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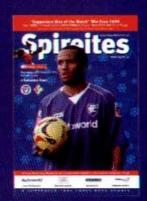
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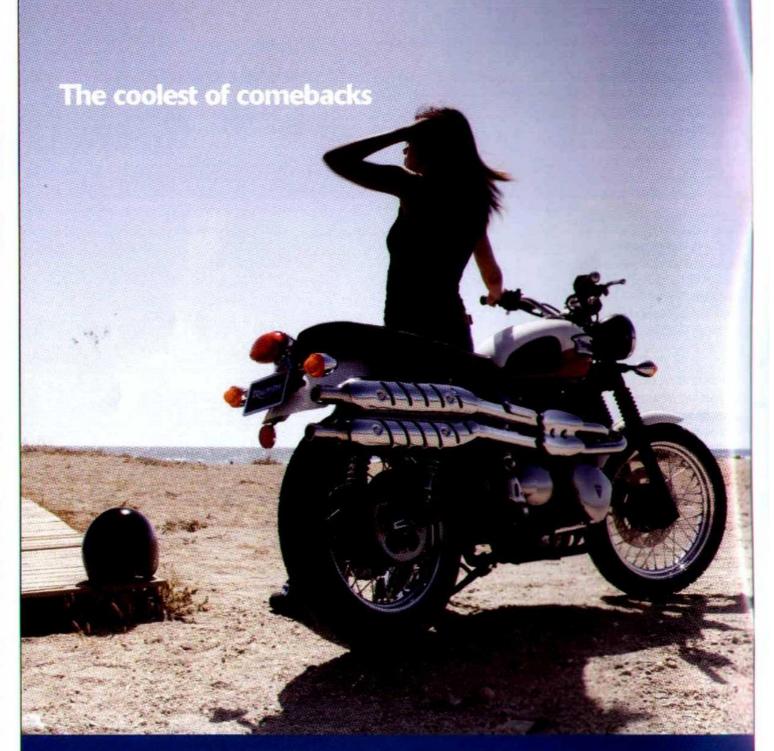
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Happy Christmas everyone and all good wishes to you and your families for the New Year.

A warm welcome to manager Iffy
Onuora, his staff, the players, officials
and supporters of Swindon Town for
our main Christmas fixture at
Saltergate. It is unusual for a full
Christmas league programme to fall on
a midweek night so it will be
interesting to see what impact, if any,
this has on the size of the crowd,
which is usually bigger over the
Christmas holiday period.

In our last home game before
Christmas against Oldham Athletic we gained a hard earned point. They came and did a job against us and did it well.
They closed us down better than any other team we have played this season. They did not allow us time on the ball and we played too narrow at times and did not get out wide often enough.

It was a difficult game without four recognised first team players but I thought the response from the team was excellent. They fought back and thoroughly deserved the point. By coincidence, Adam Smith and Wayne Allison combined to create the goal as they did twelve months earlier in the corresponding pre-Christmas game against Torquay United.

Despite only picking up the one point we didn't loose any ground as the

other teams around us slipped up on the same day. This really does put into perspective the type of league we are competing in this year, with everyone capable of beating each other. Unlike the Premiership it is fair to say that League One is a very unpredictable league.

There is no let up at this time of year with five games in the space of just 12 days. This got underway at Scunthorpe United, just two days ago, on Boxing Day. After tonight's game, we are away at Nottingham Forest this Saturday, New Years Eve, for our first visit in 55 years. Just like last year, we are back at Saltergate for the local derby against Barnsley next Monday, before we finish off this busy period with the visit of Bradford City the following Saturday.

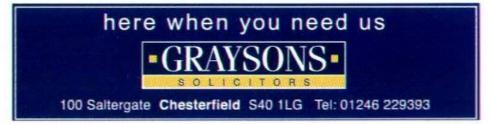
There is plenty to look forward to but it is important we keep the momentum going so we can give supporters something extra to celebrate this Christmas time.

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Kind regards.

Roy McFarland

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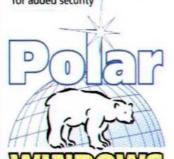
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This evening we welcome Swindon Town to Saltergate for our final home League game of 2005. The usual Christmas printing deadlines mean that this article is being put together before the Boxing Day fixture at Scunthorpe, so you will know how the Spireites got on at Glanford Park. The 1-1 draw with Oldham was something of a disappointment after the outstanding performance at Brentford, and yet we got a point from each match. Fortunately Chesterfield remained in seventh slot as the results of the clubs around us in the table went our way. Southend United did better after their recent poor run of form to grab a goalless draw at Huddersfield Town, leaving the Shrimpers in sixth position, just a point ahead of Chesterfield. Barnsley were brought back to earth by losing their first League game since September, 1-2 at Yeovil's Huish Park. It was a result that kept the Reds in fifth place level on points with Southend. Doncaster Rovers, in great form at the moment, moved into eighth position after beating League leaders Swansea City 2-1 at Belle Vue in front of a 7159 crowd. Will Donny have continued their magnificent League Cup run by beating Arsenal last Wednesday? Swansea stay top of the table by two points from Brentford who hammered troubled Tranmere Rovers 4-1 at Prenton Park to move above Huddersfield on goal difference, both clubs having 40 points.

AFC Bournemouth continue to challenge for a top six place despite their off field problems, and the 2-1 win over Gillingham at Dean Court left them level on points with Doncaster and two behind Chesterfield. Scunthorpe, whom we played on Boxing Day have slipped down the table recently although the 3-1 win over Nottingham Forest on December 16th moved them up into 15th, whilst Forest dropped to tenth on 31 points. Swindon arrive here in bottom place no matter how they got on against Colchester at the County Ground on Boxing Day. The Us are in a great run of form at the moment and have moved quietly up to fourth after beating MK Dons 2-0 at Layer Road.



The Dons are sliding back down the table again and are at the time of

writing one of five clubs in the bottom six on 22 points; Rotherham, Tranmere, Blackpool, MK Dons and Bristol City. The Swindon Robins are three points adrift of the Bristol Robins and the o-o draw with Blackpool on December 17th didn't help to ease relegation litters down in Wiltshire.

Other matches tonight include a promotion battle between Bournemouth and **Barnsley at Dean Court** and a fascinating clash at Belle Vue where Brentford encounter Doncaster Rovers. **Bristol City and** Rotherham are locked in a relegation battle at Ashton Gate, whilst Swansea will expect to beat Gillingham at home. Shout the Spireites on to victory.



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Robert Nixon Betts from Walton was the first winner of the new £100 cash prize for correctly choosing Steve Blatherwick as the Spireites Man of the Match in our last home game against Oldham Athletic. He picks up his £100 prize at halftime tonight.

Remember, Chesterfield supporters can now choose their Man of the Match and have a chance of winning £100 cash every home game by texting 'Spire' followed by the shirt number of their choice to 83149. Text lines open at kick-off time and close ninety minutes after the end of the game. You can text as often as you like during those times.

PICKEN LOAN EXTENDED

Defender Phil Picken will be staying at Saltergate until the end of the season after Manchester United agreed to extend his loan period with the Spireites after the current loan deal expires this Saturday 31 December 2005.

THREE PLAYERS RELEASED

Three Chesterfield youngsters, Michael Fox, Anthony Jubb and Sam Lancaster have been released after the Spireites decided not to extend their short-term contracts.

Chesterfield manager Roy McFarland said: "We decided not to extend their contracts as it was unlikely that would be involved with the first team during the rest of the season. Everyone at the club wishes the lads all the best for the future."

PEAK FM WINNER

SPIREITE fan Mick Wilson's £130 bid gave him a day to remember on Boxing Day when he joined Peak FM's commentary team of Big Al and Simon Towers for the live broadcast from Scunthorpe's Glanford Park. The money has been kindly donated to club funds.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST GAME

The Spireites away game at Forest on New Years Eve, 31 December, kick-off 1.00pm, is all-ticket for Chesterfield fans. On police advice only 2,500 tickets have been allocated for this match and these went on sale at the beginning of December. The advice is that fans without tickets should not travel. Students, who had to produce a valid NUS card to purchase a ticket, are reminded that this must also be produced to gain entry to the City Ground on the day of the match.

BLUES ON THE MOVE

Congratulation to the club historian Stuart Basson, the winner of December's big £1,000 Blues on the Move prize.

BRING A MATE TO SALTERGATE

A special welcome to any new supporters who are here tonight as a result of the Spireites's special 'Bring a Mate to Saltergate' promotion for season ticket holders. We hope you enjoy the occasion and will look forward to coming to more games during the rest of the season.

News from the Rec

SPIREITES EXTEND MONEY-OFF DEALS

The Spireites are making it easier for fans to purchase money-saving tandem tickets for the New Year Bank Holiday local-derby against Barnsley at Saltergate next Monday 2 January 2005, kick-off 1.00pm. The tandem tickets, with savings of up to £4 possible, are not just linked with the Bradford City game on Saturday 7 January. But savings of £3 are also now possible by linking the Barnsley tandem ticket with the Walsall game on 21 January if supporters prefer.

Season ticker holders also get priority for all-ticket away games when tickets could be in short supply, like the New Years Eve fixture away at Nottingham Forest.

Prices start from just £15 for accompanied under-14s in the Family Stand, and from just £45 for under-16s in the Graysons Kop.

Second-half season tickets are on sale now from the club's ticket office or ticket hotline 01246 209765. The full list of prices are as follows:Graysons Kop: adult £150, senior
citizen £80, juvenile U16 £45
Family Stand: adult £165, senior citizen
£100, accompanied child U14 £15
Wing Stand: adult £165, senior citizen
£100, juvenile U16 £85
Compton Street: adult £165, senior
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Centre Stand: adult £185, senior citizen £125, juvenile U16 £100

SPIREITES NEW YEAR OPENING

The Spireites club shop and ticket office are open for the rest of this week but will be closed from New Years Eve. Full details:

28 December	Open
29 December	Open
30 December	Open
31 December	Closed
1 January	Closed
2 January Open (Ba	rnsley matchday)
3 January	Closed
4 January onwards	Open

SECOND-HALF SEASON TICKETS

Starting from next week's local-derby against Barnsley, the second-half season ticket guarantees entry to the last twelve home games of the season, including some of the club's biggest Coca-Cola League One games, including Nottingham Forest and Swansea City. There are the also the local-derbies against Barnsley and Doncaster Rovers, as well as, near neighbours Bradford City and Scunthorpe United. The Nottingham Forest game will be quite a milestone as it will be their first league visit to Saltergate in over 55 years.

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Senior Citizen	100	11	8.33	2.67
Child U14	15	3	1.25	1.75
Wing Stand				
Adult	165	17	13.75	3.25
Senior Citizen	100	11	8.33	2.67
Juvenile U16	85	11	7.08	3.92
Compton St				
Adult	165	17	13.75	3.25
Senior Citizen	95	10	7.92	2.08
Juvenile U16	80	10	6.67	3.33
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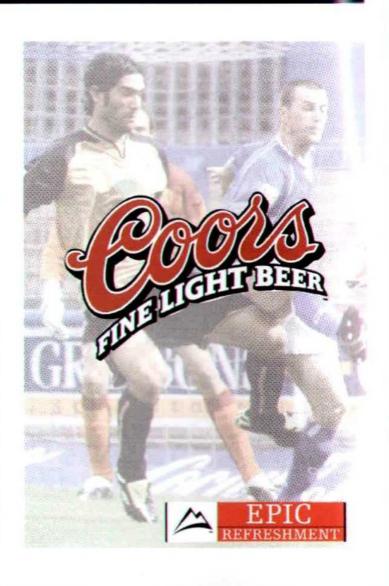






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YOUNG SPIREITES

Hi to all you YOUNG SPIREITES, hope you all had a great Christmas and had plenty of presents and lots to eat!!!! If like me your fed up of turkey and mince pies, then its nice to back here at Saltergate to see some more football, lets hope for a good game tonight!!

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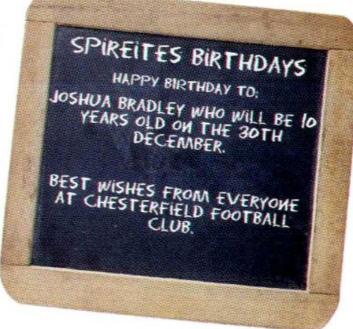
Don't forget our get-together this Friday in the club executive room, when you can ask manager Roy McFarland any questions you may have and meet some of the players. CFSS chairman Phil Tooley will have another quiz for you, and we will provide some refreshments.

END OF SEASON PREDICTIONS

With your news letter and Christmas card, you should have received a sheet asking you to predict what position Chesterfield will finish at the end of this season, along with other questions like who will be the top scorer and total points gained etc.. Please bring these to our meeting on the 3oth December or drop them in to Sue at the main office. Don't forget to put your name and membership number is on the sheet!! Prizes will be awarded to the member who have the most correct answers, if there is a draw we will draw out a winner!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please send in anything you may have for YOUR young Spireites page!! Photos, sketches poems, in fact anything that may be of interest to all you super Young Spireites. Lets see this page FULL of Young Spireites stuff every home game in 2006!!



CHESTERS HALF TIME TEASER

Riddle-Me-Re. Who is the Chesterfield Player?

Born in April across the sea,

1982 was the year for me.

Played for my hometown when a boy,

For the under 14s, 15s and 16s gave me lots of joy.

Wolves were my first club over here,

At 17 years I had no fear.

Came on as sub and was great to score,

Hoping the future would bring a lot more.

In the 2001/02 season I went on loan,

To the Harriers I did not moan.

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WISHING ALL YOUNG SPIREITES MEMBERS A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM EVERYONE AT CHESTERFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB.

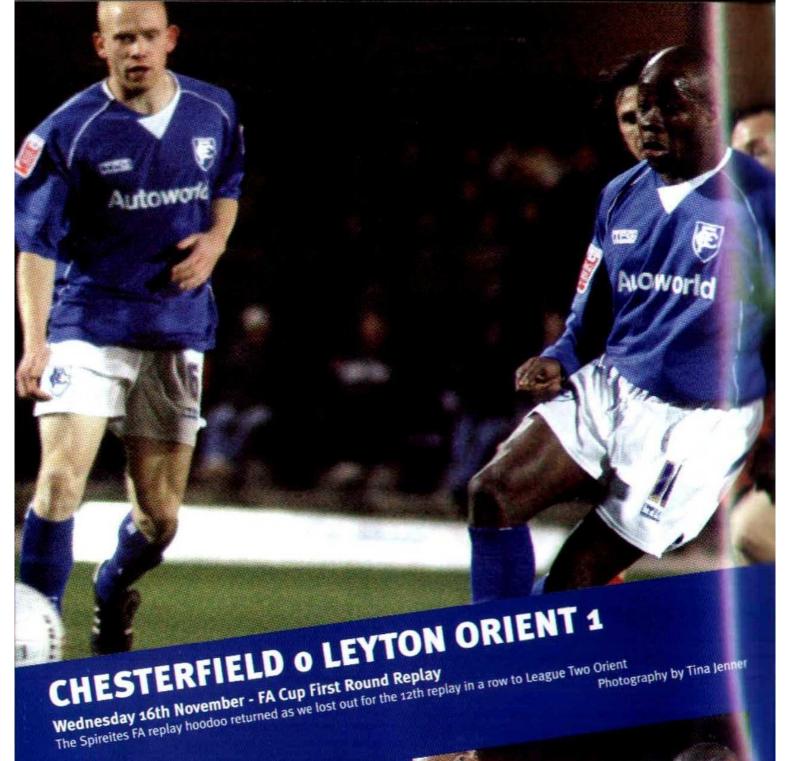
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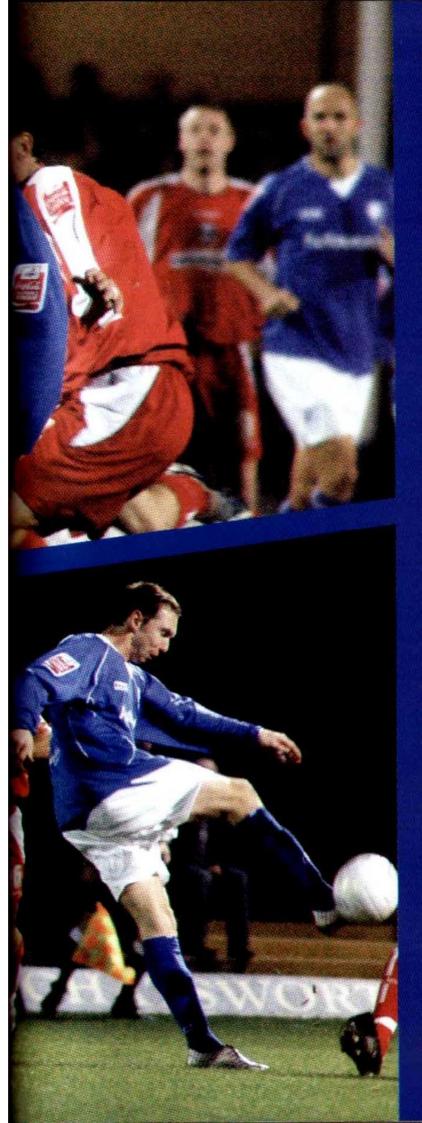
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Football Matters

Goodbye to 2005

A new year beckons with the World Cup and all the glitz that comes with it but let's look back at a few things that have been in the news over the past 12 months that I believe are important to Chesterfield FC.

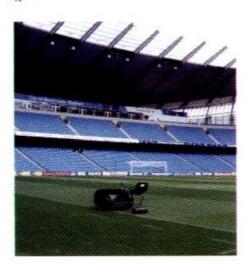
At least we are now able to talk about the imprisonment of Darren Brown without worrying if we're breaking the law. His antics came within a whisker of destroying our club forever. Our visitors today, Swindon Town, have also had bad experiences that take some shaking off, but really we all know that the only solution is to run a tight ship and not give in to the (at times strong) pressure to spend beyond our means. Clubs with bigger support than us have ended up playing non League football and primarily the root cause has been initial profligacy, often aided by sheer corruption. We still need the Football League to tighten up its still lax rules of club ownership - simply read David Conn every week in Wednesday's Guardian to realise that financial murkiness hasn't been eliminated. Wrexham were hung out to dry, relegated and remain at the mercy of a predator - other clubs have come through but many won't be so lucky. The reluctance of the Football League to act effectively is beyond me

Positively football has finally recognised the importance of developing and nurturing a young fan base. The Coca Cola Football League has strongly promoted their "Fans of the Future" campaign and over 40 FL clubs now operate a Kids go free scheme, 34 of them at every home game, including 3 in the Championship and many others offer schemes that are almost as ecouraging. It's simple really we all need an inducement to be attracted to something we've not done before and research has proved that 77% of parents who haven't taken their kids to the local FL team's matches would consider doing so if exposed to one of the many attractive incentives being promoted by clubs.

Sunderland, back in October, had their only full house of the season after they

charged £5 for adults and £1 for children for a midweek Carling Cup clash – a good example that it's not the interest that's disappeared but very often the means to pay for that interest.

Football League Chairman Lord
Mawhinney explained "Supporters are
the lifeblood of professional football
and by making League matches more
accessible to young supporters FL
clubs are taking a courageous lead.
They are helping themselves by helping
young people to enjoy football locally. I
congratulate them on being far-sighted
enough to commit themselves to an
initiative that will deliver real results
for generations to come and I'm certain
young supporters and their parents will
react positively to this initiative and I
encourage then to take advantage of
it"



Even Manchester City, the fourth best supported club in England, offered child tickets for £5 when I visited for a night game recently and managed to still pull in 42,000 for a game televised live on Sky. The reality is that most families are feeling the pinch, employment problems exist everywhere and the days of crazy paypackets are over. As the size of

mortgages continue to rise and heating bills soar we owe it to football to make building a new generation of supporters a key priority.

The visit to Manchester City's new City of Manchester stadium and Swansea City's Liberty stadium a few days earlier brought home how crucial it is for us to make swift progress on our new ground. Both are great examples of how a new stadium can act as a regenerational focus for a whole area. Our council, I'm sure, realises this but has yet to admit that they need the football club as much as we need them — the reality is that councils all over the

country have recognised the opportunities that a new ground can create and are throwing their weight and their finance fully behind such developments.

As New Year approaches I've two wishes – that Gazza recovers from his problems and that Wayne



Rooney concentrates on football rather than petulance. After the demise of George Best I'm sure we'd all like to see Gazza back on the right road and Rooney has the skill to make England's world Cup prospects real rather than imagined, especially after such a favourable draw!

Have a great Xmas and a super New Year!

Howard



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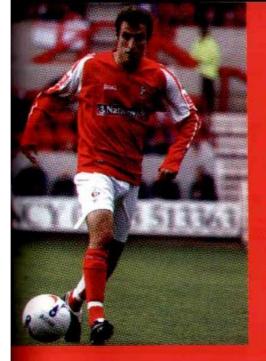
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Today's Visitors

Swindon Town

There's never a dull moment at The County Ground! A couple of winding up petitions this year, many of the stalwarts of the team leaving in the summer, Sam Parkin, Brian Howard, David Duke and Sammy Igoe amongst them, Manager Andy King sacked after a poor start and now, to cap it all, the fear that the Club may be forced to relocate outside the Town, an issue that has united every strand of Swindon supporter behind the banner, "Keep Town in Swindon".

The campaign is a coalition of the official Supporters' Club, the Supporters' Trust (TrustSTFC) and the fans behind the "Loud and Proud" campaign, all determined to ensure that Swindon Town Football Club stays in the community that it serves. The recent "ups and downs" in the club's negotiations with Swindon Borough Council over the redevelopment of the County Ground have led to threats from the club that they may be forced to look outside the fown if they cannot redevelop at the town centre ground that has been the club's home for 100 years. Fans fear it is not just an idle threat but a very real danger that Swindon could lose its only professional football club. "It would be a disaster for both the

town and the club if the club were to be forced out of Swindon", said Nigel Bennett, spokesman for the official supporters' club. "People sometimes forget what an important role the football club plays in the community, especially with the younger generation - to lose this contribution to the

- to lose this contribution to the community would be a major hole in the Town's facilities and very difficult to replace."

Tony Norris, chair of TrustSTFC, continued "While we recognise that the council cannot simply grant the club's every wish, there is an onus on councillors to recognise the very real benefits the club brings to the community and do everything they can to keep the club here. Equally, the club have an obligation to work with the council, fans groups and the local community to produce realistic proposals for the redevelopment of the County Ground which are both legally

and financially viable." Rob Tuck, founder of the Loud and Proud campaign, focused on the civic pride angle "For a town of this size and status not to have a professional football club would be almost unthinkable; for it to lose a club which has over 125 years' history in the town through sheer indifference would be embarrassing beyond belief. If the club and the council allow the club to leave the town, future generations will look back and ask, "Why didn't people do something? I'd urge everyone in the town to show some pride in their club and community and write to their councillors asking them to do all they can to keep the club." Initially the campaign will focus on raising awareness with the general

public and lobbying local councillors to

demonstrate there is a real groundswell of opinion within the town to urge both club and council to hammer out an agreement that will see the club stay at it's historic home. With Iffy Onuora in charge of matters on the pitch, Swindon have become a much harder team to beat, the nine League One games leading up to Christmas had seen them beaten just once, at home to Barnsley, though six of the games were drawn and just two won, though a continuation of that points-gathering form for the rest of the season would see them reach 50 points and possible safety. Chesterfield of course escaped relegation after being bottom of the table at Christmas a couple of seasons ago, so we know exactly what's needed to get out of the mire!





In Charge

Iffy Onuora

Iffy Onuora (38) took over the reins at Swindon Town on a temporary basis, assisted by Alan Reeves, Twin Brother of ex Saltergate hero David, towards the end of September after former Mansfield Town Manager Andy King left the County Ground hot-seat with The Robins rooted to the foot of the table. Though still there going into Christmas, Onuora and Reeves have made them a lot harder to beat, weaving together a team of loanees and youngsters along with more experienced men like striker Rory Fallon, already into double figures for a struggling team, and keeper Rhys Evans, though it looks a very, very tough task for the young manager to keep up the form, Swindon Town are a team so often struggling for cash, staving off winding up orders and counting the cost of two thousand 'lost' fans per match from a couple of seasons ago.

Born in Glasgow, Iffy came into the professional game relatively late having been through University. He joined Huddersfield Town on his 22nd birthday and the bustling forward went on to score 40 goals in five years for The Terriers before moving to Mansfield Town, though injury blighted his two year stay at Field Mill. A £25,000 fee took him South to Gillingham before Swindon Town paid £120,000 for his services in the summer of 1998. Twenty-five league goals in 65 starts plus 9 sub games was a decent return for him, but it was a return to Gillingham that was on the cards, £100,000 took him back to Priestfield in January 2000. After a couple of years back in Kent, Iffy's playing career became somewhat more

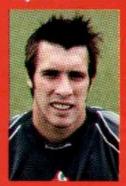
nomadic, Sheffield United signed him and he was first choice up front until rupturing his Achilles tendon. After recovering United sent him on loan to Wycombe Wanderers and Grimsby Town, he played for both of those teams against Chesterfield in his final playing season, 2003-04, a campaign that also saw him turn out for Tranmere Rovers and Huddersfield Town, his last two games in his senior career being two humdingers, both legs of the play-off semi finals again Lincoln City, he scored the opener in a 2-1 win at Sincil Bank in leg one and also played in the second leg, a 2-2 draw watched by over 19,000 fans, not a bad way to bow out!

In the summer of 2004 he moved to Walsall to join the coaching staff of Paul Merson's side bu was soon at Swindon, where was lucky enough (or should that be unlucky enough) to be around when King departed three months ago. But Onuora admits it was a tricky decision step in for King due to his friendship with Swindon's ex manager, "The pressure had been building on Andy King for a few weeks but I didn't know anything until I got the phone call and I was delighted to accept the offer to step in. There was a little bit of hesitation because Andy brought me to the club. I feel for him. He is still a good friend. Obviously there's an opportunity for me but it was a decision made not from my doing and when they said they wanted to make a change I tool it."

Player				
	Age	Pos	Previous Clubs	Comments
1 Rhys EVANS	23	¥	Cheisea, Bristol Rovers (L), Queens Park Rangers (L), Form Leyton Orient (L)	
2 Sean O'HANLON	22	Def	Everton	Has developed into an excellent centre half after playing his early Swindon games at full back after his £150,000 move in January 2004. Scored his first goal in his 3rd start against Chesterfield
3 Jack SMITH	22	Def	Watford	Full back who's at home on either side of the defence. Two footed, the highlight of his Watford career came when his first ever penalty won a Carling Cup tie at Bramail Lane
4 Nicky NICOLAU	223	MF	Arsenal, Southend United	Youth Cup winner with Arsenal alongside our own Alex Bailey. Left sided player who can play in midfield or at full back. Played in Southend's play off win at Cardiff in May
5 Jerel IFIL	23	Def	Watford, Huddersfield Town (L)	Strong tacking centre half with a bit of pace. No stranger to having a chat with the ref, he's already served three suspensions this season, two for red cards and one for five yellows.
6 Steve JENKINS	33	Def	Swansea City, Huddersfield Town, Birmingham City (L), Cardiff City, Notts County, Peterborough United	Weish international with bags of experience. Can slot in any defensive role but has played most of his games for Swindon at right back. Recently served a suspension after 5 bookings
7 Gareth WHALLEY	35	MF	Crewe Alexandra, Bradford City, Cardiff City, Wigan Athletic	Roy McFarland made enquiries about this midfielder after he was freed by Wigan in the summer. Cost Bradford £600,000 when they signed him from Crewe in 1998. Combines skill with a great work ethic
8 Rory FALLON	23	For	Barnsley, Shrewsbury Town (L), Yeovil Town (L)	Played second fiddle to Sam Parkin and others last season but this term has come into his own, bursting into double figures in the scoring charts for struggling Swindon. A lean, tall New Zealander with a good touch
to Stefan MIGLIORANZI	28	MF	St Johns University (USA), Portsmouth	Classy midfielder who missed much of last season through injury, though he did play against us in the last match of last season, unbelievably in the centre of defence. Brazilian born and American educated
12 Ricky SHAKES	20	For	Bolton Wanderers, Bristol Rovers (L), Bury (L)	Nippy front man, not the biggest striker in the division, who made one start for Bolton but scored in his only other game, as sub in the FA Cup, joined Swindon in the summer
15 Andrew NICHOLAS	22	Def	Liverpool, Chester City (L)	Left back who struggled to get a game at Swindon last season so was sent on loan to Chester. Did finish last season in the side and he's been a regular in the last couple of months
17 Charlie COMYN-PLATT	20	Def	Bolton Wanderers, Wycombe Wanderers (L)	Versatile defender who can play at full back or in the heart of the defence. Started a couple of FA Cup games for Bolton and was sub in a League Cup game but didn't make the Premiership line up. Struggling with a thigh injury
18 Christian ROBERTS	36	For	Cardiff City, Hereford United (L), Drogheda (L), Exeter City	Nippy front man who's been used almost exclusively as a sub this season after joining Swindon for a £20,000 fee in October last year. Missed a chunk of last term through injury
19 Michael POOK	20	MF	None	Made a handful of appearances last season but has been a regular this. Strong running midfielder equally at home centrally or on the flank.
20 Patrick COLLINS	20	Def	Sunderland, On loan from Sheffield Wednesday	Tall and versatile defender who won England Youth honours whilst at Sunderland. Was a regular for The Owis last season until sustaining an injury in December, he regained his place for the run in
23 Neale McDERMOTT	20	MF	Newcastle United, On loan from Fulham	Former Newcastle trainee, Neale made his first team debut in September against Bournemouth. A midfielder who's one of the many players on loan at the County Ground
25 Colin HEATH	27	For	On loan from Manchester United, Cambridge United (L)	Six foot striker who will be 22 on New Years' Eve. Had a spell on loan at Cambridge a year ago but failed to appear in a win for The U's. His only goal came in the first win he participated in, against Yeovil in August
26 Tom HEATON	19	D.	On loan from Manchester United	Has been the most used keeper at Swindon this term. Was red carded early in the FA Cup loss at Boston United. No first team football yet for Manchester United
27 Andy GURNEY	#E	MF	Bristol Rovers, Torquay United, Reading, Swindon Town, On loan from Swansea City	Right sided midfielder or defender on loan at his former Club. It was a surprise when he left Swindon for Swansea in September last year, he helped The Swans to promotion but was allowed back to the County Ground on loan in August. Recovering from an Achilles problem
28 Hameur BOUAZZA	20	MF	On loan from Watford	French left winger who's quick and strong and never afraid to shoot, he scored a great goal for Watford against Southampton in the Carling Cup last season. Appeared in seven Watford games this season before moving on loan
31 Petr MIKOLANDA	21	For	Viktoria Zizkov, On loan from West Ham United, Northampton Town (L)	nampton Town (L) Czech born striker signed by West Ham in the summer. This is his second loan spell since joining The Hammers.
32 Aaron BROWN	25	₩.	Bristol City, Exeter City (L), On loan from Queens Park Rangers, Torquay United (L), Cheltenham Town (L)	Moved from Bristol City to QPR almost a year ago but has only appeared in a handful of their games. This is his third loan spell since joining Rangers, who signed him after he recovered from a broken leg a handful of their games. This is his third loan spell since joining Rangers, who signed him after he recovered from a broken leg

The DANGERMEN

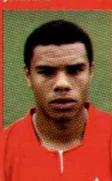
KEEPER Rhys Evans



Swindon born former England U21 International who's been in and out of the side this season having suffered from injury as well as playing in a bottom of the table side. Joined Chelsea as a

trainee but didn't make their first eleven in any competition but he did gain experience during loan spells at Bristol Rovers, Queens Park Rangers and Leyton Orient, notching up 22 games in his time away from Stamford Bridge before making his England U21 debut against Serbia & Montenegro. Released by Chelsea in the summer of 2003 and snapped up by his home Town team and he's been the regular County Ground No.1 ever since, seeing off competition from the likes of Steve Book and Bart Griemink. A competent handler of the ball and never afraid to come for crosses, he passed 100 first team games for Swindon earlier this season.

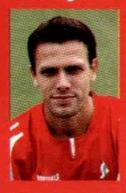
STOPPER Jerel Ifil



Five yellow cards and two red cards this season to add to the six yellow and two reds received last season indicates that this 23 year old centre half takes no prisoners! Wembley born Jerel began at

Watford, he started 10 games for The Hornets and gained more experience in loan spells at Huddersfield Town and on three occasions at Swindon before moving permanently to The County Ground for £70,000 in summer 2004. A regular this season following 31 league one starts last term, though his form last season was somewhat more patchy than during his loan spells with the Club. Strong in the tackle and very mobile, he's often given the job o man marking, last term he blanked out Leroy Lita of Bristol City and Hull City's Stuart Elliott when asked to do that job.

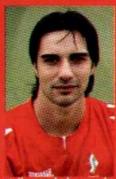
CREATOR Stefani Miglioranzi



A classy central midfielder who missed much of last season and the start of this through injury, though in the last game of last season, at home to Chesterfield, he did perform in the heart of the

Robins' rearguard! Born in Brazil and brought up in the USA, he joined Portsmouth in March 1999 from St Johns' University in New York, then aged 21. Went on to appear in more than 40 Pompey first team games in his three and a half years with the club before signing for Swindon in 2002. Despite his excellent skill and flair, goals do not feature regularly in his game. Hadn't scored before Christmas this season and he didn't score last season, so you have to go back to April 2004 for his last goal. scored at Wycombe when Swindon were in a lofty 4th place, times that seem so long ago now at the Wiltshire Club.

HOTSHOT Rory Fallon



Scorer of 11 of Swindon's 28 pre-Christmas 28 goals in all competitions, and 9 of their 21 in League One, his best tally in an English season. The tall, lean New Zealand born

striker only bagged 11 in his entire Barnsley career which lasted from signing as a youngster until he was bought by Swindon for £60,000 in November 2003 at the age of 21. Had a loan spell at Shrewsbury whilst a Tyke and has had a spell at Yeovil whilst being a Swindon player, where he's often had to play second fiddle to the likes of Sam Parkin and Tommy Mooney, now both long gone from The County Ground. Has a good touch and always gives Steve Blatherwick a tough ride, he's enjoying his personal best season to date though I'm sure he'd trade some of his goals for a few more team points.

In's & Out's

It's been the loan market that's taken a hammering from Swindon Town this season, they currently have eight borrowed men on their books, more than you can play at one time, so Manager Onuora no doubt always has to think about that when picking his squad. Manchester United have provided two. keeper Tom Heaton is from the same intake as our own Phil Picken and Colm Heath, though a bit older, is known in these parts, hailing from Matlock. Patrick Collins (Sheffield Wednesday), Neale McDermott (Fulham), Hameur Bouaza (Watford), West Ham's Petr Mikolanda Aaron Brown from QPR and ex Swind player Andy Gurney (Swansea) complete the octet.

Out on loan is summer recruit Jamie Cureton, at in-form Colchester United, whilst Nicky Summerbee was released after a short spell, joining from Bradford City and going on to Tranmere, as was Tony Thorpe, in from QPR and currently looking for a Club to join in the January window.

Summer captures also include Watford's Jack Smith, a couple of Derek Niven's ex Bolton team-mates, Ricky Shakes and Charlie Comyn-Platt, Gareth Whalley (Wigan) and Southend's Nicky Nicolat Leavers in the close season were many names synonymous with Swindon Samparkin to Ipswich, Steve Robinson (Lincoln), Matt Hewlett (Torquay), Sammy Igoe (Millwall), David Duke west to Darlington whilst Bristol City took on Matt Heywood and Grant Smith and Barnsley signed Brian Howard, eight many team would miss. In addition Luke Garrard and Steve Book were freed.

Form Guide

In league games, Swindon have become difficult to beat of late. Prior to their Boxing Day fixture at home to form team Colchester United, they'd only lost 1 in 9 in points bearing fixtures, though there have been a couple of Cup losses during that time-span, most notably a 4-1 replay loss at Boston United. Their sole away win to date came at the start of this month, a 1-0 triumph at fellow struggler Rotherham United, though they have played out draws at Blackpool, Port Valand Oldham plus two very impressive looking points at Brentford and Huddersfield, so they'll certainly not lay down and die. Their 10 game run leading up to Christmas is: DDWLLDLWDD.

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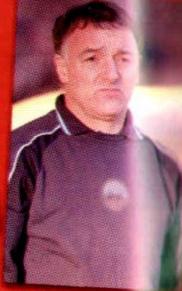




Player Manager Glenn Hoddle



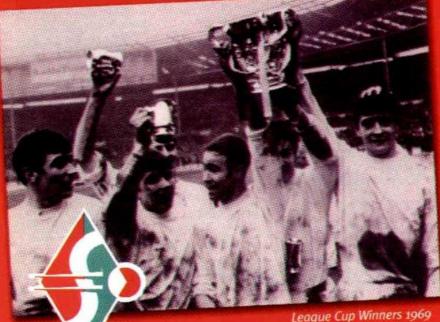
Glenn Cockerill



Lou Macari



1970/71 Squad Picture



Classic Campaigns Swindon Town

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS selects ten Oldham Athletic's 'Classic Campaigns' from 60 post-war seasons.

1962/63

Swindon Town won promotion to the Second Division for the first time in 1962/63. Be Head's young side won just one of their six games, then top scorer Ernie Hunt neur a hat-trick in a 5-1 victory over Brighton. Oll Jackson scored three times in a 4-3 win a Millwall and Jack Smith did likewise in a victory over QPR as Swindon overcame t 'Big Freeze' to maintain their promotion challenge. They hammered Colchester 6 and clinched promotion with a 1-0 win at home to Shrewsbury. Keith Morgan and John Trollope were ever-present, while other sla 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 pace-setters 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 o, Derby 1-0 and Burnley 3-2 in the League Cup before beating Arsenal 3-1 after extratime 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-o. 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-o 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 pace-setters 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 MacLaren'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 o-o 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

Swindon Town stormed to the Second Division title under player-boss Steve McMahon in 1995/96. They had plummeted from the Premiership to Second Division and newcomers included Wayne Allison, Steve Finney and Mark Seagraves. Swindon were early leaders, winning seven of their first nine games, and Kevin Horlock netted a hat-trick in a 4-1 victory at Bristol Rovers. They remained in pole position and took Southampton to an FA Cup fifth round replay. Ian Culverhouse and Mark Robinson were ever-present, while leading scorer Wayne Allison and Shaun Taylor also starred as they won the title by nine points.





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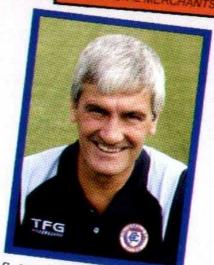


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YOUTH TEAM REPORT with Dave Bentley

At the half way stage of the season we have done very well with nine wins, one draw and two losses. The boys have shown a magnificent attitude in training and games and their work ethic has been tremendous. The team spirit has also been of a high standard with all the squad pulling together at all times. Throughout there have been some excellent performances and in the games that were not going our way we showed that as a group they can grind

out a result. At the moment we are second in the League, four points behind Hull with a game in hand – a very respectable position. In August and September we gained maximum points from our five games which gave the boys confidence. All in all, the group have been a credit to the Club with individuals showing good development throughout the season. We will be striving to



finish top of our League which would be a very good achievement.

Enjoy the game.

Dave Bentley

ODAYS MASCOTS

Name:

Jarvis Wright

Age

School: Heath Primary

Hobbies: Football

Fav Player: Shane Nicholson &

Paul Hall

Name:

John Mellor

Age School: 49 (50 on 11th January) Safety Advisor for North

Trent University

Hobbies:

Football

Fav Player:

Shane Nicholson &

Wayne Allison

Name:

Steven Mosley

Age School:

Hobbies:

Hollingwood Primary Plays football for Old

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Fav Player: Wayne Allison

Steven would like to say hello to his manager Barney who is a season

ticket holder

Fav Player: Wayne Allison

Name:

Josh Wheeler

Age:

School: **Hobbies:**

Hasland School Football & Rugby

Fav Player: Kevan Hurst

Name:

Adam Walker

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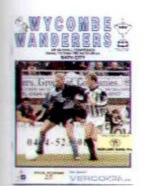
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Martin O'Neil



Wycombe Wanderers, as a Third Division side (by the old way of counting) reached an FA Cup semi final in 2001 and won the Amateur Cup in 1931, but the season most fondly remembered by fans of this fairly recent League club was their last as a non-league side, when they won the double of FA Trophy and Conference.

1992-93 saw Martin
O'Neill's construction of a formidable non-league side come to fruition as they swept to an emphatic Conference title, 15 points ahead of runners up Bromsgrove Rovers. An average crowd of 4,602 peaked at a capacity 7,230 when local rivals Slough Town visited.

In the FA Trophy,
Cheltenham Town,
Morecambe (after a 1-1
draw), Bromsgrove and
Gateshead were beaten
before a 6-3 aggregate win
over Sutton United in the
semi finals. Runcorn,
consistent achievers in Cup
football and no push-overs,
gave Wycombe a difficult
match at Wembley in the
Final, but the relentlessly
efficient O'Neill playing
style prevailed with a 4-1

victory, watched by the highest Trophy final crowd for many years, 32,968, conscious that they were witnessing the last non-league match of a famous old club.

Jason Cousins, Andy Kerr, Alan Thompson and Dave Carroll scored the goals at Wembley, although it was Keith Scott and Kim Casev who led the League scoring charts. Many of Wycombe's 84 goals were set up by the brilliant, orthodox winger Steve Guppy, who followed his manager up the Leagues and was capped by England whilst a Leicester City player in the Premiership.

O'Neill's success with Wycombe did not stop at this second Trophy success (they had won it two years earlier) and promotion to the Football League. They were back at Wembley a year later to win a second successive promotion via the Play off Final, and achieved their highest ever place (6th in what used to be known as the Third Division) a further year on, before O'Neill finally departed to Norwich City, then onwards to great

success at Leicester City and Celtic.

Wycombe produced a very attractive and polished programme in their final non-league season, a 44 page production mostly printed in the club's trademark two-tone blue, with the odd splash of full colour or second colour.

A full colour photo adorned the front cover of the £1.20. As sized issue, and inside there was plenty of reading material with pages by the Secretary ("Behind the Scenes"), League News, "Blue Notes" by programme editor Alan Hutchinson, three pages on the visitors, a column by director-commentator Alan Parry, four pages of statistics, two pages of historical articles, a page entitled "Football at Large"and various information on supporters, commercial and travel related matters.

The programme was of sufficient quality and size that it would not have been out of place in the Football League, where it was to reside from the following season.

"Programme Monthly" is a 160 page magazine devoted to programmes & programme collecting, and may be obtained for £2.70, UK postage inclusive, or 9 x 1st class stamps, from 46 Milton Road, Kirkcaldy, KY1 1TL. www.pmfc.co.uk

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As Christmas approaches Derbyshire County Councils Road Safety Team is promoting the Department for Transports annual Don't Drink and Drive Campaign. The campaign is aimed at young men and informs them about the dangers and consequences of drink driving.

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The Rec

Stuart looks at the history of the Recreation ground

Grounds like the Rec are becoming fewer in number and, with a new stadium for Chesterfield falling slowly into place (I did say slowly!), that number may be one fewer over the next couple of years or so. Football has been played at the Spireites' current ground since 1871, but the old place has changed beyond all recognition in that time.

Prior to using the Recreation Ground the earliest Chesterfield Football Club – no more than an arm of the cricket club at the time – played at the Recreation Ground.

Bear with me – this Rec was a hundred yards or so closer to town than the current place: Tennyson Avenue runs up the middle of what was the field that was once our home. When the cricket club fell out with the owner of the Rec the club moved a bit further along Saltergate to what was immediately known as the New Recreation Ground. The word "new" dropped out of use a couple of years later.



Taken more than 100 years ago, Chesterfield are photographed defending the Kop end against unknown opponents.

The first recorded football match at our current ground took place on November 6th, 1871: Rotherham were the visitors and a goalless draw was played out. Much has been made of a claim to having the World's oldest surviving football ground at Chesterfield, but this is a tad difficult to sustain since existing Sheffield grounds like Sandygate and Bramall Lane saw football before the Rec did, and it has only been in continuous use for football since 1919: during the 1917-18 season no football of any kind was played here, as far as research shows, and grazing sheep had the place to themselves.



A panoramic view of the Rec, from the Compton Street Cross Street corner, in 1905.

Football shared with cricket until the mid-1890s. Looking around, it is difficult to imagine a cricket field fitting in the perimeter, but take away the stands. terraces, St Margaret's Drive and Cross Street in your mind's eye and the room becomes available. The away fans' end was once known as the Cricket Pitch End, but this pitch would not have had a 'sguare', as such, since it was customary in those days for the visiting team to decide where the wicket would be pitched, anywhere on the field. This end has also been known as the Brickyard End, since there was a brick yard off Hawkesley Avenue, and Brickvard Walk, which runs from Marsden Street to Tennyson Avenue, continued along behind the ground before being widened into Cross Street. A 1915 map of the area shows the ground largely unchanged, apart from extensions

to the stand; intriguingly, though, there is a mission church in the bottom left-hand corner, clearly inside the ground's perimeter, and perhaps more or less where the Saltergate/West Street floodlight now stands. Of course we regard the place as holy, but the Rec might indeed consecrated ground!

The area underwent significant change in 1921, when the corporation extended Cross Street from Cobden Road to Tennyson Avenue.

The plan was to extend it further into the Holywell Cross area to take pressure off Newbold Road and Saltergate, but that is unlikely ever to materialise. The club made a gift of the necessary land to the council in exchange for the building of the wall at the back of the Cross Street end. This wall is the oldest surviving feature of the ground today. To accommodate Cross Street the pitch was shifted around twenty feet closer to Saltergate, and levelled by as much as four feet along its length. There used to be a noticeable hill in the Compton Street/Cross Street corner of the ground: much of this was dug out to fulfil a condition of entry to the Football League in 1899, but an appreciable slope remained until the 1921 alterations.

A wooden stand sat where the current one is. This was put up around 1893 and originally held about 400. It was steadily doubled in size to hold 1600, eventually, and was roofed over when we joined the Football League in 1899. This stand lasted until 1936, when it was replaced by the present edifice. It didn't quite run the length of the pitch; its northern end was where the players' tunnel is today, and a ramshackle hut between that and the Cross Street end served as changing rooms. Each extension took it closer to Saltergate until, by the time of its demolition, there was a tidy symmetry to the thing. Directors' rooms and offices occupied land between the stand and Saltergate. To get into it, you paid ground admission at Saltergate and then paid to transfer to the enclosure or the stand. For a number of years, women were admitted free of charge, since it was felt that their presence had a calming effect on their menfolk. The lack of a 'wet' bar would have been of greater effect, though: the club banned the sale of ale at the ground after the First World War following continued scenes of drunkenness and vile behaviour, and it was some years before such facilities were reinstated.

In the next issue we'll turn our gaze around the rest of the Recreation Ground to look at the Kop and The Pop Side, and what the future holds.



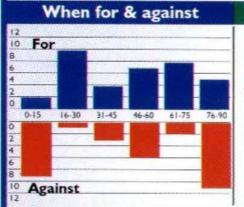
Chesterfield's multi-purpose venue was used for agricultural fairs, among other things: this pic from around 1913 shows a tiny cover on the Pop Side, behind the chap in the white coat.





Chesterfield v. Swindon Town



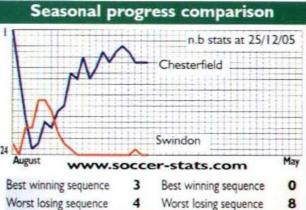


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Blackpool	н	1-1
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Fouls committed	269
Average per game	12.23
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Fouls committed	275	
Average per game	12.5	
Yellow cards	40	
Red cards	4	
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Scored from free kick		
Conc from free kick	7	
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Strike ratio		
Shots on target	118	
Goals scored	36	
% shots scored	30.5	
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Goals Scored	9		
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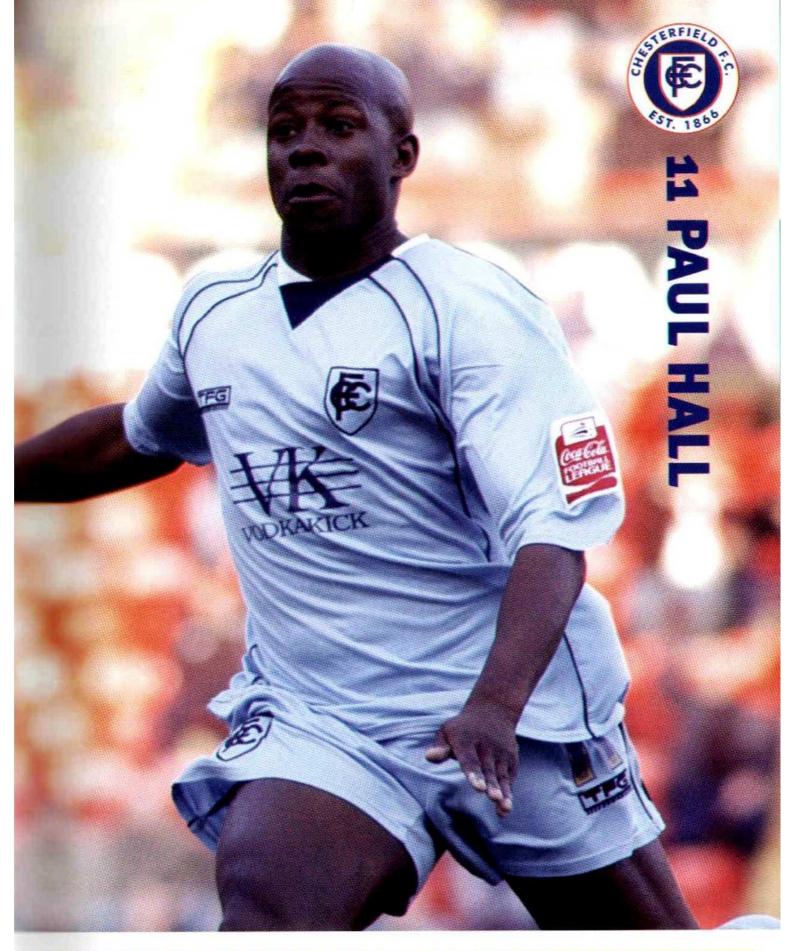


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Shots on target	92	
Goals scored	22	
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Top scorer Rory Fallon		
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Points Won	6	

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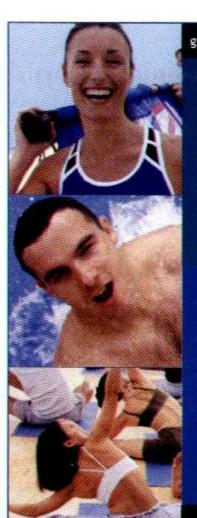


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Garden Party



At the time of writing, there's still much work to be done before we can confirm things, but it looks as though our Summer 2006 Garden Party may well be right in the heart of the Town at Queens Park, We're looking at the evening of Friday 7th July, the beginning of the World Cup Final weekend, to hold the event. The superb Al Needham's lazz Band is booked again following the great success of last summer's event at Chatsworth, Back in July this year, well over 1000 people attended our Party on the Salisbury Lawn and a great time was had by all, even when it drizzled a bit, everyone put on a brave face and danced the night away. If you want to help us with the organisation of this event, come along to the next volunteers meeting at the Club (Main Entrance) on Monday January 9th at 7pm.

Heritage Exhibition

Following the triumph of our first ever Heritage & Memorabilia exhibition held at Chesterfield Museum back in 2001, we have been asked to help put on a similar event by the Borough Council run Museum next spring and summer. Due to open on 6th May and run until July 29th, we are again appealing for any memorabilia that you would be willing to loan to us for the duration of the event. In addition to the opening day, which coincides with our last (scheduled) game of the season, we will also be looking to put on a special day at the museum on Saturday July 8th, the weekend of the World Cup

Final, so make a not of those dates in your diary. One area of particular interest for 2006 will be any items relating to our Anglo-Scottish Cup triumph, next year is the 25th Anniversary of that achievement, so if you've got one of the special flags that were made for the Final, or any photographs or other memorabilia of that achievement (or any other aspect of CFC's history), drop me your contact details in at the Club and I'll give you a ring. In fact, if you do have any Anglo-Scottish items,

we'd also like to borrow them for our 25th Anniversary Anglo-Scottish get together due to be held at the Winding Wheel on Sunday 19th March at 7.3opm. To date, the majority of the team that played in the competition, the likes of Alan Birch, Ernie Moss, Sean O'Neill, Bill Green and many more, have agreed to come to the event which will give fans the opportunity to meet and ask questions of these great heroes. Tickets will be on sale early in the New Year, so keep an eye out for details.

Vice Chairman



Raffle Tickets

Stubs for the Grand £1000 New Year Draw (due to be drawn on January 21st 2006) have been steadily flowing into the offices. If you've not yet sent in your counterfoils, make a note of the freepost address on them to ensure it's as east as possible to send them back and if you want some more books to sell, they are available at the Club.

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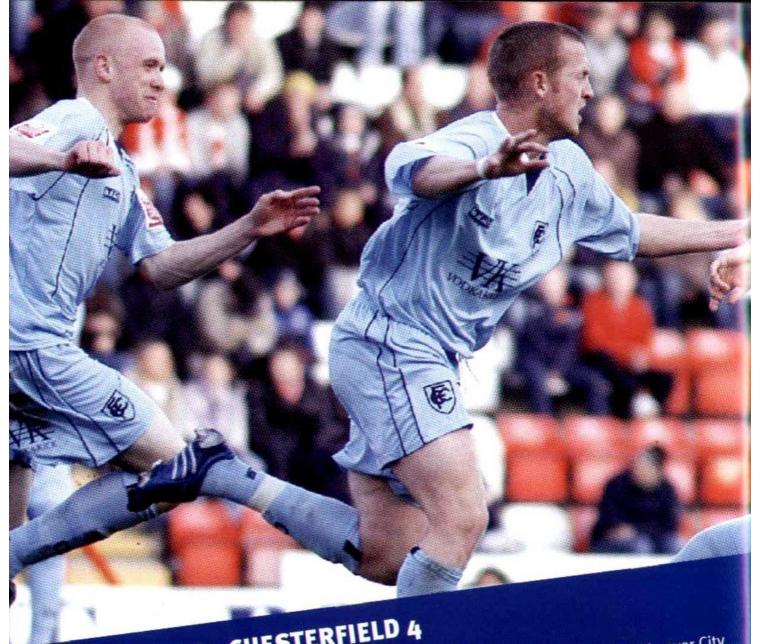
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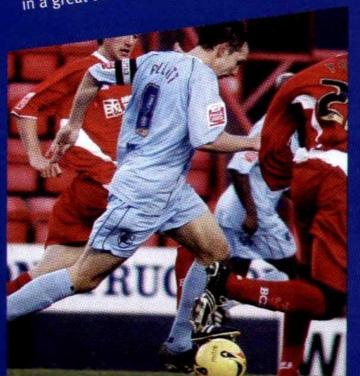
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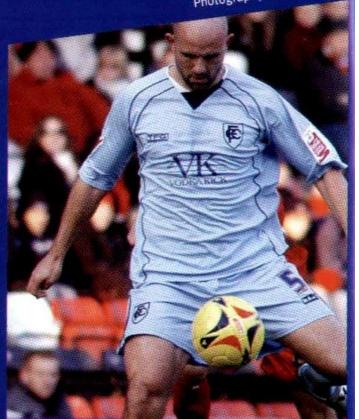
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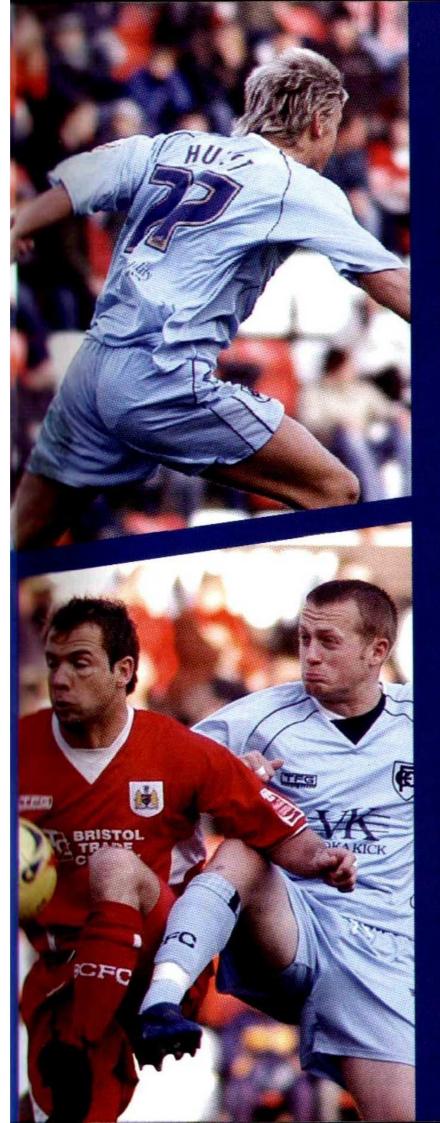


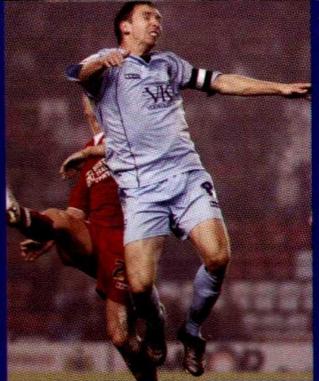
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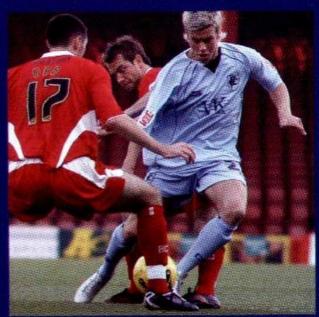
A Paul Hall hat-trick and a Kevan Hurst screamer gave Chesterfield a first ever win double over City in a great team performance Saturday 19th November Photography by Tina Jenner

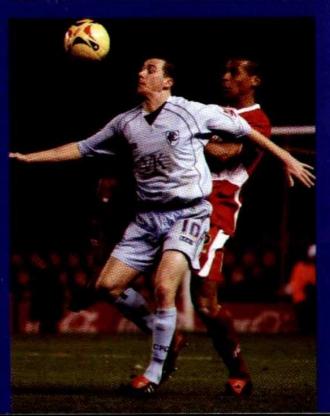














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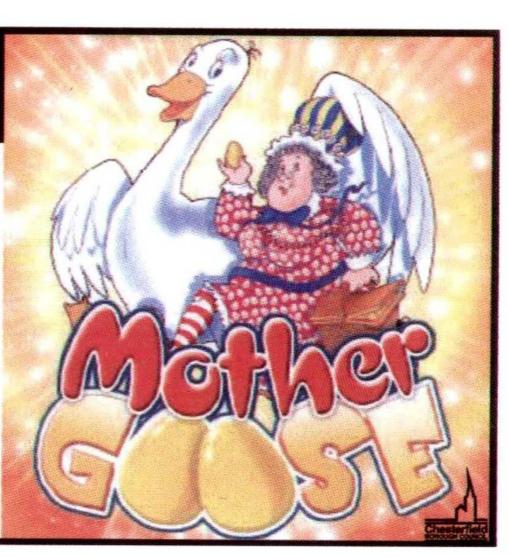
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The Football League Awards will be handed out at the London Hilton on March 5 2006, when FourFourTwo will also announce its annual Top 50 Football League Players to coincide with our April edition – and now's your chance to get involved.

For details of how to nominate someone for the Fan of the Year Award and to vote for the Best Away Ground, visit www.fourfourtwo.com or check out your next matchday programme.

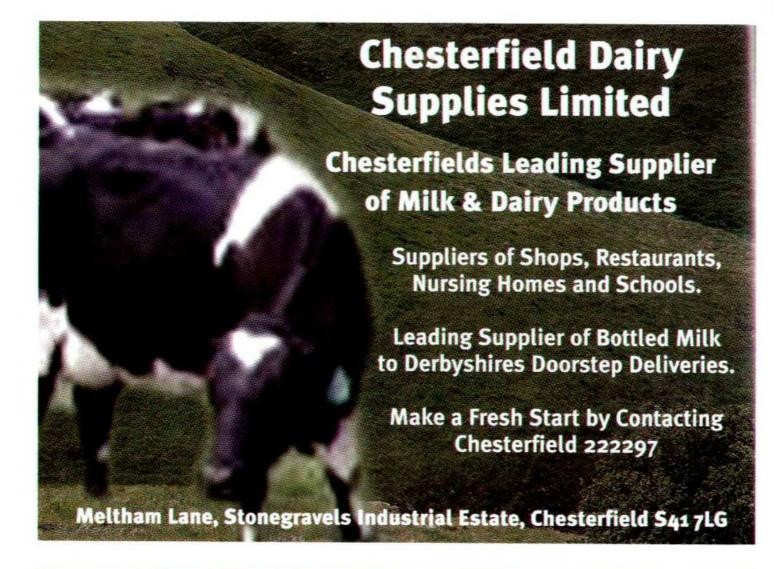
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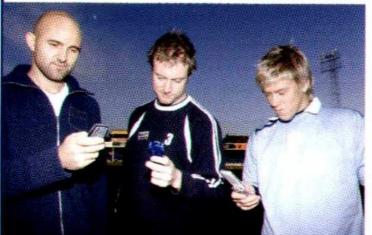
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OLDHAM MATCH WINNER

Robert Nixon Betts from Walton was the first winner of the new £100 cash prize for correctly choosing Steve Blatherwick as the Spireites Man of the Match in our last home game against Oldham Athletic. He picks up his £100 prize at half-time tonight.

A to Z

HARDY TO HUDSON

SALTERGATE SNIPPETS THROUGH THE ALPHABET LOOKING AT A SELECTION OF 'H'S WITH ALAN HARRIS

A Chesterfield lad, nephew of the great Sam Hardy a Spireite and International goalkeeper, Jack signed for Chesterfield in 1934, as a wing - half. Playing in Division 3 North, he was a member of the championship side of 35 - 36. He played only a few games in Division 2 (now the Coca - Cola Championship). Joined Hull City in 1937 and then to Lincoln City were he made his mark.



Spireites was great, making his debut in the first team at 16 and establishing himself as one of the Spireites better players.

midfield and attacked strongly down the flanks, certainly a crowd favourite throughout his career leaving Chesterfield in 1979 to Peterborough.

HALTON Reg.



One of my favourite players. Joining Chesterfield from Bury in 1948,. A left half, his contribution to the side was first class.

After his arrival the Spireites did very well and finished the season In 6th positioning Division 2. All we supporters at the time were amazed when he was allowed to Join Leicester City in 1950 in exchange for Jack Marsh, a forward – a deal which sadly was not successful.

HAVENHAND Keith.

A local lad from Dronfield, joining Chesterfield in 1954. At the time he was an apprentice engineer. He played for England as a youth. He will be remembered as being in the Chesterfield youth side that played against Manchester United in the final of the FA Youth Cup. A constructive Inside forward, playing over 180 games for the Spireites, scoring over 60 goals. Moving to Derby County in 1961. His contribution to the





A proven centre forward. joining Chesterfield in 1964 from Newport County, having started his career at Portsmouth.

Playing for many clubs including Derby County. Ralph had a great spell at Norwich City. He played for nine League clubs in total. Tragedy struck when Ralph and three other Chesterfield players were involved in a road accident returning from watching Peterborough v York City cup tie. The winners were to be Spireites opponents in round three of the FA Cup. Sadly Ralph died fro his injuries. In his short career at Saltergate he played 21 games scoring 10 goals.



HOLLAND Paul

Well remembered by most Chesterfield fans, having played for Mansfield and Sheffield United before joining Spireites in 1996 for a reported £150,000. Paul played in the successful Chesterfield side that reached the 96/97 FA Cup semi – final.

His contribution to the Spireites cause is to be admired. Paul left for Bristol City in 2000. Unfortunately he was dogged with injury. He later joined Mansfield Town in a coaching capacity.

HEPPOLETTE Richard.



A classy player. joined Chesterfield from Crystal Palace in 1977. having previously been a star act at Preston and Orient. He played

HUDSON Mark.

Mark signed for the Spireites from Middlesbrough in 2003, after an earlier loan spell in 2002/03. A promising midfielder who decided his future would be better served elsewhere. Joining Huddersfield at the beginning of the current season. We wish him well, and watch with interest his future development.

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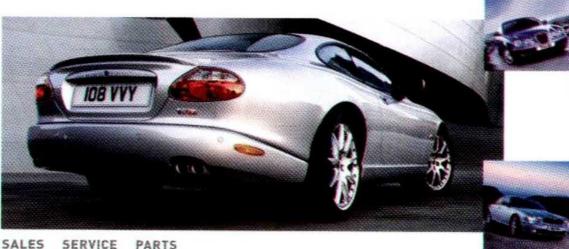


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Football in the Community

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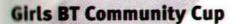












Now that the boys have had their chance to show off all their skills at saltergate, its time for the girls, the Girls Competition will be staged at Tupton Hall Secondary School, on the 16th January 2006, all the following schools have been invited to this years competition:- Mortimer Wilson School, Brookfield Community School, Hasland Hall Community School, The Meadows Community School, Newbold Community School, Parkside Community School, St Mary's Catholic High School, Tupton Hall School, Heritage

Community School, Dronfield School, Eckington School, Highfields School, Deincourt Community School, Springwell Community School, Netherthorpe School, Tipshelf School, Anthony Gell School and Fredrick Gent School.

The final of this competition will be staged on the 21st January 2006 at saltergate before the Walsall game, where the winner will then go on to represent us in the next stage just like the winners of the boys (North Wingfield).

There will be No Saturday Morning Club on the 31st December, Starts BACK on the 7th January at St Mary's High School, 8.45 - 10.45

Danny Harris

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Watch out for discounted voucher for the Saturday Morning Club in the Barnsley Programme, for you and your friend.

Best Regards Daniel Harris Football in the Community







CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE The Mark Jules Report

On Sunday December 4th the Centre of Excellence teams played Scunthorpe. The Under 11s, 13s and 15s played at home and the under 12s, 14s and 16s played away. Over all in the majority of the matches Chesterfield came out on top performance wise. Scunthorpe is usually a very good test physically and also plays some good football. So all the centre players need to play to their maximum to try and out play Scunthorpe. The under 16s did not play as well as they usually do but still came out on top. The pleasing thing was they can still grind out a result when not playing particularly well as a team.

The other Centre teams played well particularly the under 12s whose performances have been up and down this season. They just need to be more consistent week in and week out and that will build their confidence as a team. As long as this team keep learning and progressing the will be alright.

If any one would like to sponsor the Centre of Excellence please contact me, Dave Bentley, Jason Elliot Chris Breeze and Mick Beddingham.

Merry Christmas to you all Mark Jules Centre of Excellence Manager



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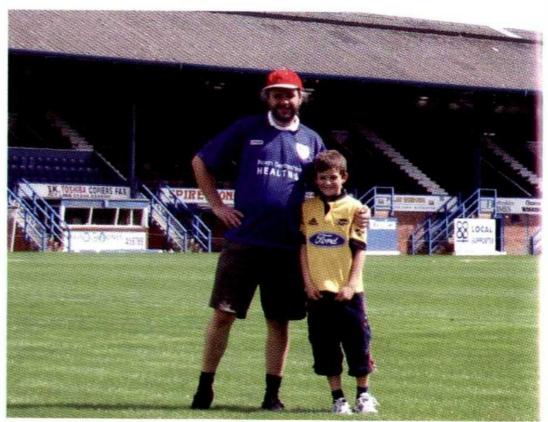


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Welcome to Saltergate Chris & Ben Brough

A big welcome tonight to Chris Brough, originally from Pilsley. and his son Ben. They're staunch Spireites despite living at the other side of the world, in the suburbs of Wellington New Zealand. Chris is bringing up Ben the right way to follow the round rather than the oval ball and has already taken him to the West Ham v Newcastle game since they arrived as well as our first Xmas fixture two days ago at Scunthorpe. They'll also squeeze in the Barnsley game before having to return to following our fortunes via the internet.

Last Summer Chris and Ben met Roy during a Summer visit and they're his guests tonight. Roy asks only that they take three points home with them. Have a great time and a safe journey home.

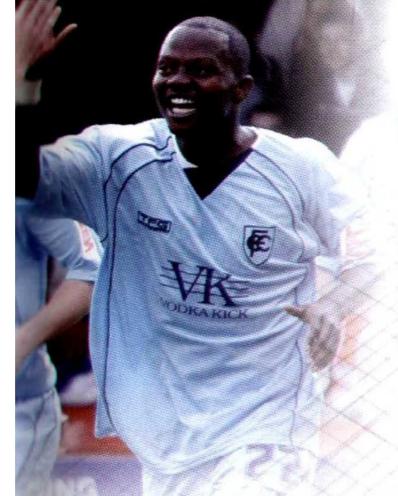






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		Home				Away								
		P	W	D	L	F	Α	W	D	L	F	A	-/+	Pts
1	Swansea	22	7	3	1	26	9	5	3	3	21	17	21	42
2	Brentford	22	5	4	2	17	13	6	3	2	18	10	12	40
3	Huddersfield	22	7	4	1	19	13	4	3	3	17	15	8	40
4	Colchester	22	6	2	3	20	12	4	5	2	11	10	9	37
5	Barnsley	22	7	3	1	22	10	3	3	5	11	12	11	36
6	Southend	22	5	4	2	18	11	5	2	4	16	13	10	36
7	Chesterfield	22	5	2	3	18	12	5	3	4	18	20	4	35
8	Doncaster	22	6	2	4	18	13	4	1	5	11	12	4	33
9	Bournemouth	22	5	4	2	13	8	4	2	5	15	17	3	33
10	Nottm Forest	22	8	2	2	17	7	1	2	7	10	19	1	31
11	Walsall	22	6	3	2	18	14	2	3	6	14	18	0	30
12	Oldham	22	5	1	4	15	13	3	5	4	15	22	-5	30
13	Bradford	22	3	3	5	10	11	4	5	2	13	10	2	29
14	Hartlepool	22	3	4	4	14	15	5	1	5	10	12	-3	29
15	Scunthorpe :	22	5	2	4	21	19	3	2	6	16	23	-5	28
16	Port Vale	22	5	3	4	14	11	3	1	6	8	16	-5	28
17	Yeovil	22	5	2	3	12	10	3	2	7	15	24	-7	28
18	Gillingham	22	7	1	4	13	11	0	4	6	6	20	-12	26
19	Rotherham	22	2	2	6	15	15	3	5	4	10	14	-4	22
20	Tranmere	22	2	5	3	15	16	3	2	7	9	13	-5	22
21	Blackpool	22	3	3	4	14	15	1	7	4	14	20	-7	22
22	MK Dons	22	3	7	2	15	14	1	3	6	9	17	-7	22
23	Bristol City	22	4	4	4	15	14	2	0	8	10	26	-15	22
24	Swindon	22	3	2	5	15	18	1	5	6	7	14	-10	19

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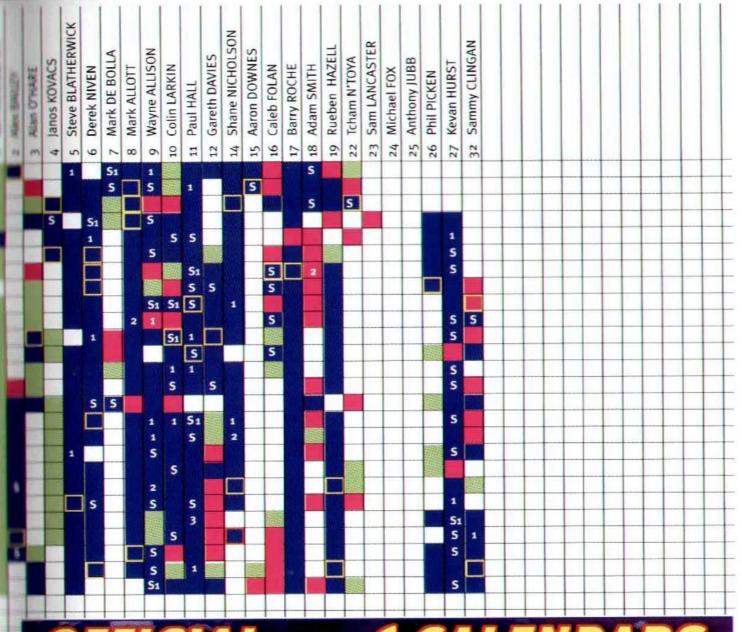
Date		Opponents	Comp	Res	Att
Sat 6 Aug	Α	Blackpool	FL1	3-1	6,469
Wed 10 Aug	Н	Brentford	FL1	1-3	4,121
Sat 13 Aug	Н	Rotherham United	FL1	0-1	5,189
Sat 20 Aug	A	Oldham Athletic	FL1	1-4	5,347
Wed 24th Aug	Н	Huddersfield Town	CC1	2-4	2,922
Sat 27 Aug	Н	Tranmere Rovers	FL1	0-2	3,445
Mon 29 Au	A	Yeovil Town	FL1	3-1	6,079
Fri 2 Sep	A	Bradford City	FL1	0-2	7,351
Sat 10 Sep	Н	Bournemouth	FL1	3-0	3,540
Sat 17 Sep	A	Walsall	FL1	3-2	5,177
Sat 24 Sep	Н	Hartlepool United	FL ₁	3-1	4,078
Tue 27 Sep	A	Gillingham	FL1	0-1	7,472
Sat 1 Oct	A	Colchester United	FL1	2-1	3,414
Sat 15 Oct	A	MK Dons	FL1	0-0	5,642
Tue 18 Oct	A	Macclesfield Town	LDV1	0-2	796
Sat 22 Oct	Н	Huddersfield Town	FLi	4-3	6,206
Wed 26 Oct	Н	Bristol City	FL1	3-0	5,027
Sat 29 Oct	A	Swansea City	FL1	1-5	13,264
Sat 5 Nov	A	Leyton Orient	FAC1	0-0	
Sat 12 Nov	Н	Port Vale	FL1	2-0	3,554
Wed 16 Nov	Н	Leyton Orient	FAC1R		4,714
Sat 19 Nov	A	Bristol City	FL1		4,895
Sat 26 Nov	Н	Blackpool	FL1	4-2	9,752
Tue 6 Dec	A	Southend	FL1		4,585
Sat 10 Dec	A	Brentford	FL1	0-0	5,767
Sat 17 Dec	Н	Oldham Athletic	FL1		5,828
Mon 26 Dec	A	Scunthorpe United	FL1	1-1	4,304
Wed 28 Dec	Н	Swindon Town	FL1	15:00	
Sat 31 Dec	A	Nott'm Forest	FL1	19:30	
Mon 2 Jan	Н	Barnsley	FL1	13:00	
Sat 7 Jan	Н	Bradford City	FL1	13:00	
Sat 14 Jan	A	Doncaster	FL1	15:00	
Sat 21 Jan	Н	Walsall	FL1	15:00	
Sat 28 Jan	A	Bournemouth	FL1	15:00	
Sat 4 Feb	Н	Gillingham		15:00	
Fri 10 Feb	A	Hartlepool United	FL1	15:00	
Wed 15 Feb	Н	Doncaster Rovers	FL1	19:45	
Sat 18 Feb	Н	Southend United	FL1	19:30	
Sat 25 Feb	_		FL1	15:00	
	A	Rotherham United	FL1	15:00	
Sat 4 Mar	H	Yeovil Town	FL1	15:00	
Sat 11 Mar	A	Tranmere Rovers	FL1	15:00	
Sat 18 Mar	H	Scunthorpe United	FL1	15:00	
Sat 25 Mar	A	Swindon Town	FL1	15:00	
Sat 1 Apr	H	Nott'm Forest	FL1	15:00	
Sat 8 Apr	A	Barnsley	FL1	15:00	
Sat 15 Apr	H	Colchester United	FL1	15:00	
Mon 17 Apr	A	Huddersfield	FL1	15:00	
Sat 22 Apr	H	MK Dons	FL1	15:00	
Sat 29 Apr	A	Port Vale	FL1	15:00	
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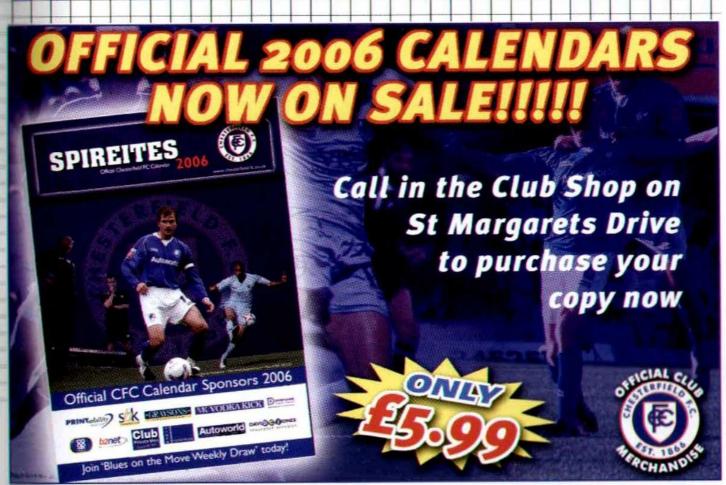
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It's just over two years since Derek Niven signed on for The Spireites, initially on loan from Bolton Wanderers. the day before his birthday. He made his debut the day after he was 20 in the 2-2 home draw with Tranmere Rovers, a game remembered for a couple of reasons, a score-line of 1-1 with just 60 seconds on the clock and Danny Harrison's lunge at Alan O'Hare that had the Irishman (and every man in the crowd) writhing in agony after his most painful parts were rendered in need of stitches. He was recalled by Bolton after two months and there were a couple of anxious weeks as the Club tries to secure his services permanently, eventually securing his signature in March 2004, on the eve of the Sheffield Wednesday home game, alas too late for him Autoworld to play, but fortunately The Spireites ran out comfortable winners. Since his Chesterfield bow, niggles and a suspension apart, the Scot from Falkirk has been a virtual ever present in the side, chalking up over 80 starts in his two years here. However he did miss the opening game of this season, the 3-1 win at Blackpool, after an injury disrupted pre season, but after coming into the side for the next match, at home to Brentford when he was clearly not 100% fit, he's remained a tower of strength, his box to box game now being supplemented with many more shooting chances than in his early Saltergate days. No doubt he's pleased with his progress this term? "It's gone well, yes, it was a disappointing pre-season, no player likes to get injured but I've got through that now and the last few games have been good. Obviously the first five or six games I played I wasn't completely fit and I had to get my fitness in games which is alright because fitness always comes in games but it's not ideal. Once I got to full fitness levels I started playing the way I know I can play and we started winning games as well." With Mark Allott playing much of his football in the centre this season, after a good link up with Mark Hudson, Niven now has formed another excellent pairing, "We've got a good partnership going me and Allott, we've played well and the whole team's played well, it's a team game." And having scored a few this season, something we're not all that used to, "It wasn't a big thing last season but I've started getting forward a lot more now and getting in the box and scoring some goals, I was aiming for five at the start of Autoworld the season, so hopefully I can get there now. That may not be too many but better than last season when I got one and I've already doubled my career tally this season. I was most disappointed at missing a chance against Leyton Orient in the Cup replay but these Profile on...

Derek Niven things happen, at least I'm missing a few chances now, which means I'm having some!" 54 | The Spireites www.chesterfield-fc.co.uk was partnership with Mark Allott in the heart of the engine room has occasionally been changed round a bit, with on loan sammy Clingan coming in from time to time, more evidence of a new strength in lepth at the Club. "It's full of competition for places right now, when Sammy's come in he's done a great job, so all of that beeps you on your toes and makes you play better."

As for the line up behind the midfielders, what are Derek's views on those players? "Rochey's had a great season, he's made some excellent saves that have kept us in games or kept us in front and Blathers and Reuben have been solid at the back, it's always good to have such a solid defence and the full backs have played well too, as has the whole team, it's great to have a solid base and keep a few clean sheets, though we've not had as many of those as we'd have liked."

Niven's first campaign, from December 2003, was a battle against relegation, rulminating in that dramatic last gasp victory over Luton Town, last season was somewhat easier but what does he think of The Spireites points gathering performances during the current campaign? "It's not surprised us at all. The start obviously wasn't good but we know how good we are ourselves and what we can achieve at this Club so hopefully we can keep on winning games and gather more points, I'm not surprised at all by how many we've already got."

Iwo years as a regular first teamer with a reputation as one of the most consistent

middle men in League One, having begun his career in England at Bolton, does Derek feel he's got the ability to play at a higher level? "Obviously every player wants to play as high as they can and hopefully I've got that in me, to play at a higher level, but Chesterfield's where I am right now and where I want to play my football here, in the first team, but I do want to get games at the highest level I can."

Talking of highest levels, a few weeks ago, full back Alex Bailey revealed in an interview that Nivo was the first 'real Scottish Man from up in the Mountains' he'd ever met. But are there many Mountains near his home Town? "There aren't too many mountains near Falkirk but Alex obviously thinks Scotland's full of them, he is from London isn't he!" That sort of banter is synonymous with the team spirit and camaraderie evident for all to see here at Saltergate, what are Derek's views on that side of the team? " It can't get much better than it is here now, everyone has a good time coming to training, we have a laugh together and all the boys get on well, there's no-one who doesn't get on with anyone, so that great team spirit helps us on the field as well."

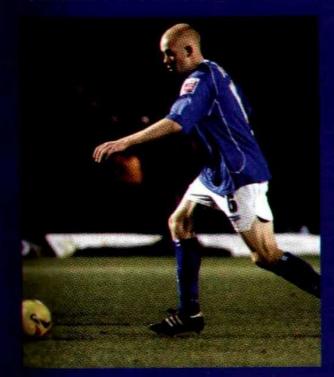
As a youngster, Derek played at
Stenhousmuir before joining Raith
Rovers, whom he left for Bolton
Wanderers just over 4 years ago, so does
the midfield dynamo keep his eye on the
results of his former clubs? "I always
keep my eye on all the scores in Scotland
and in England. Raith Rovers had a
disaster last season, Nicolas Anelka's
brother went in there and ruined the Club

but there's not many players there that I know now. I don't speak to too many of my ex Bolton team-mates all that often either, Jeff Smith who's at Port Vale now is the one I speak to most, he was here a few weeks ago of course."

Two of his ex Bolton colleagues, Charlie Comyn-Platt and Ricky Shakes, who both appeared here in the pre season game against Bolton last year, are now at today's visitors, Swindon Town, so no doubt Derek's knowledge of them has been conveyed in the team meetings. "Charlie is a big strong defender who's extremely good at clearing his lines whilst Ricky's got bags of pace as well as strength, but I'm sure we've got enough in the locker to take care of them!"

Last season, despite playing 38 of the 46 league games, Derek was dogged by persistent ankle problems, so how is that part of his body standing up to the rigours of League One football this season? "Touch wood, they've all gone, I feel I'm fit and ready to get us to the playoffs."

Confidence from a self-assured and competent player, one who's made a great impression in his relatively short time here, a player that never gives less than his all, never hides and can always be counted on to add the steel that's essential in any battle, be it at the wrong end of the table or a more lofty setting.







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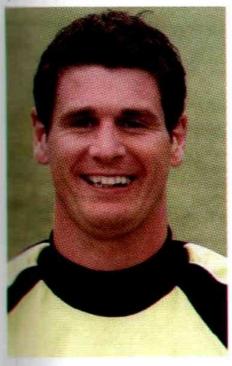
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In Safe Hands

Stuart looks back at goalkeepers past and present who have played for 'Town'



2000-1 46 appearances 19 clean sheets 42 conceded



A Former Manchester United trainee, Mike was forced to re-start his career in the lower leagues after being released at Old Trafford in 1991. He forged a steady reputation at a number of clubs; early spells at Lincoln and Darlington saw him break the 50-game barrier at both sides and earn a £75,000 transfer to Notts County in November '95. His career stalled again at Meadow Lane; loan spells at Oldham, Gillingham and Brentford followed before Sunderland offered to match what Notts had paid, in February '98.

Mike didn't make the Mackems' first team, but moved to Rotherham on a free in the summer of '98. He impressed there, making 92 appearances in a side that began a climb from League Two to the Championship. Mike became one of Nick Law's first signings during a period of reconstruction after our relegation to League Two in 2000. His Bosman move didn't command a fee and he settled in well, marshalling a firm defence as the club won promotion back to League One at the first attempt. When Chesterfield played Rotherham at Millmoor in the LDV, mike found himself pelted with a selections from the snack bar menu and several quid in loose change by the home fans, who felt he had in some way been disloyal to them.

Those same feelings would be prevalent among some Chesterfield supporters when Mike left after promotion was assured. The simple fact was that the club had spent big on Mike's wages to tempt him here and, since a large amount of the club's money was stolen by the convicted criminal Darren Brown, there was nothing left to pay Mike. In moving away to a more secure job, he was doing exactly what any realistic fan would do.

His choice of new club was odd. though, to say the least: he went back to Millmoor, where he helped the club stabilise following their promotion to the Championship, Chesterfield received a fee in the region of £75,000 for him: somewhat less than his value but desperately needed. Pollitt, too, reportedly waived a substantial amount owed in signing-on fees and bonuses to facilitiate the move, helping Chesterfield out. Following his second spell at Millmoor Mike joined Wigan Athletic and has become an important member of the Latics side that has taken to life in the Premiership.



Jack Mitchell

1920-1.

13 appearances

2 clean sheets

33 conceded

Jack was a well-travelled veteran at the time of joining the Spireites, and his status was reflected in his being paid the maximum wage. He played in the club's last twelve Midland League games of '20-1 and kept seven consecutive clean sheets, a record for the first team at any level. In the Football League, however, his record was completely different, although it must be said that many clubs in both the northern and southern sections suffered some conclusive thumpings in their early days, as teams came to terms with the strength of opposition. In Chesterfield's case, this was due as much to a lack of preparation on the club's part, as to any shortcomings on Mitchell's.

Jack was from Sheffield and saw League action with the Blades, Coventry City and South Shields, as well as playing Southern League football for Luton Town

Alf Ashmore

1962-3 2 appearances no clean sheets five conceded

"Max" began his professional career with Sheffield United and played nine times for Bradford City before joining Chesterfield in October 1962, to cover for injury to Ron Powell and John Osborne. Upon his release in the summer of '63 he joined Heanor Town and, four years later, joined Matlock.



Players' Fund Club Target Season 2005/06

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Charles Stanforth

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Christmas Lunch

Many thanks to all our members who managed to attend the Christmas Lunch on December 8th. Our biggest lunch so far was attended by 91 members and guests including Lee Richardson, Aaron Downes and Kevan Hurst.



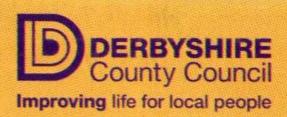
The event raised £820 for club funds and all this is down to your amazing support. It is fantastic to see so many local businesses getting involved with the Football Club and doing their bit to help make our club a successful one.



Firewater Creations have become the latest member added to our club, joining whilst at the Christmas Lunch, so our total membership now stands at a staggering 132.

"Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" to all our members, and thanks again for your support during 2005.







Don't miss out on extra cash in your pockets - take advantage of a Derbyshire County Council benefits take-up campaign.

The Quids In campaign has already helped hundreds of local people claim unpaid benefits which they are entitled to.

More than 3,000 people have already contacted the special hotline and £300,000 has been secured in unclaimed benefits for local people.

And it's estimated hundreds more people are unaware of the extra savings they could make - you could be one of them!

So make sure you're not missing out on benefits such as:

- * Pension Credit
- * Working Tax Credits
- * Housing Benefit
- * Attendance Allowance
- * Disability Living Allowance
- * Income Support
- Council tax relief

If you think you or someone you know might be missing out on claiming benefits call the special hotline 0845 120 2985 today to get a FREE assessment. All calls are confidential. You might just find that you too could be quids in.



Forever Blue

Welcome to Saltergate tonight to the players, supporters and officials of Swindon Town. I hope that all have enjoyed the Christmas holidays and that you are all wearing your new lucky jumper, scarves or whatever this evening. I also hope that your waistlines have not suffered too much from the festivities.

Many fans in our division will have been expecting the Robins to be bobbing along near the top of the league with Bristol City and Tranmere (the usual suspects). This season has seen Swindon and the others struggling at the wrong end of the table, with Swindon currently propping up the rest of the league (at the time of writing)

Swindon started the season with two wins and a draw in August's league games, although the victory over Yeovil in August was their last league success until the 11th November in their relevised clash with fellow strugglers Bristol City. In common with the Spireites, Swindon are also out of all the cup competitions. The lack of form caused the early departure of Andy King, who is still loved and respected (I) by Spireites fans after his spell at nearby Mansfield Town.

The Supporters club trip to
Bournemouth is all set up, however
there are still a few more spaces left if
anyone is interested. Due to the
demand we only have either twin or
double rooms left at a cost of £89 per
person for two nights, half board
accommodation. We will be leaving on
Friday the 27th January and returning
on Sunday 29th. Please contact any of
the Supporters Club committee for
further information or call or text me on

07745 543272. Please don't leave it too late, as we have to confirm numbers very soon.

The much-awaited trip to Nottingham Forest is coming up on Saturday. By the time you read these notes, I would imagine the ticket allocation has long since been sold out. It is somewhat disappointing that with a stadium the size of the City Ground, they can only provide accommodation for 2,500 away supporters. Let us hope that they will have released some more tickets to allow more Spireites fans the chance to go.

Please remember that due to the Christmas holidays we may be unable to provide any extra coaches for travel to the game. If you have not already booked a coach seat, you may be too late. Please book early in future to make sure!

The November award for the Autoworld sponsored Player of the Month will be presented prior to the game this evening. Voting for this award was done at our previous home game and on the supporter's coaches to Brentford. Please listen to the tannoy announcements before the game to find out if your favourite player won the award this month.

As this is the last home match of 2005, I would like to wish all supporters everywhere, a very happy and prosperous new year. Don't forget to mention Chesterfield FC in any New Year toast, promises or resolutions!

COME ON YOU BLUES!

Mick

Official Away Travel

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Saturday 31st December 2005
Kick-off 1pm
City Ground
Coaches leave from Cross Street
at 11am
All Members £7.00

THIS MATCH IS ALL TICKET TO AWAY FANS

DONCASTER ROVERS

Saturday 14th January 2006 Kick-off 3pm Coaches leave from Cross Street at 1.15pm All members £7



PLEASE CHECK ADMISSION DETAILS WITH THE HOME CLUBS, AS THEY MAY BE LIABLE TO CHANGE

Please book your away travel at your earliest convenience to avoid disappointment. Please book through the Club Shop by Wednesday 5pm latest for Saturday matches and Saturday 5pm (if home game on that day) for Tuesday matches. On match days you can purchase your tickets from the Ticket Office which is next to the Club Shop. For the Saturday matches it will be open from 1.30-2.3opm and for a short time afterwards, on weekday evening matches from 6-7pm.

Non-members of the Supporters' Club pay £2 extra. Under no circumstances is alcohol allowed on the coaches.

Tonight's Team Line-Ups

Chesterfield

M Roy McFarland



- 1 Carl MUGGLETON
- 2 Alex BAILEY
- 3 Alan O'HARE
- 4 Janos KOVACS
- 5 Steve BLATHERWICK
- 6 Derek NIVEN
- 7 Mark DE BOLLA
- 8 Mark ALLOTT
- 9 Wayne ALLISON
- 10 Colin LARKIN
- 11 Paul HALL
- 12 Gareth DAVIES
- 14 Shane NICHOLSON
- 15 Aaron DOWNES
- 16 Caleb FOLAN
- 17 Barry ROCHE
- 18 Adam SMITH
- 19 Rueben HAZELL
- 22 Tcham N'TOYA
- 26 Phil PICKEN
- 27 Kevan HURST
- 32 Sammy CLINGAN



Today's Officials



Referee:

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Assistants:

R J Steans A Taylor



Fourth Official:

D Naylor

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Saturday 31st December

Nottingham Forest v Chesterfield Kick-Off 13:00 Coca-Cola League One



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Monday 2nd January

Chesterfield v Barnsley Kick-Off 13:00 Coca-Cola League One



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Saturday 7th January

Chesterfield v Bradford City Kick-Off 15:00 Coca-Cola League One

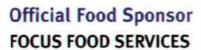


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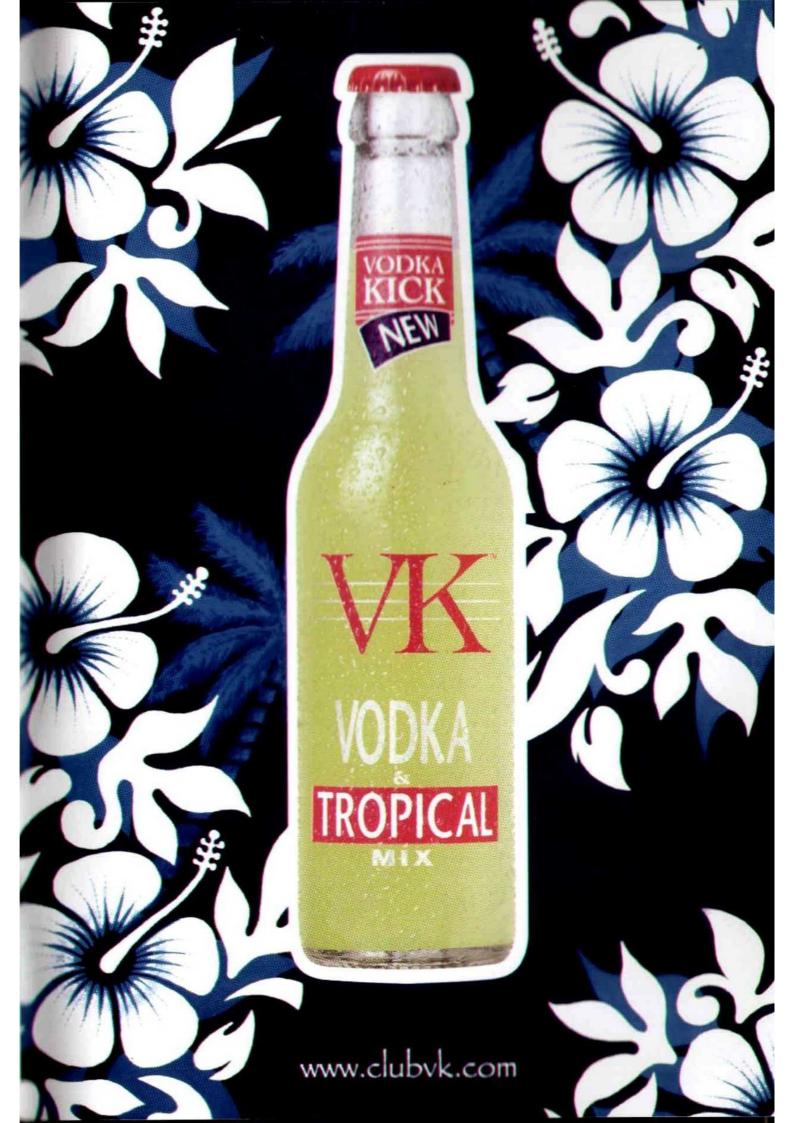




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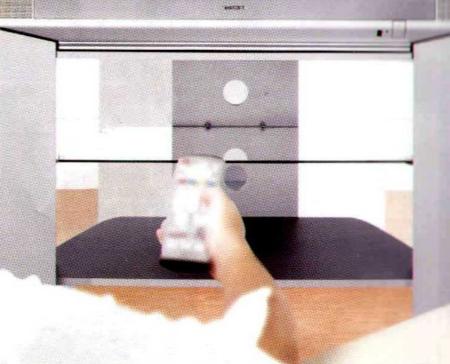
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