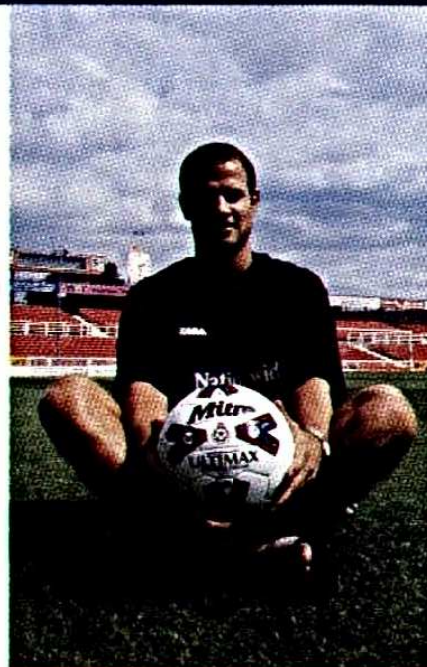
Although the lads put in a better all round performance, they were narrowly beaten 2-3. The under 15 coach and myself spoke to the lads after the game to explain that we needed players to show us that they will be good enough to gain scholarship contracts by this time next season and a big improvement by the under 15 players will be needed for the new campaign. For some of our under 15's they will have the chance to play in the Milk Cup Tournament in Northern Ireland, which will be another fantastic opportunity to play in the best youth tournament in Europe against some great teams and players. We can pick a squad of 18 players and as Northern Ireland accept January birth dates, some of our under 15's will qualify and so we hope to have a strong squad.

To help finance the annual tour to Torbay our under 11s, 12s and 13s need to raise a considerable amount of money. We will be holding a fundraising evening with a race night, raffle and auction. Viv Busby and myself have managed to gain some great signed shirts including Juninho's (Middlesbrough), Nicolas Anelka's (Manchester City), Don Hutchinson's (Scotland and West Ham), Sean Davis's and Barry Hayles's (Fulham). More prizes will hopefully come in with donations and sponsorship money from our current players and parents. Our Supporters Club, who sponsor us, will also help out, but anyone interested in sponsoring, or donating anything for the tours would be greatly received. Please call Jim Fraser at Swindon Town F.C. on 01793 333700.

I would like to welcome all the Youth Departments guests to today's game, we have organised a table of 10 for the Executive Lounge for companies that have supported us this season. We'd like to thank them all for their great support and long may it continue. The season has been very interesting, we feel that the youth department has improved, but there is still a lot of hard work to be done and hopefully more improvements will be made through the summer ready for the start of next season.

We'd like to say big thank you's to all of our coaching staff and medical staff who have been superb during the season, Greendown School and Zurich Life whose facilities we use for our coaching and games programme, Kevin Barnes who organises our matchday referees and Karen Ainscow, our Youth Development Administrator, has again been fantastic for us. Sue and Roger Jones who run our hostel are leaving, they have put in a massive effort to make the hostel a home from home for our Scholars who stay there. All their hard work has been very much appreciated. All of our players from the under 9's to the under 19's have been brilliant this season - hopefully they have enjoyed themselves and learnt things from our coaching. We look forward to working with you all next season.

Enjoy today's game and the close season and we look forward to seeing you again next season.



**"Viv Busby and myself have managed to gain some great signed shirts including Juninho's (Middlesbrough), Nicolas Anelka's (Manchester City), Don Hutchinson's (Scotland and West Ham), Sean Davis's and Barry Hayles's (Fulham). In last weekend's game we played Cheltenham at Under 13, under 14 and under 15 levels."**

**If you would like to recommend a player to STFC's Centre of Excellence, or are interested in sponsoring the youth set up - then contact Jim Fraser on 01793 333700.**



# JUNIOR ROBINS



▲ The tactics board at Highbury



▲ The JRs in the dugout



▲ The ladies gaze lovingly at Stef...



▲ ...but not at Sam!

A warm welcome to all the Junior Robins here this afternoon for the last game of the season against Luton Town. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the Junior Robins this season for their continuous support and I hope to see you all next season.

Since my last programme notes we have been on our first trip, to Highbury and the Natural History Museum. This trip was sold out in a week and fifty of us descended on London. We went to the Natural History Museum in the morning and then proceeded to Highbury. Lunch was at the fish and chip shop which all the Arsenal fans use on a match day and then we had a wonderful tour around the Gunners's ground. We looked around the dressing rooms, sat in the dug outs where Arsene Wenger sits and looked around their incredible museum. The day went well and I hope that all that joined us parents and children had a great day!

Our next trip will be on Thursday 28th August and it will be to Bristol Zoo and the Millenium Stadium. The itinerary is as follows:

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 9.00am  | Leave County Ground   |
| 10.30am | Arrival Bristol Zoo   |
| 12.30pm | Leave Bristol Zoo (whilst at zoo you can eat in Pelican restaurant or bring packed lunch to eat in covered picnic area) |
| 2.00pm  | Arrive and Tour of Millenium Stadium  |
| 4.30pm  | Leave Millenium Stadium   |
| 6.30pm  | Arrive back at County Ground  |

Adults @ £18

Junior Robins @ £12

Non Junior Robins and Concessions £17

Due to the popularity of the Highbury trip, we will only be opening this trip to Junior Robins, if you would like to book please call me on 01793 333733.

As some of you may have also read in my last programme notes as part of The Supporters of Tomorrow scheme we took 'Super' Sammy Parkin, Stefani Migloranzi and Ian Herring to Dorcan Technology College to coach the U12s, U13s and U14s. The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves, even though a couple of them didn't really want to play football - they would have much rather had Stef to themselves! Also as part of the same scheme on Wednesday night Matthew Heywood, Eric Sabin and two of our youth lads, Michael Pook and Matt Bulman, took a coaching session with the U18 Wilts Ladies team. The girls were very good and surprised the players on their level of play!

The Junior Robins this season have voted for their player of the year and not surprisingly, the overwhelming winner was 'Super' Sammy Parkin! At 2.30pm today Christopher Sinsbury, one of our most loyal Junior Robins, will award Sam with his trophy. Congratulations Sam - let's hope you can score even more next season!

Just to make you aware we are planning an open day for Sunday August 3, further details will be put on our website and advertised in the local press!

Finally I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I hope to see all of you at some point, lets hope next season will be even better than this one!

Alice Willis  
Junior Robins and Schools Project Manager  
01793 333733





## JOIN THE JUNIOR ROBINS 2003-2004

The Junior Robins will be celebrating kicking off the new season 2003-04 with a new look. There will be many benefits included in your year's membership. As a special bonus there will be a prize draw at the first home game of the new season where eight lucky winners will get the chance to meet and join in a Q & A session with 'Super' Sammy Parkin.

- Reciprocal visits to away games
- Souvenir Pack on joining
- 10% discount in STFC Superstore
- Christmas Party
- Christmas Card competition
- Signed birthday card from the team
- JR's own page in the programme (letters and photos welcome)
- Chance to be Swindon's mascot
- Chance to be Ball Boy/Girl
- Various competitions, quizzes and events held throughout the season

**2003/04 Junior Season Ticket holders will automatically become Junior Robins (with Junior Season Tickets costing £69). For non-season ticket holders membership will cost just £10.**

To join the Junior Robins from August 1 2003 - July 31 2004, then please fill in the details and return the form, along with your membership fee to:

Alice Wills  
Junior Robins/Schools  
Project Manager

The County Ground  
County Road  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
SN1 2ED

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## WHATS ON?

With it being the last game of the season there will be a lot happening at the County Ground. Listed below are all the events to keep you up to speed with what's on offer this afternoon:

**2.00pm:** You may have already noticed that there are a number of girls collecting money outside the County Ground this afternoon. They are attempting to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Relief in conjunction with the Evening Advertiser. Macmillan is attempting to raise £600,000 from the people of Swindon and Marlborough in order to increase the number of Macmillan services. Money raised will also provide extra support for palliative care, focusing on a maximising quality of life for people with cancer. A grant of £50,000 is already paying for a part time consultant specialising in pain relief at the Great Western Hospital and Prospect Hospice, but a further £100,000 is needed for a full time specialist consultant in palliative medicine to secure a long-term future for palliative care in Swindon, Marlborough and the surrounding areas.

**2.45pm:** It's Player of the Year time again, and before the game we will be announcing the STFC/Evening Advertiser Player of the Year, the Young Player of the Year (in memory of Clive King), the Supporters Club Player of the Year, Disabled Supporters Club Player of the Year as well as the Winner of the swindontownfc.co.uk Goal of the Season Award.



**3.45pm:** Rockin Robin will be 'Making Luv to the Music' with his young lady friends, whilst the Robinettes will also be in action. The Robinettes (as well as some members of the bar staff) will be dancing in order to raise money in aid of the special Baby Unit at the Great Western Hospital.



## WIGAN DOMINATE PFA TEAM



The Professional Football Association has named its Division Two team of the season for 2002/03 and unfortunately, there is not one Town player in it. Champions Wigan dominate with four players, while Cardiff striker Robert Earnshaw claims his place in the best XI after a prolific season. The team in full is as follows: JOHN FILAN – Wigan, NICKY EADEN – Wigan, JASON DE VOS – Wigan, FITZ HALL – Oldham, MICKEY BELL – Bristol City, SCOTT MURRAY – Bristol City, JIMMY BULLARD – Wigan, GRAHAM KAVANAGH – Cardiff, MARTIN BULLOCK – Blackpool, ROBERT EARNSHAW – Cardiff, ROB HULSE – Crewe.

## DIV2 REVIEW



## TRANMERE GAME TO BE REPLAYED



Tranmere's game with Mansfield - abandoned after a fan climbed on to the roof of one of Prenton Park's stands and refused to come down was due to be replayed on Tuesday. More than 7,000 fans were ordered to leave the ground at half-time after the fan climbed a floodlight pylon he jumped on to the roof of the Cow Shed. Following discussions with the referee, it was decided to abandon the game, which Tranmere were winning 2-0, "for public safety reasons". Police negotiators, together with help from the fire services, then persuaded the man to come off the roof and back to safety around 25 minutes later. Detective Superintendent Val Barker said: "Following discussions with the referee, police asked spectators to leave the stadium for their own safety. While unsure of the man's state of mind, we were concerned about him endangering the safety of football fans and possibly himself." The game was abandoned with Tranmere Rovers 2-0 up but the result is likely to be meaningless when the game is replayed.





## PERFECT DAY FOR POSH



Peterborough United had a double reason to celebrate as they beat Notts County 1-0 at London Road last Saturday after a Posh takeover had been completed earlier in the day. Veteran director Alf Hand received a standing ovation from the home fans when introduced as the new club chairman, after heading a consortium that exchanged contracts with previous owner Peter Boizot earlier on Saturday. Richard Scott then notched a 73rd minute winner for Barry Fry's side, with the Posh boss happy with the day's events. He said: "It's a tremendous relief for the players and fans and it is good to have real football taking charge." Fry is a close associate of millionaire Swiss-based businessman Colin Hill, who is part of the new consortium in charge of the club. Meanwhile, Notts County's administrator has told the club's fans not to panic despite the lack of news about the Magpies' future. Paul Finnity remains confident that everything is progressing smoothly as he continues his plans to put the preferred bid to a creditors' meeting for approval.



## BEEES SWARMING FOR DOWNES



Brentford boss Wally Downes has accepted a new contract with the Nationwide Division Two side. The former Wimbledon star has guided the Bees into a comfortable mid-table spot in his first season in charge at Griffin Park, despite the behind-the-scenes problems at the club. Downes also guided the West London club to the fourth round of the FA Cup for the first time in seven years and the southern area semi-finals of the LDV Vans Trophy. "We are delighted Wally has accepted a new contract," Bees chairman Eddie Rogers told the club's official website. "The board feel he has made excellent progress with a young squad of players this season, and can take us into the next one with confidence."



## SWINDON SIGNED UP '£1M BECKS OF JAZZ' FIRST!!!

Regular readers will know that this column is usually reserved for Local Football. However, this week we're bringing you some local news of a different kind – over to Mike Judd...

You may have read all the reports over the last couple of weeks, of Jamie Cullum signing a £1million recording contract, possibly the biggest ever contract for a new jazz musician. Dickson Stainer, of Universal, who signed him said "Jamie Cullum's destiny is to become to jazz what David Beckham is to football."

Jamie, has had an advertising board at the County Ground on the Nationwide stand promoting his web page [www.jamiecullum.com](http://www.jamiecullum.com). His father John, a keen Swindon fan, can be seen at every home game with a seat in the Executive Box.

At 19 Jamie produced his first CD 'Jamie Cullum – Heard It All Before', and sold 1,000 copies within weeks. It came to the attention of Candid Records, a specialist label that signed him up for a second CD in 2001. It was this album, 'Pointless Nostalgia', along with a string of London gigs, that attracted the big record labels, who began a bidding war. His first major release under the new deal is due in September and he could team up with Travis and Radiohead producer Nigel Godrich. The Times and Sunday Times have regularly been writing rave reviews and most National newspapers carried details of the new deal over the last two weeks. He was seen on the Parkinson show last Saturday singing 'You're Nobody 'til Somebody Loves You'. He also performed at the Swindon Jazz Festival last Sunday. Let's hope we can see him in concert sometime in the Winners Bar, a fitting venue for Britain's jazz boy wonder. Congratulations.



  
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# Swindon Town's Soccer Centres

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE LAST HOME GAME OF THE SEASON AGAINST LUTON TOWN. WE'RE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE SOCCER CENTRES ARE BACK UP AND RUNNING AFTER A TWO-WEEK EASTER BREAK.

The kids at the Soccer Centres are in the middle of a four-week term before a half term holiday which, in this time, they'll enjoy all of the aspects of football including passing; control; heading; dribbling, shooting as well as mini-sided games.

At the end of the last session before the Easter holidays each child received a medal to show how well they'd done on the course - a small gesture on our behalf just to thank them for taking part, as well as congratulating them for their efforts over the seven weeks.

With the numbers at an all time high in our last course we hope that the kids book on again and join the seven-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.

## OASIS (Swindon Borough)

|          |                  |              |
|----------|------------------|--------------|
| Monday   | 5.00 - 6.00 pm   | 5 - 10 years |
| Saturday | 9.00 - 10.00 am  | 5 - 8 years  |
|          | 10.00 - 11.00 am | 5 - 8 years  |

## HIGHWORTH (Swindon Borough)

|          |                |              |
|----------|----------------|--------------|
| 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 |

## HAYDON CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

## BAMPTON (Oxon)

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

## STRATTON

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

## LINK CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

## MARLBOROUGH

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

## RIDGEWAY LEISURE CENTRE

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

## CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE

|           |                |              |
|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| Wednesday | 5.30 - 6.30 pm | 9 - 11 years |
|-----------|----------------|--------------|

## TIDWORTH

|        |                |              |
|--------|----------------|--------------|
| Friday | 4.00 - 5.00 pm | 5 - 6 years  |
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|        | 6.00 - 7.00 pm | 9 - 11 years |





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# UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

**When did you start playing football?**

I used to kick around with my brother. There was a field near to our house and we used to play there.

**What about at school?**

When I went to Eldene Junior School I used to play in the school team. I was the only girl in the team but I didn't mind. When I went to Dorcan Secondary School we had a girls school team and I played in that. We played in tournaments against other schools in the area. I also played in the County Schools side.

**How did you come to join Swindon Town?**

John White saw me playing for Dorcan School

and got me to go along to Coleview (now Swindon Town). I went along and enjoyed it. We played in six-a-side tournaments during the summer and did quite well. I then started to play for Swindon Town, mainly in the Reserves. In my first year with the Reserves we won Division One of the Southern Regional League. I was not getting many chances with the first team so I joined Swindon Spitfires. I re-joined the Town this season and have been playing regularly in the first team.

**What of the future?**

I enjoy playing for the Town and would one day like to play in the Premier League, with Town of course.



**LOUISE CORCORAN**

**AGE: 20**

**POSITION: MIDFIELD**

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

## STFC LADIES

## SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES 2002/03

### THE TOWN LADIES COMPLETED THEIR HOME SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURE PROGRAMME WITH A WIN AND A DEFEAT.

Town entertained Cardiff City on Good Friday and were beaten by three goals to two. The Town trailed by two goals at the break but despite a better second half performance, City scored again to take the points and keep up their challenge for top spot.

Town then entertained Chesham United and won a thrilling game by four goals to three. Town took the lead in the 19th minute when Fiona Baldwin knocked in Hayley Sprules' cross. Chesham scored twice within a two-minute spell, but their lead was short lived as a minute later Nikki Watts scored to put the Town level. Within two minutes of the second half kicking off the Buckinghamshire side regained the lead. Town fought back but had to wait until the 86th minute before Nikki Watts scored the equaliser. With the game going into injury time Nikki Watts got the winner and completed her hat-trick.

The Town's Under Twelve team met Keynesham Town in the final of the Wiltshire County League Cup at Devizes Town FC Ground and although they played well, they were beaten by two goals to nil to finish runners up.

Tomorrow Town travel to the south coast to play Portsmouth for their final game of the season. Last Sunday Pompey's win over Cardiff City secured the league championship. When the two sides met early in the season Portsmouth won by two goals to nil.

The Under Fourteen eleven-a-side team also play Portsmouth in the final of the Surrey Primary League Cup. Pompey are top of the league and the Town are in third place which should lead to an interesting encounter. We are grateful to David Duke for helping to prepare our players for the big day. The final will be played at Woking's ground and will Kick off at 1.30pm.

|            |                  |      |       |
|------------|------------------|------|-------|
| Sun 18 Aug | Cardiff City     | Away | 0-5   |
| Sun 1 Sep  | Plymouth Argyle  | Away | 2-4   |
| Sun 8 Sep  | Reading Royals   | Home | 3-4   |
| Sun 15 Sep | Clevedon Town    | Away | 2-2   |
| Sun 22 Sep | Portsmouth       | Home | 0-1   |
| Sun 29 Sep | Chesham United   | Away | 1-0   |
| Sun 6 Oct  | Newton Abbot     | Home | 5-2   |
| Sun 13 Oct | Yeovil Town      | Away | 1-0 A |
| Sun 27 Oct | Rover-Oxford     | Away | 1-2   |
| Sun 10 Nov | Aylesbury United | Home | W0    |
| Sun 8 Dec  | Plymouth Argyle  | Home | 1-3   |
| Sun 19 Jan | Yeovil Town      | Away | 3-1   |
| Sun 26 Jan | Newton Abbot     | Away | 3-3   |
| Sun 2 Feb  | Reading Royals   | Away | 3-10  |
| Sun 9 Feb  | Yeovil Town      | Home | 3-0   |
| Sun 23 Feb | Exeter City      | Away | 3-3   |
| Sun 2 Mar  | Reading          | Home | 1-0   |
| Sun 9 Mar  | Clevedon Town    | Home | 5-0   |
| Sun 16 Mar | Aylesbury United | Away | 4-0   |
| Sun 23 Mar | Exeter City      | Home | 2-1   |
| Sun 30 Mar | Aylesbury United | Home | 7-1   |
| Sun 13 Apr | Reading          | Away | 4-2   |
| Sun 18 Apr | Cardiff City     | Home | 0-3   |
| Sun 27 Apr | Chesham United   | Home | 4-3   |
| Sun 4 May  | Portsmouth       | Away |       |





#### TODAY'S MASCOT

A warm welcome to today's mascot, Jacob Topp who is seven years old. Jacob attends Robert Le Kyng School and his favourite player is Craig Farr. Jacob supports Swindon and Liverpool.



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN!

Happy birthday to John Morse who will be 70 today. John is a Season Ticket holder and goes to most of the Swindon matches. He always takes a selection of grandchildren with him. His family wish him the best Birthday with all their love and apparently the beers are on him...



#### DISABLED METTING GOES WITH A BANG!

Pictured here are the Disabled Supporter's Group following their meeting in December. The group were joined by Bart Griemink and David Duke.

## ROCKIN'S POSTBAG

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

Mr Robin,

Your bestest advice please sir - as I am so young and apparently have a big future in front of me, have you any advice for me that will help me on my way in this game.

Rain Wooney, Everton.

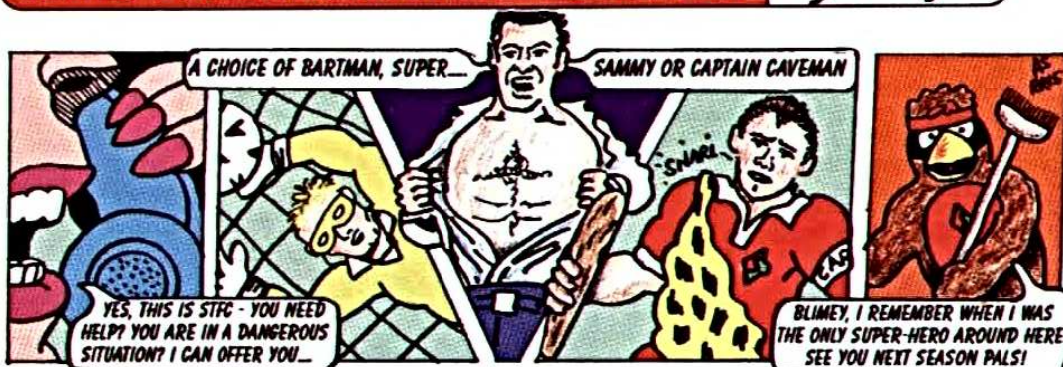
My Dear Rain,

I thought it would only be a matter of time before you came to me as a father figure, listen to me and the 'father' you will go!! Boom Boom! Well, the future lies ahead and a solid (and sensible) piece of advice will be - treat the people who help you on the way up, 'cause you might meet them on the way down... so, if you can lend me that 'Ayrton', or a couple of 'Harold Melvins' sometime I'd be most grateful. ... But, to give you the soundest advice, my boy, I would say to look after your health and I would relate the story of my Grandad. He lived to the ripe old age of 97. He didn't smoke or drink and he always insisted that the secret of his longevity was to sprinkle a little gunpowder on his cereals in the morning - truthfully! He owed everything to that simple addition to his healthy diet. When he died he left 8 children, 19 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and a ten-metre hole in the crematorium wall! It's true!

All the best



## THE ROBIN THAT ROCKS! by Alyn







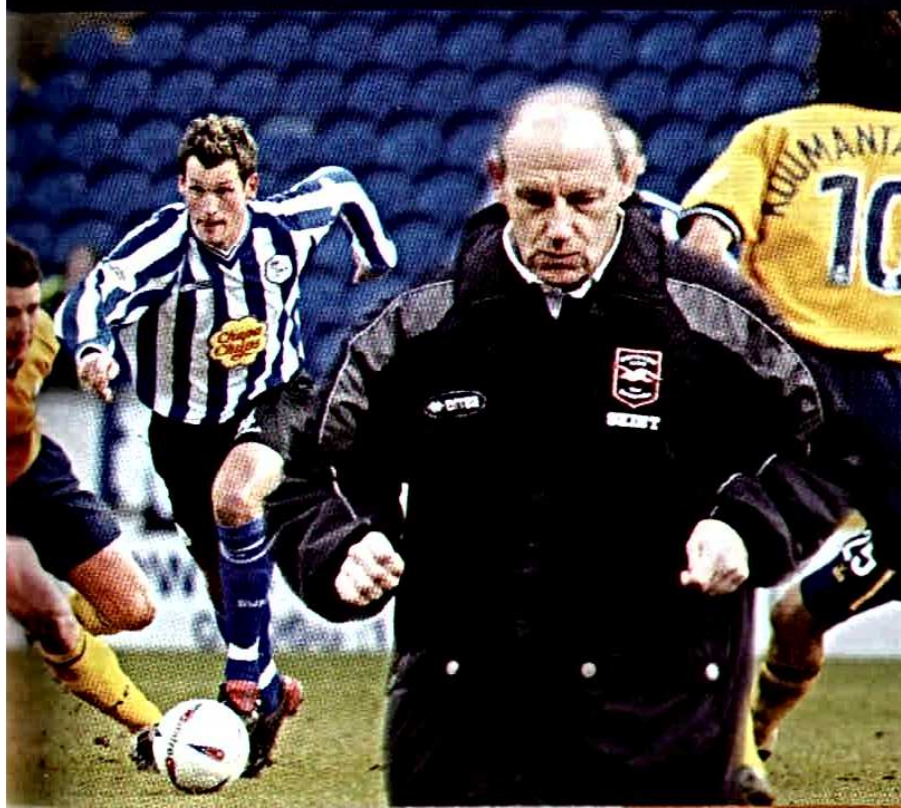
This season may well be coming to an end today – but did you know that it's just 101 days until the big kick-off on August 9? That's it folks, just 2,424 hours to go until you get to see the red and white dynamite in action when the new season arrives.

And what a season it looks set to be as well, with Sheffield Wednesday and Brighton coming down from Division One, Hartlepool (and possibly Oxford and Bournemouth coming up) it looks set to be an exciting campaign.

Not only that but next season – we'll have an even better chance of making the play-offs thanks to new legislation that means that the top eight teams in Division Two will qualify for a new play-off system. After a meeting of the 72 clubs at Leicester City's Walkers Stadium ten days ago, it was decided that the play-off structure be extended to accommodate six instead of the current four teams per division. Under this new play-off system, the team finishing fifth in Division Two next season would face the team in eighth place in one quarter-final, with the sixth and seventh-placed teams contesting the other. The winners of those ties would then take on the third and fourth-placed teams in the semi-finals.

It was also decided that teams will be docked points if they fall into administration and that wages would be capped as a percentage of annual turnover in Division Three from next season, with the regulations extended to Divisions One and Two in time for season 2004-05.

## 101 DAYS TO GO – THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS



Enough of that! But before we go for another year – I think you'll all join me in saying farewell to those that are leaving us this summer. In particular Mr Invincible who's entertained us greatly over the last two years. Also to Adam Willis, Kevin Halliday, Nathan Edwards, Gareth Edds, Junior Lewis – thanks for everything and to you all – good luck for the future from us all here at the Club.

In the great words of Vinnie Jones: "It's been emotional." Until next time...

**To all those leaving the Club:**  
**"thanks for everything and to you all – good luck for the future."**



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\*\*DENOTES SENDING OFF DENOTES SUBSTITUTIONS

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| Parkin                  | Sabin                   | Farr     | Reeves                  | Edwards              | Young        | Dykes       |   |
| Sabin <sup>*</sup>      | Invincible              | Farr     | Reeves                  | Edwards              | Young        | Parkin      |   |
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| Parkin                  | Invincible              | Farr     | Willis                  | Bampton <sup>*</sup> | Young        | Halliday    |   |
| Parkin                  | Sabin                   | Farr     | Bampton                 | Edds                 | Willis       | Young       |   |
| Invincible              | Parkin <sup>1</sup>     | Farr     | Sutton                  | Edds                 | Willis       | Bampton     |   |
| Parkin <sup>1</sup>     | Nightingale             | Farr     | Sabin                   | Edds                 | Willis       | Marney      |   |
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| Duke                    | Invincible <sup>1</sup> | Parkin   | Farr                    | Sabin                | Young        | Taylor      |   |
| Invincible              | Parkin                  | Farr     | Ifil                    | Sabin                | Edds         | Taylor      |   |
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| Invincible              | Parkin                  | Farr     | Taylor                  | Draycott             | Halliday     | Young       |   |
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## NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO 2002/03

| TEAM         | PLD | W  | D  | L  | F  | A  | PTS | GD  |
|--------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
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| TRANMERE     | 44  | 21 | 11 | 12 | 60 | 54 | 74  | +6  |
| LUTON        | 45  | 17 | 14 | 14 | 66 | 60 | 65  | +6  |
| PLYMOUTH     | 45  | 16 | 14 | 15 | 62 | 52 | 62  | +10 |
| COLCHESTER   | 45  | 14 | 16 | 15 | 52 | 55 | 58  | -3  |
| PETERBOROUGH | 45  | 14 | 15 | 16 | 50 | 53 | 57  | -3  |
| SWINDON      | 45  | 15 | 12 | 18 | 57 | 62 | 57  | -5  |
| BLACKPOOL    | 45  | 15 | 12 | 18 | 55 | 63 | 57  | -8  |
| STOCKPORT    | 45  | 15 | 10 | 20 | 63 | 67 | 55  | -4  |
| BRENTFORD    | 45  | 14 | 11 | 20 | 46 | 55 | 53  | -9  |
| PORT VALE    | 45  | 14 | 11 | 20 | 54 | 68 | 53  | -14 |
| WYCOMBE      | 45  | 13 | 13 | 19 | 59 | 65 | 52  | -6  |
| NOTTS CO     | 45  | 12 | 16 | 17 | 61 | 70 | 52  | -9  |
| BARNLEY      | 45  | 13 | 13 | 19 | 51 | 63 | 52  | -12 |
| CHESTERFIELD | 45  | 14 | 7  | 24 | 42 | 72 | 49  | -30 |
| CHELTHAM     | 45  | 10 | 18 | 17 | 53 | 67 | 48  | -14 |
| ROADES RIFLE | 45  | 11 | 11 | 23 | 38 | 60 | 44  | -22 |
| MANCHESTER   | 45  | 11 | 8  | 26 | 42 | 73 | 41  | -38 |
| NORTHAMPTON  | 45  | 10 | 9  | 26 | 39 | 77 | 39  | -38 |

## APPEARANCES 2002/03

|                    | WIGAN | CREWE | OLDHAM | BRISTOL CITY | CARDIFF | QPR | TRANMERE | LUTON | PLYMOUTH | COLCHESTER | PETERBOROUGH | SWINDON | BLACKPOOL | STOCKPORT | BRENTFORD | PORT VALE | WYCOMBE | NOTTS CO | BARNLEY | CHESTERFIELD | CHELTHAM | ROADES RIFLE | MANCHESTER | NORTHAMPTON |
|--------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------|---------|-----|----------|-------|----------|------------|--------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|--------------|----------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| BART GRIEMINK      | 43    | 0     | 1      | 2            | 0       | 0   | 1        | 0     | 0        | 1          | 0            | 0       | 1         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0       | 0        | 1       | 0            | 0        | 1            | 0          | 0           |
| GARY THOMAS        | 43    | 0     | 1      | 10           | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 1         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0       | 0        | 1       | 0            | 0        | 1            | 0          | 0           |
| MATTHEW HEWLETT    | 38    | 1     | 2      | 2            | 0       | 1   | 1        | 0     | 1        | 0          | 1            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| ADAM WILLIS        | 38    | 0     | 4      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 1        | 1     | 0        | 2          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| BANDY GURNEY       | 41    | 8     | 10     | 2            | 1       | 0   | 1        | 0     | 0        | 1          | 0            | 0       | 1         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0       | 0        | 1       | 0            | 0        | 1            | 0          | 0           |
| KEITH D HALLIDAY   | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| JIMMY DAVIS        | 11    | 2     | 2      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 1        | 0     | 0        | 1          | 0            | 0       | 1         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 1       | 0        | 1       | 1            | 0        | 1            | 1          | 0           |
| SAM PARKIN         | 40    | 24    | 10     | 2            | 0       | 0   | 1        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| STEFAN MIGLIORANZI | 38    | 2     | 2      | 2            | 0       | 0   | 1        | 0     | 0        | 2          | 1            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| DAVID DUKE         | 43    | 3     | 7      | 2            | 0       | 0   | 1        | 0     | 1        | 1          | 0            | 0       | 1         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0       | 0        | 1       | 0            | 0        | 1            | 0          | 0           |
| ADAM COBIAN        | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| ERIC SABIN         | 38    | 4     | 9      | 2            | 0       | 0   | 1        | 0     | 1        | 0          | 1            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| DARREN DYKES       | 10    | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| NEIL BUDDOCK       | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| DANNY INVINCIBLE   | 38    | 7     | 2      | 2            | 0       | 1   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 2          | 2            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| MATTY HEWLETT      | 40    | 1     | 4      | 1            | 0       | 1   | 1        | 0     | 0        | 1          | 1            | 0       | 1         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 1       | 0        | 1       | 1            | 0        | 1            | 1          | 0           |
| ALAN REEVES        | 38    | 3     | 2      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| NATHAN EDWARDS     | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| KEVIN HALLIDAY     | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| STEVE ROBINSON     | 40    | 2     | 7      | 1            | 0       | 0   | 1        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| ALAN YOUNG         | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| CAROL COLLINS      | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| IAN HERRING        | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| DAVID BAMPION      | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| JOHNNY JACKSON     | 10    | 2     | 0      | 2            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 1         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| ERAND FARR         | 2     | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| DEAN MARNEY        | 7     | 0     | 1      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| LUKE NIGHTINGALE   | 0     | 0     | 1      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| JEREMY SPIN        | 40    | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| JOHN BOWEN         | 0     | 0     | 1      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| JUNIOR LEWIS       | 0     | 0     | 1      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| CHRIS TAYLOR       | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| LUKE GARRARD       | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |
| IAN HERRING        | 21    | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0       | 0   | 0        | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0            | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0        | 0            | 0          | 0           |

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## SWINDON

Manager Andy King

## LUTON

Manager Joe Kinnear

✓ = PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UP

|                     |    |   |                 |
|---------------------|----|---|-----------------|
| BART GRIEMINK       | 1  | ✓ | MARK OVENDALE   |
| GARETH EDDS         | 2  |   | AARON SKELTON   |
| JUNIOR LEWIS        | 3  | ✓ | ALAN NEILSON    |
| MATTHEW HEWLETT     | 4  | ✓ | MATTHEW SPRING  |
| ADAM WILLIS         | 5  |   | RUSSELL PERRETT |
| ANDREW GURNEY       | 6  | ✓ | MARVIN JOHNSON  |
| KEITH O'HALLORAN    | 7  |   | ADRIAN FORBES   |
|                     | 8  | ✓ | KEVIN NICHOLLS  |
| SAM PARKIN          | 9  | ✓ | TONY THORPE     |
| STEFANI MIGLIORANZI | 10 | ✓ | CARL GRIFFITHS  |
| DAVID DUKE          | 11 | ✓ | STEVE ROBINSON  |
| IAN HERRING         | 12 | ✓ | CHRIS COYNE     |
|                     | 13 |   |                 |
| ERIC SABIN          | 14 |   |                 |
| DAREN DYKES         | 15 |   | DEAN CROWE      |
| MARK DRAYCOTT       | 16 |   | CARL EMBERSON   |
| DANIEL INVINCIBLE   | 17 | ✓ | EMMERSON BOYCE  |
| CRAIG FARR          | 18 | ✓ | AHMET BRKOVIC   |
| MATTHEW HEYWOOD     | 19 | ✓ | STEVE HOWARD    |
|                     | 20 | ✓ | PETER HOLMES    |
| DAVID BAMPTON       | 21 | ✓ | PAUL HUGHES     |
| ALAN REEVES         | 22 | ✓ | DAVID BAYLISS   |
| NATHAN EDWARDS      | 23 |   | IAN HILLIER     |
| KEVIN HALLIDAY      | 24 | ✓ | SOL DAVIS       |
| STEVE ROBINSON      | 25 | ✓ | DUNCAN JUPP     |
| ALAN YOUNG          | 26 |   | SAMMY IGOE      |
|                     | 27 |   |                 |
| STEVE SMITH         | 28 |   |                 |
| CHRIS TAYLOR        | 29 |   |                 |
|                     | 31 |   | ALAN KIMBLE     |
|                     | 37 | ✓ | CHRIS WILLMOTT  |

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### TOWN'S

Last 10 Home League Results

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

| P  | W | D | L | F  | A |
|----|---|---|---|----|---|
| 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 8 |

### LUTON'S

Last 10 Away League Results

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

| P  | W | D | L | F  | A  |
|----|---|---|---|----|----|
| 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 20 | 18 |

## LAST COUNTY GROUND MEETING

Saturday February 24 2002

Swindon Town 1

Luton Town 3

## MEN IN THE MIDDLE

Referee A. M. Penn  
Assistant M. Ebbage  
Assistant S. J. Tanner  
4th Official R. P. Desmond

## CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES COME ON!

As another long season draws to an end, we all want to cheer the players and congratulate them for their hard work this year. Not only that, but the players and management often like to reciprocate the favour by doing a lap of honour after the game. May we ask that fans remain in the stands following the final whistle - for the players will only come out and do a lap of honour if the pitch is clear. On behalf of STFC - many thanks for your compliance.



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