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Club Honours

Nationwide Conference Champions:

2001-02

Dr Martens Football League

Champions: 1999-2000

Northern Premier League Champions:

1972-73, 1973-74, 1976-77, 1977-78

Northern Premier League Cup

Winners: 1973-74, 1975-76

Northern Premier League Challenge

Shield Winners:

1973-74, 1974-75, 1976-77, 1977-78

Lincolnshire Senior Cup Winners:

1934-35, 1936-37, 1937-38, 1945-46,

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Non-League Champions of Champions

Cup Winners: 1972-73, 1976-77

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1961-1962

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Runners-up

1996-97

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1995-96, 1997-98

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1984-85

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FA Cup football is always special and tonight is no exception when we entertain Coca-Cola League One side Swindon Town in a first round replay. Our visitors have got some very talented players on show tonight, including the likes of Fallon, Roberts, Gurney and Manchester United season-long loanee Heaton.

Statistics clearly tell you that the team from a higher division normally wins the cup replays, so we will have to sway that in favour of cup upsets, if we are to progress in this season's FA Cup. Monday of this week produced another example when Nottingham Forest progressed very comfortably at Weymouth.

Midweek matches are always special at York Street and our crowd always seem to have that little extra buzz that can sometimes be the difference when you need your supporters to get behind you. I will not build our visitors up to be Real Madrid, but in my opinion, they have good players who have gone five matches unbeaten and will provide us with as difficult a task as any team will this season.

Tonight we will be missing both loanee Ian Ross and the suspended Lee Canoville, so our resources will be stretched in full, but I did make the choice back in the summer of quality over quantity when it came down to which players we signed. I believe that was the correct decision then and I still do today.

The next four or five weeks will be massive for us as we go in search of a play-off spot. At Boston United, we know that we cannot compete with the budgets available at the likes of Grimsby Town, Wycombe Wanderers, Lincoln City or Notts County but we can compete on the field because we have a group of players who have a real hunger to get into those end-of-season play-off places. Over the next few weeks, we play the likes of Notts County, Wrexham, Wycombe and the excellent Cheltenham Town. These are all teams who will take a top seven place at the end of the season, so when you add the likes of Northampton, Leyton Orient, Lincoln City and Grimsby Town, it shows clearly just how difficult our task will be to get a play-off spot come next May. I believe the difference at the end of the season will be a fine line and I often remind the players of this.

York Street will have a great atmosphere tonight, but look around inside and outside the ground and it becomes clear just how much we need a new stadium. Memories will last forever, but our own beloved

York Street has now past its best and relocation to a new purpose-built facility is the only option. The people in this town are hard working and genuine and they deserve the same as the other towns around the country; in simple terms, a little bit of comfort when you watch the team that represents our town.

The man in the middle tonight is the same referee who officiated our first match down at Swindon. I don't believe that we got much that day but I have the utmost respect for Brian Curson, who I find to be honest and professional. The referee may make the decisions, but it is my players who can influence the result.

Tonight will be difficult and we will at times need the help of the best fans around, so get behind the boys and cheer us to a memorable win.

Gaffer

Steve Evans

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Sunday's Centre of Excellence fixtures saw the Pilgrims face Rotherham United. The under-15s/16s battled hard at Boston Grammar School, before losing out to a solitary 72nd minute winner. The under-13s/14s won on away soil, courtesy of Matt Oliver's goal, while the under-11s/12s suffered their first defeat in a while, despite two excellent Jordan Nuttall goals. They lost 6-2 after an entertaining encounter at BGS. The final match saw the Pilgrims' under-9s/10s make the trip to Rotherham.

In almost perfect conditions, United were very much a match for their South Yorkshire counterparts and at the halfway stage, both sides had played some entertaining football but created limited chances. With a 0-0 scoreline at the break, Boston fancied their chances of getting a result as previous encounters have always been in Rotherham's favour.

Unfortunately, the home side did not read the script and only two minutes after the restart, the home side took the lead after some poor defending. The Pilgrims fought back but three goals in eight minutes scuppered any chance of a Boston revival. Rotherham then hit a superb fifth before Callum Foster scored Boston's consolation goal with a simple tap in at the far post with a couple of minutes to go.

Club News



Staffing Appointments



Following Neil Richardson's departure from the club three weeks ago, Steve Welsh has been named as the club's head of youth development and he will combine this role with his first team coaching duties. Meanwhile, Neil Thorpe has been installed as the Pilgrims' Centre of Excellence Manager and this role will also see him managing the club's under-18s side in the Youth Alliance. For more information of the latest changes in the youth department, please turn to pages 26 and 27 of tonight's programme.

The FA CUP

FA Cup second round

The winners of tonight's FA Cup replay between Boston United and Swindon Town will face a home tie against Doncaster Rovers on Saturday December 3. If the Pilgrims progress to round two, ticket details will be announced on the official website www.bufc.co.uk tomorrow (Thursday).

LDV Vans Trophy News

Boston United host Kidderminster Harriers in the second round of the LDV Vans Trophy next Wednesday (November 23) and once again, admission prices have been reduced. Entry to the Staffsart Stand costs £10 adults and £5 concessions, while admission to all terracing areas are priced at £8 adults and £4 concessions. The draw for the area quarter-finals will be made on Sky Sports' Soccer AM programme on Saturday November 26.

Lincoln City ticket news

Boston United visit Sincil Bank on Boxing Day to take on local rivals Lincoln City. This match will be all-ticket and Boston fans must sit in the seat that they have been allocated. The tickets went on sale from the York Street ticket office last week. Tickets are priced at £16 for adults, £11 for concessions (OAPs and students with relevant NUS documentation) and £5 for under-16s. United supporters will be housed in the Co-op Stand.





Manager

Iffy Onuora

Height: 6.02
Weight: 14.00
Date of birth: 28-07-1967
Place of birth: Glasgow

Playing Career:
British Universities,
Huddersfield Town,
Mansfield Town, Gillingham,
Swindon Town, Sheffield United,
Tranmere Rovers, Grimsby Town
(loan), Wycombe Wanderers (loan),
Gillingham (loan)

Iffy Onuora took over as manager of Swindon Town in September 2005, following the departure of Andy King from the club. Onuora joined Swindon Town in October 2004 as head of youth development and quickly made a positive impression with all at the County Ground with a swift promotion into management following less than a year with the club.

As a player, Onuora scored an impressive 116 goals in 351 professional league starts. He started off his career with the British Universities and spent a season with them (1988-1989) before signing for Huddersfield Town in the summer of 1989. He enjoyed five successful seasons with the Terriers before switching to Mansfield where eight goals in 17 starts saw Gillingham pay £25,000 for his services. While with the Gills, 23 goals in 53 starts caught the eye of Swindon Town who paid £120,000 for him, with "Aye Aye Iffy" soon ringing round the terraces and Onuora soon banged in 25 goals in 65 starts from March 1998 to January 2000. Gillingham then moved once again for their former striker, this time for an outlay of £100,000. From there a permanent move to Sheffield United saw loan spells follow with Wycombe Wanderers and Grimsby Town. Onuora's playing career came to an end with a move to Tranmere Rovers followed by a brief spell with Huddersfield Town towards the end of the 2003-2004 season.

Introducing Swindon Town FC



GOALKEEPERS

Promising keeper **RHYS EVANS** joined Leyton Orient on a three-month loan deal in August 2002. He proved to be an excellent shot stopper and showed good command of his area. Rhys was unfortunate to pick up a leg injury, which cut short his period at Brisbane Road and saw him return to Chelsea. Later in that season, he made his debut for the England under-21 side against Serbia, but was eventually released by Chelsea. Town manager Andy King swooped for the young stopper in 2003 to give first choice keeper Bart Griemink more competition for the number one shirt at Swindon Town. Since then Evans has been a regular between the posts for Town and has turned in many match saving performances. Evans is currently sidelined through injury.

England under-20 international goalkeeper **TOM HEATON** played in 17 Barclays and 12 Pontins games last season for Manchester United and joined Town on a six-month loan in August. Tom was also in the side that defeated Charlton Athletic at The Valley to become the first official National Reserve League champions. Heaton has made the number one shirt his own with a string of impressive performances so far and could look to extend his stay in Wiltshire beyond January 2006.

Current back-up keeper at the County Ground is youngster **MATTHEW BULMAN**, who was an unused substitute in the first game against the Pilgrims on November 5.

DEFENDERS



O'HANLON signed for Swindon Town in March 2004 on a permanent basis from Everton. Having come up through the youth ranks at Goodison Park, O'Hanlon left Merseyside in search of first team football and was a rock in the centre of defence towards the end of the 2003-2004 season.

Signed from Watford in the summer of 2005, **JACK SMITH** adds youthful experience to the Town side and arrives with a point to prove. Due to the departure of Paul Robinson to West Bromwich Albion, he was thrust into the first-team spotlight at Watford and coped admirably, registering

After impressing during an eight-game loan spell last season, Liverpool-born **SEAN**

two goals. Having made his debut towards the end of the 2002-2003 campaign, the 21-year-old younger brother of ex-Hornet Tommy made another eight further appearances last term.



Powerful defender **JEREL IFIL** joined Town in the summer of 2004 after enjoying

three loan spells with Town previously from 2002 to 2004. Jerel became a fan's favourite during his brief stays in Wiltshire and signed on a permanent basis in June 2004 and put in some solid performances during the following season. Following Matt Heywood's summer defection to Bristol City, Ifil has now pinned down a regular first team berth in the Town backline.

Former Arsenal player **NICKY**



The Visitors

NICOLAU is equally at home in defence or in midfield. He signed from Southend United in the summer of 2005, although currently sidelined after undergoing a hernia repair in September 2005.

Capped by Wales on 16 occasions, **STEVE JENKINS** was signed at the end of November 2004 and has provided added experience to the Town backline. After beginning his career at Swansea, he has also been with Huddersfield, Birmingham, Cardiff, Notts County and Peterborough. After falling out of favour at London Road under Barry Fry, Town boss Andy King moved quickly to sign the player after impressing during his four-game loan spell.

Before joining Swindon in 1998, **ALAN REEVES** spent four years at Wimbledon, where he had the tough task of replacing John Scales. Reeves has also played for Gillingham, Chester and Rochdale where he is considered to be one of the best players in the club's history. He has now made well over 400 league appearances and was rewarded last season with a playing-coaching role that has seen him turn around the fortunes of Town's reserve side. He continues to back up the Swindon defence when called upon and is now the club's assistant manager. Currently out injured after breaking his leg in the home Carling Cup exit to Wycombe Wanderers in August.

ANDY NICHOLAS joined Town in the close season of 2003 following his decision to leave Liverpool, where he came through the youth system but struggled to break into the first team. He was a regular in the under-19s side at Anfield and won many plaudits with his performances at left-back, which prompted Andy King to snap up the youngster. After working his way into the manager's starting line up

with some hard work in training, Andrew seized his chance to become a regular member of the side throughout the 2003-2004 season and managed his first senior goal in a 4-2 win at Stockport in February.

A tough-tackling former Centre of Excellence player, local-based **KYLE LAPHAM** progressed through the ranks and has made a number of appearances for the reserve team last season before signing a professional one-year deal in the summer. Sustained a knee injury at Cirencester Town in pre-season but is now back to fitness and eager for first team action.

Having come on as a late substitute against the



Pilgrims in the FA Cup last week, **CHARLIE COMYN-PLATT** scored a late equaliser after taking his place as an emergency striker. He joined the Bolton Academy in the summer of 2002 after a long association with the club. The assured defender was called into the first team for the first time in September 2003, and he was handed his debut when replacing Bruno N'Gotty for the final nine minutes of the 3-1 Carling Cup win over Walsall. After being released by Bolton in the summer of 2005 he made the switch to The County Ground on a one-year contract.

PATRICK COLLINS arrived on loan from Sheffield Wednesday in the build-up to the new season. He signed a two-year deal at Hillsborough in July 2004 after impressing during a trial spell at S6 towards the end of the 2003-2004 campaign. The former Sunderland defender gained plenty of experience in his first season at senior level, amassing a

total of 33 appearances and operating both at right-back and centre-half. He made his Wednesday debut in the opening day clash with Colchester United and started the first 25 games of the term, scoring his first professional goal in the November win at Bristol City.

MIDFIELDERS

GARETH WHALLEY signed for Swindon Town in July 2005 from Wigan Athletic on a free transfer. Originally a trainee at Crewe, Gareth made over 200 first-team appearances for them before signing for Bradford City in July 1998 for £600,000. Gareth was a regular during their two-season spell in the top flight and in March 2002 went back to Crewe on loan for a few months. Injury kept him out from early-November 2002 until mid-April 2003 but he returned to play a significant role in the club's promotion through the play-offs. He left Cardiff in September 2004 and joined Wigan Athletic and subsequently made nine appearances for the Latics in the march to promotion to the Premiership. He signed a three-year deal at Swindon in the summer.

STEFANI MIGLIORANZI is the



product of the American College football system in which the most promising players are drafted into Major League Soccer. Portsmouth out-jumped Liverpool in inviting him for a trial and signed him soon thereafter. Stefani is a Brazilian-born American who holds an Italian passport. As a footballer the genes don't come much better. What's more, Miglioranzi is versatile; he can play in defence or as a central midfielder and since joining the club, he has impressed in the middle of Town's midfield.



A tricky winger with plenty of pace, **RICKY SHAKES** signed from Bolton Wanderers

in a deal which also saw Charlie Comyn-Platt join the club. Shakes spent time on loan with Bristol Rovers and Bury during the 2004-2005 season and impressed manager Andy King during a reserve game for Swindon.

Third year scholar **MICHAEL POOK** has seen first team action on a number of occasions, including the LDV Vans Trophy game at Boston United in 2003. "Pooky" signed a professional contract ahead of the 2005-2006 season and was a consistent performer for the youth team and reserves last term. Scored his first senior goal in the

home defeat by Wycombe Wanderers and has played in every first team game so far this season.

One of three Centre of Excellence players who were signed on as first year scholars in June 2004, **BEN WELLS** is an energetic midfielder who impressed in the under-17s last season. He was awarded a squad number in November 2004 and made the bench against Bristol City in the LDV Vans Trophy. Involved in Town's pre-season trip to Bideford in central midfield and made

the bench for the opening three games of the season, coming on as a late substitute at Barnsley.

Energetic midfielder **NEALE McDERMOTT** signed for Town from Fulham in August 2005 at the close of the transfer window. McDermott, son of former England midfielder Terry, joined Town to get some Football League experience and he made his debut for Town in the reserves' 7-0 win over Bournemouth at the start of September.

ANDY GURNEY rejoined Swindon Town on loan in the early part of the 2005-2006 season after failing to pin down a regular place in Swansea City's starting line-up. A versatile player, he can operate anywhere along the backline or in centre of midfield. He joined Swansea from Swindon on a free transfer in September 2004 and lists his other clubs as Torquay United, Bristol Rovers and Reading.

Youngster **DAVID STROUD** is another of Town's team with County Ground connections, with his father Kenny starring for Swindon. A skilful winger, David joined the Centre of Excellence before signing scholarship forms. He spent time on work experience with Basingstoke last season and made his Town debut at Huddersfield Town in October 2005.

STRIKERS



Signed from Barnsley, **RORY FALLON** made quite an impression against Town in the

past, scoring on many occasions and catching the eye of Town boss Andy King in doing so. He joined Barnsley as a professional in 1999 after moving up through their trainee programme. His last season there saw him score his first ever League goal against Blackpool and he quickly followed that up in a game at Stockport. He had just begun to cement his place in the first team when he suffered a stress fracture of his foot and it was not until the closing stages that he rejoined the first team squad. King had become a keen admirer of the striker by that point and Town eventually agreed an undisclosed fee with Barnsley to bring him to Wiltshire. Having waited patiently for his chance, has scored a number of goals including a brilliant overhead

kick from the edge of the box to secure a point against Bristol City in early April 2004. Fallon spent a one-month loan spell at Yeovil Town in February, scoring once in six appearances.

Striker **TONY THORPE** made the switch along the M4 from Loftus Road in the summer of 2005, signing a one-year deal. The long serving Luton Town striker moved to Loftus Road for a nominal fee in the first few weeks of the 2003-2004 season. Having started as a junior at his hometown club Leicester City, Thorpe then moved to Kenilworth Road where he established himself as potent finisher, scoring 50 League goals in 120 appearances, before attracting a £800,000 transfer move to Fulham. A short spell at Craven Cottage was followed by a move to Bristol City, with Thorpe now attracting £1 million for his signature. Again the striker proved a valuable buy, scoring 51 League goals in 128 appearances for the Robins. However, his time at Bristol City was punctuated by loan spells with Reading and then again with Luton, where he later made his move permanent. QPR paid Luton Town £50,000 for his services in August 2003 and he went on to score 10 goals in 26 league starts for Rangers before making his switch to Wiltshire in June 2005. Thorpe's overall goalscoring record stands at 136 strikes in 277 starts and he also scored one goal in five appearances for Rotherham United during a loan period at the end of last season.

Cardiff-born striker **CHRISTIAN ROBERTS** joined Town in October 2004 in a £50,000 switch from local rivals Bristol City. Formerly with Exeter City where he scored 18 goals in 67 league starts for the Grecians from 2000 to 2002, he made a tremendous start to his Town career, scoring the winner on his debut against Oldham

Athletic but was then ruled out with a hernia operation. He has found the net on two occasions this term, but a toe injury sustained after the Scunthorpe United game, in which he scored a penalty, has halted his progress.

COLIN HEATH can operate up front or out wide on the right and played in the Barclays and Pontins Leagues for Manchester United's reserves last season. He joined Town in August on a six-month loan deal and made his debut for the club at Blackpool on August 20.

Pacy Frenchman **HAMEUR BOUAZZA** joined Town as Iffy Onuora's first signing since taking over as manager at the County Ground on a one-month loan. Bouazza made his first start for Swindon against Port Vale and notched his first goal in the LDV Vans Trophy win over Stevenage Borough. This loan spell has now been extended until January 2006.

A powerful striker, **ANDY CATON** joined Swindon as a first year scholar in June 2004 after spending some time with GLS Hellenic Premier Division side North Leigh, where he was a prolific scorer. Came off the bench on the opening day of the 2003-2004 season, scoring against Wrexham and made subsequent appearances for the first team against Luton Town and Stockport County. He was handed a squad number for this season in August 2005, but is now unfortunately ruled out for several months after injuring his knee ligaments in the 1-0 win over Bournemouth in September 2005.

ASHAN HOLGATE made his Swindon debut against the Pilgrims on November 5. He can operate as a striker or on the right of midfield. He scored against Millwall in pre-season 2004, after coming on as a substitute.

1962/63

Swindon Town won promotion to the Second Division for the first time in 1962-63. Bert Head's young side won just one of their first six games, then top scorer Ernie Hunt netted a hat-trick in a 5-1 victory over Brighton. Cliff Jackson scored three times in a 4-3 win at Millwall and Jack Smith did likewise in a 5-0 victory over QPR as Swindon overcame the "Big Freeze" to maintain their promotion challenge. They hammered Colchester 6-1 and clinched promotion with a 1-0 win at home to Shrewsbury. Keith Morgan and John Trollope were ever-present, while other stars included Mike Summerbee and Bobby Woodruff.

1968/69

Don Rogers starred as Swindon Town achieved an epic League Cup and promotion "double" in 1968-69. Early pacesetters in the Third Division, they lost 1-0 at home to Watford in the title "decider" watched by 28,898 and finished runners-up on goal average. Swindon defeated Torquay 2-1, Bradford City 4-3, Blackburn 1-0, Coventry 3-0, Derby 1-0 and Burnley 3-2 in the League Cup before beating Arsenal 3-1 after extra-time in the Wembley final: Peter Downsborough, Rod Thomas, John Trollope, Joe Butler, Frank Burrows, Stan Harland, Don Heath, Roger Smart, John Smith (Willie Penman), Peter Noble, Don Rogers.

1969/70

Swindon Town challenged strongly for promotion to the top-flight in 1969-70. Fred Ford replaced Danny Williams as manager and Arthur Horsfield was signed from Newcastle, starring as Swindon were among the early leaders. Peter Noble grabbed a hat-trick as they beat Charlton 5-0 and maintained their promotion challenge with a 14 match unbeaten run. Swindon finished fifth in the Second Division, their highest position at the time. They also defeated Blackburn 4-0, Chester 4-2 and Scunthorpe 3-1 in the FA Cup before losing 2-0 to Leeds United in the sixth round, then beat Napoli 3-0 in the Anglo-Italian Cup final.

1979/80

Bobby Smith guided Swindon Town to the League Cup semi-finals in 1979-80. Swindon had narrowly missed promotion the previous season and Alan Mayes scored twice in an early 4-0 win over Brentford. They defeated Portsmouth 3-1, Chester 2-1, Stoke City 2-1, Wimbledon 2-1 and Arsenal 4-3 in the League Cup before losing 4-3 to Wolves in the semi-finals. Andy Rowland and Alan Mayes formed an exciting partnership as Swindon gained four successive wins, then trounced Bury 8-0. They took Spurs to an FA Cup fourth round replay but finished mid-table despite signing David Peach and Glenn Cockerill.

1985/86

Swindon Town stormed to the Fourth Division title with a record 102 points in 1985-86. Lou Macari's side made a poor start in the League but defeated Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday en route to the Milk Cup fourth round. Kenny Allen arrived from Torquay and Dave Bamber from Portsmouth as Swindon soared to the top of the table with 14 wins in 16 matches. They set a club record of 13 consecutive home victories with a 3-1 win over Burnley and clinched the title with a 1-1 draw at Mansfield. Charlie Henry and Colin Gordon scored 35 goals between them, while skipper Colin Calderwood was ever-present.

1986/87

Lou Macari plotted Swindon Town's 1986-87 Third Division play-off final triumph. Colin Gordon was sold to Wimbledon, while newcomers included Jimmy Gilligan, Mark Jones, Fraser Digby and Bristol Rovers pair Tim Parkin and Steve White. Six victories in eight games catapulted Swindon into the promotion race, then Jimmy Quinn returned from Blackburn and Phil King arrived from Torquay. They starred as Swindon gained seven straight wins and qualified for the play-offs in third position after remaining undefeated in their last 11 matches. Swindon beat Gillingham 2-0 in the play-off final replay after a 2-2 aggregate draw.

1989/90

Swindon Town won the 1989-90 Second Division play-off final but were denied top-flight status after an illegal payments scandal. Swindon had qualified for the play-offs the previous season and Ossie Ardiles replaced Lou Macari as manager. They soared into the promotion frame with seven wins in nine games including a 6-0 victory over Stoke and signed David Kerslake from QPR in November. Alan McLoughlin, Duncan Shearer and Steve White starred as Swindon maintained their challenge with just one defeat in 13 matches and finished in fourth position. They defeated Sunderland 1-0 in the play-off final at Wembley.

1992/93

Player-manager Glenn Hoddle was a key figure in Swindon Town's 1992-93 First Division play-off final success. Swindon were early pacesetters and new signing Craig Maskell grabbed a hat-trick in a 4-1 win over Cambridge United. They went second after a 5-1 demolition of Notts County, then overcame a lean spell with Ross McLaren's return inspiring a run of seven victories in nine games. Dave Mitchell netted three times in a 6-4 win at Birmingham and Swindon qualified for the play-offs in fifth position. They defeated Tranmere 5-4 on aggregate, then gained a thrilling 4-3 win over Leicester in the Wembley final.

1993/94

Assistant-boss John Gorman replaced Glenn Hoddle in charge as Swindon Town prepared for the 1993-94 Premiership campaign. New signings included Jan-Aage Fjortoft, Andy Mutch, Luc Nijholt and Adrian Whitbread, with Swindon starting with a 3-1 defeat at Sheffield United. They drew 0-0 at Norwich but despite signing Terry Fenwick and Keith Scott, were already facing relegation by the time they managed their first win 1-0 at home to QPR in November. Swindon completed the double over QPR and also beat Southampton, Spurs and Coventry as well as drawing against Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester United.

1995/96

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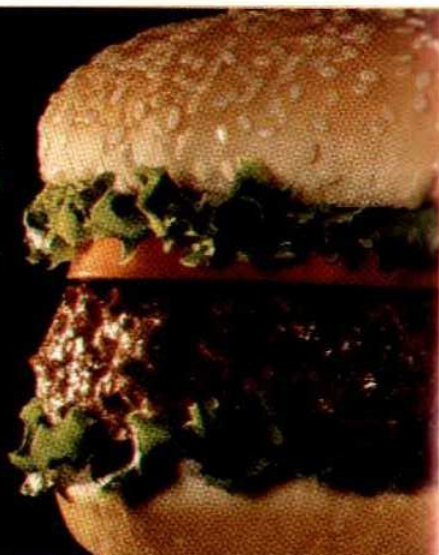
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The Frost Report

Hello and welcome to this evening's FA Cup replay against Swindon Town.

Following Lee Taylor's departure from York Street, I have been appointed interim first team physio, although it's not a new role for me, having worked at Luton Town, Northampton Town and Kettering Town in the past.

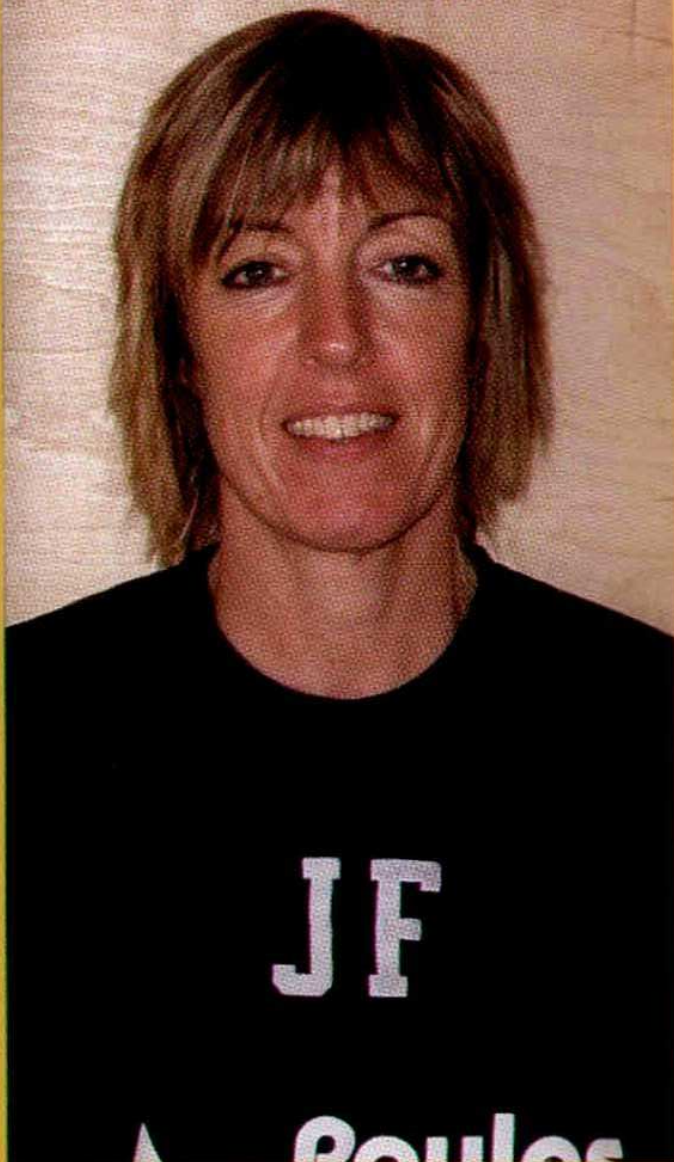
I joined Boston United in the summer as Centre of Excellence physio, but I've been involved a fair bit with the first team since I arrived at the club, so the step-up wasn't a problem. I actually succeeded LT as physio when he left Luton too.

On the current injuries front, we don't have any major problems, touch wood. Noel Whelan has resumed training this week, only three weeks after undergoing surgery on his hernia problem and he's progressing nicely.

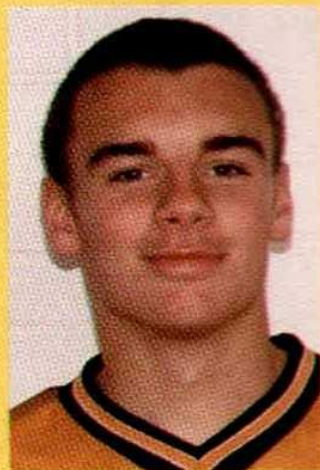
On the youth team front, Richard Chinn has unfortunately suffered another injury blow. He broke his fifth metatarsal on his left foot in August, but recently returned to action. However, he's opened the wound up once again in last week's FA Youth Cup match at Cogenhoe, so he's likely to miss another six weeks.

Rob Norris suffered a dead leg at Cogenhoe and missed Saturday's youth team match at Grimsby, but he's been back in training this week.

Enjoy today's game,
Julie Frost



Noel Whelan



Richard Chinn

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Blackwell's Brief

December 3. There is nothing like the magic of the FA Cup, especially the first round proper, in which clubs from many leagues take part. I could not wait to get home on Saturday to see the "Match of the Day" highlights of the cup and in my opinion, the BBC give great coverage of this competition and give a lot of exposure to non-league sides as they battle to knock out Football League opposition.

Sat in our Swindon hotel last Friday, I thoroughly enjoyed watching Merthyr Tydfil and Walsall on TV. It was interesting to watch the tie at a ground — Pen-y-darren Park — that we have visited many times, and also knowing Tim Harris, the Merthyr manager. I enjoyed the second live match on Sunday even more, as Staffordshire-based Chasetown entertained Oldham Athletic. It was a typical non-league v League encounter on a sodden surface and plenty of mud, with a blood and thunder spirit. This is what the FA Cup is all about.

Meanwhile, I was very surprised to read in the Boston Target the comments from who I believe is the Boston Town press officer, Simon Ashberry, over the October Coca-Cola manager of the month award. For League Two, the award went to Martin Ling at Leyton Orient, instead of Steve Evans. I thought everybody at York Street was trying very hard to "build bridges" with our neighbours across town. Over the past few years, regular pre-season visits to Tattershall Road and joint fundraising ventures have

seen the best relationship for years, so why has Simon put the boot in to our Gaffer? Is it for old times when Steve was the manager at Holbeach United or Stamford, or does our recent good form upset him? I do not hear anybody from York Street having a go at the people across town, so we just need to get on with it and continue to build those bridges.

Finally, I must make comment on the bad timing of last Saturday's international friendly between England and Argentina in Geneva. I just cannot see the logic in playing a friendly match in another country on a Saturday afternoon when our own domestic league programme is being played too. I know we had the opportunity to rearrange the fixtures to Friday evening, Sunday or an early kick-off on Saturday, but why should we? It hit attendances everywhere and all for just a friendly fixture. Surely an evening kick-off on Saturday or sometime on Sunday would have been better for everyone. The powers-that-be do not think about the smaller clubs and supporters, where crowds are so important to clubs in order to survive. My interest in the fixture was nil. For a change, I helped Maureen do the shopping at Asda!

Enjoy tonight's match, get behind the lads and cheer us into the next round.

**Best wishes,
JOHN BLACKWELL**

Good evening and welcome to York Street for tonight's FA Cup first round replay against our visitors Swindon Town, who have made the long journey from Wiltshire. May I take this opportunity to wish a warm welcome to all visiting players, officials and supporters and hope you enjoy your short stay in our town and have a safe journey home.

Making my first-ever visit to the County Ground last Saturday, I was very impressed by the facilities and by the very kind and warm hospitality provided by our hosts. A special thank-you goes to Linda Birrell, the secretary at Swindon Town, for all her help and assistance in the run-up to the match and on the day. The only problem I could find was the five roundabouts in front of the ground! It must be a nightmare trying to negotiate them at every match.

The match itself was a typical hard-fought FA Cup tie, which could have gone either way right up to the final whistle. However, it resulted in tonight's second meeting to decide who will host Doncaster Rovers on

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Target Series

Seldom could the value of home advantage be more critical to a team cause. But given the intense-looking nature of Boston United's impending fixture list, there's every prospect that the next three weeks could be a pivotal time.

If tonight's FA Cup rematch against Swindon ends in success similar to that enjoyed by the Pilgrims the last time the sides met here (LDV Vans Trophy in 2003), it would set up an unprecedented five successive York Street fixtures. Obviously it would create a bit of a strain on United's groundstaff and probably stretch supporters' purse strings. But potentially, there could be massive gains and team progress out on the field.

The tight confines of this stadium have, down the years, worked to good effect for the Pilgrims. And although everyone accepts the tough nature of the games in prospect, the string of outings now beckoning looks mouth-watering — tonight's replay, next Wednesday's chance of LDV Vans Trophy progress (against Kidderminster), two critical League Two outings and then hopefully an FA Cup second round tie against Doncaster. What more exciting way could there be to approach the run-up to the festive period?

Of course, the worst thing United and their fans could do is simply expect home advantage to equate to guaranteed positive results. Football,

I'm afraid, just doesn't work like that. Otherwise those who regularly "invest" on fixed odds coupons would be basking in the Bahamas or somewhere similar by now!

Instead, it's fingers crossed that the Pilgrims' players — who have done so well of late — can keep up their good work. A run of 12 unbeaten matches speaks volumes for itself. Unfortunately, it wasn't loud enough for the manager of the month judges to hear when assessing the top boss accolade for October.

Traditionally, the man in charge of the club with the best statistical record, generally gets the prize. And bearing in mind Boston United had the best monthly record of all 72 Football League clubs (five wins and a draw), it beggars belief that Steve Evans hasn't got his mits on the prize.

Apparently, the award went to Leyton Orient (four wins, two draws) because the deciding factor was their win at Grimsby. Look at the Mariners' home record, though, and you'll see that only six of the division's 24 clubs have worse home territory stats and no-one has lost more times in front of their own fans! Surely, if a tie-break was necessary, it should have been that the Pilgrims had also been unbeaten in the previous calendar month.

Suspensions of a hidden agenda are, needless to say, doing the rounds. At least, though, there has been recognition for one Boston connection with loanee midfielder Ian Ross being voted player of the month. Well merited, indeed.

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10 to tackle

- 1 Former England manager Glenn Hoddle, now at Wolves, took charge of Swindon Town in the early nineties. Which three other English club sides has he managed?
- 2 Until 1994 Swindon were one of two Football League clubs playing at a stadium named "the County Ground," but the other club then moved. Can you name them?
- 3 The reward for tonight's winning team will be a home tie against Doncaster Rovers in the second round proper.
- 4 The only previous meeting between Boston United and Swindon Town was an LDV Vans tie at York Street in 2003-2004 season. The Pilgrims won 2-1, but who scored the winning goal?
- 5 Which Doncaster-born winger, formerly with Scunthorpe United and Barrow, made his one and only Boston United appearance in that LDV Vans tie?
- 6 Which team overcame Doncaster in the second round proper of last season's FA Cup, thereby earning themselves an away trip to Manchester United in the third round?
- 7 Colchester United secured their best ever FA Cup victory in the first round proper of this season's FA Cup. But which non-league team did they beat 9-1?
- 8 Nuneaton Borough have already confirmed their place in the second round proper with a 2-0 win against Ramsgate. Which former Boston United player scored one of their goals?
- 9 Another former Boston United player appeared as a second-half substitute for Chasetown in their televised FA Cup tie against Oldham Athletic. Can you name him?
- 10 Which team secured its place in the second round proper after a hat-trick from Paul Brayson against Morecambe?

Answers on page 57



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Friday night's defeat at Rushden and Diamonds brought our fantastic unbeaten run to an end, but we are looking to bounce back straight away and will be aiming for a win this evening against Swindon Town.

As I mentioned in previous programme notes, our reaction would be important after the run ended, so we now get chance to put this into practice. We must look to get ourselves on another good run, and there would be no better time to start that than this evening.

We had a good chance of eliminating Swindon from the FA Cup in the first match 10 days ago. However, we conceded a late goal and will get a second bite at the cherry tonight. Make no mistake about it though, Swindon will be a stronger outfit tonight and will come here fancying their chances. They'll have one or two players back from the first match, particularly with strikers Rory Fallon and Christian Roberts returning to fitness. However, it's about what we do and we're looking for a positive response to Friday's disappointing defeat.

You often see higher league teams progressing after replays and I suppose that's the reasons why they play in higher divisions, with quality shining through in the end. This is something I saw at first hand last season when Brentford beat Hinckley after a replay, before succumbing to Southampton in a rematch at Griffin Park. I understand Boston suffered the same fate against Hartlepool, so this is a trend we are looking to buck tonight, and of course there have been plenty of examples of the lower league teams winning replays too.

Reflecting on the proceedings at Nene Park on Friday night, we did not perform particularly well, but neither side really warranted three points. We would have been happy with a draw, as a point away from home is never a bad thing. However, a lapse in concentration cost us right at the

death, with no time to mount a comeback.

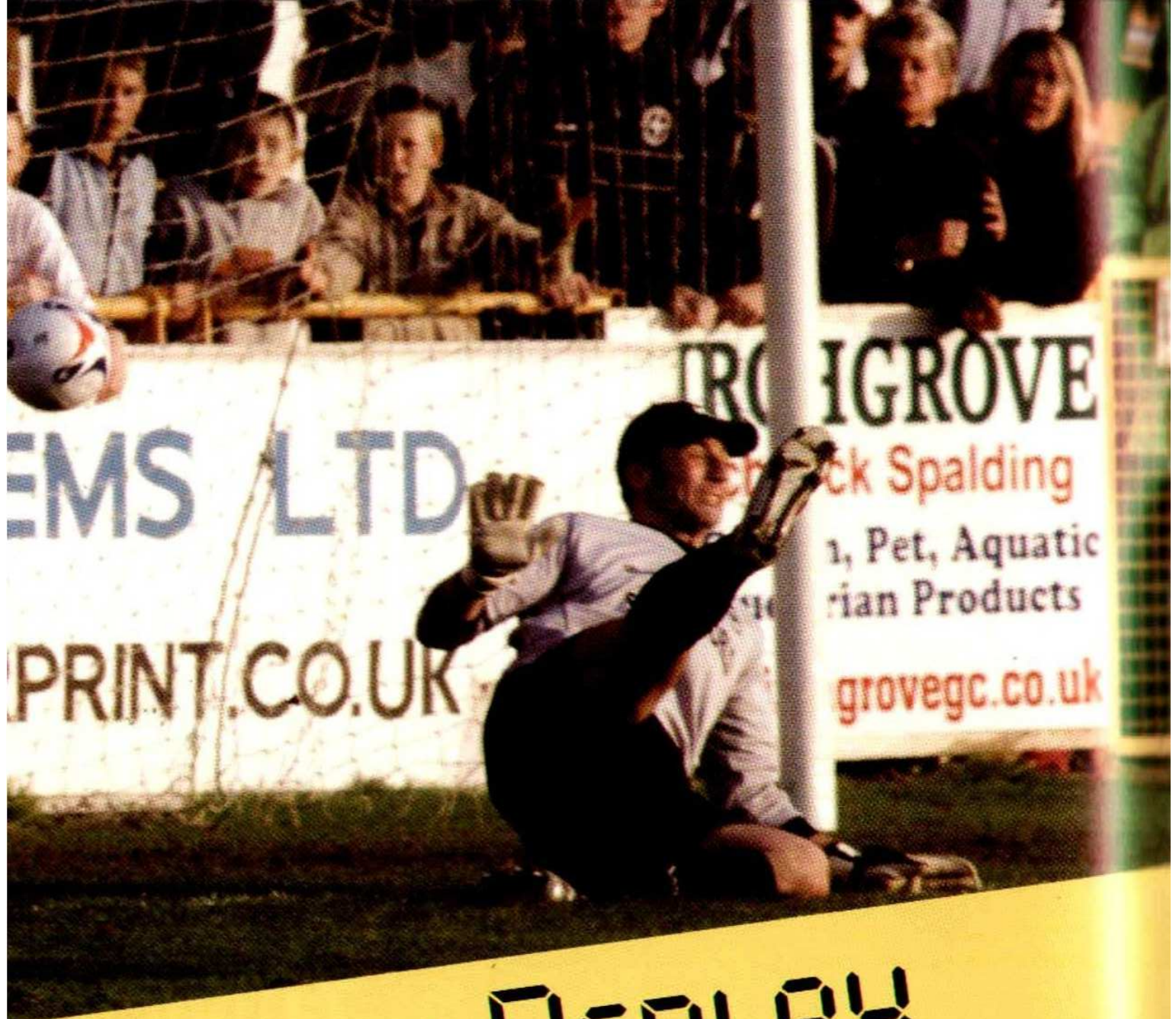
With no match on Saturday, I was able to watch the England v Argentina fixture and it was an unbelievable game, probably better than many of the World Cup matches that I've seen. It was a great game, and I would still be saying that even if England hadn't got their two late goals. I'm sure the Argentines felt as sick as we did on Friday when they let the two late goals in, but full credit to Michael Owen for two such clinical finishes. It will be good if England can take this form into next summer's World Cup and this match in particular will have been useful for us if the two teams

come across each other during the finals in 2006. England could well have the psychological advantage over Argentina after Saturday's win.

On a final note, I would like to thank the travelling supporters who have made the trips to Swindon and Rushden over the last week or so. Over 300 made the journey to Swindon and I believe 712 travelled to Rushden, so on behalf of the boys, I would like to pass on our thanks for your tremendous backing.

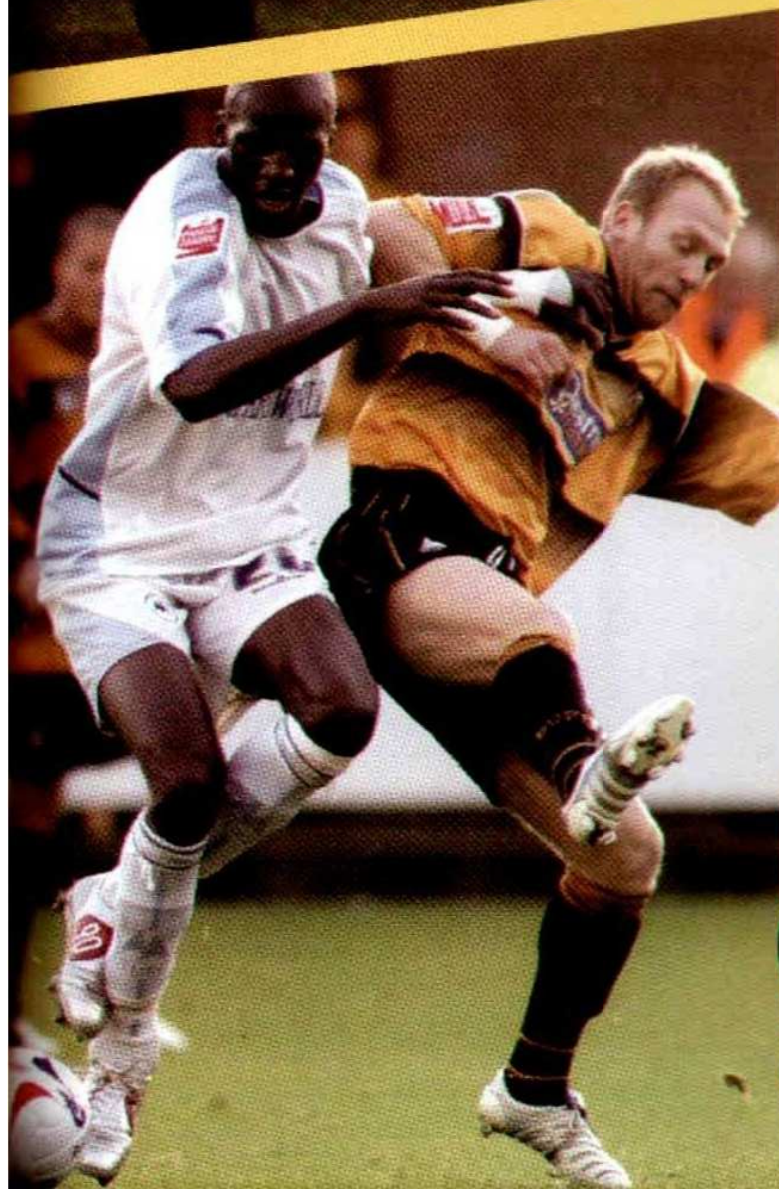
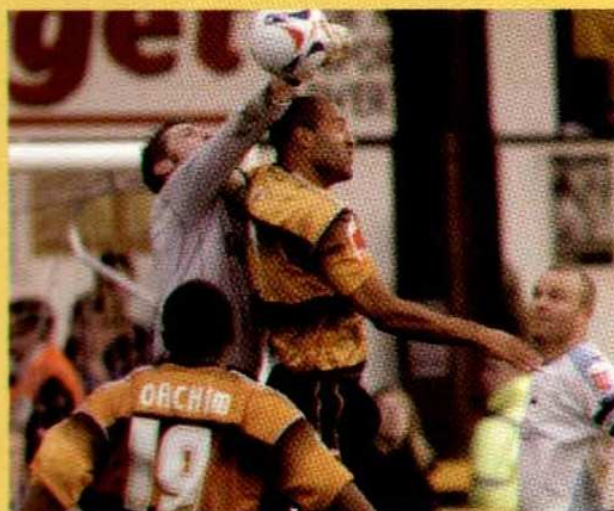
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Talbot's Tales



ACTION REPLAY





Pilgrims: Abbey, Greaves (McCann), White, Futchter, Canoville, Maylett, Holland (Rusk), Talbot, Ross, Joachim, Dudfield (Lee).

Subs (not used): Ellender, Thomas.

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BOSTON UNITED 2
TORQUAY UNITED 0

Simon Rusk



Swindon Town might not have known too much about Simon Rusk before the FA Cup first round fixture 10 days ago, but you can bet they were aware of him as the Pilgrims spectacularly marched into a 1-0 lead at the County Ground.

Rusk cracked home a tremendous 30-yarder to give United an early lead, in a match they eventually drew 2-2, and his all-action display was one of the reasons why the Pilgrims were able to claim a replay against the League One outfit, winning many plaudits for his display along the way.

The likeable United stalwart has been impressive for the Pilgrims this season and played a key role in the 12-match run that Boston enjoyed throughout September, October and into November. United's long unbeaten run came to an end last Friday as the Pilgrims succumbed to an injury time goal against Rushden, but Rusk is backing Boston to recover quickly. He said: "It was hugely disappointing on Friday. We didn't play particularly well, although having said that, I don't feel that Rushden were great either. There was very little to choose between the sides, although Rushden perhaps did have a few more shots on goal.

"In the end though, it was just one lapse from us. We didn't close the cross down quickly enough, before the lad got a free header in on goal. It was a preventable goal, but we win as a team and lose as a team, so there was no finger-pointing in the dressing room afterwards.

"There's no time to sit and dwell on this result. We've got to get ourselves back on track tonight and there's no better competition in which to get a good result than the FA Cup. We did well to

get Hartlepool back to York Street for a replay last season, and there was very little in that replay. In fact it was Adam Boyd's deflected effort that separated the sides.

"Swindon will pose us with another tough test tonight and it's all to play for to see who will face Doncaster in round two. Doncaster are a club who've kicked on rapidly over recent years and if we can progress, that could possibly bring a sell-out to York Street, which would be fantastic."

Incidentally, Rusk made his Pilgrims' debut at Doncaster in March 2001, since going on to become the club's longest-serving player with his committed and whole-hearted performances in a variety of positions. However, a place in the centre of midfield is one that suits Rusk the most and he's been delighted to appear there recently.

On the subject of personal form, the 23-year-old has been pleased with his recent displays, although he admitted that a niggling injury was most unwelcome in mid-October. He added: "I don't want to harp on about it, but I always asked people to judge me when I'm playing in my favoured position, which is the middle of the park. I've been really happy with my performances since I got back into the side and I think I've held my own in midfield. Without blowing my own trumpet too much, I think this is a decent achievement, because we have an abundance of

quality in midfield at York Street, so I must be doing something right.

"I was bitterly disappointed not to start the season in the team and I told the Gaffer what I thought. In fairness though, he picks the team and I knew I had to continue working hard for my chance. Since I've been in the side, I think I've done well and I'm keen for that to continue over the remainder of the season."

Once tonight's replay has been negotiated, the Pilgrims will switch their attentions to Saturday's League Two fixture against Notts County, with United looking to seal an early "double" following their success in Nottingham on October 7. Rusk continued: "Saturday's match will be a tough game. No matter what the outcome is tonight, our last result in the league is a defeat, so we've got to get ourselves back on the winning trail. Notts County will be coming here looking to avenge their defeat against us a few weeks ago, so we must be on our guard.

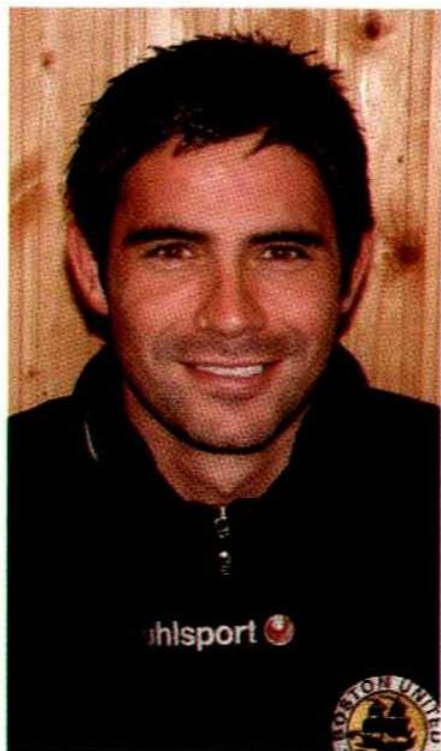
"Looking back on it now, it was a bizarre night I suppose. We got two early goals, with Jockey scoring inside a minute and then County gifting us an own goal. Then we had two players sent off to set up a really nervy ending, but eventually held on to win 2-1. A repeat scoreline would do nicely on Saturday, although hopefully I won't end up in goal this time! We'll leave that sort of thing to Nathan with a bit of luck!"



Youth Viewpoint



Steve Welsh - Head of Youth



Neil Thorpe

Welcome to this evening's FA Cup replay against Swindon Town.

With this column being my first set of programme notes, I think I should first of all comment on our elimination from the FA Youth Cup against Cogenhoe United last week, in levelling conditions at Compton Park. I was disappointed, but the positive point for me was that an under-16s player, Prajwal Adhikari, stepped up and acquitted himself with credit.

I would like to introduce Neil Thorpe, who has been appointed to look after the youth team, initially until the end of the season. He's an ex-Aston Villa trainee and I've known Neil for a while, so therefore I'm confident that he is well-qualified to do a good job here at York Street. Neil will be working day-to-day with the scholars and I look forward to working very closely with him in the Centre of Excellence set-up.

We have short, medium and long-term aims for the Centre in the hope of developing homegrown players, who have an affinity to their team and football club. The Gaffer has been very supportive and is keen to encourage the development of youth and has given us a wide, yet challenging remit to bring through players for this football club.

Meanwhile, we're currently looking at appointing an under-16s coach and we've approached a couple of prospective candidates. In the meantime, I will carry on looking after this age group until I find a suitable replacement. The under-16s in

particular, is an important age group and these players need to be handled carefully.

The Football League inspectors were with us last week and the feedback was positive. We hope to continue fostering good relations with the Football League and the FA and the Football League actually visit quarterly, so let's hope for another good report next time around.

I would also like to thank Boston Grammar School and in particular head of PE Nigel Wainwright for their support since I've taken the job. We have used their facilities on a number of occasions and I thank BGS for their continued backing of the youth development policy here at York Street.

Another addition to our staff recently has been physio Richie Barnes, who has joined us with Julie Frost currently acting as interim first team physio. Richie will provide physio cover for the youth team and Centre of Excellence age groups. He's with us for initially one month and I welcome him aboard.

On a final note, I would like to thank our youth administrator Emma Rayner, who has been a huge help to me since I was given the job permanently. Her help on the admin side has been invaluable.

**Awe ra best,
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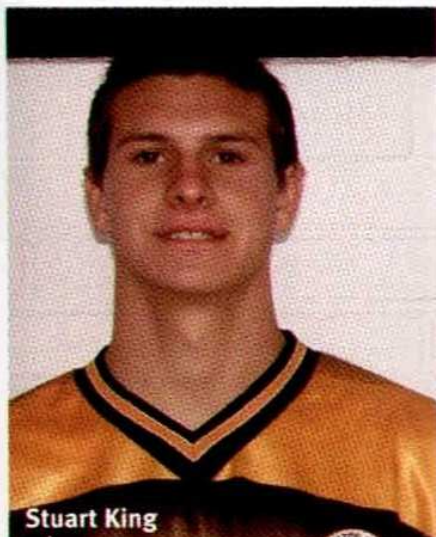


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Sat Sep 10: York City	2-2
Sat Sep 17: Scunthorpe Utd	0-7
Sat Oct 01: Rotherham Utd	1-4
Sat Oct 08: Chesterfield	0-2
Sat Oct 15: Bradford City	0-3
Sat Oct 22: Burnley (YLC)	1-2
Sat Nov 05: Hull City	2-4
Thu Nov 10: Cogenhoe United	1-2
Sat Nov 12: Grimsby Town	1-6
Sat Nov 19: Mansfield Town	
Sat Nov 26: Darlington	
Sat Dec 03: Lincoln City	
Sat Dec 10: Rotherham Utd	
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Sat Feb 25: Darlington	
Sat Mar 11: Doncaster Rovers	
Sat Mar 18: Hartlepool Utd	
Sat Mar 25: Notts County	
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Home Games in Bold	

Boston United were knocked off the FA Youth Cup trail last night on Thursday, courtesy of a disappointing 2-1 defeat at the hands of non-league side Cogenhoe United.

The Pilgrims scored first through Miles Hunter on 35 minutes, but the home side clawed back the deficit and eventually when on to lead 2-1 at half-time, in a game of few chances. There was indeed some debate as to whether Cogenhoe's second goal had crossed the line, but the assistant referee awarded it, despite struggling to see through a group of bodies at the far post.

In the dying moments, Tom Hurst had a header heroically cleared off the line, while substitute James Needham blasted an effort just wide from 20 yards. However, the Pilgrims could have no complaints about their defeat and Cogenhoe booked a second round tie against Southport in round two.

Midfielder Richard Chinn was a first half casualty with a foot injury, and his substitution necessitated a reshuffle, with Hunter joining Rob Norris up front and Stuart King reverting to midfield. After the break, under-16s striker Prajwal Adhikari was introduced into the action and was a shining light on an otherwise dull night for the Pilgrims in Northamptonshire.

A few days earlier, Hull City had proved too strong for United's youth team on at RAF Cranwell. The Pilgrims were beaten 4-2, despite late goals from Norris and King as they began the post-Neil Richardson era with another defeat. United began badly and found themselves trailing 2-0 at half-time, thanks to a brace of own goals.

Captain Hurst sliced a miscued clearance into his own net, before

King doubled the lead with another wayward defensive header from 18 yards. The Pilgrims' woes were compounded when midfielder James Bennett added two second half goals. However, United rallied and Norris cut the deficit with a fine goal, before King produced a good close-range finish following extended Boston pressure on the visitors' goal. But it was far too little, too late as the Pilgrims slipped to a fifth straight Youth Alliance defeat.

And five successive defeats became six when an under-strength United lost 6-1 at Grimsby Town on Saturday morning. An own goal accounted for the Pilgrims' strike, with Norris, Chinn, Jamie Stevens and Lewis Brooks all missing from the squad.

The Pilgrims are scheduled to return to action on Saturday when they travel to face Mansfield Town in a re-arranged fixture at Highfields in Nottingham. It will be the first time that the sides have met in competitive action, as they were in different divisions last season. New under-18s manager Neil Thorpe will be hoping to halt the losing run and record his first victory as youth team boss.





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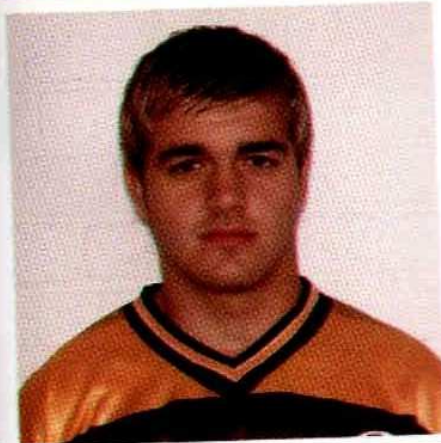
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One for the Future

Brett Williams



Name...
Brett David Malcolm Williams

Position...
Centre-half

Birthplace...
Mansfield

Date of birth...
April 12, 1988

As a boy I supported...

My family are all big Manchester United fans, so I followed the family tradition!

Team joker...

It has to be Needs. His banter is always funny.

Worst dressed youth teamer...

Jamber bought a new jacket last week and it's rubbish! He's got plenty of dodgy tank tops too.

Best friend in football...

Me and Hursty (Tom Hurst) have got on great since day one.

Tunes...

I like listening to R'n'B, Hip Hop and Rap.

Wheels...

I'm not learning to drive yet; I haven't got the time at the moment.

Chicks...

I'm single at the moment.
We'll leave it at that!

Holidays...

I went to Barcelona last year, but my best holiday would have to be Tenerife.

Schooldays...

I joked around a lot at school, although I did manage nine A-C grades.

If I wasn't at Boston United...

Playing rugby probably.

Five words to describe yourself...

Relaxed, respectful, professional, physical, athletic.

In five years' time...

Hopefully playing professionally at the highest level possible.

Nicknames...
Arnie.

Strengths...
I'm powerful and speed is my other main attribute. I'm also strong at tackling and heading.

Weaknesses...
I rely too much on my right foot, so I need to improve my left.

Career highlights...
Playing in the FA Youth Cup at Oakwell last season against Barnsley.

Career lowlights...
I can't really say that I've had any.

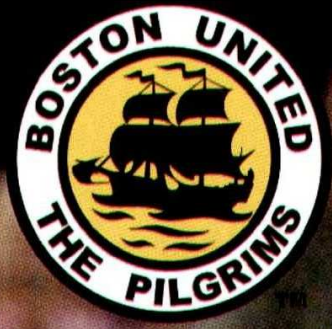
I play a bit like...
Sol Campbell — he's another powerful and strong centre-half.

Best players played with...
In training, I would say Gazza and David Noble.

Toughest opponent...
Doncaster's big striker Leo Fortune-West was a handful in the reserves last season.

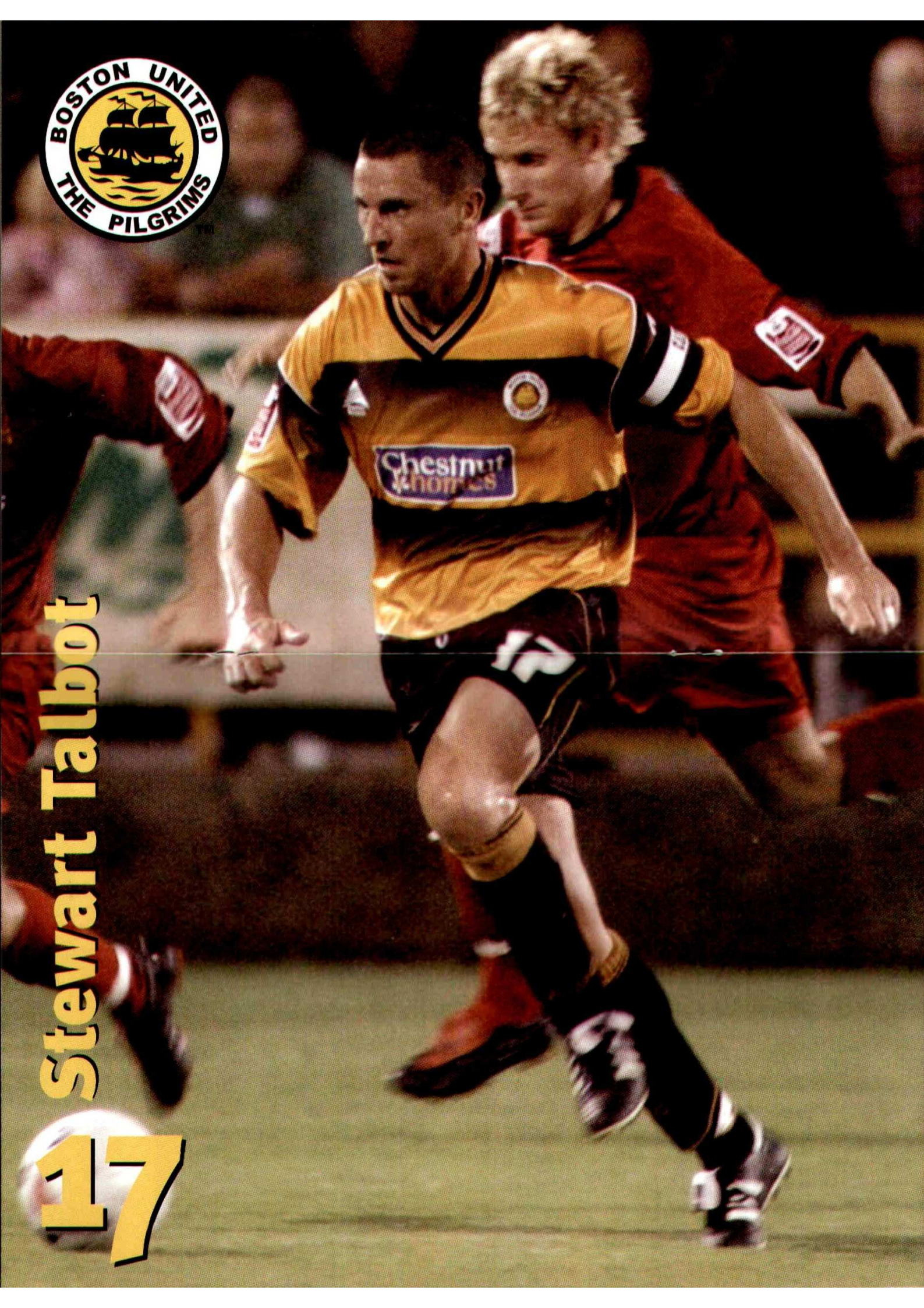
Heroes...
Bobby Moore is a legend after the things he's done for England.

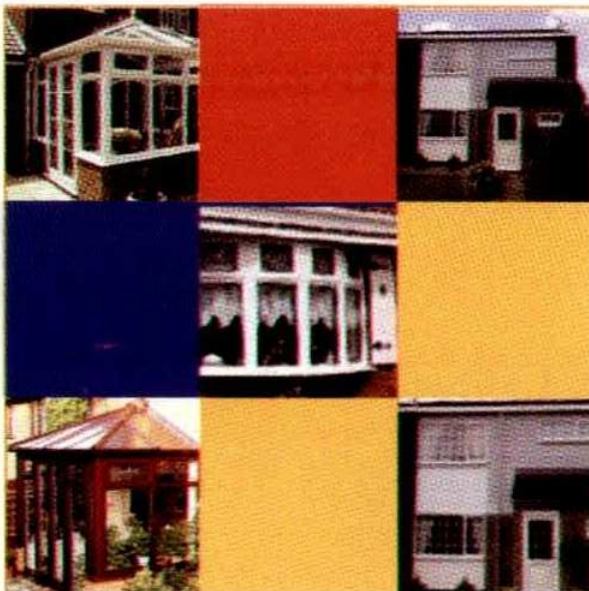




Stewart Talbot

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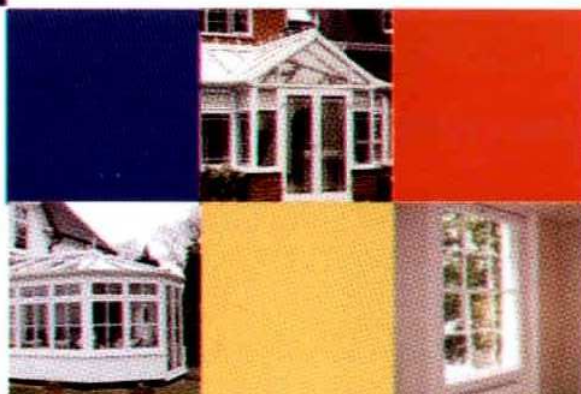


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Inside View

Why do some football fans leave matches early? It is a question that always baffles me and dawned on me again at Hillsborough a week ago.

I had travelled to watch Sheffield Wednesday play Cardiff City in the Championship and with 10 minutes to go, thousands of Wednesday fans started to filter out of the ground as their side trailed 3-1.

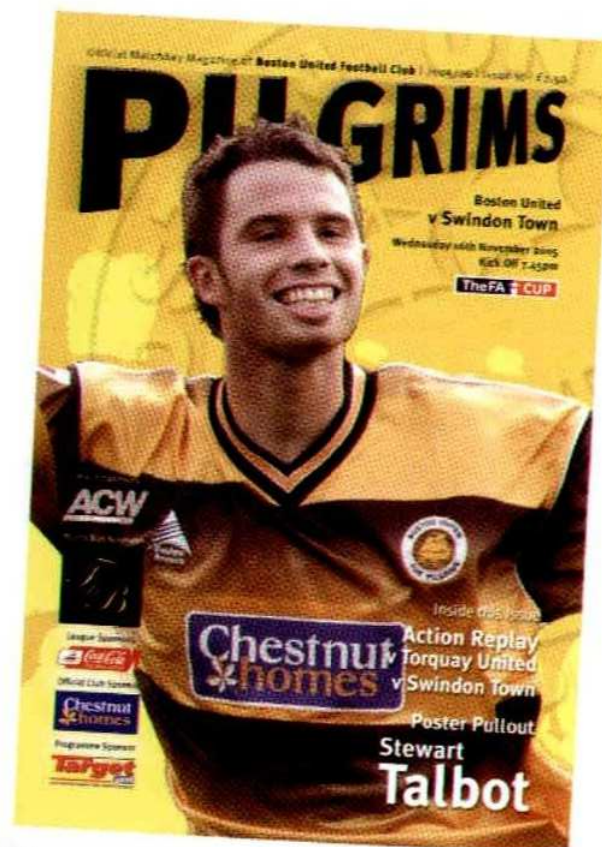
It was hard to believe that so many fans deserted the ground with the home side pressing hard for a route back into the match, although admittedly still two goals behind. It set my mind back to some classic Pilgrims' encounters, with two particular matches standing out.

The Conference-winning season of 2001-2002 witnessed two such encounters. The Pilgrims trailed Doncaster Rovers 2-0 at York Street going into stoppage time in September 2001. But Daryl Clare popped up with two late, late goals to seal an unlikely comeback for United and demonstrate in the process that a match isn't over until the full-time whistle has blown.

This fact was illustrated even further when the Pilgrims travelled to Southport in April 2002. Trailing 2-0 just after half-time, United rallied and got the game back to 2-1. The equaliser duly arrived in stoppage time, before Shaun Teale memorably headed into his own net to cap another great comeback and prove that miracles can happen.

On the flipside, United's 2-1 debut at AFC Bournemouth in the club's debut Football League season saw a role reversal for United. Leading thanks to Mark Angel's 25-yard stunner, the Pilgrims conceded twice in added time to lose a game they should have won.

Tonight's encounter provides the Pilgrims with another chance to progress to round two of this season's FA Cup and a potentially mouth-watering tie against Doncaster Rovers. The first match against Swindon was not a classic, but one which I believe we should



have won. Unfortunately the late equaliser denied the Pilgrims an outright passage into round two, but if a 2-2 scoreline had been offered beforehand, we would have taken it.

The magic of the cup is still very much alive and the game between Chasetown and Oldham was the proverbial "David v Goliath" match-up. Former Pilgrim Andy Turner is now assistant manager at Chasetown and he emerged as a second half substitute as the non-league minnows held the Football League big-boys to a draw and subsequent replay.

Elsewhere, tonight signals the start of four home games in 10 days, and possibly five in 17 if victory is secured for the Pilgrims this evening. It promises to be a hugely important spell of action, so keep up your excellent support. And remember, if your team is losing tonight with 10 minutes to go, stick with it, because you never know what might happen!

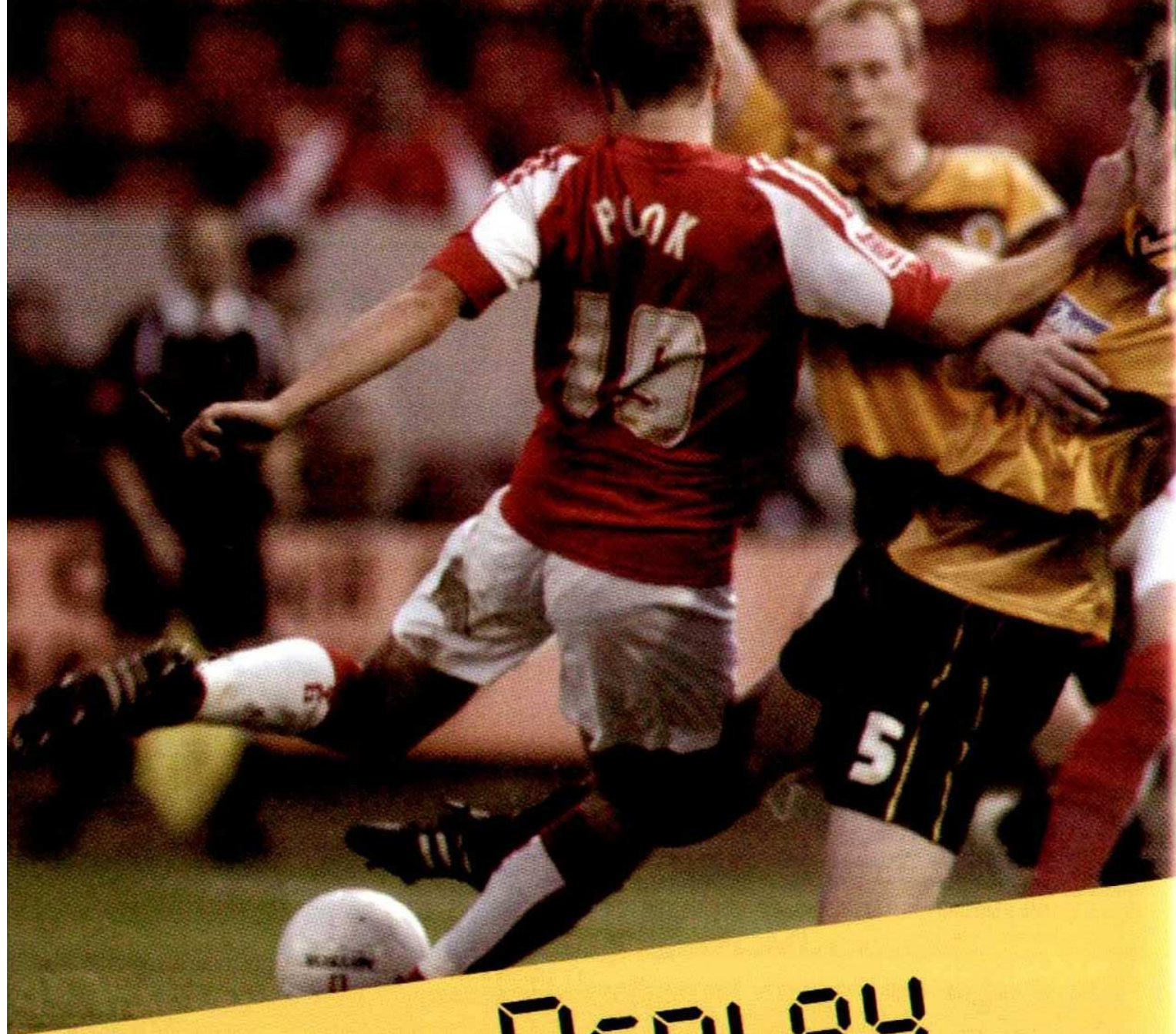
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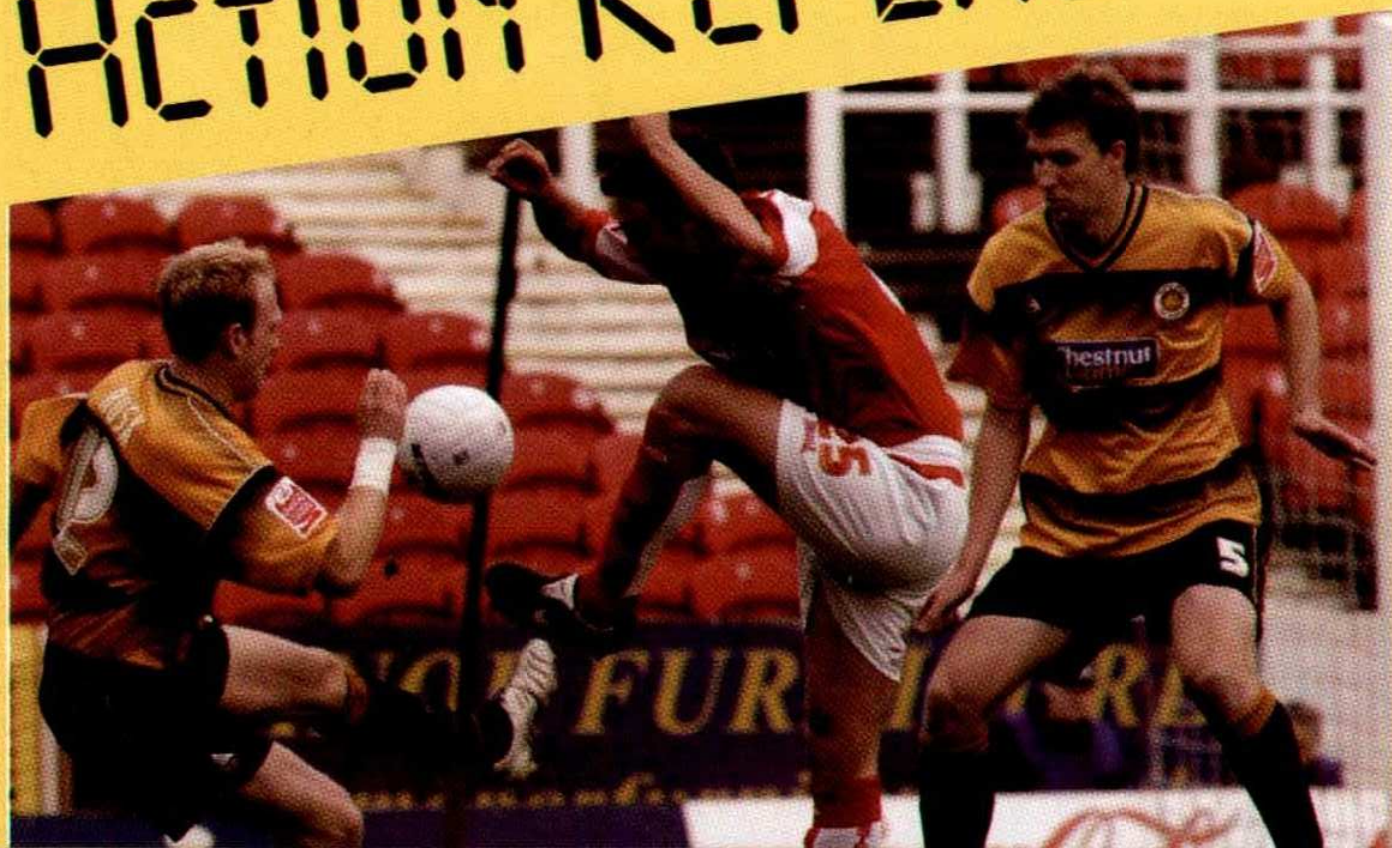
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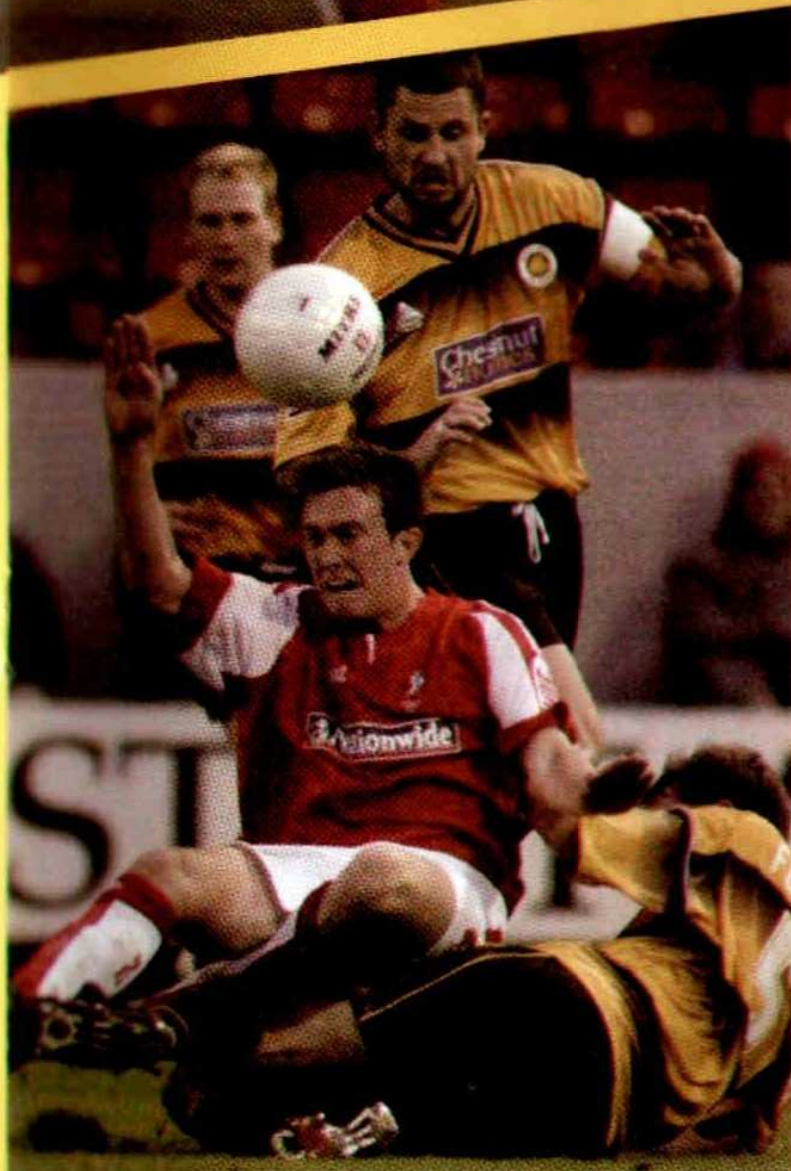
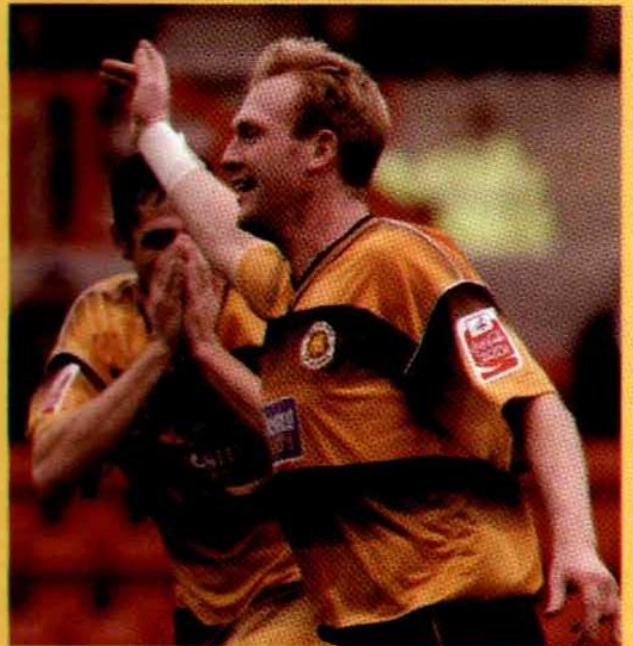
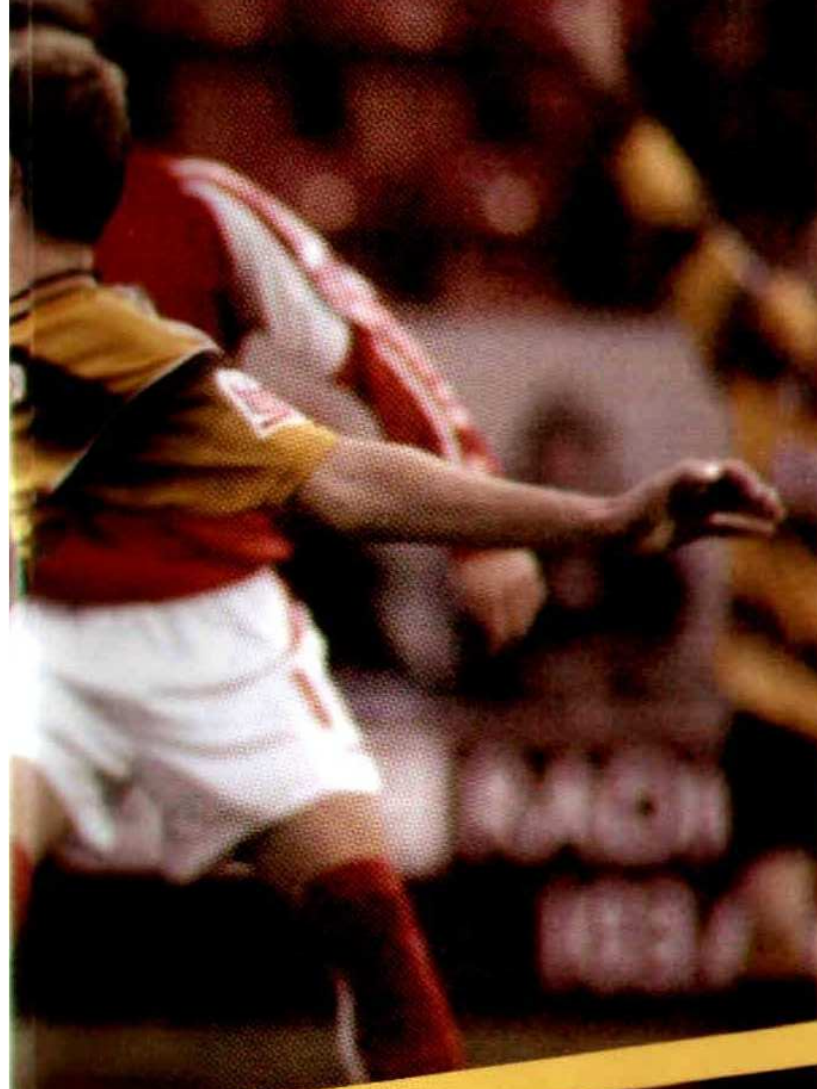
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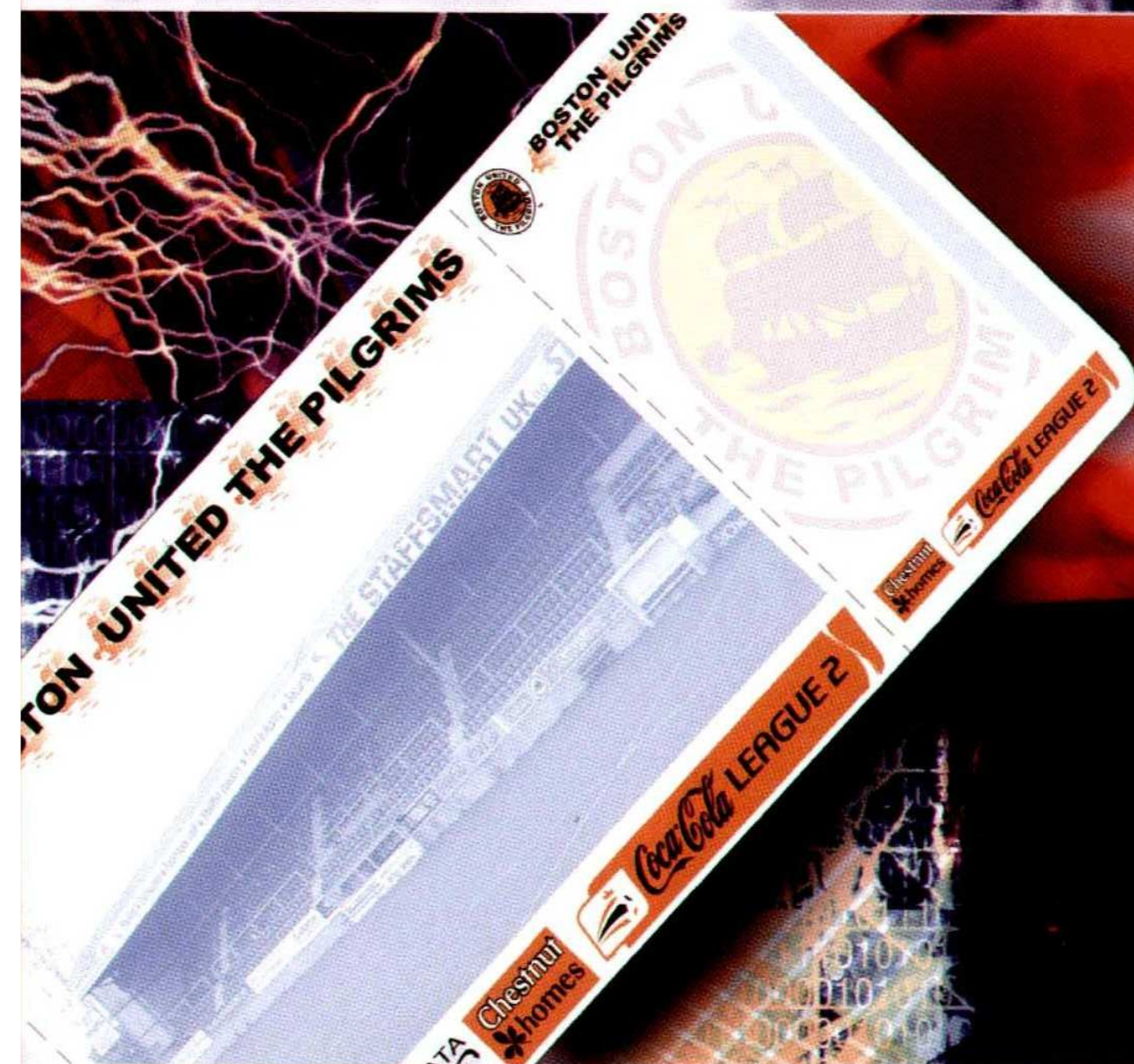
Subs (not used): McCann, Noble, Wright (gk).

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Good evening and a warm welcome to tonight's game.

In our last programme notes, I spoke about my upcoming meeting with the funding officer from the PFA. The meeting was a real success and has resulted in us putting in our first funding application for the children, young people and families' grant.

The project is being partnered by Connexions in Lincolnshire and is to work with children who have left school and are not in training or employment. It is hoped that with an insight into sports coaching, these children may be re-motivated by getting back into education or provide a stepping-stone into employment.

The project is to be rolled out in the following areas: Boston, Spalding, Skegness, Louth, Sleaford and Grantham.

Our holiday courses have now passed and were a success. The numbers were good and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time. Plans are now being put into place for a Christmas club and party, just before



Christmas. The details will be detailed in the press in the next couple of weeks.

Enjoy the game,
BRETT WHALEY
FITC Officer



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A View from the Pressbox



Duncan Browne
Boston Standard

“Both Boston and Swindon will be desperate to be involved in round two, even if that means the unglamorous visit of Doncaster. Tonight signals the real test of Boston’s mettle.”

Rome — as we have all been told a million times by know-it-all teachers and condescending parents, not amused by our youthful impatience — was not built in a day. However, it did not take long for the mighty empire to crumble and the principalities of Europe and Eastern Asia to claim their territories back.

In little more time than it takes a lion to eat a good old Christian, the Caesars and senators were no more, people stopped consummating marriages with the help of a king turtle all this “et tuing” was consigned to the stage.

Recently, one commentator went out on a limb and compared the slow but impressive rise of Rome, its years of dominance and spectacular implosion, to the ongoing sagas at Old Trafford. It was a nice analogy but just six days later the Red Devils somehow managed to scramble a win at the expense of Chelsea and then, quick as you like, the crisis was no-longer in the North West but, instead, West London. What rubbish.

Apparently, after just 90 minutes of solidity, Rio Ferdinand was good again. After a cross snuck in at the back post for a goal, Darren Fletcher was a worthy team member. Failing to add to his 11 goals from midfield so far this season now means Frank Lampard is having a blip. Just because he didn’t get on the scoresheet, Didier Drogba is apparently useless (erm, well?).

This just goes to show how fickle so many of us can become after just one result. If a week is a long time in politics then it is certainly an eternity in football. On Friday the Pilgrims’ unbeaten run of 12 matches came to an end at Nene Park, of all places. It took a last gasp stoppage-time goal from Phil Gulliver to end the run, rather cruelly if you ask me.

Talking to both manager and captain after defeat I was struck by how both managed to pick up on Swindon Town’s late equaliser at the County Ground in the previous match and the Rushden and Diamonds late winner as if a pattern were emerging. It must be strange for two club representatives, even if inadvertently, hinting at a suspected Achilles’ heel before the press picked up on it. Aren’t players and managers usually steadfastly defensive of all interior matters?

In fact, throughout the squad, the danger of conceding late goals suddenly became a hot potato. Forgetting how badly defeat feels is going to hurt, especially in a side which has become fiercely proud of its unbeaten record. But in hindsight, the pain on Friday only cut deep because Boston United have been spoilt over the past two months with seemingly nearly every moment of fortune going in their favour. This time it was different. The run is now over and the major test will be how well the squad recovers from this blow.

That begins tonight. Both Boston and Swindon will be desperate to be involved in round two, even if that means the unglamorous visit of Doncaster. Tonight signals the real test of Boston’s mettle. Can another run begin so quickly? If that is the case then it must be taken one step at a time. After all, Rome wasn’t built in a day.

Duncan Browne



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The FA Cup. A small saying, which conjures up countless thoughts for football fans, across many years. In real terms it is not that long since the Pilgrims would have had to have been successful in a number of games to get this far — the first round proper.

Whereas nowadays, as a League Two club, we enter the competition at this stage.

"Don't care, just a home tie" is the usual answer from managers when questioned on potential opponents prior to the balls being removed from the bag. Well, as we all know we didn't get that home tie this year. However, we did equip ourselves more than adequately with a 2-2 draw at the County Ground, Swindon a week last Saturday, to earn the right to have another crack at tonight's opponents. To the victors of this evening's encounter is the spoils of a home tie against Doncaster Rovers in the next round. Let's hope the lads turn on the style and deliver the victory required.

As you may have read in the local press recently BUSA has two issues in the limelight at the moment, the possible return of the Town End to home fans for the Kidderminster cup game and the BUSA Christmas Party.

The Christmas Party is to be held in the Sports Bar on Friday December 10. The festive fun starts at 5.30pm

for our junior members where for an hour-and-a-half, the party will be based entirely for them. After a suitable child oriented buffet, a couple of special guests will help Santa distribute presents to those juniors at the party. As part of the procedures each junior will also receive a free match ticket to the Leyton Orient game scheduled for January 2, 2006.

Up to 200 match tickets have been made available through the sponsorship deal with Paragon Labels. A very special thank you from BUSA therefore goes out to Paragon for this very generous donation. Once the early festivities for the juniors have concluded, the evening will progress into a family disco party. Part of those evening activities will include, a raffle kindly sponsored by M Small Electrical, and, for those a bit peckish, at a small charge, an Andy Dunmore "hog roast." Tickets for the party are priced at merely £3 for BUSA members and £4 for non-members. Adults can accompany children to the junior party at no cost at all.

The return of the Town End to the home fans for one last time is something BUSA is working on with a number of people to achieve. We will keep you abreast of any progress in this column, the local press and the club's website. As an active member of the club's safety advisory group, BUSA would like to make it crystal clear that we will only pursue this aim in total conjunction with the wishes of that group.

Finally, two birthdays to mention. Both junior BUSA member Sam Gostelow and slightly older BUSA member Steve Appleyard had birthdays last Saturday. Our best wishes and many happy returns go out to both Sam and to, Steve who's "life began" that day!

Enjoy the game.





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LDV Vans Trophy southern section first round
Wednesday 15th October 2003, York Street



New recruit Bayo Akinfenwa was the last-gasp hero for Boston United. The 21-year-old striker capped a superb debut performance by grabbing the Pilgrims' giant-killing winner in the dying seconds of an entertaining LDV Vans Trophy first round tie against Second Division promotion chasers Swindon Town.

Visitors' boss Andy King made several alterations to his regular squad which he admitted in post-match interviews probably played a part in the overall result. But that was of no consequence to Neil Thompson and his resilient Pilgrims' squad. Minus the services of numerous regulars for genuine reasons, Thommo had little option other than naming the side which took to the field. But the players did him — and the club — proud with an all-action display and an ultimately deserved victory.

It was a lively encounter, but surprisingly took the best part of 15 minutes to spark into action with Akinfenwa's pass finding Simon Weatherstone who fired just too high. However, in the 16th minute, United broke through when Mark Angel (again in purposeful form all night) delivered a fine free-kick and Lee BEEVERS headed in unmarked. Swindon battled hard to try and find a way back with lively strikers Jon Stevenson and Brian Howard frequently testing the home rearguard. But Boston hit back and it was only the agility of Town keeper Bart Griemink that prevented Weatherstone from doubling the home lead.

However, Swindon made full use of that escape by netting a 31st minute equaliser when Steve ROBINSON stabbed home through a crowded six-yard box following a cutback from the promising Seb Ruster after the Boston defence had failed to fully clear their lines.

Once again the Pilgrims replied with close calls for Angel, Weatherstone and Akinfenwa while at the other end, Swindon also missed out when openings arrived for Robinson and Stevenson. Early in the second half Weatherstone and Ruster exchanged further untaken chances and then in the 60th minute Ruster created space down the right and crossed for Stevenson to head straight at Paul Bastock. It nearly proved a costly miss as, from an ensuing breakaway, Angel's cross from the left split the Town rearguard and fell for Weatherstone eight yards out. But Griemink somehow threw himself full length to deflect away the United man's snapshot.

Remarkably, Griemink almost turned scorer moments later when a huge punt down field took a wicked bounce just outside the United box and forced Bastock to back-pedal and tip over at the expense of a corner. Once again in an ebb-and-flow encounter, Boston hit back and Griemink saved well from an Angel free-kick and then Adrian Viveash had to hack away from a dangerous centre by lively home substitute Scott Brough.

Then just as the tie seemed destined for extra time, up popped the forceful presence of AKINFENWA to jubilantly net Boston's winner with the clock ticking into stoppage time. He managed to hook the ball home from six yards after Brough had fired over a low cross after running on to a neatly threaded pass by Angel.



Boston United (4-4-2):

Bastock; Hogg, Hocking, Ellender, Beevers; Clarke, L Thompson (Brough 69), Bennett, Angel; Weatherstone (Duffield 69), Akinfenwa. Subs (not used): Balmer, Jones, Croudson (gk).

Swindon Town (4-4-2):

Griemink; Herring, Viveash, Reeves, Nicholas; Ruster (Duke 84), Pook (Garrard 69), Robinson, Smith (Martin 76); Howard, Stevenson. Subs (not used): Heywood, Evans (gk).

Referee: Kevin Wright

Attendance: 1,514 (145 from Swindon)

Who's Next

Notts County

Saturday 19th November 2005 | Kick-off 3.00pm



Notts County



Notts County visit York Street on Saturday, little over five weeks since the sides last met at Meadow Lane. On that occasion, Boston were 2-1 victors, thanks to early goals from Julian Joachim and a David Pipe own goal.

County are safely through to the second round of the FA Cup, following a shock 2-0 victory at Bristol City at Ashton Gate. They will now travel to the winners of the Torquay United versus Harrogate Town replay.

County's League Two fortunes have also been revived lately, following a dip in form, which nullified a positive start to the campaign. Striker Glynn Hurst grabbed a hat-trick in a 3-2 win at Bury, as County found their winning touch once again. Hurst has taken a particular liking for Lancashire, after netting a treble in last season's 3-0 win at Bury's neighbours Rochdale.

County manager Gudjon Thordarson has continued to trim his squad and striker Gavin Gordon is the latest player to be told that his future lies elsewhere. On the incomings front, defender Adam Tann has been recruited from Cambridge United and he scored on his debut in the FA Cup victory against Bristol City.

ONE TO WATCH: Mike Edwards

In the wake of United's success at Meadow Lane in October, manager Thordarson was particularly critical of his players. However, one man who escaped the manager's wrath was MIKE



EDWARDS, who actually scored in stoppage time against the Pilgrims. His whole-hearted displays have impressed Thordarson since his arrival at the club and it has capped a dramatic turnaround for a player who snapped a cruciate ligament in his knee during the September 2004 Carling Cup tie at West Ham United. He has battled back to fitness and has been one of Notts' star performers so far this season.

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On the Road

Wycombe Wanderers

Tuesday 6th December 2005 | Kick-off 7.45pm



WHAT'S THE GROUND LIKE?

On one side of the ground is the impressive looking Frank Adams Stand, opened in 1996. This was named in memory of the man who originally donated to the club their previous ground at Loakes Park. It is a large two-tiered stand, complete with a row of executive boxes and it dwarfs the rest of the stadium. The other three stands are smaller affairs, but are at least all covered. Only the Valley Stand at the home end remains as terracing. Opposite is the Dreams Stand, housing away supporters, a medium sized single tiered stand, with windshields to either side. Along the other side of the ground is the Seymour Taylor Main Stand. This single tiered stand has a raised seating area, meaning that fans access it by climbing a small set of stairs in front of it.

Jon Wood adds: "As the local council have stipulated that the capacity of the Causeway Stadium cannot rise above 10,000, the additional seats have meant that certain areas of terracing, such as the paddock area of the Seymour Taylor Stand, have been made "out of bounds" to fans." The ground is currently shared with Wasps Rugby Club.

WHAT IS IT LIKE FOR VISITING SUPPORTERS?

Away fans are mostly located at one end of the ground in the Dreams Stand, where just over 2,000 supporters can be accommodated. I personally had an enjoyable day at Wycombe. The club has a relaxed friendly feel about it. The ground is situated in a nice setting with a wooded hill overlooking the ground (this normally has a small contingent of supporters watching the game for nothing) and with green fields surrounding the other sides. The

standard football ground fare of burgers (£2.30), pies (£2), pasties and hot dogs are available from the refreshments area.

David Abbott a visiting Northampton Town supporter informs me: "I have to say what an excellent ground the Causeway Stadium is. Good signposting around the ground, good organisation, good atmosphere, excellent view from the away end and friendly fans. It was a very pleasant visit and if all grounds and supporters were as welcoming and well-behaved as Wycombe the game would be all the better for it."

Toby Hillier a visiting Brentford fan adds: "The ground is absolutely splendid and set in wonderful surroundings. Although the atmosphere was pretty flat on my visit, the beating of a drum in the home end often rallied the home fans behind the team. The home fans are a friendly bunch and all of the staff that we encountered were also very friendly. You can park at the ground itself, however it is a nightmare trying to get out at the end of the game. It took us 50 minutes to do the two miles back to the motorway. My suggestion would be to park a mile or so away from the ground and walk. This should provide you with a quicker route away from the game."

WHERE TO DRINK?

As the ground is on the edge of an industrial estate, there aren't many pubs around. Neil Young informs me: "The nearest pub to the Causeway Stadium, is the Hourglass in Sands (about a 15-minute walk, from the end of the road up to the ground). Away fans are normally okay in small groups except for big games or local derbies." Martin Redfern a visiting Scunthorpe United informs me: "we arrived early

at the ground and were able to go into the Supporters Club at the ground, which cost £2 to enter. The club is one of the suites at the far end of the Main Stand. It was a spacious room with two bars and food. The atmosphere was extremely relaxed and friendly with both home and away supporters." Joe McKenna adds: "A marquee has been erected behind the away end, which contains a bar serving draught beers. It has been specifically provided for away supporters."

HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR AND WHERE TO PARK

The stadium is located on the outskirts of Wycombe on the Sands Industrial Estate. Leave the M40 at Junction four and take the A4010 towards Aylesbury. Turn left at the fourth roundabout into Lane End Road and then continue straight down this road. Cross another roundabout and into Hillbottom Road. The ground is down at the very bottom of this road. On my last visit, I noticed that there were a number of AA road signs labelled "London Wasps" which were helpful in pointing the way to the ground.

There is a fair sized car park located at the ground which costs £3 per car, or some of the industrial units provide match day parking (also at around £3). As there is only one road that leads from the stadium, I have heard that it can be a nightmare leaving the official car park at full-time. I would recommend therefore, parking in one of the industrial units that line Hillbottom Road towards the ground. I did this and got away all right.

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ASHLEY EDKINS



Youngster Ashley Edkins made his first team debut last month for the Pilgrims, and here he reflects on some other memorable matches...



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FA Premier League
U17s play-off final
Season 2003-04
May 4th 2004
Villa Park, Birmingham



"I played for Aston Villa in the FA Premier League under-17s play-off final in 2004. We played Everton and beat them 5-1 at Villa Park, before drawing 1-1 at Goodison Park to seal a 6-2 aggregate win. It was a great experience and one that will stay with me forever. It was my first year as a scholar at Villa and a fantastic way to finish the season. I played at right-back in both matches, but I would select the 5-1 home win as the pick of the two matches, although the feeling after the second leg was excellent too, because we'd clinched the title by then. Probably the best-known of the players who played in these matches is my mate Gaby Agbonlahor, who's on loan at Sheffield Wednesday at the moment."

WATCHED ON TV Liverpool v Newcastle United

Premiership
Season 1995-1996
April 3rd 1996
Anfield, Liverpool



"Probably the best game I've ever seen on television was when Liverpool played Newcastle at Anfield and produced one of their 4-3 wins. Stan Collymore was sensational for Liverpool and got the winner in the last minute. I was only a young lad at the time, but I remember watching the match on TV and being really impressed with what I saw. Liverpool actually beat Newcastle 4-3 two seasons running."



SEEN LIVE Aston Villa v Atletico Madrid

UEFA Cup
Season 1997-1998
March 17th 1998
Villa Park, Birmingham



"Back in 1998, I watched Villa play Atletico Madrid in a UEFA Cup second leg match. Madrid led 1-0 from the first leg and extended their lead even further with a first half goal at Villa Park. However, the second half was a different story and Ian Taylor equalised before Stan Collymore got the winner. Although Villa eventually went out on the away goals rule, this win was really memorable in front of a full house, with some real quality players on show. I think I was about 11 or 12 and was on schoolboy forms with Villa at the time."



November 16th

On this Day



November 16 has seen Boston United tackle 12 fixtures in previous seasons, including seven in the FA Cup.

The Pilgrims have enjoyed a fair degree of success too, winning three and drawing one of these encounters to date. Arguably the most memorable victory arrived in 1996 when the Pilgrims dumped Morecambe out of the FA Cup at the first round hurdle, courtesy of goals from Leroy and Steve Chambers, who netted twice and once respectively, as United sealed a 3-0 win.

1936-37
Hitchin Town 2
Boston United 3
(Jack Blackwell, Eddie Munnings, Harry Stocks)
Saturday November 16, 1936
FA Cup fourth qualifying round
Attendance: 4,000

1938-39
Southend United 2
Boston United 1
(Harry Gregg)
Wednesday November 16, 1938
London Midweek League
Attendance: Unknown

1946-47
Scunthorpe and Lindsey United 4
Boston United 1
(Browning)
Saturday November 16, 1946
FA Cup fourth qualifying round
Attendance: 8,982

1957-58
Boston United 5
Billingham Synthonia 2
(Andy Graver 4, Ken Lewis)
Saturday November 16, 1963
Midland League
Attendance: Unknown

1963-64
Scarborough 3
Boston United 2
(Harry Godbold, Mel Smith)
Saturday November 16, 1963
Midland League
Attendance: Unknown

1968-69
Northwich Victoria 2
Boston United 1
(Peter Thompson)
Tuesday November 16, 1971
Eastern Professional Floodlit Competition
Attendance: Unknown

1974-75
Macclesfield Town 2
Boston United 0
Saturday November 16, 1974
Northern Premier League
Attendance: Unknown

1985-86
Runcorn 2
Boston United 2
(Paul Casey, Derrick Nuttall)
Saturday November 16, 1985
FA Cup first round
Attendance: 1,315

1977-78
Boston United 2
Netherfield 0
(Dave Poplar, Steve Thompson)
Saturday October 29, 1977
Northern Premier League
Attendance: 1,350

1991-92
Boston United 0
Northwich Victoria 2
Saturday November 16, 1991
GM Vauxhall Conference
Attendance: 1,218

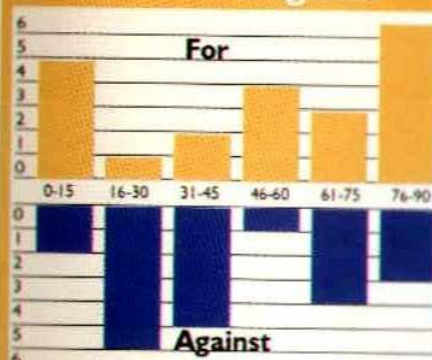
1996-97
Boston United 3
Morecambe 0
(Leroy Chambers 2, Steve Chambers)
Saturday November 16, 1996
FA Cup first round
Attendance: 2,935

2002-03
Northampton Town 3
Boston United 2
(Tony Battersby, Alex Higgins)
Saturday November 16, 2002
FA Cup first round
Attendance: 4,373

Boston United v. Swindon Town



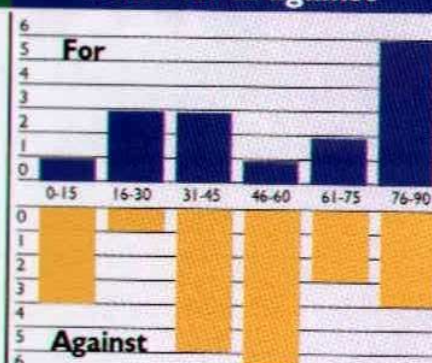
When for & against



Where & how scored

5	Close range	6
16	Inside 18yd box	10
1	Outside 18yd box	0
10	Shots	7
2	Headers	5
6	Volleys	1
2	Penalties	2
1	Free Kicks	0
1	Own Goals	1

When for & against



Last 6 results

Opponents	H/A	Score
Torquay	H	2-0
Oxford	A	0-0
Bristol Rovers	H	3-1
Notts County	A	2-1
Peterborough	H	1-0
Darlington	A	0-0

Swings

Won when Behind	1
Drawn when Behind	5
Drawn when Ahead	2
Lost when Ahead	0

Discipline

Fouls committed	227
Average per game	14.19
Yellow cards	30
Red cards	4

Set piece goals

Scored from free kick	4
Conc from free kick	1
Scored from corner	2
Conc from corner	4

Strike ratio

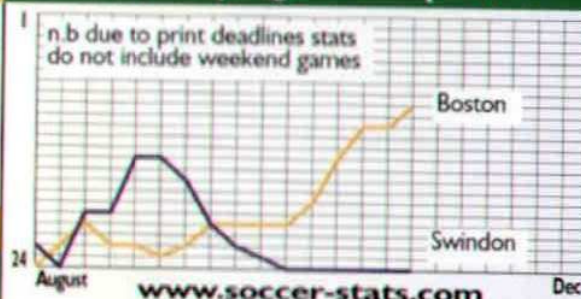
Shots on target	84
Goals scored	22
% shots scored	26.2
Divisional rating	9

Top scorer

Julian Joachim

Goals Scored	6
Games Played	14
Points Won	4

Seasonal progress comparison



Best winning sequence	3	Best winning sequence	0
Worst losing sequence	0	Worst losing sequence	8

FA Cup 1st Round Meeting

2-2	
Gurney 32 Comyn-Platt 88	Rusk 25 Talbot 42
Attendance 3,814	Referee Curson
Heaton, Jenkins, Nicholas, Gurney, Ill, O'Hanlon, Stroud (Pook 46), Magloranz (Comyn-Platt 83), Shakes, Heath, Thorpe (Holgate 64)	Abbey, Greaves, Canoville, Fletcher, White, Holland, Talbot, Rusk, Maylett (Thomas 90), Dudfield (Ellender 87), Joachim
Booked O'Hanlon Sent Off none	Booked Rusk, Canoville, Greaves Sent Off none

Last 6 results

Opponents	H/A	Score
Huddersfield	A	1-1
Scunthorpe	H	1-1
Brentford	A	0-0
Port Vale	H	1-2
MK Dons	A	1-3
Doncaster	A	0-1

Swings

Won when Behind	1
Drawn when Behind	1
Drawn when Ahead	1
Lost when Ahead	3

Discipline

Fouls committed	206
Average per game	12.88
Yellow cards	28
Red cards	4

Set piece goals

Scored from free kick	0
Conc from free kick	6
Scored from corner	2
Conc from corner	1

Strike ratio

Shots on target	69
Goals scored	16
% shots scored	23.2
Divisional rating	11

Top scorer

Rory Fallon

Goals Scored	7
Games Played	13
Points Won	2

Swindon's Last 10 Years



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FA Cup: 125 years old

This is a very special year for The FA Cup — the competition has reached its 125th anniversary in better health than ever.

The FA has recognised this unique achievement by giving the competition a new logo incorporating the 125 figure which will be used throughout the season. The magic and heritage of The Cup remains a fantastic and attractive prospect to millions across the globe. Each year minnows are pitted against giants; there are shock wins and high drama.

And the tournament will return to its spiritual home in 2006. The final is set to open the magnificent new 90,000-seat Wembley Stadium. The FA Cup is the oldest and most prestigious domestic cup competition in the world. The first competition in 1871-72 had 15 entries with Wanderers beating Royal Engineers 1-0 at Kennington Oval. Last year Arsenal beat Manchester United in a dramatic penalty shootout.

Domestically, The FA Cup is prospering — last year's television figures were some of the best ever and 674 teams this year entered the competition, a new record. Internationally it remains huge — last year's final was watched by over 300 million people worldwide and this year the global interest will be even higher with 169 countries receiving the match for broadcasting.

Already records have been broken. As well as the record 674 entries there was an extraordinary 31 penalty kick shootouts in the preliminary round, the first all-Asian teams played in the competition and a father and son officiated in the same match.

There have been great final moments throughout the history of the competition from the 1923 White Horse Final through to Jimmy Montgomery's double save for Sunderland in 1973 and the fastest ever goal scored by Roberto Di Matteo in 1997. A special ceremony will commence before the Final this season with great players

from past and present in attendance as well as an amazing array of dignitaries and VIPs. The FA's new honorary president Prince William is expected to attend as guest of honour.

FA chief executive Brian Barwick has attended almost every round of The Cup since August and is looking forward to the first round proper. "I've had a fantastic time visiting all manner of different grounds this season and I'm looking forward to it continuing in November," he said.

"It is important to remember that the road to Wembley does not just start in November but at the extra-preliminary round back in August. Hundreds of teams turned out and those still in the competition at this stage have now played six games and earned themselves over £20,000.

"I've met many members of the football family through The FA Cup and witnessed some excellent games. As last year and this season so far have showed, it has lost none of its sparkle and neither has the trophy!"

The original trophy, much smaller than the present one, was made by Messrs Martin, Hall and Co and cost £20. In 1895, after Aston Villa had won the competition, The Cup was stolen from the window of a firm of football outfitters in Birmingham where it had been placed on display. It has never been recovered.

The present trophy, played for since 1992, is the competition's fourth and an exact replica of the third. Manchester United have won The Cup the most times (10), followed by Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur (eight). In all, 42 different clubs have won it.



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Good evening and welcome to the FA Cup replay between Boston United and Swindon Town.

May I take this opportunity of welcoming two new sponsors to York Street this evening, **AC Williams Renault** of Grantham and Sleaford, who are our matchday sponsors this evening, and **Frankie and Billy's Grill**, Dolphin Lane, Boston who are sponsoring our matchball.

Andrew Gosling, the general manager of **AC Williams Renault**, has brought a party of nine Boston United fans with him to cheer on the Pilgrims this evening, and Franko of **Frankie and Billy's Grill** has had to leave Billy (a Boston United fan) at Dolphin Lane as their new business has recently

opened; "they make the best cappuccino."

On the subject of new advertising boards, I would like to thank **Staffsmart UK** for sponsoring the board behind the goal on York Street, and thank **Massala Zone** for their board sponsor situated on the top right of Spayne Road.

If you are in business and would like to know more about sponsorship and advertising opportunities at Boston United please contact me on 0870 757 9266 or e-mail: christina.thompson@bufc.co.uk. This could be your chance to be seen on

Sky Sports and ITV.

I would like to thank Andrew Gosling of **AC Williams Renault** for sponsoring this evening's match, and thank both Franko and Billy of **Frankie & Billy's Grill** for sponsoring the matchball. I hope you enjoy this evening and look forward to seeing you at York Street again. Thank you for supporting Boston United FC.

Good luck Pilgrims.
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Match Presentations

vs Torquay United

Match sponsors Massala Zone chose Ian Ross as their man-of-the-match when the Pilgrims tackled Torquay United on October 29. Ross opened the scoring with a stunning 25-yard free-kick, before Julian Joachim wrapped up the points in the second half. Ross is pictured with representatives of Massala Zone, plus members of his family in the VP Lounge after the match against the Gulls. Malet Select Fruit were the afternoon's matchball sponsors and Boston United would like to formally thank both businesses for their continued support.



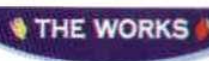
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FA Challenge Cup 2006

Round 1 round-up

Hot shots - clubs When goals scored



Hot shots - players

Player	Club	Goals
Brayson	Northwich	3
McIndoe	Doncaster	2
Heffernan	Doncaster	2
Booth	Huddersfield	2
Danns	Colchester	2
Agogo	Bristol Rovers	2
Jackman	Histon	2
McLaren	Rotherham	2
Barker	Mansfield	2



Hat-Trick hero: After bagging a hat-trick against Frickley to see Northwich through to the first round proper, Paul Brayson (above) scored 3 against Morecambe to secure Vics' place in Round 2.

FA Cup bad boys

Club	Y	R	Tot	Club	Y	R	Tot
Rotherham	4	1	5	Lincoln	2	1	3
Tamworth	4	0	4	Burton	3	0	3
Bristol City	3	1	4	Woking	3	0	3
Folkestone	4	0	4	Swansea	3	0	3
Nuneaton	3	1	4	Boston	3	0	3
Mansfield	3	1	4	Grays	3	0	3
Aldershot	3	0	3	Cambridge City	3	0	3
Burnham	3	0	3	Hereford	3	0	3
Worcester	3	0	3	Port Vale	3	0	3
Eastbourne	3	0	3				

FA Cup round 1 results

Home team	FT Score	HT Score	Away team	Attendance
Barnet	0-1	(0-1)	Southend	3,545
Barnsley	1-0	(1-0)	Darlington	6,059
Bournemouth	1-2	(1-1)	Tamworth	4,550
Bradford	2-1	(0-1)	Tranmere	6,116
Bristol City	0-2	(0-1)	Notts County	4,221
Burnham	1-3	(0-0)	Aldershot	1,623
Burscough	3-2	(1-0)	Gillingham	1,927
Bury	2-2	(0-2)	Scunthorpe	2,940
Cambridge City	0-1	(0-0)	Hereford	1,116
Chasetown	1-1	(1-1)	Oldham	1,997
Cheltenham	1-0	(0-0)	Carlisle	2,405
Chester	2-1	(0-1)	Folkestone	2,503
Chippenham	1-1	(0-1)	Worcester	2,815
Colchester	9-1	(2-0)	Leamington	3,513
Doncaster	4-1	(1-0)	Blackpool	4,332
Eastbourne	1-1	(0-0)	Oxford	3,770
Grimsby	1-2	(0-1)	Bristol Rovers	2,680
Halifax	1-1	(1-1)	Rushden	2,303
Hartlepool	2-1	(1-1)	Dag & Red	3,655
Histon	4-0	(1-0)	Hednesford	1,080
Huddersfield	4-1	(1-0)	Welling	5,518
Kettering	1-3	(1-2)	Stevenage	4,548
Leyton Orient	0-0	(0-0)	Chesterfield	3,554
Lincoln	1-1	(1-1)	MK Dons	3,508
Macclesfield	1-1	(0-0)	Yeovil	1,943
Menthyr	1-2	(1-2)	Walsall	3,046
Morecambe	1-3	(0-2)	Northwich	2,166
Nottingham Forest	1-1	(1-0)	Weymouth	10,305
Nuneaton	2-0	(2-0)	Ramsgate	2,153
Peterborough	0-0	(0-0)	Burton	3,856
Port Vale	2-1	(1-0)	Wrexham	5,046
Rochdale	0-1	(0-1)	Brentford	2,928
Rotherham	3-4	(2-2)	Mansfield	4,089
Shrewsbury	4-1	(3-0)	Braintree	2,969
Southport	1-1	(0-1)	Woking	1,417
Stockport	2-0	(1-0)	Swansea	2,978
Swindon	2-2	(1-2)	Boston	3,814
Torquay	1-1	(0-1)	Harrogate	2,079
Wycombe	1-3	(0-0)	Northampton	3,974
York	0-3	(0-1)	Grays	3,586

FA Cup referees

Club	Y	R	Tot	Club	Y	R	Tot
Drysdale	7	2	9	Singh J	4	0	4
Woolmer	5	1	6	Gibbs	4	0	4
Harris	6	0	6	Jones M	3	1	4
McDermid	5	1	6	Miller P	4	0	4
Whitstone	6	0	6	Curson	4	0	4
Dorr	5	0	5	Miller N	3	0	3
Russell	5	0	5	Kettle	3	0	3
Lewis R	5	0	5	Shoebridge	3	0	3
Hall A	5	0	5	Webster	3	0	3
Deadman	5	0	5	Thorpe M	3	0	3
Ilderton	4	0	4	Desmond	3	0	3
Joslin	4	0	4	Probert	3	0	3

FA Cup top attendances

Attendance (in thousands)	1.5	3	4.5	6	7.5	9	10.5
Nottingham Forest	1-1	Weymouth					10,305
Bradford	2-1	Tranmere					6,116
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Powerade Player of the Month

Boston United midfielder Ian Ross has won the October Powerade player of the month award in Coca-Cola League Two.

Ross has been grabbing the headlines since his loan switch from Sheffield United at the end of August 2005. The 19-year-old was among the goals in October, scoring in his side's victories over both Bristol Rovers and Torquay United as the Pilgrims ended the month just outside the top six.



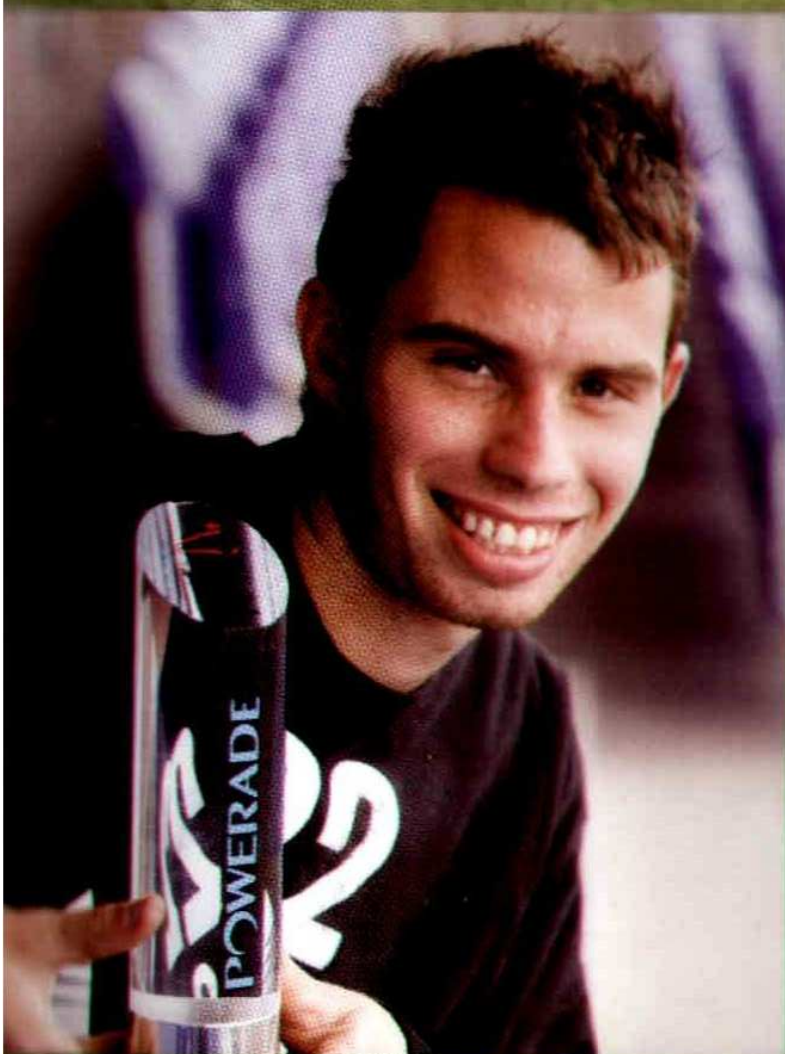
Also short-listed for the October award were David Challinor of Bury, Rickie Lambert of Rochdale and Wycombe Wanderers's Kevin Betsy.

Chris Kamara, chairman of the Powerade player of the month awards panel, said: "Ian is a fantastic young talent who's got bags of energy and great confidence on the ball. He's really improved since going out on loan to Boston and is a perfect role model for other young kids who think twice about dropping down a league or two to gain experience."

Ibrahima Sonko of Reading won the award in the Championship and Phil Jevons of Yeovil Town landed the League One accolade.

The Powerade Awards panel, chaired by Sky Sports pundit and Coca-Cola ambassador Chris Kamara, made the decision. The panel also includes Jack Taylor from the Football League, who refereed the 1974 World Cup final, Paul Hetherington, chairman of the Football Writers Association and Malcolm Clarke, chairman of the Football Supporters Federation.

Pilgrims' manager Steve Evans was delighted to hear the news. He added: "From the first minute we saw Ian Ross play, we knew if we got him on loan, he could prove to be a more than useful acquisition. Each and every one of the players in the dressing room loves to have him around and what a superb accolade this is for Boston United at such an early stage of this club's Football League life."



Bristol Rovers have named Paul Trollope as first-team coach and Lennie Lawrence as their new director of football in a managerial shake-up at the Memorial Stadium. The 33-year-old Trollope has been caretaker boss since Ian Atkins was sacked in September and in that time has guided Rovers to four league and cup wins.



Former Welsh international Trollope (above) told BBC Radio Bristol he was relishing the chance to team up with Lawrence, commenting: "It's a great opportunity. It's going to be perfect to work with someone with such vast experience. I'm not the finished article by any means but I feel I have got something to give and it feels natural to me."

Lawrence was equally upbeat about his new role, insisting he was there to advise his younger colleague, and not interfere in team selection. He added: "Paul has the makings of a good coach and possibly a manager too. I've backed myself to bring the best out of him. Paul will pick the team, and be responsible for tactics — the matchday stuff. I'd like to do some of the coaching, but he will have the final say on things."

Lawrence's director of football role will see him evaluate the entire football structure of the club, including contracts, scouting, the centre of excellence and the youth and first-team squads. The former Charlton and Cardiff boss was convinced the new set-up will give Rovers the best possible chance of climbing out of League Two. "This is a League One club that's in League Two and if we got everything right it could get to the Championship and stay there," he said. "But it's going to take a while to do that. This club has potential but we've got to realise it sooner rather than later. I believe in directors of football, and I think half the clubs in the Football League should have one."

Rovers chairman Geoff Dunford was thrilled with the double appointment. He added: "When we spoke to Lennie he had grasped the situation at this club and told us what we needed. He'd taken time to find out about Paul and his career too and Paul has showed he is very mature and professional and is a first rate coach. You've got to get the right people together because a director of football hasn't worked at some clubs, but both men are comfortable with their positions. I'm sure they will be a great team. We have a three to five-year plan to get into the Championship."

Mansfield Town have appointed Peter Shirtliff as their manager on a permanent basis. Former assistant boss Shirtliff, 44, was initially appointed caretaker manager following Carlton Palmer's resignation in September and Mansfield slipped to the foot of the table with only one win in five matches after Palmer's departure. However, a massive upturn in fortunes has seen the Stags climb away from the foot of the table and enjoy good victories in the Carling Cup and FA Cup.

Elsewhere in League Two, **Wycombe Wanderers** have signed Everton goalkeeper Iain Turner on a month's loan. The Scottish under-21 international player, who joined Everton from Stirling Albion in January 2003, should stay at the Causeway until December 10, meaning he could play against the Pilgrims on December 6. He had a loan spell at Chester last season, helping them win promotion back to the Football League, which earned him a long-term deal at Goodison Park.

Meanwhile, Wycombe have signed Bristol City defender Richard Keogh on a month's loan. The 19-year-old former Stoke City defender was released by the Potters before becoming City's fifth summer signing. However, the Republic of Ireland under-21 player has been restricted to mostly reserve team appearances.



Bury boss Chris Casper has recruited teenage Sheffield Wednesday striker Danny Reet on a month's loan. The 18-year-old clinched a temporary move to Gigg Lane after scoring for the Shakers' reserves. On the outgoings front, Burton Albion have signed Bury utility man Jake Sedgemoore on a month's loan. The 27-year-old has started just four games for the Shakers since joining from Shrewsbury in the summer, scoring just once in an LDV Vans Trophy match at Halifax Town.

Lincoln City's appeal over Dean Keates' sending-off against Milton Keynes Dons in the FA Cup has been rejected by the Football Association. The 27-year-old midfielder was dismissed by referee Michael Jones in the closing stages of the 1-1 draw. Jones deemed that Keates' challenge on Dons' substitute Gary Smith was worthy of a straight red card. Keates, who joined the Imps from Kidderminster in the summer, will now serve a three-match ban.



Meanwhile, Lincoln players Oliver Ryan (left) and Steve Robinson have been loaned out. Ryan has joined Ilkeston

Town, while Robinson has moved to Worksop Town, both on month-long loan deals.

manager. The former stadium manager will now concentrate fully on team affairs. Meanwhile, six players were transfer-listed to free up space for new signings. Darren Garner, Morike Sako, Mamadou Sow, Carl Priso, Leon Constantine and Nick Skinner were all made available, with Constantine (below) already having joined Port Vale on loan with a view to a permanent move. Skinner and Sow also agreed settlements with the club.



On the incomings front at Plainmoor, full-backs Craig Woodman (Bristol City) and Anthony Lloyd (Huddersfield Town) arrived on loan, as did Wycombe striker Ian Stonebridge. And much-travelled striker Paul Robinson has also penned a short-term deal to stay on the English Riviera.

Stockport defender James Tunnicliffe has returned to Edgeley Park after Liverpool declined their option to sign the 16-year-old. Meanwhile, Stockport manager Chris Turner says he would be interested in a permanent move for midfielder Gavin Strachan if he is allowed to leave Hartlepool, following a successful loan spell at Edgeley Park. The 26-year-old has

returned to Pools following a three-week loan stint in Cheshire.

Last Friday's opponents **Rushden and Diamonds** were busy in the build-up to the game against the Pilgrims. They fined striker Drewe Broughton a week's wages following his red card at Barnet. The club punishment is in addition to Broughton's four-match ban for his off-the-ball tangle with Ismail Yakubu. Meanwhile, Diamonds were boosted by the return of striker Daniel Chillingworth for the first time since September. And goalkeeper Andy Woodman is expected to be on the sidelines for two to three months with a torn Achilles tendon. Woodman suffered the injury in the 2-1 defeat against Barnet. The 34-year-old fell awkwardly under a challenge from striker Liam Hatch after just seven minutes.

In a final piece of news from Nene Park, Rushden boss Barry Hunter hopes to sign on-loan midfielder Ashley Nicholls (below) on a permanent basis when the transfer window re-opens. Nicholls has completed a three-month loan spell at Nene Park and goes back to Cambridge United. However, Hunter is keen to bring back the 24-year-old as soon as possible.



Following **Torquay United's** 2-0 defeat here at York Street almost three weeks ago, manager Leroy Rosenior (left) has appointed Richard Hancox as his assistant



Stats & Fixtures 2005/06


COCA COLA LEAGUE TWO TABLE 2005/06

		Home						Away							
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	-/+	Pts	
1	Leyton Orient	17	4	2	3	13	13	5	3	0	13	8	5	32	
2	Grimsby	17	4	1	4	14	8	5	3	0	10	3	13	31	
3	Wycombe	17	3	6	0	16	8	4	4	0	15	11	12	31	
4	Rochdale	17	5	1	3	17	9	4	1	3	15	13	10	29	
5	Carlisle	17	4	0	4	14	10	4	3	2	10	9	5	27	
6	Chester	17	3	4	2	19	13	3	4	1	11	9	8	26	
7	Wrexham	17	6	1	1	16	5	1	4	4	9	13	7	26	
8	Northampton	17	2	4	2	7	7	3	5	1	13	9	4	24	
9	Peterborough	17	2	3	3	7	7	4	2	3	15	10	5	23	
10	Boston Utd	17	4	4	0	15	9	1	4	4	7	13	0	23	
11	Cheltenham	17	3	2	4	11	13	3	3	2	10	11	-3	23	
12	Darlington	17	4	3	2	11	7	1	4	3	8	10	2	22	
13	Shrewsbury	17	3	5	1	13	8	2	2	4	6	13	-2	22	
14	Oxford Utd	17	3	4	1	9	9	2	3	4	6	9	-3	22	
15	Notts County	17	3	3	2	9	7	2	4	3	8	15	-5	22	
16	Lincoln City	17	3	3	3	10	8	1	5	2	9	10	1	20	
17	Bury	17	3	3	3	11	10	2	2	4	9	11	-1	20	
18	Barnet	17	2	3	3	8	10	2	4	3	10	14	-6	19	
19	Bristol Rovers	17	2	3	3	8	9	3	1	5	12	18	-7	19	
20	Rushden	17	3	3	3	11	12	1	3	4	6	11	-6	18	
21	Mansfield	17	3	1	4	17	12	1	3	5	9	16	-2	16	
22	Stockport	17	1	7	0	13	11	1	3	5	10	22	-10	16	
23	Macclesfield	17	3	4	2	12	15	0	2	6	5	14	-12	15	
24	Torquay	17	2	3	3	10	11	1	1	7	5	19	-15	13	

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Sat Aug 20	Cheltenham Town	A CCL2	0-3	2,680
Tue Aug 23	Sheffield United	A CC1	0-1	6,014
Sat Aug 27	Mansfield Town	H CCL2	2-2	2,848
Mon Aug 29	Northampton Town	A CCL2	2-3	5,012
Sun Sep 4	Macclesfield Town	A CCL2	2-2	2,310
Sat Sep 10	Rochdale	H CCL2	3-2	2,274
Sat Sep 17	Bury	A CCL2	1-1	1,985
Sat Sep 24	Grimsby Town	H CCL2	1-1	4,077
Tue Sep 27	Darlington	A CCL2	0-0	3,115
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Wed Oct 19	Huddersfield Town	H LDV1	2-1	1,593
Sat Oct 22	Oxford United	A CCL2	0-0	5,084
Sat Oct 29	Torquay United	H CCL2	2-0	2,220
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Sat Dec 17	Cheltenham Town	H CCL2		
Mon Dec 26	Lincoln City	A CCL2		
Wed Dec 28	Carlisle United	H CCL2		
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Sat Mar 11	Mansfield Town	A CCL2		
Sat Mar 18	Lincoln City	H CCL2		
Sat Mar 25	Carlisle United	A CCL2		
Sat Apr 1	Barnet	H CCL2		
Sat Apr 8	Leyton Orient	A CCL2		
Sat Apr 15	Peterborough United	A CCL2		
Mon Apr 17	Oxford United	H CCL2		
Sat Apr 22	Bristol Rovers	A CCL2		
Sat Apr 29	Rushden and Diamonds	H CCL2		
Sat May 6	Torquay United	A CCL2		

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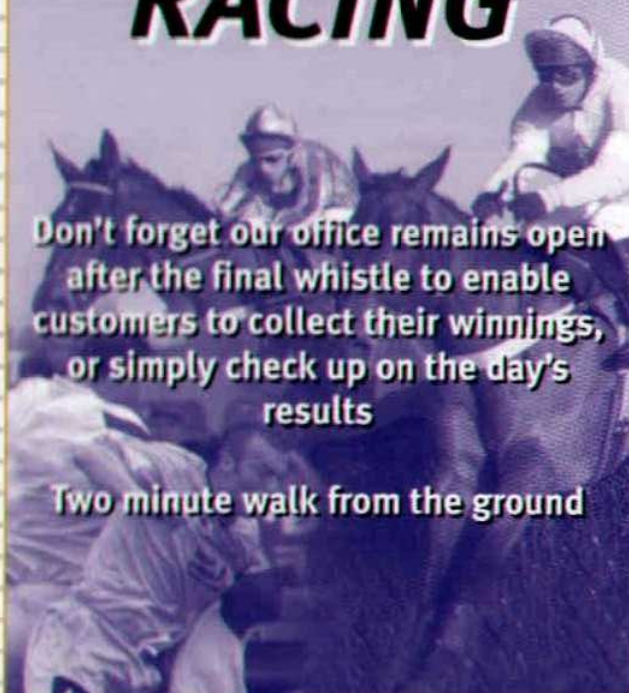
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