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The Youth Coach and former striker gives us his A-Z

### Elton John

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### Wrexham

A closer look at today's visitors



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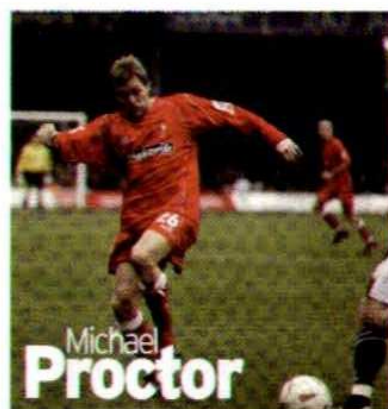
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The 'Stoned Killsmans' is looking to add to his tally before heading back to Rotherham...

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Michael Proctor... exclusive interview



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## Editors Notes

It has been another busy week at The County Ground with news of more postponements as well as more player comings and goings.

The Bristol City game would have been a Bank Holiday bonanza, but like Sheffield Wednesday earlier in the season, has now had to be rearranged. Perhaps we can produce the same result? A 3-2 win with

two goals in the last four minutes would do nicely thank you.

Today we play host to Wrexham, a club who have stepped up their quest for survival with a solid run of results. For our own part a win would keep our own Play-Off hopes alive and I hope we are celebrating three points at 4.45pm.

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# Latest News

**Bristol City match re-arranged... Fallon speaks after Town comeback... Dance for Prospect Hospice... Sale now on in Swindon Town Superstore...**

## City Date Confirmed

Swindon Town will now take on Bristol City under The County Ground lights for the second time this season, as a new date for the game has now been confirmed as Wednesday 13th April, with Kick-Off at 7.45pm.

Andy King's men have already faced City at

home this season, with a 1-0 LDV Vans Trophy win recorded thanks to a goal from 'Super' Sam Parkin.

The original date was called off on Monday afternoon after visitors Bristol City received international call-ups for three members of their senior squad. Tommy Doherty (Northern Ireland), Luke Wilkshire (Australia) and Dave

Cotterill (Wales U21).

Tickets already purchased for the original date will be valid for the re-arranged date. For any ticket enquiries call the STFC Box Office on 0870 443 1894.

## Fallon Returns

Swindon Town Rory Fallon was back amongst familiar surroundings on Tuesday afternoon as he played for Yeovil Town Reserves at The County Ground.

Fallon is on a month's loan with the Huish Park club and is due to play the last game of his loan deal for The Glovers in their home encounter with Bury this afternoon.

After Tuesday's reserve game, Fallon spoke to the press and gave his thoughts on all things current.

"It's going well. It's nice to be regularly involved and Yeovil are a good club. It doesn't matter how I get time on the pitch and having played last Saturday at

Darlington it was good to be involved again.

"I have been starting in the away games and coming off the bench when we are at home. It's a change of scenery and the other positive thing is to see how other people work and do things.

"It has helped me and I'm learning. As for the future, I still have a year left at Swindon and have to do well at Yeovil and try and impress."

## Dance for Prospect

A Dance for Prospect is being held in the Winners Lounge at Swindon Town FC on Wednesday 6th April 2005.

The event features top local bands Penfold and Locomotion with the outrageous girl vocalist Gina with rock and roll provided by Pete Townsend and the allstars. Carl Sharpe, from TV's 'Stars in their eyes' will also be present as Bryan Adams.

There will also be a light and sound spectacular with Tony Williamson and the Party People Roadshow. Food will

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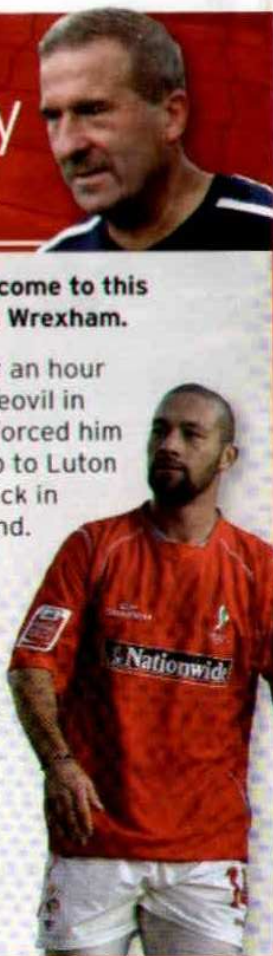
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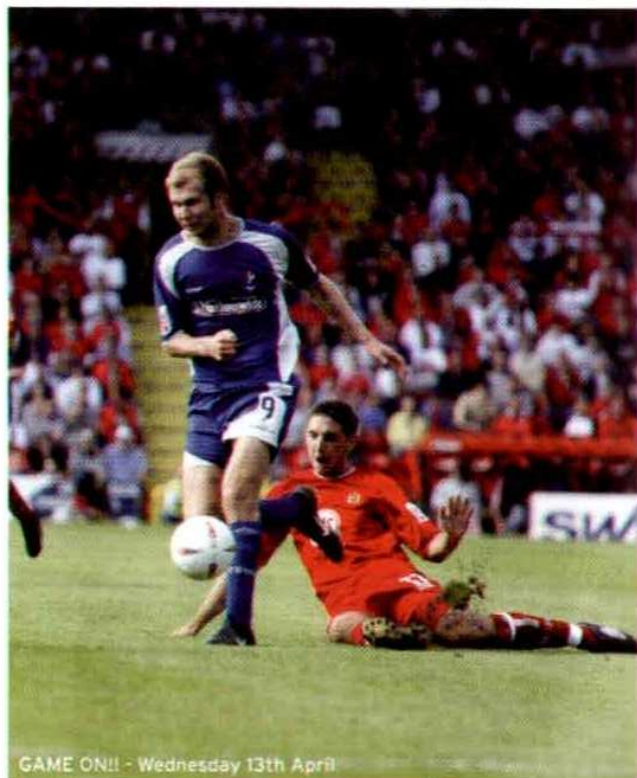
Matty Hewlett played over an hour for the reserves against Yeovil in midweek. His back injury forced him to miss last weekend's trip to Luton Town, but he should be back in contention for this weekend.

**Christian Roberts** also featured for the reserves as he continues to regain full match fitness. Both Christian and Matty should be available today barring any mishaps in training in the build-up to today's game.

Enjoy the match!







GAME ON!! - Wednesday 13th April

be available on the night as well as a raffle, dance cabaret and other attractions.

All proceeds from the night will be donated to the Prospect Hospice so come along and get involved for what should be a great night's entertainment.

The event starts at 8.00pm and tickets are £6.50 in advance rising to £7.50 if purchased on the night. For ticket details contact the Prospect Foundation on 01793

815142, the Information Centre (01793 466454), The Evening Advertiser on Victoria Road, The Arts Centre on Devizes Road or call into STFC for more details.

### Sale On!

The STFC Superstore currently has a sale on with some great deals to be had on Official STFC Merchandise.

All first team shirts, shorts and socks have been reduced with



## Captain's Column Matt Hewlett

**G**ood afternoon and welcome to today's game with Wrexham here at The County Ground.

I was disappointed to miss out on last weekend's trip to Luton Town. Looking back, I thought the boys performed well but having gone down to the two early goals it was difficult to come back.

As far as reaching the play-offs go, we just have to keep going and look to pick up results at every opportunity. We still have a chance and rest assured we will keep going until reaching the top six is mathematically impossible.

From my own point of view, I played for the reserves in the week against Yeovil Town and felt ok, so am hoping to be back in contention for this afternoon's match.

Enjoy the game,



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# BoardroomTalk

**Director Bob Holt talks about recent behind the scenes events and gives us his thoughts ahead of today's game...**



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## Who said lightening does not strike twice in one place?

First there was Sheffield Wednesday back in October and now wallop 'the local Derby' against Bristol City at The County Ground, on the year's traditionally most popular sporting day, is postponed till Wednesday 13th April. There must be unseen hands working against us.

Our two biggest gates have been scuppered by the Football League agreeing to International Matches being played, first on a weekend, and now unbelievably on a Bank Holiday Monday. What on earth are they thinking, the League Clubs are already strained at the seams with regards cash and

Swindon, as we all too well know, is no exception. Then more misery is heaped upon us by that insensitive lot based in that Ivory tower in Preston. What are they trying to do, shut us down!

Not withstanding the financial loss in excess of £125k and the resultant cash flow pressure due to lower gates at mid-week fixtures this postponement means we must be one of the few Clubs in this Division denied a home game this Easter. To paraphrase Mr. Trotter 'what bunch of plonkers they are'.

Good news however is on the horizon. A certain Mr. Reginald Dwight, ex-Chairman of Watford football Club a.k.a. Elton John will be performing

at the County Ground on Sunday June 19th. This promises to be a real treat for all if his previous concerts are anything to go by.

Finally, I am pleased let you know that, despite a bit of a disagreement with our development partners St. Modwen, we are back on course. Earlier this week we had a 'Meeting of the Minds' and we have re-established our common objective for the future. At the beginning of the month there had been a minor disagreement over St. Modwen's proposed layout of the new stadium and the surrounding infrastructure. As a result we had to postpone our scheduled meeting with the Council. I am delighted to say that this has now been rescheduled.

Today's game is a big one for both Clubs, but for different reasons, we are chasing a Play-Off place and our guests are fighting to stay in the Division. It should make for a tense but exciting afternoon.

Enjoy the game,  
**Bob Holt.**

Midweek kick-off for City...







# MatchReport

Luton Town 3 • Swindon 1

Saturday 12th March 2005 • Kick-Off 3.00pm  
Coca-Cola League One • Kenilworth Road

Town's Play-Off chances took a knock despite a determined display at League leaders Luton Town but a goal in the 83rd minute effectively killed Town's chances of taking anything from the game.

Swindon lined up with several changes after last week's home defeat with Jerel Ifil and Stefani Miglioranza making starts as Lee Holmes dropped down to the bench and Matt Hewlett was unavailable due to a back injury. Christian Roberts appeared on the bench with Steve Book back on the bench after playing much of the previous weekend's defeat to Bournemouth.

The bulk of the goals arrived in the first half at Kenilworth Road through Kevin Nicholls and Ahmet Brkovic, the first coming from the penalty spot, putting The Hatters in control.

Michael Proctor pulled one back before the interval, but a late strike from Peter Holmes' sealed a 3-1 success for the table-toppers.



# Andy King

Good afternoon and welcome to the Management, Directors, Players and Supporters of Wrexham...



**A**fter the last two games there is a real need to win this weekend's game to try and get our season back on track.

The last few results have made it difficult to make the Play-Offs but make no mistake, it is not out of the realms of possibility. As I have said all along it is an open league and a lot of teams seem to find it difficult to put a run together.

Wrexham had perhaps one of the most incredible results of the season so far for me when they beat Hartlepool 6-4. It was an amazing result as having been involved in League One for a period of time, I know that Hartlepool do not concede goals at home as we have found out ourselves. It is a hard place to go and the other amazing thing was that Ugarte scored five goals in the game. There are two threats there for us and we will have to be aware of that.

Christian Roberts has now had two reserve games under his belt, scoring four goals so he will be back in my thoughts for today's game. I must

thank the Red Army Fund and Supporters Club for funding the Michael Proctor loan deal, although it looks as though he will be going back after the game today. Although he has scored two goals, he hasn't quite fully fulfilled his potential.

On the other hand young Lee Holmes has been a

**I will be sad to see him go from both a professional and personal point of view and I think he will go on to play at the highest level...**

star. He came in and gave us tremendous width and he has been a great example to others. He is a young man who listens and does the correct things on and off the pitch. It is hard to believe he is just seventeen years old and he has shown great maturity. I will be sad to see him go from both a professional and personal point of view and I think he will go on to play at the highest level.

I saw Rory Fallon in action this week for the reserves, although it was somewhat of an odd situation. I have spoken to Yeovil and they have made no indication of wanting to extend his stay so we may be seeing him return to The County Ground soon. Andy Nicholas has also decided to join Chester City for a few days training and we will have to see how that develops.

It is an important time for players at the moment as decisions are due on contracts for next season. These are not easy decisions to make as some of these players have been known to me for five years. There are major decisions to make and it is hard playing with peoples lives and dreams. Some of these lads have dug me out of a hole on occasions so although it isn't a pleasant thing to do, it is part and parcel of my job here.

Enjoy the game and I hope victory today can give us the impetus to keep our Play-Off hopes burning bright.

**AK.**



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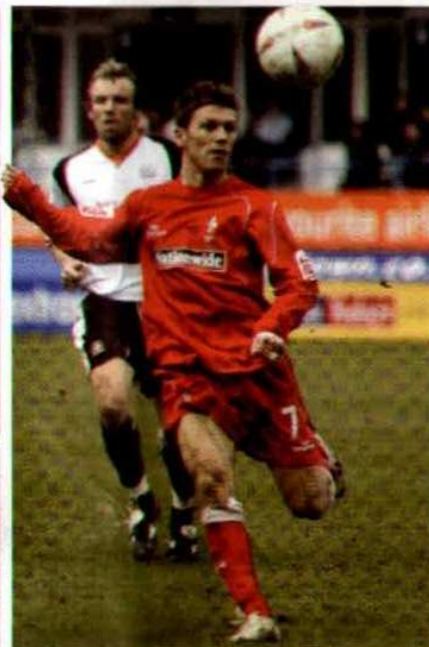
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# MatchAction



## Coca-Cola League One

Saturday 12th March 2005  
Kenilworth Road, 3:00pm

**Luton** (2) **3**  
**Swindon** (1) **1**

Attendance: 8,173

### Luton



(white & black shirts, black shorts)

1. Marlon Beresford
5. Russell Perrett
6. Paul Underwood
8. Kevin Nicholls **1(P)**
9. Rowan Vine
18. Ahmet Brkovic **1**
19. Steve Howard
20. Curtis Davies
21. Keith Keane
24. Sol Davis
27. Peter Holmes **1**

Subs Used

2. Kevin Foley (18)
16. Enoch Showunmi (9)
14. Michael Leary (21)

Subs Not Used

25. Dino Seremet
45. Leon Barnett

### Swindon



(red shirts, red shorts)

1. Rhys Evans
2. Sean O'Hanlon
3. Grant Smith
6. Steve Jenkins
7. Sammy Igoe
9. Sam Parkin
10. Stef Miglioranza
11. David Duke
12. Jerel Ifil
19. Matt Heywood
26. Michael Proctor **1**

Subs Used

14. Christian Roberts (26)
21. Lee Holmes (10)

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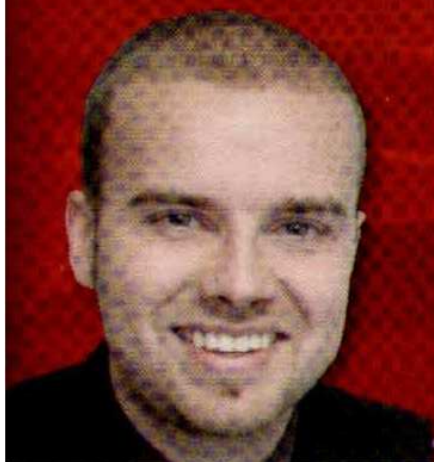


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# MediaComment

The Evening Advertiser's Chief Sports Writer Jon Ritson brings you his latest column for STFC Magazine...

**W**rexham's visit to Wiltshire today has triggered a flashback and got me thinking about the old 'sliding doors' scenario.

The season isn't over but I wonder how much easier it might have been had it not been for the width of a crossbar?

Brian Howard rattled the woodwork at the Racecourse Ground on the opening day of the campaign when the score was still 0-0. Had it gone in then we might have gone on to notch up a morale-boosting victory.

We might have then become the Luton Town of the division, oozing

The lads do seem determined to fight to the finish.

Talking of fights, there can be no club which has fought harder this season than Wrexham. It has been unbelievable turmoil at the Racecourse and the club doesn't appear to be out of the woods just yet.

A 10 point deduction for entering administration (try it twice lads) has hardly helped but a place in the LDV final most certainly will (flippin' Southend).

Strife there may be at Wrexham but there's no lack of spirit. Relegation-doomed

**Bob wonders whether the powers that be consider Football League clubs when arranging international matches. I suspect the answer to that is a resounding 'no' Bob!**

confidence and sweeping aside all before us.

Anyway, we can rattle on about 'what ifs' until we're blue in the face. Defeat at Luton means the play-off chase has become a lot more difficult but it's by no means impossible.

sides usually suffer from a lack of goals but the Red Dragons can't really complain on that front. Spanish striker Juan Ugarte has been a sensation in North Wales and his goals might yet save Wrexham from the drop. Hopefully his flow will be



Brian Howard strikes at Wrexham...

temporarily interrupted this afternoon.

There's no question that the postponement of the Bristol City game is a massive blow to the club. It's hardly surprising that Bob Holt is tearing his hair out in frustration. To lose one money-spinning Saturday home game may be considered unfortunate, to lose an Easter Monday local derby is cause for serious despair.

Bob wonders whether the powers that be consider Football League clubs when arranging international matches. I suspect the answer to that question is a resounding 'no' Bob!

Hopefully both sets of supporters will still turn

out for the match when it is eventually played but there's no doubt the club coffers will suffer. Just when are we going to get a lucky break here?

Anyway, get behind the lads today and hopefully we can head to Milton Keynes in good spirits on Good Friday.

There is a gaping hole on Easter Monday of course before the small matter of a trip to Hartlepool United. Not to worry, it'll have warmed up by April won't it? Don't you believe it.

See you all back here for the Walsall game and happy Easter in the meantime.

Cheers,

Jon



# Race On!



## Wrexham

After getting off to a flyer with victory over Town at The Racecourse Ground in August, Wrexham have had a turbulent season so far. Having come perilously close to going out of business, the Dragons now find themselves just three points away from safety after being hit with a ten point deduction for entering Administration. With striker Juan Ugarte now hitting top gear, the race is on for League One survival...





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Division 3 North Runners-Up: 1932/33  
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# The Dragons' Squad

**O**n the field, the 2004/5 season began well for the Welshman who recorded four wins from their opening seven games of the new campaign.

However, it was off the field problems that dominated much of the headlines with the now mandatory ten-point deduction enforced in December for a club entering Administration.

Having battled well in recovering from the blow, Denis Smith's men now find themselves just three points away from safety having been beaten just once in their last nine league outings. Victories such as the 6-4 win at Hartlepool United illustrate the fighting spirit which encompasses the survival quest at The Racecourse Ground.

Interestingly, The Dragons have similar form on the road to Andy King's men. Today's visitors have registered five wins, five draws and eight defeats whilst on their travels, picking up a total of 20 points. In comparison Town's record also reads five wins and five draws with nine defeats away from The County Ground.

There will be some interesting battles across the pitch this afternoon after a closely fought game between the two sides in August. The Town defence will also have to be on their guard against the precocious Juan Ugarte if the three points are to stay in SN1 today...

## 1 Andy Dibble

A veteran of 17 professional clubs, the experienced stopper was signed in May 2002 and also coaches the younger keepers at The Racecourse. Recently returned to the bench after injury.



## 6 Dennis Lawrence

Signed in 2001 from the Defence Force club in Trinidad, Dennis stands at 6'7" and makes his presence felt. A seasoned performer on the international stage, he also scored on the opening day against Town.



## 10 Darren Ferguson

Former Manchester United midfielder now well-known in League One and recently signed a new two-year deal with the Dragons. Has now reached ten yellow cards so will be suspended this afternoon.



## 15 Craig Morgan

Still only 19 years of age, Colwyn Bay born Craig made his first team debut last season and when scoring at Cambridge, made the record books by being the youngest Football League scorer in the club's history.



## 19 Andy Holt

One of five new signings in the summer of 2004, he joined from Hull City and possesses a long throw which could be a threat today. Has scored 4 goals in 36 league outings so far this term.



## 23 Hector Sam

Having been described as 'supersub' after last weekend's winner at Oldham, Sam could be in line for a similar role this afternoon. Signed in 2001 and is a full Trinidad international although still only 23.



## 32 Scott Green

Signed full-time until the end of the season, Green is a former Bolton Wanderer who has played against Swindon on many occasions and he also played in the subsequent Coca-Cola Cup Final in 1995.



## 33 Ben Foster

On-loan from Stoke City, Foster was signed in January as cover for the injured Andy Dibble and has now made 11 appearances for the Dragons. Formerly with RC Warwick and Kidderminster Harriers (loan).



## 4 Steve Roberts

A former Wrexham trainee, Roberts is now a regular member of the first team squad having amassed over 150 appearances for the club. A full Welsh international, following his recent appearance against Hungary.



## 7 Carlos Edwards

A tricky winger, who can operate on either flank, he has added considerably to the manager's attacking options. Has been one of the club's most consistent players after joining from Defence Force FC.



## 11 Chris Llewellyn

A former Norwich City striker, Llewellyn has forged an impressive partnership with Ugarte having scored ten goals himself so far and is another Welsh International in the Wrexham set-up.



## 16 Matt Crowell

After moving from Swansea to Southampton, the midfielder found his first team chances blocked at St Mary's. Initially on trial at Wrexham, he signed permanently at the end of the 2002/3 season.



## 21 Levi Mackin

Former youth teamer who is now a regular in the first team squad. Hails from Chester, but has been with the club since a schoolboy and worked his way up through the system.



**Date:** Sat 13th September 2003

**Competition:** Division Two

**Half-Time Score:** 0-0

**Full-Time Score:** 1-0

**Swindon Goalscorers:**

Gurney, 79

**Wrexham Goalscorers:**

n/a

**Attendance:** 6,160

**Swindon Final League**

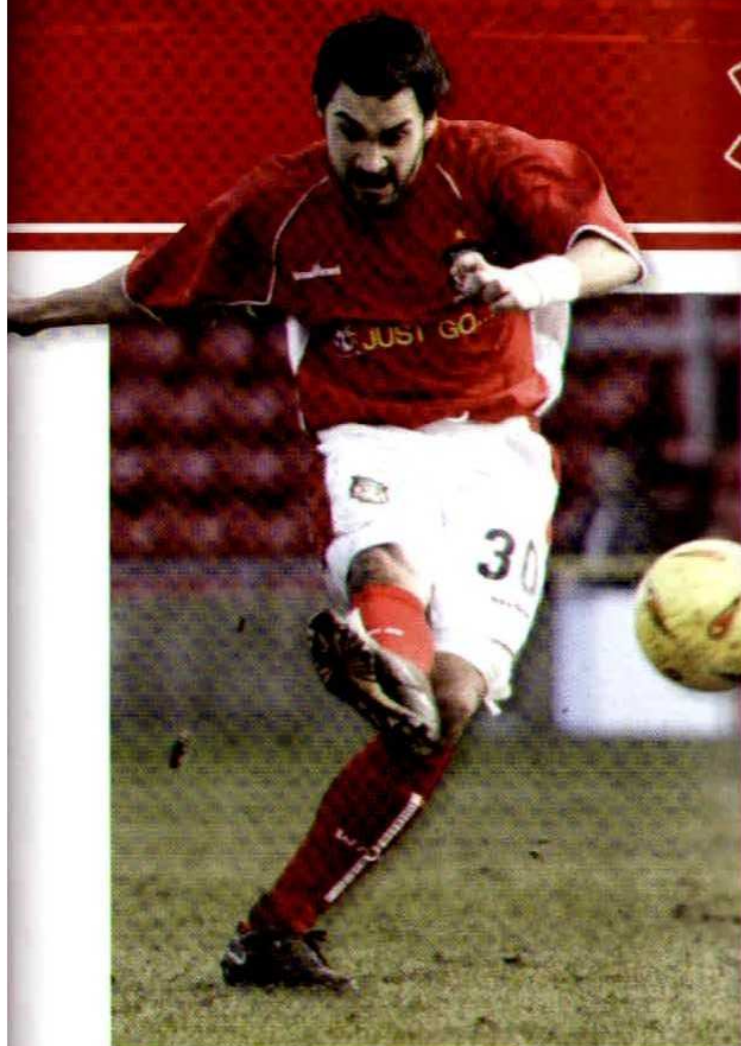
**Position:** 5th

**Wrexham Final League**

**Position:** 13th



## 30 OnetoWatch Juan Ugarte



**I**nitially signed non-contract forms after having a trial with Liverpool. The 24-year-old former Real Sociedad striker has been with a number of second division clubs in Spain, but last summer came to the UK to try his luck in the Football League.

Originally signed with Dorchester Town, scoring six goals in seven games, he then moved on to Anfield as his best friend is Xabi Alonso. He came to Wrexham in October and having impressed initially with the Reserves, he then got his chance in the First Team.

Now signed a contract until the end of the season and scored the winning goal at Chester City in the LDV Vans Trophy to make himself an instant hero with the Dragons fans and he has since been rumoured to have attracted interest from Leeds United and Crewe Alexandra having notched 20 goals so far this term. His tally was somewhat boosted by a five-goal haul in early March at Hartlepool United which resulted in a 6-4 win for the visitors.

## thegaffer Denis Smith

**D**enis Smith took over as Dragons boss in August 2000 and, despite off the field problems at the club, has seen a healthy points return from his 188 games in charge of the side to date.

A former Stoke City player who made over 493 appearances for the Potters, over a 17-year period, scoring 41 goals - perhaps none more famous than the diving header against Leeds in February 1974, which ended the Yorkshire side's record run of games from the start of a season without defeat.

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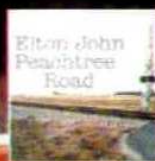
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# League Review

12.03.05




**Whilst Town went down 3-1 to League One leaders Luton at Kenilworth Road last weekend, Hull City were 2-0 winners over Torquay United...**


 Former Colchester striker Craig Fagan broke the deadlock on the hour mark from the penalty spot with Stuart Elliott, also from a spot-kick, clinching the three points.

 Sheffield Wednesday continue to head the play-off pack with their 3-2 success over Blackpool maintaining their good run of form. Craig Rocastle's first goal for The Owls put them ahead, however Keith Southern's looping header moments after half time brought the visitors level.


Substitute Andrew Talbot turned the game with his late brace clinching the points for the home side, although there was still time for Richard Wellens to net a consolation.

 Chris Dagnall's goal eight minutes after half time secured a 1-0 win for Tranmere Rovers over Hartlepool United at Victoria Park.

 Oldham Athletic are just two points above the drop zone after Hector Sam's last-gasp goal lifted today's opponents Wrexham to a 1-0 win over The Latics.


 Walsall were ahead after seven seconds against Bournemouth but ultimately slipped to a 2-1 defeat at Dean Court.


Matt Fryatt gave The Saddlers the perfect start before effort from Steve Fletcher and Garreth O'Connor turned things around.

 Stockport County's slim chance of avoiding the drop was dealt a blow following a late 2-1 loss to Colchester.

Warren Feeney had the home side ahead early before Neil Danns' penalty after 30 minutes levelled matters.


Both sides looked like claiming a point apiece before Danns' second in injury time decided the contest.

 Doncaster's clash against Brentford and Bristol City's game against Barnsley both finished goalless, although The Tykes finished with 10 men after Michael Chopra's dismissal.

 Chesterfield secured a 2-1 win over nine-man Huddersfield Town at Saltergate.

Shane Nicholson's penalty fired the home side ahead with Tom Clarke also landing a red card in the process. Nicholson's second spot-kick seemed to have ended The Terriers' hopes, however David Mirfin's goal gave Town hope.

Any chances Huddersfield had of claiming a point ended when Efe Sodje saw red with just a few minutes remaining.

 Bradford City fought back from two goals down to claim a 2-2 draw against Peterborough United at London Road.

Two goals in the space of three first half

minutes from Steve Thomson and Andy Legg put Posh in firm control of the game.

However, it was the Dean Windass show after the interval with his brace securing a share of the spoils for The Bantams.

 Clive Platt's goal shortly after Lee Matthews fired Port Vale ahead bagged a point for MK Dons The National Hockey Stadium, where Swindon play next Friday.

 On Tuesday Brentford took a step closer to the Play-Offs with a 2-0 win away at Oldham. Scott Fitzgerald did the damage with two goals in ten minutes during the second half.



Windass celebrates...





# Commercial View

with Mike Sullivan

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This is really exciting news for everyone connected at the Club,

and is a tribute for all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes of a Football Club. The news was officially released yesterday and more details can be found on page 19, giving all the details of ticket and hospitality packages that will be available. Please note, that we will only be selling the Hospitality tickets from the Club. If you are interested in details of these, then please ring Sarah Mildenhall on 01793 333718.

In addition to this very high profile event, we are also promoting not one, but TWO Sporting Dinners in May. On Wednesday 25th and

Thursday 26th May, two great Sporting Legends will be speaking at the County Ground. From the World of International Rugby we have **GARETH CHILCOTT** and from the World of International Cricket, we have **SIR GARY SOBERS**. Tickets for both of these Dinners will be in huge demand, and once again, if you would like to book your table or individual places, then give Sarah a call on 01793 333718 now.



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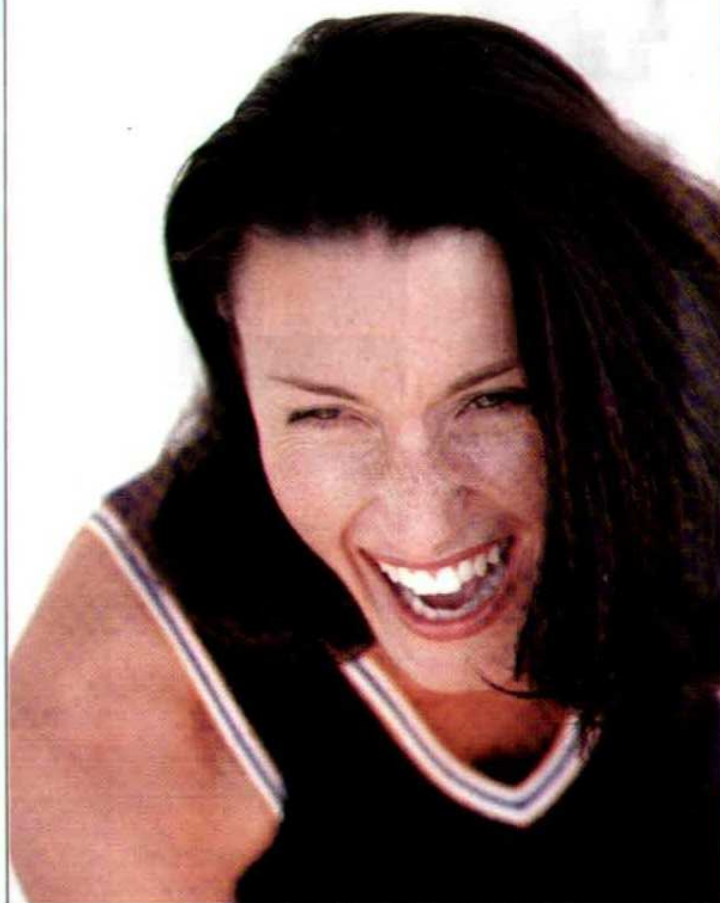


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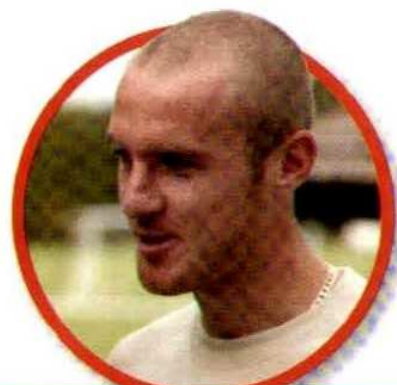
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# HEAD —2— HEAD



**Matt Heywood**

**Sean O'Hanlon**

Who do we face in our last away game of the season?	Huddersfield	Huddersfield Town
How many penalties have we scored so far this season?	None	None
Which former Liverpool striker now manages at Chester?	Ian Rush	Ian Rush
Which movie features a character named 'Norman Bates'?	Psycho	I'm not good with films I'm afraid!
What is Rio Ferdinand's younger brother who plays for West Ham called?	Anton	Anton
Can you name the Wrexham midfielder suspended for today's game?	Darren Ferguson	Sir Alex Ferguson's lad, Darren.
Jean Van de Velde was destined to win the Open of 1999. He lead by three shots on the final hole. But scored a triple bogey and lost the following play-off to who?	Paul Lawrie	Paul Lawrie
What is the address of the club's official website?	Swindontownfc.co.uk	Swindontownfc.co.uk
Who was the last team to win the old Division One Championship in the '91/92 season?	Leeds	Was it Liverpool?
How many league appearances did Steve Book make for Cheltenham Town?	120	200 (closest answer wins)

**Final Scores**



**9/10**

**8/10**

**Verdict:** In the battle of the centre-backs, it's an impressive nine out of ten for Mr. Heywood who seems to know his stuff!

Who would you like to be featured in the next Head2Head? Or, if there is a question you would like to be featured, then just send them in to [chris@swindontownfc.co.uk](mailto:chris@swindontownfc.co.uk)

Previous winners: Steve Jenkins, Sam Parkin, Luke Garrard, David Duke, Brian Howard, Steve Robinson, Steve Book, Christian Roberts.



## Reserve Fixtures 04/05

August		
Tue 17	Bristol City H	5-0
September		
Tue 7	Bristol Rov H	1-2
Tue 14	B'rmouth H	2-1
October		
Wed 13	Pontin's Holidays	Cup Group Games
November		
Tue 16	Cardiff City H	2-3
December		
Wed 1	Pontin's Holidays	Cup Group Games
January		
Tue 11	B'rmouth A	1-2
Tue 18	Cheltenham H	3-3
February		
Tue 1	Swansea H	3-1
Wed 9	Pontin's Holidays	Cup Group Games
Tue 15	Cheltenham A	1-1
March		
Wed 2	Bristol City A	0-1
Tue 8	Plymouth H	3-1
Tue 15	Yeovil H	3-4
Tue 22	Plymouth A	14:00
Wed 30	Yeovil A	14:00
April		
Tue 26	Bristol Rov A	14:00
May		
Wed 4	Pontin's Holidays	Cup Final
TBC	Swansea A	
TBC	Cardiff City A	

## Next Away Match

Tuesday 22nd March 2005

### Plymouth v Swindon

As the Reserve season draws to a close the only remaining games to play are all away from home. Tuesday 22nd March sees Town travel to Plymouth where they will hope to repeat the 3-1 scoreline from earlier this month.

## Wales & West Division Table 09.03.05

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	12	7	1	4	24	18	22
Plymouth	10	6	2	2	25	9	20
Chelt'ham	12	4	5	3	20	17	17
Swindon	10	4	2	4	21	15	14
Swansea	9	4	1	4	15	27	13
Bristol C	9	4	0	5	15	19	12
Bristol R	10	3	2	5	17	21	11
Yeovil	9	3	1	5	14	18	10
B'mouth	9	2	2	5	11	18	8

# Glovers Wrap It Up

**Swindon Town went down 4-3 at home to West Country rivals Yeovil Town on Tuesday afternoon, surrendering a 3-2 half-time lead.**

The home side lined up with Spurs man Jamie Slabber lining up in attack with Christian Roberts, fresh from a substitute appearance against Luton Town at the weekend.

It was the visitors who started the brighter of the two sides with Dale Williams opening the scoring after just five minutes. Williams received the ball 25-yards from goal and hit a first time left foot drive which seemed to deceive Bulman as it crept into the bottom corner.

The Glovers wasted no time in doubling their lead and found themselves 2-0 to the good just five minutes later. A back pass from Luke Garrard was miscontrolled by Bulman, who saw the onrushing Marvin Brown collect the loose ball and knock the ball home from six yards out.

In response, Town came back strongly and Jamie Slabber saw his powerful

header fly just wide of the mark after 11 minutes after a good cross from Brian Howard. Alan Reeves' men made it 2-1 after 23 minutes when the referee awarded a penalty for a foul on Andy Caton inside the box. Brian Howard stepped up and fired the resulting spot-kick past Collis into the bottom corner.

With 25 minutes on the clock Matt Bulman went some way to atoning for his earlier mistakes by making two excellent saves in as many minutes both from Marvin Brown. The first effort was a save from close range with the second shot denied by Bulman's legs.



Christian Roberts

Just after the half hour mark Town made it 3-2 when Christian Roberts headed Luke Garrard's cross into the corner of the net to make it 2-2. Roberts, who scored twice on his return to reserve team action against Plymouth seven days earlier, repeated the feat when he scored his second of the afternoon on 43 minutes. After pressure from Ashan Holgate on Gavin McCallum, the Yeovil man lost possession of the ball on the right hand side allowing Holgate to get his cross in. His low centre deceived two defenders and was met by Roberts at the back post who tapped the ball into an empty net to make it 3-2.

**Half-Time:** Swindon Town 3 Yeovil Town 2

After the break Yeovil took the game to Swindon and quickly set about reducing the deficit. The visitors equalised after 54 minutes when Adam Lockwood drove the ball past Matt Bulman after some good work by Rory Fallon.

Yeovil then went on to grab the equaliser



when former Bristol City striker headed home a cross from Andreas Stolcers 6 yards out to make it 4-3 to the visitors after 58 minutes.

In the remaining half an hour Town had several half-chances to equalise with Jamie Slabber perhaps a little guilty of not releasing Andy Caton when in space.

Chris Taylor, Ben Wells and Justyn McKay were

all introduced to the action replacing Brian Howard, Matt Hewlett and Christian Roberts but it was not to be as Town went down to a defeat to the Glovers.

**Full-Time:** Swindon Town 3 Yeovil Town 4

**Swindon:** Matt Bulman, Luke Garrard, Kyle Lapham, Alan Reeves, Michael Pook, Matt Hewlett (Wells), Brian Howard (McKay), Andy Caton, Jamie Slabber,

Christian Roberts (Taylor), Ashan Holgate.  
**Subs:** Chris Taylor, Jon Stewart, Justyn McKay, Ben Wells

**Yeovil:** Steve Collis, Ed Brand, Gavin, McCallum, Adam Lockwood (C), Steve Reed, Nicholas Merza, Andreas Stolcers, Wayne Wilson, Bartos Tarachulski, Marvin Brown, Dale Williams.

**Subs:** Richard Cullingford, Jamie Underwood, Rory Fallon.

## Future's Bright

**G**ood afternoon and welcome to today's game. Thankfully, all the games survived the weather last weekend as some of the age groups finally managed a game for the first time in weeks!

The Sunday home fixtures saw us matched up against Cheltenham where the U9's and U10's lost 3-4 and 2-3 respectively, whilst the U14's won 3-2 and U15's drew 1-1. In the away fixtures the U11's won 3-0, the U12's lost 2-3, whilst the game of the day involved the U13's who were trailing 3-5 before four injuries and two sendings off for Paul Bodin's team, forced the game to be abandoned! Definitely the place to have been for excitement!

At these relatively young ages, the results are secondary to the individual developments of the boys and it holds true that in each age group, we have more than our fair share of highly promising boys.

And as for the U18's, they continue to go marching on! Pitted against a strong Wycombe side in the quarter final of the Youth Alliance Cup, they went a goal down just before half time. However and despite not playing as well as they had done in previous weeks, they rallied in the second half, Ashan Holgate continuing his recent goalscoring form with an equaliser ten minutes before the end and then with extra time looming, promising 15 year old striker Lukas Jutkiewicz scored a late winner to take us into a semi-final clash with Q.P.R. in two weeks time.

Considering that two other players, Chris Allen and Scott Doe were from the U16's and playing full back was 14 year old Tom Evans, the outlook for next season continues to look healthy.

Enjoy the game,

Iffy Onuora.



### U-18's Fixtures 04/05

Aug 14	Yeovil Town	8-0
Aug 21	Swansea City	5-2
Sep 4	Newport	7-2
Sep 11	Exeter City	0-1
Sep 18	Bristol Rovers	4-0
Sep 25	Bournemouth	3-4
Tue 6	Grimsby (Cup)	2-4
Oct 9	Cheltenham	2-1
Oct 16	Plymouth	1-0
Oct 30	Exeter City	1-1
Nov 6	Bristol Rovers	2-4
Nov 9	Yeovil Town (Cup)	0-2
Nov 13	Bournemouth	1-5
Nov 20	Cheltenham	3-3
Nov 27	Luton (Cup)	7-0
Dec 4	Plymouth	1-1
Jan 15	Swansea City	4-2
Jan 29	Exeter (Cup)	5-3
Jan 31	Newport	4-2
Feb 5	Yeovil Town	7-0

### Merit League...

Feb 12	Leyton Orient	1-0
Feb 19	Brentford	1-2
Feb 26	West Brom	2-1
Mar 5	Exeter City	P-P
Mar 12	Wycombe (Cup)	2-1
Mar 19	Cambridge	H
Mar 26	Q.P.R.	A
Apr 2	Luton Town	H
Apr 9	Bournemouth	A
Apr 16	Q.P.R. (Cup SF)	H

### Next Home Match

Saturday 2nd April 2005

#### Swindon v Luton

The Youths face a tricky away tie at Merit League leaders Q.P.R. on 26th March before returning home to play Luton Town, who came 2nd in the South Central Division. Kick-Off 11:00am.

### Merit Division One South Table 12.03.05

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Q.P.R.	4	3	0	1	8	5	9
Cambridge 2	2	0	0	5	3	6	
Swindon	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
W.B.A.	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Brentford	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
L. Orient	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Exeter	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
B'mouth	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Luton	2	0	0	2	3	5	0





# Iffy Onuora

**ADVICE...** best piece you have ever received?

"Come on son, you've had a good innings now give up."

God, May 2004.

**BRILLIANT...** who was the best player you ever played with?

Mark Walters.

**CAREER...** favourite memory in a Swindon shirt?

I would have to say scoring on my debut against QPR. It went downhill from there!

**DRAW...** can you draw a teammate?

No! I am the worst artist in the world!

**ENTERTAINING...** would you rather eat in and cook or go to a restaurant?

Probably go to a nice Chinese or Cantonese restaurant.

**FORWARD...** is there anything you dislike about playing up front?

I suppose the fact that there was no in between. You are either a hero if you score or a clown if you don't.

**GROUND...** most impressive you have ever played at?





Highbury was excellent, but I also played at Wembley that had a great atmosphere and history to it.

**HOLIDAY...** where is your favorite destination?

I have been to Italy, but may go to Las Vegas in the summer with Alan Reeves which could be interesting!

**INTERESTING...** what don't we know about you?  
I have a twin brother.

**JOKE...** best practical joke you have ever seen?  
Alan Reeves still playing when he is older than me.

**KEEPER...** best save you have ever seen from your own shot?  
A save Roger Freestone made when I was playing for Gillingham against Swansea.

**LATEST...** what's your favourite internet site (apart from [Swindontownfc.co.uk](http://Swindontownfc.co.uk) of course!)?  
Friendsreunited. I like to log on and see if any of my school friends have made it out of prison!

**MENTOR...** who was yours as a kid?  
My Mum.



### FAVOURITE MEMORY IN A TOWN SHIRT ?

"I would have to say scoring on my debut against QPR. It went downhill from there!"



### WHAT'S WOANY LIKE TO WORK WITH ?

"He's a top fella and a pleasure to work with."

**NOVICE...** which sport would you like to learn?  
To keep in with the coaching staff, then probably golf.

**OFF SEASON...** how do you spend your summers?  
Relaxing, traveling and spending time with my family.

**PROFESSION...** if you hadn't been a footballer, what would you have done?  
Been a lawyer. I don't know why but they always look smart on TV don't they?

**QUICK...** who is the funniest of the coaching staff?  
I am just getting to know Mick Harford and he has a good sense of humour, but I would say Alan Reeves.

**RETIREMENT..** how are you finding life away from life as a professional?  
I don't miss playing regularly if that's what you mean! I had a decent enough career and have no regrets about finishing when I did.

**STYLE...** can you name your favourite designer label?  
Strikeforce!

**TENDER..** what is your worst memory in football?  
Losing in the Play-Off semi-final against Peterborough when I was with Huddersfield.

**UNDERSTATED...** best thing about working for STFC?  
The banter!

**VOCAL...** who is the loudest in the dressing room?  
The first teamers say Christian Roberts, but as I work with the youth team I would say Matty Bulman. He clearly doesn't play with a full deck of cards!

**WOANY...** what is he like to work with?  
He's a top fella and a pleasure to work with.

**X...** sign here please

**YEN...** which country would you most like to visit?  
The Far East. I would like to visit China one day and if finances allowed, explore Australia too.

**ZOO...** what's your favourite magazine?  
GQ.



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# Shaun Hodgetts

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**I**t wasn't that long ago someone reminded me that I had now almost completed 21 years in local radio in Wiltshire.

Trust me when I write that I can virtually remember my entire broadcasting career courtesy of events at the County Ground!!

The summer of '84 - my first "scoop" - the Lowndes Lambert sponsorship deal would lead to the appointment of "a player-manager of international repute" - many names in the frame - Lou Macari appointed, sacked and then re-instated over the following Easter weekend. He pointed out that those shenanigans made the success of the next season so much sweeter, a then record points haul in securing the old fourth division championship. Who can forget the 4-2 victory over visitors Chester to clinch promotion? A year later, I'm on the pitch with "Charlie Charlie Henry" who's scored the goal to take us to Selhurst Park for the game against Gillingham to determine who goes up to the second tier, what is now

the Championship. Steve White does the business, almost swears in front of a live microphone and most of the players re-appear on the pitch in a state of undress!

1987/88, a campaign of consolidation before the play-off heartbreak against Crystal Palace, Wright, Bright et al and the manager's departure for West Ham.

Enter Ossie Ardiles, with the maxim "play play play!" - it takes us to Wembley. What followed is well-documented, in the words of the Argentinian World Cup winner "we were the sacrificial lambs on the altar of hypocrisy".

Glenn Hoddle takes over



Ling & Hoddle celebrate...

the following Easter, just keeps us up, then comes close to the top-six following the tactical purchase by Blackburn of Duncan Shearer and then Wembley again: the seven-goal thriller!!

Chelsea beckons for the boss. His right-hand-man John Gorman steps in the hot-seat. Only one season in the top-flight, 16 games before a victory, 100 goals conceded but it was great to be there!

After a Bristol City defeat, a parting of the ways and the arrival of Steve McMahon. Do you recall the other names in the frame at that time: Steve Bruce, Steve Nicol, Graham Rix, Gordon Strachan and Chris Waddle. Some haven't fared too badly subsequently!

A second successive relegation, but then an immediate promotion as champions and a memorable civic reception. Folk-heroes of the day included "Ooh Shaun Taylor" and free-scoring midfielder Kevin Horlock.

The ups and downs of the next three years ended in 19th,

18th and 17th places in the table, the last of those achieved by Jimmy Quinn who had returned to one of his former happy goal-hunting grounds.

A miserable winless streak followed and demotion was made mathematically certain at Stockport the next Easter Monday. Bring on "The Brady Bunch", Colin Todd and a major investment in the squad. He departed for Derby soon afterwards. Andy King was left to shop at Tesco rather than Harrods, avoided the drop, was dismissed and then returned following Roy Evans' brief reign. The progression, 13th, 10th, the play-offs. What happens next? It looks like Easter can be a crucial time at this club (see references above!) On the pitch and off with so many out of contract players, the longer-term picture could become clearer although the revenue from the big Bank Holiday derby here will clearly be lost.

My whole life has just flashed before me, likewise the dream of another promotion celebration sometime very soon!!



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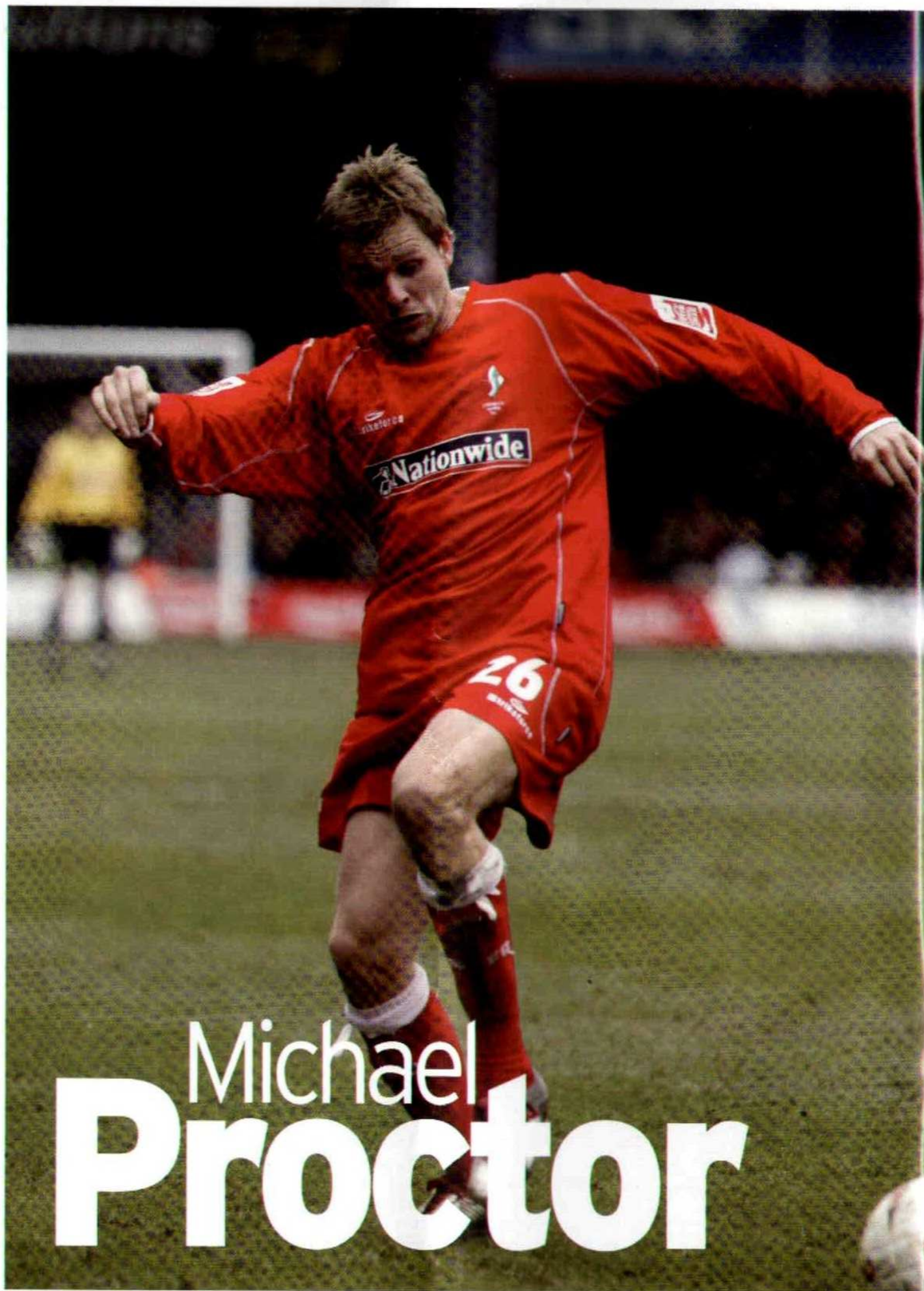
**Michael  
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# Michael Proctor





## The 'Blond Klinsmann' is looking to add to his tally before heading back to Rotherham...

Words: Nick Judd

**I** think it's a great initiative, you'll probably see more and more of it in the next few years," was Michael Proctor's assessment of Trust STFC's help in bringing the former Sunderland striker to the County Ground ahead of the 1-0 demolition of Port Vale last month.

Proctor arrived just 24 hours before scoring

the winner in his first appearance for the Reds, and while he added a second goal to his tally at Luton last week, his brief encounter in SN1 appears to be coming to an end this weekend.

Yet even if the youngster was to return to Millmoor next week, his contributions won't be forgotten. Helping Town to a crucial three points and deputising admirably

for the injured Christian Roberts, Proctor should return to his regular club proud in the knowledge that he's done his bit to help our cause, as well as having doubled his season's goal tally.

With a bit of luck, Proctor could return to the kind of form that forced many to predict big things for him as a youngster while at Sunderland...



**I met the lads the day before the game and then played without really knowing them that well. But everyone made me feel welcome and I've really enjoyed my time here.**



**You join a distinguished list of strikers that have scored on their Town debut...**

It was a nice way to start my loan spell. Plus we got the three points, which was the most important thing – it's just a shame the last two results haven't gone our way.

**It must have been odd, though – travelling down, meeting fans and your new team-mates and playing almost immediately?**

It was tough. I met the lads the day before the game and then played on the Wednesday night without really knowing them that well. But everyone made me feel welcome from the moment I joined and I've really enjoyed my time here.

**You've been on loan at a number of clubs – Hivdovre, Halifax, York City and Bradford City – do you feel like you just want to settle down at one club?**

Yeah, I've been on loan a few times. I'm getting to the stage in my career now that I want to settle down. It's been a tough season at Rotherham,

for the team and me, but hopefully next year will be better. I have a year to go on my contract there so I just hope I can take my form here back into the Rotherham team.

**What's been your best loan experience? The Bradford fans gave you a standing ovation when you returned there with Sunderland didn't they?**

They've all been good to be honest, including this loan spell here. Bradford were great to me, they gave me the chance to get some Championship games under my belt and play regularly at that level. I scored a few goals and it was good.

**Another goal for you at Luton last week, it must be nice to be hitting the net regularly again?**

Yeah, but the result didn't go our way – the goal means nothing if the team doesn't win. I thought we played well enough to win the match, a few things went against us and in the end the score-line was a bit harsh.

**As a striker with Premiership experience, what**

**do you make of our strikers here?**

Sam has proved he's top quality and I've really enjoyed playing with him. Christian's just come back from injury and so I haven't really had the chance to play alongside him, but he looks sharp in training and again, he's a proven name. Young Andy Caton too, he looks very sharp in training, he could be a very good player.

**What can you tell us about the young David Duke – you played together at Sunderland...**

He was a couple of years older than me and so I didn't play with him that often. But he showed the kind of pace and hard work that has made him a regular here.

**What do you think went wrong for you at Sunderland, because you actually played a number of first team games?**

I played a few games under Howard Wilkinson and then I was in and out of the side under Mick McCarthy. In the end McCarthy gave Kevin Kyle and Marcus Stewart a run in the team









and they started scoring regularly, you can't argue with that. But I needed to play first team football...

**Michael Reddy was another former Mackem forced to ply his trade in the lower leagues**



**having been on loan here... one Sunderland website includes you both up front in a team of players once destined to do well at Sunderland...**

For me it was a huge decision to leave because I grew up at the club and had supported them all my life.

**The fans definitely seemed to like you, though. They voted you most improved player in 2003...**

I had a good rapport with them; they were always good to me.

**There seems to have been a high turnover of strikers at the Stadium of Light?**

When I was younger Niall Quinn and Kevin Phillips were the starting front two. They were probably the best partnership the club had had for years, they scored goals and so you couldn't argue with

their inclusion. But later, when Kyle and Stewart were playing, they were scoring too and so you can't complain if they're producing the goods.

**I suppose in a way you had plenty of good strikers to learn from. Kevin Phillips, Niall Quinn...**

Kev's probably the best striker I've ever played with, probably the best I ever will play with – he just didn't miss the target. Hopefully I picked up different things from players like him and Marcus Stewart.

**Were you surprised that David Bellion signed for Man United, nobody seemed to know much about him?**

Not really. He has pace to burn and bags of ability. He's been in and out of the United side but he's a good striker, hopefully he'll get his chance at some stage.

**I guess your highlight**

## "The Blonde Klinsmann"

**B**elieve it or not, this was Michael's nickname at school. That's according to his old head of PE at Monkwearmouth School, Adam Walter...

"He was called 'the blond Klinsmann' at an awards evening once. He was my boy, an excellent centre forward. He scored goals galore – he had a great eye for goal. We used to pump balls for him to run on to and he'd stick it away.

"I remember taking a school team to Holland in 1994, there were about 20 other teams competing. We won the tournament and he was leading scorer, he was obviously a cut above the rest in the tournament. He had everything, pace, strength..."

Adam was pleased to see Michael doing well at Swindon, and hopes the forward can settle at one club to return to the kind of form that saw him emerge as fans' favourite at Bradford and Sunderland. "They loved him at Bradford, but he was played in his right position and was given a run of games. I saw he was playing right wing for Rotherham, he's not going to score from there.

"He had an excellent record for Sunderland's reserves and even bagged a few for the first team. I just hope a club takes him on and gives him the chance he deserves. Sunderland's relegation hit him hard and he's been a bit low on confidence, but he's shown that he can score goals by notching two in four games for Swindon."





**in the first team was scoring the winner against Liverpool?**

That was a great day. I scored my first goal for the club, which happened to be the winner, and in front of my friends and family!

**And we don't mention the brace of own goals against Charlton (Proctor scoring twice in his own net in 2003)...**

[laughs] No!

**Relegation must have been hard that year, especially with you being a lifelong**

**Sunderland fan?**

It was strange. On the one hand I'd had a good season, playing for the first team. But to see the club you support relegated is tough. Hopefully they'll bounce back up this season...

**What did you make of the managers you played under at Sunderland?**

I've not really got a bad word to say about either Howard or Mick. They both gave me chances to play, Howard Wilkinson handed me my debut and the opportunity to

play in the Premiership. Mick also let me have a chance, but just opted to use other strikers when the goals weren't happening.

**And how well did you know Andy (King) while at Sunderland, I assume that's how your move to Swindon came about?**

Yeah, he was the Gaffer's chief scout when I was younger. He's a great character, a good personality and it's been nice to have the opportunity to meet him again and to try and do a job for him.

**On the one hand I'd had a good season, playing for the first team. But to see the club you support relegated is tough...**





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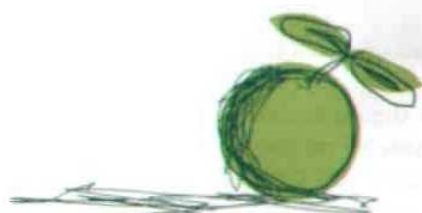
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## Ladies Fixtures 04/05

Sep 5	Clevedon	2-1
Sep 12	Reading Royals	0-2
Sep 19	Forest Green	3-2
Sep 26	Reading	6-3
Oct 3	Newton Abbot	3-0
Oct 10	Keynsham	3-5
Oct 31	Bath City FAC1	4-0
Nov 7	Chesham	2-3
Nov 14	Clevedon FAC2	2-1
Nov 28	Plymouth	P-P
Dec 5	Langford FAC3	1-2
Dec 12	Forest Green	1-2
Jan 9	Newton Abbot	P-P
Jan 16	Cardiff City	0-3
Jan 23	Launton	7-1
Jan 30	Clevedon	0-4
Feb 6	Reading Royals	1-3
Feb 13	Reading	3-3
Feb 20	Chesham	1-4
Feb 27	Keynsham	1-3
Mar 6	Cardiff City	1-6
Mar 20	Launton	A
Apr 3	Plymouth	H
Midweek	Oxford City	H&A

All games played  
on Sundays  
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Kick off 2:00pm

## Next Home Match

Sunday 3rd April 2005

### Swindon v Plymouth

See the girls in action on Sunday  
at Aldbourne FC. Kick Off  
2:00pm. For more information  
call John White on 01793 824470.

# Girls Hit For Six

**T**he Town Ladies suffered their biggest defeat of the season in the South West Combination League when they were beaten by six goals to one by Cardiff City.

Swindon conceded two goals before Claire Moreton pulled a goal back for the Town just before half time. An early third goal gave the Town an uphill struggle but the Welsh side went on to score three further goals.

The Reserves have been without a Wiltshire County League fixture for the past three weeks.

The Town players

featured well in the Wiltshire County Under Eighteen match against Gloucestershire at Almondsbury when the visitors won by three goals to one. This was Wiltshire's final game in the South West Counties Championship and unfortunately they did not win the section to progress through to the final.

The Under Fourteen and Under Twelve sides start their Wiltshire County League "Play-Off" league this coming weekend.

The Under Twelve and Under Tens had a day with Cardiff City but because of the weather

the competitions were played five a side indoors.

The Under Tens have finished their league programme and are now playing friendlies to give new players a chance of a game.

The Under Eights are continuing to train and progress but it is difficult to find teams to play at the age range.

Tomorrow the Town travel to face Launton in a South West Combination League fixture. The Town beat the Oxfordshire side by seven goals to one in the home game.

The Town Reserves play at home to Devizes Town in the Wiltshire County League. This game will be played at the Aldbourne FC ground and will Kick Off at 2:00 pm.



## PollyNew<sup>one2one</sup>

**Age:** 14  
**Home Town:** Swindon  
**Occupation:** Student  
**Position:** Striker  
**Previous Teams:** None  
**How did you start playing football?**  
"I used to kick about with my Dad and the other Lechlade players."  
**Favourite Team:** Chelsea  
**Favourite Player:** Carlo Cudicini  
**Favourite TV Program:** Blues News  
**Favourite Film:** Free Willy  
**Favourite Food:** Steak & Chips  
**Favourite Holiday Destination:** Tenerife  
**Today's prediction:**  
Swindon Town 2 - 1 Wrexham



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## New Additions



**H**ello and welcome to today's game with Wrexham. It has been a very busy few weeks for the Soccer Centres with numbers on the increase for every course.

We are pleased to announce that the Mini-Soccer Centre at Dorcan is currently **FULL**. It has taken us only two weeks to fill which gives you an indication of the interest in this age group. We are currently taking names for the waiting list for the Mini Soccer Centre on another day.

At Dorcan, we have set up another Soccer Centre for children aged 8 - 11 years old. This will run on a Thursday evening 5pm - 6pm and begins on Thursday 14th April. The cost for this is £3 per child per session and the course will run for seven weeks. Once again please book early to avoid disappointment.

To book your places please ring Dorcan Sports Complex on 01793 533763.

Also in the pipeline, we will be opening a new Soccer Centre in Chippenham at Sheldon School. This begins on Friday 10th June from 4.30pm - 5.30pm for children aged 5 - 8 years old. Again, places are limited so please ring the Swindon Town Community Office for your application form on the number below. The cost will be £3 per child per session which is for a seven week course.

For any other information about our Soccer Centres or if you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Enjoy the game.

**Shane Hewlett**  
01793 617718

### New Courses

#### **Dorcan** (Swindon Borough)

Wednesday: 5.00 - 5.45pm 4 - 5 years  
Thursday: 5.00 - 6.00pm 8 - 11 years

#### **Chippenham**

Friday: 4.30 - 5.30pm 5 - 8 years

#### **Link Centre** (Swindon Borough)

Monday: 4.30-5.30 5-6yrs  
5.30-6.30 8-11yrs  
Thursday: 4.30-5.30 5 yrs  
5.30-6.30 7-8yrs

#### **Oasis** (Swindon Borough)

Monday: 5.00-6.00 8-11yrs  
Monday: 4.30-5.30 5-8yrs  
Saturday: 10.00-11.00 5-8yrs

#### **Highworth** (Swindon Borough)

Tuesday: 4.00-5.00 5-6yrs  
5.00-6.00 7-8yrs  
Thursday: 4.00-5.00 5-6yrs  
5.00-6.00 8-11yrs

#### **Haydon Centre** (Swindon Borough)

Thursday: 4.00-5.00 5-6yrs  
5.00-6.00 7-8yrs  
6.00-7.00 9-11yrs

#### **Stratton**

Monday: 3.30-4.30 6-7yrs  
4.30-5.30 9-11yrs  
Tuesday: 3.30-4.30 5-6yrs  
4.30-5.30 9-10yrs  
Wednesday: 3.30-4.30 7-8yrs  
4.30-5.30 8-9yrs  
Friday: 3.30-4.30 5-6yrs

#### **Marlborough**

Wednesday: 3.30-4.00 5-7yrs  
4.00-5.00 7-9yrs  
5.00-6.00 9-11yrs

#### **Ridgeway**

Wednesday: 5.00-6.00 5-7yrs  
6.00-7.00 8-11yrs

#### **Bampton**

Friday: 5.00-6.00 7-9yrs  
6.00-7.00 10-11yrs

#### **Tidworth**

Friday: 4.00-5.00 5-8yrs  
5.00-6.00 8-11yrs

#### **Croft** (Swindon Borough)

Saturday 9.00-10.00 5-7yrs  
Saturday 10.00-11.00 5-7yrs



# Sheldon Success

**H**ello and welcome to this afternoon's game with Wrexham here at The County Ground.

We would like to say a big hello to our Saturday Team Club visitors today who are Carol Loade with Mitcheldean Juniors FC Under 10's and 11's as well as to Gavin Woodward who is here with Penhill Knights. A big thank you to both Carol and Gavin for organizing their respective parties and let's hope you all have a good day and witness us taking all three points.

Mitcheldean Juniors FC will be presented with their Charter Standard Club Award prior to today's game and we would like to congratulate them on behalf of Swindon Town FC as we know all the hard work that they have put in to receive this reward.

On Thursday March 10th Jon and I took Sheldon School (Chippenham) to represent us in the Girls Under 13 National Competition with the South-West Finals taking place at Bristol Rovers Beeches



training ground. The girls competed against eleven other schools and did fantastically well to get to the three-way final which was competed by Oxford United, Plymouth Argyle and ourselves. In the first game we managed to beat Oxford United 3-1, with Plymouth also beating Oxford by the same scoreline that set up a grand final between The Pilgrims and ourselves.

Having been 2-0 down at the break, the girls got the score back to 2-2 and we were all gutted when

Plymouth scored in the last minute to take a 3-2 victory. The girls were an absolute credit all afternoon and donned the famous STFC colours with great pride. For their efforts we treated them all to a McDonalds before heading back along the M4 to school after a very tiring day. We would like to thank everybody who competed in this season's competition and a special thank you and congratulations to Sheldon for doing so well.

Enjoy the game,

**Clive and Jon.**



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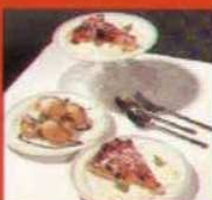


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- Pre-match/Post-match pay bar facility



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## Coca-Cola League One

Saturday 5th March 2005  
County Ground, 3:00pm

**Swindon** (0) 0

**Bournemouth** (1) 3

Attendance: 8,275

### Swindon



(red shirts, white shorts)

1. Rhys Evans
2. Sean O'Hanlon
3. Grant Smith
4. Matt Hewlett
6. Steve Jenkins
7. Sammy Igoo
9. Sam Parkin
11. David Duke
19. Matt Heywood
21. Lee Holmes
26. Michael Proctor

Subs Used

20. Steve Book (1)
10. Stef Miglioranza (4)
5. Jamie Slabber (21)

Subs Not Used

12. Jerel Ifil
17. Brian Howard

### Bournemouth



(blue shirts, blue shorts)

1. Neil Moss
6. Shaun Maher
8. Brian Stock
10. Steve Fletcher
11. Wade Elliott 1
12. Garreth O'Connor
14. James Hayter 1
22. Matthew Mills 1
25. John Spicer
28. Warren Cummings
31. James O'Connor

Subs Used

4. Marcus Browning (28)
9. Dani Rodrigues (10)
17. Alan Connell (14)

Subs Not Used

24. Gareth Stewart
15. James Coutts





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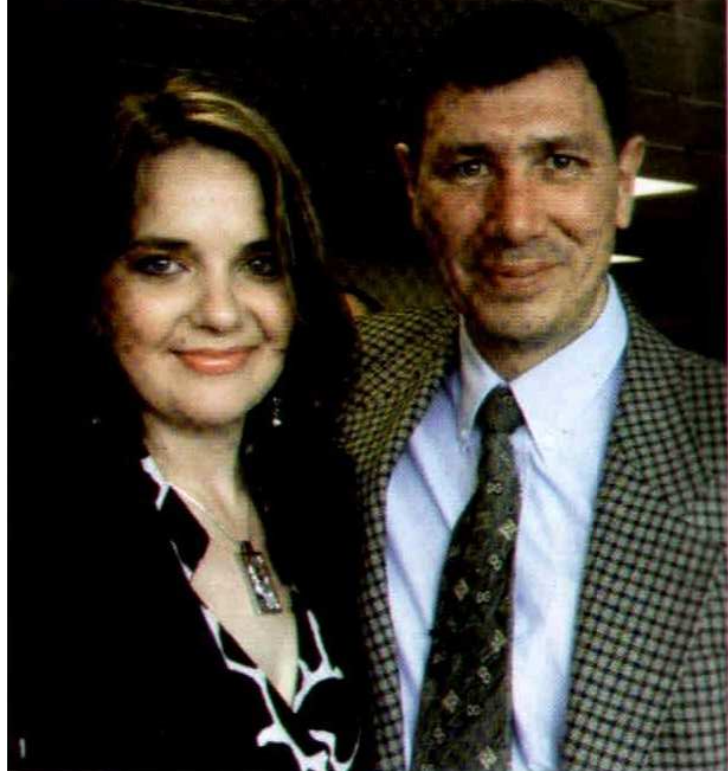
The Compere's for the evenings will be the ever popular **Barry Williams** and new to Swindon Town Sporting Dinners **Mr. Jed Stone**.

The price of each ticket includes a three course dinner plus coffee and mints.

We expect both these evenings to be 'sell outs' and tickets to go fast. We are now taking bookings for both nights. Tables of ten are **£525 plus VAT**, Tables of twelve are **£575 plus VAT** and individual tickets are available at **£59 plus VAT**.

If you would like to **book your places now**, please call Sarah Mildenhall on **01793 333718** or email **mike@swindontownfc.co.uk**





# Lawrie Sanchez

## STFC Sporting Luncheon Review

Northern Ireland Manager and former Swindon Town loanee Lawrie Sanchez was back at The County Ground for a Sporting Luncheon on Thursday 10th March. The luncheon, sponsored by Greenham, was hosted by the ever-popular Barry Williams with over 100 guests in attendance who all enjoyed a two-course lunch. As you can see from the photo's here, it was another successful event hosted at STFC.



**Picture Index:** 1. Sam, from the Chamber of Commerce, meets her hero; 2. Lawrie presents Mike King of Greenham with a framed piece, aided by Mike Spearman (left) and Iffy Onuora (right); 3. The Northern Ireland Manager pictured with the Greenham party; 4. Tuning into the wise words of an International Manager... 5. Lawrie draws the raffle.





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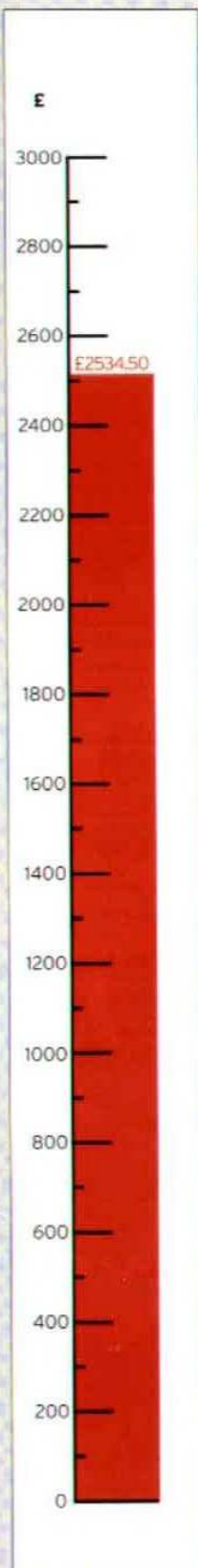
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## Half-Time Draw

Latest winner was W. Vowles from Wootton Bassett who won £417 with ticket number 278. This takes prize money paid out already this season to almost £7500 and with your continued help and support we hope to take this beyond £10,000.

## Disabled Group

The next meeting is due to take place on the 21st March with special guest, long-time Swindon fan and radio personality Vic Morgan. All disabled supporters and their helpers are welcome and for further information and details please contact the Disabled Group Chairman Ian Ratcliffe on 07956 545285.

There will be a good opportunity to ask Vic, not only about his interest in Swindon Town, but also his radio work. One question we would like to ask is why he could be heard screaming excitedly "goal" as Joe Kuffour scored an equaliser against us at Torquay recently. If you can't make the meeting we will

let you know the answer in our next notes.

## Sponsored Match

The next in our long line of sponsored matches will see the following fans, selected by lucky draw enjoying a special day out at the game against Walsall. They are: R Harris, P Hounsell, M Walsh, R Brown, P Carter, J Gleave, G Brice, T Chamberlain, C O'Hanlon, M Knight, G Harling and N Young.

## End Of Season

We will shortly be writing to our members asking them for their vote in our end of season "Player of the Year" nomination. As is usual we will also be running an end of season function / dinner to present the trophy and we would urge members to respond quickly to the invitations, that will be with them in early April, to ensure their place at the event.

## Next Notes

We are closing in on a major announcement and hope to bring further news in our next notes, providing negotiations are concluded satisfactorily.



# Where are they now?

— 1993/94 part one —

**F**ollowing on from our look at the Championship winning team of '96, we now look at the members of the only ever Town squad to play in the top flight...

## Steve White

After finishing his playing career with Bath City, 'Chaiky' took up coaching posts with Bath City and then the Southampton Academy before being appointed Manager at Chippenham. Recently came second in a poll for the BBC's Cult Heroes.



## Nicky Summerbee

'Buzzer' was a County Ground favourite before joining the massed ranks to leave Wiltshire following the relegation season of 93/94. Now with Bradford City, he has also had spells with five other clubs including Sunderland and Man City.



## Luc Nijholt

A fiery and charismatic midfielder, Dutchman Nijholt was signed from Motherwell prior to the Premiership campaign and went on to make 94 appearances and countless crunching tackles. He departed for FC Volendam in August 1995.



## Adrian Whitbread

Signed for £500,000 in the summer of 1993, 'Adi' made seven appearances during the Premiership campaign. He then went on to play for West Ham, Portsmouth and Reading before ending his playing career. Now Assistant Manager to Martin Allen at Brentford.



## John Gorman

After departing Swindon in November 1993, Gorman went on to assist former Town Manager Glenn Hoddle with England. He has also been Assistant Manager to Tony Adams at Wycombe Wanderers and coached at Gillingham, but is now back as Manager of The Chairboys.





## Fraser Digby

After leaving Swindon Town, Fraser went on to play for Crystal Palace, QPR and Kidderminster (loan) before calling time on an impressive professional career. Now works as Regional Sales Director for Inspire Success Ltd and Sales Director at Millenium Radio Cars.



## Paul Bodin

A Welsh International, 'Zippy' has two spells at The County Ground as well as playing for Crystal Palace, Newcastle and Reading amongst others. After finishing his playing career he had a spell with Bath City and now helps out with the Swindon Town Centre of Excellence.



## Kevin Horlock

A £1,250,000 fee took Horlock to Manchester City in 1997 before a move to West Ham for £300,000. He then signed for League One side Ipswich Town in July 2004 and has been a consistent performer for Joe Royle's side so far this term.



## Craig Maskell

'Magic' Maskell left Town in February 1994 to move to Southampton where he scored twice in 18 appearances for the Saints. He then enjoyed a more prolific strikerate of 20 goals in 63 games following a move to Brighton in 1996. Also had spells at Leyton Orient and non-league Aylesbury.



## Martin Ling

Signed from Exeter City in 1986 for £25,000, Martin Ling enjoyed a fruitful career with Town before signing for Leyton Orient in 1996. Having finished his career at Brighton, he returned to Brisbane Road where he is now Manager.



## David Hay

After leaving Swindon, he returned to Celtic where he did scouting duties and was Assistant General Manager to Jock Brown but after that fall out he became an agent for a while. Now Manager at Dunfermline FC.



## Shaun Taylor

Currently working as Reserve Team Coach at Bristol City, "Ooh Shaun Taylor" made over 250 first team appearances at The County Ground after signing from Exeter City in July 1991.





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## Today's Mascots



### Nathan Sinsbury

Today's mascot attends Fairford Primary School and plays in goal for the school team. His hobbies are football and swimming and he is looking forward to meeting his favourite players, Miglioranza and Parkin, here this afternoon.

We also have two other mascots this afternoon who are nine-year olds **Alexander Andronikou** and **Halil Jahit**.

## Win A Player !!

**C**oca-Cola has launched its biggest ever UK domestic football promotion offering millions of football fans the chance to 'Win a Player', worth up to £1/4m, for their beloved football club.

The promotion, which is open to fans of clubs from the Coca-Cola Football League & The Scottish Premier League, runs for 80 days from March 8th and will be featured on over 200 million specially designed packs across the UK.

Every fan enjoys playing team manager from the

terraces; from changing the formation from 4-4-2 to 4-3-3 during the game, to substituting half the team - the fans know best! Finally, Coca-Cola is giving them a chance to put their money where their mouth is and help shape their team and their club's future.

The Coca-Cola 'Win a Player' promotion encourages fans to come together in support of their football club. Fans can enter via text or online ([www.coca-colafootball.co.uk](http://www.coca-colafootball.co.uk)) once a day, every day, for as long as the promotion runs.



The winning fan will be awarded the unique and enviable experience of presenting their much-loved football club with a cheque to be spent on a new player, or players, to the value of £1/4m. They will also, no doubt, take

the opportunity to tell their club exactly who they think the money should be spent on!

For more details just log onto [Swindontownfc.co.uk](http://Swindontownfc.co.uk) or [coca-colafootball.co.uk](http://coca-colafootball.co.uk)



## Photo Gallery

### Luck of the Irish

Irishman Mike King of Cork, left, has flown over to celebrate his 40th Birthday for today's game, as a VIP guest at the County Ground.

### Looking up!

Pictured right is Town fan Jason Lyne with his wife Rachel during a trip to the 'Big Apple' at the start of February this year.





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# JUNIOR ROBINS



**H**ello to all the Junior Robins here this afternoon. Last month was the first of our 'Meet the Players' evenings, with another anticipated for October this year.

More than 100 of you turned up to this event on Wednesday 16th February along with a lot of parents and it was fantastic to have such great support. Rhys Evans, Sean O'Hanlon, Andy Nicholas, Dick Mackey, Iffy Onuora and Ian Woan joined us on the panel and I'm grateful to them all for giving up time. I was able to give a brief summary of what we have done this season, trips we have been on, the competitions and reciprocals as well as



outlining the plans I have for next season.

This was followed by a question and answer session. Well done to those of you who thought of questions, my fears of them drying up were unfounded as eventually we had to call a halt to the proceedings. Thanks Rhys for answering

the little lad who was brave enough to ask how many goals you had let in this season!

The panel were then faced with a queue of nearly everybody in the room as autographs were signed, photographs taken and refreshments handed out. This was a huge

task, which lasted over half an hour but nobody was denied this opportunity. Bring your autograph book to the next session and hopefully you can collect some more.

Finally, as the evening drew to a close the quiz winner was announced. Tom Denmead won an autographed football. The raffle was drawn with Adam Devine winning a mascot package for the game against Port Vale, Ryan Hosier a signed shirt and Josh Willcock (pictured) had his photo taken with the three players on the evening. Congratulations to you all.

Enjoy the game,

Andrea Garratt  
andrea.juniorrobins@tiscali.co.uk



## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Amran Nawaz  
Olly Langford  
Owen Pugh  
Mstr Herbert  
Jonathan Taylor  
Ben Smith  
Jack Duckers  
Stefan Tyrie  
Sam Hammonds  
Ryan Collins

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# Oh What Fun it is to see Swindon win Away...

... at MK Dons, Fri 25th March, National Hockey Stadium

Words: Richard Keast

Having never been to Milton Keynes in my life, the following information is taken from the excellent [www.footballgroundguide.co.uk](http://www.footballgroundguide.co.uk)

## Getting there:

**By car:** Leave the M1 at Junction 14 and take the A509 towards Milton Keynes. At the first island turn right onto the H5 Portway (signposted A509 (A5) Central Milton Keynes). Keep straight on this road crossing eight roundabouts. At the ninth roundabout turn left. The stadium is over on the right. If you do happen get lost, follow the signs for the railway station, as the stadium is located close to it. There is plenty of pay and display car parking around the stadium. This is mostly £1 for five hours immediately behind the home end, but other parking areas can cost as much as £5 for the same period (these areas

are indicated by red markings on the roads around the car park bays, so check carefully).

## Pubs:

From the football ground guide website, Milton Keynes certainly looks like living up to its reputation as the most soulless place on the face of the earth, but here is what it says anyway. "On my visit the Police were helpfully pointing away fans in the direction of a bar called Chicagos which has been designated as an away fans pub. It is only a five minute walk away from the stadium, being located above the bus station, which is just in front and to the right of the railway station. Although it was fairly easy to get served in Chicagos, the venue is more suited to being a night club and for me it was a bit soulless. A better bet if you arrive a bit earlier is to make the slightly further walk to

the Wetherspoons located behind Abbey National's head office."

## Ground:

Here's what the website says: "To be honest I had not been looking forward to visiting the stadium as it had formed a negative image for me. But I was actually pleasantly surprised. There was some atmosphere being created from the home fans, the stewarding relaxed and the facilities inside weren't that bad, plus the leg room and view from the away stand were good. My only real grumble was that on each side of the away end there were blocks of portakabin type toilets, which in the mens case seemed to have poorly designed entrances that allowed passers by to look directly in onto the urinals. Refreshments were provided by two burger vans selling the usual array of burgers, hot dogs & chips and on my visit they did quite well in serving the sold out away end. I and the away fans around me were quite amused with the loudspeaker request before the game for away fans to refrain from jumping up and down, in case it caused structural problems!"







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### STFC vs. Walsall

Saturday 9th April, KO 3:00pm

#### at The County Ground

Tickets are now on sale from the ticket office...



### STFC vs. Bristol City

Wednesday 13th April, KO 7:45pm

#### at The County Ground

Tickets are now on sale from the ticket office...





# UpNext...

## Gazette & Herald

Dave Wallis of the Gazette and Herald previews the next visitors to The County Ground...



**Coca-Cola LEAGUE 1**

**Saturday 9th April 2005**  
KickOff 3.00pm

**W**ith the re-arrangement of the Easter break's match with Bristol City, the next home match at the County Ground will be on 9th April when Paul Merson brings his Walsall team to Wiltshire.

Ex-Arsenal star Merson took the reins last May as the club faced League One football through relegation from Division One.

He's had a mixed bag of results in his managerial debut season.

Threatening to quit the club after a 5-0 defeat by Colchester towards the end of January, by mid February the Saddlers were eight points off the play-off



zone and the boss felt a top six spot was still there for the taking.

Last week, top scorer Matt Fryatt scored the quickest goal in the League One season with his seven-second opener against Bournemouth. It was his 13th of the campaign, but couldn't prevent the Cherries fighting back for a 2-1 win at the Bescot Stadium, leaving Walsall back in 17th place.

Second in the goal scoring stakes is Jorge Leitao on 10 and Darren Wrack has seven. The player boss himself has chipped in with two.

At the beginning of February, defender Lee Vaughan arrived on a non-contract basis from Portsmouth until the end of the season while striker Kris Taylor signed new two-year contract in mid March. The ex-Manchester United trainee had previously been on loan at Burton.

Our own Iffy Onuora started the season in a coaching capacity at the Bescot and Paul Merson lost another of his backroom team when assistant manager Frank Barlow left to join Gary Megson at Nottingham Forest. Barlow was appointed after Megson

failed in a bid to bring an ex-County Ground legend, Frank Burrows as his second in command. Burrows and Megson had previously teamed up at West Bromwich Albion.

The game should be Town's 40th of the season and both teams are likely to need the points to assist the campaign. Walsall have lost five out of their last six away games, with the one success on their travels coming against Bristol City at Ashton Gate.

Let's hope that's not an omen for when Walsall travel south on the M5.



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**M ANDY KING**

- |                        | played | scored |
|------------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 RHYS EVANS           |        |        |
| 2 SEAN O'HANLON        |        |        |
| 3 GRANT SMITH          |        |        |
| 4 MATTHEW HEWLETT      |        |        |
| 5 JAMIE SLABBER        |        |        |
| 6 STEVE JENKINS        |        |        |
| 7 SAMMY IGOE           |        |        |
| 8 RORY FALLON          |        |        |
| 9 SAM PARKIN           |        |        |
| 10 STEFANI MIGLIORANZI |        |        |
| 11 DAVID DUKE          |        |        |
| 12 JEREL IFIL          |        |        |
| 13 MATT BULMAN         |        |        |
| 14 CHRISTIAN ROBERTS   |        |        |
| 15 ANDREW NICHOLAS     |        |        |
| 16 STEVE ROBINSON      |        |        |
| 17 BRIAN HOWARD        |        |        |
| 18 ALAN REEVES         |        |        |
| 19 MATT HEYWOOD        |        |        |
| 20 STEVE BOOK          |        |        |
| 21 LEE HOLMES          |        |        |
| 22 MICHAEL POOK        |        |        |
| 23 LUKE GARRARD        |        |        |
| 24 ANDY CATON          |        |        |
| 25 BEN WELLS           |        |        |
| 26 MICHAEL PROCTOR     |        |        |



**D Drysdale**  
 • Referee



**J Farries**  
 • Assistant 1



**M Mullarkey**  
 • Assistant 2



**I K Scarr**  
 • 4th Official

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Wrexham 1-0 Oldham Athletic  
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 Blackpool vs Doncaster  
 Bournemouth vs Hull City  
 Bradford vs Hartlepool  
 Brentford vs Chesterfield  
 Colchester vs Sheffield Wed  
 Huddersfield vs Stockport  
 Oldham vs Luton  
 Port Vale vs Walsall  
 Swindon vs Wrexham  
 Torquay vs Bristol City  
 Tranmere vs Peterborough

## Wrexham



**M DENIS SMITH**

- |                    | played | scored |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 ANDY DIBBLE      |        |        |
| 2 JIM WHITLEY      |        |        |
| 3 ALEX SMITH       |        |        |
| 4 STEPHEN ROBERTS  |        |        |
| 5 BRIAN CAREY      |        |        |
| 6 DENNIS LAWRENCE  |        |        |
| 7 CARLOS EDWARDS   |        |        |
| 8 DANNY WILLIAMS   |        |        |
| 9 CHRIS ARMSTRONG  |        |        |
| 10 DARREN FERGUSON |        |        |
| 11 CHRIS LLEWELLYN |        |        |
| 12 DEAN BENNETT    |        |        |
| 15 CRAIG MORGAN    |        |        |
| 16 MATT CROWELL    |        |        |
| 17 MARK JONES      |        |        |
| 18 SHAUN PEJIC     |        |        |
| 19 ANDREW HOLT     |        |        |
| 20 SIMON SPENDER   |        |        |
| 21 LEVI MACKIN     |        |        |
| 23 HECTOR SAM      |        |        |
| 25 KIERAN QUINN    |        |        |
| 26 MATT DONE       |        |        |
| 29 MIKE WILLIAMS   |        |        |
| 30 JUAN UGARTE     |        |        |
| 31 MICHAEL JONES   |        |        |
| 32 SCOTT GREEN     |        |        |
| 33 BEN FOSTER      |        |        |
| 35 RYAN HARRISON   |        |        |
| 38 GARETH EVANS    |        |        |



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