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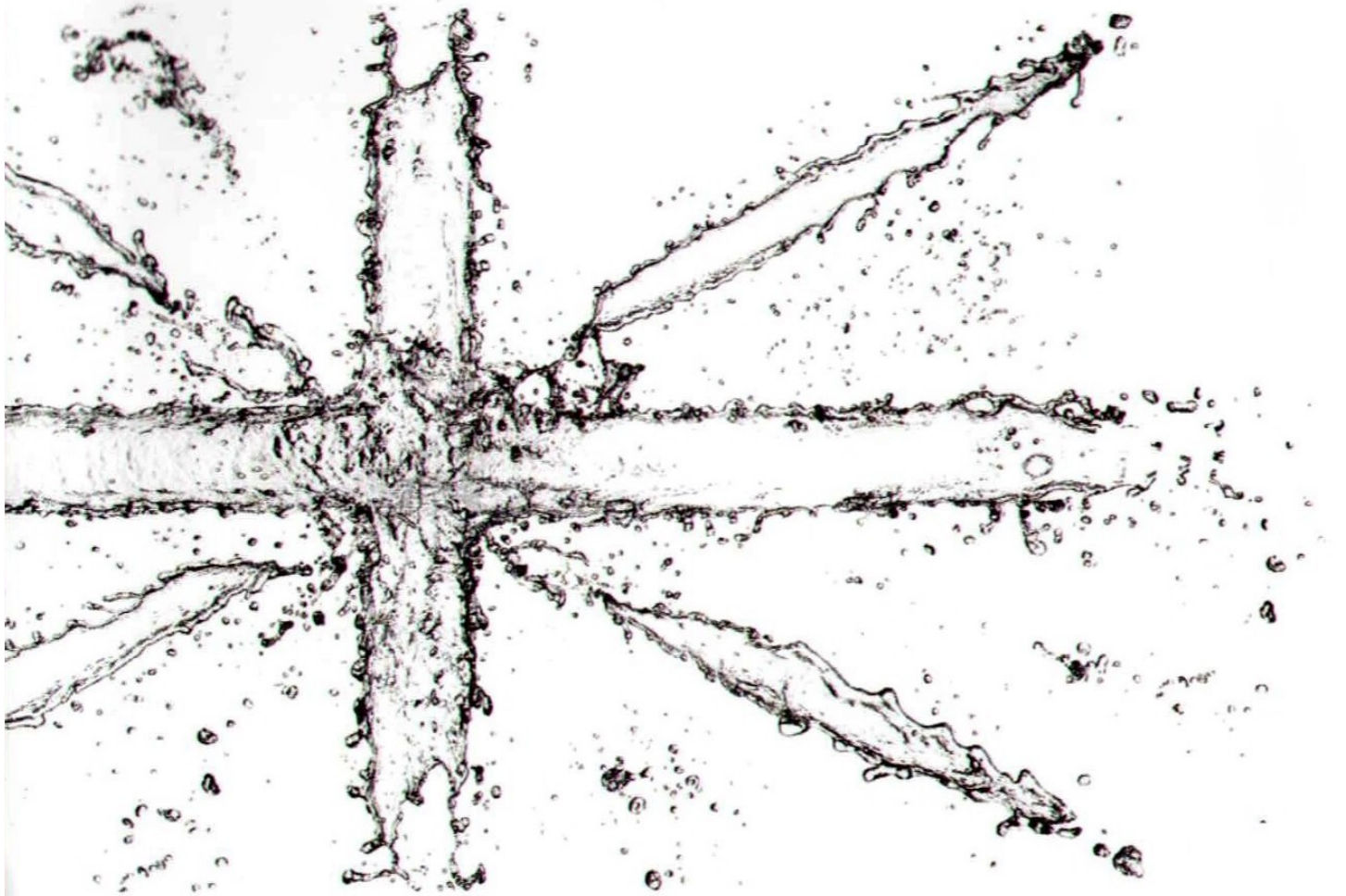
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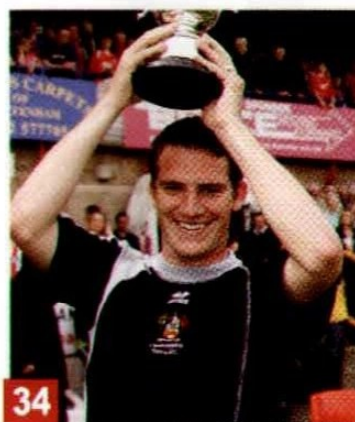
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Editor's Welcome

CTFC Editor James Brown On Swindon, The League Cup & The New Fans Membership

Welcome to Whaddon Road for our first home game of the new season and in a match that should prove explosive for both sides. We met Swindon three times last season, gaining a win, a draw and a loss but Swindon will be confident of grabbing three points here today after an impressive victory over Tranmere. They also managed a strong performance against the Championship's QPR midweek in the Carling Cup and were unfortunate not to upset the promotion hopefuls. Saying that, Cheltenham Town also recorded an impressive victory over Southend United to book their place in the second round of the cup.

The first game of the season against Northampton was a difficult one to summarise because the scoreline was quite flattering for the Cobblers. The first half performance from the Robins was impressive and players such as Townsend, Vincent and Russell proved their worth. As a football fan I felt the referee was a little trigger happy on his whistle and this broke up some impressive performances by both sides. No one likes to see their side concede two penalties and this really was the stumbling block for Cheltenham. On the positive side of things, we have seen some promise from Ashley Vincent and Michael Townsend has hit the ground running after his career threatening problems from last term. Another positive thing was the introduction of Marley Watkins who grabbed his debut appearance and showed a certain spark that could prove promising in future games. There was good support that travelled to Northampton last

weekend and hopefully that can continue throughout the season.

Hands up if you were one of the fans that travelled to Southend on Tuesday! If you were then you stood witness to some great tactical work and determination from the players and the management. We travelled to a club who look promising for promotion this season and we proved a real thorn in their side all night. Alex Russell and Paul Connor pulled the strings during the game but it was the goal from Ben Gill that stole the headlines and sent Cheltenham through to the second round. I couldn't be happier for Ben because he has been patient throughout his time here but there has never been any doubt at the club that he can be a first team player. Gill must now push on and keep up his impressive performances, and then he surely can't be denied his place in the team. We are starting to play more football and this is a good thing. Dave Bird was interviewed for today's issue and he makes it very clear that playing good football has been a target for Keith Downing and all the players. At the time of writing these notes, we do not know who we have drawn in the Carling Cup second round but hopefully it is a good draw at home which would prove a massive boost to this club and the Chairman. Fingers crossed!

You will have noticed our new Fans Membership is up and running, if you haven't got yours by now then what are you waiting for!? It's an exciting scheme that we will be looking to expand and grow over the next few seasons. There are lots of benefits for members and it is completely free!



We even have a special guest today who is ready to become

Cheltenham's newest member! You can pick up application forms from almost anywhere across the ground, get involved!

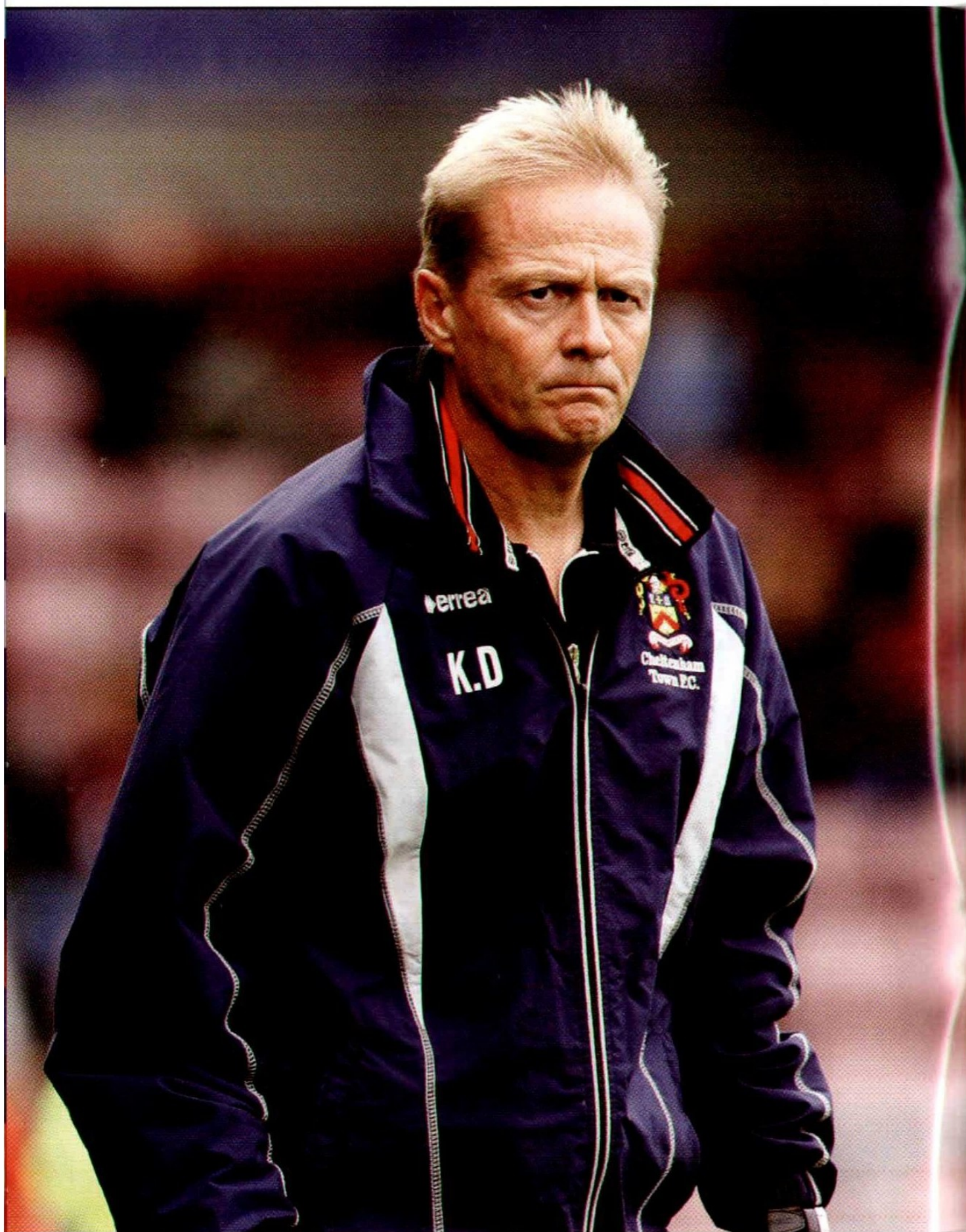
Today's game will bring back memories of the 1-1 draw last season when Ashley Vincent scored a screamer to share the spoils. Get behind the lads today and Ashley ...a few more of those please!?

Enjoy the Game

JAMES



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A word from the Manager



Welcome from Keith Downing

Welcome everyone to our first home Coca-Cola League One match of the season. Over the past six weeks the players have completed their pre-season programme, which prepares them physically for an extremely intense 10 month season which will feature a minimum of 50 minutes. Our pre-season programmes are always well structured and with the players coming back from their summer break in very good shape, it enabled us to organise a 10 matches. Every player is different and they have all been monitored throughout pre-season emphasising their strengths and weaknesses. The games were varied in standard and the majority of players got through a good amount of playing time.

Last Saturday we kicked off our season at Northampton Town with an entertaining match that featured three penalties. Our first half performance was solid, organised and provided us with a very well-worked goal. However, we conceded just before half-time and this gave the opposition a lift. As the second half wore on Northampton took a grip on the game and we were unable to stem their momentum. Two penalties within a short space of time gave us a mountain to climb and although we pulled a goal back through a Michael Townsend penalty,

we ended up chasing the game and this provided Northampton with the chance to add another goal.

With the transfer window closing at the end of the month my priorities are to try and strengthen the squad. It has been well documented over the past four weeks that we have been trying to sign certain players. Unfortunately those players have not joined us for a variety of different reasons, not all of which were financial. The chairman and Board have fully supported our bids to sign those players and we have worked very hard to try and secure them. It has been frustrating but that frustration has only made me more determined to get the right players and, importantly, players who want to play for Cheltenham Town. We have a strong team ethic and it is vital that any players we sign are prepared to work to the same principles.

We are determined to continue our strong performances here at Whaddon Road, which saw us collect 38 points last season - top eight form! Swindon will provide a stern test this afternoon and we will have to be at our best to achieve a similar target this season.

I would like to welcome Maurice Malpas and his staff. Hopefully we can provide an entertaining match this afternoon.

KEITH DOWNING Manager

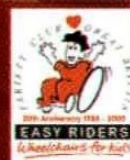




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From the boardroom

CTFC Director Arthur Hayward On Transfers, Agents & The Robins Youth

A warm welcome to all new and old supporters to the beginning of another league season at Whaddon Road and as expected for the third year running we are the favourites for relegation. This is understandable as we are punching well above our weight but as in previous seasons we will be endeavouring to prove the doubters wrong.

If you look at the standard of League one and two it's becoming higher and higher with clubs splashing out big money in transfers as we have seen with Colchester taking Steve Gillespie from us. With this comes greater wage demands and the player's agents are becoming very active in ensuring that they are also gaining a living. Players agents can only make a good living by moving their player from club to club, by doing so it does not encourage loyalty, although saying this we are lucky here at Cheltenham as the majority of our players are very loyal. I was told over last weekend that the players who have left us for bigger things over the last two or three seasons have all commented on how well they were treated here and it was not the same at their new club. Going back to agents, a few days before the season began we agreed a fee of £150,000 with a non-league club for their player, we agreed personal terms with him but we could not meet his agents demands so he moved on to another club in our division who must have met all their demands.

The average footballer, according to Mick McGuire (Primary Deputy Chief Executive of the Professional Footballers Association (PFA)), leads a precarious existence and of the 500 players released from their clubs at the end of last season about 20% of

these will be leaving the football industry. I have a lot of time for the PFA and the work they do but they could do a lot more for their members, advising them to be more realistic in their wage demands and more importantly take over from agents on all contractual negotiations with clubs. This, I am sure, would be beneficial to all concerned. As our Chairman quoted recently 'the behaviour of a number of the so called professional footballers we talked to left a lot to be desired in the way they went about their negotiations'.

All of you like myself must feel a little disappointed that we have not really added strength to our squad during the summer and this is despite all the hard work Keith has put in trying to attract players here. It's unfortunate but we are still looked upon as a non-league club. Yes, most probably our wage structure is lower than the majority of other clubs in our league but saying that, how many of you would like to be earning £1250 per week, plus bonuses? We as directors will not put this club in financial jeopardy by paying over the odds. You can see what this has done to Bournemouth, Luton and Rotherham who are now competing in a mini league of their own to keep their Football League status. So we will soldier on in our own way, trying to attract the players who want to play for Cheltenham Town and with this in mind I will be very surprised if there are not a few new names on the team sheet today.

I offer my congratulations to all those who are involved with our youth set up, they have been working very hard over the last 3-4 years without much recognition in producing a future youth policy for us and this season their endeavours have been rewarded with Marley Watkins becoming the youngest player to wear the Robins shirt in the Football League. The likes of Theo Lewis and Josh Emery are also knocking on the door. Apparently their performance at Cirencester recently was eye catching so look out for them because there could be more in the pipeline.

Theo Lewis in action...



Finally I am fed up of reading in the Echo that we received £400,000 for the transfer of Steve to Colchester. The fact is we did not receive that amount. The net fee after paying Bristol City and a Football League levy was £268,000 which is still a club record.

**Enjoy today's game
and get behind
the team!**

Arthur Hayward

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GILL REGISTERS FIRST GOAL!

Ben Gill has registered his first goal for Cheltenham Town F.C since joining last summer. Gill started his career as a junior with Arsenal but soon found his way to Watford, where he became a regular of the reserve and youth squads.

Gill came to the attention of John Ward and Cheltenham during his performances for the Watford second strong and when he was released, Ward was quick to snap him up. Despite some impressive performances during pre-season last term, he struggled to make an impact on the first team but has taken a big step after scoring his first goal in the Carling Cup victory over Southend midweek.

Carling Cup Second Round Draw

Cheltenham Town are set to welcome Premiership new boys Stoke City to Whaddon Road for the second round of the Carling Cup. It will be the first time the two clubs meet in a competitive fixture but they have met in a pre-season friendly back in the 1996/97 season, a game that ended with a 3-0 victory for Stoke.

Manager Keith Downing spent a year at Stoke City as a player in the mid-1990's and Steve Cotterill is another link between the two clubs after he left the Robins to manage Stoke City in the summer of 2002. Cheltenham Town booked their place in the second round by defeating Southend United 1-0 thanks to an extra time goal by Ben Gill. The match is scheduled for the week commencing Monday 25th August. The exact date of the fixture, along with others will be confirmed as soon as possible.



Cheltenham Secure Hayles Signing

Cheltenham manager Keith Downing plans to use all of the experience Barry Hayles has to offer after securing a one month loan deal for the 36-year-old striker.

Hayles joins the Robins from Leicester City in an effort to bolster the striking options at Whaddon Road. The veteran has scored an impressive 111 goals in 302 Football League appearances and he could make his debut against Swindon Town today.

Downing told www.ctfc.com: "He will give us strength, know-how and a lot of experience and he has an excellent background in the game. "He is also a good character, who will fit in well and he is keen to come here and play some football. "Barry is capable of leading the line well and will give us another important option up front."

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League one Round-up

TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS

NAME	TEAM	GOALS
Adebayo Akinfenwa	Northampton	2
James Brown	Hartlepool	2
Danny Carlton	Carlisle	2
Matt Fryatt	Leicester	2
Steven Gillespie	Colchester	2
Tresor Kandol	Millwall	2
Andy Liddell	Oldham	2
Lewis Alessandra	Oldham	1
Jermaine Beckford	Leeds	1
Dean Beckwith	Hereford	1
Willie Boland	Hartlepool	1
Andy Booth	Huddersfield	1
Adam Boyd	Leyton Orient	1
M. Bridge-Wilkinson	Carlisle	1
Peter Clarke	Southend	1

Tilson blasts seven sub rule

Southend manager Steve Tilson has blasted the Football League's decision to introduce seven substitutes into cup competitions this season.

The league opted to increase the quota of substitute places to seven in the Carling Cup and FA Cup this season. However, the Blues manager believes it will harm his chances of securing loan signing because of bigger clubs wanting to keep hold of their young stars. "I think it is ridiculous," he told the club's official website ahead of the clash with Cheltenham on Tuesday night. "Christ if you can't choose three subs from five then there is something wrong. "For smaller clubs like us all seven substitutes means is that Premier League sides are more likely to keep their younger players rather than send them out on loan."



Bailey set to sign for Charlton

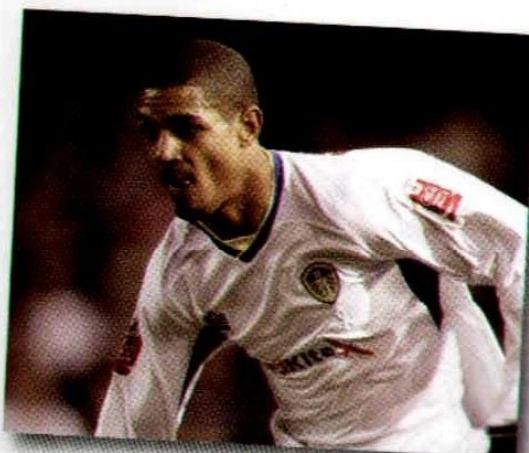
24-year-old Nicky Bailey looks set to sign for Championship side Charlton Athletic after Southend accepted an improved offer for the winger.

Steve Tilson has already stated that he will be sad to see Bailey leave Roots Hall. Tilson told BBC Essex: "We've done a deal with Charlton; I'll be disappointed to lose him," "He's a good player but I'm not sure he wants to be here so it's difficult to keep him."

"Beckford Will Not Leave" insists McAllister

Interest is high after Leeds striker Jermaine Beckford scored an impressive hat trick in the 5-2 Carling Cup Victory over Chester on Tuesday night.

The 24-year-old's performance has triggered some transfer interest from bigger club but Leeds manager Gary McAllister is confident he can keep hold of the former Wealdstone striker. McAllister said: "He's on a lengthy contract and nobody will leave the club unless I want them to go. "That's what the chairman has said to me so I trust him."



Match presentation

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Northampton Town (3-5-2):

Bunn; Gyepes (O/G),
Hughes, Doig (c), Crowe,
Jackman, Guttridge, Gilligan,
Davis (Holt 78);
Constantine, Akinfenwa (2)
(Larkin 78)

Subs Not Used: Henderson,
Dunn, Dolman

Cheltenham Town (4-4-2):

Higgs; J Gill, Duff, Townsend,
Wright; Lindegaard (Watkins
82), Russell, Bird, Armstrong
(B Gill 82); Connor, Vincent

Subs Not Used:
S.P. Brown, Ridley, Gallinagh



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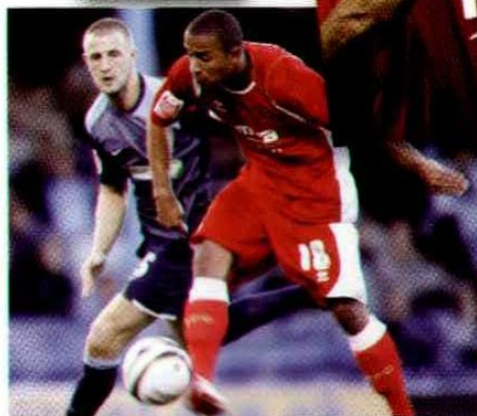


Southend United (4-4-2):
Mildenhall (GK); Francis,
Clarke, Barrett, Harding;
Scannel (Ademeno 106),
Grant (Sankofa 100), Moussa,
Betsy; Barnard, Furlong
(Revell 77)

Subs Not Used:
Herd, Joyce, O'Keefe

Cheltenham Town (4-5-1):
Higgs; J Gill (c), Townsend,
Duff (Gallinagh 80), Wright;
Lindegard (B Gill 60), Russell,
Bird, Armstrong, Vincent;
Connor (Ledgister 106)

Subs Not Used:
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Watkins, Lewis



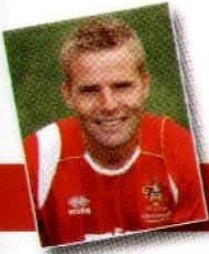


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Captain's Corner

John Finnigan on pre-season, the youth team & a certain fashion concern!

Today we welcome Swindon Town to Whaddon Road for our first home league game of the season. Swindon will come here full of confidence after an excellent victory over Tranmere on the opening day. On the other hand we are looking to bounce back after a disappointing 4-2 defeat to Northampton at Sixfields. I feel the scoreline was flattering for Northampton, some people may think we took a battering but those of us who were there know different. Nevertheless we will be striving to improve our performance here today.

Pre-Season has been 1st class, the squad spent a week at Champneys health spa in Leicestershire & the facilities there were perfect for us. This was followed by three very testing friendlies against superior (in terms of league level) teams, West Brom, Southampton & Bristol City. They brought some very good performances out of us both individually & as a team.

The only frustrating thing in our preparation has been player's hesitation in joining our football club & some of the reasons they have given for going elsewhere. This is a fantastic football club to come and play for whether you are young & ambitious i.e Steve Gillespie, or coming towards the end of your career i.e Wrighty, Jerry, Aggy, Spugs. Sorry boys! I suppose I had better add the name Finnigan to that list!

I would like to congratulate some of our youth team players for forcing there way into the gaffers thoughts with some fine displays in Pre-Season. John Brough & the youth development team deserve a special mention for bringing Dean

Maynard, Josh Emery, Theo Lewis & Marley Watkins in particular to the forefront of our minds. Well done boys, keep it going. The progress of these players must give other members of our youth squad a real spur and shows that if they are prepared to work hard to impress the gaffer isn't afraid to use them.

Last Sunday I went to Rushall Olympic FC to support Lee Williams (ex CTFC) who had been awarded a benefit match by their club after having to unfortunately quit football due to a very bad eye injury. A good day was had by all & Lee was overwhelmed by all the support & it was great to see some of our supporters there too. Playing in the game (well they were on the pitch) were Cheltenham legends Chris Banks John Brough Neil Howarth Mark Yates Julian Alsop & Lee Williams himself but the player who stole the show was our Gaffer Keith Downing who limped off after a masterful 5 minutes with a pulled hamstring to a rousing rapture of applause, Sorry, I mean laughter. Sorry boss, couldn't resist it. I've got no doubt Bob Bloomer had nothing but sympathy for him after he himself went and ruptured his achilles tendon in Sky's Masters tournament for Bristol Rovers. Stick to the day job fellas!

Away from football there have been some strange style shenanigans going on in the dressing room. Firstly Scott Brown GK returned for pre season by trying to emulate an old (& I mean old) haircut of



mine which obviously went drastically wrong. I've offered to bring in the clippers to help him look normal again but he insists I'm just jealous as I'm too old to carry it off now. Don't tempt me Brownny! There is also a rumour doing the rounds that Craig Armstrong has employed Ben Gill as his new wardrobe stylist as he's turned up in some rum gear recently including a scandalous eye catching Disney like shirt that is louder than John Brough! WOW.

Anyway, back to the important stuff. I'd like to thank all our supporters who travelled to Sixfields & those present today for the fantastic support you continue to give us, please get right behind the team again today & help us to make Whaddon Road a real fortress again this season.

Enjoy the game! **Finners**



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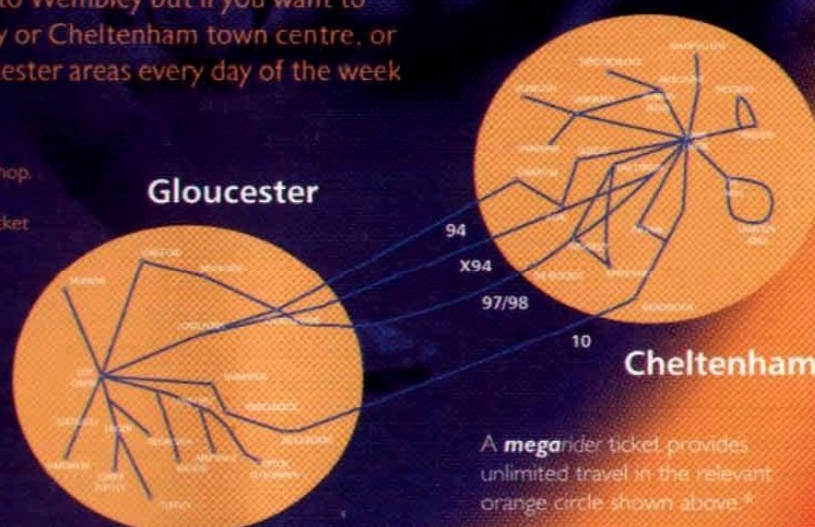
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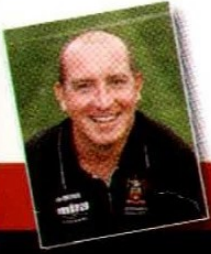
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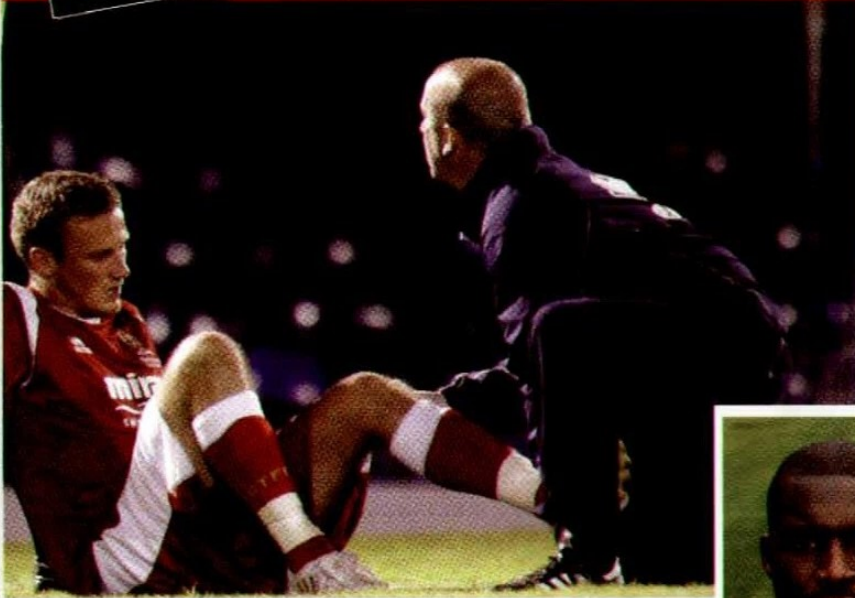
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Treatment Room

Club Physio, Ian Weston's team injury update...



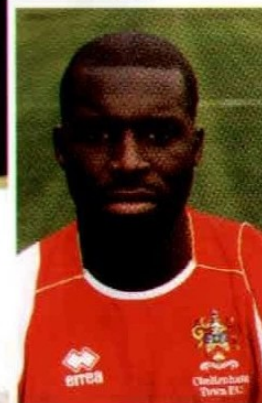
Firstly an update on our three long term injuries. Gavin Caines had major knee surgery five months ago and his rehab has gone very well through the summer. Gavin has now regained full strength in the knee and has performed all functional work without reaction. He is due to return to full training this week and hopefully back in contention after a couple of reserve team outings.

Damian Spencer is around four weeks away from returning to full training following his knee surgery. Recent tests have shown that he has only regained around 65% of strength in the knee and that needs to progress to around 75% before I can consider progressing Damian's functionally.

John Finnigan had surgery on his complicated heel injury this summer. The surgeon discovered that a nerve had been pulled from the side of the heel around under the heel by a significant amount of scar tissue. The scar tissue was removed and the nerve placed back in its central position. The plantar ligament was then cut to allow more movement in the arch of John's foot. The surgeon was confident of a full recovery but again emphasised about being patient. John has started jogging this week and feels ok but we are unable to put a date on John's return.



GAVIN CAINES



DAMIAN SPENCER



JOHN FINNIGAN

INJURY KEY



Damian Spencer - Knee Surgery



John Finnigan - Heel Injury



Gavin Caines - Knee Surgery



No Training



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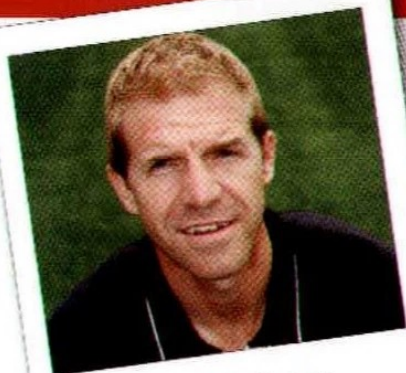


Full Training



Inside Whaddon Road...

With Phil Robinson



Name: *Phil Robinson*
Age: *41*
Place of birth: *Stafford*
Teams Managed: *Stafford Rangers*

Phil Robinson spoke to CTFC Matchday about his role at Cheltenham and his views on the Robins. Phil was brought in by Cheltenham when Bob Bloomer suffered an injury whilst playing Masters Football. The veteran coach has made a big impact at Cheltenham already and is enjoying his time at Whaddon Road.

How hard is it to adjust coming into a club where you haven't coached before and have an immediate leadership role with the players?

I think it helps that they are great bunch of players to work with, their very responsive and decent people. They made it easy for me to settle in but it was a great opportunity for me to come in and be placed straight into the deep end really. It's gone really well and the players have been very receptive of the ideas I've had and they've been a pleasure to work with.



Has Keith Downing given you the scope to introduce ideas of your own into the training methods and perhaps influence the players in your own way?

Yes, obviously we discuss everything as any management team will but he's given me a good license to express myself as a coach. We do discuss everything that goes on but I think Keith is enjoying having someone else to put a different spin on things, a different voice and idea. So Keith's enjoyed that and I think the players have enjoyed that.

From your experience at other clubs you have managed, are there any major differences here at Cheltenham Town?

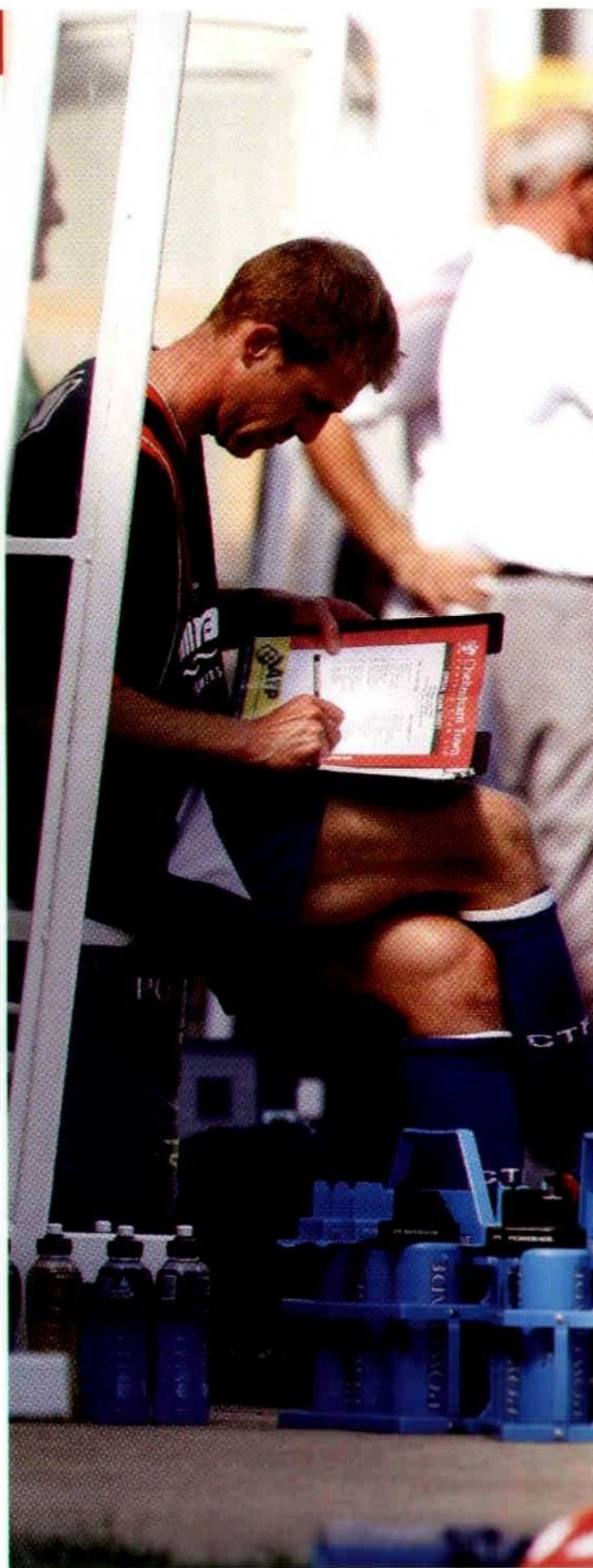
I think the one thing that stands out is the greater team spirit that Keith has managed to create here. That is amongst the staff here and amongst the players. I've worked at a lot of clubs, recently I've been coaching at Sheffield United and Leicester City but the one thing that stands out is the team spirit and the togetherness. Everybody mucks in together and it helps to create that real bond.

Do you think that Cheltenham Town can reach the target of mid table or perhaps even beat it?

We're certainly working towards that and our aim at the beginning of pre-season initially was to improve on where we finished last season. We really want to push on and edge our way up the table towards that top half. The players we have got have shown in this pre-season how well they can play together. They played well in the three home games and certainly with the types of player that we are trying to bring in at some point the squad will be strengthened and we will then be looking to move higher up the division.

You've come in temporarily whilst Bob recovers from his injury but is there any chance you could perhaps become a full time member of the coaching staff here?

Obviously with my experience as a manager that might be something I would look to get back into at some point in the future but right now I'm really enjoying the role that I've been given here. I would like that to continue for as long as it can do and then hopefully when Bob gets back and on his feet then we can form a team together.





Swindon Town



DID YOU KNOW?

- Swindon have had former managers such as Glenn Hoddle, Dennis Wise and Paul Sturrock.
- Some famous former players include Chris Kamara, Glenn Hoddle and Colin Calderwood.
- On 22 January 2008, Swindon Town became the first club in the FA Cup to miss all four of their penalties in a penalty shootout. This unwanted record came against Barnet in a third round replay.

Nickname: The Robins

Ground: The County Ground

Capacity: 15,728

Founded: 1881

Biggest Win: 10 - 1: vs Farnham Utd Breweries 28/11/1925 FA Cup R1

Biggest Loss: 1 - 10: vs Manchester City 25/01/1930 FA Cup R4

Most Capped Player: Rod Thomas, 30, Wales

Most League Appearances: John Trollope: 770, 1960/80

Most League Goals: Harry Morris: 216 1926/33

Most Goals In A Season: Harry Morris, 47, Division Three, 1926/27

Top Goalscorer 07/08 (in all competitions): Simon Cox (15)

07/08 SEASON

FINAL LEAGUE POSITION	P	HW	HD	HL	HGF	HGA	AW	AD	AL	AGF	AGA	Points	GD
11 - Tranmere	46	13	4	6	32	18	5	7	11	20	29	65	+5
12 - Walsall	46	7	9	7	27	26	9	7	7	25	20	64	+6
13 - Swindon	46	12	5	6	41	24	4	8	11	22	32	61	+7
14 - Leyton Orient	46	9	6	8	27	29	7	6	10	22	34	60	-14
15 - Hartlepool	46	11	5	7	40	26	4	4	15	23	40	54	-3

Under the spotlight



Since turning professional in 1894, the club has enjoyed periods of proud success, most notably, during the period 1968–1970 when they won the 1969 League Cup (defeating Arsenal at Wembley Stadium) and also promotion to the Second Division. League Cup success earned the club European invitations but because they played in the Third Division, they proved ineligible. However this blow was softened when they were entered into the 1969 & 1970 Anglo-Italian cup, with Swindon winning both. Don Rogers proved to be the star of both victories, a real hero at the County Ground.

Swindon Town won promotion during the 1993–94 season to the Premiership, the only time the club has played in the top level of English football. Swindon was the first team to win promotion to the Premiership via the play-offs, beating Leicester City. An end of season clear-out this summer saw long-serving defender Andy Nicholas shown the door, with Kaid Mohamed and Sofiene Zaaboub also leaving Wiltshire, leaving Malpas

on the hunt for new talent ahead of the new campaign. Michael Timlin soon agreed terms, signing a permanent deal to join from Fulham whilst Swansea City defender Kevin Amankwaah joined the Town ranks in June.

The 2008/09 season looks like being an exciting one for all-connected with Swindon Town Football Club - with Maurice Malpas tasked with bringing success back to the Robins.

HONOURS

FA Premier League: Best Season: 22nd 1993/94

Football League: Division Two - Champions 1995/96.

Division Three -

Runners Up 1962/63, 1968/69

Division Four - Champions 1985/86

FA Cup: Semi Finals 1910, 1912

Football League Cup: Winners 1969

Anglo Italian Cup: Winners 1970

Copa Ibiza: Champions 2006

TOP GOALSCORERS

1. Billy Paynter (2)
2. Simon Cox (2)
3. Jon-Paul McGovern (1)



In The Hot Seat

Name: Maurice Malpas

Date of Birth: 3 Aug 1966

Birthplace: Dunfermline, Scotland

Maurice Malpas was appointed Manager of Swindon Town Football Club on Tuesday 15th January 2008.

He earned 55 caps for Scotland and is a member of the Scottish Hall of Fame, bringing a wealth of international experience to his new role as the man to lead Swindon Town FC's promotion quest. His career on the pitch was a successful one. After joining Dundee United from Leven Royals in 1989, he quickly established himself as one of the best defenders in Scotland. He went on to exceed 50 caps, becoming the only United player so far to enter the SFA's Hall of Fame. In his fiftieth international appearance (away to Norway in June 1992) he was made captain to mark the occasion. Appearances made in a Scotland shirt mean he is the joint 13th most capped Scotland player of all time, a position he shares with Denis Law. To put this incredible achievement in some kind of perspective, Maurice has won more caps than Scotland luminaries such as Billy Bremner, Graeme Souness, Joe Jordan, Gordon Strachan and Colin Henry.

Maurice enjoyed a winning start to his Swindon managerial career, thanks to a 2-1 home win over promotion-chasers Nottingham Forest in front of almost 10,000. Wins over Luton Town, Cheltenham Town and Huddersfield Town followed - helping The Robins secure their League One status.

Former Player for: Dundee

Former Manager For: Motherwell, Scotlands Under 21's & Swindon (present)

Swindon town squad



PETER BREZOVAN (right)

Giant keeper who forced his way back into the starting line-up at Port Vale in October after starting the 2007/08 campaign as back-up to Phil Smith. Dominant in the air and a fans' favourite, 'Brez' offers a safe pair of hands behind the backline. He signed on a year long loan from FC Brno in the summer of 2006 but has now become a major part of the Swindon outfit. 28-year-old Brezovan has started both of Swindon's games so far this season and has been impressive between the posts. The fans favourite is capable of some outstanding saves and they could be needed here today at Whaddon Road.

JACK SMITH

Another recruit from Vicarage Road, Smith was signed by former Town boss Andy King during the summer of 2005 on the same day which saw Jamie Cureton and Tony Thorpe arrive in Wiltshire. A reliable defender who can play at right or left-back and has now amassed over 100 league starts in the red and white of STFC. He scored his first goal for the club on a pre-season tour in Ibiza and followed that up by scoring against MK Dons in September 2006. The strong right-back has started both games for Swindon this season and is looking for another strong season to help his side reach their top half targets.

YIMJA CASAL

Yimja Casal signed this summer from Dutch side Cambuur Leeuwarden on a two-year deal. He started his football career with Fulham and had a short spell with MLS side DC United before joining the Dutch Eerste Divisie team. The 21-year-old defender was a top target for Swindon manager Maurice Malpas and he finally got his man after

agreeing personal terms. The Nigerian full back has started both games for Swindon so far and his performances are starting to catch the eye of the County Ground faithful. Will need a strong performance here today.

HASNEY ALJOFREE (below)

A solid centreback who will hope to build on solid first season in Wiltshire that saw him make an impressive 38 league starts for the club. Dependable stopper who adds experience to the backline, he will have another big part to play this term. He joined from Plymouth Argyle while Paul Sturrock was the Robins manager and has become an indispensable part of the squad ever since. He worked under Sturrock at Dundee United as well. The powerful defender has also played for Bolton Wanderers. Aljofree has started two games so far this season and it looks as though he'll make his third here today.



JEREL IFIL

First arrived at Swindon on loan in January 2003 and has gone on to become a firm favourite with the Town fans. Signed a permanent deal at The County Ground in July 2004 in a £70,000 switch. A strong, quick defender who has now made over 165 league starts for The Robins. Will be hoping to erase the memories of a 2003/04 Play-Off Semi-Final defeat with success this season. The big defender is affectionately known as 'The Beast' by Swindon fans because of his strong performances. The former Watford centre back has made one start this season but missed out on the Carling Cup clash with QPR.

JON-PAUL MCGOVERN

A versatile Scot who can play either in the middle of the park or on either flank. Joined Town from MK Dons in August 2007 on transfer deadline day and made 34 league starts for The Robins last season. A League One Play-Off final winner with Sheffield Wednesday, will Swindon fans see the 'Shark' celebration again this term? The lively 27-year-old is a useful attacking option for Town who already have a very attacking set up. He began his career as a trainee at Celtic but soon joined up with Livingston after his release from the Scottish giants. He has signed a contract until 2009/10 but could catch the eye of some bigger clubs. McGovern has started both games this season and registered his first goal of the season in the opening 3-1 triumph over Tranmere Rovers.

ANTHONY MCNAMEE

Livewire left-winger who provided the much-needed spark on the flank during the second half of the 2007/08 season. Joined Swindon from Watford



LILIAN NALIS (right)

The French defensive midfielder joined Swindon this summer after a successful trial and completes a strong midfield for the Robins. He started his career in France with clubs such as Le Havre, Caen, Guingamp and Bastia. Nalis then moved onto Italian side Chievo. Moves to Leicester, Sheffield United, Coventry (loan) and Plymouth followed. The 36-year-old adds some much needed experience to a squad which holds a lot of promising youth prospects. The veteran has started both games so far and will be hoping to make a big impact in a Swindon shirt this season.

where he made 91 appearances, some of which came in the Premier League. A fans' favourite at The County Ground who will look to open up his box of tricks early on in the campaign. He has also appeared for Barnet and Crewe on loan but has really started to find his feet with Swindon. The 23-year-old has a heap of pace and trickery but will be looking to make an impact with some goals this season. Started the league victory over Tranmere but missed out on the League Cup defeat midweek.

MICHAEL TIMLIN

Timlin joined the Fulham Academy at a young age and has since spent loan spells at Scunthorpe United and Doncaster Rovers, first-team opportunities being limited at Fulham. Since making his debut in a cup match against Boston United in 2004, he has joined up with Swindon a number of times and has been an important player for the Robins. Timlin joined Swindon on a permanent deal in the summer and is set to become the major player in what has become a strong midfield at the County Ground. The 23-year-old has started both games this season and should play a part here today.

SIMON COX

Top scorer last season with 15 goals, 'Coxy' will be looking to fire Town to success over the coming months. A predatory front man who was signed on a permanent deal from Reading in January 2008, Cox has proved to be a hit with the Swindon fans. A bright start from the striker could also coincide with an early run of form. The former Reading striker has also appeared for Brentford and Northampton on loan but is looking to set League One alight with his performances this season. Definitely one of the danger men this season and he has already proved this by scoring two goals in two games.

DANGER MAN – BILLY PAYNTER

Striker who joined on deadline day in August 2007 and has hit 8 goals in 23 league starts for the club so far. Has league experience with the likes of Port Vale, Hull City and Southend United. Paynter will hope to extend his explosive start to the campaign after equalling his strike partner's two goals in two appearances. The 23-year-old striker has made a brilliant start to his campaign and he is showing all the signs of becoming the next big thing in League One.

Shooting Stars ~ Swindon town

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten post-war Swindon Town goalscoring favourites



MIKE SUMMERBEE

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Brilliant winger Mike Summerbee was capped eight times by England after leaving Swindon Town. Signing professional at the County Ground in March 1960, he starred in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion success and was leading marksman in 1964-65. He netted 39 goals in 218 League games prior to joining Manchester City in August 1965, amassing a vast collection of domestic and European honours under the Joe Mercer/Malcolm Allison partnership at Maine Road. Subsequently with Burnley, Blackpool and Stockport County, he is a successful businessman and his son Nicky also starred for Swindon Town.

MAURICE OWEN

Long-serving centre-forward Maurice Owen topped Swindon Town's goalscoring charts on six occasions. Initially with hometown Abingdon, he turned professional at the County

Ground in December 1946 and grabbed a hat-trick on his League debut in the following month's 5-0 victory at home to Watford. He was ever-present in 1948-49 and helped Swindon twice reach the FA Cup fifth round, also finish fourth in the Third Division (South) three times. Scoring 150 goals in 555 League outings for the Robins, he retired in May 1963 and joined the club's coaching staff. He then settled back in Abingdon and died in July 2000.



PETER NOBLE

Goalscoring favourite Peter Noble was ever-present in Swindon Town's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' triumph. Initially with Consett, he joined Newcastle United in November 1964 and played top-flight football before moving to the County Ground in January 1968. He scored twice in Swindon's 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final success and netted 62 goals in 216 League outings prior to joining Burnley

in June 1973. An FA Cup semi-finalist in 1973-74, he was twice ever-present for the Clarets and top scorer in 1978-79. He subsequently played for Blackpool and has since run a sportswear business in Burnley.

ERNIE HUNT

England U-23 international striker Ernie Hunt was Swindon Town's leading marksman in four successive seasons including their 1962-63 promotion triumph. Born locally, he turned professional at the County Ground in March 1960 and netted 82 goals in 214 League games for Swindon prior to joining Wolverhampton Wanderers in September 1965. He was top scorer as they regained top-flight status in 1966-67 and subsequently played for Everton, Coventry City, Doncaster Rovers and Bristol City, featuring in their 1973-74 FA Cup run. He ran the Full Pitcher pub in Ledbury and then became a window cleaner.



ERNIE HUNT



Fast striker Alan Mayes was leading marksman as Swindon Town reached the League Cup semi-finals in 1979-80. Initially with QPR, he joined Watford in November 1974 and helped win the Fourth Division title in 1977-78. He moved to Swindon in February 1979 and formed an exciting partnership with Andy Rowland. Sold to Chelsea for £175,000 in December 1980, he rejoined Swindon in July 1983 and was top scorer in 1983-84, netting 65 goals in 151 League games overall before joining Carlisle United in July 1985. He later played for Blackpool, Wycombe Wanderers and had a spell as Harrow Borough manager.

PAUL RIDEOUT

England U-21 international striker Paul Rideout was Swindon Town's leading goalscorer in two consecutive seasons. He was Swindon's youngest League player at 16 years 107 days against Hull City in November 1980 and netted 38 goals in 95 League games while at the County Ground before joining Aston Villa in June 1983. Moving via Italian club Bari to Southampton in July 1988, he rejoined Swindon on loan in March 1991. He had spells with Notts County and Glasgow Rangers prior to joining Everton in August 1992 and was an FA Cup winner in 1995, then played for several clubs in China and Tranmere Rovers.

STEVE WHITE

Ex-England Schoolboy striker Steve White was top scorer in Swindon Town's 1986-87 promotion success. Initially with Mangotsfield United, he joined Bristol Rovers in July 1977 and

moved to Luton Town in December 1979. He helped win the Second Division title in 1981-82, joining Charlton Athletic as part of the Paul Walsh deal in July 1982. Returning to Bristol Rovers in August 1983, he joined Swindon in July 1986 and starred alongside Duncan Shearer. He was a promotion winner again in 1992-93 and netted 83 goals in 244 League games before moving to Hereford United in August 1994, then played for Cardiff City.



DUNCAN SHEARER

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Striker Duncan Shearer was capped seven times by Scotland after leaving Swindon Town. He impressed with Inverness Clachnacuddin prior to joining Chelsea in November 1983 and moved to Huddersfield Town in March 1986. Joining Swindon for £250,000 in June 1988 and twice helped them qualify for the Second Division play-offs. He was leading marksman in four successive seasons, netting 78 goals in 159 League outings before being sold to Blackburn Rovers for £750,000 in

March 1992. Moving to Aberdeen in July 1992, he later played for Inverness Caledonian Thistle and was Buckie Thistle's player-manager.

JIMMY QUINN

Northern Ireland international striker Jimmy Quinn was Swindon Town's leading marksman in 1987-88. He developed with Congleton, Whitchurch Alport and Oswestry prior to joining Swindon in December 1981. Moving to Blackburn Rovers in August 1984, he rejoined Swindon in December 1986 and helped clinch promotion that season. He netted 40 goals in 113 League games overall before joining Leicester City for £210,000 in June 1988, then Bradford City, West Ham, Bournemouth, Reading and Peterborough United. Rejoining Swindon as player-boss, he has since managed Northwich, Shrewsbury and Cambridge United.

DON ROGERS

England U-23 international winger Don Rogers scored twice in Swindon Town's 1969 League Cup final success. Signing professional at the County Ground in October 1962, he featured in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion campaign and was ever-present in four successive seasons. He starred as Swindon won promotion again in 1968-69 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970, reuniting with Bert Head at Crystal Palace in November 1972. Moving to QPR in September 1974, he rejoined Swindon in March 1976 and netted 148 goals in 412 League games overall for the Robins. He has since run his own sports shop in Swindon.

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Fans view

Defying the odds!

by Hannah Lugsden

I don't know whether I am a stickler for pain and anxiety but I am so excited that the season has started and we are here again for another crack at League One.

But through all the anticipation I am a realist so I'm not going to use this as a chance to spout ridiculous targets and over-optimistic results. However, nor am I going to condemn the team to failure after 90 minutes which, in fairness was a whacky season opener.

We all know the situation and Keith Downing has a very difficult task in attracting top class players in such key areas especially as Cheltenham Town is seen as a small club. It just isn't renowned for its football, blame the racing or hold Gloucester Rugby responsible, it isn't an overnight reversal and it will take years of League stability to enforce the image of Cheltenham Town.

So what's the crack?

With regards to Mid-table play-offs - I love Alex Russell's attitude and optimism but I think if you gave us 20th place for the taking now, several fans would bite your hand off. You have to bear in mind that we have lost our biggest goal threat in Steven Gillespie, brought in no new faces and still have three key players out of action. A team which scrapes by into next season and doesn't strengthen their squad is highly likely to struggle.

I still believe we can make this a successful season, some of our pre-season games showed real promise and quality and as for Marley Watkins (in particular at the Oxford match) - he stood out like a diamond in the rough. With Marley breaking

into the first team, and hopefully Keith bringing in two more wide players as well as forwards with that killer instinct, I believe we can look up instead of down. With the right additions, there is no doubt that we would have a good mid-table side.

There is reason for positivity, Gallinagh, Townsend and Bird are young, full of energy and passion and with those three in your side you know you stand a chance. I also want to mention Lee Ridley whom I think along with Marley, was the stand out performer of pre-season.

His professionalism and interceptions have been top-class over the summer and I feel confident in his ability as Alan Wright's deputy/challenger.

Ashley Vincent has been eagerly awaiting his chance to play as an out and out striker... here's your stage, prove the doubters wrong!

My heart tells me that critics and pundits write us off because we are an easy target and if we get on a good run we could finish 12th - 14th. My head says that if Keith cannot bring in the fresh faces, all we need is a few suspensions or injuries to uncover the wafer thin squad and the gaps that Gillespie, Odejayi and Melligan have left over the past few years.

The first chapter

I was at Northampton last week, I really expected a close call, maybe a no score draw. Could I have been more wrong? I was shocked we managed two goals, stunned we let in four and in disbelief that the referee could award three penalties in a single game. Defence is supposed to be our most assured department, yet we all went home scratching our heads at how four goals had gotten past most



peoples' first choice back five. Poor Higgsy must've wished he had stayed on the bus! Much to our disappointment and despite the fact we outsung a Sixfields crowd 10 times the size of us, we left empty-handed and slightly red-faced at the flattering scoreline. It really didn't help when I went to the ladies before we left and sat down to 'These are for Good times' bellowing out of the toilet speakers.

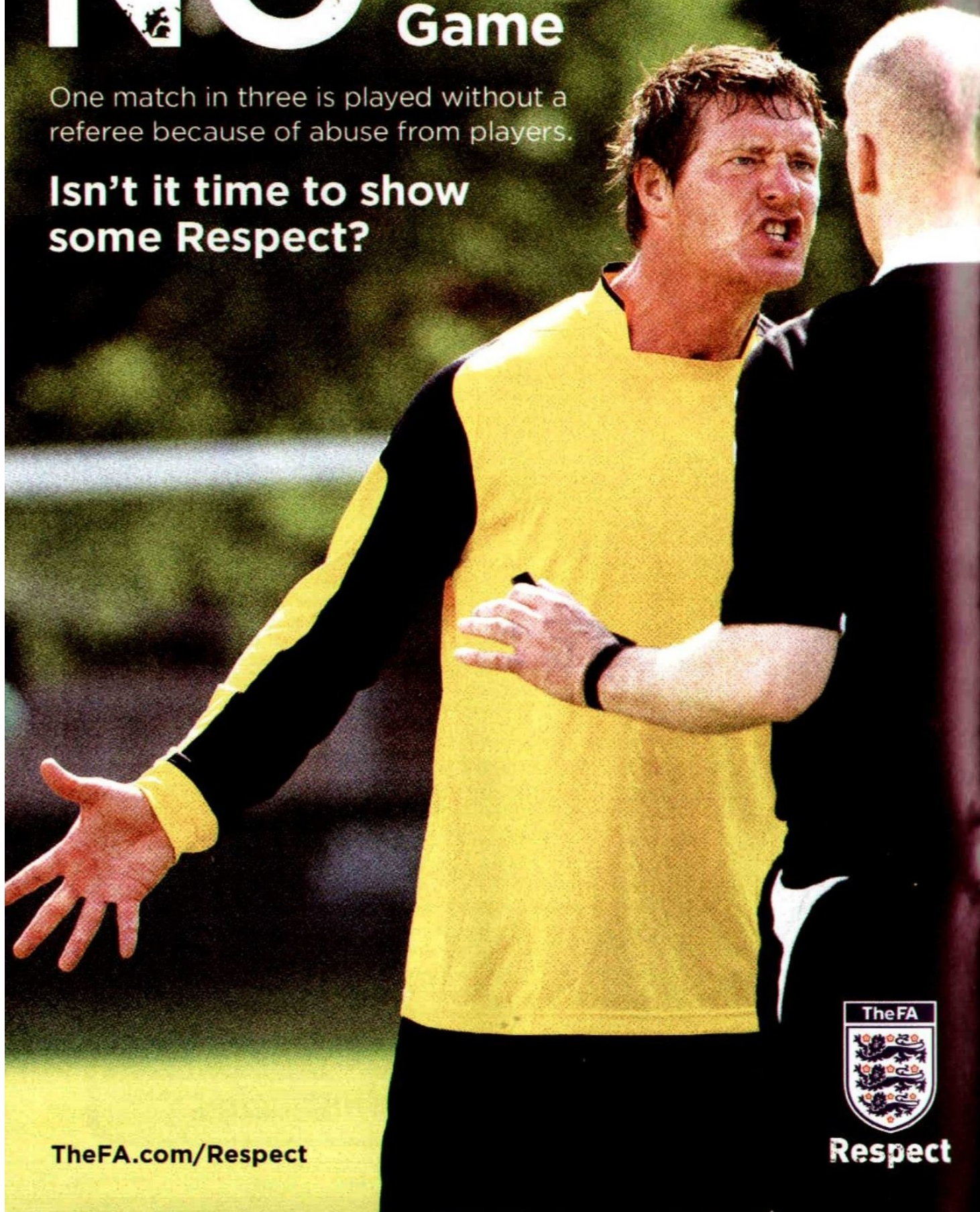
So for the first time since Keith joined the club, the Robins sit at the rear end of the table without a single point. Home form will again be critical so an emphatic win here today will go some way to repairing the opening day disappointment. It's too early to make assumptions but I do have faith in the team and management, with dedication and honest hard graft, I am looking forward to seeing the Robins picking up points in those games which seemed to have passed us by in seasons before. Older and wiser counts for a lot and if we can beat Leeds twice, we should fear no-one, so when the likes of Leicester City visit Whaddon Road let's all try and enjoy it and you never know, with a bit of luck, we just might out-fox them!

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One match in three is played without a referee because of abuse from players.

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All the latest from the Robins Trust

Good afternoon and a warm welcome back for the new season and let's hope it's as exciting as last year with a couple of good cup runs thrown in. The trust is now in it's forth season and I thought it would be beneficial to update you all on the work the trust do and the benefits for Cheltenham Town of having a trust members.

The robins trust is the only independent supporters association for CTFC and act on behalf of the fans of Cheltenham Town and Robins Trust members. The aims of the Trust are as follows:

- To strengthen the bond between the local community and the football club
- To encourage the club to take proper account of the interests of its supporters and of the community it serves in its decisions
- To encourage and promote the principle of supporter representation on the board of any company owning or controlling the club, and ultimately to be the vehicle for democratic elections to the board.

We achieve this by holding a number of different fundraising events throughout the season and use this money invest in Cheltenham Town FC through the purchase of shares. Currently the trust has a share holding of 5715 shares (£11,430) plus we are currently committing to a further invest during the first half of this season. The aims of the share purchase is to give the fans more say in the club as the trust can gain from the benefits of

being a share holder although we currently have a very good relationship with the board of Cheltenham Town FC. The trust also aims to put on one or two different events a season that benefit local charities and over the years have organised a visit to the Children's hospital to hand out presents during Christmas, supported a production at the Playhouse theatre in aid of leukaemia, Donated over £1000 to Clic Sargent plus are currently considering ideas of another large fundraising event similar to the Brentford Cycle Ride.

Membership of the robins trust costs just £12 a year and members can benefit from discounted rates at trust events as well as being entered in member's only draws Director for a Day draw confirmed for this season plus discussions in place for other membership draws. To become a member please email clivegowling@hotmail.com, visit www.robinstrust.org or see any trust board member.

TICKET PRIORITY

With the set up of the new fans membership scheme being run by Cheltenham Town Football Club I wanted to let all trust members know that this does not affect your ticket priority. Trust members will gain the same ticket priority as season ticket holders, VIP's and sponsors.

SPONSOR A GOAL

Once again the trust will be running there sponsor a goal scheme where by

fans can sponsor an individual player's goals, team goals or clean sheets. All funds raised from this scheme go direct to the youth team therefore helping the future of Cheltenham Town. So far this scheme has raised nearly £2000, for more information or to join this scheme please email clivegowling@hotmail.com, visit www.robinstrust.org or see any trust board member.

CHELTEHAM SUPPORTERS FC

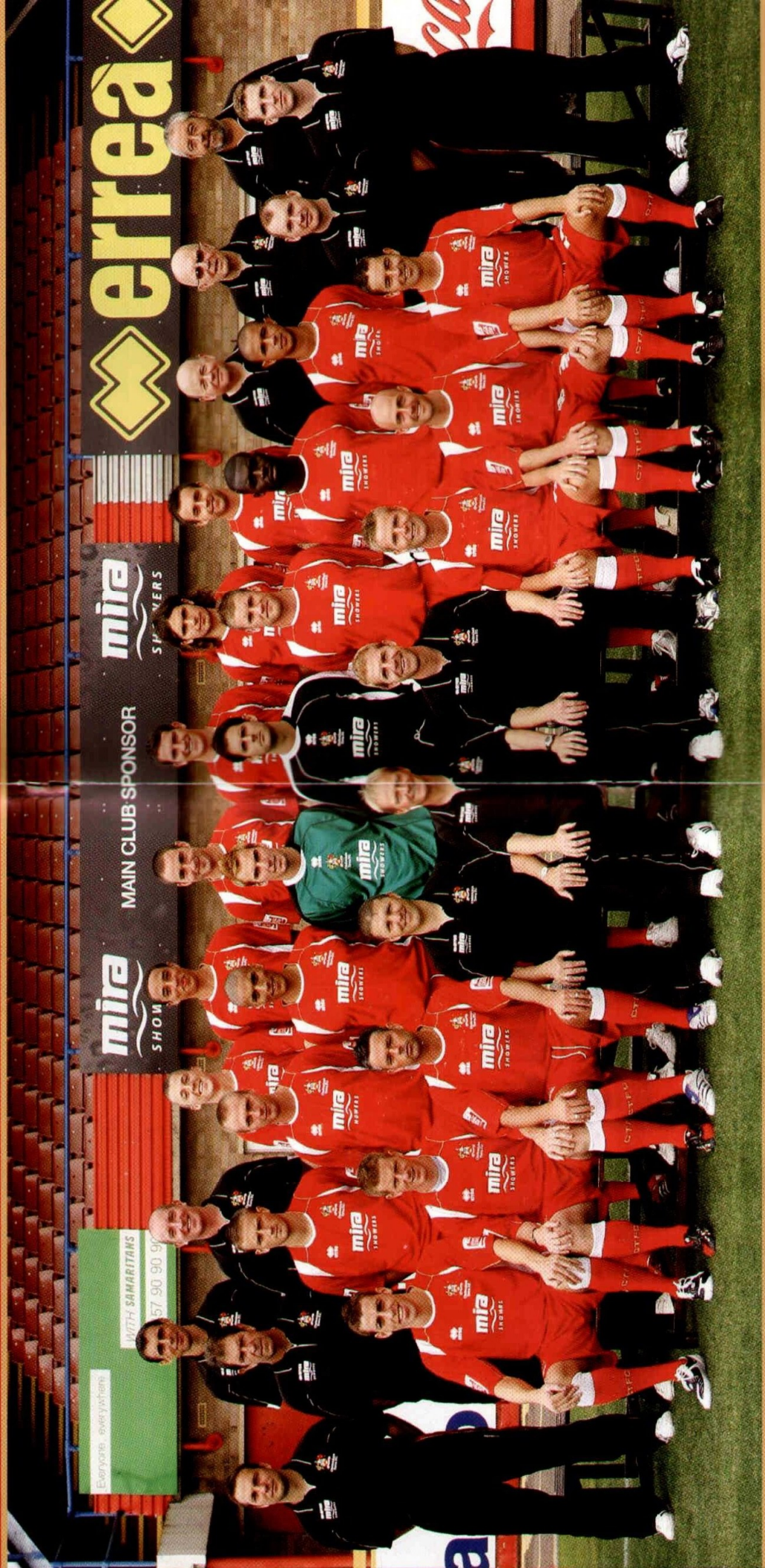
A Cheltenham supporters team has been set up which will be playing in the Cheltenham Sunday Morning Division One. This team is about to embark on their first season and are in need of a couple of new additions to strengthen the team. Any players who feel they can strengthen the side or just want to get out on a Sunday morning please email clivegowling@hotmail.com and I will past your details onto the management team of Craig Shipley, Dave Beesley and Alun Parry.





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THE TEAM

(from left to right)

Top Row: Pat Mountain, Ian Weston, Scott Brown, Aaron Ledgister, Lee Ridley, Dave Hind, Andy Gallinagh, Andy Lindegaard, John Atkinson, Brian Forsbrook, Terry Roberts
Middle Row: John Brough, Alan Gough, Ben Gill, Paul Connor, Gavin Caines, Scott P. Brown, Shane Higgs, Michael Townsends, Damian Spencer, Ashley Vincent, Kieran Scarff, Ken Oram
Bottom Row: Shane Duff, Craig Armstrong, Jerry Gill, Bob Bloomer, Keith Downing, Phil Robinson, John Finnigan, Alan Wright, Alex Russell



CTFC's Dave Bird

Cheltenham's
player of the
season on
his goals &
another season
in league one



Age: 23
Place of birth: Gloucester
Squad no: 14 Position: Midfield
Prev Clubs: Cinderford

Not many people would deny Dave Bird a place in the Cheltenham starting line-up and he is quickly becoming the fan favourite as his consistent performances get better and better. Bird has kept his feet on the ground despite personal success and he spoke to James Brown about wanting to improve on his 07/08 season.

How has the summer gone for you?

It's been good and I think I needed it after playing so many games which I haven't done before. So it's been a good rest and I've come back for this season ready to be firing on all cylinders again. The amount of games didn't really affect me to much; I just needed a break really. I got tired towards the end of the season because it was a long hard season. It was just a case of having a break this summer and taking my mind off things because it affected me more on the mental side, having so many games in a season. I enjoyed just spending some time with my family but obviously I was still doing stuff, playing other sports, swimming and golf. It's just about getting yourself ready for the new season really.

How has pre-season gone because it has been the first time Keith has had a chance to put you all through his pre-season schedule?

He's obviously done the pre-season before but this is the first time that he's had the chance to do it as a manager. It's been tough but then you know you have to do it as a professional player and there has been a lot of football involved which has been good. You obviously don't just want to run round all day so there has been a lot of ball work and a lot of things that we needed to work on. It's been really good and when we've needed to do fitness, we've done it but most of the time it's been about our positional play and what we do in the games.





Last season, you picked up the Player of the Season award from the fans, which must have been a great honour for you?

It was! I've said before that I was really pleased with the way I played last season and it was my first proper season when I have been one of the main contenders. Before there was obviously Finners and Grant so as my first full season I was very pleased with it. Hopefully I can do the same for this season and try to better myself in other areas again. I'm just really looking forward to this season so I can progress on from last season. I'm looking at different targets like goals, everyone wants to score more and I think I can score more. It's just doing it and I'm working on that! I need to try and get into the box more and grab those goals.

Everyone was talking about that free kick against West Brom, do we have a new David Beckham here at Whaddon Road?

I don't mind taking free kicks! Obviously I scored the one against

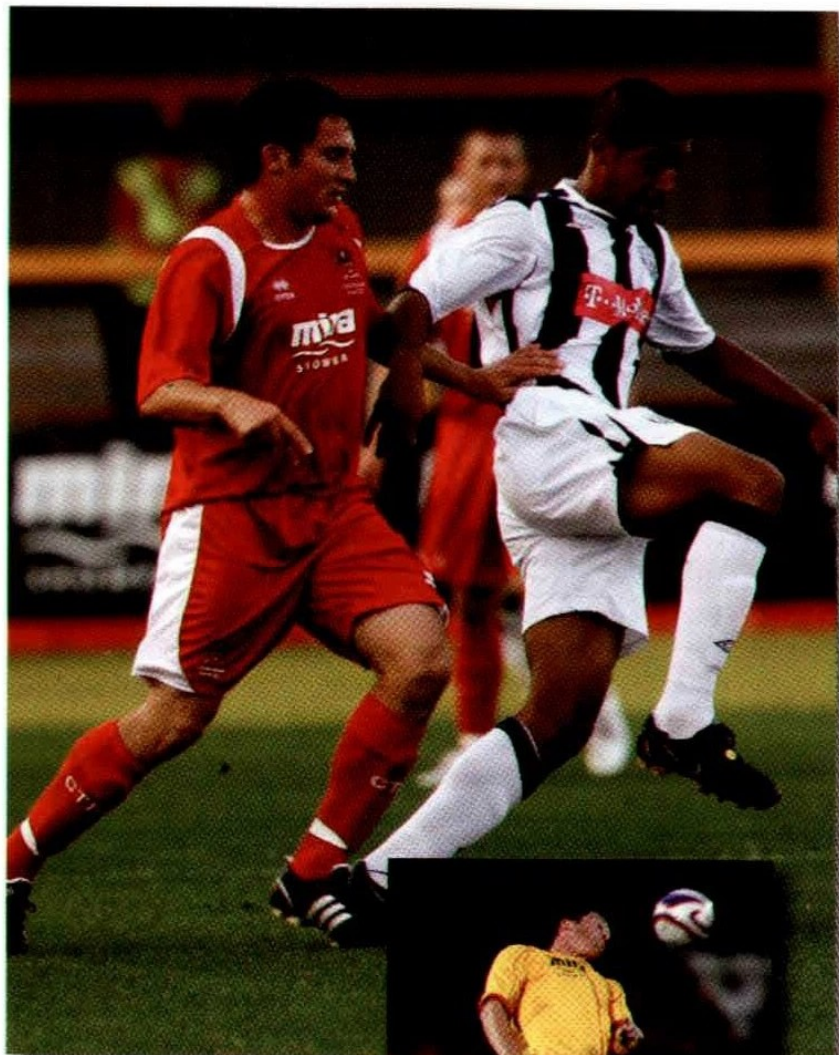
West Brom but there is a few here that want to take them. Aggy (Alex Russell) likes to take them and you obviously have Wrighty on the left as well so its all about whether you fancy it really. For example if their on the other side then Wrighty will probably take them and it's all about distances as well! But if I fancy it then I probably will take it.

“I'm looking at different targets like goals, everyone wants to score more and I think I can achieve that”

How have the season preparations gone? Is everybody now ready?

They've been going really well and everyone is looking really sharp. Everyone is just looking forward to this season and as a professional, you are conscious of the pre-season schedule but there is nothing like the real competition. Everybody is up and ready to go.

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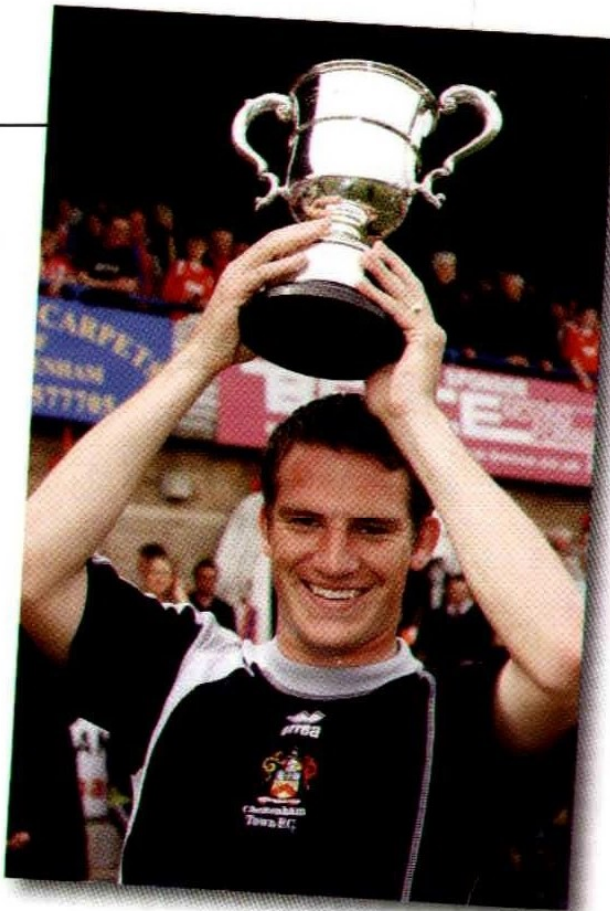


It's been a tough summer for Keith with so many transfer frustrations but does that affect the team in any way and what do you make of a certain players comments on the lack of ambition here at the club?

You just have to concentrate on yourself really but obviously it's there and if players don't want to come in then you can't force them but we've got a very good squad here. A few have gone from last season but we've brought Aggy in and I think we can progress from last season. We've obviously got a bit more experience of the league now from last year and the season before. Regarding the comments, I don't think that's true at all. Obviously I've been here a while and if there's no ambition then we wouldn't want to stay in League One and wouldn't want to get promoted. We've had plenty of ambition a few seasons ago and still now. I think it's quite harsh what has been said because if you haven't got ambition at a club then you might as well not bother and not turn up. I've been here a long time and there is plenty of ambition at this club, all the players want to do well for the club and for themselves. To say that is wrong and you shouldn't really say it but it's totally up to them whatever they say.

This is probably going to be the toughest season we have had in League One in terms of the quality of opposition, do you think the target of mid table is achievable for us?

Yes it is very achievable, Obviously we'll take it game by game and see where we end up but like I've said before, the experience that we now have from a couple of seasons in this league, it's only going to help us. It's going to be a very good season I think and if we can get off to a good start then who knows!



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Some of our younger players are catching people’s eye at the moment. As a player who has come up through the ranks himself, do you see any potential in those players?

Yes definitely, I think they’ve done really well. The boys that have played in pre-season and are starting to edge their way into the first team have done really well. Theo did well with his goal on his debut against Southampton and Marley on the right has been putting some good crosses in and obviously Dean is a strong boy, not forgetting Josh in the centre of midfield, he’s a very neat and tidy player. I think they’re all doing really well and as long as they keep concentrating then training with us will only help to make them better players. They have a good future ahead of them.

Swindon is always a tough game but they will have a mental advantage over us considering the last result against them. Do you envisage this being a tough one?

I think they’re all going to be tough games and there isn’t going to be many easy games. Everybody knows

how tough it is to come to Whaddon Road and do well, so it’s always going to be a tough one but it’s our first home game of the season, we need the fans to be there so we can hopefully get a good result. I think we can eventually break into that top half and obviously we always do well when the pressure is on. A lot of the time when the pressure is on, we have come away with the goods so I think as long as we keep our players fit, because obviously we don’t have a very big squad, then we’ll do well.

We’ve been made favourites for relegation again but do you think that plays into our hands a little?

It always does because we’ve always done well when the pressure is on. I think we’ve been favourites to go down every season we’ve been in this league and we’re still in it so obviously you can’t really go by what some people say. We always seem to defy all the odds and critics and I think we’ll continue to do so. We know what we’ve got to do and it’s just a case of getting there and expressing ourselves in the way that we can.



Cheltenham Town club secretary Paul Godfrey delves into the archives for historical links between Cheltenham Town and Swindon Town...

Charity Football Match



Cheltenham Town

Versus

Swindon Town



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Whaddon Road, Cheltenham
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Match Programme
50p

Programme cover from the July 1993 friendly

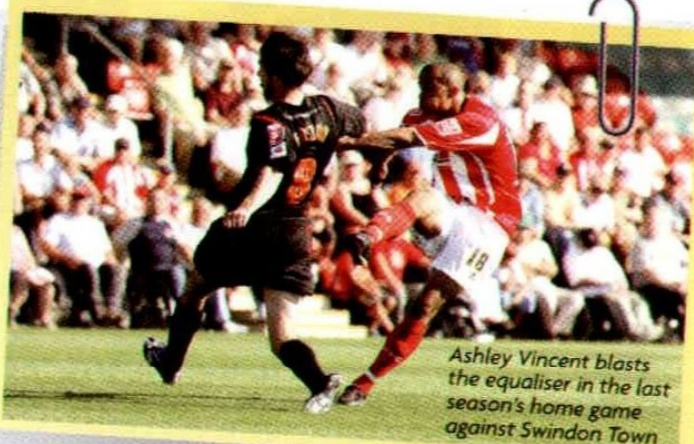
Friendlies and reserves

Despite the close proximity of the two clubs there have been few competitive meetings between Cheltenham Town and Swindon Town over the years.

Swindon entered a reserve team in the Southern League during the 1930s and 1940s and Cheltenham played them on eight occasions, winning two, drawing two and losing four.

By our reckoning there have been 14 friendlies between the clubs since Cheltenham Town made the move to semi-professional football in 1932.

The most recent took place in 1993 when a Swindon side newly promoted to the FA Premier League visited Whaddon Road for a pre-season game in aid of the Shaftesbury Place care home for the disabled. The match ended 1-1 although



Ashley Vincent blasts the equaliser in the last season's home game against Swindon Town

Swindon scored both goals. Steve White scored early for the visitors but defender Andy Thompson put one past his own goalkeeper in the second half.

Two months later Swindon boss John Gorman brought a side to Cheltenham for a September practice game that ended 3-3 with Jimmy Smith bagging a hat-trick for Cheltenham. Swindon's Chris Hamon, who had a loan spell at Cheltenham the year before, scored two goals and Craig Maskell one.

League meetings

Since Cheltenham Town gained promotion to the Football League in 1999 the two teams have met on five occasions. Cheltenham won both League One fixtures in season 2002-03. Hugh McAuley and Russell Milton scored in a 2-0 win at Whaddon Road and in March the Robins won 3-0 in a re-arranged fixture with goals from Martin Devaney, John Brough and a spectacular long-range strike from Damian Spencer.

Last season the teams shared a 1-1 draw at Whaddon Road in August with Ashley Vincent blasting in a 25-yard equaliser in reply to Blair Sturrock's first half goal.

Alan Wright made his debut as Cheltenham won 3-1 in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at the County Ground in October. Jennison Myrie-Williams, Craig Reid and Dean Sinclair were on target that night but Swindon gained revenge in the return league meeting, winning 3-0 in February with goals from Simon Cox, Billy Paynter and Christian Roberts.

Murphy's Men

John Murphy's successful Cheltenham team of the mid 1980s featured a nucleus of former Swindon players. Fleet-footed winger Steve Abbley (now the chairman of Cirencester Town); stylish defender Martin Blackler; quality left-back Kevin Baddeley and tough-tackling midfielder/defender Ray Baverstock had all come through the youth ranks at Swindon and made first team appearances. One of the most

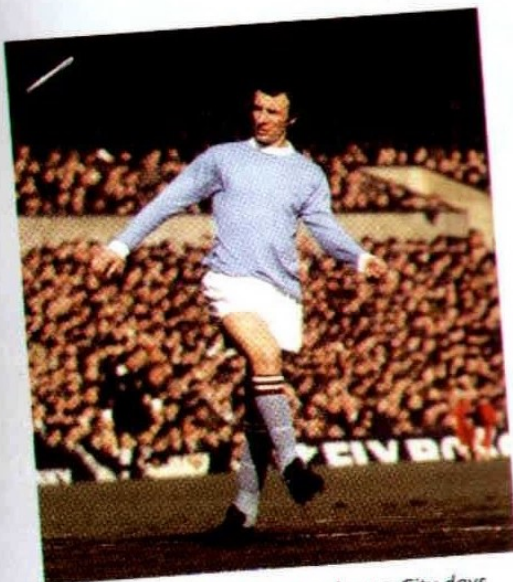
effective players of this era was Brian Hughes, a spindly-legged former Swindon midfielder who was good on the ball with the ability to get forward and score goals. Hughes was voted player of the year in 1984-85 as the Robins won the Southern League championship and promotion to the Conference for the first time.

Pre-War pioneers

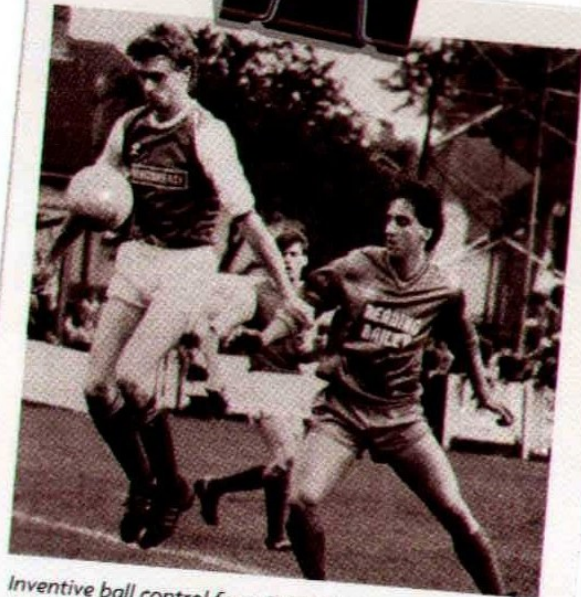
Delving deep into Cheltenham Town's early years as a semi-professional club, much travelled forward Bobby Weale scored seven times in 20 starts for Swindon and later joined Cheltenham Town from Belfast club Glentoran in 1935. He made 10 appearances and scored five goals in the Robins' debut Southern League season.

Scottish inside-forward Billy Brae left Ayr United for a brief spell with Swindon before spending the 1936-37 season with Cheltenham Town; and former Leeds United full-back Harold Bailey spent three years with Swindon before joining the Robins in 1938, staying on for two seasons before the outbreak of War.

One other important connection between the clubs was Cecil Green, who served Swindon Town for many years as a director and was later club president. He was one of the very few players to play for Cheltenham Town either side of World War Two having first appeared during season 1937-38. A reliable and consistent left-half, Cecil Green played a 1-0 Welsh Cup victory over Cardiff City at Ninian Park that season and returned after the hostilities to play for three more seasons in the 1940s.



Mike Summerbee in his Manchester City days



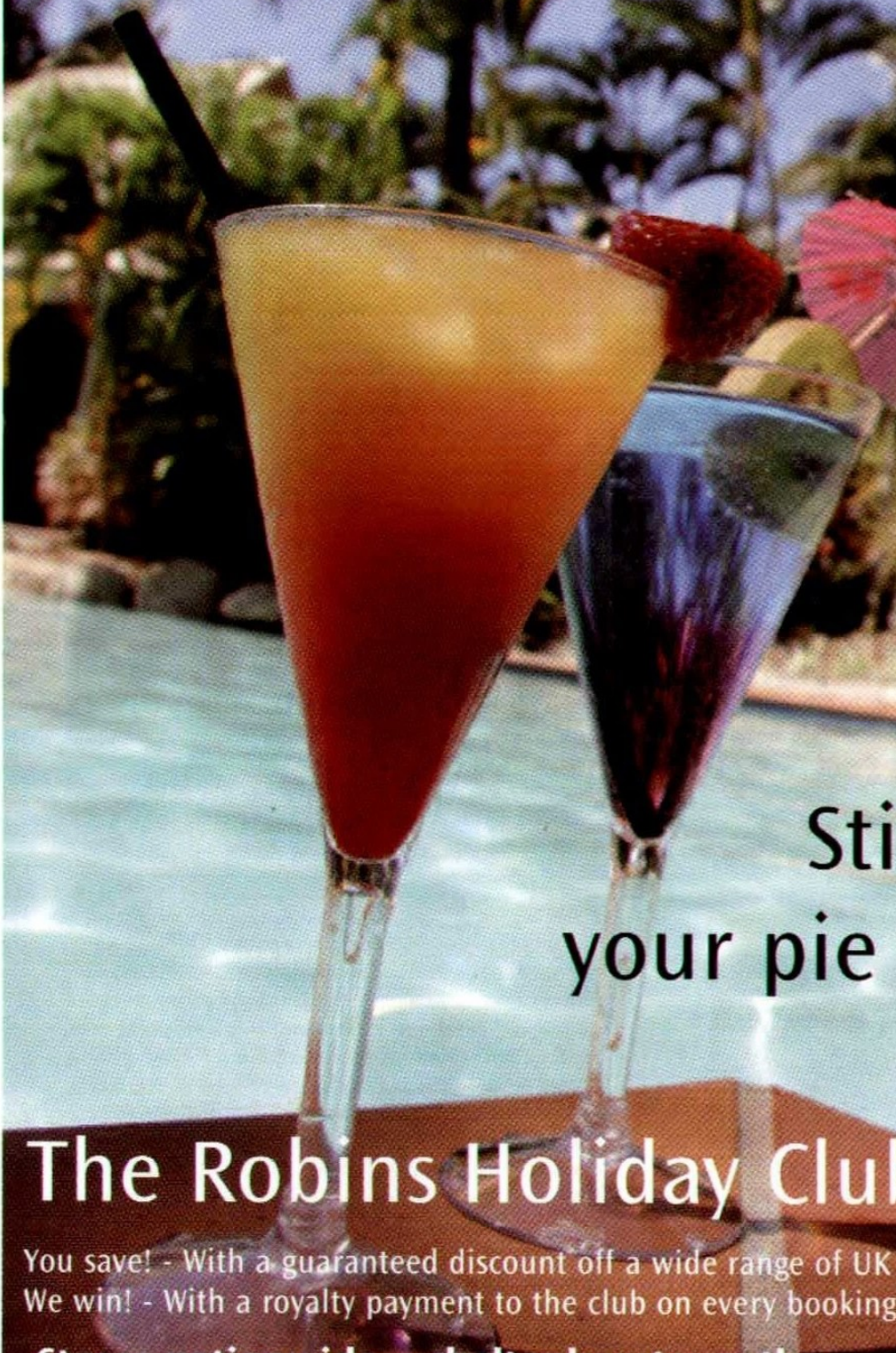
Inventive ball control from Brian Hughes against Frickley Athletic in 1985.

Other players to have served both clubs include Dave Dangerfield, Billy Tucker, Geoff Chalklin, Ken Skeen, Charlie Henry, Arnold Darcy, Marcus Phillips and more recently Aaron Brown and Steve Book, the latter spending a year at the County Ground after leaving Cheltenham Town.

England international

The most famous Swindon player with a Cheltenham connection is, of course, Mike Summerbee, whose father George was manager of the Robins for a brief period in the 1950s. Mike Summerbee played youth football in Cheltenham for Baker Street YMCA before being taken to Swindon by Bert Head in 1959. He went on to help Swindon achieve promotion to the old Division Two and later won a League title, FA Cup and European Cup Winners Cup with Manchester City plus eight England caps.

There is one member of the current Cheltenham Town staff with a Swindon connection. Centre of excellence sports therapist Alan Gough, a living legend in local sporting circles, spent four years at the County Ground before moving to Swansea City and then into the Southern League with Gloucester City. We won't mention the own goal he scored as Cheltenham defeated Gloucester 4-1 in the FA Cup on October 10 1974. Oh, we just did. Sorry, Goughie!

A photograph of two cocktails on a wooden table next to a swimming pool. The cocktail on the left is in a tall, narrow glass and is a reddish-orange color with a black straw. The cocktail on the right is in a shorter, wider glass and is a dark purple color, garnished with a lime wedge and a small pink umbrella. The background shows a swimming pool and palm trees.

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CTFC fan Martin Brown shares his passion for **The Robins...**



Name: *Martin Brown*
Age: *18+ Some more*
Occupation: *Factory Supervisor*
CTFC Fan for: *12 Years*

Who is your favourite Cheltenham player and why?

Shane Higgs is probably my favourite player. For the past few seasons he has proved that he is one of the best goalkeepers in League One, making some crucial saves that contributed to us staying up last season.



What are your predictions for League One this season?

Ideally the playoffs would be great but I think we will prove a lot of critics wrong this season and finish somewhere in the region of 14th.

What do you make of the transfer frustrations this summer?

There is a lot of speculation about players we were going to bring in and obviously there were some options that would have been good for this club, but I suppose that a lot of players aren't keen on a season of struggle. As always we are one of the favourites for relegation which possibly doesn't help in luring players to a club that does have potential.

If you were Keith Downing for the day, what would be your very first act as manager?

I think I would install some optics inside the dugout for all those hard times as manager...I think you definitely need a drink or two as a manager sometimes!!

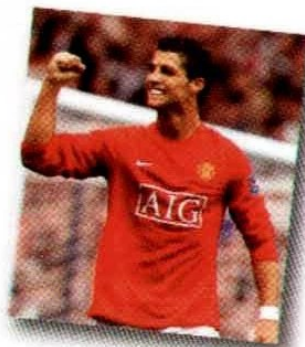
If you could see any player pull on the Cheltenham shirt, who would it be?

Cristiano Ronaldo! At the moment he is probably the best

player in Europe and would give us some strength on the wings. He would definitely pull in the attendances!!

Who is your all time favourite Cheltenham player?

There can only be one player, Neil Grayson (Legend).



If you would like to air your views on everything Cheltenham Town then please email: james.brown@ctfc.com and have your say!

Spotlight on Lee Ridley

The BBC's Ian Randall Places the spotlight on Cheltenham Town's very own Pingu...

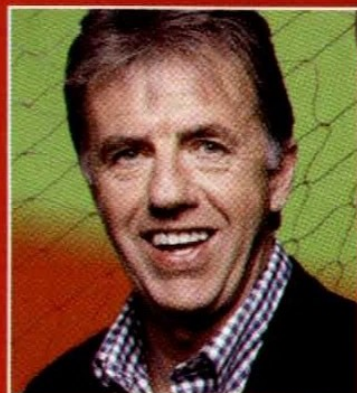


What is the first match you remember watching?

Probably the 1990 World Cup. That's the first big tournament I can remember. It was probably England against Egypt or someone like that.

Who is your sport's best pundit?

Mark Lawrenson. He likes to throw a few gags in. I've gone off Motty a bit. He over exaggerates too much.



Can you explain cricket?

Yes I can. Two teams each have two goes at batting to get as many runs as they can. You then have to bowl the other team out for less than you score (Not bad at all Rids!)

What's been your worst fashion crime?

I wouldn't say I've had one, but you might have to ask someone else!

Who has the flashiest motor at the club?

Midfielder Scott Brown. He's got a BMW X5 and he looks a bit silly in it because he's only small.

If money was no object, what would be the first thing you would buy?
I'd probably pay off my mortgage.

Which charity do you support?

I've got an RSPCA monthly subscription. That's the only one I regularly pay money to.

What's your favourite biscuit?

Chocolate hob nobs.
They're quite durable.

Who is the most famous person with your Christian name?

Probably Lee Westwood the golfer or Lee Sharpe.

Can you play a musical instrument?

No. I played the recorder at school but that was all.

If you could be in a band, which one would you choose?

The Killers. I've got the moustache to fit in with them. (2)



How would you improve the play offs?

I think it's pretty good the way it is. It's a bit more exciting for the fans - they go to Wembley - and the match is like a Cup final for the lower league teams.

Which two of your team mates would you want with you on a quiz team?

Midfielder Scott Brown - he's quite knowledgeable when it comes to sport - and Alan Wright. He's quite intellectual.

Has your sport ever brought you to tears?

Not since I was a professional. I did cry when I was about 12 when I missed a penalty in a five a side competition.

If there was one rule you could change what would it be?

The offside rule. As a defender, it doesn't help us at all with the concept of strikers not interfering with play.

What's the most common mistake you see people making in your sport?

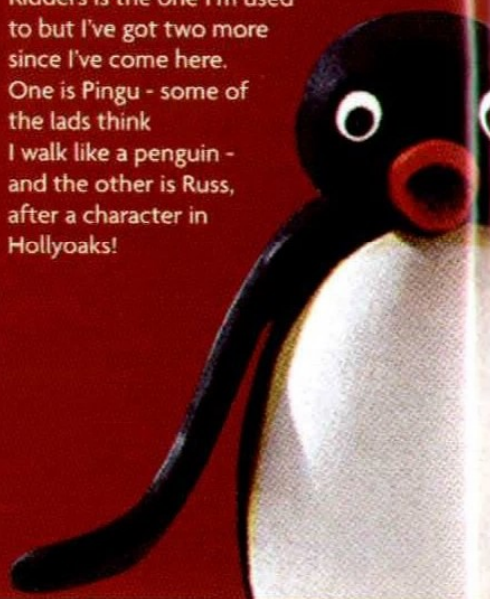
Based on last weekend, giving away penalties! There were about 40 of them in the opening day's games.

Where in the world is the best night out?

Scunthorpe - only joking! Here, I would say Newcastle, but abroad it would Aynapa or Faliraki. They're a bit more exotic.

What is your nickname at the club and how did it come about?

Ridders is the one I'm used to but I've got two more since I've come here. One is Pingu - some of the lads think I walk like a penguin - and the other is Russ, after a character in Hollyoaks!



Media view By Ian Randall



Barry Hayles, there's only one Barry Hayles. I don't wish to trivialise the loan signing that has finally ended a long pursuit of a striker, but it's almost shades of Winston Churchill with his famous quote "never was so much owed by so many to so few." The Board make the money available, and if Keith Downing can spend it wisely, who knows what joy it could bring to you, the supporters, whether you are among the 1,600 season ticket holders or not.

At the top level, money is spent like water from a tap. At Cheltenham's level, especially after the receipt of a capital sum from the sale of Steven Gillespie, the purse strings are held carefully. The breakthrough in the acquisition of Hayles is that following the sale of Steven Gillespie, this is the first move in terms of players being brought in. Hayles is, at this stage, only here for three matches but he has had a good career and reading between the lines of Leicester City Manager Nigel Pearson's comments on the move, it's a deal that could be extended.

BBC Radio Gloucestershire is once again doing commentary on all AWAY games this season in League 1, the FA Cup and the Carling Cup. Our texts last Saturday were supportive of a manager who has been knocked down this summer more times than he'd care to remember. Hooper, Boulding, Gall, Woolford, Morrell – those are the public names, let alone the ones that only Keith knows about. Even though at this stage the squad is thin, nobody was critical about the standard of player he is trying to attract. Keith himself maintains that a space in the

squad is better than the wrong player and it's taking some guts to stick to that principle. Others are filling budgets but he still has room, and Hayles may be an example of a better player available on a loan rather than an inferior one available only as an outright purchase.

Some of you will be here for the first time since the Doncaster game last May. It was a tense occasion but a dramatic outcome, especially when you consider the last relegation place hung on three results, and with 15 minutes to go all three games were level. One goal in the wrong net could have meant League 2 football for Cheltenham. Paul Connor's goal was probably worth £250,000 in retained income. It will be interesting to see whether he or Ashley Vincent partner Barry Hayles today. There could even be room for all three in the team.

Wednesday's Carling Cup draw has pulled out an attractive game with the visit here of Premiership new boys Stoke City. The tie will mean a lot to Keith Downing and Paul Connor in particular, as both served as players at the old Victoria Ground. The Potters' have spent more than £5 million pounds on Reading striker Dave Kitson and you can expect Manager Tony Pulis to spend again before City come here.

Swindon arrive today having been impressive in beating Tranmere last Saturday, and given QPR a run for their money in the Carling Cup in midweek. In Cox and Paynter they have good forward options, and the Robins will need to keep left winger Anthony McNamee in check if the first home game is to yield a welcome win.

Commercial corner

Welcome back to news on all things commercial at the Club.

This season sees another big challenge for us all and during close season we have been extremely busy in our endeavours to keep the revenue flowing into the Club in quite a difficult climate. We rely on sponsorship, hospitality and advertising revenue and are lucky to have such loyal sponsors supporting the Club - a big thank you to those who have been able to continue their support.



STAFF UPDATE

We have stepped up efforts to bring new businesses on board and I would like to welcome James Dowler to the team who is helping with sales and looking after administration in Leanne's absence. Leanne is currently recovering from an operation and will be out of action for August, we wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her cheerful face around the Club again soon!

Another name you will be becoming familiar with is Tony Symonds. Welcome to Tony who joined the Commercial Team in July as Marketing Database Executive and is working on initiatives aimed at increasing attendances including the Fan Membership Scheme - further details of which are included in today's programme - just look for the picture of Sharron Davies! If you are not a member yet, you are missing out, so please contact Tony to sign up on 01242 588104.

EVENTS

During the close season we held two very successful and enjoyable events, in July we hosted a Sporting Dinner with Referee speakers David Elleray and Chris White and last week we were at the Cricket Festival with 80 guests in our own marquee..

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Leicester City	Sat 30th Aug			
Huddersfield Town	Sat 6th Sept	Mira (10)	St James Carpets (4)	In2Print (4)
Bristol Rovers	Tues 16th Sept	Clarke, Nicholls, Marcel (10)		Kellands (8)
Stockport County	Sat 27th Sept			
Colchester United	Sat 11th Oct	Aspey Lawrence (8)		
Scunthorpe United	Sat 18th Oct	Roger Payne (30)	Roger Payne (30)	Roger Payne (30)
Leeds United	Sat 1st Nov	Randall & Payne (10)	Ross Adridge (8)	K B Building (4)
FA Cup 1st Round	Sat 8th Nov		Messier Dowty if at home	
Southend United	Tues 25th Nov	Atticus (8)		
Crewe Alexandra	Sat 6th Dec			
Walsall	Sat 20th Dec			Finishing Matters (6)
Peterborough United	Sun 28th Dec			
Milwall	Sat 10th Jan	K B Building (8)		
Brighton & Hove Albion	Sat 24th Jan		Messier Dowty	
MK Dons	Sat 31st Jan			
Tranmere Rovers	Tues 3rd Feb	SPI (12)	Aspey Lawrence	Aspey Lawrence (10)
Hereford United	Sat 14th Feb	Kate & Andrew Derrick (10)		CGT Lettings (4)
Northampton Town	Sat 28th Feb			
Hartlepool United	Sat 14th Mar		Finishing Matters (6)	
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Yeovil Town	Mon 13th April			
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Jason Scotland	Swansea	23	5	28
Jermaine Beckford	Leeds	20	0	20
Richard Lambert	Bristol Rvs	13	6	19
Nicky Forster	Brighton	15	4	19
Adam Boyd	L Orient	14	3	17
Danny Graham	Carlisle	14	2	16
Richard Barker	Hartlepool	13	3	16
Steven Gillespie	Cheltenham	14	2	16
Nicky Maynard	Crewe	15	0	15

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Fitness First Stadium	Bournemouth	23	66	2.87
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	23	66	2.87
County Ground	Swindon	23	65	2.83
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	23	62	2.70
Vale Park	Port Vale	23	61	2.65
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	23	60	2.61
Liberty Stadium	Swansea	23	59	2.57
Elland Road	Leeds	23	59	2.57
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	23	59	2.57
Matchroom Stadium	L Orient	23	56	2.43
The Den	Millwall	23	56	2.43
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	23	55	2.39
Brunton Park	Carlisle	23	55	2.39
Roots Hall	Southend	23	55	2.39
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	23	54	2.35
Boundary Park	Oldham	23	53	2.30
Bank's Stadium	Walsall	23	53	2.30
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	23	52	2.26
The Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	23	51	2.22
City Ground	Nottm Forest	23	50	2.17
Prenton Park	Tranmere	23	50	2.17
Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	23	48	2.09
Huish Park	Yeovil	23	46	2.00
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	23	44	1.91

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..

shots on target 332 Swansea. **shots off target** 295 Doncaster. **corners** 317 Swansea. **hit woodwork** 16 Port Vale. **offsides** 171 Huddersfield. **fouls** 609 Leeds. **yellow cards** 82 Northampton. **red cards** 8 Gillingham.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..

Shots 131 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). **Shots on target** 68 Andy Robinson (Swansea). **Shots off target** 71 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). **Assists** 11 Paul McLaren (Tranmere). **Crosses** 197 Max-Alain Gradel (Bournemouth). **Offsides** 69 Luke Rodgers (Port Vale). **Fouls** 96 Tresor Kandol (Leeds). **Free-kicks won** 107 Joe Garner (Carlisle).



2007/08 SEASON

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STATS

GOAL COUNTER

1335

RIGHT FOOT

750 goals



LEFT FOOT

287 goals



HEADERS

272 goals



Own goals 22 (1.6%), Other body part 4 (0.4%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Gary Liddle (Hartlepool vs Swansea) 0:26

By a substitute after coming on

Leon Constantine (Leeds vs Oldham) 0:12

DISCIPLINARY



2.4 cards per match



0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match

S Thornton (Leyton Orient vs Hartlepool) 0:53

By a substitute after coming on

Paul Warne (Walsall vs Yeovil) 1:04

SUB TOTALS

Subs used2641

Offsides3253

Corners6210

Shots Off Target5951

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

2 2 8

RESULTS

How many times each result has occurred this season - home sides score shown first

0-0	38
0-1	56
0-2	27
0-3	13
0-4	2
0-5	1
1-0	56
1-1	77
1-2	32
1-3	11
1-4	5
1-5	-
2-0	50
2-1	69
2-2	24
2-3	7
2-4	1
2-5	-
3-0	24
3-1	18
3-2	12
3-3	1
3-4	-
3-5	-
4-0	8
4-1	10
4-2	5
4-3	3
4-4	-
4-5	-
5-0	1
5-1	-
5-2	-
5-3	-
5-4	-
5-5	-
6-0	1

*2007/08 Stats



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CTFC Ladies

Hereford Pegasus 2-1 Cheltenham Town Ladies



Pegasus the Nemesis as Ladies suffer late defeat...

Cheltenham Town Ladies left Hereford with pride and encouragement despite conceding the winning goal in what was practically the last kick of the game. In a game which Pegasus dominated in terms of possession, Cheltenham defended heroically with makeshift centre back Grace Parker being the pick of the bunch making countless interceptions and leading the line by example.

Town had their fair share of chances with captain Cherie Rutherford seeing her free kick sail inches over, but it was Hereford who drew first blood with Simone Quinn curling the ball into the net past the helpless Alexis Lunn.

Cheltenham, who arrived at Old School Lane with the bare 11 players, fielded a young side and used this as an opportunity to try out various players in new positions, whilst the home team to their credit, played a full strength team.

The first half saw an excellent save from Lunn as Pegasus enjoyed a lot of space in

midfield however creating few clear cut chances. Cheltenham; clearly outmuscled throughout the game, started to show glimpses of danger through good work by Charlie Griffin and Natalie Berry.

Centre back Yvette Greenhouse managed to keep Town's front pair quiet for long periods of the ninety reducing the Robins to long distance efforts. Stacey Turton looked to be clean through but was mistakenly flagged offside as Hereford's 'keeper was kept quiet.

But just as the Peggy's looked as though they could add to their tally, Cheltenham broke down the left and managed to find Rutherford in the box who lifted the ball over the stranded Pegasus 'keeper for Berry to smash the ball into the roof of the net from close range.

Cheltenham began to keep the ball better, with youngsters Lauren Wyatt and Jessica Cave giving Manager Jane Legget food for thought with the new season fast approaching.

The game looked to be heading for

a draw until deep into injury time, Hereford's Julie Nicholas popped up to capitalise on some wet conditions which saw the ball slip from the Cheltenham 'keeper's grasp for Nicholas to score a simple tap-in.

The result was harsh on the visitors who fought hard and defended superbly, but it was the Midland Combination League side who came out on top.

Legget commented: "I am delighted with the performance as we fielded three players from last years under 16's and one new player who unfortunately got injured early in the first half.

"All three youngsters played extremely well considering the difficult opposition. And Grace Parker gave an exceptional performance in central defence."

Want to join us?

Cheltenham Town ladies are always on the lookout for new recruits so if you are interested log on to www.cheltenhamtownladiesfc.moonfruit.co.uk

Footy Banter

More Amazing Trivia From The World Of Football

OOH LA LA RONALDO

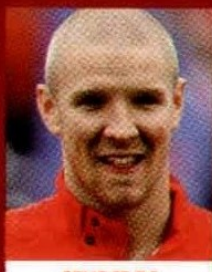
There isn't much that Cristiano Ronaldo hasn't won and he proved this lately when he was named the Sexiest Man of Euro 2008. The Portuguese winger suffered the misery of dropping out of Euro 2008 before he had the chance to show what he could really do but this will be some consolation for poor old Cristiano.

German website Spiegel Online reported that the 23-year-old Manchester United star topped a poll of 12,000 women, which was conducted on behalf of electronics company LG.

"Unfortunately for his legions of female fans [Ronaldo] is no longer available," the Spiegel Online article stated.

"He's dating Spanish model Nereida Gallardo."

Other footballers to make the cut included France's Thierry Henry and Germany captain Michael Ballack. We here at Cheltenham Town cannot believe that two players were missed out from this poll! There is nothing wrong with Phillipe Senderos and Ruud van Nistelrooy!!

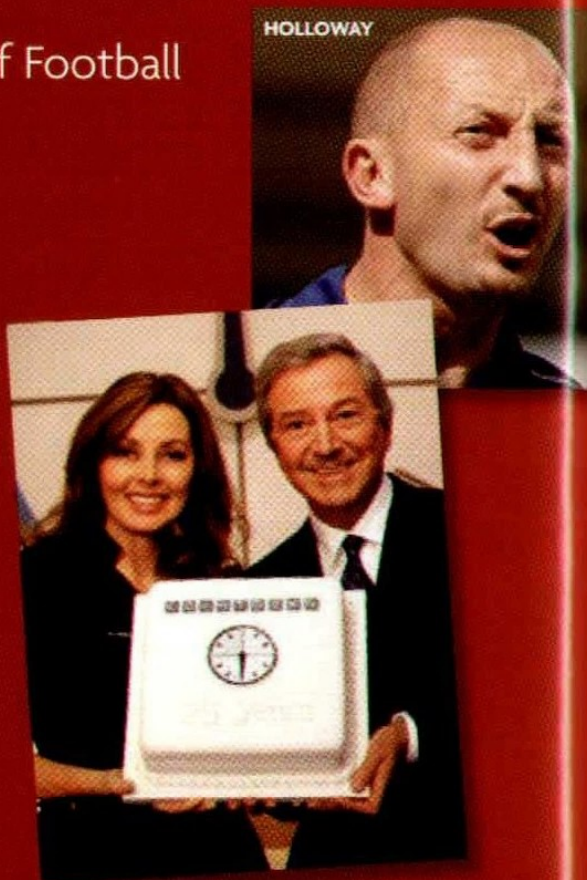


SENDEROS



NISTELROOY

HOLLOWAY



FOOTBALLER ON COUNTDOWN???

Yes you have read correctly! A professional footballer has taken part in the Channel Four quiz show 'Countdown'. Notts County midfielder Neil Mackenzie, 32, applied for the show to try and dispel the myth that all footballers are stupid. It will be the first time Countdown has featured a professional footballer amongst its contestants in its 25 year history. He passed the audition with flying colours and is now set to take on the toughest quiz show on TV.

Kate Horton, the show's associate producer said "It was great to have Neil on the show. He was a good sport and we hope this encourages other sportsmen and women to have a go." Whatever next!! Wayne and Coleen on Wife Swap? Peter Crouch on How Clean Is Your House? Maybe even Becks on Goldenballs!?

Did They Really Say That?

• "He's six-foot something, fit as a flea, good-looking - he's got to have something wrong with him. Hopefully he's hung like a hamster! That would make us all feel better!" We were all fooled by Ronaldo but IAN HOLLOWAY seems to have him all figured out.

• "Yes! I am special! No, sorry ...I am special for my friend and my family and my country. Not more. As a manager, so-so." Big PHIL SCOLARI, nothing special...anyone still got that receipt?

• "Well, Clive, it's all about the two M's - movement and positioning." RON ATKINSON'S key tactical advice there!

• "When you're dealing with someone who only has a pair of underpants on, if you take his underpants off, he has nothing left - he's naked. You're better off trying to find him a pair of trousers to compliment him rather than change him." We're not sure whether ARSENE WENGER is giving out fashion advice here or just simply losing the plot.

Brain teaser

- Answers on page 61

1 - How many full England caps did Steve Bruce win?

2 - By what name was the UEFA Cup known prior to the 1971-1972 season?

3 - Who became the first president of the International Association of Professional Footballers in 1995?

4 - Andoni Goicochea once broke Maradona's leg in four places, what was his nickname in Spanish football?

5 - Which footballer's autobiography is entitled 'Le Magnifique'?

6 - On August the 21st, 1965, Keith Peacock became the first what in a football league match?

7 - What position did Pope John Paul II play for the Polish amateur football team Woytyla?



Sing Like You Mean It!

• "Vera's dead, Vera's dead, Vera's dead!" West Ham fans away at Man City following the death of the character Vera Duckworth in Coronation Street.

Would you believe it?

• In 1975 an international match between Chile & Uruguay was abandoned after 19 players were sent off.

• Peter Shilton, England's goalkeeper for much of the 1970's and 1980's holds the current record for the most caps awarded to an England player. During his 125 matches he only let in 80 goals, but Gordon Banks holds the record for the number of consecutive clean sheets, at seven, between 26th June 1966 and 23rd July 1966.

• Shinguards - did you know that Widdowson of Nottingham Forest is credited with the introduction of shinguards in 1874, Nottingham Forest also lay claim to introducing the referee's whistle in 1878. Not satisfied with just this they also introduced the cross bar instead of tape and oval section goal post.



• "I'm going home in a St John's ambulance!" Bolton fans at Bramall lane when an attractive St John's nurse walked past.

• "Have you won the European Cup?" Aston Villa fans to Chelsea fans in response to any Chelsea song.



Whaddney For Beijing!

Hi everyone

Welcome back to Whaddon Road - hope you've all had a great summer and are raring to back the lads for the new campaign. Another rollercoaster awaits us eh?

Mind you, the summer break was a bit of a rollercoaster for me... because I'M AN OLYMPIC CHAMPION!!! Can you believe it? Well, to prove it all, I've got a glittering trophy with the club's name engraved (and it's bloomin' heavy I can tell you).

Here's how it all happened... Six events held in Milton Keynes' Theatre District on Saturday 12th July saw Whaddney the Robin win twice and come 2nd in another to obtain an overall score to become the 2008 Mascot Olympics Champion. The trophy was presented to Cheltenham Town's feathered mascot by MK Dons' chairman Pete Winkelman.

Honors list:

- 1st in the Welly Wanging,
- 2nd in the Egg & Spoon Scramble,
- 1st in the Obstacle Dash
- Most Entertaining Mascot for the Bungee Blast.

"I literally flew through that obstacle course. How nice it is to add another trophy to our club's cabinet. By the size of it I think we'll have to make the cabinet bigger!" said Whaddney.

A warm welcome to Swindon fans today, and to my partner in crime Rockin Robin (Rockin - I'll show you my new Trophy in return for a sack full of worms eh?) Ok, roar on the lads everyone, and see you next time.

"CHELTNUMSHIRE....."

Whaddney



Junior ROBINS

Welcome to our first league fixture of the season at Whaddon Road. Hope you enjoyed the pre season friendlies, and are having a great break from school. Special birthday greetings to these JUNIOR ROBINS. Enjoy your birthday and lets hear you at the game today, especially those of you joining the Wymans in Block 1 of the In2Print Stand.

JR Birthday's

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| • Tom Calverley | • Michael Roberts |
| • George Tirel | • Jacob Shaw |
| • Holly Frost | • Joshua Charles Cooper |
| • Tom Gordon | • Jamie John Shorthouse |
| • Aaron Hughes | • Matthew Connoles |
| • Dexter Lee | • Benjamin Connoles |
| • Will Meadows | • Connor Heywood |

EXCLUSIVE POSTER

Membership applications for the Junior Robins are coming in fast, and already we have around 200 members. We really believe that Junior Robins are an important part of Cheltenham Town Football Club and as a 'thank you' for joining we have an Exclusive signed Poster of Jerry Gill just for our Junior Robins. These are now ready for you to collect from the club shop. We are delighted to announce that Jerry has accepted the invitation to be the very first Junior Robins President and looks forward to meeting you at a JR event soon.

CLUB SHOP & MASCOT DISCOUNT

Don't forget that you can claim 10% off in the Club Shop (excluding clothes) when you show your membership card, so have a good look around when you come in. You are also entitled to 10% off Mascot fees.

THIS IS YOUR PAGE...

...so if you have any news that you think would be interesting to other JR's, or you would like to contribute to this page of the programme in any way then do let us know by sending an email to marie.carter@ctfc.com. Marie is now working in the Community Department on Tuesday's and Wednesday's and is your contact should you need any information on Junior Robins.

HOW TO JOIN THE JUNIOR ROBINS

To become a Junior Robin it is necessary to complete an application form. Links to simple versions are available on our website. Forms can also be obtained from the Ticket Office at Whaddon Road.

THERE ARE TWO AGE GROUPS FOR JR MEMBERSHIP;

- Children under 10 (on 31 August 2008) pay just £5 to receive FREE entrance to all home Coca Cola League games and receive all the other JR benefits
- Children aged 10-16* (on 31 August 2008) who pay £20 to receive all JR benefits including five FREE (specified above) home games

* CTFC Junior season ticket holders are entitled to free JR membership, but must submit a JR application form to indicate they wish to join.

Benefits of being a Junior Robins member

- Free entry to five specified home games per season for 10-16 year olds
- Free entry to all home Coca Cola League games for under 10's
- Membership card
- Fixture card
- 10% off in club shop (excludes adult clothing)
- 10% off mascot fees
- Signed Christmas card
- Birthday e-card (coming soon)
- Exclusive JR events
- Priority allocation on some all ticket games
- Exclusive JR poster



FIVE FREE GAMES & PRE-MATCH COACHING

The five free games for 11-16 year olds are as follows:

- Sat 6th September v Huddersfield Town
- Sat 11th October v Colchester United
- Sat 6th December v Crewe Alexandra
- Sat 14th March v Hartlepool United
- Sat 4th April v Leyton Orient

To receive your 5 free games you must claim your ticket from the ticket office in advance of match day, and you will need to show your membership card. As a special benefit to our older Junior Robins we are holding a FREE pre match training session at Whaddon Road before the Huddersfield game on 6 September. Places are limited so please register (Tues 2 September latest) by either calling Marie Carter on 01242 588119 or emailing marie.carter@ctfc.com.

WIN A MATCHDAY MASCOT EXPERIENCE

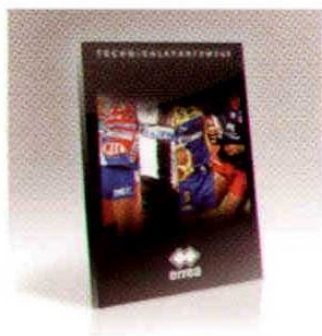
To celebrate the start of the season we have an exciting competition. All you have to do is send an email to marie.carter@ctfc.com, (or drop her a postcard to the club address) quoting your name and membership number (include your date of birth, address, phone no. and email address if you are not a member). Simply tell Marie who is President of the Junior Robins. Closing date 30 August.



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Travel Club

Being a member of the CTFC Official Travel Club allows you to enjoy inexpensive coach transport to all our away game. The small annual fee ensures that members receive discount on and receive priority allocation for their coach seats.

Arrival at our intended destination is normally about 60 to 90 minutes before kickoff. This allows time to take in the sights or get something to eat or drink before the match starts. All our Travel Club coaches return immediately to Cheltenham straight after the match, ideal for those of you who want to enjoy an evening back at home.

Travel must be booked on a game-to-game basis and by taking out our yearly Travel Club Membership, just £10 per person, member are rewarded with a £2 discount off the standard travel price for the vast majority of games.

For further information about the Official Travel Club call Alan Brown at the football club on (01242) 573558. Coach tickets and travel club membership can be purchased through the Ticket Office.

Next Home Game!

Cheltenham Town vs. Leicester City
Coca-Cola League One
Whaddon Road
Saturday, August 30th 2008
KO – 3pm



Tickets for this game are now on sale online and from the ticket office located here at Whaddon Road.

Oldham Athletic

Boundary Park
Saturday 23rd August 2008 KO – 3pm
Coca-Cola League One



How to get there

By Road:

Leave the M62 at Junction 20 and take the A627(M) towards Oldham. Take the second slip road off the A627(M) following the signs for Royton (A663). At the top of the slip road you will find a large roundabout that around it has a McDonalds and a KFC. Turn left at the roundabout onto the A663 towards Royton (beware though of 30mph speed cameras on this stretch). You will be able to see Boundary Park over on your right. Take the next right hand turn into Hilbre Avenue which will take you up to the large Club car park, situated behind the Lookers Stand. The cost of the car park is; cars £2, mini buses £5, coaches £10.

If you want to go straight to the Club main entrance, then at the roundabout take the second exit onto A627 Chadderton Way (signposted Oldham). After around 300 yards take the first left into Boundary Park Road and at the end of the road turn right into Sheepfoot Lane.

By Train:

There are three stations that you could use to get to Boundary Park. Oldham Mumps, Oldham Werneth or Mill Hills. However Oldham Mumps and Mill Hills are both around a 45 minute walk away from the ground and are not really practical. Therefore it is best to use Oldham Werneth, which is served by North West Trains on the Oldham Rochdale loop. Trains for Oldham depart from Manchester Victoria platforms 1 or 6. If you buy a ticket to Oldham and arrive from the South at Manchester Piccadilly your fare includes travel on the Metrolink to Victoria station. As you exit the platforms at Piccadilly turn left for the Metrolink station. Take the tram for BURY only to get to Manchester Victoria.

Oldham Werneth station is around a 15 minute walk away from the ground. Exit the station and turn right onto Featherstall Road South and walk for about 3/4 miles through one set of traffic lights and a small roundabout at Tesco until you come to a large roundabout. Turn left onto Chadderton Way (cross over at the underpass as Chadderton Way is a dual carriageway) and follow for another 1/4 miles until you come to Boundary Park Road (by the B&Q Warehouse) turn right and Boundary Park is ahead. You will be approaching the ground from the home supporters end, so at the end of Boundary Park Road turn right up Sheepfoot Lane past the main stand to the other end of the ground. It is extremely unusual for any taxi's to be at Werneth station.

Ticket Prices (on the day)

Adults - £18 (£20) Senior Citizens & Juniors aged 12 to 16 - £9 (£11) Under 12s - £3 (£3)

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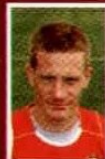
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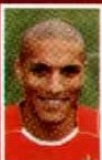


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Tue Nov 25	19:45	H Southend													
Sat Dec 6	15:00	H Crewe													
Sat Dec 13	15:00	A Leyton Orient													
Sat Dec 20	15:00	H Walsall													
Fri Dec 26	15:00	A Yeovil Town													
Sun Dec 28	15:00	H Peterborough													
Sat Jan 3	15:00	A Stockport													
Sat Jan 10	15:00	H Millwall													
Sat Jan 17	15:00	A Colchester													
Sat Jan 24	15:00	H Brighton													
Tue Jan 27	19:45	A Bristol Rovers													
Sat Jan 31	15:00	H MK Dons													
Tue Feb 3	19:45	H Tranmere													
Sat Feb 7	15:00	A Scunthorpe													
Sat Feb 14	15:00	H Hereford													
Sat Feb 21	15:00	A Leeds United													
Sat Feb 28	15:00	H Northampton													
Tue Mar 3	19:45	A Swindon Town													
Sat Mar 7	15:00	A Leicester City													
Sat Mar 14	15:00	H Hartlepool													
Sat Mar 21	15:00	A Huddersfield													
Tue Mar 24	19:45	H Oldham													
Sat Mar 28	15:00	A Walsall													
Sat Apr 4	15:00	H Leyton Orient													
Sat Apr 11	15:00	A Peterborough													
Mon Apr 13	19:45	H Yeovil Town													
Sat Apr 18	15:00	A Crewe													
Sat Apr 25	15:00	H Carlisle													
Sat May 2	15:00	A Southend													

THE KEY

Home games appear in **bold**

FAC - FA Cup CC - Carling Cup JPT - Johnstones's Paint Trophy Yellow Card Red Card

Number before name denotes player replaced Number in red denotes number of goals scored



Armstrong Vincent Connor Brown Gallinagh Ridley Watkins-6 B. Gill-9
Armstrong Vincent Connor Brown Gallinagh-3 Ridley Watkins B. Gill 1-6 Ledgister-11 Lewis

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Hartlepool United	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
Northampton Town	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
Swindon Town	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Leicester City	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
Oldham Athletic	1	1	0	0	4	3	1	3
Carlisle United	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
Brighton & Hove Alb	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
Leeds United	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
Leyton Orient	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
Huddersfield	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Stockport County	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Walsall	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Yeovil Town	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Millwall	1	0	0	1	3	4	-1	0
Bristol Rovers	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
Crewe Alexandra	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
Hereford	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
Scunthorpe United	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
Peterborough United	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Cheltenham Town	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
Colchester United	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
Tranmere Rovers	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
Milton Keynes Dons	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0

ROBINS ROLL CALL 2008-09

Name	League apps/gls	Cup apps/gls	08-09 Total apps/gls	CTFC Career apps/gls
Shane Higgs	1	1	2	262/2
Jeremy Gill	1	1	2	196/8
Lee Ridley	0/0	0/0	0/0	10/0
Shane Duff	1/0	1/0	2/0	196/8
Gavin Caines	0/0	0/0	0/0	135(26)/7
Michael Townsend	1/1	1/0	2/1	78(5)/3
John Finnigan	0/0	0/0	0/0	224(9)/25
Paul Connor	1/0	1/0	2/0	42(19)/6
Damian Spencer	0/0	0/0	0/0	129(117)/36
Scott Brown	0/0	0/0	0/0	13(11)/0
Scott P Brown	0/0	0/0	0/0	12(1)
David Bird	0/0	0/0	2/0	172(44)/7
Ben Gill	(1)/0	(1)/1	(2)/1	0(7)/1
Andy Lindegaard	1/0	1/0	2/0	34(11)/2
Ashley Vincent	1/0	1/0	2/0	43(55)/7
Andy Gallinagh	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Alan Wright	1/0	1/0	2/0	38/1
Craig Armstrong	1/0	1/0	2/0	103(9)/3
Aaron Ledgister	0/0	(1)/0	(1)/0	(2)/0
Alex Russell	1/0	1/0	2/0	14(1)/2
Will Puddy	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Marley Watkins	(1)/0	0/0	(1)/0	(1)/0
Barry Hayles	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0

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BRAIN TEASER ANSWERS

1 None 2 The Fairs Cup 3 Diego Maradona
4 The Butcher of Bilboa 5 David Ginola
6 Substitute 7 Goalkeeper

Next up...



Saturday 23rd August
Oldham Athletic (A) CCL1
Boundary Park

No one can accuse Oldham's first game of the new season of being a dull opener. The Latics pulled off a 4-3 win over Millwall to record their first three points of the new season.

Oldham managed to make it two wins from two after defeating Rochdale in the Carling Cup on penalties. Oldham will be looking to carry on their good run of form this season against a Cheltenham side looking for a good start to the League One campaign.

There's normally a brilliant Cheltenham crowd that travels to Boundary Park and the Robins will need that support again this season.

Oldham are currently 5th in the Coca Cola League One.

Oldham's Last Two Competitive Results

CCL1 Oldham 4-3 Millwall
 09/08/08 (W)

CC 1st Round Rochdale 0-0 Oldham
 (Oldham win 4-1 on pens)
 12/08/08 (W)



Week Commencing
Monday 25th August 08
Stoke City (H) CC 2nd Round
Whaddon Road

Stoke City are one of three new Premiership sides this season and they are set for one of the most difficult seasons of their history. Tony Pulis is confident his side can cope with the pressure of the top division though and they have splashed the cash on players such as Dave Kitson to ensure their survival.

It will be the first time that these two sides have met in a competitive fixture and both will be looking to topple the other for a place in the third round of the Carling Cup.

Stoke City are one of three new sides in the Premiership.

Stoke's Last Two Competitive Results

CCC Colchester 0-1 Stoke
 26/04/08 (W)

CCC Stoke 0-0 Leicester
 04/05/08 (D)



Saturday 30th August
Leicester City (H) CCL1
Whaddon Road

One of the grand slam matches of the 08/09 season for Cheltenham Town who will be looking to keep up their good record against the top dogs of the division. The Robins defeated Leeds United twice last season and they will be looking to do the same to the Foxes this term.

City comfortably beat recently promoted MK Dons in a comfortable 2-0 victory and they also booked themselves a place in the second round of the Carling Cup with a victory over Stockport County. Yet to concede a goal, Leicester could be a tough nut to crack but they will be aware of Cheltenham's strength at home.

Leicester City are currently 4th in the Coca Cola League One.

Leicester's Last Two Competitive Results

CCL1 Leicester 2-0 MK Dons
 09/08/08 (W)

CC 1st Rd Leicester 1-0 Stockport
 12/08/08 (W)

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Manager **KEITH DOWNING**



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02	Jerry GILL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
03	Lee RIDLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04	Shane DUFF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05	Gavin CAINES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06	Michael TOWNSEND	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Jennison MYRIE-WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SWINDON TOWN

Manager ?

No.		Played	Sub
01	Phil SMITH (GK)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
02	Jack SMITH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
03	Jamie VINCENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04	Michael TIMLIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05	Jerel IFIL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06	Hasney ALJOFREE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07	Christian ROBERTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08	Craig EASTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
09	Barry CORR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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FINAL SCORE

CHELTENHAM TOWN ☐ ☐ SWINDON TOWN

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