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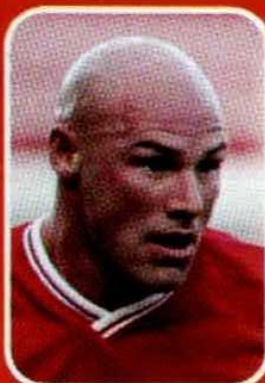


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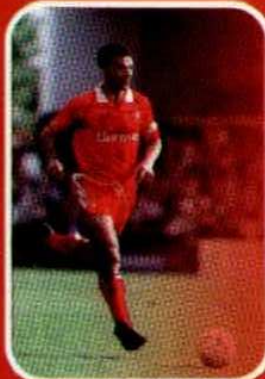
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Welcome back to The County Ground for today's game against Stockport County. Last weekend at Ashton Gate saw our first defeat since the first game of the season in what was a closely fought derby. Lady luck doesn't seem to have been shining on the squad lately with the amount of injuries we have sustained, but hopefully a few of the injured party will have recovered in time to take their place in the squad this afternoon.

On a brighter note, it was encouraging to see Sebastien Ruster make his County Ground debut last Tuesday against Cheltenham for the reserves. The new signing from Cannes certainly looks like he can be an asset to the Town ranks. Let's hope Stockport County are glad to see the back of him this afternoon, should he make his first team debut.

The next few weeks present us with three away games at Boston United, Chesterfield and Tranmere Rovers. The LDV Vans Trophy game on Wednesday may provide an opportunity for the fringe players a chance to show what they can do. Chesterfield and Tranmere away will be hard games, but no matter what the venue, crucial Second Division points are on offer.

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THE NEWS THIS WEEK

COUNTY GROUND DIARY

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER

MILLS AND ARNOLD TO DO BATTLE

Leigh Mills has been selected for the England U16 Victory Shield squad, after coming through the recent training and selection process.

Leigh will not figure until England's second game against Wales at Gillingham's Priestfield Stadium on Friday 31st October. The game will prove to be an interesting contest as he lines up against fellow town teammate Joe Arnold, who has been included in the Wales squad.

Youth Team Coach, Viv Busby, was delighted with the news, commenting: "it is a great opportunity for our players to gain valuable experience and continue their learning process against the top players of that age."

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER

PFA AWARD FOR TOMMY

Swindon striker Tommy Mooney has won the PFA's Second Division Fans Player Of The Month for September. Mooney has been in a rich vein of goal-scoring form since joining the Wiltshire club on a year-long deal from Birmingham City in the summer.

His partnership with Sam Parkin has been an important factor behind Town's impressive start to the season and during September their only defeat was the penalty shoot-out exit at the hands of Leeds in the Carling Cup.

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SEBASTIEN RARING TO GO

Town's new signing Sebastien Ruster spoke to Swindontownfc.co.uk this week following the completion of his long-awaited transfer, giving his views on the move to England.

"I am very happy to be here. The staff have been wonderful to me and the squad have made me feel welcome right from the start.



▲ Harry May

"I played in the reserves on Tuesday against Cheltenham, the game was physical but it was an enjoyable experience."

Ruster, 21, has signed a contract till the end of the season and was on the bench last Saturday at Ashton Gate.

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HARRY BACK IN TOWN



Former Town defender Harry May returns to The County Ground this afternoon. The proud Scot played for Swindon Town from 1950-1952, and gave FC Magazine insight into his playing days.

"I was a defender and things were very different in those days. Training was very hard. We had one day off on Monday when we used to play golf, but the rest of the week building up to the game was tough. The trainer was Harry Cousins and we used to do a 12-mile road run in pre-season. Needless to say the trainer was on a bike, but we certainly were a fit side back then.

"I follow the Town's results every week. The start has been very encouraging and they could be right at the top at the end of the season. I remember having huge crowds here and hopefully success is just around the corner. I wish them every success."

Harry will be making the Supporters Club draw today at Half-Time.



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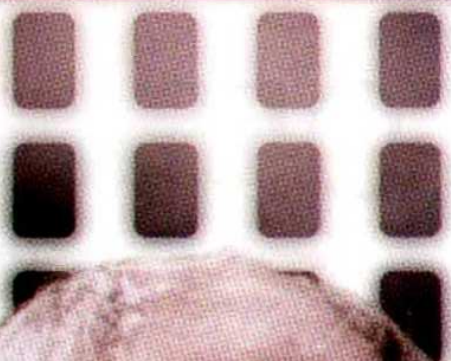
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WELCOME TO THIS AFTERNOON'S GAME WITH STOCKPORT COUNTY. I WOULD LIKE TO WISH A WARM WELCOME TO THE VISITING PLAYERS, DIRECTORS AND SUPPORTERS AND ALSO TO JOHN HOLLINS WHO IS IN CHARGE AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME.

John and I have known each other for a long time. We both finished our playing careers at Cove Ramblers in Ireland. There is a story behind this because there was a young player there who was very aggressive and had the desire to be a professional footballer. The rest is history because the lad turned out to be none other than Roy Keane. John and I often have a smile about this because if we have become his agent, perhaps we could have retired from being his agent. John is a gentleman of the game and I would like to welcome him here today.

This week has brought our first defeat away from home. It was a difficult fixture but I honestly believe that unfortunately the elements were against us. We lost key players in our loan signings who returned to their Clubs, but we coped and were not outplayed. I felt that Bristol were a little bit stronger but even in the circumstances, from last season, has grown closer. One of the things that did help us was your tremendous support, I hope we are repaying your support with our performances and your vocal encouragement was first class once again and I wish to thank you on behalf of the players.

The Bristol City saw us lose services of Stefan Miglioranza. Steve Robinson was hoping to be fit for the game at Ashton Gate but he wasn't quite ready. Grant Smith also picked up an injury but I am only facing the problems that other Managers face. These days it is just a case of when and for how long these problems occur. I will be looking to bring in more loan players and I hope any prospective loan players are as successful as our last two in James Milner and Jerel Ifil, who were both involved last weekend in the respective first teams, as I thought they would be. Unfortunately I believe Sam Parkin won't be fit for the game today. His knee injury has proved a little bit more complicated and will probably need another few days up until the Chesterfield before we can make a decision on whether he will need some form of investigative surgery. This is not good news for us and losing your top goal scorer at any Club is a major issue. I have said before that him and Tommy were the best partnership in the Division. However, I am sure with your help and encouragement the lads will rally round and overcome the setbacks to continue this run.

A plus point to come out of the weekend was the inclusion of young Sebastian Ruster on the bench, although you didn't get the chance to see him in action. I felt that it was a difficult situation to put him into at 2-1 down. He is learning English and I am sure he will be an asset to this Club as well as being a player that the fans will enjoy.

We have had some wonderful news this week, Brian Howard was included in the England U20 squad that faced the Czech Republic on Thursday night. To have someone at international level once again is great news for the Club and I am pleased that the FA keep an open mind in terms of selection.

I hope we entertain you this afternoon and that you have a wonderful day.

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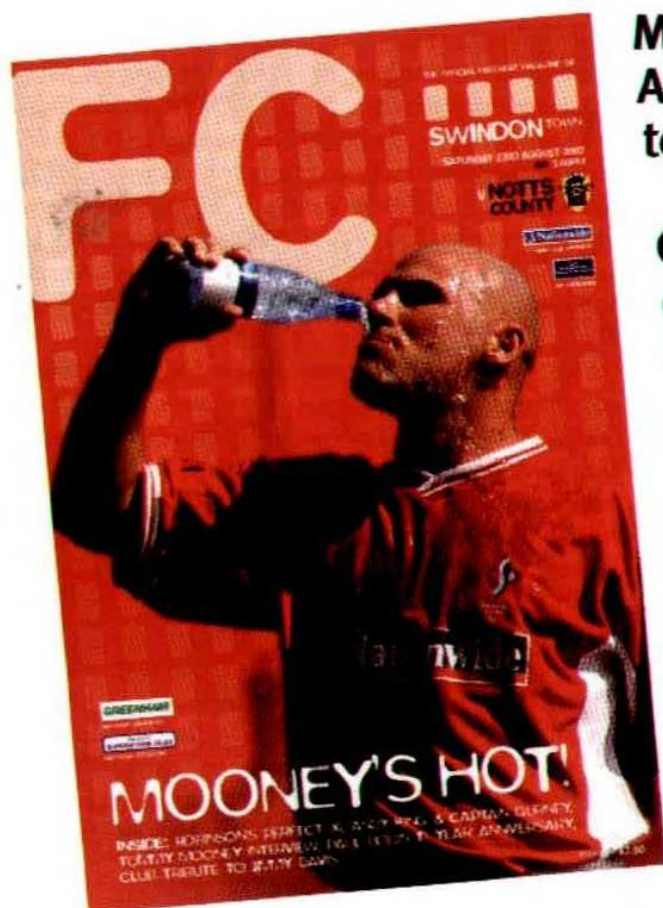
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TREATMENT ROOM

Hello and welcome to today's game with Stockport County.

It has been a busy week with Steve Robinson and Sam Parkin being joined by Grant Smith and Stefani Miglioranza, who both sustained injuries in the game at Bristol City last weekend.

Grant has a dead leg that has responded well and may have trained yesterday. Stefan had a precautionary X-Ray after kicking an opponents studs last weekend. This proved to be negative but he does have significant bone bruising that could prove costly in terms of his availability this afternoon.

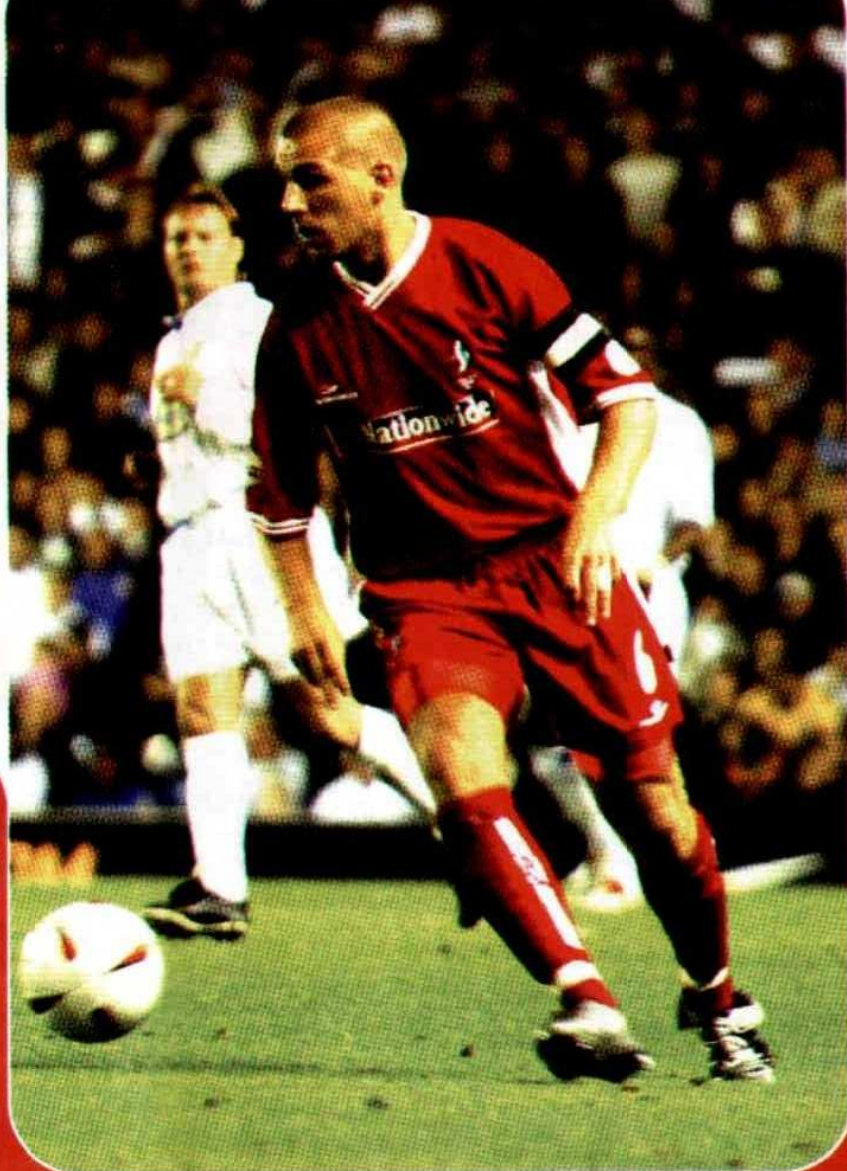
Robbo trained on Tuesday and is hopeful of his chances of being available today. Sam Parkin's continued knee problem has been frustrating for him but he must be patient to ensure that he returns 100% fit.

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CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO THE COUNTY GROUND FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S CLASH WITH STOCKPORT COUNTY.

Last season we had a mixed set of results against today's visitors. At home we were defeated 1-0 in a very tight game but got our revenge with a 5-2 win at Edgeley Park in January. It was a tremendous win and to score five goals away from home was especially satisfying.

This afternoon will be a different test with ourselves hoping to embark on another unbeaten run of results after last week's narrow defeat at Ashton

Gate. County have yet to register an away win this season, but we will have to be on our guard to make sure we collect all three points.

Following on from today's game we travel to Boston United in the first round of the LDV Vans Trophy next Wednesday 15th October before we make the long trips to Chesterfield and Tranmere.

Keep up the support, you were brilliant at Bristol City last weekend and let's hope we can reward you with another home win this afternoon.

Till next time -

'Gurns'

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC.
MARK DEVLIN



Good afternoon and welcome to you all for today's match up with Stockport County. On behalf of the board of directors can i also extend a warm welcome to the directors, management, players and supporters of Stockport County. I have met John Hollins on a couple of occasions. The last time was a few years ago at the American University in Bushey, Watford, when John was employed by the producers of Sky TV's Dream Team to assist on the football scenes for the series. I was working at Watford FC at the time and the producers were using Vicarage Road for some of the office scenes and close up football shots. I understand that they use Millwall's ground these days.

With all the controversy surrounding some of the referring decisions in

last Wednesday's match against Luton Town, it is only fair to comment upon the positive actions of the football league and match referees. Firstly a full bloodied derby match at Ashton Gate was handled in superb fashion by Mr Webb last Saturday. He let the match flow as much as possible, and when was the last time a local derby didn't feature a yellow card. Secondly, we are grateful to Mr Clattenberg the referee from our cup tie with Leeds United, and the Football League, for taking the time to review and then rescind the decision to book Bart Griemink for handling outside the area. We can be quick to criticise referees, who have a very difficult task as it is, but is good to see that common sense can prevail in this game of ours and we should be as quick to applaud it when it happens.

As these programme notes are written, I once again find myself having to comment on an article from one of the Sunday newspapers. This time the conjecture is that the club are about to sell Sam Parkin to a Premiership club with a clutch of other clubs jostling for his signature. The truth of the matter is that we are currently negotiating with Sam's advisors over an extension to his current deal. The club are not actively looking to sell Sam, although when you score the number of goals that Sam has you are bound to create headlines. As

with any business, your best employees will be sought after by your opposition and football is no different. Every football club, bar the obvious few, will tell you every player has a price. You only have to note that Sheffield Wednesday have loaned out one of their top scorers to ease their wage bill to see that. I would hope that our revenue streams, including through the turnstiles, increases to such an effect that we are able to give Andy King additional funding for new players to maintain our push at the top of the table.

We decided to reduce some ticket prices for today's game in an extra effort to build attendances at the County Ground. To those of you here for the first time or if you are returning after a long absence from supporting the team- enjoy yourselves, make some noise and please keep coming!

As you will see on the stats page, there were over 2,600 Town fans at Ashton Gate last weekend- a threefold increase on last season and the support you gave the team was wonderful. We are only sorry that we couldn't quite produce the result we all wanted, especially in a local derby, but please keep the faith. We are only 4 points off the top place and your vocal support is crucial as we attempt to stay in the top six and beyond.

Enjoy the game.



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MATCH ACTION

SWINDON TOWN 2
PETERBOROUGH 0



Jerel Ifil was a tower of strength in defence as Town scored twice in the last six minutes through Sam Parkin and James Milner to move into second place in the League, writes STFC Sports Reporter Adrian Smith.

Swindon kicked off with a different line-up in a 3-5-2 formation after their heroics against Leeds with David Duke missing through injury and their first attack resulted in a free-kick by Igoe after Andy Gurney's cross had been handled but the ball just evaded Sam Parkin.

Peterborough pushed forward and almost punished Town for some hesitant defending but Jerel Ifil was on hand to cut out the danger from lively McKenzie. Town were beginning to find their attacking form with Mooney, Milner and Parkin prominent in several moves before Parkin had

the ball in the net but the referee had already stopped play for offside. Peterborough goalkeeper Tyler made a smart save from Gurney after he had been sent clear by Hewlett and Igoe also went close shortly afterwards, but were denied by Tyler in the 'Posh' goal. Sam Parkin went close again with two shots after good play by Igoe and Gurney.

At the other end Ifil was having a superb game at the heart of the Town defence with several important tackles on McKenzie and the powerful forward play of Clarke. Milner went close in the 20th minute after a long ball from Matt Hewlett but his shot went just wide and a minute later Parkin had a shot from close range but his weak shot was gathered by Tyler. Gurney was cautioned midway through the first half when he fell after being challenged by Legg and appealing for a free-kick.

McKenzie had a fine solo run but was denied by another outstanding tackle by Ifil and Peterborough went close from the corner but Rea's weak header did not trouble Evans. Heywood also denied the same player with a brave last-ditch tackle and Mooney was on hand to clear from the corner and moments later Milner went close with a chip which went just over the bar. Mooney almost put Town ahead but his powerful header struck the post and rebounded off Tyler for a corner that was caught by Tyler. Two minutes later Mooney's goal-bound shot was cleared off the line by Arber who needed treatment for an injury and there was time for one more Mooney attack just before Referee Mr Boyeson blew for halftime.

After the break Miglioranza made a timely interception from Clarke resulting in a corner which was cleared before Milner went close

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with two good attacks Simon Rea was cautioned for a foul on Mooney but Gurney was unable to repeat Wednesday's precision free-kick and the ball sailed over the bar.

Peterborough made early substitutions with Newton replacing Kanu and Farrell taking over from Wood and within a minute Igoe went close with a good solo run but was denied by keeper Tyler and this was his last attacking contribution before being substituted by Brian Howard.

Halfway through the second half Heywood made a last ditch tackle on McKenzie and the resulting corner was cleared for an attack involving Miglioranzi and Parkin. Farrell had a powerful shot which struck the crossbar and McKenzie headed the rebound wide before Town stepped up a gear with Milner and Mooney linking up well. Andy King pushed Milner forward to

join the attacking duo of Parkin and Mooney to try and snatch the lead and he placed the opposing defence under heavy pressure. At the other end Viveash made a timely interception from a powerful goal-bound shot by ex Cardiff player Legg before Evans made a point blank save from McKenzie with ten minutes remaining.

Town took a deserved lead in the 84th minute when a pinpoint Gurney cross from the left wing was powerfully headed in by Parkin for his fifth goal in six games and this raised the noise levels around the County Ground.

Ifil made another towering header to deny Peterborough shortly before Evans was injured in a collision but he was able to carry on after treatment. Peterborough pushed forward in numbers but were caught out by a classic Town counterattack with James Milner sealing the three points with a smart turn and shot to

score his first goal in Town colours and send the crowd of 6,767 home very happy.

SWINDON TOWN: Rhys Evans, Matthew Hewlett, Adrian Viveash, Andy Gurney (capt), Sammy Igoe (Brian Howard), Tommy Mooney, Sam Parkin, Stefani Miglioranzi, Matthew Heywood, Steve Robinson, Jerel Ifil

Subs Not Used: Bart Griemink, Jon Stevenson, Alan Reeves, Grant Smith

PETERBOROUGH UNITED: Mark Tyler, Matthew Gill, Andy Legg, Simon Rea, Mark Arber, Andy Clarke (Richard Logan), Leon McKenzie, Chris Kanu (Adam Newton), Sagi Burton (capt), Steve Thomson, Neil Wood (David Farrell)

Subs Not Used: Andre Boucaud, Dennis Pearce

Ref: Mr C Boyeson

MATCH ACTION

SWINDON TOWN 2

LUTON TOWN 2



Swindon extend their unbeaten run to 10 games after battling back for a 2-2 draw after both sides are reduced to 10 men writes STFC Sports Reporter Simon Coy.

A late goal by substitute Bryan Howard grabbed a point for Town after Luton had turned the game on its head with two quick goals from McSheffrey and Forbes. This followed an early goal for Swindon through James Milner before Referee Paul Danson sent off Miglioranzi and Davis early in the second half.

Town began positively and in the 7th minute took an early lead. A determined run down the left flank by Sammy Igoe saw his pinpoint cross find James Milner in the centre of the box and the Leeds man, making his final appearance for Town, headed past Beckwith from 12 yards.

Three minutes later Pitt surged down

the left of midfield before playing the ball into the path of McSheffrey. The striker ran into the box, went down and was booked by referee Paul Danson for diving.

Just after quarter of an hour a corner taken by Courtney Pitt was met by Coyne's header but Evans was equal to it. A minute later Milner ran onto a long ball over the top but Beckwith racing off his line just beat the young forward to the ball and cleared the danger.

Luton had an excellent chance to equalise in the 21st minute when they won a free kick in the centre 28 yards from goal. The shot by Pitt whistled just over the bar, but Rhys almost certainly had it covered.

Town were awarded a free-kick after 28 minutes after Paul Hughes fouled Matt Hewlett and was booked. Hatter's manager Mike Newell was incensed

by the decision and made his feelings known to the fourth official. Referee Danson backed up his official by sending Newell into the stand.

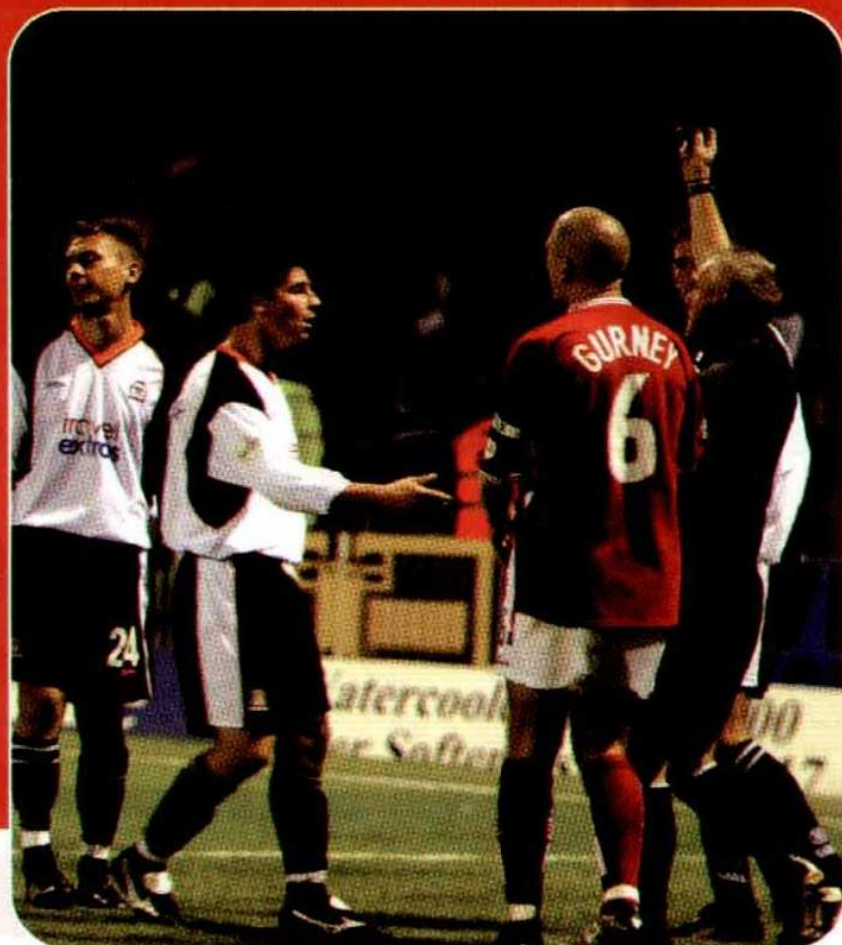
In the 42nd minute Luton had one of their rare chances of the half when a good ball through midfield from Hughes found Emmerson Boyce making an excellent run into the box but his powerful shot was straight into the arms of a grateful Evans.

With a minute of the first half left a foul on Pitt by Miglioranzi earned the Town midfielder a yellow card.

The second half started disastrously for Swindon when a minute after the restart Miglioranzi was given a second yellow card for dribbling the ball away when Luton had been awarded a free kick.

In the 48th minute a good cross found Forbes clear at the far post but his

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point blank goalbound shot was brilliantly saved by Evans. Three minutes later a McSheffrey shot flew wide of the right hand post from 18 yards.

After 54 minutes even numbers were restored when Mr Danson sent off ex-Town defender Sol Davis for use of an elbow after consulting with his linesman.

In the 63rd minute Luton were awarded a penalty when McSheffrey was bundled over by Viveash. The spotkick was well saved to his right by Evans but the referees attention was drawn by his assistant who had seen Rhys come forward off his line and he ordered the kick to be retaken. Evans protested and found his way into the book for arguing with the assistant referee. The second

kick was confidently put away by McSheffrey.

After 67 minutes Luton were ahead through an excellent individual goal. The lively Forbes ghosted into the right of the box and shimmied left and right before sending a well placed shot into the far corner past Evans. Two goals in four minutes had changed the game on its head.

Town surged forward looking for an equaliser as they attempted to maintain the unbeaten run. A Milner cross from the left came out to Hewlett on edge of box but his long-range first time shot was gathered by the Beckwith after 72 minutes.

Swindon nearly got back on level terms with 15 minutes left when a trademark Milner run into box ended

when he fired a shot which was cleared off the line at the near post by the alert Coyne.

With ten minutes left Andy King tried to alter the course of the game with a double substitution bringing on Brian Howard for Sammy Igoe and Steve Robinson, back from injury, for Hewlett. Two minutes later the manager made one last throw of the dice when he brought Alan Reeves on as a makeshift striker replacing Duke.

Luton had a chance to increase their lead after 82 minutes. McSheffrey pulled the ball back to Forbes on the edge of the box. His determined run evaded the first tackle before firing a shot just wide of the left hand post.

With two minutes left Town grabbed a deserved equaliser. Swindon were awarded a free-kick just outside the box after a foul by Russell Perrett on Howard. The tackle brought the ninth booking of the game for Perrett. A driven free-kick by Gurney was beaten out by the keeper but the ball ran free to Bryan Howard who drilled home through a crowd of players from 15 yards to earn Town a point.

SWINDON TOWN: Rhys Evans, Jerel Ifil, Matthew Hewlett (Steve Robinson), Andy Gurney (Capt.), Sammy Igoe (Brian Howard), Tommy Mooney, Stefani Miglioranzi, David Duke (Alan Reeves), James Milner, Matthew Heywood, Adrian Viveash

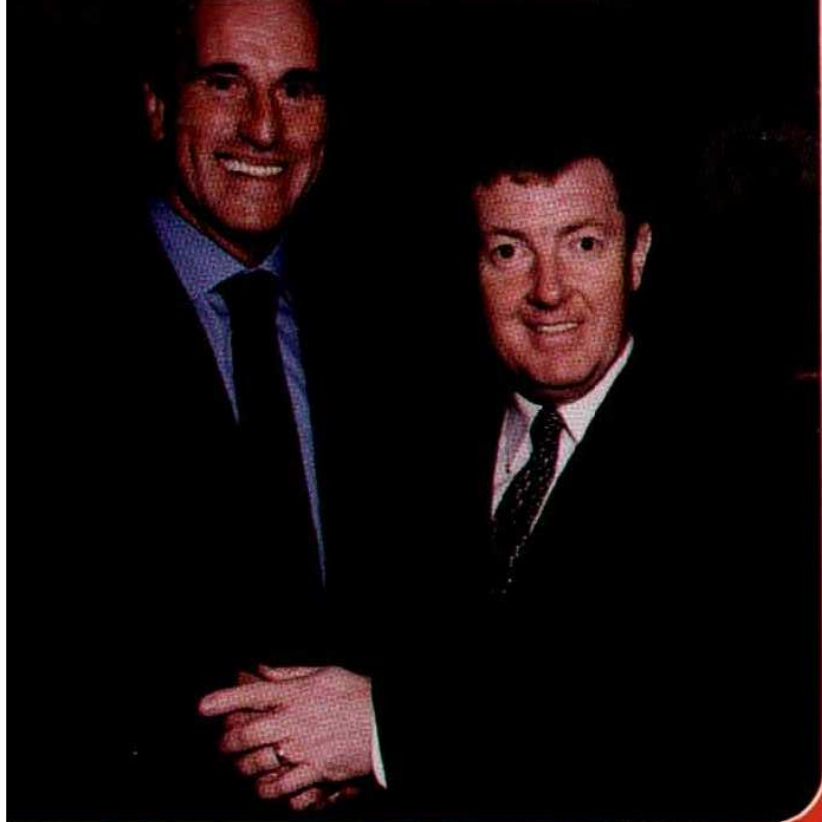
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As free transfers go, he could be our most valuable ever. Swindon Town were lucky enough to secure the services of the experienced Mike Sullivan for a second time in January 2002, having already benefited from his expertise and enthusiasm during Glenn Hoddle's rein at the County Ground. Mike has spent 22 years working in Sales & Marketing for professional football clubs and arrived back at Swindon having previously plied his trade at Watford, Crystal Palace, Tottenham and Gillingham (in his native Kent). He is proud of the excellent marketing team of Alice Wills, James Sparks, Stephen Mytton, Chris Tanner and Fraser Digby who all work hard to make the Swindon Town experience a special one.

He is a man who really does understand the beautiful game as is proven by his qualification as a Class One referee (today known as class 5). Fit enough to give the lads on the pitch a run for their money, Mike will be running in his 20th New York marathon on Nov 2nd this year and his 19th London Marathon next April. He is aiming for 20 in each and just for the record he normally finishes in around 4 hours 40.

Mike lives in Langley, Berkshire with his wife Anita and has two sons, Lee

and Jamie. It goes without saying that he follows Swindon Town but he whispered quietly that coming from Kent he is also a closet Gills supporter.

On A Matchday Saturday...

11.00AM -

Having meticulously prepared the corporate areas the day before a game, I normally arrive for duty at around 11am. Friday is the day for preparation as we sort out the table plans, catering and meal requests amongst other things. I prefer to work this way so that I can be relaxed for the corporate guests on matchday. My team is usually there already to put the finishing touches in place.

12.15PM -

The guests begin arriving for their special day at the game. They are met by my staff before I welcome them and give them a summary of their day ahead. They are then taken on a tour of the ground followed by lunch. I normally then introduce them to Rockin Robin who always goes down well with any children in the group.

2.45PM -

Fifteen minutes before kick-off the marketing team ensure that our guests get to their seats. After liaising with the referee I escort the match sponsor out onto the pitch for a

photo. Finally, as the game starts I catch up with my staff to check that everything is ok and if possible grab a quick bite.

3.43PM -

The team and I go to the lounge to speak to people during half time and I continue my PR role.

4.45PM -

At the end of the game I organise the Man of the Match award, then go to see the player involved and act as host for the presentations between the player and sponsors.

6.00PM -

Most of the sponsors and guests leave and I de-brief my team and ensure that if there were any problems that they were quickly sorted out.

Mike concluded, "Working in sales there is one opportunity to make that first impression. We have the old companies coming back and the new companies are re-booking, so things are going well and there is an air of optimism at the Club. In Alice, James, Chris, Stephen and Fraser we have a great marketing team here and we like to make people feel special by offering a very personal touch, but the best marketing tool of all is a winning team".

30 Seconds with...

STEFANI MIGLIORANZI



1) Indian or Chinese?

Neither, Italian!

2) Favourite Restaurant?

My mother's restaurant, 'Margo's' in New York.

3) Beach holiday or Safari?

Beach Holiday, anywhere!

4) Favourite Film?

The Godfather Part One.

5) What advertising slogan would best describe you?

What you see is what you get.

6) Best goal ever scored?

Not many to choose from, but the 25-yarder against Southend in the LDV Vans Trophy last season would be up there.

7) You are stuck on a desert island and you can only take three items, what are they?

Natalie Imbruglia, a flint-rock and Kylie Minogue.

8) FHM or Maxim?

Neither, a good book.

9) Who are your best friends in football?

Andy Petterson, Thomas Thorngersen and Mladen Rudonjia

10) Christmas Day or New Years Eve?

Christmas Day.

Verdict: Cultured Stef follows his Italian roots with his dining.

Dear Rocky,

Where did it all go wrong? I've been thrown out the door by my beloved Tottenham Hotspur where I am the living legend. Where can I go from here?

Glenn Le Hod

Unemployed

Glen,

It has to be said, my dear Glen, that the bottom fell out of your world just days after you took our wondrous club here to the Premier League in 1993 and it has been one big downward spiral ever since. I will make a suggestion to you and that is to revert to your other career of singing. In this day and age of Pop Idols who couldn't carry a song in a bucket, a revival of your Diamond Lights could just be your best chance of a career. However, on second thoughts you might be better off as a road-sweeper. You don't need qualifications, just pick it up as you go along! By the way, I heard David Pleat spotted an elderly lady struggling with her shopping the other day "Excuse me" he said, "can you manage?". "Yes" she replied, "but I don't want the job!" Boom-boom!

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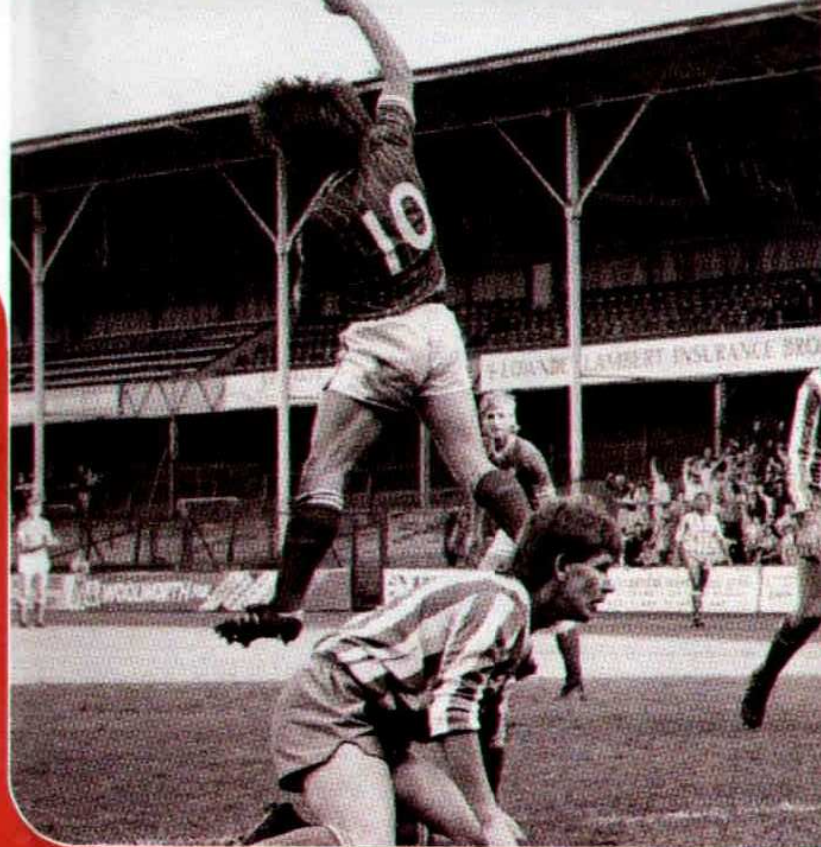
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▲ Paul Batty (No.10) celebrates scoring the first goal against Stockport.

Dick Mattick's VINTAGE RED

Today's picture shows Paul Batty celebrating scoring the first goal in Swindon's 4-0 victory over Stockport County on 27th October 1984. In the background can be the Old Stand that had once stood on the Aldershot military tattoo ground. The crowd for the match was only 2,465 and lack of numbers had led to the closure of all but blocks C and B of the top deck (hence the rows of empty seats). It was the last season the upper tier seats were in use as concern over the narrow exit and steep wooden steps led to its closure on health and safety grounds. Another interesting point in this picture is the large advertising board for Lowndes Lambert David Alderton, one of their directors had joined the Board, and they had become Town's main sponsors at the start of the season financing the acquisition of Lou Macari as manager. Lou notched a second half goal for Town after Paul Batty and Peter Coyne had given Swindon a 2-0 half time lead and Alan Mayes completed the scoring.

The match programme cost 45 pence and although there was an attractive aerial picture of the County Ground in colour on the cover, the black and white photos inside seemed poorly reproduced. Among the articles inside were one by Scott Endersby the Town keeper and an informative piece by Dave King on the Stockport squad who also wrote about the Ups and Downs of Football and a Focus on Division Four. There was an article on the Junior Robins at this stage in the first season of their existence and an informative page by Mike Skinner called Flashback which gave information on previous clashes between the two sides.

Although Stockport lost the match at the County Ground they gained revenge the following March when goals by Clive Evans and John Kerr gave County a 2-1 win in which Dave Hockaday got the Swindon goal. It was one of 11 homes victories but with only two wins away Stockport

finished in 22nd position and had to apply for re-election. Former Bishop Auckland player, Tommy Sword with 12 goals (8 from the penalty spot) was leading scorer and John Kerr a £2,000 signing from Bristol City, with 10 were the only players to reach double figures in goals scored. Goalkeeper Mike Salmon was the only ever present player in the County line up that season.

Swindon finished in 8th position a better position than had seemed likely at one stage in the season but a huge disappointment given the history of the club now enduring its first, and so far, only spell in Division Four. Colin Gordon who got a hat trick in the home match with Northampton with 17 was the leading scorer. Statistics indicating things have been far worse for both sides than they are today is shown by the average gates for the season. Town's was 3,024 while Stockport's was an even more dismal 1,895.



TODAY'S VISITORS

STOCKPORT COUNTY

THIS AFTERNOON WE GIVE A HEARTY COUNTY GROUND WELCOME TO STOCKPORT COUNTY, CURRENTLY LYING THIRD FROM BOTTOM AND WITH ONLY ONE AWAY WIN TO THEIR CREDIT SO FAR THIS SEASON.

A First Division outfit as recent as May 2002, the Hatters - who first entered the Football League in 1900 - started the season with the former England international Carlton Palmer as manager. But he's now gone, replaced in the hot seat by another ex-England man John Hollins who is employed on a caretaker basis, and things haven't really improved out on the pitch.

On the road so far this term County have won 2-1 at Peterborough but have lost three encounters at Oldham Athletic, Plymouth Argyle and Wycombe while drawing at Rushden & Diamonds and Sheffield Wednesday.

Last Saturday they were held 0-0 at home by draw specialists and bottom club Chesterfield and in fact have yet to win in front of their own supporters (three defeats plus two more draws).

Goalscoring seems to be a problem within the club - only 13 in 12 starts in the league this season - as against 65 in the whole of 2002-03. Hollins knows where the problems lie; it's just knowing how and when, and with whom, to sort them out. He is confident he can turn things round but it will take time and although it's early days yet as the League campaign is a marathon and not a sprint, he desperately wants to place a few more points on the board and pull away from the relegation zone.



THE GAFFER

JOHN HOLLINS

As a midfielder, John Hollins, MBE, now 57, had a very good career, spanning 20 years during which time he appeared in more than 700 League games for three London clubs: Arsenal, Chelsea and QPR, having two spells with the Gunners and at Stamford bridge. Capped by his country at youth, 'B'. Under-23 and senior levels; he also represented the Football

League and collected medals for triumphs in the FA Cup, League Cup, European Cup-winner's Cup and Second Division. He managed Chelsea (1985-88) and Swansea City (1998-2001) has since been in charge of while also acting as coach to several clubs. He took over as caretaker-manager at Stockport earlier this season following the sacking of Carlton Palmer.

DANGERMAN

LUKE BECKETT

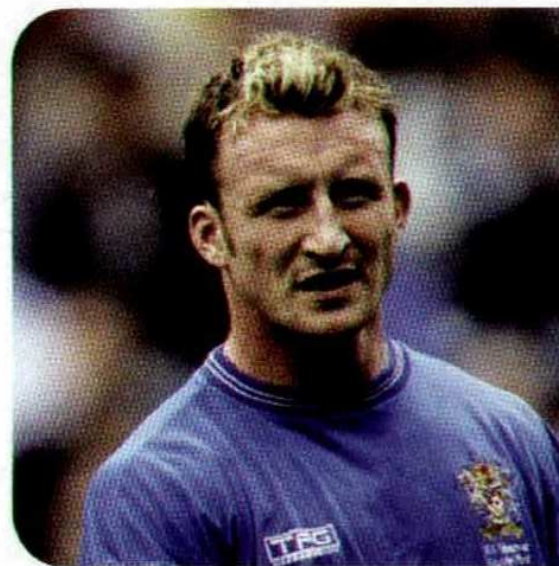
Striker LUKE BECKETT, out injured during September/early October, is a key player in the County side. Aged 26, and a native of Sheffield, he played initially for Barnsley (1995-98) and after spells with Chester City (32 goals), Chesterfield (26 goals in only 74 games) he signed for Stockport for £100,000 in December 2001. He's now netted over 40 times for the Hatters and had an excellent 2002-03 season when he top-scored with 29 goals. He would have certainly pushed leading striker Robert Earnshaw (Cardiff City) close for the Second Division's 'Golden Boot' award had he not missed the last two games of the campaign. He collected all of County's 'Player of the Year' prizes and at the same time grabbed his first senior hat-trick, against Northampton Town. Sharp and decisive, eager and active, he could well be a handful his afternoon.

DID YOU KNOW?

Internationals Asa Hartford, Mike Summerbee and Jimmy Melia all managed County between 1979-89 and since then Dave Jones (now Wolves) and Gary Megson (WBA) have also been in charge at Edgeley Park.

LAST MEETING

Last season (on 31 August 2002) the Hatters beat the Robins 1-0 in a Second Division League game in front of 5,456 spectators, Luke Beckett scoring the all-important goal just before the hour mark.





STUART BARLOW

The former Everton, Oldham Athletic, Wigan and Tranmere attacking midfielder/striker joined County three months ago and has now scored over 125 goals at senior level.

DAVE CHALLINOR

Experienced defender, formerly of Tranmere Rovers (170 appearances) who joined County in 2002 for £120,000. Gained England caps at schoolboy and youth team levels.

ROBERT CLARE

Another former England youth international defender who signed 'pro' forms for County three years ago and has now made almost 1100 first-class appearances.

NICK COLGAN

First-choice goalkeeper, who has been in good form of late. A smart shot-stopper, he made his League debut for the Hatters earlier this season and is highly-rated at the club.

WAYNE COLLINS

Midfielder, formerly with Crewe Alexandra (2 spells), Sheffield Wednesday and Fulham, he joined County this season and has now amassed in excess of 270 senior appearances at club level.

JON DALY

Republic of Ireland Under-21 international, born in Dublin, a County senior player for three years, he has deputised for Luke Beckett and has scored over a dozen goals for the club.

KEVIN ELLISON

Left-sided player, formerly of Leicester City, he joined County for £55,000 two years ago after making one Premiership appearance for the Foxes as a second-half substitute.

ALI GIBB

27 year-old right-sided midfielder, ex-Norwich City and Northampton Town, who has made over 150 appearances for County since moving from Sixfields in February 2002.

JOHN HARDIKER

21 year-old defender, signed from Morecambe in January 2002 for £150,000, he's made almost 50 appearances for the Hatters, three goals scored.

Stockport Squad

LEE JONES

Second choice goalkeeper from Pontypridd, he played initially for Swansea City, then Bristol Rovers (93 games) and joined County for £50,000 three years ago.

RICKIE LAMBERT

21 year-old striker, secured from Macclesfield for £300,000 last April having previously served with Blackpool. Scored 10 goals for the Moss Rose club.

AARON LESCOTT

Brother of the Wolves centre-back Joleon; also a defender he joined County from Sheffield Wednesday in November 2001 having earlier played for Aston Villa and Lincoln City (on loan).

FRASER MCLACHLAN

20 year-old Manchester-born for trainee at Edgeley Park who had the misfortune to see red on the first day of the 2002-03 season.

OWEN MORRISON

Summer signing from Sheffield United; a hard-working winger with pace and ability, he was previously a player with Sheffield Wednesday and Hull City and has seven Northern Ireland under-21 caps to his credit.

MARTIN PEMBERTON

27 year-old left-sided midfielder whose career has taken him to Oldham, Doncaster, Scunthorpe, Hartlepool, Mansfield and Stockport, signed by County in April 2002. He's now made 150 first-class appearances.

SHAUN SMITH

Left-back, on loan from Hull City, previously with Halifax Town and Crewe; a dead-ball specialist (especially off the spot); he's scored well over 50 goals during his career.

JAMES SPENCER

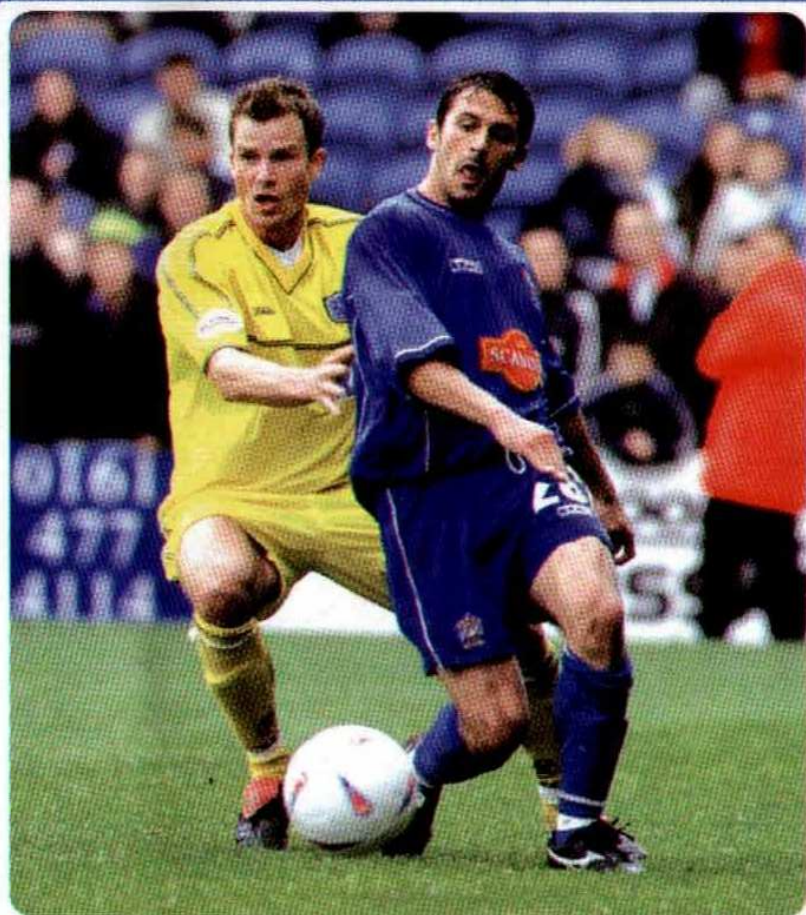
6ft. 5in goalkeeper, a professional for 18 months, who started this season with only four first team outings behind him.

ANDREW WELSH

19 year-old right-winger, 5ft 8in tall, a professional for two years who had a loan spell with Macclesfield last season.

AARON WILBRAHAM

24 later this month, a professional since 1997 and scorer of over 30 goals for County. Missed a big chunk of last season after a back operation but now back to his best.



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COMING UP...

BOSTON UNITED V SWINDON TOWN (LDV VANS TROPHY)

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Swindon Town Supporters will be accommodated in 'The Town End Terrace' which is a cantilever stand which can accommodate 1,820 visiting supporters.

Entry to this area is by turnstile 7,8,9,10, which is in Spayne Road, less than 100 yards from John Adams Way, where visiting supporters are dropped off from their coaches. On John Adams Way is a N.C.P. car park for those traveling by car.

Turnstiles in this area will open at 6.15pm

Male and Female toilets, plus a permanent snack bar are situated in this area, the snack bar carries a large selection of pies, burgers, chips, hot and cold drinks, sweets and crisps.

Admission prices for The Town End area are:

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Boston United have a limited number of spaces for Wheelchair users, in a disabled area in front of 'The Finn Forest Stand', this area is covered and is very near to a disabled toilet.

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The newly re-furnished 'Sports Bar' at Boston United in the York Street car park welcomes visiting supporters.

The bar has a very good selection of beer, lager, soft drinks, coffee and snacks, 3 large TV screens show many sports programmes and live matches.

CHESTERFIELD V SWINDON TOWN

(SAT 18TH OCTOBER 3PM K.O.)

Admission Prices

Seats:

Adults: £15.00

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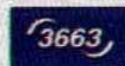
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JON RITSON



HEALTH checks for managers have been in the news again recently but I think with all the emphasis on the stresses football can cause the heart, the issue of eye-sight has been overlooked. I am becoming increasingly concerned that people are neglecting this crucial area and that football bosses are suffering as a result.

Eye tests should be compulsory every year to avoid the post-match 'I didn't see it' disease. Some managers seem more prone to this than others but it does seem to strike in a most inconsistent pattern.

One Premiership manager was on the box the other day spouting about a disgraceful tackle made by an opposition player. Yet when questioned about a foul committed by one of his own players, he claimed not to have seen it. Surely

a case of myopia (is that the right term?).

Or perhaps it is not short-sightedness but rather a case of seeing what you want to see. I feel dangerously close to suggesting a similar scheme for referees but I wouldn't resort to such a cheap joke.

Talking of officials, what a contrast in the performances of the men in black at the Luton and Bristol City games respectively. Full marks to Howard Webb at Ashton Gate. It shows you don't have to shower red and yellow cards like confetti to keep control of a match.

It was disappointing to see the long unbeaten run come to an end but I suppose it had to happen sometime and victory today would go some way to easing the disappointment. Those of you who made the trip to Ashton Gate did a fantastic job in getting behind the lads. All I'll say of the Bristol City fans is that 'sing when you're winning' springs to mind.

Popping back to the issue of managers briefly, it's a shame we won't have the chance to listen to Carlton Palmer's post-match comments today.

Our 1-0 defeat here at the hands of Stockport last season was one of the most one-side games I've ever

seen. Even now it's hard to comprehend how we lost. According to Mr Palmer, recently dismissed from his Edgeley Park post, it was a classic away performance. Mmmm. I don't remember him describing our 5-2 thrashing of them at their place as a 'classic' away performance though.

Finally, an admission to my mother. She always told me that the 'B' grade I received for GCSE French was a fluke. She felt the effort I'd put in was worthy of something much lower. 'Nonsense' I said. Sadly, she was proved right only a few days ago.

I took it upon my myself to try and interview new boy Sebastien Ruster last week. Little did I realise what a prat I was about to make of myself. After a dodgy 'Aimez Vous La Swindon?' from me, he proceeded to launch into high speed French. I smiled, nodded, laughed and parted with an Au Revoir. Then it was straight back to the office to hand the tape over to a sports desk colleague who got as far as A-level French.

Ah well, at least I made the effort. Enjoy the game and see you all back here for the match against Port Vale.

Cheers

Jon Ritson



Good afternoon and welcome to today's game against Stockport County.

YOUNG GUNS

Last Saturday our Under 19's entertained Swansea City, and after a good performance at Bristol Rovers the week before we were looking for again a consistent performance.

We started the game brightly and passed the ball very well with good movement and when we lost the ball we worked very hard to get it back. We were rewarded for our endeavors with a well-taken goal from Jamie Cheeseman, when he accepted a cross from the left and with a good touch, turned to fire into the back of the net.

We continued to press looking for the second goal when the referee awarded us a penalty when Harry Hambidge was brought down inside the box. Mark Draycott took the penalty and it was an identical save that Rhys Evans made against Luton Town, and the linesman adjudged their keeper to have moved forward off the line. Mark retook the penalty and made no mistake second time around.

Going into the break 2-0 up, I was very pleased with the first 45 minutes. I stressed to the players it was important to keep up their first half performance that sometimes is very difficult when interrupted by half-time. Sometimes you are in a rhythm and don't want half-time to come. It is then mentally that you have to start again at the beginning of the second half and get back to where you left off. We did this very well and scored early on in the second period to make it 3-0 though Mark Draycott and went onto totally dominate the half without adding to our goal tally.

It was a very good performance with some good passing, movement and tremendous work-rate and the question posed to the lads is can we continue it, I have every confidence in them.

Enjoy the game.

Viv



FIXTURES 2003/04

UNDER 17'S

Sat 16th Aug	Exeter City	Away	5-1
Sat 23th Aug	Torquay United	Home	1-0
Sat 6th Sep	Cardiff City	Away	0-1
Sat 13th Sep	Cheltenham Town	Home	2-1
Sat 20th Sep	Plymouth Argyle	Away	p-p
Wed 27th Sep	Bristol Rovers	Home	3-0
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	

UNDER 19'S

Sat 16th Aug	AFC B'mouth	Home	2-2
Sat 23th Aug	Cardiff City	Away	2-1
Sat 6th Sep	Torquay United	Away	0-1
Sat 13th Sep	Exeter City	Home	2-1
Sat 20th Sep	Plymouth Argyle	Home	0-1
Wed 27th Sep	Bristol Rovers	Away	1-1
Sat 18th Oct	Swansea City	Home	3-0
Sat 25th Oct	Cirencester	Away	
Sat 1st Nov	Exeter City	Away	
Sat 20th Sep	Plymouth Argyle	Away	
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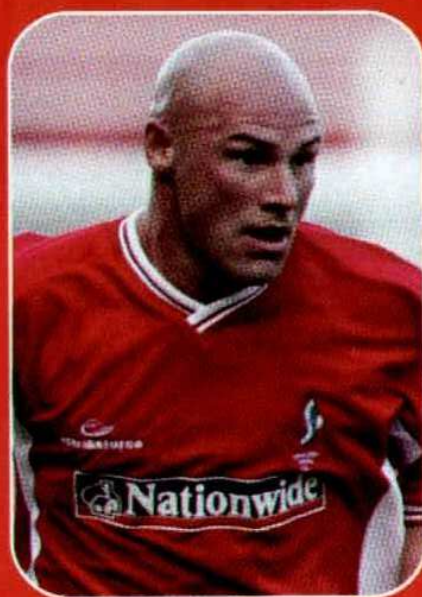
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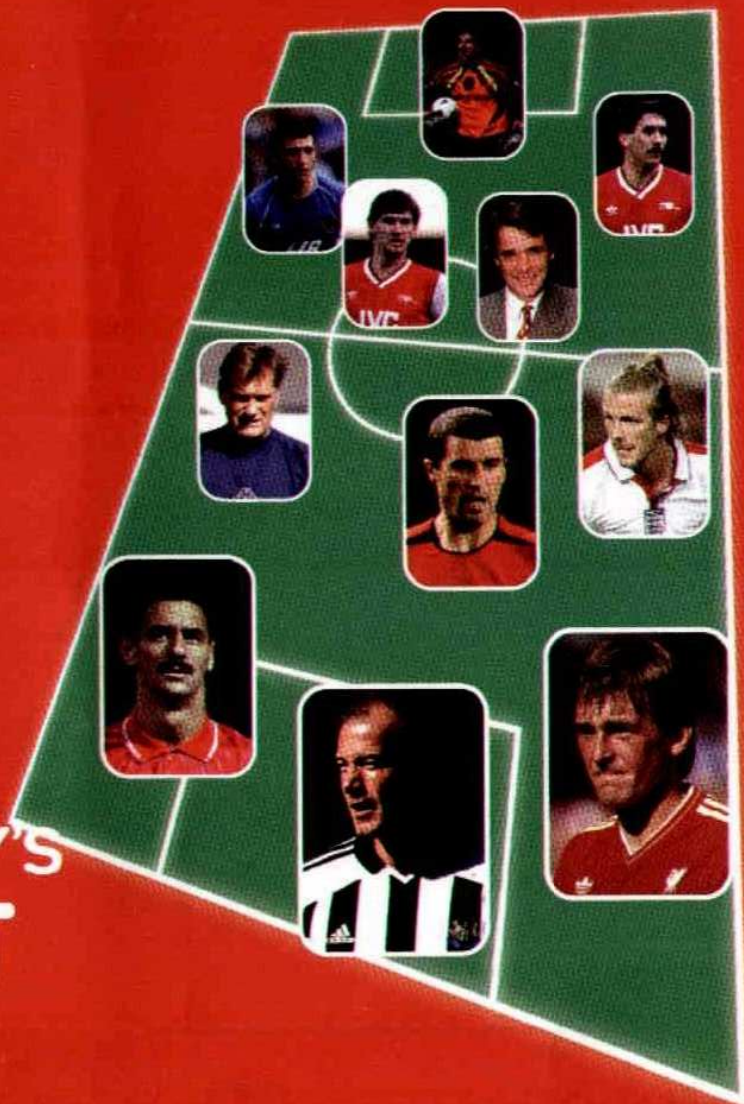
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NEVILLE SOUTHALL

He is an unbelievable shot-stopper and having watched him train, his work-rate was incredible. I am not sure how many training tops he used to wear, they certainly didn't do his 'look' any good but he would certainly make the side, as good a keeper as there has ever been.

NICKY EADEN

Just to balance the back-line, I would go for one of my best mates in the game, his crosses made a lot of my goals at Birmingham. Please note though, he's in the side because I can't think of anyone else!

TONY ADAMS

He is not the best footballer that has ever been created but he has to be in my team because of his personality. He is a true leader and could hold everything together.

ALAN HANSEN

He can play, defend and can virtually do the lot! A complete player and also achieved a lot of success. He would bring a lot to the team.

KENNY SANSOM

Traditionally not one of the strong points, but I will go for Kenny because he is a mate! He can tell a good story so he would keep the team morale up, especially on tour.

GLENN HODDLE

In my Perfect British XI because of his technical ability. He could open up a game with his creative ability.

DAVID BECKHAM

On the right hand side would be Beckham purely because of the quality of his dead ball delivery. His free-kicks are pin-point and he also has a great work-rate.

ROY KEANE

An outstanding player and one of the best in the business. There are many more 'stars' in the United team, but any player who has played with him will appreciate just how valuable he is to the team.

IAN RUSH

His goal record speaks for itself and Liverpool were the best team in the eighties with him in the side.

ALAN SHEARER

This man is the best there is and he has scored some great goals in his career. He is one of the best finishers around and would be the first name on my team sheet.

KENNY DALGLISH

A quality player and alongside Ian Rush and Alan Shearer, with these three in the eleven I think there would be enough goals in the team to win any game.

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WAITING IN THE WINGS

BRIAN HOWARD JOINED SWINDON TOWN ON 16TH JULY 2003 FROM SOUTHAMPTON AND HAVING BEEN WITH THE SAINTS FOR TWO SEASONS, IS NOW FIRMLY PART OF ANDY KING'S FUTURE PLANS AT THE COUNTY GROUND.

Having been involved with the England U20 squad this week as they faced the Czech Republic at Stevenage, attentions now turn to this afternoons Division Two clash with Stockport County. Brian started last Saturday's local derby at Bristol City and the Winchester born midfielder has appeared in nine of Town's fourteen games so far this campaign.

Firstly Brian, for those of you who don't know your background, where did you start playing football?

I was playing for Eastleigh Vikings when I was eight years old, my local team. From there I then got signed on by Southampton and progressed through the youth ranks. I was in the reserves for three seasons but I never actually made a competitive first team appearance. However, I was involved in around seven first team squads under Glenn Hoddle and Stuart Gray when they were in charge.

Having come from a Premiership environment, what are the differences between the top flight and Division Two?

I would say it is a lot more physical in Division Two. There are a lot of differences but the squad is a lot smaller here at Swindon. We used to do more gym work as a team at Southampton but I players here tend to go to the gym individually. The training methods are more enjoyable as a player here because there are more game situations, such as small-sided games. This I think benefits you as a player,

there was a lot of general training done at Southampton.

What was it like under Gordon Strachan at St.Marys?

Hard work to say the least! We had to endure three long running sessions a week and then just as many sessions in the gym. He liked his sides to be as fit and strong as possible. Sometimes it wasn't all about ability with Gordon, just hard guts and determination.

He was a bit of a nutcase at times though, you certainly wouldn't want to be on his side and give the ball away in training, he would let you know about it if you did!

What position do you prefer to play?

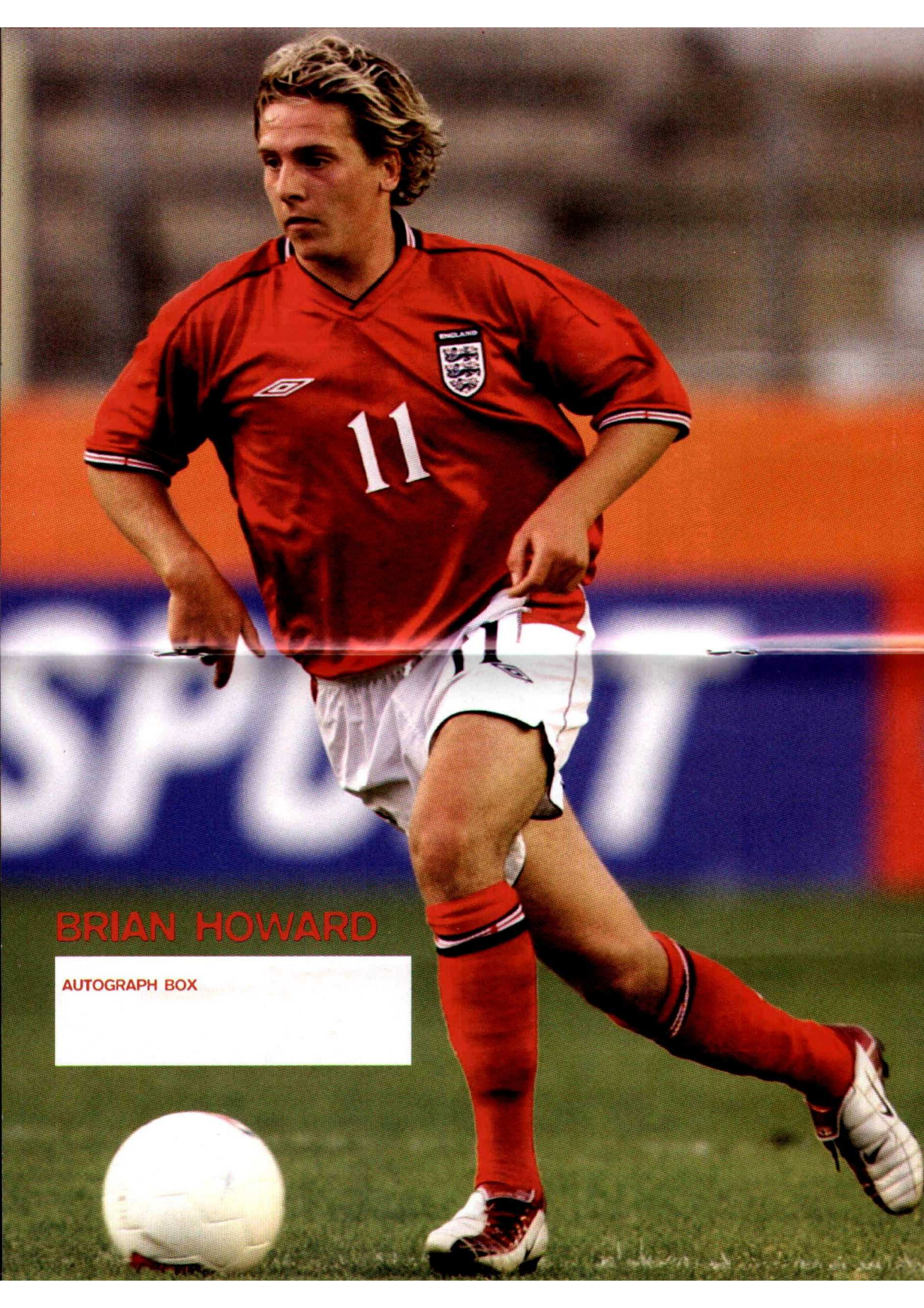
Centre midfield or in behind the strikers.

How did it feel to score against Luton Town recently?

It was unbelievable, what a buzz! It made the game all the more exciting with the penalties and sending-off as well. To keep our unbeaten record going with a late goal, being my first in senior football was fantastic.

I was confident I could hit the ball well when it came to me and I was ecstatic after it went in. It was one of the biggest midweek crowds we have had in a few years so I have been told and to score in front of the Town End made it all the more special.

I got booked for my celebration but had the referee known that it was my first goal in senior football maybe he wouldn't have shown me the card, we will never know. It was a bit harsh I thought but these things happen.



BRIAN HOWARD

AUTOGRAPH BOX



There is a blend of youth and experience here at The County Ground, what do you think of the balance of the squad?

It is good because of that mix we have. As a young player, you look at people like Tommy Mooney, Adi Viveash and Alan Reeves, they have great experience and you can learn a lot off them.

Tommy has a go at me now and then in training but it is all part of the learning curve and they are great to have around the Club.

What are your aims for the next few months?

To establish a regular first team place and hopefully to score more goals.

Do you feel a little frustrated at the lack of first team opportunities?

Frustrated yes, as all I want to do is play first

team football. I have had a taste for it having started last week at Bristol City but I know I have to be patient. The players that have been in the side have been playing very well. It is not a big squad but we have quality.

What is it like having been involved in the England U20 set-up this week?

It is a totally different set-up to the one here at Swindon. There is a lot more technical football and it is about playing the ball out from the back. League football is about getting results first and foremost. The most technically gifted young players from across the country were in the squad and it was a great experience. I have now got around 35 caps for my country at youth levels.

How will England do against Turkey this afternoon?

We have to win don't we, so I will go for a 1-0 England win, with Michael Owen on the score-sheet.

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TO THE ROCK THAT IS
COLIN CALDERWOOD.



They called him "Fridge" and strikers would shiver in his very presence. Cool as ice yet as hard as nails, Colin Calderwood was the very epitome of the model professional. Solid, dependable, loyal...I could go on; the list is almost endless.

Colin, a true Town legend, made 330 appearances in eight years for Swindon before going on to play at the highest level with 163 appearances for Spurs. There also followed 36 caps for Scotland, which is more than Lou Macari or Brian McClair and 10 more than Alan Hansen.

Simon Coy spoke to the Spurs Reserve Team Manager last week about how fitness paid off, watching the highs and lows of the Town faithful at Wembley and Paul Bodin's amazing run of important goals. He began by remembering his view of the Town masses as the game at the home of football swung one way and then the other.

"I remember being stood at the far end of the pitch at Wembley looking at the other goal and us going two nothing ahead and then three nothing ahead, and looking at all the red and white bouncing about. And then in the next twenty minutes watching less and less movement in them and almost being stood still when it went to three all, and then again the change when we got the penalty. The joy you could see when we scored the penalty was the thing that sticks in my mind, the different emotions that the fans went through"

Colin went on to explain why the never say die attitude of Hoddle's men brought out the best in the face of adversity.

"Throughout my time at Swindon we scored a number of goals, especially in the early years, late on which won games for us. We were renowned in the lower leagues for being fitter than every other team. This is something that is important throughout the leagues. There were a core of players that had been with the club through from divisions four, three and two, into one and then into the play-off final so when you look back at the games on video you can see that there was a bit of resolve in the team. We were always a team that people didn't like coming to and when you speak to people in the game today they say that we were remembered as being a very good side."

"When we got into the play-offs what sticks in my mind now is the run that we had getting there and the goals scored by Paul Bodin. I think he had a spell where he scored something like 9 or 10 goals in just over the same number of games."

"The Newcastle game was a big game because Glenn Hoddle was injured and I think Paul Hunt played, so we ended up not having the people who had played the majority of the season. It was good for the local boys, for Paul and the others, to come in and do well. In terms of that season, when people look back at the records and they look quite closely, the achievement of it all looks greater and greater".

"Fridge" and Shaun Taylor were both ever present in the 1992/93 promotion season, which in itself was testimony to the consistency and professionalism of the partnership.

"Being on the coaching side now I would say that playing every game together lends itself to very good stability at the back. We had a sense of partnership that had grown over the two years that we played together. We were helped by having Glenn playing either just between us or slightly in front of us."

Being in charge of the reserves at White Hart Lane is the perfect start for Colin in the coaching side of the game, and he would one day like the chance to step up into the top job.

"At some point I want to become a manager. The opportunities are few and far between but if I do get the opportunity at some time along the line it's something in my career on the coaching side that I definitely want to have a pop at."

Finally, Calderwood has fond memories of his Swindon days and feels Andy King is doing a good job with the present Town squad.

"Swindon are doing fine at the minute and it's one of the results that I always look for. I spoke to Andy three or four times last year and I've spoken to him a couple of times this year already. He's a good fella and he's good company."

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR GAME OF TWO HALVES



Following on from our Golf Day in July, the Club continued with the golfing theme at the first of this season's events - A GAME OF TWO HALVES

This unique day out incorporated a day's golf at the local Ogbourne Downs Golf Club, afternoon dinner and the awards ceremony, before enjoying a night of

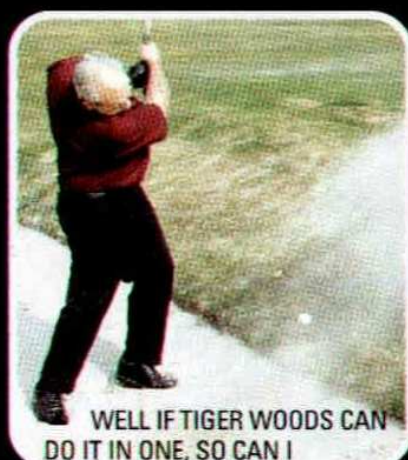
League football action at the County Ground watching Swindon Town play Luton Town.

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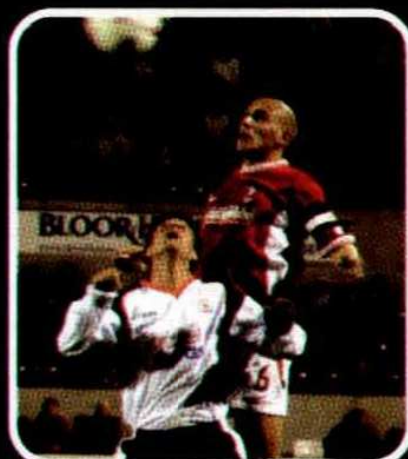
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THE DRAYTON TYRES TEAM LINE-UP BEFORE THE START



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Mike Summerbee

Winger Mike Summerbee was one of the original Bert's Babes who took Swindon Town to the uncharted territory of the Second Division in the early 1960's. Signed by Bert Head, Mike was learning his wingmanship in Cheltenham for a YMCA club called Baker Street when he was invited to step into the Football League with Swindon. Cheltenham Town themselves had been under the stewardship of Mike's father, George, between the summers of 1950 and 1952 indicating that the Summerbee's were a footballing family. George played for Aldershot, Preston, Chester and Barrow and Mike's uncle Gordon appearing for Aldershot before the war.

Initially signing as an amateur in 1958, Buzzer actually made his League debut against Bournemouth in 1959 some months before he signed his first professional contract,

and he played a big part in securing Town's promotion to the Second Division in 1962/63.

When relegation came in 1964/65, top scorer Summerbee chose to further his career with a move to Second Division Manchester City in exchange for £30,000, a change that brought great success. The Second Division championship was claimed in Mike's first season and such was City's prominence in the late sixties and early seventies that he gained a 1969 FA Cup winners medal, but Mike missed the European Cup Winners Cup final the following season. The European Cup and the UEFA cup stages would also witness Summerbee's skills

England honours were forthcoming, although Alf Ramsey's lack of penchant for wingers limited Mike's international cap haul to eight, but perhaps City's most celebrated success occurred when they pipped local rivals United to the First Division Championship by two points in 1967/68.

After nine eventful seasons and over 350 appearances he left City in June 1975 for Burnley, where he made another 50 appearances before moving on to Blackpool eighteen months later. Just three matches at Bloomfield Road meant a further departure, this time back to the Manchester area and today's visitors Stockport County in the summer of 1977. If this was to be a swansong it was a fruitful one, as Mike clocked up another 87 games before winding up his career with 716 League appearances to his name.

Of course Mike's son Nick was to bring about the rare feat of representing the third generation of footballers from the same family. In an interesting twist, all but Nick made their Football League debuts at the County Ground, Mike for Swindon and George and Gordon in a match in 1934 while representing Aldershot. Nick's debut came in an away match at Hull in 1990.

John Thomas

Finding players who have played for both clubs sometimes isn't easy. John Thomas was a Liverpool born winger who started his career with the team representing the blue half of Merseyside, signing as a professional in December 1948. Born 48 hours before Christmas Day 1926 John would have been around 22 when he joined Everton, and it's fair

to assume that his professional career was somewhat hampered by the away European fixture that was World War Two. He appears to have been given very little chance to impress manager George Martin because as 1949 entered it's second month and without making a League appearance at Goodison, John was on his way to the County Ground to sign for Louis Page.

He had to wait until the 1950/51

before making his debut for Town, in a 2-0 defeat at Norwich in September 1950 when he filled in for Willie Millar on the right wing, then played the last three games in place of Jimmy Bain on the left. With a little over 50 League appearances in a career spanning seven seasons, John Thomas perhaps didn't have the most successful career a professional footballer has ever experienced.



DUKEY'S COLUMN

With last Saturday's defeat now firmly planted at the back of our minds, we have been looking ahead to Saturday's game with Stockport County. It is vitally important that if we have any aspirations of doing anything this season that we do not lose two games on the bounce, at any time. We must not lose this Saturday and what's more we owe them from last season's home defeat where they somehow beat us 1-0. That game was one of the forgettable moments from our run of seven defeats. Being one of the earlier games in that run, we were playing quite well, in fact we played them off the park but just lost out 1-0. On paper Saturday's game may not look like the most important of games but when you consider last season's history as well as last weekend's loss, the whole picture changes.

Off the pitch, some of the players have obviously been spending their bonuses! Two players spring immediately to mind. Big Matty Heywood purchased a couple of trendy garments together with a few pairs of snazzy trainers. However, Matt Hewlett should have asked for a bit of advice, I am not sure if his wife did it for him! Every day this week Matt came in looking like the catalogue kid. Top to toe he has been covered in new gear, colour-coordinated as well. On Monday he was a skater-boy from page 61 of the children's section and on Tuesday he must have been going fishing after training! The only thing he was lacking was some waders, he already had the lifejacket!

Another man who could do with a shopping trip is 'Turbo' Robinson. Not to freshen up his wardrobe, but to take his mind off his new girlfriend. She visited

him in Bristol over the weekend and from what I have heard he was devastated when they had to part on Monday evening. The players weren't sure whether he would make it into training on Tuesday morning, after crying himself to sleep he may have found himself chasing her back up to Nottingham in the morning! She must be a great lady, to accept that kind of challenge 'Turbo', an uphill struggle if ever I heard one.

Finally, I have heard on the grapevine that Sammy Igoe had a little pop at me in his Evening Advertiser column. This filled me with joy as it means I am finally getting to him! What is it they say, truth hurts? Oh, and by the way it was Sammy who wore the dress when he and Brian went on their date! Bring it on Sammy!

Paul Dukes

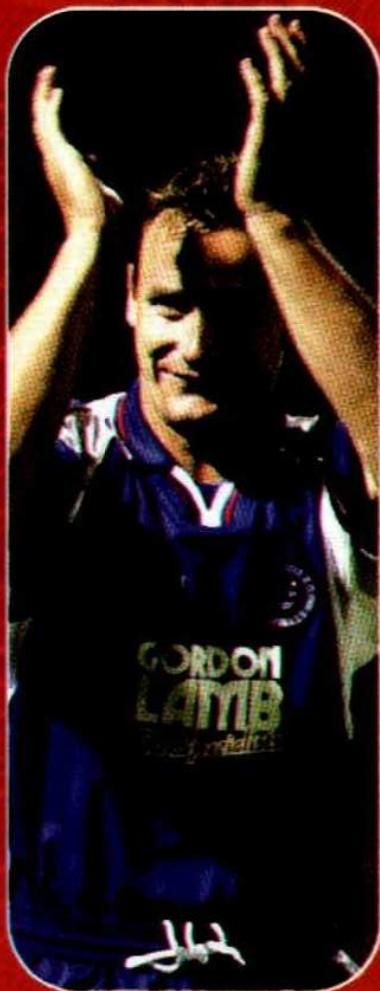


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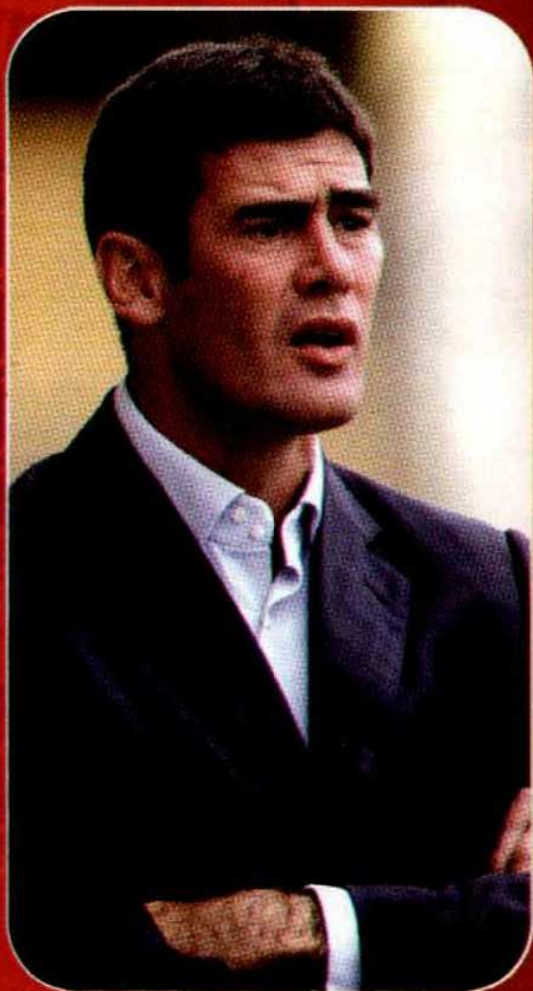
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▲ Steve Coppel



▲ Steve Payne



▲ Mike Newell

• **BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION** No admission yet that Steve Coppel is set to leave the Gulls to take over as manager of Reading. The likely favourite to move into the hot-seat following Alan Pardew's departure from the Madejski Stadium, Coppel has admitted that he would like to boss a higher-ranked club, but has insisted that's he's happy at Brighton. Indeed, the Gulls are doing very well at the minute, unbeaten at home in the Second Division, and they moved into top spot last week following their solid 3-0 victory over Blackpool.

• **CHESTERFIELD** Playing against Brentford at Saltergate recently, Steve Payne converted a penalty to end Chesterfield's nine-hour drought without a League goal. But, alas, it wasn't enough as the Bees stung the Spire-ites 2-1 thanks to a late winner, fired home by loanee Tommy Wright who was promptly sent-off for celebrating in front of the travelling supporters!

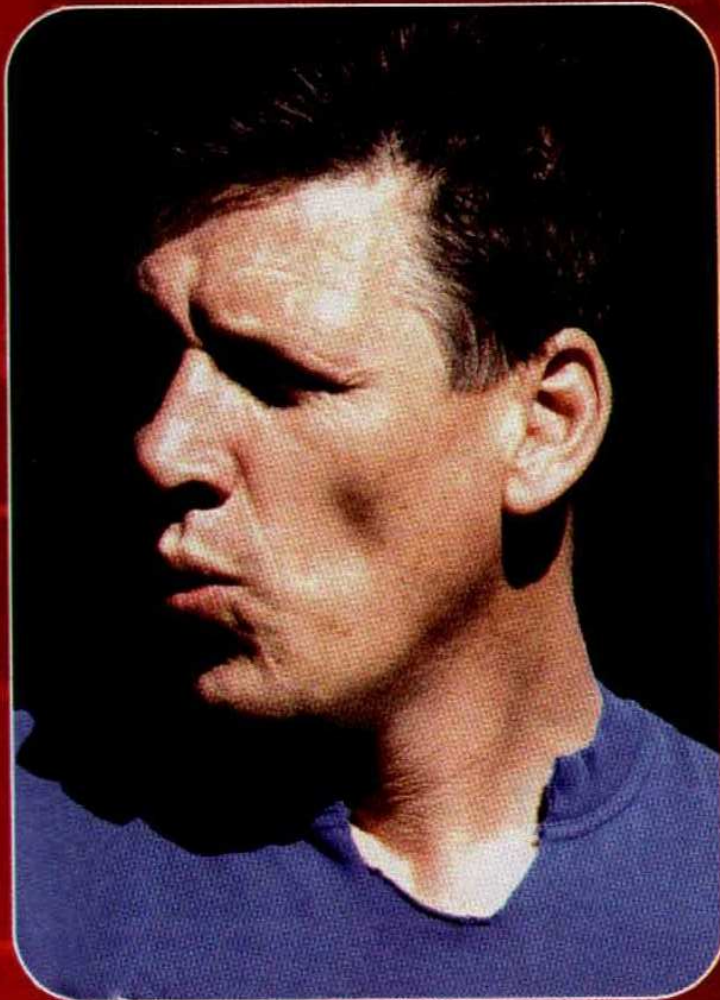
• **HARTLEPOOL UNITED** West Bromwich Albion, by winning 2-1 in a 2nd round Carling Cup-tie at Victoria Park, ended Hartlepool's 19-match

unbeaten home record that stretched back to November 2002. Neale Cooper's 'Pool, however, are still unbeaten in front of their own supporters in 22 League matches, having last surrendered all three home points to Rushden & Diamonds a little over a year ago, on 28 September 2002 (beaten 2-1).

• **LUTON TOWN** Hatters' manager Mike Newell received his second red card of the season during the League game with the Robins here at The County Ground at the end of last month -



▲ Onandi Lowe



▲ Eric Nixon

dismissed by referee Paul Danson for 'foul and abusive language.' Said Newell: 'I used bad language, okay, but the fourth official reported me like a schoolteacher to a headmaster. I'm still quite proud of myself, nevertheless.'

• **OLDHAM ATHLETIC** If you see the name Zola on the Latics' scoresheet these days, it's not the former Chelsea and Italian star Gianfranco, it's young Calvin who is making his mark in Iain Dowie's side after some impressive displays in the reserve and intermediates.

The Sheridan brothers, John (aged 39) and Darren (35) are still key members of the Latics' first team squad.

• **RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS** Diamonds' manager Brian Talbot, who is celebrating six years in charge at Nene Park, is confident his Jamaican international striker Onandi Lowe will top the 25-goal mark this season. The 29 year-old hitman, 6ft 5in tall and almost 14st in weight, has already netted close on 50 times in two years with the club and he's into double figures already this term.

• **SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY** The average League attendance so far this season at Hillsborough is a healthy 23,305 - that's bigger than all but four teams in the First Division, better than three in the Premiership and higher than the reaming 47 clubs in the lower two Divisions. Meanwhile, 40 year-old goalkeeper Eric Nixon, a coach at Hillsborough, was introduced back into League action for the owls against Grimsby Town a fortnight ago, taking over from the injured Kevin Pressman in the 0-0 home draw with Grimsby Town.



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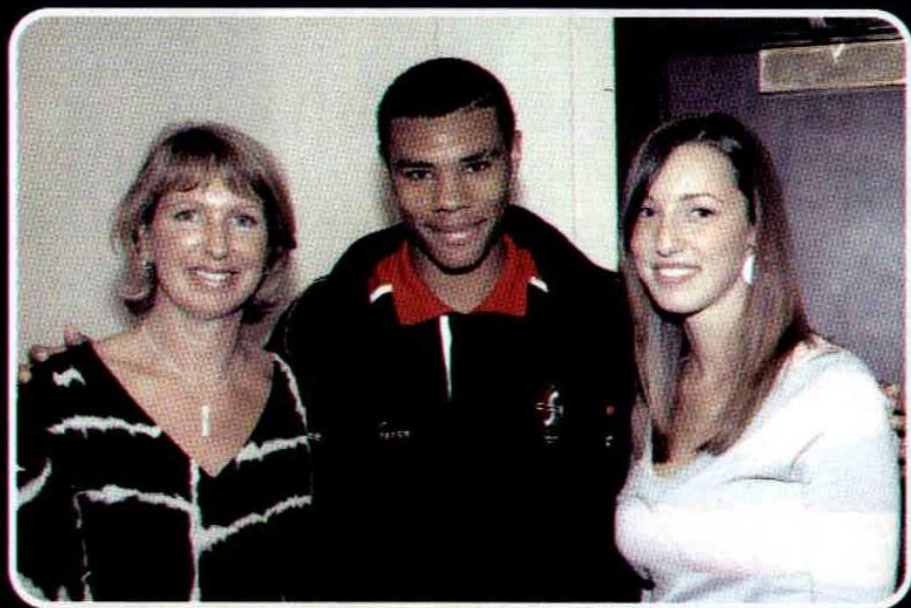
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Our Match Sponsors today are **METEOR CAR PARKING**. They are the third largest Car Parking Company in England, presently having car parking sites at Heathrow, Stansted, Southampton, Newcastle and Edinburgh Airports. Their party today is led by their Area Manager Mr Gary Barnes. **METEOR** have been one of our newer Sponsors to come on board, and they have shown their support of the club by regularly booking sponsorship packages in the Sponsors Lounge on a Matchday.

We also have a number of guests joining us today in our Sponsors Lounge on our **CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY** promotion. Guests will be enjoying a day out at the Club with a real Christmas feel to it. After a short tour of the ground, everyone will be tucking into their Roast Turkey Christmas lunch before watching the game from the Executive areas. At half time its Christmas cake and mince pies, and after the game everyone will be voting, and watching the Man of the Match presentations. I even hear little whispers that a certain Father Christmas may be making an appearance with our own 'Rockin Robin'. This is the first of such themed days, and it is our intention to run a number of them throughout the season. I will, of course make you all aware of the next corporate themed day, and the game and date.

I am also delighted to confirm that the Club will today, be announcing a new sponsorship deal. We have teamed up with the Cirencester car dealership **MITSUBISHI MOTORS** and together will be promoting a new STFC Player of the Month award. After every game, Swindon fans will be able to vote for their Man of the match, via the SMS text service or the Club's official website. Once all these votes have been collated, then the Player of the Month will be announced in the



▲ Jerel Ifil with Gemma Young and her mum Jan

matchday programme and on the Club's website. The chosen player will then receive the free use of a Mitsubishi vehicle for one month. This afternoon will see the presentation of the first vehicle and the first player to benefit is **SAM PARKIN** who, has been voted Player of the Month for September.

Mitsubishi Motors - Cirencester are delighted to announce the sponsorship of the player of the month. A top of the range Mitsubishi Shogun will be an incentive to the "towns" player of the month, outstanding performance and commitment deserves a vehicle with similar qualities. Rob Ayland, General Manager- Retail Operations, Mitsubishi Motors said "Swindon Towns players

and supporters are always welcome at our Cirencester garage where we will pass the same test that the player of the month goes through... dedication to outstanding achievement." Mitsubishi Motors in Cirencester looks forward to

supporting Swindon back to Division One!

Our official Family Enclosure Sponsors, the **OXFORD, SWINDON and GLOUCESTER CO-OP** will also be joining us at today's game. They have been excellent sponsors so far, and only two weeks ago, supplied Andy and the players with some bottles of high quality wine, for the teams excellent performance at Leeds United in the Carling Cup. They have purchased a number of tickets for today's game for members of their staff and customers to come along to and cheer the team on. Their General Manager, Mr. Bill Liard, has been instrumental in looking at ways of how the Club could develop the Family Enclosure, and it is with this in mind, that myself, Bill and members of his PDR team will be visiting Watford F.C. next week to look at how the 'Hornets' have developed their Family Enclosure. I am sure that you may recall Watford were the first Club to launch a Family Enclosure in the early eighties, and since then they have gone from strength to strength in these areas.



▲ The Match Sponsors and Mascots line-up at the kick-off

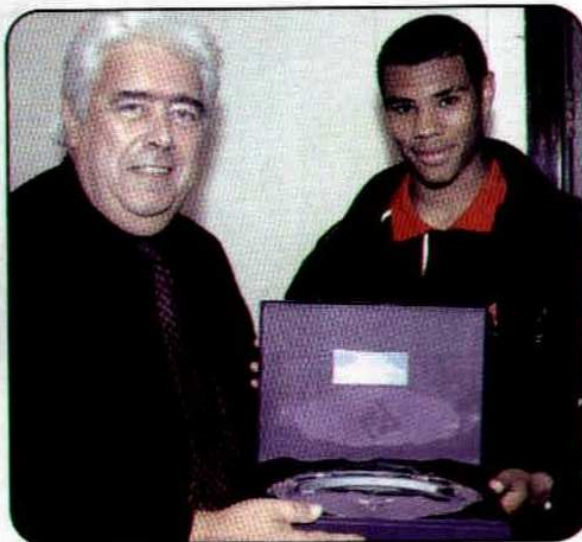


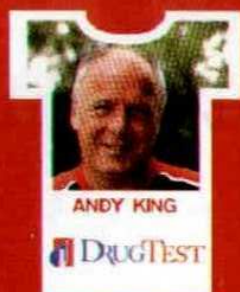
▲ When I grow up I want to be a footballer

MAN OF THE MATCH JEREL IFIL

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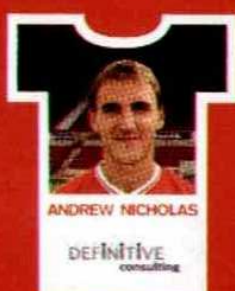
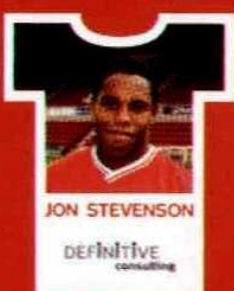
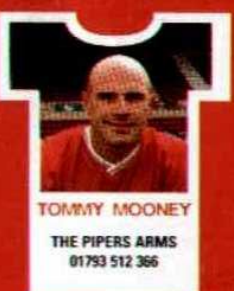
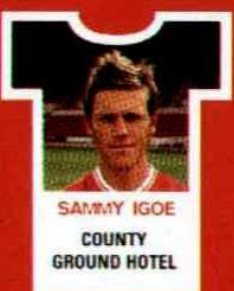
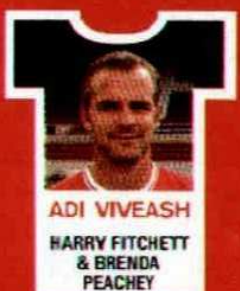
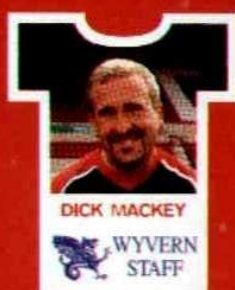
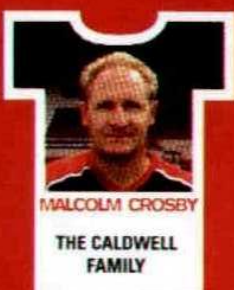
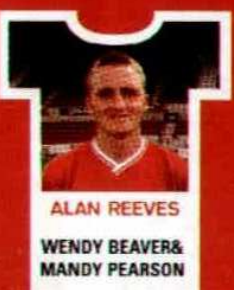
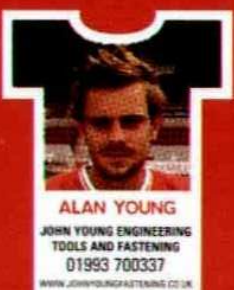
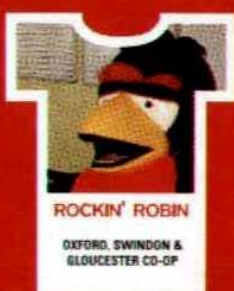
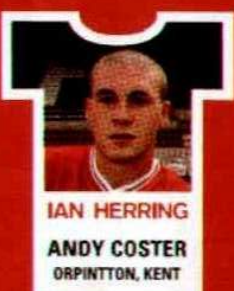
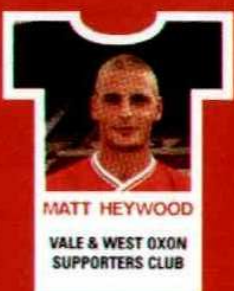
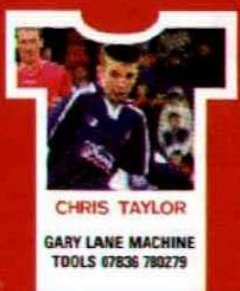
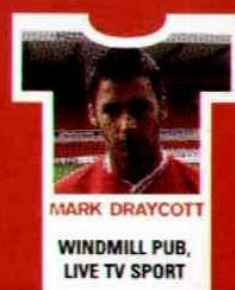
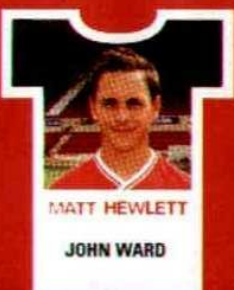
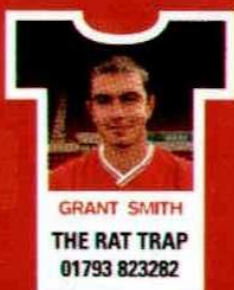
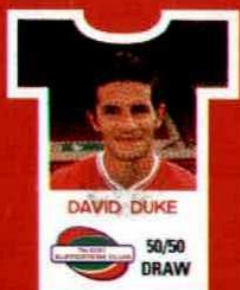
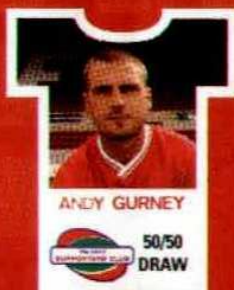
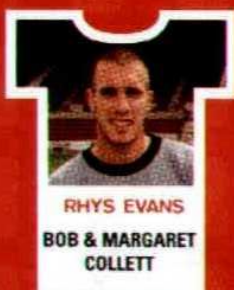
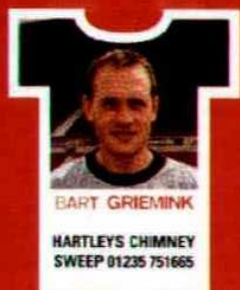
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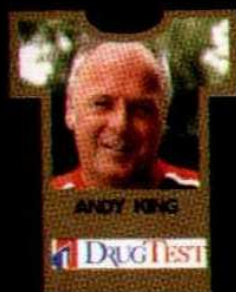




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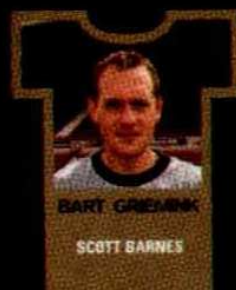


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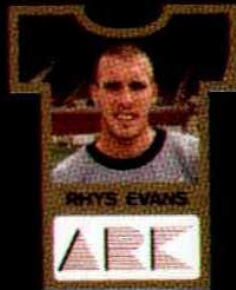
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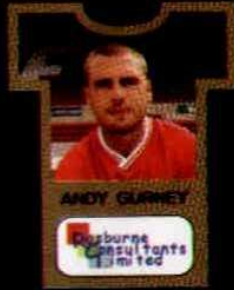


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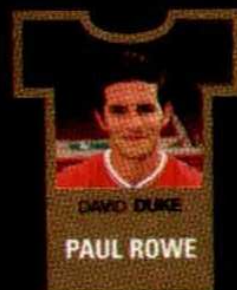


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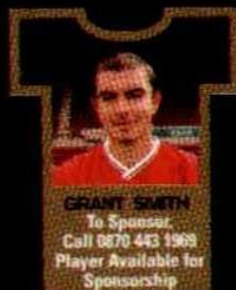
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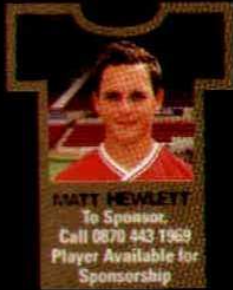
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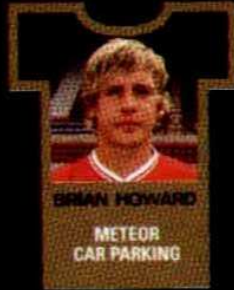
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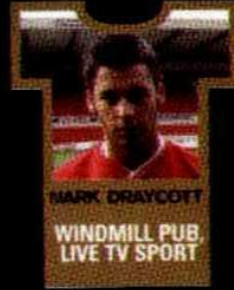
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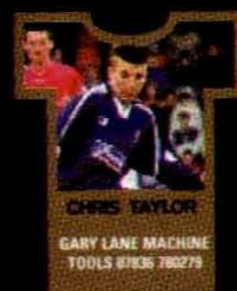
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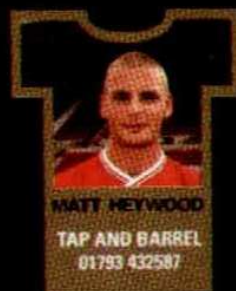
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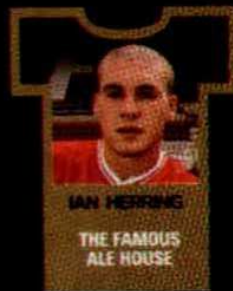
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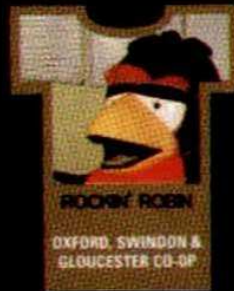
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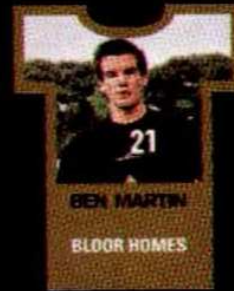
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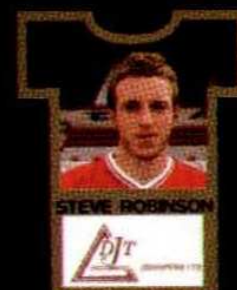
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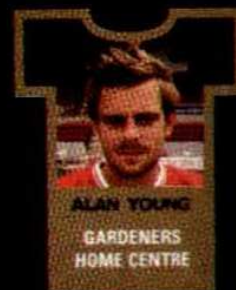


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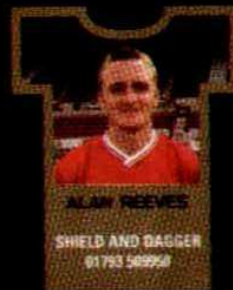


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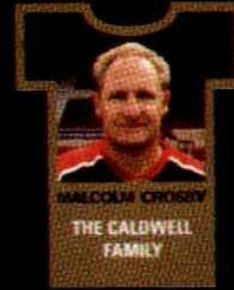
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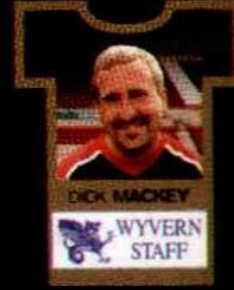
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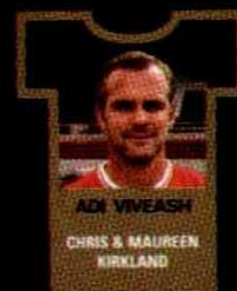


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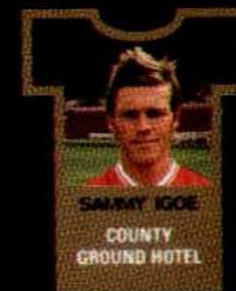


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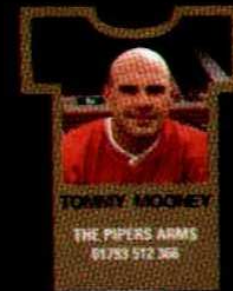
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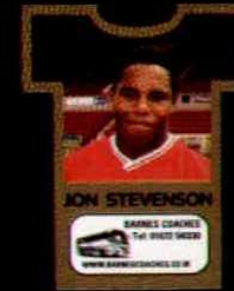
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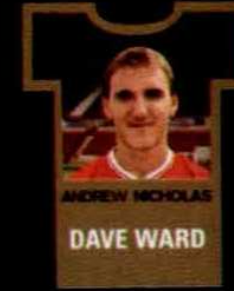


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THE ITALIAN JOB

Season Ticket Holder Paul Harrison pictured on holiday in Venice with gondolas in the background.



COWLEY IN CROATIA

Pictured here is Paul Cowley during a recent holiday in Cavtat, Croatia, looking out towards Dubrovnik.



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: John Bowler

AGE: 41

OCCUPATION: Medical Science

LIVES: Didcot, Oxfordshire

WHEN DID YOU FIRST COME TO SEE SWINDON TOWN: My love affair and obsession following the Town began on a bright January day in 1977 for the FA Cup 4th round tie against Everton. I attended the match with my brother and we stood in the Town End. We had never experienced such a large vocal crowd. The Town End was so packed we were pulled out and we stood watching the game in front of the North Stand.

BEST STFC MEMORY: Any game where we are 3-0 up with 5 minutes remaining. Actually I have so many memories I could reminisce for hours. During the depressing last few seasons on and off the field it has been my memories that have lightened up many a dark day.

HOPES FOR THIS SEASON: To reach the safety points total of 52 before Christmas and then to push on for a play off place or even better, automatic promotion.

YOUR LONG TERM HOPES FOR THE CLUB: To get back into Division One. Football success goes in cycles. I have always had the belief that good times will return. I believe that this is starting to happen again now. The momentum on and off the field must be continually harnessed together for a brighter future. A new stadium with facilities to ensure that revenue is put into the club on a daily basis is a must.

IF MONEY WERE NO OBJECT WHO WOULD YOU WANT TO SEE PLAYING FOR SWINDON: No-one in particular. Only players who are committed and want to play for Swindon and obviously who would improve our existing squad.

YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FANS: Keep turning up even when results go against us. Stay united and don't turn on the team. Spread the positive vibes now emanating from the club to the stay-aways or even better, bring them along.

YOUR MESSAGE TO THE PLAYERS: Stay focused and committed at all times. You are playing for a great football club. Together we can achieve success.

QUIZTIME - 25 YEARS AGO

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

1) Which ex-Southampton, FA Cup winning striker signed for Swindon from Portsmouth in autumn 1978?

2) Jock Stein left Leeds United on 4th October 1978, having lasted just one day longer in the Elland Road hot seat than a previous manager. His name?

3) Which ex-Swindon and England winger was sent off while playing for today's visitors Stockport County against Barnsley in Division Four on 13th October 1978?

4) On 6th October 1978, Swindon surrendered a 2-0 lead to lose 3-2 at Colchester. The home team's goalkeeper later managed Everton. What is his name?

5) And on 10th October, Peterborough put Town out of the League Cup with a 2-0, third round replay win at the County Ground. Posh's defence contained a man who would sign for Swindon in September 1980, but never make an appearance for Town. Who?

A1 Paul Gilchrist A2 Brian Clough A3 Mike Summerbee A4 Mike Walker A5 Jack Carmichael

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: Ian "Digger" Banks

QUALIFICATIONS: "Digger" has been following Swindon Town for over 30 years having first watched Town play in 1973 when a family friend (a Hereford United supporter then and now) took him to see Swindon vs Maidstone United in the Cup. Town won the game 3-1 though it remains a distant memory and he has no idea who the players or goalscorers were. He remembers sitting in the North Stand blue seats on a not so warm afternoon with a rather sparse crowd.

It was only in the early 80's that "Digger" started watching Swindon on a regular basis. Back in those days the Club had very few resources available and the manager tended to be an ex-player or relatively unknown name such as John Trollope or Ken Beamish. The team consisted of ageing players or young players coming through the ranks who weren't quite good enough (Paul Rideout apart). The team were struggling along at the wrong end of the old Division Three and this never looked like changing.

Since then "Digger", along with thousands of other fans, has followed Swindon through the roller coaster years from the Lou Macari era until the present day.

- 1. Fraser Digby:** Very consistent goalkeeper with great handling skills and fine shot stopper who made the position his own over a period of 12 years.
- 2. Nicky Summerbee:** Very quick winger who adapted to the wing back position. Great dribbler at pace who had an amazing ability to swing in telling crosses from seemingly impossible positions.
- 3. Phil King:** Solid full back with a sweet left foot who liked to overlap and curl in great crosses for the forwards.
- 4. Tim Parkin:** Big stopper who was good in the air. Wholehearted player who always gave 100%.



- 5. Colin Calderwood:** Rock solid defender, hard as nails who never allowed a striker any space. He was strong in the tackle with good positional sense.
- 6. Shaun Taylor:** Big defender who was also good in the air. A real battler who chased everything and made numerous last ditch tackles to save the day.
- 7. Chris Kamara:** High energy player with a crunching tackle who covered a lot of ground. When you saw him steaming across the pitch after a ball you would wait for both the ball and the man to end up in the stand. He would probably get sent off every game nowadays.
- 8. Glenn Hoddle:** Midfield general who was equally good as sweeper or in midfield with the ability to control a match. A player with great vision with passing skills to match. Great trickster and a goal scorer. What else can you say about Glenn the player - world class?
- 9. Duncan Shearer:** Big strong striker with a powerful shot who wasn't afraid to stick his head in where it hurt. Scored lots of goals including a number of spectacular ones.
- 10. Dave Bamber:** Big, awkward, gangly player who could play in midfield or as a striker with quick feet. He could dribble past defenders for fun and score goals. Worth the admission money alone with his mesmerising skills which could light up the place.
- 11. Mark Walters:** Pacey winger with quick feet and great dribbling ability. Everyone in the ground including the opposition knew he was going to do the step-over, but the trick always worked. Good crosser of the ball with either foot and great at free-kicks.

SUBSTITUTES:

- 1.** Kenny Allen
- 2.** David Kerslake
- 3.** John Moncur
- 4.** Alan McLoughlin
- 5.** Jan-Aage Fjortoft



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Total money raised so far:

£800

SWINDON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

AWAY TRAVEL SPONSORED HALF TIME DRAW.

Winner from the Peterborough game was Ms S Carter from Wroughton. Her ticket number 616 won a prize of £395.

Details of the winner from the Luton match will be included in our programme notes at the next home match.

POUNDS FOR POINTS SPONSORSHIP.

We are now fast approaching £50 per point and need just a few more contributors to reach this milestone. With our current points tally of 20 we have already raised over £800 from this initiative for the football clubs school of excellence and each win by the first team means almost £150 is added.

However, we don't intend to rest on our laurels, as the first team do their bit, can we invite fans, businesses or the like to contribute just 50p per point minimum and help.

Don't forget all funds raised go to developing the youth of the town.

FREE COMPETITION

We would like to invite all fans to enter a free competition that will run up until 22nd November.

All you have to do is visit our web site and print the front page. Once you have done this write your name address and telephone number on the form and hand it to any half time draw seller at any of the next three home games. (4 if we are drawn at home in the FA Cup).

After the QPR match all entries received will go into the lucky draw. We will announce the result shortly afterwards.

AWAY TRAVEL

After the short trip to Bristol a slightly longer jaunt to Boston for the LDV trophy.

Fare is £16 adults, £14 under 15. Supporters club members enjoy a £2 discount.

Departure from the County Ground is 1.30 pm, for further details, why not visit the SAS Travel web site at www.sastravel.co.uk



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CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

HELLO AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME.

All our coaching and scouting staff came into the Club on Tuesday night for a course run by the FA. The course was the talent identification certificate, which is aimed at the staff, mostly scouts of professional clubs.

Steve Hetske from the football league took the course, which made us all aware of recruitment methods, criteria for selection, the relationship between the scout and the club/coach, ethics and protocol. We now have to maintain a log-book and attend an interview to pass the course.

I believe the evening was a success as it helped to make our staff more aware of the criteria needed to first of all, spot the right players and be able to approach them in the correct manner, and hopefully bring them into our Centre of Excellence. Also, to keep in touch with players through their good and bad times at Swindon Town Football Club.

Hopefully we can start to reap the rewards from this meeting with our scouts following STFC protocol and now with extra information from the F.A. I would just like to thank Steve Hetske and our staff for attending the evening and to Brian Wood and Chris Abrook for arranging the catering needed on the night.

Last weekends games were played against Swansea, with the majority of the results going in their favour. However, our Under 9's, who have been together for six weeks now, have started to perform to a high standard. They were beaten by Swansea early in the season, but won this time around with a resounding 6-2 victory on Sunday. This is good for the players as they have worked fantastically hard in their coaching sessions and they seem to have better understanding of what is needed at the Centre of Excellence. Well-done lads!

I watched our U11's who are now six weeks into playing 11 a side football, they play on a $\frac{1}{2}$ size pitch with $\frac{1}{2}$ size goals, which helps them with their transition from 8-a-side football, before going onto a full size pitch at U12 level. Our players performed to a good standard on the day winning 2-1 with two well taken goals from Darren Jefferies.

Again as we always stress to all of our players, we are looking for good consistent performances, so hopefully this weekend's games against Exeter City will do just that.

Enjoy the game.

Jimmy

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SWINDON TOWN'S SOCCER CENTRES

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME AGAINST STOCKPORT COUNTY.

Over the last few weeks the Soccer Centres have been in full flow with all ten centres working through their structured programme.

The Swindon Town Centre of Excellence have had a number of new faces on trial, these have been players who have excelled at their local Soccer Centre. This is very good for the Soccer Centres and hopefully these players can impress enough in their trial to go on and play for Swindon Town. Players such as Jake Simpson, Sam Brown and Darren Jefferies once came to our Soccer Centre and are now fully fledged STFC players at their respective age-groups. This shows that the Soccer Centre is the first step on the ladder, and hopefully other players can step up and one day pull on the Swindon Town shirt.

Children who are at the Soccer Centres will be working in a structured programme which includes passing, control, dribbling, turning, heading, shooting and finishing off the sessions with small sided games. Even though we operate within a structure, the Soccer Centres are based around enjoyment, having fun and making new friends.

All sessions last for one hour and if you feel you would like to come along, then 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 today's game,

Adam Collier.



▲ Adam Collier

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 & 9 years
	6.00 - 7.00 pm	10 - 11 years

STRATTON

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

LINK CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

MARLBOROUGH

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

RIDGEWAY LEISURE CENTRE

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

CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday	5.30 - 6.30 pm	9 - 11 years
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TIDWORTH

Friday	4.00 - 5.00 pm	5 - 6 years
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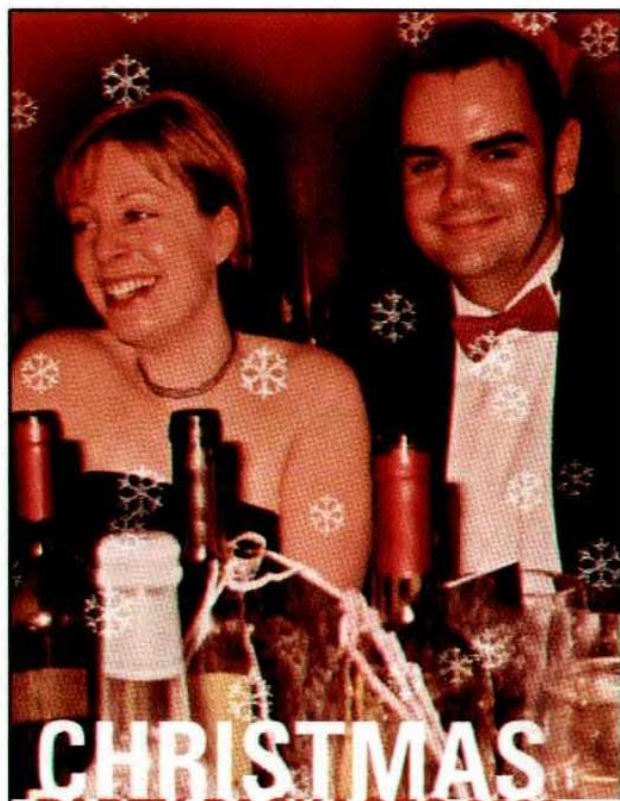
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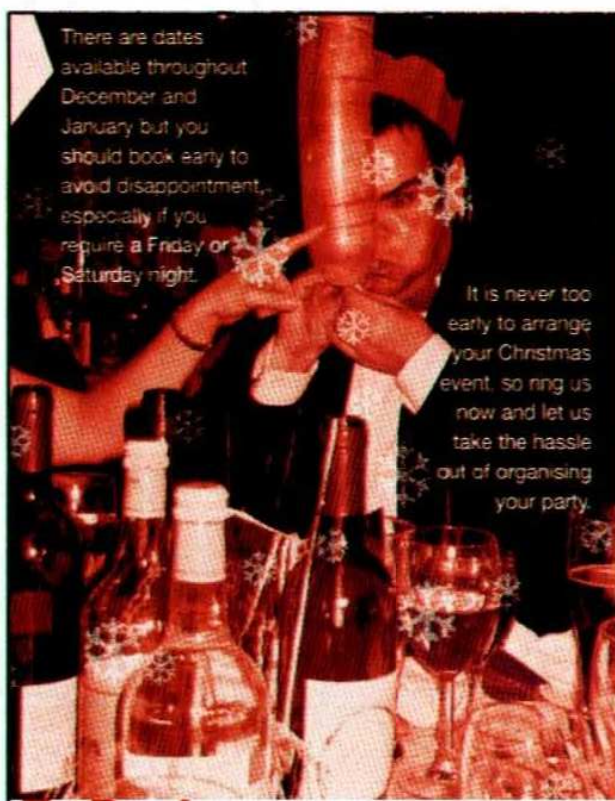


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To Book:

For more information or to book your Christmas Party please contact

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County Ground, Swindon,
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STFC LADIES

THE TOWN LADIES CELEBRATED THEIR TENTH ANNIVERSARY WITH A TWO GOALS TO NIL WIN OVER YEOVIL TOWN IN THE SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE.

Hayley Sprules put the Town ahead early in the game and Michelle Rich added a second before the break. The second half was a fairly even battled but could not produce any more goals. With the champagne bubbles barely burst the Town came back to earth with a bump when they visited Cardiff City. The Town got off to a disappointing start by conceding a goal in the second minute and were trailing by five goals to nil at the break. Within five minutes of the re start Carly Smith cut in from the right to hit the ball just inside the far post from the acutest of angles. Cardiff scored again from the penalty spot. Then Carly Smith again broke down the right and her shot was parried by the Cardiff keeper but Jenny Webster was on hand to knock the rebound into the net. The second half was more even although Cardiff did add two more goals to take their tally to eight. This Cardiff

team included several internationals and currently have a hundred percent record. It was a good learning experience for the Town's youngster who included four fourteen year olds and two fifteen year olds. These results put the Town in seventh place.

The Town Reserves have had a disappointing run in the Wiltshire County League losing by three goals to nil to Chippenham Town and then by two goals to nil to Wootton Bassett Town.

Last Saturday the Town's Under Fourteen side played a Bristol City Under Fourteen side from their School Of Excellence during the interval of the local derby at Aston Gate and won by two goals to nil. Stephanie Lewis and Lisa Coe got the goals for the Town.

In the Surrey Primary Under

Fourteen League the Town's Under Fourteen side beat Southampton 'B' by three goals to one. Samantha Masters bagged two and 'CJ' Ellis got the other one.

In the first proper of the Women's FA Cup the Town have been drawn away to Plymouth Oak Villa who play in the South West Regional League.

Tomorrow the Town entertain Reading in a South West Combination League fixture. The Berkshire side have not made a good start to the season but did win their first game last weekend. The game will be played at the Aldbourne FC Ground and will Kick Off at 2-00 pm The Town Reserves are away and play Swindon Spitfires in a re-arranged Wiltshire County League fixture.

ROGER REEVES

ONE 2 ONE WITH CARLY SMITH

AGE: 14

HOME TOWN: SWINDON

OCCUPATION: STUDENT

POSITION: FORWARD

PREVIOUS CLUBS: COLEVIEW GIRLS

HONOURS: NONE

WHO DO YOU MOST ADMIRE? DAVID BECKHAM

FAVOURITE CLUB? MAN UTD

FAVOURITE PLAYER?

DAVID BECKHAM

FAVOURITE TELEVISION PROGRAMME? MTV BASE

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SIT

NEXT TO ON A PLANE?

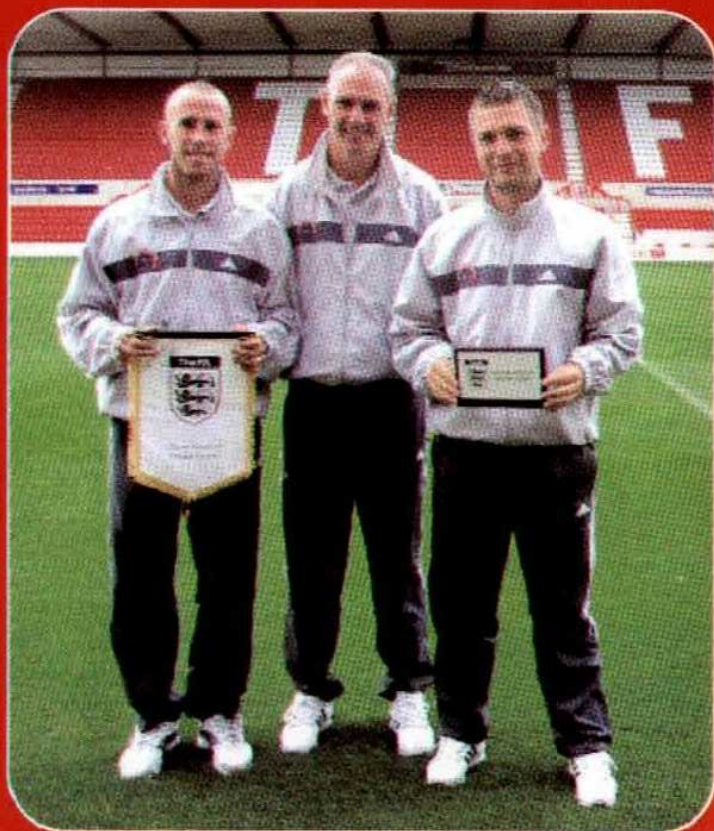
DAVID BECKHAM



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	1-2
Sep 21	Chesham United	Away	0-3
Sep 28	Yeovil Town	Home	2-0
Oct 5	Cardiff City	Away	0-8
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		

IN THE COMMUNITY



▲ John, Clive and Luke with Charter Standard Award



▲ There are regular appearances by SIFC first team players at the community courses. Pictured above is Matt Heywood last month

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S HOME FIXTURE AGAINST STOCKPORT COUNTY. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM COUNTY GROUND WELCOME TO CRICKLADE YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB WHO ARE HERE WITH THEIR ORGANISER ALAN BROOKS ON OUR ACTION-PACKED SATURDAY TEAM CLUB.

Cricklade Youth FC are regular visitors to our scheme and are an impressive set-up to say the least. They were the first Club in Wiltshire to be awarded FA Charter Standard status and have been voted Charter Standard Club of the year by the Wiltshire County Football Association. They operate teams from U7 right through to U17's, they are an exceptionally well-run Club and we would like to wish them all the best for all their teams this season. We would like to say a big thank you to Alan Brooks who has organized today's trip for his Club.

We are getting a lot of bookings in now for our Saturday Team Club. If you feel your Club or School would like to come along on a Saturday, please just give us a call on 01793 421303 for further details.

Half-term is fast approaching, with two-hundred applicants for the end of October all our coaches are in place and we just need to keep our fingers crossed for some fine weather. Another quick reminder that Fraser Digby will be running, in conjunction with ourselves, his ever-popular goalkeeping day on Friday 31st October 2003.

Best Wishes
Clive, Jon and Luke.



Cricklade Youth FC U7s



Cricklade Youth FC U8s



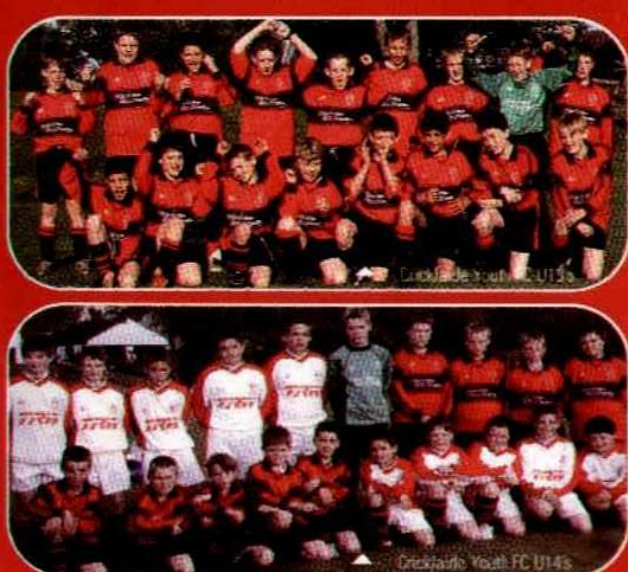
Cricklade Youth FC U9s



Cricklade Youth FC U10s



Cricklade Youth FC U11s



Cricklade Youth FC U12s



Cricklade Youth FC U13s



GOOD AFTERNOON AND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE JUNIOR ROBINS HERE TODAY, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO WELCOME ON BEHALF OF SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB THE STOCKPORT COUNTY JUNIORS. ONE LAST WELCOME MUST GO TO ST CATHERINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NYTHE PRIMARY SCHOOL, I HOPE YOU ALL ENJOY YOUR DAY OUT.



We travelled to our last reciprocal visit of 2003 last Saturday and Joshua Ainscow, one of our Junior Robins, has written this report of his day:

We left the County Ground at 10am. On the coach Brenda and George did a couple of competitions; they were guess the final score, guess the Swindon scorers and guess the attendance. They had "a choose the mascot" competition, where all of the children's names were put in a hat - the lucky winner was Andrew Curtis, and finally a raffle, it was £1 for one strip and £2 for three strips the winners would receive their prizes on the way back to the County Ground.

When we arrived at Bristol City's ground, about an hour later, a man called John Banks who looks after the CJR'S (City Juniors) told the bus driver where to park his bus. He also told us what was going to be happening through out the day he also told us where the bus was going to be parked. After that we followed him into where his juniors meet in a hall under the stand in the stadium and where we would be playing football, Table Football and Air Hockey. A buffet lunch was also provided. It took about one hour until we were allowed on the football pitch so in the meantime we had to make do with the Table Football and the Air Hockey. We had to split into four different teams and they were a teenager team, two junior teams and one infant team who each played against there own age Bristol City juniors. After every team had played at least two matches we had the buffet lunch. When we had finished our lunch we started to head up into the ground with all of the other Swindon Supporters.

When the game finally started the atmosphere from the Swindon supporters was brilliant even though the score wasn't so good. After the game we headed back to the coach and when we were on the coach we read out the winners of the raffle draw, there were three lucky winners, the prize was a bit of clothing and a Swindon Town key ring. George also announced the winner of guess the scorers, guess the score and guess the attendance competition and the winner was a boy named Dominic. When we were almost back at the County Ground George went down the bus asking for loose change to give to the driver for taking us to Bristol.

All in all we had a great day out. It was a shame Swindon lost but I am sure they will put that right on Saturday.
COME ON YOU REDS

Josh Ainscow (age 10)

I'd like to wish these Junior Robins a very Happy Birthday:

10th October Will Shepherd
11th October Ed Hutchings & Peter Sharpe
12th October Fraser Adams
13th October Ryan Cload

15th October Joe Maxwell
16th October Alex Kinloch & Mark Wedge
17th October Sarah Bennet
18th October James Norris



NATIONWIDE SUPPORTERS OF TOMORROW - DEVELOPING GIRLS'/WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

We have chosen Saturday 27th March, Swindon Town v Barnsley to be are ladies day. Please keep an eye on this page in the programme and in local press to find out exactly what ticket offer we will be doing.

This Season we have decided to theme our scheme on '**A GAME OF TWO HALVES**'.

This means we will be offering a day out to all girls/women in this area. It will consist of a coaching session at our training ground in Wanborough and then to the County Ground to watch the game in the afternoon.

The age groups will be split into two different days, with the 14s and over on Saturday 6th March and the Under 14's day out to be Saturday 27th March.

The coaching sessions will be open to all females of all abilities and details of both days will be again on this page closer to the time.

If you would like anymore information on this scheme please do not hesitate to contact me on 01793 333733 or alice@swindontownfc.co.uk <<mailto:alice@swindontownfc.co.uk>> .

ALICE WILLS

Junior Robins and Schools Project Manager

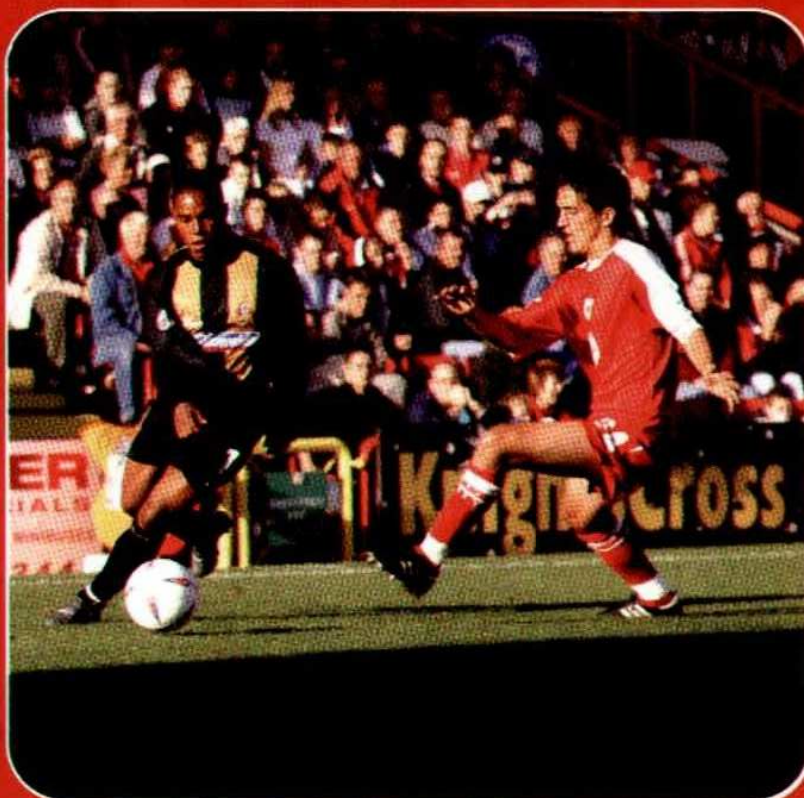
WOMEN'S FOOTBALL - THE FACTS

- Football is the top female sport in England, boasting 85,000 affiliated players in the 2002-03 season - an increase of 38 per cent on the previous year.
- In 1993 when the FA took over the running of women's football, there were just 80 girls teams - ten years later there are over 4,800.
- There are 42 centres of excellence and 20 FA-licensed academies catering for female footballers. Both are key stages in the development structure, allowing talented and committed players to make the journey from mini soccer and schools football to England international.
- There is a pyramid league structure for women's football, culminating in The FA Nationwide Premier League - a tier of three leagues with the regional Northern and Southern Divisions feeding into the top flight National Division.
- A combined 4.9 million people watched the past two FA Women's Cup Finals, screened live on BBC1.
- Nationwide became the first exclusive sponsors of women's football when they joined the FA Partners programme in August 2002, with specific responsibility for the women's pillar.
- England have won the right to host the 2005 European Champions, for which England qualify automatically. The eight-team tournament will take place in June 2005.

For the latest news on the women's game, go to www.nationwide.co.uk/football or call The FA's Girls get involved hotline on **0845 310 8555**.

MATCH ACTION

BRISTOL CITY 2
SWINDON TOWN 1



Town lost their unbeaten run in a 2-1 derby defeat at the hands of Bristol City after taking the lead writes STFC Sports Reporters Simon Coy and Adrian Smith.

Lee Peacock's header cancelled out Tommy Mooney's 8th goal of the season before Aaron Brown's unstoppable drive won the game for City in an excellent second half comeback. A competitive derby game was played in a good spirit with referee Webb making no bookings before a crowd of 14294.

Town made a number of enforced changes following the end of the loan spells with Bryan Howard and Ian Herring coming into the starting line up and new signing Sebastien Ruster on the bench.

The game began slowly with the first significant action being a dipping shot by Brian Tinnion in the second minute,

which flew just over the bar. Andy King was forced into an early change for Swindon when Stefani Miglioranza picked up an injury and was replaced by Grant Smith in the ninth minute.

A minute later Town were awarded a free kick in a central position 30 yards from goal. Mooney and Gurney stood over the ball but it was left to the skipper to fire a powerful curling shot into the side netting.

After quarter of an hour a good move involving Howard and Mooney ended with a dipping shot by the big number 8 just over the bar. Five minutes later a long throw by Duke caused panic in the City defence before the ball was scrambled clear.

In the 22nd minute City came within inches of taking the lead. A corner swung in from the left was met by a powerful Tony Butler header which rattled the crossbar. Seconds later a

good cross from Wilkshire reached Peacock, but his header brought an excellent double save from Rhys Evans as Miller swooped on the loose ball.

Just after the half-hour Town were ahead. Grant Smith flicked on an Adi Viveash free kick from the left and Mooney was on hand to slot home left footed from 10 yards for his 8th goal of the season in the 34th minute.

Five minutes after the goal Bristol City threatened through captain Tinnion whose powerful shot flew across the area. Any sort of touch could have ended in a goal but the closest City player was Peacock and the ball went behind him.

In the 43rd minute Town had a free kick on the right hand of midfield which Grant Smith took. His ball in was pushed behind for a corner by keeper Phillips under pressure from Mooney. As the corner was delivered referee

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Webb blew for a City free kick after spotting a push in the box.

In added time at the end of the half a mistake by the City defence released Mooney who bore down on goal but Butler was on hand to tackle back and clear the danger.

Seven minutes into the second half City were level when a first time cross from the left by Brown was met by Peacock's header beating Evans to the ball at his near post.

Just after quarter of an hour of the second half Grant Smith was hurt when he raced through in a 50:50 ball against keeper Phillips and collided with City man. After treatment he was unable to continue and the substitute for Miglioranza was himself substituted as Alan Reeves came on to replace him.

On the hour a quick free kick was taken by Tinnion which was threaded

through to Brown. The City player skipped past a tackle before shooting from the edge of the area but his effort went inches wide of the left post. A minute later City made a double substitution with Hill coming on for Bell and Roberts on for Burnell.

Swindon were looking to play long balls up towards Mooney who was missing his normal strike partner Sam Parkin out with a knee injury.

With just over twenty minutes left Andy King made his final change with Jon Stevenson replacing the quiet Sammy Igoe.

In the 74th minute City took the lead. Ex-Middlesbrough midfielder Luke Wilshire threaded a pinpoint pass through midfield to the onrushing Brown who, taking the ball in his stride, had one touch past Herring before letting fly from 18 yards with an unstoppable drive into the top corner past the despairing dive of Evans.

Peacock came close to grabbing another half chance when a chip forward was miscontrolled by Heywood but the striker only had a second to shoot and sent the ball high into the stand.

Following the goal Swindon tried desperately to come back on level terms. City made their final change in the 84th minute with Leroy Lita replacing Lee Miller.

In the final minute as Town pressed for the equaliser the ball fell to Duke in the centre of the box and he found Mooney but the striker was crowded out and the danger cleared as the 2,684 travelling fans roared the team forward.

In added time City began to exploit the space at the back as Swindon pushed forward. A quick break down the left by Brown ended with a last ditch clearance by Viveash as he did well to get between Lita and Wilshire.

Time finally ran out for Swindon as they made one last push forward through Stevenson and after 10 consecutive games without defeat finally succumbed to their local rivals.

SWINDON TOWN: Rhys Evans, Matt Hewlett, Adi Viveash, Andy Gurney, Tommy Mooney, Stefani Miglioranza (Grant Smith 9 (Alan Reeves 63)), David Duke, Bryan Howard, Matt Heywood, Sammy Igoe (Jon Stevenson 72), Ian Herring

Subs Not Used: Bart Griemink, Sebastian Ruster

BRISTOL CITY: Steve Phillips, Mickey Bell (Matthew Bell 65), Tony Butler, Craig Woodman, Luke Wilshire, Joe Burnell (Christian Roberts 65), Lee Peacock, Lee Miller (Leroy Lita 84), Brian Tinnion, Aaron Brown, Danny Coles

Subs Not Used: Mike Stowell, Robin Hulbert



TOWN STATISTICS 2003/04

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DATE	FIXTURE	VEN	RES	ATT	VIS
Sat 9 Aug	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00 Home	2-3	10,573	3,300
Wed 13 Aug	Southend United LC1	7.45 Away	3-2	3,385	199
Fri 15 Aug	Colchester United	7.45 Away	1-0	3,339	518
Sat 23 Aug	Notts County	3.00 Home	4-0	5,758	206
Mon 25 Aug	AFC Bournemouth	3.00 Away	2-2	6,606	1,400
Sat 30 Aug	Blackpool	3.00 Home	2-2	6,219	349
Sat 6 Sept	Brighton & H.A.	3.00 Away	2-2	6,534	560
Sat 13 Sept	Wrexham	3.00 Home	1-0	6,160	302
Tues 16 Sept	Grimsby Town	7.45 Away	2-1	3,535	200
Sat 20 Sept	Barnsley	3.00 Away	1-1	9,006	349
Wed 24 Sept	Leeds United LC2	7.45 Away	2-2 (3-4 aet)	29,271	2,541
Sat 27 Sept	Peterborough United	3.00 Home	2-0	6,767	206
Wed 1 Oct	Luton Town	7.45 Home	2-2	7,595	408
Sat 4 Oct	Bristol City	3.00 Away	1-2	14,294	2,684
Sat 11 Oct	Stockport County	3.00 Home			
Wed 15 Oct	Boston United (LDV)	7.45 Away			
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 8 Nov	FA 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 6 Dec	FA Cup 2				
Sat 13 Dec	Plymouth Argyle	3.00 Home			
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



Griemink	Gurney*	Heywood*	Viveash	Duke	Hewlett	Robinson	Migliorini
Evans	Heywood	Reeves	Viveash	Robinson	Hewlett*	Howard	Smith*
Griemink	Gurney	Heywood	Viveash	Robinson	Igoe	Migliorini	Hewlett*
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Griemink	Robinson	Gurney	Heywood	Viveash	Duke	Hewlett	Migliorini
Evans	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Migliorini
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Griemink**	Ifil	Hewlett	Reeves	Gurney	Stevenson	Parkin	Migliorini
Evans	Ifil	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Migliorini
Evans	Stevenson	Viveash	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Duke	Migliorini
Evans	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Duke	Migliorini

TONIGHT'S MASCOT



HARRY CHEVIS

Harry attends Wanborough Primary School and states that his hobbies are football, football and yes, more football!



CONNOR HOLMES

Connor attends Holy Rood School and his favourite player is Sam Parkin. His hobbies are football, quad biking and watching Swindon win!



JAMES NORRIS

James attends Pawlett Primary School in Somerset, so we would like to wish him a safe journey and early Happy 9th Birthday for the 19th October. His hobbies are football, football, football!

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*DENOTES BOOKING

**DENOTES SENDING OFF

DENOTES SUB

Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Evans	Howard	Stevenson	Reeves	Smith
Igoe	Stevenson	Parkin	Griemink	Miglioranz	Mooney	Duke	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	Griemink	Reeves	Herring	Smith	Howard
Duke	Milner	Heywood	Griemink	Stevenson	Howard	Nicholas	Reeves
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Duke	Milner	Heywood	Griemink	Stevenson	Reeves	Igoe	Howard
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Heywood	Herring	Howard	Griemink	Stevenson	Smith	Ruster	Reeves

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONWIDE SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley	P-P	Wrexham
Brighton	vs	Grimsby
Colchester	vs	Blackpool
Luton	vs	Wycombe
Notts Co	vs	Bournemouth
Oldham	vs	Port Vale
Plymouth	vs	Tranmere
QPR	P-P	Brentford
Rushden	vs	Chesterfield
Swindon	vs	Stockport



NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 2003/04

TEAM	P	H	W	D	L	HG	HA	AW	AD	AL	AG	FA	PTS	GD
PR	12	4	2	0	14	1	2	3	1	10	8	23	+15	
PORT VALE	12	5	1	0	14	6	2	1	3	6	9	23	+5	
SHEFF WED	12	2	3	1	10	8	4	0	2	9	6	21	+5	
HARTLEPOOL	12	3	3	0	12	1	2	2	2	12	12	20	+11	
BRISTOL C	12	4	1	1	11	3	1	4	1	5	5	20	+8	
SWINDON	12	3	2	1	13	7	2	3	1	9	8	20	+7	
BARNSELY	12	3	3	0	7	3	2	1	3	7	11	19	0	
PLYMOUTH	12	3	2	1	12	8	1	4	1	9	8	18	+5	
LUTON	12	4	1	1	13	7	1	2	3	6	11	18	+1	
COLCHESTER	12	3	2	1	7	5	2	1	3	8	11	18	-1	
OLDHAM	12	3	1	2	12	9	1	4	1	11	9	17	+5	
BOURNEMOUTH	12	2	4	0	9	7	2	1	3	5	6	17	+1	
WREXHAM	11	2	2	2	5	6	3	0	2	6	6	17	-1	
GRIMSBY	12	2	1	3	10	7	2	2	2	6	12	15	-3	
RUSHDEN	12	2	2	2	10	10	2	0	4	9	12	14	-3	
BLACKPOOL	11	2	0	3	6	8	2	2	2	8	13	14	-7	
BRENTFORD	12	2	1	3	5	11	2	1	3	5	8	14	-9	
TRANMERE	12	2	2	2	9	7	0	3	3	4	10	11	-4	
PETERBOROUGH	12	0	2	4	9	13	2	2	2	5	6	10	-5	
NOTTS CO	12	1	2	3	7	8	1	1	4	4	14	9	-11	
STOCKPORT	12	0	3	3	6	10	1	2	3	7	11	8	-8	
WYCOMBE	12	1	2	3	8	12	0	2	4	5	11	7	-10	
CHESTERFIELD	12	0	3	3	4	8	0	3	3	3	11	6	-12	

APPEARANCES 2003/04

Player name:	LEAGUE			FA CUP			CARLING CUP			LDV VANS		
	apps	goal	bk	apps	goal	bk	apps	goal	bk	apps	goal	bk
BART GRIEMINK	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1y1r	0	0	0
JEREL IFFIL	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANT SMITH	3	0	1y	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
MATT HEWLETT	12	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
ADI VIVEASH	12	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
ANDY GURNEY	12	3	3y	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
SAMMY IGOE	9	1	1y1r	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
TOMMY MOONEY	12	7	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
SAM PARKIN	10	5	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
STEF MIGLIORANZI	12	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
DAVID DUKE	11	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
IAN HERRING	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
JON STEVENSON	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
ANDREW NICHOLAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JAMES MILNER	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRIAN HOWARD	7	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
MATT HEYWOOD	12	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
RIHYS EVANS	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN REEVES	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
STEVE ROBINSON	6	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN YOUNG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BEN MARTIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





▲ Brian Horton



UP NEXT AT THE COUNTY GROUND



WHO: **PORT VALE**

WHEN: **SATURDAY OCTOBER 25TH**

KICK OFF: **3PM**

ON 25TH OCTOBER, TOWN PLAY HOSTS TO PORT VALE IN A TOP-OF-THE-TABLE CLASH.

Vale set a cracking pace in Division Two, taking 20 points from the first ten games, which took the club to top spot. At that stage Town were just one point and one place behind, but both teams have slipped down the table slightly after suffering away defeats last weekend.

Ex-Oxford United manager Brian Horton is the man at the helm and he has presided over a start which many Vale supporters could only have dreamed of

during the summer. As with so many clubs a transfer embargo restricted pre-season preparations, but once fan-led Valiant 2001 took control the ban was lifted. New arrivals include Andreas Lipa, Adrian Littlejohn and George Pilkington signed from Everton. All three have struck goals already.

Last year's top goal scorer was Marc Bridge-Wilkinson with nine, but a knee injury has so far restricted the ex-Derby County players appearances.

Billy Paynter leads the goal scoring with six goals this season, his strikes including the match winner against Bristol City

at Ashton Gate in September. Steve McPhee is currently close behind Paynter in the goal scoring stakes with four to his name.

20 year-old keeper Jonathan Brain joined the club after being released by Newcastle in the summer and he and Mark Goodlad cover regular first team custodian Dean Delaney. Port Vale won the LDV Van Trophy two years ago and before they visit the County Ground the Valiants travel to Conference side Scarborough in the Second round of this year's competition.

Vale's away record is slightly indifferent with three defeats from the six games played so far but the seven points collected have been gained from just six goals scored. Vale of course haven't come against the strike force of Sam Parkin and Tommy Mooney yet!



Saturday 25th October (3.00pm kick off)

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TOWN END		
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Assistant 1: **R D Palmer**
Assistant 2: **A J Perlejewski**
4th Official: **J Flynn**



**SWINDON
TOWN**

Andy King MANAGER



**STOCKPORT
COUNTY**

MANAGER **John Hollins**

BART GRIEMINK	1	2	SHAUN SMITH
	2	4	DAVE CHALLINOR
GRANT SMITH	3	5	ROB CLARE
MATTHEW HEWLETT	4	7	AARON LESCOTT
ADRIAN VIVEASH	5	8	AARON WILBRAHAM
ANDREW GURNEY	6	9	LUKE BECKETT
SAMMY IGOE	7	10	RICKIE LAMBERT
TOMMY MOONEY	8	11	MARTIN PEMBERTON
SAM PARKIN	9	12	JIM GOODWIN
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	10	13	JAMES SPENCER
DAVID DUKE	11	14	FRASER MCLACHLAN
IAN HERRING	12	15	KEVIN ELLISON
	13	16	JON DALY
JON STEVENSON	14	17	ROB JONES
ANDREW NICHOLAS	15	18	JOHN HARDIKER
	16	19	ANDY WELSH
BRIAN HOWARD	17	20	OWEN MORRISON
SEBASTIEN RUSTER	18	21	STUART BARLOW
MATTHEW HEYWOOD	19	22	NICK COLGAN
RHYS EVANS	20	23	CHRIS WILLIAMS
BEN MARTIN	21	24	WAYNE COLLINS
ALAN REEVES	22	26	ALI GIBB
	23	27	DAVID HOLT
	24	28	JAMIE BAGULEY
STEVE ROBINSON	25	29	MAT BAILEY
ALAN YOUNG	26	30	ALEX LORD
DAVID MARSH	69	32	BEN COPPINGER

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