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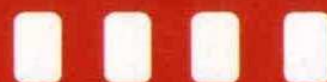
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Welcome back to The County Ground for today's game against Port Vale. The last few weeks have not gone our way with four league defeats and an away loss at Boston in the first round of the LDV Vans Trophy.

The Second Division is a very tight league this season, all teams are capable of beating each other and this has helped our plight somewhat so far this term. Currently sitting just four points off the play-off zone following the last minute defeat at Prenton Park, a win this afternoon could propel us back towards the all-important play-off zone.

Manager Andy King has three players currently sidelined through injury. Stefani Miglioranza, Sam Parkin and Sammy Igoe are all crucial members of the team and having started the season, will provide a welcome boost upon their return to full fitness.

Enjoy the game.



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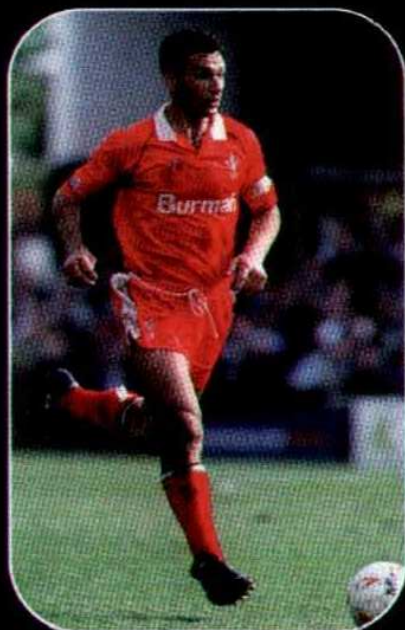
COUNTY GROUND DIARY

FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER CALDERWOOD TAKES SIXFIELDS REINS

Former Town defender Colin Calderwood takes over as Manager of Third Division Northampton Town.

The 38-year old played over 330 games for Swindon after joining for £30,000 from Mansfield, including captaining STFC to victory in the 1993 Play-Off Final over Leicester City.

Calderwood moved onto Spurs for £1,250,000 in June 1993 where he played for six seasons before moving to Aston Villa. A Scotland international, Colin then moved into coaching at White Hart Lane as Reserve Team coach.



FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER KING GOES FOR A BURTON

Town Manager Andy King swoops to sign striker Deon Burton from Premiership Portsmouth.

Fresh from locking horns with Brazilian wizard Ronaldo, the Jamaican international put pen to paper on a one month loan deal.



TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER JUNIOR RETURNS

Following a freak injury sustained at home by midfielder Sammy Igoe, Junior Lewis signs on loan for one month.

The experienced Lewis played nine games on loan for Town towards the end of last season and makes a welcome return to The County Ground to add physical presence and bolster the midfield.

TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER KING SIGNS CONTRACT

Swindon Town Manager Andy King signs a one-year rolling contract at The County Ground as the Club continue to build towards a return to the First Division. Town Chief Executive Mark Devlin was delighted to reveal the news.

"Despite the recent run of results, the Board of Directors believe that Andy is the right man to help the Club realise its ambition of returning to Division One as soon as possible, preferably this season.

"We were faced with the weird situation when his contract finished in mid-season and I am delighted that any uncertainty has now been cleared up and the situation has been stabilised. After a few worrying years at the Club, stability is key to the Club developing further and Andy has a key part to play in this process.

"We very much hope that the fans will get behind Andy and his players as we seek to end a run of defeats and get ourselves firmly back into the play-offs."





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GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S FIXTURE WITH PORT VALE. I WOULD LIKE TO WISH A WARM WELCOME TO THE VISITING PLAYERS, DIRECTORS AND SUPPORTERS WHO HAVE MADE THE JOURNEY TO WILTSHIRE.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Brian Horton and his team on the start that they have made to the season. It just goes to show what can be achieved as they have had very little financial input and it is a testament to the attitude of the players and management at Vale Park.

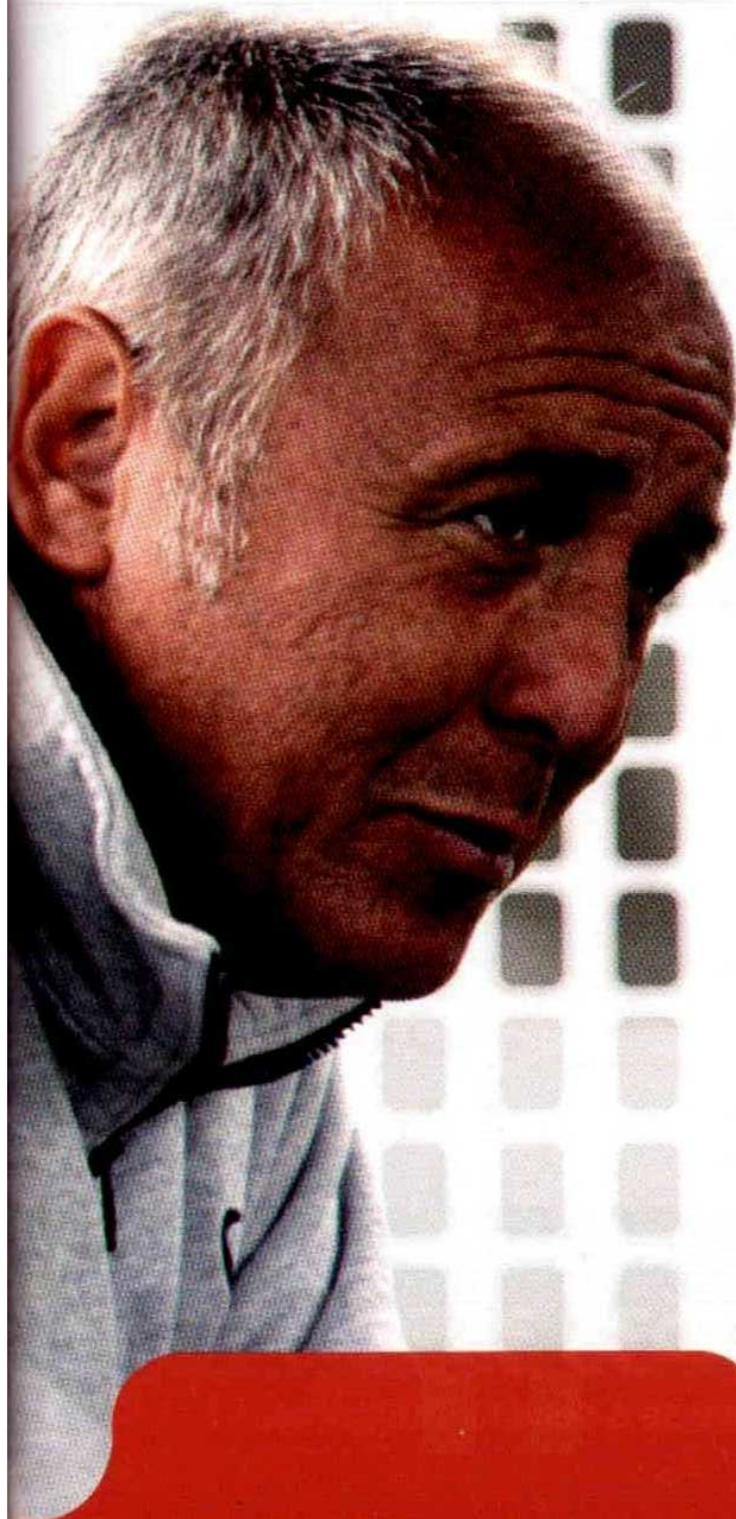
We ourselves had had a similar start to the campaign. The last few weeks have not been the best for us in terms of results but I do feel we have the capabilities to press for a play-off spot or higher. I have said all along that our season will be determined by our ability to field our best eleven players.

I have made moves in the transfer market and have brought in two loan signings. Deon Burton signed on loan from Portsmouth but having persuaded him to join a side that would compliment him, we were awful at Chesterfield last weekend. Also, as I write these notes I am hoping to tie up a loan deal for Junior Lewis, who spent some time with us towards the end of last season. It is no mean feat to have two Premiership players on loan and hopefully they can contribute to an upturn in form.

Port Vale will present us with a very competitive test and this league has showed that there is no team that stands out from the rest as Wigan and Cardiff did last season. QPR and Sheffield Wednesday are perhaps the most affluent, but even having had a poor run we are still very much in the hunt for a play-off spot. We now have two important home games as we look to reach our goal. With your support, we can achieve success together.

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TREATMENT ROOM

Good afternoon and welcome to today's game with Port Vale. The last few weeks have been busy in the treatment room and last Friday, as many of you may know, Sammy Igoe injured himself at home.

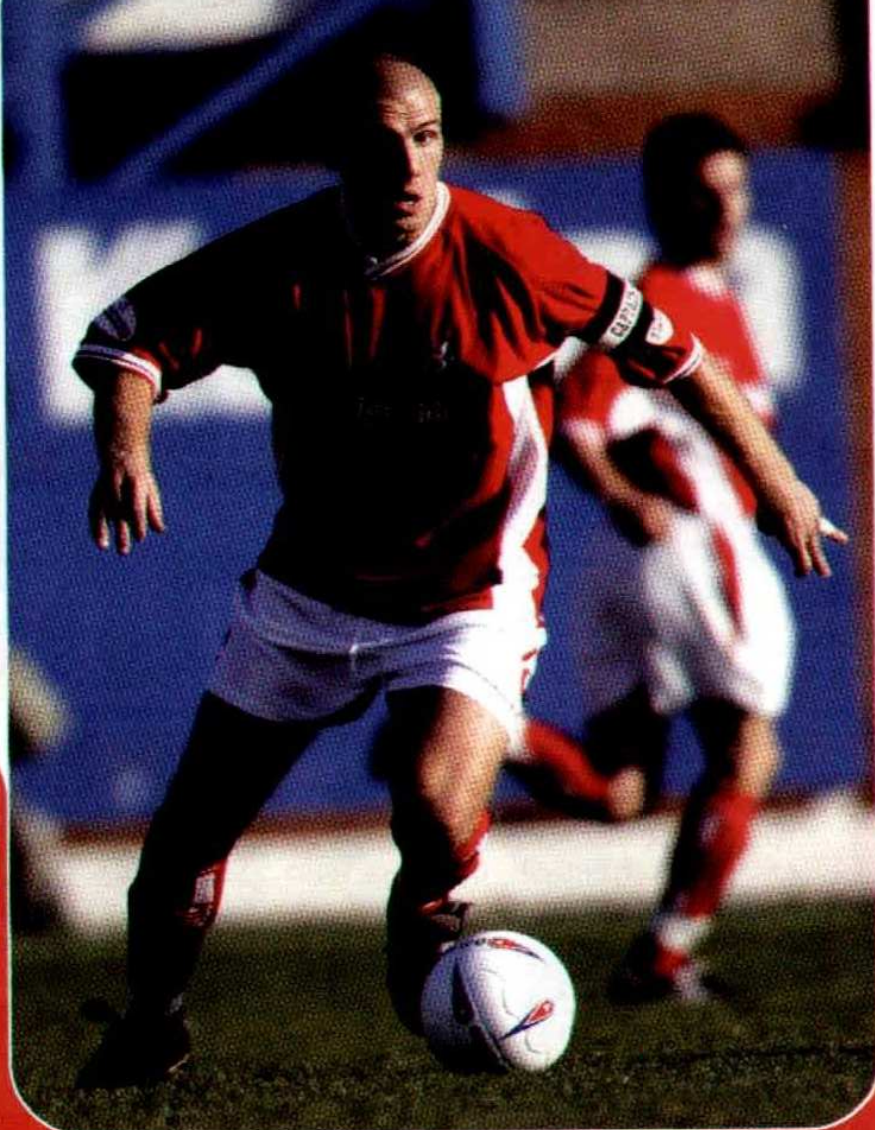
He has fractured his scaphoid which is a very important bone in the wrist. We sent him for a precautionary X-Ray and that showed us the break. He has a plaster put on from his thumb to elbow on Wednesday and will be out of action for around six weeks.

On a brighter note, Sam and Stef were due to do some ball work on Wednesday as we build them up towards full fitness. Sam is now running at around 80% of his top speed. Stef's foot problem has also given him some ankle soreness so we will need to monitor that.

These three players are important to the team, but we will have to be patient and make sure they are fully fit before returning to competitive action.



Sammy Igoe



CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

HELLO AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME WITH PORT VALE.

The Stockport game was one we had to win to keep us in the top six but we were beaten with some sloppy defending on our part. We didn't deal with the set pieces as well as we should have done.

Last Saturday it was a similar situation at Chesterfield. The goals we gave away were very disappointing especially from a defensive point of view. We are working hard on the training ground and hopefully we can get back on track this afternoon.

Since our last home game we have signed two loan players in Deon

Burton and Junior Lewis. Deon has arrived from Premiership Portsmouth and will give us another dimension up front. We know all about Junior, having played for us at the end of last season and he will give us more of a physical presence in the midfield.

Port Vale started the season well and present us with a tough task but we have to take care of our own game before looking at the opposition. They started the season very well and were at the top of the table for some time before hitting a sticky patch including a 5-1 reverse at home to Plymouth last weekend.

Let's hope we can reward your support with three points today.

'Gurns'.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC.
MARK DEVLIN
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AS ALWAYS, IT IS A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU ALL TO THE COUNTY GROUND FOR TODAY'S VISIT OF PORT VALE. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT SWINDON TOWN CAN I OFFER A WARM WELCOME TO THE DIRECTORS, PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORTERS OF PORT VALE WHO HAVE THE LONG JOURNEY TODAY.

What a difference a fortnight can make. Prior to our visit to Ashton Gate, confidence was running high throughout the whole club. Now all of a sudden we have hit a little bit of a brick wall and it would appear that all is gloom and doom. Whilst I can, naturally, understand the disappointment the results of the last fortnight have caused, we have not become a bad team or a bad club. This club and its supporters, has had to face mountainous obstacles over the past few years. Those challenges have been faced and, on the most part, we have overcome them successfully. It is worth remembering that the club was close to going out of business just 18 months ago and it is measure of how far we have come that situation has been forgotten now and focus has returned entirely to the performance of the team.

However make no mistake about it, our financial situation of the last few years still has an effect on the club now. We still have to prove our viability to the Football League each time we want to make a signing of any type- loan or otherwise. This situation will continue for the 5 years of the CVA. We operate without a bank facility (overdraft), as the banks are reluctant to offer these facilities to a football club that has suffered two periods of administration. Indeed we have only recently finished making the compensation payments to Neil Ruddock following our agreement to cancel his registration last December.

We still have some business systems in place that prevent us from marketing ourselves in the way I wish and we are slowly but surely putting this right. But it

takes a little time, everything is phased in and costed over a period of time making it affordable to the club. At the same time we want to provide the Team Manager with as much support, in terms of building a squad, that we can. But we have to cut our cloth accordingly. Our overall business is not going to be as big as Sheffield Wednesday or QPR for instance. They can spend more on their squad than we can simply because they generate larger revenues through the turnstiles. Clearly we want to build a squad that will be successful and bring in greater numbers into the County Ground, but it must be done affordably- we cannot risk the future of the club by overstretching ourselves again.

I am very proud of what we have achieved in this last year. We all have ambitions to return the club to Division One. I still believe that this club can compete within the Top 30 clubs in England. But we need to show a little patience to do that. There are no 'quick fix' solutions that, if they go wrong, will endanger the very survival of the club. I am certain we can increase the revenues into the club so that we can continue to invest in the playing squad, but we cannot achieve this if we start to fall out when we face the first difficulties of the season. It is time for us all, fans, players and staff, to dig in and turn the situation around. I can assure you that we do not take your support for granted. Your support has been magnificent this season, please continue to be positive and we will put this 'blip' in the season behind us.

And finally... to the Evening Advertiser columnist who criticised our admission charges after the Stockport game. We had actually reduced the admission prices for that particular match. Maybe you had your criticisms stored up ready for when we lost at home. Why is that? Is it too much to expect a little positive comment? No mention of all the good work we do in local schools or with local charities. Perhaps I'm getting paranoid in my old age.

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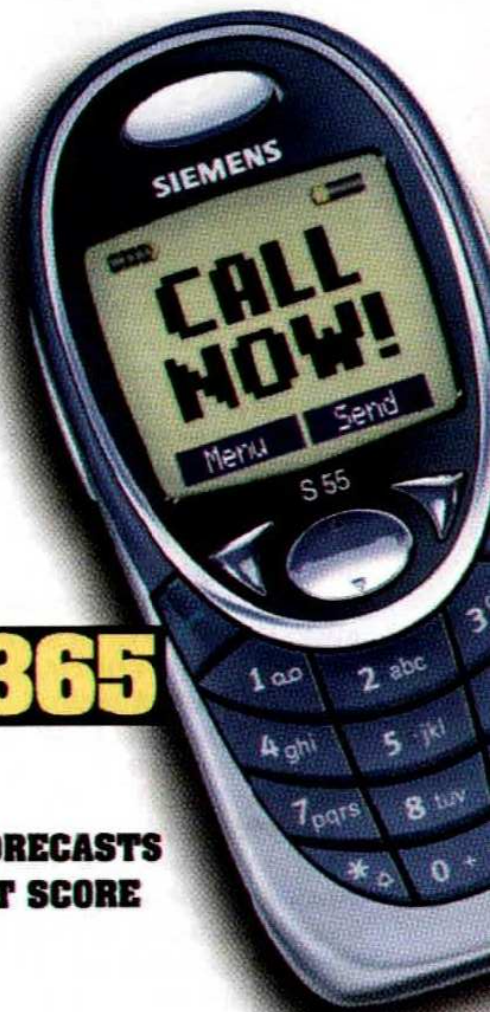
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MATCH ACTION

SWINDON TOWN 1
STOCKPORT COUNTY 2



SWINDON'S INABILITY TO HOLD ONTO A LEAD RESURFACED WITH A MIXED DAY FOR TOMMY MOONEY AS HE MISSED A PENALTY BUT ALSO PUT TOWN AHEAD JUST BEFORE THE BREAK. STOCKPORT SNATCHED AN AWAY WIN WITH GOALS AT THE START AND END OF THE SECOND HALF AS TOWN SLIPPED DOWN TO 10TH PLACE IN DIVISION 2 WRITES STFC SPORTS REPORTER ADRIAN SMITH.

Stockport's long throw specialist Dave Challinor almost set up Kevin Ellison early on with one of his trademark throws but Ellison's header went just over. Swindon's first attack resulted in a free-kick after Jon Stevenson, making his first League start for Town, was fouled but Stockport keeper Spencer saved easily.

Mooney helped out in defence with a good header from a freekick which resulted in another throw-in taken by Challinor and his long throw was dropped by Evans under pressure, however the Town keeper quickly made amends with a save from Stuart Barlow

Steve Robinson returned after injury and set up a good chance for Sammy Igoe but his shot was saved by Spencer and Town's own long throw specialist Duke set up Gurney who had a long range shot from 25-yards which went just wide.

Town had a golden opportunity to take the lead when they were awarded a penalty after Duke was fouled in the penalty area but unfortunately Mooney's sidefooted penalty was easily saved by Spencer diving to his left.

Stevenson almost put Town ahead in

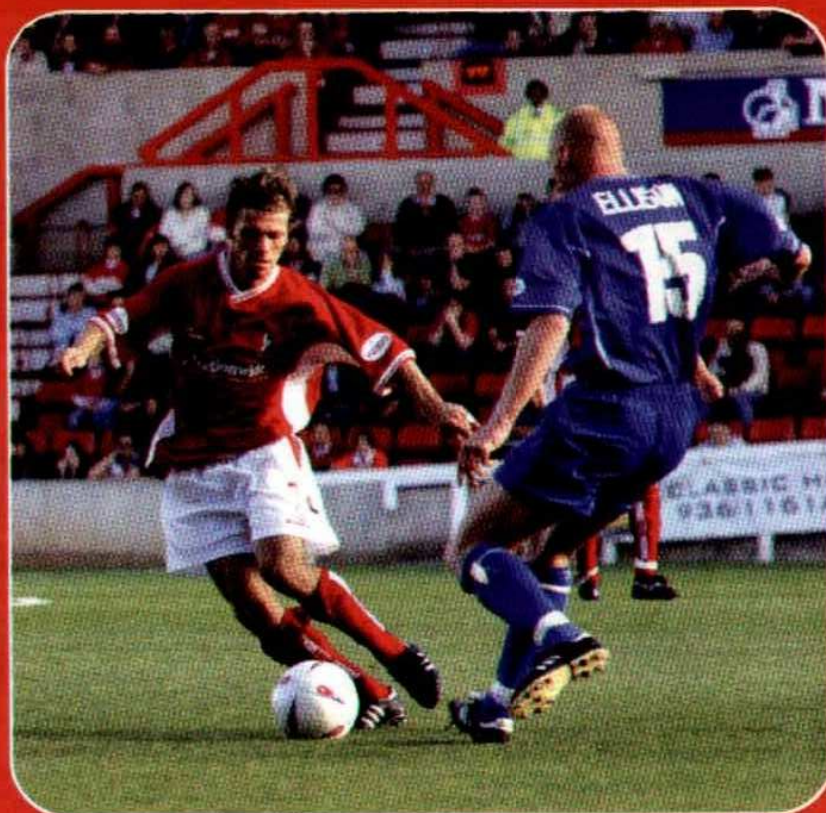
the 21st minute when he latched onto a pass from Igoe but his shot went just wide and he went close again when he dispossessed Ali Gibb but his shot dipped just over the crossbar.

Stockport responded with a shot by Hardiker which was blocked by Duke and this was cleared to Igoe but his long pass just evaded Robinson. Referee Joe Ross then issued three cautions in the space of five minutes with Hewlett being cautioned for dissent followed by yellow cards for Ellison for a foul on Hewlett and Pemberton who checked a run by Robinson.

Wilbraham went close for Stockport with a glancing header and at the other end a Gurney free-kick dropped to Igoe but his shot was blocked by a mass of players. Town took a deserved lead with halftime approaching when Mooney volleyed



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VENUE: COUNTY GROUND
ATTENDANCE: 7,060



home from a cross by Robinson and he also went close seconds later with another fine shot after being put clear by Duke.

After the break Town went straight on the attack through Mooney with a deflected shot and Barlow went close for Stockport but Evans made a fine save when he pushed a goalbound shot out for a corner.

Stockport equalised in the 51st minute following a Challinor long throw flicked on by Wilbraham to Barlow and he made no mistake from 6 yards at the back post. Town responded with chances for Hewlett, Stevenson and a free-kick by Mooney before Igoe was cautioned for a foul in the 65th minute.

Mooney set up Gurney with a good cross but the captain's powerful volley was caught by Spencer just before Brian Howard, fresh from his England U20 duties, replaced

Stevenson and he made an immediate impact when Spencer deflected his shot for a corner.

Mooney was denied a certain goal when Spencer made a spectacular point blank save from a header and there was drama in the 80th minute when Stockport keeper Spencer was cautioned for fouling Howard when he collided with the Town player just outside the area. Once again Spencer denied Mooney when he fisted away the resulting free-kick and Hewlett was unable to get a shot on target through the crowded penalty area.

Frenchman Sebastien Ruster made his Town debut replacing Sammy Igoe shortly before Stockport snatched the lead in the 87th minute when Wilbraham fired home just after Reeves had been cautioned for a foul.

Shortly before the final whistle Andy King was banished to the stands for

protesting to the referee and there was still time for Hewlett to go close but his close range shot was charged down just before the final whistle, leaving Town to reflect on another defeat after having taken the lead.

SWINDON TOWN:

Rhys Evans, Andy Gurney(capt), Matt Hewlett, Adrian Viveash, Sammy Igoe(Sebastien Ruster), Tommy Mooney, David Duke, Matthew Heywood, Jon Stevenson (Brian Howard), Alan Reeves, Steve Robinson

Subs Not Used: Bart Griemink, Grant Smith, Ian Herring

STOCKPORT COUNTY:

James Spencer, Robert Jones, Dave Challinor, Jim Goodwin, Robert Clare, John Hardiker, Martin Pemberton, Ali Gibb, Aaron Wilbraham, Kevin Ellison, Stuart Barlow(Chris Williams), Rickie Lambert

Subs Not Used: Ricky Lambert, Owen Morrison, Andy Welsh, Fraser McLauchlan

Ref: J J Ross

MATCH ACTION



BOSTON UNITED 2
SWINDON TOWN 1

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15TH 2003 KO 7.45PM

VENUE: YORK STREET

ATTENDANCE: 1,514 (145 FROM SWINDON)



**THIRD DIVISION BOSTON'S
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DUMPED MUCH CHANGED
TOWN OUT OF THE LDV
VANS TROPHY IN A 2-1
DEFEAT AT YORK STREET
WRITES STFC SPORTS
REPORTER SIMON COY.**

United's Simon Weatherstone opened the scoring before Robinson equalised, but giant striker Akenfenwa, making his first team debut, secured a trip to Brighton in the final minute.

Andy King made seven changes allowing a number of the fringe players to get the nod. Sebastien Ruster began his first game on the right with youngster Michael Pook in the centre.

The home side made the better start and in the 16th minute took the lead. Weatherstone rose unmarked in the centre of the box to head home a Mark Angel free-kick after a foul by Adi Viveash. However, the Swindon defence stood still as referee Wright

appeared to blow his whistle as the ball came in, but the goal stood.

The goal seemed to spark the Town players into action and five minutes later they were awarded a free-kick on the right. Grant Smith's ball was met by Reeves whose header flew high and wide then a Howard cross was put narrowly wide of his own net by Paul Ellender.

Swindon equalised after 31 minutes following excellent work by Ruster and Robinson who slipped a ball through to the Frenchman. His first cross was well blocked but as the ball came back he chipped over the oncoming keeper to Robinson who side-footed home from 5 yards.

The second half started with a booking for Angel before his testing ball was punched away by Griemink at the feet of Akenfenwa.

Griemink brilliantly denied Boston after 68 minutes diving full stretch to his left to push a powerful Weatherstone header round the post

from 5 yards when he looked certain to score.

Boston took the lead in the final minute when Akenfenwa pounced to poke home past the despairing dive of Griemink who got a hand on it but couldn't keep the effort out. The goal marked a dream debut for the striker having signed for United from Barry Town.

Swindon tried desperately to come forward in the four added minutes to level the scores but to no avail, making another early exit in the LDV Vans Trophy.

SWINDON TOWN: Bart Griemink, Grant Smith, Adi Viveash, Ian Herring, Jon Stevenson, Andy Nicholas, Brian Howard, Sebastien Ruster, Alan Reeves, Michael Pook, Steve Robinson

Subs: Rhys Evans, David Duke, Matt Heywood, Ben Martin, Luke Garrard

BOSTON UNITED: Paul Bastock, Paul Ellender, Tom Bennett, Simon Weatherstone, Mark Angel, Matt Hocking, Lee Thompson, Lee Beevers, Ryan Clarke, Chris Hogg, Bayo Akenfenwa

Subs: Stuart Balmer, Graeme Jones, Peter Duffield, Steve Croudson, Scott Brough

Ref: K.K.Wright



MATCH ACTION



CHESTERFIELD 3
SWINDON TOWN 0

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH 2003 KO 3.00PM

VENUE: SALTERGATE

ATTENDANCE: 3,506



TOWN SLIPPED TO A FOURTH CONSECUTIVE DEFEAT LOSING 3-0 TO BOTTOM TEAM CHESTERFIELD WITH TWO GOALS FROM IN-FORM STRIKER MARVIN ROBINSON AND ONE FOR JAMIE CADE WRITES STFC SPORTS REPORTER SIMON COY.

Chesterfield recorded their first league win of the season in a confident display that left Swindon chasing for scraps as they were overwhelmed in every department.

In the 11th minute Chesterfield took the lead following an excellent run from halfway by Jamie Cade who surged past Alan Reeves into the box before letting fly. His effort was well saved by Rhys Evans who could only parry the ball out to the feet of the unmarked Marvin Robinson who slotted home from 6 yards for his fourth goal in five games.

Disaster struck for Swindon in the 19th minute as Chesterfield doubled

their lead with the same combination doing the damage. Once again Cade picked up the ball just inside the Town half and ran at the Swindon defence. He slipped an accurate pass beyond Adi Viveash into the path of Robinson who slipped the ball past the oncoming Evans into the bottom left hand corner.

Swindon made an early substitution when Sebastien Ruster replaced Adi Viveash in the 25th minutes. The tactical change saw Town switch to a flat back four with Reeves and Heywood in the centre and Robinson and Duke as full backs.

Chesterfield began the second period well with early efforts by Uhlenbeek and Robinson after more good work by Cade, who was running the midfield for the Spireites.

Town had a good chance after 67 minutes when Andy Gurney sent in a good cross from the right towards Mooney, but his powerful header went into the arms of a grateful Muggleton.

Soon after a Swindon corner was met by an excellent Reeves header but Uhlenbeek was on the line to clear the goal bound effort with the keeper beaten. Town skipper Gurney then picked up a booking for a late challenge on Brandon.

In the 71st minute Chesterfield increased their lead with a well worked third goal. Marvin Robinson intercepted Gurney's sloppy pass and fed Uhlenbeek on the right. The full back surged to the byeline before pulling the ball back for the excellent Cade to sidefoot home from 6 yards.

However it wasn't to be Swindon's day and the final whistle consigned Town to a fourth straight defeat.

SWINDON TOWN: Rhys Evans, Matt Hewlett, Adi Viveash (Sebastien Ruster), Alan Reeves, Andy Gurney, Brian Howard (Andy Nicholas), Tommy Mooney, David Duke, Matt Heywood, Deon Burton, Steve Robinson

Subs: Bart Griemink, Jon Stevenson, Ben Martin

CHESTERFIELD: Carl Muggleton, Gus Uhlenbeek, Alan O'Hare, Steve Payne, Mark Allott, Mark Innes (Mark Hudson), Gareth Davies, Mark Debolla (Chris Brandon), Ian Evatt, Marvin Robinson, Jamie Cade (Paul Warhurst)

Subs: David Reeves, Andy Richmond

Ref: N S Miller





▲ Mo Kirkland

Swindon Town Football Club means many things to many people but for one particular couple it's more like a way of life. Over the years Mo Kirkland and husband Chris can list Turnstile Operator, Steward, Assessor and Shop Manager amongst the ways they have both served the Club, but first and foremost they are dedicated Town fans.

Mo is currently two and a half years into her second spell in the Club Superstore having previously worked there for five years around 1990, prior to which she also helped Paul Plowman to run the old shop. In-between her spells she has also worked as both a steward and turnstile operator and Chris is currently a turnstile supervisor.

Living in Lydiard Millicent, Mo has three daughters, Nicola, Karen and Joanne, and seven grandchildren. The eldest, Josh, continued the family loyalty through the generations when he was mascot at Crewe last year.

Mo's love of sport, particularly football, has dominated her working life having spent 15 years in Terry Warner Sports shop before she began her association with Swindon Town. An avid Town fan for over 30 years she also enjoys watching cricket and spends the summer months watching her beloved Hampshire. When not working Mo travels to as many Swindon away games as possible. She feels there is a buzz about the

Club this season and is a lady who really does love her work and says that meeting the real fans day in day out is one of the best parts of her job.

The smile on her face gives away just how much Swindon Town means to this kind and helpful lady. Lets hope that she also realises just how much all her family's hard work and loyalty means to everyone at Swindon Town.

On A Matchday Saturday...

8.30am -

I arrive at the shop and check that the tills have enough change and also ensure that the clothes rails are full of goods.

9.00am -

Open the shop and check the website for orders. I also turn the printing machine on and check that we have the available numbers and letters as we do a lot of shirt printing on match days.

9.30am -

Sam Wilson who works on matchday and non-matchday Saturdays arrives. He pre-prints several shirts for sale and re-stocks ready for the game.

10.30am -

Julie Page (who also runs the Robinettes), Elaine Leadbeater and Georgina Brain arrive for work. We make programmes available on the shelves.

A Day In The Life Of... Mo Kirkland, Acting Superstore Manager

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11.00am -

Mike Pay our Retail Manager arrives.

12.00pm -

The first customers arrive, mainly to have their shirts printed.

12.30pm -

The team and I have our lunch break.

1.30pm -

The shop starts to get really busy selling many programmes, pin badges to away fans, plus squadwear to our fans.

2.20pm -

By now we have people queuing in and outside the shop with stewards keeping an eye on events.

2.55pm -

I start to close the shop ready for kick-off, check the tills and start to re-stock.

3.00pm - 4.40pm -

I watch the game but leave just before the end to be ready for the customers. The result will influence how busy we will be.

4.45pm - 5.15pm -

Serve in the shop.

5.15PM -

Cash up and we all have a quick tidy up.

5.30PM -

I leave for home hopefully happy after a good result !!

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- 1) **Most memorable game?**
Bristol City vs Wolves at Molineux. I made my debut there when I was 17.
- 2) **Which one word would describe your goal against Notts County earlier this season?**
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- 3) **Favourite holiday destination?**
That has to be Cyprus.
- 4) **What car do you drive?**
BMW
- 5) **What advertising slogan would best describe you?**
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- 6) **Who will win the Rugby World Cup?**
England
- 7) **You are stuck on a desert island and you can only take three items, what are they?**
My wife, a bbq and a few cans of lager.
- 8) **FHM or Maxim?**
FHM
- 9) **Who are your best friends in football?**
Andy Gurney and Steve Robinson.
- 10) **Who is the joker at STFC?**
That has to be 'Robbo'

Dear Rocky,

Hey big guy! I survived the 44 days up here in the box and I'm ready to take suggestions for my next stunt - how do you suggest I push back the boundaries next time to impress the world with my survival techniques!

David B Laine

Dave,

Well, I never thought you'd make it. Looking at you up there reminded me of the occasion Alan Young fell into my tupperware sandwich box (I've got a big appetite you know).

But remember the old days David, years ago, when I used to be your opening act on tour. Your magic was so bad the late Tommy Cooper used to take notes. I used to open with my ventriloquist act. All those little venues we played in tiny towns out in the sticks. I remember one night a carrot cruncher stood up and shouted at me "ere - all night you've been making fun of how stoopid us 'bumpkins' are, I'm sick of it!", I replied "Relax, they are just jokes", to which he said "I'm not talking to you, I'm talking to that loudmouth sat on your knee"! Ah, those were the days. David, I can suggest a real test for you to survive, and it would only be a 90 minute test - refereeing the next Old Firm derby. Standing in between Celtic and Rangers, and to add to the fun, wearing pink pyjamas and fluffy slippers. Good luck! RR

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COLLECTING PROGRAMMES NOWADAYS IS CERTAINLY MORE EXPENSIVE THAN IT USED TO BE IN THE SIXTIES AND SEVENTIES NOT ONLY IN FINANCIAL TERMS BUT ALSO SPACE.

In the seventies a small filing cabinet draw would take a whole season but now home only programmes can fill a shoebox. Town's programme for the match with Port Vale on January 13th 2001 cost £2 but contained many interesting features. The front cover featured a worried looking Andy King while the poster picture of the week was Steve Cowe. On page 5 was information that Swindon had a club record gate of £169,562 for the previous week's cup tie against Coventry City. Programmes may have got bigger but print seems to have got smaller in order to cope with the statistics that you would have found in it. Four pages were devoted to the Vale with special features on their leading scorer Tony Naylor who had been purchased from Crewe in 1994 and Marc Bridge-Wilkinson who had come

up through the ranks being Young player of the Year and Reserve team top scorer in previous seasons. On the historical side there were articles on five Town internationals Jimmy Quinn, Jan Aage Fjortoft, Nestor Lorenzo, Glenn Hoddle and Ossie Ardiles plus an on going series about football programmes. A final eye catching series was the Week in Pictures with a short snippet and picture for each day of the previous week.

The match was decided by a second half strike by Tommy Widderington who had joined Port Vale after impressing in a loan spell from Grimsby. It completed the double for the Valiants who had demolished Swindon 3-0 at Vale Park in August. The goals had come from Naylor Bridge-Wilkinson and Town old boy Alex Smith making his first appearance of the season. The win at Swindon raised Port Vale out of the relegation places and after this they continued to climb the table eventually finishing in 11th spot with 62 points from their 46 games. Naylor with 14 League goals was their top

scorer with penalty expert Bridge-Wilkinson contributing another 9 including three spot kicks. Mid fielder Michael Cummins made most appearances with 43 starts and two as substitute. Swindon dropped into the bottom four as a result of the home defeat and although they eventually avoided relegation it was to be a nail biting season. Swindon eventually finished on 52 points with a goal difference of -18 while Bristol Rovers with 51 points had one of just -4. In fact Port Vale did Town a big favour for, after beating already relegated Oxford 6-2, the Gas Heads next home fixture saw them go down 3-0 to the men from Burslem Danny Invincible matched Maurice Owen's record of finishing as top scorer with just nine goals. None more memorable than the last minute winner against Peterborough in the last home game which saved Swindon's bacon. Mattie Heywood picked up a well deserved Player of the Season award having been ever present after his arrival from Burnley and scoring a priceless goal at Brentford to earn a vital three points.





TODAY'S VISITORS

PORT VALE

THIS AFTERNOON WE GIVE A WARM COUNTY GROUND WELCOME TO PORT VALE WHO AT THE MINUTE ARE GOING THROUGH A STICKY PATCH, HAVING TOPPED THE TABLE NOT SO LONG AGO.

After a rather disappointing 2002-03 season some pundits had marked the Valiants down as relegation candidates this time round, but manager Brian Horton, vastly experienced in the game, had a clear-out and recruited a handful of new players during the summer and has now assembled a pretty useful squad at Vale Park - one that he feels is good enough to at least challenge for the play-offs.

Last year the Valiants, a League club since 1892, finished a moderate 17th in Division two, avoiding relegation by just five points but ending up 28 behind sixth-placed Cardiff City.

Nine home defeats didn't help matters and in fact the Vale lost 21 of their 46 League games during the campaign including four on the bounce in August and December. Scoring goals was also a problem in some respects - only 54 netted in total, 20 on then road. And defensively too the Potteries club didn't do themselves any favours in conceding 70 goals while amassing 53 points overall.

Horton looked at his squad in depth when that 2002-03 season ended and decided to alter it in parts, bringing together a relatively new bunch of players with youth and experience spread evenly throughout the ranks.

Although beaten 5-1 at home last weekend by in-form Plymouth Argyle, Vale will be tough opponents this afternoon and like most clubs who have suffered a heavy defeat, they will be looking to bounce straight back with some venom. Beware.



▲ Brian Horton

THE GAFFER BRIAN HORTON

Brian Horton, aged 54 and a native of Hednesford, joined Port Vale as a player in 1970 and after spells with Brighton & Hove Albion and Luton Town he took over as player-manager of Hull City in 1984. He then bossed Oxford United (1988-93), Manchester City (to 1995), his former club Brighton and also Huddersfield Town, and has been in charge at Vale Park since February 1999 when he took over the hot-seat from long-serving John Rudge. As a

player he was a bearded, swashbuckling midfielder who accumulated a fine record of 610 League appearances before retiring to concentrate on full-time management at Boothferry Park in 1986. He skippered Luton to the Second Division title in 1982 and guided Hull to promotion in 1985. As boss of the Valiants he saw his team lose it's First Division status in 2000 but is now optimistic about a return to that Division.

DANGERMAN MARC BRIDGE-WILKINSON

Marc Bridge-Wilkinson, 5ft 6ins tall and 11st 8lbs in weight, is a highly-rated midfielder who joined Vale from Derby County on a free transfer in July 2000, following a loan spell with Carlisle United. Born in Nuneaton in March 1979, he made one appearance in the Premiership for the Rams and only seven for Carlisle before embarking on his career in the Potteries. And over the last three years or so he's done exceptionally well, having now scored over 30 times in just over 100 senior games. He is a player who has the uncanny knack of scoring spectacular goals and last season was Vale's leading marksman with a total of nine. Very skilful, he is also a fine penalty-taker and enjoys a challenge despite his small frame. He is an aggressive, all purpose footballer who loves to get into the box and Town's defenders will certainly have to be on their guard or they'll be punished!

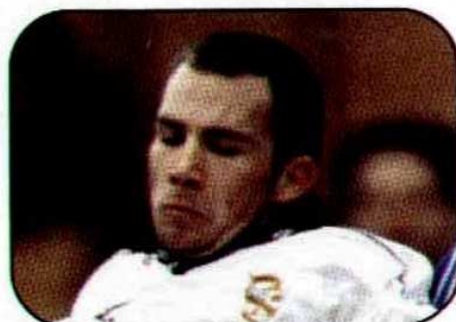
DID YOU KNOW?

Fifty seasons ago, in 1953-54, Port Vale raced away with the Third Division North championship, winning it by a mile, and they also made it to Wembley, losing 2-1 to West Bromwich Albion in the semi-final of the FA Cup.

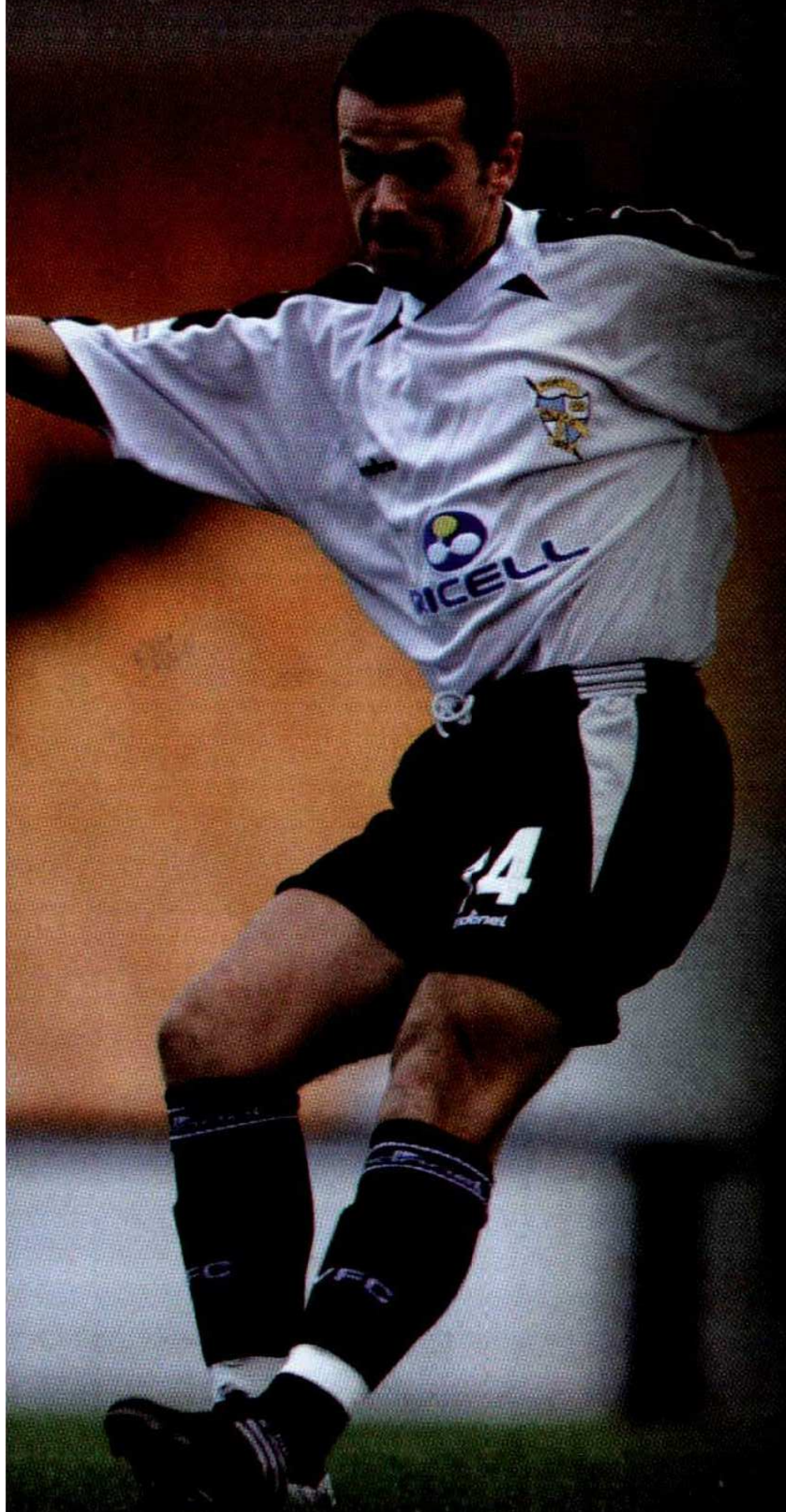
LAST MEETING

Last season - on 7 September 2002 - Vale came to The County Ground and beat Swindon 2-1 in front of 5,029 spectators. Marc Bridge-Wilkinson scored both the visitors goals in the 9th and 69th minutes, after Andy Gurney had edged the Robins in front.

Later in the season the teams played out a 1-1 draw at Vale Park.



▲ Marc Bridge-Wilkinson



DEAN DELANEY

Dublin-born, Republic of Ireland Under-21 international goalkeeper who was signed on a free transfer from Everton three years ago.

SAM COLLINS

25 year-old central defender, formerly with Huddersfield Town and Bury, he joined the Valiants in July 2002 having already appeared in almost 140 senior games.

MICKY CUMMINS

Another Dubliner, signed from Middlesbrough in March 2000, he has two Republic of Ireland Under-21 caps to his credit and over 160 senior appearances for the Vale.

BILLY PAYNTER

19 year-old attacking midfielder from Liverpool who has been at Vale Park since 2000 and a professional for just 16 months. He has already scored on average a goal every five games for the Vale.

STEPHEN MCPHEE

22 year-old Glaswegian striker, signed from Coventry City in July 2001. He has made 100 appearances for the Vale and has scored over 20 goals.

IAN ARMSTRONG

A former England Schoolboy and Youth international lightweight forward, signed from Liverpool two years ago. He has made over 75 appearances for Vale and has netted almost 20 goals.

ADRIAN LITTLEJOHN

Experienced midfielder who in the past has served with WBA, Walsall, Sheffield United, Plymouth, Oldham and Bury as well as playing in China and the USA. He has almost 450 appearances under his belt.

STEVE ROWLAND

21 year-old defender from Wrexham who has been at Vale Park four years and a professional for two. He has over 60 first-class appearances to his name.

Stockport Squad

LIAM BURNS

25 year-old defender, capped 13 times by Northern Ireland at Under-21 level, Belfast-born, he joined Vale in 1995, turned 'pro' two years later and has now amassed in excess of 100 senior appearances.

NEIL BRISCO

Wigan-born 25 year-old hard-tackling midfielder who joined Vale in 1998 from Manchester City. He has made almost 120 appearances for the club.

MARC BOYD

22 year-old skilful midfielder from Carlisle, signed from Newcastle United in 2002, he suffered torn ligaments nine games before the end of last season but is now back to full fitness.

STEVE BROOKER

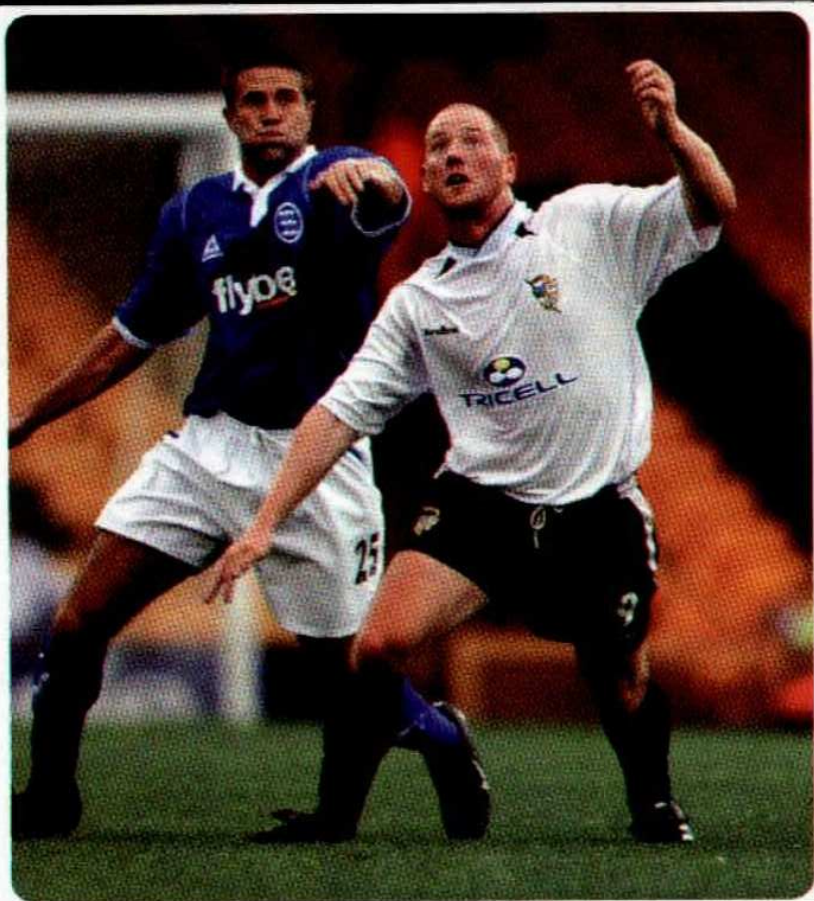
Out of late with a groin injury, a 22 year-old forward, signed from Watford in 2001, he has played in over 100 League and Cup games in four years.

MICHAEL WALSH

Aged 26 from Rotherham, a defender who is now fit after treatment for a stomach injury; signed from Scunthorpe United in 1998 he has over 225 career appearances under his belt.

RYAN BROWN

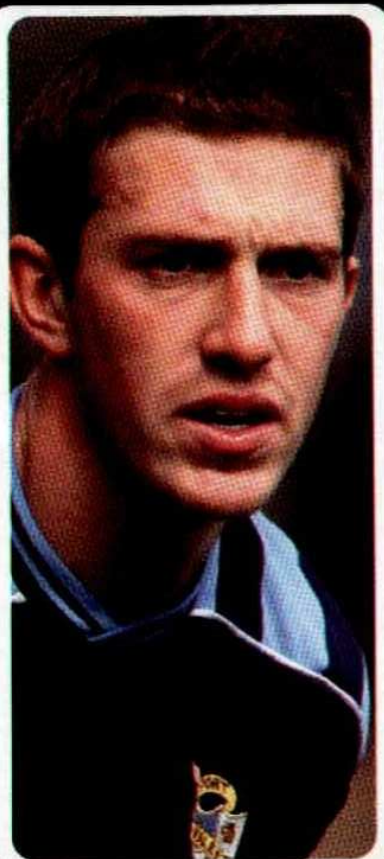
Local lad, born in Stoke 18 years ago, a left-back of promise who turned professional this season after one first team outing (as a substitute v. Bristol City last season).



▲ Steve Brooker



▲ Sam Collins



▲ Dean Delaney



▲ Stephen McPhee

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Town's FA Cup campaign last season ended at the first hurdle with a BBC televised 1-0 defeat to Oxford United in front of 11,645 at The Kassam Stadium.

The draw for the First Round Proper will appear at Swindontownfc.co.uk on Saturday afternoon, and you can also see the draw made live on BBC1 and Sky Sports.

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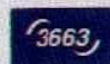
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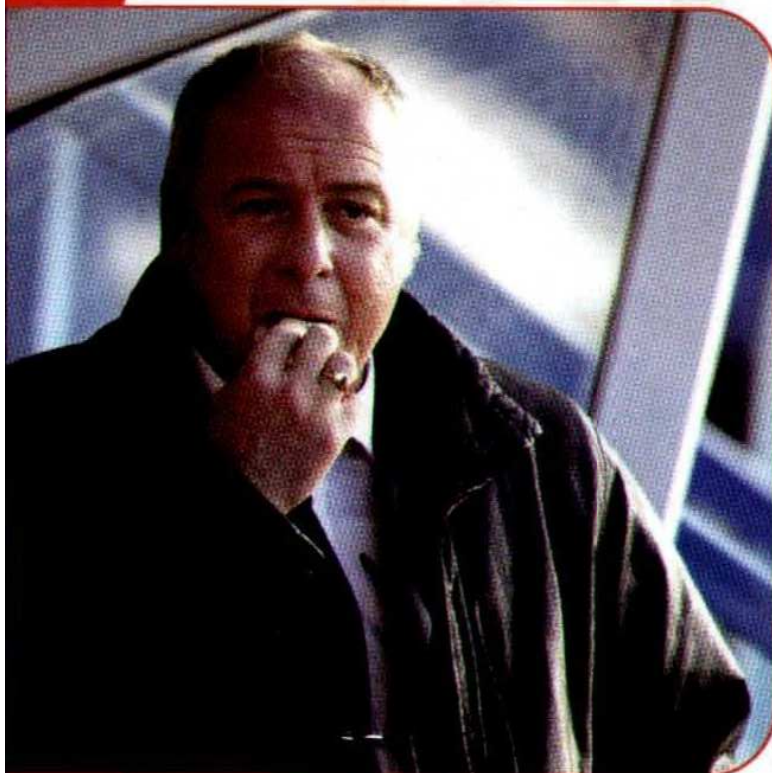
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JON RITSON



ANDY KING WASN'T MISSING A TRICK AT TRAINING LAST WEEK WHEN HE SAID THE LINE BETWEEN SUCCESS AND FAILURE WAS PERILOUSLY THIN.

In the space of three weeks we seem to have gone from being world-beaters to a side humiliated by Chesterfield.

Yes, it's disappointing but it never ceases to amaze me just how quickly some supporters turn from popping the champagne corks to slitting their wrists.

There's a long way to go yet and I think we still have every reason for optimism once Super Sammy and company are back to full fitness.

Oh, and Watford. If you don't want Mr Ifil, why not let him come back here?

These notes were penned ahead of the trip to Tranmere and I'm hoping three points at Prenton Park will have

washed away the bad taste of Saltergate.

To say the match was 'disappointing' would of course be an understatement but full marks to the gaffer for coming out afterwards and telling it how it was - atrocious.

Still, let's not dwell on that. Every team is allowed one shocker per season.

As for Chesterfield, it seems a small section of their fans are impossible to please. With their side 3-0 up and cruising, an elderly gentleman to my right took great delight in slating their players on the rare occasions that they made an error.

Funnily enough the same chap moaned his way through Town's 4-2 win at Saltergate last season so at least he's consistent! Apparently the main stand at Chesterfield is known as the 'tutting' stand.

Looking ahead to this afternoon's action, I suppose it is a clash between two teams both accused of having seen their respective 'bubbles' burst.

Port Vale started the season in tremendous style (a real mystery to anyone who saw our two games with them last season) but they have stumbled in the last couple of weeks.

Hopefully we will be the ones to get back on track today and climb back up that table.

Having now exited the League Cup (in glorious fashion) and the LDV Vans Trophy (in not so glorious fashion) we now turn our attention to the FA Cup. The draw for the first round is made today and obviously a nice home tie is what we're looking for.

It would be great to reach the third round this year and draw another top side. Sadly, we were denied a trip to Highbury last season by some Third Division side whose name I can't quite remember.

Anyway, we'll cross that bridge when we come to it. Get behind the lads today and keep the faith!

Jon Ritson



NORMAN LIGHTSIDE



1,242 MINUTES WITHOUT A GOAL IS A LONG TIME, JUST ASK NORTHERN IRELANDS LOYAL, IF SOMEWHAT FRUSTRATED, BAND OF SUPPORTERS.

It must be quite something to yearn for the return of Colin Clarke or Iain Dowie to a forward line but after a qualifying campaign which saw Northern Ireland score a princely total of no goals there must have been some furtive searching for contact details of forwards past.

During the course of their qualifying match against Armenia, Northern Ireland managed to establish the European record for the most consecutive games played without scoring, effortlessly surpassing Liechtenstein previously puny effort of eleven. After drawing another blank in Athens one would imagine that Keith Gillespie and his pals aren't frantically looking up Norris McWirter's phone number to see how far they have to go to conquer the world.

It was all too much for Sammy McIlroy who, upon realising that trying to coax a goal from this Northern Ireland side was as difficult a task as attempting to lasso an ant, headed back to graze in the relatively goal crazy pastures of the Nationwide league. There will have been some anxiousness at half-time at Stockport when his first match against Notts County was deadlocked at 0-0. All good things must come to an end however and Aaron Wilbraham's 47th minute strike would have eased the tension and probably left Mr McIlroy feeling a little confused, so long had it been since he saw one of his players bulging the back of the net. When a second goal arrived a minute from time he must have been in a state of apoplexy. Although it wasn't enough to secure a

victory - that milestone will have to wait - it must have felt like Christmas to see two goals in ninety minutes after waiting over 12 games for one. When interviewed after the game he was reported to have been in a trance like state and answered every question with the word "GOAL".

It's been a spectacular fall from grace for Northern Ireland who have gone from World Cup qualifiers to unwanted European record holders in a relatively short space of time. It was just over twenty years ago when Gerry Armstrong assured his place his footballing folklore after scoring the winner against host nation Spain in the World Cup finals. This must seem like a distant dream to the occupants of Windsor Park who, one assumes, won't be clearing a space in their 2006 diary in anticipation of a month long break in Germany.

On a more positive note just imagine the celebrations when the goal-scoring duck is finally broken, there won't be a dry eye in the house. The goalscorer will be hoisted joyously onto the shoulders of his compatriots (making sure Tony Adams hasn't donned a Northern Ireland shirt for the evening) and paraded around the streets of Belfast. The freedom of the city and free Guinness for life will surely follow.

As DREAM once famously sang "Things can only get better", certainly at the moment things would struggle to get any worse. Surely someone out there must have Colin Clarke's mobile number.



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With new signing Sebastien Ruster, Alan Young, Ian Herring and Andrew Nicholas all in the starting line up, it was a strong side put out by Alan Reeves, who took his place in defence.

With local pride at stake, both teams were eager not to loose face in a match which saw Town manager Andy King and local rival Bobby Gould looking on their crop of hopefuls attempting to make the grade.

Alan Young nearly put Swindon into an early lead on seven minutes. His free kick came back off the wall and at the second time of asking, Young delivered a looping volley, that seemed to catch debutant keeper Humphries by surprise, and hammered onto the bar.

Ruster was on hand to create an excellent chance when he broke free down the right hand side from an Alan Young pass, skipped past his man, only to draw his left foot shot wide of the post. It was unfortunate for the Frenchman who was giving his opposite number a headache throughout the whole of the first half.

Young forward Jon Stevenson nearly broke the deadlock, when his quick turn on the edge of the box and curling shot rattled against the bottom of the right hand post. Undeterred by some bad luck, Town poured forward again and from a deep corner skipper Ian Herring smashed home a crisp right foot shot from twenty yards.

Almost immediately, Cheltenham went up the other end and carved out an equaliser. Ben Martin failed to deal with a long ball that allowed Odejayi to control and pass to Corbett, who was left with a simple tap in from the edge of the area.

For all their hard work it looked as though the scores were going to be level at half time, until Jon Stevenson

finished off some good work from Ian Herring with a right foot shot at the near post. Deservedly, Swindon Town led Cheltenham 2-1 at the break.

Half Time saw Alan Young make way for Mark Draycott, whilst Cheltenham Town came out looking to make a bigger impact on the game. Moments later, Frenchman Sebastien Ruster was substituted with a possible view towards Saturday's first team game against Stockport County. Ruster was more than impressive throughout the game and eventually forced himself into Andy King's first team plans for the games against Stockport and Boston United.

Soon after, Cheltenham Town drew level when Danny Taylor turned the ball into his own net. A poor Cheltenham cross somehow found it's way into the penalty area and under no pressure at all Taylor inexplicably looped the ball passed Bart Griemink.

That goal gave Cheltenham a new lease of life and with ten minutes left, forward Luke Corbett broke free in the penalty area and stroked the ball into the bottom left for his second goal of the game and put Cheltenham into the lead.

Following good work from Andrew Nicholas down the left flank, Mark Draycott blazed over from five yards and it looked as though the team were heading for a derby defeat. Dave Bampton ensured at least a point when his beautifully struck shot from twenty-five yards looped over the Cheltenham goalkeeper and levelled the scores at 3-3.

SWINDON TOWN: Bart Griemink, Chris Taylor, Michael Pook, Dave Bampton, Alan Reeves, Ben Martin, Sebastien Ruster, Ian Herring©, Alan Young, Jon Stevenson, Andy Nicholas

Subs: Jamie Cheeseman (Ruster 67), Mark Draycott (Young 50), Luke Garrard, Danny Taylor, Steve Smith(GK)

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THE SWINDON TOWN YOUTH TEAM WERE IN ACTION AT THE COUNTY GROUND LAST SATURDAY AS THEY OVERCAME YEOVIL IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE FA CUP.

YOUNG GUNS

The game started off brightly and saw Swindon Town take an early lead after twelve minutes thanks to Chris Taylor who scored a good goal from twenty yards. Taylor played a neat one two with Michael Pook before striking the ball past the helpless Yeovil keeper. Within five minutes, Taylor again broke down the right hand side after good play from David Strowley and delivered a great ball into the box. The cross created havoc in the area and ended up in the back of the net thanks to the boot of a Yeovil town defender.

After some good work from Harry Hambidge down the right, Michael Pook found himself clear in the area and shot low to score the third goal of the game.

The start of the second half was sloppy and quickly saw the introduction of Lance Lewis to brighten things up and as he did against WBA in the Midland Youth Cup. Lewis caused some serious problems and eventually came away with a brace of goals to make the score five nil. Mitchell Wyatt was then introduced and created chances right up until the final whistle, but was unable to add to the score line.

Youth Development Officer Jimmy Fraser, was pleased with the win: "The lads started off very brightly which is always something we want them to do. We always tell our boys to get a lot of quality crosses in and get it in nice and early, which led to a lot of our goals. After half time we were a bit sluggish and rightly introduced a couple of substitutes. That spurred us on even more and eventually came out five nil winners. We didn't give them much of a chance to get any chances on goal and never really let them settle. We worked hard, pressured the ball well and won it back high up the pitch and scored five decent goals".

Town will face either Chalfont St.Peter or Wycombe Wanderers in the FA Cup Second Round.

Finally, a Happy Birthday to Youth Development Officer Jimmy Fraser who was 35 this week.



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
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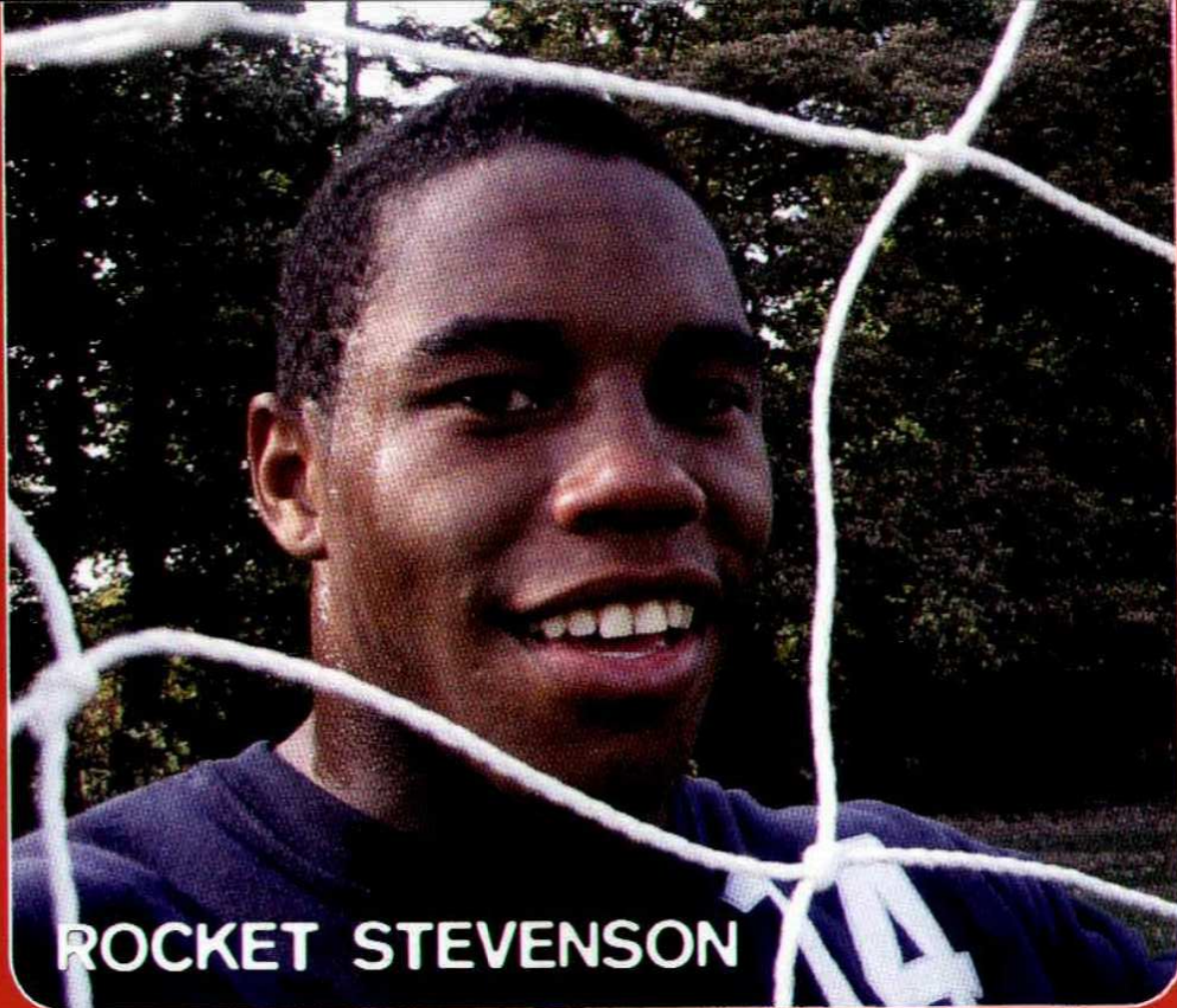


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ROCKET STEVENSON

JON STEVENSON ARRIVED FROM THE MIDLANDS EARLY IN THE SUMMER AS ONE OF ANDY KING'S FIRST SUMMER SIGNINGS. BORN AND BRED IN LEICESTER, THE STRIKER PROGRESSED THROUGH THE YOUTH RANKS AT FILBERT STREET AND LATTERLY THE WALKERS STADIUM.

"I was at Leicester since I was 13. I signed from school as a YT on a scholarship. I was then awarded a two-year contract. In my first year I got a few games as a substitute before getting a start for the reserve team against Chelsea, that was a good experience. They had a very strong side and I did quite well in that game."

Stevenson was awarded his Foxes debut in January 2002 against West Ham as he came on for Ade Akinbiyi in front of over 34,000 at Upton Park. The next few weeks were to be a learning curve for the youngster with substitute appearances at Everton and Sunderland before finding the net in the Midlands derby with Aston Villa.

"I made my debut under Dave Bassett when he came in. I got to travel with the team first of all then he gave me my first chance in the New Year against West Ham. I scored against Villa having come off the bench and that was a great moment. We were 2-1 down and it proved to be the equalizer to give us a point."

However, life at Leicester did not prove to be so fruitful

for 'Stevo' as an injury in the summer of 2002 hindered his opportunities somewhat. Leicester were relegated back into the First Division at the end of the 2001-2002 season. This had an adverse affect on the youngster's career as the Management team opted for physical presence rather than the skill and touch required in the Premiership.

"Being relegated to the First Division made a difference I think because it was more physical. The Manager liked to go with Paul Dickov and Brian Deane up front. It was then between Trevor Benjamin and myself as to who would be on the bench. In the Premiership I was getting more games but in the First Division he went with Benjamin on the bench.

"In the end it was probably best that I left, it was a mutual decision but I just wasn't getting the games there."

Having been told his services were no longer required at The Walkers Stadium, Stevenson was unsure what the future held until he received a call to come and join up at The County Ground.

"I was told that I was leaving on the 15th May and didn't know what to do. My agent put my name around and there was interest from several clubs from the First and Second Division. I got a call from Andy King and he wanted me to come down. He said it was best for me to join as I would get more of a chance than at other Clubs and here I am."

JON STEVENSON

AUTOGRAPH BOX





The Second Division has presented Stevenson with a different type of challenge. Having signed a one-year contract, he knows that every chance has to be grasped with both hands. An injury to Sam Parkin gave Stevenson his League debut against Stockport at the start of the month.

"The Second Division is harder than I thought it would be, if I am brutally honest. It has been hard to adapt and it is a very physical league. It is a different style of play but I just have to keep going. I have scored in every reserve game apart from one and will just have to take my chances in the first team."

This afternoon sees the visit of Port Vale to The County Ground and is also part of this year's Kick Racism Out of Football campaign. The youngster has experienced racism once in his career, as he explains.

"I have had one bad experience. I was playing in a reserve

game and one of the opposition defenders started being racist. It is not a particularly nice thing to happen but you just have to be strong and not react. People are trying to improve things but in the recent game in Turkey against England, the Turks were just trying to get a reaction out of the England players, trying to put them off their game. My heroes were Ian Wright and John Barnes when I was growing up, they were superb."

One experience of racism is one too many and Swindon Town's players will be giving their backing to the campaign today.

With Port Vale having sustained a heavy defeat last Saturday, Stevenson knows the importance of today's game.

"Port Vale will be tough. Having lost our way to a few of the bottom teams we will be facing a different type of side in Port Vale. They started the season well and hopefully we can work hard and turn things around with a home win this afternoon."



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HELLO AND WELCOME TO TODAYS GAME.

We played Bristol Rovers at the weekend and I watched our under twelve's play, which was not a fantastic game mainly due to the poor weather. We lost the game, which is always disappointing, unfortunately one or two of the players made a couple of mistakes which cost us dearly in the end. The coaching staff and myself had a chat with most of the lads after the game and we just feel that they need to sharpen up in games and start as they mean to go on.

Other results didn't go well for us on the day, we lost four games, one two and drew one. The most pleasing result was our under thirteen's who won 6-1 and seem to be putting in some very good performances throughout the team. Unfortunately we had to ask some of the players to return local football although they remain coaching with us on the programme. Hopefully that will act as a bit of a kick-start for them to come back into the programme at a later date.

They are still registered with us but go out and play local football. This weekend we look forward to paying Portsmouth at all ages. It is always interesting to play Portsmouth and as a team we don't regularly play them it

will be a good chance to test ourselves against some new opposition. Now they are in the Premier League it will add a lot of quality to their side and should prove to be a set of interesting games. We will look for a good appetite and attitude against them and hopefully we will get some good results but more importantly some good performances.

We also go into the half term programme next week and obviously the coaching stops and we go back to a games programme from Tuesday to Friday. We have a tournament at Southampton for our nines, ten's and eleven's against Millwall, Portsmouth and Bournemouth, which should prove to be very interesting against to academy teams, a Premier League team and a team from our area.

On Wednesday our Under 16's will play against Tranmere and will play again on Friday against a select team from Middlesex. Our under twelve's and thirteen's will play Gloucester City, which will be a good experience for them to play under floodlights. Our under fourteen's and fifteen's will play against Avon Rep teams on Thursday.

Finally, I would like to say Happy Birthday to Eddie Buckley who was eighty on Monday.

Jimmy Fraser



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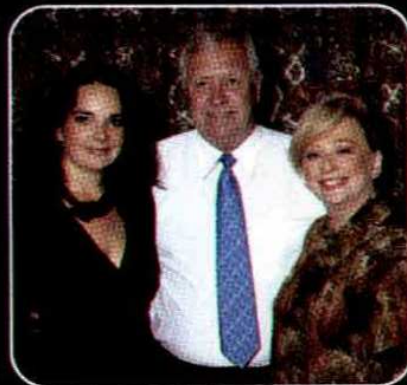
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▲ Mike King shows that he does have a brain after all.



▲ Compere Barry Williams in fine form.



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▲ Debbie looks at Mike King of Greenham affectionately.

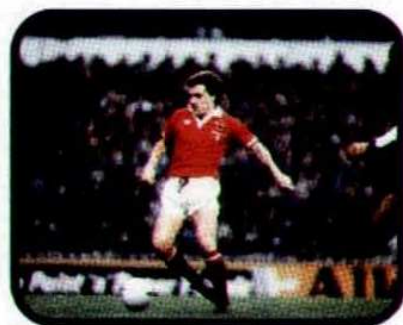
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WE MEET AGAIN...

DAVE WALLIS DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES TO PROVIDE US WITH TWO PLAYERS WHO HAVE PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS.

Alex Smith

Perhaps Steve McMahon first became aware of Everton's Alex Smith's prowess while they were both still on Merseyside, but if not, Liverpool-born Smith was still to become one of McMahon's signings as Swindon manager in December 1996.

Operating on the left side he joined a Swindon team who had just dropped into Division Two, but his first season of competitive football was to be spent with a club that was to take the championship at the end of the campaign. He made his Swindon and League debut as a substitute in the game against York on January 13th 1996 and by the end of the season had made two full League appearances at left back and appeared six times as a substitute.

During 1996/97 he made 18 appearances following the departure of Bodin and Horlock, as Town consolidated their position in Division One. Opening his goal scoring account with the winner in a 2-1 victory at West Brom in February 1997 he looked to be proving his worth to the squad.

After spells with Huddersfield and Chester City, a £75,000 move took Smith to Burslem where he signed on 25th March 1999, but while the move lifted him back to Division One it thrust him into a desperate fight with relegation.

Vale finished 23rd in 1999/2000. They were kept off the bottom of the table by Swindon Town as both clubs slipped into Division Two. By the end of 2000/01, Alex had completed 50 League games for Vale when he rejected a new contract. It looked like a gamble, but Smith moved back to the Thames valley, signed for Reading and made 15 appearances as the Royals gained second place and promotion to Division One.

Last season saw a loan to Shrewsbury as yet again he failed to hold down a regular place. A memorable FA Cup victory in which the Shrews beat Alex's original club Everton saw him play a major role, but in the summer he was allowed to leave Reading and spent pre-season training with Crewe Alexandra.

Unfortunately, it seems the chance to become Alex of the Alex didn't materialise.

Ian Miller

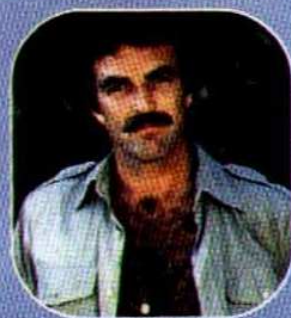
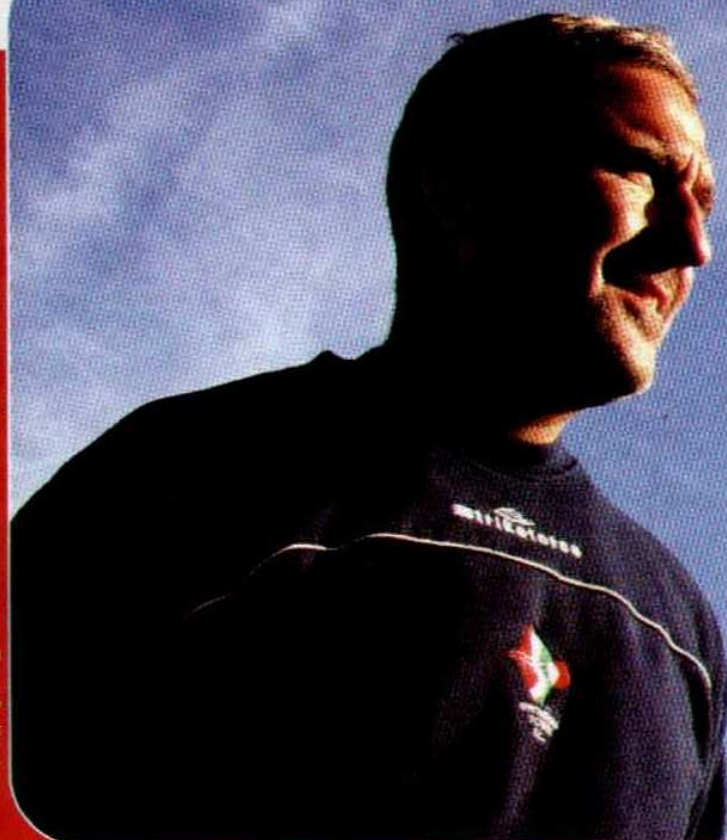
Over the years Swindon have had more than the odd winger of note and when Ian Miller signed for new Town manager Bob Smith in July 1978 in a move cost Town £25,000 and saw striker Mickey French travel in the opposite direction to take the estimated value of the deal to £40,000.

Smith was piecing together an exciting team that was to include Andy Rowland, Alan Mayes and an ex-Bury team mate of Miller, Brian Williams. Ian was to play his part in momentous games which saw Town reach the

semi-finals of the League Cup and constantly flirt with promotion from Division Three.

In the summer 1989, following a spell with Blackburn Rovers, he made the switch to Port Vale where he was to make 21 League appearances during 1989/90. Vale finished in a respectable mid-table place in Division Two and Ian scored what was to be his last senior goal in a 5-0 home drubbing of Ipswich on News Year's Day 1990.

A final move to Scunthorpe in August 1990 produced another dozen outings in Division Four before his contract was cancelled at the end of the season.



Dick Mackey

DUKEY'S COLUMN

OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS I'VE BEEN RECEIVING MY FAIR SHARE OF UNWANTED AGRO FROM SOME OF THE SQUAD. THEY HAVE CLEARLY BEEN AFFECTED BY WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN READING IN THE COLUMN. NOW FOR THIS I'M SORRY AND IF THE COLUMN HAS HURT OR OFFENDED ANY OF THEM, THEN I APOLOGISE AND IT WAS NEVER MY INTENTION! HONEST!!!!!!

Now this week's news, Sammy Igloo has been in the wars. As I'm sure your aware he was unfit for selection on Saturday. The circumstances leading up to the injury are really quite unfortunate. Sammy told me how when driving home from training with his sister, Brian Howard, they were comparing roots. Brian noted that Sammy Igloo's roots were quite prominent, in fact there was more black than peroxide. This horrified Sammy and he sped straight home, once at home he hunted high and low for his one remaining supply of peroxide. To his dismay he couldn't locate it anywhere, then he discovered that his little boy has commandeered the supply because he was sick of his friends asking why he had two mothers. Sammy, who was frantic at this point took up chase and pursued him all round the house. Sadly for us when Sammy sprinted out of the bedroom he tripped over his mullet and tumbled down the stairs, down Igloo! Not just any flight of stairs though! There is no such

thing in the Igloo Household, he lives in a castle and the stairs go on and on so no wonder he injured himself! Seriously, the squad have asked me to pass on their best wishes and wish Sammy a speedy recovery.

Next on the agenda for our budding acrobat, one day after training he was dismayed to find his pride and joy (not the hair, his car) had been defaced. Sammy had spent a few hours cleaning and polishing it the day before and to return to his car after training and find it smeared with shampoo, shower gel and whatever else the assailant had in his wash bag. Would the offender please do the manly thing and face up to his actions. It was clearly a prank that went too far big Matty, did I say that, whoops!

Our Physio Dick Mackey has not stopped pestering me since he read the comment I made in my last column about Swindonians being tight-fisted. It was a joke Tom Selleck - a light-hearted jibe. As if a Scotsman such as myself could really pass such a statement seriously. However, it got me thinking. I was wondering why it got to him so much? Then it hit me, when have I ever seen him buying a drink, a newspaper or even food at the gym? He doesn't even use his car as he begrudges using up the petrol! Yes, that must have been it, he really is tight. Don't worry Dick, you're still in the early stages, when you get as bad as Smithy you will have real cause for concern!

Paul Smith



AROUND THE GROUNDS

Words by Tony Matthews



▲ Danny Wilson



▲ Paul Warhurst

• **BRISTOL CITY** City are currently the draw specialists of the Second Division and last Saturday's stalemate against Wrexham at The Racecourse Ground was their seventh of the campaign (from 14 starts). However, manager Danny Wilson, although not too disappointed with his side's away form (one win and five points) still wants more fire-power from his front men as only 17 goals have so far been scored in the League.

• **CHESTERFIELD** The Spire-ites, who chalked up their first League win of

the season last weekend, alas at Swindon's expense, have signed the former Blackburn Rovers and Bolton Wanderers utility player Paul Warhurst on a one-month contract.

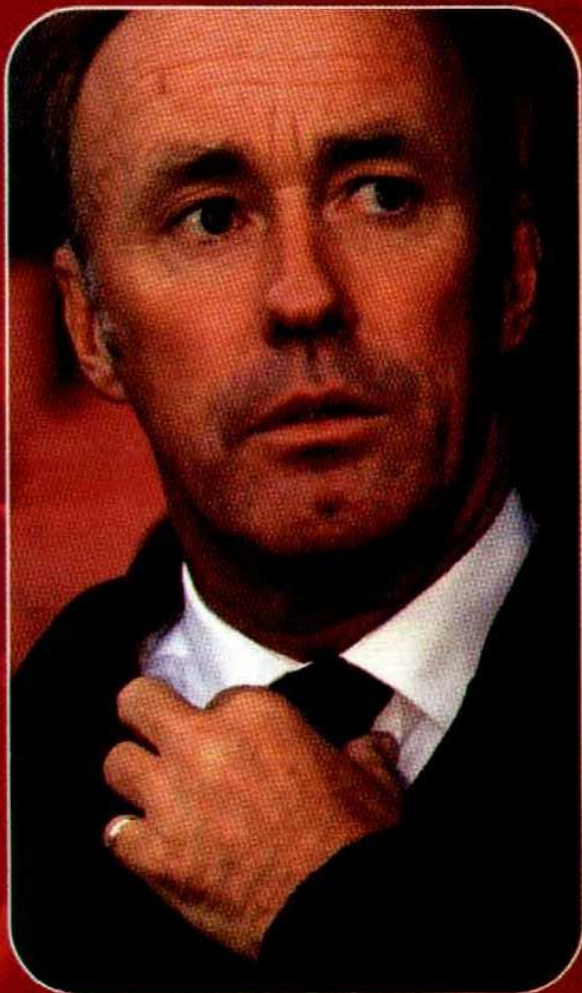
• **OLDHAM ATHLETIC** Trust Oldham, the fans group hoping to save the Boundary Park club have welcomed the interest shown by overseas investors. Two wealthy American businessmen have paid £200,000 into the club's bank account, thus allowing administrators PKF to keep the Latics running into November.

• **PLYMOUTH ARGYLE** Right now Pilgrims' manager Paul Sturrock is absolutely delighted with his players who up to last weekend had gone goal-crazy, scoring 15 times in three games - six against Tranmere Rovers and five at Port Vale in the League and four at home to Bristol City in the LDV Vans Trophy.

• **PORT VALE** That humiliating 5-1 home defeat at the hands of Plymouth Argyle last Saturday afternoon was the Valiants heaviest reverse in League football (in terms of goals conceded with a difference of four)



▲ Paul Surrock



▲ Sammy McIlroy

since April 1998 when they lost by an identical score away at Ipswich Town, who also beat them 5-1 in January 1996. The last time the Valiants conceded five at home was well over 16 years ago, back in February 1987, when Blackpool won 6-1 in a Third Division encounter.

• **STOCKPORT COUNTY** New boss Sammy McIlroy, the former Manchester United, Stoke City and Northern Ireland international and manager of Macclesfield Town and of course his country, didn't have the greatest of starts to his reign as

manager at Edgeley Park but it could have been worse! With a minute remaining of his first home game in charge (v. Notts County last weekend) the Hatters trailed 2-1 but ex-Celtic star James Goodwin pounced to save a point and keep them above the Magpies at the bottom end of the table.

• **LDV VANS TROPHY** The draw for the second round of the LDV Vans Trophy was made last weekend and here are details of who the remaining Second Division clubs will be competing against...

Northern Section:

Blackpool v. Doncaster Rovers;
Bury v. Oldham Athletic;
Lincoln City v. Chesterfield;
Sheffield Wednesday v. Barnsley;
Stockport County v. Wrexham.

Southern Section:

Brighton & Hove Albion v. Boston United;
Peterborough United v. Brentford;
Plymouth Argyle v. Wycombe Wanderers;
QPR v. Dagenham & Redbridge;
Rushden & Diamonds v. Luton Town
and Yeovil Town v. Colchester United.



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SPONSOR SUZANNE GREENING.

COMMERCIAL VIEW

WITH MIKE SULLIVAN

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Over the years ICP has created many buildings for Multi-national, National, and Local Clients, including among others, J Sainsbury Plc, McDonalds, Sytners Motor Group, Big Yellow Self Storage, Holiday Inn, Lidl, and Safeway Plc. Completed developments in Swindon include Lydiard Fields and Hangbourne Copse, both at Junction 16.

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MITSUBISHI MOTORS CIRENCESTER are very pleased to sponsor today's match with Port Vale. The recently announced Mitsubishi 'Player of the Month Award', our new ground signage and programme advertising are just some of the ways in which we are supporting Swindon Town FC. Rob Ayland, General Manager - Retail Operations Mitsubishi UK "We are delighted to sponsor today's clash with the 'Vale' and hope to see the 'Robins' back into their play off spot.

We have already welcomed many Swindon Town FC supporters to our Cirencester Garage and they have been delighted with the deals that they



▲ Mooney with Matchball sponsors 'The Turner Family' at the Stockport game.

have been offered - Up the ROBINS!!!

ROSS BROOKE & PARTNERS, Chartered Accountants in Wood Street, Old Town and Newbury are also today's sponsors. As well as keen supporters of the club Ross Brooke are proud to be the club's own auditors.

In particular they specialise in looking after family businesses that need a personal service at a competitive price. They offer a free 45 minute initial meeting and are happy to agree fixed fees so there are no nasty shocks at the end of the year. Chris Davies can be reached on 01793 523432 or by email cdavies@ross-brooke.co.uk

Our Matchball Sponsor today is **SUZANNE GREENING**. She has just recently celebrated her 30th birthday and has been a regular supporter of the Club now for over five years, coming to the games with her partner Paul Curd and her brother who is currently in New Zealand. Suzanne is obviously doing a good job, as Paul admits to being a lifelong Evertonian, who she is gradually beginning to

convert. Primary school teacher Suzanne names her favourite player as Steve Robinson, and normally after leaving her Town End seat (quiet side) at each home game she visits the Club shop to buy something to give the first pupil who tells her the correct Swindon Town score on a Monday.

On behalf of the Club, I hope that all of today's Match Sponsors have a great day out with us, and that we have a favourable result at 4.50pm.

CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR ARE COMING.....

With the Christmas and New Year time just over seven weeks now, its time for our colourful Christmas and New Year Draw tickets to make another appearance. Over the next fourteen days we will be sending out a mailshot to all our season ticket holders and corporate customers. Included inside will be books of draw tickets that we would like you to sell on behalf of the Club. We are delighted that this year's Draw has been kindly sponsored by **BLOOR HOMES**.



▲ The teams line-up before Stockport.

There are **FOUR MAIN** prizes to win **PLUS 30 RUNNER UP** prizes also. The main prizes are

1st prize £1000 in cash.

2nd prize A weekend for two in Amsterdam.

3rd prize Tea for Two at the Ritz and tickets for a top London theatre show.

4th prize A V.I.P. Day out for four at a home STFC League game.

The runners up prizes will be made up of Christmas goodies including Bottles of Spirits, Boxes of Chocolates, Cuddly toys etc.

The tickets cost £1 each and each book contains 10 tickets. There is a 10% commission paid on all ticket sales, and as a special **BONUS**, anyone who sells a complete book of ten tickets will then be entered into a special agents draw to win a V.I.P. Day out for two people at a home league game in the New Year.

This draw was very popular last year and a high number of you managed to sell tickets to members of the family, friends and working colleagues. That same kind of support would be greatly appreciated this year as well.

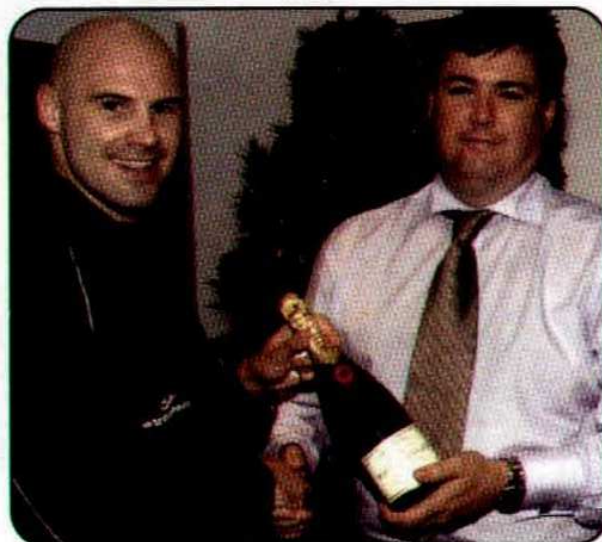


▲ Santa dishes up early presents.

MAN OF THE MATCH TOMMY MOONEY

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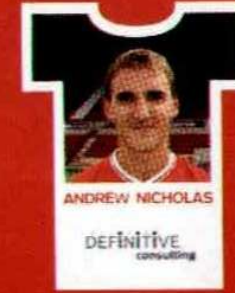
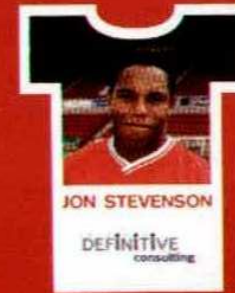
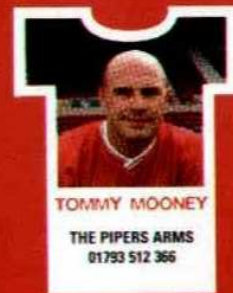
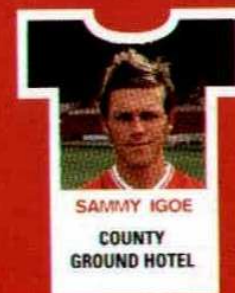
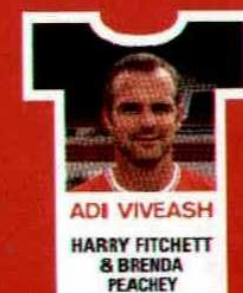
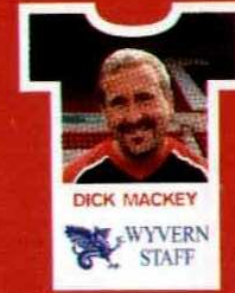
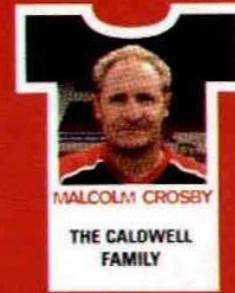
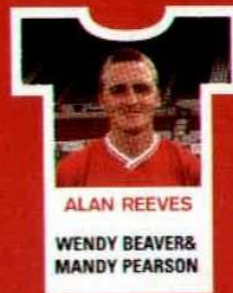
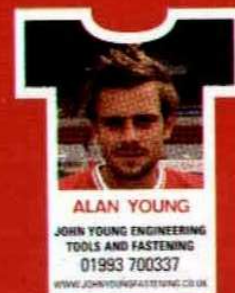
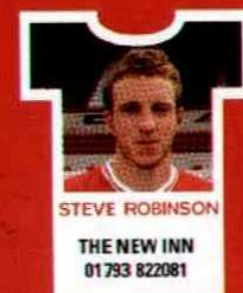
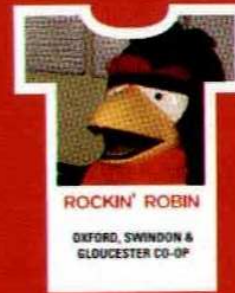
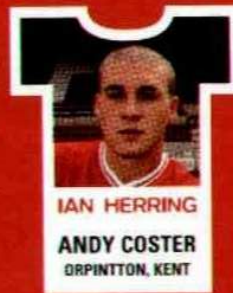
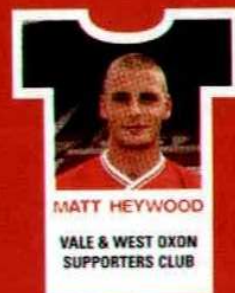
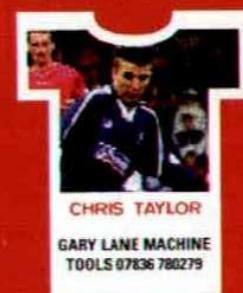
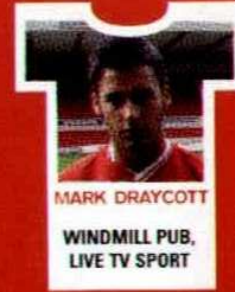
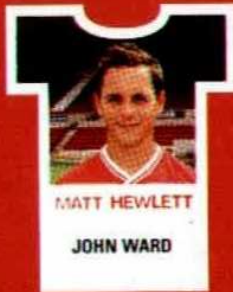
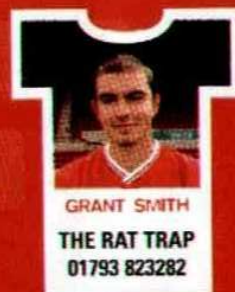
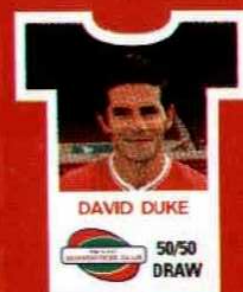
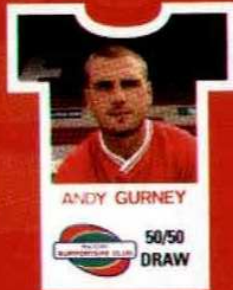
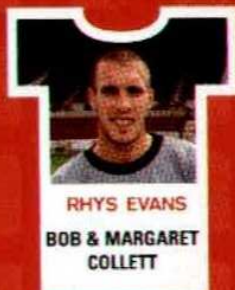
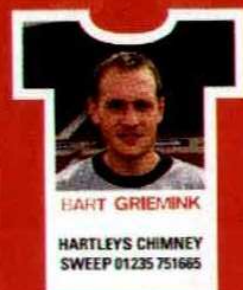
Gary Barnes, from Meteor Car Parking, presents Tommy Mooney with his man of the match award.

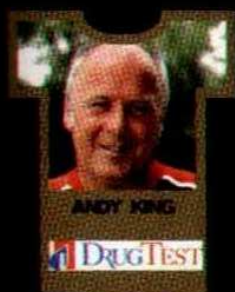




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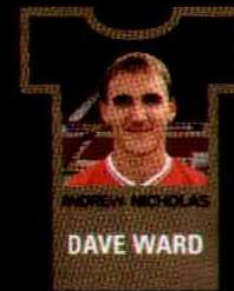
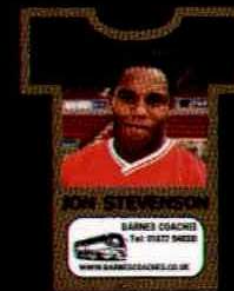
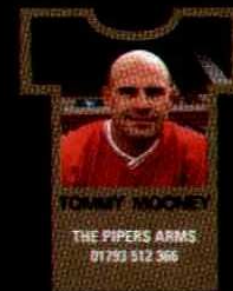
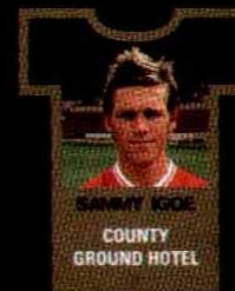
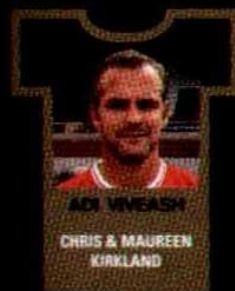
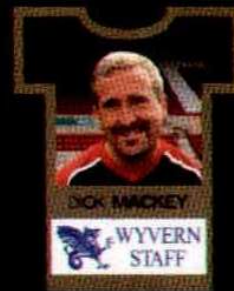
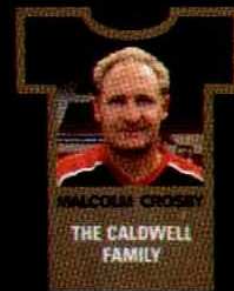
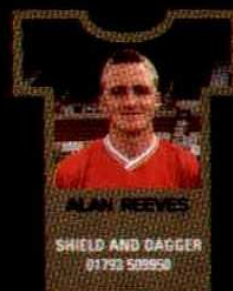
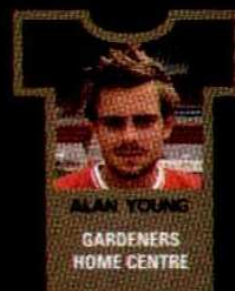
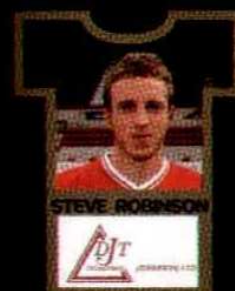
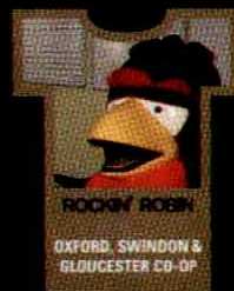
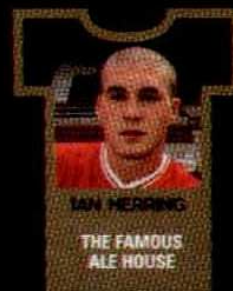
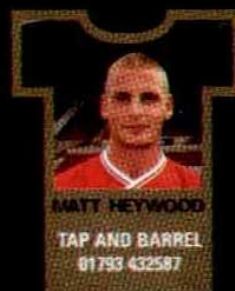
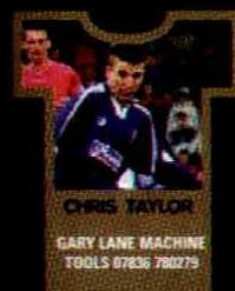
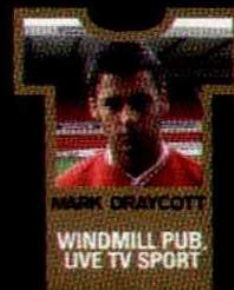
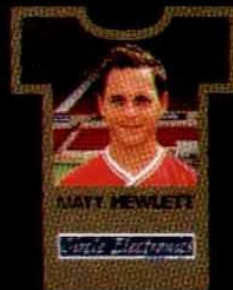
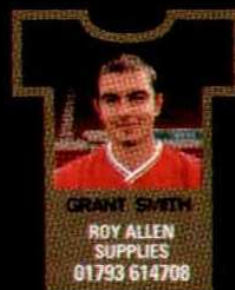
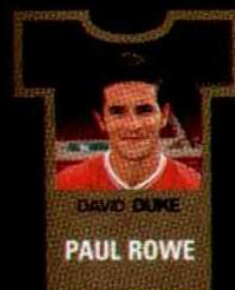
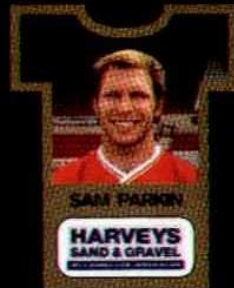
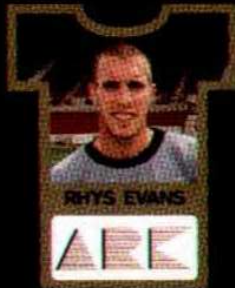
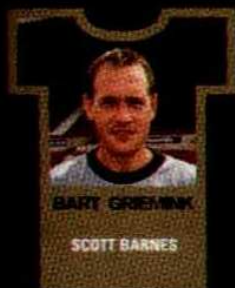
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1 FLYING PARTRIDGE

Les Partridge is shown here on his travels this summer, this time on Paphos harbour, Cyprus.



2 GREAT SCOT!

Kate & Jonathan Martin whilst on the peak of Goat Fell (2,868m!), on the Isle of Arran in Scotland.

QUIZTIME - 25 YEARS AGO

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

- 1) On 18th October 1978, Wrexham spent £210,000 to buy back a defender who they had previously sold to Liverpool. Who was this?
- 2) On the 19th, which enigmatic ex-Chelsea, Stoke and England midfielder signed for American team Seattle Sounders for £100,000?
- 3) Which striker moved from Walsall to Birmingham for £175,000 on 24th? He later returned to Walsall, managed the Saddlers, and has since managed Grimsby twice.
- 4) On 25th, Leeds United appointed a replacement for departed manager Jock Stein. He had previously managed Burnley and Sunderland and was a member of the England 1962 World Cup squad where unusually he also fulfilled the role of assistant manager. Who?
- 5) On 21st Swindon won 3-0 win at Lincoln. Opening the scoring with his only goal of the season was a defender who moved to Portsmouth to again play alongside ex-Swindon centre back Steve Aizlewood. What was his name?

A1 Joey Jones A2 Alan Hudson A3 Alan Buckley A4 Jimmy Adamson A5 John McLaughlin



SWINDON TOWN FOCUS ON A FAN

NAME: Patrick John McAleer

AGE: 13

SCHOOL: Farmors Schools, Fairford

LIVES: Fairford

WHEN DID YOU FIRST COME TO SEE SWINDON TOWN: In 1996, when I came to see a game with my brother and Dad.

BEST STFC MEMORY: When we beat Southend in the Carling Cup this season, because there was a great atmosphere in the stands, I was on the television afterwards and I had some good fish and chips!

HOPES FOR THIS SEASON: Getting promotion via the playoffs.

YOUR LONG TERM HOPES FOR THE CLUB: When we get promoted to Division One, to consolidate before challenging for a place back with the big boys in the Premiership.

IF MONEY WERE NO OBJECT WHO WOULD YOU WANT TO SEE PLAYING FOR SWINDON: John O'Shea and Wayne Rooney.

YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FANS: Be patient, be positive and keep supporting the team through the good and bad.

YOUR MESSAGE TO THE PLAYERS: "You're doing a good job, keep it up and keep playing your hearts out".

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: Aidan Featherstone

QUALIFICATIONS: Aidan moved to Marlborough when he was 4 years old and soon became a Town fan. He has early memories of Peter Eastoe, Peter Noble and Roger Smart. It was the mid-seventies when his brother started to let younger sibling tag along and stand with him in the town-end. He vividly remembers being crushed against the barriers as the crowd surged forward when David Moss charged down the wing and put in yet another cross.

One of the earliest games he remembers attending was the FA Cup fourth round replay versus West Ham in January 1974 including a young Trevor Brooking, Billy Bonds, Clyde Best and Frank Lampard Snr. 'West Ham were flying high at the top of the old First Division and this was a true glamour tie.

He describes having witnessed the lows of non-descript football in the bottom reaches of the old Fourth Division and the magnificent occasions of the two play-off finals. His claim to fame is having a tug of war for the Div One trophy with Martin Ling on breakfast TV outside the De Vere Hotel whilst brandishing a pint of beer.

His highlights following Town include the inevitable Craig Maskell "crash against the post and in" goal at Wembley and Colin Calderwood walking around the County Ground pitch with David Speedie in a headlock during a preseason "friendly" with Chelsea. There was also Vinnie Jones shinning up the snack bar in front of the North stand to retrieve the ball and take the throw-in whilst still on the roof.

Whilst he always dreamed of turning out for Swindon in the number 5 shirt, the nearest he got was defeating a post-Don Rogers Lambourn side in the North Berks league.

1. FRASER DIGBY: No matter how the team played around him, Fraser always seemed to put in a consistent performance. Very good at one on one's when strikers broke through.



2. Matt Heywood: Big, domineering and improving all the time. Destined for higher divisions, hopefully with the Town.

3. Colin Calderwood: Matches the keeper for consistency. Quick and mobile for a centre half, never looked out of place in the Premiership.

4. Ian Culverhouse: Proven performer with Norwich previously. Very comfortable on the ball and a natural sweeper.

5. Chris Kamara: Great at disrupting the opposition, on and off the ball. Sit him in front of the backline and let the rest of the midfield do their thing. Not a bad pundit either.

6. Glenn Hoddle: Quite simply the finest player I have seen in a Swindon shirt. Always seemed to have time on the ball and looked effortless in all he did.

7. Alan McLoughlin: Great playmaker, very tenacious and scores important goals too. Ran Sunderland ragged in the ill-fated play off final.

8. Nicky Summerbee: Finest crosser of the ball I've seen. Stick a big target man in the box and Nicky will put the ball on his head.

9. Ty Gooden: Very quick and a strong tackler with a fierce shot. Can play in defence or midfield and a natural wing back.

10. Duncan Shearer: Scored from tap-ins, headers and screamers from outside the box. A natural goal-scoring centre forward who could play alongside anyone.

11. Jan-Aage Fjortoft: After a slow start, there was no stopping him once he had scored his first goal. Who can forget his "flying" celebrations?

Subs: Jimmy Allan, Dave Hockaday, Ian Miller, Mickey Hazard, Peter Eastoe



10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

TO COMMEMORATE THE
TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY
OF GETTING PROMOTED
TO THE PREMIERSHIP WE
ARE REGULARLY SPEAKING
TO THE PLAYERS AND
CLUB OFFICIALS FROM
1993 AND THIS WEEK
SIMON COY SPOKE TO
THEN CLUB SECRETARY,
JON POLLARD.



If you were to ask Jon Pollard, Swindon Town Club Secretary during the 1992/93 season, for his memories of the two-leg play-off semi-final against Tranmere you may be surprised by his answer. Jon attended both games as the clubs shared nine goals in a thrilling encounter that will live long in the memories of those who agonised through 180 anxious minutes, but he didn't see a single ball kicked. This friendly man from Norfolk explained why he only saw the inside of the Town dressing room at Prenton Park and gives a fascinating insight into how he was instrumental in getting John Gorman to stay after Hoddle's departure.

"I did it before. I didn't see the semi-final when I'd been previously promoted to the top league so I refused to see it again. I didn't see a kick of the ball. I stayed down in the dressing room as it was a superstition thing. I'd been at Norwich previously and we got promoted by virtue of the fact that I hadn't seen the game at all, so I decided that this was going to be exactly the same thing. I don't know how many people in football are superstitious, but I'm certainly one of them when it comes to many things, so I refused to watch the game."

"Other games I'd refused to watch included the FA Youth Cup semi-final at Norwich when we played Everton, I sat in the dressing room and we won that one as well so I was determined not to watch this one."

So why not the final itself if the superstition had proven to work over the years?

"Well, you're at Wembley, so I think you have to grin and bear the final. There was no way I was going to miss out on that one. When it came to the penalty at the end of the game I didn't watch it. Being an ex-goalkeeper myself I never watch penalties. I didn't see it go in at the time and it was weeks before I actually saw it. I had my head down in my hands and I heard the cheer and I remember thinking, well who is that cheering, is it the Swindon supporters or is it the Leicester supporters. Then I could see the Swindon fans going mad and I got mobbed by my own family and the next thing I found

myself down on the pitch virtually crying my eyes out"

"It was a fantastic atmosphere, driving down Wembley Way and being there in all the build up to it. Of course there was also the after match celebrations. Driving back down the M4 on the hard shoulder with a Police escort and I remember even the arch rivals Reading's supporters were on the bridges waving to us as we went past."

Jon went on to explain about the aftermath of the game and in particular events surrounding the departure of Glenn Hoddle as Manager.

"There was the 'will he wont he' thing about Glenn Hoddle after the final, it was always there and I must admit I had a funny feeling that he was going to go elsewhere, but at the time I honestly didn't know. It was a disappointment."

"I was glad that I managed to get John Gorman to stay on. He came round and said his goodbyes to everybody and I say to Gorrie, 'why don't you stay on?' and he said, 'no, they don't want me'. I told him that they did and that he only had to go upstairs to see Chairman Ray Hardman. He then went upstairs and he spoke to Ray Hardman and the next thing he came down beaming all over his face saying 'I'm staying, I'm staying.' So, if I can say nothing else at Swindon, I certainly kept John Gorman there as Manager."

Jon left Swindon Town in 1996 and has since been working as Club Secretary at First Division Bradford City.

"I've seen the hard times up here recently, so I know what Swindon have been through as we nearly went under ourselves a year ago. There's been good times and bad times and staying in the Premiership was just as hard a battle as getting into it."

One of football's true gentleman, Jon has fond memories of his time at Swindon and we can only hope that the future holds many more lonely evenings spent in opposition dressing rooms for the nice guy from Norfolk.

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David Barry	1.00
Anonymous	6.00
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Mr & Mrs M Russell	0.50
S Valetine	1.00
A Smith	1.00
STFC Disabled Group	2.00

46.50

Total money raised so far:

£821.50

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Time to catch up on the latest winners.

LUTON - was David Barry who follows the Town both at home and away won this draw with ticket number 651. His winning prize was £363.

STOCKPORT - another win for a committed Town fan C Bailey of Cheltenham this ticket number was 56 and won a prize of £412. The win was courtesy of a ticket paid for by regular subscription payment by this method is still available to fans. Visit our web site for details

POUND FOR POINTS SPONSORSHIP FOR THE SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE.

Full list of sponsors appears on this page and the tally continues to grow towards the £50 per point. Don't forget all funds raised through this scheme will go directly towards the school of excellence. For those fans who witnessed the 5-0 F A Youth cup win against Yeovil last Saturday, instead of taking the long trek to Chesterfield, witnessed the strength we have at that level and that can only be positive for the Football Club as a whole.

DISABLED GROUP.

Were pleased to have Adi Viveash at their last meeting and were very interested in hearing how his career had developed to date.

The disabled group are really grateful to the players and officials from the football club that spend some time at their meetings and will hopefully welcome another star at their meeting next week which takes place on Monday 3rd November at 7.30pm in the winners lounge. They would also be pleased to welcome new members and their helpers.

The disabled group recently decided that they too would support the pounds for points initiative and have committed £2 a point to the cause.



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STFC LADIES

THE TOWN LADIES HAVE MOVED INTO FIFTH PLACE IN THE SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FOLLOWING A WIN AND A DRAW.

The Town entertained Reading and won by three goals to one. Michelle Rich put the Town ahead in the 18th minute following a good knock back from Claire Moreton. She then added a second with a free kick from a full 45 yards out. Early in the second half the visitors were reduced to ten players following a second bookable offence. The Town took full advantage of the extra player and increased their lead through Jenny Webster. Reading did get one back midway through the second half.

The Town then visited Clevedon Town with a strong wind blowing the length of the pitch. The Town played into the wind the first half and conceded two goals. Almost straight from the restart Clevedon grabbed a third. In an eight-minute spell the Town scored three goals to level the score. Michelle Rich scored direct from a free kick and then Kim Reeves scrambled in number two before Nikki Goodheart got the equaliser. Despite being wind assisted the Town were unable to grab the elusive winner.

The Town Reserves travelled to face Keynsham Town Reserves in the Wiltshire County League and were beaten by two late goals to one. Lorna Newton scored the Town's goal.

The Town Under 14 side playing in the Surrey Primary League beat Reading by two goals to one. Polly New

and Chloe Bryant got onto the score sheet. In the Wiltshire Seven a Side League the "A" side beat Swindon Spitfires by fourteen goals to one. Polly New got a double hat trick., Stephanie Lewis and Lisa Coe both scored twice and goals from CJ Ellis, Kerrie Keene, Samantha Masters and an own goal took the total to fourteen. The Town continued their winning ways with a thirteen goals to nil trouncing of Westbury. Lisa Coe got a hat trick, CJ Ellis, Polly New, Abbi Morse all got two each and Abbi Curtin, Stephanie Lewis, Kerrie Keene and Samantha Masters completed the scoring. The "B" side lost to Swindon Badgers by three goals to one with Kerri Abbey getting the Town's goal. They then drew two a piece with Trowbridge Town and Chloe Bryant and Katrina Fisher found the net.

The Under 12 team playing Swindon Badgers in the Wiltshire County League lost by three goals to one with Emily Stacey getting the Town's goal. A Nicola Coe goal was then enough to beat Bradford on Avon one nil.

Tomorrow the Town travel to Devon to play Plymouth Oak Villa in the first round of the Women's FA Cup. The Plymouth side, who play in the South West Regional League, have already played through two preliminary rounds.

ROGER REEVES

ONE 2 ONE WITH: DIANE GEORGE

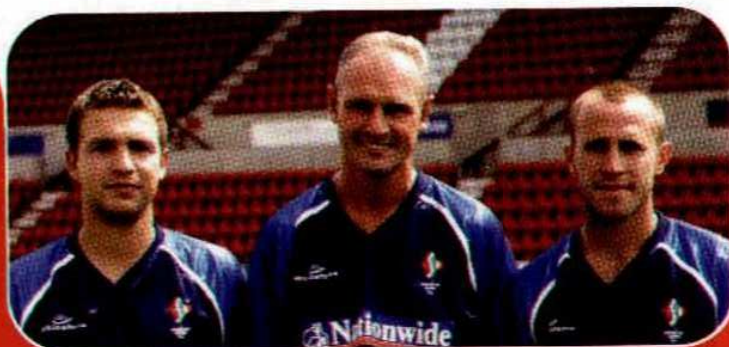
AGE: 42
HOME TOWN: SWINDON
OCCUPATION: CUSTOMER AGENT
POSITION: DEFENCE
PREVIOUS CLUBS: SWINDON
SPITFIRE, NEWBURY
HONOURS: NONE
WHO DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?
ALAN SHEARER
FAVOURITE CLUB? SPURS
FAVOURITE PLAYER? ROBBIE KEANE
**FAVOURITE TELEVISION
PROGRAMME?** NEIGHBOURS
**WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO
SIT NEXT TO ON A PLANE?**
MEL GIBSON



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



▲ Worton & Cheverell U10's



▲ Worton & Cheverell U11's



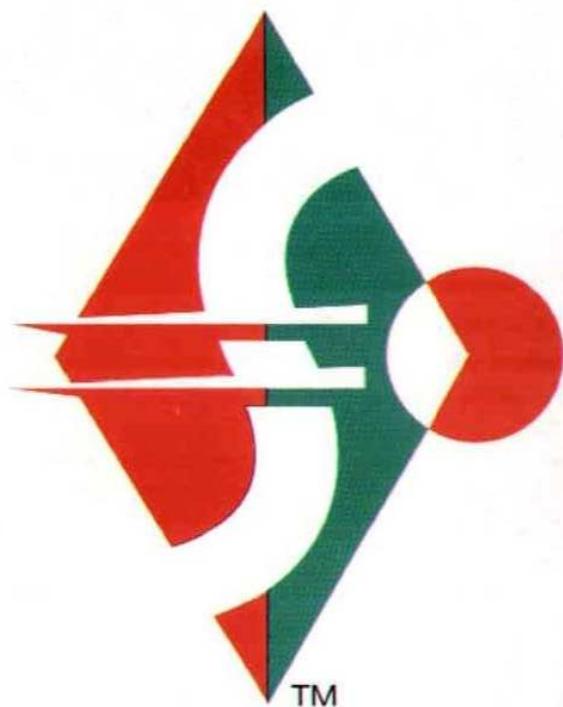
▲ Lydiard Youth U8's

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S FIXTURE AGAINST PORT VALE. WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG HELLO TO THE VISITORS TO OUR SATURDAY TEAM CLUB TODAY WHO ARE WORTON AND GREAT CHEVERELL U10'S AND U11'S AND LYDIARD YOUTH U8'S. WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU TO MANDY LITTLE OF WORTON AND GREAT CHEVERELL AND JIM MILLER OF LYDIARD YOUTH WHO HAVE ARRANGED THE TRIPS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE CLUBS.

This morning everybody has had a tour of the ground and all the lads have enjoyed a comprehensive coaching session with our team of qualified coaches. They have also enjoyed a lunch before coming to the ground and taking their seats for the big match. Please give us a call if your school or club would enjoy a similar day at a future home fixture.

We have built up over the last few weeks some great sessions in the schools working with children with special needs, with a wide range of disabilities. We as a Community Office team have found the sessions very rewarding and we have been very heartened at the standard set by the children. We are hoping the festival will be an annual event and we would like to say a big thank you to Nancy Tillier and her team for making this years event possible.

We are all geared up for our half-term week here next week where we have a magnificent 220 keen players ready to be put through their paces for three days. The uptake for this course has been unbelievable with all the places being taken two weeks prior to the start on Tuesday. This is another indication of the popularity of our courses and that we cannot guarantee places, so it is a case of first come, first served. Our next course is in February so if you would like details please call us on 01793 421303 and we will mail out the information to you straight away. We still have limited places available for Fraser Digby's Goalkeeping Clinic on Friday 31st October. So give us a call if you are interested.



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GOOD AFTERNOON AND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE JUNIOR ROBINS HERE TODAY, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO WELCOME WROUGHTON JUNIOR SCHOOL AND FRESHBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL.

At the last home game against Stockport County, some Junior Robins were supposed to have a coaching session with the Stockport Juniors but due to unforeseen circumstances the Stockport Juniors could not get here early enough. So we took the disappointed Junior Robins up to one of our suites to do a question and answer session with the injured midfielder Stefani Miglioranza. I don't think they could believe it when their heroes such as, Andy Gurney, Alan Reeves, Matty Hewlett, Alan Young and Tommy Mooney all went in to meet them, sign autographs and to have a general chat about how the season has gone so far.

George and Brenda Chadwick have also written an account of our reciprocal visit to Bristol City:

Our thanks to everyone for being prompt for our Junior Robin's coach trip to Bristol City and to our coach driver John for an excellent journey there and back.

Our thanks also to Claire and John Banks at Bristol City for their hospitality shown to our Junior Robins, Mums and Dads which included a very nice sandwich lunch. Everyone on the visit had a really good time and enjoyed playing football on the inflatable indoor pitch. The games of 5-a-side competing with the City Juniors included all ranges, commencing with our older juniors kicking off first. Congratulations to all our teams who did extremely well, especially the older ones who played a second match and revenged their first match defeat, winning 5-4 against opposition who included some Academy players.

Our lucky Mascot chosen from a draw on the coach on the way down was Andrew Curtis. Andrew had a great time meeting the players and kicking around on the pitch. Well done Andrew.

We now have our youngest Junior Robin, who joined last week. He is Lewis Paul Bentley Pearson who was born on Friday 3rd October 2003 at Great Western

Hospital at 11.41am. He is a healthy baby and weighed 7lbs when he was born. We would like to congratulate his proud parents and we hope he becomes a life long Town fan.



Lewis Paul Bentley Pearson

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

COME ON YOU REDS!

Alice Wills

Junior Robins and Schools Project Manager
01793 333733 alice@swindontownfc.co.uk

I'D LIKE TO WISH THESE JUNIOR ROBINS A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ALL OF US HERE AT SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB:

20th October	Paul Rea
21st October	Daniel Moyles & Brian Twining
22nd October	James Walters
23rd October	Luke Pricor & Joshua Smith
25th October	Mstr Brain
26th October	Daniel Wainwright
28th October	Gary Toddington
29th October	Bradley Lane & Keiran Shail
30th October	Daniel King
31st October	Stephen Whittle



SWINDON TOWN'S SOCCER CENTRES



A VERY WARM WELCOME TO TODAY'S MATCH AGAINST PORT VALE.

Over the last couple of weeks all our ten soccer centres have been coming to the end of their seven week course and will have a well-deserved break for the half-term holiday.

All ten centres have worked very hard in their seven week course and I would like to say a big thanks to all coaches and kids on the course and hope this high standard can carry on through the school year.

All kids have worked through a seven week structure which includes passing, control, dribbling, turning, heading, shooting and in their last week finished off with a mini

tournament this gives the kids a chance to play matches against each other.

Even though we operate a structure the soccer centres are based around enjoyment and fun. It gives the kids a chance to make new friends

All sessions last for one hour and if you feel you would like to come along, then all you have to do is book your place at the center and pay in full to the chosen leisure centre reception the cost per hour is £3.

If you are interested or would like to know more information then just give me a call on (01793) 333 700

Enjoy the 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 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
	5.00 - 6.00 pm	7 - 8 years
	6.00 - 7.00 pm	9 - 11 years



Dave Hockaday WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

EVER WONDERED WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR COUNTY GROUND HEROES? YOU CHEERED THEM ON AND GAZED ADMIRINGLY AT THEIR XR3i IN THE CAR PARK. BUT WHERE DID THEY GO, THESE MEN OF STEEL ??

On the track is 'The Hack' from Tottenham to Timbuktu. Who he finds is up to you. Challenge him now with a name from the past by emailing simoncoy@email.com and wherever they are he'll find them.

The Hack began by tracing Town legend Dave Hockaday, and found him happy in Hertfordshire. Dave played the last of his 245 league games for Swindon in 1989 having previously made 147 league appearances for Blackpool. The popular full-back left the County Ground to join Hull City where he spent two and a half seasons and played 72 league games for the Tigers. He was then reunited with ex-Town boss Lou Macari at Stoke City for a 7 game loan spell at the end of the 1992/93 season, helping the Potters club to secure the Division Two title.

Dave made his last move as a player in 1993 joining Shrewsbury, where he made 48 league appearances for the Shrews winning Division Three along the way. The

curtain came down on a highly successful career in 1995 after 519 league appearances and a helping hand in three league titles.

Off the park success continued for Dave in 1995 when, together with Steve Slattery, he formed the countries first ever Football Academy just up the road in Cirencester. Within a year he had nurtured the best college side in the country, a position they made their own for 4 years. There are now over 100 Football Academy's at colleges throughout the UK and Dave is rightly proud of this achievement.

Job offers came in from many quarters and in April 1999 Dave joined Watford as Assistant Academy Director where he is still plying his trade today. Sixteen youngsters have graduated from his Academy to play first team football for the Hornets including a certain young man by the name of Ifil.

Dave told The Hack "I spent the best and happiest years of my playing career at Swindon under both Lou and Ossie during which we won Division Four with a record 102 points. All I have is positive memories and made many great friends,"

STFC STUDY SUPPORT CENTRE BONJOUR SEBASTIEN

PUPILS FROM HREOD PARKWAY SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SWINDON HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE THEIR FRENCH WHEN THEY MET SEBASTIEN RUSTER AT THE STFC STUDY CENTRES.

All of the pupils introduced themselves in French and thanked Sebastien at the end of the interview in French. Sebastien's English improves by the week but Lorraine Turnbull was on hand to help translate some of the questions and a few of Sebastien's replies. The pupils used the information from the interview to produce a report about the young Frenchman. Below are some extracts from their reports.

Sebastien was born in Marseille in France 6th November 1982. His mother is French but his Father is from Vietnam. His favourite food is Chinese he has no kids and a girlfriend. He has 1 brother and 1 sister from France. He goes to the gym often. If Sebastien was not a footballer he said he would be a fireman. Clare D

Sebastien's best friend is David Bellion of Manchester United. He lives in Stratton with the club physiotherapist Dick Mackey but will move in to a new flat soon. Declan

We interviewed Sebastien Ruster he is 21 he lived in France but he now lives in Swindon. His favourite film is Scarface; his favourite sport is American football. He has no car but would like a Mercedes his favourite subjects in school were P.E and Spanish his best friend is David Bellion from Man Utd. Shanise



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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 on pen)	29,211	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	1-2	7,086	201
Wed 15 Oct	Boston United (LDV)	7.45 Away	1-2	1,514	145
Sat 18 Oct	Chesterfield	3.00 Away	0-3	3,506	423
Tues 21 Oct	Tranmere Rovers	7.45 Away	0-1	6,675	159
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 = F.A. CUP WC = CARLING CUP DENOTES SCORER

Goalkeeper	Defenders	Defenders	Defenders	Defenders	Defenders	Defenders	Defenders
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**	Smith	Hewlett	Reeves	Gurney	Stevenson	Parkin	Migliorini
Evans	Ifil	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Migliorini
Evans	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Duke	Migliorini
Evans	Gurney	Hewlett	Viveash	Igoe	Mooney	Duke	Heywood
Griemink	Smith	Viveash	Herring	Stevenson	Nicholas	Howard	Robinson
Evans	Hewlett	Viveash	Reeves	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Duke
Evans	Hewlett	Lewis	Reeves	Gurney	Howard	Mooney	Duke

TODAY'S MASCOT



BRADLEY CARTER

Bradley attends Colebrook Infant School and his favourite player is David Duke. His hobbies are watching Swindon Town and reading books.



PHILLIP JONES

Nine-year old Phillip's favourite player is Tommy Mooney. He goes to Holy Rood Juniors and he plays football for Croft.



PETER JONES

Older brother Peter, who is 13, also plays football for Croft and attends St. Joseph's School. Aside from football, he enjoys playing computer games and his favourite player is Sammy Igoe.

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



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JON STEVENSON
PHOTOGRAPHY:
CHRIS ADAMS

*DENOTES BOOKING **DENOTES SENDING OFF ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ DENOTES SUB

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Duke	Parkin	Mooney	Evans	Smith	Stevenson	Howard	Reeves
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Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Evans	Stevenson	Smith	Howard	Reeves
Duke	Heywood	Robinson	Griemink	Howard	Stevenson	Reeves	Smith
Duke	Heywood	Milner	Griemink	Reeves	Herring	Smith	Howard
Duke	Milner	Heywood	Griemink	Stevenson	Howard	Nicholas	Reeves
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Duke	Heywood	Igoe	Evans	Viveash	Nicholas	Herring	Howard
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Heywood	Herring	Howard	Griemink	Stevenson	Smith	Ruster	Reeves
Reeves	Reeves	Robinson	Griemink	Ruster	Howard	Smith	Herring
Reeves	Pook	Robinson	Evans	Duke	Heywood	Martin	Garrard
Heywood	Burton	Robinson	Griemink	Stevenson	Nicholas	Martin	Ruster
Heywood	Burton	Robinson	Griemink	Stevenson	Garrard	Smith	Viveash

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONWIDE SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley	vs	Grimsby
Brighton	vs	Stockport
Bristol C	vs	Sheff Wed
Colchester	vs	Chesterfield
Hartlepool	vs	Wycombe
Luton	vs	Peterborough
Notts Co	vs	Brentford
Oldham	vs	Bournemouth
Plymouth	vs	Blackpool
QPR	vs	Tranmere
Rushden	vs	Wrexham
Swindon	vs	Port Vale



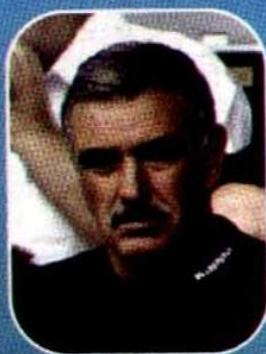
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 2003/04

TEAM	P	HW	HD	HL	HGF	HGA	AW	AD	AL	AGF	AGA	PTS	GD
BRIGHTON	15	6	1	0	15	3	2	2	4	9	12	27	+9
B'MOUTH	15	4	4	0	16	10	3	1	3	6	6	26	+6
PORT VALE	15	6	1	1	17	11	2	1	4	7	11	26	+2
BARNSELY	14	3	3	0	7	3	4	1	3	12	14	25	+2
PLYMOUTH	14	4	2	1	18	8	2	4	1	14	9	24	+15
QPR	14	4	2	0	14	1	2	4	2	10	10	24	+13
HARTLEPOOL	15	3	4	0	13	2	3	2	3	14	17	24	+8
SHEFF WED	14	2	4	1	10	8	4	1	2	10	7	23	+5
BRISTOL C	15	4	2	1	12	4	1	5	2	5	8	22	+5
COLCHESTER	15	3	3	1	8	6	3	1	4	11	14	22	-1
WREXHAM	13	3	3	2	9	6	3	0	2	6	6	21	+3
RUSHDEN	15	3	2	2	12	11	3	1	4	12	14	21	-1
LUTON	15	5	1	1	16	8	1	2	5	11	21	21	-2
GRIMSBY	15	4	1	3	14	7	2	2	3	6	15	21	-2
SWINDON	15	3	2	2	14	9	2	3	3	9	12	20	+2
OLDHAM	15	4	1	2	14	10	1	4	3	12	15	20	+1
BRENTFORD	14	4	1	3	13	13	2	1	3	5	8	20	-3
BLACKPOOL	14	3	0	4	12	11	2	3	2	9	14	18	-4
TRANMERE	15	4	2	2	12	8	0	3	4	4	16	17	-8
P'BOROUGH	15	0	3	5	11	16	2	3	2	6	7	12	-6
STOCKPORT	15	0	4	4	9	15	2	2	3	9	12	12	-9
WYCOMBE	15	2	2	4	12	14	0	2	5	6	14	10	-10
NOTTS CO	15	1	2	4	7	9	1	2	5	6	18	10	-14
CHESTERFIELD	15	1	3	4	8	10	0	3	4	4	13	9	-11

APPEARANCES 2003/04

	LEAGUE			FA CUP			CARLING CUP			LDV VANS		
Player name:	apps	goal	bk	apps	goal	bk	apps	goal	bk	apps	goal	bk
BART GRIEMINK	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1y1r	1	0	0
JEREL IFIL	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANT SMITH	3	0	1y	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0
MATT HEWLETT	15	1	3y	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
ADI VIVEASH	14	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
ANDY GURNEY	15	3	5y	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
SAMMY IGOE	9	1	2y1r	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
TOMMY MOONEY	15	8	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	14	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
IAN HERRING	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
JON STEVENSON	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
ANDREW NICHOLAS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
JAMES MILNER	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRIAN HOWARD	10	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
MATT HEYWOOD	15	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
RHYS EVANS	11	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN REEVES	8	0	1y	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1y
STEVE ROBINSON	9	1	1y	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	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	1	0	0
SEBASTIEN RUSTER	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
MICHAEL POOK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
LUKE GARRARD	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
JUNIOR LEWIS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEON BURTON	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





John Gorman



UP NEXT AT THE COUNTY GROUND



WHO: WYCOMBE WANDERERS'
WHEN: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1ST
KICK OFF: 3PM

THE 1ST OF NOVEMBER BRINGS A MEETING WITH A FEW OLD ACQUAINTANCES AT THE COUNTY GROUND WHEN WYCOMBE WANDERERS' CARETAKER MANAGER JOHN GORMAN BRINGS HIS TEAM TO TOWN. GORMAN TOOK THE REINS AT THE CAUSEWAY STADIUM WHEN HE REPLACED ANOTHER MAN WITH SWINDON CONNECTIONS, OUTGOING BOSS LAWRIE SANCHEZ.

Sanchez, who ironically played in eight of the last nine games of Town's Premiership campaign of 1993/4 under Gorman, had previously experienced good days in Buckinghamshire where he led Wanderers to the FA Cup semi-finals in 2001. Then, it was surprise package Roy Essandoh who captured the headlines. Sanchez had joined the

club in February 1999 and left on 30th September this year.

Wanderers have had a difficult start to the season, and for the third time in five League games, Town face a team lying near the bottom of the table. Last year's top goalscorer was Sean Devine with just eight goals and it's an indication of how difficult Wanderers found the art of scoring last term that he left for Exeter in January. The Chairboys eventually finished 18th in the table.

The shortage of goals has continued to be a problem and after the first 13 League games of the season Darren Currie, Charlie Mapes and Andy Bell all shared the club's top scorer mantle with just three apiece.

Amongst the players with Swindon connections is keeper Frank Talia who joined the club in August 2002.

Wanderers have already had four players sent off this season and Talia is numbered amongst them. Central defender Andy Thomson is another familiar face. Thomson started with his home club Swindon, making 22 appearances before moving on to Portsmouth in 1995/96. He arrived at Wycombe from Bristol Rovers in 2001.

The colourfully named striker Jermaine McSparran ought to be Scottish but was born in Manchester. He once had a trial spell with Swindon but has now been with Wycombe since 1998. Injury is expected to exclude him for the match at the County Ground.

John Gorman will be anxious that his new side put up a good display against his old club while Andy King will want to prove Town justify their superior League position. An interesting afternoon could ensue.



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SWINDON TOWN

Andy King MANAGER

BART GRIEMINK	1	1	MARK GOODLAD
JUNIOR LEWIS	2	2	GEORGE PILKINGTON
GRANT SMITH	3	3	IAN BRIGHTWELL
MATT HEWLETT	4	4	ANDREAS LIPA
ADI VIVEASH	5	5	MICHAEL WALSH
ANDY GURNEY	6	6	SAM COLLINS
SAMMY IGOE	7	7	NEIL BRISCO
TOMMY MOONEY	8	8	MICKY CUMMINS
SAM PARKIN	9	9	STEVE BROOKER
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	10	10	STEVE MCPHEE
DAVID DUKE	11	11	MARC BRIDGE-WILKINSON
IAN HERRING	12	12	DEAN DELANEY
	13	13	LEVI REID
JON STEVENSON	14	14	MARK BOYD
ANDREW NICHOLAS	15	15	IAN ARMSTRONG
DEON BURTON	16	16	STEVE ROWLAND
BRIAN HOWARD	17	17	CHRIS BIRCHALL
SEBASTIEN RUSTER	18	18	BILLY PAYNTER
MATTHEW HEYWOOD	19	19	SIMON ELDERSHAW
RHYS EVANS	20	20	ADRIAN LITTLEJOHN
BEN MARTIN	21	21	LIAM BURNS
ALAN REEVES	22	22	RYAN BROWN
	23	23	JOE MOLLOY
	24	24	JONATHAN BRAIN
STEVE ROBINSON	25		
ALAN YOUNG	26		
DAVID MARSH	69		
(AUCTION WINNER)			

PORT VALE

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