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Andy King looks forward to a big cup-tie against the Premiership's Sky Blues

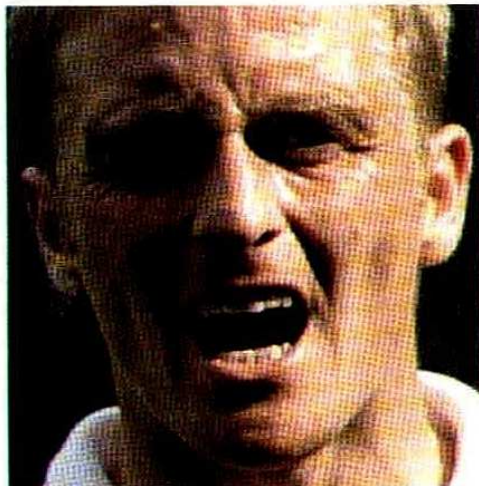


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A Warm Welcome:

A Great Asset

I am delighted to be able to write in today's welcome notes of a Swindon Town employee who deserves public praise for efforts beyond the normal call of duty.

When I joined the club six months ago Swindon Town was still in the hands of the administrator and it was very tough to get monies to pay for a variety of urgent things needed by the club. Within a few weeks I was made aware that one of the club staff had dipped into his own pocket for away travel for the team and then paid on his credit card for the new stewards' jackets - a total of £15,000 unsecured on a personal account. I thought this an amazing act of devotion to the cause and hoped that one day Robin Humby, a club management accountant, would receive compensation for his efforts. When Terry Brady took control of the club in September he too noticed what had happened and was as amazed as I was at what had happened. Mr Brady immediately paid Robin his money back, but was determined to do more.

The chance to honour and reward Robin for his love of the club came at the annual Christmas party just before the festive break. Mr Brady duly named him the club's first ever 'employee of the year' and gave him and his partner Jenny a holiday in the sun. I would like to quote Mr Brady's comments from that night because I too think it is very important that deeds like this do not go unnoticed. "It is a message to everyone at the club that we are not solely based around just the footballers because the backroom staff are just as important," he said. The team-building exercise both on and off the field here at the County Ground has been steadily gaining pace since last summer and I am delighted to report that the spirit at the club has never been better. We have an excellent chairman whose passion for the club is second to none, backed by a superb board of directors and ably assisted by one of the best management teams in

the league. As we end what has been a particularly traumatic year for the club and enter 2001, it is so heartening to know that the future looks so bright, thanks to the staff who are rarely seen in public. To all at Swindon Town and on behalf of the chairman and directors, I would like to publicly say a big 'thank you' for your hard work over the past year and wish everyone a Happy New Year. Getting back to today's game, I am pleased to welcome Coventry City to the County Ground for what I am sure will be a tremendous FA Cup tie. It's been some time since we won two games in the Cup and today gives us the opportunity to become a giant-killer by making it three in a row and progressing to the fourth round. Of course, Gordon Strachan's Sky Blues will give us a tough test and although they have been struggling a little in the Premiership of late, make no mistake, they are a quality outfit with some seasoned internationals in their line-up. Our special guest for today's game has played for both clubs. Ernie Hunt was a young trainee with the club in the early 1960s before moving on to star for the Highfield Road side in the 1970s. Ernie is now retired and lives in Gloucester and I am sure you will all give him a big welcome when he helps out with the half-time draw.

Finally, a warm Wiltshire welcome to Coventry chairman Brian Richardson, his directors, players, staff and supporters to today's game but of course there is only one winner...Come on You Reds!

Peter Rowe
Chief Executive

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More dates for the diary...



As well as the LDV Trophy second round match against Millwall which is to be played at the New Den on Tuesday 9th January, the league match against Colchester United has been re-arranged.

The Nationwide League Division Two fixture, to be played at Layer Road, will take place on Tuesday 23rd January. For more information contact the ticket hotline on 01793 333777.

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Missed Out on Rankin

Last week the Evening Advertiser reported that Town missed out on an audacious bid to sign Bradford City striker Isiah Rankin. The 22 year old was locked in talks with chairman Terry Brady until 11pm last Thursday evening before eventually rejecting a move.

The possibility only arose when Chief Executive Peter Rowe rang friend and city chairman Geoffrey Richmond. "I phoned Geoffrey to wish him seasonal greetings. During the course of the conversation I mentioned our continuing search for players and Rankin's name came up" said Mr Rowe.

Mr Richmond gave Town permission to speak to the player and Terry Brady spent the day trying to secure the player's services. A deal to keep him for the season and then have an option to buy him was turned down by the player.

County Ground a Casualty of the Big Freeze

Last Saturday's local derby against Reading was postponed due to a frozen pitch.

Our game was just one of the many called off all over the country as a result of the appalling weather. A pitch inspection took place at midday on the Friday before the game, parts of the south side of the pitch were frozen solid and temperatures were set to plummet to below freezing again on the Saturday. This area of the pitch is often problematic because the overhang of the Nationwide stand prevents any sun reaching the pitch.

A new date will be established as soon as possible. People who have already purchased tickets can use them for the re-arranged fixture. For further information contact the Ticket Office on 01793 333777.

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Manager's Message:



King, pictured here at Northampton Town

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to today's hotly anticipated cup tie against

• **Premiership side Coventry City.**

We enter today's game on the back of a disastrous Christmas period, but with the advent of a New Year, we have the opportunity to start afresh with a break from league proceedings with a cup clash against Premiership opposition. Unfortunately we come into the game on the back of three league defeats and I would rather have come into the game with more credibility and more points in the bag than we have done.

Coventry will visit us thinking that they are playing a club who have lost three in a row and are low on

confidence, whereas I would have liked them to think they were playing a club that was high on confidence on the back of a good Christmas. If they had caught us after the game against Rotherham then they would have thought they were playing against a side who had turned the corner.

Nevertheless you can't dwell on what is in the past and we have to get ourselves back on track but we mustn't kid ourselves, any game against Premiership opposition is going to be difficult. Coventry have picked up a bit of form over the festive period with a run of four games without defeat including a win against Everton, Gordon Strachan's side will be coming to the County Ground with a bit of confidence as a

result. People say that form goes out of the window in cup games but I believe that if you are losing games, whatever league you play in, you will find it hard to improve. Subsequently that win becomes a little bit more elusive and the odds are heavily stacked in the Premiership side's favour, but it will be a nice change to be the underdog as opposed to being the side under pressure as we have been in the last two rounds.

Even so, the enormity of the task can be shown by the divide between the two clubs; I have seen Coventry heavily beaten in Premiership games and we are a further two leagues below them! Similar to the game against Walsall, today's encounter is going to be a massive character building exercise.

“Undoubtedly there is going to be an upset in the third round of the FA Cup, let's just hope that it is here at the County Ground!”

Against a big side such as Coventry you have to be well up for it otherwise the punishment can be a heavy defeat. In saying that, the lads showed a lot of desire against Walsall and you can be sure that they will be well prepared and mentally ready for this game. It was so disappointing to lose at the Bescot Stadium last week, especially after the lads had battled so hard.

Walsall are a side that are flying high, especially at home, and for a long while it appeared as though we were going to acquire what would have been a very respectable point. In the end we gave away a goal right at the end of the game (having defended very well throughout) and instead of being able to start the New Year on a high, we are no better off than we

were before we entered the Christmas period. Inevitably there will be a buzz around the ground today, even around the whole town because the players coming here are players that we all watch on tv week in week out. It is a great test for our lads. Not only is it a chance to play without the pressure of the league, but also a good opportunity for them to show some of the best players in the country what they are capable of.

On paper Coventry will be expected to win but I believe that at our best, we are capable of pulling off a giant-killing act, we are at home and hopefully we will be playing in front of the biggest crowd, certainly since my time here at the club. The lads are really excited but they have to turn that anticipation into a good

performance, they have to be on the top of their game. Undoubtedly there is going to be an upset in the third round of the FA Cup, let's just hope that it is here at the County Ground!

Finally, may I wish everyone involved here at Swindon Town Football Club, and the directors, management team, players and supporters of Coventry City, a belated Happy New Year. It has given us an opportunity to start the second half of the season in better form and hopefully with better results. Today could be the start of a good run of form that could put us into the next round of the cup and more importantly, propel us up the table and away from the relegation area.

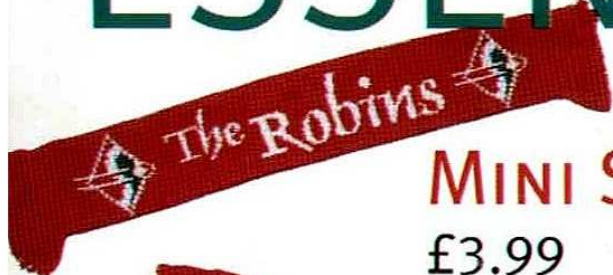
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FA Cup 2nd Round Statistics

2000-2001
Top Scorers

9 Goals



8 Goals



F.A. Cup 2nd Round Stats

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The Complete Second Round Story

Home	Score	Away	Attendance
AFC Bournemouth	3-0	Nuneaton Borough	5,835
Blackpool	0-1	Yeovil Town	3,757
Bristol City	3-1	Kettering	7,641
Canvey Island	1-2	Southend United	11,402
Cardiff City	3-1	Cheltenham Town	9,910
Chester City	3-2	Oxford United	2,798
Darlington	0-0	Luton Town	3,641
Kidderminster H.	0-2	Carlisle United	2,533
Lincoln City	0-1	Dagenham & Redbridge	2,823
Millwall	0-0	Wycombe Wanderers	7,819
Morecambe	2-1	Cambridge United	3,427
Northwich Victoria	3-3	Leyton Orient	2,703
Peterborough United	1-1	Oldham Athletic	5,662
Rotherham United	1-0	Northampton Town	4,964
Scunthorpe United	2-1	Brighton & Hove Albion	3,879
Southport	1-2	Kingstonian	3,659
Swindon Town	5-0	Gateshead	3,907
Walsall	2-1	Barnet	3,699
Wigan Athletic	1-1	Notts County	3,886
York City	2-2	Reading	2,926

First Round Replays

Leyton Orient	3-2	Northwich Vic	aet	4,028
Luton Town	2-0	Darlington		3,563
Notts County	2-1	Wigan Athletic	aet	3,349
Oldham Athletic	0-1	Peterborough United		3,404
Reading	1-3	York City		6,968
Wycombe Wanderers	2-1	Millwall		3,878

2000-2001 Second Round Figures

Home Wins	33	0-0 Draws (at 90 mins)	2
Away Wins	7	Score Draws (at 90 mins)	6
Biggest Winning Margin	5 Goals	(Swindon Town 5 Gateshead 0)	
Biggest Home Win	5-0	(Swindon Town 5 Gateshead 0)	
Biggest Away Win	2 Goal Margin	(Kidderminster Harriers 0-2 Carlisle United ; Reading 1-3 York City)	
Highest Scoring Match	6 Goals	(Northwich Victoria 3-3 Leyton Orient)	
Closest Winning Margin	1 Goal, after extra time	(Notts County 2-1 Wigan Athletic ; Leyton Orient 3-2 Northwich Victoria)	
'Extra-Time' Replays	2	(see 'Closest Winning Margin')	
Hat-Tricks	None		
Penalties (Scored)	1	(Earnshaw, Cardiff City)	
Own Goals	2	(Hughes, Northampton Town ; Simpson, Northwich Vic.)	
Yellow Cards	70	Red Cards	5
Ave. Yellows per Game	3.5		
Total Goals Scored	73		
Average Goals per Game:	2.807		

Round 2's Top 5 Attendances

Canvey Island vs Southend United	11,402	
Cardiff City vs Cheltenham Town	9,910	Lowest Att: 2,533
Millwall vs Wycombe Wanderers	7,819	K.H. vs C.U.
Bristol City vs Kettering	7,641	Total Att: 119,135
Reading vs York City (Replay)	6,968	No. of Matches: 26
Ave Att: 4,582... & a big cat!		

2000-2001 F.A. Cup Top Scorers

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Earnshaw	Cardiff City	5				
Evans	Carlisle Utd	4				
Griffiths	Leyton Orient	4				
Fletcher	Northwich Vic	3				
Ipoua	Scunthorpe Utd	3				
Mike	Northwich Vic	3				
Naylor	Darlington	3				
Vaughan	Canvey Island	3				
Whitehall	Chester City	3				

2 Goals Each:		Howe	Swindon Town
Abbott	Aldershot	Liburd	Notts County
Bates	Wycombe W	McNiven	York City
Butler	Reading	Minton	Port Vale
Cowe	Swindon Town	O'Halloran	Swindon Town
Dobie	Carlisle United	Ormerod	Blackpool
Dudley	Oldham Athletic	Patmore	Yeovil Town
Elliott	Bournemouth	Pitcher	Kingstonian
Evans	Cardiff City	Stallard	Notts County
Forrester	Northampton	Tilson	Walsall
Gray	Oxford United	Thorpe	Bristol City
Grayson	Cheltenham	Watson	Brighton & HA
Gregory	Canvey Island	Williamson	Southend Utd
Hadley	Kidderminster	Winston	Kingstonian
Hodgson	Darlington	Zamora	Brighton & HA

2000-2001 Competition Stats

Total Results so far	Games	74	Goals	73
Home Wins (inc. extra time)	33	Total Goals	224	
Away Wins (inc. extra time)	7	Total Penalties	10	
0-0 Draws (inc. at 90 mins)	6	Total Own Goals	7	
Score Draws (inc. at 90 mins)	13	Total Hat-Tricks	4	
Average Attendance:	3,932.5	Ave. Goals per game	3.03	
Highest Attendance:	11,402	(Canvey Is. v Southend U.)		
Lowest Attendance:	1,023	(Forest Green v Morecambe)		
Total Attendance:	291,006	(74 Games)		
Club with most Cautions:	Nuneaton B.	(8 Yellows, 1 Red)		
Average Yellow Cards:	2.716 per game			
Total Red Cards:	15			
Biggest Winning Margin:	5 Goals	(Darlington 6-1 Sudbury)		
		(Swindon Town 5-0 Gateshead)		
Biggest Home Win:	6-1	(Darlington vs Sudbury, Rd.1)		
Biggest Away Win:	4 Goals	(Aldershot 2-6 Brighton)		
Highest Scoring Match:	8 Goals	(Aldershot 2-6 Brighton)		
Closest Winning Margin:	1 Goal, replay, a.e.t.	(5 games)		
'Extra Time' Replays:	5 Ties			

2000-2001 F.A. Cup Upsets

Brentford 1-3 Kingstonian	Rd1	Plymouth 1-2 Chester	Rd1
Cardiff 5-1 Bristol Rovers	Rd1	Port Vale 1-2 Canvey Island	Rd1
Halifax 0-2 Gateshead	Rd1	Blackpool 0-1 Yeovil	Rd2
Nuneaton 1-0 Stoke City	Rd1	Chester 3-2 Oxford	Rd2
Yeovil 5-1 Colchester	Rd1	Lincoln 0-1 Dagenham	Rd2
Hull 0-1 Kettering	Rd1	Morecambe 2-1 Cambridge	Rd2
Northwich 1-0 Bury	Rd1	Reading 1-3 York City	Rd2

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Middle Row: Tony Strudwick (Sports Scientist), Jim Blythe (Goalkeeping Coach), Marc Edworthy, Steve Froggatt, Marcus Hall, Barry Quinn, Cedric Roussel, Colin Hendry, Carlton Palmer, Richard Shaw, Darren Grewcock (Fitness Coach), Garry Pendry (First Team Coach), Trevor Peake (Reserve Team Manager)

Front Row: John Eustace, Youssef Chippo, David Thompson, Runnar Normann, Gavin Strachan, Paul Williams, Gordon Strachan (Manager), Moustapha Hadji, Ysrael Zuniga, Laurent Delorge, Paul Telfer, Stephen McPhee

The Sky Blues...

Since the club's historic cup victory in 1987 against Spurs, the Sky Blues faithful have had little to shout about, the post Wembley years dogged by poor signings, the departure of integral players and a merry-go-round of managers.

However since 1993 Chairman Bryan Richardson has worked wonders at the club and his move to bring Atkinson and Strachan to the club was an inspired one. Gordon Strachan took over as manager during the 1996-97 season when the club avoided relegation on the last day of the season, a win away at Spurs good enough to keep them up. The following season Coventry embarked on an unbeaten run of thirteen games and a cup run (ended on penalties by Sheffield United) that would see them

reach the quarter-finals of the FA Cup and achieve Premiership safety weeks before the end of the season. Strachan was hailed as one of the top young managers in the game and Dion Dublin was chosen for England. Since then Strachan and the form of his side have been in the spotlight from media and fans alike, epitomised last season by a poor run of form that would see them struggle to record a victory away from home all term. This year, the perennial strugglers have found themselves in another relegation dogfight, although recent form would suggest that they have turned the corner with an unbeaten festive run of four games including a win against fellow strugglers Everton.



ClubFACTS...

Name: Coventry City FC

Nickname: Sky Blues

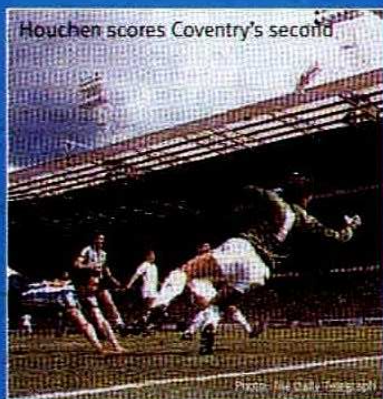
Ground: Highfield Road

Turned Professional: 1883

Capacity: 23, 662

Highest League Scorer:

Clarrie Bourton, 49, 1931-32



87th Heaven for Sky Blues

Supporters of today's visitors will always be reminded of their only major trophy when it comes to FA Cup day.

In 1987 the Sky Blues upset all the odds by defeating cup favourites Tottenham Hotspur to win their first major honour since their election to

the football league in 1919. Coventry twice had to come back after falling behind, Spurs' second, an own-goal from former Town defender Brian Kilcline. The winner came early in extra time when Tottenham stalwart Gary Mabbutt deflected a cross past his own keeper into the back of the net.



Born in 1957, Gordon Strachan started his flourishing career with Dundee United before joining Aberdeen in 1977.

Meet Gordon Strachan



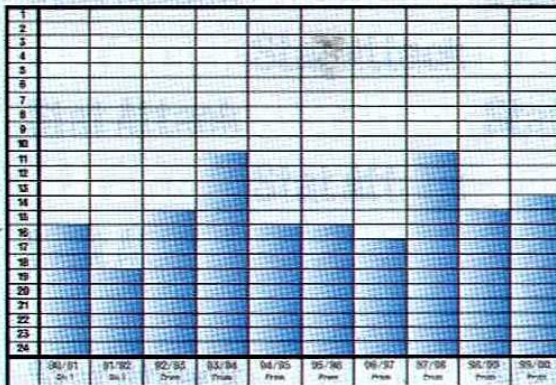
After seven illustrious years at Pittodrie (including Championship victories and European glory) Strachan moved on to Old Trafford where he would later team up with former Aberdeen manager Alex Ferguson. Strachan helped United win the FA Cup in 1985 before moving to Leeds in 1989. It was here that Gordon announced the end of his playing career after making only seven appearances during the 1994-95 season. Surprisingly he then joined Coventry City. Ron

Atkinson, someone who Strachan had worked with at Manchester United, enlisted Strachan to bolster the Sky Blues midfield on a free transfer in 1995 - a move that would later see City avoid the drop. The fiery Scotsman now goes about preserving Coventry's long standing record in the Premiership. Despite the growing pressure to ease this season's relegation worries, Strachan is regarded by many as one of the country's best young managers for his integrity, honesty and high motivation.



clubfacts...

Ten year record...



The last five meetings...

Swindon Town	3-1	Coventry City	(Prem)	05-02-1994
Coventry City	1-1	Swindon Town	(Prem)	03-01-1994
Coventry City	2-2	Swindon Town	(Lg Cup)	no date given
Swindon Town	3-0	Coventry City	(Lg Cup)	no date given
Swindon Town	1-2	Coventry City	(FA Cup)	no date given

Coventry City...

Full time results...

Coventry City 9-0 v Bristol City 1933-34 **Record Win**
 Coventry City 2-10 v Norwich City 1929-30 **Record Loss**

Club honours...

Division Three Champions 1963-64
 Division Two Champions 1966-67
 FA Cup Winners 1986-87

Next five fixtures...

Sat Jan 13	Newcastle Utd	v	Coventry City	A
Sat Jan 20	Coventry City	v	Everton	H
Tue Jan 30	Leeds	v	Coventry City	A
Sat Feb 3	Coventry City	v	Arsenal	H
Sat Feb 10	West Ham	v	Coventry City	A

Top goalscorer's...

Aloisi	5
Bellamy	4
Eustace	3

The Visitors:

Mustapha Hadji

The 28 year old Moroccan was City's then record £4 million buy, bought in August 1999 from Spanish club Deportivo La Coruna

He sprang to international prominence with a sensational performance for Morocco in the World Cup in France, earning him 'African Footballer of the Year'. He joined Sporting Lisbon after the tournament and then moved to Spain with Deportivo La Coruna before City managed to snatch him, beating off stiff competition from the likes of Marseilles. The 29-year old has played mainly on the left side of midfield and his sublime skill and ability to beat players has earned the respect of the Highfield Road faithful.

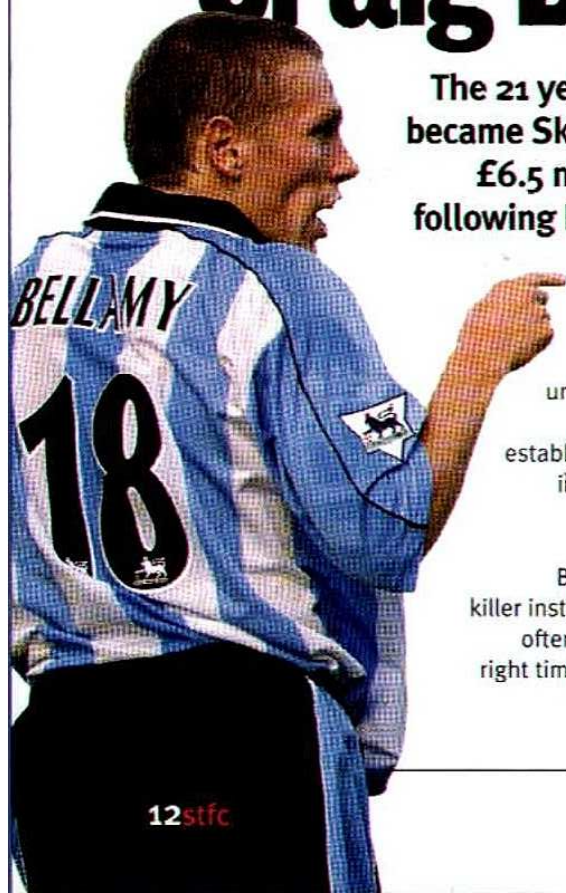


Craig Bellamy

The 21 year old Cardiff-born striker became Sky Blues' record signing at £6.5 million in the close season following Robbie Keane's departure to Inter Milan.

Bellamy joined Norwich from school and was selected for Wales under-21's at 16. He made his debut for the Canaries at 17 and is now an established full international. Following his injury, Bellamy crowned his comeback playing for Wales against Brazil.

Bellamy is a natural goal scorer with a killer instinct in front of goal. Not only does he often find himself in the right place at the right time, but his ability to finish one-on-one makes him potentially one of Britain's top talents.



13 Chris Kirkland



Locally born goalkeeper who will be contesting the No2 spot with Hyldgaard. A towering 6ft 5ins tall, the 19 year old has been capped at all levels up to under 21 and was called up to train with Kevin Keegan's Euro 2000 squad. Starred in Coventry's successful youth side of 1998-99.

2 Marc Edworthy

Signed from Crystal Palace for £1 million, Edworthy had been voted Palace's 'Player of the Year' before Gordon Strachan snapped him up. Started his career with Plymouth after making the grade as a junior sprint champion in Devon. Missed much of last season with an ankle injury picked up against Newcastle.

4 Paul Williams

"Willo" joined Derby County as an apprentice and climbed through the ranks winning England U21 honours on the way. Ron Atkinson signed him for £1 million five years ago and was voted the club's player of the year in his first season. Can play in midfield but more recently has formed a solid partnership with Richard Shaw in defence.



6 Richard Shaw



Shaw was signed for £650,000 from Crystal Palace four seasons ago. He has proved himself to be an

extremely reliable performer and has won the 'Player of the Year' award. He can be utilised as a man-for-man marker - a role he can fill right across the back four - but is most at home as right centre back.

7 David Thompson

The 23 year old from Birkenhead was signed from Liverpool in the close season for £3 million, attracting the Sky Blues' attention with a stunning display at Highfield Road last season. Decided to leave Liverpool because his route to regular first team football appeared to be blocked.

8 Youssef Chippo

The Moroccan midfielder is an integral part of a very useful national side and he performed particularly well in France 98. City's former fitness coach Roger Spry who now works for Porto recommended him to his old club, and Gordon Strachan snapped him up for £1million last summer.

11 Ysrael Zuniga



The 23-year-old Peruvian international striker became a firm favourite of the fans almost overnight after

his arrival from Peru club Melgar. Winner of the South America 'Golden Boot' for most goals during 1999, he was recommended by the former Argentine World Cup star Rene Houseman.

12 Paul Telfer

Telfer moved to Coventry from Luton for a tribunal fixed £1.15 million in the summer of 1995 and has been a regular ever since. He plays in the centre of midfield as well as out wide, his stamina a key asset. Represented Scotland U-21's before his first full cap against France.

16 John Aloisi

This 25 year old striker came to the Club from Portsmouth where he enjoyed tremendous success, scoring 17 goals before his transfer to Coventry City in December 1998. Looked set to be Robbie Keane's regular partner before a knee injury ruled him out for the rest of the season.

17 Gary Breen



This Eire International rejected the chance to join a big club at the start of his career -

concentrating instead on his studies - but quickly moved through the divisions with Maidstone, Gillingham, Peterborough and Birmingham before Gordon Strachan paid £2.5 million for his services.

22 Barry Quinn

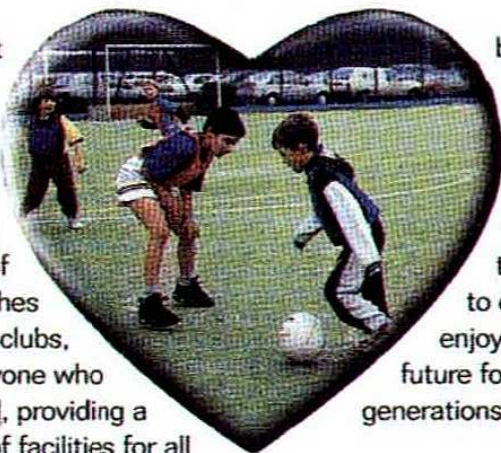
Quinn captained the under-18 Republic of Ireland side in 1998 and only celebrated his 20th birthday last summer. He is a ball-playing midfielder who made his debut last season and is expected to be a regular member of the first team squad.

Lee Carsley

A Republic of Ireland international, Lee joined Blackburn in March 1999 and in the following season he became the driving force behind the side and was made club captain. Signed for Coventry last year he has been invaluable in midfield, has the ability to track back as well as threaten in front of goal.

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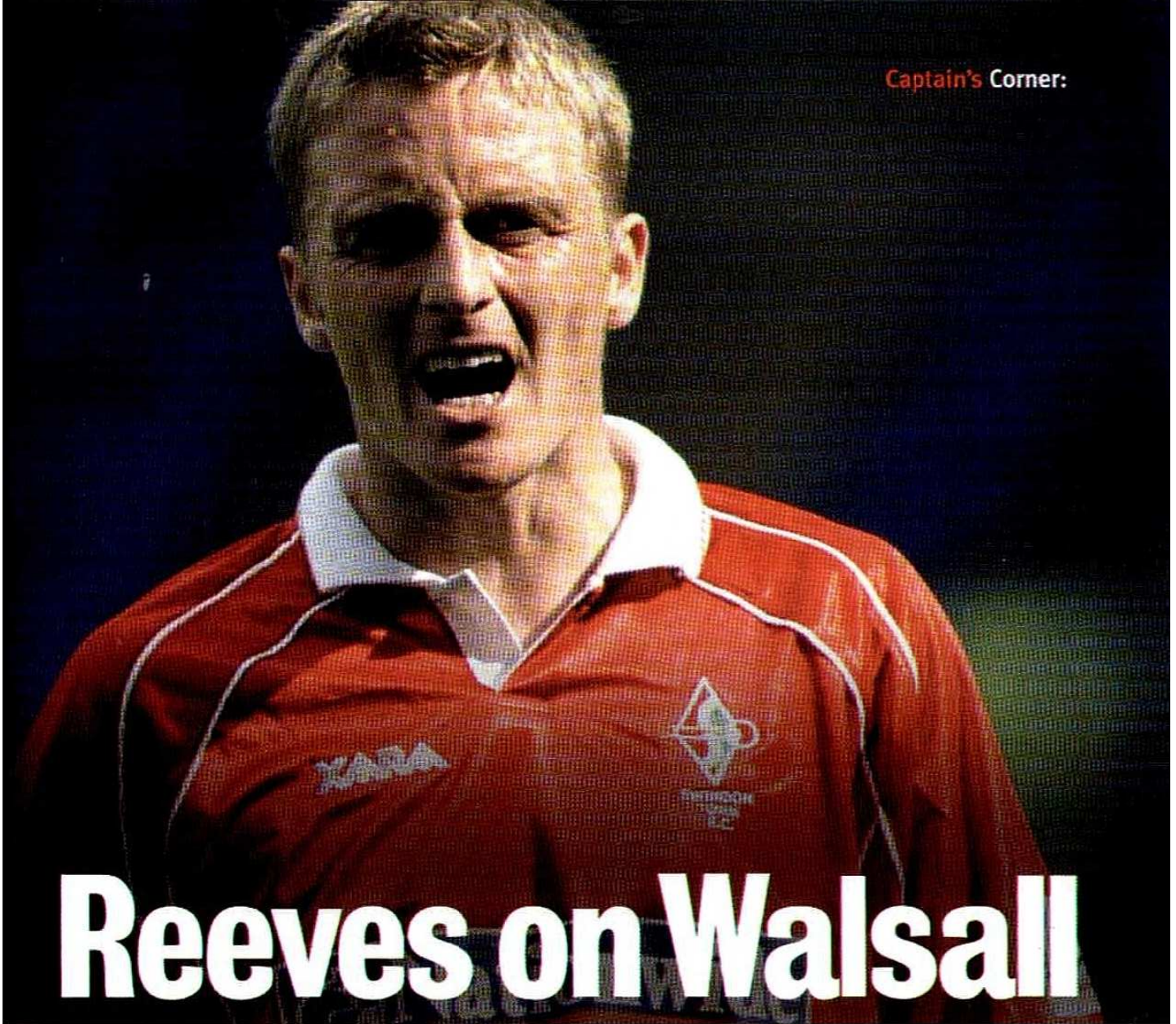


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Reeves on Walsall

It wasn't a very pretty match to watch if you were a Town fan. We scrapped and battled for a point and just when we thought that we had earned a very respectable point, they scored a very scrappy goal in the last minute of the match.

We hadn't played well for the previous 89 minutes, especially in our attacking play. At the back we soaked up pressure for long periods and although Walsall didn't have that many clear-cut opportunities, we didn't do enough going forward.

We found it hard to get the ball into forward positions, keep it there and try to relieve some of the pressure - it kept coming back which made it very difficult. It wasn't very pleasant

to watch but I thought we had battled hard enough for the draw. After the match we were very downhearted and disappointed with the final score, especially because we conceded so late.

We would have loved a clean sheet at Walsall but in the end their pressure told and after a couple of dubious challenges they stole all the points. Initially, we all thought it was a foul on Sol Davis on the edge of the box and then we thought it may have been a foul on Bart, but to be fair it was very hard to tell.

We're all looking forward to the match against Coventry because it will be a match where the pressure is off us, hopefully there will be a full house and we could cause an

upset and give all those Town fans that turn up something to cheer. However, we won't forget that we've got a very important match coming up against Port Vale. It's a definite six-pointer and I'm sure everyone involved with the club would prefer to win that match than the cup-tie with Coventry. It's very important for us to stay in this division, but having said that, we will give it 100% on Saturday and hope to prove that we are a better side than current results suggest.

As the Reading match was postponed I will take this opportunity to wish all the fans that have been so supportive of us this season a very Happy New Year.

Alan Reeves

Dan Chisholm:



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Gordon Strachan

No Laughing Matter



Before you get the idea that I want to wind-up visiting fans from Coventry, let's be clear about this.

Over the years, the Sky Blues have had more than their fair share of embarrassing cup exits (remember Sutton United?) and the whole of the country will be watching today's

game with a great deal of interest. This is the sort of game where it **COULD** go horribly wrong. Let's look at the facts, Coventry have had a torrid time recently broken only by that important victory over Leicester. A minority of supporters have been calling for the head of manager Gordon Strachan and, if the Reds pull off the result many don't expect, their collective voice will get louder.

While I hope for a Swindon victory, I do hope it wouldn't be at the expense of the fiery Scotsman. In these days of 'media-schooling', when managers are taught how to deal with the press, tv and radio he wears his heart on his sleeve and delivers honest, passionate comments - with almost Pythonesque humour - in his post-match assessments.

How could anyone ever forget his comments on BBC's Match Of The Day when talking about the team's coach driver? Or, more recently, his suggestion that he moved faster than the ball-boys at Highfield Road?

Above all, what really amuses me is that he **NEVER** looks the reporter in the eye when being interviewed. Why, could it be another manager beginning to feel the pressure?

No-one can deny that these days, the stakes are high and there's a high price to pay for failure. But thank heavens for a man who nevertheless recognises the need for humour. Who will see the funny side at five o'clock today?

Dan Chisholm
Breakfast presenter

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The verdict from the defeat against Brentford...

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Paul Evans' penalty was enough to help the Bees hold on for a rare away win against 10-man Swindon.

Swindon had taken the lead through Danny Invincible's ninth of the season after four minutes, but just 20 seconds into the second half the visitors were back on level terms when Owusu struck from close range. Minutes later Swindon fell behind when Owusu turned provider with a cross to the back post allowing Andy Scott to head home. Evans sent the deputising Reeves in goal the wrong way to make it 3-1.

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What could have been a Christmas cracker for the Town faithful descended into a festive farce as Brentford pocketed the points at the County Ground.

An early rocket from the boot of Danny Invincible should have put Town on the road to victory but a second half pantomime put paid to any hopes of a Happy Christmas. Bart Griemink found himself heading for an early bath for the second time this season with skipper Alan Reeves forced to don the keeper's jersey. With no points in the bag going into the games with Reading and Walsall respectively, it promises to be anything but a prosperous New Year for Andy King's men.

Away www.teamtalk.com

Three second half goals earned the Bees three points when they beat Swindon 3-2 at the County Ground this afternoon.

Lloyd Owusu scored within 20 seconds of coming on, netting from close range before putting in the cross which top scorer Andy Scott hit home to put the Bees into the lead. Swindon had taken the lead after just five minutes through their top scorer Danny Invincible but were undone on 71 minutes when Bart Griemink was handed a straight red card for bringing down Scott Partridge. Bees skipper Paul Evans scored from the resulting penalty kick.



Managers' views...



"It is quite simple. It just isn't good enough. I was never aware that we had turned the corner. Other people seemed to think we had. The reality is that we

are back in the bottom four or five and the rest of the season will be a dog fight to stave off relegation."

Andy King disappointed following Town's second successive defeat against Brentford at the County Ground.



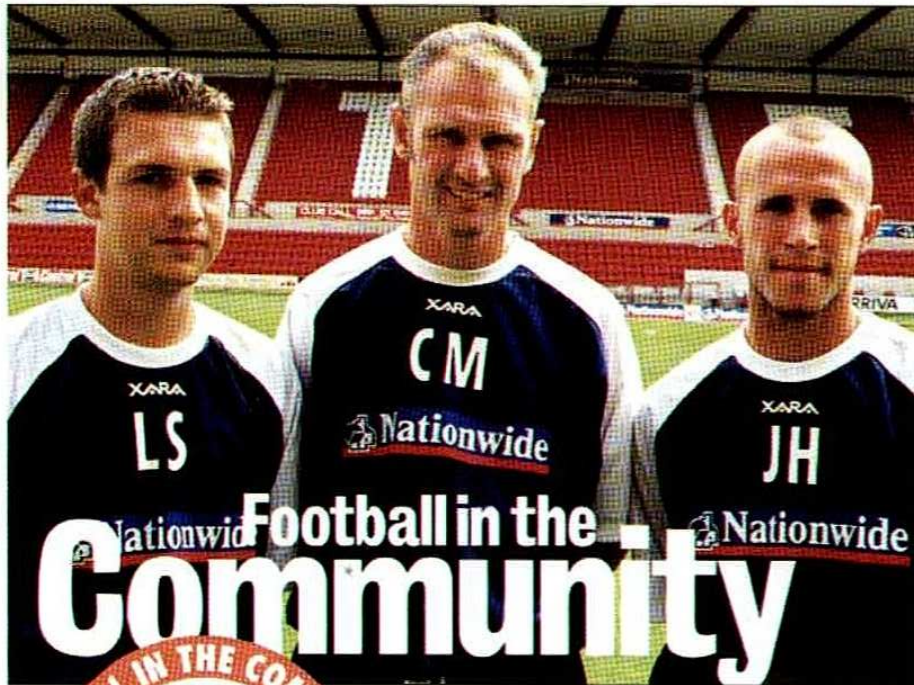
"I was delighted with the attitude of the players to come back from a goal down again. Swindon surprised us a bit in the first half by playing five in midfield

and just one up front. They all did really well, but I thought Lloyd looked a lot sharper and fitter. Now we have to take this form into the Swansea game."

Brentford coach Ray Lewington was delighted with his team's attitude, coming from a goal behind at the County Ground.

Andy King

Ray Lewington



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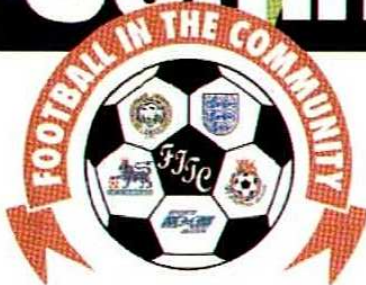


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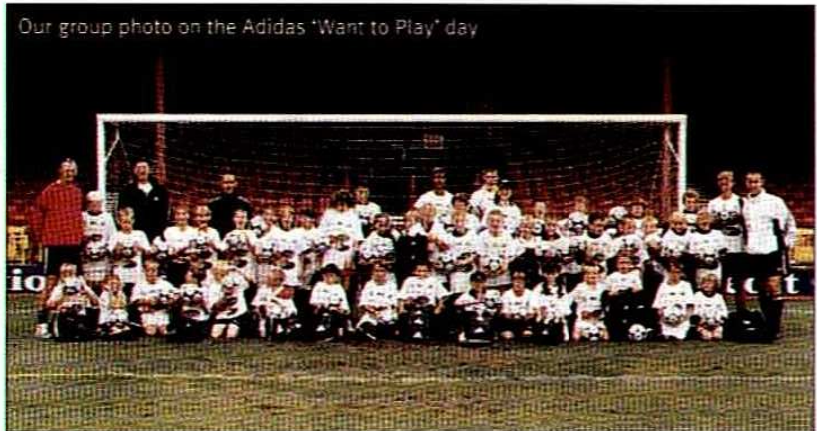
Nationwide Football in the Community



Happy New Year everybody and welcome to today's FA Cup tie against Coventry City. Let's hope we can cause a big cup upset and win through to round four. All the best lads for today's big game.

This time of year gives us a chance to reflect on the past year. We have had another great 12 months with our summer programme being one of our best on record. We were delighted also to host the Adidas 'Want to Play' day on the 1st September and the kids were thrilled when our special guest, legend Steve White made an appearance to boost the kids' day.

You may recall our notes for the Rotherham game and us mentioning the terrible weather and the effect on our after-schools clubs. Hopefully the New Year will bring better weather to enable us to resume in January. Railtrack, our new sponsors, officially come on board in the New Year and let's



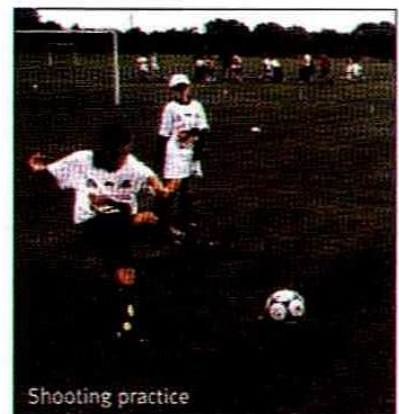
Our group photo on the Adidas 'Want to Play' day

hope the 3 year deal is as successful as the Wagon Wheels one!

Finally, a date for your diaries, our 1st course of 2001 is February 20th, 21st and 22nd here at the club. Please give us a call or collect your applications from main reception!

Best wishes
Happy New Year

Clive, Jono and Luke



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Centres

Happy New Year to everyone, I hope you had a good Christmas.

The new course starts on Monday 8th January, so don't forget to book as soon as possible and guarantee your place. I've spoken to all the centres and the bookings are going very well. As I mentioned before Christmas, we are up to around 600 kids each week on the Soccer Centres. Hopefully we can open some new centres and maybe get close to 700 this year. I must give a special mention to Luke Gough, who attends the Stratton Soccer Centre. Alan

Reeves and Gary Alexander came along to give out certificates and medals before Christmas, unfortunately Luke fell over bruising his head and breaking his wrist. Alan Reeves managed to give Luke and his dad two tickets for a game over Christmas. Also, we managed to get him a new away kit. I hope Luke makes a speedy recovery and is back at Stratton next week.

Enjoy the game

Jimmy Fraser



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Swindon Youths

Just before the Christmas break we treated the apprentices to a day out at Hot Shots Paintballing in Newbury.

I joined in with the promise of being a target for all the boys. It's a great game which involves team building and working together. All the lads came back bruised and battered but it was a great day out for all involved.

Afterwards the boy's were treated to free cinema tickets, a goodie box and some money courtesy of Wyvern Staff. The girls at Wyvern, Jenny and Marion, are always very willing to help in any way they can.

They've been a tremendous help over the past few years with various things and I would like to thank them for everything. We had a trialist over from South Africa, an Under-16 lad called Mallo who was

over for a month. He came over from Johannesburg and despite being a good player, was a bit short of what was required, nevertheless, we wish him all the best.

To all involved at the club, a belated Happy New Year!

Phil Cannon
Youth Development Officer



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Richard Dryden:

“...we have lost by the odd goal and that’s very frustrating...”



I don't think we played particularly well as a team against Walsall but it was especially disappointing to have worked so hard to shut Walsall out, only for them to score in the last minute of the match.

Over the course of the game we had to soak up a lot of pressure and although we didn't really do enough at the other end to win the match, we certainly worked hard enough defensively to believe we deserved a point. It's just another of those occasions when a team at the top gets the breaks and we end up with nothing to show for our efforts. If we could have held on for another minute or two it would have been a great performance because Walsall have such a good home record.

We didn't create enough chances at the other end and it's one of the main reasons we're in the position we are. We have improved going forward and since I've been here we've created enough chances to win games but you have to put them away to win a match but, having said that, we scored two against Brentford and still ended up the losing side. We have to put it all together, be more compact as a team and we should reap the benefits.

We are down near the bottom and we have to scrap for every point from here on in. After a mini revival of three straight wins we now come off the back of three consecutive defeats. In these games we have lost by the odd goal and that's very

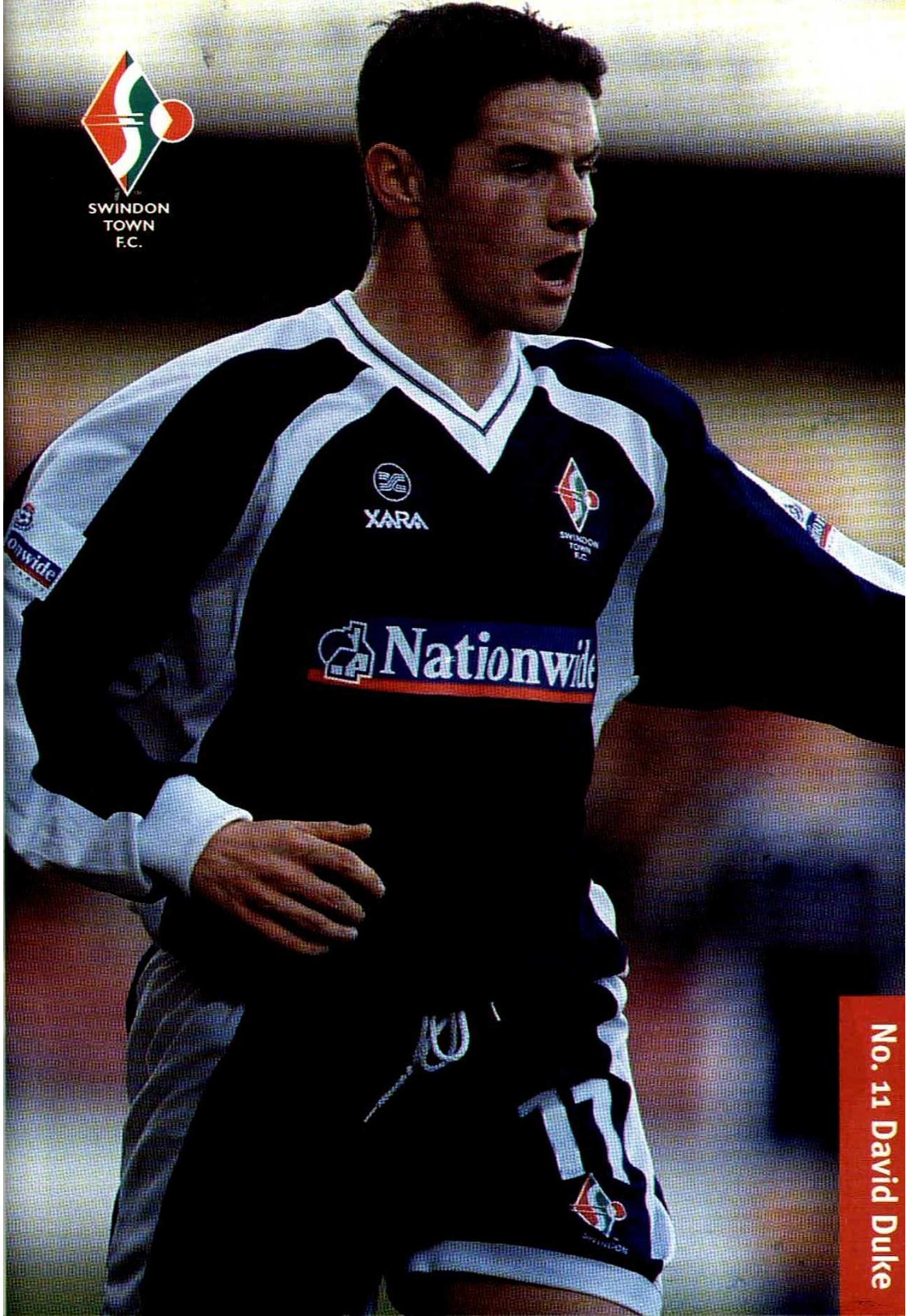
frustrating especially when every point is so vital to us.

We have a week off from league competition and we can look forward to a big cup-tie against Coventry. It will be fantastic if we could get a result against Gordon Strachan's side but as nice as that would be, it's the league where we have to improve our results and put some distance between the relegation zone and ourselves.

The home match against Port Vale will be massive; I can't stress enough the importance of this match. They're right there with us at the wrong end of Division Two after also being relegated last season and, like ourselves, will be very disappointed to drop down again.



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Six Barrows

Left-sided fullback who 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 Sol made over 25 appearances for Town in both the fullback and wingback positions and his commitment was exemplified by some very tough tackling.



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Steve has followed the Town since he was a young boy and despite living abroad for 20-years, his passion for Town just grows stronger. On his recent return to England, the first thing that Steve did upon his arrival was to jump aboard the supporters' coach and make his way to watch the Town at Bury.

Steve's passion for the club even goes to the extent that he has an entire bedroom dedicated to the Robins, full to the brim with memorabilia and merchandise. He even saved up spending money for this trip to spend in the club shop. Unfortunately the Christmas period didn't bring much joy for Town but Steve will be watching Town's progress very closely in 2001 and beyond. Enjoy the match.



Today's Mascot



Today's lucky mascot is Ashley Rowe who is celebrating his 12th birthday with us today. Ashley plays for Croft under 12s and his favourite Town players are Bart Griemink and Danny Invincible.

We hope Ashley enjoys his day with us and hope he gives us that bit of luck that will see us progress to round four.

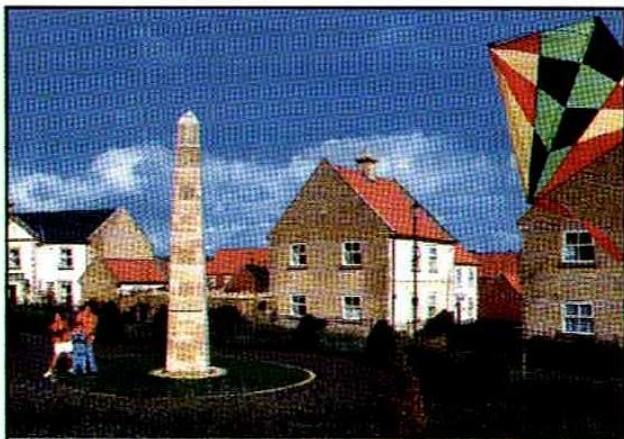
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Walsall deservedly snatched the points with a last-gasp goal from Jorge Leitao, but they will have to play better than this if they are to ensure automatic promotion.

Walsall went back up to second in the table, but made hard work of a match they should have won easily against relegation threatened Swindon. Swindon had obviously come for a point but their efforts back-fired when Walsall made a final late bid for victory. Darren Wrack crossed from the right, Swindon keeper Griemink appeared to be blocked as he went for the ball and following a goalmouth scramble Leitao scored from close range.

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Town's festive hangover extended into the New Year as the Saddlers gave their visitors a rough ride at the Bescot Stadium.

Andy King's men gave their travelling supporters very little to cheer as the home side simply dominated proceedings from start to finish. Just when it seemed Andy King's men had done enough to pick up a valuable point, the home side struck to claim the winner their play had merited. Griemink appeared to be impeded as he tried to reach Darren Wrack's cross. As Town defenders desperately tried to clear, the ball fell to Leitao who fired through a crowd of bodies to break the deadlock.

Away www.saddlers.net

The winning sequence at Bescot goes on and on - but only just as Swindon came close to undermining the record. A last-gasp winner from Jorge Leitao sealed the three points and keep us in the hunt for automatic promotion.

In conclusion - a game when 90% of the possession and pretty much all of the goal-scoring chances went to the Saddlers. Swindon's tactic of utilising the long ball didn't work at all especially in the first-half when their goalkeeper is clearances invariably went out for a goal kick at the other end.



Managers' views...



"We defended well as a unit but hardly created anything going forward but I still think we did enough to merit a point against a team high in the league. I thought we might

have been awarded a foul just before their goal but fate always goes against you when you're at this end of the table".

Town boss Andy King talking after our 1-0 defeat against Walsall and third consecutive defeat over the Christmas period.



"We knew that we had to be patient. We felt that we were the better team, but we just had to break them down and it took a long time, we got the goal in the end.

"We know we have been very good at home and it does not matter when the goal comes along just as long as you get it. We won the game again and hopefully we can continue to keep winning at home."

Walsall boss Ray Graydon speaking after his side took all three-points at the death on New Years Day.

Andy King

Ray Graydon



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No. 16 The Mini - Car, Skirts and Programmes

The early 60's saw the prefix "mini" applied to many of the period's innovations, not the least being the revolutionary popular car, and the fashionable skirt.

The mini vogue found its way into football programmes, with a number of English clubs favouring a small, pocket-sized match programme.

Page sizes were square, ranging from 11 and 14 cm, and there were a variety of cover designs.

- Northampton Town and Swindon featured their club crests; Barnsley, Southend United, Torquay and Reading had either match action photographs, or an aerial shot of their stadium. Rochdale preferred a sketch of two players, while Orient and Crystal Palace featured plain, but attractive designs. Gillingham and Bradford Park Avenue used sketches of their main stands.

Very few cover designs changed from match to match, and a number of them didn't even include match

details, to the annoyance of future generations of programme collectors. Non League clubs using the pocket-sized format included Bath City, Chelmsford, Corby Town, Worcester City, Margate and Guildford City. The earliest mini programme appeared to pre-date the car or skirt - Crystal Palace pioneered the format in 1957/58.

Content was little better than contemporary programmes; half of the pages were given over to advertising. There was editorial, visiting team coverage, first team and reserve statistics, supporters club notes, the occasional feature on a home player, and very few photographs. Their passing, by the middle of the decade, could not be mourned in terms of their content or value for money (some were priced at 3d, others rather poor value at 6d), but to modern eyes they are a very attractive novelty in the current sea of bulky, glossy, colourful programmes. One of the major benefits of this style of programme is that they have

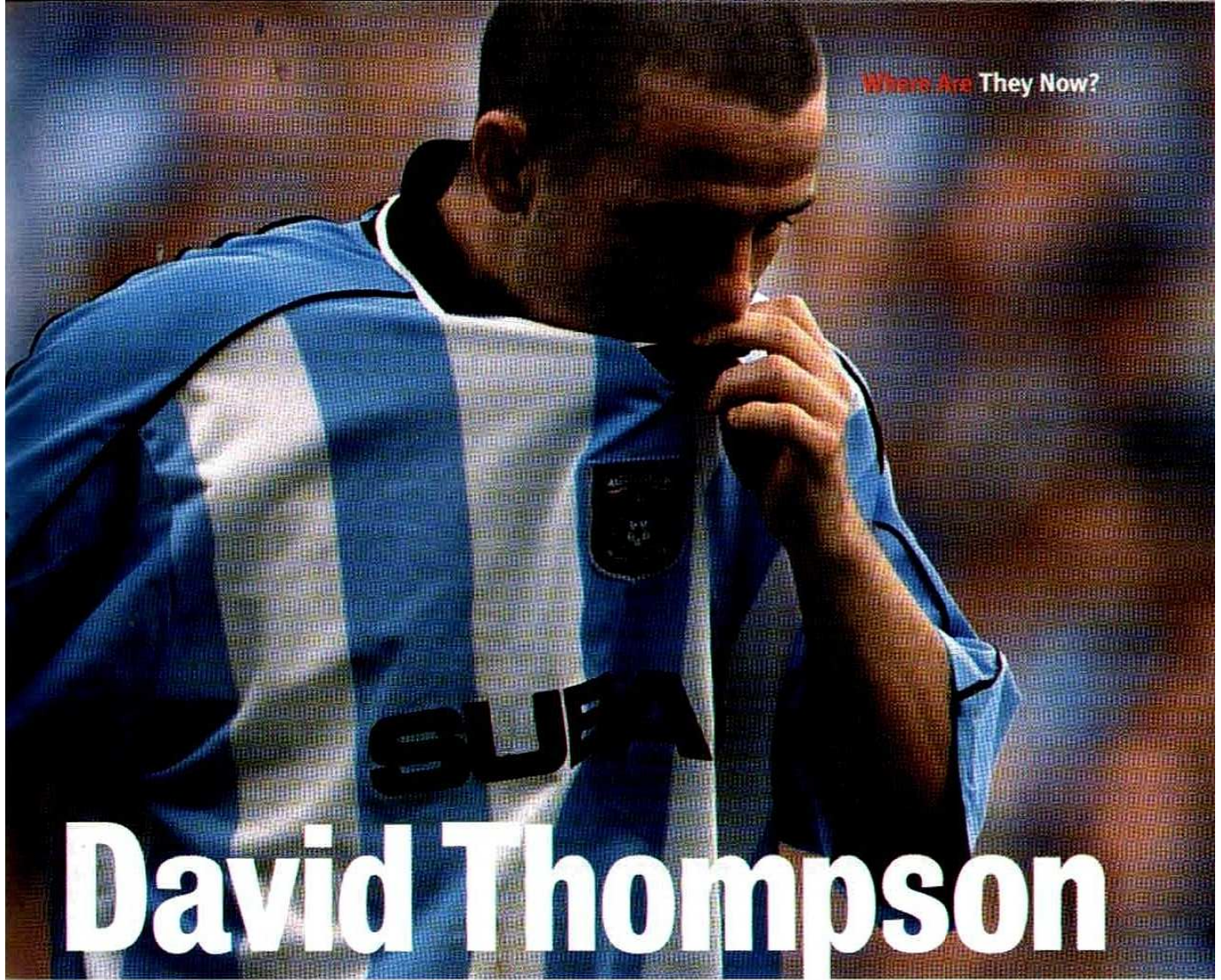
'Programme Monthly & Football Collectable' contains up to 150 pages each month on all aspects of programme collecting.

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survived the passage of time remarkably well. They did not need to be folded to go in a pocket, and many of them sported a thicker, light card cover for added protection.

An example of this are Rochdale issues of the early 1960s. Twelve glossy internal pages are finished with a stiff cardboard cover, and the contents are split between normal editorial (with the addition of team photos of both sides) and advertisements. This is an extremely rare programme now, which collectors wishing to complete the "set" of League Cup Finals having to pay over £100, but when a copy does appear on the market, it is invariably in excellent condition, due to its size and cover.





David Thompson

Today sees the return of Town loan star David Thompson to the County Ground, now playing in the sky blue of Coventry City.

Thompson was brought in for a period of ten games by fellow Liverpoolian Steve McMahon in 1997 to bolster the Town's midfield. Despite having not scored in the red and white of Swindon, he showed that he was a possible star of the future with a touch of class sorely missed here at the County Ground with a remarkable ability to control a game with his strength and vision in the centre of midfield. In the space of just three months, his presence had had a dramatic impact on the side, his ability outshining many opposing midfielders in the division.

Thompson, born in Birkenhead, started his career as a trainee at Liverpool before turning

professional and making over 25 appearances for the Merseyside club. He emerged in the full team on a regular basis in the 1997/98 season but after a spell of disciplinary action, found it difficult to recover his place in the starting line-up. As a result, Thompson was captured by Gordon Strachan in the close season as a replacement (and swap) for Gary McAllister for the bargain fee of £3m.

After finally establishing himself in Coventry's starting line-up, 23-year old Thompson has livened up City's midfield and is one of the crowds' favourites at Highfield Road. That is despite having been sent off on his debut following two rash tackles, instead of being berated by the fans he enjoyed a rousing ovation as he trundled off for his early bath. Since then, Thompson has had to endure two months on the sidelines

through a hamstring injury but since his return he has made up for lost time and impressed against Manchester United, followed by a superb 30-yard strike on his return at Anfield that earned praise by both sets of supporters. That was the first of his two goals this season in 15 appearances, unfortunately it did not prevent his side going down 4-1.

Dave Thompson is also hoping to kick-start his England career, with several England Under-21 caps already under his belt and a number of youth appearances to boot for the up-and-coming midfield dynamo. Still, the ambitious youngster is striving to fill his bare trophy cabinet that, at the moment, only holds an FA youth Cup medal from 1996. Let's hope that he doesn't go all the way in the proper competition this year, by starting with a win here at the County Ground.

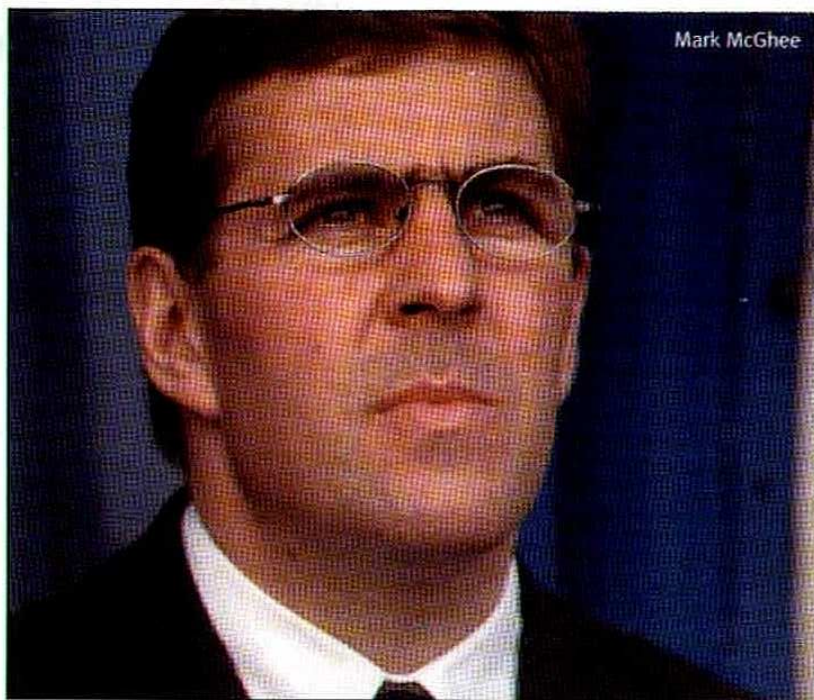
United Exchange

SEPTEMBER: The drawn-out transfer of Lomana Tresor Lua Lua was finally completed last week.

The Zaire-born forward changed United's - Colchester for Newcastle - in a £2.25m deal. The news will come as a huge boost to all 1st and 2nd Division defences, especially QPR who Lua Lua ripped apart - scoring a hat-trick at Loftus Road earlier this season. However, Robson insisted that Lua Lua is not yet ready for a first team place. He added: "We only made a move for him because of other clubs interest in him and he isn't ready for first team football."

Colchester Boss Steve Whitton admitted that the sale was inevitable. The total £2.25 million package will enable Colchester to develop their Layer Road ground and provide financial stability.

Lomana Tresor
Lua Lua



Mark McGhee

Den Deal for McGhee

SEPTEMBER: Mark McGhee returned to management earlier this week when he took over at Second Division Millwall.

Former Reading, Leicester City and Wolves boss McGhee had been out of management for nearly two years after leaving Molineux. Joint managers Keith Stevens and Alan McLeary made way for the new appointment after being sacked the week previous. The pair had taken Millwall to the play-offs last season

but it was felt at the New Den that a new experienced manager could get more out of the young and talented squad. Ray Harford filled the void left by the departing management team and masterminded the Lion's Worthington Cup win over Premiership Ipswich Town and a 5-0 thrashing of Oxford. McGhee said: "I'm absolutely ecstatic to be back in the game but I would not have returned for any job. I had to really want to do it and I had a gut feeling for Millwall."

U's Hoax Blags Freedom

SEPTEMBER: Last week a convicted shoplifter escaped a jail sentence by claiming to be a professional footballer with Cambridge United.

19 year-old Uchenna Nwanokwu's lawyer claimed that his client had turned over a new leaf and started a new career with the U's. He even asked that the judge in the Westminster Court dealt with the case immediately because Nwanokwu was due to play a match

in the evening. In her summing up, District Judge Mrs Eleri Rees fined Nwanokwu claiming that "The fact that you have now turned over a new leaf and have a promising career as a footballer, which I wouldn't wish to interrupt, means I propose to hit you in the pocket." Amazingly, Cambridge United's secretary, Andrew Pincher, said he had never been signed by the U's. "That's absolute rubbish. We've never even heard of this man!".





Peter Storrie

Likely Storrie

SEPTEMBER: Former West Ham United chief executive Peter Storrie and business partner Albert Scardino have bought up the controlling interest of Notts County FC and now take over the day-to-day running of the club.

Scardino said: "We have giant ambitions for it and we think we have the resources to match."

Bristol Bravery by Phillips

DECEMBER: Bristol City goalkeeper Steve Phillips played in his side's 3-1 cup victory on Saturday despite a car crash before the game.

The 23-year old bravely battled on despite being involved in a car crash on his way to the ground. "It was horrible but if I had not been fit I would have told the boss and pulled out," admitted Phillips. "Three ambulances, three fire engines and the police came. I got out without a scratch."

Cherry Picker

OCTOBER: West Ham starlet Jermaine DeFoe, scorer of the Hammers winner against Walsall in the League Cup earlier this season, has chosen to join Second Division Bournemouth on loan.

West Ham boss Harry Redknapp has allowed the 18-year-old to temporarily leave Upton Park hoping that the youngster will gain some valuable first team experience while at Redknapp's former club on the south coast. Hammers' Youth Coach Tony Carr is confident the move will be beneficial to DeFoe. He said: "He had a taste of the big time when he scored at Walsall but I think he will find this very different. It might take him a game or two to bed in. Harry is a great believer in pushing boys on and exposing them at as high a level as they can cope."



Jermaine DeFoe



David Kemp

Kemp Named as New Boss

NOVEMBER: Local rivals and Division Two basement club Oxford United have appointed David Kemp as their new manager.

Kemp succeeds Denis Smith who resigned last month following his unsuccessful second stint with the club. He was recommended to the club by former Wimbledon manager and now consultant at the Manor Ground, Joe Kinnear. The pair had previously worked together at Selhurst Park.

Ex Millwall boss Alan McLeary, sacked by the Lions last month, has also been confirmed as Kemp's assistant. Kinnear meanwhile, who quit as Wimbledon manager in March 1999 following a heart attack, has agreed to become full-time Director of Football at the club.

FanScene

Town's show yer colours is back!

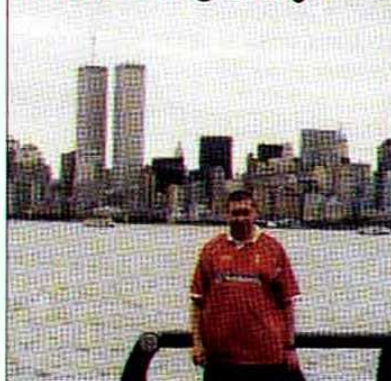
Belated Birthday Boy!



Pictured here is Colin Bowden 'Showing his Colours' on the island of Fuerteventura.

Colin is a life-long Swindon Town supporter and also a season ticket holder here at the County Ground. Colin celebrated his 50th birthday on the December 30th and he's hoping that the Town can reach the fourth round of the FA Cup today.

I'm Believing Today!



Pictured above is Brian Hykin of Abbey Meads 'Showing His Colours' on Liberty Island in New York..

Brian is a season ticket holder in the South Stand and is looking forward to watching Town come up against Gordon Strachan and his Premiership side in today's game. Thanks for all the pics everyone has sent last year.

Guess Who?



Can you guess who this former Town player, pictured in 1992-93, is?

This picture was found in the depths of our archives and to give you a clue - he has featured before, but this time he's in yellow and he's also pictured elsewhere in this programme.



Swindon Town Look-a-Likes

This was sent in by 15-year old Town fan Steve Hooper from Devizes. Graz & Shane - lead singer of boy band Westlife. Send yours to e-mail nick@pia-am.co.uk.



Giuliano Grazioli



Shane from Westlife

Appeal!

Thanks to everyone who has sent stuff in to us recently. We are still looking for any more bits and pieces, so keep'em coming!

What a Corker!



Pictured here 'Showing her Colours' is Betty Phillips (Mother of Anna) in Cork, Ireland in front of a statue of a paper seller this summer.

Betty is a season ticket holder at Town although she has had to miss many games due to an illness. Hopefully she will be back supporting the Town soon, but until then we hope that this picture cheers her up and we all wish her a speedy recovery back to full health.



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Well Placed for 2001

The Town are in second place in the South West Combination League at the halfway stage of the season.

The weather and cup competitions have affected the league programme and the Town have not played a league game since the end of November. In that time they have progressed to the third round of the AXA Women's FA Cup and the semi-final of the Ambassador South West Combination League Cup. The FA Cup third round tie against Stowmarket Town has twice been postponed and is now due to be played in Suffolk on Sunday 7th January. The prize for the winners is a home game against Enfield who beat Reading by two goals to nil in their third round tie. The league programme will get under way

again tomorrow and if Bristol Rovers, Cheltenham Town and Portsmouth win their matches in hand they could push the Town down the league. A gap was opened in the league with the top five clubs breaking away from the rest. Of the top five the Town have only played Yeovil and drew and were beaten two nil by Bristol Rovers. It will be essential to pick up maximum points from these top five clubs if the Town are to win promotion. Nevertheless the Town can look forward to a challenging second half of the season.

Roger Reeves

South West Combination League Fixtures 2000/2001			
3rd	Sept	Bristol City	3-3
10th	Sept	Clevedon Town	3-0
17th	Sept	Oxford United	P-P
24th	Sept	Saltash Pilgrims	5-0
1st	Oct	Denham United	5-1
8th	Oct	Yeovil Town	1-1
15th	Oct	Southampton	6-2
22nd	Oct	Bristol Rovers	0-2
29th	Oct	Wimborne - FA Cup 1st	9-0
5th	Nov	Cheltenham Town	P-P
12th	Nov	Southampton - FA Cup 2nd	3-0
19th	Nov	Denham United	9-3
26th	Nov	Reading	6-1
3rd	Dec	Denham United LC 2nd	2-1
17th	Dec	Stowmarket - FA Cup 3rd	P-P
7th	Jan	Clevedon United	A
14th	Jan	Oxford United	H
21st	Jan	Saltash Pilgrims	A
28th	Jan	Yeovil Town	A
4th	Feb	Southampton	H
11th	Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
18th	Feb	Cheltenham Town	H
4th	Mar	Reading	H
11th	Mar	Portsmouth	A
(to be re-arranged)		Bristol City	H

South West Combination League Table							
TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
YEovil	9	6	3	0	19	10	21
SWINDON TOWN	9	6	2	1	35	13	20
BRISTOL ROVERS	7	6	1	0	22	2	19
PORTSMOUTH	8	6	0	2	19	7	18
CHELTEHAM TOWN	7	5	2	0	17	9	17
SOUTHAMPTON	10	3	0	7	13	31	9
BRISTOL CITY	7	2	2	3	14	13	8
CLEVEDON TOWN	7	2	2	3	10	14	8
READING LADIES	10	2	2	6	21	28	8
DENHAM UNITED	9	2	1	6	15	27	7
SALTASH PILGRIMS	8	2	1	5	10	22	7
OXFORD UNITED	9	0	0	9	7	29	0



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Matches from Memory

By Dick Mattick

1968 VS



At Highfield Road Swindon had nearly snatched defeat from the jaws of victory.

With four minutes remaining they led 2-0, yet had it not been for a timely tackle by Rod Thomas on former Town favourite, Ernie Hunt, they might have gone home defeated.

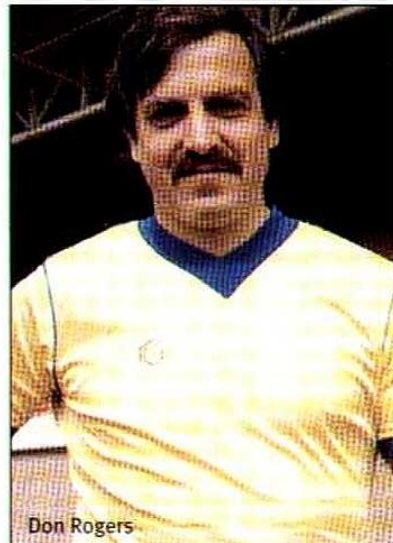
As it was, goals by Tudor and Hateley cancelled out the efforts of Rogers and Smart and Town faced a replay against a Coventry City side from two divisions higher and packed with expensive signings. Neil Martin at £90,000 was the most expensive player in a team that posed the aerial threat of Tony Hateley in attack and the experience of Maurice Setters in defence.

Only ten minutes had been played when Swindon took the lead. Rod Thomas, who was to earn the third of many Welsh caps the following week, found Don Rogers. The rest of the players on the pitch looked like figures in a slow motion replay as Don swept through the City half and cracked in a right-footed shot that left Bill Glazier in the Sky Blues' goal stunned. City might have pulled level three minutes later but George Curtis, brought in for the injured Ernie Machin, blazed over from 12 yards out. Instead, on 16 minutes, Swindon increased their lead. This time the move was started by Don Heath who linked up to find Don Rogers on the left. Rogers jinked past Clements before squaring the ball back to Roger Smart who beat

both Glazier and Setters to the ball and stabbed it over the line. Incredibly with 23 minutes gone came yet another Swindon goal. This time it was a centre by Peter Noble that found Willie Penman. The little Scot was making his first appearance of the season for Swindon but made no mistake with his finish. Swindon were clearly set on avoiding a repeat of what happened at Coventry and most of the threats to goal came from the Swindon forwards. When they did attack, Noel Cantwell's team found Frank Burrows in commanding form and Peter Downsborough was a virtual spectator. Ten minutes into the second half only a courageous dive by Glazier at the feet of Rogers prevented the score becoming 4-0. In the 65th minute Don Heath sent in a shot which had Glazier beaten but flashed just past the post.

“...Don swept through the City half and cracked in a right footed shot...”

It was a magnificent team performance in which most of the national press hailed Don Rogers, but local reporter Clive King singled out the tireless performance of the



Don Rogers

late John Smith. Although he wore a number nine shirt he had been everywhere. His signing at the start of the season had given Swindon a playmaker the like of they had not seen since the departure of Ernie Hunt four years earlier. Furthermore, it was no coincidence that Swindon enjoyed success in both Cup and League in the 1968-9 season in which they lifted the League Cup and won promotion. Coventry's success in this season, as on so many, came by avoiding relegation from Division One which they did by finishing one place and one point above relegated Leicester City.

Swindon:

Downsborough, Butler, Thomas, Penman, Burrows, Harland, Heath, Smart, Smith, Noble and Rogers.

Coventry:

Glazier, Clements, Cattlin, Curtis, Setters, Hill, Hannigan (Bruck), Tudor, Hateley, Hunt and Gibson.

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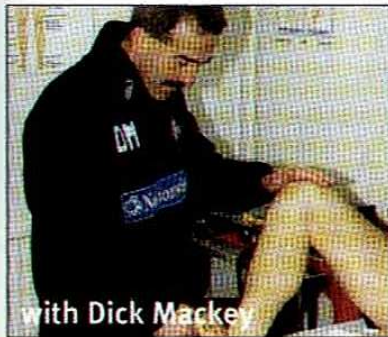
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Treatment & Junior Robins:

Martin Williams

A Growing Injury List

Unfortunately we've picked up a few injuries in the last couple of games, frustrating, but no surprise with the weather we've been experiencing.

We have **Martin Williams** in, who picked up an injury when the goalkeeper crashed down on him. He has got a haematoma in his back but fortunately, after an x-ray, we've concluded there is no injury to his bone. It is the sort of injury that may cause some discomfort and will be sore for a while, but there is no danger of a fracture. We have devised a programme for him that involves hard work in the swimming pool - it

will be a couple of days before he'll be back training. **Adam Willis** has a very frustrating injury - an inflammatory condition called 'hill bumps' but fortunately it's about 80% better than it was after the game in which he picked it up. It's annoying because it's situated on the back of his heel. **Bobby Howe** also has an aggravating injury called achilles tendinitis. He has managed to play through training and several games but it has started to affect his play - so we've pulled him out of training. His type of injury can be triggered by ill-fitting boots, poor surfaces or a kick, they can aggravate a spot on his

achilles tendon and it has no opportunity to heal because it's still being worked. **Andy Williams** has progressed very well over the festive period and, after joining me for some ball-work last week, he should return to full training this week. Graz's operation went very well and Matty Hewlett is continuing his good work too. We will be working him very hard before his strength is re-assessed at Lilleshall, after which we will be hoping to introduce more complicated ball work.

Junior Robins



The Junior Robins' committee hope you all had a very good Christmas with lots of presents from Santa. All our good wishes to each and everyone for a Happy New Year.

Don't forget that we're running Robins' trips to the following away matches, so book early. If you haven't already joined the Junior Robins, NOW is the time to take advantage of free tickets and other privileges for these games. Our away match at Brentford on 20th January is our first trip of 2001 - only a short journey along the M4, so come on you

Robins, let's see if we can take a full coach this time. The following away matches are also booked for you:

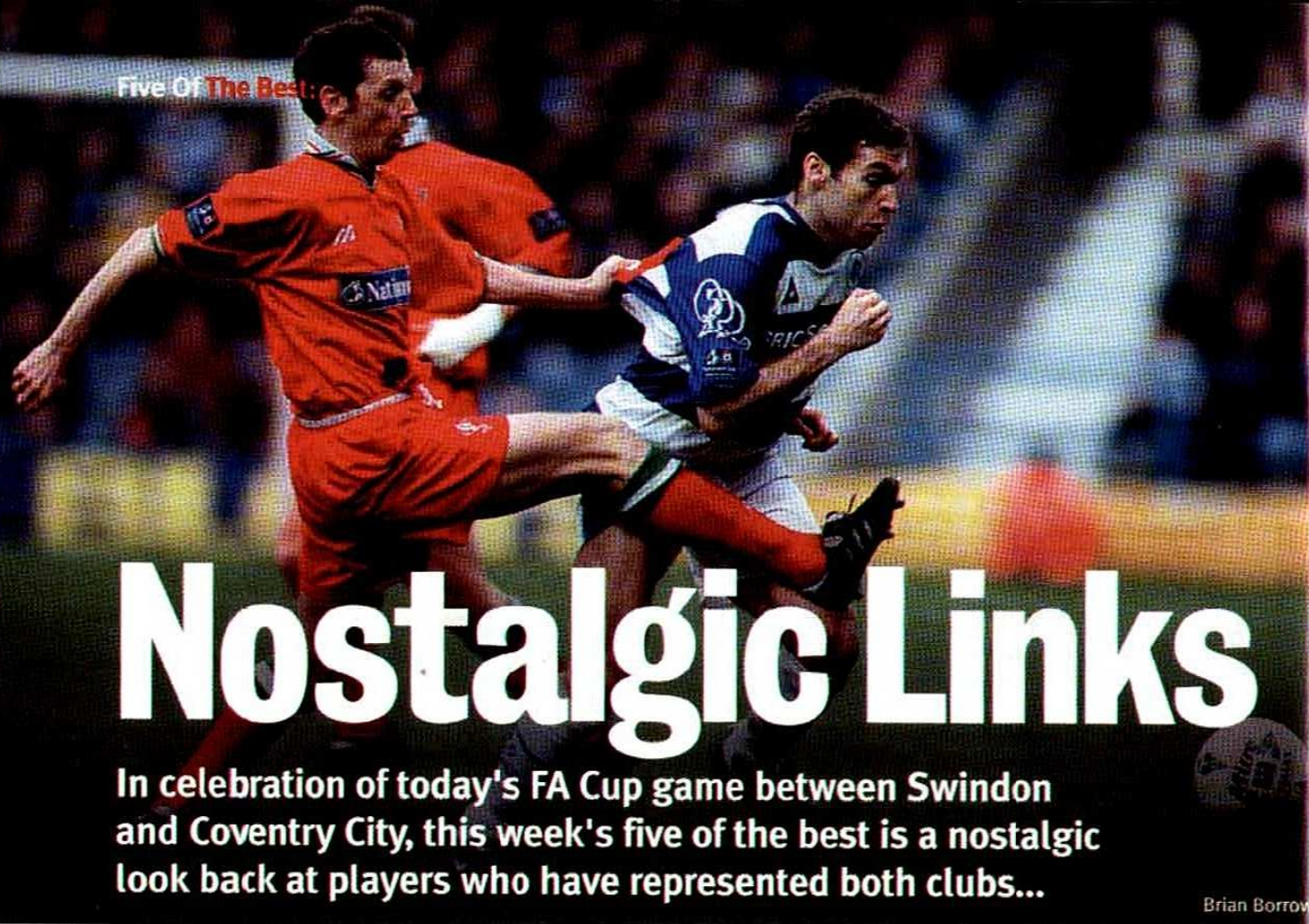
- Wrexham** February 4th 2001
- Bristol Rvrs** March 24th 2001
- Millwall** April 14th 2001
- Stoke City** May 5th 2001

Our disco just before Christmas went very well and, although the turnout wasn't as good as we had hoped, everyone who came along had a really good time. Our grateful thanks to Gareth Davies for his help drawing the raffle prizes for us. Pictured here

is our mascot at the Peterborough match, Joanne Butterfield. She met Posh manager Barry Fry before the match and had a great day as Town's mascot. Joanne



attends Amwell View School in Hertfordshire. Her favourite Town players are Guiliano Grazioli and Alan Reeves.



Nostalgic Links

In celebration of today's FA Cup game between Swindon and Coventry City, this week's five of the best is a nostalgic look back at players who have represented both clubs...

Brian Borrow

5 **Brian Borrows** Swindon Town 1997-99 Coventry City 1985-97

For what now seems like a bargain price of £80,000, Brian joined City in the summer of 1985.

Then boss Don Mackay was delighted with his new acquisition although he probably didn't realise that Mr Borrows would outlast his tenure as manager by 11-years - Mackay leaving a year later. In all Brian made 478 appearances for the Highfield Road club, the highlight being the 3-2 FA Cup final triumph over Tottenham in 1987 although Borrows was yet to make his mark on the first team by that stage.

It wasn't until the grand old age of 37 that the vastly experienced centre half joined Swindon on-loan in 1997. Keen to continue his playing career, Borrows impressed over the next 15 games to warrant a longer, more permanent contract and signed on a free transfer in

November of that year. It wasn't long until this highly respected player took over the captain's responsibilities at the County Ground. After 72 appearances in Town colours Brian took the decision to retire and left the club at the end of the 1998/99 season.

4 **Brian Kilcline** Swindon Town 1994-95 Coventry City 1984-1991

Brian Kilcline, as well as becoming quite a regular fixture on these pages, was a rock in the heart of both Swindon and Coventry's defences.

"Killer" started life at Notts Co as an apprentice in 1980 before moving to the Midlands in a deal worth £60,000. It was at Highfield Road that Kilcline enjoyed his most successful period as a player, the highlight being a trip to Wembley in the FA Cup final victory over Spurs in 1987. Spells at Oldham and Newcastle followed before the giant centre back joined Swindon in 1994

for £90,000, in an attempt by John Gorman to shore up a defence that would go on to concede 100 goals.

Kilcline made several appearances for the club (including an impressive performance against Derby County) following the departure of Adrian Whitbread and injury to Shaun Taylor. Unfortunately for him, his career at Swindon was brought to an end by the arrival of Steve McMahon, after which Brian disappeared, training with the youth squad before leaving for the Bescot Stadium for a trial.



Brian Kilcline



David Thompson

3 David Thompson Swindon Town 1997-98 Coventry City 2000-

Thompson, along with Adam Willis is the second player to have played for both clubs to be taking part on the field of play today.

Before signing for the Sky Blues, Thompson had revelled in Division One with Swindon in 1997. Brought in on-loan by Steve McMahon from Liverpool, Thompson set about lifting the club up the table by dominating the centre of midfield. In his three month spell at the club, he had impressed manager and supporters alike with his battling qualities and ability to change a game with his range of passing. Unfortunately Thompson left the County Ground to return to Anfield where he became a first team regular, one of his greatest performances was against Coventry at Highfield Road. Gordon Strachan wasted no time in snapping him

up for a fee of £3m, an immediate replacement for Gary McAllister who went in the opposite direction to join Gerrard Houllier's Anfield revolution.

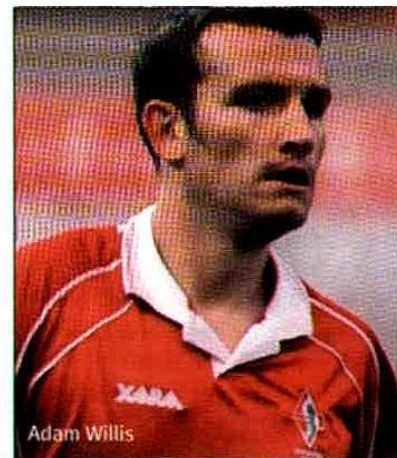
Despite being sent off on his debut, Thompson has become one of the crowd favourites of the Sky Blues faithful and is beginning to play some of the best football of his career.

2 Adam Willis Swindon Town 1998- Coventry City 1995-98

Adam started life at Highfield Road as a trainee in 1995 and after over two and a half years with Coventry City, he joined Swindon on a free transfer in April 1998.

Willis was in and out of the side last season but managed to hold down a regular place from March. Colin Todd rewarded Willis' form with a new contract and he has been an integral part of Andy King's plans this season. The tall centre forward is

superb in the air and has shown that he can also distribute the ball effectively from the back. Has had to endure a certain degree of pressure for his place with the arrival of van der Linden in the summer, and more recently with the addition of Richard Dryden to the squad. He has proved that he can more than hold his own in Division Two and he celebrated his successful run in the side with his first goal for the club, a crucial goal in the 4-1 FA Cup win against Ilkeston Town.



Adam Willis

This Weeks Winner: Ernie Hunt

1 Ernie Hunt Swindon Town 1957-65 Coventry City 1968-73

Ernie Hunt is one of Town's highest ever scorers with a total of 88 goals in 237 appearances before moving to Coventry City in 1968.

His talent was apparent at an early age and he played for the Swindon schoolboy team earning such accolades as that of his manager, the late Fred Coleman, who said "if ever a boy deserved a schoolboy cap it was Ernie". Swindon's manager recognised a precocious talent and gave him rapid advancement at the County Ground. When he made his debut for Swindon against Grimsby Town in

September 1959, Ernie became the youngest player ever to play for Swindon in a League match. It was not until 1960 that he became a regular in the 1st team but in the four seasons 1960-1 to 1963-4 he scored 27 goals, including 7 from the penalty spot. Besides being a scorer of goals he was also a maker of them.

During the season which saw Swindon promoted to Division Two for the first time, 12 goals resulted from long throws by Bobby Woodruff. Often they resulted from a flick-on header by Ernie at the near post. Another of his great abilities was to be able to hold the ball up without moving, giving other players the time to break from defence to attack.

The 1964-5 season was to see Swindon relegated and, after a number of injuries, he could not regain his place in the side. Relegation saw the break-up of the exciting young team that Bert Head had constructed. Ernie moved to Coventry City in March 1968 where he is remembered for the double footed free-kick with Willie Carr - which has now been ruled illegal.

After his playing days were over he returned to the County Ground where he worked in the commercial department before taking a similar position at Gloucester City.

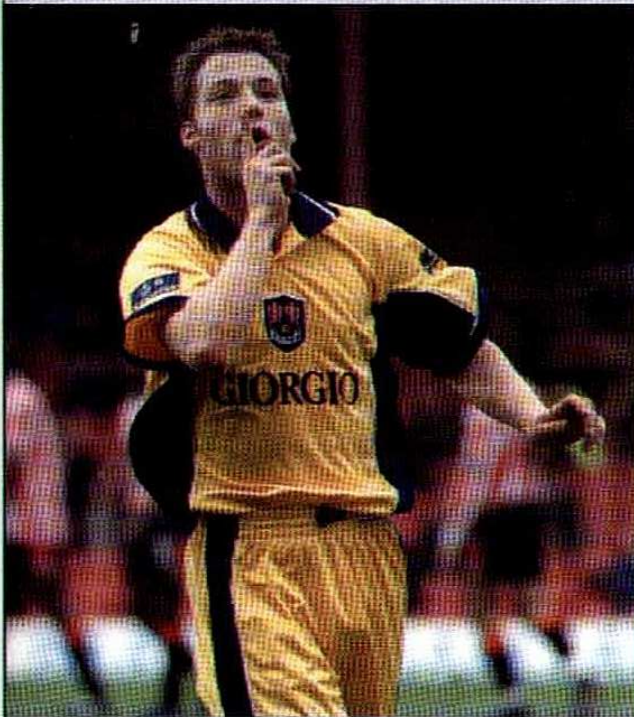
Ernie is present at today's game presenting the half-time draw winner with their prize for the supporters club.



v Millwall Football Club

(AWAY) Tuesday 9th January 7.45pm

Picture: Neil Harris



After receiving a bye in the first round of the LDV Trophy, Swindon now face a tricky trip to the New Den to face league leaders Millwall.

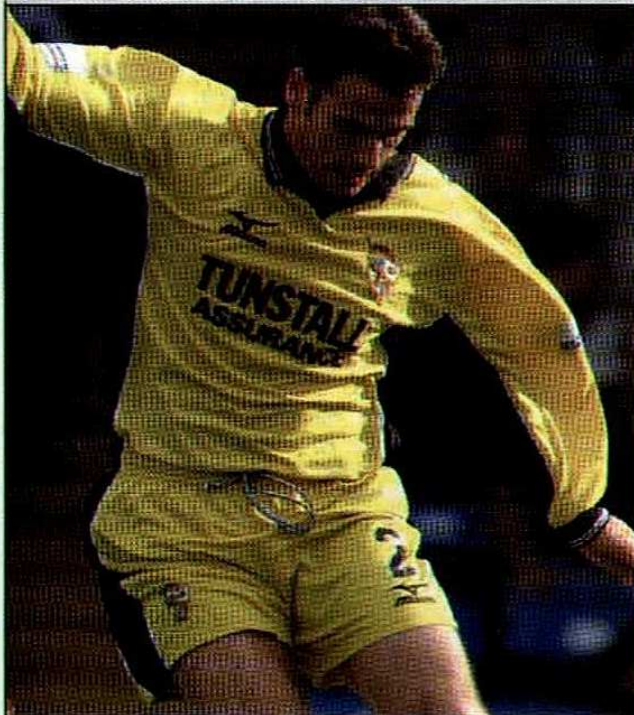
The second round tie comes as a result of Millwall's 4-1 victory against Northampton Town in the previous round, Christophe Kinet scoring a hat-trick and scorer of two at the County Ground, Richard Sadlier, bagging one. Sadlier notched a brace in October when Millwall competently won against Swindon, a win that would send them on their way to a prosperous run of form, culminating in a top spot position over Christmas. Following a 2-0 defeat of title rivals Walsall (now four points behind the league leaders), Millwall went on to show their best form of the season with a 6-1 mauling of Colchester United on Boxing Day. Swindon will have to watch the form of prolific aussie Neil Harris, scorer of 17 goals this season (at the time of writing) and the target of a plethora of top clubs including West Ham United, who recently had a £6m bid turned down by Mark McGhee.



v Port Vale Football Club

(HOME) Saturday 13th January 3.00pm

Picture: Matt Carragher



Swindon will be looking to avenge their 3-0 defeat at the hands of the Valiants in what looks set to be a basement battle, with both clubs positioned in the bottom five.

Since that 3-0 defeat at Vale Park in August, with a brace from Naylor and a goal from Smith, Brian Horton's side have endured a turbulent period which sees them lie in the bottom three and with five defeats in five (although three of those were against sides in the top five.) Add to that a financial crisis (with Bill Bell and Charles Machin looking to sell the club after being lambasted by the fans) and these are troubled times for the Staffordshire club. There wouldn't appear to be any respite for the Valiants either with a tough schedule ahead that sees them up against high-flyers Reading and Rotherham, and fellow strugglers Swindon and Bournemouth. Port Vale followed Swindon through the Division One trapdoor last season and it will take a great effort to prevent another relegation.

The Box Office:



Box Office



Up-to-date ticket information for forthcoming matches, home and away.

AWAY v Millwall Football Club **Tuesday 9th January 7.45pm**

LDV Vans Trophy second round fixture at the New Den

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: tbc
Concessions: tbc
Juniors: tbc



AWAY v Colchester United Football Club **Tuesday 23rd January 7.45pm**

Nationwide League Division Two Fixture at Layer Road.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: tbc
Concessions: tbc
Juniors: tbc



HOME v Port Vale Football Club **Saturday 13th January 3.00pm**

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the County Ground.
Tickets for all home games are now on general sale.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £15 - £18
Concessions: £8 - £10
Juniors: £4 - £5



HOME v Bury Football Club **Saturday 27th January 3.00pm**

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the County Ground.
Tickets for all home games are now on general sale.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £15 - £18
Concessions: £8 - £10
Juniors: £4 - £5



AWAY v Brentford Football Club **Saturday 20th January 3.00pm**

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at Griffin Park.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: tbc
Concessions: tbc
Juniors: tbc



AWAY v Wrexham Football Club **Sunday 4th February 3.00pm**

Nationwide League Division Two Fixture at the Racecourse Ground.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: tbc
Concessions: tbc
Juniors: tbc



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Millwall Football Club

Tuesday 9th January 7.45pm



LDV Vans Trophy
Second Round

Travel Information

**Millwall Football Club,
The New Den**

Ground Capacity: 20,146
 Club Nickname: The Lions



Adult Fare: £9.00
U-15 Fare: £8.00

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Depart **WEST SWINDON:** 15.30
 Depart **COUNTY GROUND:** 15.45
 Depart **ERMIN STREET:** 16.00



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Brentford Football Club

Saturday 20th January 3.00pm



League Division
Two Fixture

Travel Information

**Brentford Football Club,
Griffin Park**

Ground Capacity: 12,763
 Club Nickname: The Bees



Adult Fare: £9.00
U-15 Fare: £8.00

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One of the benefits of the membership is ticket priority for all-ticket matches in line with the Football Club's published charter. With the game today against Coventry, ensure that you have priority for the next round by joining immediately. Applications for membership, to ensure you receive benefit for the next round, must be with us within 7 days of today's game.

Application forms are available from the Away Travel Office or may be downloaded from our web site which can be accessed through the link in 'swindon web' or by searching [HYPERLINK http://go.to/swindontown](http://go.to/swindontown). Members also enjoy discounted cost

of away travel when travelling with the official away travel group. Our disabled group recently enjoyed their trip to Northampton where we enjoyed a great win and they will be looking to organise further trips before the end of the season, so look out for news.

Returning to today's match, we are delighted to confirm that ex Town and Coventry star Ernie Hunt will be present and making the Robins Revival Half Time Draw. Ernie was a legend to Town supporters during the 1960's and it will be good to see him back on the pitch he once graced.

Winner of the Evening Advertiser sponsored Robins Revival draw at the recent Brentford match on Boxing day was Mrs R Fisher; ticket number 80. Mrs Fisher is a supporter paying in advance through our subscription scheme

and her late Christmas present was worth £280. It is still possible to make one payment to ensure you are in the draw for the rest of the league games until the end of the season by completing and sending your payment of £10, together with the details required from the form printed below. All proceeds benefit the football environment at the County Ground for supporters.

Finally, with last week's postponement of the Reading match, belatedly we would like to wish all connected with our Football Club, a happy and prosperous new year and a win today will go a long way to starting the celebrations. Exciting times may once again be just around the corner.

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Tim Dykes

A Look Ahead to 2001...

The year begins with the FA Cup Third Round, which means the Football Focus cameras follow Morecambe players around all week, commenting on how their star striker is a postman, and how George Burley hopes that he 'fails to deliver' on the pitch.

Later that afternoon, Coventry City fall to their annual defeat to lower-league opposition. February sees Swindon defeat Bristol City in Division Two. Elsewhere, Manchester United edge out Arsenal at Old Trafford, all but tying up the championship race, according to pundits.

Lazio pull two unexpected Champions' League victories out of the bag in March to forge a path to the quarter finals. Manager Gianluca Vialli says: "Yeah, I'm over the moon." Deposed gaffer Sven-Goran Eriksson watches his England young charges scrape 1-0 victories over

Finland and Albania. The media hail him as the saviour of English football. In April, Leeds and Arsenal fall in the Champions' League quarters, leaving English fans to plump reluctantly for United in Europe, again. The fixture list throws up the Bradford City versus Middlesbrough clash at Valley Parade in May. "Nothing but a win will do," speculate Messrs Robson, Venables and Jefferies before a 5-5 draw does neither side any good.

Meanwhile, Derby County fans give up hope after watching their side get thumped 4-0 at Old Trafford. As traditionalists bemoan the fact that the FA Cup final precedes the completion of the league programme, Tottenham Hotspur ensure their place in trivia history by winning the old trophy in Wales. Chas and Dave's Cup Final song fails to chart. The Premiership winds up with Glenn Hoddle's Southampton

hosting Arsenal in the final game at The Dell, but the London club's 5-1 victory cements them second place in the table. Saints stay up by the skin of their teeth, again. On the same day, Middlesbrough have one last chance to avoid the drop but fall to a solitary Gareth Southgate goal as West Ham secure a UEFA Cup berth. North of the border, Glasgow Rangers complete a spectacular turnaround by pipping rivals Celtic to the Scottish Premier League title, despite having trailed Martin O'Neill's outfit by 13 points back in December.

A strike from Real Madrid's favourite scouser, Steve McManaman, sinks Manchester United in the Champions League Final at the San Siro. As England slip to Greece in the World Cup qualifiers in June, Eriksson finds himself lambasted by the media. Well, Terry Venables is out of a job again.

Tim Dykes

Peter Davenport, the Macclesfield manager sacked last weekend to become the 49th league managerial change of 2000

The Wanderer:

High-Risk Occupation

The carnage inflicted on 'unsuccessful' and 'unpopular' Premiership and Nationwide League managers continues apace. When Macclesfield Town sacked Peter Davenport last weekend, he became the 49th managerial change of the year 2000.

Of the forty-nine; eleven resigned (only 4 to other management posts), 8 reverted to other positions at their clubs, 5 left by 'mutual consent', 1 (Tony Pulis of Portsmouth) began a 4 month sabbatical in October and the remaining twenty-four were summarily sacked and cast aside. In all, from January 1990 to December 2000, there were four hundred and fifty six management changes in the Premiership and Nationwide Leagues and only 1991 and 1995 saw more casualties than 2000 with fifty each.

What's more, it's becoming apparent that many of these occurrences result in an experienced manager leaving football altogether - with many of them joining the ranks of the unemployed. Only a meagre twenty of the ninety-two managers in place in 1990 are still in management in these leagues today and the majority of the remaining seventy-two are unemployed. Worse still, sixty-two of the ninety-two managers in place five years ago are not managers now. If that doesn't ring alarm bells throughout the game then I don't know what will.

Some clubs endow remarkable tolerance and patience upon their managers; Middlesborough, Derby, Crewe and Ipswich for example - and don't forget that Sir Alex Ferguson had three very dodgy seasons before he began to turn Manchester United around in 1990 by winning the re-played FA Cup final against Crystal Palace.

In his very early days he discarded several Old Trafford heroes who went on to great things with other clubs - Paul McGrath and Gordon Strachan among them. Yet the Club stuck with him - and look at what he's achieved since! However, the sad fact is that the vast majority of clubs demand absolute and instant success from their managers, are utterly intolerant of seeming short term mediocrity and are cold-bloodedly ruthless in their hirings and firings. The truth is that the average life-span of a league manager here is not much more than 2 years and, as this trend continues, the British game is consigning valuable experience and knowledge to the rubbish-heap instead of nurturing and encouraging it.

The reasons for sacking managers are myriad - some seemingly justified, some not - but I believe that we have an underlying root cause to this problem in this country - that is that a large number of managers are

appointed who are simply not qualified to do the job properly and bring the best out of the resources available to them. The much-quoted case of Ruud Gullit is the perfect example, he was given senior Premiership appointments, but he couldn't have done so in his native Holland for a very simple reason: he didn't have the mandatory coaching qualifications. The same applies in Italy and Spain. Here, there is no such pre-requisite and I believe the game is suffering for it.

Some managers are seemingly appointed solely on the back of their achievements on the pitch - granted, there are the odd exceptions - but a manager is a totally different animal to a player and the leap from changing room to an office upstairs is huge.

Managers need coaching and management skills of the highest order - and they are not easily achieved. John Barnwell, chief executive of the League Managers' Association (who are currently in talks with the FA to introduce a compulsory coaching qualification) has recently said "We spend a fortune on finding the best young players and they deserve the best teachers".

Wise words - but will they be heeded? Let's hope so.

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Year in Pictures

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With it being the start of a new year, we thought it rather apt to take a look at some of last year's sporting memories...

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By Kate Cartmel

August 2000

Gloucestershire beat Warwickshire by 22 runs in the rain-affected final of the Nat West Trophy at Lords



July 2000

David Trezeguet hits a last-gasp Golden Goal to give France the European Championship to add to their World Cup triumph of 1998



September 2000

Steve Redgrave wins his fifth consecutive Olympic gold medal in the coxless fours at the Sydney games



November 2000

Colin Todd resigns as Swindon manager to take the assistant's post at Derby



October 2000

Michael Schumacher wins the Japanese Grand Prix to clinch the F1 world drivers' title and the constructors' championship for Ferrari

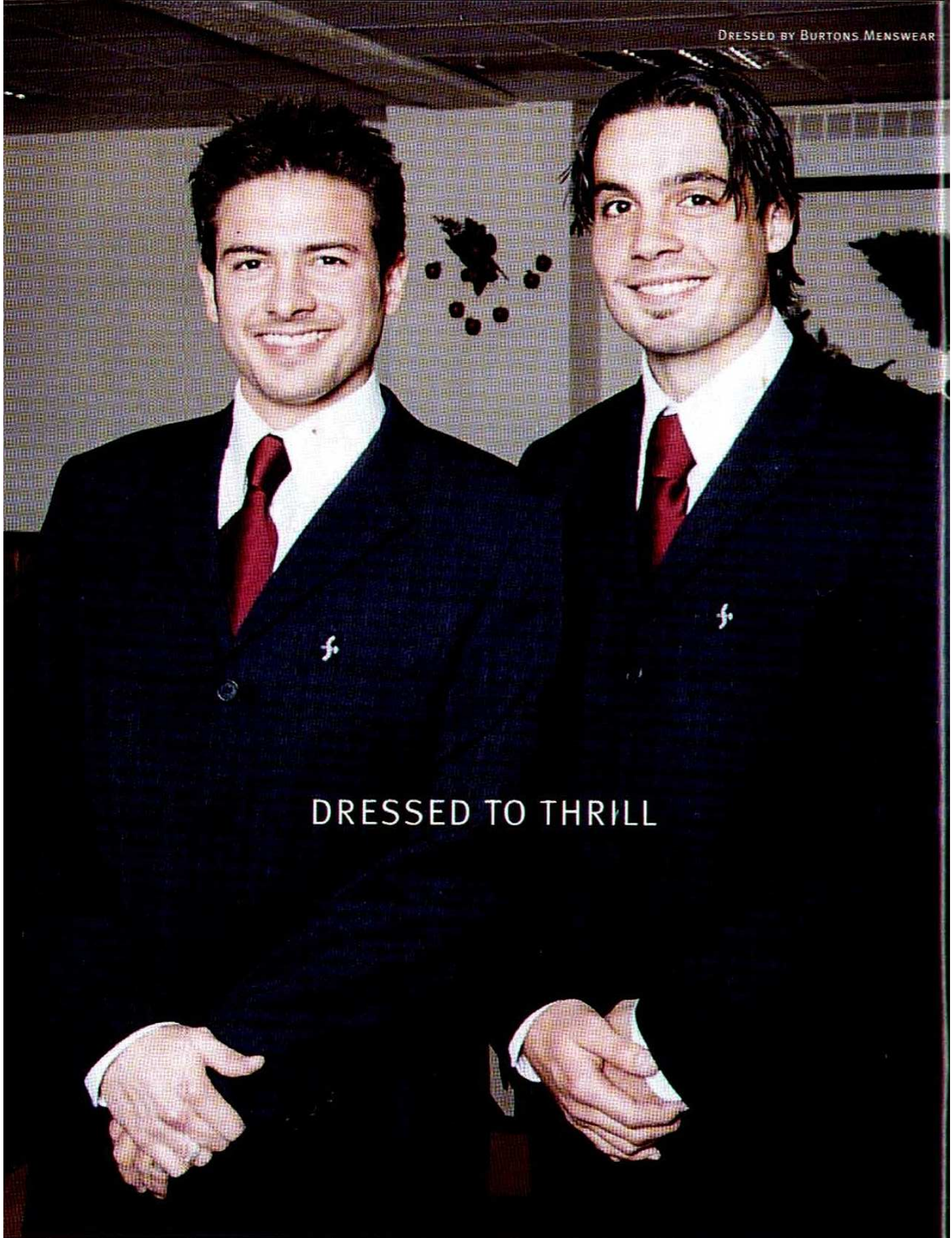


December 2000

England complete a historic series victory over Pakistan by becoming the first team ever to beat them in Karachi



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Around the Grounds...

We take a sneak preview at what's going on elsewhere around the grounds in the FA Cup.

Last season's nearly men crashed out to eventual winners Chelsea. A Gustavo Poyet double-strike knocked-out the Magpies after two unsuccessful final appearances in the two previous seasons.		v		Villa have already crashed out of cup competition this season, losing to Man City in the League Cup. Last season's FA Cup losing finalists. Chelsea took the cup 1-0 courtesy of a Di Matteo strike.
Last season an Alan Shearer double strike knocked Blackburn out with Matt Jansen getting the consolation goal in a 2-1 defeat.		v		Non-league Chester secured a berth in round 3 with a 2-0 win over Easington, a replay win over League opposition Plymouth and then came from two goals behind to upset Oxford United.
Leeds have been involved in cup competition against AC Milan, Barcelona and Lazio this season, so the visit of Barnsley might not get the Leeds boys firing on all cylinders.		v		The Tykes went out against Wimbledon last season at the first time of asking in round three. Carl Cort got the Dons only goal.
A win over non-league Barrow and Northwich, despite the latter needing to be decided by a replay rewarded the O's with this 'money-making' London derby.		v		Eight-time winners crashed out in style last season surrendering 6-1 at St James' Park against Newcastle. Inconsistent form makes this a toughie for Spurs.
The Hornets lost at Vicarage Road last season 1-0 in round three. A Gary Rowett goal gave Birmingham the win.		v		Five-time winners, Everton, went all the way to round six last season before a Benito Carbone strike sealed a 2-1 win for Villa at Goodison Park.
Woking and Kidderminster were the victims in Carlisle's jaunt to round three. The visit of all Arsenal's international superstars should boost the coffers.		v		A trip to Carlisle might be as welcome as another trip to Spartak Moscow for the Gunners international stars. Leicester put an end to the Gunners' cup hopes last season.
Division Two front runners, Walsall, took the Hammers to a replay in the League Cup earlier this season before a Jermaine Defoe goal won the tie.		v		Were one of the losers in another of Tranmere's decent cup runs of recent season's. Nick Henry scored the only goal to defeat West Ham in round three.
The current holders of the FA Cup may have had problems this season but despite their humiliating loss to St Gallen in the UEFA Cup they have emerged as cup specialists in recent years.		v		A glamour tie against 'cosmopolitan' Chelsea at Stamford Bridge was the reward for their round two replay win over Oldham.
The Black Cats will be out for revenge after Palace turned them over 2-1 in the League Cup last month. Mikael Forssell and Clinton Morrison goals cancelled out Alex Rae's opener.		v		Palace have had better cup fortune this season after they suffered defeat in last season FA Cup round three. A 2-0 defeat at Cambridge's Abbey Stadium ended any hopes of a good run.
The Cottagers ran Liverpool close in the League Cup this season before collapsing 4-0 AET. Will relish another chance to pit their wits against top opposition and prepare for next season.		v		United are back in the competition after last year's notable absence. Will put out a much stronger side than the one that lost 2-1 to Sunderland in the League Cup in Nov'00.
Five-time winners will know not to take this lightly. Last season the Reds were shocked by a Nathan Blake 84th minute strike at Anfield to seal the win for Blackburn.		v		A daunting trip to Anfield for the Millers was the prize for disposing of Wrexham and Northampton 1-0 in rounds one and two. Boss Ronnie Moore will be hoping for a draw.

Statistics 2000/2001...

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The Key...

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Date	Opponents	Result	Attn	Pos									
SAT AUG 12TH	COLCHESTER UTD	H 0-0	7,296	9	GREEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	ALEXANDER	INVINCIBLE	DUKE	O'HALLORAN	REEVES	GRAZDINS
SAT AUG 19TH	READING	A 0-2	14,134	20	GREEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	ROBINSON	HEWLETT	INVINCIBLE	O'HALLORAN	ALEXANDER
TUE AUG 22ND	EXETER CITY WC1 (1)	H 1-1	5,193	-	GREEMINK	COBIAN	HEISELBERG	ALEXANDER	HOWE	DUKE	O'HALLORAN	REEVES	GRAZDINS
SAT AUG 26TH	WALSALL	H 1-4	5,492	24	GREEMINK	COBIAN	HEISELBERG	VAN DER LINDEN	REEVES	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	HEWLETT	INVINCIBLE
MON AUG 28TH	FORT VALE	A 0-3	3,926	24	GREEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	O'HALLORAN	DUKE	HOWE	REEVES	COWE	HEWLETT
TUE SEPT 5TH	EXETER CITY WC1 (2)	A 2-1	2,825	-	GREEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	O'HALLORAN	INVINCIBLE	DUKE	HOWE	M WILLIAMS	REEVES
SAT SEPT 9TH	BRISTOL CITY	A 1-0	10,110	21	GREEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	O'HALLORAN	INVINCIBLE	DUKE	HOWE	M WILLIAMS	REEVES
TUE SEPT 12TH	BOURNEMOUTH	A 0-3	3,673	22	GREEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	ROBINSON	DUKE	HEWLETT	HOWE	INVINCIBLE
TUE SEPT 19TH	TRANMERE WC2 (1)	A 1-1	4,289	-	GREEMINK	COBIAN	TUOMELA	O'HALLORAN	ROBERTSON	DUKE	HEWLETT	M WILLIAMS	REEVES
SAT SEPT 23RD	LUTON TOWN	A 3-2	4,933	20	GREEMINK	ALEXANDER	COBIAN	DUKE	DAVIS	REEVES	TUOMELA	M WILLIAMS 2	O'HALLORAN
TUE SEPT 26TH	TRANMERE WC2 (2)	H 0-1	4,753	-	GREEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	ROBINSON	DUKE	O'HALLORAN	HEWLETT	ALEXANDER 1	M WILLIAMS
SAT SEPT 30TH	WIGAN ATH.	H 2-2	4,895	21	GREEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	ROBINSON	DUKE	O'HALLORAN	HEWLETT	ALEXANDER	M WILLIAMS
SUN OCT 8TH	OXFORD UTD	H 2-1	7,975	18	GREEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	REEVES	DAVIS	O'HALLORAN	INVINCIBLE	HEWLETT	DUKE
SAT OCT 14TH	OLDHAM ATH.	A 0-1	4,009	19	GREEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	ROBINSON	DUKE	INVINCIBLE	O'HALLORAN	HEWLETT
TUE OCT 17TH	SWANSEA CITY	A 0-0	6,333	18	GREEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	ROBINSON	DUKE	INVINCIBLE	O'HALLORAN	HOWE
SAT OCT 21ST	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 1-3	8,097	21	GREEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	ROBINSON	DUKE	INVINCIBLE	O'HALLORAN	HOWE
TUE OCT 24TH	MILLWALL	H 0-2	5,030	20	GREEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	VAN DER LINDEN	WILLIS	ROBERTSON	HOWE	INVINCIBLE	M WILLIAMS
SAT OCT 28TH	NOTTS COUNTY	A 2-3	4,502	20	GREEMINK	DAVIS	VAN DER LINDEN	WILLIS	ROBINSON	REEVES	INVINCIBLE 2	O'HALLORAN	HOWE
TUE OCT 31TH	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H 3-1	3,452	20	GREEMINK	DUKE	VAN DER LINDEN	WILLIS	ROBINSON	WOAN	INVINCIBLE 2	O'HALLORAN	REEVES
SAT NOV 4TH	WYCOMBE W.	H 1-1	5,225	20	GREEMINK	DAVIS	VAN DER LINDEN	WILLIS	ROBINSON	REEVES	INVINCIBLE	O'HALLORAN	WOAN
TUE NOV 7TH	WREXHAM	H 2-2	4,423	18	GREEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	WILLIS	VAN DER LINDEN	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	INVINCIBLE	REEVES
SAT NOV 11TH	PETERBOROUGH UTD	A 0-4	5,700	20	GREEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	VAN DER LINDEN	DAVIS	O'HALLORAN	ROBERTSON	HOWE	WOAN
SAT NOV 18TH	LKESTON TOWN (FAC1)	H 4-1	4,406	-	MILDENHALL	DAVIS	WILLIS	VAN DER LINDEN	COBIAN	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	REEVES	WOAN
SAT NOV 25TH	STOKE CITY	H 0-3	4,923	22	GREEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	DRYDEN	O'HALLORAN	WOAN	HOWE
SAT DEC 2ND	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A 1-0	5,815	21	GREEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	REEVES	DUKE	DRYDEN	O'HALLORAN	WOAN	HOWE
SAT DEC 9TH	GATESHEAD (FAC2)	H 5-0	4,703	-	GREEMINK	DAVIS	ROBINSON	VAN DER LINDEN	REEVES	HOWE	WOAN	O'HALLORAN 2	INVINCIBLE
SAT DEC 16TH	ROTHERHAM UTD	H 2-1	4,740	20	GREEMINK	DAVIS	ROBINSON	REEVES	HOWE	DRYDEN	WOAN	INVINCIBLE	WHITELY
SAT DEC 23RD	BURY	A 0-1	2,921	20	GREEMINK	DAVIS	ROBINSON	REEVES	HOWE	DRYDEN	WOAN	INVINCIBLE	WHITELY
TUE DEC 26TH	BRENTFORD	H 2-3	6,649	19	GREEMINK	DAVIS	ROBINSON	REEVES	HOWE	DRYDEN	WOAN	INVINCIBLE	M WILLIAMS
SAT DEC 30TH	READING	H P-P											
MON JAN 15TH	WALSALL	A 0-1	5,548	19	GREEMINK	COBIAN	REEVES	DRYDEN	DAVIS	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	WOAN	DUKE
SAT JAN 6TH	COVENTRY CITY (FAC3)	H											
TUE JAN 9TH	MILLWALL (LDV CUP)	A											
SAT JAN 13TH	FORT VALE	H											
SAT JAN 20TH	BRENTFORD	A											
TUE JAN 23RD	COLCHESTER	A											
SAT JAN 27TH	BURY	H											
SUN FEB 4TH	WREXHAM	A											
SAT FEB 10TH	BRISTOL CITY	H											
SAT FEB 17TH	CAMBRIDGE UTD	A											
TUE FEB 20TH	BOURNEMOUTH	H											
SAT FEB 24TH	LUTON TOWN	H											
SAT MAR 3RD	WIGAN ATH.	A											
TUE MAR 6TH	OLDHAM ATH.	H											
SAT MAR 10TH	OXFORD UTD	A											
SAT MAR 17TH	SWANSEA CITY	H											
SAT MAR 24TH	BRISTOL ROVERS	A											
SAT MAR 31ST	ROTHERHAM UTD	A											
SAT APR 7TH	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H											
SAT APR 14TH	MILLWALL	A											
MON APR 16TH	NOTTS COUNTY	A											
SAT APR 21ST	WYCOMBE W.	A											
SAT APR 28TH	PETERBOROUGH UTD	H											
SAT MAY 5TH	STOKE CITY	A											

Top Scorers 2000/2001...

Top Gates 2000/2001...

Last Four Matches...

DANNY INVINCIBLE	9	BRISTOL ROVERS	8,097	WALSALL	1ST JAN	A	L 0-1
REEVES, O' HALLDRAN, HOWE	4	OXFORD UNITED	7,975	BRENTFORD	26TH DEC	H	L 2-3
M. WILLIAMS	3	COLCHESTER UNITED	7,296	BURY	23RD DEC	A	L 0-1
ALEXANDER, COWE	2	BRENTFORD	6,649	ROTHERHAM	16TH DEC	H	W 2-1

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SATURDAY JANUARY 6TH 2001 3.00PM
VS COVENTRY CITY



PLAYER IN RED
DENOTES SCORER

SYMBOL IN GREY (- - -)
DENOTES PLAYER REPLACED

1	2	3	4	5		
WILLIS	HEWLETT	HOWE	COWE	GRAFFIN	COBIAN	MILDENHALL
GRAZIOLI	DUKE	HOWE	GRAFFIN	VAN DER LINDEN	COBIAN	MILDENHALL
VAN DER LINDEN	HEWLETT	COWE	A. WILLIAMS	GRAFFIN	ROBINSON	MILDENHALL
GRAZIOLI	ALEXANDER	DAVIS	GRAFFIN	WILLIS	DUKE	MILDENHALL
GRAFFIN	DAVIS	GRAZIOLI	WILLIS	COBIAN	VAN DER LINDEN	MILDENHALL
DAVIS	HEWLETT	ROBERTSON	GRAZIOLI	COWE	COBIAN	MILDENHALL
DAVIS	HEWLETT	GRAZIOLI	ROBERTSON	COBIAN	VAN DER LINDEN	MILDENHALL
O'HALLORAN	M. WILLIAMS	TOUMELA	GRAZIOLI	COBIAN	MILDENHALL	MILDENHALL
DAVIS	ALEXANDER	ROBINSON	A. WILLIAMS	VAN DER LINDEN	GRAZIOLI	MILDENHALL
HEWLETT	ROBERTSON	ROBINSON	INVINCIBLE	YOUNG	GRAZIOLI	MILDENHALL
TOUMELA	ROBERTSON	INVINCIBLE	WILLIS	GRAZIOLI	COBIAN	MILDENHALL
WILLIS	INVINCIBLE	VAN DER LINDEN	COBIAN	GRAZIOLI	YOUNG	MILDENHALL
M. WILLIAMS	ALEXANDER	A. WILLIAMS	GRAZIOLI	VAN DER LINDEN	COBIAN	MILDENHALL
ALEXANDER	M. WILLIAMS	A. WILLIAMS	GRAZIOLI	VAN DER LINDEN	COBIAN	MILDENHALL
ALEXANDER	M. WILLIAMS	ROBERTSON	GRAZIOLI	YOUNG	VAN DER LINDEN	MILDENHALL
GRAZIOLI	M. WILLIAMS	A. WILLIAMS	VAN DER LINDEN	ROBERTSON	YOUNG	MILDENHALL
A. WILLIAMS (S/O)	O'HALLORAN	COWE	REEVES	GRAZIOLI	COBIAN	MILDENHALL
WUON	M. WILLIAMS	ROBERTSON	GRAZIOLI	REEVES	DUKE	MILDENHALL
ROBERTSON	M. WILLIAMS	COWE	GRAZIOLI	COBIAN	YOUNG	MILDENHALL
HOWE	M. WILLIAMS	GRAZIOLI	ROBERTSON	DUKE	COBIAN	MILDENHALL
WUON	M. WILLIAMS	ROBERTSON	ALEXANDER	COWE	GRAZIOLI	MILDENHALL
INVINCIBLE	M. WILLIAMS	DUKE	GRAZIOLI	ALEXANDER	COBIAN	MILDENHALL
INVINCIBLE	M. WILLIAMS	DUKE	ALEXANDER	YOUNG	GRAZIOLI	FARK
INVINCIBLE	M. WILLIAMS	DUKE	ALEXANDER	GRAZIOLI	VAN DER LINDEN	MILDENHALL
INVINCIBLE	ALEXANDER	VAN DER LINDEN	M. WILLIAMS	COWE	HALL	MILDENHALL
ALEXANDER	M. WILLIAMS	COWE	YOUNG	DUKE	WILLIS	MILDENHALL
ALEXANDER	M. WILLIAMS	DUKE	VAN DER LINDEN	YOUNG	COWE	MILDENHALL
ALEXANDER	O'HALLORAN	DUKE	M. WILLIAMS	VAN DER LINDEN	HALL	MILDENHALL
ALEXANDER	O'HALLORAN	DUKE	VAN DER LINDEN	HALL	COWE	MILDENHALL
INVINCIBLE	ALEXANDER	VAN DER LINDEN	COWE	J. WILLIAMS	DAVIES	MILDENHALL

Nationwide Division Two 2000/2001

LAST UPDATED 4/1/2001

TEAM	PLD	HW	HD	HL	HF	HA	AW	AD	AL	AF	AA	PTS	GD
MILLWALL	24	8	1	3	28	9	7	2	3	22	15	48	26
WALSALL	25	10	3	0	29	10	4	3	5	13	15	48	17
WIGAN	25	9	3	0	17	7	3	8	2	16	13	47	13
ROTHERHAM	24	6	3	3	23	15	7	3	2	16	11	45	13
STOKE	24	6	2	3	17	10	5	6	2	22	17	41	12
READING	23	9	2	1	37	11	3	2	6	12	18	40	20
BRISTOL CITY	25	6	3	4	30	17	5	4	3	13	9	40	17
NORTHAMPTON	24	4	4	3	14	13	6	2	5	15	15	36	1
NOTTS COUNTY	24	4	4	3	18	17	6	1	6	12	20	35	-7
WYCOMBE	24	7	1	3	18	12	2	6	5	7	12	34	1
WREXHAM	24	5	2	5	13	15	4	4	4	20	20	33	-2
BRENTFORD	22	5	5	2	16	16	3	4	3	13	17	33	-4
BOURNEMOUTH	23	4	4	4	15	12	4	3	4	22	17	31	8
COLCHESTER	23	5	3	4	14	12	3	3	5	11	17	30	-4
PETERBOROUGH	24	6	3	3	17	12	2	2	8	10	19	29	-4
OLDHAM	24	5	3	4	15	14	2	5	5	11	20	29	-8
BURY	23	5	4	3	12	13	3	1	7	9	17	29	-9
CAMBRIDGE	24	5	4	3	20	13	2	3	7	14	27	28	-6
BRISTOL ROVERS	22	0	6	4	8	15	5	3	4	20	13	24	0
SWINDON	24	3	4	5	16	23	3	1	8	7	20	23	-20
SWANSEA	22	3	4	4	12	11	2	3	6	11	19	22	-7
PORT VALE	21	4	4	4	18	12	1	1	7	4	17	20	-7
LUTON	24	3	1	8	12	22	1	5	6	14	25	18	-21
OXFORD	24	2	2	8	11	17	1	0	11	14	37	11	-29

Nationwide Appearances 2000/2001

PLAYER NAME:	SQUAD NO.S	LEAGUE APPS.	CUP APPS.	TOTAL APPS.	GOALS ALL COMPS
BART GRIEMINK	1	24	5	29	-
MARK ROBINSON	2	21(1)	3(1)	23(2)	1
SOL DAVIS	3	20(1)	5(1)	25(2)	-
MATTHEW HEWLETT	4	10	4	14	-
ADAM WILLIS	5	17	2(1)	19(1)	1
ANTOINE VAN DER LINDEN	6	7(8)	3	10(8)	-
KEITH O'HALLORAN	7	23	6	29	4
BOBBY HOWE	8	16(2)	4	20(2)	5
GIULIANO GRAZIOLI	10	4(10)	1(3)	5(13)	1
DAVID DUKE	11	14(6)	4(2)	18(8)	1
JUAN COBIAN	12	3	3	6	-
STEVE COWE	14	1(4)	(2)	1(6)	2
ANDY WILLIAMS	15	2(4)	(2)	2(6)	-
JIM WHITLEY	16	2	-	2	-
DANIEL INVINCIBLE	17	22(1)	3(1)	25(2)	9
GARY ALEXANDER	18	13(3)	4(1)	17(4)	2
FRAZER MCHUGH	20	-	-	-	-
GARETH DAVIES	21	-	-	-	-
ALAN REEVES	22	21(1)	6	27(1)	4
STEVE MILDENHALL	23	(1)	1	1(1)	-
RICHARD DRYDEN	25	6	-	6	-
MARTIN WILLIAMS	24	17(1)	5	22(1)	3
ALAN YOUNG	26	(1)	(2)	(3)	1
JAMES WILLIAMS	29	(1)	-	(1)	-
IAN WOAN	31	11	2	13	1
GARETH HALL	-	(1)	-	(1)	-

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3	Sol Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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5	Adam Willis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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7	Keith O'Halloran	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Bobby Howe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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11	David Duke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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14	Steve Cowe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Andy Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Jim Whitley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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18	Gary Alexander	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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29	James Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	Gareth Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31	Ian Woan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Manager

Andy King



Coventry City

The Squad

1	Magnus Hedman	1
2	Marc Edworthy	2
3	Stephen Froggatt	3
4	Paul Williams	4
5	Colin Hendry	5
6	Richard Shaw	6
7	David Thompson	7
8	Youssef Chippo	8
9	Cedric Roussel	9
10	Moustapha Hadji	10
11	Ysrael Zuniga	11
12	Paul Telfer	12
13	Chris Kirkland	13
14	Carlton Palmer	14
15	John Eustace	15
16	John Aloisi	16
17	Gary Breen	17
18	Craig Bellamy	18
19	Ivan Guerrero	19
20	Tomas Gustafsson	20
21	Gavin Strachan	21
22	Barry Quinn	22
23	Morten Hyldgaard	23
24	Marcus Hall	24
25	Barry Ferguson	25
29	Laurent Delorge	29
31	Jairo Martinez	31
32	Lee Carsley	32

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Match Facts

Half-Time Score

Full-Time Score

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