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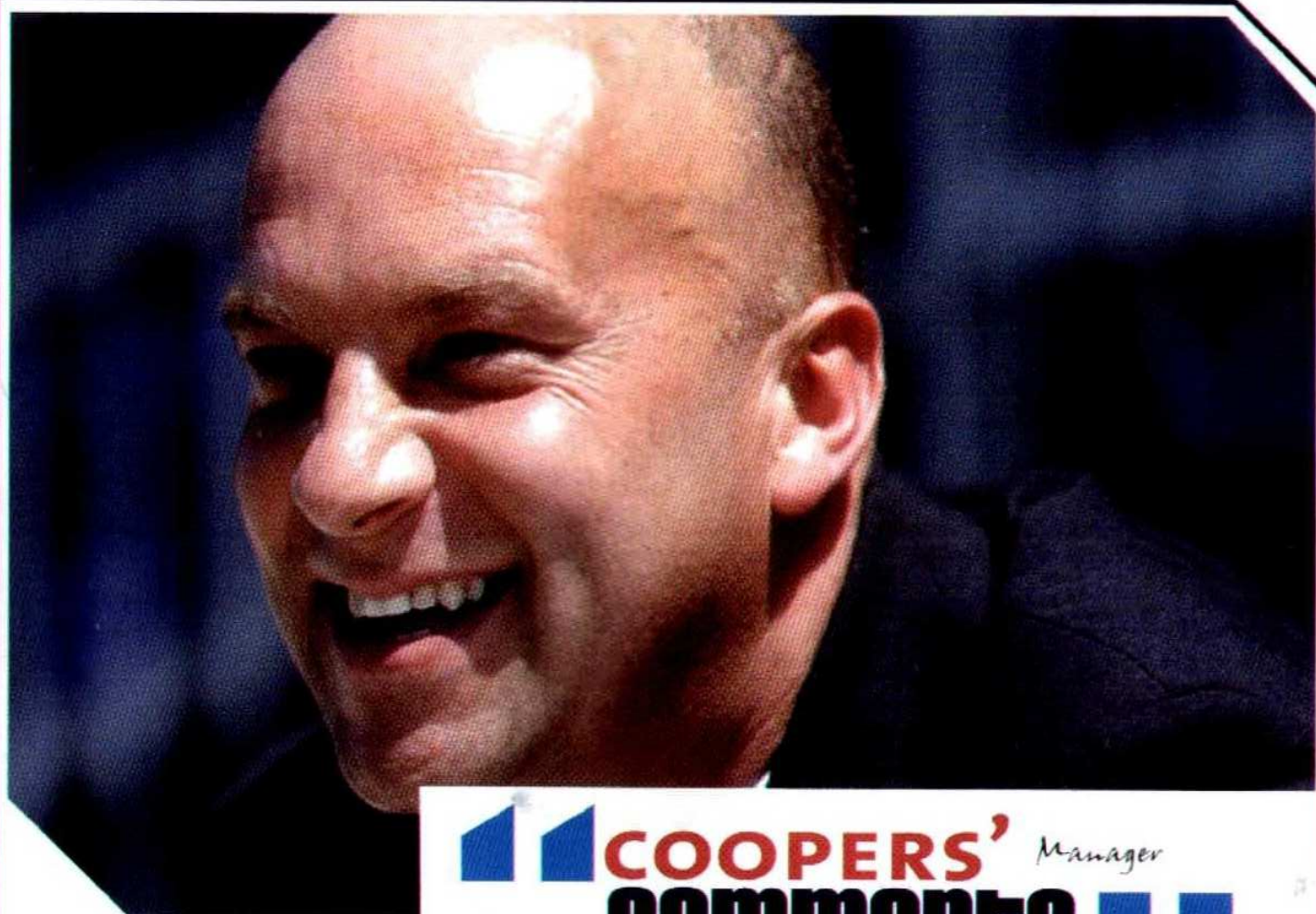




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## COOPERS' *Manager* Comments

Hello and welcome once again to Victoria Park for this afternoon's game with Swindon Town. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the people who have made the long trip to Hartlepool today.

We know it won't be easy this afternoon because Town have made a solid start to the season. They are currently on the same number of points as us and it seems that Andy King is doing a good job there.

I have to say that I am hoping for a much better performance this afternoon than the one we saw last weekend at Plymouth Argyle. The display at Home Park simply wasn't good enough and we told the players that. We had a meeting on Monday morning at the training ground to talk about things and since then the lads have been really buzzing in training. They have looked confident and in good spirits - they are great set of boys. We saw glimpses of the way the lads can play during the last home game with Rushden and Diamonds and I hope we can build on that per-

formance today.

Since the last match we have added a couple of new faces to the squad. Danny Byrne has joined the club on a month's loan from Manchester United. We have watched him a few times and we have been fortunate enough to be allowed to take him. We spoke to Manchester United about a couple of lads and Danny was one of the priorities because I feel we don't have a player of his type in the squad. He is predominantly a wide player but he can play anywhere in midfield and he can deliver quality in to the box.

Obviously taking Danny was the main deal we completed this week but another couple of lads have also agreed short-term contracts. Dimitrios Konstantopoulos (is that the right spelling?) has agreed to stay at the club for a further month. He has looked a good keeper and we need him here as cover for Jim Provett now that Anthony Williams has moved to Swansea City on loan.

Joel Porter is the other player we signed. He is an Australian internation-

al striker who has been training with the club for the past few weeks and has done well. He is a left-footed player who reads things well - he sees things in games that maybe others don't. He is very unselfish in front of goal for a striker and can spot opportunities for others. His movement is good and he is clever in and around the box so hopefully things work out with him too.

I just want to say as well a big thank you to the people at the Club who helped me celebrate my birthday. I turned 40 on Monday and when I got back to Victoria Park after training there were balloons and banners all over my office and a birthday cake on my desk. The cake had that photograph of me on it that I'm sure you've all seen - the one with the curly blonde hair! It was a great gesture and very much appreciated.

Enjoy this afternoon's game.

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After the disappointing performance at Plymouth last week, everyone at the Club is looking for the lads to bounce back today as we welcome Swindon Town to Victoria Park for the first time since September 1985 when both clubs were in the old 4th Division. Pools recorded a 1-0 victory that day and a repeat result would be more than welcome this afternoon.

The emergence of youngsters like Darren Craddock and Jack Wilkinson into the first team in the last few weeks is a tribute to the hard work being done in our Youth Department, although the down side is that, with up to four players missing on a Saturday, our Youth Team have to contend with older and more experienced teams. This was evident last Saturday at Chesterfield when Paul Stephenson fielded a side containing three 16 year olds and five 17 year olds and although they turned in a spirited show, went out of the Youth Alliance Cup by three goals to two.

Speaking of young, up and coming stars of the future, Freddy Adu, the 14 year old Ghanaian born US starlet has just signed his first professional contract with DC United, guaranteeing him \$1 million dollars over the next four years. Paul Stephenson spotted this lad playing for the US National Under 18 side in last season's Dallas Cup and he came back raving about his skills and talent. Adu has since received the Golden Ball for being the outstanding player in the recent Under 17 World Cup. I'm sure Paul would have liked to bring him to Hartlepool!

However, this youngster looks set to take the football world by storm, but be aware! Recent winners of this prestigious award include Landon Donovan, who has progressed to the USA, national side and played in the last World Cup finals but still plies his trade in the States with San Jose Earthquakes, Nii Lamptey, who "starred" briefly with Aston Villa in the 90's and is now playing in the United Arab Emirates and Jim Will, the Scottish keeper from 1989 who, after leaving Arsenal at 20, spent a season with Dunfermline Athletic before joining the police and is now playing

amateur football in the north east of Scotland. Other winners include such "household names" as Phillip Osundo (Nigeria), William de Oliveira (Brazil) and Mohammed Al Kathiri (Oman) who all starred in the tournament only to disappear from the football map afterwards. Perhaps a lesson to our youngsters who have made the step up recently of the need to take this game one day at a time and to work as hard as they can to fulfil their potential! Do not get carried away and expect one or two good games to take care of your (or your team's) future.

Back to this afternoon's match which could see the Pools debut of yet another promising young star of the future. Daniel Byrne has joined the Club on a month's loan from Manchester United and will be looking to enhance his reputation at Victoria Park. We all wish him the best of luck.

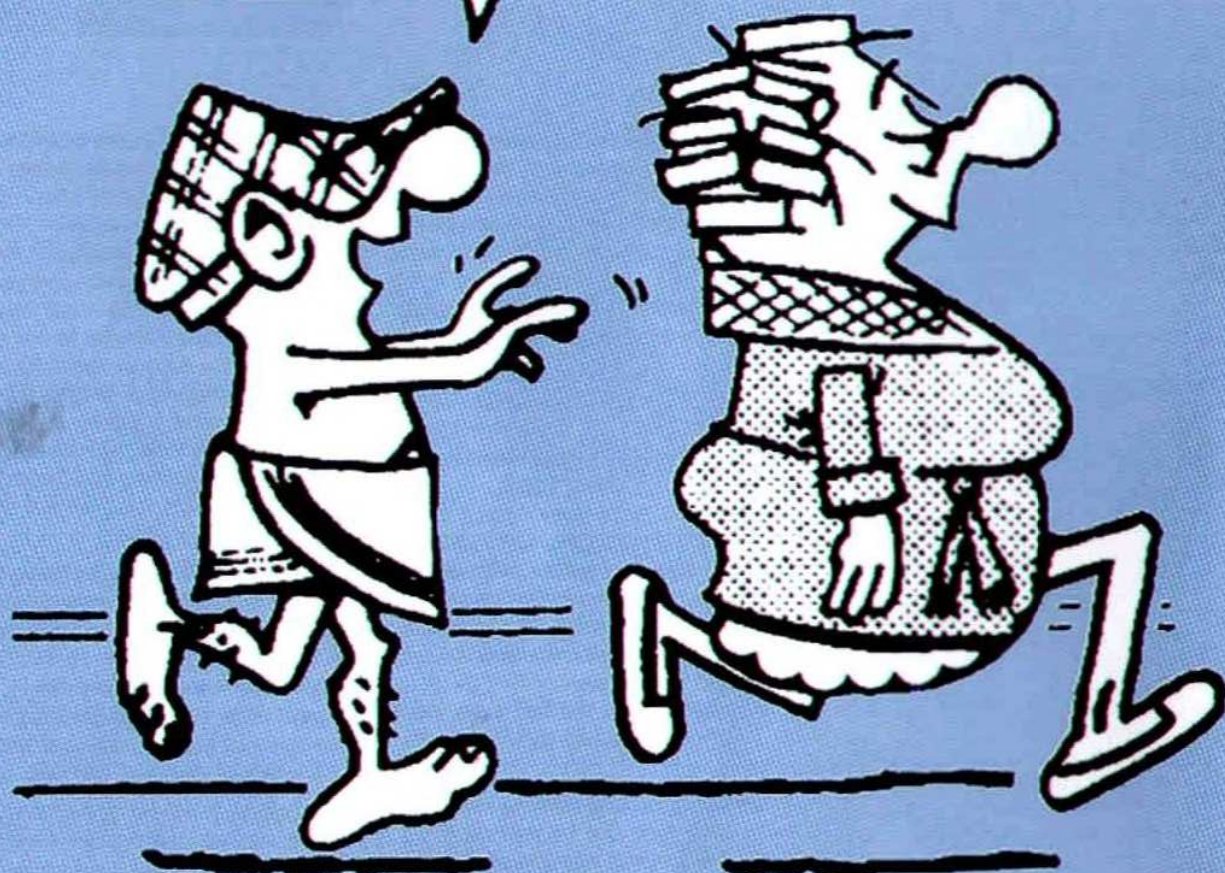
We believe it will be good for the lad to get exposure to first team football and it shows how far we have come as a recognised football club for Sir Alex Ferguson to recommend Daniel to join us on loan.

This column cannot end without a mention of the superb achievement of England's Rugby team in winning the World Cup in Sydney last Saturday and, of course, the part played by local lad Jonny Wilkinson. It was refreshing to see a team so hyped up by the English press live up to their billing and actually come back with the trophy. They worked so hard for each other, did not argue with some questionable decisions by the South African referee but instead allowed the quality of Wilkinson to shine through. Congratulations to coach Clive Woodward and all his lads.

A lesson there perhaps for overpaid and, in some cases, under performing "superstars" in other sports?



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TODAY'S VISITORS

# Swindon Town

by Phil Smith

## RHYS EVANS

goalkeeper

b: Swindon 27.1.82

Returned to his home-town club when signed on a free transfer during the summer. A former Chelsea trainee and England Under-20 international who was never given a first-team opportunity at Stamford Bridge, but impressed during loan spells at QPR and Leyton Orient last season, and has become the Town number one since claiming a starting place early in the season.

2003/04 League stats:

15 games, 0 goals

## BART GRIEMINK

goalkeeper

b: Holland 29.3.72

Former Dutch Under-21 keeper who first came to these shores to join Birmingham City in November 1995. Followed manager Barry Fry to Peterborough for a fee of £25,000 a year later and after a loan spell at the County Ground towards the end of the 1999/2000 season, signed on permanently for the Town the following summer. A tall and well-built keeper who missed just two League games last season, but who has found himself on the bench for recent matches.

2003/04 League stats:

5 games, 0 goals

## ANDY GURNEY

defender

b: Bristol 25.1.74

A right-sided defender who clearly prefers playing his football in the south-western part of England. Started out on the Rovers side of his home-city, playing over 100 League games before moving on a free to Torquay in July 1997. Transferred to Reading for £100,000 in January 1999, he moved on to the County Ground on a Bosman free transfer during the summer of 2001, and has been a first-team regular for Town ever since. Skipper of the team and capable of scoring spectacular goals

## Manager - Andy King

signing a contract extension, and if nothing else that signature keeps a healthy price tag on the sought-after striker.

Town manager Andy King brought in Deon Burton on loan from Portsmouth to cover for Parkin's absence, and has also used the loan system to previously bring in the likes of James Milner from Leeds and Junior Lewis from Leicester. Defender Jerel Ifil from Watford recently returned for his third loan spell at the County Ground, and he has been a key figure in the defensive solidarity that has seen just one goal conceded in the last four League games.

That was against leaders QPR last Saturday when Town let in a late equaliser, and manager King was disappointed that his team were unable to collect all three points, saying after the match: "Unfortunately the truth of it is, if we want to achieve what we want and what we are capable of in years to come, then we just have to start winning games like this one. We need to start getting across that winning line when we have got the game.

"It's been a long time since something happened here and maybe there is nervousness in tight games like this." Town's highest finishing position in the past seven seasons was their tenth place last campaign, but their combination of youth and experience looks a good blend, and it will be a major disappointment for all concerned at the County Ground if they are not in the promotion shake-up come next May.

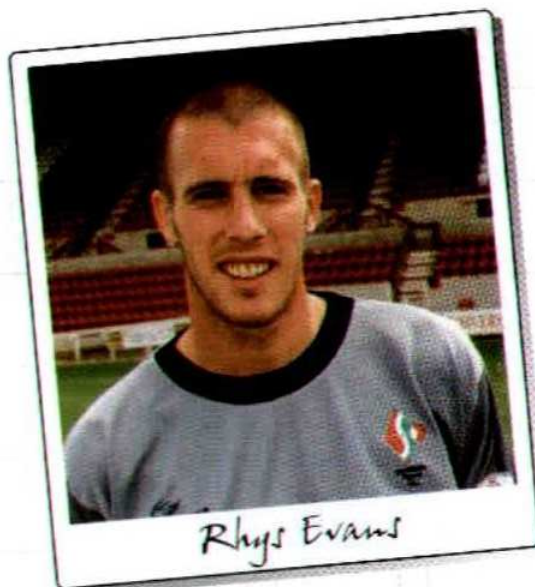
## THE STORY SO FAR....

It's been a rollercoaster season so far for Swindon Town, who arrive at Victoria Park this afternoon as one of three teams with an identical record of seven wins, seven draws and five defeats, being one place and one goal behind Pools, and one place and one goal ahead of Bournemouth. After losing at home to Sheffield Wednesday on the opening day of the campaign, Town then went undefeated in their next ten games, climbing to second in the table, before four consecutive defeats sent them quickly out of the play-off places.

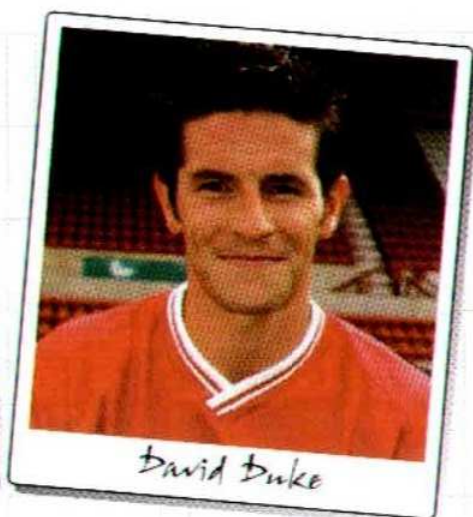
A goalless draw at home to Port Vale halted the slide, and since then Town have won two and drawn one of their last three games to take them back into contention two points off the coveted seventh position.

The fact that last season's leading scorer Sam Parkin was missing through injury during the losing streak was more than a coincidence, and the former Chelsea reserve has netted twice since his return to action. He also committed himself to the club recently by





Rhys Evans



David Duke

from distance.  
2003/04 League stats:  
18 games, 2 goals

#### ALAN REEVES

defender  
b: Birkenhead 19.11.67  
Very experienced central defender who played for Chester and Rochdale for making the step up to the Premier League with Wimbledon for £300,000 in September 1994. Joined Town on a free transfer in June 1998 after making 57 League appearances for the Dons, and for the past five seasons has been one of the mainstays of the club's defence. Now also involved on the coaching side, he has played over 400 League matches and was a used substitute against QPR last Saturday  
2003/04 League stats:  
12 games, 0 goals

#### ADIE VIVEASH

defender  
b: Swindon 30.9.69  
Strong and determined central defender now back where he started his career, having signed on a free transfer during the summer from Reading. Spent eight seasons at the County Ground before joining Walsall on a free transfer in October 1995, and made over 200 League appearances for the Saddlers before switching to the Royals on another free in July 2000. Had a spell on loan at Oxford last season, began the current campaign in the first team, but has been missing for the past few games.  
2003/04 League stats:  
14 games, 0 goals

#### ANDY NICHOLAS

defender  
b: Liverpool 10.10.83  
Promising young defender signed during the summer after being

released by his home-city club. Failed to get any first-team opportunities at Anfield, but made his League debut for Town at Chesterfield just over a month ago, and appeared off the bench during last Saturday's draw with QPR.  
2003/04 League stats:  
4 games, 0 goals

#### MATT HEYWOOD

defender  
b: Chatham 26.8.79  
Former Burnley trainee who made his League debut for the Clarets against Blackpool in November 1998 and played a dozen more games at Turf Moor before joining Town on a free transfer in January 2001. Since then he has been a first-team regular, and is a tall, powerful central defender who was an ever-present last season, but who will miss his first game of the current campaign this afternoon due to a suspension following a sending-off a fortnight ago.  
2003/04 League stats:  
19 games, 0 goals

#### DAVID DUKE

defender/midfielder  
b: Inverness 7.11.78  
Versatile and consistent performer signed on a free transfer from Sunderland in August 2000. Made his League debut later that month against Colchester and apart from missing some games at the end of his first season with a knee injury has been a first-team regular ever since. A midfielder by trade, he often fills one of the wing-back positions, where his crossing and long-throwing ability can be used to good effect.  
2003/04 League stats:  
18 games, 0 goals

#### MATT HEWLETT

midfielder  
b: Bristol 25.2.76  
A former England Youth international who spent seven seasons with his home-city club before leaving Ashton Gate for the County Ground during the summer of 2000. Apart from missing a few games in his first season with a cruciate ligament injury he has been a fixture in the first team ever since, and is a skilful, attacking midfielder not averse to making a tackle when required. An ever-present in the starting line-up so far this season, he recently made his 250th League appearance.  
2003/04 League stats:  
19 games, 1 goal

#### STEVE ROBINSON

midfielder  
b: Nottingham 17.10.75  
A former Birmingham City trainee who had a couple of decent seasons appearance-wise for the Blues in the period 1997-99. Six other seasons either side of that period were quieter, and after a total of 81 League games he joined Town for £50,000 in February 2001. Two match-winning goals soon after at local rivals Oxford United quickly endeared him to his new fans, and his energetic displays on the right side of midfield have kept him in the first-team line-up ever since. Made his 200th League appearance in Town's win at Oldham a fortnight ago, was stretchered off against QPR last Saturday, but is expected to be fit for today's game.  
2003/04 League stats:  
13 games, 1 goal

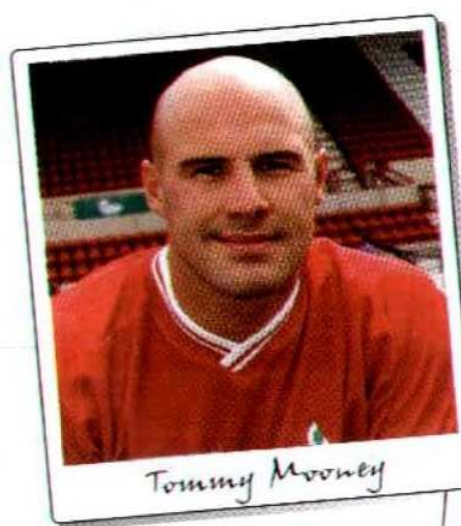
#### STEFANI MIGLIORANZI

midfielder  
b: Pocos de Caldos, Brazil 20.9.77  
Skilful midfielder who can also fill in





Stefani Miglioranza



Tommy Mooney



Steve Robinson

at the back when required. Moved to England and Portsmouth in March 1999 from playing US college soccer, making his League debut for Pompey later that month against Crystal Palace. Never really cemented a position at Fratton Park, and after being signed by Town on a free transfer during the summer of 2002 played more League matches last season (41) than the previous four put together. A composed and classy performer with a fierce shot from distance, he has once again been a regular starter in the line-up this season. 2003/04 League stats: 16 games, 2 goals

#### BRIAN HOWARD

midfielder

b: Winchester 23.1.83

Left-sided defender/midfielder signed on a free transfer from Southampton during the summer. An England Under-20 international who was given no first-team opportunities by the Saints, he made his League debut for Town on the opening day of the season against Sheffield Wednesday, and is a very highly-rated youngster who is gradually coming to terms with the physical side of the game. 2003/04 League stats: 13 games, 1 goal

#### SAMMY IGOE

midfielder

b: Spelthorne 30.9.75

Busy midfielder signed on a free transfer during the summer from Reading. Started out with Portsmouth and spent seven seasons at Fratton Park, playing 160 League games, before joining the Royals for £100,000 in March 2000. A regular in his first two seasons, he spent a short spell on loan at Luton at the end of last season, and after establishing himself in the Town line-up at

the start of the current campaign, recently broke a wrist that has kept him on the sidelines for the past month.

2003/04 League stats:  
10 games, 2 goals

#### GRANT SMITH

midfielder/forward

b: Irvine 5.5.80

Scottish-born midfielder signed during the summer on a free transfer from Sheffield United. So far, and at the age of 23, his career has taken him to Wycombe, Reading, Hearts, Livingston, Clydebank, Halifax and Plymouth, where he played five games on loan last season as well as three for the Blades. Can also fill one of the striking positions when required, where his height and pace come into play, and was a non-playing substitute for last Saturday's match with QPR.

2003/04 League stats:  
3 games, 0 goals

#### SAM PARKIN

forward

b: Roehampton 14.3.81

Powerful young striker who failed to get a chance in four seasons at Chelsea, but who became a major player in Division Two last season. Loaned out to Northampton for the 2001/02 campaign, after having previously been loaned to Millwall, Wycombe and Oldham, he scored just four League goals from 40 matches, but after joining Town at the beginning of last season really found his form to hit 25 goals from his 43 League games. Out of action recently for a month with a knee ligament injury, he has netted in last two League games and just prior to last Saturday's match signed a new contract that keeps him at the County Ground until June 2006.

2003/04 League stats:  
13 games, 7 goals

#### TOMMY MOONEY

forward

b: Billingham 11.8.71

Former Aston Villa trainee who started out his League career with Scarborough, then moved to Southend for £100,000 in July 1993. Joined Watford in March 1994, and enjoyed considerable success at Vicarage Road, playing 250 League games for the Hornets and scoring 60 goals. Switched to Birmingham on a free transfer during the summer of 2001 and helped the Blues into the Premiership, but after only one start last season spent the rest of the campaign on loan to Stoke. Sheffield United and Derby County. Joined Town during the summer, and is an experienced, hard-working, left-sided player who is particularly good in the air and is another ever-present in the starting line-up so far this season. 2003/04 League stats: 19 games, 8 goals

#### RORY FALLON

forward

b: Gisbourne, New Zealand 20.3.82

Tall striker whose main strength is his aerial ability, and who was recently signed for an undisclosed fee from Barnsley. Made his League debut for the Tykes against Preston in April 2001, and scored a total of 11 goals from 52 games for the Oakwell club, including one against his new employers earlier in the season. A used substitute in the past two League matches, he may have to initially bide his time before being able to claim a regular place in the starting line-up.

2003/04 League stats:  
18 games, 4 goals





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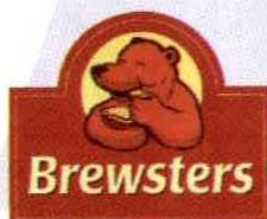
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# Phil Dunn's MONKEY PUZZLE

## Go, Jonny, Go!

William Webb Ellis!! Put that ball down!!! And so Rugby Union was invented, and in my eyes, all was quiet until last Saturday morning...GET OVER YOU BEAUTY!!!! Absolutely brilliant, easily the greatest sporting event I have ever witnessed and probably on a par with 1966, and all that. And Geordie Jonny! I've seen him at Brierton Lane playing against West, and on the Vic! Marvellous. Of course, we Poolies were quickly calmed down some 5 hours later away at Plymouth.

However, I am STILL delighted by our season so far. I said in August that if we had 30 points at Christmas, then we would be running well, and here we are on 28 points already. Our home form cannot be faulted, and even in home matches where we haven't been firing on all cylinders, we have still never looked like getting beaten. Us fans are a major factor in this. A crowd of 5000 in here and it looks chocker, and with our compact stadium having roofs on 4 sides, the atmosphere is always a cut above the bigger grounds. A talking point on the messageboards this week has been our crowds, which are tremendous when you think only 90000 people live here...it's nearly 7% of the population at an average of 5K. If say Hull City got 7% of their city to turn out, they would be looking at crowds of 27 thousand...big enough to fill Darlo's ground maybe! So keep coming. We can hit 6000 over Christmas and start the second half of this great season on the up...60 points and who knows??

## The Great Rock and Roll Swindon...

Ah, Swindon Town, home of X.T.C. (Younger readers, this is not a drugs reference, they were one of the most inventive New Wave bands on the planet!). Don Rogers and not being promoted to the Premier League

when they should have been. Only a few weeks ago, to the delight of cheapskates like me, BBC3 on Freeview had a week of showing some of the greatest football documentaries ever made. One of these was John Boorman's gritty 1963 film depicting a week in the life of Swindon Town Football Club. "Six Days To Saturday". What brilliant TV this made. Some of the players brought the memories of 1960's football cards flooding back...Mike Summerbee, Bobby Woodruff, Don Rogers himself...all shot in Black and White and a fascinating reminder of an era when players lived with land-ladies, wore polo-necks and relaxed with a pint of mild and twenty Senior Service, listening to Frank Ifield records. I think the story goes that the film had previously been though "lost" by the B.B.C., and was "dug up" by accident as a researcher went through old reels in a vault. They should put it out on DVD, and force these preening Premiershipers to watch it and realise where the roots of this game came from. Great Stuff.

## Special Reserves

Had a cracking afternoon at the reserves on Wednesday over at Billingham, where the opposition had that dream combination of Darlington, Ian Clark AND Carlton Palmer...the terrace wit's delight! Poor Clarkie had a nightmare despite scoring the Quakers first goal, something to do with the repartee of the massed (well, 7 or 8!) Pools fans apparently! The general discussion at the game was how much we miss playing Darlo on a regular basis, and that given their position in the league table (2nd bottom with only Carlisle propping 'em up) it's unlikely that we will be meeting up in the near future. Carlton Palmer was, well Carlton Palmer, and our 3-2 victory well deserved. It's the nearest thing to a local derby we'll get for a while, can't blame us for enjoying it!! Have a nice game!



## TOPTEN Poolie/Red Devils

- 1 Chris Turner**  
Our ex-Manager who left for bigger things at, ahem, Sheffield Wednesday. Goalkeeper at Old Trafford at the beginning of Fergie's reign.
- 2 Paul Dalton**  
A direct buy from Manchester, Dalts got homesick for the North-East much to Pools delight.
- 3 Paul Bieby**  
Left-Footed attacking midfielder of the late Seventies, schooled in the Man U style, a flair player who got lumps kicked out of him in Division Four!
- 4 Eric McMordie**  
Famously shared a room with George Best when they first turned up in Manchester from Ireland, recovered enough to make 350 Middlesbrough appearances before arriving at Pools.
- 5 Paul Wratten**  
On his day Wratten was a decent prospect, and actually made the Man Utd first team...Once. A two-year career with HUFC followed.
- 6 Dave McCreery**  
Shone in the 1978 FA Cup final for the Red Devils, came to Pools via QPR, Newcastle and Hearts.
- 7 Alan Foggon**  
Played for all of the North-East clubs, but how many remember his 3 appearances for Manchester United? Not a lot!
- 8 Eric Harrison**  
Mid-Sixties Pools defender, currently Mark Hughes assistant in the Welsh set-up, Fergie's Youth Coach at Man U for some years.
- 9 Peter Beardsley**  
Unbelievably, the young Beardsley was released by United way back in 1980. Never mind, he went on to better things, like Pools!
- 10 Allenby Chilton**  
Former Red Devil Centre-Half Chilton became one of Pools all-time worst managers in the early Sixties, with 23rd and 24th place finishes in Division Four.



# 2 DIVISION

# Round-up

Phil Smith



## BARNSEY

The Tykes went to Ashton Gate last Saturday in second place, and came away one spot lower thanks to conceding a last-minute loser. Aussie Jacob Burns celebrated signing on for another month's contract by getting his first goal for Gudjon Thordarson's team, but the Icelandic was left to moan after the game: "We lost our concentration at the end."



## BLACKPOOL

The last five League games the Seaside have played have all ended in a 1-0 scoreline. Steve McMahon's team have won three of them, the latest at Peterborough last Saturday, and striker Scott Taylor has scored the three winning goals, giving him eleven in total so far. That's just two less than his total for the whole of last season.



## BOURNEMOUTH

Warren Feeney has scored in the last four League games for the Cherries, but they've picked up just two points from those games to slip from second down to tenth in the table. Their latest reverse came at Stockport last Saturday and Sean O'Driscoll's team need to beat Brentford this afternoon to put their season back on track.



## BRENTFORD

The Bees went down in the rain at home to Grimsby last Saturday despite taking an early lead through a debatable penalty from Stephen Hunt, and losing manager Wally Downes said afterwards: "It was the sort of game that was dictated by the conditions." Aussie defender Joel Kitamariki will be with them for the rest of the season on loan from Chelsea.



## BRIGHTON

The Seagulls got their first win in six at Notts County last Saturday giving manager Mark McGhee his first success since taking over from Steve Coppell. Goal-machine Leon Knight added two more to his tally for the season and said afterwards: "I can get over 30 goals - I just love hitting the back of the net."



## BRISTOL CITY

Scottish striker Lee Miller cost City £300,000 during the summer, but his last-minute winner against Barnsley was only his fifth of the season, and after the vital win he said: "Everything is quicker here than in Scotland - not just the games, but also the training." Hopefully he has a good car, as the trains are definitely not quicker. They are as slow.



## CHESTERFIELD

The Spireites drew at home to Oldham last Saturday and are slowly slipping further and further away from safety. Manager Roy McFarland said: "I watched the rugby and heard the phrase 'ugly win'. My players are an ugly bunch anyway so I just hoped we could grind out an ugly win." They couldn't, so any pretty boys out there need to apply to The Manager, Chesterfield FC.



## COLCHESTER UNITED

The U's followed up four wins on the bounce by going down 4-0 at Rushden last Saturday, and for good measure had on-loan striker Craig Fagan sent off for an off-the-ball challenge. Manager Phil Parkinson said: "It all went wrong," which it certainly did, but his team are still in fifth place, which he would have settled for at the start of the season.



## GRIMSBY TOWN

The Mariners adapted well to the wet conditions at Griffin Park last Saturday, their little and large striking combo of Michael Boulding and Iffy Onuora getting the goals in a hard-fought 3-1 win. Manager Paul Groves said afterwards: "The lads showed a lot of character," and his team's solid mid-table season continues to chug along.



## LUTON TOWN

Mike Newell's team scrapped for a point in a goalless draw at Sheffield Wednesday last Saturday and was happy with the result, saying "We felt that with the squad we brought here that a point would be a good result because this is a difficult place to come to." It used to be, but as the Hatters were the eighth team to come away undefeated from Hillsborough this season, it doesn't appear to be anymore.



## NOTTS COUNTY

The Magpies get closer and closer to their financial deadline day, and on the pitch they hit the bar and the post against Brighton, but close wasn't good enough as the Seagulls took away all three points from Meadow Lane. Manager Billy Dearden said after another home reverse: "We lacked quality. We had enough possession to have got something."



## OLDHAM ATHLETIC

After an unbeaten run of nine, the Latics have now gone six without a win, and though they are another club with perilous financial problems, Iain Dowie's team also need to keep an eye on their League position. After Calvin Zola's goal had earned them a point at Chesterfield, the manager said: "In the circumstances, with the squad we



had. I am happy that we grabbed a point." Three points today at home to Notts County should be within even their capabilities.



## PETERBOROUGH UNITED

Just as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, so Posh fail to win in the League at London Road. Last Saturday's defeat against Blackpool was yet another to add to the list, and afterwards owner/manager Barry Fry said: "I can't believe how bad we are at home. In the past we have played well and been unlucky but we were absolutely awful."



## PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

The Pilgrims lost their big game at QPR but bounced back with a win over Pools last Saturday to put themselves back in the automatic promotion places. Manager Paul Sturrock said afterwards: "I was very pleased with the performance and moving back a place up the table." They should stay there after today's game at Colchester, but it won't be easy.



## PORT VALE

Vale managed to get by Ford United in the Cup, but went down to another defeat at Tranmere last Saturday, and are slowly but surely slipping out of the play-off places. Manager Brian Horton said after the defeat at Prenton Park: "My players battled and I cannot ask for more." Rumour has it that Oliver Twist could be the next manager at Vale Park.



## QPR

Rangers got a good point at today's visitors last Saturday, Martin Rowlands getting the late equaliser with his fourth of the season. Ian Holloway's team head the table by a point, are undefeated in the last five, and take on Sheffield Wednesday at Loftus Road this afternoon. They should still head the table and be undefeated in six come five o'clock.



## RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS

Jamaican international striker Onandi Lowe was missing from the Diamonds line-up when they visited Victoria Park a fortnight ago, which was good news for Pools. He returned to action against Colchester last Saturday, which was bad news for the U's as he scored in just four minutes and led his team to a convincing 4-0 win. Manager Brian Talbot said: "The object is to remain in the second division next season for our new owners." As long as Lowe stays healthy, that shouldn't be a problem at all.



## SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

After their latest Hillsborough epic, a 0-0 at home to Luton last Saturday, Owls manager Chris Turner said: "We are seven games without a win, but we will be stronger in the second half of the season." Supporter Julie Plumb said: "We have no ideas, no enthusiasm and absolutely no hope."



## STOCKPORT COUNTY

The Hatters climbed out of the relegation places with their fine 3-2 win over Bournemouth, and manager Sammy McIlroy said after last Saturday's win: "It was a great result for us. I'm delighted with the way we played, especially as we were down to the bare bones." Highly-rated Villa keeper Boaz Myhill recently signed on a month's loan, and if he does half as well as he did at Kidderminster earlier in the season then all at Edgeley Park will have few complaints.



## TRANMERE ROVERS

Rovers are looking fairly solid at Prenton Park at the moment, and won their fifth home game from the last six in seeing off Port Vale by a single Iain Hume goal last Saturday. Manager Brian Little said: "I asked for determination and effort and got it."

Which is similar to asking for no determination and a lack of effort and not getting it.



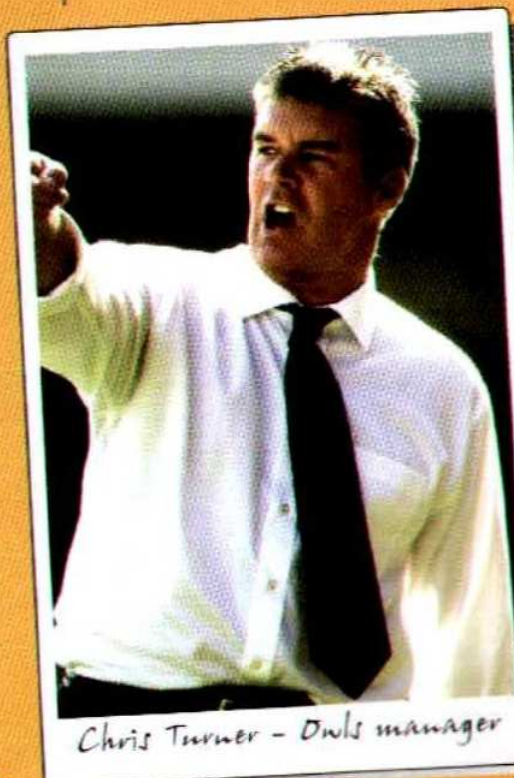
## WREXHAM

After the Dragons' goalless draw at home to basement club Wycombe last Saturday, manager Denis Smith said: "I am disappointed because we have not won. We had good opportunities to score and did not take them." That would presumably be Hector Sam's 49th-minute penalty miss.



## WYCOMBE WANDERERS

Tony Adams is still waiting for his first League win as a manager, and said after the game at Wrexham: "I am trying to lay down basic football principles but I love the reaction my players have given me so far. This point is a building block and a start." Former caretaker-boss John Gorman has departed from the scene, so won't be in any way to blame at the end of the season.



Chris Turner - Owls manager





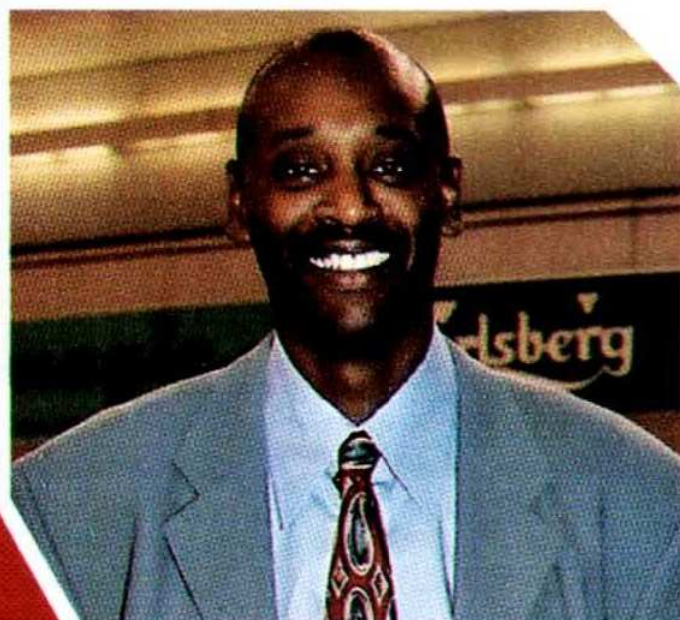
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# FAMOUS FANS

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## Peter Scantlebury M.B.E. (Wimbledon)



Before playing sport took over Peter Scantlebury's life, he was a regular supporter of his local football team Wimbledon F.C. As his tastes matured, the Londoner also developed an allegiance with Arsenal and spent much of his schooldays leisure time commuting between the two.

Today happily settled in South Yorkshire, the new head coach of the Westfield Sharks Sheffield has made an amazing start in his first campaign in the British Basketball League. The Sharks have started the season with eight wins out of eight including a BBL cup win against its holders Brighton, in the first round. Peter was born in Camberwell and grew up in Mitchem where he attended Eastfields High School. Former Dons players Brian Gayle and Glyn Hodges shared their education with Scants, Brian in the same year and Glyn the one above. He first recalls attending Plough Lane with family friends who took the 9 year old along to experience initially non league football.

*"It was in the Southern league days playing teams like Dulwich Hamlet. I soon got hooked though and striker Alan Cork became a favourite of mine, he seemed to score in every game I saw. I only stopped going because of my own involvement in sport, I was playing cricket, football, basketball and competing in athletics at 200 and 400 metres. In most of those sports I was lucky enough to play at County level so eventually I found it impossible to watch Arsenal or Wimbledon,*

*I've had to make do with following them ever since. I always look for the two results but I must admit the Dons are like a different club these days, it was never the same once they left Plough Lane."*

Aged 17 his future began to take shape when he joined a professional Basketball club in Guildford. Then known as 'Team Talbot' they are personified today as the Thames Valley Tigers, key opponents of the Sheffield Sharks. He enjoyed three different spells with the Tigers over 10 years, initially leaving for a brief period in the states. He also had two separate seasons with the Newcastle Eagles and two with the London Towers, before completing his playing days in Sheffield. His time in the USA was thanks to a scholarship awarded to him by the Winthrop College in South Carolina. The plan was for four years but after twelve months, Peter decided that he would have more opportunity in the British League. His faith was rewarded as he went on to achieve an impressive 131 caps for England and last year was awarded the M.B.E. for services to the game. In the year 2000 he also took on the role of Assistant Coach to the national side. Peter had hoped to play for at least another season but the opportunity of Sheffield Head Coach was too good to miss. However he is under no illusion about what is ahead and he knows he has a hard act to follow.

*"Chris Finch left the Sharks as BBL Champions, you can't get much high-*

*er than that! Before the season began my ambition was to make the top four in the league and the final of one of the cups. However with the start we've had I will now be disappointed if we can't get our hands on a trophy. I've brought in a few new players, including Richard Windle, who is a Sheffield lad and H. L. Coleman has come over from Florida. The vastly experienced Ian McKinney is captain so overall I'm pretty confident."*

Who better to consider those thoughts than two of those players mentioned.

*Richard Windle: 'I had no hesitation in signing for Peter and took the opportunity to return home. Everyone who has played with or against Scants has tremendous respect for him.'*

*Ian McKinney: 'I'm very proud to be captain and I think we will continue with Pete in the way we left off with Chris. Pete is a more laid back character than Chris but all the disciplines continue as before and our tremendous start speaks for itself.'*

From their home base at Ponds Forge, Sheffield, Westfield Sharks have the league, the play offs and two cup competitions to aim for and it is quite clear that Messers Scantlebury, McKinney and Windle mean business. Just a note for anyone who thinks their ambition is something of a tall order, the threesome are six feet four, six feet one and six feet eight inches respectively.





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# CONNECTIONS



## LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST SWINDON TOWN

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	5	1	2	2	4	5
Away	5	0	1	4	5	12
Total	10	1	3	6	9	17

Paul Dobson's goal gave Hartlepool United a 1-0 Fourth Division victory on Swindon Town's last League visit to the Vic on 28th September 1985. Swindon triumphed 3-1 in the return fixture six months later with two strikes by Bryan Wade plus Tony Smith's own goal en route to the Fourth Division title that season. Swindon's last League win here was 1-0 in March 1984 with a goal from Paul Batty.

## IN SAFE KEEPING

Hartlepool United's former loanee

goalkeeper Frank Talia featured in Swindon Town's 1995-96 Second Division title triumph. The extrovert Aussie joined Hartlepool on loan from Blackburn Rovers in December 1992 and made his League debut in the following month's 0-0 draw at Leyton Orient. He played 14 consecutive Second Division games and Hartlepool managed to score just two goals during that period. Moving to Swindon for £150,000 in September 1995, he contested a first-team slot with Fraser Digby and made 107 League appearances prior to joining Wolverhampton Wanderers in August 2000.

## WEMBLEY WINNER

Former Hartlepool winger Don Heath featured prominently in Swindon Town's 1969 League Cup final triumph at Wembley. Moving to the County Ground from Norwich City in September 1967, he also helped Swindon to win promotion in 1968-69 and scored twice in 88 League games for today's opponents prior to joining Oldham Athletic in July 1970. He joined Hartlepool from Peterborough United in July 1973 and was an experienced figure in the 1974-75 League Cup run, netting two goals in 37 Fourth Division outings before moving to Gateshead in December 1974.

## EVER-PRESENT

One-time Swindon Town goalkeeper Norman Oakley was ever-present for

Hartlepool United in 1962-63. Moving to the Victoria Ground from Doncaster Rovers in September 1958, he made his League debut in Hartlepool's 5-1 defeat at home to Port Vale that month and featured prominently as 'Pool battled to avoid the re-election zone in successive seasons. He made 182 Fourth Division appearances for Hartlepool prior to joining Swindon in March 1964. Contesting a first-team slot with Tony Hicks, he played 21 League games while at the County Ground before moving to Grimsby Town in September 1966.

## WING WIZARD

Winger Dave Cunningham played for both Hartlepool and Swindon Town during his career. Moving to the Victoria Ground on loan from Southend United in March 1977, his solitary goal in 12 Fourth Division games clinched Hartlepool's 1-0 victory at fellow strugglers Rochdale the following month. He joined Swindon in June 1977 and contested a first-team place with Northern Ireland international Trevor Anderson, netting three goals in 23 League outings for today's opponents before moving to Aston Villa in December 1978.

## MANAGING TO SUCCEED

Former Hartlepool midfielder Bobby Smith achieved managerial success at Swindon Town. Moving to the Victoria Ground from Chester in October 1971, the England Youth





international netted seven goals in 69 Fourth Division games for Hartlepool prior to becoming Bury's player-coach in August 1973. He succeeded Danny Williams as Swindon's manager in May 1978 and guided them to the League Cup semi-finals in 1979-80, losing to eventual winners Wolverhampton Wanderers. He remained in charge at the County Ground until dismissed in October 1980.

### SMITH'S SUCCESS

Former Hartlepool United centre-forward Jack Smith featured prominently in Swindon Town's 1962-63 promotion success. Signing professional at the Victoria Ground in May 1953, he was ever-present for Hartlepool in 1959-60 and netted 49 goals in 119 League games for his home-town club before being sold to Watford for £3,000 in July 1960. He joined Swindon in June 1961 and formed a lethal partnership with England U-23 star Ernie Hunt, scoring 37 times in 97 League outings while at the County Ground prior to joining Brighton in January 1964.

### CUP HERO

Former Swindon Town wing-half Joe Musgrave helped Hartlepool United to hammer Darlington 4-1 in the 1938-39 Third Division (North) Cup en route to the semi-final that season. Moving to the County Ground from West Ham in July 1936, he netted three goals in 23 Third Division (South) games for Swindon prior to joining Hartlepool in July 1938. He scored three times in 20 League outings while at the Victoria Ground before moving to Spennymoor United in July 1939. Centre-forward

Cyril Woods made four League appearances for Swindon prior to joining Hartlepool in July 1938.

### TITLE TRIUMPH

One-time Hartlepool goalkeeper Kenny Allen was an important figure in Swindon Town's 1985-86 Fourth Division title triumph. Moving to the Victoria Ground from Tow Law Town in August 1968, he made his League debut in Hartlepool's 2-2 draw at home to Torquay United five months later and played seven Third Division games overall prior to joining Fulham in August 1969. He joined Swindon from Torquay in September 1985 and also featured in their 1986-87 promotion campaign, making 45 League appearances before returning to Torquay in December 1986.

### LOAN SPELLS

Goalkeeper Kevin Dearden spent loan spells at both Hartlepool United and Swindon Town during the 1989-90 campaign. Moving to struggling Hartlepool on loan from Tottenham Hotspur in August 1989, he made ten consecutive Fourth Division appearances including six goal defeats against Stockport County and Doncaster Rovers. He joined Swindon on loan from Spurs in March 1990 and his solitary League appearance was as cover for Fraser Digby in that month's 2-1 win at AFC Bournemouth. Fellow keeper Jack Rutherford also played for both clubs.

*leigh edwards*

Welcome to today's game with Swindon Town. It should be a very interesting game in fact we do have some connection with the club as one of our players from the past used to Manage them and that was Bobby Smith. In fact if my memory serves me well he actually took them to the semi finals of the league cup a number of years ago.

It will soon be that time of the year when everyone rushes around trying to sort out last minute things and to get Christmas organised in a short period of time. Well it is the same for everyone involved with HUDSA. We are having our Christmas Party on the 5th of December at Hartlepool Rugby club where we will be having another wonderful buffet and great music provided by the Passion Killers. Tickets can be purchased from the committee or there might be some left to buy on the night. come along and have a wonderful time.

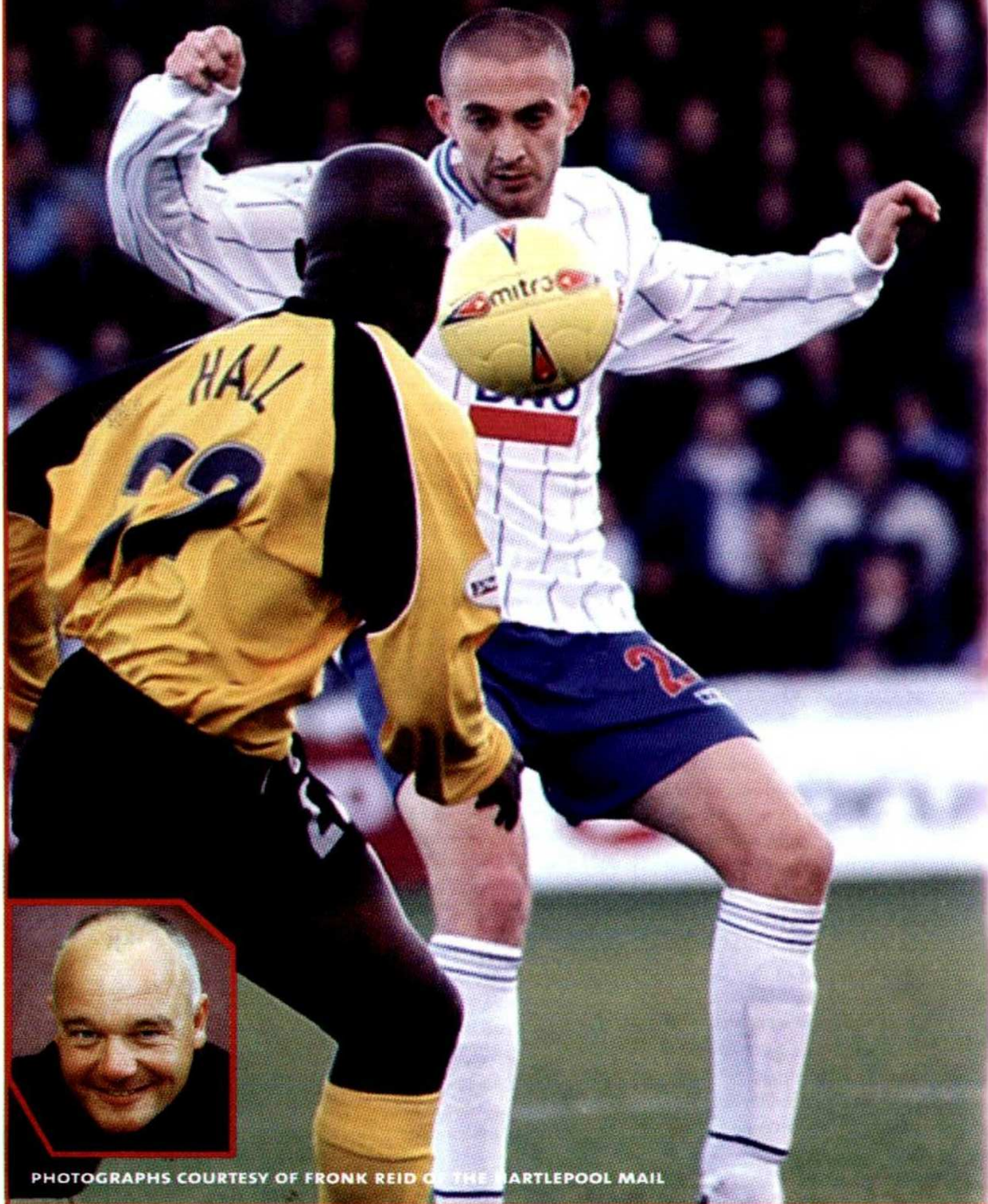
As well as preparing for this we are opening a stall in the indoor market from December the first until the Christmas Eve. This hasn't been easy but we are almost there now and we are looking forward to this venture. We have a wide range of goods and this includes coats, T-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces. As well as this we have a number of smaller items such as radios, hand warmers etc, so pop along and see us. Anything that we make is put back into HUDSA and as you have seen we do try to help other groups and also Hartlepool United especially the Youth team.

Let's hope that we can keep our wonderful home record going and we get another 3 points today.

All the best Neil.

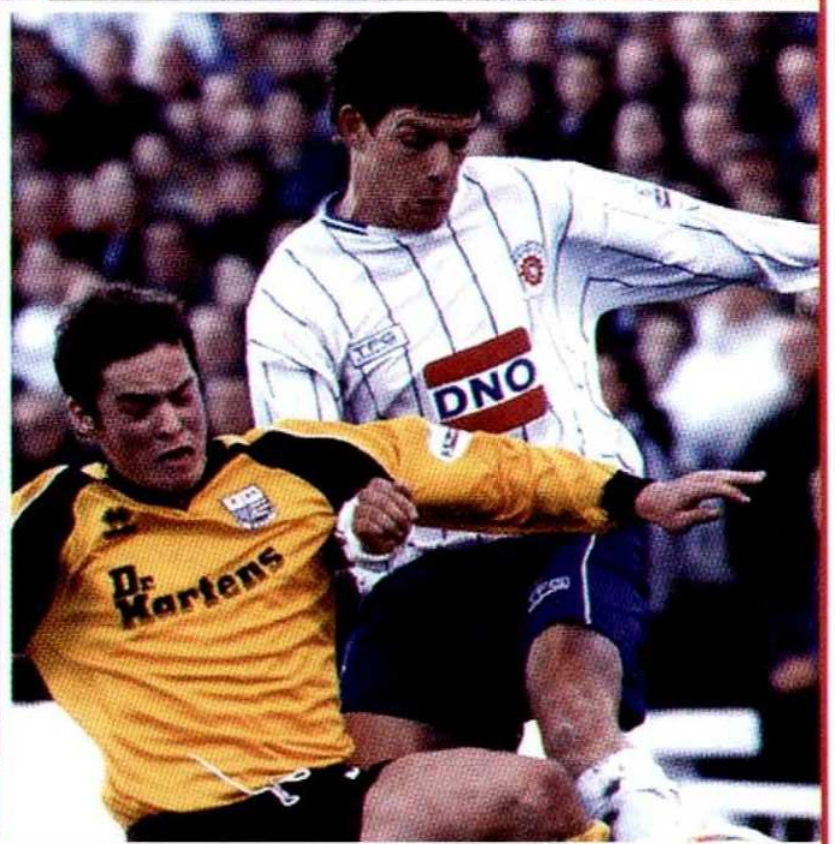


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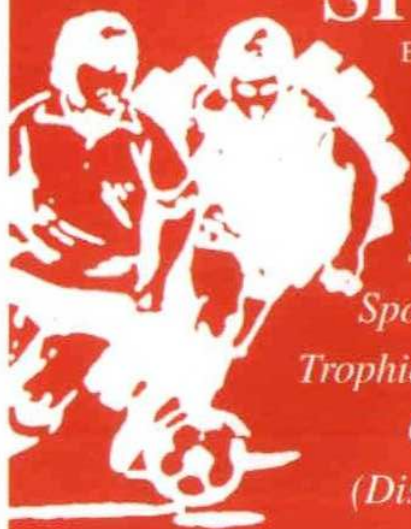


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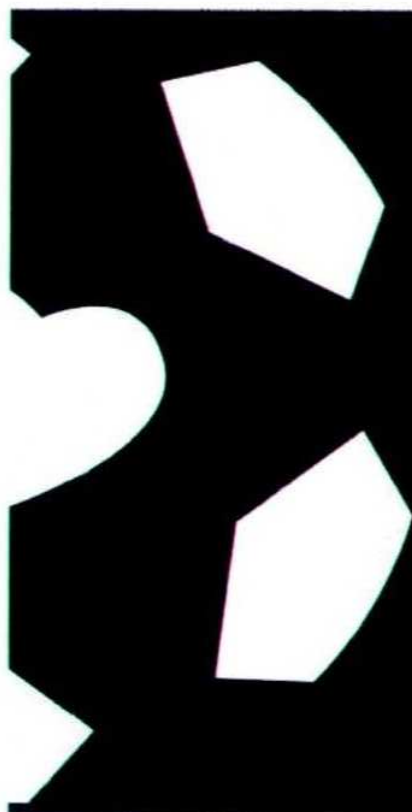
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AUG 30	York City	A	2-0
AUG 30	In Service Training		
SEP 13	Scunthorpe United	A	0-2
SEP 20	Grimsby Town	A	0-1
SEP 27	BRADFORD CITY	H	0-1
OCT 4	HALIFAX TOWN	H	5-1
OCT 11	YA CUP - Round 1		
OCT 18	Lincoln City	A	4-3
NOV 1	SCUNTHORPE UTD	H	2-1
NOV 8	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	1-1
Nov 15	Bradford City	A	1-2
Nov 22	Chesterfield Y.A. 2	A	2-3
Nov 29	Halifax Town	A	11-00
DEC 6	LINCOLN CITY	H	12-00
Dec 13	Hull City	A	12-00

The Youth Team went out of the Youth Alliance Cup in the Second Round last weekend when we lost at Chesterfield in a closely contested game.

The First Team had obviously taken a couple of the Youth Team squad with them to Plymouth so we were without the likes of Matty Robson, Darren Craddock and Jack Wilkinson but I still thought the lads did themselves proud. We had three Under-16 lads in the side so it was pleasing to see how well we competed.

In the end Chesterfield won the game by three goals to two but we showed tremendous character throughout and played some very good football in an entertaining match. When Chesterfield opened the scoring it was really against the run of play. We had enjoyed a lot of possession in the first half but could not find that killer ball and we were punished when we fell behind just before half-time.

We fell 2-0 down on the hour mark but we didn't let our heads drop and kept up the work rate. The reward for this came when Steven Istead pulled a goal back with a great effort. He dribbled inside of two men and fired home at the near post. It was a good goal and gave us hope of a recovery but Chesterfield managed to restore their two-goal advantage. It was harsh on goalkeeper James Winter though because he pulled off a superb save only for the rebound to

be turned home.

That goal may have knocked the stuffing out of other teams but we kept battling away and playing our football and we grabbed another goal through Daniel Fox. He is looking some player at the minute and he curled in a free kick from the edge of the box to make it 3-2 and set up a frantic end to the game. We pushed hard but could not find what, in my opinion, would have been a deserved equaliser.

I was really pleased with the performance despite the defeat because the average age of our team was so young. Their coach couldn't believe the ages of our lads but it is a credit to them that they played the way they did. It is no good them travelling around with us to sit on the bench and watch; I need these younger boys to be playing so they can continue to progress.

I have to say I have been proud watching the Reserves and First Team play recently and seeing the performances of the Youth Team players in those games. The likes of Jack Wilkinson and Darren Craddock have done well in the First Team, whilst Daniel Fox and Neil Wilkinson have performed well in the Reserves. We know that youth development is vital for this club and with the standard of young players we have at the moment we are hoping the future will be very bright for Hartlepool United. Enjoy the game.

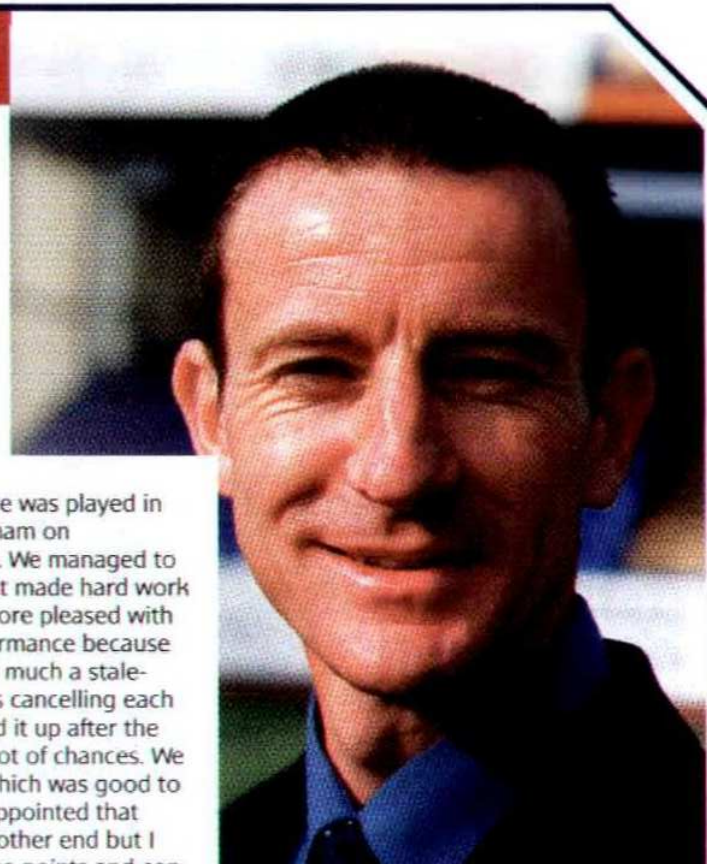
NORTH EAST CONFERENCE	PLD	W	D	L	FOR	AGT	GD	PTS
LINCOLN CITY	11	8	2	1	39	17	+22	26
BRADFORD CITY	10	6	2	2	15	8	+7	20
GRIMSBY TOWN	9	4	4	1	14	7	+7	16
HARTLEPOOL UNITED	10	4	3	3	16	12	+4	15
SCUNTHORPE UNITED	11	4	2	5	12	15	-3	14
HULL CITY	10	2	4	4	12	15	-3	10
DARLINGTON	10	2	4	4	13	22	-9	10
HALIFAX TOWN	10	3	1	6	12	23	-11	10
YORK CITY	11	0	4	7	6	20	-14	4



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The Reserves have played two games in succession against local rivals Darlington and there were plenty of goals for the spectators and some entertaining football produced. They were both very competitive affairs, as we knew they would be, and at the end of them we remained unbeaten, which was pleasing.

The first game was the Wednesday before last when we drew 2-2 in the League Cup at Victoria Park. It was a bit of a hit and miss performance to be perfectly honest. I thought we played quite well in patches; we started the game very well and created chances but we didn't take them. That was disappointing because everyone knows it is important to take your chances and we were guilty of a few bad misses. I have to give credit to Darlington because they were right up for the game and worked ever so hard and they deserved something out of the game.

It was actually with almost the last kick of the game that Darlington drew level as were leading 2-1 deep in to injury time so that was disappointing. Darlington went ahead in the game but we drew level through Andrew Jordan who cracked home a sweet volley just before half-time. We changed around a little during the break to see if we get more of a foothold in midfield. It worked well and we started the second half very brightly and took the lead through Antony Sweeney. I thought we would go on to win the game from there but we switched off and we got caught out.

The more recent game was played in the League at Billingham on Wednesday just gone. We managed to win that game 3-2 but made hard work of it at times. I was more pleased with the second half performance because the first half was very much a stalemate with both teams cancelling each other out. We stepped it up after the break and created a lot of chances. We scored three goals, which was good to see. I was a little disappointed that conceded two at the other end but I was happy to get three points and consolidate our position at the top of the Pontins, Holidays League.

I thought two players who also deserve a mention after Wednesday are Marcus Richardson and Andrew Jordan. Marcus is awkward for defenders to deal with and he played very well in midweek; it was a typical Marcus performance and the defenders will know they have been in a game. At the other end of the pitch, Jordan was a lot better and he looked very strong defensively so that is also great to see.

What I have been happy with is the displays of the younger lads whom we have called on in the past two games. Daniel Fox did well in the first game in midfield, whilst Michael Maidens played well in the second match. I also thought Steven Istead, who came on at half time on Wednesday, looked back to the player he was earlier in the season.

Thanks for your support. I hope you enjoy your afternoon at Victoria Park.



## 2003/04 Fixtures

HOME fixtures shown in capitals  
Home fixtures are played at Billingham Town

Wed	Aug 20	Doncaster Rovers	A	0-0
TUES	AUG 26	NEWCASTLE UNITED	H	3-1
Wed	Sep 10	York City	A	2-1
Wed	Sep 24	Boston United	A	1-0
WED	OCT 1	BRADFORD CITY (LC)	H	5-2
WED	OCT 8	NOTTS COUNTY	H	3-1
WED	OCT 22	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	2-1
Wed	Oct 29	York City (LC)	A	2-0
Wed	Nov 5	Lincoln City	A	1-0
WED	NOV 19	DARLINGTON (LC)	H	2-2
WED	NOV 26	DARLINGTON	H	2.00 PM
Wed	Dec 10	Scunthorpe United	A	2.00 pm
WED	JAN 14	BOSTON UNITED	H	2.00 PM
Wed	Jan 28	Notts County	A	2.00 pm
WE	FEB 18	LINCOLN CITY	H	2.00 PM
Wed	Mar 3	Grimsby Town	A	2.00 pm
WED	MAR 17	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	H	2.00 PM
We	Mar 24	Darlington	A	7.00 pm
WED	APR 7	DONCASTER ROVERS	H	2.00 PM
Thu	Apr 15	Newcastle United	A	2.00 pm
Wed	Apr 28	York City	H	2.00 pm

### DIVISION ONE EAST

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
HARTLEPOOL UNITED	7	6	1	0	12	4	+8	19
GRIMSBY TOWN	7	3	3	1	16	5	+11	12
SCUNTHORPE UNITED	6	2	4	0	6	4	+2	10
NEWCASTLE UNITED	6	2	2	2	9	11	-2	8
YORK CITY	6	2	2	2	7	9	-2	8
BOSTON UNITED	5	2	0	3	8	8	0	6
NOTTS COUNTY	6	2	0	4	7	9	-2	6
LINCOLN CITY	5	1	2	2	6	7	-1	5
DARLINGTON	7	1	1	5	6	16	-10	4
DONCASTER ROVERS	5	0	3	2	4	8	-4	3





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Good afternoon everyone. Thank you for your attendance. We hope that we can provide you with an excellent afternoon of excitement and enjoyment. Everyone knows our current run of unbeaten home matches stretches over a year and we will be looking to further extend this today. Clearly, this will not be easy and we will need to be at our very best to get the points we want today.

Last weekend our Centre of Excellence home fixtures fell victim for the first time this Season to the winter weather. The pitches were deemed unsafe and due to a very heavy frost, the games were cancelled on the Sunday morning. We always make the welfare of the boys paramount in our decision-making and also the affect the conditions will have on the quality of the game. To play on such a slippery, solid surface would not have enabled the boys to provide a true reflection of their abilities. The weather was not nearly as severe in Halifax and consequently our travelling teams were able to play. Both the Under 13 and 15.s performed well and had victories on the day.

A number of our Under 16 players are having regular involvement with the Youth Team. Last Saturday three boys started in the Youth

Team.s Youth Alliance Cup fixture at Chesterfield. This is obviously another indication that if you are good enough at this Club, you are old enough. Paul Stephenson was very pleased with the three boys, contribution and is very committed to stepping players up if he feels that they can cope at a higher level.

Tomorrow our Schoolboys play Carlisle. The Under 12, 14 and 16.s will travel to Carlisle and the Under 11, 13 and 15.s will play at Manor College, Owton Manor Lane. Kick offs will be at the usual 11 o'clock start. The bus will travel from Asda Car Park at 8.00 a.m.

Today, we entertain our friends from Dallas. The club play an Under 16 representative team who are currently over on a short tour. The game will be played at East Durham & Houghall College, Peterlee. This will be the second time we have had a visit from Dallas this Season as an older age range came over in the Summer. If the quality of the team today is as good as the team who visited in July then this will be a very tough test for our boys.

To conclude, get behind the team. Exercise your vocal chords and cheer us on to the final whistle. Thank you for giving us your support and stick with us.

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# CLASSIC Campaigns

by Leigh Edwards

## bristol city 1975-76

Bristol City clinched promotion to the First Division as Clive Whitehead's goal gave Alan Dicks' side a 1-0 victory over Portsmouth at Ashton Gate on 20th April 1976. Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS traces what happened to the team that took Bristol City back to the top-flight after an absence of 65 years.

### WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BRISTOL CITY'S TEAM?

#### RAY CASHLEY

Ever-present goalkeeper who made 227 League appearances and briefly retired after a loan spell at Hereford United. He revived his career with Bristol Rovers in August 1982 and subsequently played for Trowbridge Town, Chester City and Weston-Super-Mare where he became lottery manager.

#### GERRY SWEENEY

Versatile Scottish right-back who netted 22 goals in 406 League games until released during City's financial crisis in February 1982. After spells at various clubs, he coached Walsall and became a postman based at Portishead either side of a period back at Bristol City as assistant-manager.

#### BRIAN DRYSDALE

Long-serving left-back who scored three times in 282 League outings prior to joining Oxford United in July 1977, then was player-boss of Frome

Town, Shepton Mallet and Clandown. Now a semi-retired carpenter living in Stockwood, his son Jason played for Watford and Swindon Town.

#### GERRY GOW

Ever-present Scottish U-23 midfielder who netted 48 goals in 374 League outings before being sold to Manchester City for £175,000 in October 1980, then played for Rotherham United and Burnley. Later manager of Yeovil Town and Weymouth, he has since managed several pubs in Portland.

#### GARY COLLIER

Central defender who scored three times in 193 League outings before moving to Coventry City for a record £325,000 in July 1979. Joining Portland Timbers for a similar fee in March 1980, he subsequently played for San Diego Sockers and has since become a soccer coach based in Florida.

#### GEOFF MERRICK

Ever-present defender who skipped Bristol City to the top-flight and netted ten goals in 367 League outings before leaving during the financial crisis in February 1982. He then had spells with various clubs including Yeovil Town and Bath City and is now a self-employed builder in Nailsea.

#### TREVOR TANTON

Long-serving midfielder who was ever-present in 1975-76 and netted 24 goals in 486 League games until leaving during Bristol City's financial crisis in February 1982, then played

for Torquay United and Trowbridge Town. He has since become a security officer at Oldbury Power Station.

#### TOM RITCHIE

Lanky Scottish striker who was leading marksman and moved to Sunderland in January 1981, then was loaned to Carlisle before rejoining Bristol City in June 1982. He netted 102 goals in 414 League games overall prior to joining Yeovil Town in December 1984 and is now a postman in Clevedon.

#### DONNIE GILLIES

Scottish U-23 star who scored 26 times in 220 League outings before following Terry Cooper to Bristol Rovers for £50,000 in June 1980. Subsequently with Paulton Rovers, Gloucester City, Bath City, Anorthosis and Yeovil Town, he became a sales rep and currently lives in Winford.

#### PAUL CHEESLEY

Powerful striker who netted 20 goals in 64 League outings until a knee injury against Stoke in August 1976 ended his top-flight career. Later with Shepton Mallet, Frome Town, Odd Down and Yeovil Town, he became a building materials salesman and is now a matchday host at Ashton Gate.

#### CLIVE WHITEHEAD

Versatile England Youth winger who scored ten goals in 229 League outings before moving to West Brom in November 1981, then played for Portsmouth, Exeter City and Yeovil Town. He rejoined Bristol City as coach and is now a financial adviser for the PFA, living near Axbridge.



Bristol City - 1975-76





# SMYTHE'S SCRAPBOOK




## F.A. CUP 1ST ROUND

**Date:** Saturday 16th November 2001

**Versus:** Swindon Town

**Venue:** County Ground.

**Transport:** Rooke Travel Co. Mini Bus.

**Our Team:**

Williams, Bass, Simms, (Lee 35), Westwood, Barron (c), Tinkler, Widdrington, Clarke, Smith, Humpreys, Watson.

**Subs Not Used:** Hollund, LORMOR, Boyd, Robinson.

**Their Team:**

Griemink, M. Robinson, Heywood, Hewlett, Gurney, Ruddock, Duke, Sabin, (Brayley 86), S. Robinson, Grazioli, (McAreevey 68), Invincible.

**Subs Not Used:** McKinney, Willis, Halliday.

**Our Current League Position:**  
15th in Division 3

**Their Current League Position:**  
16th in Division 2

**Half Time Score:** 1 - 2

**Full Time Score:** 1 - 3

**Our Scorers:** Clarke 39.

**Their Scorers:** Ruddock 36, Invincible 37, Heywood 75.

**Referee:** P. Danson (Leicester)

**Bookings**

**Us:** None

**Them:** - Grazioli, Ruddock, Gurney.

**Man of the Match:** Darrell Clarke, best game yet in a blue & white shirt.

**Attendance:** 4,766

## 'LAST TIME POOLS PLAYED THE ROBINS'

Welcome Poolies and Robins to Victoria Park. I have almost recovered from that long trip to Plymouth where I experienced mixed emotions of elation at seeing England win the Rugby World Cup in the morning and the disappointment of witnessing Pools 2-0 defeat at the hands of The Pilgrims in the afternoon. I would like to swiftly move onto my Smythe Scrapbook excerpt that describes the last time we played Swindon Town, hopefully today's result will be in the favour of the blue and whites and that we can bounce back from the Home Park debacle.

### MATCH REPORT:

With an early start expected "Mr. Hartlepool" Ronnie Harnish, was true to his word and at 7.20am prompt he arrived to pick my East Durham mates and I up from Peterlee to whisk us away to an awaiting mini bus in Hartlepool. (The planning of some Pools away days at times resembles top military precision) and it wasn't long before our 15 seater mini bus, courtesy of Rooke Travel was on its way. Fellow Poolie chum, John Rooke is renowned for organising first class travel at reasonably priced rates whether it is by train, boat or plane and today was to be no exception. With a good number of miles under our belts we stop at a trucker's café/greasy spoon, near

Towcester, and get stuck into a hearty fry up served on a plate as big as a bin lid, priced at £3.95. It was here that we acquired silly blue & white chequered paper hats as worn by the café staff, kindly donated by the heavily tattooed waitress, (tattoos surprisingly all spelt correctly), we immediately donned the headwear and wore them throughout the day in the hope of bringing some much needed FA Cup luck. (Superstitious lot us football fans). It's not long before we are approaching the ground, and it's here where our driver had to negotiate the most weirdest of round-a-bouts that resembled a Rubik puzzle, it is a large island surrounded by five mini roundabouts very confusing indeed, and our driver did exceptionally well to read the warning sign on the approach let alone drive, across/around it. Following the fun of Swindon's Magic Roundabout we finally park up at a pub near to the ground, enjoy a spot of pre match refreshment before making our way to the County Ground on foot and having to tackle once again THE round-a-bout only this time as pedestrians, it was like playing Russian Roulette with vehicles. Once through the turnstiles we join a strong contingent of Poolies and take up our position in the seats in the covered Arkells Stand where we had a cracking view, high up in the stand, the only down side was that the stewarding left a lot to be desired, as we were for some unknown reason shepherd into an



area adjacent to the home fans, where we were the constant target of verbal abuse. Pools started the game lively with chances falling to Gordon Watson and Ritchie Humphreys, but were soon to suffer a set back when Simms suffered an injury and was replaced in the 35th minute by Spike Lee that was followed by an action packed 3 minutes. Jonathon Bass made a needless challenge in the box, to give away a penalty and former Liverpool defender, Neil "Razor" Ruddock gratefully despatched. Sixty seconds later The Robins increased their lead with a goal from the wonderfully named Invincible. I couldn't really comment on the quality of the goal as I was answering nature's call at the time. However, two minutes later I did witness United pull a goal back, when Darrell Clarke pounced to score his first Pools goal since his summer move, striking the ball home after Flash had hit the cross bar. The second half kicked off and the lads were on the attack, straight from the whistle and put former Liverpool boss, Roy Evans' side under extreme pressure. This was possibly the best away performance of the season, imagine the disappointment, when Swindon, scored their 3rd goal against the run of play through Heywood. Credit to Pools, they never let their heads go down, and very nearly came to grabbing a second. Watson, rattled the crossbar, and Humphreys followed up, to do the same. (Will Richie ever score for Pools?). The game stayed at 3 - 1 to the home side, and once again United failed to progress in the competition. Despite the result the journey home was to be most enjoyable, starting with a police escort through THAT round-a-bout, and including a stop at Wetherby to consume the obligatory fish and chips at the Frying Pan, washed down by a pint of John Smith's Smooth in the Royal Oak with the added attraction of a '70's disco (70's decade or over 70's

age group? It was hard to tell). Fed and watered and it's all aboard the Rooke Express once again, heading for home. Pools can now forget about the F.A. Cup for another year, and can now look forward to Tuesday evening's home league fixture v Halifax Town.

The national journalists later incorrectly reported that Swindon comfortably eased through to the 2nd round, which certainly was not the case, as it was a valiant effort from Chris Turner's men against a team in a division higher. Today is different as both sides are now competing in the same league. Come on Pools let's avenge the above result.

Come On Coopers Sooper Troopers!!

Enjoy The Game.

*Lord Smythe.*





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#### Venues:

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**Dates:** Monday 22nd to Tuesday 23rd December

**Times:** 9:00am to 4:00pm daily.

**Price:** £14.00

**Age:** 8 years to 16 years boys/girls

### XMAS 2003 SOCCER COURSE (6YRS - 7YRS)

#### Venues:

- Manor College of Technology, Owton Manor Lane, Hartlepool
- Dyke House Comprehensive School, off Raby Road, Hartlepool

**Dates:** Monday 22nd to Tuesday 23rd December

**Times:** 9:00am to 1:00pm daily

**Price:** £12.00

**Age:** 6 years and 7 years boys/girls

*Keith Nolas*

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Following the game against Rushden and Diamonds, we held the final of our Railtrack 6-a-side competition, which was between St. Cuthberts and Jesmond Road. After a very close and hard fought match, St. Cuthberts ended up the eventual winners, as they held their nerve to win on penalties.

Commiserations to Jesmond Road who played excellently on the day, but were beaten by a St. Cuthbert's side who will now go forward to represent HUFC in the area finals against the likes of Newcastle, Middlesbrough and Darlington. We wish them the best of luck for when these games are played in the New Year.



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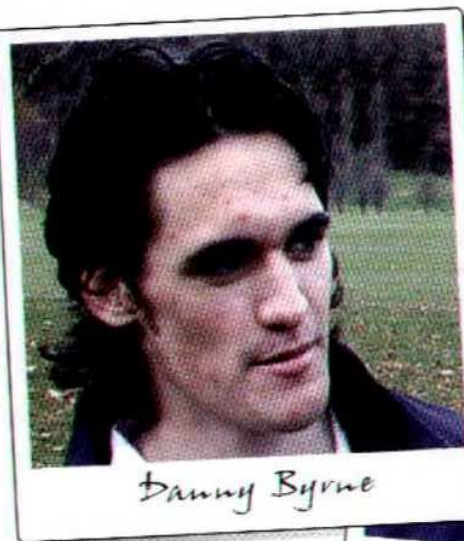
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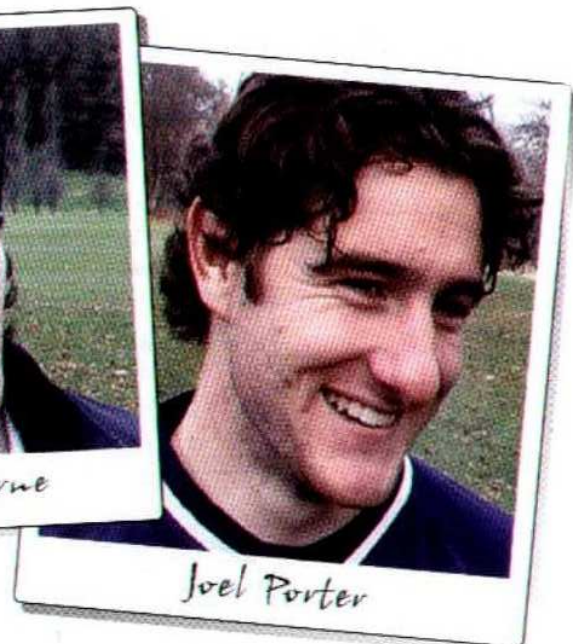




# YOUR WORLD THIS WEEK



Danny Byrne



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## SATURDAY

We kept people informed of the latest from Plymouth Argyle with **FULL LIVE AND INTERACTIVE COMMENTARY.** If you haven't given this a go you really must try it out. As well as describing every kick of the action we take e-mails and text messages to keep the fans

involved with the game!

## MONDAY

As ever after an away game we uploaded a video interview with Neale Cooper on to Pools World, which we filmed in the Press Room at Plymouth Argyle. It was clear that the Pools boss was not happy with last week's performance at Home Park.

## TUESDAY

There was transfer activity at Victoria Park on Tuesday. Danny Byrne joined the club from Manchester United, whilst Joel Porter and Dimitrios Konstantopoulos signed short-term contracts. We had video interviews with Danny and Joel, plus the thoughts of Neale Cooper in **THREE** special bulletins!

## WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday we had a word with Martin Scott at the training ground to find out what his views were on the new signings. He also talked to us about the Reserves, fixture with Darlington that afternoon.

## THURSDAY

With the Reserves, playing at home on Wednesday we looked back at that on Thursday. Full video highlights from the 3-2 win at Billingham were accompanied with an exclusive post-match interview with Reserve Team manager Martin Scott.

## FRIDAY

Neale Cooper was confident that his players would give him a better performance against Swindon Town than they did at Plymouth when we talked to him on Friday. He was hurt by the performance at Home Park and told Pools World he is looking forward to putting things right.

## SATURDAY

And so the match day arrives and Pools World really comes in to its own. There's the full, live commentary to enjoy but that's not all - just one hour after the final whistle we upload an exclusive post-match interview with Neale Cooper. Now that's service!

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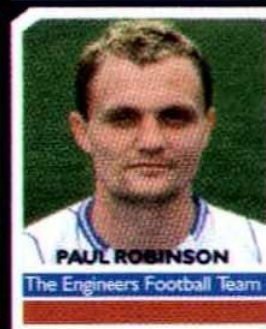
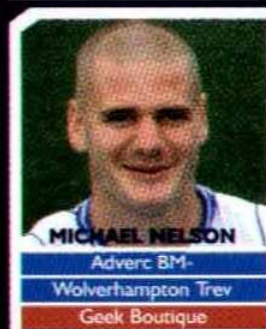
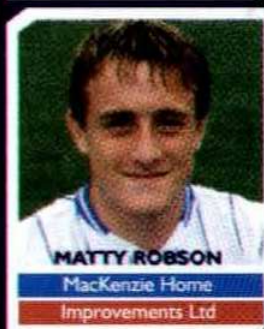
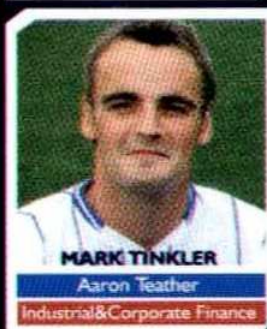
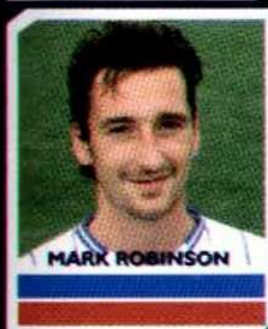
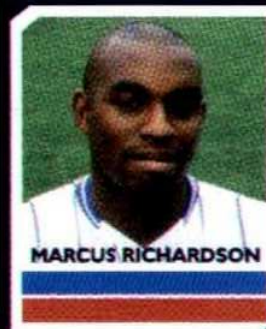
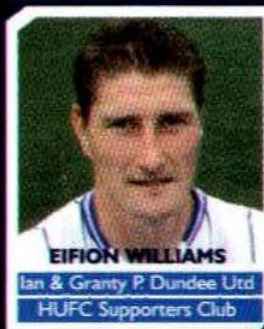
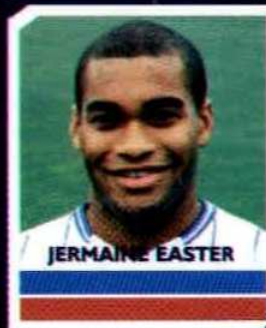
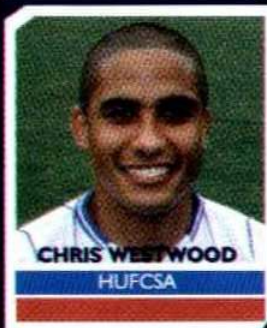
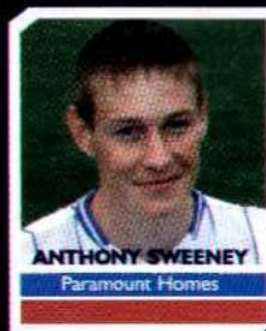
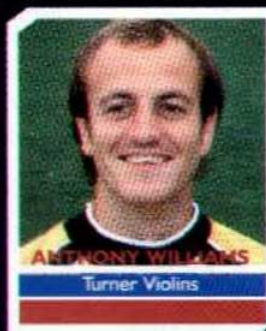
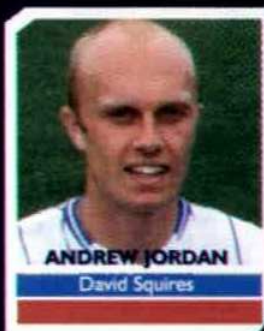
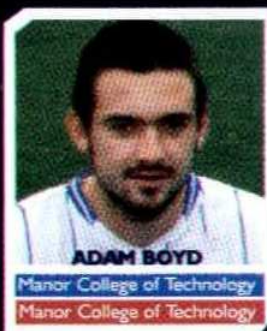
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# PFA awards

## PFA Player of the year 1985

*Profiles by Tony Lynch*

### Peter Reid

In 1985 - for the third year in succession - the PFA Player of the Year Award went to Merseyside. But this time it landed in the Blue Zone as Everton's Peter Reid followed Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish (1983) and Ian Rush (1984) to the winner's rostrum.

The Toffees' midfield general, the embodiment of sheer tenacity with a built-in never-say-die attitude, was one of the key players in the club's table topping exploits of 1984-85. Indeed, it was those very qualities that were recognised by the PFA membership as they held their annual winter election.

'We were enjoying a fantastic season,' Peter recalls. 'We always had that confidence in our ability even though we started off slowly and were beaten 4-1 by Spurs in the first game, at Goodison Park. Then we lost 2-1 at West Brom, but after winning the third game 1-0 at Chelsea we went from strength to strength.'

'Howard Kendall had built a strong side that could really play. It had strength in the likes of Andy Gray, Graeme Sharp, Kevin Ratcliffe and myself. It had tremendous ability in Kevin Sheedy, Trevor Steven and Adrian Heath - a complete mixture that worked. Then we had Neville Southall in goal. That season Neville was the best goalkeeper I've ever seen. He went on to win the Footballer of the Year title from the Football Writers' Association, and no one deserved it more.'

As if all that weren't enough, Peter also attributes the Toffees' success to

the strength in depth of Kendall's squad. 'That's something all top sides need. We had players like John Bailey, Alan Harper and Kevin Richardson on the sidelines waiting to play their part whenever they were called upon.'

The 'fantastic season' would culminate in Everton's eighth championship success. 'And we were in with a chance of a 'treble'. We reached the finals in both the FA Cup and the European Cup-Winners Cup.'

The Blues were magnificent under the Rotterdam floodlights against Rapid Vienna, winning 3-1 with goals from Gray, Sheedy and Steven to bring home their first European silverware. The FA Cup final against Manchester United was played at Wembley that weekend. 'It was a baking hot day and we just didn't have enough left in the tank to play through two finals of such importance within four days of each other. It was hard going and United played well, even though they had the boy Moran sent off for fouling me as I was going through.'

In the event Everton's treble dreams were ended by a solitary goal from Norman Whiteside - the only disappointment in an otherwise magnificent season for Reid and his teammates.

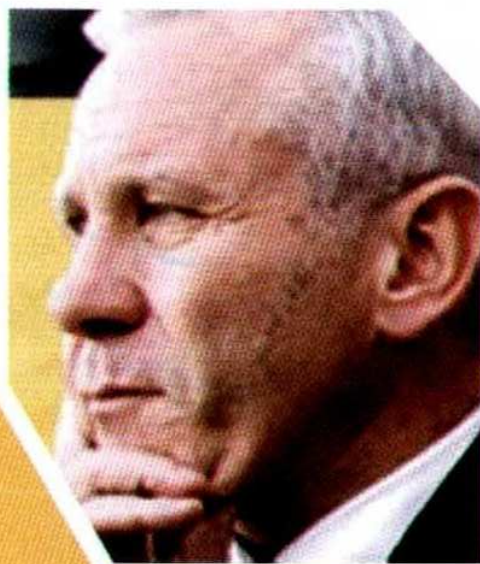
Yet, just a few years earlier, few would have expected the former England Schoolboy international to one day be up there among football's elite, let alone collecting the game's most coveted individual honour. There was a time when he seemed destined to join that band of unfortunate players whose careers are cut short by injury.

Liverpool-born, he had started out as an apprentice with Bolton Wanderers, turning professional in May 1974. He became a regular in the Wanderers' line-up, missing few matches over the next three seasons. In April 1977 he progressed to the England Under-21 side and the following season became a vital factor in Bolton's Second Division championship-winning campaign. Then at the start of 1978-79 he broke his left kneecap, recovered relatively quickly and impressed the likes of Arsenal, Wolves and Everton who were all keen to sign him for around £600,000.

But further battles with serious injury were to plague Peter. Every day for a year he visited the Bolton treatment room following ligament tears in his right leg. 'And every day the physio, Jim Hedridge, got the last bit out of me. He made me keep my body in perfect trim and forced me not to swamp myself in self-pity when other were questioning whether I'd ever play again.'

Thus encouraged, Peter's persistence and fortitude carried him through and Everton eventually signed him for around £60,000. It was the bargain of the century.

Up and coming Manchester United striker Mark Hughes won the 1985 PFA Young Player of the Year Award - thus starting what would become a unique association with the Awards. The Merit Award went to former West Ham and England coach Ron Greenwood.





## APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

	L	Goals	Cup	Goals	Total	Total Goals
Anthony Williams	1		1		2	
Michael Barron	16	1	4		20	1
Mark Robinson	4		1		5	
Mark Tinkler	17+1	1	3		20+1	1
Michael Nelson	19	1	4		23	1
Chris Westwood	18		4		22	
Darrell Clarke	15+1	3	3+1		18+2	3
Ritchie Humphreys	19	1	4	1	23	2
Erion Williams	14+1	2	4	1	18+1	3
Marco Gabbiadini	10+5	5	3	4	13+5	9
Kevin Henderson	1+2		+1	1	1+3	1
Jon Bass						
Paul Arnison	2+2				2+2	
Adam Boyd	+7		+1		+8	
Marcus Richardson	3				3	
Jermaine Easter	+3				+3	
Antony Sweeney	+3				+3	
Jim Provett	18		3		21	
John Brackstone	3+1		1	1	4+1	1
Steven Istead	+10		+2	1	+12	1
Matty Robson	9+2	1	1	1	10+2	2
Paul Robinson	15+3	7	3+1	3	18+4	10
Andrew Jordan	4+1		1	1	5+1	1
Gavin Strachan	19	4	4	1	23	5
David Foley	+1				+1	
Ryan McCann	+4		+1		+5	
Darren Craddock	2		+1		2+1	
Jack Wilkinson	2		+1		2+1	

+1 indicates substitute appearance



	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	G.D.	Pts
Plymouth	17	5	3	1	21	10	3	4	1	17	10	18	31
Barnsley	17	4	4	0	9	4	4	1	4	13	16	2	29
QPR	16	4	3	0	15	2	3	4	2	12	11	14	28
Brighton	17	6	1	1	15	4	2	3	4	11	14	8	28
Bournemouth	17	4	4	0	16	10	3	3	3	8	8	6	28
Colchester	17	4	3	1	9	6	4	1	4	12	14	1	28
Port Vale	17	6	1	1	17	11	2	2	5	7	12	1	27
Hartlepool	17	3	5	0	14	3	3	2	4	14	18	7	25
Bristol City	17	4	4	1	14	6	1	5	2	5	8	5	24
Swindon	17	4	3	2	16	9	2	3	3	9	12	4	24
Sheff Wed	17	2	4	3	11	12	4	2	2	11	8	2	24
Wrexham	16	3	3	3	9	7	4	0	3	10	10	2	24
Rushden	17	4	2	3	17	15	3	1	4	12	14	0	24
Luton	17	5	2	1	17	9	1	3	5	12	22	-2	23
Brentford	16	5	1	3	15	14	2	1	4	5	10	-4	23
Oldham	17	4	2	2	15	11	1	5	3	14	17	1	22
Grimsby	17	4	1	3	14	7	2	3	4	7	18	-4	22
Blackpool	16	3	0	4	12	11	3	3	3	10	15	-4	21
Tranmere	17	4	3	2	13	9	0	4	4	5	17	-8	19
Notts County	17	3	2	4	10	9	1	2	5	6	18	-11	16
Stockport	17	0	4	5	10	17	3	2	3	10	12	-9	15
Peterborough	17	0	4	5	13	5	2	4	2	7	16	-14	14
Chesterfield	17	2	3	4	6	10	0	3	3	4	14	-11	12
Wycombe	17	2	2	4	12	14	0	3	6	7	17	-12	11

## FOOTBALL QUIZ 12

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| 1 Which Midlands side used to be called Singer's FC due to it being formed by workers at the local Singer bicycle factory? | 7 Who are "The Tykes"?   |
| 2 At which English Premiership ground would you encounter "The Shed"?  | 8 Who once quipped: "The only certainty about management is the sack"?   |
| 3 Who did Bryan Robson succeed as Middlesbrough manager?   | 9 Who left Birmingham City to become Sheffield United's player-manager in the summer of 1998?                          |
| 4 What was the first club that Brian Clough managed?   | 10 Who was supposed to have sacked one-time barnet manager Barry Fry eight times?                                      |
| 5 Who wrote the football novel "Fever Pitch"?  | 11 What colour are Chesterfield's home shirts?   |
| 6 Which country's 1974 World Cup squad song was "Easy, Easy"?  | 12 Fred Everiss holds the record for the longest reign as a club manager. For which club was he the boss for 46 years? |



## Deckchair Challenge

Today at half time our new "Deckchair Challenge" in conjunction with **TFM Radio** and our Centre of Excellence sponsors **DFDS Seaways** takes place.

A Competition will be run prior to all our home league and cup games on TFM Breakfast Show. The winner of the competition qualifies to take part in the "Deckchair Challenge" at half time.

The contestant takes part in a timed slalom between to deckchairs and the fastest time is recorded. The fastest contestant for the month wins a mini cruise to Amsterdam, and the overall winner for the season wins a holiday with DFDS Seaways.

### STATEMENT REGARDING SAFETY

Unfortunately during last season fans were paying for seats in the Camerons Brewery Stand and then standing up in Block F.

The Football Authorities take a dim view of this for safety reasons in as much as there are no safety barriers in the seated areas of the stand.

Spectators are asked to sit down during the games because if this practice of standing in the seated areas continues disciplinary action could be taken by the Football Association which may result in the deduction of points.

This, as you realise, would be catastrophic. We ask all fans to co-operate this season for the sake of the club.

Quiz 12 Answers  
1. Coventry City, 2. Chelsea, 3. Lennie Lawrence, 4. Hartlepool United, 5. Nick Hornby, 6. Scotland, 7. Barnsley, 8. Johnny Giles, 9. Steve Bruce, 10. Stan Flashman, 11. Blue, 12. West Bromwich Albion



# 2003.04 Statistics



Date	Opposition	Score	H.Att	A.Att	Pos
<b>2003</b>					
Sat Aug 9	Peterborough United	A 4-3	5965	990	6
Wed Aug 13	Sheffield Wednesday (LCI)	A 2-2	13410	1099	5-4 on pens
Sat Aug 16	Tranmere Rovers	H 0-0	5357	445	7
Sat Aug 23	Bristol City	A 1-1	10730		9
Mon Aug 25	Port Vale	H 2-0	5314	478	9
Sat Aug 30	Luton Town	A 2-3	5515	573	10
Sat Sep 6	Oldham Athletic	H 0-0	5728	836	12
Fri Sep 12	Grimsby Town	H 8-1	5528	272	6
Tue Sep 16	Stockport County	A 2-1	4021		6
Sat Sep 20	Brentford	A 1-2	4501	592	6
Tue Sep 23	West Brom	H 1-2	5265	566	
Sat Sep 27	Brighton & Hove Albion	H 0-0	5443	446	7
Tue Sep 30	Wrexham	H 2-0	4677	104	5
Sat Oct 4	AFC Bournemouth	A 2-2	6342	263	5
Fri Oct 10	Sheffield Wednesday	H 1-1	7448	916	6
Tue Oct 14	Oldham Athletic (LDV I)	A 3-3	3575	103	5-3 on pens
Sat Oct 18	Blackpool	A 0-4	6871	1691	
Tue Oct 21	Chesterfield	A 2-1	3427	321	11
Sat Oct 25	Wycombe Wanderers	H 1-1	5153	183	8
Sat Nov 1	Notts County	A 0-1	5011	675	8
Sat Nov 8	Whitby Town (FA Cup 1)	H 4-0	5294	688	
Sat Nov 15	Rushden & Diamonds	H 2-1	4944	203	
Sat Nov 22	Plymouth Argyle	A 0-2	9000	93	
Sat Nov 29	Swindon Town	H			
Sat Dec 6	Burton Albion (FA Cup 2)	A			
Sat Dec 13	Queens Park Rangers	A			
Sat Dec 20	Colchester United	H			
Fri Dec 26	Barnsley	H			
Sun Dec 28	Oldham Athletic	A			
<b>2004</b>					
Sat Jan 3	Port Vale (FA Cup 3)	A			
Sat Jan 10	Peterborough United	H			
Sat Jan 17	Tranmere Rovers	A			
Sat Jan 24	Bristol City (FA Cup 4)	H			
Sat Jan 31	Luton Town	H			
Sat Feb 7	Barnsley	A			
Sat Feb 14	Sheffield Wednesday	A			
Fri Feb 20	Blackpool	H			
Sat Feb 28	Wycombe Wanderers	A			
Tue Mar 2	Chesterfield	H			
Sat Mar 6	Colchester United	A			
Sat Mar 13	Queens Park Rangers	H			
Tue Mar 16	Stockport County	H			
Sat Mar 20	Grimsby Town	A			
Sat Mar 27	Brentford	H			
Sat Apr 3	Brighton & Hove Albion	A			
Sat Apr 10	AFC Bournemouth	H			
Mon Apr 12	Wrexham	A			
Sat Apr 17	Notts County	H			
Sat Apr 24	Rushden & Diamonds	A			
Sat May 1	Plymouth Argyle	H			
Sat May 8	Swindon Town	A			

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Provett	Craddock	Nelson	Robson	Westwood	Clarke
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## Deckchair Challenge

### WINNERS TABLE

1	Zak Hardacre	Tranmere
2	Peter Taylor	10.4secs
3	Aug winner	
4	John Richardson	Oldham
5	Chris Gorman	Grimsby
6	Jonathan Longstaff	Brighton
7	Kevin Smith	9.8secs
8	Sept winner	
9	Mark Hall	11.5secs
10	Oct winner	
11	Sarah Theobald	
12	Sept winner	

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# TEAM LINE-UP



1ST GOAL  
ODDS

	ANTHONY WILLIAMS	1
40/1	MICHAEL BARRON	2
33/1	MARK ROBINSON	3
16/1	MARK TINKLER	4
33/1	MICHAEL NELSON	5
33/1	CHRIS WESTWOOD	6
16/1	DARRELL CLARKE	7
12/1	RITCHIE HUMPHREYS	8
6/1	EIFION WILLIAMS	9
13/2	MARCO GABBIADINI	10
	JON BASS	12
	PAUL ARNISON	14
	ADAM BOYD	15
15/2	MARCUS RICHARDSON	16
	JERMAINE EASTER	17
16/1	ANTONY SWEENEY	18
	JIM PROVETT	19
	JOHN BRACKSTONE	20
16/1	STEVEN ISTEAD	21
	MATTY ROBSON	22
13/2	PAUL ROBINSON	23
28/1	ANDREW JORDAN	24
20/1	GAVIN STRACHAN	25
	ADAM VAN DOMMELE	26
	DAVID FOLEY	27
	RYAN McCANN	28
	DARREN CRADDOCK	29
	DIMITRIOS KONSTANTOPOULOS	30
	JACK WILKINSON	31
	JOEL PORTER	32
	DANNY BYRNE	33

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BART GRIEMINK	1
JUNIOR LEWIS	2
GRANT SMITH	3
MATTHEW HEWLETT	4
ADRIAN VIVEASH	5
ANDREW GURNEY	6
SAMMY IGOE	7
TOMMY MOONEY	8
SAM PARKIN	9
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	10
DAVID DUKE	11
IAN HERRING	12
JONATHON STEVENSON	14
ANDREW NICHOLAS	15
RORY FALLON	16
BRIAN HOWARD	17
SEBASTIEN RUSTER	18
MATTHEW HEYWOOD	19
RHYS EVANS	20
ALAN REEVES	22
STEVE ROBINSON	25
ALAN YOUNG	26
JEREL IFIL	28
MICHAEL POOK	

MANAGER: ANDY KING

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to draw - 9/4

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