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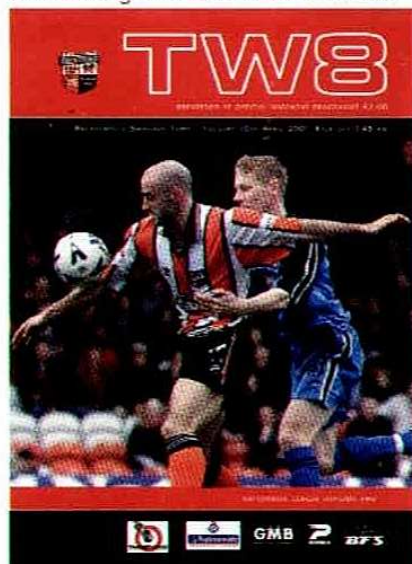
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Scott Partridge in action versus Wrexham



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BITS 'N PIECES

Hello, good evening and welcome to you all, whether Brentford fans, Swindon Town fans, or those of you here just for the spectacle.

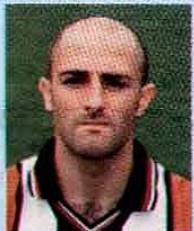
We can now confirm that the postponed home match with Luton Town has been rescheduled for Thursday evening 3rd May. This date was suggested in our last home programme, but was only confirmed once the Prime Minister said that there would not



Martin Rowlands



Paul Evans



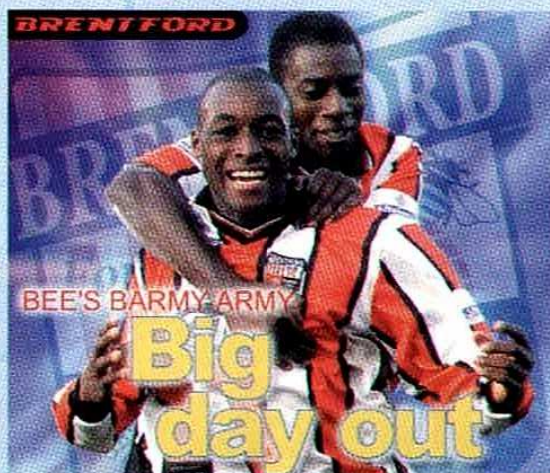
Scott Partridge

be a General Election on that date.

Three players are poised to complete century milestones with the Bees this evening. Both Paul Evans and Scott Partridge are due to make their 100th appearance for the Bees in all competitions, whilst Martin Rowlands will be making his 100th start in a League match for the Bees.

For this coming Saturday's match (Easter Saturday), against Port Vale, we are asking fans to bring with them Easter Eggs which we will then donate to the local hospitals, ala last season.

The Special Final CD, called "Big Day Out", and recorded by the players, will be released next week in time for The Final itself. The number was penned by Bees fanatic and Status Quo bass player, John "Rhino" Edwards. He also penned Manchester United's "Come On You Reds" a few years



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The CD was finalised yesterday when the players went into the Stanley House Studios in Acton. It will have it's first air play this evening...and it's 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc etc.

heartened to hear that the sum is sufficient to sponsor the breeding and rearing of a guide dog puppy. Well done everybody!

Also at the last match we celebrated the Golden Anniversary of The Supporters

Association's Blind Scheme. In the picture (from the left) can be seen The Mayor of Ealing Dave Bond, Mary Farley, Geoff Buckingham, Alan Rogers and members,



At the last home match we welcomed "Guide Dogs for the Blind" who organised a match collection. We are pleased to report that thanks to the generosity of all you Bees fans they collected the sum of £607.89. We are even more

commentators and helpers of the Scheme (see also page 35).

Good luck to Gary Thomas, Barry, Dan & Matt Lister, Alex Austin, Brian Mason and "Red Eric" who will be appearing on Soccer AM on the day before the LDV

Vans Final representing the Bees.

Spare a thought for Bees fan Chris Stephens who volunteered to represent the Bees in this year's Flora sponsored London Marathon. A chance in a lifetime. Then the Bees qualified for the LDV Vans Final at The Millennium Stadium that same day. But hey...the match doesn't kick off until 3.30pm whilst the Marathon starts at 9.30am...so Chris's run should take about two and a quarter hours...quick shower and a pint...hop on a train...so no problem. By the way he's looking for sponsors, more about that Saturday.

TW8 QUESTION TIME

We invite supporters to send in their questions on any aspect of Brentford Football Club, to be answered in TW8 by Ron Noades, Gary Hargraves, Ray Lewington, or indeed whoever.

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BRENTFORD MANAGERS (PART TWO)

Bill Dodgin Snr **Oct 1953 to May 1957**

A workmanlike player for Charlton, Bill gained more fame as a manager, twice taking Southampton close to the old First Division, but they blew it twice in 1948 and 1949. Bill made his way to Craven Cottage and lasted four years, and was sacked in October 1953. This paved the way for the job at Brentford, and made moderate success before being sacked by the Brentford board in the summer of 1957.

Malcolm MacDonald



Malcolm MacDonald **June 1957 to Jan 1965**

Eight years at the helm and a well respected Scot whose quite nature was enforced by his car registration which even had "gag" in it, nearly took Brentford to the old Second Division on two occasions with the famous Jim Towers-George Francis striking combination. His grounding with Kilmarnock had stood him in good stead and returned there after leaving Brentford in 1965.

Tommy Cavanagh **Jan 1965 to Mar 1966**

A fiery scouser and the only man to have thrown the legendary Brentford press officer Eric White out a Griffin Park dressing room(!), Tom lasted barely a season which ended in Brentford's relegation back to Division Four but had the highlight of

thrashing rivals QPR 6-1 on the opening day of the 1965-66 season.

Billy Gray **Mar 1966 to Sep 1967**

A teammate of Frank Blunstone (qv) at Chelsea, Billy took over at Millwall in November 1963 and got them promoted out of the Forth Division in 1965. They were assured of promotion again in 1966, but he resigned after some director's comments on the team. Handicapped by the financial situation, like Tommy before him, he lasted a just a short time.

Jimmy Sirrell **Sep 1967 to Nov 1969**

Another Scot, with a toothy grin and dry sense of humour, performed all sorts of tasks after the 1967 financial crisis. Jimmy had little time concentrate on the football but had good success with Notts County, where he was manager on three separate occasions.

Frank Blunstone **Nov 1969 to 1973**

Frank was a classic left winger and managed Brentford after spending most of his time at Stamford Bridge. Frank gained his first full cap in 1954 and a championship medal too in 1955. He bought wisely and sold for a profit and even got Brentford promoted on a shoestring budget from the Forth Division in 1972.

Mike Everitt

Ex-Arsenal and Northampton utility player, Mike did not fair well at Griffin Park, indeed he only lasted eighteen months before moving to Leicester City as coach.

John Docherty **Jan 1975 to Sep 1976**

Scot, whose record of playing in three separate spells for Brentford and managing them once may never be bettered. His first managerial appointment was not a successful one and managed much better success at Millwall, leading them into

the old First Division. Docherty was sacked by Millwall in 1990 and switched to Bradford City but could not stop them falling into the old Third Division.

Bill Dodgin **Sep 1976 to Mar 1980**

Bill Dodgin was unable to prevent QPR's relegation from the first division in the late 60's and then also was too late to stop Fulham's slide to the Third Division. He guided the Cottagers' side to promotion straight away (1971) but was sacked a year later, after Fulham struggled to avoid instant relegation. At Northampton he led them to promotion in 1976 and did the same in 1978 with Brentford with the Phillips-McCulloch front pairing yielding 54 league goals between them. Bill Dodgin, father and son, both died in 1999.

Fred Callaghan **Mar 1980 to Feb 1984**

Taxi driver Fred was a mainstay at Fulham for over ten years but left Woking to guide Brentford clear of relegation danger in 1980. Three superb non-league signings (Terry Hurlock, Gary Roberts, David Crown), was the start of a good times. Brentford were going great guns in the 1982-83 season until Tony Mahoney broke his leg in a cup replay against Swindon and the promotion charge faltered. The next season was a battle against relegation and Fred left in early 1984.



John Docherty & Frank McClintock

Frank McClintock**Feb 1984 to Jan 1987**

One of the few managers to take Brentford to Wembley, Frank marshalled the team through difficult financial constraints but lacked the overall experience to transform the team into a winning one. In the summer of 1986 five new signings walked through the door but each of them failed to improve the side and a 4-1 thrashing at Port Vale proved to be his downfall, and Frank was sacked.

Steve Perryman**January 1987 to Aug 1990**

Ex-England and Spurs maestro reorganised Brentford from top to bottom, re-instating the reserve team and started a major overhaul of the youth development programme, which was badly needed. The football was pleasant to watch and Brentford went on a magnificent cup run in 1989, reaching the quarter-finals. The next season was one of much promise but instead was a struggle for the first part. Ten days bore the 1990-91 season, Steve resigned, claiming a lack of motivation.

*Phil Holder on the left***Phil Holder****Aug 1990 to May 1993**

Pint sized ex-Spurs midfielder was promoted from Steve Perryman's assistant when Martin Lange could not secure the services of Gerry Francis from Bristol Rovers. Phil's three years at Griffin Park were eventful... a promotion (who could forget that day in Peterborough), a play off and a relegation which cost Phil his job. His direct way of football

attracted some critics, but when played correctly was a joy to watch.

Dave Webb**June 1993 to Aug 1997**

I will concentrate on the footballing side as the business side would fill a book. Taking the policy of getting young footballers on low wages and non league signings seemed to have worked by March 1995 as the Bees led the Second Division table, however losing out to Huddersfield Town in the play-offs was a body blow. In 1997 the Bees reached the twin towers for the final time, losing to Crewe in a one-sided play off final when promotion should have been secured much earlier. This was Dave Webb's final game as manager, before taking over as Chief Executive.

Eddie May**Aug 1997 to Oct 1997**

A terrible appointment in retrospect but Eddie's hand was tied during the 1997-98 season, his 12 game record was not worthy of dismissal but the club's owners at the time had other ideas, has since coached at Merthyr Tydfil and abroad.

Micky Adams**Nov 1997 to June 1998**

Tough full back who spent many years at Southampton with spells at Coventry, Stoke and Fulham. Perhaps taking over when he should have spent some time away from the game, Micky walked to Griffin Park after farcical thirteen day tenure at Swansea, the directors backing down on promises made for funding. Micky tried hard with limited resources, bringing back spirit with had been lacking but it was to no avail, Brentford eventually being relegated for the bottom division first time since 1978. Micky received a standing ovation from the Brentford crowd at our recent meeting with Brighton,

who currently are in the Third Division promotion frame.

Ron Noades**June 1998 to Nov 2000**

While leafing through a 1974 copy of the Ealing Gazette for this article, Ron Noades stepped into Southall Football Club as chairman bringing Geoff Taylor with him, a striking similarity to the way he took over as Manager-Chairman of Brentford in June 1998 with Geoff overseeing the youth section. The results on the pitch were for there for all to see, October 1998 to October 1999 must rank as one of the most exciting periods in Brentford's history with promotion and a 26 league match unbeaten run to boot. However all things must come to end and after deciding that commuting was too much from Spain and perhaps his hand was even more forced after the terrible defeat against Kingstonian in the F.A. Cup this season, the first win by a non-league side at Griffin Park.

Ray Lewington**Mar 2001**

Appointed Manager three days ago following a four-month tenure as Caretaker Manager.

Ray Lewington**MARK CHAPMAN**

BEES 1 WREXHAM 0

Bees team:

Gottskalksson, Lovett, Mahon, Ingimarsson, Powell, Dobson, Evans, Folan (O'Connor 71), Owusu, Rowlands, Partridge (Charles 84).

subs not used: P Smith, Theobald and Williams.

Scorer: Powell 28

Wrexham team:

Dearden, McGregor, Carey, Ridler, Roche, Gibson (Blackwood 68), Williams, Chalk, Morrell (Faulconbridge 68), Trundle, Russell.

subs not used: Hardy, Warren & Walsh.

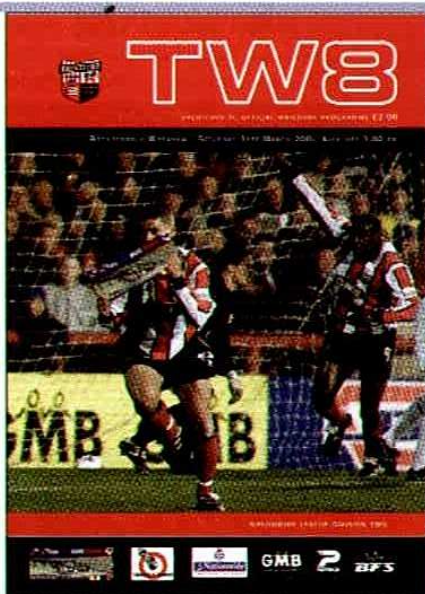
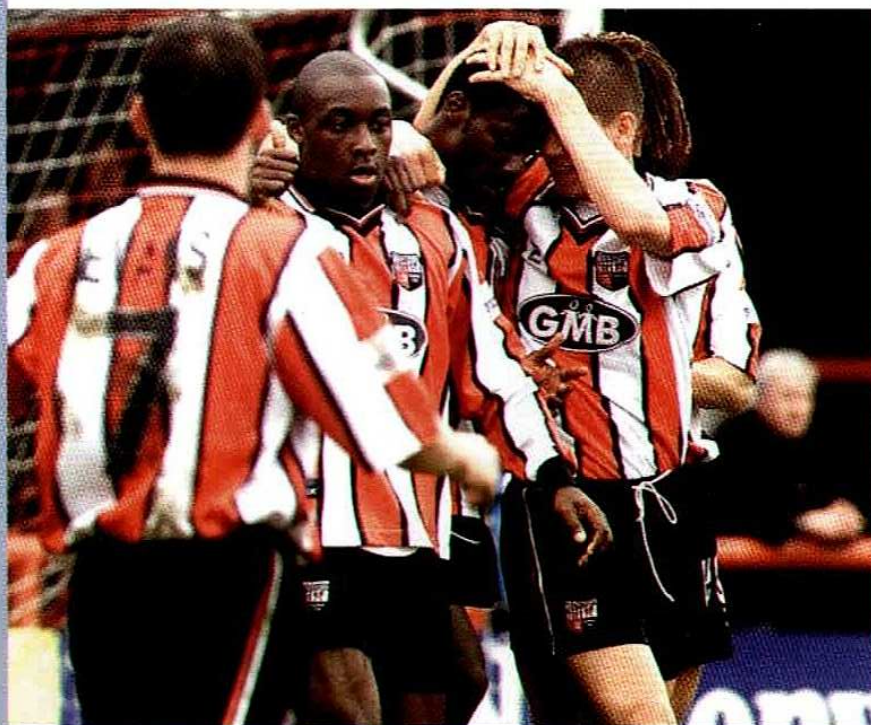
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Attendance: 4,449

With so much talk about the LDV Vans Final it was good to see the Bees put in a hard working and confident performance against Wrexham and edge through by a single goal to register an important

The Bees had to wait until the 12th minute before they showed anything of note in attack. And it was the skipper Paul Evans who did so with a half volley from 25 yards out which flew just wide.



Powell takes the accolades

victory against the midtable side from north Wales.

Ray Lewington in his first match as Manager, brought in Tony Folan to the exclusion of David Theobald, and was dealt a late blow when Paul Gibbs was not sufficiently fit to take his place, so Jay Lovett made a late appearance.

The visitor's with former Bee Kevin Dearden in goal started positively and forced four corners without reply in the opening 15 minutes.

Goal scoring sensation Lee Trundle was the first to put a shot in, in the third minute. But Oli Gott was there to gather safely for the Bees.

The first Bees corner came in the 16th minute. The ball was cleared from Evans centre and went to Michael Dobson, He in turn played it wide to Gavin Mahon who duly played it into the path of Scott Partridge on the edge of the area who saw his shot saved by Dearden. Midway through the half a fine move involving Lovett, Martin Rowlands and Tony Folan was rewarded with a corner. From the centre Darren Powell's header flew wide of the target. The Bees were now pressurising the visitor's goal and another corner followed a centre whipped in by Partridge. And this



BEES EDGE IT

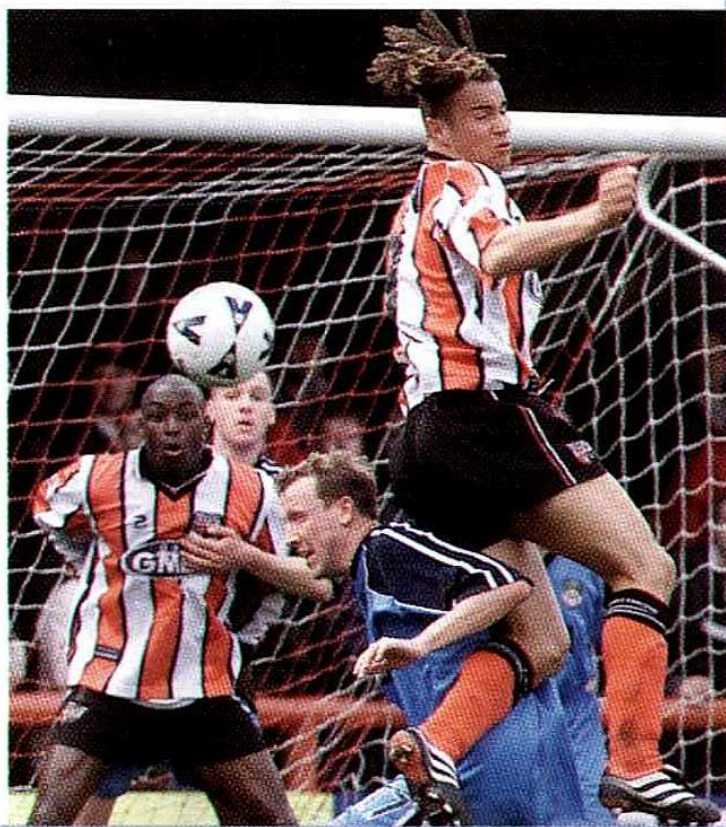
time Powell made no mistake heading home Evans well taken corner for his first of the season.

The goal was the catalyst for an even more improved spell of play by the Bees during which they threatened a second goal on a number of occasions. In the 31st minute an excellent diagonal ball from Evans picked out Lovett who played inside to Lloyd

Owusu. But the Bees striker saw his shot on the turn saved by Dearden. Two minutes later Wrexham's Lee Roche can consider himself lucky when having baulked Partridge repeatedly as the Bees number 10 looked to run clear, he was shown the yellow card instead of the red. Seven minutes from the break

Trundle tested Oli Gott with a shot on the turn, but the Icelandic keeper was

Gavin's head and shoulders above the rest



Man of the Match Martin slides in

equal to the task.

Owusu had a goal disallowed in the 41st minute following a fine through ball from Mahon which he expertly slid wide of Dearden. But the referee had obviously seen an infringement. In the final seconds of the half as the Bees forced two more corners, the first of which saw the ball slip at speed through Dearden's hands whilst the second was the forerunner for a chipped effort from Evans which flew just beyond the far post.

The Bees started the second half in a positive frame of mind and Partridge fired wide after just four minutes. A minute later Folan saw his chipped effort from 20 yards following a fine through ball from Owusu, fly high over the bar.

The game was getting a bit scrappy now and Wrexham saw Russell shown a yellow card, and skipper Brian Carey go unpunished for a late challenge on Oli Gott. Rowlands was also shown a yellow card, the first of two for the Bees as late sub Julian Charles also collected a card late in the game.

For a while during the later stages, Wrexham pushed quite hard for an equaliser but rarely looked capable of gaining one as the central defensive partnership of Powell, Ingimarsson and Mahon reigned supreme throughout.

The Bees made two late substitutions with Kevin O'Connor replacing Folan, and Charles replacing Partridge. But when the final whistle was blown the three points gained had moved the Bees up to the 50 point mark, and a sense of security with obvious thoughts of Cup glory ahead.

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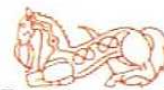
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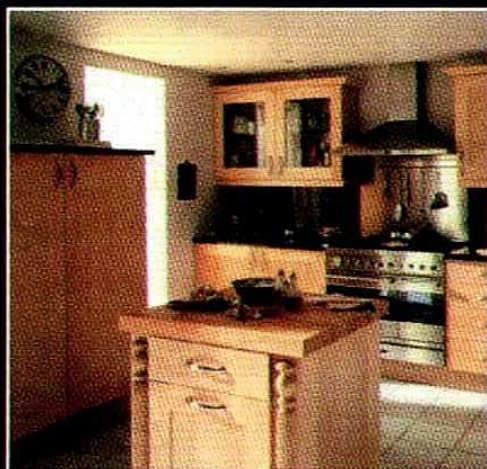
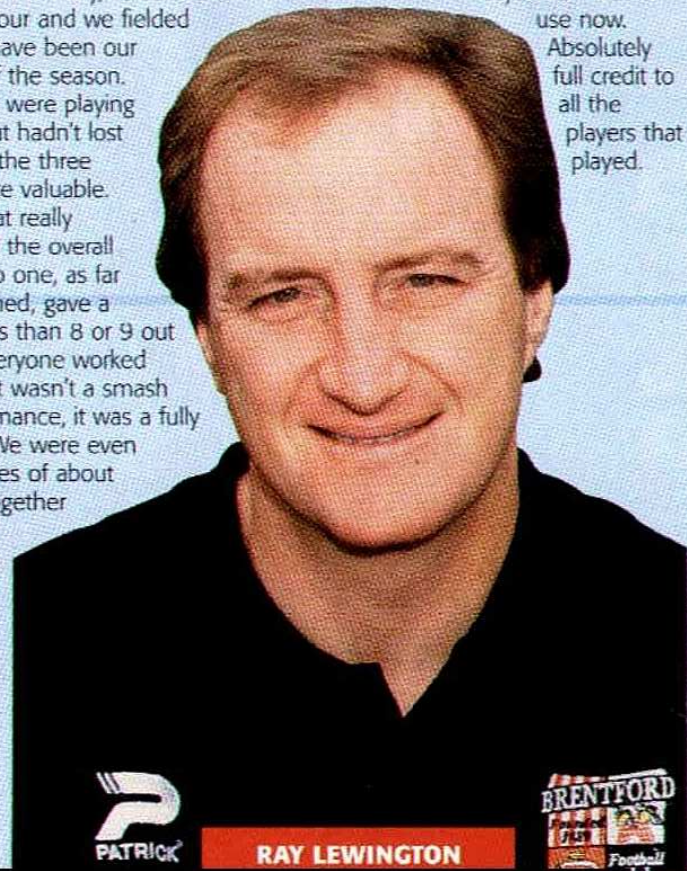
RAY LEWINGTON

Now that the home games are coming thick and fast, there are a few reports to go over. Firstly the Wrexham game...our visitors that day are a funny side who are in the same category as Bournemouth and Notts County, all of whom on their day play some really good stuff and are capable of beating anyone. Talking to all three managers, goals are their problem which has been a similar case to ours. So they were dangerous opponents and on the day the defensive side of the game was cancelled out by the offensive side of the game. Both teams worked extremely hard and although it was tight, I for one wouldn't say it was a great spectacle. It was the type of game whereby the first team that cracked would lose it. It's usually from a mistake, a lack of concentration, an absolute sensational bit of play or as was the case on the day, a set piece. Paul Evans and Paul Gibbs have really got their delivery zipping in at the moment, and have been for the last half dozen games or so, and with the height in our side we should really be doing better. But in this instance the one goal was enough, and Powelly got in and finished well. It was though, the type of game we could easily have lost. So I was 100% pleased with our concentration and the fact that we kept plugging away. To be honest though I think we deserved the three points although it wasn't a classic. But you get

these games in any division and it's the stronger willed and the team who keep their concentration who win through. The Wigan game, I have to say, was the best three points of the season. With the injury problems caused by the absence of both Ivar and Dobbo, and the suspension of Powelly, I decided to go with a back four and we fielded what may well have been our youngest side of the season. The fact that we were playing a Wigan side that hadn't lost at home, made the three points even more valuable. But the thing that really pleased me was the overall performance. No one, as far as I was concerned, gave a performance less than 8 or 9 out of ten game. Everyone worked really hard and it wasn't a smash and grab performance, it was a fully deserving one. We were even putting sequences of about fifteen passes together on a number of occasions in the last twenty minutes of the game. We had problems on the day getting to the stadium as the coach broke down. It

really looked as if it would be one of those days when we did eventually get into the dressing room with everyone tearing about getting ready for the match. But the performance was, as I said in the press conference after the game, "amazing", and it is still the adjective I would

use now. Absolutely full credit to all the players that played.



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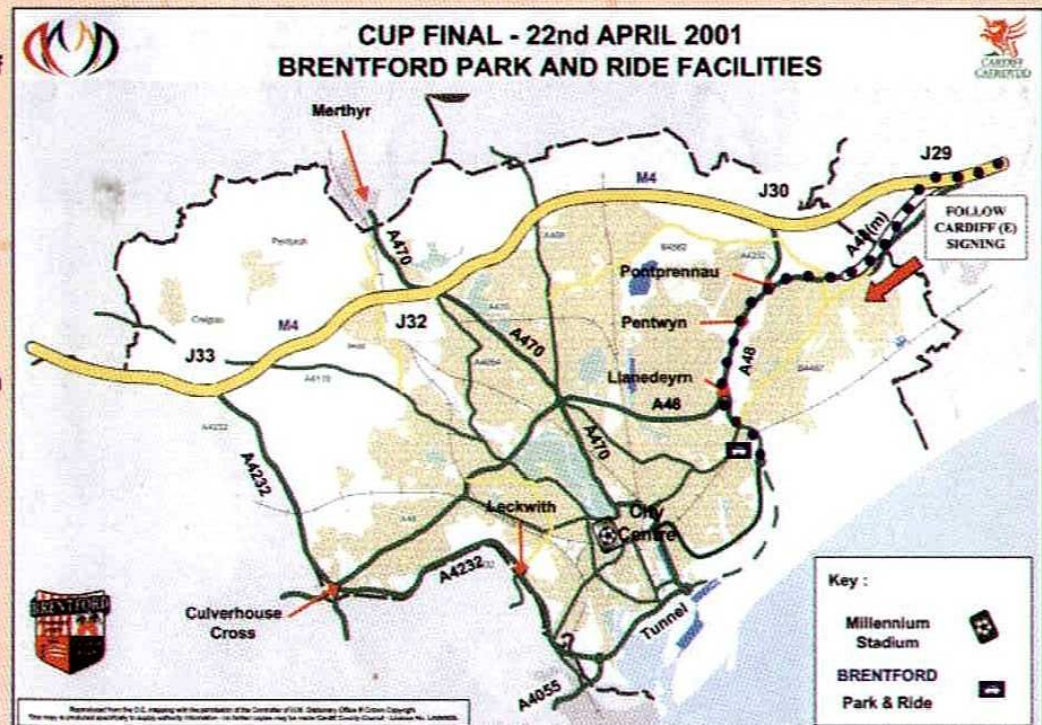
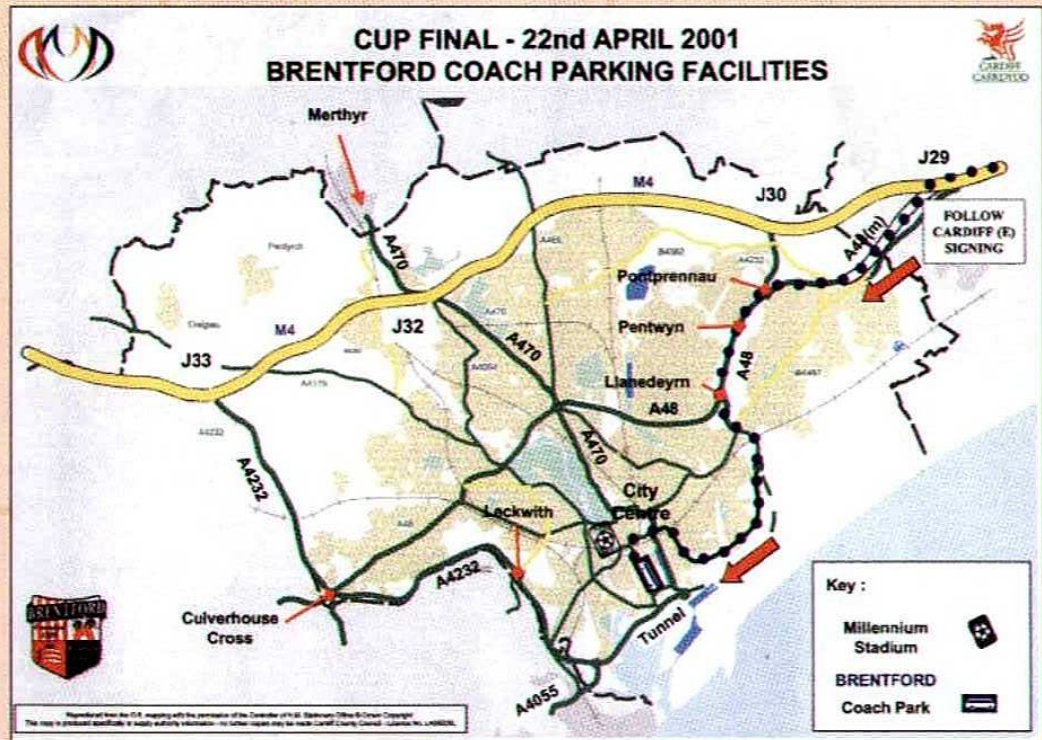
ALL ROADS LEAD TO CARDIFF

For all those travelling by road to The Final, the two maps detail the approach roads being designated for Bees fans which are different to those being detailed for Port Vale supporters.

All approaches to Cardiff on the day itself will be signposted with either BLUE signs with BRENTFORD on them, or RED signs with PORT VALE on them (don't ask me why!). These will direct the Coaches to the predetermined Coach Park and car s to Park & Ride areas.

Brentford supporters are being directed off at Junction 29 on the M4, whilst Vale supporters will be directed off at Junction 32.

Everybody travelling is being encouraged to **ARRIVE EARLY** as there is an "exclusion zone" for all transport, in operation around the immediate area of The Stadium commencing 2 hours prior to the kick off and ending at least 1 hour after the final whistle.



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However, on request, we allocated a number of blocks as SINGING AREAS, namely M18 - M21. But these have now sold out and thus the next allocated Singing Area is L18. Tickets in these areas are £16 (concessions £8).

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AWAY TRAVEL

The Supporters Association are organising Official coaches as per normal. However on this occasion there are already a number of different start points as opposed to the "normal" Layton Road Car Park. So far there are eight start points as follows:

Brentford (Layton Road car park), Feltham Arena, Hatton Cross Underground Station, Staines Bus Garage, Hillingdon Underground Station, Richmond Rail Station, Bracknell Sports Centre and Milton Keynes BR Station. Please state your desired departure point when ordering.

The coaches are being run at cost from all areas...adults £15 (Members, which comprise Season Ticket Holders, Football Club Members, Members of BIAS or BSA, Lifeline), and £17 (Non Members), and will depart at 9am. As the coaches are being organised at cost there are no further concessions for juniors or senior citizens.

Volunteers are **urgently** required to steward each coach and will receive



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Wigan team:

Carroll, McGibbon, Balmer, De Zeeuw, Martinez (Haworth 57), Brannan, Ashcroft, Sheridan, Beagrie (Sharp 82), McCulloch, Dalglish.
subs not used: Stillie, Bidstrup & Green.
Scorer: Haworth 68.

Bees team:

Gottskalksson, Lovett, Mahon, Theobald, Gibbs, Williams, Evans, Folan, Rowlands, Owusu, Partridge (Charles 90).
subs not used: P Smith, Graham, Somner & Hutchinson.
Scorers: Gibbs 50, Owusu 53, Partridge 61.

Referee:

R Pearson

Attendance: 6,502

The depleted Bees were at their brilliant best on Saturday, against a side who not only are pushing strongly for a play off spot, and were playing in front of newly appointed Manager Steve Bruce for the first time, but also held the only unbeaten home record in the League.

But Wigan came up against a side

similar attempt by Scott Partridge at the other end.

In the 4th minute a fine defence splitting ball from Partridge allowed Tony Folan to chip the ball into the area whereupon current Northern Ireland international keeper Roy Carroll cut out the impending danger.

The Bees then forced three corners in



who for the best part of the match played them off the park. So much so that minutes after the match and the teams celebrations in front of the travelling band of Bees fans, the home fans around the tunnel area stayed to applaud the Bees off the pitch.

Ray Lewington went into the match, which survived a midday pitch inspection, without the suspended Darren Powell, and the injured Ivar Ingimarsson, Michael Dobson, Kevin O'Connor and Mark McCammon. David Theobald returned to form part of a four-man defence with Mark Williams operating wide and in front of the back line, with Jay Lovett playing behind him.

Two long range heralded the start of play with first Paul Dalglish firing wide a 25-yard effort swiftly followed by a

quick succession. From the second of these Lee McCulloch tried to head wide but saw his header cleared off his own line by Darren Sheridan. The third of these corners in the eighth minute was superbly whipped in by Paul Gibbs and the keeper did well to stop the ball on the line.

In the tenth minute Partridge played wide to Williams who saw his resultant centre scoot dangerously across the face of the goal. A minute later another Williams centre was just too far for Paul Evans to latch on in front of goal.

Veteran striker Peter Beagrie sent in a low centre in the 17th minute which spun out of Oli Gott's hands but over the bye line for the hosts first corner. Three minutes later it was Oli to the rescue as he blocked an effort from Beagrie who was well placed.

"SIMPLY THE BEST"

But at the other end Partridge set Lloyd Owusu away but his shot on the run was blocked by the keeper. On 25 minutes it was Martin Rowlands to cause palpitations in the hosts defence when his right wing centre was cleared at the last.

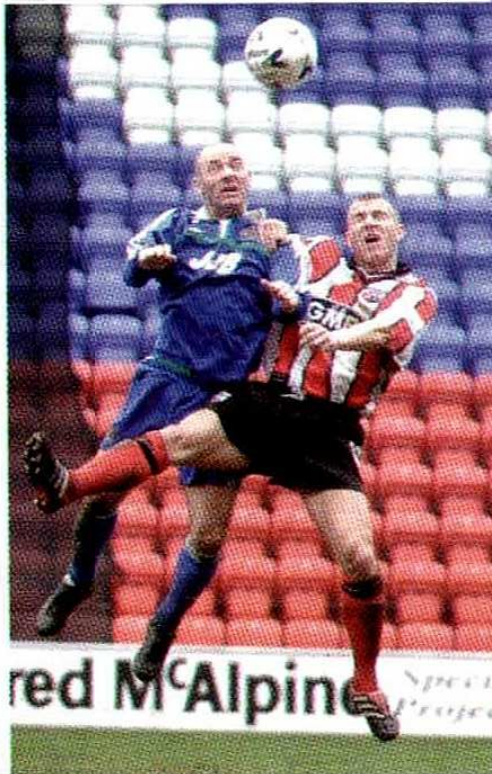
On the half-hour mark McCullough was sent clear with just Oli to beat. But his chipped effort failed to evade the efforts of Oli Gott who blocked. The ball was swept to the other end where Gibbs lost his footing on the edge of the area as he looked set to fire goalwards. Wigan came right back and an exceptionally well-timed tackle by Theobald in the area deprived Lee Ashcroft a clear cut chance as he turned to shoot.

In the 36th minute home captain Arjan De Zeeuw was booked for a foul on Williams. Three minutes later a shot from Folan from 15 yards out flew just over the bar. The best was yet to come. With a few minutes remaining of the half the Bees put together a move which saw about twelve different passes move the play from one end to the other. It had been initiated by Jay Lovett wide to the right. The move drew to a close as Partridge who was in dazzling form all afternoon, beat three layers

wide to the left of the Wigan area. He chipped the ball to the far post where Williams rose high to see his header blocked for a late corner. The half drew to a close with a Gibbs free kick being saved by Carroll on the line. A great end to a very encouraging first half for the Bees. But it was to get even better!

Five minutes after the restart with the Bees very much in control De Zeeuw should have been shown his second yellow card when he manhandled Owusu who looked to get clear. But

the Bees got their comeuppance when Gibbs saw his free kick, which had been struck low and hard, take a deflection as it found its way into the back of the net for his first of the season.



Barely had the fans stopped celebrating than they had more cause for jumping to their feet. Williams sped down the right flank and sent in the perfect cross for Owusu who cracked a

shot goalwards. Carroll could only parry it and Lloyd fired home at the second attempt for his 8th goal of the season.

Wigan came back briefly with a half hearted effort from McCullough, but so too did Brentford through Owusu who saw his shot blocked for another corner.

In the 56th minute former Bees target Simon Haworth came on for Martinez. On the hour another free kick from Gibbs found its way into the area. Theobald headed it down for Owusu who shot wide.

Then came the best goal of the game. Owusu did well to take control of the ball and having run into the area switched the ball to Partridge and in doing so beat the back line. Scottie looked up and coolly slotted the ball home inside the far post.

Two minutes later as Rowlands ran into the Wigan half he noticed the keeper of his line and sent in a 50 yarder, ala Evans, which flew just wide of the left hand post with the keeper totally beaten.

Haworth pulled one back for the Latics in the 67th minute converting Dalglishs right wing centre.

With 15 minutes remaining Owusu picked up a very harsh booking following an accidental collision with Carroll. Three minutes later first Lloyd then Williams both went close to further extending the Bees lead.

Wigan put together a number of late forays as they sought to reduce the arrears. But the Bees held very firm and whenever they themselves had possession they looked very comfortable on the ball and full of confidence.

Five seconds, yes five seconds from the final whistle Julian Charles came on to replace the Man of the Match Scottie Partridge.

All in all a magnificent performance by the Bees (and their first ever victory at Wigan) at just the time some may think they are easing up. But don't you believe it. As the man says: "you ain't seen nothing yet".

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MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS!

MARK HARFIELD

TURN BACK THE PAGES

Today's featured programme is from Saturday 26 January 1980 when Swindon Town met Spurs in the 4th Round of the FA Cup. However it's difficult to ascertain the date as Swindon for many years were one of the few clubs not to display the date on the front of the programme.

Swindon included in their line up Chris Kamara who was to join us in October the following year, whilst in the Spurs line up were future Bees Steve Perryman, Paul Miller and Chris Hughton. The referee for the game was the irrepressible Alf Grey from Great Yarmouth.



The one Bees/Swindon game that sticks out in my mind, other than the 0-0 draw in the First Division, took place here in May 1978. As I recall it, Swindon had an outside chance of promotion and brought thousands of fans with them down the M4 to boost the crowd to over 13,000. Dean Smith scored for us, but Swindon won 2-1. Unfortunately they lost their last two games to Sheffield Wednesday and Blackpool and eventually

finished 5th. According to the Rothmans book, on the same day, Bill Dodgin pledged his loyalty to the Bees, having been offered a coaching job by Danny Blanchflower at Chelsea.

MH

I wasn't actually at the game, but I remember distinctly a 2-2 draw against the Robins at the County ground on teletext! Paul Abrahams leveled twice (whatever happened to him?). It was a great result as Steve McMahon's side romped to the Championship as we finished in a dull lower midtable position.

RT

I went to Swindon's County Ground twice in 1979, for a Third Division game in August, and an FA Cup 1st Round tie in November. Each time we let in four goals, although we did actually score through Dean Smith in the Cuptie. But why were these games so memorable?

Well it was the outstanding hard working but skilfully creative performances of a Swindon Town player called Chris Kamara who ran the show. Imagine my delight when he actually signed for Brentford on the same day as the legendary Stan Bowles did in October 1981. When these two stars made their home debuts against Burnley, they put over 1500 on the gate!

DO

Remember it's YOUR MEMORIES WE WANT not just the normal 3 or 4 contributors!!!

League Match Number 60

30th at Griffin Park

First League Game at GP

19th Feb 1921 Bees 0 Swindon 1 (D3)

Last Five at Griffin Park

2nd September 1995 (D2) Bees 0 Swindon 2 (7,858)

Team: - Dearden, Statham, Grainger, McGhee, Bates, Munde, Harvey, Smith, Forster, Taylor Subs Ashby & Annon (Mundee & Forster) Our biggest crowd of the season witnessing the future champions inflicting us with our first home defeat of the season.

27th March 1993 (D1) Bees 0 Swindon 0 (10,197)

Team: - Benstead, Statham, Sansom, Millen, Evans, Ratcliffe, Stephenson, Dickens, Gayle, Blissett, Manuel. Subs Jones (Evans) Swindon played most of the game with NINE men, including Glenn Hoddle should have really won this one. Former England and Arsenal hero Kenny Sansom made his Bees debut.

20th April 1987 (D3) Bees 1 Swindon 1 (7,443)

Scorer Cooke

Team:- Phillips, Joseph R, Murray, Millen, Droy, Maddy, Nogan, Sinton, Cooke, Blissett, Turner Sub Perryman

A fair result against the team who were destined to finish third behind Bournemouth and Middlesboro.

6th January 1987 (FRT P) Bees 4 Swindon 2 (1,100)

Scorers Stevens, Sinton 2 Carroll

Team:- Key, Joseph R, Murray, Evans, Bates, Maddy, Carroll, Sinton, Stevens, Joseph F, Turner. Subs Millen (Evans) Cooke.

The crowd, a miserly 1,100, the lowest EVER.

14th December 1982 (FAC 2r) Bees 1 Swindon 3

Scorer Roberts

Team:- Roche, Rowe, Wilkins, Booker, Whitehead, Hurlock, Kamara, Joseph, Mahoney, Bowles, Roberts. Sub Bowen (Mahoney)

After fighting back from 2-0 down at the County ground, we failed to make home

advantage count. In the third round Swindon beat Aldershot 7-0!

Biggest Win

25th April 1931 Bees 5 Swindon 2

Heaviest Defeat

25th August 1979 Swindon 4 Bees 0

23rd February 1962 Swindon 5 Bees 2

FA Cup Games

17th December 1977 (R2) Swindon 2 Bees 1

24th November 1979 (R1) Swindon 4 Bees 1

11th December 1982 (R2) Swindon 2 Bees 2

14th December 1982 (R2r) Bees 1 Swindon 3

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6th January 1987 (pre) Bees 4 Swindon 2

Anglo Italian Cup

16th September 1992 (pre) Swindon 1 Bees 2

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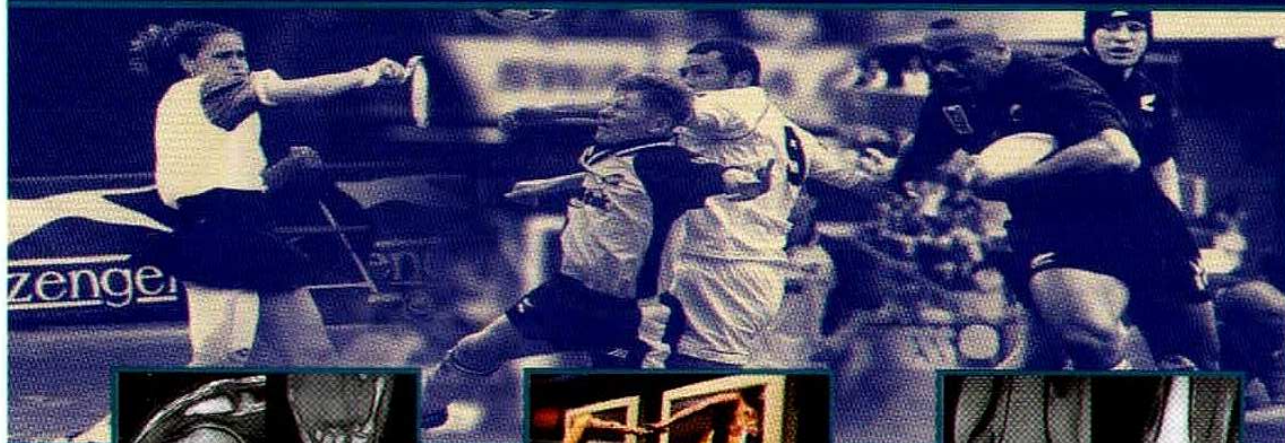
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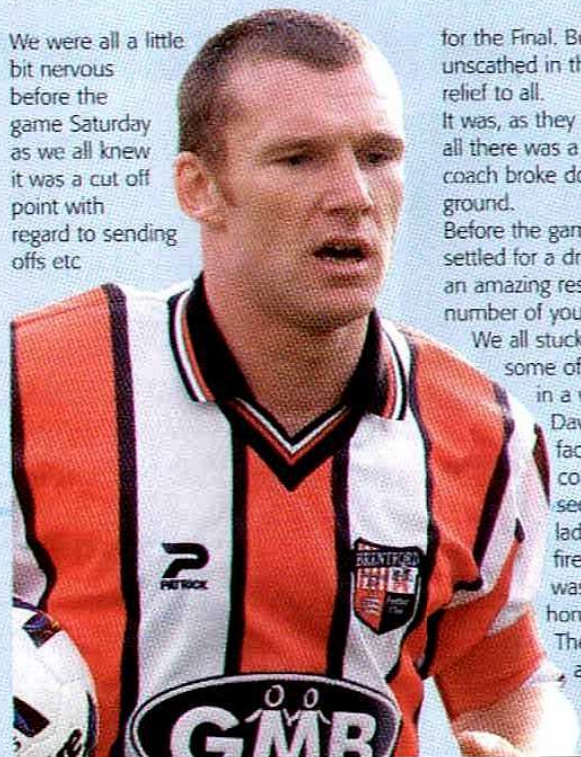
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"...FROM THE HALF WAY LINE"

We were all a little bit nervous before the game Saturday as we all knew it was a cut off point with regard to sending offs etc



for the Final. But we all came through unscathed in that respect which was a relief to all.

It was, as they say, a funny day. First of all there was a pitch inspection, then the coach broke down on the way to the ground.

Before the game we would all have settled for a draw, but in the end what an amazing result particularly given the number of youngsters we had playing.

We all stuck together and played some of the best football we have

in a while. Mark Williams, Dave Theobald, Tony Folan. In fact Tony did very well considering it was only his second game back. The two lads up front were also on fire. So as you can imagine it was a very buzzy journey home.

The previous Saturday was also an important win for us as we want to carry on getting results in the

League and forget about the Final until it's the next game up. But at the same time a good run may make more fans want to come along to the Final and the more people we have supporting us the better the inspiration for us. Anyway it's important to keep a good run going as it breeds confidence.

The win was even better because Powelly scored. He's been getting some stick in training as to who is the worst finisher... Darren or Ivar! To beat Wrexham is also good for me as it means I don't get so much stick when I go back home.

Tonight's match is going to be a difficult one for us. We got a good result against them on Boxing Day, so they'll be wanting to prevent us getting the double over them and more importantly they'll want the points to ease any relegation worries they may have.

So we've got to approach the game in just the right way and if we do there's no reason to think we can't make it three wins on the spin.



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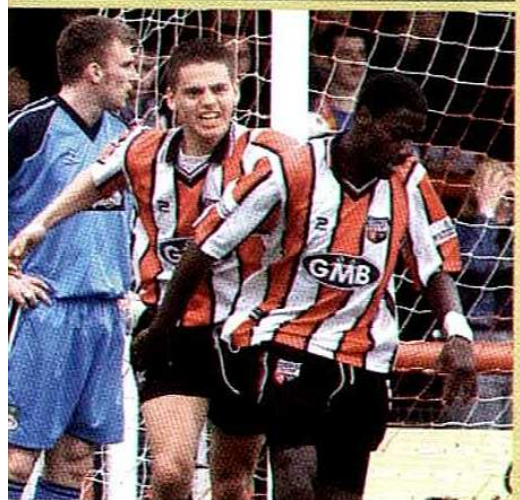
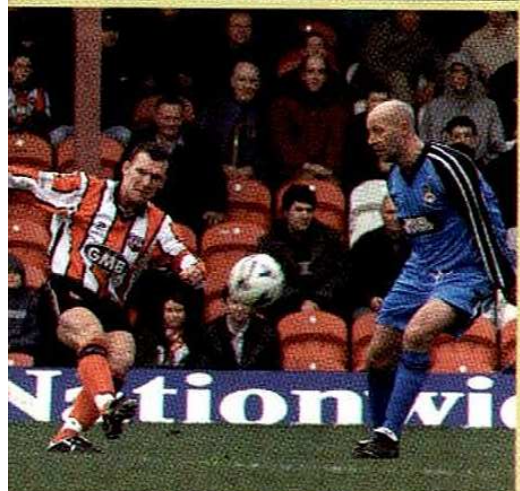
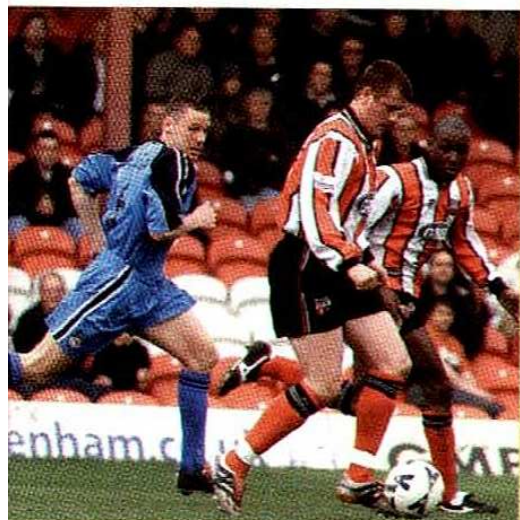
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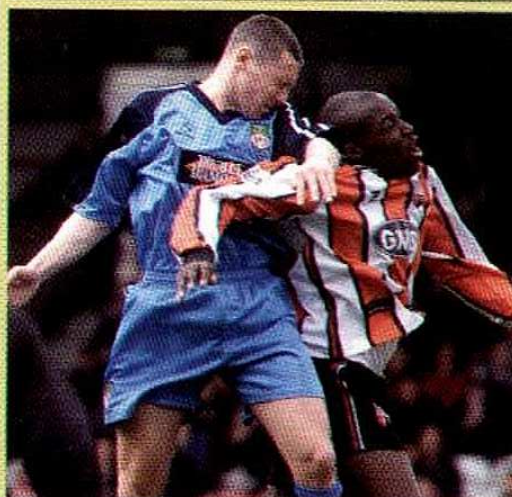
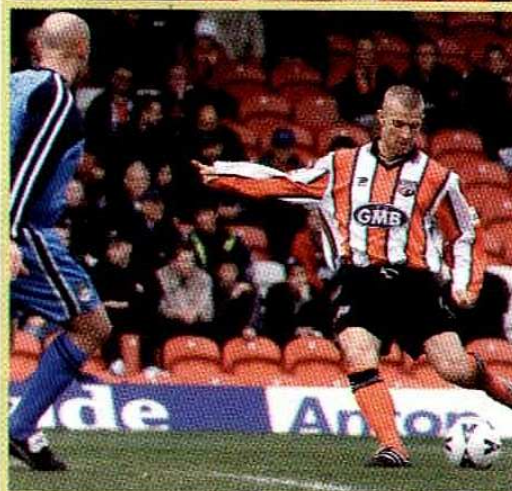
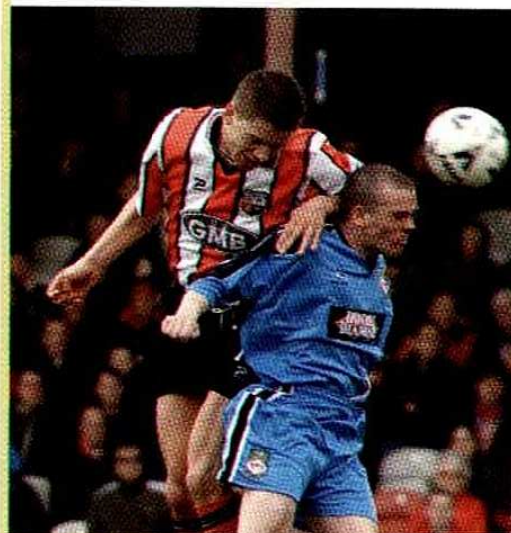
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ACTION FROM OUR LAST HOME MATCH



SWINDON TOWN

Swindon have struggled on their return to the Second Division and are in danger of suffering their second successive relegation in May. They have spent the whole of this season in the bottom half of the table and most of it hovering just above or in the relegation zone.

They were not helped in November when manager Colin Todd resigned to take up a job at Bolton less than six months after arriving at the County Ground. His assistant Andy King took the reins on a caretaker-basis before being given the job permanently.

Swindon suffered from a bad start and they only picked up one point from their first four League games before finally finding some form and winning three of their next five matches. A depressing run of one win in 10 followed and although they won two consecutive games for the first time at the start of December, they next lost four League games, including our 3-2 Boxing Day win at the County Ground.

The Robins have continued their erratic course since, and with time running out they remain deeply involved in the fight to steer clear of relegation.

They have done reasonably well in the Cups, reaching the third round of the FA Cup where they lost 2-0 to Coventry, after hitting nine goals in the first two rounds against non-League Ilkeston and Gateshead, while they were edged out 2-1 by Tranmere in the second round of the Worthington after despatching Exeter 3-2 in round one. In the LDV Vans they disposed of Wycombe and Millwall before sustaining a disappointing defeat by Southend in the area semi finals.

Swindon's four-year stay in Division One ended last season when they finished bottom of the table, 13 points adrift of safety. They were promoted after winning the Division Two title in 1996 but always found it a struggle at the higher level, with 17th their best position.

DID YOU KNOW

● Arguably Swindon's finest hour came at Wembley in 1969 when as a Third Division side they beat high-flyers Arsenal 3-1 after extra-time in the League Cup final. The Robins took the lead through Roger Smart in the first half and held it until the 86th minute when Arsenal equalised to force the extra half hour which saw two goals from Don Rogers clinch a sensational victory.

● As a result of that triumph Swindon faced Roma in the two-legged Anglo-Italian League Cup winners tournament in August and despite a 2-1 defeat in Italy, pulled off a 4-1 second leg triumph in Wiltshire to claim the trophy. Italy did not incidentally have a League Cup competition so Roma entered as Italian Cup winners. Later that season Swindon reached the final of the Anglo-Italian Cup after convincingly winning their group, including home and away wins over Juventus. They were awarded the trophy when, after they led Napoli 3-0 in Italy with 11 minutes to go, the game was abandoned because of crowd trouble.

● Swindon were members of the Premier League as recently as seven years ago but they got there the hard way. In 1990 they won the first-ever old Second Division play-off final at Wembley against Sunderland but were denied promotion because of financial irregularities.

Undaunted they avoided relegation and in 1993 finished fifth in the table and made it to the Twin Towers to face Leicester. After 54 minutes Swindon were 3-0 up but an amazing City comeback saw them level at 3-3 to shred Swindon's nerves before Paul Bodin converted a late penalty to take them up. However the dream turned sour when manager Glenn Hoddle left for Chelsea in the summer and they finished bottom of the table with just five victories and 100 goals conceded.

● Town defender John Trollope holds the League record for appearances with one club having played 770 games, including three as a substitute, in Swindon's colours between 1960 and 1980. After hanging up his boots he then managed the club for three years.

LAST TIME

Our last clash with Swindon was on Boxing Day when second half goals from substitute Lloyd Owusu, Andy Scott and a Paul Evans penalty gave us a 3-2 win after Danny Invericible opened the scoring and Bobby Howe finished it.

Their last visit here came in the 1995/96 season when they went away with a 2-0 win courtesy of goals from Wayne O'Sullivan and Steve Finney. Three seasons previously in Division One they drew 0-0 here despite having two men sent off in the first half thanks to a majestic performance from Glenn Hoddle at sweeper.

They were also unbeaten on their previous two visits here, one of which was an FA Cup replay which left Tony Mahoney with a broken leg, leaving our last win over



Andy King

them at Griffin Park a 4-2 triumph back in April 1982. Terry Hurlock, Keith Bowen, Stan Bowles and Jim McNichol were on target for us with two Roy Carter penalties replying.

THE MANAGER

Andy King took over following Colin Todd's departure earlier in the season. King, who previously had three years in charge at Mansfield, enjoyed two spells at Everton and Luton during his playing career and also represented QPR, West Brom, Aldershot and Dutch side Cambuur. He was scouting for Peter Reid at Sunderland before joining Todd at the County Ground in the summer.



THE PLAYERS

(Squad numbers in brackets)

Goalkeeper for the last month or so has been former trainee **Steve Mildenhall** (23) who has taken over from **Bart Griemink** (1) (ex-WK Emmen, Birmingham and Peterborough). The big Dutchman was sent off for a professional foul in our victory at the County Ground on Boxing Day.

Since that day Swindon have rung the changes in a bid to find a winning formula. Gone are loan players Richard Dryden (Southampton) and Stoke's Bermudan International Kyle Lightbourne while Martin Williams has joined Peterborough on a free transfer.

Through the in door have come defender **Matthew Haywood** (19) from Burnley, midfielder **Steve Robinson** (25), who had almost 100 games for Birmingham City, Belgian striker **Adrian Bakali** (24) from Watford and **Michael Reddy** (16), a young Irish forward on loan from Sunderland.

The Robin's pool of defenders consists of **Gareth Hall** (30) who besides Chelsea and Sunderland, had a brief stay on loan at Griffin Park, **Alan Reeves** (22) (ex Norwich, Chester, Rochdale and Wimbledon) and twin brother of Chesterfield striker David, ex trainee **Sol Davis** (3), **Antoine Van Der Linden** (6) (ex Sparta Rotterdam), **Mark Robinson** (2) a veteran of almost 300 games for the Robins who has also

worn the colours of WBA, Barnsley and Newcastle, **Gareth Davies** (21) who previously did the rounds with Hereford, Crystal Palace, Cardiff (loan) and Reading, and **Adam Willis** (5) who since arriving from Coventry has been out on loan to Mansfield.

Midfield is the domain of **Ian Woan** (31) (ex Barnsley), **Keith O'Halloran** (7) who

played Premier League football for Middlesbrough and St Johnstone in Scotland, **David Dukes** (11) (ex Sunderland), **Andy Williams** (15) (ex Southampton), local **Matthew Hewlett** (4) and **Bobby Howe** (8) formerly at Nottingham Forest and Ipswich (loan). It falls on Australian Danny Invincible (17) (ex Brisbane and Marconi) and ex West Ham striker Gary Alexander (18) to score the goals, Gary notching 16 last season on loan at Exeter City where he finished top scorer.

Steve Cowe (14) (ex Aston Villa) and Giuliano Grazioli (10) (ex Stevenage and Peterborough) complete the squad, the latter making a name for himself by scoring five in Posh's spicy 9-1 away win at Barnet in September 1998.

Ian Woan



Danny Invincible



Gary Alexander



Keith O'Halloran



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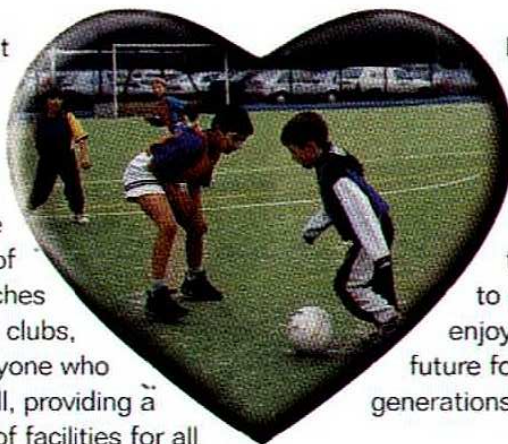
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MARKY H PAGE

Firstly, before I hand over to Kevin McCormick, I'd like to wish my old mate Peter Hammer Harris a belated happy 40th!



BERWICK RANGERS UPDATE Promotion two years in a row?

After the Hearts replay Berwick played only one game in the next month, which was really frustrating. The long trip to Stranraer was made by only a handful of fans. Contrast that with the huge number of fans who had gone to Tynecastle. It's a terrible trait in football now that many clubs have only a small number of die hard fans and loads who'll come for the moments of glory only. I wonder how many Brentford fans will head to Cardiff knowing fine well that they've not watched Brentford all season and probably won't see another game for years? Berwick opened the scoring with a magnificent strike from Mark Duthie. Much maligned this season, he is now really coming good again - just in time for the run in. Stranraer though got back into the game as Berwick yet again failed to kill off a team and the game ended with each side taking a point.

Paul Smith brought in two new faces. We're getting quite used to seeing Hearts youngsters come on loan and for the rest of the season we've brought in Kris O'Neil, who has some limited first team experience (including a goal in Europe, no less) and Alasdair Graham who had only one sub appearance to his name.

After the long lay off due to the weather Berwick resumed league business on March 10th with a game against run-away league leaders Partick Thistle. We dominated the game but lost Marc Anthony and any chance of three points to a red card. Since Lloyd Haddow left Berwick we'd been without a reliable penalty scorer. Gary Wood had missed a couple and Alan Neill was to miss one in this game. Thistle got their goal on 55 minutes and went further ahead at the top. Over the next six weeks Berwick were scheduled to play twelve games to catch up on all the postponements. We'd only played half of our home games and had dropped way down the table. Many key games lay ahead - often back to back against the same team. First up was a visit to Ochilview, home of Stenhousemuir. Mark Duthie was again the hero getting a goal on 40 minutes, before Berwick were awarded a penalty. Loan start Barry Elliot stepped up and made no

mistake. Sadly this was Elliot's last game for Berwick as his 3-month loan spell had come to an end. Due to the weather he'd only played a handful of games but in them he got four goals and showed his undoubted talent. Manager Paul Smith was keen to sign him but unfortunately just ahead of the Scottish Transfer Deadline day he signed for Partick Thistle. The Jags were able to offer him full time football and as good a guarantee of first division football as he was going to get. Best wishes to the lad.

So the post Elliot era began with the second of the Stenhousemuir double header. Kevin Walton got the only goal that afternoon. Walton had joined up again at Berwick just before Christmas but this was his first start for us on his return. Back a three or four years ago a younger Walton had played for us while studying to be vet at Edinburgh. On graduating he got a job in Yorkshire but has now returned north. I wondered how he'd juggle both and it's evident now that he is not going to be available all the time but any games he can play will be a bonus as he is a very useful left-sided midfielder.

Stranraer were the next visitors and again the game finished in a draw. They scored first but quickly Smith changed his formation and Berwick dominated the remainder of the half. Defender Innes Ritchie was still up in the box following a corner and he scooped home the equaliser. The second half didn't live up to the first sadly.

The fourth home game in fifteen days came on the Sunday after the World Cup qualifiers. I'd been to Hampden to see Scotland - 2-0 up comfortably but they let Belgium back in to it with two goals in the second half. The story at Shielfield against Queen of the South was much the same. Duthie was destroying them down the left but picked up a knock and was replaced by Darren Smith. His great cross was fumbled by their keeper into the path of Paul Ronald who scored from inside the box. In the second half a penalty from Marc Anthony made it 2-0. Berwick though went to sleep and let Queens back in. If, as looks increasingly likely, we miss out on promotion, these are the game we'll look back on as being the points that got away. Bottom club Stirling Albion were the next to visit. I had to work late at work and missed the game. I did though have the SkySports Live scores website up (highly recommended) and within three minutes we were up 2-0. I rang the Chairman to find that I'd missed two of the best goals scored at Shielfield in recent times. The first one had seen Gary Wood set up Kris O'Neil to volley home. The second was a curling Wood shot from the edge of the box. As I was on the phone Stirling got one back and it looked as

if Berwick might cave in again. For once though it wasn't to be the case and they finished the night off with two more goals to move up to fourth in the league. The Chairman rang me back later to say we'd played magnificently and it was four goals going on eight.

On Saturday last we were across in Dumfries for yet another game against a side we'd played only days earlier. Again it was a draw. Berwick went one up but Queens equalised shortly after. Early in the second half they got two more through a goalkeeping mix up and a penalty. Berwick though showed their spirit and Gary Wood got goals fourteen and fifteen for the season to grab a point. By the end there was only one team going to win the game but we couldn't quite manage it. So we've now got eight games to play and sit in third place. Partick will finish top and are already promoted. Arbroath are second, nine points ahead of us so here is the plan to pip them for the promotion spot. We've got one game in hand on them, so that narrows the gap to six. We have to play them twice which takes us even. They still have to play Partick Thistle - so we move three ahead (finger crossed that Partick are still interested by that stage). The stuff dreams are made of? Watch this space to find out.

To keep up to date on Berwick's progress log on to Berwick Rangers Online at planetduck.com

Kevin McCormick

Good Luck to Brentford FC, players, fans and officials in the up and coming LDV Vans Trophy final.

The A-Z Quiz: V for Victory

- 1) Home of Charlton
- 2) Beat Arsenal in the 1980 Cup Winners Cup final
- 3) Runners up in the inaugural FIFA World Club championship
- 4) Top Liechtenstein side!
- 5) Greenford side in the Courage Combined Counties League
- 6) Eight times winner of the Albanian League
- 7) Former home of Stoke City
- 8) South Sea Islands who play their football in the Oceania group
- 9) This year's final will be between Taunton & Berkhamsted Town
- 10) Played for England at many levels and then managed them.

Answers
1) Valley (The) 2) Valencia 3) Vasco De Gama 4) Vaduz 5) Viking Greenford 6) Mladetia 7) Victoria Ground 8) Vannuati 9) Vase 10) Venables (Terry)



1942-43

TOWNSEND'S TALLY

With match reports of any consequence hard to come by due to the size of newspapers being kept to a bare minimum, the only option for "Match of the Season, 42-43" is to spread the load and take a look at several of the more important games.

Yet again this boils down to the clashes with the mighty Arsenal.

Always looked forward to with relish, the meeting on 17 October at White Hart Lane (Arsenal's adopted home during the war) was given added spice by the fact that the two teams were making the early running in the Football League, South. Arsenal were unbeaten and averaging three goals a game, while Brentford's record included a 9-4 victory against Brighton and a 6-2 hammering of West Ham seven days earlier.

The constant threat of an air raid having receded somewhat, people felt more confident of venturing out and the crowd of 16,700 had only been beaten by the Merseyside derby the previous month when 17,000 were present at Anfield for Liverpool's 4-4 draw with Everton. Arsenal, strengthened by the return of Marks, Hapgood and Compton, who had been on International duty for England in the 0-0 draw with Scotland

the previous week, looked a good bet to get a result this time, but in the event were beaten out of sight. Brentford's English International Leslie opened the scoring in the first half and Tommy Kiernan, guesting from Stoke City, sealed matters after the break.

It was to be one of the four occasions all season that Arsenal failed to find the net.

Bees team: Jackson (Chelsea), Brown, Poyser, McKenzie (Middlesbrough), James, Sneddon (Swansea), Hopkins, Kiernan (Stoke), Townsend, Hunt (Sheffield Wednesday), Smith.

That result proved only a temporary setback to the all conquering Gunners bid for honours and by the time of the return on 23 January they had set a virtually unassailable lead at the top.

The Bees were not out of contention entirely and the match drew a crowd of 23,180, the size of which was only surpassed during the course of the league campaign by two games between Liverpool and Everton and Arsenal's clash with Spurs.

For once the Gunners came out on top, a second half penalty converted by Dennis Compton settling the issue.

Bees Team: Jackson (Chelsea), Brown, Poyser, McKenzie (Middlesbrough), James, Sneddon (Swansea), Hopkins, Wilkins, McCulloch (Derby), Scott, Smith.

Arsenal eventually waltzed off with the title, and just for good measure won the Cup as well by crushing Charlton 7-1 in the final at Wembley.

Subsequent to the Arsenal game, Brentford faded right out of the picture and finished down the field in 9th.

It is probably no coincidence that this fall from grace coincided with ace marksman Len Townsend's transfer to Ireland with his army unit.

The 1939-45 war obviously dealt a body blow to the careers of many footballers and Len Townsend in particular must have gone through life wondering what might have been had not Hitler been around.

A local lad, Len went to St. George's School, he showed time and again that he was fit to rub shoulders with the best.

The 1942-43 season was particularly productive. The 9-4 victory against Brighton saw him become the only Brentford player to score six goals in a single game (more of his phenomenal record against the team from the Goldstone ground later) and he also scored a hat-trick against Fulham before crossing the Irish Sea.

On his arrival he joined Belfast Celtic (the Manchester United of Irish football before their untimely demise in 1949) and announced his presence by scoring four times on his debut against Cliftonville in the first round of the County Antrim Shield.

He then netted twice in the next round against Glentoran, was on target in the semi-final victory over Bangor and struck gold as Celtic overcame Linfield 2-1 in the final. He also won an Irish Cup winners medal as Celtic beat Glentoran.

Len Townsend "centre" plays head tennis)



Representative honours came his way when he was in the Northern Ireland Regional League side which drew 2-2 with their counterparts from the South – needless to say he scored – and on leave turned out for Brentford and, forgive me if I sound repetitive, scored again in a 6-1 home defeat by Southampton. All told Len made 150 appearances for Brentford during the war and notched 103 goals, his phenomenal record against Brighton accounting for almost a quarter.

In fourteen games between the two sides he netted 24 of Brentford's 55 goals, a full run down of the matches he featured in reading:-

1939-40

18 November (H) W 4-1
Holliday (3), Townsend
6 January (A) L 2-3
Manley (2)

1941-42

27 December (H) W 4-2
Townsend (2), O.G. Smith

1942-43

2 September (H) W 9-4
Townsend (6), Kiernan (2), Hunt
12 December (A) L 2-7
Townsend, Hunt

1943-44

4 March (H) W 8-0
Westcott (4), Townsend (3), Hunt
25 March (A) L 0-5

1944-45

21 August (H) W 6-2
Townsend (2), Hunt (2), Boulter (2)
2 December (A) W 7-2
Townsend (3), Smith, Hunt, Thomas (2)
3 February (H) L 3-5
Townsend (3)
24 February (A) W 4-2
Townsend (3), Thomas

Len top scored for Brentford in the top flight in 1946-47, the first season after the war, and was the Third Division South's leading marksman at Bristol City twelve months later.

Griffin Park the venue for an International between two foreign teams?

Yes, it actually happened in December 1942 when Holland drew 0-0 with Belgium in front of 5,000.

Whether it is classed as a full International is open to question as with Europe under the hell of the Nazis the teams could only have been drawn from players based in this country.

There were five Internationals played between the Home Countries and Brentford had an interest in two, Dai Hopkins wearing the number seven shirt for Wales in the 2-1 victory against England at Molyneux and the subsequent 5-3 defeat at Wembley.

Len in action



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Football League (North)
(1st Competition)

Blackpool

Football League (North)
(2nd Competition)

Liverpool

(runners-up were Lovells Athletic a works team From Newport, Wales)

Football League (South)
Arsenal

Football League Cup (North)
Blackpool

Football League Cup (South)
Arsenal

Cup Winners Cup:
Blackpool 4 Arsenal 2

Scottish Summer Cup (1942)
Rangers beat Hibernian on the toss of a coin after two drawn games.
Guesting for Hibs was Bee's keeper Joe Crozier.

GRAHAM HAYNES

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Goalscoring Head 2 Head

in the graphics below, Bees' figure is to the left with the goals scored indicated in red and Robins' to the right and scored in blue

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Where



How



Top League Scorers



45 in 38 games Team Goals 42 in 40 games
1.18 goals Ratio per Game 1.05 goals

8 in 26 games Player's Goals 8 in 36 games
0.31 goals Ratio per Game 0.22 goals

8	Games Scored In	6
2	Games Scored 1st Goal	2
8	Games Scored 1 Goal	4
0	Games Scored 2 Goals	2
0	Games Scored 3 Goals	0

IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)

2 (4pts)	Games Won -> Drawn	2 (4pts)
0 (0pts)	Games Won -> Lost	0 (0pts)
3 (3pts)	Games Drawn -> Lost	1 (1pts)
7	Number of points gained	5

SCORING SEQUENCES

2	Consecutive Games Scored	1
0	2 Games	0
2	3 Games	0
2	Maximum Scoring Run	2

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING

5	2 Games	3
1	3 Games	2
1	4 Games	4
6	Maximum Dry Spell	14

Bees' Results

BRENTFORD GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
OPPOSITION GOALS	0	4	5	1				
1	2	7	3	2				
2	1	2	3	2				
3	2	2						
4	1							
5								
6								
7								

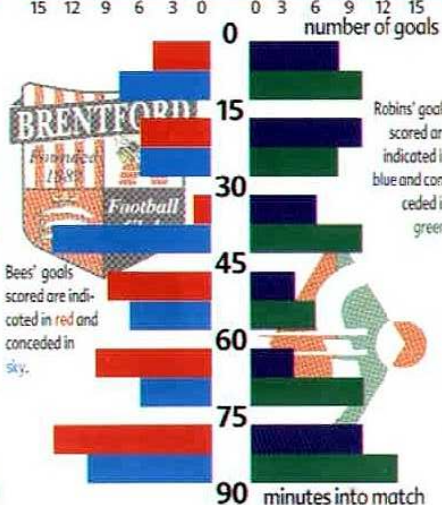
shows the number of results for each scoreline
eg. Brentford have drawn 7 games 1-1

Robins' Results

SWINDON GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
OPPOSITION GOALS	0	4	4	1	2			
1	5	6	2	1				
2	2	2	1					
3	3	2	2					
4	1	1	1					
5								
6								
7								

eg. Swindon have lost 5 games 0-1
and won 2 games 3-0

When goals scored & conceded



Average time of Scoring / Conceding

76 mins	All Goals for	86 mins
62 mins	Home Goals For	70 mins
95 mins	Away Goals For	114 mins
66 mins	All Goals Against	63 mins
70 mins	Home Goals Against	59 mins
62 mins	Away Goals Against	68 mins

Table shows average time taken for both teams to score and concede goals in home and away games.

Face2Face

Last Season

At The County Ground...n/a

At Gresty Road...n/a

This Season

Bees' Seasons records:

Home Win...3-0 Oxford

Away Win...3-1 Wigan

Home Defeat...2-6 Bristol Rov.

Away Defeat...0-4 Reading

Consec. Wins...3

Consec. Defeats...2

Robins' Season records:

Home Win...3-0 Bury

...3-0 Oldham

Away Win...2-0 Oxford

Home Defeat...1-4 Walsall

...0-3 Stoke

Away Defeat...0-4 Peterboro

Consec. Wins...2

Consec. Defeats...4

Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

Bees : LLWWLSSLWW F 14 A 14 Pts 14

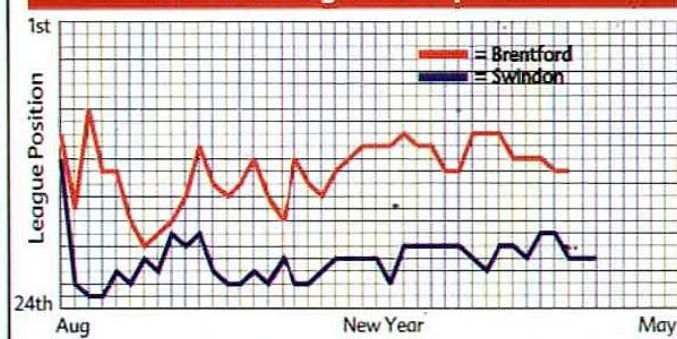
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Form Guide shows last 10 results. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw. Most recent result to the right

Swindon Town's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

	DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	2	4	3	Shearer	22	9,507
91/92	2	5	4	Shearer	22	9,871
92/93	1	3	3	Maskell	18	10,489
93/94	P	3	3	Fjortoft	12	15,011
94/95	1	4	SF	Fjortoft	16	9,408
95/96	2	5	2	Allison	17	10,602
96/97	1	3	3	Allison	11	9,265
97/98	1	3	1	Hay	14	9,505
98/99	1	3	1	Onuora	20	8,651
99/00	1	3	1	Hay	10	6,977

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versus Notts County (won 3-1), Southend United (won 2-1) and Wrexham (won 1-0). We are looking to make Christopher a permanent fixture!

He lives in Brentford and attends St Pauls School, and his hobbies are reading, listening to music and playing with his computer. His favourite player is Paul Smith.

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Daniel Smyth



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Time: "Early Bird" 9am - 3pm

Cost: £11 per day OR £39.50 in advance

Time: 10am - 3pm
Cost: £9 per day OR £31.50 in advance

WEEK TWO

Tuesday 17th - Friday 20th April

Feltham Community School, Browells Lane
Age: 8 - 14 years

Time: 10am - 3pm

Cost: £8.50 per day OR £29.50 in advance
Age: 5 - 8 years

Time: 10am - 12pm

Cost: £4 per session OR £14 in advance
Time: 1pm - 3pm

Cost: £4 per sessions OR £14 in advance
Elthorne Sports Hall, Westlea Road, Ealing

Age: 5 - 14 years
Time: "Early Bird" 9am - 3pm

Cost: £11 per day OR £39.50 in advance
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For further information please contact either Nick Sadler (FITC) on 020 8758 9430 or Geoff Wooten (Feltham Comm. Centre) on 020 8831 3000

Birthday Greetings to Kira Davies for next Thursday and also for Sergio Carro the following day.

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HEY JUDE

Brentford's emphatic victory at Wigan on Saturday has to rank amongst one of the Bees' best performances on their travels in recent years. Not only have the Latics been our bogey side for years, but our team was also missing two or three key players. Jay Lovett and David Theobald had probably their best ever games for the Bees in a magnificent team performance. This game really proved that we have strength in depth these days. If Danny Boxall, Ijah and Del Boy are back in the frame for next season Ray Lew is going to have some great options available to him. On leaving the JJB Stadium I was chatting to a Wigan fan who said we were comfortably the best side to have visited them this season. Considering the style with which we won the game it was quite a predictable statement!

The Bees fans sang "we'll be top this time next year" and on this form who is to argue with that? The current squad, with perhaps just one addition, should definitely be in contention up at the top in 13 months....

PETE JOHNSTON

HEY_JUDE@breathemail.net

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NON LEAGUE SCENE

Now, I'm sure you are all still celebrating England's fine two wins over Finland and Albania, unless of course your name is Norman Wisdom! Norman of course a national hero in Albania!

But here are short reports of some of two games recently played that may have escaped your notice.

England Semi-Pro Holland 0 England 3

A great result for the Semi-pro X1, and their best win since the 4-1 drubbing of Italy at Hayes a couple of years ago.

Nick Roddis from Woking put England one up following some good work from Yecvil's Warren Patmore. Our second goal was scored by a familiar name, Ken Charlery, recently with Barnet, in his first game for England since 1989. This was coincidentally, England's 100th goal at this level. Dagenham's Junior McDougald scored the third.

Also in the team were Geoff Pitcher and Gary Patterson from Kingstorian.

After the game Patterson, England captain, said "Everyone fitted in so well, it was as if we had been playing together for ages."

England Ladies England 4 Spain 2

An emphatic win for the Ladies in this match played at Luton's Kenilworth Road ground as they warmed up for this Summers European Championships in Germany.

England's goals were scored by Sue Smith of Tranmere who helped herself to a hat-trick and Kelly Smith.

THE INTERNATIONAL FUTURE??

Now, a lot has been said in Non-League circles about a lack of competitive fixtures for the International teams. England may only play two or three games during the season. But, as usual nothing ever seems to get done! It is time therefore for someone to bite the bullet and get something sorted!

My suggestion is simple, set up a home international tournament at the end of the season.

For a start you need a Sponsor, maybe Nationwide as they seem to do a lot for the National set up. Sky may even want to get involved.

Name-The Nationwide Trophy-why not!

Teams-England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales-of course.

Perhaps the tournament could evolve into a rugby style six nations in due course.

Now, in my opinion, to maximise potential and crowds the tournament should be for the National Non-League set up AND the England Ladies. Games being double headers, possibly kicking off at two O'clock and Four O'clock.

When? Over two weekends right at the end of the season, Saturday and Sunday games, once all the cups and leagues have been sorted. This would make a fitting climax to the season's end.

Where? Like the old pro

tournament, each team would play two at home one season and one the next. The best grounds to use would be good quality non-league grounds, guaranteed to bring in good crowds or smaller league grounds.

What a fitting swansong perhaps with the climax of the tournament England v Scotland here at Griffin Park at the end of next season?

Hopefully this tournament would be supported by all footie fans, not just those associated with the non-league set up.

Why? The pinnacle of every player's career must be to represent their National side AND win a medal out of it. This would give them the ideal opportunity and a great end of season party for the non-league game.

Start-time? With a bit of preparation, there is absolutely no reason why the tournament could not be set up for the end of next season. Non league football is very big at the moment and with the advent of Team Talk, The Non-League paper and increased coverage on Sky television there is no reason why this should not be a success!

Now I'm not a football expert, but I can see the potential of such a tournament and something like this can only bring good to the game as a whole!

Signing off

**MARK
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TABLES TURNED

A couple of weeks ago at the Centre of Excellence the tables were turned on four of the first year Apprentice Professionals. Danny Allen-Page, Mike Holland, Jay Tabb and Lloyd Blackman came in and coached a group of 12 and 13-year-old boys as part of their course work. The A/P's all attend a college one day a week as part of the current Youth Trainee scheme and were set the task to prepare and deliver a full training session. It was good to see they took the role seriously and not only prepared thoroughly on paper, but did a good job actually coaching the boys. They worked as a group and Lloyd was the leader. I was impressed with the

way they controlled the session and most importantly, the enthusiasm they showed in the task. They all addressed the boys at one time or another and were quick to praise and encourage good play. It is not an easy task to come in and do what they did at the best of

times but they did so with the knowledge that their tutor was watching and assessing. Geoff was there to keep an eye on them and I was there keeping an eye on my young players. Both of us agreed that all concerned did well. With yet another weekends football cancelled, this mid-week session



combined with a hastily arranged pair of in-house games Monday evening, helped to give the boys something a bit different. All we seem to have done lately is train and without the games programme it becomes hard for players to motivate themselves and harder for us to assess their progress. We are planning to let the A/P's loose on the boys again as it was enjoyed by all. Today's pictures are from the A/P's coaching session. One is of goalmouth action, Ben Hutchins, U/13 Goalkeeper is seen making a save being encouraged by Jay and Mike. Another shows Lloyd and Danny casting an eye over proceedings and the third shows everyone together for the final de-briefing.

ENQUIRIES

If you have any questions regarding the Youth Development Department here at the Club you can now send your e-mails direct to this office on either: youthenquiries@brentfordfc.co.uk or barryquin@brentfordfc.co.uk and we will endeavour to answer them as soon as possible.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE MERIT DIVISION SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION ONE

These are the fixtures for the Merit Division. The clubs participation is based on the final League places in both the South East Conference and the South West Conference. Because of the complexities of organising fixtures for both the Under 17s and the Under 19s, and the problem caused by the postponement of matches during the past few months, The Football League decided, together with the agreement of the participating clubs, that irrespective of whether clubs had completed their full quota of matches, the placements on which the Merit League's are based, would be as they are according to their existing records.

Therefore any outstanding fixtures have been declared null and void.



Geoff Taylor

Sat Mar 3rd	PORTSMOUTH	A	D	1-1
Sat Apr 7th	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	A	D	1-1
Sat Apr 14th	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H		
Sat Apr 21st	CARDIFF CITY	A		
Fri Apr 27th	SWANSEA CITY	H		
Sat May 5th	LUTON TOWN	H		

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SOUTH EAST CONFERENCE UNDER 19 SECTION TOP SIX (as at 9/4/01)

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Cambridge United	19	13	4	2	42	16	26	43
Brighton & Hove Albion	18	12	4	2	39	18	21	40
Colchester United	22	12	3	7	42	31	11	39
Leyton Orient	20	11	5	4	47	24	23	38
Wycombe Wanderers	22	10	4	8	30	29	1	34

SOUTH EAST CONFERENCE UNDER 17 SECTION TOP SIX (as at 9/4/01)

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Brighton & Hove Albion	18	12	4	2	45	17	28	40
Leyton Orient	18	12	3	3	54	19	35	39
Colchester United	18	10	1	7	42	32	10	31
BEES	16	10	0	6	38	30	8	30
Wycombe Wanderers	19	7	5	7	49	51	-2	26
Northampton Town	18	6	6	6	27	27	0	24

SOUTHERN SECTION - DIVISION ONE TOP SIX (as at 9/4/01)

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Plymouth Argyle	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
BEES	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	4
Cardiff City	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
Swansea City	3	1	0	2	4	6	-2	3
Luton Town	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Portsmouth	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Wycombe Wanderers	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0



FIXTURES

UNDER 17

Sat Aug 19th	NORTHAMPTON TOWN A	L 1-3
Sat Aug 26th	WYCOMBE WANDERERS H	W 6-0
Sat Sep 2nd	LEYTON ORIENT A	L 0-2
Sat Sep 16th	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION A	L 1-3
Sat Sep 23rd	GILLINGHAM A	W 3-2
Sat Oct 7th	COLCHESTER UNITED H	W 3-2
Sat Oct 14th	BARNET H	W 3-0
Sat Oct 21st	CAMBRIDGE UNITED A	W 4-2
Sat Oct 28th	PORTSMOUTH H	W 3-1
Sat Nov 4th	SOUTHEND UNITED A	W 1-0
Sat Nov 11th	NORTHAMPTON TOWN H	W 2-1
Sat Nov 18th	WYCOMBE WANDERERS A	L 3-5
Sat Nov 25th	LEYTON ORIENT H	W 2-0
Sat Jan 13th	COLCHESTER UNITED A	L 1-4
Sat Feb 10th	PORTSMOUTH A	L 2-4
Sat Feb 17th	SOUTHEND UNITED H	W 3-1
Tue Feb 20th	BRIGHTON & HOVE H	D 1-1

UNDER 19

Sat Aug 19th	NORTHAMPTON TOWN H	W 3-0
Sat Aug 26th	WYCOMBE WANDERERS H	L 0-3
Sat Sep 2nd	BARNET H	W 4-1
Sat Sep 9th	GILLINGHAM A	W 5-0
Sat Sep 16th	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION H	L 0-3
Sat Sep 23rd	COLCHESTER UNITED H	L 1-2
Sat Oct 7th	CAMBRIDGE UNITED A	D 1-1
Sat Oct 14th	LEYTON ORIENT A	D 2-2
Sat Oct 21st	LUTON TOWN H	D 0-0
Sat Oct 28th	SOUTHEND UNITED A	D 2-2
Sat Nov 4th	PORTSMOUTH H	L 1-2
Sat Nov 11th	NORTHAMPTON TOWN A	D 2-2
Sat Nov 18th	WYCOMBE WANDERERS A	W 1-0
Sat Dec 16th	GILLINGHAM H	D 1-1
Sat Jan 13th	CAMBRIDGE UNITED H	W 3-2
Sat Jan 27th	LEYTON ORIENT H	D 3-3
Sat Feb 10th	SOUTHEND UNITED H	L 1-2
Mon Feb 12th	COLCHESTER UNITED A	W 3-0
Sat Feb 17th	PORTSMOUTH A	W 2-1
Mon Feb 19th	BRIGHTON & HOVE A	L 0-3
Sat Feb 24th	LEYTON ORIENT H	W 0-1

IN RESERVE



AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES



Wed Aug 16th	Bristol Rovers	A	W	2-1
Wed Aug 23rd	Cambridge United	A	D	0-0
Wed Aug 30th	NORWICH CITY	H	D	3-3
Wed Sep 20th	COLCHESTER	H	W	2-0
Wed Sep 27th	PETERBOROUGH	H	D	1-1
Tue Oct 3rd	Southend United	A	D	0-0
Wed Oct 25th	BOURNEMOUTH	H	L	0-5
Wed Nov 15th	BARNET	H	D	1-1
Wed Nov 29th	LEYTON ORIENT	H	W	3-2
Wed Jan 3rd	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	L	1-2
Wed Jan 10th	FULHAM	H	L	0-1
Thu Jan 25th	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	D	2-2
Wed Jan 31st	Reading	A	W	1-0
Wed Feb 21st	Cheltenham Town	A	D	1-1
Tue Feb 27th	Portsmouth	A	W	2-1
Wed Mar 7th	MILLWALL	H	L	0-3
Wed Mar 14th	SWINDON TOWN	H	D	0-0
Mon Mar 26th	Luton Town	A	L	0-3
Wed Apr 4th	Brighton	A	L	0-1
Sat Apr 7	WYCOMBE WAND.	H	11am	
Wed Apr 11th	Oxford United	A	7.30pm	
Tue Apr 24th	QPR	A	2pm	
Mon Apr 30th	BRISTOL CITY	H	2pm	
Tue May 8th	Gillingham	A	2pm	



League Table as at 16th March

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	Pts
NORWICH CITY	22	15	6	1	63	20	43	51
FULHAM	19	14	3	2	51	12	39	45
READING	20	14	2	4	34	16	18	44
CAMBRIDGE UTD	20	12	4	4	32	23	9	40
Q.P.R.	18	12	2	4	27	10	17	38
OXFORD UNITED	22	9	5	8	34	35	-1	32
MILLWALL	18	8	5	5	24	16	8	29
SWINDON TOWN	20	8	5	7	31	26	5	29
GILLINGHAM	15	8	2	5	26	24	2	26
BRIGHTON & HOVE	16	8	2	6	32	27	5	26
LUTON TOWN	16	7	4	5	22	16	6	25
CRYSTAL PALACE	17	7	4	6	26	27	-1	25
SOUTHEND UTD	20	6	5	9	30	36	-6	23
BEES	19	5	8	6	19	22	-3	23
PORTSMOUTH	16	5	6	5	20	21	-1	21
BRISTOL ROVERS	16	6	2	8	18	23	-5	20
BOURNEMOUTH	20	5	5	10	23	37	-14	20
CHELTHAM	19	5	5	9	24	39	-15	20
COLCHESTER UTD	18	5	3	10	21	30	-9	18
PETERBOROUGH UTD	18	5	2	11	17	26	-9	17
BRISTOL CITY	15	3	6	6	15	21	-6	15
NORTHAMPTON TOWN	15	4	0	11	16	31	-15	12
WYCOMBE	19	3	3	13	15	44	-29	12
BARNET	15	3	2	10	19	32	-13	11
LEYTON ORIENT	19	2	3	14	18	38	-20	9

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THE STORY SO FAR...

Bristol Rovers 1 BEES 2

P Smith, Lovett, Dobson, Saroya, Theobald, Kennedy, Williams, Partridge (J Smith), Pinamonte, Mahon (Graham), Folan (O'Connor). Subs not used: Rowlands, McCammon.
Scorers: Partridge, Pinamonte.

Cambridge United 0 BEES 0

P Smith, Dobson, Williams (Partridge), Kennedy, Saroya, Theobald, Lovett, Graham, Charles, Pinamonte, Folan. Subs not used: J Smith, Sommer, Fieldwick, Windell.

BEES 3 Norwich City 3

P Smith, Dobson, Small, Graham (J Smith), Saroya, Theobald, Lovett, Kennedy, Pinamonte (Charles), Partridge, Folan. Subs not used: Williams, Sommer, Fieldwick.
Scorers: Graham, Theobald, Folan.

BEES 2 Colchester United 0

P Smith, Williams, Folan, Lovett, Theobald, Dobson (Sommer), Graham, Adjali, O'Connor (Partridge), Pinamonte (Charles), Kennedy. Sub not used: L Johnson.
Scorers: Graham, Adjali.

BEES 1 Peterborough United 1

P Smith, Lovett, Fieldwick (L Johnson), Kennedy, Saroya, Theobald, Charles, Graham, O'Connor (Windell), Williams, Enquist. Sub not used: Julian.
Scorer: Charles.

Southend United 0 BEES 0

P Smith, L Johnson, Theobald, Lovett, Williams, Blackman (Windell), Kennedy, Folan, Javary (O'Connor), Charles (Pinamonte), Partridge. Sub not used: Fieldwick.

BEES 0 AFC Bournemouth 5

P Smith, Kennedy, Charles, J Smith, Theobald, L Johnson, Partridge (Lewis), Fieldwick, Owusu (Windell), Pinamonte, Folan. Subs not used: Julian, Sommer.

BEES 1 Barnet 1

P Smith, Lovett, Saroya, Theobald, Dobson, Javary, Kennedy, Smith, Charles (Traynor), Partridge, O'Connor. Subs not used: Williams, P Johnson, Hollands.
Scorer: Javary.

BEES 3 Leyton Orient 2

P Smith, Lovett, Dobson, Javary, Saroya, Theobald, Kennedy, J Smith (McCammon), Owusu, Pinamonte, O'Connor. Subs not used: Hollands, Hackett, P Johnson.
Scorers: Saroya, Pinamonte, O'Connor.

BEES 1 Northampton Town 2

P Smith, Williams, Fieldwick (Windell), Sommer, Theobald, Lovett, Javary, Kennedy, McCammon, O'Connor, Pinamonte (Charles). Subs not used: Julian & L Johnson.
Scorer: Sommer.

BEES 0 Fulham 1

P Smith, Sommer, Johnson, Hutchinson, Powell (Javary 61), Smith (Tabb 54), Kennedy, Williams, Pinamonte, O'Connor, Folan (Fieldwick 68). Subs not used: Blackman & Windell.

BEES 2 Crystal Palace 2

P Smith, Charles, Kennedy, Javary, Theobald, Hutchinson (L Johnson), Williams, O'Connor (Graham), Pinamonte (J Smith), McCammon, Folan.
Scorers: Theobald, McCammon.

Reading 0 BEES 1

P Smith, J Smith, Folan, Kennedy, Theobald, Sommer, Javary, Graham, McCammon, Charles, Williams (L Johnson 90). Subs not used: Blackman, Windell, Fieldwick & Hughes.
Scorer: J Smith.

Cheltenham Town 1 BEES 1

P Smith, Theobald, Kennedy, Lovett, J Smith, Graham, Javary, Folan, Williams, Charles, McCammon (Hutchinson). Subs not used: Sommer, L Johnson, Fieldwick & Windell.
Scorer: Graham (pen).

Portsmouth 1 BEES 2

P Smith, Lovett, Graham, Smith, Sommer, Kennedy, Rowlands (Tabb), Williams (L Johnson), McCammon (Blackman), Charles, Folan. Subs not used: Hutchinson & Fieldwick.
Scorers: Charles, O.G.

BEES 0 Millwall 3

P Smith, Lovett, Fieldwick, Sommer, Theobald, J Smith (Windell), Williams (Tabb), Blackman, Charles, Graham, Folan. Subs not used: L Johnson, Traynor & Hughes.

BEES 0 Swindon Town 0

P Smith, L Johnson (Windell), Lovett, Sommer, Graham, J Smith, Kennedy, O'Connor (Williams), Charles, McCammon (Tabb), Folan. Subs not used: Fieldwick & Alan Page.

Luton Town 3 BEES 0

P Smith, Sommer, Theobald (L Johnson), Folan, Lovett, Graham, Williams, L.D. Johnson, O'Connor, McCammon (Windell), Charles (Fieldwick). Subs not used: Tabb & Hughes.

Brighton 1 BEES 0

P Smith, Lovett, Smith, Sommer, Williams (Fieldwick), Graham, Hutchinson, L.D. Johnson, Folan, O'Connor (Windell), Charles (Tabb). Subs not used: L Johnson & Thomas.

TRANSFER FEES

Following the recent agreement reached between the European Commission and the Football Authorities, Chris Heaton-Harris MEP, and Conservative MEP for the East Midlands and Class 1 Soccer Referee, as written the following article:-

Monday 5th March could go down in history as the day that Football Transfer Fees died. That was the day on which months of technical meetings and prolonged negotiating between various Footballing Authorities and the European Commission ended some sort of agreement that leaves certain crucial questions still unanswered.

So what does the new system mean for English Football?

Well we can look to some hectic team-changes in our new "Transfer Windows" and although transfer fees (or compensation as the terminology goes) will certainly decrease, to get the best players to stay at your club it means all clubs will have to try and find more money to pay their better players or face them walking out with little or no notice. The age of the £100,000 per week pay packet is just around the corner for many Premiership players. Alas the Player's Agents stand to gain the most from these new rules.

It probably means some very testing times ahead for smaller clubs. The level of "Compensation" that a club can receive for developing and training a player is almost certain to be limited to the exact costs actually spent on the player concerned, plus a small premium. Gone are the days when a team can develop a young player and then financially profit from their investment by selling him to a big club for a huge fee. How smart was Harry Redknapp when he sold Rio Ferdinand to Leeds earlier this season?

West Ham are lucky in that they are a Premiership Club and players will naturally be attracted to them. Smaller clubs will find it very difficult to stop their better home-grown players from leaving at the first sniff of a better offer from a top team – especially if that player has served three years or more of his contract. The only olive branch being offered to smaller clubs is the possibility of compensation if a player leaves at the end of his one-year contract, but even here the details and legal status of this option are uncertain.

To me it seems obvious that many lower Division clubs will now have to re-examine their player development programmes; these are expensive to run and from this summer there is very little chance of the Club benefiting financially from the transfer of its top talent.

It is a shame that a system designed to make sure players are treated in accordance with the various European Treaties will essentially mean that fewer people will have the chance to develop their skills in small clubs and move up into the national and international arena.

As the Secretary of UEFA put it a couple of weeks ago: "We have found the Commission officials almost impossible to deal with because of their unwillingness to accept the specific needs of the grass roots of the game and their total lack of understanding of how the development of players takes place."

I agree. "The fact that everyone is more confused now, after months of deliberations, has just proved to me that politicians and bureaucrats, especially European ones, should not get involved in subjects they simply do not understand. But watch out – there's more of the same on the horizon! The complex issue of the selling of TV sports rights is next on the Commission hit list..."

For your information below are the results of the Transfer fee negotiations:

- Small clubs to be compensated for training cost for young players.
- Solidarity mechanisms to redistribute a significant proportion of income to clubs, including amateur clubs, involved in the training and education of players.
- Conditional international transfers for players aged under 18, with football authorities to establish a code of conduct to guarantee training and academic education.
- One transfer period per season, plus a limited mid-season window, with a limit of one transfer per player per season.
- Minimum/Maximum contract length of one/five years.
- Contracts to be protected for three years up to age 28, two years thereafter.
- System of sanctions to preserve the proper functioning of sporting competition so unilateral breaches of contract are only possible at the end of the season.
- Financial compensation to be paid if a contract is breached unilaterally whether by player or club.
- "Proportionate" sporting sanctions to be applied to players, clubs or agents in the case of unilateral breach of contract without just cause during the protected period.
- Creation of an arbitration body, with an independent Chairman.
- Arbitration to be voluntary and not preventing recourse to national courts.

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Travel by road: The good news is that the ground is right next to the M6, in fact you can see it from the motorway just north of the RAC Control Centre. The bad news is that this stretch of motorway normally has a large traffic jam on it. So allow yourself some extra time to get there.

Leave the M6 at Junction 9 and take the A461 towards Walsall. Bear right on to the A4184 (Wallowes Lane) and turn right at the second set of traffic lights. You will see the ground on your left. **Approx 130 miles**

Car Park: There is a good sized car park located at the ground (cost £3) or alternatively there is some street parking to be had off Wallowes Lane. There are separate car parks for home and away fans costing £3, there is also parking in the surrounding Retail Park but obviously you need to exercise the same caution about parking restrictions that would normally apply. There is also plenty of street parking, but you cannot park in Bescot Crescent immediately by the ground.

Travel by train: Note that if you go by train, Bescot Stadium has it's own station, which is situated behind the away end and is a short walk from the turnstiles. Trains run there on a local line from Birmingham New St. As examples of the services available: depart London Euston 1543; arr. Birmingham New St 1733; dep New Street 1742; arr. Bescot 1802. Return dep Bescot 2151; arr New St 2213; dep New St 2250; arr 0112. Cost of SAVER RETURN £31.50.

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