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Hello and welcome to this evening's game with Grimsby Town. The Mariners have not enjoyed the best of seasons so far and recently appointed manager Nicky Law will I am sure be looking for a change in fortunes. Since suffering at the 8-1 reverse at Hartlepool, Grimsby have recorded notable home wins against QPR, Brighton and Luton Town. However, it is their form on the road that has been poor with just three wins recorded away from Blundell Park.

Back in Wiltshire, things couldn't be more different. There is now a real buzz about the Club now and despite a setback at Home Park on Saturday, let's home for another home win this evening. Whilst [swindontownfc.co.uk](http://www.swindontownfc.co.uk) continues to bring you the latest news from in and around The County Ground, STFC World brought you interviews with Andy Gurney and Matt Heywood before the Plymouth game. John Motson spoke to STFC World recently so we will be bringing you this exclusive interview this week.

In the meantime, let's look forward to another entertaining ninety minutes here tonight.

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# THE NEWS

## COUNTY GROUND DIARY



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### TUESDAY MARCH 9TH VALE DATE CONFIRMED

Swindon Town FC confirm the new date for the re-arranged fixture against Port Vale.

The original game was postponed on Saturday 28th February as a result of a frozen pitch. The two clubs had been discussing a new date over the last few weeks and the new date has now been agreed.

The game has been moved to Tuesday 30th March 2004. Kick off 7.45pm at Vale Park

Turnstiles are pay on the day and any fans should check with Port Vale FC regarding any car park passes bought for the original date.

### WEDNESDAY 10TH MARCH RESERVES DEFEAT OXFORD

Swindon Town defeat local rivals Oxford United at The County Ground, with Rory Fallon scoring twice, to make it a personal tally of three goals against United this season after scoring the winner in a behind closed doors friendly in December.

Town named a strong starting line up with Alan Reeves including himself in the team along side first teamers David Duke, Rory Fallon, Grant Smith, Bart Griemink and Jon Stevenson.

Town youth teamers Leigh Henry, Michael Pook, Harry Hambidge, Lance Lewis, Matty Bulman, Justyn McKay and Ashan Holgate all featured prominently in the game.

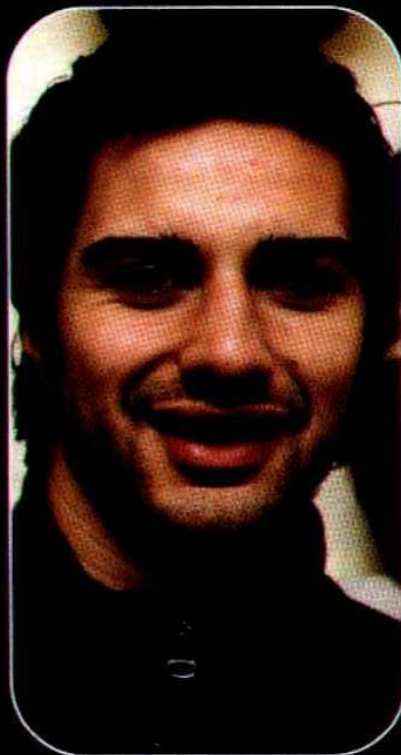
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## GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME WITH GRIMSBY TOWN.

I would like to wish a warm welcome to the visiting players, supporters and directors. I spent a coaching week with Nicky Law last summer and I have known Graham Rodger for a long time. I would like to wish them both all the best for the remainder of the season.

Today's game is of massive importance following the loss at Plymouth at the weekend. It will be a test of the side's resilience as the test of any side is how you react to defeat.

It was a wonderful sight to see behind the goal packed with red shirts last Saturday. When Plymouth addressed their team, they also acknowledged the crowd as a twelfth man. This is something that I have echoed on many occasions and your support has been tremendous.

I felt that we were worthy of a result, despite not playing at our best. I feel that that was the hardest away game that we will have had to face between now and the end of the season. I now think that if we can win our remaining home games then that should be enough for a play-off place. This will be difficult, but an attainable feat.

We come away from Saturday with a few injuries. Alan Reeves and Sammy Igoe both sustained ankle injuries but hopefully they will both be back in contention for this evening's game. I am hoping Stef will be fit for Saturday and Steve Robinson is due to return to training this week. However, 'Robbo' will then need a full two weeks in training before he can return to action.

On a sad note, the Grimsby Chairman and great friend by the name of Bill Carr who died recently. I got to know him very well during my four months there and some of you may remember him as he came onto the radio during my interview when we played at Blundell Park earlier in the season. He was a true gentleman and he contributed a huge amount to the game. I thought of him like a Grandad and I have spoken to his family since and I couldn't let the opportunity pass without saying my goodbye to Bill Carr. The game was always better for having people like Bill involved, and it will be a sadder place without him.

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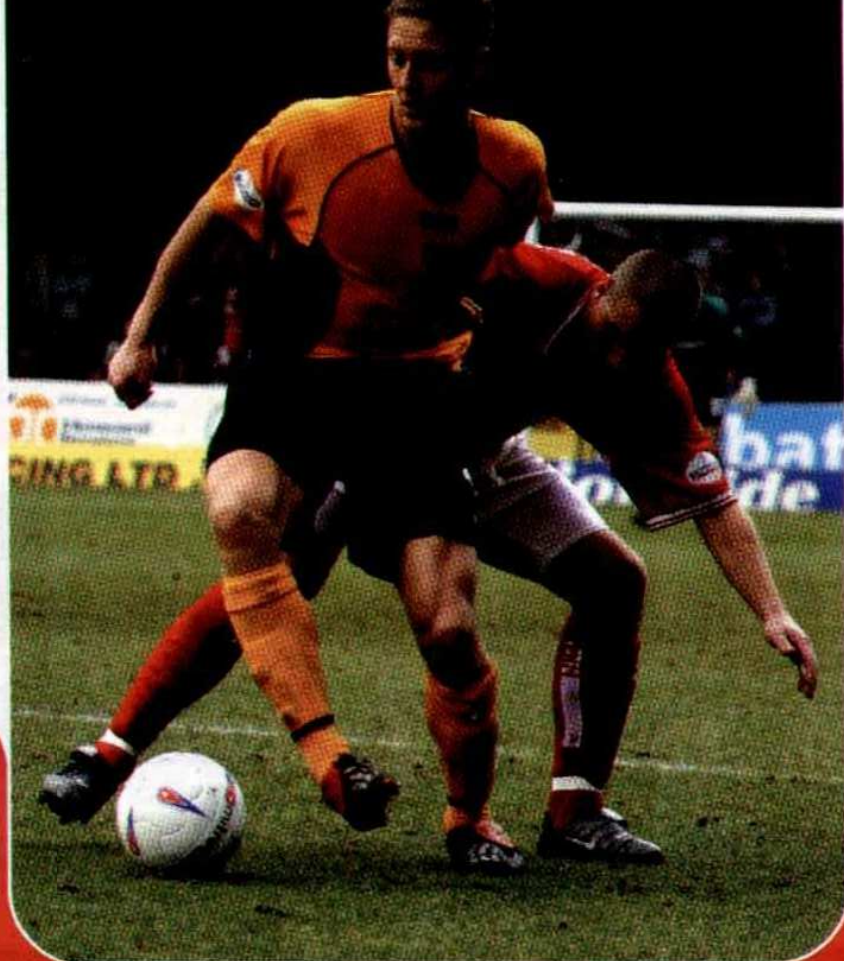
## TREATMENT ROOM

HELLO AND WELCOME TO THIS EVENING'S ENCOUNTER AT THE COUNTY GROUND.

Last weekend we sustained two fresh injuries at Plymouth Argyle, with both Alan Reeves and Sammy Igoe receiving kicks to their respective ankles. Both players have been undergoing treatment in a bid to get them fit for this evening's game as we look to get back in track after Saturday's narrow defeat at Home Park.

Stefani Miglioranza has been progressing well. He has been doing some ball work and at the time of writing, could well be in contention for a return to action on Saturday at Wrexham.

Dick Mackey  
physio@swindontownfc.co.uk



Anthony Gurns

## CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

HELLO AND WELCOME TO THIS EVENING'S GAME WITH GRIMSBY TOWN.

Our last home game saw us emerge victorious from a close fought game with Brentford.

It was a very tight game but I think that is something that we see more of at this stage of the season, as I have said before. We worked hard for the win and it was a great goal from Sammy Igoe to take all three points.

From Brentford's point of view, they

came to The County Ground and gave us no room to play football whatsoever. Again, that is something that I feel teams will try and do, especially those down the bottom who are battling for points.

With these notes being written before we set off for Plymouth, I hope that we will have taken something from that game at Home Park to continue our push for promotion.

Enjoy the game.

'Gurns'

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**GOOD EVENING TO  
EVERYONE AND WELCOME  
BACK TO THE COUNTY  
GROUND FOR OUR THIRD  
HOME MATCH OF MARCH.**

On behalf of the Board Of Directors, can I also extend a warm welcome to the Directors, Management, Players and supporters of Grimsby Town. The fixture computer has not been kind to either set of travelling supporters this season, as both games were scheduled to be played on a midweek evening.

Although we suffered a setback on Saturday at Home Park, the team performance and particularly the commitment to the cause and refusal to give in were very impressive. If anyone was in any doubt as to the players belief that they can still gain automatic promotion, Saturday's performance will have banished that doubt. Once again your support was superb and I would like to thank you for sticking with team even when we went two goals down- I don't think this would have happened last season.

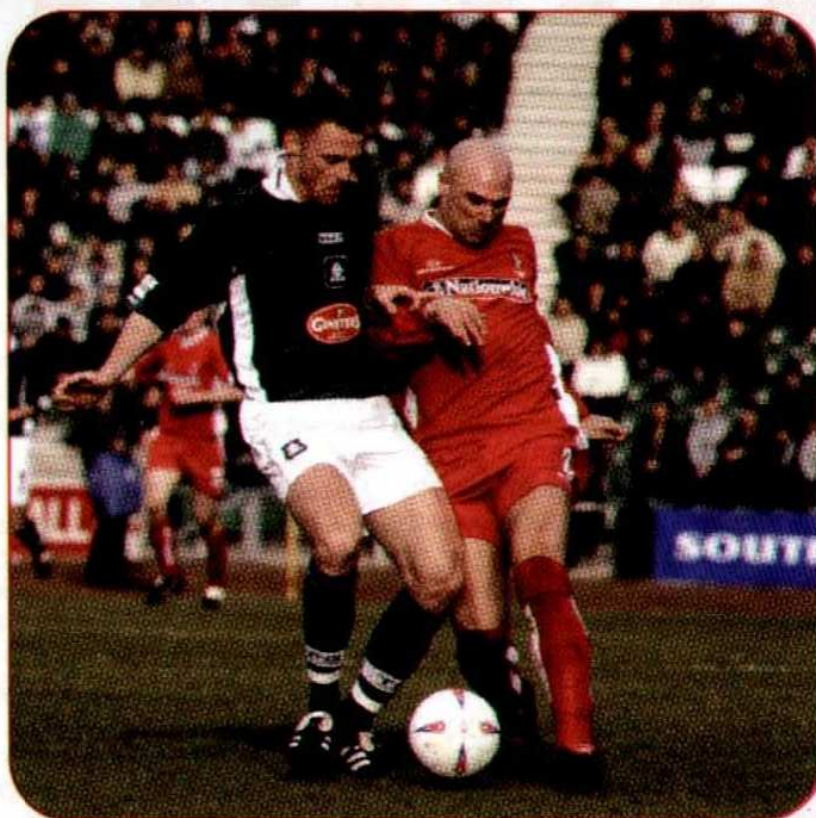
Football plays a very important part the lives to many people in and around Swindon and indeed

wherever the game is played and there are teams to support. However the terrible events in Madrid last week do give you a sense of proportion. Nearly two hundred people lost their lives and a further 1,900 were injured in the terrorist attacks, and on behalf of everyone connected with Swindon Town Football Club, I would like to send our sincere condolences to

the families and friends of the bereaved and wish a speedy and full recovery to those injured.

Last Saturday's result will fade into the memory if we win tonight, so please keep up your fantastic support and help the players on to three vital points.

Enjoy the game.



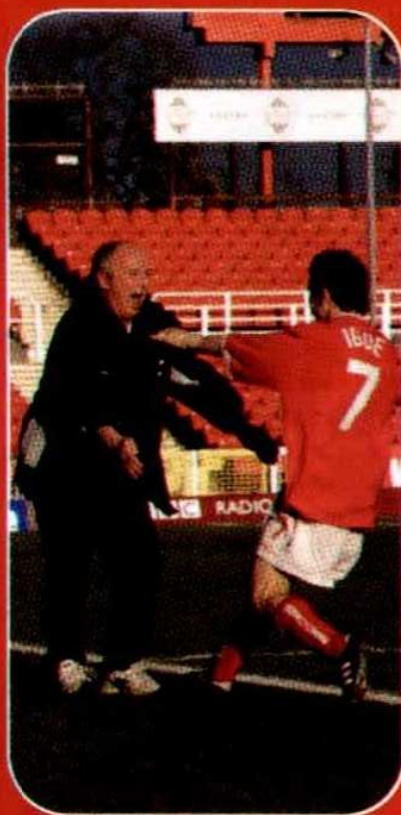
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# MATCH ACTION

SWINDON TOWN 2  
BRENTFORD 1



**PROMOTION CAME THREE POINTS CLOSER AS TOWN EXTENDED THEIR UNBEATEN RUN TO 11 GAMES WITH A HARD FOUGHT 2-1 WIN OVER BATTLING BRENTFORD WRITES STFC SPORTS REPORTER SIMON COY.**

Swindon took an early lead through Andy Gurney before his error gifted the Bees an equaliser against the run of play, however Sammy Igoe made sure of the point with a superb volleyed winner.

Brentford had the first meaningful attack when they won the first corner of the game after 7 minutes but the ball to the near post was headed behind for a goal kick.

Andy Gurney came close to scoring one of the goals of the season soon after when he let fly with a vicious

drive from fully 35 yards which fizzed narrowly wide.

In the 14th minute a confident looking Swindon took a deserved lead when Gurney bundled in a free kick from Howard following a flick on by Parkin.

Minutes later Sam Parkin robbed Somner and surged into the box but the recovering defender blocked his shot as he tried to curl the ball into the far corner.

Another good Town move involving Igoe and Howard saw Mooney released into the box but keeper Nelson was alert to the danger and raced off his line to block the ball from the onrushing striker.

Just before the half hour Brentford were level after a moment of indecision at the back by Gurney. The Town defender taking too long to

clear was robbed by Jay Tabb who slipped the ball through to Ben May and he made no mistake from 12 yards.

Right on half time Tommy Mooney caused keeper Nelson to panic into a punch clear as the big number eight almost found himself on the end of a deflected Gurney drive.

Five minutes into the second half Rhys Evans was hurt as he collided with Matt Heywood when they both raced to meet a through ball under pressure from goal-scorer Ben May, but the Town keeper soon recovered and was able to carry on.

Shortly after Brentford almost took the lead after excellent work by Stewart Talbot on the right. He forced his way into the Town box before sliding a good ball across the face of the goal, but May mis-hit his shot and Evans was grateful to claim.



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After 57 minutes a Town corner was cleared as far as Sean O'Hanlon who tried to strike a shot on the volley but didn't catch it cleanly and his effort flew high and wide.

Just after the hour a long Nicholas throw from the left was cleared to the edge of the box and Hewlett volleyed narrowly over. Two minutes later another long throw was nodded down by Parkin to Hewlett again who repeated his effort by again firing high.

After 73 minutes Brentford were unlucky when a snap shot from a corner struck Kevin O'Connor who blocked the goal-bound effort from his own team-mate.

With fifteen minutes left Andy King sent on Rory Fallon for Andy Nicholas and his first touch nearly resulted in Towns second goal as he headed goalwards from a Howard corner but

Nelson made a superb save diving to the right to deny the Town substitute.

In the final ten minutes Swindon began to increase the tempo. A good ball from Duke was met by Parkin on the volley but he was unlucky to see his effort strike Mooney in the centre of the box.

With eight minutes later the pressure paid dividends as a long ball towards Mooney was headed out into the path of Sammy Igoe who struck a sweet volley past Nelson at the keepers near post from 12 yards.

A minute from time Brentford won a free-kick on the right edge of the Town box, which was well cleared by Mooney as the Bees strikers lined up looking for the equaliser.

Although not as convincing as recent performances Town hung on well to record their seventh consecutive home

win and pick up yet another valuable three points on the push for promotion.

### SWINDON TOWN:

Rhys Evans, Sean O'Hanlon, Matt Hewlett (Capt.), Andy Gurney, Tommy Mooney, Sam Parkin, Stefani Miglioranza (David Duke), Andy Nicholas (Rory Fallon), Brian Howard, Sammy Igoe, Matt Heywood

**Subs:** Bart Griemink, Alan Reeves, Jon Stevenson

### BRENTFORD:

Stuart Nelson, Michael Dobson (Capt.), Ibrahima Sonko, Matt Somner, Ronnie Bull, Ben May, Kevin O'Connor, Steve Evans, Jay Tabb, Eddie Hutchinson, Stewart Talbot (Tony Rougier)

**Subs:** Andy Frampton, Tommy Wright, Alan Julian, Stephen Hughes

**Ref:** K Wright



# MATCH ACTION



PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 2  
SWINDON TOWN 1



## A BIZARRE SECOND SEALED VICTORY FOR TOP OF THE TABLE PLYMOUTH AFTER GURNEY SAW RED WRITES STFC SPORTS REPORTER SIMON COY.

The Pilgrims took an early lead through Marino Keith before Gurney went for an early bath. A controversial own goal by Rhys Evans led to a furious final few minutes as Mooney narrowed the deficit but the league leaders held on for all three points.

Shortly after the start Town conceded an early free kick when Sammy Igoe handled 25 yards from goal. David Friio played the ball short to skipper Paul Wotton who fired a long range shot high and wide.

After neither team had managed to take advantage of the early exchanges Plymouth went ahead in

the 11th minute when Marino Keith scuffed a weak shot low past Rhys Evans from 10 yards following a flick on by Mickey Evans.

Town began to pressurise looking for an equaliser and Sammy Igoe was unlucky with an excellent drive from 18 yards which shaved the cross bar.

Shortly after Nicholas sent in a superb cross to the back post where Mooney stretched to head back into the centre of the box but no-one was on hand to finish the move.

Ten minutes from half-time another Town corner swung in by Igoe was met by Parkin but his header at the near post was sent high into the stand.

Just before the end of the first period Argyle nearly increased the lead as Norris surged into the Town box and shot from 8 yards but an alert Evans saved well with his feet.

At the other end a good run by Howard found Sam Parkin in the centre of the box. He controlled well, turned and fired from close range but the keeper did well to get a hand and turn the ball behind off the post.

Plymouth continued to press in the early part of the second half as Town struggled to create their usual flowing football. After 52 minutes Howard tried to feed the ball into the feet of Mooney following a good run but again found his way blocked by a resolute Plymouth backline.

Another good run by Howard down the left in the 57th minute saw the Town midfield maestro send in a good early cross causing confusion in the Argyle box as Coughlan cleared almost out of the hands of his own keeper.

In the 66th minute an excellent run by Plymouth substitute Lowndes ended when his pull back to Norris was





SATURDAY 13TH MARCH

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scrambled clear. A minute later Argyle should have scored their second when Lowndes again made another good run before sending a ball cross field to Capaldi who found himself completely open but he delayed his shot and O'Hanlon was on hand to rescue Town with a last ditch tackle.

Argyle keeper McCormick did well to punch clear a superb corner by Brian Howard from under his bar and his defence helped him out as the ball dropped to clear the danger.

Disaster struck with fifteen minutes remaining as Andy Gurney was sent off by referee Walton for a professional foul as he was deemed to have hauled back Lowndes on the edge of the Town box as the two players tussled for the ball. A furious Gurney vented his anger on the assistant referee as he was shepherd away by Malcolm Crosby. The resulting free kick was charged

down by substitute Duke. With a man down and playing in a 3-3-3 formation Town tried to push forward against the odds. However, with eight minutes left a controversial and bizarre goal saw Argyle double their lead. Under pressure Matt Heywood passed the ball back to Rhys Evans who inadvertently picked up the ball. The referee indicated an indirect free kick and Mickey Evans took it quickly. With no Town defender within ten yards he played a sidefooted shot towards the net which struck Rhys Evans before nestling in the back of the net. Arguments will run and run as to whether the goal scorer was Mickey Evans or an own goal by his namesake in the Town goal.

Within minutes Town had pulled a goal back when Igoe crossed towards Mooney whose superb diving header was well saved by the keeper but he reacted well and bravely bundled home from close range. Town

pressed forward looking for an injury time equaliser in a frenetic finish to the game and almost levelled when a long throw from Duke dropped to O'Hanlon in the box but his sidefoot effort trickled agonisingly wide of the right hand post.

Swindon desperately tried to get back on level terms as time ran out but the Plymouth defence held firm against a late barrage and the referee blew to end Towns long unbeaten run and cement Argyles positions at the top of the table.

### SWINDON TOWN:

Rhys Evans, Sean O'Hanlon, Matt Hewlett (Capt.), Andy Gurney, Sammy Igoe, Tommy Mooney, Sam Parkin, Andy Nicholas (Rory Fallon 74), Matt Heywood, Brian Howard, Alan Reeves (David Duke 68)

**Subs:** Bart Griemink, Grant Smith, Ben Martin

### PLYMOUTH ARGYLE:

Luke McCormick, Paul Connolly, Steve Adams, David Friio, Graham Coughlan, David Norris (Jason Bent 86), Marino Keith (Nathan Lowndes 64), Paul Wotton (Capt.), Peter Gilbert, Mickey Evans (Blair Sturrock 90), Tony Capaldi

**Subs:** Lee Hodges, Martin Phillips

**Ref:** P Walton





▲ Chris Adams

## A Day In The Life Of... Chris Adams - Club Photographer

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Perhaps the defining image of the Town's season so far is the stunning photo of Tommy Mooney featured on the cover of both the Notts County programme and the Merchandise Catalogue. Eyes closed and head back, water flows across his face and down his shirt screaming power and strength, coolness and calm in the heat of battle - the epitome of all that is the best in Swindon Town.

Living life through a lens, official Club photographer Chris Adams, 20, is the man whose skilled eye captures the images before you every week.

University student Chris has been in his role for two years while he also studies for a BSc in Geology at Cardiff. Having begun taking one or two shots at home games, the club liked his work and soon after appointed him as official photographer.

Amazingly, Chris's interest in photography only emerged in the last four years through his love of sport. "I like to be able to capture an instance in time such as the emotions that people go through".

Chris has been a Town fan since the age of seven. Although he lives in

Cheltenham his Dad, Jim, hails from Swindon and is responsible for his son's love of the Club. Amiable, enthusiastic and always helpful Chris does his work with a smile on his face and clearly loves what he does, "I would like to thank everyone at STFC for giving me the opportunity to work for the club. It's the best job in the world."

### On A Matchday Saturday...

#### 10.00am - 11.30am -

I get up early and check my camera gear, recharging batteries, cleaning lenses and picking clothing to suit the weather. It's surprising how cold you can get sat on the side of the pitch, particularly in the rain!

#### 11.30am - 1.30pm -

I leave home in Cardiff for the station, past the Millennium Stadium, where I hope we'll be on the May 30th, and hop on the 12.30 to London Paddington. An hour later I meet my Dad Jim on the way to the ground.

#### 1.30pm - 3.00pm -

After walking to the stadium I'll meet the programme team in the office and chat with Media And Communications Manager Chris Tanner about the focus of the next few programmes

including which players we need pictures of during the game. I then grab any pictures of people we need for programme articles such as fans and club employees. Finally there is usually a presentation on the pitch or the Player of the Month Award to cover.

#### 3.00pm - 5.00pm -

During the game I take pictures of the players, fans, manager and match action for the programme and the website. At the end of the game I'll pop into the office to supply some pictures for the website and match report, and listen to the final scores come in, hoping that Bristol City lose...

#### 5.00pm - 8.00pm -

Its back to the station and get on the next train back to Cardiff. When I get home I'll upload all the pictures from my camera onto my laptop and edit them, getting rid of bad shots. Depending on the weather and the time of day, I'll have taken anywhere between 50 and 250 pictures during a game, of which you only get to see a fraction. The editing process varies between half an hour and two hours! Once finished I'll open a beer and explain to my mates how we've won another three points!



# ROCKIN' ROBIN

## CELEBRITY SHORTS!



Dear Mr. Robin,

I have been very impressed by stories about how good the County Ground pitch is this season, I have heard nothing but wonderful reports, and quite frankly we could do with some advice as our pitch has been quite poor in comparison. Can you offer up any advice.

Chief Groundsman,

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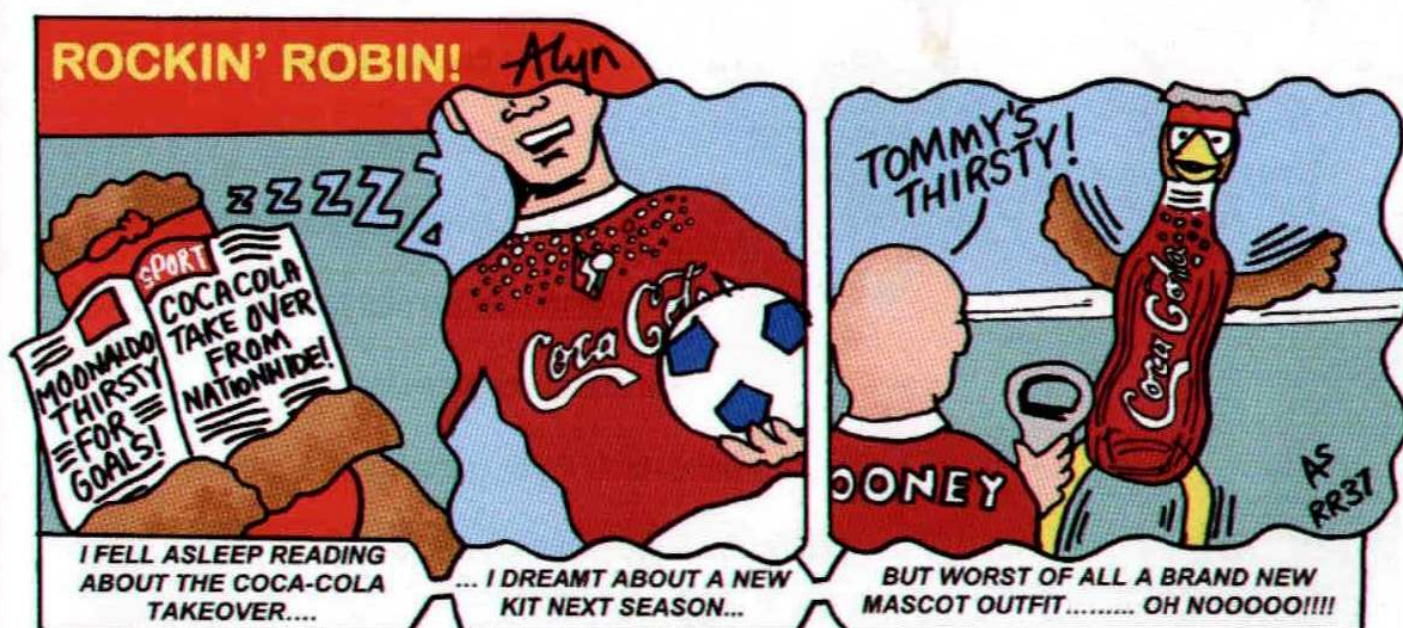
Dear Sir,

What can I say? You are absolutely right! Our wonderful Ground Staff are doing a wonderful job week in, week out. Mind you, I did help with the laying of the new turf back in the summer, and if anyone mentions that old 'Green Side Up' joke again, I'll be livid. Talking of our wonderful Ground Staff, I was entertaining some business men prior to a match a few weeks ago, we were at the top of the North Stand where I was impressing them by surveying the County Ground in it's full glory. The two Grounds Men were

attending to the pitch like they do, prior to a match. Suddenly one (shall we call him Marcus X) leapt into the air and jumped around the pitch. Impressed by the agility of the man, one of my guests commented to me 'that man has the most exquisite movement, I've never seen anyone demonstrate quite so much athleticism and I would be interested in paying him one hundred pounds to demonstrate his skill at my daughter's dance classes'. With haste, I flew down to the pitch and asked the other man if this arrangement was favourable, he called to his mate 'Marcus! Would you step on that rake again for a hundred pounds?!'

Oh dear, but joking apart, it must be miserable up at The Theatre Of Dreams these days.... Potentially nothing but cobwebs and spiders in the Trophy Cabinet this season! I understand that after that Champions League defeat, Sir Fergie was so hoarse from giving it the old 'hair dryer' the following morning he lost his voice completely. He went to a chemist and said 'Have you anything to help me - I seem to have lost my voice' The Chemist said 'Good morning Sir, what can I do for you?' Boom Boom! Keep smilin'!

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# Dick Mattick's VINTAGE RED

THE ILLUSTRATION ABOVE IS THE CENTRE SPREAD OF "THE MARINER" THE GRIMSBY TOWN PROGRAMME FOR THE MATCH WITH SWINDON TOWN IN OCTOBER 1961. IT COST 3D AND CONTAINED THE USUAL CLUB NOTES AND SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES.

The former drew attention to the fact that Ralph Hunt and Fred Jones would both be playing against their old teams. Harry Ditton's Soccer Topics contained the suggestions that the rules should be amended to prevent the ball being out of play while in flight, thus preventing referees blowing up as a shot headed into goal or a corner being ruled a goal kick if it curled out of play. The programme also contained a Quiz, crossword and a blank page for Half Time scores. Most unusual was the fact that a page and a half was given up to a diagram and explanation of parking arrangements around Blundell Park.

Both teams lined up as above. This meant that Swindon made one change from their previous match Ken McPherson getting the nod over Cliff Jackson for the number nine shirt which had been worn by Jack Smith who had been injured in the previous match. The only goal of the game came five minutes from the end. Ralph Hunt had scored 33 goals for Grimsby just two seasons earlier but in this game it was his goal that proved his former clubs undoing. On three previous occasions he had headed or shot wide but with the ball just eight yards out he made no mistake. Bert Head attributed much of the success to wing halves Keith Morgan and Bobby Woodruff. "Our wing halves have been going up too much but last night we were much tighter," said the Robins manager.

The game was to be one of just two home defeats for A Grimsby side that would win promotion at the season's end along with Portsmouth. Brian

Keeble and Keith Jobling were ever present for them in defence while up front Ron Rafferty also appeared in every game and headed the scorers with 34, twenty more than the next highest scorer Cliff Portwood. Swindon had to wait one more season for their promotion but only three of the players in the line up for this match were not around at the County Ground to enjoy it. Sam Burton decided to hang up his gloves at the end of the season which saw him set a record for most League appearances by A Swindon keeper that still stands today. Ken Jones league career also came to an end at the end of this season while Ralph Hunt was transferred to Port Vale having scored 15 League goals for Town in just 21 appearances. Only the week before a goalless draw with Grimsby at the County Ground broke a run in which he had scored in five consecutive games. A prolific goal scorer over 12 seasons in League football his career and life were brought to an all too early end when he was killed in a car crash in 1964.

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# TODAY'S VISITORS GRIMSBY TOWN



SUPPORTERS ATTENDING GRIMSBY TOWN MATCHES, AT HOME OR AWAY, THIS SEASON HAVE CERTAINLY GOT GOOD VALUE FOR MONEY IN TERMS OF GOALS BEING SCORED. ALREADY THIS TERM, IN LEAGUE MATCHES ALONE, THE MARINERS AND THEIR OPPONENTS HAVE NETTED WELL OVER 100 GOALS - AND THEY'RE STILL FLYING IN!

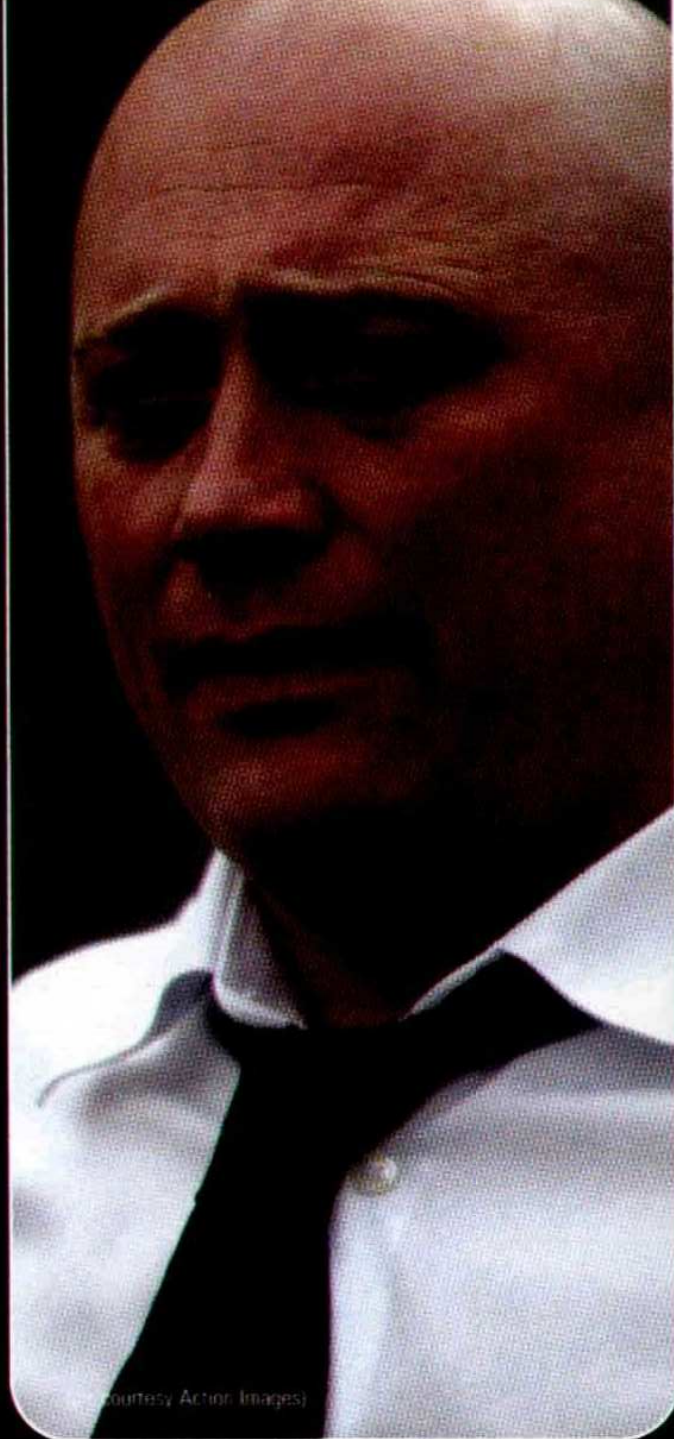
In front of their own fans Grimsby have been involved in some pretty exciting and indeed high-scoring encounters. They have whipped Barnsley 6-1 and Chesterfield 4-0 and drew 3-3 while also running in 3-2, 3-1 and 2-0 victories.

On the road they have crashed 8-1 at Hartlepool, got walloped 6-0 at Oldham, were thumped 5-1 at Port Vale, lost 4-1 at bottom club Wycombe and succumbed to a 3-0 reverse at Wrexham.

Inconsistency without doubt has been in evidence all through the campaign and this has to stop (said club chairman Paul Furneaux). With games running out, at least half-a-dozen teams are hovering on the brink of relegation and Grimsby Town are one of them. The Mariners know what is required. They still have to play fellow strugglers Stockport County, Brentford and Chesterfield but they also have to contend with promotion and play-off-chasing Queen's Park Rangers, Bournemouth and Hartlepool United and of course the Robins!

Veteran Paul Groves began the season as the club's player-manager. Then the former Wolves and Coventry City defender Graham Rodger (an FA Cup winner in 1987) took over as caretaker-boss at Blundell Park before the appointment of Nicky Law last month. He, too, is an experienced campaigner and knows full well that from now on it's going to be one almighty battle if the Mariners are to avoid the drop.





## THE GAFFER

### NICKY LAW

NICKY LAW was appointed as Grimsby's manager last month. A former defender who started his career with Arsenal and then served, in turn, with Barnsley, Blackpool, Plymouth Argyle, Notts County, Scarborough, Rotherham United, Chesterfield and Hereford

United, he made almost 600 League and Cup appearances during his 18-year playing career. London-born in 1961, he had been in charge of Chesterfield (2000-02) and Bradford City (since January 2002) before being replaced by Bryan Robson at The Pulse Stadium last year.

## DANGERMAN

### PHIL JEVONS



Striker PHIL JEVONS - Out of favour earlier in the season with club chairman Peter Furneaux over pay, who has responded with some excellent displays, especially of late, and rammed in a fourtimer when the Mariners crushed Barnsley at the tail-end of last month. A Liverpoolian, born in August 1979, he played in eight Premiership games for Everton at the start of his career before joining the Mariners for £150,000 in July 2001. He has also had a loan spell with Hull City (September-October 2002) and to date has netted more than 20 goals. One pen picture last year described him as 'a lively striker' and the Robins' defenders will certainly have to be on their guard to this evening. If not he'' will pounce - just like he did to great effect against the Tykes!

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The Mariners are the only club to have so far won League matches both at home and away by a 6-5 scoreline. They defeated WBA at The Hawthorns in 1932 and Burnley at Blundell Park in 2002.
- Grimsby Town have had 16 managerial changes since 1971 and among those who have been in charge of the Mariners include Mike Lyons, Alan Buckley, Kenny Swain and Lennie Lawrence.

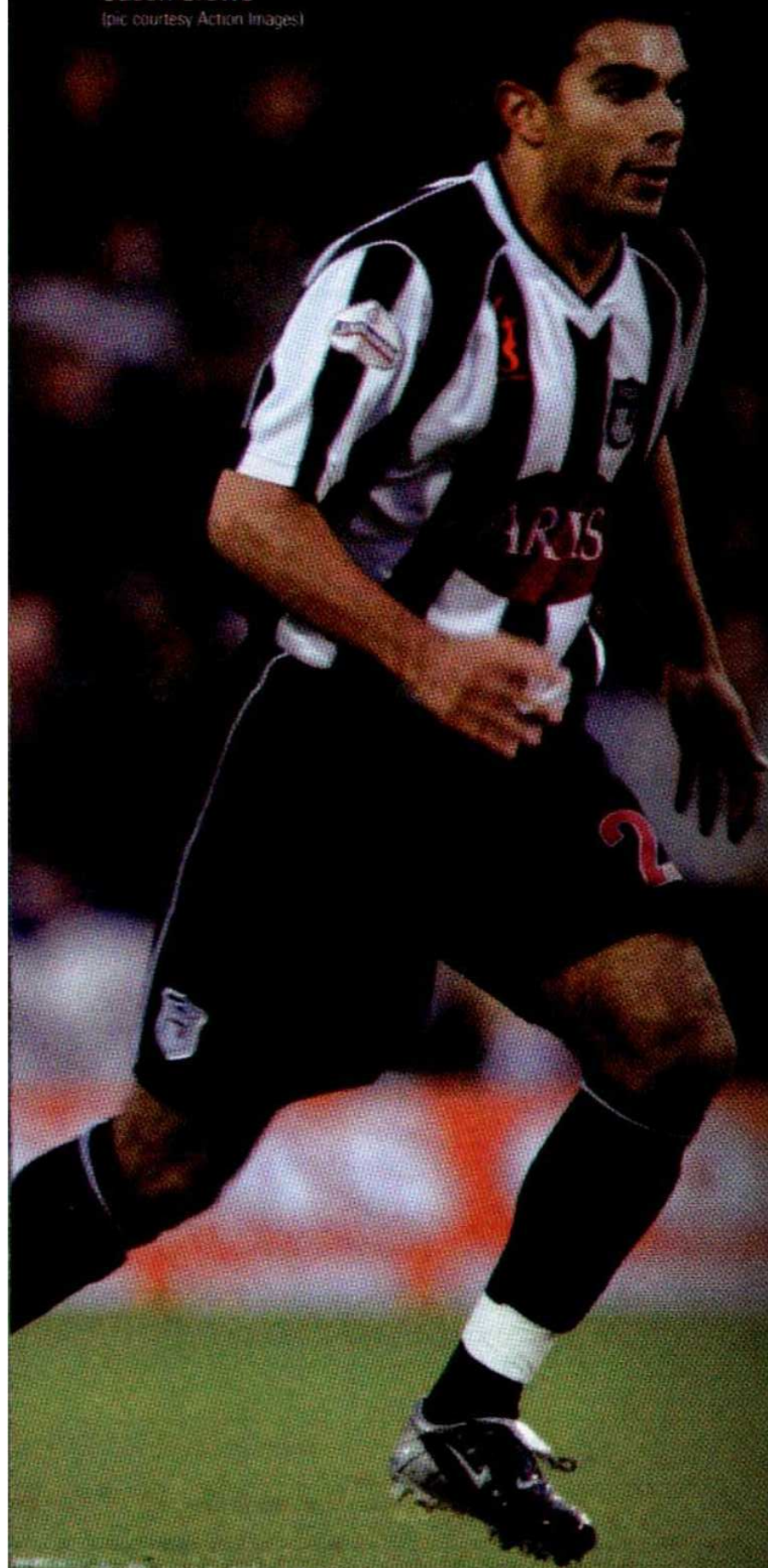
### LAST MEETING HERE

The last time the Mariners played a League game here at The County Ground was some four years ago, in February 2000, when a crowd of 5,784 saw them beat the Robins 1-0, thanks to a late goal from winger Lee Ashcroft. Unfortunately the Robins were relegated to the Second Division at the end of the season.



## Jason Crowe

(pic courtesy Action Images)



## CRAIG ARMSTRONG

Out of form of late but still an important member of the Mariners' squad he's now with his eighth club, having previously served with Nottingham Forest, Burnley, Watford and Sheffield Wednesday among others. A left-sided midfielder, he has over 250 career appearances under his belt.

## DARREN BARNARD

Welsh international midfielder (18 caps) he began with Chelsea and played for Reading, Bristol City and Barnsley before joining Grimsby in 2002.

## CHRIS BOLDER

21 year-old midfielder from Hull who has been at Blundell Park three years following his release by the Tigers.

## MICHAEL BOULDING

In his second spell with the club, having returned after assisting Aston Villa in 2002, he's a pacy winger who has also played for Mansfield Town and Sheffield United.

## STUART CAMPBELL

Town's skipper and central midfielder formerly with Leicester and Birmingham, he's been at the club four years and has 200 career appearances to his credit.

## STACY COLDICOTT

Midfielder who started his career with West Brom and had a loan spell with Cardiff before joining Grimsby for whom he's made 200 appearances.

## TONY CRANE

He may well be missing tonight, having been sent-off right at the end of the Mariner's 6-1 drubbing of Barnsley a fortnight or so ago. He was signed from Sheffield Wednesday and is a former England youth international midfielder.

## JASON CROWE

25 year-old ex-Arsenal, Crystal Palace, Portsmouth (almost 100 games) and Brentford right wing-back who joined the Mariners earlier this season.



# The Mariners' Squad

## NICKY DAWS

Experienced 34 year-old midfielder who made well over 400 appearances for Bury and 75 for Rotherham United before joining Grimsby this season.

## MICHAEL EDWARDS

A left-back, who, after more than 200 appearances for Hull City and a handful for Colchester, joined Grimsby's cause last year.

## SIMON FORD

22 year-old central defender who has been at Blundell Park three years after starting out with Charlton. He has over 70 appearances to his name.

## DES HAMILTON

Grimsby is this powerful midfielder's eighth League club. Previously with Bradford City, Newcastle, Sheffield United, Huddersfield, Norwich, Tranmere and Cardiff, he has more than 200 career appearances behind him.

## GRAHAM HOCKLESS

A 21 year-old midfielder with a promising career ahead of him who has been with the Mariners since 2001 when signed from Hull City.

## DARREN MANSARAM

6ft 2in striker from Doncaster who joined Grimsby as a trainee and turned professional two years ago. He was the club's 'Young Player of the Year' last season.

## WES PARKER

20 year-old left-sided defender who is slowly establishing himself in the side having made only six first team appearances before this season started.

## PAUL PETTINGER

28 year-old first-choice goalkeeper, who started out with Leeds United and signed last year who's appeared in less than 50 games in 14 seasons as a 'pro'.

## ALAN POUTEN

A combative midfielder, ex-Oxford

United, signed from York City in 199, he's made 150 appearances for the Mariners (14 goals).

## ISAIAH RANKIN

On loan striker from Barnsley who has also served with Arsenal, Colchester, Bradford, Birmingham and Bolton. He's made over 120 club appearances.

## LEE THORPE

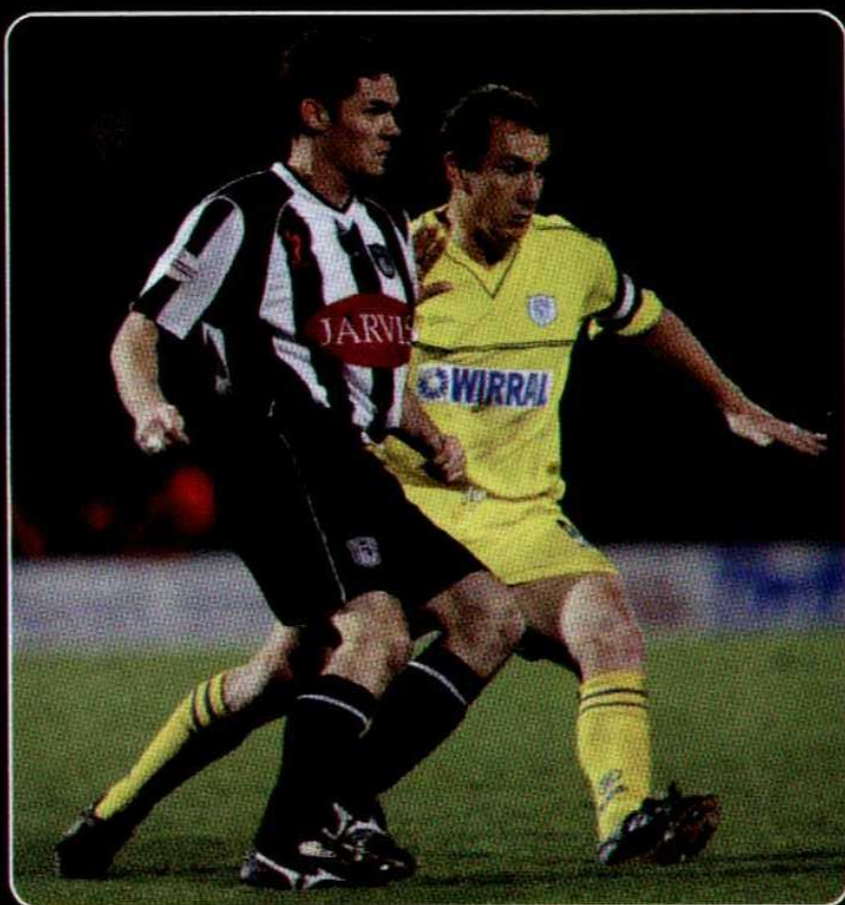
28 year-old striker, formerly with Blackpool, Lincoln City and Leyton Orient, he joined Grimsby this season having already scored well over 70 goals.

## JIM WHITLEY

Ex-Blackpool, Manchester City, Swindon (loanee), Wrexham and Norwich midfielder whose brother Jeff could play in the FA Cup Final with Sunderland.

## GREG YOUNG

Promising young defender, a professional for two years who was released by Sheffield Wednesday.



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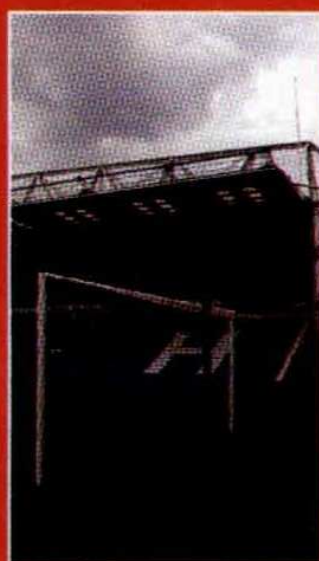
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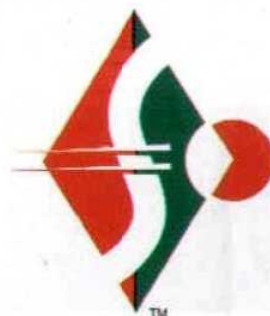
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**I HOPE AND PRAY THAT WE'RE GATHERED HERE TONIGHT STILL BASKING IN THE GLORY OF A FANTASTIC VICTORY AT PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.**

Deadlines mean I am having to write these notes on the day before our trip to Home Park and sadly I don't have the power to see into the future.

The win/draw/defeat (delete as applicable folks) was fantastic/reasonable/awful and leaves us well placed/comfortable/needing to bounce back. That just about covers it I think.

Whatever the result, I'm sure it was a fantastic day with the reds doing their best to outsing the greens.

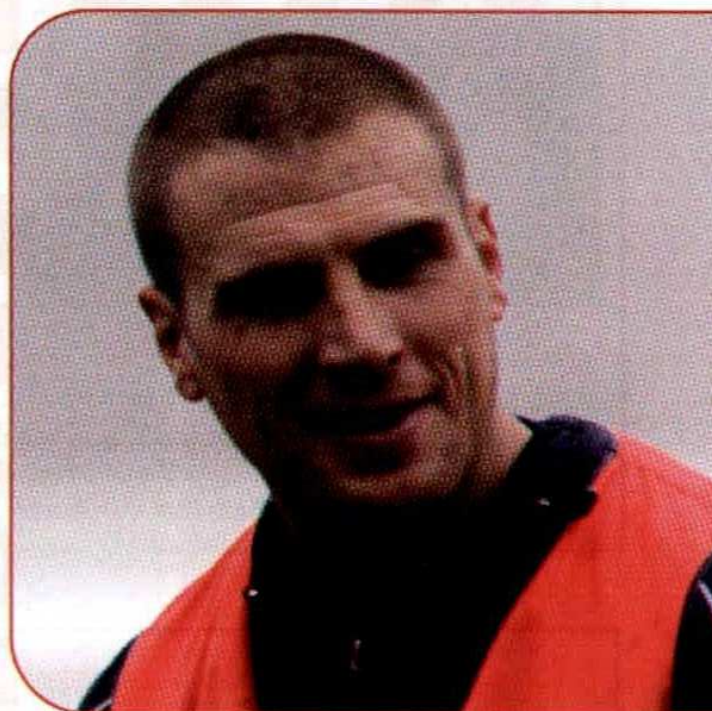
But that was then (well it will be by the time you read this) and with 11 games to play, the season is bubbling up to a terrific climax.

Tonight provides the lads with another chance to notch up 'a double'. I seem to remember our trip to Grimsby as being one of those matches where none of us could believe how the lads were trailing 1-0 at the interval.

Thankfully, justice was done with second half goals from Andy Gurney and a rather bizarre free-kick from Tommy Mooney.

Grimsby of course are one of several Division Two sides to have changed their manager recently. Paul Groves paid the price for a poor run of results and was replaced by ex Chesterfield and Bradford City boss Nicky Law.

However, managers are becoming more and more like players in some respects. The only moves managers used to make were ones beyond their control, ie 'you're sacked'. You'd then get a picture of his replacement clutching a club scarf over his head and shaking hands with the chairman. Two or so years later you'd read about him being sacked. And so on and so on.



No longer so. There is clearly a managerial market in operation. If a better chance comes along you grab it. That's what Paul Sturrock did while Brian Talbot clearly felt Oldham was more appealing than Rushden.

I suspect this will happen more and more in the future, with bosses making career-enhancing switches. You can't really blame them I suppose.

Anyway, back to the business in hand. Get behind the lads tonight and help them to notch up yet another crucial home victory. Then it's off to Wales and a reunion with Paul Edwards and friends on Saturday. Remember our last visit? An injury time classic from Reevesy to rescue a point if my memory serves me correctly.

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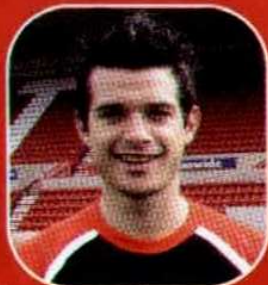
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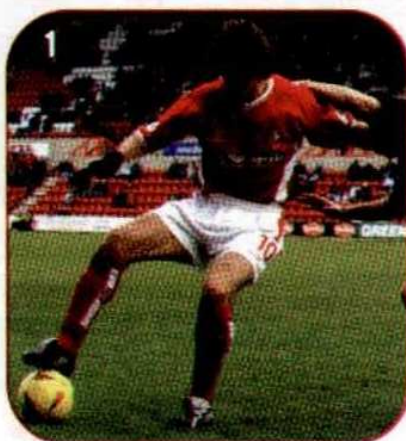
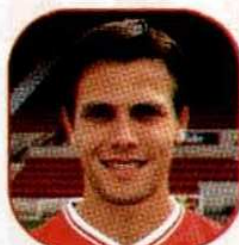
All Soccer Centres are very busy working through their structured programme. One topics we get the kids to practice is turning on the ball. There are many different types of turns, these include the drag-back, the stop turn and the famous cryuff turn. For this topic, we have Swindon's number ten Stefani Miglioranzi.

### Picture One

This shows Stef taking the skills we have practiced into a match situation. Here Stef is producing the dragback. He is in a tight situation with two defenders on him. Stef then drags the ball across his body, changing direction and tricking the defender, still keeping his body in the way so he is protecting the ball at all times. As he drags the ball across his body he then pushes the ball into space and accelerates away from defenders.

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Adam Collier  
Soccer Centres Co-Ordinator

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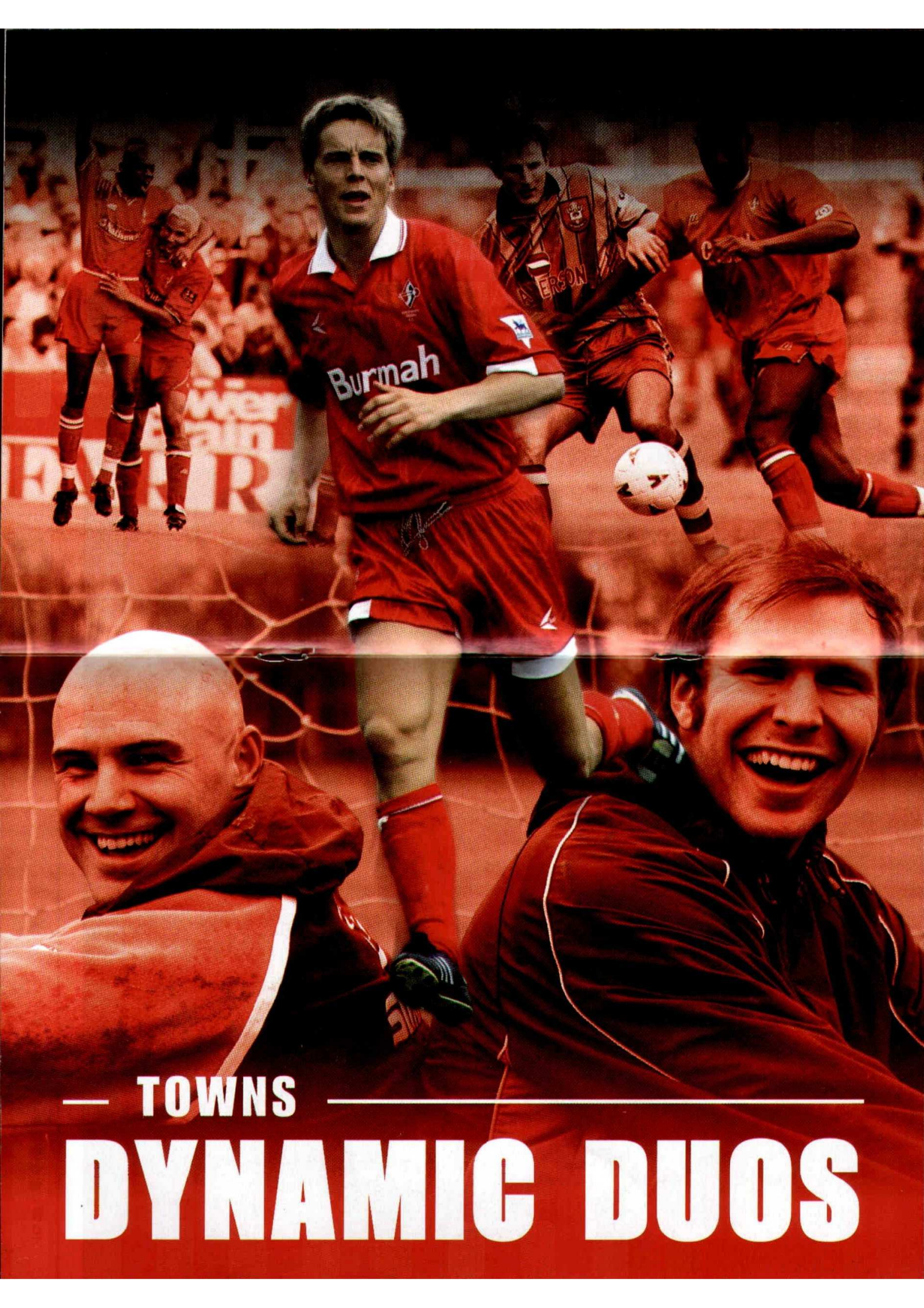


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IN FACT, YOU'D HAVE TO GO AS FAR BACK AS 1995/96 TO FIND A SIMILARLY LETHAL PARTNERSHIP AT THE COUNTY GROUND (AND WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED THAT YEAR...) WHEN WAYNE ALLISON, STEVE FINNEY AND PETER THORNE NOTCHED 39 GOALS. WHICH GOT US THINKING, JUST HOW GOOD ARE MOONEY AND PARKIN? NICK JUDD DUSTED OFF HIS HISTORY BOOKS, GOT OUT THE CALCULATOR AND WENT IN SEARCH OF THE MOST PROLIFIC STRIKE PARTNERSHIP TO GRACE THE RED AND WHITE.





— TOWNS —

# DYNAMIC DUOS



When asked to compile a feature on Town's greatest ever strike partnerships, I must admit to feeling somewhat overwhelmed. After all, what makes a good partnership? Goals alone or does success (in terms of promotion or cups won) come into it? Not only that, but Swindon has spawned a number of lethal partnerships in its history, what if I left one out? With this in mind, I asked as many people for their views and what you'll find over the following pages are the opinions of others wrapped into one convenient list. If you disagree, why not tell us who you would have included/excluded...

Parkin had proved his worth to the Town side by notching 26 goals in his first season, an incredible return given that King paid just £50,000 for his services. The extent of the bargain will become evident the more you read this piece. The problem for King was, if he failed to find the net Town didn't look like scoring at all and so when Mooney arrived in the summer, there were more than few raised eyebrows around the division. Mooney's track record speaks for itself. A career embracing 14 years, eight clubs and more than 130 goals - he seemed like the perfect foil for Parkin's burgeoning talent. And so it proved, after a blank debut against Sheffield Wednesday, the dynamic duo both struck away at Southend in the Carling Cup and the duo haven't looked back. Mooney's never-say-die attitude and thunderous shooting accuracy compliments Sam's ability to play with the ball at his feet and together, they've formed one of the most prolific partnerships in the country. With 11 games to go, the duo described by King as "awesome and the best in the division without doubt" have the potential to break all kinds of records. Let's just hope they'll be doing the same in Division One next season...

Unfortunately other recent favourites such as Danny Invincible, Eric Sabin,

Guiliano Grazioli, Steve Cowe and Gary Alexander have failed to qualify for our list of all-time greats, but upon reaching season 1998/99 and the pairing of Iffy Onoura and George Ndah. A season earlier the duo had notched just two goals between them in 20 appearances, hardly inspiring form for the ensuing campaign! That was what made their combined performance a year later so tremendous, however, with Onoura notching 20 league goals in 43 appearances, Ndah 11 in 41. As a partnership their style of play couldn't be more contrasting, Ndah the exciting, dynamic and quick attacker that loved to run at defenders, Onoura the target man who scored most of his goals with his head. Unfortunately their fortuitous form was enough to see them move on to bigger and better things the following season, with Ndah joining Wolves and Onoura Gillingham.

In 1996 Town enjoyed a prolific three-pronged attack with Wayne 'The Chief' Allison and Peter Thorne lining up alongside one of my own favourite players, 'There's only one' Stevie Finney. Allison had arrived from Bristol City ahead of the 1995/96 season with a lot to prove. Previous performances for the rival Robins against the Town had caused many Townies to consider him a poor acquisition, yet his powerful presence, coupled together with some excellent ball skills (much like Parkin) and the ability to finish under pressure led him to notch 20 goals in his first season. The fact that he helped lead Town to promotion in his first season was aided by the presence of Thorne and Finney. Another expensive buy of £200,000 (an amazing outlay when you consider Parkin cost just £50,000), Thorne became an instant crowd favourite, notching 11 goals in just 20 games, complimenting the 16 (12 in the league) from the boots (mainly his right one!) of Steve Finney. Thorne's only downside was his susceptibility to injury, while Finney failed to

reproduce the same form in Division One a year later. He was subsequently sold to Chester, while Thorne, who proved consistent in his goalscoring, joined Stoke in 1997 after a tribunal: their names forever etched in our memories.

A year before Town's promotion to Division One in 1996, Thorne had contributed to a blossoming partnership between himself, Jan 'The Man' Aage Fjortoft and Keith Scott. Again, like chalk and cheese in their approach to the game, the unlikely duo hit 36 goals between them. Fjortoft joined the club during Town's season in the spotlight from Rapid Vienna, but it wasn't until a year later than he really started scoring goals on a regular basis. The Norwegian striker, having bagged 12 goals in the latter stages of his first season, and having given birth to the infamous 'aeroplane' celebration, Fjortoft returned at the beginning of the 94/95 campaign having appeared in the World Cup Finals in America (only the second Town player to have played in the Finals at that time). His form continued where it had left off and 26 strikes (16 in the league) weren't enough to prevent a second consecutive relegation. Keith Scott, who somehow managed to keep adding his name to the score-sheet despite looking shattered aka Chris Waddle, added 12 goals to his tally having scored Town's first winning goal in the Premiership season against QPR a year earlier.

Fjortoft's arrival in 1993 effectively ended Craig Maskell's run in the side upfront, while Davie Mitchell had already left for pastures new when he invoked a clause in his contract to move to Turkey in the summer of '93. A year earlier the duo had played an integral part in taking Town up to the top flight, with Maskell playing alongside the Jeremy Beadle look-alike on the first day of the season against Sunderland having signed from Reading (with Tom Jones moving in the opposite direction). Maskell



scored 22 goals in 36 league appearances, including a thunderbolt in the play-off final against Leicester. Mitchell was equally as effective, revelling in the lead role following Duncan Shearer's departure to Blackburn. Mitchell scored 16 league goals including a devastating hat trick in the 6-4 'ding-dong' Birmingham City at St Andrews.

Now we go back to my first season as a Town fan and the partnership of Duncan Shearer and Steve White. The season was 1991/92, the club had been promoted, demoted and reinstated before the prolific Shearer/Chalkie combo notched 47 goals (32 in the league), that despite Shearer leaving before the end of the season in March to join Blackburn (where, amazingly, he was deployed on the bench). Shearer was prolific, bagging an average of more than one goal per game while White, an unconventional striker to say the least (with shorts pulled up to his armpits and elbows as sharp as razors), managed the same ratio. Both were huge legends at the club, White staying to play his part in the play-off final of '93, Shearer moving on to coach in his native Scotland.

Moving back to before my time, the late eighties in fact, Town enjoyed 34 goals during the 1987/88 season from the boots (and heads) of Jimmy Quinn and Dave Bamber. The club were on a high following their promotion from Division Two the previous season.



# GEORGE NDAH



Quinn had already left and re-joined the Town, but it was during his second spell at the County Ground that he joined Bamber (a steal at just £15,000 from Portsmouth) in a partnership that would go on to secure 49 goals in all competitions. Of those, 13 in the league came from Bamber, although it was his tomfoolery in the box that contributed more to Quinn's tally. Bamber was an expert in gaining the odd spot-kick! Quinn was appreciative of Bamber's efforts, scoring 21 goals (a goal every two games) in a league campaign that saw Town finish twelfth. Quinn's goals eventually forced Leicester City to propose a bid of £210,000, which, despite the best efforts of Lou Macari to persuade him to stay, was eventually accepted. Unfortunately Bamber moved on to pastures new too and when he joined Watford in June 1988, Town were forced to employ a new strike force.

The 1985/86 season saw another 34 goals from two Town players, this time it was the turn of 'Super' Charlie Henry and Colin Gordon whose efforts contributed the winning of the Division Four Championship. Perhaps when making your decision on who was Town's most successful partnership, Gordon's mullet should be taken into consideration. The lad with the flowing locks notched 16 league goals which, when added together with Henry's 18, made for a successful partnership.

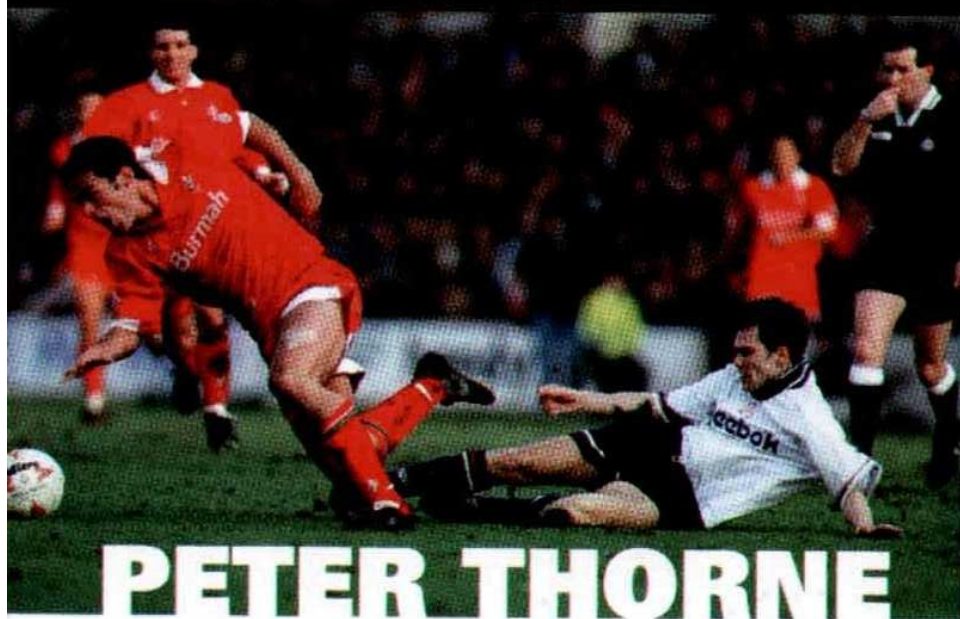
Henry, a local lad, finished the season as top scorer - not bad for a player that could also play at right-back!

During the early 80s Paul Rideout and Andy Rowland shot 34 goals during the 1982/83 season. Rideout had, two seasons earlier, become the youngest player to play for the Town at just 16 years and 107 days. In his first full season he notched 14 goals and finished as top scorer, the only highlight in an otherwise dull season. It was the year after, however, that is the focus of our attentions when he notched 20 goals (finishing as top scorer again) before he left, in true Town tradition, for a 'bigger club'. Andy Rowland had been a consistent goalscorer for a number of seasons before Jimmy Quinn's arrival had seen him drop back into Town's defence. His last season at the other end of the field, 82/83, saw him notch 20 goals (16 in the league), not bad for someone that had cost the club a mere £85,000 from Bury, and who would later go on to coach the side in later years...

Arguably Rowland's best season, however, came three years earlier when he played alongside Alan Mayes in 1979/8. This particular season is arguably, in terms of goals scored, Town's most successful partnership to date. Rowland bagged 28 goals (20 in the league) while Mayes, in his first spell at the club (he

would later resign after a spell at Chelsea) struck the same amount 56 goals, a phenomenal number, yet what was more remarkable was Town's lowly league finish despite this prolific partnership! It was Town's failure to match their home form on the road that had contributed to the poor mid-table finish.

Lack of success wasn't a problem for Arthur Horsefield and Peter Noble who, in the 1969/70 season (with Swindon having dispatched of Arsenal a year earlier), scored 37 goals in a campaign that saw Town win the Anglo-Italian Cup. Horsefield was signed for a then club record of £17,500 from Newcastle United and he bagged on the opening day of the season en route to scoring 18 league goals. Yet it was his goals in Europe that possibly sets him apart from other contenders. A hat trick against Roma (how times have changed!) and a goal against Napoli in the final endeared him to the Wiltshire faithful. Noble was also signed from Newcastle and contributed 21 goals (12 in the league) to the cause. His best season had been a year earlier when he scored four goals en route to the League Cup Final victory. Amazingly, despite scoring 80 goals for the Town, he was used a full-back for Burnley when he joined the claret and blues in 1973!



**PETER THORNE**

#### PARTNERSHIP SEASON GOALS

Parkin / Mooney	2003/04	35 goals so far...
Onoura / Ndah	1998/99	31 goals
Allison / Thorne / Finney	1995/96	39 goals
Fjortoft / Scott / Thorne	1994/95	46 goals
Mitchell / Maskell	1992/93	34 goals
Shearer / White	1989/90	41 goals
Quinn / Bamber	1987/88	34 goals
Henry / Gordon	1985/86	34 goals
Rideout / Rowland	1982/83	36 goals
Rowland / Mayes	1979/80	50 goals
Horsefield / Noble	1969/70	37 goals



# KEITH SCOTT



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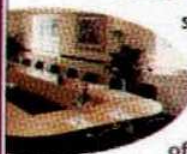
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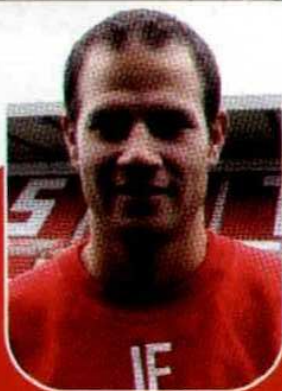


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nights come, we will be going back up to the Zurich Life Training Ground, giving us the chance to work longer with the players, so we will look forward to this.

This weekend's games see us play against Swansea City which are always difficult games. On Saturday we will be bringing a number of trialists to play in our U17 game also against Swansea. Some players will spend a few days training at the Club before playing in the game. Hopefully this will give them the chance to get

used to the way we work and get a feel for the Club. We look forward to seeing the players and hope they play well in new surroundings.

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Jimmy Fraser.

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### Jimmy Gilligan

**BORN IN HAMMERSMITH IN JANUARY 1964, JIMMY GILLIGAN WON ENGLAND YOUTH HONOURS AS A STRIKER AND COMPLETED AN APPRENTICESHIP AT WATFORD**

Signing as a full professional in August 1981, he made his debut in a home win against Barnsley 3rd October 1981, a match which was to be his only appearance that season as Watford finished second and were promoted to Division One.

October 1982 brought a loan spell at Lincoln City where he appeared in three League matches but with Watford finishing second in the top flight, Gilligan made four appearances and scored both goals in a 2-0 win at home to Manchester City. When Jimmy scored he liked to do it pairs and his four goals in 1983/84 came in a brace against Aston Villa and another double over WBA. These were heady times at Watford. Jimmy scored at Kaiserslautern in the UEFA cup and then again at home to Sparta Prague as Watford marched to the Third Round. Competing with Luther Blissett and John Barnes for a place up front, appearances were few and far between and in the summer 1985 Jimmy moved on to today's visitors

Grimsby after 27 League outings and six goals. The Mariners were playing their football in the old Division Two and 1985/86 brought a 15th place finish with Gilligan recording four goals in 25 appearances.

In the summer of 1986 Swindon were celebrating the Fourth Division championship and manager Lou Macari was preparing a squad to challenge for successive promotions. Jimmy Gilligan arrived in June to team up with Steve White and Dave Bamber but his five goals in 17 League matches were insufficient to impress Macari. After a first team run which stretched from September to December, Lou moved to bring another Jimmy, this one of the Quinn variety, back to the County Ground and effectively ended Gilligan's Wiltshire spell.

So in February 1987 a loan spell at Newport County found the south Wales team in the death throes of their League existence. Finishing bottom of Division Three, County's League membership was to last just another dozen months. Gilligan's one goal in half a dozen games did little to postpone the inevitable, but he appeared even more impatient to drop out of the League. Signing for Lincoln City in March 1987, City

finished bottom of Division Four and entered the Conference.


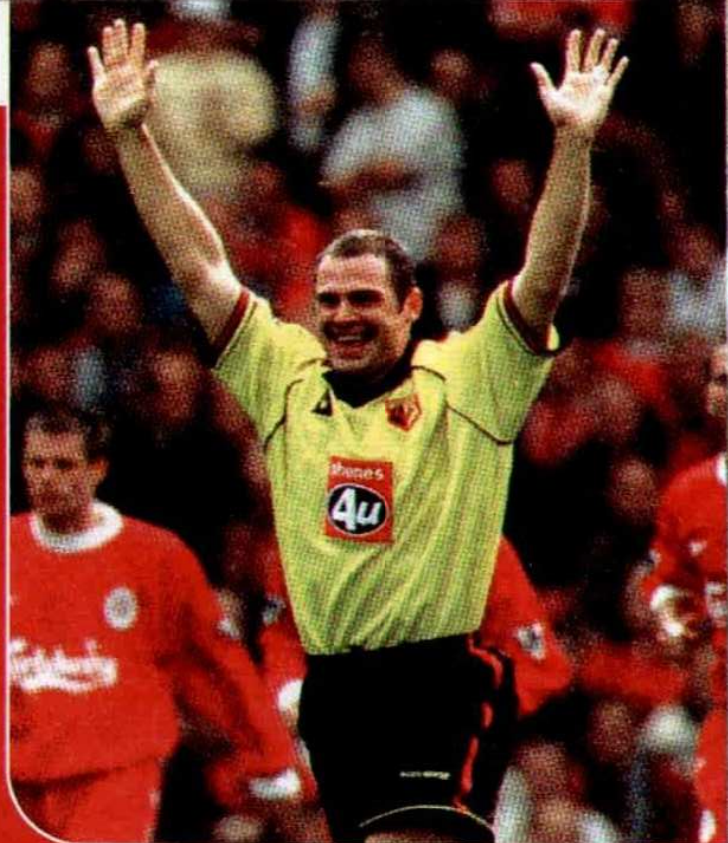
Another move was necessary to maintain his professional status and Jimmy joined Fourth Division Cardiff City in the summer of 1987. The season ended with promotion to the Third and after a season of consolidation and the first seven games of 1989/90, Jimmy moved to Portsmouth in Division Two after playing 92 games for the Bluebirds, easily the most that he made for a single club in his career. His Pompey spell saw another 32 games but only five goals, then a switch to Swansea City in August 1990 for £125,000 produced the best scoring return of his career with 23 goals in 61 Division Three appearances. In the summer of 1992 he left the Vetch and dropped into non-league football with St Leonards.

At 6ft 2in, Gilligan's goal return rarely matched expectations, although there was never a shortage of clubs willing to give him a try. All three south Wales clubs witnessed him in their colours, and it seems that Jimmy was just beginning to demonstrate some consistency in front of goal when his career ran out of time.

Dave Wallis



# DUKEY'S COLUMN

**I'M SURPRISED THAT I AM ABLE TO SEE THROUGH MY SEETHING ANGER IN ORDER TO WRITE THIS WEEK'S COLUMN.**

My editor nearly lost his leading columnist (ok he only has the one, but that's besides the point) this week when he jumped up and down all over my journalistic licence!! Much to my surprise, when I glanced at the match day programme, the best parts of my column had been removed!! What?! I couldn't believe my eyes! What were they trying to do to me? They would surely ruin me if I let this continue. Not suitable to publish! So needless to say I proceeded to lay the smack down! Boy were they frightened (honest they were). I had them grovelling and begging for mercy in no time. They even said that if I were getting paid for my individual, unique (don't say anything) writing then they would surely offer me a pay rise to stay. But since I'm not, they won't! However they managed to grovel enough, and here I am. You can all rest

easy now and sleep in peace at night!

Thinking that maybe it was fate that rescued Super Sammy from the wrath of Fallon in last week's column, I decided to leave him well alone this week. I've been given the idea to talk about player haircuts (by Steff), of course I'll be leaving all talk about my own hair style, cut or whatever it is firmly alone.

On the bus we got to talking about Jon Stevenson's afro. He removed his hat that rarely leaves his head to magically reveal an afro that is at least two inches high! From skinhead to huge rug-type thing in minute. Amazing! Pretty cool though Stevo. It was then we progressed to imagining what Tommy Mooney would look like with Stevos afro. Would he be cool? Could he carry it off? Naa, don't think so Tom! You need trendy limp or a swagger with attitude. There was mixed opinion, but most were of the consensus that Tommy with any kind of hair would be an improvement.

Sammy Igoe's barnet is ever changing, always trying to stay one step ahead. Spike, a mullet even a bold bit of colour isn't a step too far for igloo. Just imagine if he were to get a skinhead!! Oh no! That would be a complete disaster He would be really, really ugly! (watch this space). There were analogies I could use but once again my creative hands were tied. Tuh!

Nearly there now, just a couple of glancing references. Word is that everyone thinks that Stef needs a haircut. Tramp, vagrant and girl were amongst the adjectives used. Brian Howard, less said the better but boy band hair style pretty much comes it up. Matty Hewlett tries to knock the years off with a young haircut but generally fails, oh and one product to mention for Matty is Grecian 2000. You make your own conclusions. If you have any comments to add I'd love to hear them. Oh not about my barnet though, I'm off limits.



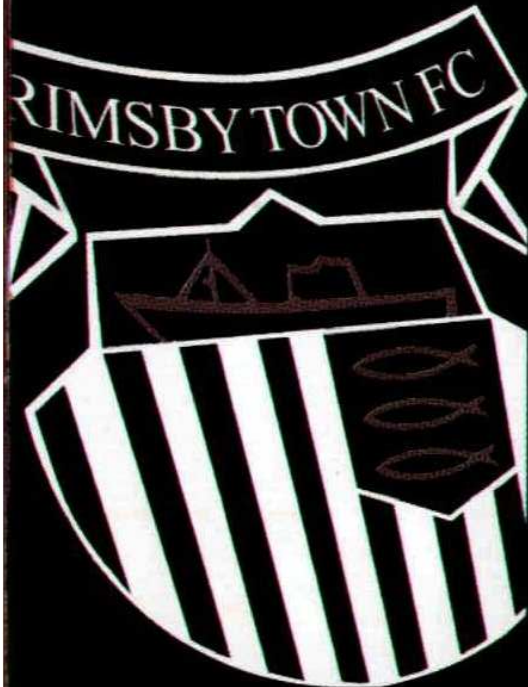
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DAVID & JANET MOULAND

# A MATCH MADE IN GRIMSBY

**FOR ONE SPECIAL COUPLE TONIGHT'S GAME MARKS A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF DOMESTIC BLISS AS A PASSION FOR EACH OTHER IS REPLACED OVER 90 MINUTES BY A DIFFERENT AND OPPOSING PASSION.**

David and Janet Mouland live in Glenfield, Leicester, which as the crow flies is almost exactly equidistant between the County Ground and Blundell Park. Coincidence? Unlikely, as David is a life-long Swindon fan and Janet an equally avid follower of the Mariners. Football brought them together and tonight football will keep them apart as Janet joins the Grimsby fans while David watches from the home end.

Our Sports Reporter Simon Coy renewed an old acquaintance this week when he spoke to the couple to find out the full story.

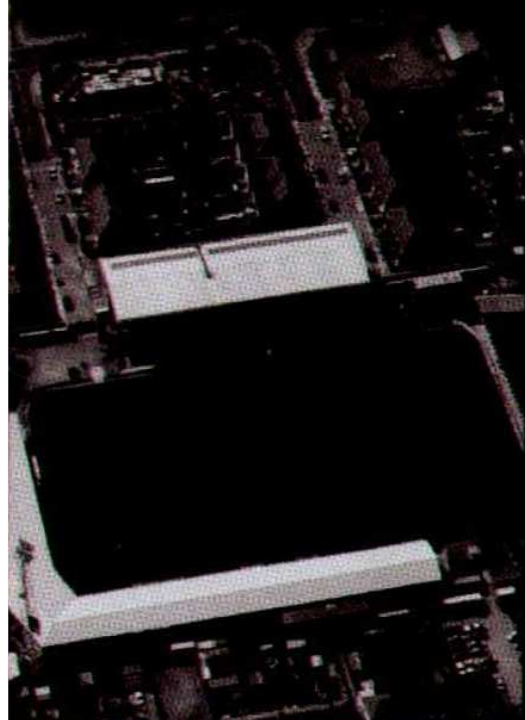
A common interest in the beautiful game drew David and Janet

together in 1999 when they began chatting via a football website, firstly via email and soon after over the phone. David was working in London and Janet lived and worked in Scunthorpe. It could so easily have been over before it started as David admits to making a major mistake when he began the conversation. "The first thing I said to her was 'are you a Scunthorpe United fan'. That's almost like saying to a Swindon supporter 'are you an Oxford fan'".

However, Janet forgave him this basic, schoolboy error and six months later, in November 1999, they met for the first time in Trafalgar Square on the steps of the National Gallery. David, born and bred in Devizes, had lived in London for around 12 years and was a self confessed bachelor. After keeping in touch they met again on FA Cup 3rd Round day, in January 2000, when David travelled up to see Janet and watched Grimsby's game with Bolton.

A month later the Mariners played at the County Ground in a league encounter giving the couple another chance to see each other. David recalls this day as the one that changed his life having decided that Janet meant something very special to him.

"At this stage I probably realised that something was going on here and this might be somebody important in my life. She was in the away end and to this day I can remember seeing her jump up when Grimsby scored the only goal of the game. Within two or three months of that we realised we were going





to have a future together."

A year and a half later, on 15th June 2002, Janet and David were married in Market Rasen, Lincolnshire. The wedding coincided with the England v Denmark game at the World Cup Finals and the couple recall watching the game in the hours leading up to the service, changing at half-time in order to be ready. There was even a mention for both Swindon and Grimsby by the minister during the service.

At the end of their special day they decided to wear their respective football shirts as going away outfits. Their final touch was to swap scarves. "I think quite frankly the two mothers were disgusted," David adds. "They were expecting something nice, but we thought it was great."

Both David and Janet have an excellent record of supporting their teams going back many years. David, 41, first came to the County Ground in the early 70's with his grandfather. In the late 80's, when living in the capital, he was an active member of the Swindon Supporters In London Association (SSILA). During Town's season in the Premiership, when David was secretary of the group, membership grew to over 70 fans.

Janet, 41, was a season ticket holder in the Upper Smiths Stand at Blundell Park having first attended in the 1971/72 season. She has been a regular supporter for well over 20 years and followed the club home and away including the successes at Wembley.

They have lived in their Leicestershire home since the wedding making trips to both football clubs manageable. The couple gets to around 10 games per season, which involves a two hour drive either way. When they're not following football David works in the Accident Investigation

Department of Leicestershire County Council whilst Janet is a Probation Officer.

Janet feels that Swindon will be promoted this season and has been telling her husband this for a while. "I've been saying all season that Swindon will go up. Obviously I've seen them play quite a few times this season and right from the beginning I've said that you've got a good team here. My hopes for Grimsby are that we stay up and I also hope that I can follow Swindon, with David, all the way to Cardiff."

David states that it is the most positive he has felt for some years. "I don't see any reason, all being well, why we shouldn't at least make the play-offs. I've also seen Grimsby a few times this season and they're not a bad side and certainly not a side that deserves to go down. They have suffered from a lack of resources and the lack of a consistent goal scorer is their problem now. I hope they can stay up as I think my life's going to be hell if they don't."

Both David and Janet are hoping for three vital points this evening and whichever way it goes you can be sure that this happy couple will be talking again in the morning (but perhaps not about football).







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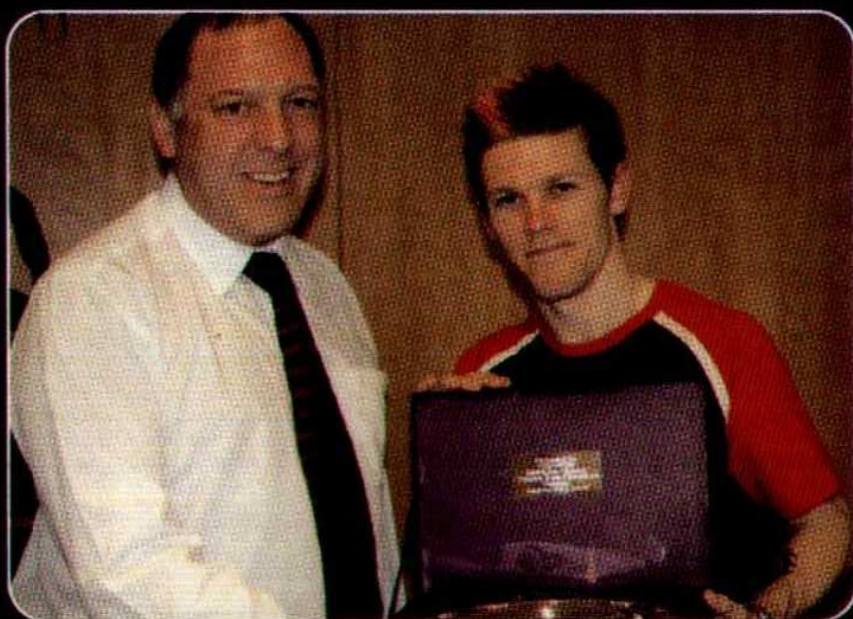
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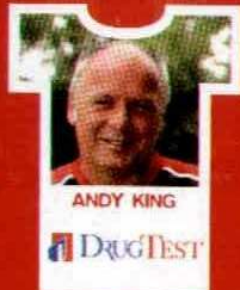


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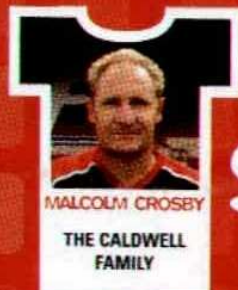
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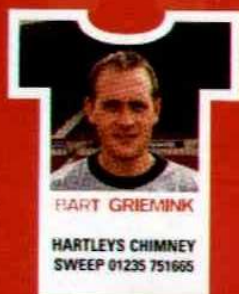
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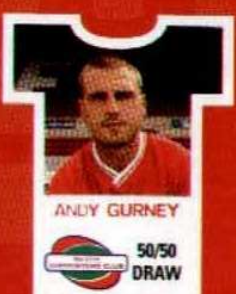
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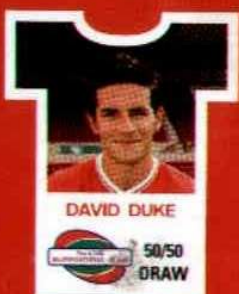
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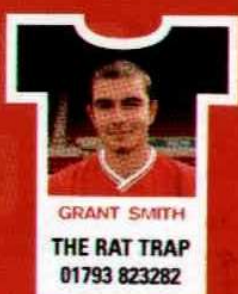
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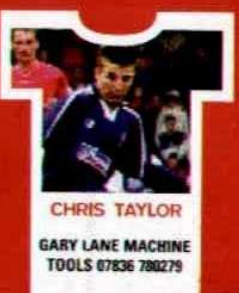
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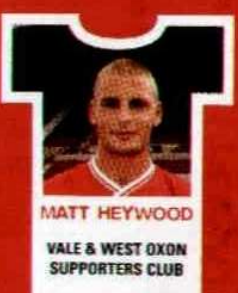
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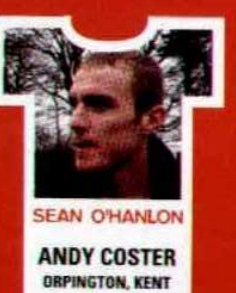
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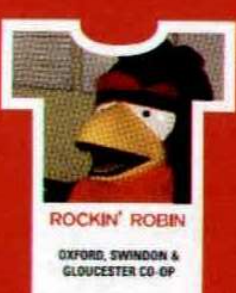
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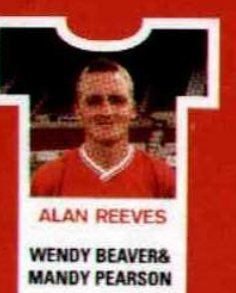
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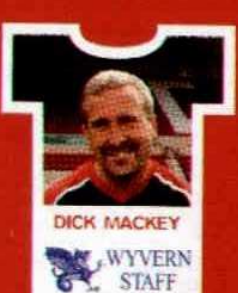
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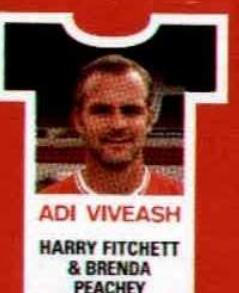
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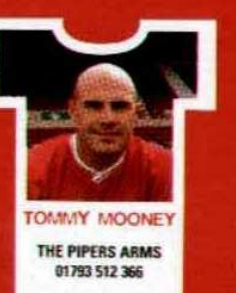
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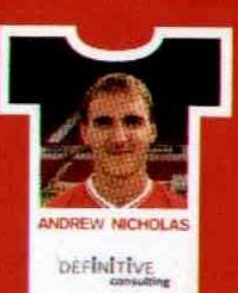
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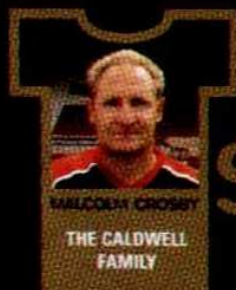
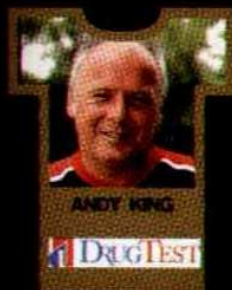
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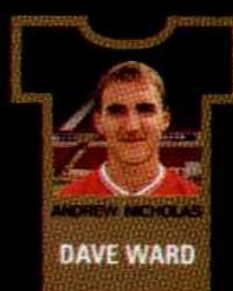
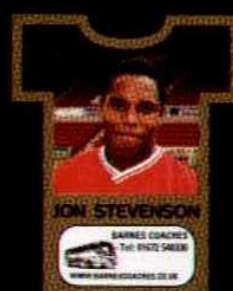
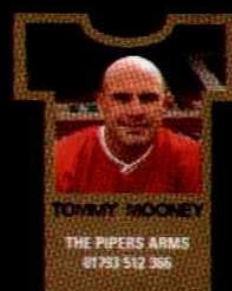
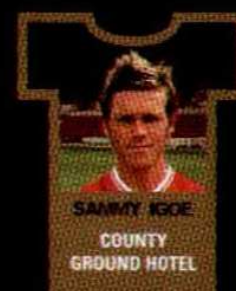
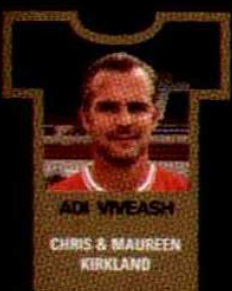
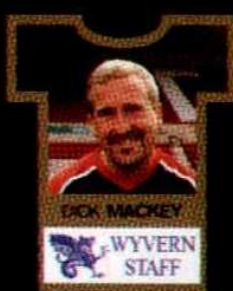
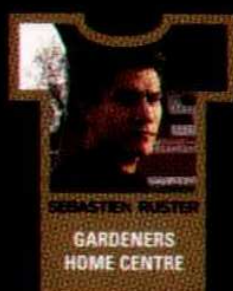
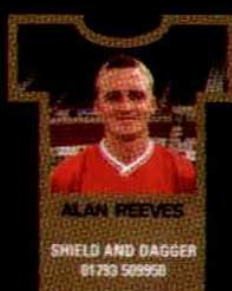
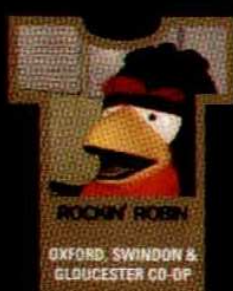
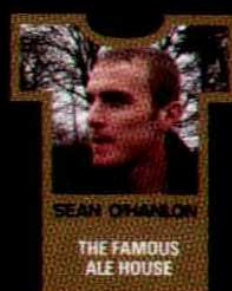
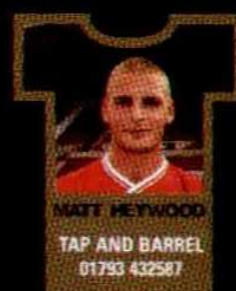
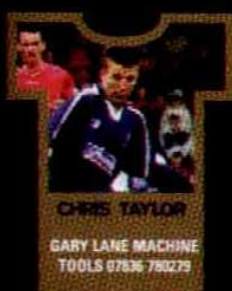
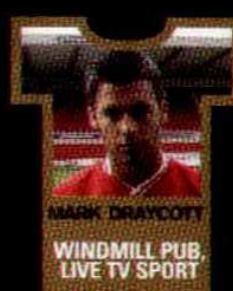
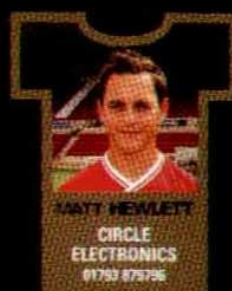
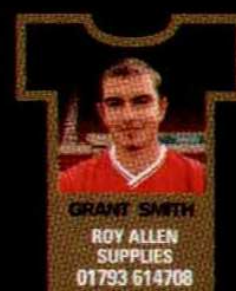
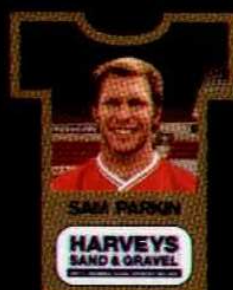
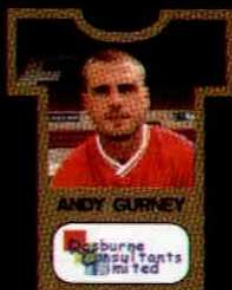
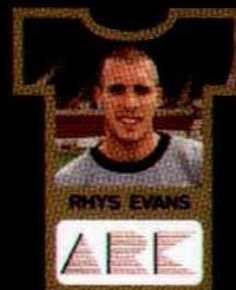
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SWINDON TOWN

## FOCUS ON A FAN

NAME: Tom King

AGE: 16

OCCUPATION: Student

LIVES: Gorse Hill, Swindon

**WHEN DID YOU FIRST COME TO SEE SWINDON TOWN:** My birthday and my Dad took me to see Town play against Oxford in season 1996 - 1997. We won 3-0. The atmosphere was great and I've been coming ever since.

**BEST STFC MEMORY:** At the end of 2000 - 2001 when we played Peterborough in the last game of the season. It was 1-1 until the dying stages of the match and "Super" Danny Invincible scored a magnificent goal to keep Swindon from being relegated to Division 3. My best friend Jim and I ran onto the pitch cheering after the match. I ran straight to Antoine Van der Linden and grabbed his shirt.

**HOPES FOR THIS SEASON:** I hope that if we don't go up automatically we can get to the playoff final at Cardiff and secure a promotion place by beating Bristol City F.C.

**YOUR LONG TERM HOPES FOR THE CLUB:** That Town can get some more fans through the turnstiles to gain more cash flow revenue. I want Town to get to the Premiership so we can beat Arsenal, Man U and Chelsea.

**IF MONEY WERE NO OBJECT WHO WOULD YOU WANT TO SEE PLAYING FOR SWINDON:** It would have to be Sol Campbell because we need someone SOLid and experienced at international level.

**YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FANS:** Lets have a few Mexican Waves and keep the songs clean but louder.

**YOUR MESSAGE TO THE PLAYERS:** Come on lads lets get in Division 1 this season. Keep up the form, all the fans are behind you. Lets all bow our heads in pray before the next game. Amen, Reverend!!!



### GRIMSBY - TOWN !

Swindon Town fanatic Craig Kendall, lives in Grimsby and has made the trip to The County Ground to see his side in action.



### HANDY KING

Pictured here is young supporter Sophie King on her way to The County Ground to watch the Town in action.

### QUIZTIME - 25 YEARS AGO

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

1) Two future Town managers scored goals in March 1979. At White Hart Lane on 10th, Spurs took the lead in an FA Cup fifth round tie with Manchester United from an unlikely header from this manager-to-be. Who?

2) And on 13th, who scored a 74th minute equaliser to force a draw in the Merseyside derby?

3) The surprise package in the FA Cup that year lost a fifth round replay to Wolves, whose assistant manager Richie Barker had managed the minnows just three months earlier. The losing team can now be found in the Conference. Who are they?

4) On 17th, Nottingham Forest won the League Cup for the second year running. Which south-coast based club did they beat 3-2?

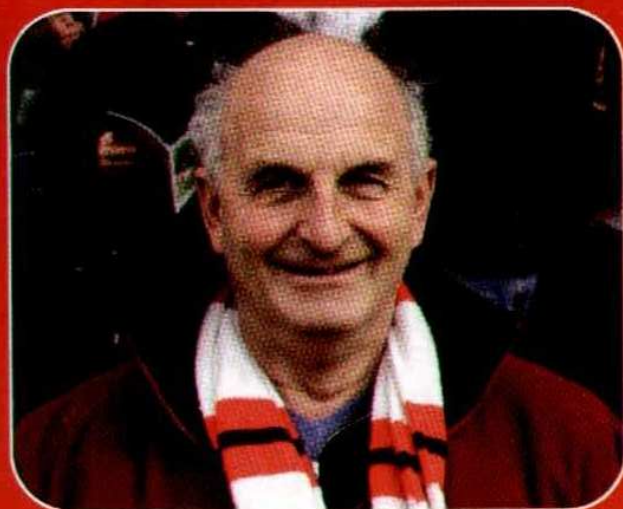
5) The eventual losers took the lead through a goal scored by a defender who later signed for Swindon.

A1 Ossie Ardiles A2 Andy King A3 Shrewsbury  
A4 Southampton A5 David Peach



# THOSE WERE THE DAYS!

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



**NAME:** Doug Smith

## QUALIFICATIONS:

Doug was taken to his first Town home game by his father in 1946 at the age of 9 after catching the train from Steventon to Swindon. Doug remembers that they always stood on the Stratton Bank in the days when adults let children stand at the front for a better view. With a father born in Salisbury and his wife Pamela coming from Swindon - supporting Swindon Town has always been the natural team of choice despite spending most of his life at Drayton, near Abingdon.

Doug has two football loving sons - Adrian, who is a part time Sports Reporter on the Official club website, and Norwich-based Mark who is in the RAF. Mark helps out as a part-time paramedic at Carrow Road, but he also avidly follows Town's results. Doug's daughter Avril has only ever followed Chelsea despite the efforts of the rest of her family to convert her!

Doug's Town-based highlights are naturally the 3 visits to Wembley. The League Cup win against Arsenal, Sunderland (before the tears) and the unbelievable game with Leicester.

**1. PETER DOWNSBOROUGH:** Cool, unflappable, very safe pair of hands.

**2. ROD THOMAS:** Welsh International. Very quick in attack and defence.

**3. SHAUN TAYLOR:** Great defender. Scored many valuable goals for Town and was never afraid to stick his head in where it hurts.



**4. COLIN CALDERWOOD:** Mr Cool. A great leader and Captain - one of the best central defenders the Town ever had.

**5. JOHN TROLLOPE:** Always immaculately turned out - I remember his fast attacks down the wings and his good discipline.

**6. JOE BUTLER:** A little dynamo never knew when he was beaten and gave 100% every game.

**7. ALAN MCLOUGHLIN:** Irish International, fantastic all round football vision in defence or attack.

**8. MIKE SUMMERBEE:** A great crowd pleaser and natural comedian with a gift for taking the mickey out of Manchester United! A great crosser of the ball.

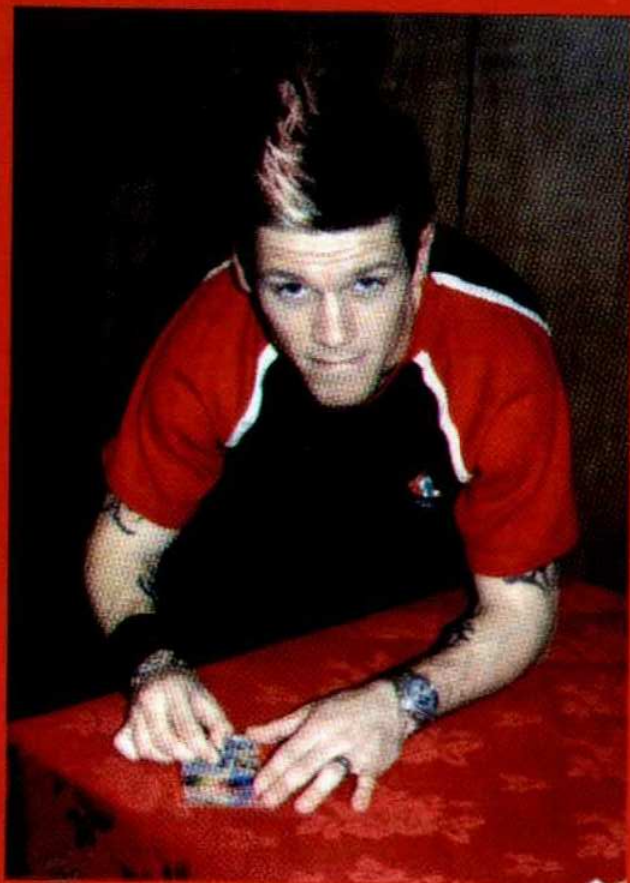
**9. MAURICE OWEN:** A Swindon Town great of his era - he was a prolific goal scorer and a very quiet unassuming player while being probably one of the greatest clubmen that Swindon has ever had.

**10. SAM PARKIN:** Another 100% player who contributes so much to the Town squad and holds the ball up well in addition to being a deadly finisher. An excellent signing!

**11. DON ROGERS:** A superb dribbler with speed over 10yds like greased lightning and a powerful shot using either foot. I would have loved to see a Town team with Don, Maurice Owen and Sam Parkin playing at the peak of their form!

**SUBS:** Rhys Evans, Paul Bodin, Bobby Woodruffe, Tommy Mooney, Duncan Shearer





## ROBINS CASINO CASH

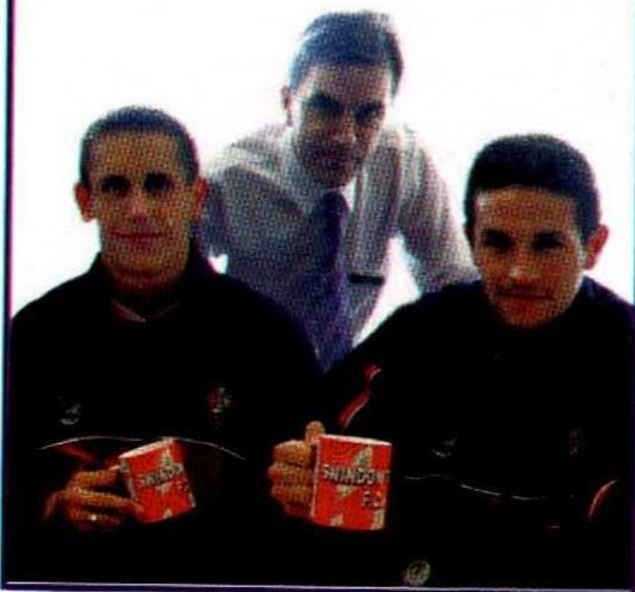
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## YOUNG GUNS

HELLO AND WELCOME TO THIS EVENING'S ENCOUNTER WITH GRIMSBY TOWN.

On 6th March we entertained Brentford in the Merit League and generally our games with Brentford are very competitive, with both sides trying to play good football. We went 1-0 up when Kyle Lapham delivered a free-kick into the corner of the box where Michael Pook won the header, knocked it back to Lance Lewis who finished it well. This was a well-worked goal and we went 2-0 up when Ian Oliver, advancing from left-back, hit a shot from 30 yards which the keeper should have dealt with, but didn't and the ball ended up in the back of the net.

The previous week Ian was in the same position and didn't shoot and I told him after the game that if he gets in those situations, with the power that he has, to shoot, hence the goal last time around!

Brentford scored in the second half to make it 2-1 before we had a series of attacks and corners. From one of these set pieces, Luke Garrard found himself 12-yards out and unmarked on the back post where the ball dropped to him and with a clinical volley, finished well.

We then lacked concentration at the back and conceded another goal with a basic error, but we need to learn from these mistakes and try to keep clean sheets.

Nevertheless, it was an enjoyable game and the lads did well.

Viv Busby



## FIXTURES 2003/04

### UNDER 17'S

Sat 16th Aug	Exeter City	Away	5-1
Sat 23th Aug	Torquay United	Home	1-0
Sat 6th Sep	Cardiff City	Away	0-1
Sat 13th Sep	Cheltenham Town	Home	2-1
Wed 27th Sep	Bristol Rovers	Home	3-0
Sat 18th Oct	Cirencester	Home	p-p
Sat 25th Oct	Swansea City	Away	3-0
Sat 1st Nov	Yeovil Town	Home	1-2
Sat 8th Nov	AFC B'mouth	Away	p-p
Sat 15th Nov	Cardiff City	Home	1-3
Sat 22nd Nov	Cheltenham T	Away	1-0
Sat 6th Dec	Exeter City	Home	1-4
Sat 13th Dec	Torquay United	Away	1-2
Sat 10th Jan	Plymouth Argyle	Home	2-4
Sat 17th Jan	Bristol Rovers	Away	2-1
Sat 31st Jan	Cirencester	Home	p-p
Sat 21st Feb	Yeovil Town	Away	1-3
Sat 28th Feb	AFC B'mouth	Home	0-0
Sat 20th Mar	Swansea City	Home	

### UNDER 19'S

Sat 16th Aug	AFC B'mouth	Home	2-2
Sat 23th Aug	Cardiff City	Away	2-1
Sat 6th Sep	Torquay United	Away	0-1
Sat 13th Sep	Exeter City	Home	2-1
Sat 20th Sep	Plymouth Argyle	Home	0-1
Wed 27th Sep	Bristol Rovers	Away	1-1
Sat 4th Oct	Swansea City	Home	3-0
Sat 25th Oct	Exeter City	Away	4-1
Sat 15th Nov	Bristol Rovers	Home	3-0
Sat 22nd Nov	Luton Town (YAC)	Away	4-0
Sat 6th Dec	Cirencester	Home	3-2
Sat 13th Dec	Torquay United	Home	4-0
Sat 10th Jan	AFC B'mouth	Away	2-1

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Then, Brentford and the prize fund soared to £450, a record for a league match, with the exception of the special draw we held at the end of last season.

### POUNDS FOR POINTS SPONSORSHIP.

It was a real shame to see the youth team go out of the FA youth cup at the quarter final stage, but with the tremendous form shown by the first team our fund for the centre of excellence has now risen to close on £3000.

### DISABLED GROUP.

Had a lively meeting on the 1st of March with both Tommy Mooney and Sammy Igoe in attendance. Both Tommy and Sammy gave an insight on their careers. A huge thank you to both for giving up their time to attend.

### PROGRAMME SHOP IN THE AWAY TRAVEL OFFICE

Mike Skinner has recently handed over a donation of £250 from sales generated by the shop and we are grateful to Mike for his efforts. Incidentally, the stock of programmes held has been added to recently with a kind donation from Marie Fisher of Chippenham of a huge number of items, so that programme you have been after for a long time may well be sitting there.

Please take a visit and see if there is something there that will be of interest to you.

### VALE AND WEST OXON SUPPORTERS GROUP

Are planning to hold a meeting on 24th March at the usual venue of Hanney Royal British Legion. Malcolm Crosby will be in attendance, together with two players. Further details will be given in the local press closer to the date. The event is at 7.30 for an 8.00pm start.

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# STFC LADIES

**THE TOWN LADIES HAVE DROPPED TO SEVENTH PLACE IN THE SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE.**



The Town, who are ahead with their fixtures, had a blank weekend as the rest of the league caught up their games. We have been drawn away to Clevedon Town in the first round of the "Ambassador" South West Combination League Cup. This tie will be played on Sunday 18th April.

The Reserves got back to winning ways in the Wiltshire County League with a five goals to two victory over top of the table Wootton Bassett Town. Pam Ashman hit home a 30 yard free kick free but the visitors equalised and then took the lead. The Town fought back and goals from Louise Corcoran and Laura Morgan plus two from April Poulden secured the points. Town keeper Robyn Levett dived to her left to push out an 80th minute penalty.

We are well represented in the Wiltshire County squad to face Hampshire in the South West Counties Championship. Nine players have been selected; Hayley Sprules, Kim Reeves, Michelle Rich, Sam Quinn, Louise Corcoran, Leanne Gannaway, Michelle Brown, Tara Lofts, and Diane George. The match will be played at the Devizes Town Ground.

The Town Under Fourteen (eleven a side team) continued to enjoy their season in the Surrey Primary League with a trip to the south coast to face Portsmouth and won by nine goals to nil. Kerrie Keene and Samantha Masters

both got hat tricks and there were two goals for Stephenie Lewis and a goal for CJ Ellis. The Under Fourteen "A" (seven a side team) won at Chippenham by five goals to nil in the Wiltshire County League. Stephanie Lewis scored twice and Kerrie Keene, Samantha Masters and Lisa Coe got on the score sheet.

The Under Ten's entertained the Bristol City School Of Excellence sides.

On Sunday the Town entertain Newton Abbot with both side desperate for points to avoid the drop. This match will be played at the Aldbourne FC Ground and will Kick Off at 2-00 pm. The Town Reserves are without a fixture.

## FIXTURES 2003/04

17-Aug	CLEVEDON TOWN	Home	3-1
31-Aug	CHESHAM UNITED	Home	2-5
7-Sep	EXETER CITY	Away	2-1
14-Sep	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	Home	1-2
21-Sep	CHESHAM UNITED	Away	0-3
28-Sep	YEOVIL TOWN	Home	2-0
5-Oct	CARDIFF CITY	Away	2-8
12-Oct	READING ROYALS	Home	3-1
19-Oct	CLEVEDON TOWN	Away	3-3
26-Oct	PLYMOUTH D. V. FA CUP-1	Away	6-7
2-Nov	READING ROYALS	Away	1-7
9-Nov	EXETER CITY	Home	4-0
16-Nov	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	Home	4-4
30-Nov	OXFORD	Away	1-9
14-Dec	CARDIFF CITY	Home	0-4
11-Jan	READING	Away	1-1
18-Jan	OXFORD	Home	1-3
25-Jan	YEOVIL TOWN	Away	3-2
22-Feb	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	Away	1-7
29-Feb	READING ROYALS	Home	0-6
14-Mar	NEWTON ABBOT	Away	
21-Mar	NEWTON ABBOT	Home	
28-Mar	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	Home	
18-Apr	CLEVEDON TOWN LCUP	Away	

## TABLE 2003/04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
READING ROYALS	18	17	0	1	110	14	51
CARDIFF CITY	17	17	0	0	89	7	51
CHESHAM UNITED	18	10	3	5	46	36	33
OXFORD	16	8	2	6	59	45	26
CLEVEDON TOWN	17	7	3	7	30	33	24
READING	17	6	3	8	29	51	21
SWINDON TOWN	19	6	3	10	33	69	21
FOREST GREEN ROVERS	16	6	2	8	53	51	20
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	17	5	2	10	30	48	17
EXETER CITY	16	5	0	11	22	54	15
NEWTON ABBOT	18	4	2	12	29	73	14
YEOVIL TOWN	17	0	3	13	16	70	3

## ONE 2 ONE WITH: LISA COE

AGE: 14

HOME TOWN: SWINDON

OCCUPATION: STUDENT

POSITION: DEFENDER

PREVIOUS CLUBS: STFC JUNIORS

HONOURS: WILTSHIRE SCHOOLS

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**HELLO AND WELCOME TO THIS EVENING'S GAME WITH GRIMSBY TOWN. ON THURSDAY 11TH MARCH WE WERE DELIGHTED TO HOST THE SOUTHERN FINALS OF THE KELLOGGS FROSTIES UNDER 11'S SIX A SIDE COMPETITION.**

The four teams who contested on The County Ground pitch were Luton Town, Oxford United, Tottenham Hotspur and Wycombe Wanderers. The standard of play was absolutely first class and the effort put in by the boys made for an entertaining 2 hours of football. The games were seven minutes each way, with everybody playing each other once. There was a real carnival atmosphere and this was lead by Tony the Tiger who did a grrreat job keeping all the children entertained in between games. The eventual winners with seven points were our local rivals, Oxford United. In second place, were Tottenham Hotspur with 6 points. In third was Luton Town with four points, with Wycombe Wanderers ending the day without a point.

All four teams did outstandingly well to get to this stage as over 3,000 teams entered the competition, which started way back in November last year. Oxford United will now play Middlesbrough in the grand final at the Millennium Stadium before the

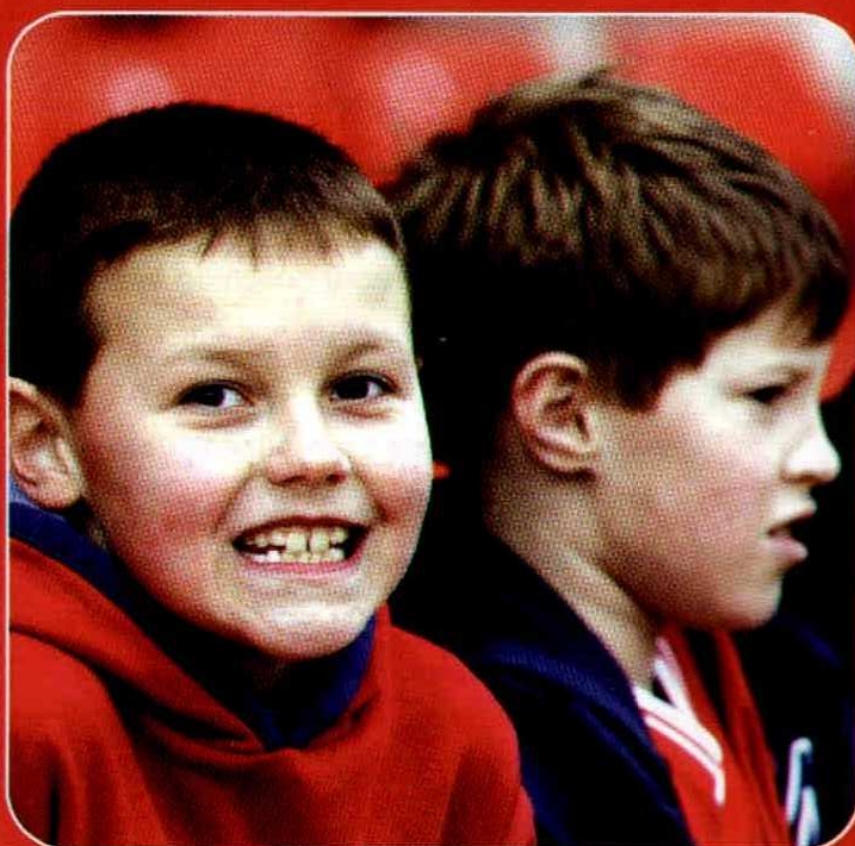
LDV Vans Final between Southend United and Blackpool next month.

Jon and I would like to take this opportunity to wish Oxford United all the best in the finals, as well as thanking all the other competing teams for their sportsmanship and effort, during what could only be described as arctic conditions at The County Ground.

Just a quick reminder, if you are thinking of coming on one of the easter courses, you need to return your forms to us as soon as possible as places are becoming limited due to the high demand.

Enjoy the game.

Clive Maguire.



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**GOOD EVENING AND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL JUNIOR ROBINS HERE THIS EVENING.**

I hope all the Junior Robins, mums and dads had a great time in Plymouth. We took two coaches with over 85 people being entertained by the Junior Greens. Pictures and more details will be on this page, soon.

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

I'd like to wish these Junior Robins a Happy Birthday from all of us here at Swindon Town Football Club:

**17th March -**  
Dominic Hall & Marlon Walter

**18th March -**  
Aimee Brewer & Michael Jansen

**19th March -**  
Dean Herbolt, Luke Westgate,  
Jon Holley & Jonathon Taylor

**21st March -**  
Ben Smith, Joe Bennett &  
David Tomlinson

**23rd March -**  
Marc Jones & Lee Sandle

**25th March -**  
Chloe Tuck & Ryan Collins

**26th March -**  
Tom Paris & Ryan Spackman

## SWINDON INNOGY LYNX

Swindon Town's Junior Robins have been invited by Swindon Innogy Lynx to their Ice Hockey match on Saturday 27th March against Slough.

Don't panic you will not miss Swindon's game against Barnsley, you need to be at the Link Centre for 5.15pm, so go straight there from The County Ground, it starts at 5.45pm.

The Lynx are a professional club, competing in the English Premier Ice Hockey League.

It promises to be an interesting evening and I ask all of you to take up this invitation and see what Ice Hockey is all about.

If you would like to go or have never been to Ice Hockey before, like myself and want to see what it is all about, please fill in the form below and return it to me ASAP.

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# WORD ON THE WEB

WITH JAMES SPARKS

**WELCOME TO THIS EVENING'S ENCOUNTER WITH GRIMSBY TOWN AND TO THE 'WORD ON THE WEB' SECTION IN OUR MATCHDAY PROGRAMME.**

I dearly hope we can keep our promotion dream alive tonight with a win against a struggling, but nonetheless dangerous, Grimsby Town side that will be fighting for every scrap this evening. It is sometimes these type of games that are tougher to win as it proved with Brentford not too long ago, but lets hope the boys can go out there and put on a good show. Unfortunately for varying reasons we have had to put a temporary halt on all our auctions, which is disappointing given the huge successes in recent weeks. I am hopeful that it will be up and running again very soon and to kick it all off again we will have something **AMAZING** to offer to all Town fans. It will be something that has never been done before and offers the lucky winner a chance to have his or her five minutes of fame, so look out for this special item within the next few weeks.

Before it's temporary closure, the auctions had been going well and our most recent items had again been another set of successful sales. Our Danny Invincible ensemble ended up

going for £65, which being honest was slightly disappointing considering their were three items up for the price of one auction. However, congratulations to the lucky winner who will have a piece of Swindon Town history firmly framed up on his wall. Our second piece was a mascot package for the Tranmere Rovers game last week. Despite some frivolous criticism the package was finally snapped up for £135, and young Jamie Clark thoroughly enjoyed his day and cheered the Town on to another famous victory. Please remember that all proceeds, whether they are big or small, go directly to the club and in every way possible help to take the club further forward. Other than auctions, you can of course log onto [swindontownfc.co.uk](http://swindontownfc.co.uk) for the very latest official news direct from the heart of the County Ground. With exclusive news, views, interviews and action photo's, it should be your number one choice for the latest **OFFICIAL** news on your favourite team.

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Don't forget that if you have any questions, suggestions or queries you can contact the club via email on [enquiries@swindontownfc.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@swindontownfc.co.uk). We will endeavour to take on board any new ideas, respond to your questions and answer as best we can any points you may have regarding the best in the West.

In the mean time let's hope for another three points today.

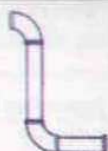
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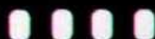
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Sat 9 Aug	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00 Home	2-3	10,573	3,300
Wed 13 Aug	Southend United LC1	7.45 Away	3-2	3,385	199
Fri 15 Aug	Colchester United	7.45 Away	1-0	3,339	518
Sat 23 Aug	Notts County	3.00 Home	4-0	5,758	206
Mon 25 Aug	AFC Bournemouth	3.00 Away	2-2	6,606	1,400
Sat 30 Aug	Blackpool	3.00 Home	2-2	6,219	349
Sat 6 Sept	Brighton & H.A.	3.00 Away	2-2	6,534	560
Sat 13 Sept	Wrexham	3.00 Home	1-0	6,160	302
Tues 16 Sept	Grimsby Town	7.45 Away	2-1	3,535	200
Sat 20 Sept	Barnsley	3.00 Away	1-1	9,006	349
Wed 24 Sept	Leeds United LC2	7.45 Away	2-2 <small>3-4 goals</small>	29,211	2,541
Sat 27 Sept	Peterborough United	3.00 Home	2-0	6,767	206
Wed 1 Oct	Luton Town	7.45 Home	2-2	7,595	408
Sat 4 Oct	Bristol City	3.00 Away	1-2	14,294	2,684
Sat 11 Oct	Stockport County	3.00 Home	1-2	7,086	201
Wed 15 Oct	Boston United (LDV)	7.45 Away	1-2	1,514	145
Sat 18 Oct	Chesterfield	3.00 Away	0-3	3,506	423
Tues 21 Oct	Tranmere Rovers	7.45 Away	0-1	6,675	159
Sat 25 Oct	Port Vale	3.00 Home	0-0	5,313	316
Sat 1 Nov	Wycombe Wanderers	3.00 Home	2-0	5,681	428
Sat 8 Nov	Wycombe Wanderers FA Cup 1	3.00 Away	1-4	4,386	1,127
Sat 15 Nov	Oldham Athletic	3.00 Away	1-0	5,282	350
Sat 22 Nov	Queens Park Rangers	3.00 Home	1-1	10,021	2,807
Sat 29 Nov	Hartlepool United	3.00 Away	0-2	4,493	358
Sat 13 Dec	Plymouth Argyle	3.00 Home	2-3	9,374	2,364
Sat 20 Dec	Brentford	3.00 Away	2-0	5,077	792
Fri 26 Dec	Rushden & Diamonds	3.00 Away	0-2	4,845	1,089
Sun 28 Dec	Brighton & H.A.	3.00 Home	2-1	9,269	1,733
Sat 3 Jan	AFC Bournemouth	3.00 Home	2-1	7,158	941
Sat 10 Jan	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00 Away	1-1	22,751	1,084
Sat 17 Jan	Colchester United	3.00 Home	2-0	6,014	239
Sat 24 Jan	Notts County	3.00 Away	2-1	6,663	830
Sat 31 Jan	Blackpool	3.00 Away	2-2	6,463	607
Sat 7 Feb	Rushden & Diamonds	3.00 Home	4-2	7,023	396
Sat 14 Feb	Stockport County	3.00 Away	4-2	4,833	435
Sat 21 Feb	Chesterfield	3.00 Home	2-0	6,814	270
Wed 3 Mar	Tranmere Rovers	7.45 Home	2-0	6,928	216
Sat 6 Mar	Brentford	3.00 Home	2-1	7,649	348
Sat 13 Mar	Plymouth Argyle	3.00 Away	1-2	16,080	1,823
Wed 17 Mar	Grimsby Town	7.45 Home			
Sat 20 Mar	Wrexham	3.00 Away			
Tue 30 Mar	Port Vale	7.45 Away			
Sat 27 Mar	Barnsley	3.00 Home			
Sat 3 April	Peterborough United	3.00 Away			
Sat 10 April	Bristol City	3.00 Home			
Mon 12 April	Luton Town	3.00 Away			
Sat 17 April	Wycombe Wanderers	3.00 Away			
Sat 24 April	Oldham Athletic	3.00 Home			
Sat 1 May	Queens Park Rangers	3.00 Away			
Sat 8 May	Hartlepool United	3.00 Home			

THE KEY FAC = FA CUP WC = CARLING CUP DENOTES SCORER

Griemink	Gurney*	Heywood*	Viveash	Duke	Hewlett	Robinson	Miglioranza
Evans	Heywood	Reeves	Viveash	Robinson	Hewlett*	Howard	Smith*
Griemink	Gurney	Heywood	Viveash	Robinson	Igoe	Miglioranza	Hewlett*
Griemink	Robinson	Gurney	Heywood	Viveash	Duke	Hewlett 1	Miglioranza
Griemink	Robinson	Gurney	Heywood	Viveash	Duke	Hewlett	Miglioranza
Evans	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranza
Evans	Ifil	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranza
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Griemink**	Smith	Hewlett	Reeves	Gurney	Stevenson	Parkin	Miglioranza
Evans	Ifil	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranza
Evans	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Duke	Miglioranza
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Griemink	Smith	Viveash	Herring	Stevenson	Nicholas	Howard	Robinson
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Evans	Hewlett	Reeves	Gurney	Mooney	Duke	Robinson	Parkin
Evans	Hewlett	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranza	Duke
Evans	Gurney	Ifil	Heywood	Nicholas	Robinson	Igoe	Miglioranza
Evans	Gurney	Igoe	Parkin	Miglioranza	Nicholas	Fallon	Howard
Evans	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranza	Nicholas	Howard
Evans	Gurney	Nicholas	Reeves	Ifil	Miglioranza	Hewlett	Howard
Evans	Reeves	Gurney	Ifil	Robinson	Hewlett	Nicholas	Igoe
Evans	Duke	Nicholas	Heywood	Ifil	Igoe	Hewlett	Howard
Evans	Duke	Reeves	Heywood	Nicholas	Igoe	Robinson	Hewlett
Evans	Gurney	Reeves	Heywood	Nicholas	Robinson	Hewlett	Duke
Evans	O'Hanlon	Nicholas	Heywood	Reeves	Igoe	Hewlett	Gurney
Evans	Gurney	Nicholas	Heywood	O'Hanlon	Duke	Howard	Hewlett
Evans	O'Hanlon	Nicholas	Gurney	Heywood	Igoe	Miglioranza	Hewlett
Evans	O'Hanlon	Gurney	Heywood	Nicholas	Igoe	Hewlett	Miglioranza
Evans	O'Hanlon	Hewlett	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranza	Nicholas
Evans	O'Hanlon	Hewlett	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Nicholas





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TEAM	P	HW	HD	HL	HGF	HGA	AW	AD	AL	AGF	AGA	PTS	GD
PLYMOUTH	36	13	4	1	44	12	8	6	4	28	20	73	+40
BRISTOL C	36	12	5	1	30	9	7	6	5	19	18	68	+22
QPR	35	13	5	0	39	10	5	7	5	25	24	66	+30
SWINDON	35	11	4	3	35	18	6	5	6	22	24	60	+15
BRIGHTON	36	13	3	2	33	10	3	6	9	19	27	57	+15
LUTON	34	12	3	2	35	17	3	8	6	20	29	56	+9
HARTLEPOOL	35	7	7	3	25	13	7	4	7	30	33	53	+9
B'MOUTH	35	11	5	2	30	15	3	6	8	13	22	53	+6
PORT VALE	35	11	4	2	35	22	4	3	11	22	29	52	+6
WREXHAM	35	7	6	5	21	13	8	0	9	20	31	51	-3
BARNSELY	36	6	10	2	21	13	6	3	9	21	31	49	-2
SHEFF WED	36	6	8	4	21	18	6	4	8	20	28	48	-5
COLCHESTER	34	8	6	4	23	20	4	3	9	12	24	45	-9
RUSHDEN	36	8	5	5	33	23	4	3	11	20	32	44	-2
BLACKPOOL	35	7	2	8	21	20	5	6	7	21	29	44	-7
TRANMERE	35	8	6	3	26	17	1	8	9	14	34	41	-11
CHESTERFIELD	35	7	6	4	27	20	3	4	11	10	33	40	-16
GRIMSBY	36	7	5	6	32	22	3	5	10	13	42	40	-19
OLDHAM	35	7	5	5	26	18	1	10	7	22	31	39	-1
P'BORO	36	3	6	9	28	28	6	6	6	17	20	39	-3
NOTTS CO	36	5	6	7	25	22	4	3	11	16	36	36	-17
STOCKPORT	36	3	7	8	23	30	4	7	7	24	30	35	-13
BRENTFORD	36	6	3	9	25	32	3	4	11	12	27	34	-22
WYCOMBE	36	4	5	9	25	30	0	9	9	12	29	26	-22

## APPEARANCES 2003/04

	LEAGUE			FA CUP			CARLING CUP			LDV VANS		
Player name:	apps	goal	bk	apps	goal	bk	apps	goal	bk	apps	goal	bk
BART GRIEMINK	5	0	1r	0	0	0	1	0	1y1r	1	0	0
JEREL IFIL	17	0	6y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANT SMITH	4	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0
MATT HEWLETT	34	1	5y	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
ADI VIVEASH	14	0	1y	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
ANDY GURNEY	33	5	9y1r	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
SAMMY IGEE	26	3	5y1r	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
TOMMY MOONEY	35	17	4y	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
SAM PARKIN	31	15	3y	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
STEF MIGLIORANZI	28	3	1r	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
DAVID DUKE	30	1	4y	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
IAN HERRING	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
JON STEVENSON	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
ANDREW NICHOLAS	21	1	1y	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
JAMES MILNER	6	2	2y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRIAN HOWARD	28	4	2y	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
MATT HEYWOOD	32	0	2y1r	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
RHYS EVANS	32	0	2y	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN REEVES	23	0	3y	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1y
STEVE ROBINSON	22	1	2y1r	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
BEN MARTIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
SEBASTIEN RUSTER	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
MICHAEL POOK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
LUKE GARRARD	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
JUNIOR LEWIS	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEON BURTON	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RORY FALLON	7	1	1y1r	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEAN O'HANLON	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Parkin	Mooney	Evans	Smith	Stevenson	Howard	Reeves		
Mooney	Parkin	Evans	Stevenson	Smith	Howard	Reeves		
Heywood	Robinson	Griemink	Howard	Stevenson	Reeves	Smith		
Heywood	Milner	Griemink	Reeves	Herring	Smith	Howard		
Milner	Heywood	Griemink	Stevenson	Howard	Nicholas	Reeves		
Heywood	Milner	Griemink	Smith	Stevenson	Herring	Reeves		
Milner	Heywood	Griemink	Stevenson	Reeves	Igoe	Howard		
Heywood	Igoe	Evans	Viveash	Nicholas	Herring	Howard		
Milner	Heywood	Griemink	Stevenson	Howard	Nicholas	Reeves		
Ifil	Griemink	Stevenson	Howard	Reeves	Reeves	Reeves		
Herring	Howard	Griemink	Stevenson	Smith	Ruster	Reeves		
Reeves	Robinson	Griemink	Ruster	Howard	Smith	Herring		
Pook	Robinson	Evans	Duke	Heywood	Martin	Gerrard		
Burton	Robinson	Griemink	Stevenson	Nicholas	Martin	Ruster		
Burton	Robinson	Griemink	Stevenson	Gerrard	Smith	Viveash		
Heywood	Nicholas	Griemink	Stevenson	Viveash	Howard	Ruster		
Heywood	Robinson	Griemink	Howard	Reeves	Martin	Ruster		
Robinson	Robinson	Griemink	Viveash	Herring	Nicholas	Smith		
Ifil	Lewis	Griemink	Nicholas	Howard	Reeves	Fallon		
Ifil	Howard	Griemink	Milner	Smith	Reeves	Fallon		
Nicholas	Ifil	Griemink	Smith	Howard	Ruster	Fallon		
Robinson	Ifil	Griemink	Nicholas	Howard	Reeves	Fallon		
Parkin	Mooney	Griemink	Reeves	Hewlett	Duke	Fallon		
Robinson	Ifil	Griemink	Mooney	Hewlett	Heywood	Ifil		
Ifil	Hewlett	Griemink	Smith	Duke	Stevenson	Fallon		
Parkin	Mooney	Griemink	Fallon	Martin	Duke	Robinson		
Mooney	Parkin	Griemink	Smith	Stevenson	Duke	Heywood		
Parkin	Mooney	Griemink	Smith	Stevenson	Reeves	Martin		
Mooney	Parkin	Griemink	Stevenson	O'Hanlon	Smith	Pook		
Parkin	Mooney	Griemink	Howard	Fallon	O'Hanlon	Smith		
Mooney	Parkin	Griemink	Miglioranzi	Howard	Fallon	Viveash		
Mooney	Parkin	Griemink	Stevenson	Igoe	Reeves	Smith		
Mooney	Parkin	Griemink	Smith	Duke	Fallon	Reeves		
Parkin	Mooney	Griemink	Smith	Duke	Fallon	Reeves		
Igoe	Heywood	Griemink	Stevenson	Smith	Duke	Fallon		
Howard	Howard	Griemink	Fallon	Smith	Duke	Martin		





Paul Hart



## UP NEXT AT THE COUNTY GROUND



**WHO: BARNSELEY**  
**WHEN: SATURDAY 27TH MARCH**  
**KICK OFF: 3PM**

**THE NEXT VISITORS TO THE COUNTY GROUND, BARNSELEY HAD A NARROW SCRAPE WITH THE RELEGATION ZONE LAST SEASON FINISHING JUST TWO PLACES OFF THE DROP ZONE AND AS MARCH OF THIS YEAR COMMENCED, MANAGER GUDJON THORDARSON HAD PRESIDED OVER A TEAM THAT HAD NOT BEEN LOWER THAN MID-TABLE.**

Not good enough said the board, and Thordarson was moved out of the manager's chair to be replaced with Paul Hart, recently sacked by Nottingham Forest. Hart was pleased

with his new side's 0-0 draw at home to play-off hopefuls Luton in his first match in charge.

England youth international Danny Nardiello is the man in form up front with four goals over the previous ten matches as March entered its second week, while Robbie Williams made his debut against Luton and drew praise from his manager. Hart will be hoping that he's on song against Swindon.

Keeper Marlon Beresford, seems to have been around forever and he can count Sheffield Wednesday, Middlesbrough and Burnley amongst his many former clubs.

As for Swindon, striker Rory Fallon will be hoping to make an appearance against the club he left to join Swindon.

Town grabbed a 1-1 draw at Oakwell back in September with a goal from ace marksman Sam Parkin. Since then, Town have charged up the table to the edge of the automatic promotion places while Barnsley won't have written off their chances of grabbing a play-off spot come May.

Barnsley visit the County Ground on 27th March and a draw won't be good enough for either team. Make sure you're amongst the crowd as the season starts to reach its climax.



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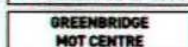
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Assistant 1: **E A C Martin**

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4th Official: **A D Sainsbury**



**SWINDON  
TOWN**

**Andy King** MANAGER



**GRIMSBY  
TOWN**

MANAGER **Nicky Law**

<b>BART GRIEMINK</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100/1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>AIDAN DAVISON</b>
<b>SEAN O'HANLON</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20/1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>JOHN MCDERMOTT</b>
<b>GRANT SMITH</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>DARREN BARNARD</b>
<b>MATT HEWLETT</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8/1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>SIMON FORD</b>
<b>ADI VIVEASH</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20/1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>TONY CRANE</b>
<b>ANDY GURNEY</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10/1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>MARCEL CAS</b>
<b>SAMMY IGOE</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8/1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>NICK DAWS</b>
<b>TOMMY MOONEY</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3/1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>STUART CAMPBELL</b>
<b>SAM PARKIN</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3/1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>DARREN MANSARAM</b>
<b>STEFANI MIGLIORANZI</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10/1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>STACY COLDICOTT</b>
<b>DAVID DUKE</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10/1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>PHIL JEVONS</b>
<b>JON STEVENSON</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6/1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>ANDREW PETTINGER</b>
<b>ANDREW NICHOLAS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20/1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>CHRIS BOLDER</b>
<b>RORY FALLON</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4/1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>JONATHAN ROWAN</b>
<b>BRIAN HOWARD</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10/1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>GREG YOUNG</b>
<b>MATTHEW HEYWOOD</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12/1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>KIRK WHEELER</b>
<b>RHYS EVANS</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>GRAHAM HOCKLESS</b>
<b>BEN MARTIN</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>IAIN WARD</b>
<b>ALAN REEVES</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20/1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>DES HAMILTON</b>
<b>MICHAEL POOK</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>IAIN ANDERSON</b>
<b>LUKE GARRARD</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>WES PARKER</b>
<b>STEVE ROBINSON</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8/1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>DAVID SOAMES</b>
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