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This match, which forms part of the deal which took legendary Macclesfield Town boss Sammy McIlroy to the Windsor Park hotseat, has been eagerly anticipated by the Macclesfield public.

This is hoped to be a celebration of the Macclesfield Town career of Sammy McIlroy, who was instrumental in taking Macclesfield Town from a struggling Conference side to a League match at Maine Road in just five years. The former Manchester United

favourite managed to pick up two Conference championships, a Wembley win and a Third Division runners up medal before he left the Moss Rose for his dream job at Christmas 1999.

The Silkmen are hoping for a bumper crowd to attend the Moss Rose for this unique game played during an International week where a very strong Northern Ireland side is expected.

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Good afternoon everybody and welcome to this afternoons game against one of my old sides Swindon Town, in particular the players, fans and staff who have travelled up from the County Ground.

The performance at Brentford was good if not the result. Their Manager Steve Coppell admitted for long spells we played the better football but we were unable to take our chances. On Tuesday against Stoke at 2 nil down we looked dead and buried but we came back and could have won 4-2 or 5-2. I was disappointed in the defending for the two goals from Stoke, I thought against a well organised side there was no way back but we dug in and rolled our sleeves up to grab a point. It was important we got something in midweek, we didn't want two defeats on the bounce. I would like to welcome Ian Marshall to the club, he's joined us for a month on loan from Bolton as cover upfront. With John Murphy still sidelined with his ankle injury and Graham Fenton out for up to six weeks with a hamstring and groin injury it left us thread bare. Ian also has the advantage of being able to play at centre back, his versatility is important to us. I am delighted too that James Pullen is

staying until the end of the season, he hasn't let us down, his handling has been exceptional. It gives me two keepers for the rest of the campaign and a chance to get another in at the end of the season. I'm looking forward to this afternoon's game, I have great memories from my time with Swindon, spending four and a half years with the club. It was a great experience for me down there, winning the second division championship and consolidating in Division One. After today's game we have a free midweek with no first team game which may help our injury situation improve a little. Next week we start our FA Cup campaign with the visit of non league Newport County. Thanks as always for your support, particularly those that went to Brentford, I hope we can reward you with

The weather

three points this afternoon.

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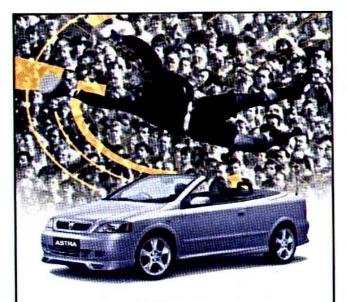
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The Sponsors for this afternoon's game are as follows - Joint Associate Sponsors Brannigans, Bill Rogerson Safety Services Ltd and R & S Bradshaw. The Brannigans sponsorship has once again been organised by their wonderful management team, no doubt ready for a relaxed week or two after the illuminations and before the Christmas period. Bill Rogerson brings along his family and guests as he once again lends us his support and Robert Bradshaw returns once more with his guests from R & S Bradshaw Joinery & Builders.



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FA Cup 1st Round - As you are aware, the first round of this year's competition is only seven days away and our attempt to overcome non-league opposition when we take on Newport County next week. Season ticket holders have until after today's game to get their normal seat, so if you are thinking of taking up the offer of excellent prices for this tie today is the day. If you want a seat and cannot normally get one the 'ticket office' will be open from 9.15am Monday when we will have any seats unsold to season ticket holders available on general sale. Don't forget as we move towards the launch of the new stands we are continuing our policy of entry to the game by 'ticket only' so please note to come early as you will NOT be able to pay at the turnstiles and will need to pre-purchase your ticket from the ticket office before going to the turnstiles.

Picture Gallery - As ever you can see our sponsors from the previous game, this time against Stoke City last Tuesday, enjoying their day with us. Mitre Matchball sponsors, the A.M.P.M. Electrical party, are seen presenting match referee Neil Barry and his fellow officials with the ball. Meanwhile Man of

the Match, Brett Ormerod, receives yet another award, this time from Mark Pilling of Royal & Sun Alliance Property Services - Steve Maher from Heaven & Hell should also have been on the picture but work called and he had to leave directly after the end of the game. Enjoy the game,





Geoff

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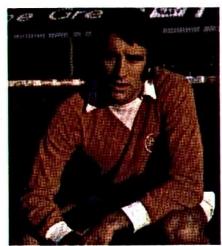
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Alan Suddick - playmaker who scored the deciding goal

Blackpool were unbeaten at home when Swindon Town visited Bloomfield Road on 6 September 1969 having won two and drawn one of three League games and having defeated Gillingham in the League Cup. However away form had been quite different and three games had brought three defeats including a 6-1 drubbing at Queens Park Rangers. The position in the table was therefore not very healthy with five points from six games. Swindon Town had fared better and had secured eight points from six games and had only suffered one defeat.

Blackpool were giving a debut to new £40,000 signing Dave Hatton, who replaced John McPhee who moved to the substitute's bench, and also had Jimmy Armfield returning from injury having missed the midweek Cup victory over Gillingham. In addition, John Craven, who had deputised for Armfield at full back, moved up to lead the attack in place of John Hughes in a side that was Thomson,

Armfield, Bentley, Milne, Alcock, Hatton, Brown, Rowe, Craven, Suddick and Hutchison with McPhee as substitute. Swindon meanwhile had close season signing from Middlesborough Arthur Horsfield missing through a heavy cold but otherwise they were at full strength. Leading scorer Peter Noble, six goals in the previous seven days, and free-scoring winger Don Rogers were both included in the following side, Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Harland, Smith, Jones, Smart, Noble and Rogers with Heath as substitute. Blackpool kicked off and attacked the South Stand end of the ground but it was Swindon who made most of the early running. After only 90 seconds they could have taken the lead when Butler won the ball, outstripped a couple of Blackpool defenders and found Rogers with a pass down the Swindon left. The winger was in . the clear and cut in on goal but Harry Thomson came out quickly to narrow the angle and then deflect the powerful shot for a corner.

Rowe wasted a chance for Blackpool before Swindon threatened again when Rogers played in Noble whose tantalising cross was knocked wide of goal by Jones. It was Rogers again a few minutes later as he broke away on the right only for Thomson once again to come to Blackpool's rescue with a tackle that would have done credit to a full back. The resulting corner proved fruitless and from it Blackpool broke away. The ball eventually found Suddick but Downsborough easily saved his 25-yard shot.

Blackpool then began to get more into the game and Suddick was the architect of most of the moves. He provided a cross that Craven headed just wide, was baulked by a last-minute tackle by Trollope and then he left three defenders trailing in his wake before shooting wide from just inside the penalty box.

After 26 minutes, the Blackpool element in the 17,201 crowd was cheering the first goal. Armfield picked up a loose ball in midfield, played a one-two with Craven and sent over a curling cross. Ronnie Brown, Downsborough and Harland all went for the ball but it was Brown who got their first and headed it home with the goalkeeper hopelessly out of position. Swindon replied through Rogers whose shot was headed off the line for a corner by Alcock. Brown was then too slow to control a 40-yard cross-field pass by Hutchison and at the other end Swindon struck an equaliser after 36 minutes. Noble went chasing into the penalty box after a pass from Thomas and, hotly pursued by Alcock, he ended up in a heap. Referee Mr K Howley of Billingham had no hesitation in pointing to the penalty spot and up stepped Rogers to send Thomson the wrong way. Swindon finished the half



Dave Hatton - some promising things on debut

strongly and only a fine save by Thomson from a fiercely struck 12-yard effort by Rogers kept the score level at half-time. Swindon struck the post early in the

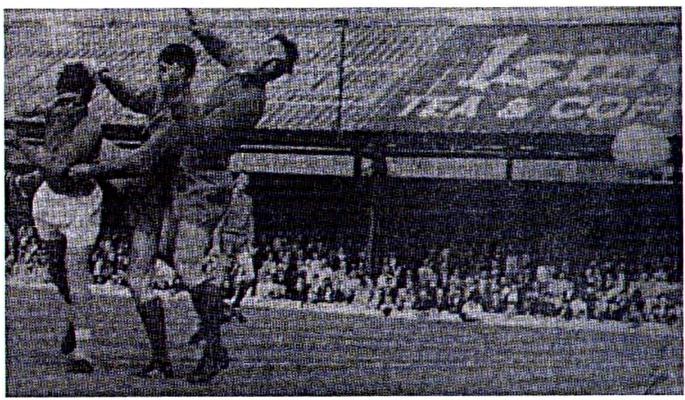


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Football League Division Two Blackpool 3 Swindon Town 2 Gerry Wolstenholme looks back at an encounter on 6 September 1969



second half when Jones took a pass from Smart and tried a speculative shot that hit a Blackpool defender and wrong-footed Thomson. Fortunately for the Seasiders the ball rebounded and was cleared by Bentley. And within seconds of the let-off Blackpool were in front again. Craven, surrounded by Swindon defenders, did well to get the ball out to Hutchison, unmarked on the left. He headed for the by-line and pulled the ball back for the hard working Craven to charge in and crash the ball into the net.

The lead was short-lived for two minutes later Swindon equalised again. Thomson dashed out of his goal to block a flick by Noble but the ball rebounded to Rogers whose shot was heading into the net when Alcock stuck out his arm to prevent the ball going in. Mr Howley had no option but to give a penalty and once again Rogers stepped up to score and make it 2-2. The goal inspired Blackpool and it was only heroics by Downsborough that

prevented them taking the lead. He superbly caught a Hutchison centre at the near post after the winger had left two men trailing and then he dashed off his line to smother the ball just in front of the onrushing Rowe who had been put through by a flick-on by Craven. Hatton earned a round of applause when he prevented Rogers from breaking through and then Noble missed a giltedged opportunity of giving Swindon the lead. He took a pass from Smart, wrongfooted the Blackpool defenders and, with only Thomson to beat, shot tamely wide of the post. Blackpool breathed a sigh of relief and went down to the other end in search of a third goal. It came after 81 minutes when Harland fouled Craven 30 yards from goal. Gordon Milne pushed a short free-kick to Suddick whose low shot seemed to strike a defender on its way into the bottom corner of the net.

Swindon were not finished and had one last chance to gain a point when the ever

dangerous Rogers fired in a 20-yard effort that just went over the bar with Thomson scurrying across his goal. In a game that had entertained from start to finish there were no further goals and Blackpool, 3-2 winners, had inflicted only the second defeat of the season on a strong Swindon side.

For Blackpool Dave Hatton had a satisfactory debut and did a lot of good things both in defence and attack while Armfield, Thomson, Milne and Hutchison were the other shining lights in a good allround team display.

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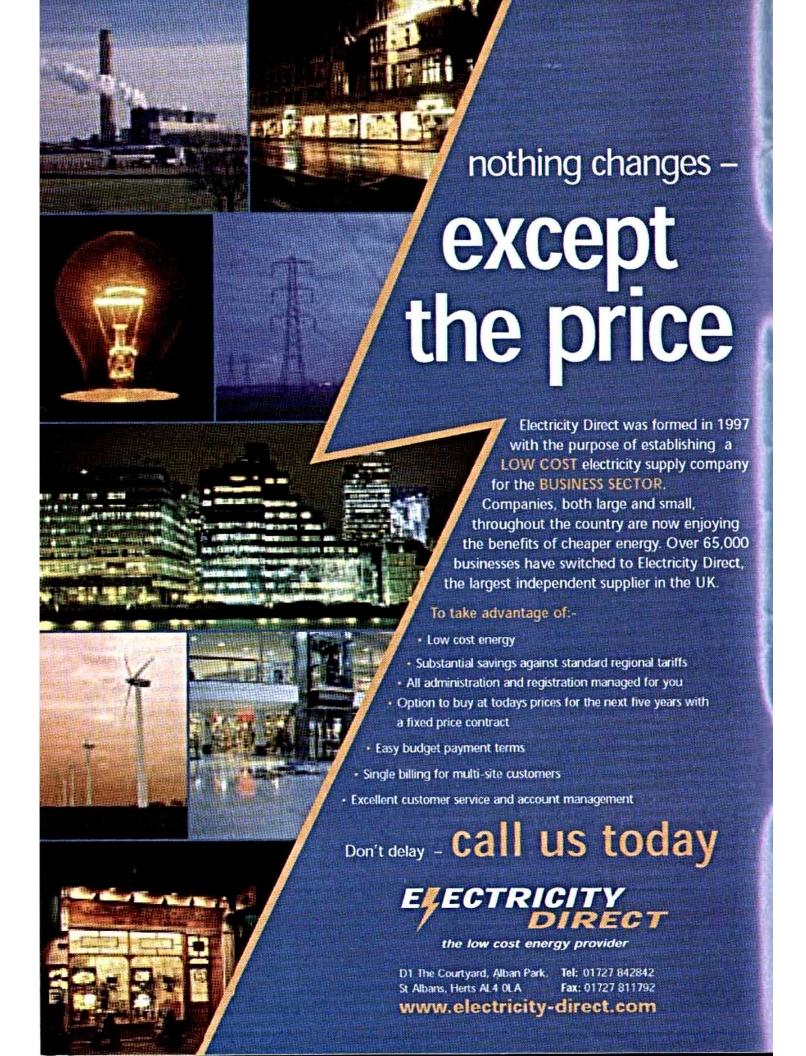
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Football ASDA (8)

Football in the Community have some exciting activities coming up towards Christmas. Our "Win The Treble" fun days will be run over 3 days, the first of which will be held on Sunday 25th November 2001. The following 2 days will be held early in 2002. The days will be held at Bispham High School and will consist of skills coaching, individual competitions and tournaments. Any child who attends all 3 fun days, and receives a winners medal from each day, will receive a pair of Adidas football boots as the prize. There will also be other trophies and prizes to be won on each of the 3 days. Anyone interested in "Winning The Treble" please contact the Community Office. Our Girls Only sessions, which started on Saturday, have proved to be very popular, which is excellent for the development of girls football in this area. The sessions run every

Saturday morning from 10.00am - 12.00 noon at Blackpool Sixth Form Sports Hall.

We would like to say a big thank you to St Cuthberts Primary School for their support and enthusiasm shown to us in support of our after school coaching we have just finished at their school. The sessions were a great success and we hope to be able to work with them again next year.

Also a thank you to Manor Beach where we are still running sessions in school time.

Any schools interested in us coaching either in school time or after school sessions please contact Ian, Derek or Lyn at the Community Office. All enquiries on 403268.

Good luck to the lads.

See you at the Far Post.

Derek and the Community Team

Hiya boys and girls, I hope you are all well!! I know it has only been 4 days since I last spoke to you all, but we have been extremely busy here at Bloomfield Road. I have been out with Helen once again this week visiting schools, and I did promise that I would mention one particular school and that was Claremont Primary School - who sang a FAB-TASTIC song for me whilst I was there this week.

Some good news for any children that actually live in or around Blackpool, Helen has started an incentive that is to be run in every school. Blackpool Football Club will be rewarding as many children as possible across the Fylde that achieve 100% Attendance. Last year a little boy won and Helen managed to get hold of tickets to the FA Cup final - but you have got to be in it to win it. Good Luck everybody!!!Well Christmas is fast approaching (45 days) and very shortly I will be letting all you Tinkie Winkies know what my Christmas competition will be, so don't forget to buy the programme at either the Newport game on Tuesday or the fixture next Saturday against Notts County. Wow!!! That's 4 home fixtures in just 2 weeks - I will be a very tired bear.

Don't forget all you boys and girls - we have our very own junior club here at BFC, called the Tango Junior Seasiders, it costs only £3.00 to join and the benefits that you receive are Gggrreeaat (I felt like my

friend Tony the Tiger then). If you would like to become a member then pick up an application form from the club shop on your way home, you can actually purchase a full season ticket for only £39.00 if you are in our junior club. That's a fantastic offer. Anyway I must go as I need to get all

the rest I can as I'm getting tired. Don't forget to wave at me. Lots of Love

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TangoNews



Hi there kids.

Well with Christmas fast approaching this year's Xmas Bingo is on Sunday 2nd December at the Tangerine Club and the annual Christmas parties on 16th December with the under 11 year olds in the afternoon and for the older members we have the Tenpin Bowling in the evening. I will give you times and all the other information you need as I get it as me and my committee are busy sorting out all the necessary arrangements.

Also we have the Christmas Card Competition in which you design a card and the best one judged by someone from the club is made into an Xmas card and sent to all the Tango members and the players and staff from the Football Club. There is of course a prize for the winner which will be presented to them at the Cardiff match on 16th December, so get your coloured pencils and

crayons out and let's get a cracking Christmas picture. We had the Fans Forum and the Halloween trip last week and I'll give you a full run down on those next week, but I can tell you that we had a super time on the Tango trip to Wrexham and witnessed an excellent game of football, I think we should have won but away from home a draw is nice.

I did not know that one of my committee members was actually a page 3 girl as I discovered in the Chesterfield programme, some good poses for the camera from some of the Club Shop staff modelling the new sports gear, nice one. By the way, I've got my new shirt which I am sure you noticed and I shall be modelling for you today.

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News Release

Hollyoaks team to play All-Stars football team

The 'hunks' from TV's Hollyoaks and Brookside will be taking a break from filming in a couple of weeks, when they play in a football match against a select team of ex-professional footballers in aid of charity. Regional Officer for the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign, Charles Horton, says, "The Hollyoaks & Brookside team will be made up from many of the lads in the popular Channel Four soaps and will hopefully include Will Mellor, who can now be seen in the BBC hospital drama series, 'Casualty'. The All Stars Team is made up of former professional players and will include great names such as Neville Southall (ex-Everton and Wales), Mickey Thomas (ex-Wrexham, Everton, Man Utd and Wales), Gordon Hill (ex-Man Utd and England), Joey Jones (ex-Liverpool, Wrexham and Wales), and

Eric Nixon (ex-Tranmere).

I know both teams want to win and everyone who comes along is sure to see a great game".

Half Time entertainment will be provided by the Merseyside Youth Orchestra and Gail McKenna from Children's ITV show 'How 2' will also be making an appearance. In addition, local radio presenter

Rebecca Turton from Buzz FM will be helping out with announcements on the day and there will be a raffle with prizes including signed football goods, wine, meals & health club

The match takes place at the Oval Sports Centre in Bebington, Wirral on Sunday November 11th. Gates open at 2.15pm with kick-off at 3pm. Admission is just £2.50 for adults and only £1 for U-16's.

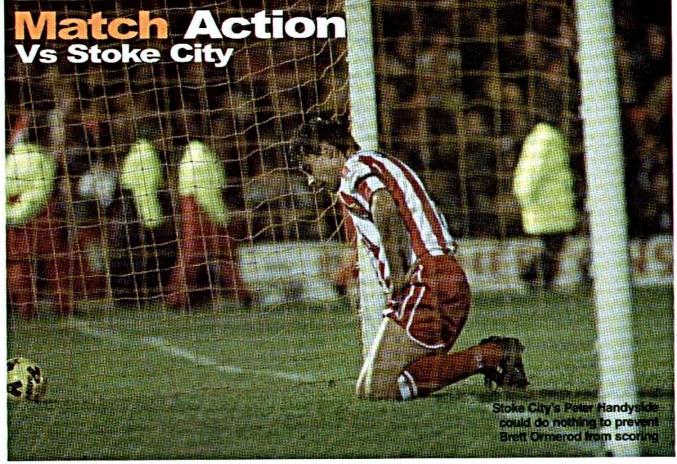
Muscular Dystrophy Campaign Muscular Dystrophy is the name given to a large number of medical conditions. There are also many neuromuscular

conditions that, while not called MD, are similar to it.

What they nearly all have in common is a progressive weakening and wasting of

Muscular Dystrophy and other neuromuscular disorders can affect anyone babies, children, young people and adults of any race or gender. About 1 in every 2,000 people in the UK will have a neuromuscular disorder. Some nmcs are life threatening. Others may be very disabling or merely cause a mild disability.

At present, there is no cure. The Muscular Dystrophy Campaign is the national charity which funds medical research into causes, treatments and cures. In addition, practical help is given to individuals and families through a network of Family Care Officers, muscle centres, expert advice and a countrywide local branch.



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Football Historian Leigh Edwards focuses on connections with our visitors...

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Andy Barlow's second-half equaliser gave promotion-chasing Blackpool a 1-1 Second Division draw on Swindon Town's last League visit to Bloomfield Road on 20th April 1996. The Seasiders' last League win at home to Swindon was 1-0 in February 1985 with a goal from Paul Stewart. Swindon's sole League victory here was 1-0 in October 1979 with a goal by Alan Mayes.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

Former England international midfielder Steve McMahon has achieved managerial success at both Swindon Town and Blackpool. Moving to Swindon as player-manager from Manchester City in November 1994, he guided them to the Second Division title

in 1995-96 and made 42 League appearances while at the County Ground before resigning in September 1998. He succeeded Nigel Worthington as Blackpool's manager in January 2000 and plotted last season's Third Division play-off final triumph against Leyton Orient. Blackpool coach Mark Seagraves made 61 League appearances for Swindon.

PROMOTION WINNER

Hard-working midfielder Lee Collins has been a promotion winner with both Swindon Town and Blackpool. Moving to the County Ground from Albion Rovers for £15,000 in November 1995, he featured in Swindon's 1995-96 Second Division title campaign and scored twice in 63 League games for today's visitors before reuniting with Steve McMahon at Blackpool on a free transfer in July 2000. He helped the Seasiders to win promotion last season, making 28 Third Division appearances as

McMahon's side qualified for the play-offs.

TWO SPELLS

Former Blackpool striker Alan Mayes had two spells at Swindon Town. Initially moving to the County Ground from Watford for £72,500 in February 1979, he starred as Swindon reached the League Cup semi-finals in 1979-80 and was sold to Chelsea for £175,000 in December 1980. He rejoined Swindon in July 1983 and topped their goalscoring charts in 1983-84, netting 65 times in 151 League games overall before moving to Carlisle United in July 1985. Joining Blackpool in September 1986, he scored six goals in 13 Third Division outings before moving to Wycombe Wanderers in August 1987.

PROMOTION PLAY-OFFS

One-time Blackpool right-back
Dave Hockaday was an influential



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figure in Swindon Town's 1986-87 Third Division play-off final replay triumph. Moving to Bloomfield Road from Billingham Synthonia in June 1975, he netted 24 goals in 147 League games for Blackpool prior to joining Swindon on a free transfer in August 1983. He also helped today's opponents to reach the Second Division play-offs in two consecutive seasons and scored seven times in 245 League outings while at the County Ground before being sold to Hull City for £50,000 in September 1990.

WEMBLEY WINNER

Former Blackpool midfielder Peter Noble scored in Swindon Town's 1968-69 League Cup final triumph at Wembley. Moving to the County Ground from Newcastle United for £8,000 in January 1968, he also helped Swindon to win promotion in 1968-69 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970, netting 62 goals in 216 League games for today's visitors before being sold to Burnley for £40,000 in May 1973. He joined Blackpool for £25,000 in January 1980 and scored 14 times in 97 League outings while at Bloomfield Road.

ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL

England international winger Mike Summerbee played for both Swindon Town and Blackpool during his career. Signing professional at the County Ground in March 1960, he starred in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion success and netted 39 goals in 218 League games for today's opponents before being sold to Manchester City for £35,000 in August 1965. He was capped eight times by his country and joined Blackpool from Burnley in December 1976, making three Second Division appearances prior to joining Stockport County in August 1977.

LEADING MARKSMAN

Former Swindon Town striker Dave Bamber was leading marksman in Blackpool's 1991-92 promotion success. Initially moving to Blackpool from St. Helens Town in September 1979, he was top scorer in 1982-83 and joined Coventry City for £50,000 in June 1983. He moved to Swindon from Portsmouth in November 1985 and helped to clinch the Fourth Division title that season, netting 31 goals in 106 League outings before being sold to Watford for £105,000 in June 1988. Returning to Blackpool from Hull City in November 1990, he scored 89 times in 199 League games overall for the Seasiders.

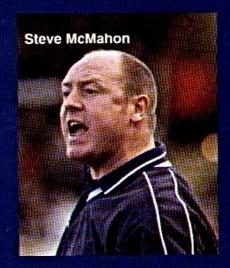
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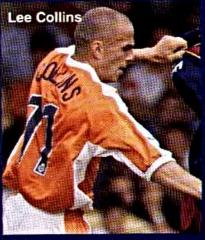
Goalkeeper Tom McAlister played for both Blackpool and Swindon Town during his career. Moving to Bloomfield Road from Rotherham United for £50,000 in July 1979, he contested Blackpool's goalkeeping slot with England U-21 international lain Hesford and made 16 Third Division appearances for the Seasiders prior to joining Swindon on a free transfer in May 1980. He understudied Jimmy Allan at the County Ground and played his sole League game in their 3-0 win at home to Plymouth Argyle seven months later, moving to West Ham in May 1981.

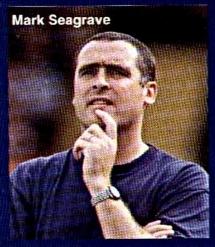
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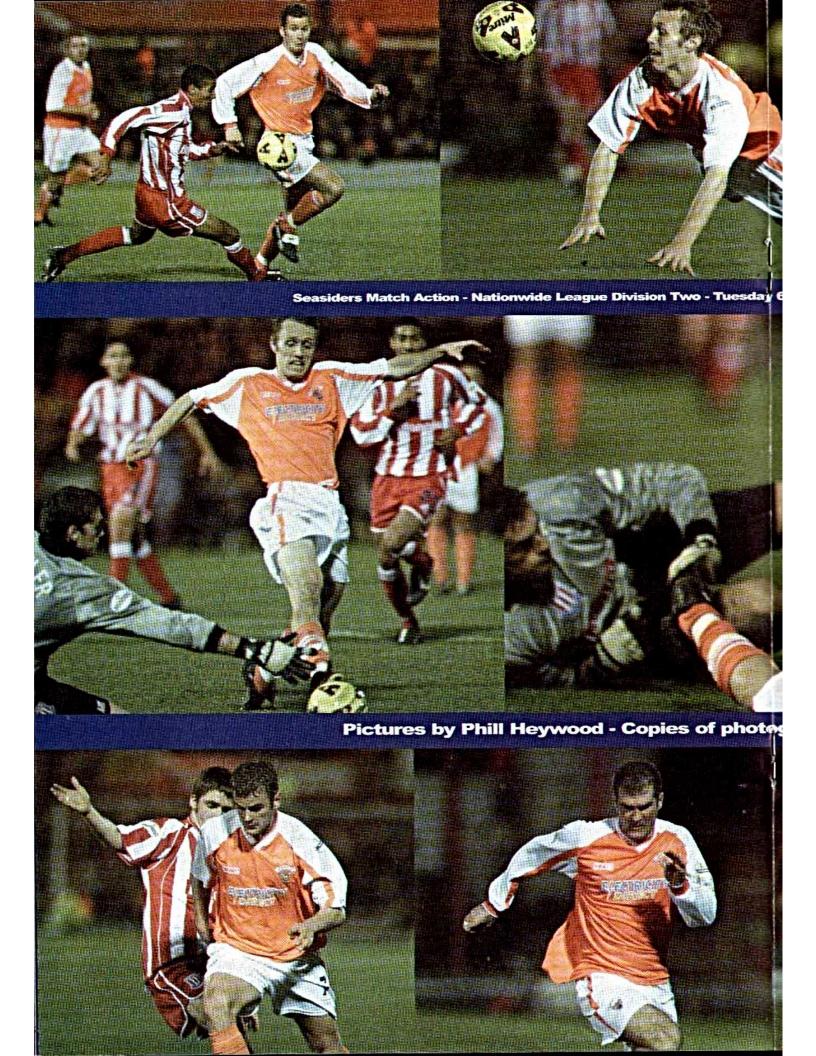
Former Blackpool striker Tony
Evans featured in Swindon
Town's 1985-86 Fourth Division
title campaign. Moving to
Bloomfield Road from Formby in
June 1973, he made six Second
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Blackpool prior to joining Cardiff
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Swindon from Wolves in August
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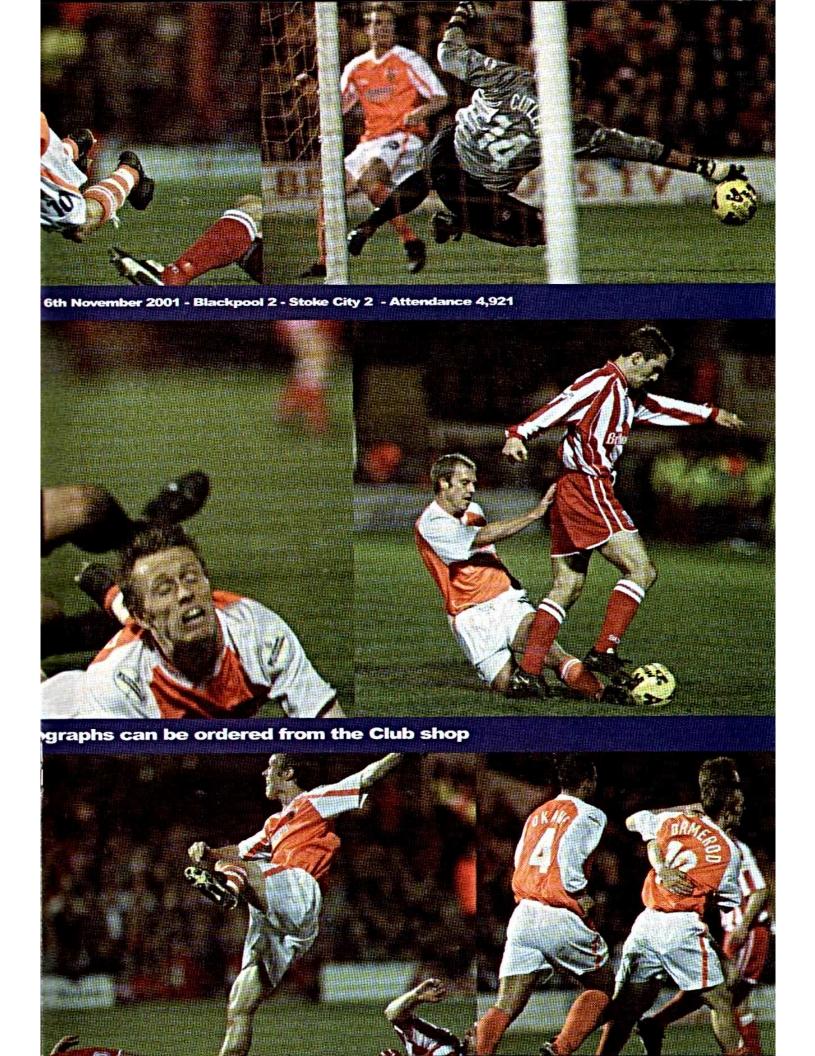
games while at the County Ground. The likes of Harry Bowl, Syd Brookes, Alf Brown, Fred Butcher, Mark Crook, Howard Goddard, Kevin Moore, Cyril Quinn, Paul Richardson, Jimmy Thompson and Gary Williams have also played for both clubs.













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Another view from...

There's no doubt that the birth of the Internet brought with it plenty of positives and negatives. With regards to football, there's no doubt it has enhanced the enjoyment of being a football supporter. From sharing views with fans to being up-to-date with the latest news and in the

future the chance to see
Blackpool's games via a
subscription service (which is what
Sunderland launched this week).
However for all the good things that the
Internet has brought to the game,
football managers in particular must find
there are plenty of negatives. Rumours
about incoming and out-going players
can be circulated with the push of a
button. Recently when Steve McMahon
has asked where many of Bloomfield
Road's speculative stories have

that we've come away from games with nothing and are in our current mid-table position. Hopefully, like last season, the way we play will eventually reap dividends in the points we win. The Swindon fans that've come on to our site over the last couple of weeks have hinted that they may not greet our current manager with a tic-a-tape welcome this afternoon. Their former manager who led them to promotion at Bloomfield Road in 1996 (don't mention that season!) seemingly has few fans amongst their supporters. Despite being told on more than one occasion why they've not erected a statue to Macca in Swindon Town centre, I still think they are pointing the finger at the wrong man. So frequently the manager is the scapegoat for what goes on behind the

...any discontent from their supporters will be drowned out by the 5,000 Blackpool fans who have recently voted Macca our best manager in the last decade...

originated, the answer is usually on the Avftt.com message board! Believe everything you read on there and Brett would now be playing for Preston, Macca would be managing Crystal Palace, Karl Oyston would have overseen the building of a supermarket at Bloomfield Road and the majority of Premiership players would be wearing a tangerine shirt! They say that woman gossip, but on a site that is mainly maleread, some of our readers could put their wives and mothers to shame when it comes to tongue wagging! The positive side to what's written on our message board is the comments from fans of opposing teams. Much to Steve and his side's credit, the praise for our style of football has won much adulation. Unfortunately, on more than one occasion (in fact annoyingly too many to mention) this praise has come following a defeat. Opposition fans are amazed

scenes at a club and I can't help feeling that this is the case with regards to Steve's time at the club. Hopefully when they see they way that the Seasiders play this afternoon, they'll realise their criticisms are somewhat unfounded. That said, any discontent from their supporters will be drowned out by the 5,000 Blackpool fans who have recently voted Macca our best manager in the last decade – an accolade which is thoroughly deserved.

It's a busy time at Bloomfield Road and hopefully one that will see us gain an elusive top 10 place over the next few weeks. Enjoy the game today and let's hope for 3 points before we head in to F.A. Cup action against Newport County next weekend (incidentally can everyone take home their banana skins this afternoon just to be on the safe side!).

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Avon Insurance has once again introduced a number of awards and promotional initiatives designed to heighten club, media and spectator interest in the Avon Insurance Combination and Avon Insurance League this season.

Avon Insurance Enterprise Award

Avon Insurance will give an award of £1,000 to the member club that makes the best and most concerted efforts throughout the 2001-2002 season to both promote and build attendances at Avon Insurance Combination/League matches through local community initiatives. In the past prizes have been invested in a series of local community projects in conjunction with Avon Insurance such as sponsorships of Women's Football at Bristol City, Family Football at Norwich City and Junior Reds at Charlton

Last season's winners, who each received cheques for £1,000, were Norwich & Burnley.

Avon Insurance Programme Award
Avon Insurance will award a prize of £1,000 to
the member club which provides the most
comprehensive coverage of the Avon Insurance
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Programmes and Club Magazines throughout the 2001-2002 season. Previous winners have invested the money in local community initiatives in conjunction with Avon Insurance such as the provision of a branded Community Bus at Watford which is used to bring children to Vicarage

Road (pictured).

Both Reading and Wolverhampton
Wanderers were presented with
cheques for £1.000 each for their
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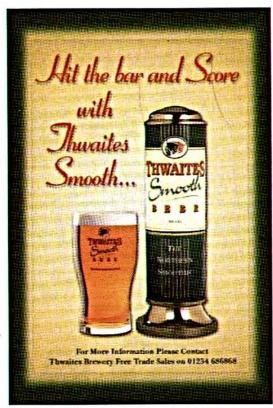
Avon Insurance will award a trophy to the top scorer in the Avon Insurance Combination/League in the 2001-2002 season. Last season's winners were:

Adrian Coote - Norwich - Avon Insurance Combination
Chris Hay - Huddersfield - Avon Insurance League, Premier
Andy Morrell - Wrexham - Avon Insurance League, Division 1
Danny Bacon - Mansfield - Avon Insurance League, Division 2

Avon Insurance Fair Play Award In addition Avon Insurance will also award a trophy to the member club with the best disciplinary record in the Avon Insurance Combination throughout the entire 2001-2002 season.

Fulham were last season's proud recipients of the Fair Play Award.

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Wed Nov 21	Shrewsbury Town	A	7.00pm
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Blackpool youth team ended their fixtures in the Youth Alliance Cup with a 2-1 victory over Burnley, their only win in the three group games played. JON FENECH and

JON FENECH and MATTHEW BLINKHORN

hit the goals for the Seasiders.

Team:

Russell, Heffernan, Gordon, McGee, Cringle, Swan, Wiles, Maden, Blinkhorn, Fenech, Burns. Subs:

Parkinson for Fenech, Lawlor for Wiles,

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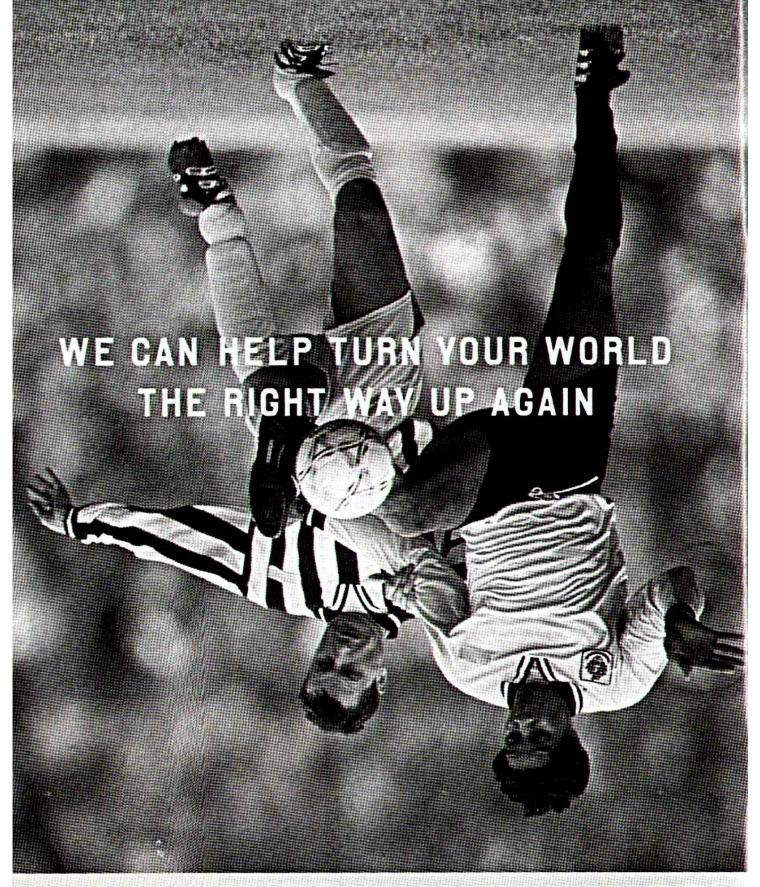
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The Specialist



SIMMO joined Blackpool on a free in August of last year and became a pivotal part of the Seasiders success last season.. Again this year he's proving one of the fans favourites, he's a creative player, a dead ball specialist, delivering accurate corners and creating numerous chances with his free kicks.

"I'm enjoying my football at the moment, obviously last season was brilliant for me and the club, it was a great season., maybe more than I expected when I came here. This season I've had a bit of a slow start but in the last couple of weeks I've started enjoying it again and hopefully I can carry it on."

On joining Blackpool, Paul says,

"It wasn't a hard decision to come here, I'd literally agreed to leave my contract with Wolves and within an hour Steve McMahon had rung and asked me if I was interested in coming here. It was brilliant for me, not having to worry about being out of contract for a week or two. It gave me the opportunity to start playing again and put myself in the shop window. After a couple of games I realised it was a place I wanted to stay."

Paul was born 26 July 1966 in Carlisle and was spotted at a young age by League scouts,

"Like most lads I was spotted playing in local league in Carlisle by a Manchester City scout. I signed for them at the age of 14 and played Lancashire league football. It just went on from there, I signed forms when I turned 16 and had a great start at Maine Road. I was playing in the first team after about 2 or 3 games. I became a regular about two or three years later."

"I then came across a Manager who didn't really rate me in Mel Machin, your bound to get that in football. I moved on to Oxford, they had a great time under Brian Horton and when Robert Maxwell died they were forced to sell players and I was one who had to leave. So I went to Derby, Wolves and then here. I've thoroughly enjoyed my 20 years in the sport, hopefully I can make it 21 at the start of next season." With such a long career in the game Paul added.

"There have been a lot of highlights, the game at Cardiff was a big one because it's one of the most recent. People kept saying to me it'll probably mean nothing to you because of your career. But in football you realise you have to enjoy these days. It was a fantastic day for me, my family and everyone, you have to make the most of them, they don't come around very often."

"I think the biggest highlight is to play for 20 years. When you go into it at 15, 16, you hope you can make a career out of it, but your never really sure, but I've been really lucky." Finally, we asked Simmo about his hopes for the rest of the season, he said,

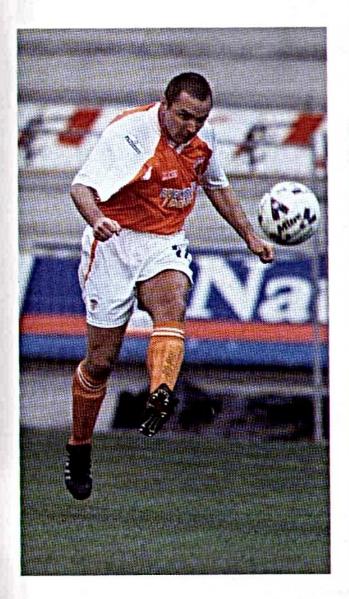
"From what I've seen so far I think we've got a

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hell of a good chance of being successful. I'm not going to make any rash statements but we are quietly confident we can achieve something by the end of the year."



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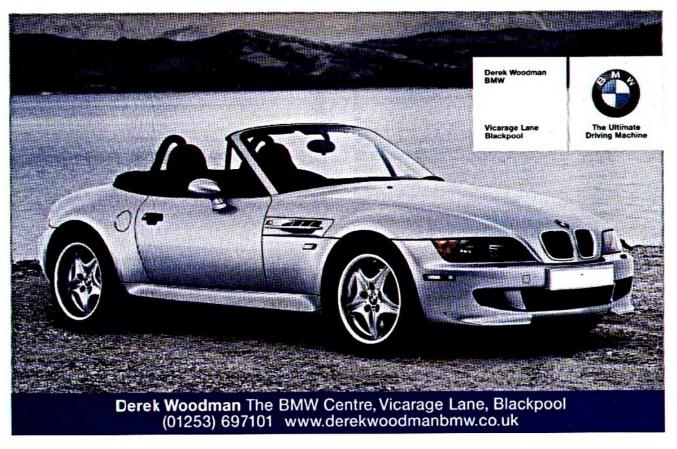
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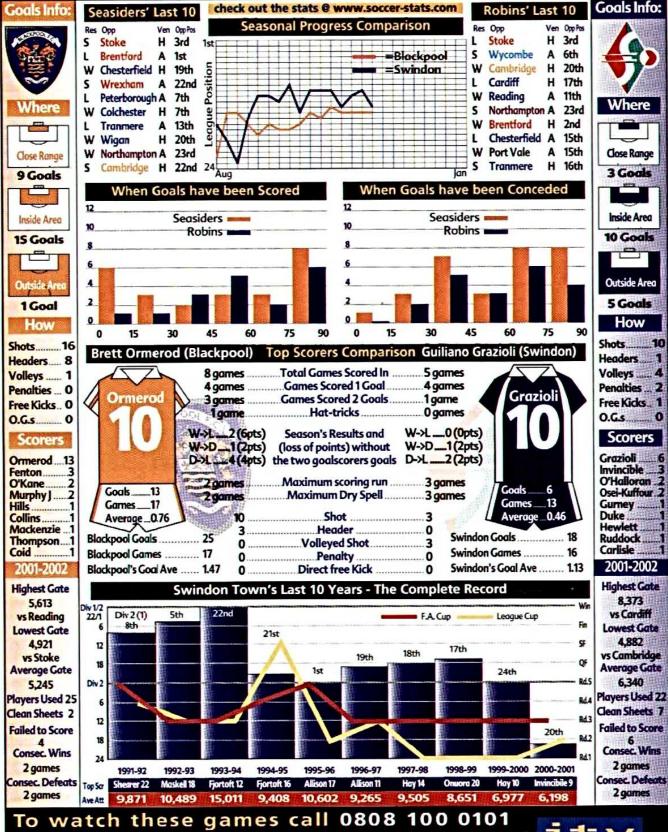






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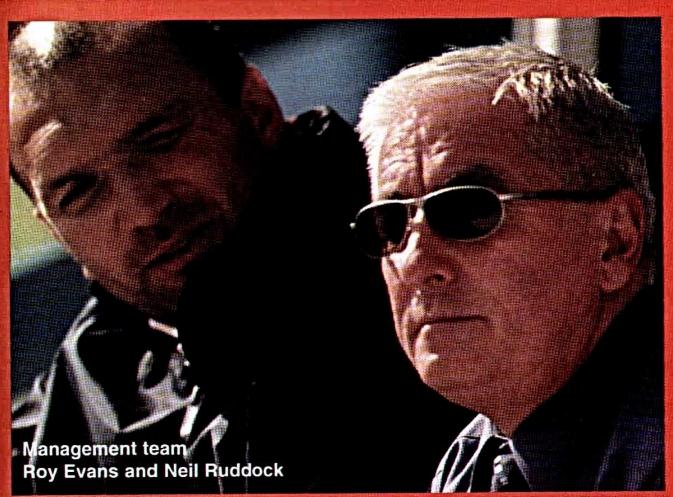
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In Town Today...



We extend a warm welcome this afternoon to our visitors from the West Country, Swindon Town who are going through problems of their own at the moment with a high court ruling this week that a new board of Directors be formed at an EGM to be held before December 14th this year. Meanwhile Chief **Executive Peter Rowe and Director** of Football Roy Evans are holding the fort. Rowe said "I understand the layers from both sides are meeting this week to find a way forward. In the interim both Roy and I are still here working to ensure the club's ongoing survival." The last thing anyone in football wants to see is a club close and the sooner that things are back on an even keel at Swindon the better it will be for all. I am sure that the off field

matters will not feature in the minds of the players today as Swindon look to improve a recent record of two wins, one draw and three defeats in the last six games.

The side that Evans and coach Neil Ruddock put out last weekend is likely to start again here at Bloomfield Road today. In goal as he has been all season is former **Dutch U-21 International Bart** Griemink who was signed on a free transfer by Colin Todd two seasons ago as cover for then first choice Frank Talia. He has already managed eight clean sheets this season, something our own manager would be pleased to have under his belt. His former clubs in English soccer have been Birmingham City and Peterborough

United. In defence is Matt Heywood who started his career at Burnley but could not force his way into the side. Shaun Reid alerted Andy King and he was quickly snapped up by Swindon on a free transfer. Although only a youngster he has proved a great asset to the Swindon defence.

Bristol born former Torquay defender Andy Gurney joined Reading for £100,000 and was a Bosman signing when his contract expired at the end of last season. He is more than capable when coming forward and possesses a ferocious shot.

Player coach and subject of 'One to Watch' is the former Liverpool hard man, Neil 'Razor' Ruddock. He started at Millwall before moves to

Swindon Town



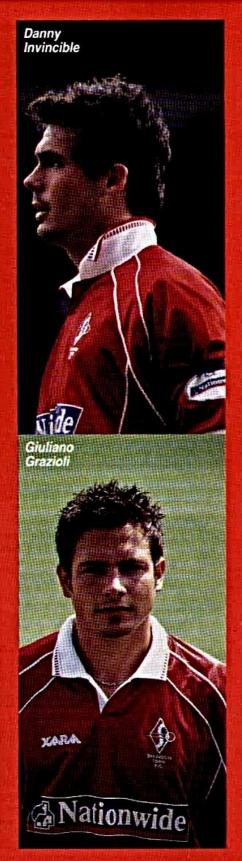
Southampton, Spurs, Liverpool West Ham and Crystal Palace. His experience has helped a generally youthful side and of course he always poses a threat in opposing boxes at set pieces. The side features a number of midfielders as Evans tries to have his side pass the ball and likes to pack the middle of the park. David Duke is a left sided player who signed from Sunderland in September 2000 and has recently fulfilled a wing back roll.

Paul Edwards is a 21 year old Manchester born midfielder who has broken into the side and he plays alongside Bobby Howe an attacking midfielder who joined from Notts Forest. Despite his attacking intentions he lacks the goals from midfield that his manager would like. On loan Wayne Carlise is a player with a big future in the game. Currently on the books of Crystal Palace he has slotted well into the Town midfield and was unlucky with a last minute rasper of a shot that hit the bar against Stoke last Saturday. Matthew Hewlett makes up the quartet and is a very attack minded player who operates in the centre of midfield. He made over 100 apperances for Bristol City before moving to Swindon on a Bosman in the summer of 2000

Playing just behind the main striker is Danny Invincible an Australian who was recommended by Harry Redknap whilst he was at West Ham. He finished as top scorer last term with 10 goals and plays just behind striker Guiliano Grazioloi. Despite his colourful name he was born in London. He joined Barry Fry at Peterborough and hit 16 goals in 23 league starts. He went on loan to Stevenage and scored the goal that knocked them out of the FA Cup and impressed then manager Jimmy Quinn to sign him. He has now scored six goals so far and was unlucky not to add to that tally last weekend.

Coming off the bench to add weight to the attach when they were behind last week against Stoke were Eric Sabin a lightening quick striker who was brought to Swindon from French second Division side Wasquehall. So far his pace has earned the club four penalty kicks so he will have to be well marshalled if he makes an appearance today. Also coming on was Jo Osei-Kaffour who was top scorer for the Arsenal reserve side last season with 11 goals in just 16 starts. He is currently on a threemonth loan arrangement with Swindon.



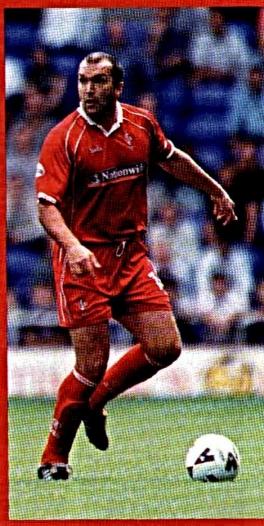


One to Watch Ruddock

Wandswoth born Neil Ruddock is a player that most opposing fans love to have a 'hate' relationship with yet as a player if he was with your club he has almost cult hero status. He has served many great clubs in a career that started out at Millwall before he moved to Spurs for just £50,000 in April 1986. He returned to Millwall in June 1988 for a much heftier £300,000 but quickly moved to Southampton in February 1989 for a fee of £250,000. Here he started to become a regular making over 124 full appearances. Tottenham bought him for a second time in July 1992, this time for £750,000 and made a very quick profit selling him to Liverpool in July 1993 for £2.5 million. Some 146 games later (and several suspensions along the way) he moved to West Ham United in 1998 for just £100,000 and made another 50+ appearances before he joined Crystal Palace at the start of last season. Things did not go to plan at

palace and a succession of injuries and suspensions saw him released in the final weeks of the season. He joined his friend Roy Evans to start to try to rebuild Swindon Towns fortunes and has settled in well both on the playing and coaching side. I am sure his tussle with lan Marshall today will be one the fans are looking forward to.

Never one to shy away from publicity he is also making a name for himself in television circles. He has recently joined the 'Big Breakfast' team as their football pundit offering his thoughts on the weekend's action. He has also appeared on Sky Sports Soccer AM where he was caught arm wrestling with another ex-Swindon centre half, Brian Kilcline. Could it be he will follow in the footsteps of a famous Wimbledon player of recent years and finish up on the silver screen?







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As we warmly welcome the players, management and fans of Swindon Town F.C. to Bloomfield Road this afternoon, we find ourselves so fortunate that Steve McMahon is in charge of us rather than The Swindon Robins.

To look back on what Steve has achieved in the short length of time that he has been with us is tremendous, the superb football that the lads are playing, and the quality signings that are at Bloomfield Road, there really is no better time to be a Seasiders supporter, both on and off the pitch. As most fans will have seen on Tuesday night, the seats have already started going into the new Stadium, and it really is only going to be a little bit longer before we will all benefit from the new facilities that will be available.

position by 5'o clock tonight. On behalf of BSA, I would like to welcome Ian Marshall to Bloomfield Road, and hope he enjoys his time playing in a Tangerine shirt. After his tremendous debut on Tuesday night, he has already become a fans favourite, and a welcome addition to our injury depleted squad. BSA in conjunction with TANGO recently held a Fans Forum for their members, to prod and probe the leading figures at Bloomfield Road. Answering questions were Chairman, Karl Oyston, Manager Steve McMahon and Stadium Director, Peter Whitehead. It was a most enjoyable evening, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Karl, Steve & Peter for giving up their evening for us. Some of the main points answered

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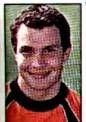
After Tuesday nights exciting performance against Stoke, we can look forward to another well fought battle this afternoon. With Swindon Town only lying one place ahead of us in the League tables, and both teams desperate for the three points. if Steve and the lads can show some of the grit and determination they have recently, we should manage to improve our 2nd Division were the fact that the stadium is still on schedule to open on Boxing Day against Oldham. Letters will soon be going out to Season ticket holders about choosing the area of the ground in which they want to sit in. There will be an unreserved section in the Eastern part of the North Stand. The two new stands will be named Matthews & Mortensen. The redevelopment of the South

hinges on various factors, but the Club do have a 2-2.5 yr timescale to stay on budget if it is to be developed.

The development of the East is up in the air at the moment, but if it does go ahead, it will only be a one tier building unlike the rest of the Stadium.

Obviously there were lots of questions raised about players, money etc. but the general opinion given from the evening was that the future certainly looks Tangerine.! As usual BSA will be arranging coach transport to the forthcoming away games, and there are still a few places left on the trip to Bristol City. Bookings are now being taken for the trips to Port Vale and Chesterfield, but please note that this facility is only open to BSA members. If anyone has booked on the BSA or TANGO coaches for away travel, but is unable to travel with us, it would be appreciated if you would advise us at least 24 hours prior to the trip, to help avoid other members being disappointed. Full details of away trips are available on the BSA notice board in the Club shop, or please contact Janet on (01253) 402409 or Dave on (01253) 301028.

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Gerry Wolstenholme looks at last weekends events in Division Two

While Blackpool's misery in the capital continued and Brentford cemented their place at the top of the table, second-placed Brighton took the sting out of Bristol City with a 1-0 away win. Almost inevitably at the moment, the goal came from Bobby Zamora who commented "Our confidence is sky-high and we are carrying on where we left off after winning the Third Division last year. Peter Taylor has changed the formation and the proof is four wins and a draw since he took over." But will Zamora remain with the club? There are strong rumours that his 43 goals in 15 months have brought the scouts round in good numbers with reports of cheques for £3 million being available. Stoke meanwhile remained in third place after a good 3-0 victory at Swindon where Gunnarsson, Iwelumo and O'Connor scored the goals. The victory was not, however, as easy as the score would suggest for Stoke manager Gudjon Thordarson commented "The scoreline flattered us. It looks like we had it easy. But that was not the case at all. It was probably one of the toughest games we have played this season. Swindon played very well."

The other two clubs in the top six, Huddersfield and Peterborough suffered mixed fortunes. Huddersfield drew at managerless Oldham where player-coach John Sheridan nipped off the bench to set up a 76th minute equaliser for Stuart Balmer. But Peterborough went down to their second home defeat at the hands of lowly Wigan. Simon Haworth scored his 50th and 51st League goals to seal an impressive away win that left Peterborough manager Barry fry

At the bottom Bury's recent revival came to an end courtesy of a superb strike by 19-year-old Chris Killen after 62 minutes. The seventh away defeat of the season upset Shakers manager Andy Preece who said "We didn't offer too much going forward until the last half-hour when we changed things around and became much more inventive." But by then it was too late and Vale hung on for the win.

On Sunday Wrexham lost the Welsh derby despite going in front early on. Defensive errors cost the next-to-bottom side who conceded three goals to lose 3-1. And the deadly duo at Reading, Jamie Cureton and Martin Butler, settled the issue for their side against Northampton who conceded goals in the 52nd and 90 minutes to lose 2-0. New boss Kevan Broadhurst ripped into his side with "My players should have done better and I have given them both barrels. Reading didn't win this game we gave it to them."

Forthright stuff! Cambridge United settled into the bottom four with a 2-0 defeat at Chesterfield where visiting goalkeeper Lionel Perez giftwrapped the opening goal for Luke Beckett. Five minutes from time the Chesterfield front man made the game safe with his second. In mid-table Colchester lost only their second home game as Bournemouth scored twice in the opening 20 minutes. Despite pulling one back through Karl Duquid after 25 minutes, Colchester could not get an equaliser despite having an extra man when Feeney was sent off for the visitors. Two late Andy Thomson goals gave QPR victory at Notts County where

new County boss Gary Brazil has seen his side gain only one point in his five games in charge. And finally two goals in the opening 16 minutes, one for each side, saw Tranmere and Wycombe draw 1-1 in the first ever League meeting between the two sides.

Tranmere boss Dave Watson was not impressed as he commented "We should have won with the chances we had."



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Our last visit to Ashton Gate was definitely one to forget in September 1999 when we lost 5-2 after leading 1-0 at the break through a Brett Ormerod goal. John Murphy netted the second but we





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MATCH MASCOTS



Lucy Martin Lucy is 13 years old. She attends Arnold Senior School. She likes watching Friends and listening to

A1 and Westlife. Her hobbies are playing netball and watching the Seasiders. Her favourite player is Danny Coid.



Tiffany Taylor (With Jon O'Connor) Tiffany is 13 years old, She attends Arnold Senior School, She likes watching

Eastenders and eating Chinese food. Her hobbies are playing netball and watching BFC. Her favourite players are Brett Ormerod and Danny Coid.

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