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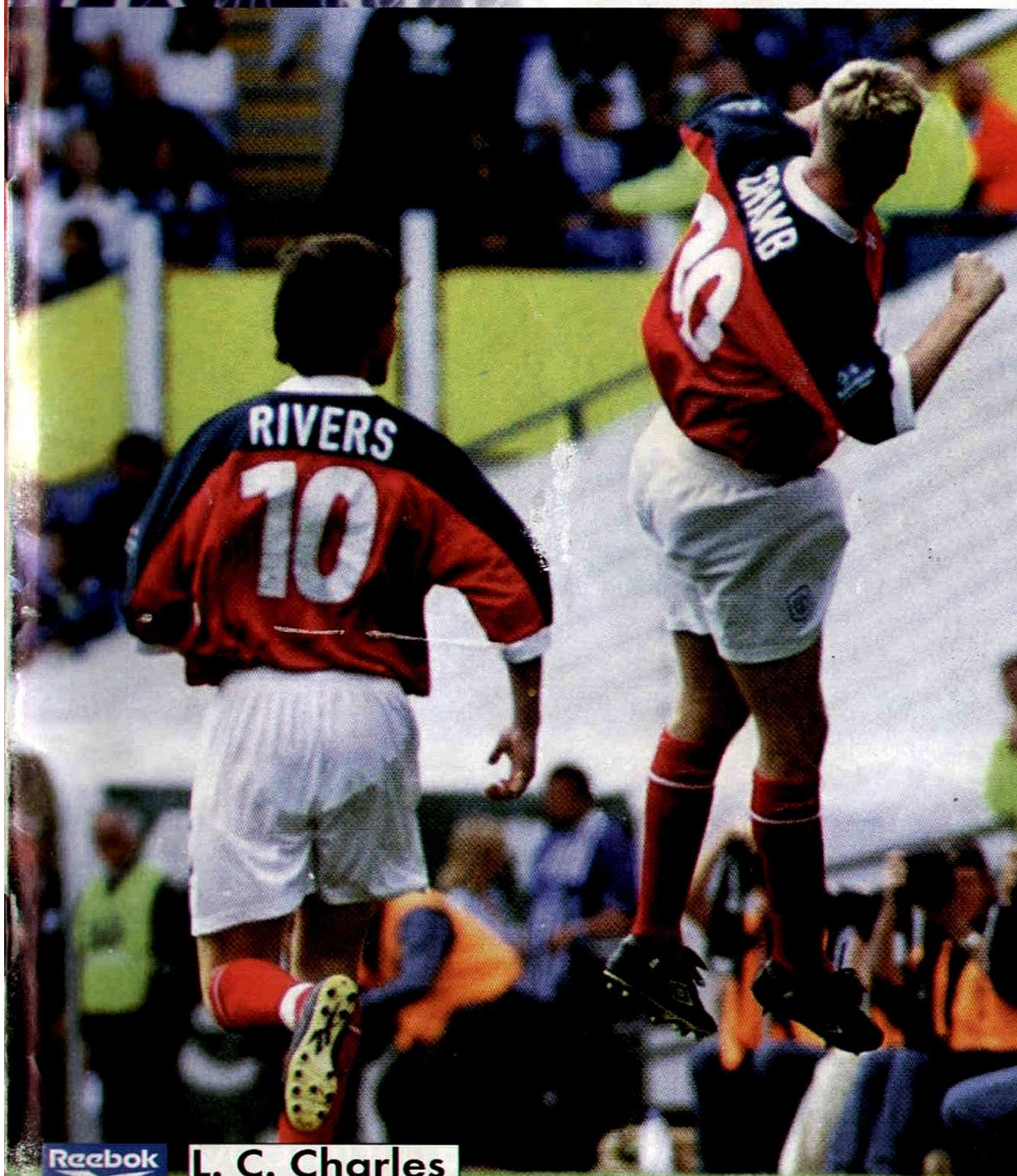
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Dario Writes

The first home Saturday game

I don't think we have yet played the kind of football which should grace our new stadium. However, as we see improvements to the refurbishing under the new stand every time we come here, so I hope we will also see small but steady improvement to the quality of our play. There were certainly encouraging signs on Tuesday against Ipswich.

Jermaine Wright, Danny Murphy, Seth Johnson, Dave Walton and Rodney Jack are all missing from the team which did so well at the end of the last season, so I do not expect our play to be quite the same. That should not particularly

affect our defending though, and that is still something we have to work on. I thought that Steve Macauley and David Wright both had excellent games against Ipswich. I am trying to play with a 4-2-4 system with one of our wingers (Kenny Lunt) pulled into midfield a bit. The advantage of 4-2-4 is that we play with two central attackers and have more goal threat especially for home matches. That does seem to be the case, though I might wish to re-think the Kenny Lunt role.

Rodney Jack doesn't seem to be able to get going this season for one reason or another, and

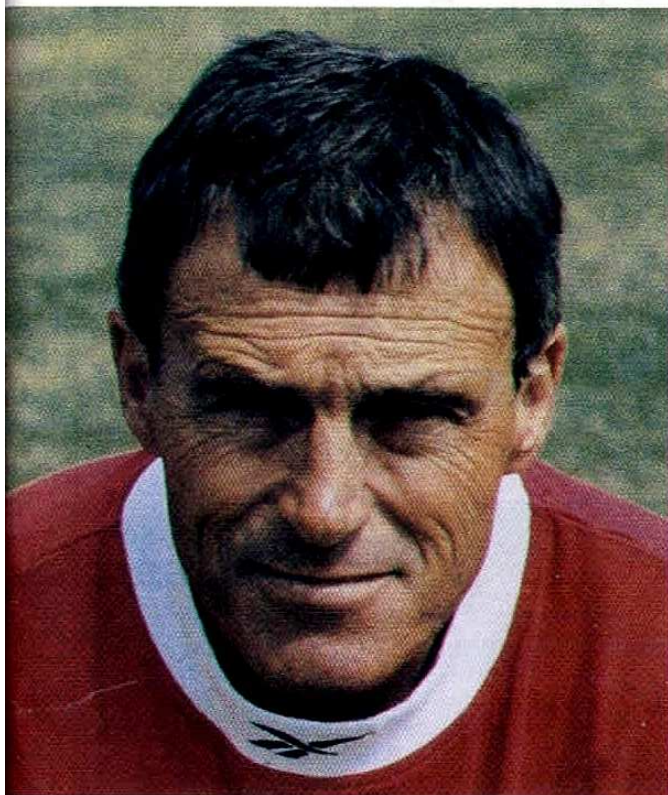
obviously a fit and in-form Rodney would make a difference to us. I think we will get better as I get a better idea of who is best suited to which role, and also as we spend more time on the training ground working on our style of play. I am not expecting us to carry the ball through the midfield quite as much as we did in the past few seasons, but again I think we will improve on that aspect as we go along.

At the moment we are hitting more high balls to the front line than we would like, but we do have some pace up there so we must just work on improving the quality.

Unfortunately, Rodney goes back to the treatment room along with Steve Wright to join Dave Walton. I really don't have any idea of when any of the three will be fit again. Marcus Bignot was ill and should not have started the game on Tuesday. By today I should know more about him, but at the time of writing these notes I do not have any more news.

I haven't tried yet to borrow or buy anyone else before today's game, but that may become an option!

Thanks for your support.



Dario Gradi



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meet the opposition

Swindon Town



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Last season saw Steve McMahon leave the County Ground and be replaced by Jim Quinn. The former Reading and Robins player quickly transformed the club's fortunes and they finished in a comfortable 17th spot. Ironically Quinn took over just before his side visited Gresty Road in November 1998 and they left with a morale boosting 2-0 win. That day the physical presence of Ifem Onoura was the difference. 'Iffy' helped himself to a brace as the alarm bells started to ring rather loudly at Gresty Road.

Later on in the season Crewe earned a valuable away win at Swindon. Phil Charnock and Rodney Jack grabbed the goals in a 2-1 win as Crewe began their late revival.

Without a huge amount of money to spend, Quinn has to be careful in the transfer market and has spent wisely in bringing in Peterborough's Guiliano Grazioli under the Bosman ruling. The striker, who once shocked Newcastle United in the FA Cup while at non-league Stevenage has already proved he can score goals at this level.

Grazioli will have to compete with Chris Hay and George Ndah for the right to partner Onoura up front. The powerful

striker is always a threat and Dario Gradi is a keen admirer of the former Gillingham and Mansfield man. Scoring goals does not appear to be a problem for the Robins. Keeping them out is another matter. They finished last season with the worst defensive record in the First Division and have hardly looked secure so far this campaign. An impressive 2-1 win at Crystal Palace indicates that Quinn's side are more than capable of upsetting the odds.

The experienced Alan Reeves and Gareth Hall should in time sort out Swindon's defensive frailties. Frank Talia is a former Australia U-21 goalkeeper, Sol Davis is an impressive left-sided wing-back and Mark Walters has previously played for Liverpool, Glasgow Rangers, Aston Villa, Southampton and Wolves. The Robins also have high hopes for 16 year-old midfielder Robin Hulbert, who has represented England at Youth level.

Of course without the financial backing of the bigger clubs Swindon, like Crewe, must be looking to consolidate in this division. It is a tough League with the expectancy levels increasing every year, but with Quinn's ability to motivate his players Swindon will always be a difficult side to break down.



the
ROBINS

Swindon Town



Frank Talia

Goalkeeper

Spotted playing for Australia's Under 21 team and after trials with several English clubs, eventually signed for Blackburn Rovers in August 1992. Failed to make a first team appearance and was brought in on loan at Swindon before signing in November 1995. He was back-up to Fraser Digby until he broke through with some terrific displays to earn him a regular place and the No. 1 shirt. Frank has an infectious character with plenty to say both on and off the field.

Jimmy Glass

Goalkeeper

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. He only started three games for Swindon last season, but his heroics for Carlisle on the final day made it a season to remember. Jimmy scored in the dying seconds to keep Carlisle in the Football League, making him a hero with the 'Blues' faithful and instigated a sell-out of Carlisle goalie shirts.

Steve Mildenhall

Goalkeeper

One of Swindon's home grown talents, Steve is in his third year as a professional after successfully coming through the Club's YTS system. Made two first team appearances in 1995/96, came off the bench to play as an outfield player in 1996/97 and made his full league debut between the posts for Swindon in October 1997. In this match he suffered a terrible groin injury but, with no keeper on the bench, he bravely played on to earn the Man of the Match award and put Swindon on top of the 1st Division for 24 hours.

Gareth Hall

Defender

Signed from Sunderland under the Bosman ruling, 30-year-old Hall 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 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 Wearsiders. Capped nine times for Wales.

Alan Rees

Defender

Quit Wimbledon's "Crazy Gang" in search of first team football with Swindon. Tall central defender, who cost the Dons £300,000 from Rochdale five years ago when he was signed as a replacement for John Scales. Excellent header of the ball, 31-year-old Reeves can be an asset in attack on set pieces, scoring 2 goals in 24 appearances last season, as well as adding experience at the back.

Mark Robinson

Defender

Started his career at West Bromwich Albion, 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 and he has been a regular and consistent performer ever since. Mark can play at full-back, central defence and was also a success as a sweeper.

Craig Taylor

Defender

Younger brother of former Town 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 to bring him in and despite a pre-season injury set back, he made a dream debut against Port Vale in October 1997, scoring a wonder goal from fully 35 yards. Strong in the air and determined in the tackle, Craig has certainly carried on where his brother left off.

Gareth Davies

Defender

Was signed on a free transfer in March 1999, Gareth made the short trip down the M4 from Reading, despite being a firm favourite with the fans, he did not figure in Tommy Burns' plans. Gareth is well known for his commitment and aggressive style, but the Town fans only caught glimpses of him in action due to several injuries wrecking the end of his campaign.

Sol Davis

Defender

Left-sided fullback/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. First start in a Swindon shirt came six months later in the heat of a local derby clash away at Oxford United. Last season he established himself as reliable first team player making 23 appearances.

Ty Gooden

Midfielder



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. He is now the Town's longest serving player entering his 6th season. A natural wing-back who likes to get forward. He can deliver dangerous crosses for the forwards and is reliable at the back.

Scott Leitch

Midfielder



Former Dunfermline and Hearts midfielder signed for Swindon in the Summer of 1996 for a bargain price of £15,000. Enjoyed a successful loan spell at the County Ground during their Second Division Championship season and former manager Steve McMahon was quick to bring him in on a permanent basis. Scott was named Club Captain by Jim Quinn in the summer after the retirement of Brian Borrows. He acts as the Town's engine room, possesses a strong tackle and is capable of spreading the play.

Mark Walters

Midfielder

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. He is easily the Town's most experienced player and he is still capable of tormenting opposition defences. His trademark 'Lollipop' step-over takes him into dangerous positions. Last season he scored an impressive 11 goals from midfield in 34 starts.

Robin Hulbert

Midfielder

Gifted young midfielder. He made his first team bow as a substitute against QPR in the Coca-Cola Cup tie at Loftus Road in September 1996. He gained Premiership experience on-loan with Newcastle Utd and showed much improvement last season. Six full starts last season gave him added experience and incentive. This season Robin will be looking to become a regular in Jimmy Quinn's side.

Lee Collins

Midfielder

Joined Swindon from Scottish Club Albion Rovers for £15,000 in November 1995. Lee was probably Swindon's most improved player in 1997-98. After being banned for seven games and told to clean up his act, he successfully channelled his aggression and energies into developing as a player and his tough tackling remained but with control. A terrible shoulder injury forced him to miss all but two games of last season.

Phillipe Cuervo

Midfielder

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. He was a revelation during the first two months of the season but then spent several months out with a hip problem. He has not had the best of luck with injuries and again missed all but two games of last season due to a broken ankle.

Stephen (Bobby) Howe

Midfielder

Stephen who likes to be known as Bobby, is an attacking midfielder who signed for Swindon in January 1998 from Nottingham Forest, where his first team opportunities had dried up. He made 17 appearances for Forest and has had loan spells at Kettering and Ipswich Town. Bobby made 23 appearances last season scoring three valuable goals.

Chris Hay

Forward

This pacy young striker was drafted in from Scottish giants Celtic for £330,000, and quickly made a good impression scoring 13 goals in 18 appearances before Christmas 1997. A number of niggling injuries hampered his last campaign but he will be raring to go this season. He still managed to notch six goals in 18 starts.

George Ndah

Forward

A versatile midfield/forward uses his skilful close control to go at the heart of opposition defences. After the departure of Wayne Allison to Huddersfield, Swindon moved quickly to find a replacement and were delighted to pick up the lightning quick Ndah from Crystal Palace in a £500,000 deal in November 1997, he then scored a stunner on his debut against Middlesbrough. George was magnificent last season, scoring 13 goals, mainly from midfield, and picked up the 'Player of the Year' award.

Ifem (Iffy) Onuora

Forward

Ex-Huddersfield, Mansfield and Gillingham striker, who was signed in a £100,000 deal in March 98. He made the perfect start for his new club, heading the winning goal on his debut v QPR. He leads the line and his impressive tally of 20 goals last season was enough to make Iffy Town's top marksman.

Giuliano Grazioli

Forward



Signed by manager Jim Quinn in June 1999 on a free transfer from his former club Peterborough Utd. Giuliano's last visit to the County Ground was in 1997 with Stevenage Town in the FA Cup 3rd round. His winning goal dumped Swindon out and handed Stevenage a money making 4th round tie against Newcastle Utd. He scored 15 goals last season for Peterborough and Jim Quinn is certain that his former strike partner will continue his good form with Swindon.

Charlie Griffin

Forward

Like manager Jim Quinn, Charlie started his career in non-league football. He was signed for £10,000 from Chippenham Town where he was top scorer in the Screwfix League with 30 goals. At nineteen years old he is a prospect for the future and the coaching staff believe that with a handful of reserve games under his belt he will be ready to step into first team football. His first start in the first team came in the final game of last season against Barnsley, where he opened his account after only seven minutes.



Jimmy Quinn (Manager)



This former Town player and fans favourite has gathered a wealth of experience over his career playing at the likes of Blackburn Rovers, Leicester City, West Ham, managing Reading and picking up 48 caps for Northern Ireland. During his time as a player at Swindon he scored 43 goals in 86 appearances and went on to score 94 goals for Reading. Since his arrival Jim has turned the club's fortunes around and Swindon are looking forward to a successful full season under their new manager.

Born: Belfast, 18.12.59

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 13.10

Former Clubs: Blackburn Rovers
Leicester City
Bradford City
West Ham Utd
Bournemouth
Reading
Peterborough Utd

Facts about the Robins

- John Trollope holds the cup record for League appearances with an incredible 770 between 1960 and 1980. He also managed the club from 1980-83.
- The oldest player to play for Swindon was none other than Alex Ferguson. Fergie was 43 years and 103 days old when he appeared for the Robins against Bristol City in 1947. (It wasn't Sir Alex)
- Former Everton, Aston Villa, Rangers and Bari striker Paul Rideout is the youngest player ever to represent Swindon. Rideout, who scored an FA Cup winner in 1995 was just 16 years and 107 days old when he made his debut against Hull City in 1980.
- Following financial irregularities in 1991 Swindon were demoted two divisions after securing a place in the top flight. After appeal they were re-admitted to the old Second Division, Sunderland, who the Robins beat 1-0 in the Play-Off Final took their place in the First Division.
- Swindon's first league game was against Luton Town in 1920. They won 9-1 and the result remains a club record.
- Swindon used to be known as the 'Moonrakers' after an old Wiltshire legend but changed their nickname to the Robins because of the club colours.
- Swindon Town caused one of the biggest League Cup upsets of all time in 1969 when they defeated Arsenal 3-1 at Wembley. Two years later Arsenal won the domestic double.
- The County Ground always seems to attract top-class names. Scottish legend Dave Mackay, Les Allen, Lou Macari and Steve McMahon have all managed the Robins. The impressive list also includes former World Cup winner Ossie Ardiles and former England boss Glenn Hoddle
- Swindon Town scored 100 League goals in season 1926-27. They also acquired a staggering 102 League points in season 1985-86. They achieved this record-breaking feat in the old Fourth Division.
- In August 1948 The Swindon Town pre-season trial match attracted 11,882 to the County ground.
- Midfielder Mark Walters' middle name is 'Everton'. The Liverpool fans must have loved that.



Swindon Town Vs Crewe Alexandra

Last 5

March 13th 1999 - League. County Ground
Score 1-2 (Charnock, Jack). Attendance 4,489


November 7 1998- League. Gresty Road
Score 0-2 (Iffy Onoura 2), Attendance 7,434

January 11 1998. League. Gresty Road
Score 2-0 (Little and Street), Attendance 7,434

August 9 1997. League. County Ground
Score 2-0. (Allison, Finney (pen) Attendance 8,334

April 8 1996. League. Gresty Road
Score 0-2. Attendance 5,162

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FANTASY IRELAND – CREWE YOUNGSTERS MILK SUCCESS

Malcolm Hughes leads the
Under-16's celebration party.



Crewe continued their success story in The Northern Ireland Milk Cup with victory in the Under-16 age group. The Alex have been travelling across the Irish Sea for 14 years and usually return with a lovely trophy for their efforts. The Crewe Under-16 side followed our Under-14's success last season by defeating Manchester United in the final. Paul Edwards' last minute header gave us a 2-1 win over our Academy rivals. David Vaughan had given us the lead in Coleraine before United forced home an equaliser.

The Final was watched by a crowd of 7,500 and the Irish broadcasted the Youth tournament on television. En route to the Final Crewe defeated Lianing, County Armagh, Wales, Newcastle and Northern Ireland. Forward Paul Edwards was also the tournament's leading goalscorer with five goals.



Captain Gareth Liddle lifts the Northern
Ireland Milk Cup for Crewe.



Back Row: Left to Right: Andrew Bostock, Paul Edwards, Louie Whiting, Neil Coverley, Ben Rix, Tom Betts.

Middle Row: Steve Holland, Lee Westwood, Phil Bayliss, John Malpass, Alex Morris, Adam Yates, Terry McPhillips.

Front Row: Lee Bell, Carl Frost, Craig Swiggs, Gareth Liddle, Ian Jeffs, David Vaughan, James Wilcox

CREWE ALEX
under 17 fixtures 1999/2000

date	opposition	H/A
September 18	Leeds United	H
September 25	Birmingham City	H
October 2	Manchester United	A
October 16	Liverpool	H
October 23	Blackburn Rovers	A
October 30	Bolton Wanderers	H
November 6	Queens Park Rangers	A
November 13	Coventry City	H
November 20	Manchester City	A
November 27	Manchester United	H
December 4	Liverpool	A
December 11	Blackburn Rovers	H
January 22	Middlesbrough	A
January 29	Bolton Wanderers	A
February 5	Newcastle United	A
February 12	Manchester City	H
February 19	Middlesbrough	H
February 26	Sheffield Wednesday	H
March 4	Aston Villa	A

CREWE ALEX
under 19 fixtures 1999/2000

date	opposition	H/A
September 18	Leeds United	H
September 25	Birmingham City	A
October 2	Manchester United	A
October 16	Liverpool	H
October 23	Blackburn Rovers	A
October 30	Bolton Wanderers	H
November 6	Everton	A
November 13	Huddersfield Town	H
November 20	Manchester City	A
November 27	Manchester United	H
December 4	Liverpool	A
December 11	Blackburn Rovers	H
January 22	Everton	H
January 29	Bolton Wanderers	A
February 5	Newcastle United	A
February 12	Manchester City	H
February 19	Middlesbrough	H
February 26	Sheffield Wednesday	H
March 4	Aston Villa	A

FA PREMIER LEAGUE UNDER 17

Saturday 28 August - Barnsley H 3-1
(Paul Edwards, David Vaughan, Ian Jeffs)

Line Up - Wilson, Yates, Rix, Malpass, Betts, Bell, (Wilcox), Frost, Edwards (Ashton) Jeffs, Vaughan

Saturday 4 September - Sheff Wednesday A 6-6
(Edwards 3, Frost 2, Vaughan)

Line-up - Wilson, Yates, Malbon, Rix, Malpass (Roberts), Betts, Westwood, (Higdon), Frost (Ashton) Edwards, Jeffs, Vaughan

THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE UNDER 19

Saturday August 28 Barnsley H 2-2
(Marrow, Hoults)

Line Up: Welsby, Harris, Charles, McCready, Walker, Liddle, Laurie, G. Lunt, Marrow, Blake, Hoults

Saturday September 4 Sheff Wednesday A 2-0
(Defeat)

Line Up: Whiting, Morris (Bostock) Charles, McCready, Walker, Harris, Laurie, Lunt, G. Marsh, (Blake) Grant, Hoults.

Alison's Alex News

Alison Bowler



Graham Evans from Signal Fire Protection receives a matchball from boss Dario Gradi.



I recently received a wonderful letter from one of the club's most loyal fans. I have been pen-pals with Mr. E.G. Sutton for many years and had the pleasure of welcoming him to the Alexandra Stadium in the summer. Mr Sutton has been an avid supporter of the Alex since 1921 and has seen more changes than most.

"My visit to the Alexandra Stadium was a real eye opener, seeing the new stand and a pitch that compares with a bowling green. Going back to 1921 none of us could envisage the present day set up.

The arrival of Dario Gradi, who along with all the entourage of Crewe Alexandra staff have over the last 16 years brought this stadium up to First Division standard." - Said Mr. Sutton.

Mr. Sutton marvels at some of the players that have graced Gresty Road in the past. They include Stan Bowles, Wally Davies, Johnny King, Tommy Lowry, Bert Swindells and more recently Rob Jones. Mr. Sutton even recalls seeing a 16 year-old Dixie Dean score for Tranmere Rovers in 1931 before his famous move to Everton.

Like most Alex fans, Mr. Sutton is excited by the new era, the Academy, Dario's philosophy on football and the club's progress. He even had the opportunity to share a few memories with Dario Gradi when he visited the ground in the summer.



Peter Lightfoot, Buying Controller of Nisa Today's presents the Man-of-the-Match award to on-loan star Stephen Wright.

Liverpool loan-star Stephen Wright signs extension
Young Stephen Wright of Liverpool has extended his loan period with us. The talented centre-half has agreed to remain with the club until November. The Alex fans have certainly taken to him and we wish him continued success at the Alexandra Stadium.

IN OFF THE POST

Dear Crewe Alexandra,

In the wake of the Dunblane and other shooting disasters, people are naturally distressed at the prevalence of guns in society. How sad that the Alex has to associated with this hateful society.

I have always been embarrassed by the moronic chanting of a minority of our fans of the anti Stoke/Vale song which includes the words - 'Get your father's gun and shoot the clayhead scum'.

At Hartlepool some weeks ago while our fans were chanting one of the Hartlepool stewards asked me what the words were as he couldn't quite make them out. When I told him his first response was 'charming!' I shrugged and apologised for their behaviour. He then commented that it was so unlike what he would expect from Crewe fans.

Name supplied

Obviously rivalry exists in football and harmless terrace banter is a trait of the game, but when the chants become racist or bordering on hatred then it becomes dangerous. It is also against the law and Lord Bassam, the new Government Minister for combating hooliganism has introduced new strict laws which will hopefully stamp out this type of chanting.

Football seems to have become a safer spectator sport with more and more families returning to the game. It would be such a shame if we were to lose these supporters because their enjoyment is spoiled by bad language or inappropriate behaviour.

Football should be a game enjoyed by all and we will continue to make the Alexandra Stadium a safe and entertaining place to visit.

Dear Crewe Alexandra,

I am sure you will have been delighted with the 4-1 win at the Bescot Stadium but you can be equally pleased about the behaviour of your fans off the field. As you know 1,000 of them made the journey to Walsall and it was a pleasure to share the event with a group of supporters who were there to support their team. Their behaviour reflected a great deal of credit on themselves and Crewe Alexandra.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Chalmers
FLA Inspectorate

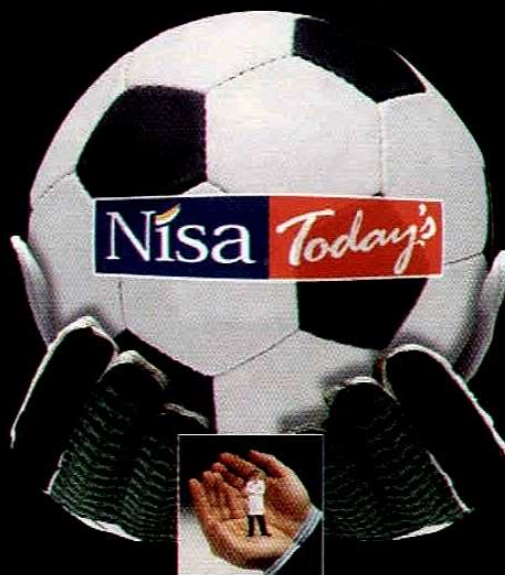
Our away support is fantastic and our good reputation around Britain is something we can all be proud of. The Alex supporters always encourage their side and attempt to lift our players to greater heights. It is always a pleasure to receive such wonderful complements and you are all a credit to this club.

Crewe Alexandra Roll-call

DATE	HOME v	MATCH SPONSOR	MATCHBALL SPONSORS
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Tue 24 Aug	Hartlepool	Worthington Cup	
Fri 27 Aug	Grimsby Town	Nisa Today's	Signal Fire and Protection
Tue 14 Sep		Worthington Cup	
Sat 18 Sept	Swindon Town		
Tue 21 Sep		Worthington Cup	
Sun 3 Oct	Tranmere Rovers	Rolls Royce	
Sat 9 Oct	Sheffield United		
Sat 23 Oct	Barnsley		
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Tue 2 Nov	Charlton		
Sat 13 Nov	Wolverhampton Wors		Envirocare
Sat 20 Nov		FA Cup 2	
Tue 23 Nov	Blackburn Rovers	Charles Grant	Clive Young - Bond Communications
Tue 1 Dec		Worthington Cup	
Sat 4 Dec	Crystal Palace		The Associates
Sat 11 Dec		FA Cup 3	
Wed 15 Dec		Worthington Cup 5	
Sun 26 Dec	Huddersfield Town	Phil Grocott	
Mon 3 Jan	Manchester City	Bass Breweries	
Sat 8 Jan		FA Cup 4	
Tue 11 Jan		Worth Cup Semi	
Sat 22 Jan	Walsall		
Tue 25 Jan		Worth Cup Semi	
Sat 29 Jan		FA Cup 5	
Sat 5 Feb	Birmingham City	Grasmere	
Sat 19 Feb	Ipswich Town		
Sun 27 Feb		Worth Cup Final	
Sat 4 March	Norwich City		
Tue 7 March	Port Vale		Toad Innovations
Sat 18 March	Portsmouth		In memory of T. Nichols
Sat 1 April	Nottingham Forest	Adtranz	Tim Ward
Sat 8 April		FA Cup Semis	
Sat 15 April	Queens Park Rangers		
Sat 22 April	Stockport County		
Sat 29 April	Bolton Wanderers		
Sat 20 May		FA Cup Final	
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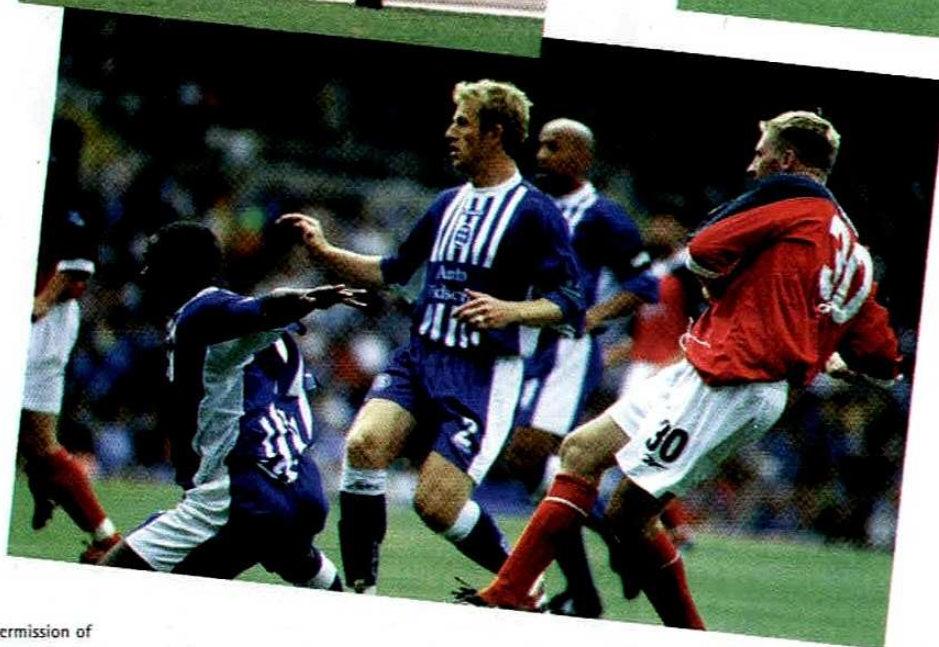
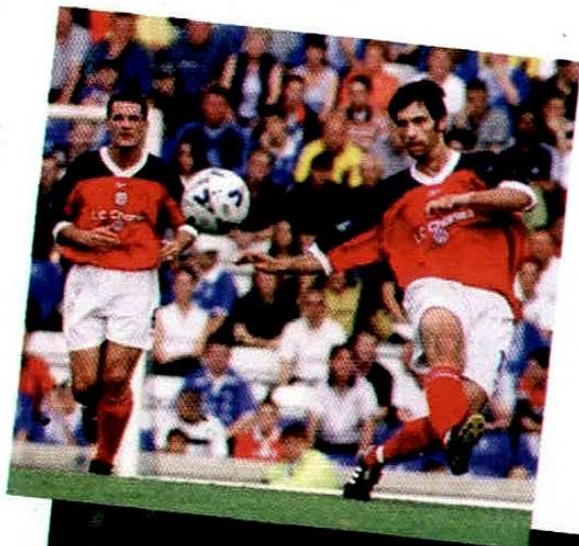


Crewe's promising start to the season certainly came unstuck at St Andrews as the Blues ran out convincing 5-1 winners. The Alex did not deal with the wide threat of Stan Lazaridis and Andrew Johnson and their quality crosses troubled the Crewe defence all afternoon.

It began so brightly as well with Colin Cramb curling in a superb effort after twisting and turning away from his marker. The lead didn't last long. Michael Johnson rose highest to head home a free-kick, Jon McCarthy headed his second of the season and Paul Furlong added a devastating third before half-time.

The second-half was damage limitation time. David Holdsworth had the easy task of tapping home a fourth and substitute Peter Ndlovu came off the bench to score an excellent individual goal. Rivo had Crewe's best effort, lashing his shot off Kevin Poole's post.

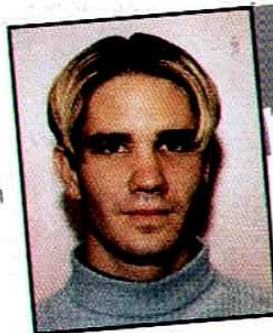
Maybe it was a black lash from Blues surprising 2-0 defeat at Stockport County but Birmingham were just too good on the day. Trevor Francis' side certainly look capable of challenging for the championship again. Crewe need to bounce back against Swindon Town today.



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The Sentinel

Rob Wilson



Coventry City decided to smash the British transfer record for a teenager when they purchased Robbie Keane from Wolves. The 19-year-old Eire International joins the Sky Blues for £6 million. With Darren Huckerby joining Leeds United for £5.5 million, Gordon Strachan reacted quickly to secure the signature of one of Britain's most sought after players. Keane reflected his huge potential with a brace against Derby County on his debut, followed up with a wonderful strike at Sunderland and an International strike against Croatia. Not bad for a lad who Sir Alex Ferguson confessed would not pay £500,000 for.

Wolves reacted quickly to replace Keane with the signing of Ade Akinbiyi from Bristol City. The former Norwich and Gillingham striker moved to Molineux after months of speculation following the Robins' relegation. Colin Lee splashed out a Nationwide record of £3.5 million to secure the man sought after by a host of other clubs including Birmingham City.

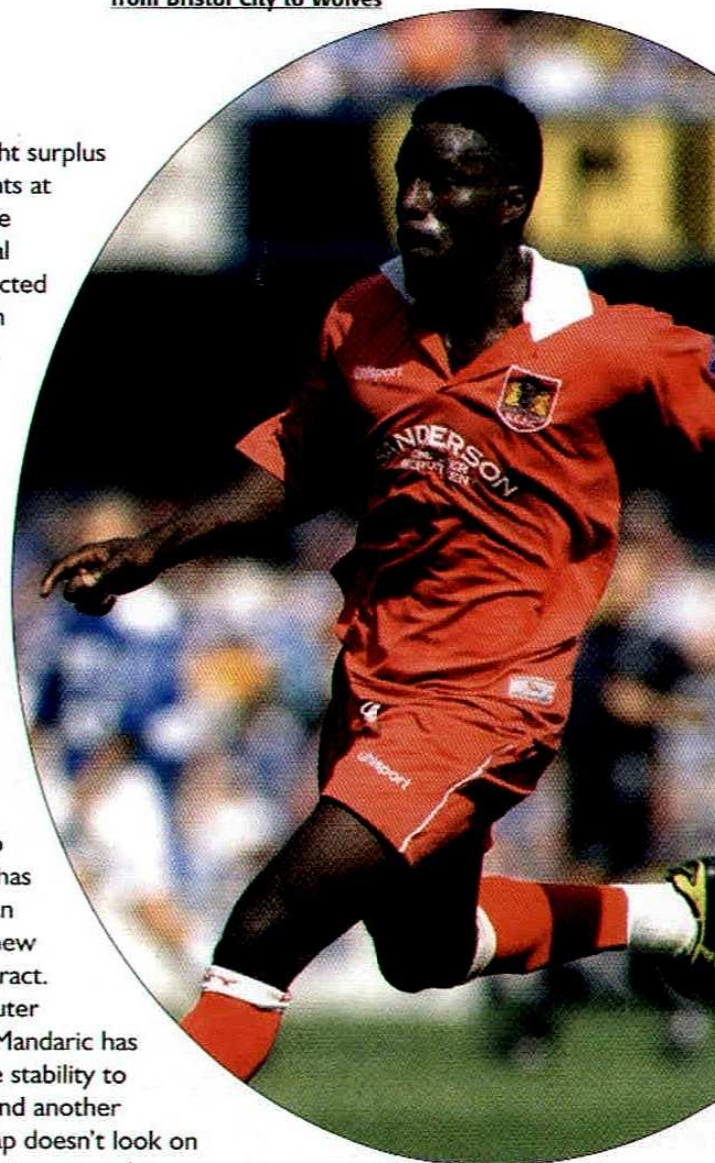
Brian Kidd's Blackburn Rovers have hardly had the best of start's to the new campaign. Kidd has been criticised in Alex Ferguson's controversial new autobiography and has decided to sue his former boss. Egil Olsenstad has moved to Ewood Park with £7 million flop Kevin Davies returning to the Dell following his torrid time in front of goal. Kidd has also brought back Steve Harkness from Benfica and placed Scottish International Kevin Gallacher on the transfer list.

With Ian Wright surplus to requirements at West Ham, the former Arsenal legend has elected to join up with old pal David Platt at Nottingham Forest. Wright, who scored a record 185 goals for Arsenal has moved to the City Ground on a month's loan.

Portsmouth's terrific start to the campaign has resulted in Alan Ball signing a new four year contract. Serbian computer tycoon Milan Mandaric has restored some stability to Fratton Park and another relegation scrap doesn't look on the cards this time around.

Norwich City's Phil Mulryne has been ruled out for the rest of the season after breaking his leg against Blackburn Rovers. The former Manchester United forward moved to Carrow Road for £500,000 after failing to become one of 'Fergie's Fledglings'. Defender David Tuttle has moved to Barnsley from his beloved Crystal Palace for £250,000 because he wanted to save the cash-strapped club.

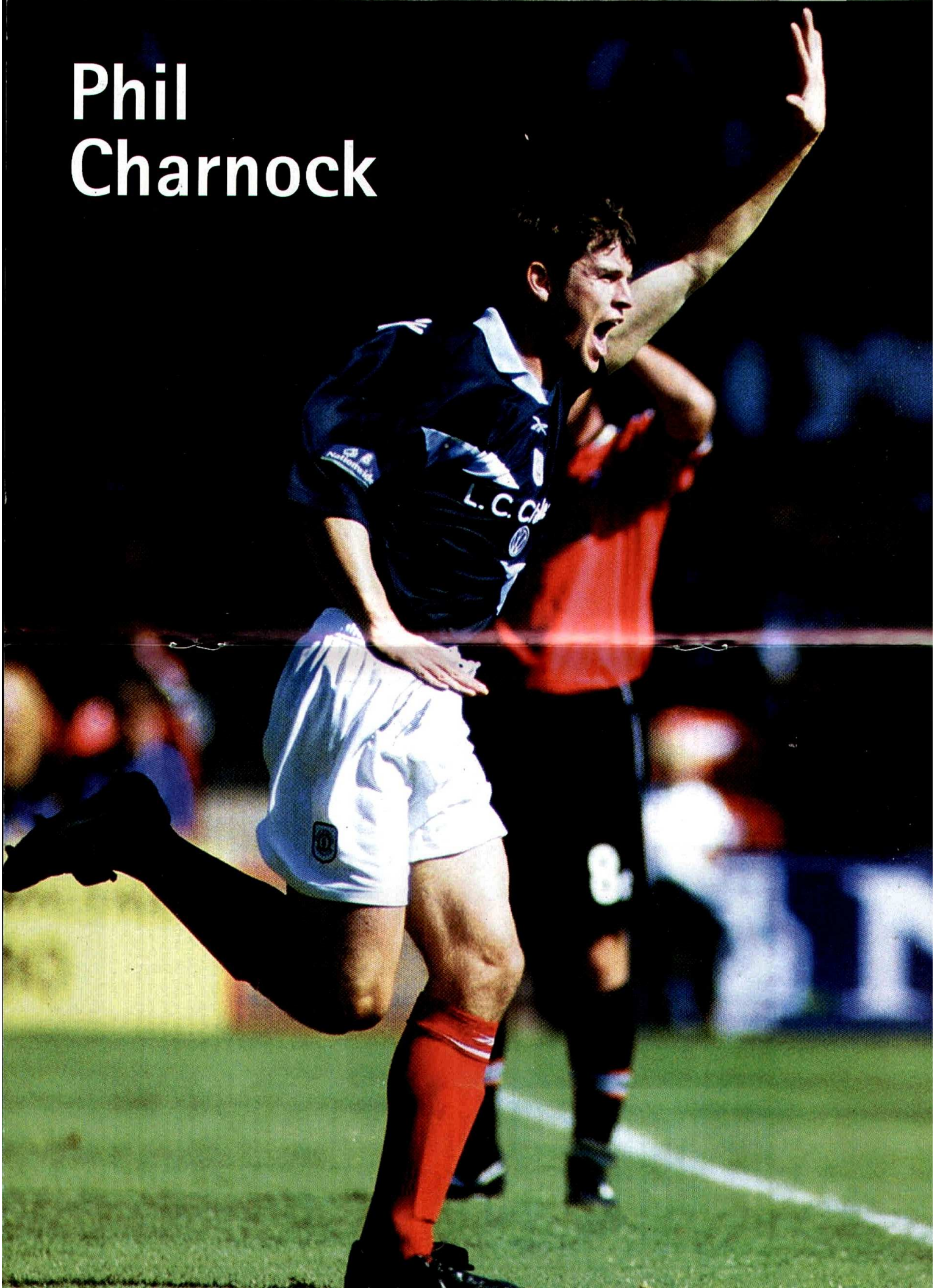
Akinbiyi - £3.5million move from Bristol City to Wolves



Today's opponents have let Craig Taylor move to Plymouth Argyle.

Former England winger John Salako has joined Charlton Athletic on loan from Fulham. Following the form of Clyde Wynnard, Wayne Allison has decided to leave Huddersfield Town for Tranmere in a £300,000 move.

Phil Charnock



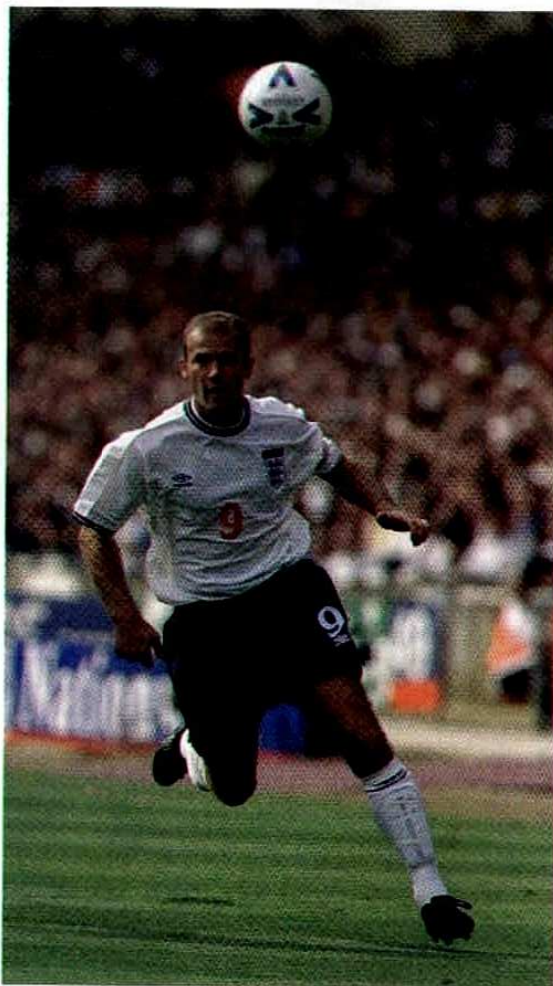
Land of Hope, But Not Much Glory

With the qualification stages of Euro 2000 drawing to a disappointing close, just where does British football go from here?

England will now have to rely on Sweden defeating Poland on 9 October to confirm a place in the play-offs, where we could face anyone from World Champions France to near neighbours Scotland. It seems that when it comes to our national side our expectation levels are just too high. At times we think we have a divine right to qualify for European Championships and World Cups, but to be honest we are not as good as we think. Our results in Group 5 certainly reflect that. England have failed to defeat Bulgaria and Sweden and the dismal draw in Warsaw leaves us in a rather perilous position. Three wins out of eight is simply not good enough.

Sweden have walked the group and on paper should beat Janusz Wojcik's side (they won 1-0 in Poland) but we should not expect any favours from the Swedes. Poland need a single point and have shown that they are more than capable of achieving it.

So we will just have to sit tight, become Swedish for a night and pray that the result goes our way. It is a position we deserve to be in because our qualification campaign has been nothing short of a disaster. Inept displays at Wembley against Bulgaria and Sweden combined with our disappointing away form has everyone evaluating our a national game. Hoddle's sudden departure obviously did not help matters, three red cards for rash tackles and injuries should not serve as any excuses. We should have cemented a play-off spot at least and we haven't.



It seems extraordinary that England do not have a natural successor to Paul Gascoigne. We evidently miss his invention and creativity but his continued absence through injury and his age should rule out any hopes of a return to the international stage. Beckham is a fantastic young player but going past people has never been one of his major attributes. Maybe the emergence of Kieron Dyer or West Ham's Joe Cole provides hope. England certainly lack world class players. We have good/great players in Beckham, Scholes, Owen and Campbell but they are not world class performers. We just don't have a Charlton, Moore, Banks or Greaves. In fact we are even lacking a Robson, Shilton, Lineker or Waddle.

Maybe the influx of creative foreign players has restricted our own imaginative youngsters. We can produce the Batty's and Ince's but where are our Zola's and Bergkamp's? The answer is probably in the reserve sides of the bigger clubs or even at a lower level.

It is also claimed that England lack quality left-sided players. Do you not find it amazing that professional footballers who earn vast amounts of money each week are incapable of being comfortable with both feet? In Poland we had to recall 37 year-old Stuart Pearce, Graeme Le Saux is usually first choice left back and Nigel Winterburn is prominently right-footed. It is the same with the left wingers - Ray Parlour is right footed, as is Anderton and McManaman but Keegan insists on playing them out of position. How about Steve Guppy, Darren Eadie, Michael Ball or even Seth Johnson?

England also lacked the spirit and team work of the Irish, Welsh and Scots in Warsaw. They do not have a vast selection of players to choose from but they possess a determination to succeed. The Welsh really seem to want to prosper under Mark Hughes. The Scots will always be a difficult side to break down and the Republic of Ireland have been the best of the bunch this time around. Their 2-1 win over Yugoslavia showed what it is like to play with passion and pride. Something England alarmingly did not have in Warsaw.

Rob Wilson

Crewe Alexandra

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Harold Finch

a personal view

Following the draw by England in the qualifying round of the European Championships, we were to read that one of the reasons for the dismal performance was due to the excessive number of games they play each season. As virtually every player representing England comes from a Premier League side, their season is already eight games shorter than those in Division One, Two and Three, additionally those in European competitions do not enter the Worthington Cup until the third round. By which time many clubs have already played a further four games - the margin is now increased to twelve.

Clubs and players alike enjoy the challenge and media attention of European competitions, those who progress to the later stages benefit greatly on the financial front. For those who advocate a reduction in games played, the one thing they never advocate is the precise number of games that players should play before it could be suggested that performances could be affected at International level.

Remembering the International teams I saw when I first saw England playing, it seems to me that some of the pride that a player had when pulling on an International jersey seems to have gone out of the game. Naturally there will be those who will disagree with me on this point, but it is after-all - 'A Personal View'.

The media provides us all with many pieces of information, either immediate use or to be stored for later use. The transfer of Massimo

Taibi to Manchester United was duly completed but the one day difference in the registration dates in England and Italy now means that he is unable to play in the first stages of the European Cup. Despite the appeal by United that

'As virtually every player representing England comes from a Premier League side, their season is already eight games shorter than those in Division One, Two and Three...'

they had fulfilled correctly the requirements, the appeal was turned down. Still with the same player, it was reported in one of last weekends papers that he had an interpreter behind his goal at Anfield. What comes next, an International phrase book? Considering the number of nationalities involved it would have to be a thick one.

On the 8th September Stuart Pearce was representing his country in Warsaw, on the 11th September he was playing for his latest club, West Ham. Just as the second half started, he sustained a broken leg in a collision with Micah Hyde of Watford. Always a great competitor, it is hoped that Pearce is able to make a full recovery.

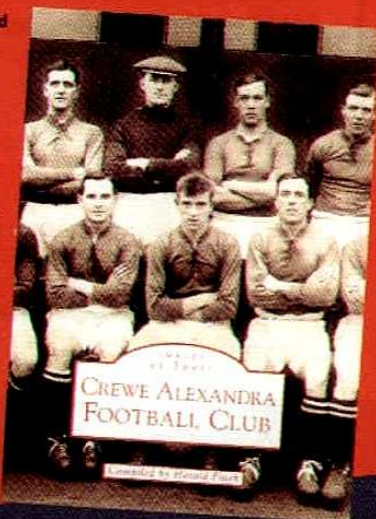
Queens Park Rangers had to postpone games at every level last weekend on medical advice after

George Kulcsar had been diagnosed as suffering from viral meningitis and three other players had been showing symptoms, but were later cleared. It transpires that Ashley Ward, now at Blackburn also had the same problem almost two years ago but subsequently made a full recovery.

Although at this stage of the season, league placings do not mean a great deal when related to the end of season finish, it is rather surprising to see York City down in the lower reaches of the Third Division. Relegated on the final day of last season, so far they have gained just one win in seven. Chester City are in bottom place with two points at the present time. In the same division Hartlepool who gave us two difficult games in the Worthington Cup this season are just one point ahead of Chester. Finally, amongst the unusual names spotted in last weekends teams were Panapoulas, Pamarot and Pinamonte - could you name their clubs?

Club Historian Harold Finch has just released his long awaited book on Crewe Alexandra. Published by Tempus, the book contains over 240 high quality images depicting the history of Crewe Alexandra. It is a must for every Crewe supporter and includes a foreword by manager Dario Gradi.

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Community Programme

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Welcome to today's game with Swindon Town. Let's hope it is a cracking game of football.

Taking about cracking matches, last weekend we held an open day for Mini-Soccer at the new Alexandra Soccer Centre with youngsters aged from 6 to 10 playing on the special astro-turf surface. The standard of the football was excellent with over 200 youngsters taking part. The Mini-Soccer Leagues will run every Sunday and is open to all youngsters boys and girls from 6 to 10 who want to come along, either in a team or as a individual.

The older groups will be combined with the local Ladsanddads youngsters, so whatever your ability if you are interested just come along on Sunday at 2pm. Families are more than welcome to come and watch their children in action as well.

Every day during the week between 4pm -6pm there is coaching available

at the new Soccer Centre.

**Monday and Friday - 4pm -6pm
Coaching Club**

**Tuesday and Thursday - 4pm-6pm
Tiny Tots/Mini-Kickers**

**Wednesday - 4pm-6pm Premier
coaching for advanced players**

**Saturday - 9.30am -11.00/12.00
Coaching club**

The Club's Academy youngsters are on the Astro-turf each evening from 6pm-8pm so if you want to see how good you need to be come down and watch.

At Shavington Leisure Centre we have restarted our Monday sessions for boys and girls at 5-7pm and Tuesday's advanced sessions at 5-7pm. Women's coaching is on Thursday 6-8pm, while coaching club and girls coaching is on

Saturday's at 9.30 -11pm.

I must take this opportunity to thank Frank Jones, Craig Shenton and Stan Cowell for helping the Soccer Centre broaden its horizons on the Internet. They have all put in large amounts of time and effort to make our web-site a success.

The residential's in August were a great success with youngsters from different parts of the world attending Reaseheath, this response was largely due to the impact of the web-site.

For any information regarding any of our activities ring 01270 216682 or visit the new Soccer Centre at Shavington.



Junior Alex

Debbie Parry



Hi everyone,

I have had lots of enquiries regarding mascots for Crewe Alexandra during the past few weeks. For only £70, you can:

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On 16 October, Crewe play Stockport County at Edgeley Park. We have decided to do a reciprocal deal with them so I have the chance to take a group of Junior Alex members to the game. If you are interested, please contact me on 01270 216682. Also ring this number if you are interested in becoming a junior Alex member.

Enjoy the match against The Robins

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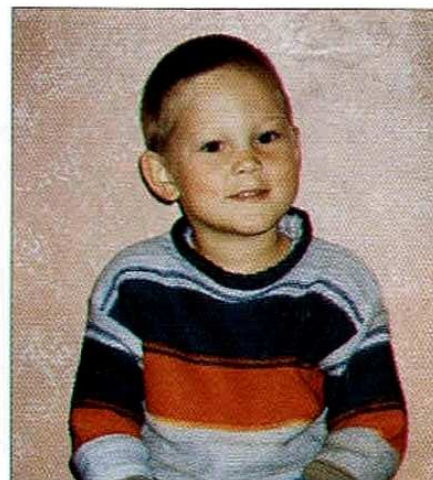


Today's mascot is Birthday Boy, 7 year-old Nathan James Richards. Nathan is a keen football fan and attends Greenfields Primary School in Kippax. His favourite Alex player is his uncle Shaun Smith and he attends a number of Crewe matches with his Gran and Grandad.

Nathan also likes Star Wars (so he has the respect of most of the Alex staff), swimming and reading. For some reason he doesn't like his haircut but we all think it looks cool!

Have a great day at the Alexandra Stadium and many happy returns on your birthday.

Mascot





HEAD to HEAD

Mark Rivers – Iffy Onuora
Crewe Swindon



Give Iffy too much space? Onuora head be it!

Iffy Onuora is one of the most powerful forwards in Division One, with his robust style and battering ram technique that sends opposing defences reeling. The Alex's Mark Rivers mesmerise defences with his tricky technique, and this afternoon's game will throw up an intriguing encounter between the two potential match-winners.

Rivers' neat passing is a key part of his game, and thus his accuracy level is higher than Onuora's. Iffy's body strength means that his asset is his running with the ball, hence his 17 dribbles and runs and two goal assists. He could do with improving the accuracy of his distribution as he has only a 35 per cent completion rate, compared to Rivers' 90 per cent.

Rivers has conceded more fouls per game than Onuora, and his tenacity and willingness to attack are evident in the 12 offside decisions against his name.

Mark Rivers (Crewe) v Iffy Onuora (Swindon) 1999-2000 Nationwide League Statistics Only

	Rivers	Onuora
Minutes On Pitch	363	529
Goal Attempts		
Goals	2	1
Shots On Target (inc goals)	4	3
Shots Off Target	4	7
Blocked Shots	3	1
Passing		
Goal Assists	2	2
Total Passes	92	123
Pass Completion %	68%	59%
Crossing		
Total Crosses	5	6
Cross Completion %	60%	0%
Dribbling		
Dribbles & Runs	10	17
Dribble Completion %	90%	35%
Defending		
Tackles Made	4	11
Tackles Won %	50%	9%
Blocks	0	0
Clearances	0	5
Interceptions	4	0
Discipline		
Fouls	9	10
Offside	12	4
Yellow Cards	1	1
Red Cards	0	0

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Sports Scientist freelance Andy Franks is Crewe's latest addition in their search for ultimate fitness. The former Liverpool University student has set up his own Advantage Football Consultancy and works with the Alex players at Reaseheath two or three days a week and also looks after Everton and Chelsea during the hectic schedule.

Franks also works for the FA with the England Under 16 set along with Craig Simmons, who is a familiar figure with Alex players with his regular fitness assessments.

Having a fitness advisor brings the Alex into line with other clubs such as Birmingham and Andy, who uses his pre-match routines at home games, expects to travel away as well.

He says: "It is now acknowledged that players should have scientific warm-up sessions and specific drinks to get their muscles toned up and be fully prepared for the games. We will also have cooling-down routines after games while the substitutes, who may not have been used, will also be given specific work."

Crewe's training also takes in aerobic-like dance sessions at the start of the week and regular power work with weights under Coach Barry Beesley.

Young Welshman Peter Smith, 21 this week, has set his sights on a regular first-team place this season after deciding against a permanent move to Macclesfield. He had a set-back during the summer when some metal from a recovery vehicle on the A55 forced his car to



the Hewitt interview

Peter Hewitt

veer off the road down an embankment, luckily emerging with just cuts and bruises. Smith missed 10 days of training, but a hat-trick in a practice game against a Cameroon side pushed him up to a place on the bench. He scored three goals in 12 games on loan to Macclesfield last season and had the chance to join the Silkmen full-time.

"I wanted to try to break into Crewe's team once they offered me a new contract. Now I have to do well in training and take the chance when it comes."

Former Crewe favourite Rob Jones has been forced into early retirement after undergoing four knee operations and a whole year on the sidelines. Jones, who was on trial at West Ham is just 27 years of age. The Welshman who chose to play for England (he won 8 caps) could hardly believe it when Dario told him Liverpool wanted him back in 1991. A week later he faced Ryan Giggs at Old Trafford on live television.

Dario Gradi has admitted that he was surprised by Neil Sorvel's development following his transfer from Macclesfield in the summer. The boss has been impressed with his stamina and now wants him to develop into a playmaker. He also believes Neil can add more goals to the one he struck against Grimsby.

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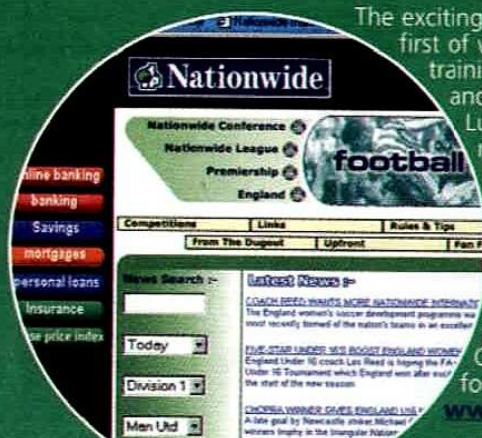
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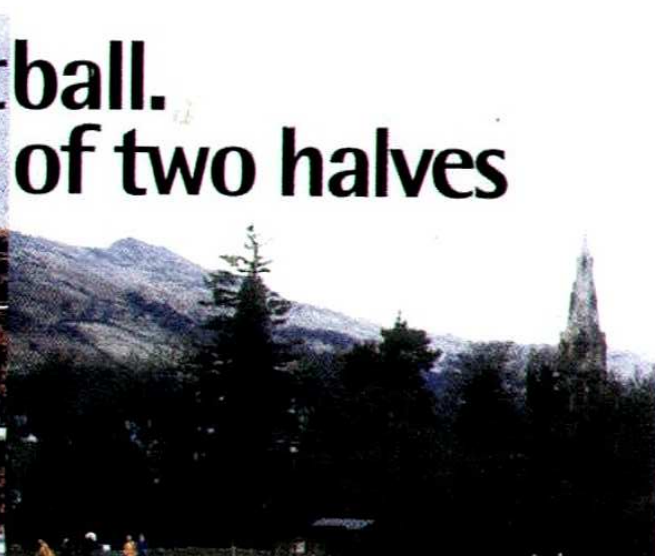
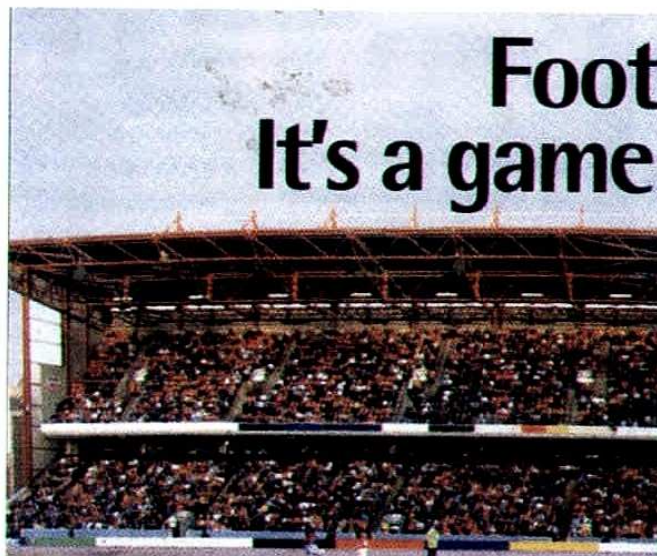


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Ticket News

Jane Eardley



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The next match at the Alexandra Stadium will be the Cheshire Senior Bond clash with Congleton Town. It is a great opportunity to see Crewe's fringe, youth and senior players play competitively for just £5 or £2 OAP's and Juniors.

The match takes place on Wednesday 22 September with kick-off at 7.30pm. Only the Railtrack Stand will be open for this encounter.

On the 25 September the Alex travel to trendy Fulham. The Cottagers are on a mission to reach the Premier League, and with the backing of Mohammed Al-Fayed they could make it sooner rather than later. It is a chance to see loan-stars Stan Collymore and Stephen Hughes, Internationals Chris Coleman and Paul Peschisolido and former Crewe man Wayne Collins.

Only Seats are available from Crewe Alexandra's ticket office and cannot be purchased from Craven Cottage. They are priced at £16 or £8 for OAP's and Juniors.

All Standing tickets are only available from Fulham F.C. and can be purchased on the matchday. These are priced at £12 or £6 concessions.

The Crewe Alex supporters coach leaves at 8.30am and is priced at £16 or £12 for members and season ticket holders.



The match Vs Tranmere Rovers, which is to be screened live on Sky Sports is a 1pm Kick-Off. We owe Rovers one after they scored an incredible 4 goals in 14 minutes in an emphatic victory here back in October 1998. John Aldridge's side have progressed through the leagues alongside Crewe and the match with our North West rivals is always an entertaining one. Rovers have some fantastic players with Eire International Alan Mahon probably the pick of the bunch.

The match takes place on Sunday 3 October with normal ticket prices applying.

Birthday Wishes

Happy 3rd birthday to super Alex fan Louise Green
Lots of love, Mummy & Daddy.

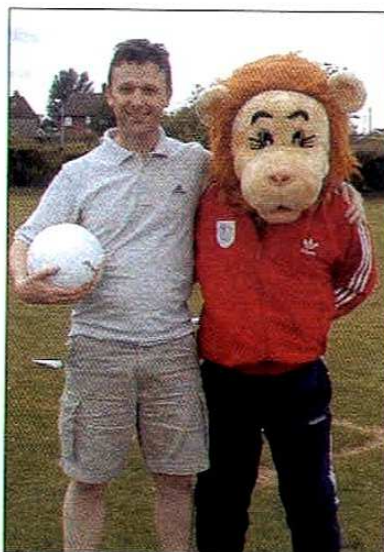


Grr-esty's PAGE

have a GRR-EAT time at today's match!



Grr-esty enjoys a day out at Wrenbury County Primary School.



Strip for Shelter

On Friday 24th September, over a million people across the country are expected to wear their football strip to work or school, in return for a £2 donation to Shelter (50p to school children). Anyone who doesn't have a strip but still wants to show their support can wear a scarf, paint their face or even invent their own outfit for the day.

The money raised will go towards Shelter's daily work with homeless and badly housed individuals across the country. It has the full celebrity support from the likes of Tony Blair, Chris Evans, Teddy Sheringham, Gabby Yorath and Sir Geoff Hurst.

Get your kit on for Shelter and support a good cause this coming Friday.

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Call the hotline on 0900 111 44 55* to request a fundraising pack
or visit www.strip4shelter.org.uk

*Calls charged at 60 pence per minute. Please dial carefully and seek permission from whoever pays the bills before calling (line due to close as of 20th September 1999).



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League Table

correct up to and including 14 Sep 1999

Nationwide DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Ipswich	6	4	2	0	17	6	11	14
2 Man City	6	4	1	1	10	2	8	13
3 Birmingham	7	3	3	1	16	11	5	12
4 Barnsley	7	4	0	3	17	14	3	12
5 Huddersfield	6	3	1	2	12	7	5	10
6 Fulham	6	2	4	0	7	4	3	10
7 West Brom	6	2	4	0	7	5	2	10
8 Charlton	4	3	0	1	7	4	3	9
9 Nott'm Forest	7	2	3	2	9	8	1	9
10 Stockport	5	3	0	2	6	5	1	9
11 Portsmouth	6	2	3	1	6	8	-2	9
12 QPR	5	2	2	1	9	7	2	8
13 Grimsby	7	2	2	3	6	8	-2	8
14 Sheffield Utd	6	2	2	2	9	13	-4	8
15 Blackburn	5	2	1	2	7	5	2	7
16 Port Vale	7	2	1	4	9	12	-3	7
17 Walsall	7	1	3	3	7	13	-6	6
18 Wolves	5	1	2	2	4	5	-1	5
19 Bolton	6	1	2	3	6	8	-2	5
20 Crewe	5	1	2	2	8	10	-2	5
21 Norwich	6	1	1	2	5	8	-3	5
22 Swindon	6	1	2	3	4	8	-4	5
23 Tranmere	7	1	1	5	3	11	-8	4
24 Palace	6	1	1	4	8	17	-9	4

Appearances

correct up to and including 14 Sep 1999

	League	W. Cup	FA Cup	Total
BIGNOT	+1	3	-	3+1
CHARNOCK	5	3	-	8
COLLINS	-	-	-	-
CRAMB	4	3	-	7
FORAN	2	1	-	3
FOSTER	-	-	-	-
GRANT	1	+1	-	1+1
JACK	1+1	2	-	3+1
KEARTON	5	3	-	8
LIGHTFOOT	+2	-	-	+2
LITTLE	5+1	-	-	5+1
LUNT	5	3	-	8
MACAULEY	3+1	2	-	5+1
RIVERS	4+1	2	-	6+1
P.SMITH	+1	-	-	+1
S.SMITH	5	3	-	8
SORVEL	5	3	-	8
STREET	-	+1	-	+1
TAIT	+3	-	-	+3
UNSWORTH	2+1	1	-	3+1
WALTON	-	-	-	-
WELSBY	-	-	-	-
D.WRIGHT	5	1	-	6
S.WRIGHT	3+2	1	-	4+2

DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	Res	Pos	Att
SAT 7 AUG	CRYSTAL PALACE	A	1-1		13,664
TUE 10 AUG	HARTLEPOOL	A	3-3		1,836
SAT 21 AUG	WALSALL	A	4-1		6,238
TUE 24 AUG	HARTLEPOOL	H	1-0		5,095
SAT 27 AUG	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	1-1		5,440
MON 30 AUG	BIRMINGHAM CITY	A	1-5		24,085
SAT 11 SEP	NORWICH CITY	A	1-2		13,172
TUE 14 SEP	IPSWICH TOWN	H	2-1		4,759
SAT 18 SEP	SWINDON TOWN	H			
SAT 25 SEP	FULHAM	A			
SUN 3 OCT	TRANMERE ROVERS	H			
SAT 9 OCT	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H			
SAT 16 OCT	STOCKPORT COUNTY	A			
TUE 19 OCT	BOLTON WANDERERS	A			
SAT 23 OCT	BARNLEY	H			
TUE 26 OCT	FULHAM	H			
SAT 30 OCT	TRANMERE ROVERS	A			
TUE 2 NOV	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H			
FRI 5 NOV	PORT VALE	A			
SAT 13 NOV	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	H			
SAT 20 NOV	PORTSMOUTH	A			
TUE 23 NOV	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H			
SAT 27 NOV	IPSWICH TOWN	A			
SAT 4 DEC	CRYSTAL PALACE	H			
SAT 18 DEC	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	A			
SUN 26 DEC	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H			
TUE 28 DEC	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	A			
MON 3 JAN	MANCHESTER CITY	H			
SAT 15 JAN	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	A			
SAT 22 JAN	WALSALL	H			
SAT 29 JAN	GRIMSBY TOWN	A			
SAT 5 FEB	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H			
SAT 12 FEB	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	A			
SAT 19 FEB	IPSWICH TOWN	H			
SAT 26 FEB	SWINDON TOWN	A			
SAT 4 MAR	NORWICH CITY	H			
TUE 7 MAR	PORT VALE	H			
SAT 11 MAR	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A			
SAT 18 MAR	PORTSMOUTH	H			
TUE 21 MAR	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	A			
SAT 25 MAR	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A			
SAT 1 APR	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H			
SAT 8 APR	MANCHESTER CITY	A			
SAT 15 APR	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H			
SAT 22 APR	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H			
MON 24 APR	SHEFFIELD UNITED	A			
SAT 29 APR	BOLTON WANDERERS	H			
SUN 7 MAY	BARNLEY	A			
T.B.A.	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H			

Alex Progress



SEASON
1999/2000

KEY: GOAL SCORER-2, PLAYER REPLACED-R, SUB USED-*, OWN GOAL-●, BOOKED-b, SENT OFF-S

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
KEARTON	D.WRIGHT	S.SMITH	MACAULEY	UNSWORTH	CHARNOCK	JACK	SORVEL	GRANT	LUNT	LITTLE	TAIT*	RIVERS1*	WELSBY	BIGNOT	S.WRIGHT*
KEARTON	BIGNOT	S.SMITH	MACAULEY	UNSWORTH	CHARNOCK	JACK	SORVEL	CRAMB1	LUNT	LITTLE2	D.WRIGHT	WELSBY	FORAN	TAIT	GRANT
KEARTON	D.WRIGHT	S.SMITH	MACAULEY	UNSWORTH	SORVEL	CHARNOCK1	LUNT1	LITTLE1	RIVERS1	CRAMB	TAIT*	LIGHTFOOT*	BIGNOT	S.WRIGHT*	P.SMITH
KEARTON	BIGNOT	S.SMITH	S.WRIGHT	FORAN	LUNT	SORVEL	CHARNOCK	LITTLE1	RIVERS	CRAMB	D.WRIGHT	MACAULEY	LIGHTFOOT	P.SMITH	WELSBY
KEARTON	D.WRIGHT	S.SMITH	S.WRIGHT	FORAN	CHARNOCK	LUNT	SORVEL1	LITTLE	RIVERS	CRAMB	TAIT*	BIGNOT	P.SMITH	LIGHTFOOT	MACAULEY
KEARTON	D.WRIGHT	S.SMITH	S.WRIGHT	FORAN	CHARNOCK	LUNT	SORVEL	LITTLE	RIVERS	CRAMB1	TAIT	BIGNOT*	P.SMITH*	LIGHTFOOT	MACAULEY*
KEARTON	D.WRIGHT	S.SMITH	S.WRIGHT	MACAULEY	CHARNOCK	LUNT	SORVEL	LITTLE	RIVERS	CRAMB1	BIGNOT	LIGHTFOOT*	UNSWORTH*	STREET	JACK*
KEARTON	BIGNOT	D.WRIGHT	MACAULEY	S.SMITH	CHARNOCK	LUNT	SORVEL	JACK	RIVERS1	CRAMB	LITTLE1*	GRANT*	TAIT	STREET*	FORAN

Crewe Goalscorers 1999/2000

	League	Worth Cup	FA Cup	Total
Little	1	4	-	5
Rivers	2	1	-	3
Charnock	1	-	-	1
Lunt	1	-	-	1
Cramb	2	1	-	3
Sorvel	1	-	-	1
TOTALS	8	6		14

Important Notice

Safety at Sports Ground Act 1975 and 1985

The stadium at Gresty Road is a sports ground designated under the above acts. In the interests of spectators safety certain conditions must be observed at all times.

Encroachment on the playing area is forbidden at all times. Closed circuit television is in operation at the stadium and can be used as evidence in a court of law.

First aid and medical facilities are provided the stadium with first aid posts at the Family Stand, Gresty Road Stand and Main Stand Areas of the ground.

Emergency procedures

In the event of an emergency club stewards and police will put into operation set procedures and direct spectators accordingly. Spectators are asked to comply with these instructions. Please remain calm and observe the directions given to you.

Please remember the club stewards are here to assist you and we hope that you have an enjoyable visit, in a safe environment at the Stadium.

Cliff Simpson - Stadium manager

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Martin Robins



Bankers Standing Order

To The Manager: _____ Bank/Building Society

New Standing Order Details

Please pay 16-26-14 The Royal Bank of Scotland, 12 Pillory Street Nantwich, Cheshire for the Credit of Crewe Alexandra Account Number 11245134. The sum of £4.33/£8.66 (delete as applicable) per calendar month on the 1st day of the month.

From _____ Account Number: _____

Name: _____

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Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Please return to Red Lion Club, Crewe Alexandra FC, Gresty Road, Crewe, Cheshire CW2 6EB.

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