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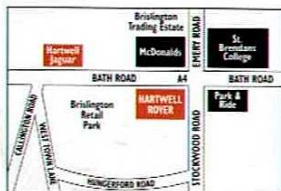
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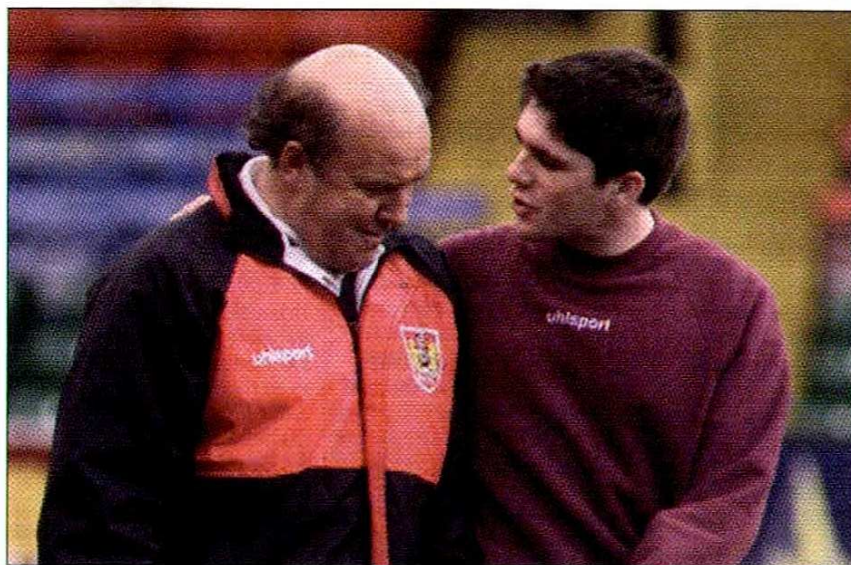
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# BENNY LENNARTSSON

## Notes from the boss



Firstly, may I wish all Bristol City supporters a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. Let's hope that goes for the team as well and we can start picking up points regularly, starting this afternoon.

Playing Swindon Town gives me my first taste of derby action in England. I understand this game is of more importance than usual to our fans, although not quite as important, perhaps, as beating Bristol Rovers!

For a coach the main problem with such matches is making sure the players are keyed-up and competitive, without being too tense about the occasion to do themselves justice.

We shall be trying to ensure the mood is just right today because there is no denying that this is a match we desperately need to win. While performances have improved in recent games, we are in a position where results mean everything.

Against Crystal Palace and Norwich City I felt we had enough chances to take maximum points. Ade Akinbiyi has been making a lot of openings for himself and scored in both games, but might have had several more goals if his finishing had been better.

That is something we have been working on in training along with some

defensive details which have cost us goals in recent fixtures, despite the fact that our overall defending has been much better.

Losing Rob Edwards with a hamstring injury in the first half at Norwich was a severe blow because he has proved a very important player in anchoring the midfield.

We were on top up to that point. But after Rob went off we lost some quality, while retaining a terrific work-rate. It looks as though he will be out for a while and that has created a problem I could certainly have done without.

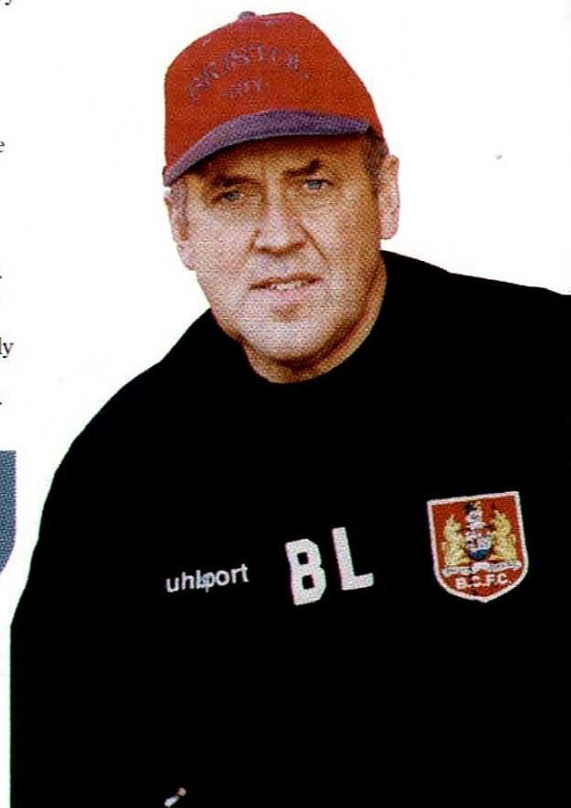
The most pleasing thing about the Palace and Norwich games was that we allowed the opposition very few chances. We conceded three goals, two of which I believe could have been avoided, but other than that Steve Phillips had virtually no saves to make.

That is something we have to build on. The other necessary improvement is to convert a higher percentage of chances and if we can do that the New Year will be brighter.

Enjoy the game and do your best to cheer us to three points.

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# Red&White PROVIDES THE NEWS IN AND AROUND AS **OVER THE GATE**

## All the news and views...



### **VILMOS SEBOK SHOULD BE**

donning a City shirt for the first time in the near future after agreeing a £400,000 move from Ujpesti Dozsa.

Once his work permit is granted, the 25-year-old Hungarian will be a strong contender for one of the central defensive positions and his signing has delighted City officials.

Vilmos is rated one of the two best players in Hungary, along with international teammate Bella Illes. He boasts 20 full caps, having been a regular in the side this year.

He has signed a three and a half year contract at Ashton Gate after prolonged negotiations and is looking forward to helping City move clear of the First Division

relegation zone.

If things go according to plan, Vilmos should be available by the time we take on Tranmere Rovers at Ashton Gate on Saturday, January 16th.

### **IVAN TISTIMETANU'S WORK PERMIT**

application was put in a couple of weeks earlier so we can expect to see his City debut any time now.

The £225,000 signing from Moldova double-winners Zimbru Chisinau plays at right-back or centre-back and, like Sebok, is a regular in his country's national side.

He has scored several goals for Moldova, including one in the Euro 2000 qualifier against Northern Ireland this season.

Apologies for the wrong spelling of Ivan's name in a previous issue of Red&White. We can only point out that the local media have been similarly at fault due to wrong information arriving at the club.

We are now assured that it is Ivan and not Ion, and that Tistimetanu is the correct spelling.

Whatever the case, we hope he becomes a big name in English football!

### **NEW CONTRACT FOR KEEPER STEVE**

Congratulations to Steve Phillips on his new four-year contract and a successful breakthrough into League football.

It's always nice to see a local product progressing and Steve has done just that since joining us from Paulton Rovers in November 1996.

He began this season

fighting for a place in the reserve side, but has recently ousted Keith Welch from the first team and retained his place despite extra competition from the signing of Bo Andersen.

Coach Benny Lennartsson said: "Steve has done very well since I arrived at the club and thoroughly deserves the new contract."

"I am very pleased he has signed because it gives me very strong competition for the important position of goalkeeper."

### **EDWARDS JOINS ON LOAN**

Still on the subject of new signings, it's a belated welcome on behalf of Red&White to Christian Edwards, who joined us on loan from Nottingham Forest just before the Crystal Palace game.

Centre-back Christian hails from Caerphilly and is a Welsh international. Forest paid £275,000 to sign him from Swansea City last season.

At 23, he is regarded as one of the Premiership club's bright prospects and is not thought to be for sale.

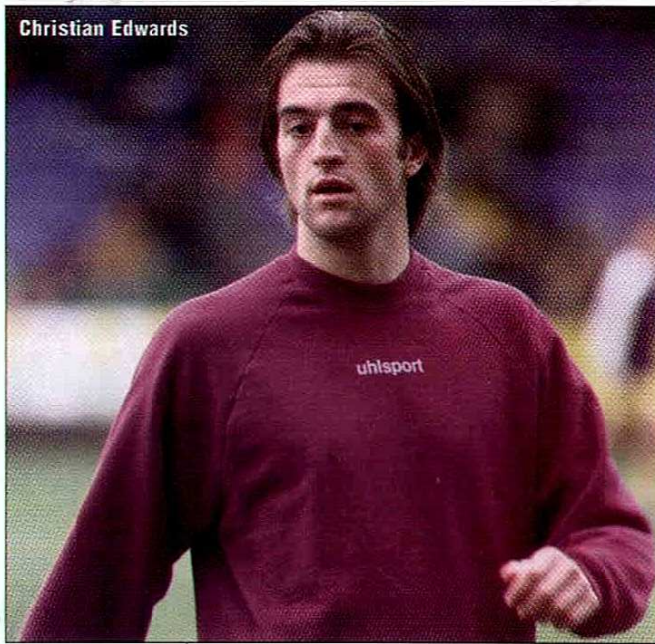
It's a case of one out and one in as Julian Watts has moved to Lincoln City, also on a month's loan.

### **TINMAN ON A MISSION**

Brian Tinnon has been asked to play a key role in knocking Everton out of the FA Cup, even though he will miss Saturday's big game with a dislocated elbow.

Our midfield ace has turned scout, having been deployed by Benny Lennartsson to watch the Merseysiders in

Christian Edwards



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# TON GATE STADIUM



● Ah, so! There was an Oriental feel to the half-time entertainment at the Crystal Palace game – and this time the fighting was planned! Battling for sumo supremacy were two of GWRfm's morning crew, Howard Taylor and Joe McGrath. Many thanks to all supporters who contributed so generously to the GWR FM Christmas Appeal, which raised £63,000 for local charities.

action and come up with a written report on their strengths and weaknesses.

It should prove good practice for Brian, who wants to go into coaching and management himself when his playing career ends.

## ARNIE BACK AT THE GATE

Guest of the Board of Directors at today's game is Arnie White, who played League football for City in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

An inside-right, Arnie partnered Don Clark and Arnold Rodgers among others in our attack of that early post-war period. He was a local product, having been signed by manager Bob Hewison from Soundwell.

That was in March 1947. A month later he made his debut against Cardiff City in front of a crowd of 51,621.

Arnie, now 74, scored 12 goals

for City in 82 Third Division (South) appearances before moving to Millwall in August 1951 and later to Hereford United. After that he helped Trowbridge Town to the Western League title.

Welcome back to Ashton Gate today, Arnie.



Arnie White

## Festive message

A football club is not unique in having its ups and downs – and we have certainly experienced that at Ashton Gate through 1998. There have been some great highs and a few gruesome lows, and 1999 may well have the same mix.

Maybe your life has been like that too. Perhaps a wedding, a new baby, promotion at work or even a lottery win! Alternatively, it may have been a bereavement, a divorce or unemployment. I remember hearing someone say 'Bumps are what you climb on.' It's possible to learn from what life throws at us – both the highs and lows. Enjoy the best moments; recognise who it is who has given them to you and make your 'Thank God' a heartfelt one. Remember too that he had a hand in those other less pleasant experiences – and it is even possible to learn from them.

Remember 'bumps are what we climb on.' Have a good year.

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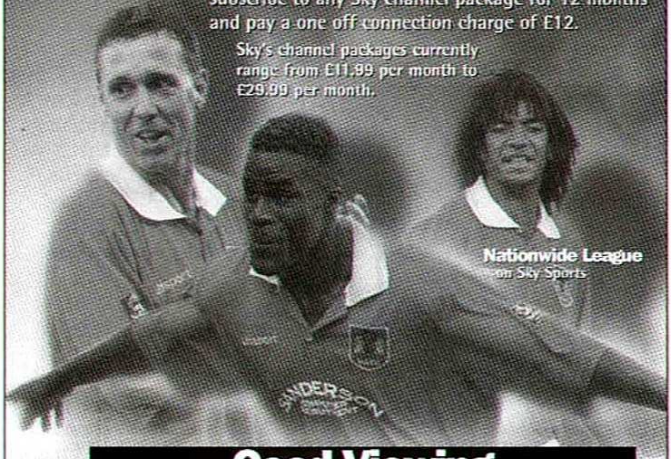


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# THE VISITORS

## Swindon Town FC



Jimmy Quinn

### MANAGER

**JIMMY QUINN** was born in Belfast on 18.11.59. This former Swindon favourite has gathered a wealth of experience over his career playing at seven different clubs as well as managing Reading and picking up 48 caps for Northern Ireland. During his time as a player with Swindon he scored 43 goals in 86 appearances and went on to score 94 goals for Reading.

### COACH

**MIKE WALSH** was born in Manchester on 20.6.56. This former, Bolton, Everton, Manchester City and Blackpool defender became Steve McMahon's number two in October 1996. After his playing career came to an end, Mike managed Bury for five years, leading them to a play-off position three times. Since then Mike has renewed acquaintances at Swindon Town with fellow Republic of Ireland team-mate Jim Quinn. Mike has won four caps.

### KEEPERS

**JIMMY GLASS** was born in Epsom on 1.8.73. He joined from Bournemouth under freedom of contract following the Bosman ruling. Started his career as a trainee at Crystal

Palace and went out on loan to Portsmouth before grabbing the chance of first-team football at Dean Court. His goalkeeping heroics helped Bournemouth reach last season's Auto Windscreen Shield Final at Wembley, where he was unlucky to finish up on the losing side.

**FRANK TALIA** was born in Melbourne on 20.7.72. Frank was spotted playing for Australia's under-21 team and after trials with several English clubs, eventually signed for Blackburn Rovers in August 1992. Failing to make a first-team appearance at Ewood Park he was taken on loan by Swindon before signing in November 1995.

**STEVE MILDENHALL** was born in Swindon on 13.5.78. A home-grown talent, Steve is in his second year as a professional after successfully coming through the Club's YTS system. Steve made his full League debut between the posts for Swindon in October 1997.

### DEFENCE

**GARETH HALL** was born in Croydon on 12.3.69. Signed from Sunderland under the Bosman ruling, the 29-year-old has a wealth of experience. Best known as a full-back, he's versatile enough to play anywhere across the back line or in midfield. Started his



Gareth Hall

career at Chelsea where he flourished under ex-Swindon boss Glenn Hoddle. Moved to Sunderland in 1995 and was a regular in the Premiership for the Weariders. Capped nine times for Wales.

**ALAN REEVES** was born in Birkenhead on 19.11.67. Alan quit Wimbledon's "Crazy Gang" in search of first team football with Swindon. Tall central defender, who cost the Dons £300,000 from Rochdale four years ago when he was signed as a replacement for John Scales.

**ADAM WILLIS** was born in Nuneaton on 21.9.76. He was snapped up on a free transfer from Premiership Coventry City after impressing in a couple of trial matches towards the end of last season. Recommended to Swindon by veteran centre-back Brian Borrows who had watched him close-up with the Sky Blues.

**MARK ROBINSON** was born in Rochdale on 21.11.68. Started his career at WBA, joined Barnsley on a free in June 1986 and such was his form there that Newcastle snapped him up for £450,000 in March 1993. After losing his place in the first team through injury, Swindon paid a club record £600,000 for his services in July 1994. Mark can play at full-back and in central defence.

**CRAIG TAYLOR** was born in Plymouth on 24.1.74. The younger brother of City favourite Shaun, Craig signed a three year deal in April 1997 after impressing during a trial period. Town paid non-league Dorchester Town £25,000 for his services.

**BRIAN BORROWS** was born in Liverpool on 20.12.60. The former Everton, Bolton and Coventry defender signed an 18-month contract in November 1997 following a highly successful two month loan spell from Highfield Road where he made well over 400

appearances. Comfortable anywhere along the back line, but particularly effective as sweeper.

**ALAN McDONALD** was born in Belfast on 12.10.63. Having spent his entire career at QPR, Alan made his first move to the County Ground during the summer of 1997 in a two-year deal. A highly committed defender with 53 Northern Ireland international caps to his name, many of them as skipper.

**DAVID KERSLAKE** was born in Stepney on 19.6.66. Now enjoying his third stint at the County Ground having joined on a free transfer from Ipswich Town in March '98. Made 165 appearances for Swindon in his first spell before leaving to join Leeds United in a £500,000 deal. David made further Premiership appearances for Tottenham. Most effective in right wing-back role.

**SOL DAVIS** was born in Cheltenham on 4.9.79. Left

### SWINDON TOWN FC

**BACK ROW:** George Ndah, Scott Leitch, Jimmy Glass, Steve Mildenhall, Frank Talia, Alan Reeves, Craig Taylor.

**THIRD ROW:** Phil Cannon (Youth Development Officer), Peter Holcroft, Chris Hay, Adam Willis, Mark Robinson, Kevin Watson, Irem Onuora, Gareth Hall, Philippe Cuervo, Tom Jones (Youth Team Manager).

**SECOND ROW:** Lee Collins, Ty Gooden, Bobby Howe, Darren Bullock, Steve Cowe, Robin Hulbert, Phil King.

**FRONT ROW:** Richard Mackey (Physiotherapist), Sol Davis, Brian Borrows, Mike Walsh (First Team Coach), Jimmy Quinn (Manager), Mark Walters, David Kerslake, Dave Moore (Physiotherapist).

# VISITORS FROM THE COUNTY GROUND



Mark Walters

sided wing back who was offered his first pro contract in the summer of 1998 after a series of impressive performances in the reserves. Made his league debut as a substitute at home to QPR, shortly after his 18th birthday.

## MIDFIELD

**DARREN BULLOCK** was born in Worcester on 12.2.69. A tough tackling midfielder, Darren signed a three-and-half year deal in February 1997 after a £400,000 move from Huddersfield Town. Scored 20 goals in 156 appearances for the Terriers and netted on his debut for Swindon. Darren was drafted into the full-time game in November 1993 following a £55,000 step up from Nuneaton Borough.

**TY GOODEN** was born on Canvey Island on 23.10.72. Signed by John Gorman in 1993 having been released by Wycombe Wanderers. Made over 30 appearances in Swindon's Second Division Championship season but was hindered by injuries in 1996/97. Having regained full fitness, Ty has been an ever-present this term and has proved a real asset either as a wing-back on attacking midfielder.

**SCOTT LEITCH** was born in Motherwell on 6.10.69. Former Motherwell, Dunfermline and Hearts midfielder signed for Swindon in 1996 for a bargain £15,000. Enjoyed a successful loan spell at the County Ground during their Second Division Championship season and ex-manager Steve McMahon was quick to bring him in on a permanent basis.

**MARK WALTERS** was born in Birmingham on 2.6.64. A former England International, Mark signed for Town in July 1996 after being released by Southampton and immediately showed the silky skills which had made him such a hit at Aston Villa, Glasgow Rangers and Liverpool.

**KEVIN WATSON** was born in Hackney on 3.1.74. Came through Tottenham's ranks and made 12 first-team appearances for them under continued over page →

# MATCH TO REMEMBER

**BRISTOL CITY 3  
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Endsleigh League  
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20th November 1994

When this game kicked-off, City were lying 22nd in the First Division, while Swindon were riding high at ninth.

On form, the visitors were favourites to take the points, but it was City, battling for their lives, who came out on top with an excellent 3-2 victory - a perfect start to manager Joe Jordan's second spell in charge at Ashton Gate.

Without a win in five, City's 'new' boss made a handful of changes from the side which had lost 3-0 at Sheffield United a fortnight earlier. His players responded with a wholehearted performance, probably their best of the season to date.

A crowd of 9,086 witnessed a goalless first-half when both sets of defenders held firm. After the interval the fireworks started with four goals in seven minutes.

And it was City who opened the scoring in the 54th minute. A neat build up involving Brian Tinnion, Scott Partridge and Wayne Allison, resulted in the latter having his shot saved by the Swindon

keeper Fraser Digby, but an alert Junior Bent was on hand to net at the far post.

Then soon afterwards, Allison raced forward, collected Partridge's measured pass and made it 2-0.

The Robins, throwing caution to the wind, hit back immediately and in the 58th minute pulled a goal back when striker Keith Scott, under some pressure, latched on to Paul Bodin's long through ball and guided his shot wide of the advancing Phil Kite.

Back came City and on 61 minutes a superb cross by in-form Bent found Allison, who tapped home.

Swindon boss John Gorman asked his players for more effort (they went on to gain a total of 14 corners) but City's backline held firm with Kite pulling off two fine saves from Jan-Aage Fjortoft.

In the last minute, Swindon scored again when Scott claimed his second goal, scrambling the ball home after gaining possession from an offside position.

It was a welcome win for City - but poor old Gorman lost his job as Swindon's boss the following day.

**TONY MATTHEWS**



## The Visitors CONTINUED...

Terry Venables before being loaned out to Bristol City and Barnet. Joined Swindon on a free in July 1996.

**PHILIPPE CUERVO** was born in France on 13.8.69. This gifted Frenchman impressed during a trial period and was quickly signed on a three year contract from Sochaux (free transfer) just before the start of the current campaign. Was a revelation during the first two months of the season but then spent several months out with a hip problem.

### FORWARDS

**CHRIS HAY** was born in Glasgow on 28.8.74. This pacy young striker was drafted in from Scottish giants Celtic for £330,000. Former manager Steve McMahon spent a year tracking this goalscoring ace who was finding it hard to break into Celtic's first team on a regular basis.

**STEVE COWE** was born in Gloucester on 29.9.74. What he lacks in height, he makes up for with his pace and skill on the ball. This livewire of a front man scored 7 goals in 32

starts last season but has failed to find a regular slot this term. Brought in from Aston Villa in March 1996 for £100,000.

**GEORGE NDAH** was born in Dulwich on 23.13.74. After the departure of Wayne Allison to Huddersfield, Steve McMahon moved quickly to find a replacement and was delighted to pick up the lightning quick Ndah from Crystal Palace in a £500,000 deal in November 1997. Scored a stunner on his debut against Middlesbrough. A former England Youth international, George made almost 100 appearances for Palace.

**IFEM (IFFY) ONUORA** was born in Glasgow on 28.7.67. Ex-Huddersfield, Mansfield and Gillingham striker who was signed in a £100,000 deal in March '98. Made the perfect start for his new club, heading the winning goal on his debut versus Queen's Park Rangers, but his luck changed for the worse four games later against Charlton when an accidental clash with the referee left him with a fractured cheekbone.

## DID YOU KNOW?

● Swindon Town won the League Cup in 1969 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970.

● Swindon Town were beaten by Barnsley in the 1912 FA Cup semi-final at Chelsea.

● The first player to score four goals in a Third Division game was Swindon Town's excellent inside-forward Harold Fleming, who achieved the feat against Luton Town in August 1920 (won 9-1).

● The referee to be knocked out whilst officiating in a Third Division League game was Alf Bond, who was struck on the head by a fearsome clearance from the Swindon Town centre-half George Hudson in September 1958.

● Three former Spurs players who lined-up in the same team together, Glenn Hoddle, John Gorman and Ossie Ardiles, later managed Swindon Town.

● The biggest crowd ever to assemble at Swindon's County Ground was 31,668

for an FA Cup-tie with Arsenal in January 1972.

● Swindon's biggest win and heaviest defeat is 10-1 – the former v Farnham United Breweries in the FA Cup in 1925 and the latter v Manchester City, also in the FA Cup, in 1930.

● Harry Morris holds the record for scoring most League and Cup goals for Swindon – 230 between 1926 and 1933. Morris is also the club's champion marksman for a season with 48 goals in 1926/27.

● Swindon went a club record 30 away League games without a win between November 1972 and April 1974.

● Paul Rideout was only 16 when he made his League debut for Swindon in 1980, whereas Alex Ferguson (no, not the same one) was 43 when he played his last game for the Robins in 1947.

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# THE ACADEMY

## By David Burnside

**T**he success of any Academy will depend largely on the quantity and quality of the young players involved in it. So I'm delighted to report that our recruitment

programme has gone very well over the past few months. Around 25 per cent of the youngsters currently representing City at schoolboy and youth level are new faces this season.

To attract our fair share of the best young boys we have to get to them early. If you haven't spotted a lad by the time he is 12 or 13 the chances are another club will have got to him first.

With that in mind we have a large number of scouts working on our behalf, not only in England, but Wales and Northern Ireland too. They all report through our administrative organiser Adrian Riddiford and the boys recommended are either watched by our own staff or offered a trial.

In the Bristol area our schoolboy scouting is in the capable hands of Jock Rae and Roger Barton, who are responsible for making sure we know about any good young players on our own doorstep at the earliest possible age.

As a result of the work of all these people I believe we are attaining a very high standard among our Academy players, which obviously gives our coaches a better chance of producing future first team players.

It is end of term for our boys of 16-18 who have been attending Clifton College as part of their involvement and I'm pleased to say the first reports we have received of their work have been excellent.

They are doing three A' Levels in two years, which isn't easy when you consider that the schoolwork is combined with training and making their way as footballers.

It goes without saying that the education side is a vitally important one. It means those that make the grade as professionals have something behind them and those that don't are able to take up an alternative and rewarding career.

The most recent matches I can

report on are those we played at Charlton Athletic, covering all age groups from the u-13s upwards.

Our u-19s were beaten 4-0, which sounds a bad result, but there were some mitigating circumstances. I watched the first half in which we trailed by only a single goal and thought the team were doing okay.

Unfortunately, keeper Anthony Betterton and defender Matt Hill suffered injuries in the second half, which were significant blows that enabled Charlton to build an emphatic scoreline.

I watched the second half of the u-17 game which we drew 2-2 with goals from Damien Spencer and Ben Cleverley. That was a better result, but in truth the team did not adhere to the principles we are trying to instil and, while we were technically better than Charlton, it wasn't that pleasing a display.

I can only go by what the other coaches tell me of the schoolboy games. They were very pleased, which was supported by the results, a 1-1 draw at u-15 level and wins by the u-14s (2-1) and the u-13s (5-2).

We have now played most of the Premiership clubs with Academies and I can honestly say that we are at least on a par with most of them.

The one club I do look up to and admire are Wimbledon. They seem to know exactly how they want to play and the type of players they need to make their tactics work.

Furthermore, there is a tremendous spirit about their staff and players at every age-group. It's easy to see why they have managed to remain a Premiership club on such comparatively small resources.

It's no bad thing having a model to try and emulate. We are doing well, but there is room for improvement and if we can follow the Wimbledon example I shall be very happy.

Once again a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all supporters. I hope we can look forward to seeing you at some of our Academy games at the Clifton College training ground during 1999.

## RESULTS & FIXTURES

### U17 & U19 FIXTURES

#### 5TH SEPTEMBER

Sunderland 0-3 (A)  
Sunderland (A) 1-3

#### 12TH SEPTEMBER

Arsenal (H) 1-3  
Arsenal (H) 1-3

#### 19TH SEPTEMBER

Notts Forest (H) 3-1  
Notts Forest (H) 2-2

#### 26TH SEPTEMBER

Blackburn (A) 4-6  
Blackburn (A) 0-1

#### 3RD OCTOBER

Crewe (H) 1-3  
Crewe (H) 1-2

#### 17TH OCTOBER

Charlton A. (H) 2-2  
Charlton A. (H) 1-3

#### 24TH OCTOBER

Crystal P. (A) P-P  
Crystal P. (A) 1-3

#### 31ST OCTOBER

Middlesbrough (H) P-P  
Chelsea (H) P-P

#### 7TH NOVEMBER

QPR (A) 2-4  
QPR (A) 3-1

#### 14TH NOVEMBER

Southampton (H) 3-0  
Southampton (H) 1-1

#### 21ST NOVEMBER

Wimbledon (A) 0-4  
Wimbledon (A) 2-2

#### 28TH NOVEMBER

Fulham (H) 3-0  
Fulham (H) 2-1

#### 12TH DECEMBER

Charlton A. (A) 2-2  
Charlton A. (A) 0-4

#### 19TH DECEMBER

Crystal Palace (A) 4-1  
Crystal Palace (A) 0-1

#### 1999

#### 16TH JANUARY

West Ham United (A)  
Chelsea (A)

#### 30TH JANUARY

QPR (H) QPR (H)  
13TH FEBRUARY

#### Southampton (A)

Southampton (A)  
20TH FEBRUARY

Wimbledon (H)  
Wimbledon (H)

#### 27TH FEBRUARY

Fulham (A)  
Fulham (A)

#### 6TH MARCH

Everton (H)  
Everton (H)

#### 20TH MARCH

Manchester United (A)  
Manchester United (A)

#### 27TH MARCH

Coventry City (A)  
Coventry City (A)

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### U21 RESULTS

#### 5TH SEPTEMBER

West Bromwich  
Albion (H) 2-2

#### 9TH SEPTEMBER

Birmingham City (H)  
1-1

#### 23RD SEPTEMBER

Yeovil Town (A) 3-0  
28TH SEPTEMBER

Stoke City (A) 1-1  
7TH OCTOBER

Aston Villa (H) 2-1

#### 12TH OCTOBER

Yate Town (A) 6-0  
28TH OCTOBER

Leeds United (H) 1-1

#### 18TH NOVEMBER

Crewe A. (H) 4-2  
24th NOVEMBER

Leicester C (A) 3-0  
1ST DECEMBER

Leeds United (A) 1-1  
4TH DECEMBER

Liverpool (A) 6-0

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# CITY LIFE

With Brian Tinnion

**L**ife as a one-armed footballer is not something I can recommend after spending Christmas with a sling protecting my dislocated shoulder.

It is actually due to come off today and that will be a real moment of celebration because I have become pretty sick of the restrictions it imposes.

For one thing I can only train in the gym and then in a very limited way to maintain my leg muscles. The exercise bike, stepping machine and careful sit-ups are no substitute for getting out on the training ground with the lads.

Not being able to drive has been a real headache and I have to give a mention here to our

club doctor "Dr Das", who lives not far from me, for his lifts in and out of the ground each day.

Injured players get to know each other pretty well when sharing treatment sessions and my shoulder problem has put me in the company of Aaron Brown a lot since he damaged an ankle against Crystal Palace.

Aaron was naturally disappointed that his League debut lasted only 45 minutes and my advice to supporters is not to judge him on that short period.

He didn't see a lot of the ball early on and the extra adrenaline created by the occasion meant his touch was a bit off and he was having to launch himself into tackles like the one that resulted in his injury.

I know exactly how he felt because I can still clearly remember my own debut for Newcastle United against Everton at Goodison Park.

There were actually two debuts in that match as Tony Cottee was making his first appearance for Everton. It's fair to say his was the happier experience as he scored a hat-trick and we were hammered 4-1!

Aaron will be a lot stronger for the experience of having played against Palace and I'm sure he would have settled down to play more like his normal self had been fit to continue after half time.

Take it from me, he is a very talented young player and we shall be hearing a lot more of him.

Competition for places is going to be even more fierce by the time I am fit again, with Ivan Tistimetanu and Vilmos Sebok having signed for the club recently.

Both are awaiting work permits and as far as I am concerned they can't come through quick enough. Both players have impressed me in training and we want as strong a

squad as possible to battle for First Division survival.

Ivan strikes me as a man-marker, the sort of player you can use to do a job on a particularly dangerous opponent. Vilmos is powerful in the air, but also good enough on the ground to play in front of the back-four as well as in it.

Our new Hungarian defender doesn't speak English, which is obviously a problem - although it never stopped Colin Cramb and Scott Murray settling in at Ashton Gate!

Ivan speaks good English, as does Bo Andersen, who has also looked good in training. It's up to all the players to make the three of them feel as welcome as possible so we can all pull together in the difficult task ahead.

In the next column I'll bring you up to date with events at our Christmas party, held last week, which is usually guaranteed to provide a few talking points.

For now, let me wish all supporters a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year, which will hopefully see us become established as a real force in the First Division.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

with Paul Taylor

**O**ne of the aims of the Community Programme is to take the name of Bristol City into new areas and make people aware of the club and the work going on here.

With that in mind, we are looking for schools or clubs who would like us to visit them with one of our soccer schools, which offer fun and training for children under qualified staff in the holiday periods.

We are running half a dozen or so during the current Christmas break, but would like to extend this for the next half term and Easter holidays.

There is a financial incentive for any organisation who invites us to hold a soccer school at their facilities because some of the money paid by the children to take part will be passed on.

Simply contact the Community Department at Ashton Gate if you are interested and I shall arrange for someone to view your facilities. If they are suitable we will take over organising a soccer school and offer a concessionary rate for pupils at your school or members of your club.

Our courses have proved very popular everywhere we have taken them and, as I said, they help promote the name of Bristol City in the local community, which is very important to us.

## GIRLS' CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

There is more good news concerning our Girls' Centre of Excellence, which we set up recently and has featured in other issues of Red&White.

Having been visited by a Football Association representative, we have been highly commended for our standard of players, coaching and facilities.

As a result, we will be presented with a cheque for £15,000 by the FA on the pitch before the Friday night game with Queens Park Rangers and there is a promise of more money to come.

The extra cash will help us create feeder Centres of Excellence in areas around us, which already have strong

girls' teams, such as Bath, Cardiff and Taunton.

We shall work with the clubs in those areas to help the girls develop their skills and, hopefully, some will go on to attend our Academy Centre of Excellence.

## TOPS SPORTS SCHEME

Several members of staff attended a training day run by Bristol City Council recently to enable us to help with the Tops Sport Scheme in schools.

This is a council initiative aimed at ensuring sport plays a prominent role in the national curriculum.

We shall actually be sending staff into schools to work with teachers and pupils, as well as trying to foster closer relations between the schools and their local sports clubs.



## NEW TICKET INCENTIVE

The "Payback" scheme which I have referred to in recent columns is progressing well and promises to be a great success.

We now have seven groups ready to sell

tickets on our behalf for the home game with Queens Park Rangers on Friday February 5th and are looking for many more to get involved in other games.

Remember that under the scheme a school, club or other group organisation can earn valuable funds by selling match tickets on our behalf.

If you are interested in getting involved and would like more details please contact me at the Community Department.

## COACHING COURSES

Watch this space if you are a qualified soccer coach looking to progress or someone who is interested in gaining an initial qualification.

We are looking to run several courses in the New Year, starting with one to obtain a 'B' Licence (the old Intermediate Badge) at the Clifton College Training ground in January.

To take part in that course you must already hold the Coaching Certificate or its old counterpart the Preliminary Badge. If the latter is the case we can arrange a quick update course to change the Preliminary Badge into a Coaching Certificate.

More details in the Everton FA Cup magazine, but again don't hesitate to contact me if you are interested.



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# YOUNG REDS



By John and Claire Banks

**A** Christmas Holiday welcome to Ashton Gate for the local derby against Swindon Town. This is the chance to exact revenge for the defeat at the County Ground and the chance to face Everton with a run of four undefeated games at home, we will then hopefully gain the confidence to get the present we all asked for this Christmas, a respectable position in this division.

### FESTIVE FUN

This Match Magazine page provides us with a chance to say a great big thank you to Benny and the boys for attending the Young Reds Christmas

party on Sunday, December 13th.

The party itself was a great success and it would have been difficult to get many more of our young members into the sponsors lounge. The youngsters were already enjoying themselves when a large contingent of first-team players joined them to chat, sign autographs and pose for photographs. A special thank you to Scott Murray, who showed great bravery in managing to last out until the end of the party.

There was a mountainous buffet which made the tables groan but the Young Reds made sure that none of it went to waste.

### LAST CHANCE

Today is the last date for entering both the Young Reds Pool Tournament and Penalty King contest. Forms are available in the Clubroom. The next home League Match Magazine will contain the pairings for the Pool Tournament and the rules governing this tournament will be posted on the walls of the Pool Room. Shortly afterwards we will announce groupings for the first rounds of the Penalty King contest. Please remember this is your last chance to enter.

### TRIPS AN OTHER THINGS

The next coach trips are to Oxford (Jan 9th) and Huddersfield (Jan 30th). As has become the norm this season these trips are already heavily booked and enquiries for the few remaining places should be made to Claire in the Young Reds Clubroom or by phoning (01454) 883440. We would like to remind you all that the mascots for away matches are chosen from amongst those who travel on Young Reds coaches. A reminder that there are still some of you who have not claimed your Young Reds Membership packs. You can claim these in the Young Reds clubroom on a matchday on production of your membership card or season ticket book.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### DECEMBER

**16** Matthew Cornley 9, Kayleigh Vinnicombe 10, Wayne Hicks 11, Daniel Gear 12, James Vile 12, Michael Whittington 12, Brendan Laben 13, Jonathan Bowden 14, Ben Smith 15.  
**17** Christian Russ 5, Otis Webb 5, Terri Johns 10, Darren Smith 10, James Holbrow 11, Max Western 11, Nicholas Lowe 12, Daniel Moss 12, Tom West 12, Jason Loveridge 15, Jason Sweet 16.  
**18** Thomas Williams 3, Dziekanows Oyes Bolt 6, Samuel Bainton 8, A Abrahams 9, Samantha Holliday 10, Aranjeet Singh 10, Daniel Cook 11, Andrew Derrick 11, Martin Bowering 12, Daniel Stevens 12, James Skinner 13, Amy Waller 13, Samantha Meredith 16.  
**19** Jes Oliphant 3, Christie Wilkins 6, Aaron Jones 7, Holly Edwards 10, Paul Thomson 12, Martin Masters 13, Liam O'Regan 13, Anthony Dunn 14.  
**20** Samuel Matthews 2, Connor Marriot 4, Jacob Burge 7, Mark Tiley 11, Kim Cross 12, Lucas Awcock 13, Matthew Burke 13, Gabrielle James 14, Daniel James 14, Richard Wright 14, Andrew Bush 15, Tim Cox 16, Ricky Evans 16.  
**21** Ashley Watkins 13, Michael Cannella 4, Kathy Damsell 7, Joshua Sheppard 8, Joe Damsell 9, Richard Walker 12, Jonathan Lock 13, Andrew McGreeny 16.  
**22** Robert Fuller 10, Andrew Fryer 12, Andrew Poxon 14, Richard Corbiere 15, Benjamin Craddock 16.  
**23** Christopher Giles 10, Oliver

Sheppard 10, Christopher Hutchins 11, Robin Williams 11, Natasha Godfrey 12, Nicki Maynard 12, Yasmeen Siraj Allan 13, Brett Corbett 15, Jonathan Lambert 16, Craig Summerhayes 16.  
**24** Daniel Molyneux 10, Stephen Lyne 14, Bradley Matthews 15, Jamie Stuckey 15, Shane George 16.  
**25** Phillip Brant Simmons 2, Ben Singleton 9, Richard Russell 10, Laura Baker 12, Bradley Joseph 12, Laura Hayward 13, Ross Holbrook 16, Ben John 16.  
**27** Rebecca Webley 4, Joseph Pomphrey 7, Jack Brown 8, Lydia Gunning 10, Holly Amesbury 12, Lucy Burnell 12, Helen Toker 13, Terry Hucker 14, James Nicholls 14, 27 Kieran Warwick 8, David Thorne 9, James Carnew 10, David Thorne 10, Daniel Smith 11, Linda Tandy 12, Kevin Curtis 13, Chris Jones 14.  
**28** Mitchell Green 3, Lansdown 6, Jack Rutter 6, Thomas Kavanagh 8, George Smith 10, Luke Weston 10, Michael Maggs 11, Jay Sherwood 12, Nicky Jones 14, Sam Mundy 14.  
**29** Charlotte Allison 4, Rosie Allen 5, Jamin Allen 5, Christine Mackay 8, Lee Baginski 11, Chris Edwards 12, Joe Fry 12, Thabo Miller 15.  
**30** Aaron Horner 7, Phillip Horner 7, Joshua Weldon 9, Jordan Guest 10, Robert Hook 12, Dean Perry 12, James Lerway 13, Lee Redamn 13, Michael Henderson 14, Patrick Smith 14, Daniel Whiting 16.  
**31** Terri Sarkozi 6, Daniel Budd 11, Natasha Nunn 12, Owen Conway Hughes 15, Michael Palmer 15, Clare Winter 16.

## Mascot duty

### CHARLOTTE ROSS

**T**en-year-old Charlotte attends Henleaze Junior School. Her hobbies include horse riding, swimming and football. She is a season ticket holder and travels to most away games. Her favourite Bristol City players are Greg Goodridge and Louis Carey.



### BEN TRACE

**F**ifteen-year-old Ben attends Downend School and is one of the bright prospects of the BCFC Academy – he is already 6 feet tall! His favourite City player is Ade Akinibiyi and his hobbies are football, football and football!



### SWINDON'S MASCOT

#### RICHARD HUDSON

**E**leven-year-old Richard attends Cirencester Deer Park School. His favourite player is George Ndah and his hobbies are football (he plays for Stratton Youth under-12s), cricket and rugby.





# PRIVATE LIVES

with Rob Edwards

**H**ow does it feel to be City's longest serving player? Well, I'm certainly used to ups and downs. It's strange how things happen at the club now and I can relate them to incidents that occurred earlier in my career here. History has a habit of repeating itself in football and nothing surprises me any more.

**Who do you rate the best City players you have teamed up with?** In terms of pure ability the best has to be Andy Cole. But I learned most from Gary Shelton, who was approaching the end of his career when I played alongside him and knew a great deal about midfield play in particular.

**And which was the best team?** I'd go for last season's line up because we had a really strong spine, with Keith Welch in goal, Shaun Taylor in central defence and Shaun Goater up front. The amazing run of nine successive wins was brilliant and there was a great spirit in the side.

**Let's talk about your international career with Wales. It must have provided some great experiences.** I've visited just about every country in Europe as well as places like Malta, Tunisia and Cyprus so the travelling alone and the chance to play in so many different conditions has really opened my eyes to football in other parts of the world.

**Do you get much time for sightseeing?** Not usually. But when we went to Cyprus, the Under-21s played on the Tuesday night and had the following day free before the whole squad travelled back. Nathan Blake and I chartered a speedboat and had a great time. It was really hot, everything was paid for and we had won the night before!

**Any bad experiences abroad?** We played in Georgia when it was a war zone. At our hotel there was a sign inviting guests to hand in any guns they were carrying at reception. There was a security alert at the airport and we could hear gunfire from the hotel.

**How many Wales caps have you won?** In think it's 17 at under-21 level, which was

a record at the time, and I captained the team for a spell. I have four full caps, having made three appearances as a substitute and played one full game against Belgium.

**Who are the best internationals you have played with.** Ryan Giggs is different class. His performance against Belgium when I played was out of this world. Mark Hughes is another outstanding player, but I haven't felt out of place when training with Wales and don't believe there is that big a gap between a lot of Premiership players and those in the First Division.

**Coming back to your City career, how many managers have you served under?** The actual number is six, unless you add the two who made up the "Three Amigos" when Gary Shelton and Mark Aizlewood joined Russell Osman in running the side for a short spell before Denis Smith took charge. The six are Jimmy Lumsden, Denis Smith, Russell Osman, Joe Jordan, John Ward and Benny Lennartsson.

**Was there a breakthrough point in your time at Ashton Gate?** Yes, it came when Russell Osman became manager and I had my first really long run in the side during the 93/94 season when we knocked Liverpool out of the FA Cup and finished a comfortable mid-table in the First Division. We weren't a great side, but Russell had us well organised and difficult to beat.

**How do you relax away from football?** I like golf, although I haven't got a handicap. And Mark Shaill is trying to get me interested in National Hunt racing, having got me down to Wincanton the other day. I enjoyed it, but I'm not sure if I'm hooked yet.

**What about the future, Rob?** Well, my contract is up at the end of the season so I don't really know. I have no desire to leave the club, having just bought a house at Flax Bourton after years of living in digs and rented flats. But there has been nothing more than preliminary talks about a new contract so we'll have to wait and see.

MATCH TO REMEMBER

7.9.91

LEICESTER CITY 2 BRISTOL CITY 1

**M**y City debut came almost six months after I had arrived at Ashton Gate and with the team flying high in what is now the First Division.

We went into our sixth League game of the season in second place on the back of a 1-0 local derby win over Bristol Rovers in which Wayne Allison had netted the only goal.

Jimmy Lumsden had signed me from Carlisle United at the tender age of 18 the previous March, and put me in the reserves for the remainder of the 90/91 season while I settled in.

I was sub for three of the first five games in 91/92 without getting on. Then Andy Llewellyn picked up an injury in the derby and Andy May was switched from midfield to right-back for the trip to Leicester.

That created a vacancy alongside Gary Shelton, which I was called upon to fill. The crowd was more than 17,000 and, as usual, there was a terrific atmosphere at Filbert Street.

Nicky Morgan played alongside Big Wayne up front and he was to get our goal that night.

Sadly, it wasn't enough to prevent our first defeat of the season. We slipped to fifth place and it was the start of a slump, which saw us struggle through the winter and cost Jimmy his job the following February.

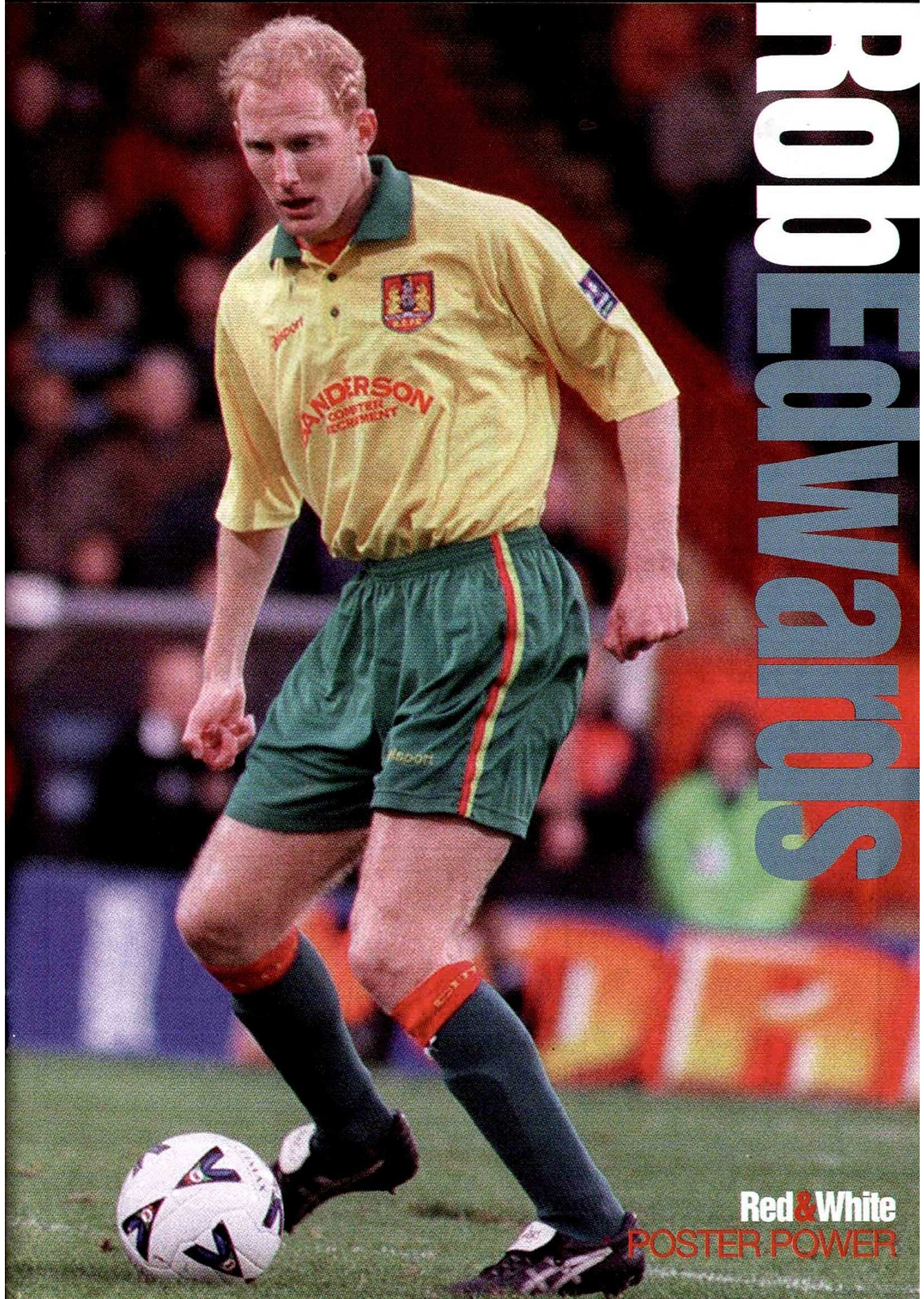
I rated him highly as a manager because he liked to play attractive football with wingers and pace. We had the likes of Junior, Dave Smith and Louie Donowa in the squad when I arrived.

It wasn't easy launching my City career in a team who ended up narrowly avoiding relegation, but there were no such worries on that night at Leicester.

I had played all my League games for Carlisle in the old Fourth Division so the crowd and atmosphere were totally new to me.

Gary Shelton helped me through and I did well enough to stay in the side for the next two games, which both ended in 2-2 draws, against Tranmere Rovers and Miltwall.

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# WAY OUT WEST

## The good old days?

**T**he other week I was 'channel surfing' and stopped off to watch *Bobby Charlton's Scrapbook*. This particular edition featured an interview with **RODNEY MARSH**, looking at the many highlights of his career.

The former QPR favourite had many a happy moment at Loftus Road, probably topped by his match-winning performance for the R's in the League Cup Final triumph at Wembley, where Marsh virtually won the game single-handed. The ball juggling genius then went on to join the equally idiosyncratic **MALCOLM ALLISON** at Manchester City, where contrary to his manager's belief that the forward was the last piece in the jigsaw of a prospective title-winning team, the Londoner freely admitted that his signing upset the balance of the side.

Marsh finished his career in England at Fulham where the West London side boasted two other 'greats' in the twilight of their careers - **BOBBY MOORE** and **GEORGE BEST**. The *'Scrapbook'* featured a Second Division classic against Hereford United from that era which brought back many memories and also showed how football and its players have changed over the years in so many ways.

There was interest for City fans in that game as Hereford at that time had two ex-Robin stalwarts in their line-up - **JOHN GALLEY** and **PETER SPIRING**. The former Yorkshire goal machine was unfamiliar on two counts: one, he was playing at centre-half and two, he looked like he'd strayed from the set of 'Zorro' as Galley sported a Zapata-style pencil thin moustache!!

Spiring had moved on after his disappointing spell at Liverpool but

was still full of his skilful bag of tricks.

The problem for the pair of them and the rest of the Hereford team, including a very young **KEVIN SHEEDY**, was that they were up against a Fulham side that was irresistible, inspired by two players - Marsh and Best - who were playing literally as if they were loving every minute of it. Even if Best wasn't anywhere near at his peak physically, you could see that he still had 'it' in his feet and in his head: great passes and crosses, razor sharp shooting and deadly finishing.

Marsh was even more 'up' for it, giving the defence the proverbial run around in spite of Galley trying to 'soften him up' with a more than 'robust challenge', and was so carried away by his enthusiasm that he actually 'tackled' Best on the halfway line to get the ball because he thought the Irishman was taking too long making up his mind who to pass to!!

The crowd were in hysterics, yet unbelievably, following the match the fuddy-duddies at the FA tried to haul up Marsh for bringing the game into disrepute!!

Marsh and Best's performances that day did anything but that! Over 19,000 people flocked into watch the Cottagers those days, with Moore and his two superstar team-mates seeing the benefits in their pay packets. Cleverly, the trio had linked their rewards to attendances and if they went above 4,000 they stood to gain with every thousand punters who would willingly handed over their cash to watch players of their calibre! With 15,000 extra on the gate it must have been some pay day!

Apart from the vintage champagne football on offer, which capsized the Galley-marshalled defence almost at will, you couldn't get over some of the elements on

show - the many 'mullet' hairstyles which I think were referred to then as 'feather' cuts; the sideburns; the shorter shorts, and the lousy defending that these days would have coaches apoplectic with rage and have them receiving their P45 before you could say hat-trick!

Some of the defenders had the physical proportions more like 'Fat Les', the creation of Fulham fan Keith Allen, rather than the sleeker physique of **LES ALLEN**.

One of the conclusions that is reached from seeing games like this is hearing pundits saying there are no 'characters' in football anymore. You have to say that the born entertainers from the 60's and 70's like Best, Marsh, **STAN BOWLES**, **ALAN HUDSON**, and **CHARLIE COOKE** were a product of their time, but I'm sure in twenty years time, players like **GIGGS**, **CANTONA**, **GINOLA**, **OWEN**, **GASGOIGNE**, **ZOLA**, **BERGKAMP** and, if he lives up to all the hype, West Ham's **JOE COLE**, will be remembered with more than fond memories, but more for what they did ON the pitch than what went on OFF it!

These days, players may have a more serious intent, mainly because of the great rewards that can be secured, both financially and competitively, but these players are also entertainers of their day where the public part with their hard earned cash in order to see them, either early on in their careers or in their pomp, so that those fans too will have memories to cherish.

A born entertainer - Stan Bowles



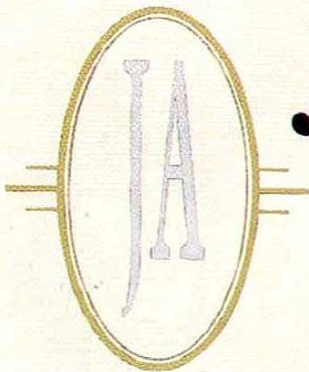
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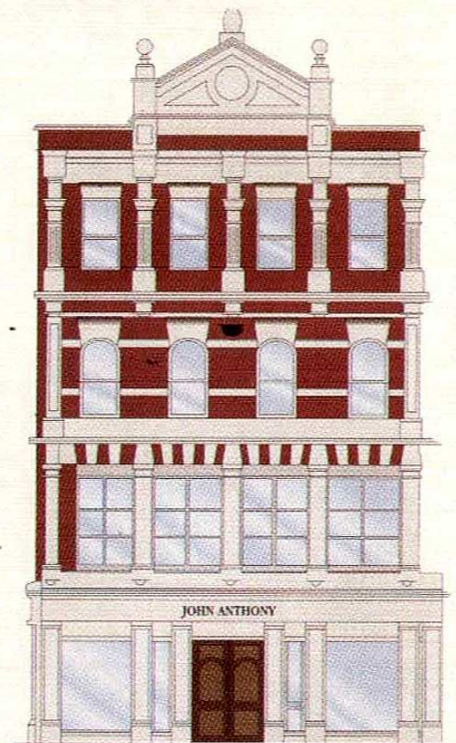
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A party of apprentices from British Energy's Hinckley Point Power Station, near Bridgwater enjoyed a hospitality day out in the Legends Café at Ashton Gate for the Sheffield United match on Saturday, 5th December.

They were each presented with their apprenticeship certificates by City Legends Jack Connor and Gordon Low.

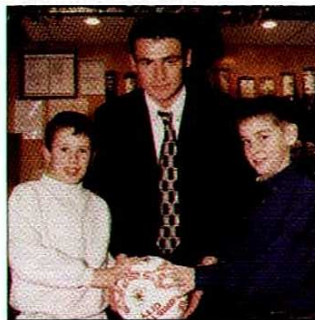
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Both organisations are regular sponsors here at Ashton Gate. We all thank you for your continued support.

### A GREAT DAY OUT

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If you would like to be part of a sponsorship day at Ashton Gate, telephone the Sales office on 0117 963 0600 for further details.



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On behalf of all at City 2000, I would like to thank all the members for their support this year.

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If you would like more information about City 2000, please call the City 2000 hotline on 0117 963 0656.

KATHRYN BRITTON

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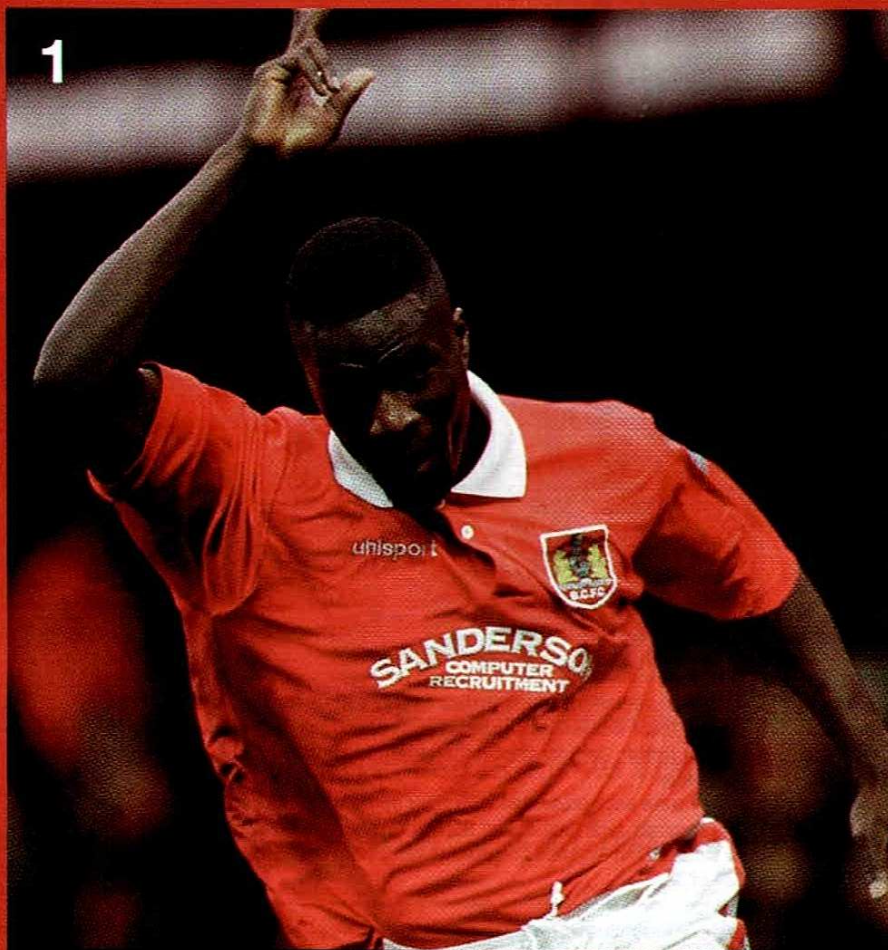


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# 1ST CRYSTAL PALACE AND NORWICH CITY



**1** Ade spins away after equalising Crystal Palace's opener with a precision header.

**2** Scott Murray (grounded) and Soren Andersen get the ball into the penalty box despite being outnumbered.

**3** The dugout becomes animated as Terry, Benny and Buster look on as the Palace goalmouth is threatened once again.

**4** Mickey Bell gets knocked off the ball by Palace's David Amsalam.

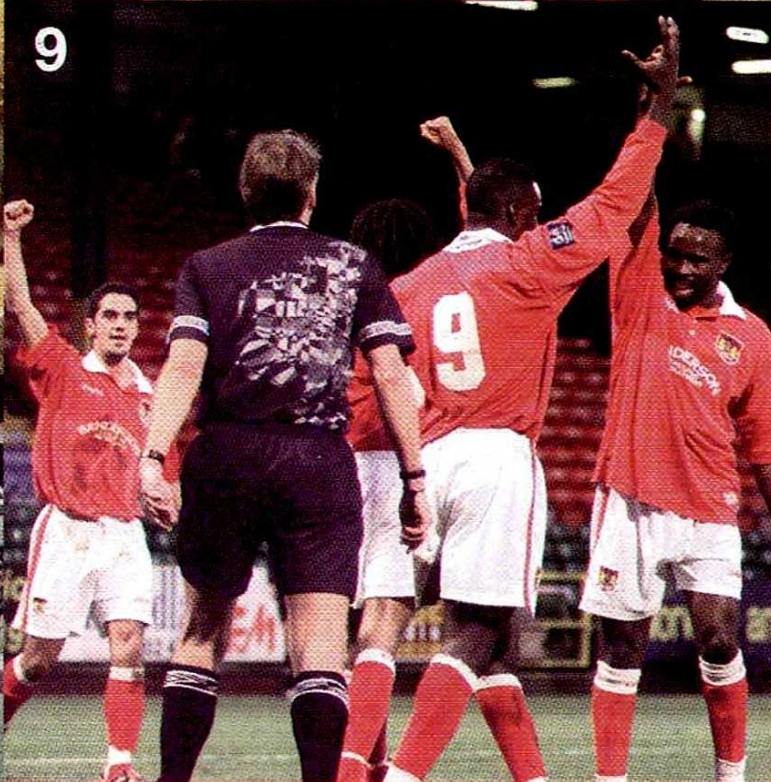
**5** Ade Akinbiyi gets in a shot which beats Norwich keeper Michael Watt to level the score at 1-1.

**6** The two Terry's - Venables and Fenwick - overlook their Palace side.

**7** Close marking seems to be the order of the day as first Mickey Bell gets friendly with Iwan Roberts . . .

**8** . . . and then Tony Thorpe gets similar attention from Norwich defender Che Wilson.

**9** High-fives all round after Ade notches City's goal at Carrow Road.



BY **Red&White's** RICHARD LATHAM

# CITY STALWART

## Dr Dasgupta

was absolutely bowled over," says Dr Dasgupta, talking about the Board's decision to make him surprise guest of honour at the last home game against Crystal Palace.

On the face of it his surprise was understandable. Club doctors are usually behind the scenes figures in professional football, doing valuable work without much recognition.

But this is no ordinary club doctor. Known to everyone as simply "The Doc", Dr "Das" has become one of City's great characters since starting to work for the club 18 years ago, while running a busy practice in Bedminster and Bishopsworth.

He has been a confidante of players, directors and staff during that period and could write a book about the ups and downs of a football club, based on inside knowledge he has gleaned from being a respected and trusted colleague.

But first and foremost "The Doc" is a supporter. He never misses a home game and has delighted in sharing the triumphs of his team, such as two Wembley finals and three promotion seasons under Terry Cooper, Joe Jordan

and John Ward.

He describes City as "my second wife", which is actually a compliment to real wife Kate, who was instrumental in giving herself a rival back in 1980, along with former City skipper Gerry Sweeney.

"I used to have a drink with Gerry at weekends because we had a mutual friend we socialised with," recalled Dr Dasgupta. "Gerry first suggested I might become club doctor, but I was very busy at the time running my practice single-handed, even though it covered two districts.

"City were negotiating to recruit a doctor and the chap they were going for unfortunately died. I discussed the opening with my wife and she said: 'Why not? You love football so go for it'. I told her she would regret it, but here I am."

It certainly wasn't the salary that attracted "Das" to Ashton Gate. City were already starting to feel the pinch of financial problems which almost put the club out of existence in 1982.

"The club didn't have much money and I used to help by getting a lot of samples from the

reps visiting my practice and using them in my work for City," he laughed.

"In the dark days of 1982 when City so nearly went out of business "The Doc" acted as a valuable go-between for directors and players, particularly in the rift which resulted from eight players being asked to tear up their contracts.

Knowing the feelings and problems of those on both sides made him an ideal figure to help communicate between them. "I just tried to get them together and as a result one of the directors did address the players, which was very important at the time," he said.

But it's the medical expertise and dedication to his job, which have earned Dr Dasgupta the respect of City colleagues and the right to feel part of any success the club achieves.

He is an immensely knowledgeable man, who demands high standards from everyone around him. While one of his maxims is "two brains are better than one", he takes ultimate responsibility for medical matters at Ashton Gate and insists on the final say.

He retired from general practice in 1995 and now spends more time than ever at the ground, with the extra responsibility of working for City's Academy of Excellence, launched in July.

Being guest of honour at the Palace game meant a lot, particularly as Dr Dasgupta was able to share the occasion with Kate, son Ranjit, daughter Lucy and grandchildren Edward and Harriett.

The occasion had been kept a secret so his surprise was natural. But it was a fully deserved accolade for one of the club's great off-the-field servants.



Dr 'Das' (second left, front row) with the City team that conquered Bolton Wanderers 3-0 in the 1986 Freight Rover Trophy at Wembley.





Dr S Dasgupta and his wife Kate in the Club's Boardroom as Guests of Honour for the match against Crystal Palace

## MY BIG GAME

24.5.86

**FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY  
FINAL, WEMBLEY  
BRISTOL CITY 3  
BOLTON WANDERERS 0**

**W**atch a video of the 1986 Freight Rover Trophy final and you will spot me dancing around the Wembley pitch with the players after the game.

I couldn't help it. There had to be some release for the emotion built up on such a memorable afternoon and when the final whistle signalled City's 3-0 win I couldn't contain myself.

The 90 minutes had been spent on the bench along with manager Terry Cooper, his assistant Clive Middlemass, physiotherapist Alex Lockhart and the players who were not involved.

What memories. Glyn Riley scoring the all-important first goal against Bolton and celebrating as he used to do by sitting down on the pitch with both arms in the air.

Terry Cooper barely able to stop himself bursting into tears afterwards at the success of a team he and Clive had built on such a low budget.

It was a big day for the club because the dreadful financial problems that became apparent in my early days here had been overcome.

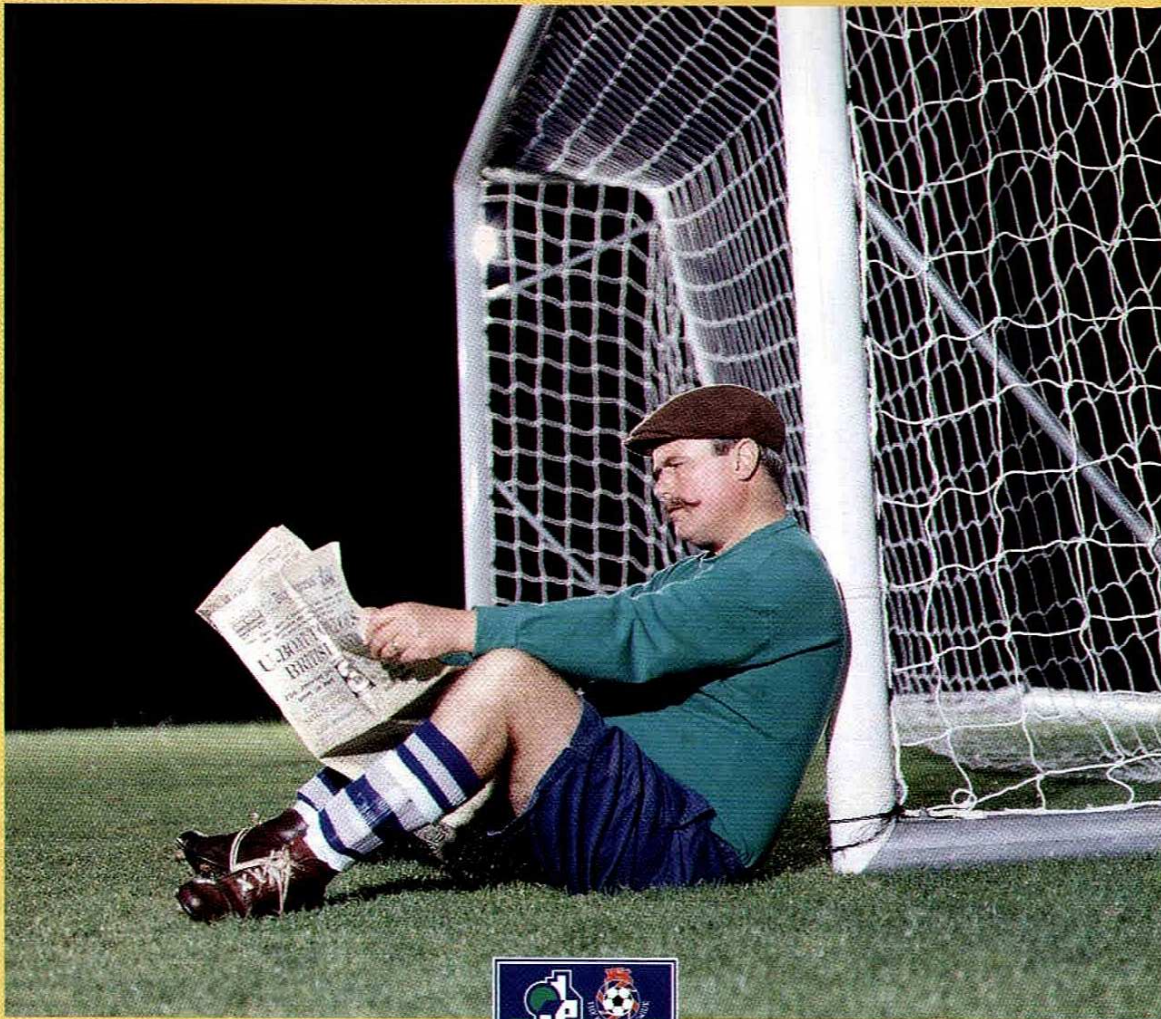
But more than that, it was a big day for Bristol. Winning the trophy at Wembley gave the whole city a lift and put smiles on a lot of faces.

As a supporter as well as club doctor, I wanted to share every moment of the jubilation on the pitch and in the dressing room afterwards.

I was so thrilled that it took me a long time to come back down to earth. I have always regarded it as a privilege to be the club's doctor and it was certainly that to be involved so closely in such a great triumph.

Now my ambition is to still be doing my job when the club reaches the Premiership. What a day that will be!

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# FEMALE PITCH

By Kathryn Britton

**W**ell, that's another one over and done with. This year really has been a game of two halves! In the general sense, football has had a very good year – just look at the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year Awards – Arsenal won the Team of the Year, and Michael Owen won Personality of the Year.

Mind you, British sport didn't really have the best year on record. Michael Owen attracted the attention of the world during the summer. The expectation of England's success in the World Cup was extremely high. There was a certain individual who doesn't sit a million miles away from me who made a bet that neither England nor Scotland would progress past the first stage of the competition. Unfortunately, this person refused to pay up after England's progression, much to the amusement of the rest of us.

The fiver bet was eventually claimed by nicking his change from the lunch time sandwich run. Until recently, the five pound note was framed in the Commercial office, but after a desperate act of sabotage, the fiver has vanished.

Due to the kick-off time for the England versus Tunisia game, we couldn't disappear off to the pub. Instead, I had to bring my TV into the office and balance the aerial precariously out of the window in order to achieve a picture. This produced the worst snow since the ill-fated Forest v Spurs match a few years ago,

and they didn't even have the decency to play with an orange ball!

These conditions did cause much hilarity though, the person who shouted 'offside' was greeted with bemused looks as at this particular moment the picture was awful. How could a player amongst a group of grey blurs with no edges be offside?

Arsenal's success last season made them deserved winners of the team of the year. I have a great photograph of myself with their three major trophies from last season. A cardboard cut out of Dennis Bergkamp looking particularly happy. Unfortunately, the photographer refused to let me achieve a life-long ambition (putting the lid on my head and pretending to quaff champagne from the trophy) and told me to leave the FA Cup alone. Perhaps there is a little hang up about booze around Highbury?

I have three favourite sporting moments from the

past year. The first took place on Good Friday. Along with other staff, I spent Easter helping the Monarchs set up in time for their now infamous match at Ashton Gate Stadium. We were all due at Harvey's for a reception with the Lord Mayor at 6.00pm.

In the brief moment I had at home, Ceefax kindly informed me that Bristol City had achieved promotion without kicking a ball. What was obviously planned as a sober evening ready for the busy Easter weekend of football – both British and American – was, well basically, it wasn't.

The next one came shortly after – the open top bus tour which certainly was fun.

It was a great feeling to be part of the celebrations at the Council House. Our Promotion Party later that day was also a bit of a giggle. As the players had received their medals (albeit the wrong ones) earlier on in the day, the evening saw a presentation of certificates to the staff and directors.

Sponsorship Manager Shaun Parker and myself acted as Richard and Judy (or rather Ken and Barbie) presenting well deserved awards to an assortment of individuals. I was thoughtfully presented with the 'You'll have my programme notes tomorrow award'.

The third and final highlight of the year was without a doubt my World Cup party for the England/Columbia game. This was a great night full of football, beer and dancing. My friend Stephen was armed with red and yellow cards – I was red-carded into the kitchen for five minutes for spilling beer on the carpet. The evening was enhanced by a footie anthems album provided by my friend Jane. We revelled in the post-match atmosphere, dancing the night away to such classics as 'Meat Pie, Sausage Roll – C'mon England gissa goal.'

Let's hope '99 gives us all something to shout about.

**Happy New Year!**



This is how some of the younger members of the playing staff celebrated our promotion at the Council House back in May.

# CONNECTIONS

With the County Ground less than an hour away, club-hopping between the Robins is common

Shaun Taylor



## PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Central defender Shaun Taylor has been 'Player of the Year' at both Swindon Town and Bristol City. Moving to the County Ground from Exeter City for £200,000 in July 1991, he featured prominently in Swindon's 1992/93 and 1995/96 promotion successes and scored 30 times in 212 League games before Joe Jordan paid £50,000 for him in September 1996. He was a key figure in last season's promotion triumph and his younger brother Craig plays for Swindon, together with ex-City loanees Brian Borrows and Kevin Watson.

## LEADING MARKSMAN

One-time Swindon Town striker Wayne Allison was leading marksman three times at Bristol City and voted 'Player of the Year' in 1993/94. Moving to Ashton Gate from Watford in exchange for Mark Gavin in August 1990, he netted 48

goals in 195 League outings for City prior to joining Swindon for £475,000 in July 1995. He was top scorer in their 1995/96 Second Division title triumph with 31 goals in 101 League games for today's visitors before being sold to Huddersfield Town for £800,000 in November 1997.

## WELSH INTERNATIONAL

Ex-Swindon Town winger Howard Pritchard was capped by Wales while at Bristol City. Signing professional at Ashton Gate in August 1976, he moved to Swindon in August 1981 and netted 11 goals in 65 League outings before rejoining City in August 1983. He was ever-present in the 1983/84 promotion campaign and scored in City's 1986 Freight Rover Trophy final success at Wembley, netting 24 goals in 157 League games overall prior to joining Gillingham for £22,500 in August 1986. Swindon's former loanee midfielder John Emanuel gained two Welsh caps at Bristol City.

## CUP HERO

One-time Bristol City midfielder Kenny Stroud was an influential figure as Swindon Town reached the League Cup semi-finals in 1979/80. Signing professional at the County Ground in March 1971, he scored 16 times in 311 League games for Swindon prior to joining Newport County in August 1982. He joined City in October 1983 and made a significant contribution to that season's promotion success, netting four goals in 69 League outings while at Ashton Gate. Former City left-back Brian Williams also starred in

Swindon's 1979/80 League Cup run.

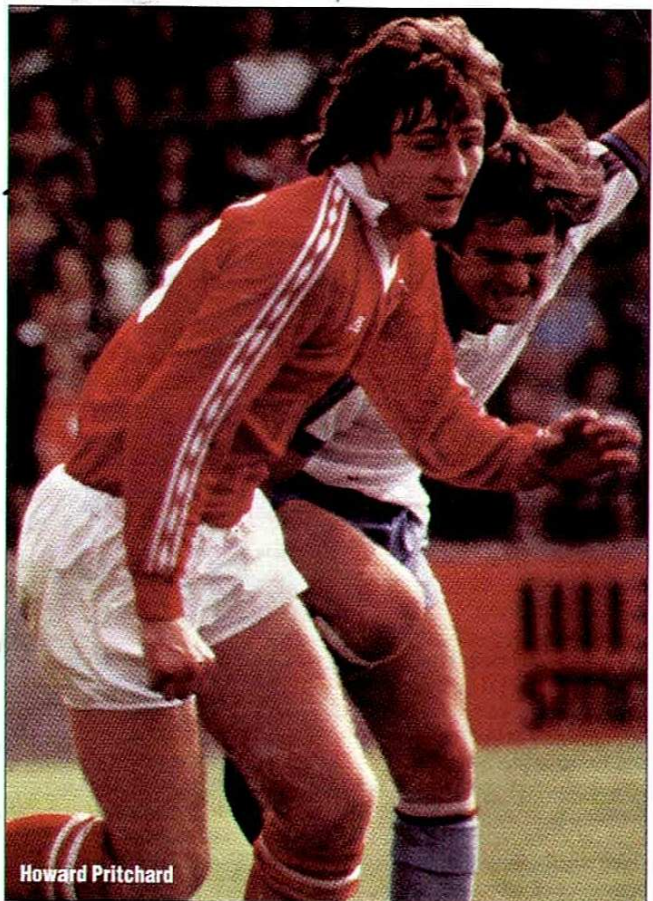
## ERNIE HUNT

Bristol City's former England under-23 striker Ernie Hunt was leading marksman in Swindon Town's 1962/63 promotion triumph. Real name Roger, he signed professional at the County Ground in March 1960 and scored 82 goals in 214 League outings for Swindon before being sold to Wolves for £40,000 in September 1965.

Alan Dicks paid £8,000 to Coventry City for him in December 1973 and he helped to beat Leeds United in that season's FA Cup fifth round replay, scoring twice in 12 Second Division games for Bristol City prior to joining Atherstone Town in November 1974.

## MANAGING BOTH CLUBS

Fred Ford managed Bristol City and Swindon Town during his career. He replaced Peter



Howard Pritchard

## League record v Swindon

Mark Walters' penalty plus goals by George Mdah and Iffy Onuora in the first eight minutes gave Swindon Town a 3-2 First Division win at home to Bristol City three months ago. The two sides drew a blank on Swindon's last League visit to Ashton Gate on 30th March 1996. City's last League victory at home to Swindon was 3-2 in November 1994 with goals by Junior Bent and Wayne Allison (2), while Swindon last triumphed here 4-0 in January 1991 with goals from Mickey Hazard, Steve White (2) and Duncan Shearer.

	P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	37	20	10	4	77	43
AWAY	38	11	11	16	46	54
TOTAL	75	31	24	20	123	97



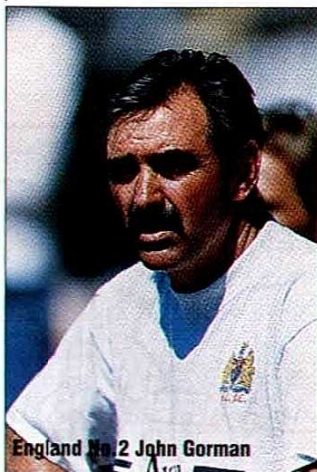
Doherty as City's manager in July 1960 and plotted the 1964/65 promotion success, discovering the likes of Chris Garland, Geoff Merrick and Trevor Tainton during his reign at Ashton Gate before being dismissed in September 1967. Following a spell as Swindon's coach, he became manager at the County Ground in October 1969 and remained in charge until the appointment of Dave Mackay as player-boss in May 1971. Former Swindon manager John Gorman assisted Joe Jordan at Ashton Gate.

### TITLE TRIUMPH

Bristol City's former loanee striker Colin Gordon starred in Swindon Town's 1985/86 Fourth Division title triumph. Moving to the County Ground from Oldbury United in October 1984, he scored 34 times in 72 Fourth Division games for Swindon prior to joining Wimbledon for £100,000 in July 1986. He joined City on loan from Reading in

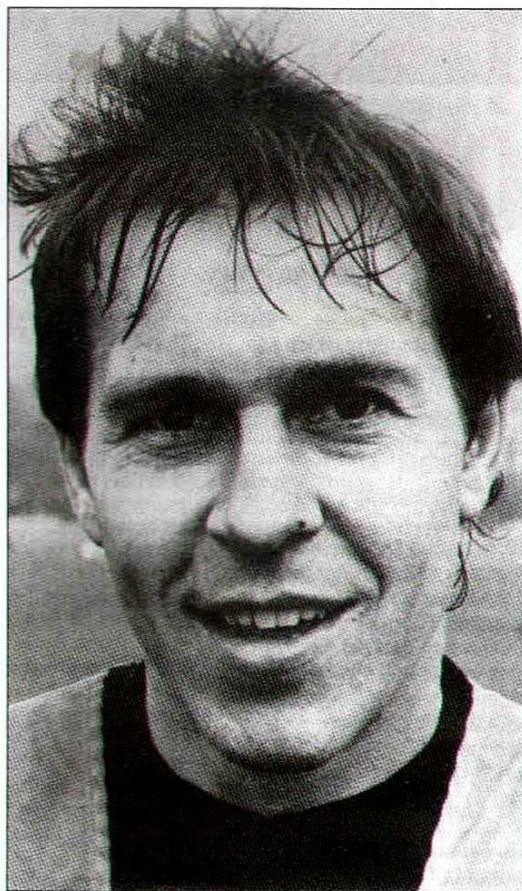
March 1988 and netted four goals in eight League outings while at Ashton Gate. Bristol City's former England U-21 midfielder Paul Allen starred in Swindon's 1995/96 Second Division title triumph.

**PROMO PLAY-OFFS** Bristol City's former loanee midfielder Fitzroy Simpson made a significant contribution as Swindon Town reached the Second Division play-off final at Wembley in 1989/90. Signing professional for Swindon in July 1988, he scored nine goals in 105 League outings for today's visitors before being sold to Manchester City for £500,000 in March 1992. He joined Bristol City on loan in September 1994 and made four League appearances while at Ashton Gate. The likes of Kevin Baddeley, David Down, Gary Emmanuel, Alex Ferguson, Mike Lyons and Andy Micklewright have also played for both clubs since the war.



England No 2 John Gorman

# DOWN THE DECADES



## Kenny Stroud

Experienced midfielder Kenny Stroud made a significant contribution to Bristol City's 1983/84 promotion success.

Signing on as a professional for Swindon Town in March 1971, he made his League debut at home to Queens Park Rangers six months later and was an influential figure as they reached the League Cup semi-finals in 1979/80.

He scored 16 times in 311 League outings for today's visitors before reuniting with Bobby Smith at Newport County on a free transfer in August 1982, starring in their 1982/83 promotion challenge.

Terry Cooper snapped him up on another free transfer in October 1983 and he netted four goals in 69 League games whilst at Ashton Gate before retiring in June 1985.

He briefly revived his playing career in the Southern League with Bath City and Newport AFC and now runs Kingsbridge House Hotel in Swindon.

### Kenny Stroud at BCFC 1983-85

	League	FAC	LC	Total
83/84	34 (3)	4		38 (3)
84/85	34+1 (1)	2		36+1 (1)
Total	68+1 (4)	6		74+1 (4)

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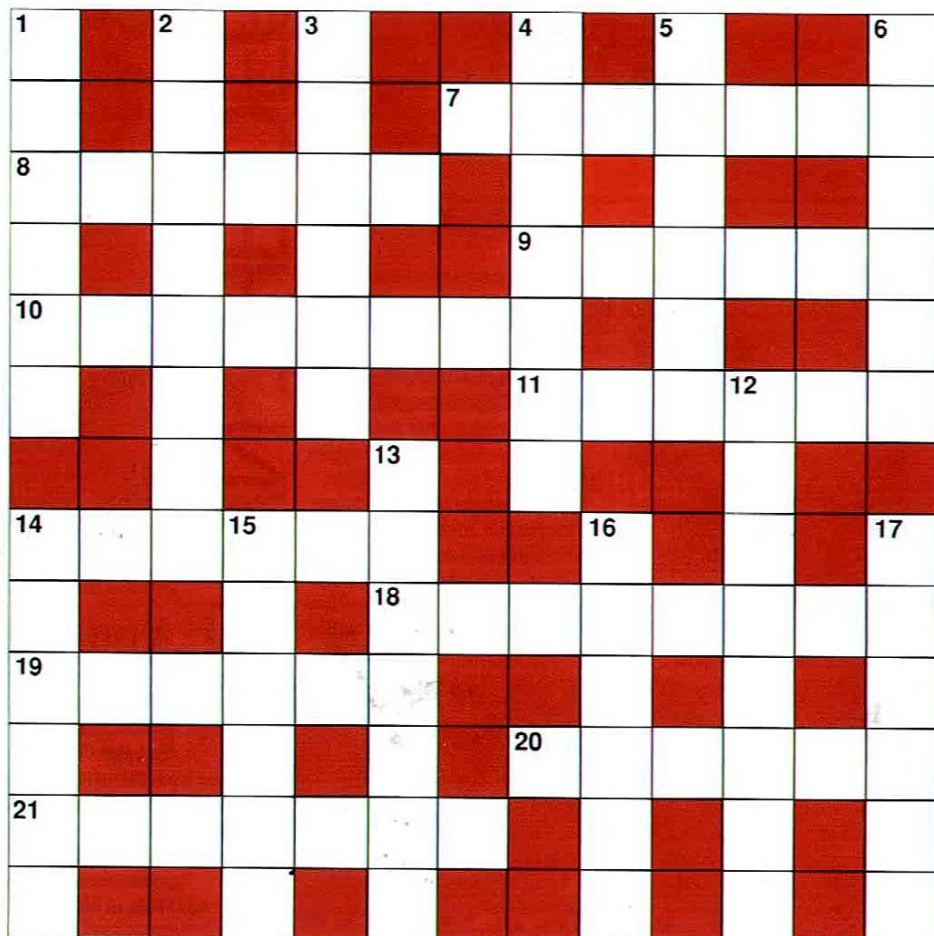
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**ACROSS**

- 7. African country which has the team known as "The Young Ones" (7)
- 8. Captain of the West German side in the 1966 World Cup Final (6)
- 9. Wigan Athletic's nickname (6)
- 10. Scored a Premiership record 5 goals for Manchester United against Ipswich Town in March 1995 (4,4)
- 11. Defunct Scottish League club who beat West Bromwich Albion 4-1 in 1888 to become unofficial World Club Champions (6)
- 14. Striker who won a World Cup winners medal with Brazil in 1970 (6)
- 18. Former "Gunner" who moved to Chelsea from Manchester City for £1.25 million in August 1994 (8)
- 19. Reading's nickname (6)
- 20. Belgium defender Newcastle purchased from Anderlecht in 1994 for £2.65 million (6)
- 21. Park, Stockport County's Ground (7)

**DOWN**

- 1. ——— Abbey, England's training camp prior to Wembley internationals (6)
- 2. Dutch goalkeeper, voted Scottish PFA Player of the Year in 1989 (8)
- 3. Country where you would be if you were watching a League match between Doxa and Xanthi (6)
- 4. Walsall's nickname (7)
- 5. Alan ———, member of Derby County's League



- Championship side of 1972 famous for wearing white boots (6)
- 6. Former Liverpool and Scotland central defender, now a TV pundit along with Gary Lineker on Match of The Day (6)
- 12. Nickname of the club which won the 1995 First Division

- play-off final at Wembley (8)
- 13. Youngest-ever player to feature in a First Division match (7)
- 14. Manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers between 1986-1994 (6)
- 16. QPR striker who silenced the Old Trafford crowd by

- scoring a hat-trick against "The Reds" on New Years Day in 1992 (6)
- 17. First British club to win the European Cup (6)


















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# BUSTER'S TREATMENT ROOM

With Buster Footman

**C**ompliments of the season to all City fans and let's hope 1999 is a great year for the club and supporters.

It's certainly going to be a busy one for me with my testimonial kicking-off in January and continuing throughout the 12 months.

We are starting to finalise some of the events and I am delighted to say that Dave Bassett has agreed to get the ball rolling by being guest speaker at my opening Sportsmans' Dinner.

This will be held at Ashton Gate on Thursday January 21st. The ticket price of £30 will include a three-course dinner and a comedian. We should have a great night to

launch the benefit year so if you are interested in attending please contact me through the club.

My second function is also arranged. It will be a race night in the Supporters Club on Saturday February 27th after our home game with Ipswich Town and promises to be another really enjoyable evening.

In April we shall be going to Clevedon Town for two benefit events and I am extremely grateful to Barry Bradshaw and all at that club for making their facilities available.

Firstly, we shall be having another Sportsmans' Dinner at the Hand Stadium with a guest speaker from the world of football, plus several celebrity guests and a

cabaret act.

That will be followed by the first of my benefit games, which I hope will involve a reunion of City's 1988 Littlewoods Cup squad to play against Clevedon Town.

The season of that cup success was my first at Ashton Gate and already a number of the players involved have said they will don their boots again for me. The game will be on a Sunday afternoon and form part of a family day out, which we hope will involve a ladies game and plenty of entertainment for the kids.

My main testimonial match will be at Ashton Gate in May. We are still finalising the opposition, but I am optimistic it will be a crack

Premiership side for what promises to be the highlight of my year.

Also in May there are plans to hold a big dinner-dance, which will be the main social function of the year. This is planned for a top Bristol hotel and we should be able to cater for upwards of 300 people.

The summer will feature a celebrity golf day at a local course and a luncheon at which my old friend Ruth Madoc, of Hi-di-Hi fame, has promised to come along and entertain us.

One of the highlights of the second half of the year will be a pub skittles competition, which I hope will involve City supports from all over Bristol and enable me to meet a lot of you over the course of several nights.

Thanks to those of you who sent in cartoons for the competition run in the programme recently. The standard was high and I'm hoping to use several in my testimonial brochure.

Please keep them coming. They can be sent to programme editor Steve Henderson or myself at Ashton Gate and I don't mind how flattering or otherwise they are.

No injury news today as this column had to be prepared in advance of the Boxing Day game and it would have been hard to keep you up to date.

At least, that's my excuse for filling the page with benefit news. I'll try not to let it happen too often!

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## "CUP CLASSICS" SEVERN FOCUS SPORTS £14.99

**W**ith our cup encounter against Everton less than a week away it was with great excitement that I placed my only decent Christmas present in the video player.

The action from ten games involving City during the nineties is stirring to say the least. From the wet and muddy encounter against Chelsea to that memorable night at Anfield, this video serves as a timely reminder of just how riveting the FA Cup can be.

The action begins with a fourth round tie against Chelsea from 1990. The boys from the Fulham Road were completely outplayed as City caused the major upset of the day. Not only that but it was achieved whilst being shown live in Scandinavia (note the advertising boards around the pitch.)

Fortunately the video spares us the pain of being beaten 5-1 at Cambridge in round five. Next we see the 1992 campaign when, after defeating Wimbledon (watch out for a classic Warren Barton own goal) City travelled to Leicester City. The next sixteen minutes are worth the price of the video alone.

"They can't control this man" and "He's not just from a different country but a different planet" are just two of the superlatives used by none other than John Motson to describe the performance by Jacki. I really had forgotten just how good he was, pure class and the ability to win a game single-handed.

The trilogy of games with Liverpool from 1994 again emphasises the passing of time. Away supporters standing at the open end getting extremely wet and then being told they will have to return ten days later

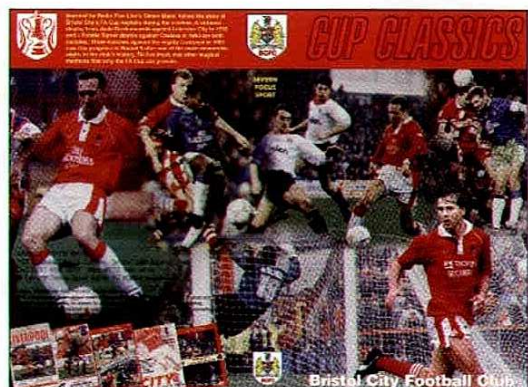
all because we had a dodgy bulb or two! In all honesty, City absolutely murdered Liverpool over the matches and if only Bent or Robinson could have finished we would never have enjoyed that fantastic night at Anfield (thanks lads).

A comfortable win against Stockport and a home game against Charlton in the 5th Round meant I began planning a trip to Broadmead for that cup final suit. Fatal, a draw and

a miserable performance at the Valley denied us a tie at Old Trafford. Still, there is always this season and after a second viewing of "Cup Classics."

I am convinced this will be our year. Well that is if we are able to field a side including Jacki, Taylor, Turner, Allison, Newman & Co. Bring on the Toffeemen.

**VERDICT:** Buy it and you will see that Jacki was indeed from another planet. **JAMES HARRINGTON**



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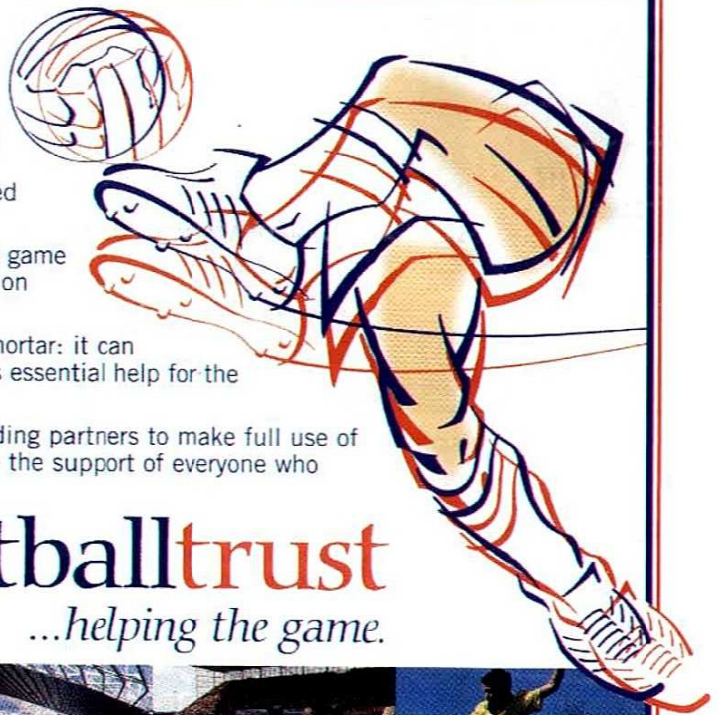
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# COMING SOON

## FA CUP THIRD ROUND EVERTON

Ashton Gate Stadium  
Saturday 2nd December, kick-off 3pm

## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE OXFORD UNITED

The Manor Ground  
Saturday 9th January, kick-off 3pm

## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE TRANMERE ROVERS

Ashton Gate Stadium  
Saturday 16th January, kick-off 3pm

**W**hat a way to start the New Year!! Even though the men from Merseyside haven't been having a good time of it in recent seasons, there's little doubt that they are still one of the 'big boys' and will be a major scalp to land.

In their last two visits to the Gate the Blues have gone away with two wins. The first was the FA Cup tie which followed our heroic win at their local Anfield rivals where a Matt Jackson goal, scored very much against the run of play, put the guys from Goodison into the next round. The second was in the pre-season friendly where the Toffeemen secured a surprisingly comfortable 3-0 win and looked as if they were set to mark in the forthcoming Premiership campaign. As football does all too often, first impressions flattered to deceive and they narrowly avoided the drop. We of course went on to get promoted!



Depending on your point of view, a key player will be absent from next month's encounter – the idol of the Everton faithful, Duncan Ferguson. Personally speaking, I thought his departure was no great loss, mainly because it has freed up the side from relying on the long ball to him and returned them to a passing game.

Manager Walter Smith must be hoping that speedy strikers Ibrahim Babayoko and Danny Cadamarteri can start finding the back of the net regularly, and failing that the long-haired Madar is no slouch in front of goal either.

Perennial underachievers that they are, the one thing Everton don't lack is quality in key positions. Keepers Myhre of Simonsen and defenders Billie and Unsworth present a formidable obstacle; Michael Ball is a classy wing-back, and midfielders John Collins and the much-improved Don Hutchinson can pass, create and tackle with the best of them. Make no mistake this will be the proverbial tricky tie, but one that we have more than a shot at winning.

By contrast the Manor Ground is not a venue at which I have ever seen us win! In fact it ties with Dean Court as a regular for inhospitable and/or bad weather, and set as it is in similar genteel suburban surroundings to the Bournemouth ground I've watched games to a backdrop of howling gales and driving rain, or trying to make out what's going on through near impenetrable fog! We do however visit the U's at a troubled time in their history, with key players like keeper Phil Whitehead and defender Simon Marsh already sold off to keep the creditors at bay, and prized asset mercurial winger Joey Beauchamp likely to follow if the 'right' move ever comes along.

Assuming they are still at the club, Beauchamp is the undoubted danger man, both as a creator and scorer, along with striker Dean Windass. With the Yellows likely to be relegation candidates if their squad is demanded further we have an ideal opportunity to put the Manor Ground 'curse' to rest.

Here's hoping!

## TICKET NEWS

### EVERTON Saturday, 2nd January 1999, kick-off 3pm

Ashton Gate Stadium  
This match is now on general sale

Ticket Prices for this match are as follows in all areas of the ground.

Adults £15  
OAP/Student £10  
Under 16 £8  
Unfortunately we will not be able to offer discounts to season ticket holders or members.

At time of going to press, ticket availability was limited, please book early to avoid disappointment.

### OXFORD UNITED Saturday, 9th January 1999, kick-off 3pm

Manor Ground  
City Fans have been allocated a limited number of stand seats as well as uncovered terracing for this match.

Prices are as follows:  
Seating – Adults £14;  
Under 16's/over 65's £9.50.

Terracing – Adults £11;  
Under 16's /over 65's £6.50.

At time of going to press, we are still awaiting delivery of these tickets. Please call the ticket hotline or watch local press for details.

### TRANMERE ROVERS Saturday, 16th January 1999, kick-off 3pm

Ashton Gate Stadium  
This match has been designated category C and tickets are now on general sale.

### HOW TO GET THERE

**OXFORD UNITED FC**  
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London. At Junction 15, leave the motorway and follow signs for Swindon East (A419). At the Commonhead roundabout, follow signs for Cirencester until the junction with A420/A4312 (White Hart roundabout), branch left and follow signs for Oxford A420. At the junction with the A34, follow signs for Ring Road – The North A34. At junction with A44 follow signs for Cheltenham A44 until Wolvercote roundabout, then follow signs for Ring Road, London A40. At Headington roundabout, follow signs for City Centre A420. At Headington, travel straight through traffic lights and after 0.3 mile turn right into Sandfield Road. After 0.1 mile turn right into Beech Road. The Manor Ground is half a mile away.

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# GLOBAL SOCCER

By Tony Matthews

**EURO2000** With the next series of matches in the qualifying rounds for the 2000 European Championship not due to be played until 27th March 1999, several countries are already preparing to claim their places in this prestigious tournament.

## SCORES AT PRESENT

This is how the top of each group looks at the minute...

**GROUP 1:** Italy and Wales have nine points each, but the Italians have a game in hand.

**GROUP 2:** Latvia with a game in hand have six points, with Greece in second spot on five.

**GROUP 3:** Finland and Turkey are joint leaders with six points a piece, ahead of Northern Ireland (4) with Germany lying in fourth place.

**GROUP 4:** Ukraine, with three wins out of three, lead with nine points from France who have seven. Russia are struggling right now.

**GROUP 5:** The joint leaders, Poland and Sweden, each have six points (from two games). England have managed just four points (one win and a draw) from their three starts – and it's Poland next for Hoddle's men!

**GROUP 6:** Austria (with 7 points) lead from Cyprus (6) with Spain in trouble on three.

**GROUP 7:** Romania (7 points) lead from managerless Slovakia and improving Portugal (6 each). All three countries have played three games.

**GROUP 8:** A tight group this with three countries: the Republic of Ireland, Macedonia and Croatia all locked together on 6 points each (from three games).

**GROUP 9:** The Czech Republic with a 100 per cent record (three wins from three starts) lead Scotland by two points (9-7).

● The top two from each group qualify for certain, joining Holland and Belgium the two

host nations. Then the four best runners-up make up the 24 qualifiers.

## AROUND THE GLOBE

● Washington D.C. United's Bolivian midfielder Marco Etchverry has been voted 'Most Valuable Player' for 1998 in the M.L.S.

● Former German World Cup star Felix Magath has taken over as coach of Werder Bremen, replacing Wolfgang Sidka who was sacked.

● The eccentric Columbian goalkeeper Rene Higuita (he who performed that famous back-kick clearance at Wembley) has been arrested by police for possessing a firearm in Medellin.

● AC Milan and Real Madrid are talking over a possible transfer of the French international striker Ibrahim Ba from the Italian club.

● Jozef Jankech, a former player, has quit as Slovakia's national coach...this after he had watched his team lose 3-0 to Portugal in a Euro 2000 qualifying match.

● The draw has been made for the 1999 Asian Cup and there will be some very interesting contests with Iran in the same group as Syria and Bahrain. The United Arab Emirates are paired with India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Qatar take on Jordan, Pakistan and Palestine, Kuwait meet Yemen and Nepal, South Korea oppose Laos and Mongolia, Indonesia encounter Hong Kong and Cambodia, Thailand are linked with Malaysia and North Korea. China battle it out with Vietnam, Guam and the Phillipines, and Japan meet Singapore and Macau.

# COLLECTING FOOTBALL PROGRAMMES

## WHAT TO COLLECT – GENERAL PROGRAMMES

Part 14 of a series by the Editor of "Programme Monthly" magazine

Aside from issues of their favourite club, many collectors build up a fairly general collection of interesting and unusual programmes from other clubs. An interest in football in general is well served by a "one per club per season" collection, in which the collector obtains a programme from every League club each season, either building up from current seasons, or collecting one per club per season back to a specific year (say 80/1, 70/1, or 60/1 season).

This is comparatively easy to accumulate, with very few instances of "difficult" seasons for specific clubs, and it can be put together from various sources - club shop, exchanges, programme fairs, as well as dealers' catalogues. The changes in club fortunes and programme standards over the years make this a particularly fascinating collection. Should a club fall on hard times (such as Newport County, Maidstone United or Aldershot) then a collection of this nature provides a good spread of issues of that club without the need to anticipate any difficulties which may befall them and specialise in collecting their programmes. One-off competitions, play-off matches, floodlight openings, friendlies, testimonials, ground openings, record scores, milestone matches for individual players – any match of note in a football historical context will provide a programme

worthy of a place in any good general collection. The introduction of the Conference at the top of the non-league "pyramid" has produced another source of programmes, with the "Fifth Division" producing programmes of a very high standard.

For many years there was a brisk trade in pre-league programmes of clubs which gained election to the Football League (and by the same token, League programmes from the likes of Bradford Park Avenue, Workington, Southport, Barrow, Gateshead and others were also collectable) and this has now been extended by the automatic promotion and relegation place between the Conference and the Third Division. The simple rule of putting together a good general collection is to keep an eye open for unusual programme issues, and attempt to obtain a programme from every football match and occasion of note. There is certainly no better way of marking such an occasion than by obtaining the appropriate match programme.

● "Programme Monthly" contains at least 100 pages each month on all aspects of programme collecting. The current edition is available priced £2 (inclusive of postage) from 46 Milton Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY1 1 TL; or an introductory copy of a previous edition can be obtained by sending a 1st class stamp to that address.

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## Fixtures, results, goals and appearances

Date	Opponents	Result	Pos	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
AUG.	Sat 8 OXFORD UNITED	2-2	-	13,729	Welch	Locke	Bell	Hewlett	Watts	Dyche (c)	Goodridge	Hutchings	Akinbiyi
	Tue 11 SHREWSBURY (WC R1 L1)	4-0	-	3,585	Welch	Locke	Bell	Hewlett	Watts	Carey	Goodridge	Hutchings	Akinbiyi
	Sat 15 Queens Park Rangers	1-1	13th	13,337	Welch	Locke	Bell	Hewlett	Watts	Carey	Goodridge	Doherty	Akinbiyi
	Tue 18 Shrewsbury T. (WC R1 L2)	3-4	-	1,011	Welch	Locke	Brennan	Hewlett	Dyche (c)	Carey	Murray	Doherty	Akinbiyi
	Sat 22 WATFORD	1-4	17th	13,063	Welch	Locke	Bell	Hewlett	Watts	Carey	Goodridge	Hutchings	Akinbiyi
	Sat 29 Tranmere Rovers	1-1	16th	5,960	Welch	Locke	Bell	Hewlett	Watts	Carey	Edwards	Hutchings	Akinbiyi
	Mon 31 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	1-2	19th	11,801	Welch	Locke	Bell	Hewlett	Watts	Carey	Goodridge	Edwards	Akinbiyi
SEPT.	Sat 5 Swindon Town	2-3	20th	8,537	Welch	Locke	Bell	Doherty	Watts	Dyche (c)	Murray	Edwards	Akinbiyi
	Tue 8 Sunderland	1-1	20th	34,111	Welch	Locke	Bell	Doherty	Watts	Dyche (c)	Murray	Hewlett	Akinbiyi
	Sun 13 WEST BROM (KO 1pm)	1-3	22nd	13,761	Welch	Locke	Bell	Doherty	Carey	Dyche (c)	Murray	Hewlett	Akinbiyi
	Wed 16 CREWE ALEXANDRA (WC R2 L1)	1-1	-	3,082	Welch	Locke	Bell	Hutchings	Watts	Carey	Goodridge	Brennan	Akinbiyi
	Sat 19 Ipswich Town	1-3	22nd	13,657	Welch	Locke	Bell	Zwijenberg	Watts	Carey	Brennan	Hutchings	Akinbiyi
	Tues 22 Crewe Alexandra (WC R2 L2)	0-2	-	3,089	Welch	Murray	Bell	Zwijenberg	Watts	Edwards	Goodridge	Doherty	Akinbiyi
	Sat 26 CREWE ALEXANDRA	5-2	24th	9,810	Welch	Murray	Bell	Doherty	Watts	Carey	Goodridge	Edwards	Akinbiyi
	Tue 29 BARNSELY	1-1	22nd	12,005	Welch	Murray	Bell	Doherty	Watts	Carey	Goodridge	Hutchings	Akinbiyi
OCT.	Sat 3 Bury	1-0	19th	4,794	Welch	Murray	Bell	Doherty	Watts	Carey	Goodridge	Hutchings	Akinbiyi
	Sat 10 PORTSMOUTH (KO 12 noon)	2-2	18th	13,056	Welch	Murray	Bell	Doherty	Watts	Carey	Goodridge	Hutchings	Akinbiyi
	Sat 17 Port Vale	2-3	20th	6,691	Welch	Murray	Bell	Doherty	Watts	Carey	Goodridge	Edwards	Akinbiyi
	Tue 20 Grimsby Town	1-2	22nd	5,082	Welch	Murray	Bell	Doherty	Watts	Carey	Goodridge	Edwards (c)	Akinbiyi
	Fri 23 BOLTON WANDERERS	2-1	18th	12,026	Welch	Murray	Bell	Hutchings	Watts	Carey	Goodridge	Edwards	Akinbiyi
	Sat 31 Bradford City	0-5	21st	14,468	Welch	Murray	Bell	Hutchings	Watts	Carey	Goodridge	Edwards	Akinbiyi
NOV.	Sat 7 WOLVERHAMPTON W.	1-6	21st	15,432	Welch	Murray	Bell	Hutchings	Shail	Carey	Goodridge	Thorpe	Akinbiyi
	Sat 14 Crystal Palace	1-2	23rd	17,821	Welch	Murray	Bell	Hutchings	Shail (c)	Carey	Edwards	Thorpe	Akinbiyi
	Sat 21 STOCKPORT COUNTY	1-1	23rd	11,032	Welch	Murray	Bell	Hutchings	Shail (c)	Carey	Edwards	Thorpe	Akinbiyi
	Sat 28 Birmingham City	2-4	23rd	17,577	Welch	Murray	Bell	Hutchings	Shail (c)	Carey	Edwards	Thorpe	Akinbiyi
DEC.	Sat 5 SHEFFIELD UNITED	2-0	23rd	11,134	Phillips	Brennan	Bell	Hutchings	Shail (c)	Carey	Edwards	Thorpe	Akinbiyi
	Sat 12 CRYSTAL PALACE	1-1	23rd	13,014	Phillips	Brennan	Bell	Murray	Shail (c)	Carey	Edwards	Thorpe	Akinbiyi
	Sat 19 Norwich City	1-2	23rd	17,022	Phillips	Brennan	Bell	Hutchings	Shail (c)	Carey	Edwards R	Thorpe	Akinbiyi
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	Mon 28 SWINDON T. (KO 12 noon)												
JAN.	Sat 2 EVERTON (FA Cup 3rd round)												
	Sat 9 Oxford United												
	Sat 16 TRANMERE ROVERS												
	Sat 23 (FA Cup R4)												
	Sat 30 Huddersfield Town												
FEB.	Fri 5 QUEENS PARK RANGERS												
	Sat 13 SUNDERLAND (FA Cup R5)												
	Sat 20 West Bromwich Albion												
	Sat 27 IPSWICH TOWN												
MAR.	Tue 2 Crewe Alexandra												
	Sat 6 Barnsley (FA Cup R6)												
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	Sat 13 Wolverhampton W.												
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	Sat 27 Bolton Wanderers												
APR.	Sat 3 PORT VALE												
	Mon 5 Portsmouth												
	Sat 10 GRIMSBY T. (FA Cup Semi)												
	Sat 17 Stockport County												
	Sat 24 BIRMINGHAM CITY												
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Andersen	Brennan	Dyche	Brown	Goodridge		
Andersen	Brennan	Goodridge (8)	Tinnion (11)	Locke		
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Andersen	Tinnion	Murray (7)	Doherty (10)	Langan		
Andersen	Brown	Hutchings	Doherty (11)	Goodridge (9)		
Murray	Goodridge	Andersen (7)	Torpey (11)	Edwards C		

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## Who's played for The Robins this season...

Player	Pos	Lge Apps	Lge Gls	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
Ade Akinbiyi	F	24	9	24	60	1205	Gillingham	
Mickey Bell	D	24	5	27	58	1004	Wycombe	
Louis Carey	M	22(1)		21	510	1110		Scot U21
Keith Welch	G	21		30	62	1205	Rochdale	
Brian Tinnion	M	18(2)		30	511	1105	Bradford	
Soren Andersen	F	17(5)	8	28	511	1206	Aalborg	Denmark
Scott Murray	M	17(2)	3	24	59	1100	Villa	
Julian Watts	D	16(1)	1	27	62	1307	Leicester	
Carl Hutchings	M	15(3)	2	24	511	1100	Brentford	
Greg Goodridge	F	14(6)	2	27	56	1000	QPR	Barbados
Robert Edwards	D	14(3)		25	60	1101	Carlisle	Wales
Tom Doherty	M	10(4)	1	19	58	913		
Adam Locke	D	9		28	60	1207	Colchester	
Tony Thorpe	F	8(6)	2	24	59	1203	Fulham	
Jim Brennan	D	8		21	59	1106		
Mark Shail	D	7(2)		32	61	1303	Yeovil	
Matthew Hewlett	M	7(1)	1	22	62	1011		Eng Yth
Colin Cramb	F	4(5)		24	60	1109	Doncaster	
Sean Dyche	D	4(2)		27	60	1307	Chesterfield	
Steve Phillips	G	3		20	61	1110		
Clemens Zwiijnenberg	D	1(2)		27	61	1203	Aalborg	
Aaron Brown	F	1		18				Eng Sch
Steve Torpey	F	(2)		28	63	1303	Swansea	

## .. and who's turned out for the other Robins

Player	Pos	Lge Apps	Lge Gls	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
Brian Borrows	D	23		37	510	1112	Coventry	Eng B
Frank Talia	G	23		26	61	1306	Blackburn	
Mark Walters	M	22(1)	8	34	59	1105	Southampton	England
Gareth Hall	D	21	1	29	58	1200	Sunderland	Wales
Iffy Onuora	F	20(2)	14	31	60	1301	Gillingham	
Ty Gooden	M	20	1	26	58	1206	Wycombe	
George Ndah	F	19(1)	6	23	61	1104	Palace	
Mark Robinson	D	16(1)		30	59	1204	Newcastle	
Darren Bullock	M	15(5)	1	29	59	1304	Huddersfield	
Alan Reeves	D	15		29	60	1200	Wimbledon	
Sol Davis	D	13(4)		19	57	1100		
Scott Leitch	M	13(1)		29	510	1200	Hearts	
Adam Willis	D	11		22	61	1202	Coventry	
David Kerslake	D	7		32	59	1204	Ipswich	Eng U21
Kevin Watson	M	6(4)		24	59	1208	Tottenham	
Robin Hulbert	M	4(5)		18				Eng Yth
Chris Hay	F	4(4)	1	24	60	1205	Celtic	
Neale Fenn	F	4		21	510	1208	on loan from Tottenham	
Phillipe Cuervo	M	2(4)		29	511	1103	St Etienne	
Craig Taylor	D	2(3)		24	61	1203	Exeter	
Steve Cowe	F	2(2)		24	57	1002	Villa	
Stephen Howe	M	1(3)		25	57	1006	Forest	
Jimmy Glass	G	1		25	61	1304	Bournemouth	
Sam Campagna	D	(1)		18	60	1200	Kidderminster	

## When Swindon have scored goals... and conceded them



### SWINDONS' CAUTIONS

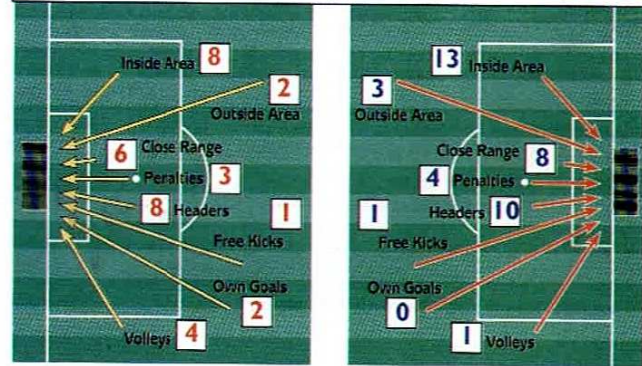
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Borrows ...3		
Hulbert ...3		
Leitch ...3		
Robinson...3		
Hall .....2		
Kerslake ..2		

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### CITY'S SINNERS

Goodridge 4	Shail .....2	none
Akinbiyi ...3	Thorpe ...2	
Edwards...3	Brown .....1	
Tinnion...3	Carey .....1	
Watts.....3	Welch .....1	
Andersen .2	Zwiijnenberg 1	
Bell .....2		
Cramb.....2		
Doherty ...2		
Hutchings 2		
Murray ...2		

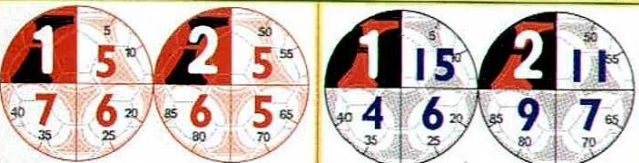
## How Swindon have scored goals... and conceded them



## League Positions throughout this season



## When Bristol City have scored goals... and conceded them



# Robins v Swindon

FORM GUIDE	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Sequence
Bristol City	1	2	3	8	10	5	LDWLDL
Swindon Town	2	1	3	7	10	7	WLDLWL

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## How The Robins have scored goals... and conceded them





# BRISTOL CITY

Red shirts, white shorts and red socks  
Director of Coaching: Benny Lennartsson



# SWINDON TOWN

Blue and black striped shirts, blue shorts and socks  
Manager: Jimmy Quinn

Steve Phillips	1	Frank Talia
Jim Brennan	2	Mark Robinson
Mickey Bell	3	Gareth Hall
Carl Hutchings	4	Scott Leitch
Mark Shail	5	Craig Taylor
Louis Carey	6	Robin Hulbert
Scott Murray	7	Bobby Howe
Tony Thorpe	8	Chris Hay
Ade Akinbiyi	9	Ifem Onuora
Steve Torpey	10	George Ndah
Greg Goodridge	11	Sol Davis
Soren Andersen	12	Mark Walters
Tommy Doherty	13	Darren Bullock
Christian Edwards	14	Kevin Watson

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**Assistants:** Mr D.S. Branner (W-s-M),  
Mr E.A.C. Martin (Williton)  
**Fourth Official:** Mr A. Sainsbury (Devizes)

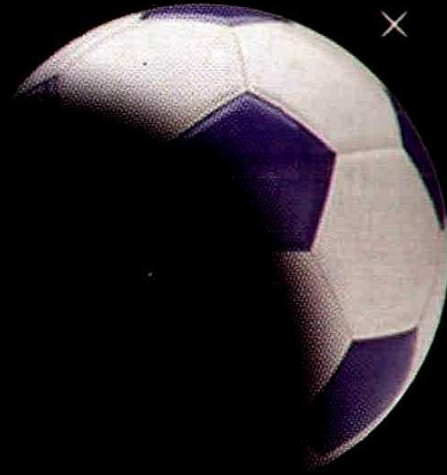
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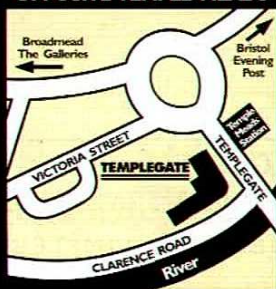
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