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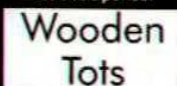
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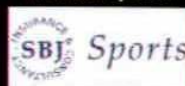
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DIRECTORS MESSAGE

In the last home programme, we told you about the process that occurred around the resignation of Billy Dearden, and that we hoped to have a replacement in time for that match. As we now all know, Gary Mills was in place for that match, and has since obtained his first win at Wrexham.

This is our first chance to talk to you about how and why we selected Gary Mills to be the new Manager of Notts County.

After the news of Billy's resignation broke, we ended up with over 30 applications for the vacant post. These ranged from managers with Football League experience, whether as managers or coaches, through those managing in non-league football, to those who managed their company team, or had a good record at play-by-mail football! We worked our way through these applications whilst considering the type of manager we wanted to take the club forward.

We decided early on that we wanted someone with a hunger for success and a passion to win, someone who had not failed at other clubs, but had experience of management. Gary Mills' CV stood head and shoulders above the rest in this respect. He had been in charge at three non-league clubs, taking each from the bottom of their respective league to, at worst, a mid-table position. He was familiar with working within tight financial constraints, but had recent Football League experience from his time at Coventry. In addition, all Notts fans will remember his commitment and enthusiasm from his two spells as a player at the club.

We invited Gary for an interview. This confirmed all the positive thoughts we had from his CV. Above all, we were impressed with the desire Gary showed to manage this club, and with his commitment to turn the club around. It was a unanimous decision to offer him the post. There was then a short period of negotiations around the offer we made to Gary, and the arrangements with Coventry City, before we could confirm him in public as the new Manager.

It is very difficult to decide who will make a good manager of a football club. If this was an easy task, then there would not be so many managerial changes each season. We are confident that Gary can bring a fresh approach to this club, and that we have appointed a young man who gives us a chance of avoiding relegation, and of improving the club as a whole.

It was therefore gratifying to see the immediate effect that Gary had on the team at the Bristol City match. The team seemed to play with more commitment and passion than we had seen for some time, and were unlucky to concede a late winner to a strong team. Then, last week, the team again played with heart and enthusiasm in the win at Wrexham. It is to be hoped that this will continue for the rest of the season.

There may be some of you wondering why we have continually

talked about being careful with the club's money, and yet have let Gary bring in a number of players. Those brought in to date will be with us for just one month initially, and are, in total, being paid less than either of the two players who left. This freedom is something that Billy would also have had, if he had chosen to stay, but it has come at a convenient time for the club, enabling Gary to freshen up the squad.

The players signed to date are all on one-month loans. There may well be opportunities to extend some of these further, if all parties wish that to happen, but, at this stage of the season, we are no longer able to sign loan players for more than three months. The League restrict each club to eight short term loans each season, with no more than four at the club at any one time. We now have four loans left to the end of the season, and still have some room to maneuver financially, so further change is possible to the end of the season, whether permanently, or on loan.

Finally, can we say how much we enjoyed the Fans Forum. We had some trepidation about how the evening would go, especially with the changes that were in progress at the time, but I think we would all agree that it went particularly well. We hope that those of you who attended found the evening interesting, and that you had the opportunity to ask your questions. If this was not the case, please feel free to write to any of the board here at the club, and we will try to address any concerns. We intend to continue these events at appropriate intervals in our efforts to be open and honest about the operation of the club. A full report of the evening will be found elsewhere in this programme.

We would like to close by wishing Gary and the team the best of luck for the rest of the season.

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CONFERENCE & RETAIL NEWS

With Charlotte Moore



I would like to welcome everybody to today's game, especially the staff from New College Nottingham who will be helping us with some of our refurbishments over the next few months.

It has been a hectic few weeks for the Conference team but things are starting to move forward. It's great news that business is building up and our function rooms are being booked for parties, business meetings and weddings.

Over the next few months we will be re-decorating our hospitality facilities to give the rooms a fresh new look but at the same time developing a feel for the history of Notts County. Work will be commencing soon so if you would like to view the suites for a future event please feel free to contact our team who will be happy to show you around prior, during, or on completion of the decorating.

Don't forget mothering Sunday on 21st March, only eight weeks away. We will be opening our restaurant for a special carvery lunch with a gift for all the mothers. Each year is a great success and we are hoping that this Mothers Day will be even better. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

It's an exciting time for us at the moment and we are looking forward to providing function rooms with pleasant surroundings to match the

fantastic service and catering standards already in place.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that are helping our with the clean up, especially in the Meadow Club, it is much appreciated. Also thank you to those people that have come forward with memorabilia for us no display. If anyone else has a

treasured piece or classic picture that you would like to donate please contact me at the club. All donations will be recognized in any displays created.

The shop is continuing to do well and we now have home and away shirts available, as well as 140th anniversary shirts, some of which are signed by the players. The anniversary shirts are fantastic to collect and they have been very popular, so if you would like one holding please contact Lynn directly on 0115 955 7205.

The shop is open on Monday and Thursday evenings, as well as matchdays.

Alternatively, we also have an order on the way for babywear and children's clothing, the stock should be arriving before the end of month so you can kit out your children.

We are currently in talks with various sporting brands, with a view to working alongside one of them next season as kit manufacturer. We are also looking at introducing new

ranges and different merchandise into the shop.

We also have mini kits, air fresheners and stickers for your cars on the way, so do pop in and keep checking for new items. We are also currently developing the website, so in the near future you will be able to buy online. This will make purchasing a lot more easier, especially for supporters overseas or fans living outside the Nottingham area.

If you have any requests or suggestions for the clothing and other merchandise in the shop we will try our utmost to get the products in.

There is an amazing array of goods available to us and we would like all our supporters to have a selection of desirable Notts County merchandise to choose from.

I hope you all enjoy the game today and I will keep you updated on the refurbishments of the club and the forthcoming events that may interest you.

Charlotte Moore

GAFFER'S NOTES...

I am absolutely delighted to be manager of Notts County. I have been here before and I enjoyed it and I am back here now with a few more grey hairs. I will be committed 100% to turn this football club into something that we are all proud of and together with you [the fans] and everyone connected with the club we can do that. Over the past few years things have gone off to make this football club very hard to support and very hard to be proud of, but I am very passionate about the game and I like to express how I feel. It was the best feeling in the world winning on Saturday and I hope we can retrieve the same feeling this afternoon.

If you wish to write or talk to me then please do so and I will always speak to you and say what I think.

I have been extremely busy since being appointed as manager but I am thoroughly enjoying it. I try to be as honest as I can and if things aren't right on the park then I will change them. I have brought three players in on loan (Avun Jephcott, Andrew Parkinson and David Pipe) which I think you will all like. David Pipe and Andrew Parkinson were superb for us on Saturday at Wrexham. They have come in to the team and have shown exactly what I want, which is - hunger, desire, passion, work rate and discipline. I am hoping that we can add another two players to our squad in time for today's match but I cannot name them as I am writing these notes on Wednesday.

When we played Bristol City we showed commitment, hard work and defensive naivety. If we have defended like that all season then that is why we have been losing football matches. We tried to sort the defensive problems out the following week in training and in the match against Wrexham we defended as if our lives depended on it. It was an absolutely massive win for us and we played as if we had no troubles at all. It was a fantastic performance and we have to repeat that this afternoon. We need to continue to keep clean sheets. Denying the opposition team goals is vital in football and I will be looking for plenty of clean sheets from my team.

Hard work shouldn't even be questioned. If players' work rate has been questioned this season then they have not gone about their job in the way they should have, but they have worked hard since I have been here. I cannot comment on playing matters prior to my appointment but from now on the players will give 100% in every match. We cannot always guarantee results but we can guarantee players working hard to try and obtain results.

It is very important to continue to keep producing quality young players. If I think some of the youth players are good enough then they will be on the bench or they'll be in the starting line up. There may be youngsters involved today and that is because they deserve to be involved.

We need quality players at this football club and as I write these notes Paul Heffernan should be in action for the match, so it will be nice to have him back, particularly after losing Mark Stallard. Mark joined Barnsley in the last few days. He was a high earner at the club and his departure has allowed me more money to work with. There is a player I would love to bring to the club and I am trying to get him. I am looking forward to bringing that player in who is even better than Mark Stallard, but at the time of writing the player in mind isn't with us.

Michael Brough's week to week contract has not been renewed and I like to be honest with everyone and truthfully I didn't think Michael Brough had a future with the club and once again I can use the money he was on to get better players in.

I have signed local lad Frazer McHugh who lives in Nottingham. Frazer has signed for a month with a view to signing a longer deal. He was released from Bradford approximately six weeks ago and I decided to give him the chance here at Notts. I think you will enjoy watching Frazer play and I welcome him to the club.

We played in a friendly match against Walsall on Tuesday. This was the chance for me to view the trialists that had been training with us. The trialists that played were: Yazid Kaissi (Lens), Gary Smith (Middlesbrough) and Tony Scully (Barnet).

Realistically, we will take 20th in the Division this season. But with 19 games to go I want to finish above half way in the table. There are plenty of points up for grabs. If we achieve the position of 20th everyone will be singing and dancing, but like I said in the post-match interview last week if we win the next 19 matches, we could get promotion.

I am the manager of this club and you are the fans, we are in this together and as one we can achieve things at this football club.





IN THE NEWS

All the latest news from Meadow Lane, in association with nottscountyfc.co.uk

STALLARD DEPARTS:

Notts County striker Mark Stallard left the club on Wednesday morning to join fellow Division Two side Barnsley. There was no fee involved in the transfer.

Barnsley approached the club on Monday 19th January to express an interest in signing the player on a contract that would extend beyond his current expiry date of June 2005, at his current salary levels. Mark Stallard was the second highest paid player at the club, and we would not be intending to offer that sort of salary for a player of his age when his contract expired.

The Board discussed the offer with Gary Mills. Gary believed that he could use the salary that was thereby available to the better benefit of the club as a whole. We therefore gave permission to Barnsley to discuss terms with Mark Stallard. They completed that process on Tuesday evening and Mark confirmed that he would be accepting their offer.

Mark Stallard has been a good servant of the club since he joined in March 1999, and was the club's top goal scorer last season. However, his form, as Mark would agree, had not been so impressive this season. We are sorry to see Mark go, but would wish to emphasise that this departure gives Gary Mills the chance to further build a squad that can keep us out of Division 3, and help us look forward to next season with greater confidence.

TRIO SIGN UP:

Not only have Notts County changed managers over the past few weeks, there have been a few new faces on the playing side, with a trio of players arriving on loan last week.

David Pipe and Avun Jephcott join us on a month's loan each from First Division Coventry City, and Andy Parkinson also joins for a month on loan from Sheffield United.

Welshman Pipe and former Tranmere starlet Parkinson made their debuts at Wrexham last Saturday, while Jephcott was amongst the substitutes at the Racecourse Ground, but failed to make his debut as Notts battled well for a 1-0 victory. With so many new faces to contend with, turn to our 'Meet The New Boys' section of the programme on page 29, where we take a closer look at our new signings.

RICHO OUT OF TODAY'S MATCH:

Notts County captain Ian Richardson will miss today's match with Swindon Town, as he serves a one match suspension after collecting five bookings from the duration of the season so far, which results in a one match ban.

Ian will however be back into contention for a place in the side next Saturday, when Barnsley are the visitors to Meadow Lane.

CONTRACTS ROUND UP:

Due to printing deadlines, we were unable to announce in the Bristol City programme the following information regarding the players on short-term contracts.

Young goalkeeper Saul Deeney and long serving defender Ian Richardson both signed 18-month contracts with the club just days before the Bristol City game, while Tony Barras and Simon Baldry also extended their deals, signing up until the end of the current campaign.

Midfielder Michael Brough signed week-to-week contract for a period of month.

LIFELINE NUMBERS:

Below are the winning numbers from the Notts County Lifeline draw for week's 14 and 15.

To join up, or to learn more about Notts County Lifeline, drop into the Club Shop.

Week No.14

Winning Number:	Prize:
0197	£1,000
2085	£100
1769	£100
0845	£100
0113	£50
2201	£50
0165	£50
1204	50/50 Draw

Week No.15

Winning Number:	Prize:
2366	£1,000
0855	£100
0603	£100
1386	£100
1980	£50
0478	£50
0015	£50
1758	50/50 Draw
1702	Extra Quarterly £1,000

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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2004

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS (A)

MATCHDAY PRICES

Adults	£20.00
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Payment for this fixture is on the day only.

HOW TO GET TO LOFTUS ROAD...

BY ROAD

At the end of the M40, take the A40 towards Central London. At the point where the A40 becomes the A40(M), turn off onto the A40 towards White City/Shepherds Bush and turn right into Wood Lane, turn right into South Africa Road for the ground.

BY RAIL

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City line. The latter is nearer to the ground which is about a ten minute walk. Leaving the tube station turn right and the ground will come into view further down on the right. Alternatively you could try White City Tube station on Wood Lane (opposite the BBC Television Centre). It's nearer the ground and less people seem to use it on match day. Please note that Queens Park tube station is nowhere near the ground.

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Departure Time	10:15am



NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2004

AFC BOURNEMOUTH (A)

MATCHDAY PRICES

Adults	£20.00
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HOW TO GET TO THE FITNESS FIRST STADIUM...

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BY RAIL

The nearest Station is Pokesdown. Take a left out of the station, go over the bridge and take another left. This road will take you into the park. Walk through the park in the direction you approached it from and you can't miss the ground.

Some trains will not stop at Pokesdown and will go on to Bournemouth. Take a left out of Bournemouth Station and follow up to the main road. Take a left and go past a petrol station and Staples. Go straight over the roundabout and keep going along Holdenhurst Road for about a mile. You'll eventually reach a set of traffic lights next to the Queens Park Pub. Again go straight over, but turn right at the next roundabout and into Kings Park.

PARKING

There is ample space in the council car park just beyond the ground in Kings Park. Be warned that it can take a while to get out after the game. Alternatively there is street parking around the local area, but restrictions are not the same everywhere.

SUPPORTERS CLUB COACH TRAVEL

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COMPETITION TIME

Your chance to win with Notts County's matchday programme

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Closing date is Wednesday 28th January.

The answers to competition time in the Notts County vs Bristol City were:

1. Brian Little
2. Danny Wilson
3. Roy McFarland
4. Barry Fry
5. Brian Talbot

The lucky winner of this competition was:

Chris Chamberlain



THE MEADOW CLUB

At the Fans Forum we stated that we would like to see the premises that we all know as the Meadow Club open and trading within as short a time as possible. We have now started work on this project.

The scale of work that needs to take place to get the Meadow Club back up and running is quite incredible. The Club has been closed for a long time, with all the power cut off, and so was obviously rather cold and musty. The old food left in the freezers did not help the smell either! All the out of date alcohol has been disposed of, glasses have been removed for cleaning, and most of the tables and chairs are beyond repair. Half the toilets do not work, and a number of the windows are dangerously cracked. The wooden floor has risen in places.

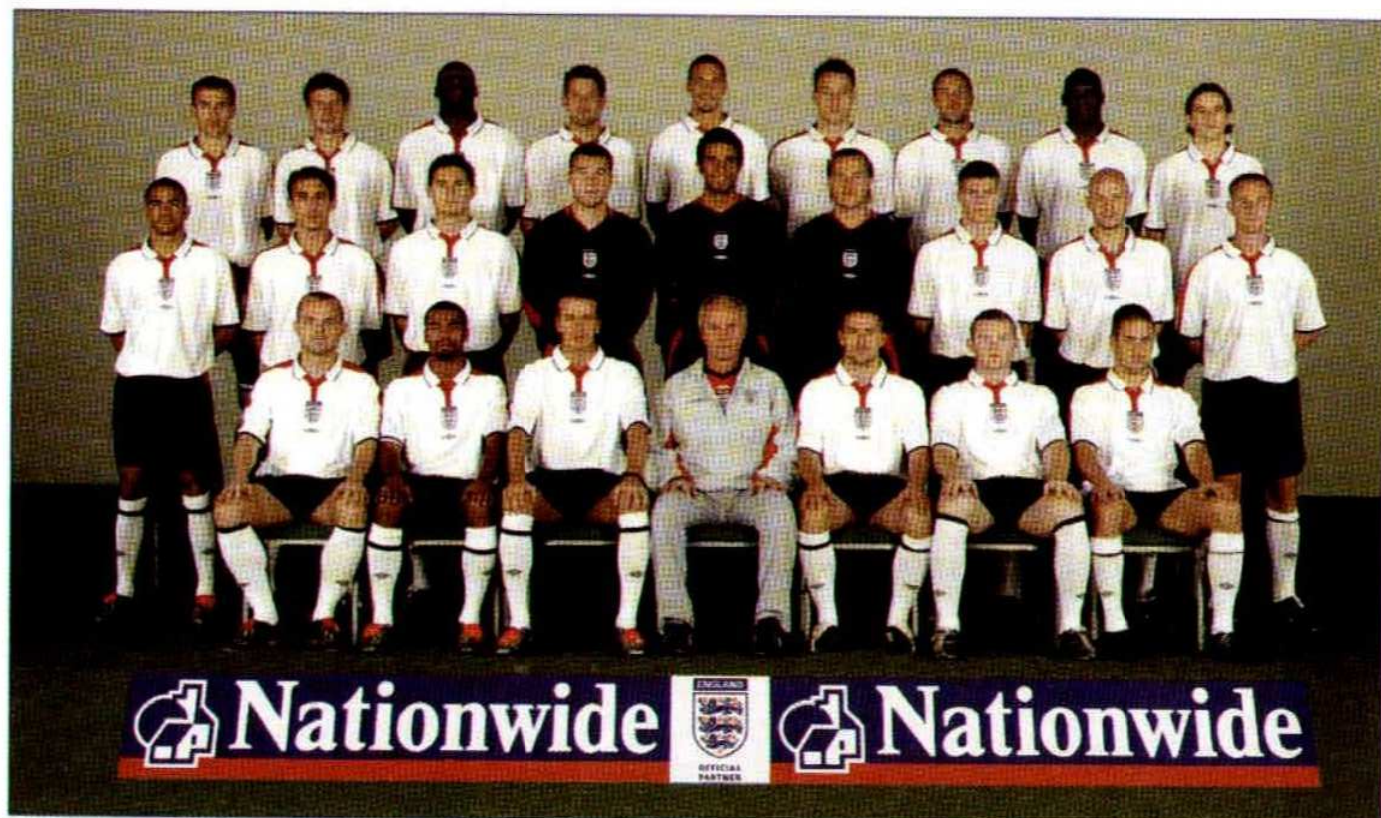
We have now re-established the electricity supply, and are arranging for a new gas meter to be fitted (the last one was removed because of the lack of payment from the previous tenants). We need to apply for a new License to operate the bar, for an Entertainment License to play music or operate the televisions, and the television license needs to be dealt with. We also need safety and fire certificates. We need to negotiate supplies from brewers and soft drinks companies. We need to redecorate.

This apparently endless list of tasks all need to be completed before we can open for trading. Work has already commenced with volunteers, conference and banqueting staff and help from New College, Nottingham. If you have skills that can help us do this over the next few weeks, please contact Charlotte Moore at the club.

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Swindon Town's Manager Andy King

Born in August 1955 in Luton, King made his name as a lively midfielder having joined his home town club in 1974. His next stop was Everton, the club with which most people associate him, who he signed for in 1976 for £35,000.

He made 150 appearances for The Toffees, scoring an impressive 38 goals in four seasons at Goodison before joining QPR.

One season with the Superhoops was followed by another at West Bromwich Albion before a return to Everton for the 1982-83 season, where Andy played a further 43 games and added another 11 goals to his tally for the Toffees.

A short period with Dutch side Cambuur followed, before Andy returned to England with Wolves, for whom he played 28 times scoring 10 goals.

A very brief spell back at Luton in 1985 (just three appearances) preceded Andy's final move as a player when he joined Aldershot and notched 11 goals in 36 games for the Surrey side.

Having retired as a player, he turned to coaching, and was given his first managerial appointment at Mansfield Town in 1993 following George Foster's departure.

Having been relegated from Division Two, Mansfield were low on confidence but King managed to steer them to a mid-table finish in his first season at the helm.

The following season saw The Stags in with a chance of promotion back to the Second Division, having finished in 6th place in the table, but they were beaten in the play-off semi-finals by John Duncan's Chesterfield.

The 1995-96 season saw Mansfield drop down to 19th position in Division Three and Andy was replaced at Field Mill by Steve Parkin.

Andy spent some time out of management but was still involved in the game, and was working with former Everton team-mate Peter Reid at Premiership club Sunderland as a scout when Colin Todd took him to Swindon as his assistant manager in the summer of 2000.

When Todd got the call from Jim Smith to be his assistant at Derby County, King was given the opportunity to impress chairman Terry Brady, and after four games in charge he was given the job full-time, on November 6, 2000.

Swindon struggled to keep themselves out of the relegation zone for most of the season but a win over Peterborough in the penultimate game of their league campaign, coupled with Bristol Rovers loss to Walsley, ensured their Second Division survival.

The great escape act was not enough to ensure Andy King's survival, however. Despite his efforts in keeping The Robins up he was replaced at the County Ground by former Liverpool boss Roy Evans in June 2001. But he was not gone for long. Evans left the club before the end of the year, after new owners arrived at the County Ground, and Andy King - who had taken legal action against Swindon with regard to his dismissal - was reinstated as manager on December 20 2001. He guided them to tenth spot last season, and last summer was his first full close season with the Club.

THE BEGINNING

How today's opposition began...



THE FORMATION

In 1894 Swindon Town Football Club, founded by Rev. Williams Pitt, took on professionals and became a founder member of the Southern League Division One. The team struggled in the early part of the 18th century and subsequently finished fourth. Financial problems would dictate the direction of the club from an early stage.

Before World War I the club enjoyed prosperous times winning the Southern League Championship twice and reaching the FA Cup semi-final on two separate occasions.

Swindon Town moved into the Football League Div 3 (S) in 1920 and achieved their first league victory against Luton Town

Town, having earned their league status, nearly lost it in 1933, 1956 and 1957 and had to apply for re-election to the league. World War II brought more troubled times for the club and during the war the County Ground was used by the war office as a POW cap.

After the conflict the club slowly got back on its feet although finances were hard. October 1956 saw the arrival of Bert Head. The following season saw a change in fortunes as the club finished in the top half of Division 3 (S), earning entrance to the national Third Division. Head developed the side and young talent began to come through.

THE PREMIERSHIP SEASON - 1993/1994

No League victory until November, one hundred goals conceded and relegation hardly seems a season to remember; yet Town fans look back nostalgically to what has been the club's only season in the top flight. Glenn Hoddle had departed to Chelsea and his Assistant John Gorman had taken over the reins.

Jan-Aage Fjortoft had become the club's record signing, but in the early months failed to find the scoring form that would later endear him to Town fans. Narrow defeats at Bramall Lane and at home to Oldham were followed by a heavy home defeat by Liverpool - unfortunately this form would imbibe Town's season.

Keith Scott, who had been purchased from Wycombe Wanderers, was brought in to get on the end of the crosses of Nicky Summerbee and Paul Bodin. It worked to a degree in the first of his two games which saw a Scott goal and a Bodin penalty earn a home point against Ipswich, and another goal from Scott bring the elusive first win, remarkably after being reduced to ten men against QPR.

If there were too many defeats (22), there were also many happy memories as Swindon's style of football during the season won friends if not points. Draws at Tottenham and Liverpool, where only a late goal denied the Robins, were great performances. Swindon was the only side to put four League goals past Manchester United and who will ever forget John Moncur's tussles with Eric Cantona. Brian Kilcline and his ponytail arrived a bit too late to make a difference and the killer blow was at Maine Road where a one goal lead, which should have been two but for a harsh ruling on Fjortoft, was surrendered. Swindon fans accepted their fate with good humour. If opposition fans chanted "Going down Going down", then Town's faithful would reply with "so are we so are we". The last away match at QPR, which was to produce the first away victory, was turned in to a celebratory wake as fans sought to drain the last drops of enjoyment from their season in the sun.

THIS SEASON - 2003/2004

The season started very well indeed for Andy King and his side, as they went on a handy unbeaten run from mid August until early October, before their form slipped and that saw the side slide into a mid-table position.

The opening day defeat to Sheffield Wednesday was a kick start to Towns' season, and they soon found their form afterwards and thanks to the goals of Mooney and Parkin were up with the best of them early on.

A winless October saw Town slide to 14th in the table, but a decent run of form over the last few weeks has pushed the side up the table and within touching distance of the playoffs, but King and his side know there is still plenty left to do yet if they are to realise their dream and return to Division One.

SWINDON TRANSFERS THIS SEASON:

IN:

Andrew Nicholas	Liverpool	Free
Sammy Igoe	Reading	Free
Grant Smith	Sheffield United	Free
Adrian Viveash	Reading	Free
Tommy Mooney	Birmingham	Free
Danny Murphy	QPR	Free
Brian Howard	Southampton	Free
Rhys Evans	Chelsea	Free
Rory Fallon	Barnsley	Undisclosed

OUT:

Gareth Edds	Bradford City	Free
Eric Sabin	QPR	Free
Danny Invincible	Kilmarnock	Free
Adam Willis	Kidderminster	Free
Danny Murphy	Margate	Free



WHO ARE THEY?

We take a deeper look into the oppositions squad...

1. BART GRIEMINK GOALKEEPER

Following Steve Mildenhall's departure to Notts County, Bart became one of the most consistent performers in the Town side, and he was also in contention for the Player of the Year Award. He has struggled to hold onto his place since the arrival of Rhys Evans in the summer.

20. RHYS EVANS GOALKEEPER

The big, tall and strong Swindon-born young goalkeeper has been involved at several England youth levels and has been in the England U21 squad. Has been the regular first choice for the club this season, and producing some outstanding performances.

5. ADI VIVEASH DEFENDER

Dominant central defender who signed for local rivals Reading at the

beginning of July 2000 on a 'Bosman' style free transfer from Walsall. Captain at the Bescott stadium for two seasons and a vital member of the team that won promotion from Division Two in 1998/99, he was two-time player of the year during his time with the Saddlers

6. ANDY GURNEY DEFENDER

Gurney missed just four games in his first season and last year - made 45 appearances in all competitions. He also finished the campaign as the Club's second highest goal scorer with eight goals and he is particularly dangerous from free-kicks.

12. IAN HERRING DEFENDER

'Spud' was on his way out of the Club before King thrust him into the First Team towards the end of last season. The local lad had become a favourite at the Club amongst the staff having risen through the youth ranks and everyone was proud to see him

under-19 winning team last season, he could prove to be a very useful for the future.

19. MATTHEW HEYWOOD DEFENDER

Last season was another consistent year for Town's most effective defender, and after a slow start he returned to the kind of form that saw him sweep up in the 2001/02 Player of the Year Awards. Heywood failed to break through at Burnley's Turf Moor and, after being alerted as to his availability by former scout, Shaun Reid, Andy King snapped him up on a free transfer.

21. BEN MARTIN DEFENDER

Young 6'7 centre-back Martin was signed by Manager Andy King in August 2003 after impressing King during a scouting mission last season. Ben trained with the squad towards the end of last term and signed a one-year deal with the Club. Has great potential and will be looking to gain experience in the reserves before forcing into a first team squad.

22. ALAN REEVES DEFENDER

Experienced centre back who is particularly strong in the air - Reeves's efforts have been awarded with a playing/coaching role this season. Reeves had an incredible season last time round and had it not been for Sam Parkins' goals, he would have won the Player of the Year Award.

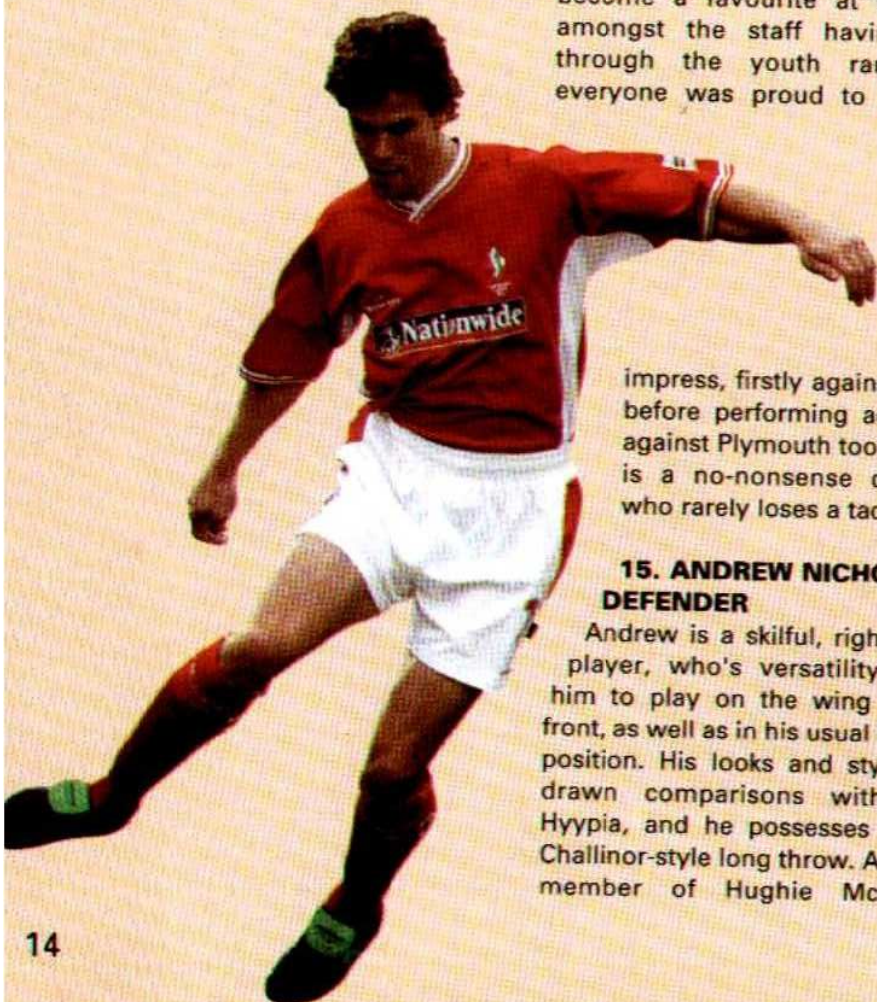
3. GRANT SMITH MIDFIELD

Grant Smith joined Swindon having been strongly recommended by Sheffield United boss, Neil Warnock amongst many others. Many at Bramall Lane were surprised that he didn't appear in the United first team more often last season. He has reasonable pace, is very good in the air and at set pieces and following his loan spell at Plymouth last

impress, firstly against Crewe before performing admirably against Plymouth too. Herring is a no-nonsense defender who rarely loses a tackle.

15. ANDREW NICHOLAS DEFENDER

Andrew is a skilful, right footed player, who's versatility allows him to play on the wing and up front, as well as in his usual left back position. His looks and style have drawn comparisons with Sami Hyypia, and he possesses a Dave Challinor-style long throw. A regular member of Hughie McAuley's



season, he knows what's required from Division Two.

4. MATTHEW HEWLETT MIDFIELDER

An attacking central midfielder, Matt was once tipped for the top by all at Ashton Gate. The former Bristol City player was called into the England Under 21 squad, but a number of injuries curtailed his flourishing career. In the end Hewlett made over 100 appearances for City, but left them to join Town on a Bosman in the summer of 2000.

7. SAMMY IGOE MIDFIELD

After making his way up through the ranks at Portsmouth, where he began as a trainee, Igoe went on to secure a first team spot at the south coast club and made his mark with some solid and impressive performances. Scored with a free-kick on his league debut against Sheffield Wednesday on the opening day of the season, and scored a final individual effort against Notts earlier in the season.

10. STEFANI MIGLIORANZI MIDFIELD

Miglioranzi is the product of the American College football system in which the most promising players are drafted into Major League Soccer. Stefani helped St John's University win the 1996 NCAA Division I Championship and played for MLS team Chicago Fire before joining Everton on trial. They were keen to sign him but no deal came about. Portsmouth then outjumped Liverpool in inviting him for a trial and signed him soon thereafter. The 22-year-old is a Brazilian born American but holds an Italian passport.

11. DAVID DUKE MIDFIELD

'Dukey' will feel slightly aggrieved with the tag of 'Most Improved Player' last season - but he hardly missed a game and rarely put a foot wrong on the left hand side of Town's midfield. The Scotsman arrived on a free transfer from Sunderland in 2000 having never managed a start for the Black Cat's first team. Duke appeared regularly in his first season with the Robins.

17. BRIAN HOWARD MIDFIELD

The youngster joins Town from Southampton having playing for the Saints reserves for two years. The 20-year old left-sided midfielder has featured in England's youth set up and this year, set up Nathan Tyson for his first against Germany at the Madejski Stadium.

25. STEVE ROBINSON MIDFIELD

Tough-tackling and energetic right-footed midfield terrier signed from Birmingham City for £50,000 in February 2001, he was an automatic choice for the Robins for the remainder of the season and more recently, has signed a two-year extension to his contract. Found in the centre or right of midfielder, Robinson likes to win the ball and pass it on quickly.

8. TOMMY MOONEY ATTACK

Tommy joined Town from Birmingham in July this year. He joined previous club Birmingham from Watford and, over the course of his career, he has spanned the highest and lowest levels of English football. He was born in

Middlesbrough but he started out at Aston Villa before a move to Scarborough, who were then a Football League club.

9. SAM PARKIN STRIKER

Very young and very promising forward who joined the club from Chelsea on Thursday August 1, 2002. The transfer followed months of speculation, with Andy King, a huge fan of the player, tracking him for several months. Parkin joined the club from Stamford Bridge where his development was hindered by a glut of international stars. However, whilst at the club he joined several other clubs on loan and it is with them that he built up a reputation as a lethal striker

14. JON STEVENSON FORWARD

Live-wire young striking prospect that signed professional forms in February 2001 with Leicester City. Jon was as involved regularly from the bench during last season, scoring in the 6-1 drubbing at Ipswich, but failed to make an impact ahead of Paul Dickov, Brian Deane and James Scowcroft. Was released during the summer and decided to make the move to the County Ground, although he is yet to make a serious impact having started just one league game so far.

16. RORY FALLON STRIKER

Recent signing from Barnsley, the big striker has made quite an impression against Town in the past two seasons, scoring on both occasions, catching the eye of Town Boss Andy King. The New Zealand born front man has come off the bench in recent games and could prove a real asset to the Town squad. Scored his first goal in Town colours in the behind closed doors game at Oxford United in early December.





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There is an air of positivity down here that we haven't had for a long time – a real breath of fresh air has swept through the club and the effects are being felt everywhere. This of course, is all thanks to the appointment of Gary Mills as our new manager, who is making his very commanding presence felt in no uncertain terms.

All this is hopefully going to have a very positive influence on the commercial side of things and if last week was anything to go by, this is already happening, with several sponsorships being booked for our remaining fixtures.

One of those is our Matchball Sponsor today, who I would like to extend a very warm welcome to. SBJ Stephenson Ltd are insurance brokers and risk management consultants to the Football League and I would like to thank Bill Garside very much for his support.

I would also like to thank The Victoria Club Casino for their support in sponsoring Gary Mills's kit. Other new additions to the Player Sponsorship page are Sam Thornhill, Josh Thornhill, Jodie and Bradley Parker and Jurgen Halligan. With new players arriving thick and fast, if anyone is interested in sponsoring their kit, please give me a call on 0115 9557 220 and I will be happy to give details.

An old friend of mine is with us today – Andy King, manager of Swindon and I would like to say a big hello to him! I first knew Andy about 12 years ago, when I was here at Notts the first time round, and Andy was.....wait for it.... assistant to the commercial manager at Luton Town!! How things change! We used to have a

real laugh in 'them' days, sharing all our commercial problems! Don't have too much of an enjoyable afternoon with us Andy!

Don't forget, if you fancy starting your matchday off with something to eat, don't go to the pub....come to Meadow Lane and try our legendary carvery in the 1862 Suite. For only £14.95 per person, this really is great value for money and not only that, you are helping to support Notts County aswell. To make bookings, please ring either myself on the number at the top, or Conference and Banqueting on 0115 9557222/3. We are able to make reservations right up until the day before a fixture, so come down and give it a try.

See you next time

Shuna Thomason



ON THIS DAY

Neil McGowan takes a look back on the events of 24th January down the years...



SEAN FARRELL GRABBED A BRACE AT SINCIL BANK BACK IN 1998

1998

A club record that had stood for 84 years was broken as Notts beat Lincoln City 5-3 at Sincil Bank in a Division Three fixture to record a ninth successive win, one more than the previous record set in 1914. First half goals from Sean Farrell, Ian Baraclough and Gary Strodder put us in control before a storming comeback from Lincoln levelled the scores at 3-3 with just over an hour played. Thirty seconds after the equaliser, Gary Jones restored our lead and Sean Farrell made it five to stretch our lead at the top of the table to thirteen points.

Notts: Ward, Redmile, Pearce, Richardson, Strodder, Baraclough, Finnan, Robinson, Farrell (Martindale), Jones, Derry. Subs: Robson, Kiwomya.

Swindon were in mid table in Division One, and gained a point in a 1-1 draw at Bradford City with a last minute goal from Chris Hay.

Swindon Town: Digby, Borrowes, Mark Robinson, Thompson, Taylor, Collins (McDonald), Cuervo (Cowe), Hale, Hay, Finney, Gooden - Sub: Leitch.

There were no surprises in the day's FA Cup fourth round matches with the big guns of the Premiership progressing without too much trouble. Alan Ball was announced as the new boss of Portsmouth, by the consortium taking over the club, his second spell in charge at Fratton Park.

The film "Titanic" starring Leonard Di Caprio and Kate Winslet had just been released and soared to the top of the UK box office ratings.

1981

We were riding high near the top of the Second Division en route to promotion to the top flight, but were on the wrong end of an FA Cup shock, Fourth Division Peterborough winning 1-0 in our Fourth Round encounter at Meadow Lane. Boss Jimmy Sirrel was booked by the referee for coming on to the pitch without permission as Trevor Christie lay injured.

Notts: Avramovic, Benjamin (Harkouk), O'Brien, Kelly, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Hooks. Attendance: 11,714

There were two FA Cup games in Nottingham that day. Across the river, Nottingham Forest kicked off at 2.15 (45 minutes earlier than our game) and they progressed to the next stage with a 1-0 victory over Manchester United, Trevor Francis with the goal. Also in the Cup, Everton beat Liverpool 2-1 and Enfield earned a replay with a 1-1 draw at Barnsley.

Swindon were in Division Three league action, beating Reading 3-1 at the County Ground in front of 8,100. Scorers were Roy

Greenwood, Roy Carter and Andy Rowland

Swindon Town: Allan, Henry, Walsh, Kamara, Lewis, Stroud, Miller, Carter (Rideout), Rowland, Greenwood, Williams.

John Lennon's Imagine was top of the British record charts, released after the death of the former Beatle a month earlier.

1975

Don Masson was in sparkling form in our Friday night FA Cup Fourth Round tie at Loftus Road, setting up two goals. Unfortunately the Scottish international was playing for Queens Park Rangers, from whom Notts had received a club record fee for his services five weeks earlier. He was instrumental in Rangers' 3-0 win.

1959

With no league game that day, a Notts team lost 4-0 in a friendly at Old Trafford to a strong Manchester United reserve eleven, watched by a crowd of 13,770. Manager Frank Hill missed the game as he was away on a scouting mission.

1927

Jackie Sewell was born in Whitehaven. He came to Notts from junior football in 1946, and went on to score 104 goals in 193 games, forming a legendary attacking partnership with Tommy Lawton. He moved to Sheffield Wednesday in March 1951 for what was then a British record fee of £34,500.

PAUL TAYLOR

The Evening Post's Paul Taylor shares his thoughts ahead of today's game.



THERE is little question that last weekend was a landmark result for Notts County.

Not least because the success was the first in seven Division Two outings for the Magpies.

Some would say more important was the fact that it marked the first success for Gary Mills.

But, for the new manager, there was one particular ray of light - in addition to the boost provided by the earning of three points - from Notts' trip to Wrexham, that shone out more than any other.

His side kept a clean sheet.

And it was only the sixth time they had managed to do so in the league all season.

Which, when you are talking about 27 matches, is a rather worrying statistic.

And it is one that Mills had spotted very early on in his tenure.

After the match, he admitted as much - and insisted it was something his side would have to correct immediately.

Given that only Wycombe have a leakier defence in Division Two than the Magpies, it is a task that is going to require considerable work.

But, if they can tighten things up at the back, it will only help the Magpies address another statistic - and potentially help

them climb closer towards Division Two safety.

Because today Notts face the first of two home matches in quick succession, against two sides challenging for a place in the play-offs.

"If they can produce a similar performance today, they will have every chance of picking up another three points."

That is a tough enough task as it is, before you point out that, over their last five home matches, only Brentford and Sheffield Wednesday have a worse record on their own turf.

Five points from their last five matches at Meadow Lane is not good enough.

But, taking an optimistic point of view, in two games under Mills, Notts have suggested they are capable of a turnaround in form in Division Two.

Two weeks ago Notts were painfully unlucky to come away with nothing, following the visit of Bristol City.

There was rightly a sense of injustice that the Magpies did not pick up a point, from Mills first game in charge.

While there was, at one stage, the real possibility that they may well have snatched all three.

In the end, Marc Goodfellow's injury time header ensured it was Bristol who snatched the spoils.

Today, against Swindon and next weekend - when Barnsley are the visitors - Notts will have a tough task on their hands.

But it is one that they now seem up to facing.

Notts thoroughly deserved their win over Wrexham, another side pushing for a place in the play-offs.

And, if they can produce a similar performance today, they will have every chance of picking up another three points.

But, as Mills says, if they can keep a clean sheet, the least they will get is a point.



COLIN SLATER

BBC Radio Nottingham's Colin Slater takes a trip down Memory Lane

WHILE the Magpies' own interest in the FA Cup ended at Middlesbrough in round three there's plenty of interest for Notts in the fourth round ties being played this weekend. The national spotlight will particularly be on Mick Jones at Telford and Russell Slade at Scarborough.

Most of us will be preparing to leave home for this afternoon's Meadow Lane fare against Swindon when the first of the most intriguing ties is played - Scarborough versus Chelsea at the McCain Stadium on the North Yorkshire coast: Conference also-rans against the zillion pound third-placed Blues from Stamford Bridge.

It's Boys' Own stuff and it concerns not one but two who used to be on the Notts pay-roll. Slade was assistant manager here, then manager for a spell in 1994-95 before reverting to being Howard Kendall's assistant.

He is now in charge at Scarborough, blinking with apparent disbelief into the television cameras when it is put to him, accurately, that the receipts today from gate and TV income will cover the wages for the next two years - and this for a club which in the recent past nearly went out of business.

Compare Chelsea's outlay on players with that of Scarborough. Striker Mark Quale is the only one in the squad to have cost a fee...just £2,000; he's also the highest-paid Scarborough player on £400 a week.

And as a former Notts player he provides the other link.

When home-town club Everton broke his heart by releasing him, Notts manager Sam Allardyce brought him to Meadow Lane at the start of 1998-99, in which campaign he made two starts and three substitute appearances without managing to score a goal in any. His full debut came in a home win over Fulham on 12 September when Shaun Murray cracked the only goal of the game.

Just a few days earlier, on August Bank Holiday Monday, Mark served as summariser for me on Radio Nottingham at Macclesfield, when Ian Hendon scored in a 1-0 success. One other point of interest is that to this day the highest fee Scarborough have ever

received for one of their players was the £250,000 they were handed by Notts for Chris Short in 1990.

It was Quale's well-taken goal against Southend in a replay at Scarborough which took his team through to today's glamour tie. By the time Notts kick off today we shall know their latest fate. Attention will then turn to other ties with Notts links. It was a great feat for Gillingham to put out Premiership Charlton in the last round.

At the end of it there was just a snatch on TV of a delighted Wayne Jones on the Gills' bench. The physio occupied a similar position at Notts before moving on. And one of the Gills' players is that great Meadow Lane favourite Tommy Johnson, who has been a bit in and out of the side but will have been looking ahead keenly to today's visit to Burnley (conquerors of Mansfield in the last round).

Then there's the Trentside clash tomorrow between Forest and Sheffield United, bringing back Blades' and former Notts manager Neil Warnock and physio Dennis Pettitt, who also used to be here. Warnock guided United to the semi-finals last season with wins over Cheltenham Town, Ipswich Town, Walsall and Leeds United before they fell to Arsenal to the only goal of a tense tie.

Neil's a man who hates to lose and he'll be determined to try to get past Forest and to enjoy another good Cup run. It's no accident that he's been busy in the transfer market for Gillingham's Paul Shaw and Derby's Lee Morris, who started his career at Bramall Lane, while doing Notts a favour by allowing Andy Parkinson to move to Meadow Lane for a month.

If Scarborough-Chelsea is the proverbial David versus Goliath struggle, not far behind it in those terms is the home tie for another Conference side, Telford, who face Millwall. Under ex-Notts assistant manager Jones, Telford achieved a notable success in the last round by winning at Crewe, with the result that Mick has almost been in the media spotlight as much as Russell Slade!

He has served a number of clubs since leaving Meadow Lane, being associated for a while with Warnock as the two of them moved around to

Oldham, Huddersfield and Plymouth. He came back from an overseas appointment to take charge at ambitious Telford. Jones played in mid-field for Notts under Jimmy Sirrel, making a hundred League appearances between 1969 and 1972.

The earlier mention of Andy Parkinson provides a reminder of his winning goal on his debut at Wrexham a week ago. It was the first time a Notts player had found the net on his debut since Marcel Cas did so at Port Vale at the beginning of the 2001-02 season.

It also gave Notts their first win at the Racecourse since September, 1999 when, having led 3-0 at the interval, they eventually scrambled to a 3-2 success after a fighting comeback by the Welsh Dragons.

Though we didn't know it at the time those were the last days of Sam Allardyce's managership; little over a month later he had left, since when Gary Brazil (twice), Jocky Scott and Billy Dearden have held the reins.

This is the first opportunity I've had of saying anything in these notes about the arrival of Gary Mills, only the second former Magpies' player in recent times to have been given the manager's job, Richie Barker being the first, back in the Eighties.

A photograph of the Notts playing squad in 1987-88 shows Gary on the back row, almost immediately behind Paul Hart. Who would then have guessed that less than 20 years later they would be the managers of Nottingham's two Football League clubs?

PREVIOUS RESULTS FROM 24TH JANUARY

For more details on the events on 24th January 2004, turn to Page 18

MATCH:	YEAR:	COMP:
Lincoln 3-5 Notts County	1998	League
Bournemouth 3-0 Notts County	1987	League
Notts County 0-1 Peterborough	1981	FA Cup
QPR 3-0 Notts County	1975	FA Cup
Southend 2-5 Notts County	1970	League
Notts County 2-1 Bury	1953	League
Millwall 5-0 Notts County	1938	League
Sheffield Utd 4-1 Notts County	1931	FA Cup
Forest 0-0 Notts County	1925	League
Notts County 1-2 Preston	1920	League
Leeds City 2-4 Notts County	1914	League
Middlesbrough 2-1 Notts County	1903	League
Sunderland 4-0 Notts County	1891	League
Walsall Swifts 0-4 Notts County	1885	FA Cup

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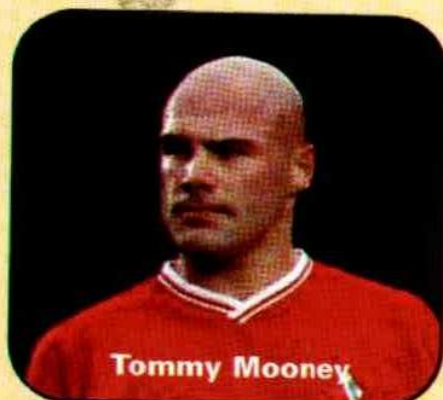
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WHY ARE YOU A SWINDON FAN?

You mean there's a better choice? Been hooked since my Granddad took me to a night game in 1968 and it's been a rollercoaster ride ever since.

SUM UP YOUR SEASON SO FAR...

We're lacking consistency but I think we're just about where the fans thought we might be at this stage. Satisfactory but could do better.



ARE THERE ANY NEW FACES AT SWINDON THIS SEASON?

Tommy Mooney (striker) joined from Birmingham and is a firm favourite with the fans.

Rhys Evans (England U21 keeper) was released by Chelsea and has ousted Bart Griemink from the goalkeeper's jersey.

Sammy Igoe (midfield) brought in from Reading and another who the fans have warmed to because of his jinking and determined runs at goal.

Jon Stevenson (striker) youngster signed from Leicester has only had a few appearances from the subs' bench.

Andrew Nicholas (defender) signed from Liverpool and has recently broke into the first team after some notable performances.

Rory Fallon (striker) signed from Barnsley and has had limited opportunity so far.

Grant Smith (defender) signed from Sheff Utd has made a handful of appearances. Adi Viveash (defender) signed from Reading and is a Swindonian in his second spell at the club. Lost his place through injury.

Ben Martin (defender) youngster who is 6' 6" tall but has yet to break into the first team.

WHAT HAVE SWINDON GOT TO LOOK FORWARD TO?

Hopefully a day out at the Millennium Stadium in May. This team should be good enough for a play-off spot.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR EXCUSE FOR FAILURE?

Too many injuries and suspensions at a crucial time and too small a squad.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO YOUR MANAGER?

Find us that pacy defender which we're lacking.

WHAT ARE SWINDON'S STRENGTHS/WEAKNESSES?

Strengths:
Solid goalkeeper and two

excellent strikers.
Weakness:
Defence lacks pace.

WHICH CHANT IS MOST LIKELY TO BE STARTED BY YOUR FANS THIS AFTERNOON?

Hopefully it won't be too long before we can sing "Mildenhall, Mildenhall, what's the score?"

SWINDON'S KEY PLAYER...

After a serious goal drought, Tommy Mooney is now on a run of form with 4 in 3 games. He will chase and close down your defenders for 90+ minutes and keep the Town fans fired up.

WHAT STYLE OF FOOTBALL DO SWINDON PLAY?

Patient passing build up with good use of the wings.

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF NOTTS COUNTY AND THE STADIUM?

A once famous club that's going through a bad spell and in financial difficulties - not too dis-similar to what Swindon have had to endure in recent years. As for Meadow Lane, it is one of the better 2nd Division grounds.

WHICH TEAM DO YOU MOST WANT TO BEAT THIS SEASON?

Bristol City

WHERE WILL YOU END UP THIS SEASON?

In the Play-offs.



entire outskirts are new housing as the town continues to be one of the fastest growing communities in Europe.

Also, we have the now world famous 'Magic Roundabout' right outside our stadium. It's a series of 5 mini-roundabouts that you can negotiate in either a clockwise or anti-clockwise direction. Scared visitors to death! And of course the Honda car factory.

SCORELINE PREDICTION?

2-1 to Swindon

Dave's Select XI since 1993



FORMATION: 3-5-2

MANAGER: GLENN HODDLE

FRAZER DIGBY - Came from Man Utd in 86 and was first choice keeper up until 1998 and is now back at the club as a coach.

PAUL BODIN - Welsh international who scored the important penalty that took Swindon Town into the Premiership.

NICKY SUMMERBEE - A Swindon trainee who's father played for Town in the 60's. Tough tackling defender who could deliver a pin-point cross and had one of the hardest shots around. Possibly played his best football at Swindon and was sold to Man City for £1,500,000

SHAUN TAYLOR - Affectionately known as 'Oooh, Shaun Taylor' and a Swindon legend who would give 110% every game and stick his head in amongst the boots to stop a goal.

KEVIN HORLOCK - Came from West Ham as a youngster and had an abundance of skill and a wicked shot. Sold to Man City for 1,250,000

MARK WALTERS - ex Liverpool and Rangers winger who was in the twilight of his career when he came to Town but still put on a dazzling display of skill.

GEORGE NDAH - Snapped up from Crystal Palace and on his day he could be a match winner, but was far too injury prone. Sold on to Wolves for £1,000,000

PAUL ALLEN - Another player who was in the twilight of his career but had his own fan club in the South Stand who loved to see his bursts down that wing.

IAN WOAN - A playmaker who never seemed to break sweat but could leave defenders for dead with a quick turn and provide a killer pass for the strikers.

PETER THORNE - Cost £225,000 from Blackburn in 1991 and scored some vital goals for Town in his 4 seasons before moving to Stoke for £500,000

SAM PARKIN - Our present top scorer and one player that the fans want to hang onto, but if he continues to score so frequently then it's going to be difficult.



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NOTTS IN WAR TIME

As soon as war was declared on September 1939 league football was suspended only two games in to the season. Players' contracts were cancelled, and when football resumed in October, leagues were organised on a regional basis. Guest players were allowed to turn out for Notts (including a young Billy Wright) and numbers were often made up by young men from local clubs. Meadow Lane was exempt from enemy bombing raids - in my 1941, craters resulting from the impact of bombs destined for other targets caused such damage to the pitch (in the area in front of what is now known as the away supporters stand) that the rest of the season had to be abandoned. Fixtures began again in 1942, one of the guest players being Tommy Lawton - one of 129 players who appeared for the Magpies during that season.

Some former Notts players who joined the armed forces ended up as prisoners of war. One such was Charlie Bisby, he played for the club between 1926 and 1931, before moving on to Coventry City. A photograph sent home to his family in old Basford carried an official stamp from Stalag VIIA, and shows him in an army uniform standing in front of what looks like a prison hut.



Occasionally, Notts players in the forces took part in organised matches, Charles "Chuck" Read first played for Notts in the 1938/39 season joining from Mansfield Town. A programme exists for a game played in May 1944 at Bari, between an Army FA Touring X1 and troops station in SE Italy. The Touring X1 included Matt Busby and Jimmy Mullen, while the Army X1 was composed of five Polish players and representatives from clubs like West Ham, Charlton and

Dunfermline. Read, who had served in the Royal Army Service Corps in North Africa and was mentioned in despatches for his bravery, was captain. Apparently, his greatest difficulty was trying to get the Polish contingent to understand his tactics!

After the war he returned to Notts, but played only one game before moving to non-league Spalding United, ending his playing career with local Lincolnshire village clubs.



NOTTINGHAM'S HERITAGE

The first series of Nottingham's heritage, sporting and otherwise.

A popular pastime in the middle of the 18th century was Wrestling. Parishes and counties took on their neighbours. The Nottingham Date Book refers to a contest at Blidworth in 1758, between wrestlers from Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, among the Derbyshire men being a champion called "Bullcalf". The Nottinghamshire men won the contest. The most famous wrestling promoter in the

country was Sir Thomas Parkyns of Bunny Hall (1663 - 1741). He set up an annual wrestling competition at Bunny (and was a wrestler himself). The first prize was a hat-trimmed lace! A permanent wrestling ring was constructed in the garden of the present Rancliffe Arms.

Contestants names were drawn out of a hat two at a time, the winner's name being returned

to the hat. This event continued until 1810 when it was suppressed partly because of the threat it posed to public order at a time when there was no police force. Wrestling contests caused "the idle and vicious of both sexes to congregate in large multitudes in a generally quiet village".



THE FORMATION OF THE WHEELBARROW SONG

There has been speculation about what is acknowledged to be the greatest terrace song of the 20th century. It is a song that has inspired thousands even in the darkest Murphy days of despair, a song that has moved grown men to tears. So powerful is the magic emanating from the brilliantly crafted words of the song that it was even mentioned by John Motson during a live commentary at White Hart Lane.

Many of you may have heard so many different stories about where this song started but after consulting "The Pie" and Nigel "Natty" Natrass who was at the match back in 1990, we now know the truth, so here is Natty's story of when the greatest and easiest song to remember all started...

THE DATE: Tuesday April 17th 1990.
LOCATION: Gay Meadow, Shrewsbury.

It was somewhat chilly and very rainy night in Shropshire. Notts, despite having won their previous four games, were trailing to two Dean Spink goals and looked out of it with less than ten minutes left.

The Shrewsbury Supporters were happy and singing. The accent in that part of the world is a strange one, Shrewsbury being situated part way between Wolverhampton and Wales. The main song they were singing was to the tune "on top of old Smokey" but the words-because of that local accent were difficult to pick out. However, they shouted like "I had a wheel barrow, the wheel fell off"

They can't have been those words surely. What did a stupid song like that have to do with Football?

Anyway a small group of cold, wet and hacked off Notts fans began imitating this singing, partly taking the mick out of the "country bumpkin" accent, and partly in frustration at Notts apparent surrender to a very ordinary mid table Shrewsbury side. This quickly spread across the away terracing, and before long there were 300 or more otherwise perfectly sane supporters singing a song about a wheel barrow losing its wheel !!

What happened next has become an event those who were present will be boring their Grandchildren with years to come.....



With "The Wheelbarrow Song" ringing around the visitors' end of Gay Meadow, a Notts side which has been going through the motions for 80-odd minutes suddenly sprang into life. Everything clicked into gear, and Notts were transformed.

Notts hit 2 goals in 3 minutes, the first from Tommy Johnson on 85 and the second from Kevin Bartlett on 88. The comeback was complete.

Now.....this may have been due to a verbal explosion from the bench, as Neil Warnock would've been just as unhappy at the performance as the rest of us, or it may have been the verbal explosion that came from the terraces. Either way, the new-born "Wheelbarrow Song" took the credit. Notts snatched a draw from the jaws of defeat, intended their unbeaten run to 6 matches and went on to remain unbeaten for a further 9 games, culminating in the 2-0 victory over Tranmere in the club's historic first Wembley appearance. The Wheelbarrow Song accompanied them all the way, and on into the following season, with another trip to Wembley and another glorious victory.....25,000 people singing it beneath the twin towers.

The Wheelbarrow Song is largely irrelevant now. The playing squad has totally changed. The dressing room spirit built under Neil Warnock's leadership has been replaced by a new one, driven by different characters. The game itself has changed over the last 10 years, the song will always be associated with the Warnock era.... it's now consigned to history.

But hey - what memories!



ARM-WRESTLING CHALLENGE

Challenge Derek Pavis...



Are you an avid Notts fan? Perhaps you're also passionate about wrestling, but have never been able to combine your favourite hobbies - until now!

Yes, February 2004 sees the first Annual Derek Pavis Arm-Wrestling Challenge, which is your chance to lock arms with one of the most high-profile figures in Notts' recent history.

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All you need to do is turn up on the day and for just £5 you can pit your strength and technique against the great man. What's more, anyone who wins will receive a free certificate of authenticity and an egg, so what are you waiting for? Get in training and watch this space for further details!!

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LOAN RANGERS



New boss Gary Mills certainly stamped his authority on the Magpies squad with three new signings last week, so to keep you up to speed with the new boys we meet the 'Loan Rangers'.

DAVID PIPE - Signed on a months loan from Coventry City



David has been on the fringes of the first team at Highfield Road this season, making just one appearance in the Carling Cup prior to his loan move to Meadow Lane. He made 10 starts for Coventry last season, and 11 from the bench, scoring once against Gillingham in October 2002.

He made his debut last weekend at Wrexham, and on his debut performance the 19 year old said:

"It was a massive win for the team, and for myself I was pleased because I haven't played right back that often in the past and I thought I did alright."

On his move to Meadow Lane, he admitted that Gary Mills played a big part in move having worked with him at Coventry City, and admitted he was looking forward to get some first team football under his belt:

"There were a mixture of things that made me come to Meadow Lane, but Gary Mills was obviously the main factor. I wasn't playing first team football at Coventry and was just sitting in the stands watching. I'm not the type of player who wants to do that, I want as I to be out there playing and in the thick of the action."

Pipe was capped by the senior Wales team last May, coming off the bench in a 2-0 loss against USA, and described the feeling to play for his country as "a different class":

"It was a different class to be playing for Wales. Playing with players such as Simon Davies and John Hartson who play at the top level was amazing."

PIPE FACTS:

Date of Birth: 5/11/83
Weight: 12st
Height: 5'9
Nationality: Welsh
Position: Defender/Midfielder

AVUN JEPHCOTT - Signed on a months loan from Coventry City.



Striker Avun Jephcott also arrived on loan from Coventry last week, and like Pipe had made just one appearance for the Sky Blues this season, also in the Carling Cup. Prior to that game Avun had turned out just once for Coventry's first team, and admitted he, like Pipe was looking forward to the prospect of picking up first team experience at Meadow Lane:

"I hope to have a successful loan spell here at Meadow Lane, get some first team experience under my belt and hopefully a few goals. I've been at Coventry since I was 12 and I've enjoyed my time there, hopefully this loan spell can kick start things for me, should it be at Highfield Road or elsewhere we will have to see."

The young forward was on the bench for the win at Wrexham last Saturday, and although he didn't manage to come off the bench he admitted Notts were the better side for much of the game and deserved their victory, and that he was settling in well at Meadow Lane:

"I have got on well with the lads already after just a few days here. They are a good set of lads here and they've helped me settle in well. As for the Wrexham match, I thought it was a good game and we looked the better side from start to the finish. Hopefully from there things can progress well."

JEPHCOTT FACTS:

Date of Birth: 16/10/83
Height: 6'2
Weight: 14st
Nationality: English
Position: Striker

ANDY PARKINSON - Signed on a months loan from Sheffield United



Andy Parkinson made an instant impact on the side last weekend, giving a Man of the Match performance and coolly slotting home the winner at the Racecourse Ground, and speaking after the game he admitted it was more important the side claimed the vital win:

"I was delighted with my debut, more so for the team than me personally. I've come in for a month to help the team out of the predicament they are in at the moment, and for myself to gain some match fitness. I tired a little towards the end at Wrexham, but with match fitness it will all come in time and hopefully against Swindon my fitness will have improved."

Parkinson also admitted the atmosphere in the dressing room after the game was one of delight after Notts claimed their first win in the league since November 29th 2003:

"Obviously the players and management were delighted after the win last week. I understand they have been through some difficult times what with administration and the previous manager leaving. However, we can't get carried away because we have three very difficult games coming up against teams all in the top six of the Division, so it's going to be difficult and we know that."

PARKINSON FACTS:

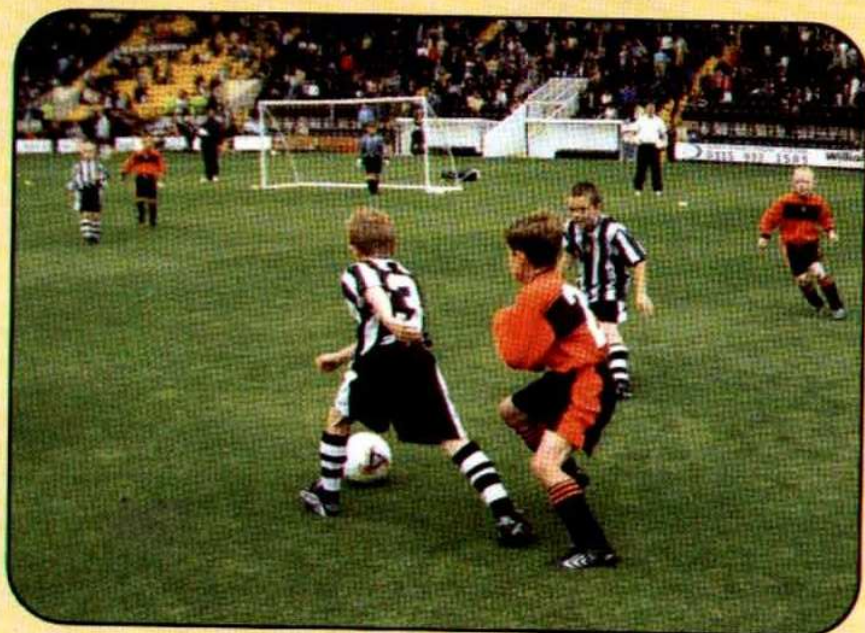
Date of Birth: 27/05/79
Height: 5ft 8
Weight: 10.12
Nationality: English
Position: Midfielder/Striker



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AWAY FANS

A member of the Supporters Club board has noticed in recent weeks that during the last two home matches against Queens Park Rangers on Boxing Day and Bristol City two weeks ago that supporters from the opposition team have taken seats in the Y Block of the Jimmy Sirrel Stand.

Rest assured that the Supporters Club will be making this matter known to the club to ensure it does not happen again the future.

VIP WINNERS

The winners of the VIP tickets for today's game are:

Jenny Short	- Bestwood Park
Mr N Smith	- Langley Mill

FANS FORUM

The recent Fans Forum held in the Oriental Suite at Meadow Lane and organised by the Supporters Club was a huge success. There was a massive turn out by fans showing once again just how many people care about our fantastic club.

The evening was superbly chaired by Radio Nottingham's Colin Slater, and our thanks once again go to him for sparing the time to help us.

The new owners (apart from our mystery backer) were on the top table with Tony Cuthbert, Mark Durkin and John Mounteney were also present. Questions were mainly put to the table from cards fans had filled out. Many wide-ranging questions were asked and hopefully fans went away with any concerns that they had answered.

Our thanks to all fans who supported us with our raffle which went a long way to help fund a microwave for the first team bus at £350 - it was a big success.



FANS FORUM REVIEW

Tom Loakes and Nicki Gill take a look back at the events of the Fans Forum which took place earlier this month.

On Thursday 8th January a Fans Forum was held at Meadow Lane for Magpies fans to quiz the new Board of Directors, ironically it took place one day after Bill Dearden's departure from Meadow Lane and one day before Gary Mills was installed as manager.

After the events of the previous seven days at Notts County, it might seem quite ironic that a Fans Forum should be organised for the particular week that it did take place. It was certainly a worthwhile and beneficial two hours for the supporters, who were able to quiz the new board of directors, and others, on various points of interest. Present on the top table were Tony

Cuthbert, John Mounteney and Mark Durkin along with the four members of the Club's new board; Roy Parker, Peter Joyce, Steve Thompson (the Supporter's Trust representative) and Andrew Rigby.

Steve Thompson opened the meeting by stating that they would be unable to answer any in-depth questions on the vacant manager's position at the club, however, he did go on to say that so far the club had received over 20 unsolicited applications for the job and that they were hoping to fill the place by the time the Magpies face Bristol City on Saturday.

On the topic of the new manager, Peter Joyce said "It is absolutely essential to appoint the right manager" but also that it would be very difficult to measure how good a person would be in the job from an interview alone and that choosing the right man is in some ways a lottery. Joyce stated that they would want to fill the position with someone who would talk with the board and keep the lines of communication open between all parties.

It was inevitable that, after seeing two members of the coaching staff and two players depart Meadow Lane in the past six days, questions would be raised about the likelihood of other

players leaving and whether any attempt was being made to keep the out of contract players at the Club.

It was revealed that all of the players on temporary contracts at Meadow Lane had been offered longer-term deals within the last few days. Steve Thompson said that it would have been inappropriate to rush into negotiations any earlier in order to safeguard the future of the club. Already, Saul Deeney had put pen to paper on a new 18-month contract and Tony Barras had signed until the end of the current season, both of which were met by a round of applause from the Notts fans. It was also hoped that Ian Richardson and Michael Brough would sign the next day, the latter possibly still on a week-to-week contract. The consortium were quick to quash rumours regarding Simon Baldry moving to Rochdale, saying that they had spoken to Rochdale and that Baldry would be coming down to Meadow Lane the next day to sign a deal which would see him through until the end of the season.

On the subject of Clive Platt's departure to Peterborough yesterday, the board said they were disappointed at the way Platt handled the matter and also upset that the striker had not decided to stay in Nottingham. It was revealed that at 1.30 Wednesday afternoon the club had spoken to Platt who said that he would be coming down to Meadow Lane to talk to the directors about a contract, but two hours later Notts called again only to find out that the former Rochdale man had changed his mind and signed for The Posh, who had defeated the Magpies 5-2 less than 24 hours earlier.

The forum went on to discuss the question of reducing entry prices to Meadow Lane. It was said that this was not at the top of their priority list but that it would be looking at it in the future. They already allow approximately 300 under 12's into every home game free of charge anyway. Under 12's can get in for £2 if paid in advance - this is considered to be very cheap.

The marketing of the club and schemes to bring in more revenue was also a big talking point. The club will look to pushing Lifeline programme as more of a scheme and they have every intention of keeping it going because they receive a lot of income through it. The winning

Lifeline numbers will be again being published in the Nottingham Evening Post on Tuesday nights.

One of the last points to be raised before the interval was that of the Football League and how they are monitoring what the Club is doing regarding transfers. Steve Thompson explained that when the consortium took over, they were given a list of non-negotiable conditions by the league and that they would not be allowed to spend more money than they have available. It is not just Notts who find themselves in this position. However, it will soon be the case at every club as the league attempts to prevent clubs from entering administration and falling foul of the ten point deduction which will be introduced next season.

The second half of the Forum began with a question to the panel regarding (Family) Meadow Club, which has been out of action for some time. Now the Club actually owns the West Stand for the first time they can generate income from this as Steve Thompson pointed out. He also added the Meadow club is in desperate need of refurbishment and that they hope to have made huge strides towards a re-opening in 6/8 weeks time.

With regards to the position of a Chairman, Peter Joyce admitted that two people had been approached for the position, but after both taking considerable time to think over the offer they could not take on the role at the moment in time due to considerable time that it would take up. He also stressed that they would not rush into making an appointment, and that it will take time as anyone who is approached will have to take time to make a decision as there is plenty to the job such as taking flack, representing the Club at the Football League meetings and many other avenues of representation.

It also confirmed the Club are still looking to appoint a Chief Executive. This again has taken time but interviews are to take place for the role in the near future.

On the topic of the Club's marketing, Steve Thompson stated that if the Club does not succeed on the marketing side, then they will not do so on the field. He used Walsall FC as an example, saying they make little revenue from the playing side such as gates and all their revenue is made via the marketing schemes they have

at the Bescot Stadium. Steve also urged fans with ideas to come forward, in a bid to get the fans more involved, and that the West Stand will help generate revenue for the Club.

One supporter raised the point that the scouting network at Notts had to be reduced during the spell in Administration, and questioned if the Board had looked at rebuilding the scouting net. Mark Durkin confirmed that budgets had been set at a reasonable level for scouting from now on for first team and centre of excellence scouting and they were expected to be stuck to.

As expected with the team just one place off the bottom of the table, the point was raised could the Club terminate current players' contracts. Steve Thompson said that 'when taking over the Club you are also taking on the employees. Even if we would wish to do so the Professional Footballers Association would not look at the matter very well as Bradford City discovered a few years back.' He added that the contracts to the players would be honoured, and that once you are in a situation with a player on a long contract you are stuck with them.

With Paul Heffernan firing on all cylinders of late, Peter Joyce confirmed that the Board will be looking to discuss a new contract with the player in the future. He added that Heffernan is a fine player and the Club does not wish to sell him, and added he had developed well during his time at Meadow Lane. Peter Joyce was questioned how much the Club would perhaps be willing to accept for Heffernan should an offer come in, but Mr Joyce said it was unfair to place a price tag on the player and that he wasn't the best judge of pricing on players!

The evening then drew to a close with a raffle from the Supporters Club before the crowds drifted away. Funds raised from the raffle and a bucket collection totalled enough to be able to purchase a microwave for the team bus priced at £350, which was installed for the game at Wrexham last Saturday.

The Club would like to thank all those fans who attended the Forum, and look forward to holding another in the near future.



HALF-TERM YOUTH REPORT

With John Gaunt

As the young Magpies lead the way at the top of the North Central Conference League, youth team manager John Gaunt gives his half term assessment on the youth players.

TOMMY HANNIGAN

(Defender)

First Year

We picked Tommy up from Charlton Athletic. He can play at centre-half and at right back. He is a hard worker and an aggressive tackler. He has played a few times for the reserves and his distribution is decent.



Since he has been with us he has had nothing but bad luck as he has been injured constantly and has now damaged his cruciate ligaments and will be out for the remainder of the season. Hopefully in pre-season we can get him fit and help Gareth improve.

DAVID KETTLE

(Midfield/Striker)

First Year

David is a trialist who is spending a year out of college in an attempt to break into the professional ranks. He is a great lad who operates as a left-winger and his work rate is brilliant. He has learnt a lot and is improving all the time. We shall have to wait and see at the end of the season whether he obtains a contract or not.



CHRIS RHODES

(Midfield)

First Year

Chris is a tenacious little midfielder who never gives less than 100%. He likes to get in the box and score goals and can be a handful for the opposition. Rhodesy made an appearance for the first team against Peterborough in early January, and didn't let himself down.



DAVID MCGOLDRICK

(Striker)

First Year

David is a 16-year-old playing for the U19's and has never looked out of his depth. He is a very tricky player on the ball and has torn defences apart. His awareness for his age is tremendous and we are seeking to sign him on as a Scholar this year and hopefully we can develop him as player. Even at 16 years old David has played for the reserve team.



MARC SHERLOCK

(Striker)

First Year

Marc is a natural goalscorer and has scored some good goals this season. He is a hard working centre forward but doesn't totally understand the game yet but as soon as he does we can expect good things from him. At the moment he is not showing his true form and has not been as sharp as he could be. Sometimes first years are like that though and Marc may show up to his true potential later on in the season.



ALESSANDRO BARCHERINI

(Goalkeeper)

Second Year

In Ali's first year he improved as the year went on. At the moment he has had the misfortune to pick up a bad ankle injury, which has kept him out for quite a while. Once he starts training again we are hoping that he will re-capture his first year form. Ali is a competent goalkeeper and is a great shot stopper but needs to improve his decision-making.



GARETH TAYLOR

(Defender)

First Year

We picked Gareth up when Forest released him and he must be one of the unluckiest lads I have ever known. He came in from Ireland and he looked a natural back.



EMMET FRIARS

(Defender)

Second Year

Emmet is another lad from Ireland and is the skipper of the youth team. He has done very well and is a tremendous leader. As captain you have to play your own game and also encourage and help others, and Emmet does both of those duties. I am very pleased with him.

**DANNY BOSTOCK**

(Defender)

Third Year

A tremendous centre-half. Danny is a big strong physical player who has a great heading ability. His distribution and understanding of the game has improved. We loaned him out to Matlock Town this season and we have had great reports from Matlock regarding his performances.

**SHANE MCFAUL**

(Midfield)

Second Year

Shane originally came to the club from Ireland as a centre-half. We are now developing him as a midfielder as he has great distribution. He is great on the ball, has a great pair of feet and he likes to get in the box and score goals. He sees passes, which others don't see, and he has the ability to deliver them.

**SPENCER COMMONS**

(Midfield)

Third Year

Spencer has been plagued by injuries. He was at the wrong end of a bad tackle when we played Belper two seasons ago in a friendly and it put him out for quite some time. He then came back to training and injured his back, which had to be operated on. He has been out for quite a long time and we are hoping that he can now get fit. If he would've kept fit I reckon he could've been playing in the first team by now.

**EDDIE MCINTYRE**

(Defender)

Second Year

Originally Eddie came to the club as a left-winger but we are now playing him at left back. He has tremendous feet and has one of the best left feet at the club. His distribution is magnificent and he is a set-piece specialist. We are hoping that he continues to develop.

**WILLIS FRANCIS**

(Midfield)

Third Year

Willis is a tenacious little player who operates best in the centre of midfield rather than out wide. He gets around the pitch, creates chances, has good distribution and gets forward well. What he lacks in height he makes up in endeavour. He has made a couple of appearances for the first team.

**KRIS NURSE**

(Striker)

Second Year

Kris has come on leaps and bounds this year and is a big strong centre forward who is difficult to play against. He gets down the channels and can cross the ball with both feet. He is starting to learn his criteria for his individual position and he is scoring plenty of goals. He has also made a few appearances for the reserves.

**SHAUN HARRAD**

(Striker)

Third Year

Shaun showed great progress last year. He made a small number of appearances as substitute for the first team last season but couldn't seem to break into the first. We sent him out on loan at Gresley Town a short time ago and he has become a legend with Gresley fans and we have received first class report from them.

**KELVIN WILSON**

(Defender)

Second Year

Kelvin is a tremendous athlete who has made numerous reserve team appearances. He does a good job both at right back and centre-half. We think he will make a good player as an attacking right back. We are hoping that next season he will develop into what we are looking for.

**GREG SMITH**

(Goalkeeper)

Third Year

Greg has come on leaps and bounds. He has been substitute goalkeeper for the reserves many times and has been outstanding for the youth team on countless occasions.





EXTRA TIME

With Eurosport commentator Mike Vince...

The one question I get asked more than any other is 'How did you get started in this game?' and that leads on to the supplementary 'What advice would you give any budding young broadcaster/commentator?'

I was thinking about this just days ago as I was chatting to an old friend of mine now retired after a successful professional career, and doing some work for Sky TV. He's very good (I won't name him to spare his blushes!) and we talked about other players who we have long regarded as media naturals.

One of them is now involved here at Meadow Lane, and it always gives me particular delight to hear of players whose career wasn't what it might have been, usually because of injury, but who have found the perfect niche to show off their talents in the sport they have served with such distinction.

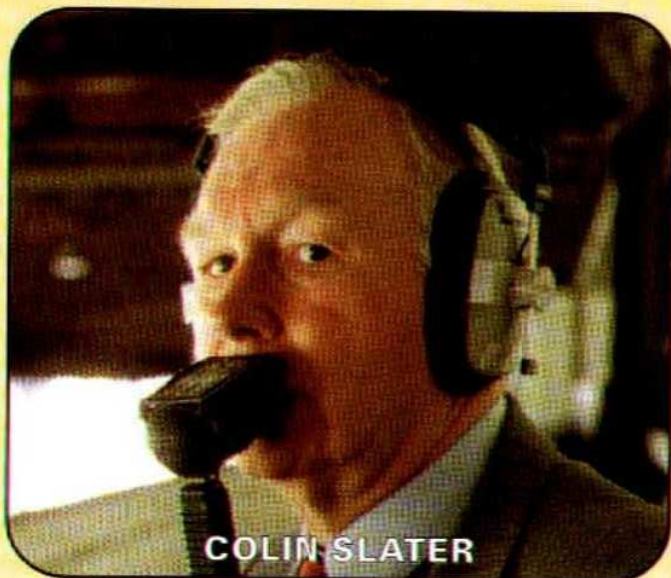
I grew up covering my home town team, Watford - I have actually commentated on more than 1,000 of their matches going back over in excess of 20 years, and whenever I think of Notts County I think of two centre halves.

In this decade comes a certain Dean Yates (in case you had not worked it out), cruelly forced out of the game long before his time was up by a succession of injuries you would not wish upon your mother-in-law, yet an object lesson to young players in how to conduct yourself throughout the time he was at my club - no doom and gloom (at least in public) and taking everything life could throw at him with the most wonderful personality.

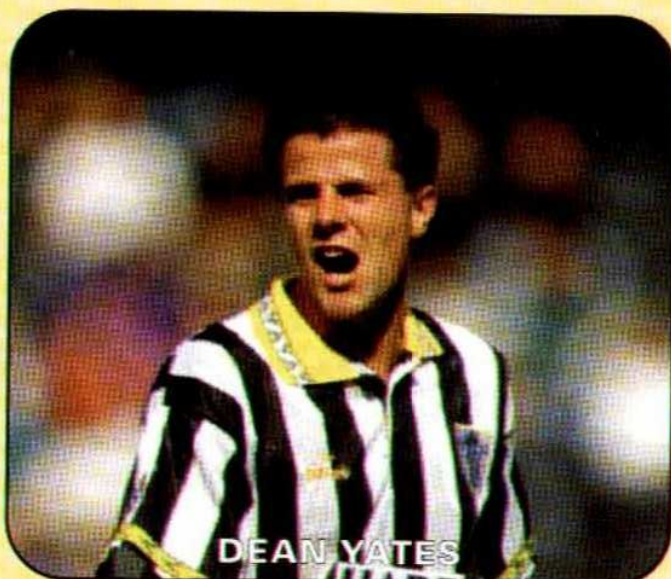
And before that was Steve Sims, another member of the 'will his knee stand it?' brigade, who the then Watford manager Graham Taylor signed not once but twice for Vicarage Road. The story is told that he was in the Notts dressing room after a game when Jimmy Sirrel told him that a manager was waiting to speak to him about a move, and that the clubs had agreed it so it was up to him. Sims, who had been a crucial lynchpin in the Taylor years at Watford, is understood to have been lost for words for the one and only time in his life when he walked into Sirrel's office and saw Taylor sitting there.

Steve Sims and Dean Yates - just two examples of the kind of footballer every man who have been delighted to see marry his daughter. I hear Yates the broadcaster is an outstanding hit - and that's no surprise. In my days with Watford I covered games at all 92 grounds, including Notts on several occasions, and one thing never changed. The legendary Colin Slater - always friendly, always excellent company and always the sort of man upstarts like me could learn from. The thought of Colin and Dean in the same Press Box is quite something.

And, if I might say it as an outsider, the wonderful efforts I so admired from afar (and sometimes very afar) of everyone at this football club to stave off disaster last year probably meant a lot to those guys - but to come back to where I started on the question of tips for young broadcasters, I have a simple answer - listen and learn from Slater and Yates.



COLIN SLATER



DEAN YATES

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WELCOME TO TRUST STFC

We welcome members of Swindon Town Supporters' Trust and hope they enjoy their afternoon at Meadow Lane. Trust STFC was founded on 8th August 2001, in an attempt to provide a stable future following years of uncertainty over the club's ownership and financial problems. Since then the supporters' trust has been proactive, particularly with regards promoting the club's position in the heart of the local community. In April 2002, Trust STFC sponsored an under 10s and under 12s 6-a-side tournament in conjunction with the club's Football in the Community office - which was held at the County Ground. The event raised £1,400 for the Football in the Community scheme, to help them promote football in the Swindon area.

During the summer, the Trust was approached by the club regarding sponsorship of the club's use of the Zurich training facilities at Wanborough. The club's budget meant that they could not afford to continue to use the facilities and would be forced to seek inferior services elsewhere in the Town. The Trust board felt that this was a great opportunity for the Trust to demonstrate the positive role it can play in helping the club, and through fans' donations Trust STFC were able to cover the £8,000 shortfall in the club's training budget to allow the club to continue to use the Zurich facilities.

More recently the Trust has launched its most ambitious project to date, the Red Army Fund, which aims to raise additional funds for strengthening the first team squad. Monies donated by the fund to the club are ring-fenced and can only be used to bring in additional first team players either on permanent or loan deals. The fund, a joint initiative between the Trust, STFC supporters club, and Swindon Town, aims to attract sponsorship from ordinary fans and local businesses alike.

The relationship between Trust STFC and the club has however, been strained at times with the Trust being

openly critical of the club and asking questions where appropriate. For example, the Trust has voiced concerns about the club's pricing policy, and criticized the club's announcement that new replica kits will be launched in each of the next three seasons. We congratulate Trust STFC on their achievements to date and wish them well during the rest of the season.

TEN YEARS ON

Ask any Notts fan to name their favourite footballing memory and one moment wins hands down. Step forward Sir Charlie Palmer and his famous late winner against our neighbours across the river. This February marks the 10th anniversary of the momentous day. And to mark the occasion Trust member, and Football Post columnist Richard Stanton is in the process of compiling a book that looks back on that famous game and our rivalry with the F-word.

With the support of the club and the Evening Post the book will relive the significant moments of the day in both pictures and words. It will include interviews with key players from the game and also focus on the reaction of the fans and the media. All in all a great way to ensure the memories of such a wonderful day stay fresh in the memory.

Advance orders for the limited edition book are being taken now. The price is just £10. And anyone ordering in advance will be acknowledged in the book, which subject to availability will be signed by the great man himself.

Order your copy by visiting the Supporters Trust desk in the club shop. Alternatively you can contact Richard on 0115 963 7045 or via email at richard.stanton@talk21.com. Profits from the sale of the book will go to Notts County Football Club.

NOTTS TRUST HELP DARLO

One of the reasons for the incredible success of the supporters' trust movement is the way supporters unite to help others in times of crisis. The NCST answered a call for help from

Darlington Supporters Trust who have set an initial target of trying to raise £250,000. Subsequently, two of our Board members attended a meeting in the North East earlier this week to offer advice and support with setting up, fundraising, organising and attracting members.

Darlington Trust, which hopes their fund-raising effort can become part of a consortium to buy the club, have already begun planning a series of events large and small, and fans are being urged to help in any way they can.

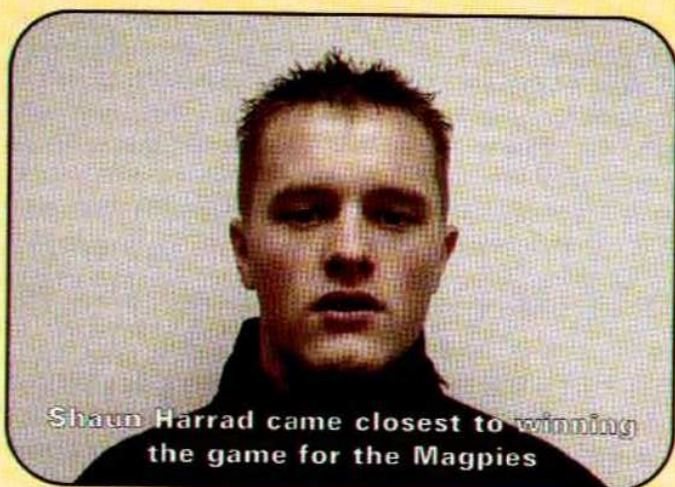
A Trust spokesman said: "We believe this is the best option for not only saving the club but being part of a serious and well thought-out plan for the future, which will leave supporters with a say in the running of their club." The £250,000 represents an initial target, subject to the full details of the club's financial position, being outlined by the administrator. Tony Taylor, board member of the Supporters Trust, added: "We are still waiting for a detailed breakdown from the administrators regarding the financial position at the club. However, we do recognise that the club could well be on the verge of extinction and we are confident that the local community will rally behind us".

PIE QUIZ NIGHT

This Tuesday (27th January) marks the return of the infamous Pie Quiz Night. Promising lots of fun, laughs, prizes and real ale, the quiz night, which is being sponsored by Nottingham Brewery, starts at 7.30pm, in the Oriental Suite at Meadow Lane. Teams of 4 to 6 are invited to come along and join in the fun and you don't have to be a member of the Trust, or even a Notts fan, to take part. Questions will be general knowledge. If you have anything you think would be suitable as a prize then please bring it along on the night.



RESERVE ROUND-UP



Shaun Harrad came closest to winning the game for the Magpies

RESERVES HELD TO GOALLESS DRAW

Wednesday 14th January 2004
York City Reserves 0-0 Notts County Reserves

On a cold windy Wednesday afternoon in York last week, a young Magpies reserve side took on York City in the Pontin's League Division One East, and picked up their first draw of the season after four wins and five losses for their efforts.

Goalkeeper Saul Deeney was the only player in the squad to be on professional terms, while Notts included trialist Frazer McHugh in the midfield. 22-year old McHugh, previously with Swindon Town and Bradford City, improved as the game wore on at Bootham Crescent under the watchful eyes of new manager Gary Mills.

Shaun Harrad came closest to winning the game for the Magpies, as he hit the woodwork, but neither side could manage the breakthrough and the match ended scoreless.

Magpies Team: Deeney, Wilson, McIntyre, McFaul, Bostock, Friars, Francis, McHugh, Harrad, Nurse, Kettle

Subs: Smith (Gk), Rhodes, McGoldrick, Hannigan, Sherlock

2003/2004 RESERVE FIXTURES & RESULTS

Day:	Date:	Opposition:	Venue:	Kick Off:	Result/Report:
Tues	Aug 19th	Boston United	Home	2:00PM	2-1
Wed	Aug 27th	Scunthorpe United	Away	7:00PM	0-1
Wed	Sep 10th	Darlington	Home	2:00PM	0-1
Wed	Sep 24th	York City	Home	2:00PM	1-2
Wed	Oct 8th	Hartlepool United	Away	2:00PM	1-3
Wed	Oct 22nd	Doncaster Rovers	Home	2:00PM	3-1
Thurs	Nov 6th	Newcastle United	Away	2:00PM	1-2
Wed	Dec 10th	Lincoln City	Away	2:00PM	2-1
Mon	Dec 15th	Grimsby Town	Home	2:00PM	2-0
Wed	Jan 14th	York City	Away	2:00PM	0-0
Wed	Jan 28th	Hartlepool United	Home	2:00PM	
Wed	Feb 18th	Newcastle United	Home	7:00PM	
Wed	Mar 3rd	Doncaster Rovers	Away	2:00PM	
Wed	Mar 17th	Lincoln City	Home	2:00PM	
Wed	Mar 24th	Grimsby Town	Away	2:00PM	
Wed	Apr 7th	Boston United	Away	7:00PM	
Wed	Apr 14th	Scunthorpe United	Home	2:00PM	
Wed	Apr 28th	Darlington	Away	7:00PM	

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WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO SUPPORT NOTTS COUNTY AND NOT FOREST?

The friendly atmosphere at the ground and close relationship between fans and players swayed it for me.

WHERE DO YOU SIT:

Family Stand.

YOU'VE BEEN A FAN FOR:

36 years.

FIRST MATCH:

Notts Co v Bradford Park Avenue October 1967. A 0-0 draw. Les Bradd's second game for the Club and he only got better.

ALL TIME NOTTS HERO:

Les Bradd or Tommy Johnson - everyone loves a goalscorer.

BEST MATCH:

Leeds Utd 0 Notts County 1 in the League Cup, October 1975. The night we came to believe that Super Notts could again mix it with the best in the country. Ian Scanlon with the winner against all the Leeds greats.

WORST MATCH:

Notts County 0 Northampton Town 3. January 2002. Both teams facing relegation but Notts never looked interested. Particularly galling for me as I work in Northampton.

BEST OPPOSITION TEAM:

Chelsea 2003. Only good memories from this defeat where Notts repaid their fans with a great performance after months of financial turmoil. Superb reception also by the Chelsea club and their fans.

BEST OPPOSITION PLAYER:

I have seen many great players in opposition over the years. In recent times and from the lower divisions, Brian Tinnion of Bristol City always controlled games against us and we never bothered to mark him.

BEST AWAY GROUND:

Wembley with five unforgettable visits in the 90's.

WORST AWAY GROUND:

Visited many terrible grounds in the 70's but, in general, grounds have now been improved considerably.

BEST MOMENT:

Seeing Notts County walk out at Wembley in May 1990 and then beating Tranmere 2-0 with goals from Tommy Johnson and Craig Short.

WORST MOMENT:

Every time we lose. I go into every game believing we will win but I've had a few disappointments in 36 years.

FUNNIEST MOMENT:

Sam Allardyce's rendition of "We are the Champions" at the final match of the 1997/8 season.

FAVOURITE CURRENT PLAYER:

Ian Richardson who has never given less than 100% in any of his 250 games for the club.

MOST EXCITING PROSPECT:

We don't see too much of the younger players but Paul Heffernan must have a great future...hopefully with Notts.

WHERE WILL NOTTS FINISH THIS SEASON:

I still believe relegation will be avoided but it would be good to have a season without that pressure for a change.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO SUPPORT NOTTS COUNTY AND NOT FOREST?

It runs in the family.

WHERE DO YOU SIT:

Main Stand.

YOU'VE BEEN A FAN FOR:

14 years

FIRST MATCH:

Well the first I remember was actually an away game at Swindon, we lost 5-1!

ALL TIME NOTTS HERO:

Tommy Johnson. I was brought up around the famous "Tommy Johnson" song.

BEST MATCH:

Sir Charlie Palmer day in the early nineties when beat the reds!

WORST MATCH:

Two seasons ago we played Northampton Town. We were awful and I thought we were down.

BEST OPPOSITION TEAM:

Leeds United in the Coca Cola Cup game when Devon White scored.

BEST OPPOSITION PLAYER:

Jurgen Klinsmann

BEST AWAY GROUND:

Wembley

WORST AWAY GROUND:

Derby's Baseball Ground

BEST MOMENT:

Sealing the 'Great Escape' in 2001/02.

WORST MOMENT:

The recent escapades on and off the field were getting me down.

FUNNIEST MOMENT:

Adam Newton's dive during the abandoned match at home to Wimbledon.

FAVOURITE CURRENT PLAYER:

Simon Baldry. He plays the old fashioned winger way - beat a man and create a goalscoring chance.

MOST EXCITING PROSPECT:

David McGoldrick

WHERE WILL NOTTS FINISH THIS SEASON:

We'll just stay up on the final day!

If you would like to be in the next edition of 'Meet the fans' simply answer the questions that have been asked here and send to mark.stevenson@nottscountyfc.co.uk or via post Mark Stevenson, Meet the Fans, Notts County FC, Meadow Lane, Nottingham, NG2 3HJ. If you are sending by post please include a daytime telephone number. (Please also attach/enclose a picture)

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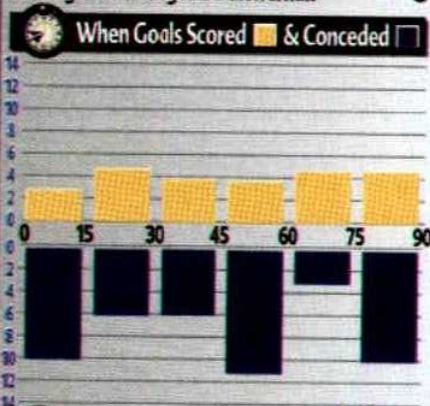
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 Drawn: 1
 Lost: 4
 Scored: 7
 Conc: 15
 Points: 4
 Goal Diff: -8
 Last 6: LDLLW
 Last 5 Home: WLDDL
 Last 5 Away: WLLW

Miscellaneous

Players Used: 25
 Clean Sheets: 6
 Failed to Score: 9

The Guys to Watch

Headed goals	Platt	2
Long range shots	4 players	1
Inside 6 yards	Heffernan	2
Shots from 6-18 yards	Heffernan	5
Volleyed shots	Stallard, Heffernan	2
Penalties	Heffernan	2
Scored 1st Goal in match	Stallard, Heffernan	2
Most goals in last 10	Heffernan	2
Points gained from goals	Heffernan	8



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	174
Goals conceded	46
On target/goals scored	3.78
Division 2 rating	20

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	152
Goals scored	26
On target / goals	5.85
Division 2 Rating	23

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	4
Points won	1
Goals Against, last 10	7
Points lost	3

Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	13.44
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	21
Average Offsides per game	2.67
Div 2 Rating	3

Swings

WON when behind	0
DRAWN when behind	6
LOST when ahead	1
DRAWN when ahead	3
WON 2 down	0
WON 1 down	0
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	1
DRAWN 2+ down	0
DRAWN 1 down	6
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	3

Attendances

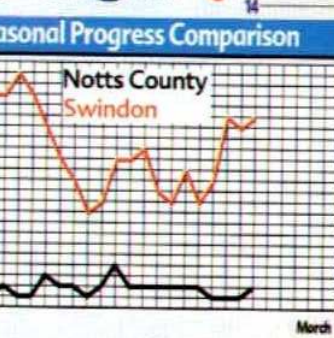
Aggregate	67,847
Highest	7,702
Lowest	4,145
Average	5,219

Where Goals

6	Close Range	11
16	Inside Area	21
4	Outside Area	6

How Goals

12	Shots	20
3	Headers	9
7	Volleys	7
3	Penalties	0
0	Free Kicks	2
1	Own Goals	0



Set Piece Goals

CORNERS:

Scored from C	1
Conceded from C	3

FREE KICKS:

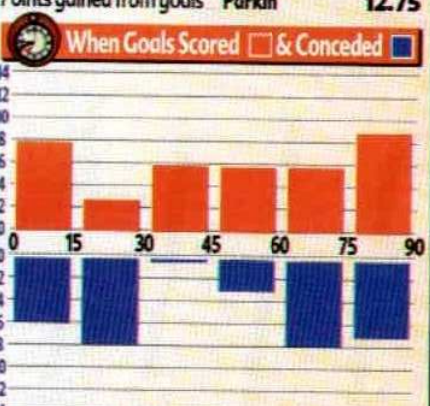
Scored from FK	2
Conceded from FK	4

Cards

46	2
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The Guys to Watch

Headed goals	Mooney	4
Long range shots	Mooney	2
Inside 6 yards	Parkin	4
Shots from 6-18 yards	Mooney, Parkin	5
Volleyed shots	Mooney	4
Penalties	no penalties	
Scored 1st Goal in match	Parkin	7
Most goals in last 10	Parkin	3
Points gained from goals	Parkin	12.75



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	140
Goals conceded	32
On target/goals scored	4.38
Division 2 rating	14

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	168
Goals scored	38
On target / goals	4.42
Division 2 Rating	11

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	6
Points won	5
Goals Against, last 10	4
Points lost	2

Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	12.22
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	9
Average Offsides per game	3.33
Div 2 Rating	10

Margins

WON BY:	LOST BY:
1 Goal	6
2 Goals	4
3 Goals	0
4 Goals	1
5+ Goals	0

Swings

WON when behind	2
DRAWN when behind	2
LOST when ahead	2
DRAWN when ahead	7
WON 2 down	0
WON 1 down	2
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	2
DRAWN 2+ down	0
DRAWN 1 down	2
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	7

Attendances

Aggregate	102,940
Highest	10,573
Lowest	5,313
Average	7,353



Form Guide:

Won: 4
 Drawn: 1
 Lost: 1
 Scored: 9
 Conc: 5
 Points: 13
 Goal Diff: 4
 Last 6: WLWWDW
 Last 5 Home: DLWWW
 Last 5 Away: WLWLD

Miscellaneous

Players Used: 27
 Clean Sheets: 9
 Failed to Score: 5

TwoStats

Comebacks - Games won by teams who were trailing

Bournemouth 4	Barnsley 2	Chesterfield 1	Tranmere 1
Port Vale 4	Bristol City 2	Grimsby 1	Colchester 0
Blackpool 3	Swindon 2	Oldham 1	Notts County 0
Luton 3	Hartlepool 1	Peterborough 1	QPR 0
Rushden 3	Brentford 1	Plymouth 1	Sheff Wed 0
Wrexham 3	Brighton 1	Stockport 1	Wycombe 0

Nationwide Division 2 2003-2004 Season - The Stats So Far

Highest Attendance	25,296	Sheff Wed v Chesterfield
Lowest Attendance	2,897	Colchester v Oldham
Average Gate	7,279	
Aggregate Attendance	2,314,753	
Biggest Home Win	Hartlepool 8-1 Grimsby	
	Plymouth 7-0 Chesterfield	
Biggest Away Win	Port Vale 1-5 Plymouth	
Biggest Aggregate Score	Bournemouth 6-3 Luton,	
	Hartlepool 8-1 Grimsby	
Total Games	319	
Home Wins	139 (44%)	
Away Wins	83 (26%)	
Draws	97 (31%)	
1-1 Draws	40 (13%)	
0-0 Draws	26 (8%)	
Winning Sequence	Plymouth	7
Unbeaten Sequence	QPR	11
Losing Sequence	Chesterfield	6
Winless Sequence	Wycombe, Chesterfield, Peterborough	13
Total Yellow Cards	1,014	
Total Red Cards	78	
Current Winning Sequence	Bristol City	5
Current Unbeaten Sequence	Plymouth	9
Current Losing Sequence	Wrexham	3
Current Winless Sequence	Brentford	9

Set Piece Power - Goals Scored & Conceded from Free Kicks

	Scored	All For	%		Conc.	All Agt	%
Stockport	8	34	23.5	Bristol City	6	20	30.0
Hartlepool	7	37	18.9	Stockport	8	42	19.0
QPR	9	49	18.4	Peterborough	7	37	18.9
Sheff Wed	5	31	16.1	Bournemouth	6	33	18.2
Swindon	6	38	15.8	Colchester	6	34	17.6
Bournemouth	5	32	15.6	Tranmere	5	36	13.9
Peterborough	5	33	15.2	Brighton	4	29	13.8
Barnsley	5	34	14.7	Barnsley	4	30	13.3
Plymouth	9	62	14.5	Wycombe	6	48	12.5
Wycombe	4	28	14.3	Brentford	5	40	12.5
Luton	5	41	12.2	Oldham	5	40	12.5
Blackpool	4	33	12.1	Swindon	4	32	12.5
Bristol City	4	37	10.8	Plymouth	3	25	12.0
Brentford	3	28	10.7	Rushden	5	42	11.9
Brighton	4	38	10.5	Grimsby	5	43	11.6
Port Vale	4	40	10.0	Blackpool	4	36	11.1
Chesterfield	2	21	9.5	Luton	4	39	10.3
Rushden	4	43	9.3	Wrexham	3	30	10.0
Wrexham	3	34	8.8	Chesterfield	4	42	9.5
Oldham	3	38	7.9	Port Vale	3	34	8.8
Notts County	2	26	7.7	Notts County	4	46	8.7
Colchester	2	28	7.1	Sheff Wed	3	35	8.6
Grimsby	2	31	6.5	Hartlepool	2	30	6.7
Tranmere	1	28	3.6	QPR	0	21	0.0

Throwaways - Games lost by teams who were in the lead

Peterborough 3	Brentford 2	Wrexham 1	Stockport 1
Grimsby 3	Luton 2	Bournemouth 1	Tranmere 1
Oldham 3	Port Vale 2	Barnsley 1	Brighton 0
Rushden 3	QPR 2	Colchester 1	Bristol City 0
Wycombe 2	Sheff Wed 2	Hartlepool 1	Chesterfield 0
Blackpool 2	Swindon 2	Notts County 1	Plymouth 0

Use Your Head! - Goals Scored & Conceded from Headers

Scored	All Gls	%	Conceded	All Gls	%
Bournemouth 11	32	34.4	Brentford 16	40	40.0
Plymouth 21	62	33.9	Luton 14	39	35.9
Sheff Wed 10	31	32.3	Barnsley 10	30	33.3
Brentford 9	28	32.1	Sheff Wed 11	35	31.4
Rushden 13	43	30.2	Brighton 9	29	31.0
Bristol City 11	37	29.7	Wrexham 8	30	26.7
Tranmere 8	28	28.6	Rushden 11	42	26.2
Chesterfield 6	21	28.6	Oldham 10	40	25.0
Luton 11	41	26.8	QPR 5	21	23.8
Wrexham 9	31	26.5	Colchester 8	34	23.5
Grimsby 8	31	25.8	Hartlepool 7	30	23.3
Swindon 9	38	23.7	Blackpool 8	36	22.2
Stockport 8	34	23.5	Peterborough 8	37	21.6
Port Vale 9	40	22.5	Chesterfield 9	42	21.4
QPR 10	49	20.4	Wycombe 10	48	20.8
Oldham 7	38	18.4	Bristol City 4	20	20.0
Colchester 5	28	17.9	Stockport 8	42	19.0
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Peterborough 5	33	15.2	Tranmere 6	36	16.7
Wycombe 4	28	14.3	Plymouth 4	25	16.0
Blackpool 4	33	12.1	Swindon 5	32	15.6
Notts County 3	26	11.5	Port Vale 5	34	14.7
Brighton 4	38	10.5	Notts County 6	46	13.0
Hartlepool 2	37	5.4	Grimsby 5	43	11.6

Goals Scored & Conceded from Corners as % of all corners for & agt.

Scored	Corn For	%	Conc.	Corn Agt	%
Rushden 7	117	5.98	Wycombe 8	140	5.71
Brentford 8	157	5.10	Chesterfield 8	169	4.73
Plymouth 9	183	4.92	Oldham 6	138	4.35
Bristol City 7	147	4.76	Brentford 9	225	4.00
Port Vale 5	122	4.10	Bristol City 4	104	3.85
Tranmere 5	145	3.45	Bournemouth 5	131	3.82
Brighton 5	154	3.25	Barnsley 4	130	3.08
Sheff Wed 4	132	3.03	Colchester 4	144	2.78
Luton 4	137	2.92	Rushden 5	183	2.73
Wrexham 5	176	2.84	Blackpool 4	149	2.68
QPR 4	148	2.70	Plymouth 4	151	2.65
Grimsby 4	152	2.63	Luton 4	152	2.63
Blackpool 3	120	2.50	Wrexham 4	160	2.50
Oldham 4	172	2.33	Hartlepool 3	121	2.48
Colchester 3	135	2.22	Brighton 3	128	2.34
Stockport 3	150	2.00	QPR 3	135	2.22
Swindon 3	170	1.76	Notts County 3	137	2.19
Chesterfield 2	122	1.64	Sheff Wed 3	137	2.19
Barnsley 2	138	1.45	Stockport 3	161	1.86
Bournemouth 2	168	1.19	Port Vale 2	165	1.21
Hartlepool 1	112	0.89	Grimsby 2	178	1.12
Wycombe 1	149	0.67	Peterborough 1	134	0.75
Peterborough 1	153	0.65	Tranmere 1	147	0.68
Notts County 1	188	0.53	Swindon 0	128	0.00

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09-08-2003	Bristol City	Away	0-5	12,050	GARDEN	NICHOLSON	FENTON	BARRAS	JENKINS	BARACLOUGH	BRO
12-08-2003	Preston NE (CC)	Away	p0-0	5,016	MILDENHALL	NICHOLSON	FENTON	BARRAS	JENKINS	BARACLOUGH	BRO
16-08-2003	Wrexham	Home	0-1	4,768	MILDENHALL	NICHOLSON	FENTON	BARRAS	JENKINS	BARACLOUGH	BALD
23-08-2003	Swindon Town	Away	0-4	5,758	MILDENHALL	NICHOLSON	FENTON	BARRAS	BOLLAND	BARACLOUGH	BALD
25-08-2003	Peterborough Utd	Home	0-1	5,177	MILDENHALL	RILEY	FENTON	BARRAS	MCFAUL	BARACLOUGH	BALD
30-08-2003	Barnsley	Away	1-1	9,087	MILDENHALL	RILEY	FENTON	BARRAS	JENKINS	BARACLOUGH	BALD
06-09-2003	Luton Town	Home	1-1	7,505	MILDENHALL	MCFAUL	LIVESEY	BARRAS ¹	BOLLAND	BARACLOUGH	BALD
13-09-2003	Chesterfield	Away	1-0	4,367	MILDENHALL	JENKINS	LIVESEY	BARRAS	BOLLAND ¹	BARACLOUGH	BALD
16-09-2003	Rushden & D's	Home	1-3	4,250	MILDENHALL	NICHOLSON	LIVESEY	BARRAS	BOLLAND	BARACLOUGH	BALD
20-09-2003	Tranmere Rovers	Home	2-2	4,215	MILDENHALL	FENTON	LIVESEY	BARRAS	BOLLAND	BARACLOUGH	BALD
23-09-2003	Ipswich Tn (CC)	Home	2-1	4,059	MILDENHALL	FENTON	NICHOLSON	BARRAS	CASKEY	BARACLOUGH	BALD
27-09-2003	Blackpool	Away	1-2	6,206	MILDENHALL	FENTON	NICHOLSON	BARRAS	CASKEY	BARACLOUGH	BALD
01-10-2003	Sheffield Wed	Away	1-2	20,354	MILDENHALL	FENTON	NICHOLSON	BARRAS	CASKEY	BARACLOUGH	BALD
04-10-2003	Colchester United	Home	3-0	4,187	MILDENHALL	FENTON	RILEY ¹	BARRAS	CASKEY	BARACLOUGH	BALD
11-10-2003	AFC Bournemouth	Home	0-1	4,419	MILDENHALL	FENTON	RILEY	BARRAS	CASKEY	BARACLOUGH	BALD
15-10-2003	Barnsley (LDV)	Home	0-0p	1,220	MILDENHALL	FENTON	BOLLAND	LIVESEY	BROUGH	NICHOLSON	BALD
18-10-2003	Stockport County	Away	2-2	4,727	MILDENHALL	FENTON	BOLLAND	BARRAS	CASKEY ¹	BARACLOUGH	BRO
21-10-2003	Grimsby Town	Away	0-2	4,274	MILDENHALL	FENTON	BOLLAND	BARRAS	CASKEY	BARACLOUGH	BRO
25-10-2003	Brentford	Home	2-0	4,145	MILDENHALL	FENTON	BALDRY	BARRAS	CASKEY ¹	BARACLOUGH	RILEY
29-10-2003	Chelsea (CC)	Away	2-4	35,997	MILDENHALL	FENTON	BALDRY	BARRAS ¹	CASKEY	BARACLOUGH	RILEY
01-11-2003	Hartlepool United	Home	1-0	5,011	MILDENHALL	FENTON	BALDRY ¹	BARRAS	CASKEY	BARACLOUGH	RILEY
09-11-2003	Shildon (FAC)	Home	7-2	4,016	MILDENHALL	FENTON ¹	BALDRY	BARRAS ¹	CASKEY	BARACLOUGH	RILEY
15-11-2003	Port Vale	Away	0-1	4,900	MILDENHALL	FENTON	NICHOLSON	BARRAS	CASKEY	BARACLOUGH	BOL
22-11-2003	Brighton	Home	1-2	5,051	MILDENHALL	FENTON	BALDRY	LIVESEY	CASKEY	BARACLOUGH	RILEY
29-11-2003	Oldham Athletic	Away	1-0	5,190	MILDENHALL	FENTON	BALDRY	LIVESEY	MURRAY	NICHOLSON	RILEY
06-12-2003	Gravesend (FAC)	Away	2-1	2,998	MILDENHALL	FENTON ¹	BALDRY	BARACLOUGH	CASKEY	NICHOLSON	JEN
13-12-2003	Wycombe	Home	1-1	5,014	MILDENHALL	FENTON	BALDRY	BARACLOUGH	CASKEY	NICHOLSON	JEN
20-12-2003	Plymouth Argyle	Away	0-3	9,923	MILDENHALL	FENTON	BALDRY	BARACLOUGH	CASKEY	NICHOLSON	JEN
26-12-2003	QPR	Home	3-3	7,702	MILDENHALL	BARRAS	BALDRY	BARACLOUGH	RILEY	NICHOLSON	JEN
28-12-2003	Luton Town	Away	0-2	7,181	MILDENHALL	BARRAS	BALDRY	BARACLOUGH	RILEY	NICHOLSON	JEN
03-01-2004	Middlesbrough (FAC)	Away	0-2	15,061	MILDENHALL	BARRAS	BALDRY	BARACLOUGH	RILEY	NICHOLSON	FENT
06-01-2004	Peterborough Utd	Away	2-5	3,855	MILDENHALL	BARRAS	BALDRY	BOLLAND	RILEY ²	NICHOLSON	FENT
10-01-2004	Bristol City	Home	1-2	6,403	MILDENHALL	BARRAS	BROUGH	BOLLAND	RILEY	NICHOLSON	FENT
17-01-2004	Wrexham	Away	1-0	4,212	MILDENHALL	PIPE	BARACLOUGH	BOLLAND	PARKINSON ¹	NICHOLSON	FENT
24-01-2004	Swindon Town	Home									
31-01-2004	Barnsley	Home									
07-02-2004	QPR	Away									
14-02-2004	AFC Bournemouth	Away									
21-02-2004	Stockport County	Home									
28-02-2004	Brentford	Away									
02-03-2004	Grimsby Town	Home									
06-03-2004	Plymouth Argyle	Home									
13-03-2004	Wycombe	Away									
16-03-2004	Rushden & D's	Away									
20-03-2004	Chesterfield	Home									
27-03-2004	Tranmere Rovers	Away									
03-04-2004	Blackpool	Home									
10-04-2004	Colchester United	Away									
12-04-2004	Sheffield Wed	Home									
17-04-2004	Hartlepool United	Away									
24-04-2004	Port Vale	Home									
01-05-2004	Brighton	Away									
08-05-2004	Oldham Athletic	Home									



BROU	RICHARDSON	BOLLAND	PLATT	STALLARD	MILDENHALL	RILEY	FRANCIS	HEFFERNAN	HACKWORTH
BROU	RICHARDSON	HEFFERNAN	PLATT	STALLARD	GARDEN	RILEY	FRANCIS	BOLLAND	HACKWORTH
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BALD	FENTON	CASKEY	PLATT	STALLARD	DEENEY	RILEY	BROUGH	MCFAIL	HACKWORTH
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FENTON	RICHARDSON	CASKEY	HACKWORTH	STALLARD	DEENEY	BOSTOCK	BROUGH	RHODES	HARRAD
FENTON	RICHARDSON	CASKEY	HACKWORTH	STALLARD	DEENEY	BOSTOCK	FRANCIS	NURSE	HARRAD
FENTON	RICHARDSON	CASKEY	HACKWORTH	STALLARD	DEENEY	BOSTOCK	RILEY	JEPHCOTT	HARRAD

Nationwide 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Plymouth	27	16	8	3	62	25	56
QPR	27	15	9	3	49	21	54
Bristol City	26	12	10	4	37	20	46
Port Vale	26	12	6	8	40	34	42
Barnsley	26	11	9	6	34	30	42
Swindon Town	27	11	8	8	38	32	41
Brighton	26	11	6	9	38	29	39
Hartlepool Utd	26	10	9	7	37	30	39
Luton Town	26	10	9	7	41	39	39
Wrexham	26	11	4	11	31	29	37
Colchester Utd	26	10	7	9	28	34	37
Rushden & D's	27	10	6	11	43	42	36
Bournemouth	27	9	9	9	32	33	36
Blackpool	26	11	3	12	33	36	36
Oldham Ath	27	7	11	9	38	40	32
Sheffield Wed	27	7	11	9	31	35	32
Tranmere Rovers	26	7	11	8	28	36	32
Grimsby Town	26	7	9	10	30	40	30
Brentford	27	8	6	13	28	40	30
Peterborough	27	6	10	11	33	37	28
Stockport Co	26	5	11	10	34	42	26
Notts County	27	6	6	15	26	46	24
Chesterfield	27	5	9	13	21	42	24
Wycombe	27	4	7	16	28	48	19

	L	LG	C	CG
Steve Mildenhall	26	-	7	-
Nick Fenton	23(1)	-	7	2
Ian Baraclough	24	-	6(1)	-
Steve Jenkins	17	-	6	-
Tony Barras	22(1)	1	5(1)	2
Ian Richardson	23	-	6	1
David Pipe	1	-	-	-
Clive Platt	19	3	6	3
Darren Caskey	20(5)	2	5(1)	-
Mark Stallard	18(5)	4	4(1)	2
Paul Heffernan	14(7)	9	4(2)	1
Kevin Nicholson	16(7)	-	4(2)	1
Stuart Garden	1	-	-	-
Paul Bolland	20(1)	1	2(2)	-
Michael Brough	5(5)	-	2(2)	-
Simon Baldry	21(1)	1	6	1
Tony Hackworth	3(9)	-	1(1)	-
Paul Riley	12(5)	3	3(1)	-
Saul Deeney	-	-	-	-
Andy Parkinson	1	1	-	-
Avun Jephcott	-	-	-	-
Danny Livesey	9(3)	-	1	-
Adam Murray	1(2)	-	(1)	-
Chris Rhodes	(1)	-	-	-
Shane McFaul	2(4)	-	1	-
Willis Francis	(3)	-	-	-
Shaun Harrad	(3)	-	(1)	-
Danny Bostock	-	-	-	-

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MANAGER
Andy King



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| BART GRIEMINK | 1 |
| 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 |
| BRAIN HOWARD | 17 |
| SEBASTIEN RUSTER | 18 |
| MATTHEW HEYWOOD | 19 |
| RHYS EVANS | 20 |
| BEN MARTIN | 21 |
| ALAN REEVES | 22 |
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Notts County vs Swindon Town
Sheff Wed vs Peterborough
Stockport vs Plymouth

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

REFEREE:

Martin Atkinson

ASSISTANT REFEREES:

Mark E. Weaver (Red Trim)

Gary Stott (Yellow Trim)

4TH OFFICIAL:

Wayne Lomas



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Division Two

29 October 2002

NOTTS COUNTY - 1

Bolland 76

SWINDON TOWN - 1

Parkin 32

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FULL-TIME SCORE

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