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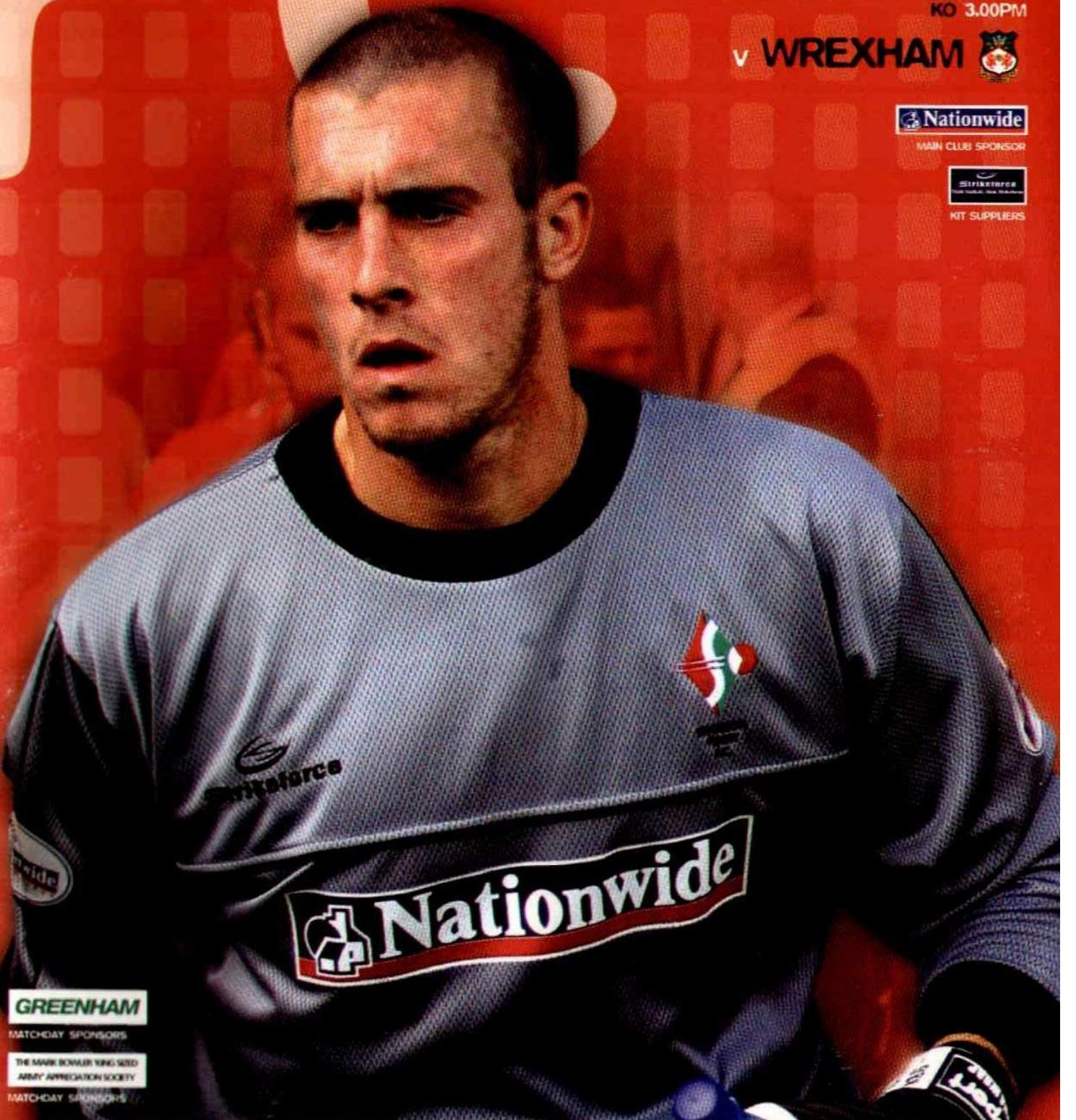
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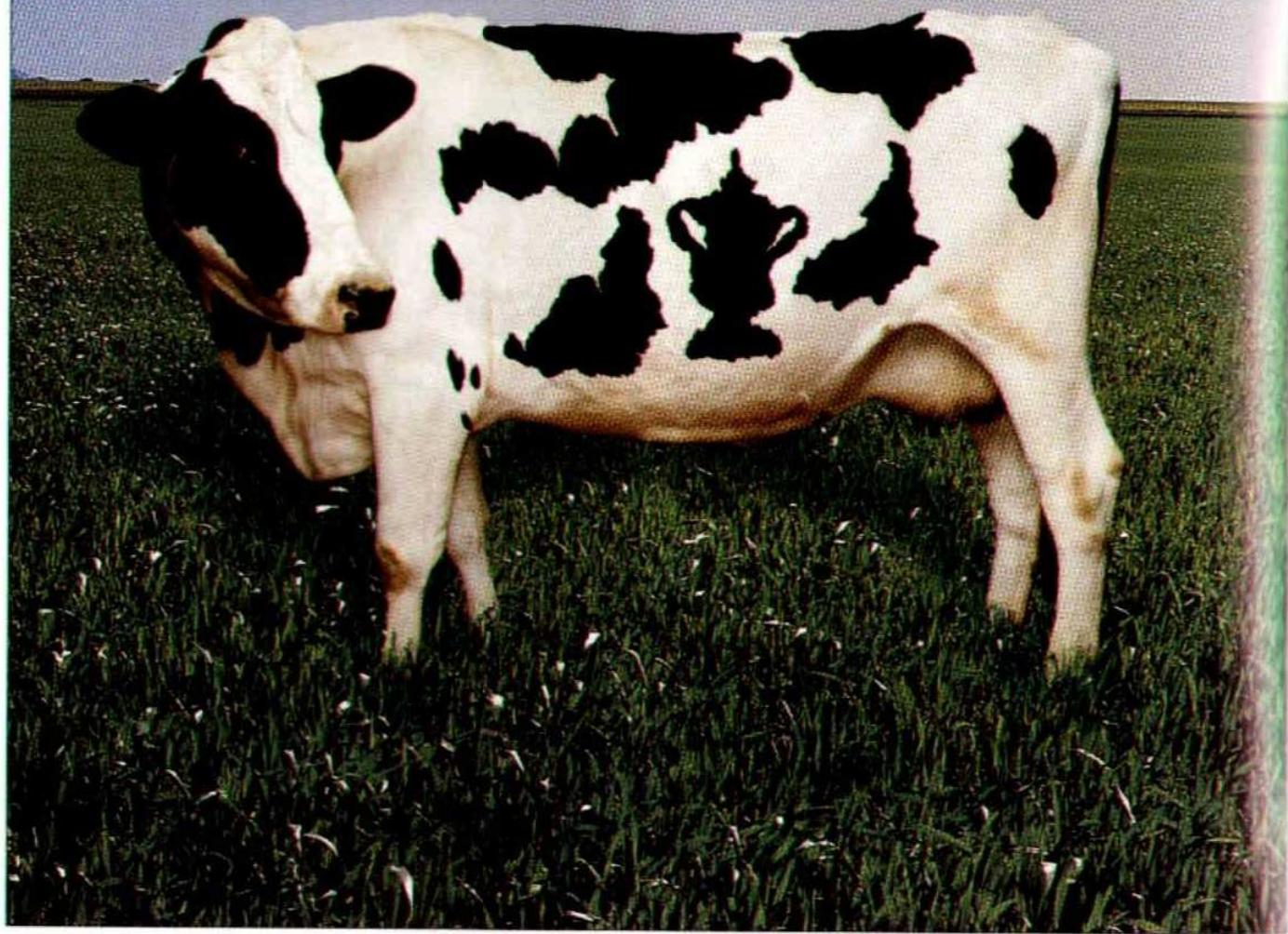
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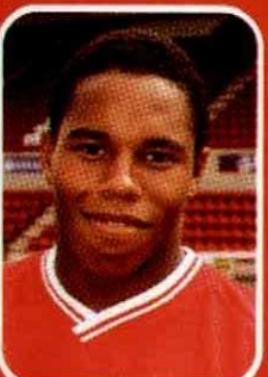
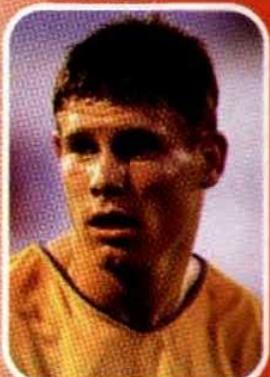
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## COMMENT - Chris Tanner

Welcome to today's game with Wrexham and let's hope for a win this afternoon! Can we have another 2-2 draw?

May I take this opportunity to introduce myself. For the last year I have been Website Editor here at the Club but have recently taken over from Nick Judd as Media & Communications Manager and today sees my 'debut' as Programme Editor. I would also like to thank Nick personally for all his efforts.

Last weekend saw us keep our unbeaten away record intact with a point at Brighton, with both Jerel Ifill and James Milner making an impression. This afternoon presents us with a chance to see Andy's loan signings in action at The County Ground so let's hope they can contribute to three points for the Town.

If you have any ideas or comments on the Matchday Programme, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Enjoy the game.





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# THE NEWS THIS WEEK

## COUNTY GROUND DIARY

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### COMMUNITY OFFICE SEES SUMMER SUCCESS

Thursday 28th August saw the close of the Swindon Town Football In The Community Coaching programme.

It has been the biggest summer ever for the Football In The Community staff at The County Ground with over 1,000 children in total taking part. Swindon Town Football in the Community Officer Clive Maguire was delighted with the success.

"It has been a fantastic summer. The children have got to meet many of the new players including Tommy Mooney, Andrew Nicholas and Jon Stevenson as well as being taken on ground tours.

"The goody bags they received included footballs, t-shirts, England bags, boot bags, wallets and drinks bottles. We have been pleased with the response and it is a great way for the kids to get involved and at the end of the day it is about enjoyment."

For more details about Swindon Town's Football In The Community programme then call Clive on 01793 421303.

2.9.03

### ATTENDANCES ON THE UP

Attendances levels at matches in the Nationwide Football League have continued their upward climb during the first month of the new season, largely thanks to an increase of some 26% in Division Three.

Across the League, attendances rose by 9%, to an average of 9,298 for the 178 League matches played in August. In Division One crowds averaged 15,384 (+5%), while in Divisions Two and Three the respective average attendances were 7,235 (+4%) and 5,341 (+26%). Crowds



totalled 1,655,016 for the month as a whole. Commenting Sir Brian Mawhinney, Chairman of The Football League, said: "This is a very encouraging start to the new season, especially when one considers that The Football League recorded its best attendances for 38 years just last season.

"This further rise in attendances is evidence that clubs throughout The League are marketing themselves very successfully and are nurturing the next generation of football supporters.

"Our clubs have made significant efforts to ensure that Football is a safe, affordable and enjoyable environment for families to spend time together and their reward has been ever greater numbers coming through the turnstiles."

Attendance Figures For August 2003  
Figures for August 2002 in brackets.

| Division Two | 2003    | 2002      |
|--------------|---------|-----------|
| Total        | 426,877 | (503,175) |
| Games        | 59      | (72)      |
| Average      | 7,235   | (6,989)   |
| % change     | +3.5%   |           |

11.9.03

### TOWN ISSUE STATEMENT

Swindon Town FC issue a statement regarding the usage of the Town End stand. The players and management of STFC appreciate the vocal support that can be heard from the Town End so far this season and hope it continues as the Club believe it has a positive effect on the team.

However, there are aspects of behaviour from a minority of people that causes the Club considerable concern.

#### These include:

Failure to sit down during matches  
We understand when spectators stand-up during exciting moments but they need to sit down as all other Swindon fans in the stadium do throughout the remainder of the match.

#### Safety Footways

These are being obstructed to such an extent that the ambulance crews and St. Johns are being prevented from attending to any potential emergency.

#### Stewards

Stewards in the Town End are being abused to such an extent that they are refusing to work in this particular stand. This occurs when stewards attempt to enforce rules and regulations, such as requesting fans to sit down during the match.

There is a real threat that this stand could have to be closed and that would be a tremendous shame for the support of the team. People must sit down during the game and keep footways clear.

The Club may be subject to crowd limitations imposed by the local authority and The FA.

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GOOD AFTERNOON AND A WARM WELCOME TO THE DIRECTORS, PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND MANAGEMENT OF WREXHAM FOOTBALL CLUB.

I would like to extend a special welcome to Denis Smith, who I greatly respect as a Manager and he is also the best friend of Malcolm Crosby. Also, another familiar face for Town supporters this afternoon is Paul Edwards, who makes his first return to The County Ground since leaving Wiltshire. Denis has continued where he left off last term where they won promotion, by starting this season very well and I am sure they will prove tough opposition today.

However, we need to get our own house in order and although the lads are playing very well, we have lost points in recent weeks to decisions that have gone against us. For example last week at Brighton and we were defensively inept when we faced Blackpool. These two games alone have cost us in terms of our league position.

The target for today is simple, we need to get back to winning ways and be more ruthless in our quest for points.

Those of you who did not travel to Brighton last weekend will get a first opportunity to see our loan signings. Jerel did well at Brighton last weekend in what was a game of individual performances throughout the team, with James Milner one of them. James is a wonderful and exciting young talent, who I have no doubt will go on to great things. I would like to remind people that he is 17 years old and still a young lad, but has arrived here to gain experience and I am sure he will enjoy his time with us.

I add both a thank you on behalf of the fans and the Club to my good friend Peter Reid who has allowed us to have James Milner for a month. Also, I extend my appreciation to Ray Lewington for loaning us Jerel. Ray has been extremely helpful to us and we thank him for that, as it is not always advantageous to the loaning club to allow a player to go out on loan.

It has been nice to see Steve Robinson back in training this week. It looks as though he is about three weeks away from a return to playing but he is a tremendous professional and has been working hard to overcome this setback.

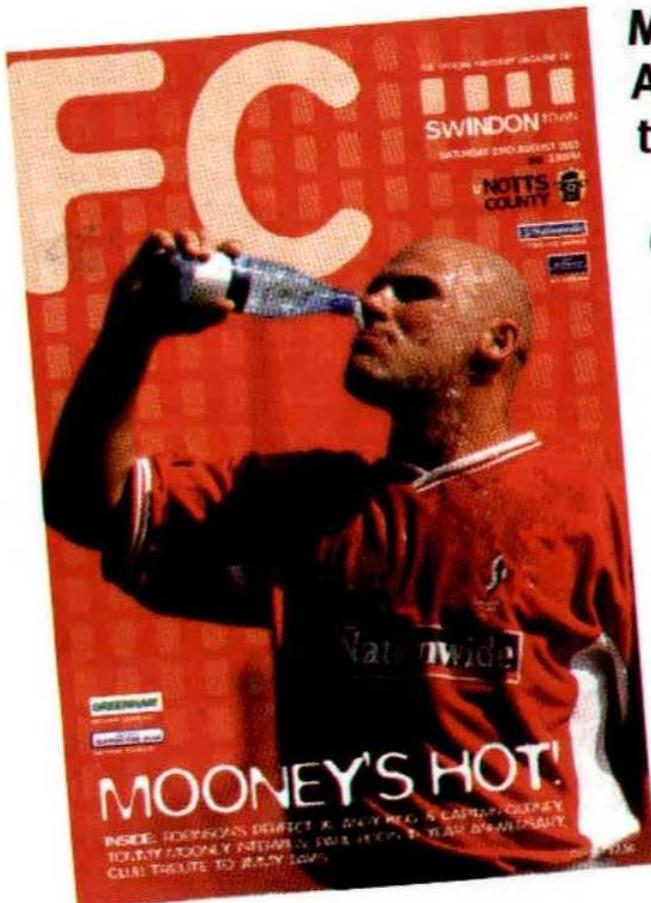
Finally, I would ask you to continue the wonderful support you have shown this season and hope, and expect, the players to return the faith.

Enjoy the game.  
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## TREATMENT ROOM

Welcome to today's game against Wrexham. Steve Robinson has made a good start to what we hope will be an early recovery from his ankle ligament sprain, as we already have embarked upon 30 minute runs and a great deal of work in the gym and pool.

It is always difficult to predict recovery times but at the moment 'Robbo' does appear to be ahead of the game.

There were one or two minor knocks from last Saturday's game against Brighton, none of which will prevent any of the squad from being available for selection today.

Could I also take this opportunity to offer our facilities within the Medical department to the general sportsmen and women who may require treatment and rehabilitation advice on their sporting injuries.

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## GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THIS AFTERNOON'S IMPORTANT HOME ENCOUNTER WITH WREXHAM.

They have had a decent start to the season, having picked up wins against Notts County, Brentford and most noticeably a 3-2 win at Sheffield Wednesday, that is a tough place to go at any stage of the season so we will have to be on our guard today.

I thought we were unlucky last weekend at Brighton. To go a goal up and then surrender the lead so quickly was disappointing. We have worked hard in training this week, looking at different situations from last weekend as we try

## CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

and improve our defensive game.

James Milner and Jerel Ifil both made an impression last weekend at The Withdean Stadium. I am sure they will prove crucial additions to the squad over what is shaping up to be a crucial month ahead for us. We have tough away trips to Grimsby and Barnsley before the Cup clash at Elland Road.

However, league points are the priority and we will be looking for more complete performance this afternoon.

Enjoy the game and let's hope for three points at 4.45pm.

'Gurns'.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC.  
**MARK DEVLIN**



Good afternoon to everyone for today's fixture with Wrexham. On behalf of the board of directors at the County Ground, can I also offer a warm welcome to the Directors, Management, Players and Supporters who have made the long journey from North Wales.

One thing is for certain this season, that is that any game involving Swindon Town will be entertaining and full of goals. Three two-all draws on the spin is testimony to that. In fact it is 50 matches since we featured in a goalless draw. So you know what to put your money on this afternoon. The style of football on display at the County Ground this season is certainly a major reason for the very welcome increase in crowd numbers. I don't think that there have been many fans leaving the stadium this season upset at not being entertained. As I said in my last notes, this team and squad is very worthy of your support and I sincerely hope, and believe that the attendance figures will continue to grow as the season progresses. All we need now is to turn some of the draws into wins and a place in the top six is within our grasp. It shows the progress made that, this season, we can talk about being disappointed at only getting a draw away at Brighton.

The capture of James Milner on loan from Leeds United certainly grabbed the headlines. We are also

delighted that Jerel Ifil agreed to return to the club on loan, and played a full part in keeping Leon Knight under wraps last weekend. I was however very disappointed to read a disparaging article in one of last Sunday's newspapers. To be fair the article was critical of the new loan system in place which allows Premiership sides to loan players to one another. A consequence of this is that Leeds United currently have seven players on loan, and we have benefited because it has allowed Peter Reid to loan us James Milner for a month. Whilst I understand this particular journalist's point of view that young talent is not forcing its way through into the Premiership as quickly as he would like, our loan arrangement with Leeds can only be good for James, Swindon Town and Leeds United. It will assist James in his footballing education and we will have played our part in developing a future England player (we hope). In any case, there is life outside the Premiership and it is fantastic that fans of the Nationwide League will be able to see some of the country's top young talent- it is wasted in the Premiership Reserve League.

I have already mentioned your increased support this season and everyone at the club, not least the Players, are very thankful for the volume of your support. However we have one request. Can those supporters, in the Town End,

who stand throughout the match, please sit down whilst the game is on. We understand that when there are goalmouth incidents there is a natural reaction to get to your feet, but we need you to remain seated during the rest of the game. We are not trying to be killjoys, the atmosphere created by the Town End is superb, but our Stadium licence is for an all seated stadium and continual standing will give us problems with the local authorities who grant the licence. Without wishing to overstate the situation, this could lead to the club being forced to close the Town End until we can guarantee that our fans will remain seated. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

One other matter discussed with the supporters groups recently has been the ongoing correspondence received about the white shirt recently worn at Bournemouth. One suggestion has been that we produce the kit, as a limited edition third shirt, and that it remains as our third kit next season. That way fans who want the shirt, and there appears to be many that do, get a chance to purchase it in time for Christmas, and we give a guarantee that it will still be current next season. I appreciate that this is a change from my previous stance, but it would be wrong not to listen to the comments we have received.

Enjoy the game and thanks for your support.



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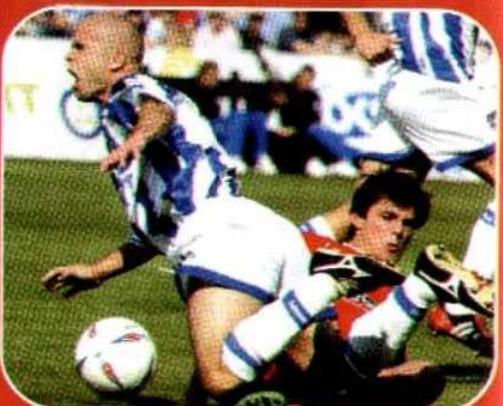
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# MATCH ACTION



BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION 2  
SWINDON TOWN 2



Town's inability to retain a lead surfaced again as Town paid the penalty for some slack defending which allowed Brighton to equalise twice meaning that the 3 consecutive games against seaside opposition have all ended 2-2 writes STFC Sports Reporter Adrian Smith

James Milner made his debut for Town as a straight swap for the suspended Sammy Igoe and Jerel Ifil appeared in the back 3 marking danger man Leon Knight. Rhys Evans retained his place in goal and Andy Gurney moved into midfield. Town were quickly on the attack when Parkin sent Milner clear but Brighton keeper Roberts cleared. At the other end Duke made a timely interception from the lively on-loan Reading player Darius Henderson.

Parkin, Mooney and Milner struck up a good relationship and had several good moves that resulted in Sam Parkin putting Town ahead with a calm

finish in the 13th minute. However Town's inability to hold on to a lead struck again when Gary Hart was able to fire home virtually unchallenged within a minute

At the other end Parkin almost put Town ahead within a minute after goalkeeper Roberts fumbled but he was unable to get a good connection with the ball. Town were lucky when Gurney lost the ball in midfield but Evans was on hand to snuff out the danger and Hart also went close with Evans beaten.

Leon Knight was getting more involved in the game and he almost scored when he pounced on a cross but his shot went wide. In the 37th minute Milner, Ifil and Gurney linked up in a good attacking move that resulted in a free-kick when Gurney was tripped. Despite several attacks no further goals were scored before the break.

Neither side made any substitutions at half-time and Town were again quickly on the attack through Milner. Viveash almost allowed Brighton an opportunity with a careless ball forward as the Seagulls settled quicker into the more fluent pattern of play.

However, Parkin and Mooney started to link up again with Milner and Mooney went close with a header that landed on roof of net. Milner was fouled seconds later but Mooney's free-kick was easily dealt with although Brighton keeper Roberts was having an erratic game and he again flapped at a cross but Mooney was just unable to connect.

Gurney was the first player to be cautioned in the 53rd minute for a late challenge and then Brighton player Hart was cautioned for dissent soon afterwards. Gurney had a long range free-kick which was deflected for a

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corner which he took but it was cleared for a throw in. There was drama in the Town penalty area when Knight was cautioned after falling under a challenge from Ifil which incensed the home support.

Brighton made the first substitution in the 63rd minute when Daniel Harding replaced Richard Carpenter but three minutes later 'Super' Sam Parkin fired Town into the lead after a long throw by Duke which raised the noise levels of the travelling Town faithful. Seconds later Mooney was denied by the crossbar from a superb dipping shot and Milner was denied by some last ditch defending.

Brighton goalscorer Hart was replaced in the 69th minute and Brighton went close with a freekick by Rodger. However Brighton were handed a

lifeline when Knight was tripped in the penalty area and Henderson levelled from the spot with a firm low shot which sent Evans the wrong way. Miglioranzi then made a superb late tackle as Knight almost pounced again and Brighton had the ball in the net seconds later but the referee had awarded a free-kick for a push on Evans. Mooney went close with a cheeky shot and Milner also went close with two good efforts as Town seemed to get a second wind and the same player had another powerful shot which was well saved by Roberts.

In the 2 minutes of added time Parkin went close from two corners and Alan Reeves made a brief appearance replacing David Duke for the last 30 seconds of the match as Town kept their unbeaten away record this season.

#### BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION

Ben Roberts, Kerry Mayo, Danny Cullip, Leon Knight, Simon Rodger, Gary Hart (John Piercy), Charlie Oatway, Darius Henderson, Richard Carpenter (Daniel Harding), Guy Butters, Adam Hinshelwood

**Substitutes not used:** Ross Flitney, Robbie Pethick, Chris McPhee

#### SWINDON TOWN FC

Rhys Evans, Jerel Ifil, Matt Hewlett, Adrian Viveash, Andy Gurney, Tommy Mooney, Sam Parkin, Stefani Miglioranzi, David Duke (Alan Reeves), James Milner, Matt Heywood

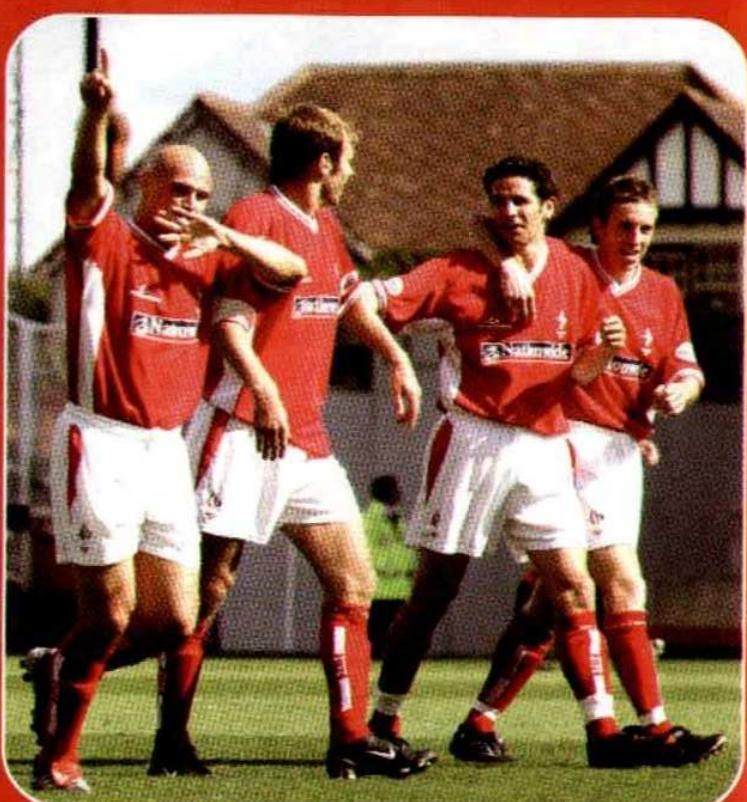
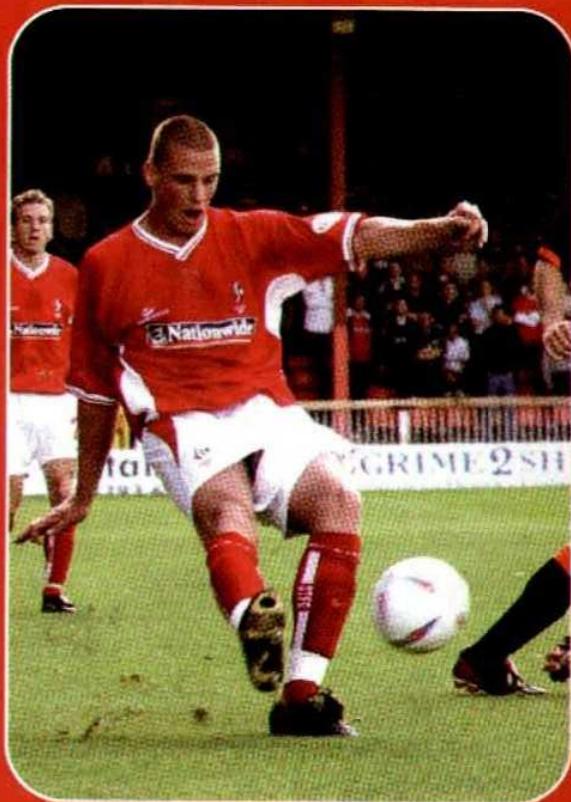
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**Referee:** Mike Thorpe

# MATCH ACTION



SWINDON TOWN 2  
BLACKPOOL 2



Tommy Mooney grabbed his first brace for the Club with two fine headers as Town extended their unbeaten run to five games but almost paid the penalty for Sam Parkin's miss from the spot as Steve McMahon's beleaguered Blackpool snatched a point, writes STFC Sports Reporter Adrian Smith.

Town kicked off towards the Stratton Bank with Rhys Evans making his first League start in goal and they were swiftly on the attack through a Hewlett shot and free-kick by Igoe.

Town took the lead in the 8th minute when a pass by Igoe to Duke resulted in a superb downward header by Mooney for his fifth goal in as many games. However the lead only lasted two minutes when scrappy defending led to Jonathon Douglas poking the ball home from close range.

Mooney and Miglioranzo linked up

well with some neat inter passing but Miglioranzo's cross cum shot drifted out for a goal-kick and moments later Gurney tried his luck with a long range deflected shot. Mooney went close with a shot which struck the top of the cross bar just before Blackpool snatched an undeserved lead in the 27th minute through Scott Taylor when his shot just evaded the despairing dive of Evans.

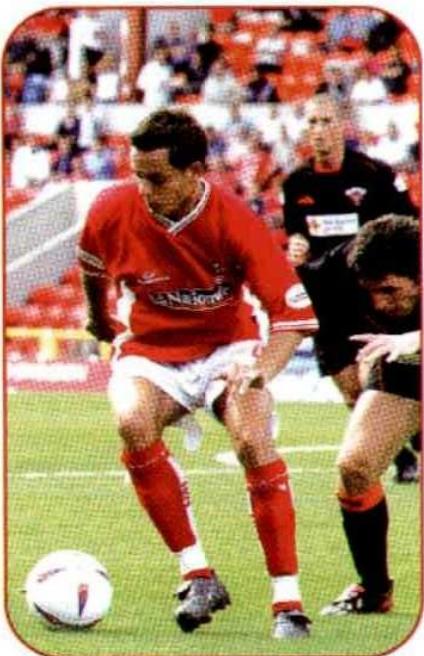
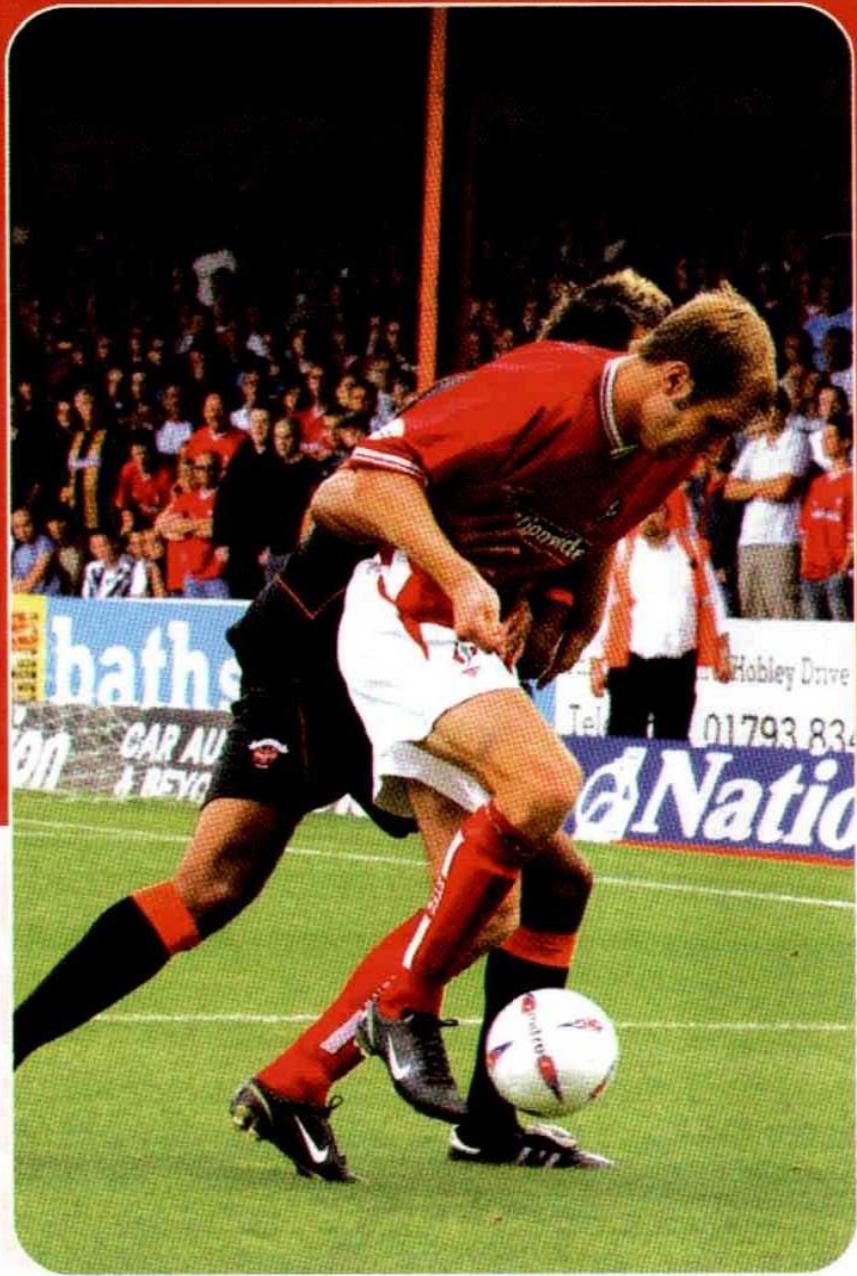
A goal of high class saw Town equalise a minute later when a superb cross by Heywood resulted in a fantastic unstoppable back-header by Mooney. This spurred Town on to some sustained attacking play as they went in search of a third goal to the delight of the crowd of 6,219. Moments later Sam Parkin was fouled and from the resulting free-kick Gurney's shot was deflected for a corner which ended with a snap shot by Mooney and this was the last action of the half.

Just after half-time a surging run by Gurney was ended when he was fouled but Igoe's freekick struck the defensive wall. Mooney, Parkin and Miglioranzo were prominent in attack without being able to get clear shots on goal.

Parkin was cautioned in the 57th minute for a late challenge and Blackpool went close but Evans was quickly off his line to snuff out the challenge. Three minutes later Town were awarded a penalty when Blackpool keeper Jones pushed Mooney as Igoe took a corner but Parkin's tame shot was easily saved by Jones. Parkin tried to make amends seconds later but he was denied by a last ditch tackle and moments later super Sam had a bullet-like header saved at point-blank range by Jones.

In the 69th minute Robinson was tripped from behind and from the resulting Mooney free-kick Parkin went close with a header and within

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seconds Grant Smith replaced the limping Miglioranzi. Shortly after Steve Robinson was carried off the pitch after catching his studs in the turf and was replaced by Brian Howard. Andy King will have been watching anxiously as two key players had left the field with injuries and with Sammy Igoe suspended a different look midfield will be lining up for Town in the next couple of weeks.

Mike Sheron almost scored for Blackpool just before he was replaced by the lively Martin Bullock who quickly tested the alert goalkeeping of Evans. Duke became the second Town player to be booked for a late challenge and Evans made two smart saves in quick succession.

Although Mooney pressed hard to try and complete his hat-trick and Parkin went close, Swindon had to settle for

another 2-2 draw but will be aiming to go one better against Brighton who are Town's third seaside opposition in as many weeks!

REPORT BY STFC SPORTS REPORTER  
ADRIAN SMITH

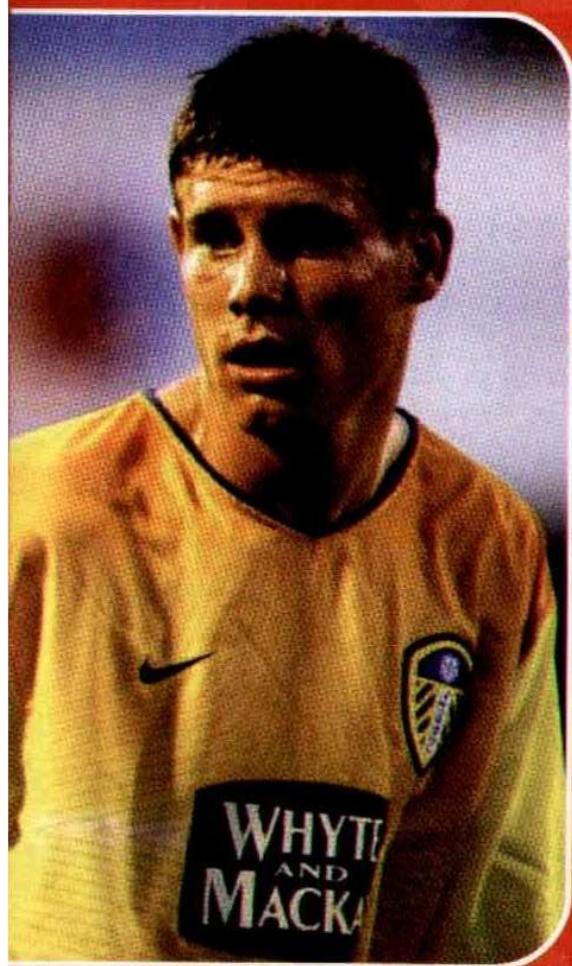
#### TEAMS:

**Swindon Town:** Rhys Evans, Matthew Hewlett, Adrian Viveash, Andy Gurney (capt), Sammy Igoe, Tommy Mooney, Sam Parkin, Stefani Miglioranzi (Grant Smith), David Duke, Matthew Heywood, Steve Robinson (Brian Howard)

**Subs not used:** Bart Griemink, Jon Stevenson, Alan Reeves

**Blackpool:** Lee Jones, Simon Grayson (capt), Mike Flynn, Richie Wellens, Mike Sheron (Martin Bullock), Scott Taylor, Danny Coid, Leam Richardson, Kirk Hilton (Chris Clarke), Steve Davis, Jonathon Douglas

**Subs not used:** Phil Barnes, Richard Walker, Stephen McMahon



# BEAUTY & THE BEAST

JAMES SPARKS

WHILE THE LIKES OF DAVID MOYES, HARRY REDKNAPP AND CLAUDIO RANIERI WERE DIPPING DEEP INTO THEIR POCKETS TO CONCLUDE FINAL DAY TRANSFERS, OUR VERY OWN MANAGER, ANDY KING, WAS BUSY BRINGING IN ANOTHER TWO EXCITING FACES TO ADD TO THE ALREADY IMPRESSIVE TOWN SQUAD LIST.



Whilst Ifil returns for his second spell at the club, it seems the signing of James Milner on a months loan has hit the headlines and already the expectation for the young Leeds starlet is sky high.

One would have to imagine that most of that pressure comes from making his first team debut at just sixteen, when he appeared as a substitute for Leeds United at West Ham in November 2002. That appearance made him the second youngest ever player to play in the Premiership behind Coventry's Gary McSheffrey, who was 168 days younger when turning out for Aston Villa in February 1999.

The records don't stop there for the seventeen year old. Not only is he the second youngest ever player at Elland Road, behind Leeds legend Peter Lorimer, who first appeared for Leeds aged just fifteen. He also went on to break Wayne Rooney's record as the youngest ever Premiership goalscorer by four days when, aged just 16 and 357 days, he secured a win for United at the Stadium of Light in December 2002. Despite those expectations, it seems as though the Horsforth teenager has already taken it all in his stride.

"There are expectations, but I just have to do my best every time I step on the pitch. I know quite a bit about Swindon already, they are a decent side and play good

football. I am looking to develop my game further and this will be good experience for me, I am sure of that."

Back in Lancashire, the arrival of Peter Reid as manager has seen Milner's path into the first team somewhat blocked. Although, Reid is still full of praise for the England U-17 international and has assured him that he is still very much part of his first team plans, both player and manager felt that some League experience would develop him further.

"It is a good squad up at Leeds and they have signed a few players on loan, such as Jermaine Pennant, so it has been hard to try and break into the side. I got a call from Kevin Blackwell (Leeds reserve team coach) and he asked me if I would be interested in a month away and to be honest, I jumped at the chance. I need to get a few more first team games under my belt and it is a step up from the reserves at Elland Road. It will just good to be playing some first team football again."

His performance at the Withdean Stadium showed great promise and his comments following the 2-2 draw with Brighton indicates that the youngster has the maturity on and off the pitch to succeed and is still just finding his feet at this level.

"I enjoyed it to be honest. It was a quick game and we were playing one of the top teams in the Division. It was



certainly different from the reserves and I think it will take me a couple of games to get adjusted to the League. I got a few knocks, but I think whenever a tackle comes in, you just have to get back up, dust yourself down and get on with the game. You can't afford to give the opposition the upper hand and by getting back up straight away, shows that you are up for the challenge."

The subject of knocks, bruises and tackles are no stranger to an already familiar face, Jerel Ifil, who alongside Milner has joined us for an initial months loan. The return of the 'Beast' to the County Ground comes after he appeared in nine games for Town last season and he is once again looking forward to pulling on a Swindon shirt.

"It was a good experience for me last year and hopefully I can become more consistent through playing regularly. I feel a better player from last time and I am now more than ready to play my part for Swindon. There are a few new faces about the place but most of the squad is the same, so it is a case of a quick welcome back and getting down to business".

The arrival of the no-nonsense centre half has been somewhat over-shadowed by the hysteria surrounding Milner, although he did go straight into the line up and returned in excellent form by marking young Chelsea forward, Leon Knight, out of the game at the Withdean.

"Before I went into the game, I knew quite a lot of Leon having played with him on loan at Huddersfield a few seasons ago. He is quick, but I thought we coped quite well and were unlucky to not take all three points from the game."

Since his return to Vicarage Road last season, Ifil has found himself in a similar position to Milner at Leeds. He has been a regular member of Watford's first team squad, but has been forced to settle with a couple of games on the bench and a string of appearances in the reserves.

Despite the initial setback of not yet making the grade at Watford, Ifil is more than happy to go out on loan and gain some more first team experience. He knew that a return to Swindon, albeit for the second time, was another opportunity not to be missed.

"I haven't been playing regularly at Watford, so I am pleased to be back really. I am looking forward to playing regularly in the first team again. I knew Andy was after me and it will be another tremendous opportunity to show everyone what I am capable of."

A good set of appearances last season, a stirring return against Brighton, lightning pace, strength and a more than ambitious attitude can only be Watford's loss and surely Swindon's gain.....



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▲ Roy Carter (Dark shirt) just fails to connect with a David Moss cross with the Wrexham keeper beaten at the County Ground

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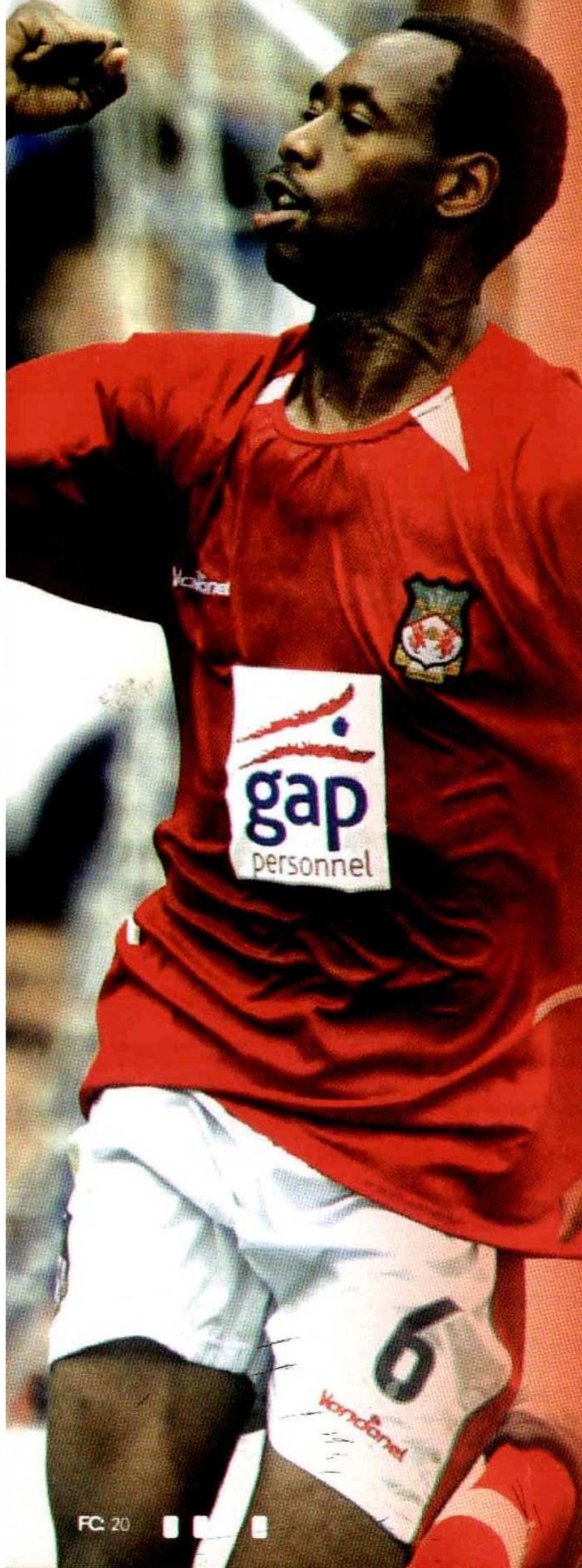
Today's picture is taken from a collection that came into my possession in the mid eighties. "If there is anything in there you want take it everything in that room is going in the skip tomorrow." Among the things I rescued were photographs taken and used in club programmes and this was one of them. It shows Wrexham goalkeeper Eddie Niedzwiecki and Roy Carter of Swindon just failing to get to a cross by David Moss. It led me to search out the programme for the match that took place in March 1978. The programme cost 15p and was probably the biggest if not the thickest programme the club had ever produced. Among the interesting "Bits and Pieces" article it contained was the fact that Swindon had been the visitors on September 30th 1959 when Wrexham switched on floodlights at the Race Course. Among the pen pictures in the Souvenir programme for the match at Wrexham were Ken Jones a Welsh Youth international who was later to play for Swindon and a youngster described as slightly built

but having a great future in the game this was Arfon Griffiths who after nearly 600 appearances for the North Wales club was manager at the time of the 1978 match.

The match resulted in a 2-1 victory for the visitors. Two goals by John Lyon put Wrexham in a commanding position at half time and although Dave Moss pulled one back for Town, Wrexham completed their League double for the season over Swindon. This was as a result of their having won 2-1 at the Race Course ground earlier in the season when legendary goalscorer Dixie McNeil and Graham Whittle, the Liverpool born striker who made over 350 appearances for Wrexham got the goals in another 2-1 victory. Predictably Town's goal had come from David Moss who was the season's leading scorer for the Robins with 22 in all competitions. Swindon finished the season in 10th position with an average crowd of 7,162. As so often a good home record

with 12 matches won and only 4 lost could not make up for disappointing form away from home where 38 goals were conceded and only four matches won. It was a season of triumph for Wrexham however. They finished as champions with 61 points, three clear of Cambridge United in second place losing only once at home in a local derby with Chester.

Wrexham and Swindon also met in the League Cup during the 1977-8 season. The Fourth Round tie was played at the Race Course. A quirk of the draw has seen Swindon defeat both the other Welsh League sides Swansea and Cardiff as well as Portsmouth as they fought their way to Round Four. The tie against the Cardiff team at the County Ground was particularly memorable as it resulted in a 5-1 win for Town with a brace of goals from Trevor Anderson. A crowd of just over 10,000 saw goals from Lyons and Whittle earn a lucrative home tie against Liverpool which they lost 3-1.



TODAY'S VISITORS

## WREXHAM



THIS AFTERNOON SIXTH-PLACED WREXHAM, WITH TWO AWAY WINS ALREADY SECURED THIS SEASON AND A GAME IN HAND, ARE OUR WELCOME VISITORS TO THE COUNTY GROUND.

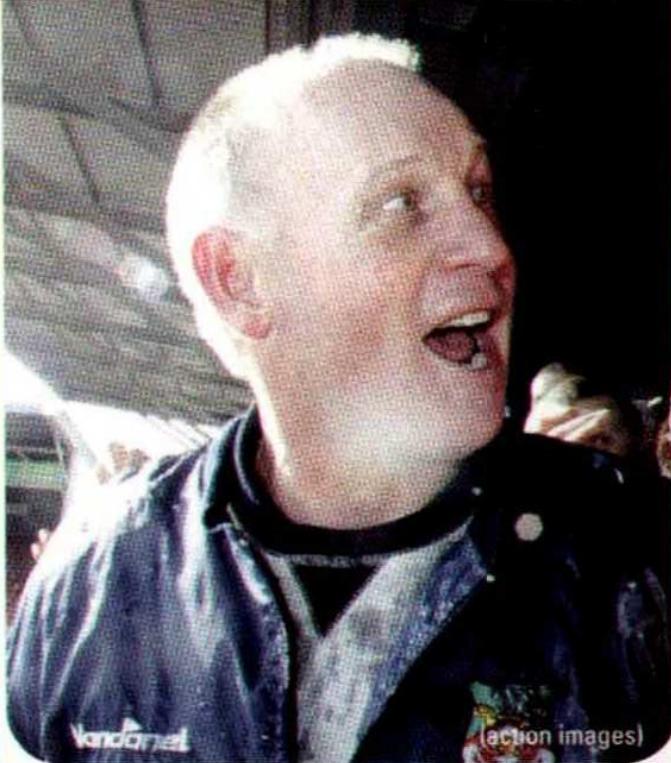
Managed by the former Stoke City defender Denis Smith, the Welsh club has already beaten Sheffield Wednesday (3-2) and Notts County and according to the Pools panel, they would have defeated Blackpool at Bloomfield Road last weekend - having recently had their run of 18 undefeated League games ended by Bournemouth.

Last season Wrexham gained automatic promotion from the Third Division by finishing in third place behind Rushden & Diamonds and Hartlepool United, and it was, without doubt, their superb away form which certainly paved the way for success... 11 wins and eight draws on the road for a total of 41 points (out of a seasonal tally of 84).

They also scored plenty of goals - 84 in 46 games - and their haul of 36 away from Their racecourse Ground was the best in their Division and only bettered by Arsenal, Portsmouth, Wolves, Wimbledon and Crewe Alexandra in the whole country.

Defensively Wrexham were pretty mean, conceding 26 goals at home and 24 away, ending up with a goal-difference of plus 34 (again the best in their section). And manager Smith has demanded more of the same on both fronts - and he's getting some reward already.

Wrexham, a Football League club since 1921 (original members of the Third Division North) have had a bit of a yo-yo spell over the last five years, finishing 17th, 11th, 10th and 23rd in Division 2 from 1998-99 to 2001-02 inclusive and then 3rd in Division Three last term. Consolidation is Smith's wishes this time round, anything else would certainly be a massive bonus - but the players, and indeed the fans of Wrexham believe they can certainly make the play-offs...and who knows after that! We shall see.



## DANGERMAN

### PAUL EDWARDS

Wrexham midfielder Paul Edwards will be back on familiar ground if he takes to the pitch for today's game. Born on 1st January 1980 in Manchester, he was signed by Andy King from Altrincham in 2001. Paul made 20 League appearances in a Town shirt, first appearing as a substitute at home to Tranmere Rovers on 15th September.

Never making the scoresheet, there was some disappointment in Swindon when he chose to leave the County Ground in the summer of 2002 when he declined Town's offer of a new contract in favour of a move to the Racecourse Ground. Paul had made an impressive start to his Swindon career when, starting his first home match on 25th September 2001 against Brentford, he had dazzled the crowd with a display of fast and direct running at the heart of the visitors' defence.

Perhaps preferring to move closer to his Manchester roots, 5ft 11in Paul settled in quickly in Wales as Wrexham clinched the third automatic promotion spot from Division Three last season. Playing in 38 of the 46 League matches, Paul scored on four occasions and having found his scoring touch he will be keen to add to that total.

## THE GAFFER

### DENIS SMITH

DENIS SMITH (born, Meir, Stoke-on-Trent, November 1947) was one of the greatest defenders ever to play for Stoke City. He was certainly a fine servant to the Potters whom he served for 17 years during which time he amassed 493 appearances and scored 41 goals while overcoming countless injuries. He joined Stoke as a junior in 1965, turned 'pro' in 1966, but it was not until he was almost 21 that he made his debut v. Arsenal in a First Division match (1968). He won Football League XI honours, but never a full England cap and helped Stoke win the League Cup in 1972 before retiring in 1982. He then managed York City for five years to 1987, bossed Sunderland for four seasons and in 1992 was put in charge of Bristol City. He left Ashton Gate for Oxford United in 1993 and in December 1997 became boss of West Brom.

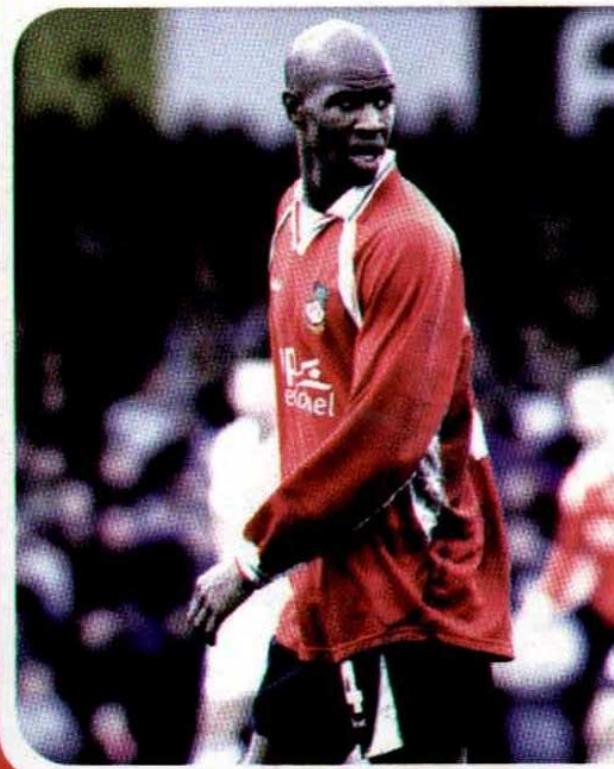
He left The Hawthorns in 1999 and later returned to hard-up Oxford United (2000) before taking over the reins of struggling Wrexham in season 2001-02.

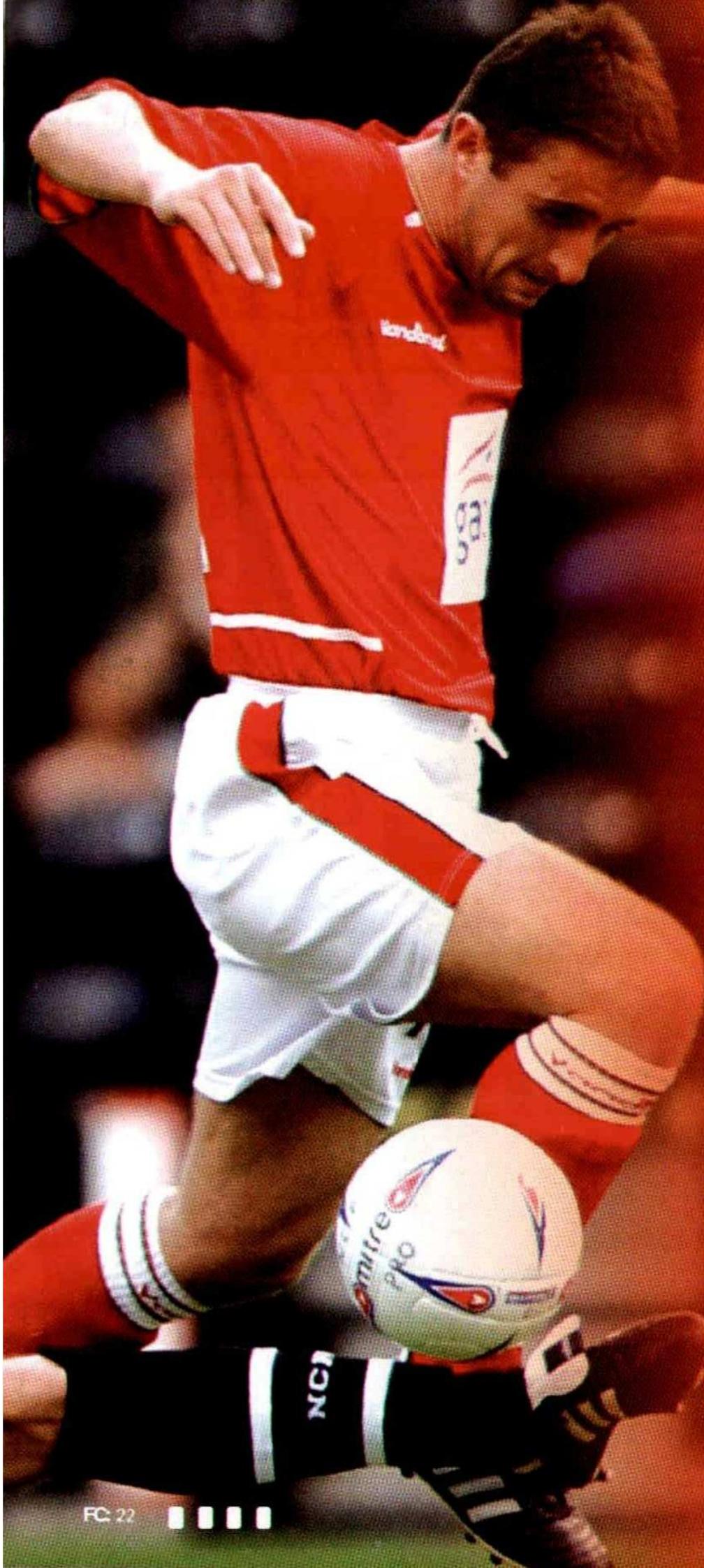
#### DID YOU KNOW?

Eddie Tunney spent 15 years as a player with Wrexham, serving the club before, during and after WW2. In fact he was an ever-present in 1938-39 and again in 1947-48, making a total of 222 League appearances in all.

#### LAST VISIT HERE

Wrexham last played at The County Ground on 27 November 2001 when they succumbed to a 3-1 defeat at the hands of the Robins in front of 4,127 fans. Craig Faulconbridge scored for the Welsh club in reply to strikes from Eric Sabin, Danny Invincible and Matty Heywood for the home side.



**ANDY DIBBLE (Goalkeeper)**

A detailed history of Andy's career would fill a programme on its own, but safe to say that the South Welshman has not missed on much in the last 20 years. Starting with Cardiff City, he made his name with Luton Town and won a League Cup medal with them. There were numerous ports of call during loan spells throughout the Football League and Scotland, but he also enjoyed a lengthy spell with Manchester City. Rangers signed him and he made his debut against Celtic, while also seeing service with non-league and League of Wales teams. After two seasons with Stockport County, Denis Smith saw him as the man to come to Wrexham and help bring through our young keepers, as coaching is another avenue of the game that Andy would like to pursue.

**PAUL BARRETT (Midfield)**

Signed just prior to the transfer deadline in March 1999 on a free from Newcastle United. It was his performances in the Pontin's League, which alerted Wrexham to his talents and the Newcastle born player signed a three-year deal at the Racecourse. Paul was a schoolboy signing with his hometown team and progressed through their ranks before going professional at St.James Park. Back in the first team squad after pulling a hamstring in a reserve match in mid January, he was offered a new one-year deal over the summer.

**BRIAN CAREY (Centre-Half)**

A case of third time lucky for Wrexham, as the big Republic of Ireland international finally joined the Reds on a permanent transfer in 1996. Twice the Cork born centre-half had been on loan at the Racecourse, but on both previous occasions Wrexham could not raise the cash needed to buy him from Manchester United. He eventually joined Leicester City in 1993, but after three seasons at Filbert Street the Reds finally got their man. Injuries and suspensions have blighted Brian's season in 2001/02, but he is back to full fitness and ready to play a captain's role in the year ahead.

**CARLOS EDWARDS (Winger)**

Joined the club three years ago from Defence Force FC, Trinidad, when signed along with Hector Sam. A current international player for his

# Wrexham Squad

country, Carlos was involved in their epic World Cup victories over Canada, Panama and Mexico last season, which saw T&T through to the last round of qualification for 2002 finals. A tricky winger, who can operate on either flank, he has added considerably to the manager's attacking options. Made the PFA Third Division Team of the Season in 2002/03 and was a virtual ever-present in Wrexham's promotion winning side. Away in midweek with T&T, for an international friendly in Morocco.



## DARREN FERGUSON (Midfield)

Initially signed on a short term contract following his return from a spell in Dutch football with Sparta Rotterdam, Darren later committed himself to a two year deal at the Racecourse, one which was extended last season. Born in Glasgow, he joined Manchester United as a youngster and progressed through their system to eventually turn professional in 1990. After several years and five caps for the Scotland Under-21 side, Darren moved for £250,000 to Wolverhampton Wanderers in January 1994. A regular in the Wolves team for five seasons, he did have one spell out due to injury. In February 1999, Darren took up an option to play in Holland, but decided against extending his stay after helping Sparta avoid relegation. His first goal for Wrexham was the winner against Middlesbrough in the 1999 FA Cup third round victory. Signed an extended contract in 2001, after turning down an approach from big spending Wigan Athletic.

## SHAUN HOLMES (Full-back)

Signed in the summer of 2001 from Manchester City. This current Northern Ireland international defender missed out on his senior debut at Maine Road and decided to move on, despite still having a year left on his contract. Then manager Brian Flynn finally captured Shaun's signature at Manchester Airport, as the player was returning from international duty in the Czech Republic. Originally signed by City from a Boys Club in his hometown of Derry, he was a youth player before turning professional at Maine Road.

## LEE JONES (Forward)

Now in his fourth spell of some description at the Racecourse. Originally spotted playing local football in the Wrexham area, he was given his chance at the Racecourse and proved such a hit that Liverpool quickly took him to Anfield a decade ago. While seeing limited first team action, Lee gained valuable experience on Merseyside before switching to First Division Tranmere Rovers and then Barnsley. He left Oakwell last March, after cutting

short his deal with the Tykes and moving back to Wrexham on non-contract terms. The scorer of a club record equalling five league goals against Cambridge United, on the day the club was relegated, he had a number of offers over the summer, but quickly decided on an extended stay with his hometown team.

## MARK JONES (Midfield)

Locally born youngster, who was recently promoted to the first team squad. Mark was called up by Jimmy Shoulder to be part of his U21 squad for the opening match in their qualifying group away to Finland and his has been with most Wales games since. There followed a place on the bench for Wrexham against Bradford City in the Worthington Cup and professional contract this summer.

## DENNIS LAWRENCE (Centre-Half)

Signed in March 2001 from the Defence Force club in Trinidad, Dennis stands at 6'7" and will not be hard to spot if selected. So far he has made only a handful of appearances, although his period here has been interrupted due to serving his country in their World Cup qualifying campaign. A seasoned performer on the international stage, Dennis had trials with both Newcastle United and Bolton Wanderers, before settling on Wrexham and joining up with our other two T&T signings. After taking a little time to settle, he forced his way into the team and his now a permanent feature of Wrexham's three-man defence.



## CHRIS LLEWELLYN (Forward)

Gave up the final part of his contract with Norwich to try his luck with Wrexham, in his quest for first team football. Brought up in South Wales, he was spotted by scouts from Carrow Road and soon joined the East Anglian club as a youngster. A regular with the Wales U21 squad, which he also captained, Chris later gained a full international cap for his country. Injury slowed his progress with Norwich, but he's looking to make fresh start at the Racecourse.

## CHRIS ARMSTRONG (Forward)

Returned in the summer to the club that first introduced him to the professional game. Born in Newcastle, but brought up locally, Chris was soon on his way to Millwall, Crystal Palace and then Spurs, before injury saw his career come to an abrupt halt. A season with Bolton did little to get him back on the road to first team football, something he will be hoping happens quickly at the Racecourse.

## PAUL EDWARDS (Winger)

Manchester born, he was on City's books as a teenager, before being released and joining Doncaster Rovers as they struggled to stay in the Football League. After experience with several lower non-league clubs around the area, it was Altrincham that gave him his chance and there followed a rapid rise back into professional football. After only six games at Moss Road, Conference club Leigh RMI took him on loan and before he played a competitive match for them, Swindon Town offered him a trial. That was a successful one in August 2001 and within a few months he was an established member of the County Ground team, becoming a firm favourite with the local supporters. Looking to get closer to his northern home, Paul accepted an offer from Wrexham and become one of Denis Smith's three summer signings in 2002.

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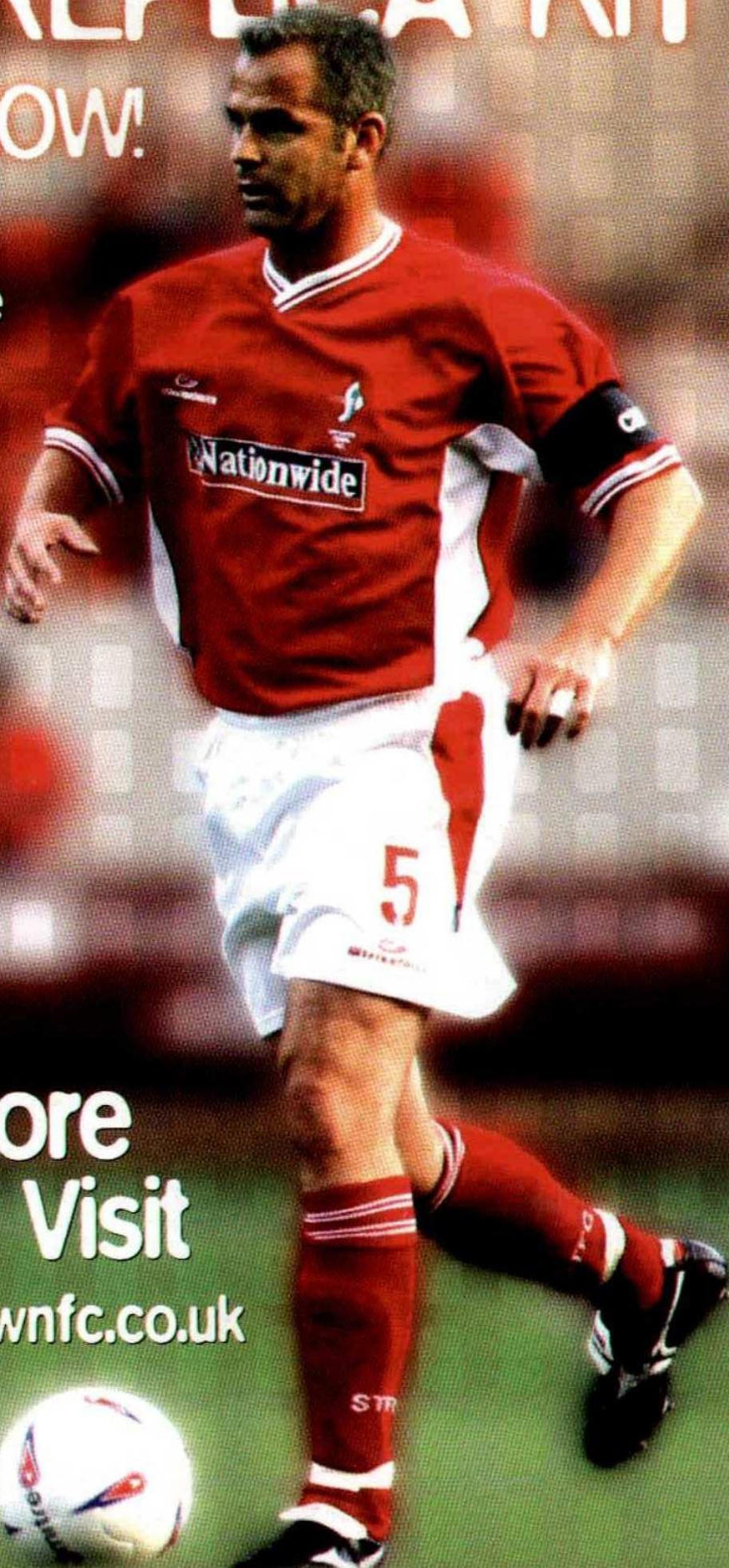
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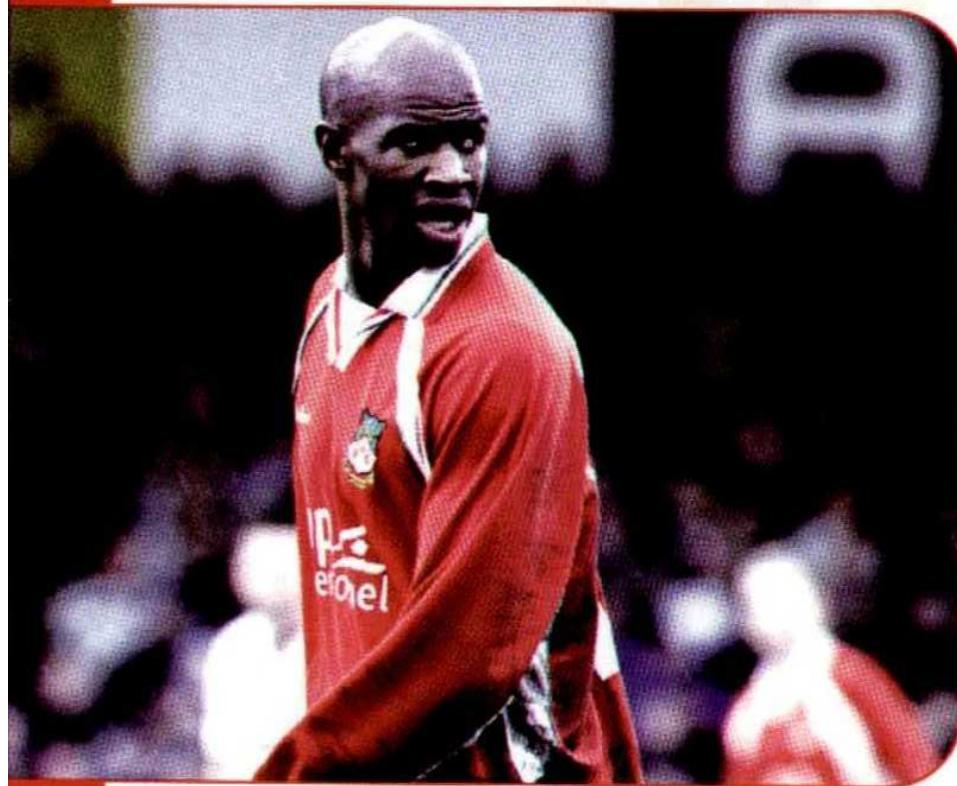
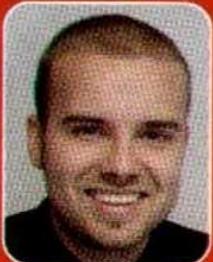


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# JON RITSON



TODAY'S clash with Wrexham allows me to reflect on a 'film star' I was introduced to here at the County Ground but one that I'd never heard of.

Bare with me, it'll soon make sense. I'm talking about former Town favourite Paul Edwards - now starring for the Red Dragons and memorably christened Whoopi Goldberg by Razor Ruddock, due to Paul's distinct hairstyle (which he later ditched).

It was a hot sunny day in August (I think) 2001 and I was here at the County Ground for some important reason which escapes me.

I think I was talking to Jimmy Fraser when then Chief Executive Pete Rowe asked me if I wanted an 'exclusive' chat with the club's latest signing. Every reporter jumps at the word 'exclusive' so I followed Pete into one of the suites where a young man sat with another chap - presumably his agent. I was a tad puzzled as Roy Evans had not mentioned any new players although I knew a couple had been on trial.

I sat down, completely unprepared, without even knowing the name of this new face. It was probably the hardest interview I've ever done. There were several long pauses as I

tried desperately to avoid questions along the lines of 'errr who are you then' and 'what's your name'. I struggled through in the end but I managed to piece together enough for an article. Once published, many fans said Paul Who? Some impressive performances caught the eye but an injury around Christmas time left Paul on the treatment table. It's fair to say we never saw the best of him after that. Let's hope that's the case today also.

Wrexham have had a cracking start to the campaign but we're not doing so badly ourselves. The lads really should have had three points at Brighton on Saturday. How unlucky was Tommy Mooney with that volley? James Milner and Jerel Ifil fitted in superbly and you feel it is only a matter of time before these draws start turning into victories. The gaffer has got the boys playing some attractive stuff and there is a real positive buzz at the training ground these days. The Brighton match was the first game in a very busy month. After Wrexham's visit today it's Tuesday night fish and chips in Grimsby and then another trek north to high-flying Barnsley.

Then there's the small matter of the Carling Cup clash at Leeds United - exciting times indeed. Enjoy today's game and see you all back here for the match with Peterborough United on September 27.

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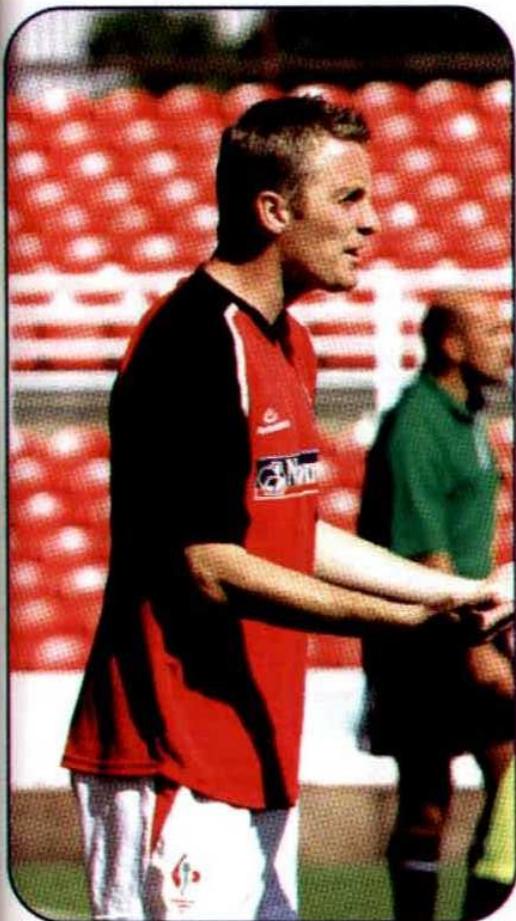
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## REEVESY'S RESERVES



SWINDON TOWN CRUISED TO VICTORY PAST A YOUNG BRENTFORD SIDE AT A MILD GRIFFIN PARK ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, WITH THE BEES OLDEST PLAYER IN MARK PETERS - A SHADE UNDER TWENTY - THE ROBINS WENT ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS IN METHODICAL FASHION, MAKING THE GAME A NON-EVENT AT HALF-TIME.

After five minutes, Bees goalkeeper Josh Lennie - making only his second reserve-team outing - superbly tipped away a fierce shot from Dave Bampton from the edge of the box. It took the visitors just three minutes later to open the scoring, Brian Howard supplying Jon Stevenson, who made no mistake from three yards out. Fifteen minutes in, their lead was doubled after Referee Whitestone had penalised Dean Wells for shoving Grant Smith in the back. Smith picked himself up to slam home the free-kick.

Six minutes later Mark Peters hit the post from Jay Tabb's through ball that caught Steven Smith and Luke Garrard in a muddle. It was the closest he got to scoring on a disappointing night for the young striker. Andy Nicholas spurned his chance to get on the scoresheet in the 27th minute - Jon Stevenson the supplier, but The Bees' Sean Hillier did enough to put the Robins left-back off and he shot wide with just Lennie to beat.

However, Town effectively wrapped the contest up two minutes before half-time. Grant Smith's cross was headed away by Wells, but he did not bargain for the on-rushing Dave Bampton, who struck a peach of a shot from twenty yards out to make it 3-0. If Brentford thought there were to be any respite in the second half, they were proved wrong, as within two minutes of the restart, Grant Smith supplied Brian Howard - with the England U20 midfielder's left-foot shot rifled into the net from 20 yards.

Matt Harrold's header from a Hillier right-wing cross in the 57th minute was Brentford's best opportunity before Swindon scored a fifth. Jon Stevenson's cross from the right was met by the head of captain Grant Smith, Howard gratefully receiving the knock-down to flick the ball up and volley home spectacularly from six yards.

Brentford began to forget about the score-line and pass the ball around neatly. They got their reward in the 72nd minute, Stephen Hughes rifling a twenty-five yard shot past Robins' goalkeeper Steven Smith following good play from Bobby Traynor and Matt Harrold.

Brentford: Lennie, Hillier (Palmer 60 mins), Thomas, Wells, McNamara (Paterson 75 mins), Traynor, Tabb, Hughes, Blackman, Harrold, Peters (Gauci 74 mins).

Subs not used: Lake, Scotchford.

Swindon Town: Smith (S), Herring, Nicholas, Garrard (Martin 59 mins), Reeves, Bampton (Taylor 51 mins), Pook, O'Halloran, Smith (G) (captain), Stevenson, Howard.

Sub not used: Draycott

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# Jon Stevenson's PERFECT XI

## **GIANLUIGI BUFFON**

Good shot stopper and has a great presence in and around the six-yard box. He has great hands and is Italy's number one keeper.

## **LILIAN THURAM**

A tall and speedy player, Thuram is a superb right back and is very comfortable on the ball. He has tremendous energy and gets up and down the field well.

## **ROBERTO CARLOS**

He is one of the best left footers in the game and is lethal when it comes to dead ball situations. He can also make things happen as he had a real determination to get forward and cause the opposition problems.

## **RIO FERDINAND**

This man is a great reader of the game and is very quick, a great asset for any team! He is a truly great player and

is dominating in the air. A rock at the back and would be my Captain.

## **JAAP STAM**

A very strong player and nothing gets past this guy. He has great strength, both on the ball and is a great header of the ball. Deceivingly quick.

## **PATRICK VIERA**

A colossus in the midfield, he would be my ball winner in the middle of the park and is a great influence on the rest of the side. He has great vision and can pick out a killer pass.

## **LOUIS FIGO**

A tricky right winger who has very quick feet and will get his crosses in out of nothing. Has a great shot and can score goals from all angles.

## **RYAN GIGGS**

'Giggsy' terrifies defenders with his dribbling skills, that he executes at



such pace. He has the great ability to change a game on its head with his turn of speed and amazing skill on the ball.

## **ZINEDINE ZIDANE**

One of the most expensive players in the world, he is so comfortable on the ball and can use either foot with devastating effect. A joy to watch and worth the ticket price alone.

## **MARCO VAN BASTEN**

Dutch legend who has a prolific goal-scoring record from all areas of the field. From tap-ins to 30-yard screamers this man had it all. If it wasn't for a career ending injury we could have enjoyed more of this talent.

## **RONALDO**

Top goal-scorer at the end of the World Cup, despite not being 100% fit. Before his injury breezed past defenders but has now become more of a poacher, but is still one of the best strikers in the game.



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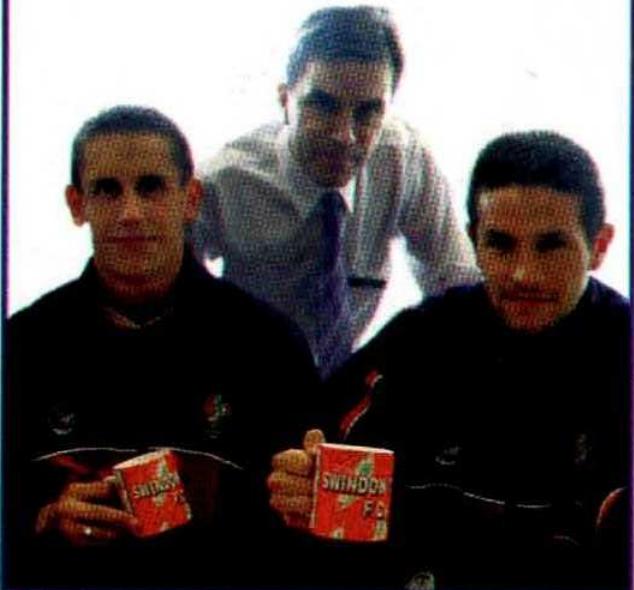
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# Rhys Evans

Having returned to Wiltshire in mid-July, Rhys Evans has now broken into the first team fold at Swindon Town. Evans started the 2003-2004 campaign on the bench behind Dutchman Bart Griemink but after a solid display against Southend United in the Carling Cup First Round, was handed his chance against Blackpool two weeks ago today.

The Swindon-born stopper arrived at The County Ground from Stamford Bridge in the summer having suffered from the Claudio Ranieri revolution. Despite never making a first team start, worked with some world-renowned stars in the early days of his career in the capital.

*"I signed for Chelsea when I was seventeen as an apprentice before signing two professional contracts that took me up to the end of last season.*

*"It is a bit different now, but I was hoovering rooms and cleaning boots then. I think they have taken a lot of those jobs away now at Chelsea. I was cleaning Gianluca Vialli's boots that was a bit of an honour. That was a nice little earner, I earned about £500 one Christmas just in tips!"*

Evans is meticulously minded and has worked with several goalkeeping coaches during his playing career so far. Times were not easy on Town's current number one, having encountered a several stumbling blocks whilst part of the Italian regime.

*"At Chelsea I worked with Eddie Niedzwiecki, who is now Reserve Team coach at Arsenal. Eddie left when Vialli was sacked and then Ranieri came in. I didn't see eye to eye with the new goalkeeping coach he brought in and I ended up asking*

Claudio Ranieri if I could do my keeper training with Mark Beeney (ex-Leeds) who was coaching a few of the younger lads at Chelsea. Ranieri took exception to that and I wasn't allowed to work with the Italian goalkeeping coach.

*"I then went off to QPR on loan and that was where I first worked with Fraser Digby. When I signed for Swindon I knew there wasn't a specific goalkeeping coach but I spoke to Fraser over the summer about the options available to me. It is great to have him as a coach now because he has not long finished playing so is aware of how the game is played now. It is not like working with a keeper who finished playing twenty years ago. He still appreciates the demands of the modern game and that is a big benefit to me.*

*"I am quite picky over what I want. I get some stick for it from the Manager but I like things to be done a certain way. I don't feel that I should treat life any differently because it is Division Two and I want to keep those standards up."*

During his time at Stamford Bridge Evans accelerated into the England Schoolboys side and having started out playing for Highworth Town's youth set-up, has collated a number of caps for his country of which he is extremely proud.

*"I have played right from the age of U15 and have played at every age group right through to U16's level. Someone told me recently that I am the most capped young England goalkeeper - I have played about 46 games for my country. I think I have played more international games*

*than I have in the league!"*

Attention now turn to today's game with Division Two high-flyers Wrexham and Evans is delighted to have put a run of games together.

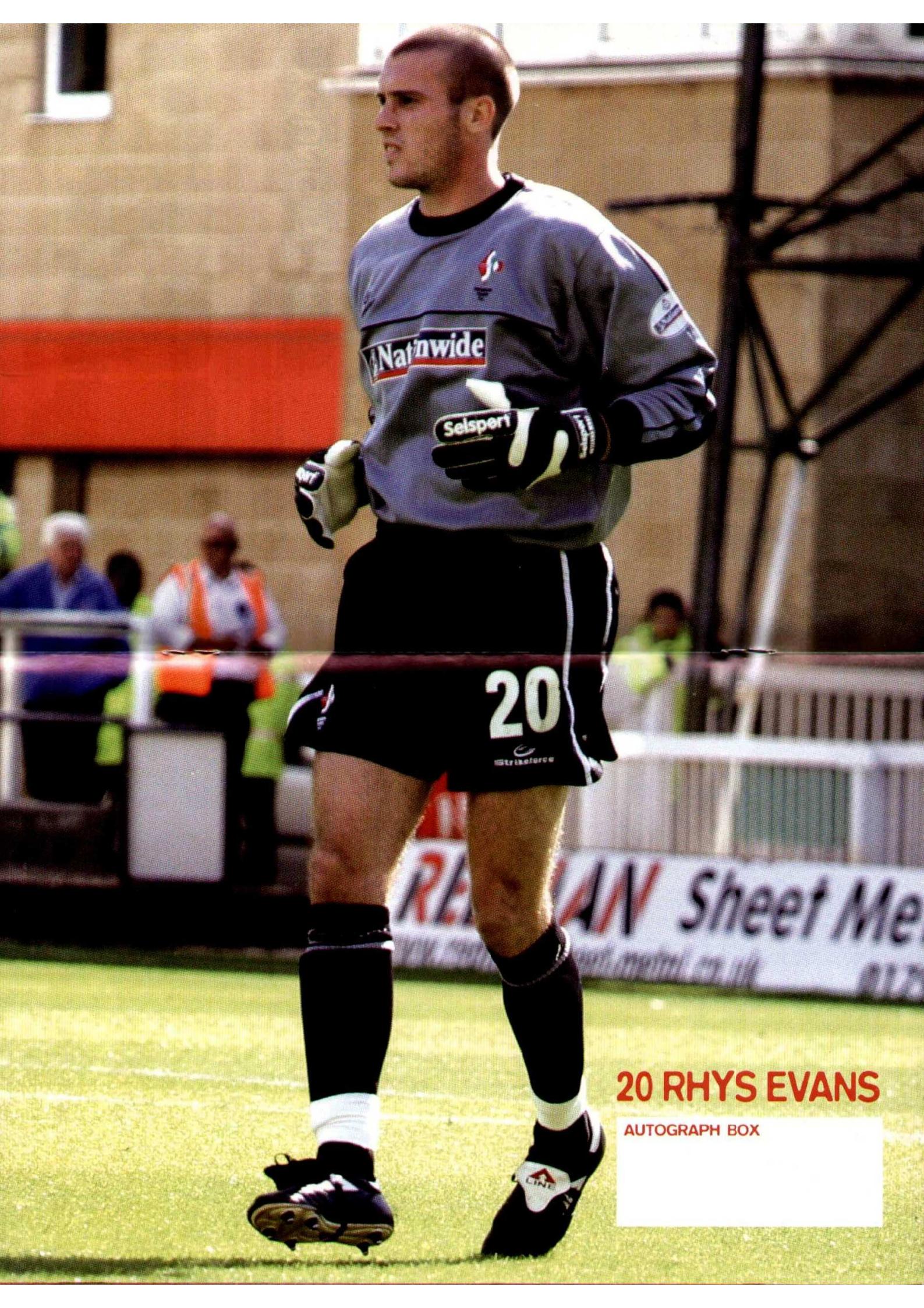
*"People have got to appreciate that the most games I have played in a row is eleven, and that was two years ago at QPR. I feel that I am improving every game and need to settle into the side. I had a decent game against Southend but in the last two games I haven't had a lot to do."*

Pre-match routines play a big part for most professional sportsmen. It is a hazy world that is often discussed up and down the country. So what does the pre-match routine hold for Rhys Evans?

*"I have a very strict diet that I do stick to, eating specific foods on different nights building up to a game. I get up early on matchdays, clean my boots but try not let my equipment go out of my sight. Mental preparation plays a big part for me. You won't find me talking much as I just try and get ready for the ninety minutes ahead. I do think about my performances in depth, but I can't make saves from nothing."*

*"Immediately before kick-off I put a towel over my head and compose myself. The fans won't see me out on the field throwing myself around before a game because it is just about calming myself down, I am already hyped up for the game enough."*

So, as we look for three points today against Wrexham, Town fans rest assured that Rhys Evans is more than prepared for the challenge ahead.



**20 RHYS EVANS**

AUTOGRAPH BOX



Viv Busby reports a more positive performance from the young guns.

## YOUNG GUNS

Last Saturday we faced Exeter at home and after a defeat the week before at Torquay, where we played very well and conceded a goal in the last minute, it was good to have another good performance with the result going in our favour after ninety minutes. From the start we played some good football, keeping possession and creating several good chances with the goalkeeper performing particularly well to keep us at bay. Having had most of the possession Exeter took the lead from a free-kick one minute before half-time where we failed to deal with the problem and paid the price. During the break I spoke about being consistent and performing in the second half the way they performed in the first. If they did that and kept the pace of the game up, I felt we would win the game.

The second half started very well and we scored with a well-taken strike by Chris Taylor after 57 minutes that gave us the confidence to go on to try to get all three points. We continued to press the visitors and it took until the 87th minute when Ashan Holgate directed a good ball through to Mark Draycott who had timed his run perfectly, before finishing with a tremendous effort.

It was nothing less than the boys deserved, that makes three good performances in a row and that is what we are looking for - consistency. Well done lads.

Enjoy the game,

Viv Busby.



## FIXTURES 2003/04

### UNDER 17'S

|              |                 |      |     |
|--------------|-----------------|------|-----|
| Sat 16th Aug | Exeter City     | Away | 5-1 |
| Sat 23rd Aug | Torquay United  | Home | 1-0 |
| Sat 6th Sep  | Cardiff City    | Away | 0-2 |
| Sat 13th Sep | Cheltenham Town | Home |     |
| Sat 20th Sep | Plymouth Argyle | Away |     |
| Wed 27th Sep | Bristol Rovers  | Home |     |
| Sat 18th Oct | Cirencester     | Home |     |
| Sat 25th Oct | Swansea City    | Away |     |
| Sat 1st Nov  | Yeovil Town     | Home |     |
| Sat 8th Nov  | AFC B'mouth     | Away |     |
| Sat 15th Nov | Cardiff City    | Home |     |
| Sat 22nd Nov | Cheltenham T    | Away |     |
| Sat 6th Dec  | Exeter City     | Home |     |
| Sat 13th Dec | Torquay United  | Away |     |
| Sat 10th Jan | Plymouth Argyle | Home |     |
| Sat 17th Jan | Bristol Rovers  | Away |     |
| Sat 7th Feb  | Cirencester     | Away |     |
| Sat 14th Feb | Swansea City    | Home | Sat |
| 21st Apr     | Yeovil Town     | Away | Sat |
| 28th Feb     | AFC B'mouth     | Home |     |

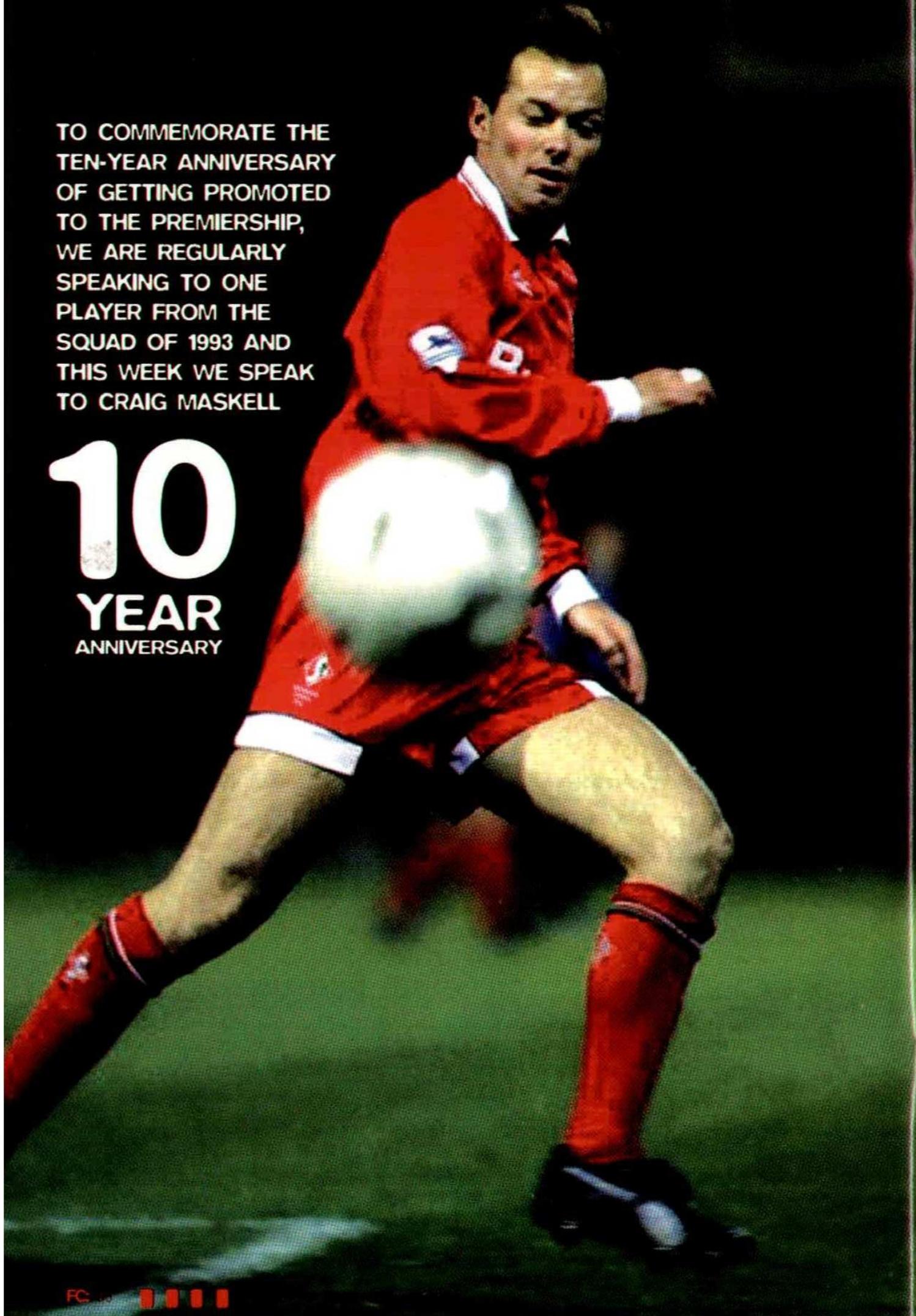
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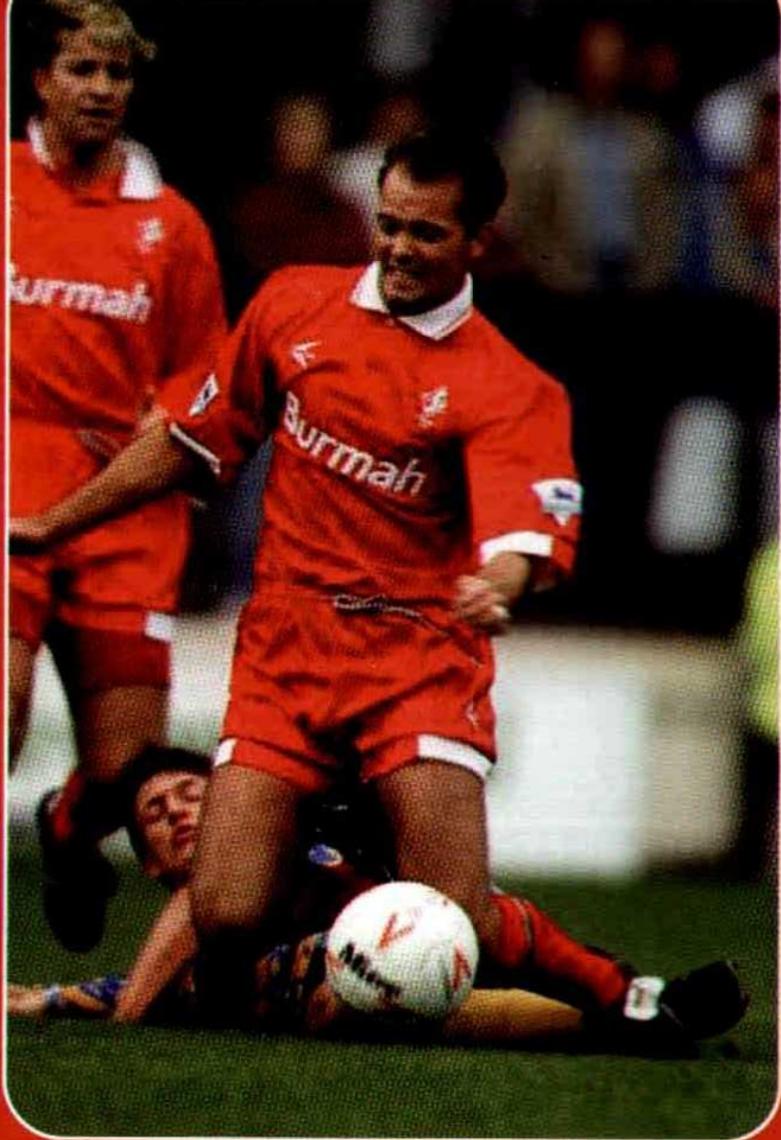
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|--------------|-----------------|------|-----|
| Sat 16th Aug | AFC B'mouth     | Home | 2-2 |
| Sat 23rd Aug | Cardiff City    | Away | 2-1 |
| Sat 6th Sep  | Torquay United  | Away | 2-1 |
| Sat 13th Sep | Exeter City     | Home |     |
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SPEAKING TO ONE  
PLAYER FROM THE  
SQUAD OF 1993 AND  
THIS WEEK WE SPEAK  
TO CRAIG MASKELL

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Craig Maskell arrived at The County Ground in July 1992 in a £225,000 move from neighbours Reading.

The slightly built hitman scored forty goals in just twenty-two games for Town after joining from The Royals but injury did stop him from playing a full part during his time at The County Ground. Prior to the 6-4 victory at Birmingham, where Maskell notched two goals to take his seasons tally to 21, the striker had missed the previous 14 games with injury. Having never spent more than 10 days on the sidelines, Maskell explained that missing such a high number of games had become frustrating.

*"That was not a nice experience, being away from the lads especially as the lads had been away in Spain so it was disappointing to miss that one. From that point on my main aim was to get fit as quickly as possible. I then made a comeback but hadn't played enough reserve games so that proved to be a problem as my hamstring didn't hold up - which meant a few months more on the sidelines."*

Thankfully for Town the Aldershot born striker did make a comeback that season, going onto play at Wembley. The

lively striker was to become a crucial member of Town's promotion winning squad of the 1992/1993 season with his strike at Wembley still fresh in many a Town fans mind. Remember the thud as the ball hit the post?

*"It was a tremendous day and great game. To play at Wembley is the pinnacle of any players career but to score there was special. I remember it well and a lot of fans still comment on the ball hitting the post. It was the second goal of the game and we then went 3-0 up. Leicester got it back to 3-3 but thankfully Paul(Bodin) tucked his penalty away superbly and we were on our way to the Premier League."*

After leaving Town, Maskell returned to Southampton in a £250,000 move but only made eight starts in his second stint at The Dell. He was then loaned out to Bristol City before opting for switching for Brighton & Hove Albion for more happier times. He scored 20 goals in just 63 games for The Seagulls but left in December 1997 to join Leyton Orient. He has since gone on to play for Aylesbury United and is now Assistant Manager at Staines.

## 03/04 stats

### Comebacks

behind by -2 -1

|            |   |   |
|------------|---|---|
| Blackpool  | 1 | 1 |
| Port Vale  | 0 | 2 |
| Hartlepool | 1 | 0 |
| Brentford  | 0 | 1 |
| Brighton   | 0 | 1 |
| Luton      | 0 | 1 |
| Wrexham    | 0 | 1 |

## Fouls conceded/game

|              |       |              |       |
|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Port Vale    | 10.67 | Wycombe      | 13.33 |
| Hartlepool   | 10.83 | Wrexham      | 13.40 |
| Blackpool    | 11.60 | Stockport    | 13.67 |
| Brentford    | 11.67 | Swindon      | 13.67 |
| Plymouth     | 11.83 | Bristol City | 13.83 |
| Notts County | 12.17 | Grimsby      | 14.17 |
| Peterborough | 12.17 | Chesterfield | 14.33 |
| Rushden      | 12.33 | Barnsley     | 14.67 |
| Sheff Wed    | 12.50 | Colchester   | 14.83 |
| Bournemouth  | 12.67 | Luton        | 15.17 |
| Oldham       | 12.67 | QPR          | 15.33 |
| Wrexham      | 13.17 | Tranmere     | 16.83 |

## Caught offside/game

|              |      |              |      |
|--------------|------|--------------|------|
| Notts County | 1.33 | Hartlepool   | 4.00 |
| Barnsley     | 1.50 | Oldham       | 4.17 |
| Bournemouth  | 1.67 | Sheff Wed    | 4.17 |
| Port Vale    | 2.33 | Bristol City | 4.33 |
| Plymouth     | 2.50 | Grimsby      | 4.33 |
| Swindon      | 2.50 | Colchester   | 4.50 |
| Brentford    | 2.83 | Chesterfield | 5.00 |
| QPR          | 2.83 | Peterborough | 5.50 |
| Wycombe      | 2.83 | Rushden      | 5.50 |
| Tranmere     | 3.17 | Brighton     | 5.67 |
| Wrexham      | 3.20 | Luton        | 5.67 |
| Blackpool    | 3.80 | Stockport    | 5.67 |

## 03/04 stats

### Throwaways

ahead by +2 +1

|              |   |   |
|--------------|---|---|
| Oldham       | 0 | 2 |
| Peterborough | 1 | 0 |
| Wycombe      | 1 | 0 |
| Colchester   | 0 | 1 |
| Grimsby      | 0 | 1 |
| QPR          | 0 | 1 |
| Rushden      | 0 | 1 |
| Sheff Wed    | 0 | 1 |

## Goals Per Game - The Division's Most Consistent Strikers

Minimum of 3 goals

|              |      |        |      |        |      |         |      |           |      |      |      |          |      |        |      |         |      |          |      |          |      |        |      |        |      |
|--------------|------|--------|------|--------|------|---------|------|-----------|------|------|------|----------|------|--------|------|---------|------|----------|------|----------|------|--------|------|--------|------|
| Player: Lowe | 5    | Taylor | 4    | Mooney | 5    | Peacock | 4    | Ainsworth | 4    | Kuqi | 4    | Anderson | 2    | Knight | 5    | McGlynn | 5    | Boulding | 5    | Boulding | 5    | Thorpe | 4    | Parkin | 3    |
| Lge Gls:     | 1    |        | 2    |        | 1    |         | 2    |           | 1    |      | 0    |          | 1    |        | 0    |         | 0    |          | 0    |          | 0    |        | 1    |        | 2    |
| CC Gls:      | 6    |        | 6    |        | 7    |         | 7    |           | 6    |      | 5    |          | 4    |        | 7    |         | 7    |          | 7    |          | 7    |        | 7    |        | 7    |
| Games:       | 1.00 |        | 1.00 |        | 0.86 |         | 0.86 |           | 0.83 |      | 0.80 |          | 0.75 |        | 0.71 |         | 0.71 |          | 0.71 |          | 0.71 |        | 0.71 |        | 0.71 |
| Gls/Game:    |      |        |      |        |      |         |      |           |      |      |      |          |      |        |      |         |      |          |      |          |      |        |      |        |      |

## Goals from Outside Area

|           |               |   |
|-----------|---------------|---|
| Blake     | Burnley       | 2 |
| Hughes    | West Brom     | 2 |
| Defoe     | West Ham      | 2 |
| Anderson  | Grimsby       | 2 |
| Ainsworth | QPR           | 2 |
| Furlong   | QPR           | 2 |
| Lowe      | Rushden       | 2 |
| Currie    | Wycombe       | 2 |
| Stead     | Huddersfield  | 2 |
| Williams  | Kidderminster | 2 |
| Whitaker  | Macclesfield  | 2 |
| Arteta    | Rangers       | 2 |

## Headed Goals

|              |              |   |
|--------------|--------------|---|
| Knight       | Brighton     | 3 |
| Mooney       | Swindon      | 3 |
| Jones        | Tranmere     | 3 |
| Amoruso      | Blackburn    | 2 |
| Peacock      | Bristol City | 2 |
| Boulding     | Grimsby      | 2 |
| Coughlan     | Plymouth     | 2 |
| Paynter      | Port Vale    | 2 |
| Kuqi         | Sheff Wed    | 2 |
| Beckett      | Stockport    | 2 |
| Lawrence     | Wrexham      | 2 |
| Patterson    | Wycombe      | 2 |
| Kitson       | Cambridge    | 2 |
| Conlon       | Darlington   | 2 |
| Fortune-West | Doncaster    | 2 |
| Elliott      | Hull         | 2 |
| Christie     | Mansfield    | 2 |
| Dudfield     | Northampton  | 2 |
| Larsson      | Celtic       | 2 |

## Goals in last 10 mins

|            |            |   |
|------------|------------|---|
| Sheringham | Portsmouth | 2 |
| Hughes     | West Brom  | 2 |
| Lowe       | Rushden    | 2 |
| Connell    | Bury       | 2 |
| Trundle    | Swansea    | 2 |

## Most Potent Attack - Shots On Target: Goals

| Team       | On T | Gls | Ave  |
|------------|------|-----|------|
| Sheff Wed  | 31   | 12  | 2.58 |
| Grimsby    | 26   | 9   | 2.89 |
| QPR        | 46   | 15  | 3.07 |
| Luton      | 31   | 10  | 3.10 |
| Hartlepool | 28   | 9   | 3.11 |
| Blackpool  | 25   | 8   | 3.13 |
| Brighton   | 38   | 12  | 3.17 |
| Port Vale  | 37   | 11  | 3.36 |
| Rushden    | 43   | 12  | 3.58 |
| Colchester | 29   | 8   | 3.63 |
| Oldham     | 33   | 9   | 3.67 |
| Stockport  | 28   | 7   | 4.00 |

## Tightest Defence - Shots On Target: Goals Conc

| Team         | On T | Gls | C     | Ave |
|--------------|------|-----|-------|-----|
| Swindon      | 53   | 13  | 4.08  |     |
| Barnsley     | 37   | 9   | 4.11  |     |
| Peterborough | 41   | 9   | 4.56  |     |
| Wycombe      | 38   | 8   | 4.75  |     |
| Plymouth     | 62   | 13  | 4.77  |     |
| Bournemouth  | 33   | 6   | 5.50  |     |
| Tranmere     | 43   | 7   | 6.14  |     |
| Bristol City | 57   | 9   | 6.33  |     |
| Chesterfield | 37   | 5   | 7.40  |     |
| Wrexham      | 37   | 5   | 7.40  |     |
| Brentford    | 31   | 4   | 7.75  |     |
| Notts County | 37   | 2   | 18.50 |     |

| Team         | On T | Gls | C     | Ave |
|--------------|------|-----|-------|-----|
| Barnsley     | 38   | 3   | 12.67 |     |
| Wrexham      | 34   | 3   | 11.33 |     |
| Bristol City | 30   | 4   | 7.50  |     |
| Grimsby      | 58   | 8   | 7.25  |     |
| Hartlepool   | 43   | 7   | 6.14  |     |
| Sheff Wed    | 46   | 8   | 5.75  |     |
| Rushden      | 55   | 11  | 5.00  |     |
| Colchester   | 49   | 10  | 4.90  |     |
| Brighton     | 36   | 8   | 4.50  |     |
| QPR          | 30   | 7   | 4.29  |     |
| Plymouth     | 42   | 10  | 4.20  |     |
| Bournemouth  | 29   | 7   | 4.14  |     |

| Team         | On T | Gls | C    | Ave |
|--------------|------|-----|------|-----|
| Chesterfield | 39   | 10  | 3.90 |     |
| Peterborough | 29   | 8   | 3.63 |     |
| Stockport    | 36   | 10  | 3.60 |     |
| Swindon      | 31   | 9   | 3.44 |     |
| Notts County | 44   | 13  | 3.38 |     |
| Luton        | 30   | 9   | 3.33 |     |
| Wycombe      | 43   | 13  | 3.31 |     |
| Blackpool    | 42   | 13  | 3.23 |     |
| Tranmere     | 21   | 7   | 3.00 |     |
| Brentford    | 38   | 13  | 2.92 |     |
| Oldham       | 35   | 12  | 2.92 |     |
| Port Vale    | 23   | 9   | 2.56 |     |

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# Robins



## Form Guide:

Won: 2  
Drawn: 3  
Lost: 1

Scored: 13  
Conc: 9  
Points: 9

Goal Diff: 4  
Last 6: LWWDD

Last 3 Home: LWD  
Last 3 Away: WDD

## Miscellaneous

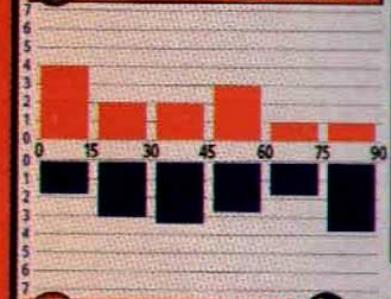
Players Used: 18  
Clean Sheets: 2

Failed to Score: 0

## The Guys to Watch

|                          |                 |      |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------|
| Headed goals             | Mooney          | 3    |
| Long range shots         | Igoe, Hewlett   | 1    |
| Inside 6 yards           | 4 players       | 1    |
| Shots from 6-18 yards    | Mooney, Parkin  | 2    |
| Volleyed shots           | Hewlett, Mooney | 1    |
| Penalties                | no penalties    |      |
| Scored 1st Goal in match | Mooney          | 3    |
| Most goals in last 10    | Mooney          | 1    |
| Points gained from goals | Mooney          | 5.25 |

## When Goals Scored □ & Conceded □



## Goalkeeping

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Opp. attempts on target | 31   |
| Goals conceded          | 9    |
| On target/goals scored  | 3.44 |
| Division 2 rating       | 16   |

## Goalscoring Strike Rate

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Shots on target   | 53   |
| Goals scored      | 13   |
| On target/goals   | 4.08 |
| Division 2 Rating | 13   |

## Goals in last 10 mins

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Goals For, last 10     | 1 |
| Points won             | 2 |
| Goals Against, last 10 | 0 |
| Points lost            | 0 |

## Fouls & Offsides

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Average Fouls per game          | 13.67 |
| Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most) | 16    |
| Average Offsides per game       | 2.50  |
| Div 2 Rating                    | 6     |

## Swings

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| WON when behind   | 0 |
| DRAWN when behind | 1 |
| LOST when ahead   | 0 |
| DRAWN when ahead  | 3 |
| WON 2 down        | 0 |
| WON 1 down        | 0 |

## LOST 2 up

## LOST 1 up

## DRAWN 2+ down

## DRAWN 1 down

## DRAWN 2+ up

## DRAWN 1 up

## Attendances

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| Aggregate | 22,550 |
| Highest   | 10,573 |
| Lowest    | 5,758  |
| Average   | 7,517  |

## Where Goals

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Close Range  | 1 |
| Inside Area  | 3 |
| Outside Area | 1 |

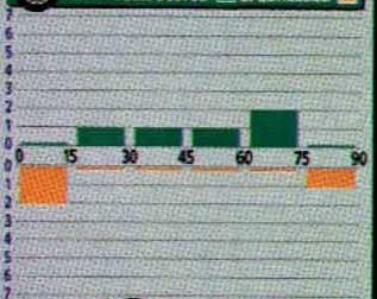
## How Goals

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Shots      | 2 |
| Headers    | 2 |
| Volleys    | 1 |
| Penalties  | 0 |
| Free Kicks | 0 |
| Own Goals  | 0 |

## The Guys to Watch

|                          |               |   |
|--------------------------|---------------|---|
| Headed goals             | Lawrence      | 2 |
| Long range shots         | Llewellyn     | 1 |
| Inside 6 yards           | Sam           | 1 |
| Shots from 6-18 yards    | Edwards C     | 1 |
| Volleyed shots           | Llewellyn     | 1 |
| Penalties                | no penalties  |   |
| Scored 1st Goal in match | Sam, Lawrence | 1 |
| Most goals in last 10    | none as yet   |   |
| Points gained from goals | Lawrence      | 4 |

## When Goals Scored □ & Conceded □



## Goalkeeping

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Opp. attempts on target | 34    |
| Goals conceded          | 3     |
| On target/goals scored  | 11.33 |
| Division 2 rating       | 2     |

## Goalscoring Strike Rate

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Shots on target   | 37   |
| Goals scored      | 5    |
| On target/goals   | 7.40 |
| Division 2 Rating | 22   |

## Goals in last 10 mins

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Goals For, last 10     | 0 |
| Points won             | 0 |
| Goals Against, last 10 | 0 |
| Points lost            | 0 |

## Fouls & Offsides

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Average Fouls per game          | 13.40 |
| Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most) | 14    |
| Average Offsides per game       | 3.20  |
| Div 2 Rating                    | 11    |

## Swings

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| WON when behind   | 1 |
| DRAWN when behind | 0 |
| LOST when ahead   | 0 |
| DRAWN when ahead  | 0 |
| WON 2 down        | 0 |
| WON 1 down        | 1 |

## LOST 2 up

## LOST 1 up

## DRAWN 2+ down

## DRAWN 1 down

## DRAWN 2+ up

## DRAWN 1 up

## Attendances

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| Aggregate | 14,665 |
| Highest   | 5,688  |
| Lowest    | 4,048  |
| Average   | 4,888  |



# Dragons



## Form Guide:

Won: 3  
Drawn: 1  
Lost: 1

Scored: 5  
Conc: 3  
Points: 10

Goal Diff: 2  
Last 5: DWWL

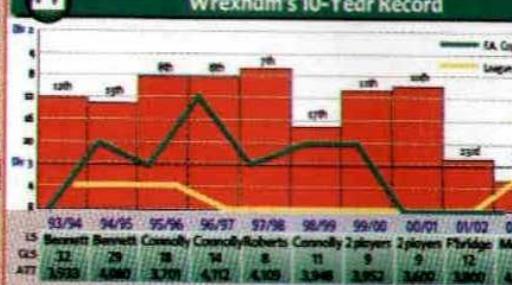
Last 3 Home: DWL  
Last 2 Away: WW

## Miscellaneous

Players Used: 18  
Clean Sheets: 3

Failed to Score: 2

## Wrexham's 10-Year Record



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# WE MEET AGAIN...

DAVE WALLIS DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES TO PROVIDE US WITH A PLAYER WHO HAS PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS.



## John Neal

Born in Silksworth, Tyne and Wear in April 1932, John Neal was a full back who started at Silksworth Juniors before dipping his toe in the professional waters of League football with Second Division Hull City in August 1949. Despite completing 60 League games for the Tigers, John was allowed to leave for non-League football and joined Swindon from Kings Lynn in July 1957.

Stepping straight into the first team he was to stay at the County Ground for two seasons during which he missed just one League game. 1957/58 was the last season of the Third Division South and Neal's contribution helped Town to secure a top half finish and a place in the newly formed national Third Division for 1958/59. John

could be found at right back in 41 of the 46 League matches in his first season, with a further four outings taking place in the left back shirt, while in 1958/59 he made the right sided shirt his own with an ever present campaign.

A move to Aston Villa followed in the summer of 1959 and John remained consistent with 112 outings during which he claimed a Division Two championship medal in 1960 and a League Cup winners medal the following year in the competition's inaugural season.

A drop to Division Three with Southend saw him top 100 appearances once more and in 1968 Neal took over the manager's reins at Wrexham where he was to stay for nine seasons. Guiding the club to promotion to Division Three in 1970, Wrexham were to win the Welsh Cup in 1972 and 1975, a feat

which came with the added honour of representing the country in the European Cu Winners Cup. A charge to the Quarter Finals in 1976 brought glory to North Wales before elimination from the competition by Anderlecht.

Accepting the challenge of the leadership of Chelsea in 1981, John led the club back to the top with the Second Division championship in 1984 and was rewarded with a Directorship in 1986.

As a player John Neal was consistent and reliable over a career spanning more than 350 League games, during which he won silverware on several occasions. As a manager he led his teams to further trophies and was responsible for some of Wrexham's most memorable nights as they competed effectively on the European stage.



## DUKEY'S COLUMN

Here we are now six games into the new season and find ourselves tenth in a very tight Second Division table. Still only five points from a top spot, it has been a little bit frustrating. We feel that we have had a good start to the campaign, more than competing against every side we have faced. If we were being honest, we would say that we should have taken a further for or even six points than we have at the moment, having drawn against Blackpool and Brighton. At The Withdean Stadium last Saturday I think we should have taken all three points, even by our opponents admission. Still we must look for the positives. We have created a number of chances and subsequently, the two strikers are scoring regularly and it was good to see Sam hit two at Brighton last time out.

We know face a difficult period with some tough away games. Over the next few weeks we travel to Grimsby, Barnsley and then Leeds in the Cup. The next five matches could set up our season. If we can claw ourselves up to a top six position by mid-October then we

have every chance of imposing ourselves heavily on the league. Already opposition teams are talking about us as a threat and we do not have to fear anyone. On our present form, we have to look towards games with optimism and determination.

In previous columns I have mentioned that no matter what I say about my fellow professionals, I can normally manage to get away with it because I know the players do not this page. This is great, but now and then get grassed on by a friend or family member! This week Grant Smith's Uncle has been doing the dirty on me. I don't know how you can sleep at night - you should be ashamed of yourself! This unfortunate chain of events led to 'Smithy' crying in my ear all week. He really wasn't amused about my comments suggesting that he was typically tight, particularly when it comes to cards. Once he had stopped whinging and left me alone, I took a backwards step. Maybe I had been too harsh? Give him some time and another chance I thought. I had words with the

regular card school players to determine whether my comments were valid. Stop press! It appears that my comments were not unfounded and that Grant (though it pains me as he is my roommate) is in fact a tight Scotsman, especially when it comes to cards! How do you plead Mr Smith?

Jon '50 Cent' Stevenson has settled pretty well 'in the Club' since joining us. However, a few of the lads have found out where he lives and it seems our little striker is residing in the Bronx of Swindon. Perhaps '21 questions' need to be asked Stevo!

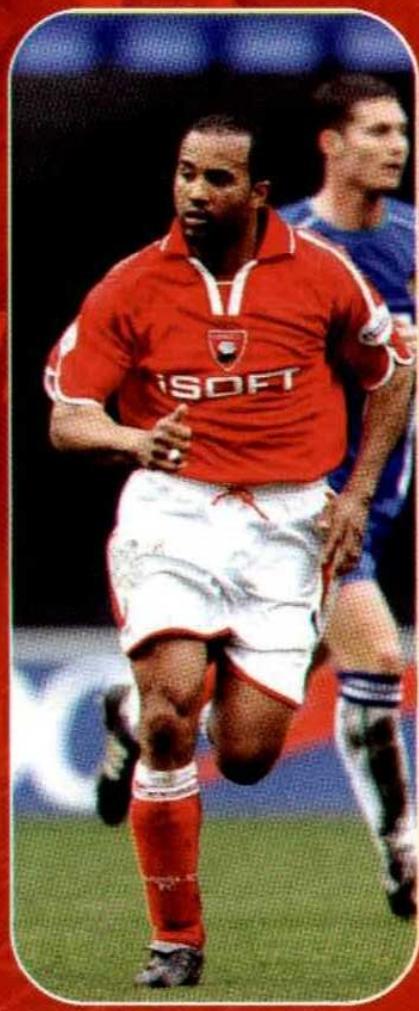
Finally, Brian Howard has been taking some stick for his peroxide locks recently and certainly prides himself on his appearance. 'Super' Sam also takes care of his barnet and with the new series of 'The Salon' due to start up soon, perhaps you could see two of The County Grounds finest on the show.

Enjoy the game and make some noise!

'Dukey'

# AROUND THE GROUNDS

Words by Tony Matthews



▲ Dean Gorre



▲ Danny Wilson

• **BARNESLEY** Tykes' Dutch midfielder Dean Gorre says he is playing the best football of his career - and his side is currently sitting pretty on top of the Second Division table. Unbeaten, the Yorkshire club entertain third placed Port Vale at home this afternoon and a crowd of 15,000 is expected top assemble to Oakwell.

• **BRISTOL CITY** Despite that rousing 5-0 opening day win over Notts County, Bristol City, and especially strikers Christian Roberts and Lee Miller (signed from Falkirk), are now finding it somewhat difficult to score goals...four in the last five games. But Robins'

manager Danny Wilson isn't unduly worried at this moment in time, saying: "These are two proven marksmen who netted almost 40 goals between them last season. Roberts, fast and clever, Miller aggressive and positive, could well develop into the most lethal partnership in the division. I believe they can both knock in at least 20 more goals apiece this term - any more will be a massive bonus."

• **CHESTERFIELD** The Spire-ites go into today's relegation battle with Notts County still without a win (as do the Magpies) but the onus will certainly be in the home side who are also finding it

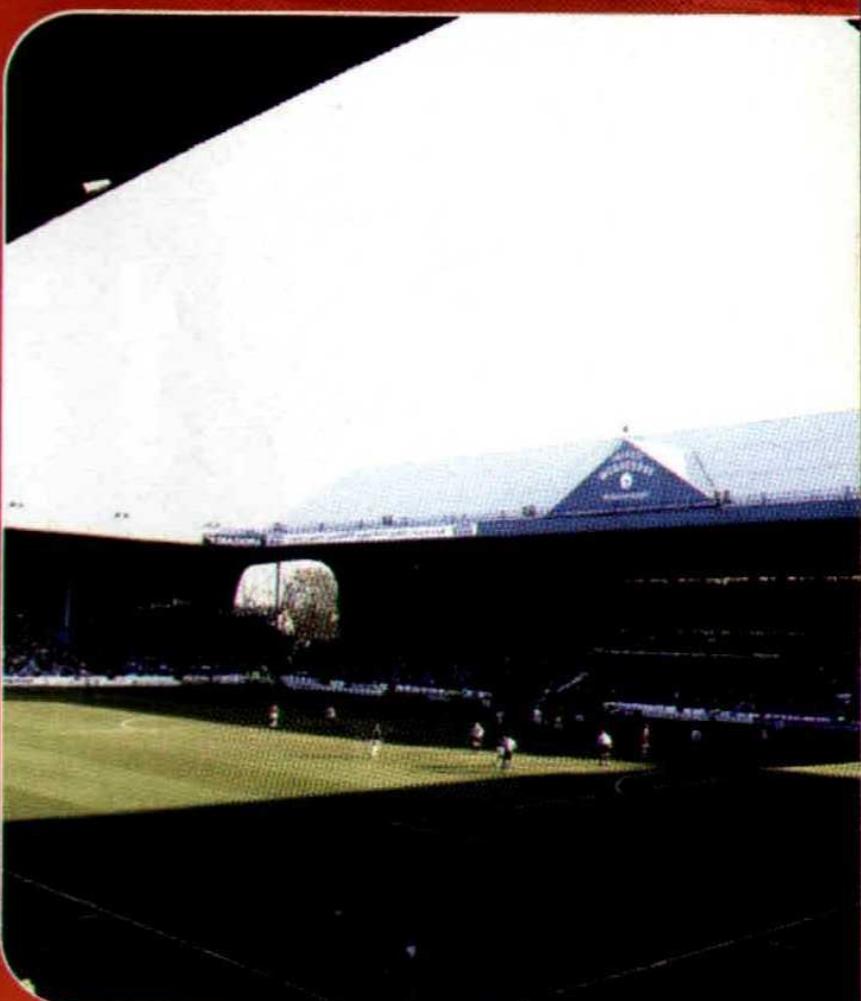
hard to score goals (five in six league games so far).

• **NOTTS COUNTY** After a disastrous start to the 2003-04 season, the Magpies are now on the move, having recorded two draws, one at home and one away, but are still rooted to the foot of the table. Manager, Billy Dearden, however, is still optimistic that his side can figure in the play-offs. His assistant, Steve Parkin, formerly boss of Rochdale and Barnsley, is also confident that the players at the Meadow Lane club are good enough to pull things round and edge slowly up the table.

• **OLDHAM ATHLETIC** Latics' striker Mickael



▲ Mickey Evans



▲ Hillsborough

Antoine-Curier, who was involved in a serious car crash, in late August, has now recovered from his injuries and shock and is now eager to re-establish himself in the side. Meanwhile, at the time of going to press, there is still no news that Athletic's boss Iain Dowie will become West Ham United's new manager and also there is still some anxiety within the Boundary Park club regarding a major cash-flow problem.

• **PLYMOUTH ARGYLE** Thanks to two goals from Irish international striker Mickey Evans, formerly of Southampton and West Bromwich Albion, Plymouth Argyle gained their first away win of the season last Saturday when beating struggling

Brentford 3-1 at Griffin Park. Pilgrims' manager Paul Sturrock was delighted at the result but did say that at one stage, owing to some slack marking and defensive misdemeanours, it could have been a completely different story. Said the former Scottish international who played the majority of his football with Dundee United, at 1-1 they had two clear-cut chances. We were being pegged back, but we came through it alright in the end and hopefully we learned a few things from our trip to London."

• **SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY** Official sources inside Hillsborough have hinted that if Wednesday keep on winning and stay in the promotion race, they will get bigger

crowds than Sheffield United, who are playing in a Division higher. Already the Owls are averaging over 23,000 at home games and they are taking vast numbers away with them as well. Season tickets have shot up by at least six per cent on last term and today's clash with Stockport County (which sees a return to Sheffield of old boy Carlton Palmer) is expected to be witnessed by 25,000 spectators.

• **GOALSCORERS** Four players - Onandi Lowe (Rushden & Diamonds), Lee Peacock (Bristol City), Scott Taylor (Blackpool) and our own Tommy Mooney - are currently the Division's leading scorers with six goals apiece.



A WARM WELCOME TO TODAY'S MATCH SPONSORS, GREENHAM AND THE MARK BOWLER 'KING SIZED ARMY' APPRECIATION SOCIETY.

## COMMERCIAL VIEW

WITH MIKE SULLIVAN

One of our Matchday Sponsors today are **GREENHAM**. Once again the Newbury based Company have supported the Club by taking another Match Sponsorship. Already they have had a party of staff and guests with us on each of the first three home games, and they have also pledged their support at some future home games as well.

Their Operations Director Mr. Mike King has been superb in his personal support of the Club and is now a real avid Town fan, despite having split loyalties at Brighton last week (Mike is also a Brighton fan for all his sins). He has shown this level of support by buying a caravan in Bridport so that, after having travelled all the way from the Gatwick area in Surrey, he can stay overnight in the caravan after having watched a home game. Mike is prepared to hire out his 'latest home' and anyone interested should contact him direct at **Greenham**.

Today's other Matchday sponsor is **THE MARK BOWLER 'KING SIZED ARMY' APPRECIATION SOCIETY**. This party is made up of nine committed Swindon Town fans, and one who is not. I do have it on good authority that by 4.45pm today, that figure will rise to **TEN** committed Swindon 'die hards'.

The Bowler family today is led by Mark Bowler, who achieved fame last year by donating £1,000 of his £2,000 prize to the Club, after having won a Nationwide Football Supporter of the Year award. His wife Michelle has just given birth to little Sam, who we understand is already a Junior Robin. In fact, Sam was registered as a Junior Robin quicker than actually being registered at the Registrars. It is Mark's aims to provide his own Swindon Town team of boys at future home games over the next few years. However his wife Michelle was unavailable to comment on this!!

The Bowler guests today are made up of John Bowler, Alan Capel (the father in law, and the 'to be' converted STFC fan), Mark Edwards, Adi Pitson, Jerry May, David Rogers, Mark Ralph, Glynn Cooper and Mark Cooper.

### ARE YOU GOING TO LEEDS?

We will be running an Executive Coach to Elland Road, Leeds for the forthcoming 2nd Round Carling Cup game with Leeds United on Wednesday 24th September. The coach will leave the County Ground at approximately midday. On board there will be tables and luxury reclining seats as well as television and video films being shown.

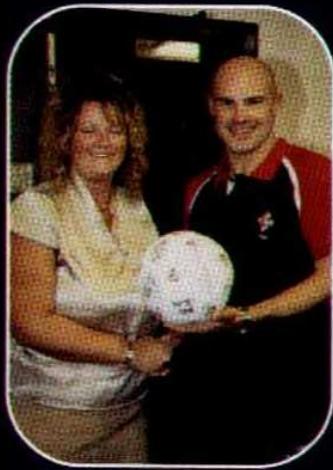
Complimentary tea, coffee and other refreshments will be served on route. A three course dinner, with coffee and mints, will be served at a local hotel in Leeds before the game. Also included will be a match ticket for the game. After the game, and on the way home, tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes will be served. There will also be competitions and prizes to be won, and in addition, each guest will receive a STFC gift. The price is £85 plus vat per person with STFC Executive Members getting a discounted price of £75 plus vat per head. If you would like to book your places on the trip then please contact James Sparks on 01793 333718 now.

### 'TUFFERS' BRINGS IN THE CROWD

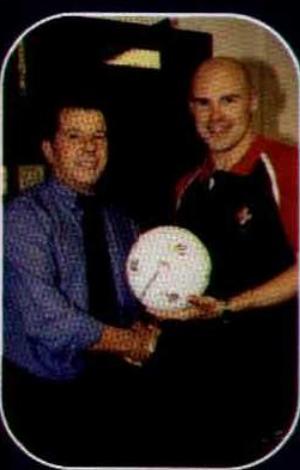
I am delighted that the first of the two forthcoming Sporting Dinners with **PHIL TUFNELL** on Thursday 16th October is now **SOLD OUT**. The second night, Friday 17th October, now has only six tables left and anyone interested in booking a table or some places, should contact James Sparks in the Marketing Department straight away on 01793 333718. Judging by the number of enquiries we have had, I fully expect this evening to sell out as well. So book now to avoid being disappointed!



▲ Our Match Sponsors line up with the team captains and officials prior to kick off against Blackpool



▲ Mr Allen Cottrell is presented with a signed Swindon Town football

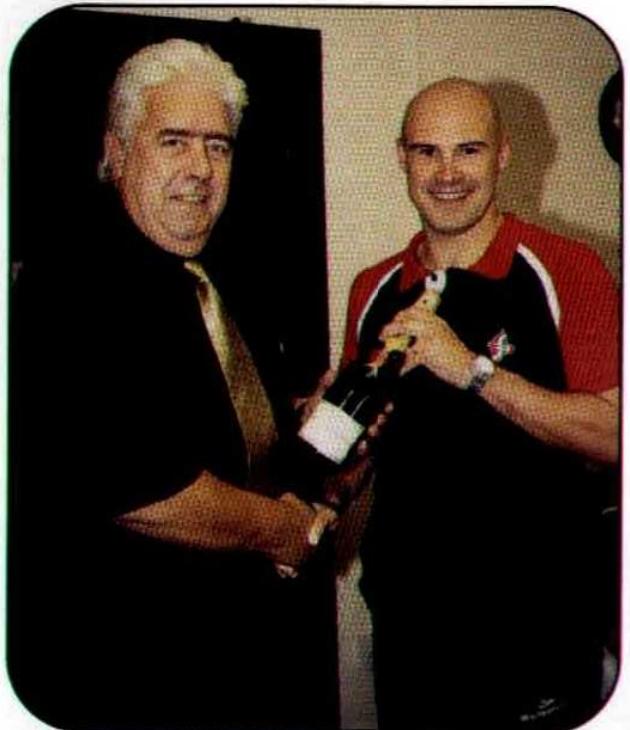


▲ Mr Phil Towle, General Manager of George Wimpey is presented with a Match Sponsors Silver Tray

## MAN OF THE MATCH TOMMY MOONEY

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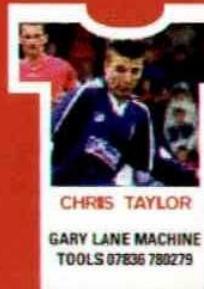
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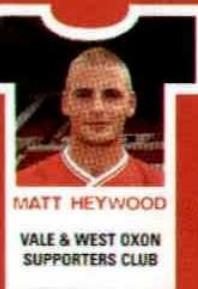


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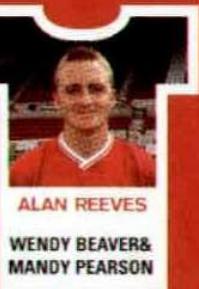
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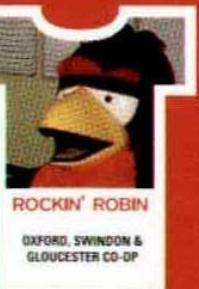
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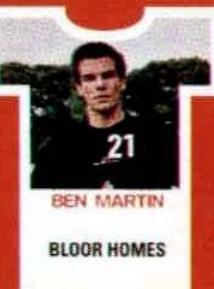
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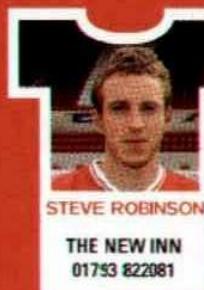
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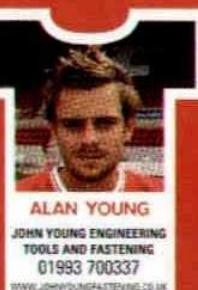
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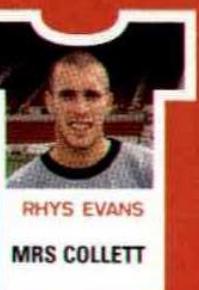
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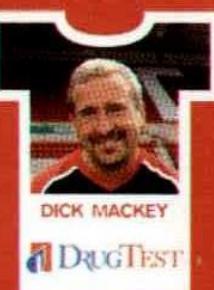
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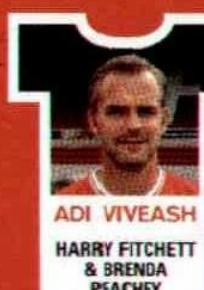


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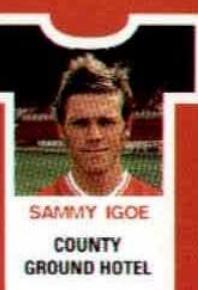


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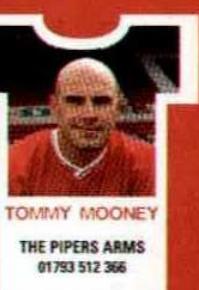
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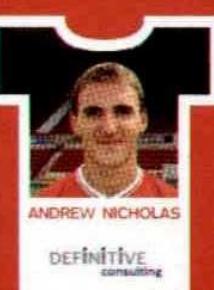
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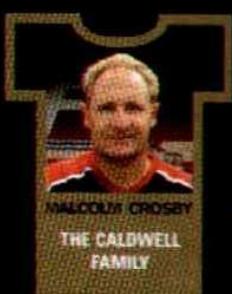
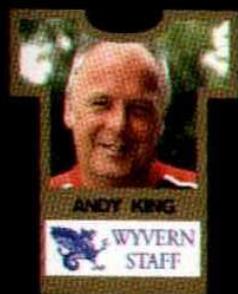
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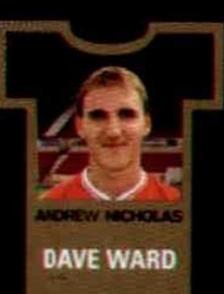
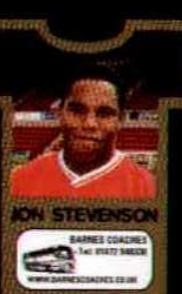
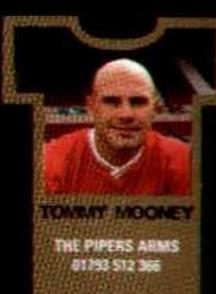
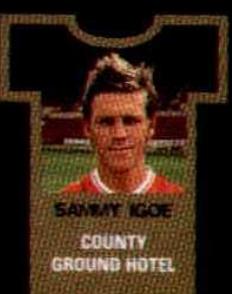
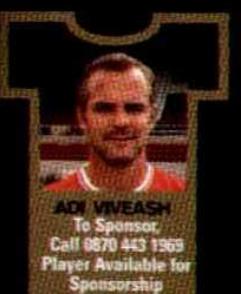
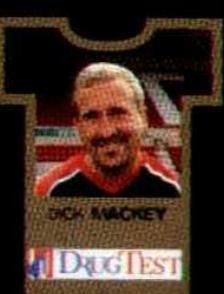
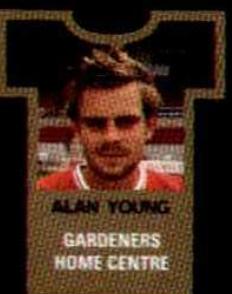
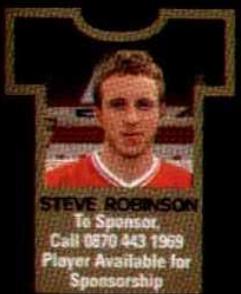
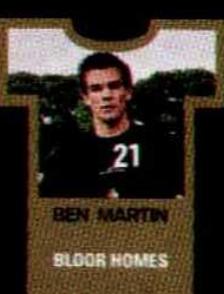
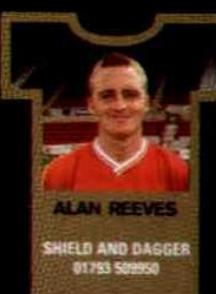
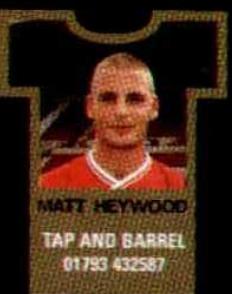
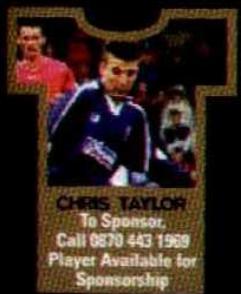
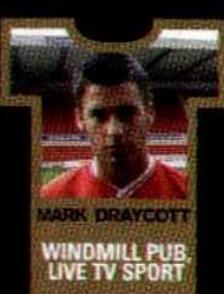
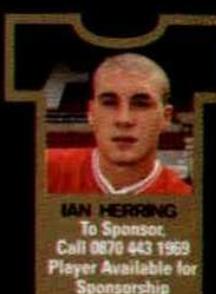
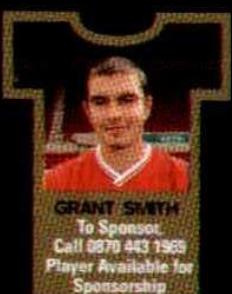
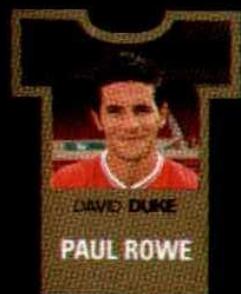
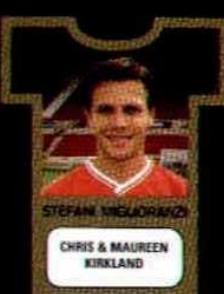
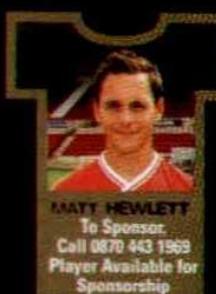
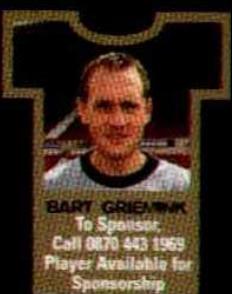
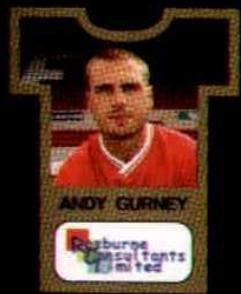
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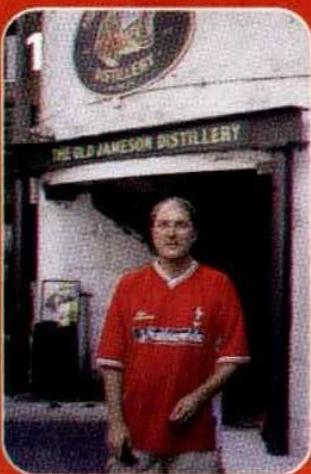
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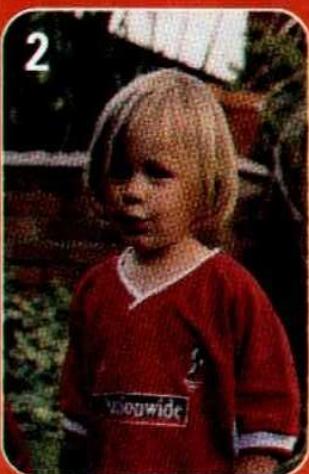
# RED ARMY!

"AT THE HEART OF EVERY FOOTBALL CLUB ARE THE FANS. SEASON AFTER SEASON, RAIN OR SHINE THESE FAITHFUL FOLK MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE COUNTY GROUND IN THE QUEST FOR GLORY. STFC SPORTS REPORTER SIMON COY MEETS THE PEOPLE WITH TOWN IN THEIR BLOOD".



## WHISKEY BUSINESS!

Pictured is Season Ticket Holder, Steve Leonard at the Old Jameson Whiskey Distillery in Dublin whilst on holiday recently.



## TOWN FAN-TASTIC

Above is Jessica Allen, aged 22 months, daughter of Sam and Sue, Granddaughter of Marion and Roger. Keep up the good support!



## SWINDON TOWN "FOCUS ON A FAN"

At the heart of every football club are the fans. Season after season, rain or shine these faithful folk make the pilgrimage to the County Ground in the quest for glory. STFC Sports Reporter Simon Coy meets the people with Town in their blood.

**NAME:** Jerry May

**AGE:** 37: Financial Consultant

**LIVES:** Abingdon

**WHEN DID YOU FIRST COME TO SEE SWINDON TOWN:** April 1972 Beat Watford 2-0. In the old Shrivvy Road wooden seats at the top next to the away fans with my Grandad and a couple of his pals, love at first sight, I still get the little tingle in my neck hairs when the whistle goes to kick off.

**BEST STFC MEMORY:** So many great ones, beating Arsenal 4-3, the Play off finals, this is hard!! Stigger's goal at Blackburn because we were right in line with it and just watched it all the way in. That only just beats Wigan with the grass and celery and a certain STFC Sports Reporters reaction when Kieran O'Regan scored at Huddersfield.

**HOPES FOR THIS SEASON:** Keep improving, finish higher than last year, and a run in the cup would be great (beat Leeds). Play offs would be marvellous. Mainly continue the positive energy that is buzzing about the place at the moment. Oh and hope the chap at the front of the Intel gets his season ticket back that he flung on the pitch when Wednesday's 3rd goal went in.

**YOUR LONG TERM HOPES FOR THE CLUB:** Stability, continued improvement in results and squad depth and to re-establish a solid division 1 position. Maybe to build towards the 'Greed is good league' but never at the cost of us not having a club anymore.

**IF MONEY WERE NO OBJECT WHO WOULD YOU WANT TO SEE PLAYING FOR SWINDON:** 1st choice ME ! if I am not allowed then I think if you added Stephen Gerrard to sit just in front of our back 3 and protect them and crunch into a few forwards before they got to run at us that would help a bit

**YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FANS:** Keep coming out believing, enjoying and getting behind the players and the manager. I know the reasons for the opposition and the splits of opinion make this hard, but the best chant at the County Ground was "Lou Macari's red and white army" and "Andy King's red and white army" would sound close. I think the man deserves it and we used to keep it up for 20 minutes (the chant that is)

**YOUR MESSAGE TO THE PLAYERS:** Keep coming out believing, enjoying and trying for 90 minutes and you will keep us behind you. A fist clench or an arm wave for some more encouragement always shows you are passionate and care as much as we do. Tommy Moonaldo is quite an example to follow.

## QUIZTIME - 25 YEARS AGO

Test your knowledge against our resident 'Stato', Dave Wallis. Answers can be found at the bottom of the page.

- 1) At the beginning of September 1978, which ex-Leeds United striker was player/manager of Barnsley who were top of Division Four with maximum points?
- 2) On 5th September, Chelsea spent £165,000 on a midfielder from, Everton. He also played for Nottingham Forest and Leeds. The amount is a far cry from the Blues usual spending habits today. Who did they sign?
- 3) What was the name of the unknown 22 year-old striker who scored in a 2-0 win for Nottingham Forest against Liverpool in the European Cup on 13th September? He later played for Manchester United.
- 4) And which future Swindon defender scored the second goal?
- 5) Which Welsh club lost 3-0 at Rijeka in the UEFA Cup on the same night?

# THOSE WERE THE DAYS!

FC: MAGAZINE INVITES SWINDON FANS YOUNG AND OLD TO REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD DAYS AND NAME THEIR FAVOURITE SWINDON XI.

**NAME:** Simon Coy

**QUALIFICATIONS:** I discovered the highs and lows of life at the County Ground in 1982 when my best friend took me to see Town's victory over Second Division Carlisle in the third round of the FA Cup. The following season I began supporting in earnest and soon discovered that I was about to take a ride on one of football's greatest roller coasters.

There was never a dull moment over the next 20 years as I visited 80 other clubs in the pursuit of glory. Finally, the ultimate day came at Wembley Stadium on 31st May 1993 when, with 40,000 other Swindon supporters, I held my breath as Paul Bodin converted from the spot and the impromptu street party began.

I'm now starting a new life as the Club's Sports Reporter (together with Adrian Smith) and can, at last, give something back to the place that has given me so many great memories over the last two decades.

Here is his favourite team comprising of players from his era.

## 1. FRASER DIGBY

A Swindon team chosen from the last 20 years without Fraser in goal would be an injustice as the former England U21 keeper was Mr Consistent.

## 2. NICKY SUMMERBEE

In my opinion the best crosser of the ball I've witnessed, Summerbee could whip in crosses under press from the most amazing angles (even with toilet roll wrapped round his leg!!)

## 3. PAUL BODIN

Zippy weighed in with some crucial goals and none more so than 'that goal' and for this alone he deserves to be in.

## 4. GLENN HODDLE

There is nothing I can add that hasn't already been said. Probably the best player that will ever play for this football. Simply class.

## 5. COLIN CALDERWOOD

No-one was as cool as "Fridge". Probably the hardest man I have ever seen on a football field (with perhaps the exception of "Psycho")

## 6. SHAUN TAYLOR

The Town version of Terry Butcher, this man literally spilt blood for the cause as he would put his head where he knew it would hurt.

## 7. CHRIS KAMARA

A real winner who game after game gave his all and sometimes overstepped the mark but his passion was unrivaled.

▼ SIMON COY



## 8. TOMMY MOONEY

A strange choice after only a handful of games but Tommy is a class above in Division Two and six goals in five goals is proving his quality (...and he's got Sammy alongside - mouthwatering).

## 9. DUNCAN SHEARER

One of the most prolific goalscorers in recent years anywhere. His record of goals per game in his career is better than Lineker and they went in from anywhere.

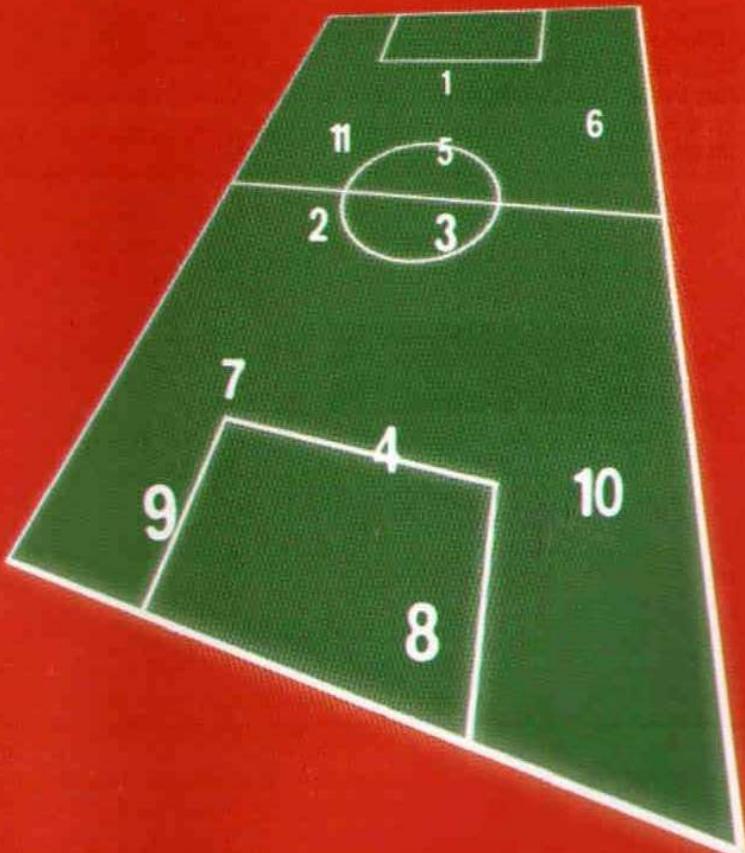
## 10. STEFANI MIGLIORANZI

A great prospect who is just getting better and better by the game. Could be one of our all time best at this rate.

## 11. IAN CULVERHOUSE

Sweeping up anything that slipped through Culverhouse came towards the end of his career so he must have been awesome at his best.

This season it's any three from five on the bench so keeping it warm for me would be Kenny Allen (what a character), Phil King, Micky Hazard, Alan McLoughlin and Craig Maskell (...I can still hear the thud as his strike whacked the post at Wembley).





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# SWINDON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

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### ROBINS REVIVAL "AWAY TRAVEL" SPONSORED HALF TIME DRAW.

A brilliant response from fans so early in the season saw a prize of £402 collected by Philip Caswell of Aston Near Witney, whose winning ticket was 972.

Don't forget should you wish to pay for the next 24 games in advance, or alternatively for 6 games, please visit our web site which gives full details. Payment can either be made by standing order or cheque and we will be delighted to receive supporters applications in this way.

### POUNDS FOR POINTS SPONSORSHIP

Once again fans have rallied round and we continue to receive applications to join. Full details of participants can be found on the page and at the time of writing these notes, each win for the "Town" will mean that £100 or thereabouts is raised for the football clubs school of excellence. More wins, more participants and this figure will grow even further. Don't forget any firm or company can join and enjoy the match day publicity

### SUPPORTERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP

A reminder that membership of the supporters club costs a minimal amount and joining fees are as follows:-

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Adults      | £5   |
| Concessions | £3   |
| Disabled    | £3   |
| Youth       | £2 (Up to age 18)                            |
| Family      | £13 (Includes 2 adults and up to 3 children) |

Don't forget that supporters club membership entitles you to discounted away travel and with a mouth watering away clash coming up shortly there is no better time to join. Membership also entitles you to discount in the football club shop, so it does not take you long to save the minimal cost of membership.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A report of the AGM that took place on the 10th September will appear in the next set of notes.

### WEB SITE

Don't forget to visit our web site. We have the best links to all things Swindon Town and you can pick up all supporters club news the minute it breaks. Look out for a special free competition shortly on this site, so there is no better time to add the site to your "favourites"



▲ STFC Milk Cup and Ian Rush tournament squads at the County Ground



▲ Swindon Town Under 15's at the Everton Festival of football



▲ Swindon Town Under 12's at the Everton Festival of football



▲ Swindon Town Under 10's at the Everton Festival of football

## CENTRE OF **EXCELLENCE**

**LAST WEEKEND SAW THE OPENING DAY FIXTURES FOR THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME VERSUS CHELTENHAM TOWN, WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS AWAY FROM HOME. U9: W 4-3, U10: W 2-0, U14: W 3-0, U15: W 2-1.**

In the home games our Under 11's lost 2-0, Under 12's drew 2-2 and the Under 13's lost out 3-2. From my point of view and coach's point of view, it is not necessarily the results that we are looking for, it is the performance that is paramount. Results were good in these games but more importantly, following consultation with the respective coaches, the performances were encouraging, especially being the first games of the season.

This weekend sees all our teams in action once again against Swansea City. We will be looking for good performances and hopefully this will be reflected in the results, as it is important to get the winning habit. By the time you read these notes, I

will have met with John Trollope, who is our regional Centre of Excellence Co-ordinator to discuss an action plan for the season. This puts in place a structure for the months ahead, which is reviewed every three months by John to ensure we are adhering to all rules and regulations. We will be inviting John Trollope, a Town legend himself, to come and pass on some of his massive coaching and playing experience within our coaching programme. We appreciate John fitting us into his busy schedule and look forward to him working with us.

I would also like to welcome our new signings. Firstly at Under nine level Daniel Baxter, Kieran Tracy, Louis Thompson, Jake Simpson, Corey King, Mitchell Coombes, Jake Johns and Jordan Turnbull. At Under Ten level Joshua Morse, Michael Diss and Christopher Sim have joined us. Last but not least, James Roberts and Daniel Wallington have joined our Under 13 age-group. We wish all of our new players all the best for the new season.

Enjoy the game.  
Jimmy Fraser.

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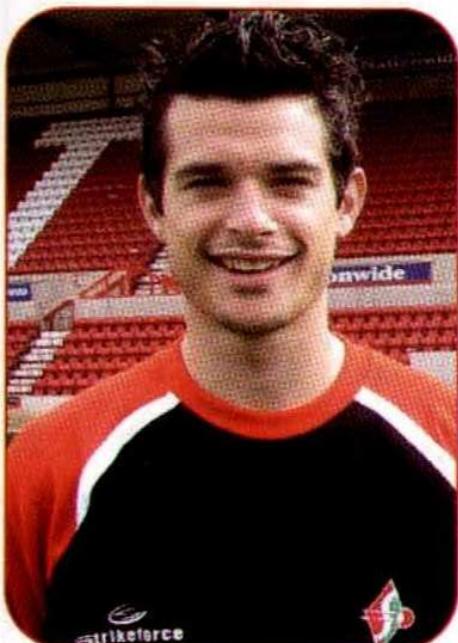
## GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME AGAINST WREXHAM.

The Soccer Centres are up and running with all ten centres having started at the beginning of the week.

After a well-deserved rest the kids were back with a high level of excitement ahead of the new term.

Soccer Centres are for boys and girls aged 5 to 11 and are based upon enjoyment and having lots of fun. The courses also provide a great platform to improve and learn new skills.

For those kids who are a little more talented, we are running an advanced Soccer Centre. This is for U7's and U8's.



▲ Adam Collier

These players will then train in the advanced Soccer Centre before hopefully going on to represent Swindon Town Centre of Excellence at U9's level. Players such as Darren Jefferies, Sam Brown and Jake Simpson have all done this, having started out at the Stratton Soccer Centre.

To book your place at a centre all you have to do is pay in full to your chosen leisure centre reception. The cost of the course is just £3 per session, which last for an hour.

If you are interested or would like to know more information, then just give me a call on 01793 333700.

Enjoy the game.  
Adam Collier.



# SWINDON TOWN'S SOCCER CENTRES



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

### 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 - 5.00 pm | 5 - 6 years  |
|          | 5.00 - 6.00 pm | 8 - 11 years |

### HAYDON CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

### BAMPTON (Oxon)

|        |                |               |
|--------|----------------|---------------|
| Friday | 5.00 - 6.00 pm | 7 & 8 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 - 8 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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# STFC LADIES

THE TOWN LADIES ARE IN SEVENTH PLACE IN THE SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FOLLOWING A HOME DEFEAT AND AN AWAY WIN.

The Town entertained Chesham United and took the lead midway through the first half when Nikki Watts scored. Chesham began to have the better of the play and scored twice before the interval. Three goals early in the second half killed the game off but Nikki Watts did get a second for the Town almost on time. The non availability of players resulted the Town fielding their youngest ever side for a trip to Exeter City. Five fourteen year olds and two fifteen year olds were included. The Town had the better of the play in driving rain and were unfortunately to concede a goal before the break. The young side continued to battle but could not break

through the home defence. In the 88th minute the Town gained a corner on the left and Michelle Rich's kick curled just inside the far post. With game in injury time Michelle Rich and Tara Loftus combined to create the opening for Jenny Webster to run clear and beat the advancing keeper to get the winner. The Town Reserves completed their pre season programme with a trip to South Wales to face Caldicot Town and shared four goals with Michelle Rich getting both of them.

The side then opened their Wiltshire County League programme with an away game against Clevedon Town

Reserves and recorded a convincing eight goals to nil victory. Laura Allsop, Melissa Sartain and Carly Smith all scored twice and there were goals for Chantelle Lovell and Dennika Brett. Tomorrow the Town entertain Plymouth Argyle in the South West Combination League. Last season the Devon side completed the double over the Town to finish fifth but this season they have not made a good start collecting just one point from four outings. Tomorrow's game will be played at Aldbourne FC Ground and will Kick Off at 2.00 pm. The Town Reserves are away and play Brize Norton in the Wiltshire County League.

## ONE 2 ONE WITH LAURA STALLARD

Age 15

Home Town: SWINDON

Occupation: STUDENT

Position: DEFENDER

Previous Clubs: SOUTHAMPTON SAINTS

Honours: WILTSHIRE COUNTY YOUTH  
ENGLAND UNDER 15 SQUAD

Who do you most admire? DAVID BECKHAM

FAVOURITE CLUB? SWINDON TOWN

FAVOURITE PLAYER?

STEVEN GERRARD

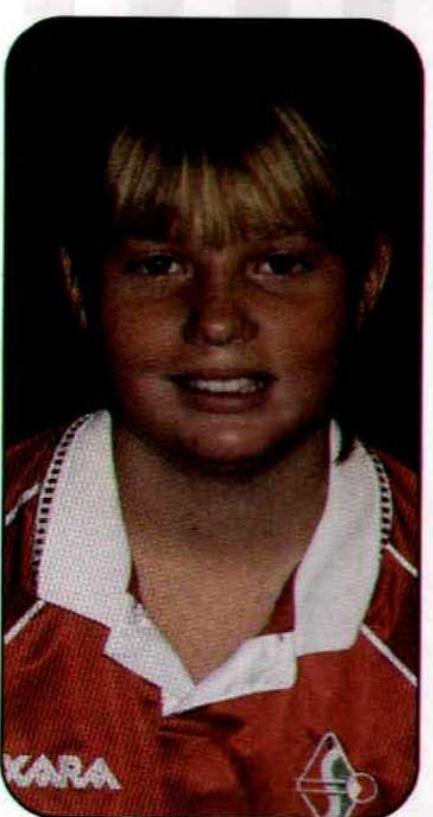
FAVOURITE TEAM? SWINDON

FAVOURITE PLAYER? SAMI HYPIA

FAVOURITE TELEVISION PROGRAMME? DREAM TEAM

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SIT NEXT TO ON A PLANE?

JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE



## FIXTURES 2003/04

|        |                     |      |     |
|--------|---------------------|------|-----|
| Aug 17 | Clevedon Town       | Home | 3-1 |
| Aug 24 | Forest Green Rovers | Away | P-P |
| Aug 31 | Chesham United      | Home | 2-5 |
| Sep 07 | Exeter City         | Away | 2-1 |
| Sep 14 | Plymouth Argyle     | Home |     |
| Sep 21 | Chesham United      | Away |     |
| Sep 28 | Yeovil Town         | Home |     |
| Oct 5  | Cardiff City        | Away |     |
| Oct 12 | Reading             | Home |     |
| Oct 19 | County Cup          |      |     |
| Oct 26 | FA CUP 1            |      |     |
| Nov 2  | Reading Royals      | Away |     |
| Nov 9  | FA CUP 2            |      |     |
| Nov 16 | County Cup          |      |     |
| Nov 23 | Forest Green Rovers | Home |     |
| Nov 30 | Oxford              | Home |     |
| Dec 07 | FA CUP 3            |      |     |
| Dec 14 | County Cup          |      |     |

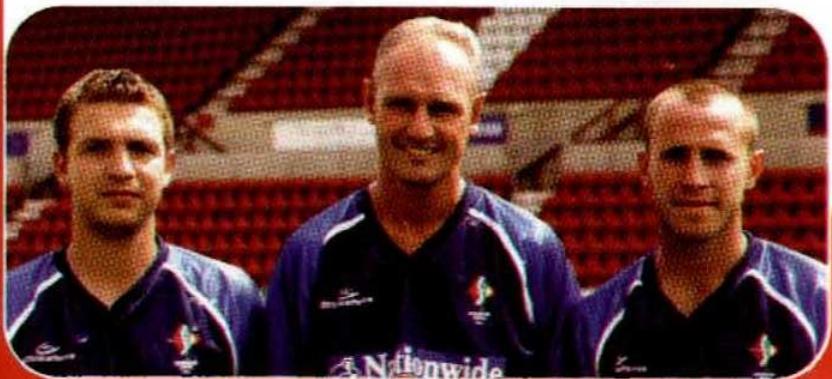
## SEASON 2002/03 FINAL TABLE

| Team              | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A   | PTS |
|-------------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Portsmouth        | 22 | 21 | 1 | 0  | 85 | 6   | 64  |
| Reading Royals    | 22 | 17 | 3 | 2  | 85 | 19  | 54  |
| Cardiff City      | 22 | 17 | 3 | 2  | 87 | 18  | 54  |
| Plymouth Argyle   | 22 | 12 | 1 | 9  | 57 | 58  | 37  |
| Swindon Town      | 22 | 11 | 3 | 8  | 57 | 55  | 36  |
| Clevedon Town SBW | 22 | 9  | 3 | 10 | 56 | 37  | 30  |
| Chesham United    | 22 | 9  | 2 | 11 | 58 | 39  | 29  |
| Yeovil Town       | 22 | 7  | 2 | 13 | 31 | 42  | 23  |
| Newton Abbot      | 22 | 6  | 2 | 14 | 50 | 99  | 20  |
| Exeter City       | 22 | 5  | 4 | 13 | 40 | 53  | 19  |
| Reading           | 22 | 5  | 2 | 15 | 35 | 74  | 17  |
| Aylesbury United  | 22 | 0  | 0 | 22 | 12 | 165 | 0   |

# IN THE COMMUNITY

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▲ Prizes are handed out as the summer courses come to a close.

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S HOME GAME WITH WREXHAM.

This week has seen us return into the local primary schools for our ever popular after schools coaching clubs. We are delighted to have started a new club out at Chiseldon where we have had 30+ youngsters joining in the fun with our team of qualified coaches. We will be working through to October and will be looking for new schools in the Autumn term so if you feel your school may wish to participate, please get your headteacher to give us a call here at the Club.

As you have read in my previous notes, our summer courses were our most successful in the seven years that Jon and myself have been at The County Ground. We were very fortunate to have two young lads work with us over the seven weeks. Chris Rooks and Peter Jenkins who are both studying at Derby University for a Sports Degree, were both tremendous asset to us during this extremely busy time. Jon and I would like to thank both the lads for their efforts and commitment during this period.

Another big thank you must go to Mike Spearman, the former Chairman of STFC, who supports our scheme one hundred percent. Mike represents the Club on our forum meetings with the PFA. He has attended all of our summer courses and continues to be a great ambassador for both the Community Office and Swindon Town FC.

We would like to remind you about the great work provided by the Royal National Institute of the Blind. We have in the past supported their charity events and on Sunday 19th October they are running an off-road driving challenge at Moordown Farm, Marlborough. I am sure this will be a fun-packed day and if you would like to get involved, please contact Caroline on 01454 882985.

Finally, a quick reminder that our course at the end of October is starting to get heavily subscribed so to avoid disappointment, please get your application forms in as soon as possible.

**Signing off,**  
Clive, Jon & Luke.



▲ Jeremy Newton and Mark Collier at St. Josephs School.

# Swindon Town F.C.

presents the ultimate golf and football event

## Game of Two Halves



SWINDON  
TOWN  
F.C.

Wednesday 1st October 2003

### Day

#### At Ogbourne Downs Golf Club

- Tea, coffee and bacon rolls on arrival
- 18 holes of golf
- Nearest the pin competition
- Longest drive competition
- Individual/team prizes to be won
- Three course meal



### Evening

#### Swindon Town v. Luton Town

- Pre-match buffet
- Main stand tickets for the game
- Half time refreshments - tea/coffee
- Complimentary match programme
- Swindon Town gift for each guest



All in all - a great day out with the 'Town' only £295 + vat for a team of four, don't miss out!  
to book your team telephone 01793 333718 / 333719 or fax us on 01793 333703

## Your company, our club, the perfect team

Football is the ideal way to mix business with pleasure. Everyone at Swindon Town Football Club understands how important Corporate Hospitality is to you, the customer. That is why we continually strive to improve our facilities and build a reputation for the quality of our service.



SWINDON  
TOWN  
F.C.

### Match Sponsorship (Minimum party of 10 guests)

Each home game at the County Ground allows both local and national companies the opportunity of mixing business with pleasure. The excitement of live football, excellent food, great atmosphere and the high level of service that comes as standard at Swindon Town Football Club.

This sponsorship package has it all. Each match sponsor can entertain 10 guests, enjoy a high profile day and experience all the thrills, near misses and goals 'live' in this 'never to be forgotten' day out at the County Ground.

#### Included in the benefits of a main match sponsor are:

- Corporate Hospitality for ten guests
- Welcome drink of Bucks Fizz on arrival
- Stadium tour (Saturday games only)
- High quality three-course meal
- Reserved seat in match sponsors' area
- Complimentary matchday magazine for each guest
- Half-time refreshments of tea/coffee and biscuits
- Post-match vote for STFC 'Man of the Match'
- Presentation photograph taken with Swindon Town player
- Club presentation of commemorative gift to match sponsor
- Swindon Town Football Club gift for each guest
- Pre-match/Post-match pay bar facility
- Magazine front cover acknowledgement as match sponsor
- Editorial mention in matchday magazine

### Matchball or Matchday Magazine Sponsorship (Minimum party of 4 guests)

These sponsorships represent great value for money with a never to be forgotten, high profile day out at Swindon Town for you, for your company, family or friends. Both sponsorships are available for a minimum of four guests and are an exciting way of entertaining whilst enjoying high profile association with the Club.

#### Included in the benefits of matchball or magazine sponsorship are:

- Welcome drink of Bucks Fizz on arrival
- Stadium tour (Saturday games only)
- High quality three-course meal
- Reserved seat in the match sponsors' area
- Complimentary matchday magazine for each guest
- Half-time refreshments of tea/coffee and biscuits
- Post-match vote for STFC 'Man of the Match'
- Presentation photograph taken with Swindon Town player
- Club presentation of commemorative gift to Matchball or Magazine sponsor
- Swindon Town Football Club gift set for each guest
- Pre-match/Post-match pay bar facility
- Magazine back cover acknowledgement as Matchball or Magazine sponsor
- Editorial mention in matchday magazine

### V.I.P Days Out

(Minimum party of 2 guests)

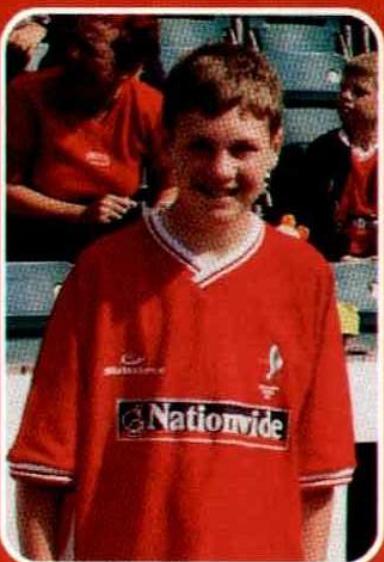
A V.I.P day out at Swindon Town is an ideal way to enjoy special occasion and watch your favorite team in action. We can accommodate V.I.P packages for all our home League and Cup fixtures.

#### Included in the benefits of a V.I.P day out are:

- Welcome drink on arrival
- Stadium tour (Saturday games only)
- High quality three-course meal
- Main Stand seats for game
- Half-time refreshments of tea/coffee and biscuits
- Complimentary matchday magazine for each guest
- Matchday gift for each guest
- Pre-match/Post-match pay bar facility



If you are interested in booking any of the above packages, or would like to know more details then please contact the Sales and Marketing Department on 01793 333718 / 01793 333719 or email: [mikegsullivan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mikegsullivan@yahoo.co.uk)



**GOOD AFTERNOON TO YOU ALL, I'D LIKE TO GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE JUNIOR ROBINS HERE TODAY AND ON BEHALF OF ALL AT THE CLUB I'D LIKE TO WELCOME OUR VISITORS, THE JUNIOR DRAGONS.**

I hope you all enjoyed receiving your Souvenir packs on Monday 1st September and you all managed to get Matty Hewlett's and Andy Gurney's autographs. If you still need to collect your packs, please see either Maureen at The Club Superstore or myself at the main office.

Our trip to the Millennium Stadium and Bristol Zoo was a great success and I hope all those who went on it enjoyed themselves. If you would like to read a Junior Robins account of the day, Robert Harland's story is on our official website, [www.swindontownfc.co.uk](http://www.swindontownfc.co.uk)

Our second reciprocal visit was to Brighton & Hove Albion on Saturday 6th September, George tells me you all enjoyed your day. The weather was great and I must say we were very unlucky not to come away with all three points. Our mascot for the day was Jonathon Parks we wish a belated Happy Birthday, hope you had a good day Jon!

Our next reciprocal visit is to Bristol City on Saturday 4th October, there are still places left and prices for this trip

are £6 for Junior Robins and £12 for an adult. We will be leaving the County Ground at 10.00am so if you could please be here for 9.45am. We will be playing football with the Junior City Strikers in the morning, followed by a buffet lunch then the game. If you would like any information on this trip or would like to book on it, please contact me on the details below.

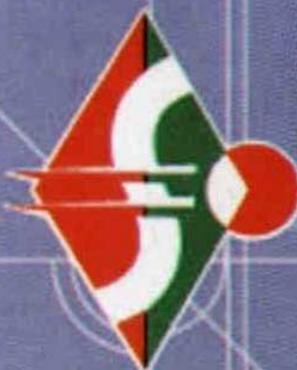
I'd like to wish these Junior Robins a very Happy Birthday I hope you had or will have a great day:

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 30th August    | Ryan Liquorish (belated birthday wishes!)                       |
| 7th September  | John Litton, Harry Lewis & Jack Deane                           |
| 8th September  | Thomas Newbold, Jonathon Parks & Ben Turner                     |
| 10th September | Lewis Butterfield, Shaun Jenkins, Nathan Higgins & Lauren Morey |
| 11th September | Joshua Skeates  |
| 12th September | Joshua McCarthy & Robert Hawkins                                |
| 13th September | Daniel Langridge & Adam Gee                                     |
| 14th September | Lauren Bright   |
| 15th September | Matthew Russell & Ryan Jones                                    |
| 16th September | Jake Mills, Jonathan Allen, Michael Fritchley & Josh Whitbread  |

If anyone would like any more information on anything to do with Junior Robins or Schools, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.  
**COME ON YOU REDS!**

**Alice Wills**

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# CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY

## CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY !

SWINDON TOWN v STOCKPORT COUNTY

Saturday 11th October

Yes here it is, a great chance for you to get into the Christmas festive spirit, whilst watching the 'robins' in action here at the County Ground.

SHERRY, TURKEY, ROAST POTATOES, STUFFING, MINCE PIES, CHRISTMAS CAKE and possibly an appearance from FATHER CHRISTMAS as well! THIS DAY WILL HAVE IT ALL!!

On Saturday 11th October SWINDON TOWN will be entertaining STOCKPORT COUNTY on our special CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY Corporate package. Come and be wined and dined watching live football action at the same time.

Included in the CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY promotion are the following benefits:

- A glass of Sherry on arrival
- A tour of the Swindon Town Grotto (normally known as the tour of ground)
- A three course Christmas Lunch
- Executive ticket for the game
- Half time refreshments
- Complimentary programme
- Full time mince pies and Christmas cake
- Vote for Man of the Match
- Watch Man of the Match presentations with sponsors
- Swindon Town Christmas present for each guest.
- Special pre match video showings of ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES and MORECAMBE and WISE!!



Special CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY price of £45 plus vat per head.

Go on book now - you know it makes sense!

Just by contacting James (one of Santa's elves) on 01793 333718, you can book your places now for this special CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY promotion. Alternatively, you can e-mail him on his North Pole e-mail address via [james@swindontownfc.co.uk](mailto:james@swindontownfc.co.uk)

YO HO HO and A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

**£45**  
plus vat per head

## GET YOURSELF SEEN AT SWINDON TOWN FC!

FOR A GREAT DAY OUT FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL - WHY NOT MAKE THE MOST OF OUR MASCOT PACKAGES FOR SEASON 2003/04?



Each home game here at the County Ground allows young fans (and old!) the opportunity to experience leading their favourite team out on to the pitch. They will also enjoy the excitement of live football, excellent food, a great atmosphere and best of all - they get to meet their favourite players before emerging from the player's tunnel to the roar of the crowd before kick-off.

### MASCOT PACKAGE 1

Including matchday tickets for four people:

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| <b>A+GAME:</b> | <b>£325</b> |
| <b>A GAME:</b> | <b>£300</b> |
| <b>B GAME</b>  | <b>£275</b> |
| <b>C GAME:</b> | <b>£250</b> |

For this you get the following:

- A full replica kit including shirt, shorts and socks
- A stadium tour for all members of the party (Saturday games only)
- Pre-match meal for the party
- Half time refreshments of tea/coffee and biscuits
- Complimentary matchday magazine for each guest
- Editorial write-up and photograph in matchday magazine
- Commemorative photograph with team captains and officials prior to kick-off

### MASCOT PACKAGE 2

Including matchday tickets for four people:

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| <b>A+GAME:</b> | <b>£225</b> |
| <b>A GAME:</b> | <b>£200</b> |
| <b>B GAME</b>  | <b>£175</b> |
| <b>C GAME:</b> | <b>£150</b> |

For this you get the following:

- Four matchday tickets
- The chance to lead the team out before the game
- Meet the players in the dressing room before the game
- Editorial write-up and photograph in matchday magazine
- Commemorative photograph with team captains and officials prior to kick-off

### Available Games:

#### **A+ GAMES:**

Bristol City - QPR

#### **A GAMES:**

Luton - Brentford - Wycombe

#### **B GAMES:**

Grimsby - Oldham - Tranmere - Barnsley  
Rushden & Diamonds - Bournemouth

#### **C GAMES:**

Colchester - Chesterfield - Hartlepool - Wrexham

All prices +VAT. If you want to book a package call Alice on 0870 443 1969



# TOWN

# STATISTICS 2003/04

## STFC FACT FILE

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

STFC  
SCORE  
FIRST

| DATE         | FIXTURE             | VEN  | RES  | ATT       | VIS    |
|--------------|---------------------|------|------|-----------|--------|
| Sat 9 Aug    | Sheffield Wednesday | 3.00 | Home | 2-3       | 10,573 |
| Wed 13 Aug   | Southend United LC1 | 7.45 | Away | 3-2       | 3,385  |
| Fri 15 Aug   | Colchester United   | 7.45 | Away | 1-0       | 3,339  |
| Sat 23 Aug   | Notts County        | 3.00 | Home | 4-0       | 5,758  |
| Mon 25 Aug   | AFC Bournemouth     | 3.00 | Away | 2-2       | 6,606  |
| Sat 30 Aug   | Blackpool           | 3.00 | Home | 2-2       | 6,219  |
| Sat 6 Sept   | Brighton & H.A.     | 3.00 | Away | 2-2       | 6,534  |
| Sat 13 Sept  | Wrexham             | 3.00 | Home |           |        |
| Tues 16 Sept | Grimsby Town        | 7.45 | Away |           |        |
| Sat 20 Sept  | Barnsley            | 3.00 | Away |           |        |
| Wed 24 Sept  | Leeds United LC2    | 7.45 | Away |           |        |
| Sat 27 Sept  | Peterborough United | 3.00 | Home |           |        |
| Wed 1 Oct    | Luton Town          | 7.45 | Home |           |        |
| Sat 4 Oct    | Bristol City        | 3.00 | Away |           |        |
| Sat 11 Oct   | Stockport County    | 3.00 | Home |           |        |
| Sat 18 Oct   | Chesterfield        | 3.00 | Away |           |        |
| Tues 21 Oct  | Tranmere Rovers     | 7.45 | Away |           |        |
| Sat 25 Oct   | Port Vale           | 3.00 | Home |           |        |
| Sat 1 Nov    | Wycombe Wanderers   | 3.00 | Home |           |        |
| Sat 6 Nov    | F A Cup 1           | 3.00 |      |           |        |
| Sat 15 Nov   | Oldham Athletic     | 3.00 | Away |           |        |
| Sat 22 Nov   | Queens Park Rangers | 3.00 | Home |           |        |
| Sat 29 Nov   | Hartlepool United   | 3.00 | Away |           |        |
| Sat 13 Dec   | Plymouth Argyle     | 3.00 | Home | F A Cup 2 |        |
| Sat 20 Dec   | Brentford           | 3.00 | Away |           |        |
| Fri 26 Dec   | Rushden & Diamonds  | 3.00 | Away |           |        |
| Sun 28 Dec   | Brighton & H.A.     | 3.00 | Home |           |        |
| Sat 3 Jan    | AFC Bournemouth     | 3.00 | Home | F A Cup 3 |        |
| Sat 10 Jan   | Sheffield Wednesday | 3.00 | Away |           |        |
| Sat 17 Jan   | Colchester United   | 3.00 | Home |           |        |
| Sat 24 Jan   | Notts County        | 3.00 | Away | F A Cup 4 |        |
| Sat 31 Jan   | Blackpool           | 3.00 | Away |           |        |
| Sat 7 Feb    | Rushden & Diamonds  | 3.00 | Home |           |        |
| Sat 14 Feb   | Stockport County    | 3.00 | Away | F A Cup 5 |        |
| Sat 21 Feb   | Chesterfield        | 3.00 | Home |           |        |
| Sat 28 Feb   | Port Vale           | 3.00 | Away |           |        |
| Wed 3 Mar    | Tranmere Rovers     | 7.45 | Home |           |        |
| Sat 6 Mar    | Brentford           | 3.00 | Home | F A Cup 6 |        |
| Sat 13 Mar   | Plymouth Argyle     | 3.00 | Away |           |        |
| Wed 17 Mar   | Grimsby Town        | 7.45 | Home |           |        |
| Sat 20 Mar   | Wrexham             | 3.00 | Away |           |        |
| Sat 27 Mar   | Barnsley            | 3.00 | Home |           |        |
| Sat 3 April  | Peterborough United | 3.00 | Away |           |        |
| Sat 10 April | Bristol City        | 3.00 | Home |           |        |
| Mon 12 April | Luton Town          | 3.00 | Away |           |        |
| Sat 17 April | Wycombe Wanderers   | 3.00 | Away |           |        |
| Sat 24 April | Oldham Athletic     | 3.00 | Home |           |        |
| Sat 1 May    | Queens Park Rangers | 3.00 | Away |           |        |
| Sat 8 May    | Hartlepool United   | 3.00 | Home |           |        |

### THE KEY

FAC = FA CUP

WC = CARLING CUP

DENOTES SCORER

|          |          |          |         |          |         |          |          |         |        |          |          |         |        |
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|          |          |          |         |          |         |          |          |         |        |          |          |         |        |
| Griemink | Gurney*  | Heywood* | Viveash | Duke     | Hewlett | Robinson | Howard   | Miglian | Howard | Miglian  | Howard   | Miglian | Howard |
| Evans    | Heywood  | Reeves   | Viveash | Robinson | Igoe    | Gurney   | Heywood  | Viveash | Duke   | Hewlett* | Robinson | Miglian | Howard |
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| Evans    | Hewlett  | Viveash  | Gurney  | Igoe     | Mooney  | Parkin   | Miglian  | Viveash | Gurney | Mooney   | Parkin   | Miglian | Howard |
| Evans    | Igoe     | Hewlett  | Gurney  | Mooney   | Parkin  | Miglian  | Howard   | Viveash | Gurney | Mooney   | Parkin   | Miglian | Howard |

## TODAY'S MASCOTS



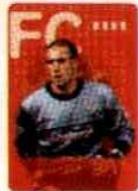
### HARRIET ASPELL

is one of today's Town Mascots and comes from Wootton Bassett. Aside from football, her hobbies are dancing and singing. She attends St Bartholomews Primary School, Wootton Bassett and her favourite Town player is 'Super' Sam Parkin.



### THOMAS CURWOOD

also joins us today as a mascot from Swindon and his favourite player is Alan Reeves. Aside from Swindon Town, he also follows Manchester United. His hobbies are football and swimming. He attends St Josephs Comprehensive School.



FRONT COVER:  
RHYS EVANS  
PHOTOGRAPHY:  
CHRIS ADAMS

\*DENOTES BOOKING

\*\*DENOTES SENDING OFF

■ ■ ■ DENOTES SUB

| 1    | Mooney  | Parkin   | Evans    | Howard     | Stevenson | Reeves | Smith    |  |
|------|---------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|--------|----------|--|
| Igoe | Mooney  | Parkin   | Griemink | Miglioranz | Mooney    | Howard | Nicholas |  |
| Duke | Parkin  | Mooney   | Evans    | Smith      | Stevenson | Howard | Reeves   |  |
| Igoe | Mooney  | Parkin   | Evans    | Stevenson  | Smith     | Howard | Reeves   |  |
| Igoe | Mooney  | Parkin   | Evans    | Stevenson  | Smith     | Howard | Reeves   |  |
| Duke | Heywood | Robinson | Howard   | Griemink   | Stevenson | Reeves | Smith    |  |
| Duke | Heywood | Milner   | Reeves   | Griemink   | Herring   | Smith  | Howard   |  |

## TODAY'S MASCOTS



### STEVEN BRENNAN

is one of today's Town Mascots and has travelled down today from Northampton. He lists his hobbies as football and speedway. He attends St Marys RC School, Northampton and his favourite Town player is Stefani Miglioranz.



### CHRISTOPHER MOON

Joins us today as Wrexham's mascot. His favourite Wrexham player is Brian Carey. Christopher's cousin Stuart Webber is one of the groundsmen at the Racecourse Ground.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR DAY WITH SWINDON TOWN...

| TEAM         | P | HW | HD | HL | HGF | HGA | AW | AD | AL | AGF | AGA | PTS | GD  |
|--------------|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| BARNESLEY    | 6 | 2  | 1  | 0  | 3   | 1   | 2  | 1  | 0  | 6   | 2   | 14  | +6  |
| SHEFF WED    | 6 | 1  | 1  | 1  | 6   | 5   | 3  | 0  | 0  | 6   | 3   | 13  | +4  |
| PORT VALE    | 6 | 3  | 0  | 0  | 7   | 4   | 1  | 1  | 1  | 4   | 5   | 13  | +2  |
| OQR          | 6 | 3  | 0  | 0  | 9   | 0   | 0  | 2  | 1  | 6   | 7   | 11  | +8  |
| BRIGHTON     | 6 | 2  | 1  | 0  | 6   | 3   | 1  | 1  | 1  | 6   | 5   | 11  | +4  |
| WREXHAM      | 5 | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1   | 1   | 2  | 0  | 0  | 4   | 2   | 10  | +2  |
| RUSHDEN      | 6 | 2  | 1  | 0  | 7   | 4   | 1  | 0  | 2  | 5   | 7   | 10  | +1  |
| LUTON        | 6 | 2  | 0  | 1  | 7   | 5   | 1  | 1  | 1  | 3   | 4   | 10  | +1  |
| BRISTOL C    | 6 | 2  | 1  | 0  | 7   | 1   | 0  | 2  | 1  | 2   | 3   | 9   | +5  |
| SWINDON      | 6 | 1  | 1  | 1  | 8   | 5   | 1  | 2  | 0  | 5   | 4   | 9   | +4  |
| PLYMOUTH     | 6 | 1  | 2  | 0  | 8   | 6   | 1  | 1  | 1  | 5   | 4   | 9   | +3  |
| HARTLEPOOL   | 6 | 1  | 2  | 0  | 2   | 0   | 1  | 1  | 1  | 7   | 7   | 9   | +2  |
| GRIMSBY      | 6 | 1  | 1  | 1  | 5   | 4   | 1  | 1  | 1  | 4   | 4   | 8   | +1  |
| P'BORO       | 6 | 0  | 0  | 3  | 4   | 7   | 2  | 1  | 0  | 5   | 1   | 7   | +1  |
| BLACKPOOL    | 5 | 1  | 0  | 1  | 3   | 4   | 1  | 1  | 1  | 5   | 9   | 7   | -5  |
| TRANMERE     | 6 | 1  | 1  | 1  | 6   | 4   | 0  | 2  | 1  | 1   | 3   | 6   | 0   |
| BTMOUTH      | 6 | 0  | 3  | 0  | 4   | 4   | 1  | 0  | 2  | 2   | 3   | 6   | -1  |
| COLCHESTER   | 6 | 1  | 1  | 1  | 4   | 4   | 0  | 1  | 2  | 4   | 6   | 5   | -2  |
| OLDHAM       | 6 | 1  | 0  | 2  | 6   | 8   | 0  | 2  | 1  | 3   | 4   | 5   | -3  |
| STOCKPORT    | 6 | 0  | 2  | 1  | 4   | 5   | 1  | 0  | 2  | 3   | 5   | 5   | -3  |
| WYCOMBE      | 6 | 1  | 1  | 1  | 5   | 5   | 0  | 0  | 3  | 3   | 8   | 4   | -5  |
| CHESTERFIELD | 6 | 0  | 2  | 1  | 2   | 4   | 0  | 2  | 1  | 3   | 6   | 4   | -5  |
| BRENTFORD    | 6 | 1  | 0  | 2  | 3   | 7   | 0  | 0  | 3  | 1   | 6   | 3   | -9  |
| NOTTS CO     | 6 | 0  | 1  | 2  | 1   | 3   | 0  | 1  | 2  | 1   | 10  | 2   | -11 |

## APPEARANCES 2003/04

|                  | LEAGUE | FA CUP | CARLING CUP | LDV VANS |      |    |      |      |    |      |      |    |
|------------------|--------|--------|-------------|----------|------|----|------|------|----|------|------|----|
| Player name:     | apps   | goal   | bk          | apps     | goal | bk | apps | goal | bk | apps | goal | bk |
| BART GRIEMINK    | 4      | 0      | 0           | 0        | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| JEREL IFIL       | 1      | 0      | 0           | 0        | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| GRANT SMITH      | 2      | 0      | 0           | 0        | 0    | 0  | 1    | 0    | 1  | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| MATT HEWLETT     | 6      | 1      | 1           | 0        | 0    | 0  | 1    | 0    | 1  | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| ADI VIVEASH      | 6      | 0      | 0           | 0        | 0    | 0  | 1    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| ANDY GURNEY      | 6      | 0      | 2           | 0        | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| SAMMY IGOE       | 5      | 1      | 1yr         | 0        | 0    | 0  | 1    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| TOMMY MOONEY     | 6      | 5      | 0           | 0        | 0    | 0  | 1    | 1    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| SAM PARKIN       | 6      | 3      | 0           | 0        | 0    | 0  | 1    | 2    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| STEF MIGLIORANZI | 6      | 1      | 0           | 0        | 0    | 0  | 1    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| DAVID DUKE       | 6      | 0      | 0           | 0        | 0    | 0  | 1    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| IAN HERRING      | 0      | 0      | 0           | 0        | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0  |
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| MATT HEYWOOD     | 6      | 0      | 1           | 0        | 0    | 0  | 1    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0  |
| RHYS EVANS       | 2      | 0      | 0           | 0        | 0    | 0  | 1    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0  |
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Barry Fry



**PETERBOROUGH UNITED ARE THE VISITORS TO THE COUNTY GROUND ON 27TH SEPTEMBER WHEN BARRY FRY BRINGS HIS TEAM TO TOWN.**

An 11th position finish in Division Two last season saw United finish one place below Town, and like Swindon, Peterborough endured a season of contrasts. In dire relegation trouble in March, Posh rallied to remain unbeaten in the last nine games, collecting 19 points in the process.

This term, Peterborough's fortunes away from home have contrasted sharply with their results at London Road. Losing all three opening matches at home, they remain unbeaten on their travels,

recording wins at bottom two Brentford and Notts County. A 1-1 draw last week at Grimsby maintained the good travelling start and saw Adam Newton record a first half opener. The point gained ultimately leaves Boro on seven, four places below Swindon.

Andy Clarke was last season's top goal scorer in the League with 16 and he remains the man Town's defence will have to be wary of with four strikes to his credit this season, while the goal conceded at Grimsby is the first that the away defence have allowed in 2003/04. Perhaps worryingly for Barry Fry, last year's second top scorer was Leon McKenzie with just five goals, which suggests that if Town can keep Clarke shackled, Posh may struggle to hit the net.

**UP NEXT  
AT THE COUNTY GROUND**



WHO: PETERBOROUGH  
WHEN: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH  
KICK OFF: 3PM

Andy King will be hoping that his team will offer stiffer opposition than Peterborough have thus far encountered.

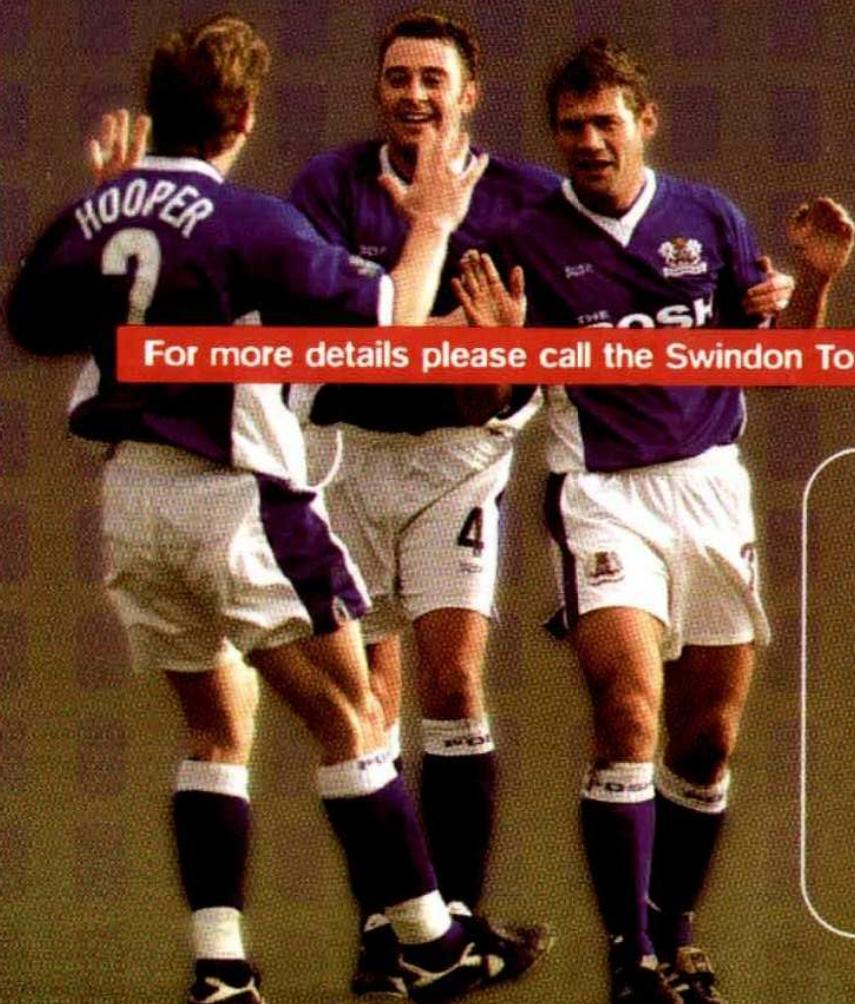
Keeper Mark Tyler began with the club as a trainee and made 29 of almost 200 appearances last season. Now in his tenth season with the club, Tyler has started this season as the regular custodian.

It was of course from Peterborough that Swindon signed Bart Grismink, but with Rhys Evans currently in charge of the first team keeper's jersey the big Dutchman may not get the chance to perform against his old club.

Last year saw Town draw 1-1 in both encounters with Peterborough. Both managers will be hoping for at least the same from next week's encounter.

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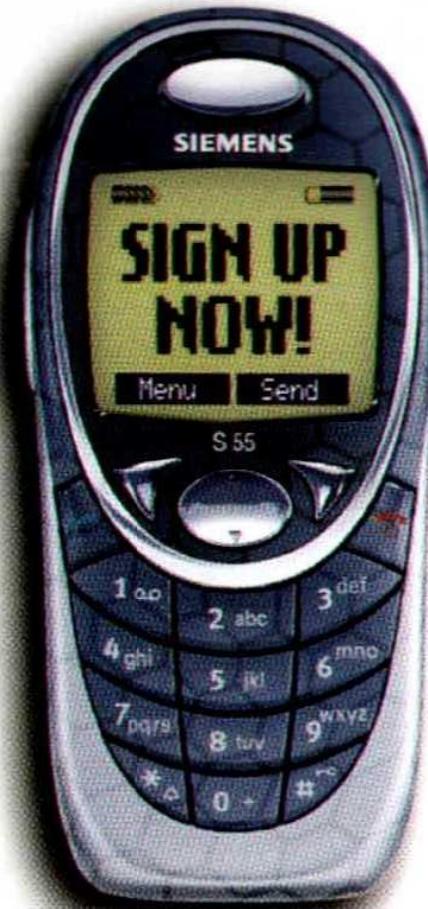


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Assistant 1: **K J HAWKES**  
Assistant 2: **A TURNER**  
4th Official: **B J MALONE**



**SWINDON TOWN**

**Andy King** MANAGER



**WREXHAM**

MANAGER **DENIS SMITH**

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|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| <b>BART GRIEMINK</b>       | <b>1</b>  | <b>ANDY DIBBLE</b>              |
| <b>JEREL IFIL</b>          | <b>2</b>  | <b>JIM WHITLEY</b>              |
| <b>GRANT SMITH</b>         | <b>3</b>  | <b>SHAUN HOLMES</b>             |
| <b>MATTHEW HEWLETT</b>     | <b>4</b>  | <b>STEVE ROBERTS</b>            |
| <b>ADRIAN VIVEASH</b>      | <b>5</b>  | <b>BRIAN CAREY</b>              |
| <b>ANDREW GURNEY</b>       | <b>6</b>  | <b>DENNIS LAWRENCE</b>          |
| <b>SAMMY IGOE</b>          | <b>7</b>  | <b>CARLOS EDWARDS</b>           |
| <b>TOMMY MOONEY</b>        | <b>8</b>  | <b>LEE JONES</b>                |
| <b>SAM PARKIN</b>          | <b>9</b>  | <b>CHRIS ARMSTRONG</b>          |
| <b>STEFANI MIGLIORANZI</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>DARREN FERGUSON</b>          |
| <b>DAVID DUKE</b>          | <b>11</b> | <b>CHRIS LLEWELLYN</b>          |
| <b>IAN HERRING</b>         | <b>12</b> | <b>PAUL BARRETT</b>             |
|                            | <b>13</b> | <b>PAUL WHITFIELD</b>           |
| <b>JON STEVENSON</b>       | <b>14</b> | <b>PAUL EDWARDS</b>             |
| <b>ANDREW NICHOLAS</b>     | <b>15</b> | <b>CRAIG MORGAN</b>             |
| <b>JAMES MILNER</b>        | <b>16</b> | <b>MATTY CROWELL</b>            |
| <b>BRYAN HOWARD</b>        | <b>17</b> | <b>MARK JONES</b>               |
|                            | <b>18</b> | <b>SHAUN PEJIC</b>              |
| <b>MATTHEW HEYWOOD</b>     | <b>19</b> | <b>STEVE THOMAS</b>             |
| <b>RHYS EVANS</b>          | <b>20</b> | <b>SIMON SPENDER</b>            |
| <b>BEN MARTIN</b>          | <b>21</b> | <b>LEVI MACKEN</b>              |
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