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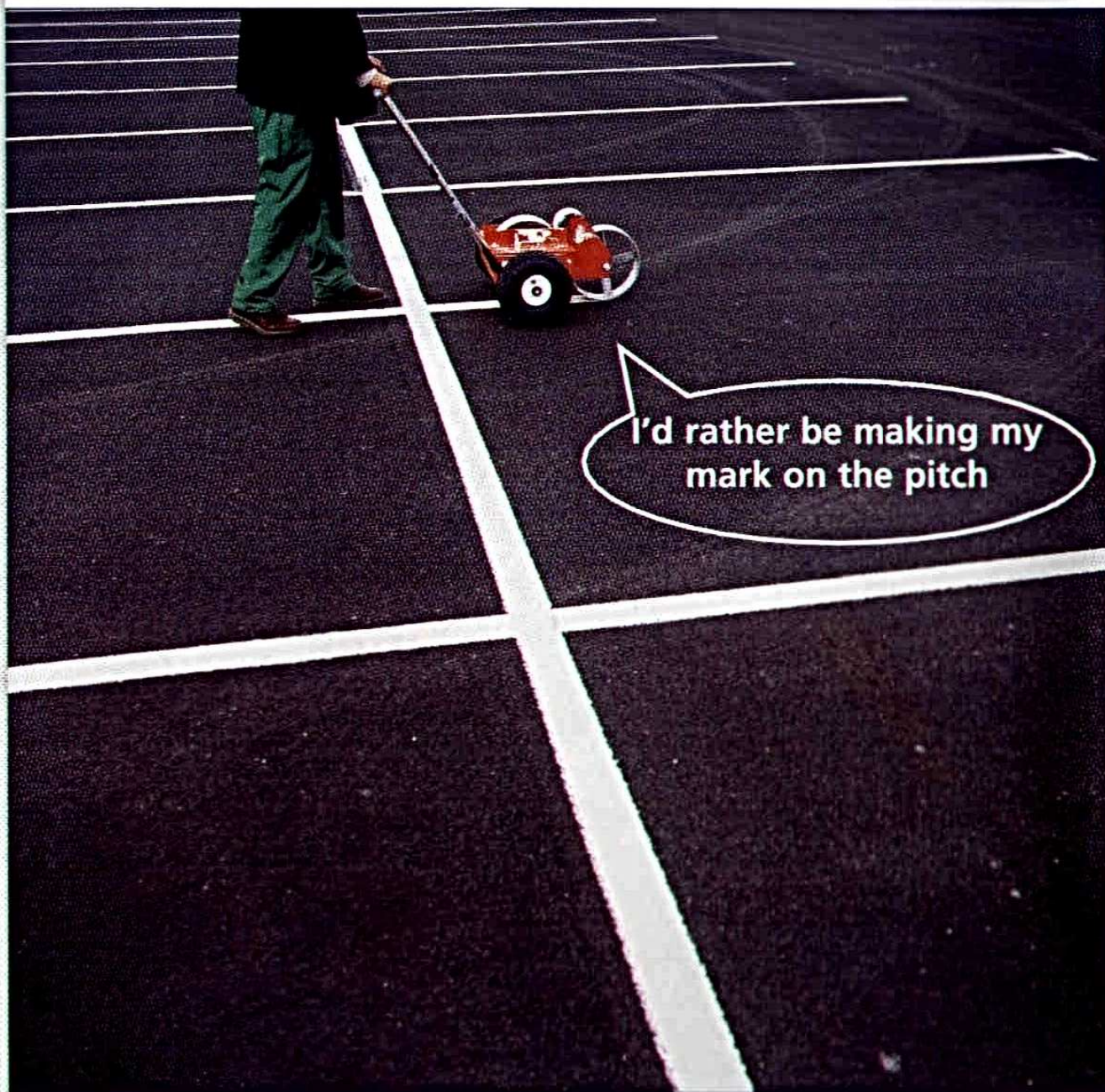
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# EDITOR'S EYE

Another game and another programme, the fixture list is certainly doing it's best to keep us busy at the moment!

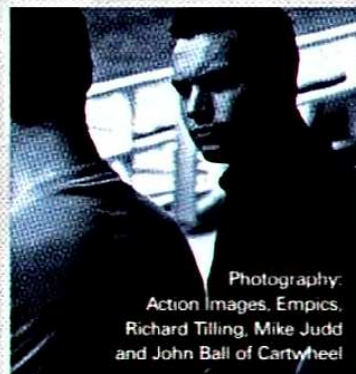
Once again, this evening's issue is somewhat spoiled by it's deadline which was last Friday. As a result, much of this issue was penned before our game against Brighton. However, we have managed to get you Roy's thoughts following Saturday's game and you will find up-to-date statistics at the back of the programme. In place of some of our more regular features (the reserves for example who were without a game last week), we have included some one-off articles (check out a ludicrous, yet hilarious tale on page 51).

Well, tonight's game is a big one for Town. No matter how we got on on Saturday, we need points and fast because slowly but surely, we are being dragged into the perilous part of the league table. Wrexham aren't having the best of times either and so it will be a huge test of both side's confidence and battling qualities to see who comes out victorious. I think the less we say about last Wednesday the better. Before I had even sat down we were one-nil down, and by the time I had stopped complaining the first it was two! The journey home was pretty miserable (and silent) too, made worse by the fact that we had two gloating Hoops supporters in the back.

That just leaves me to say enjoy the issue and in particular, Matty Hewlett's thoughts on the season so far in his interview on pages 25-29 and a final farewell to Phil Cannon on page 52. Good luck Phil.

All the best and enjoy the read\*.

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\*All information in this magazine is up-to-date up to and including November 23.



Your support at Loftus Road was fantastic

## BEHIND THE SCENES

Writing programme notes about the problems between the Football League and the PFA, whilst there is still a possibility of a resolution being found, is difficult. If a satisfactory solution is found by the time that you read these notes, then read no further!

However, if as I suspect, things are still delicately on a knife edge then I would like to point out a few relevant messages, I believe need to be aired. First of all this club has no dispute with its players, I think our lads are a great bunch and I enjoy their company. This club does stand firm with all other Premier and Football League clubs in its stance towards the promised strike action called by Gordon Taylor of the PFA last week. I regret that the PFA chose to issue the strike notice whilst negotiations were still in progress. An offer of £50 million over three years, has been made by the Football authorities to the PFA – an increase of 67% on the existing arrangement. I would like to reiterate that there is no contractual agreement to provide the PFA with 5% of television revenue. There never has been. The league's television revenue is already being paid to players in wages. Clubs like ours in Division Two on average pay out 82% of turnover in wages already. In fact the offer on the table would see the PFA receive a greater share of the TV revenues than all the 48 clubs in Division Two and Three put together!

Of course the role of the PFA in providing a range of services and benefits to players past and present is a valued one and we, as clubs, are proud to see that work being carried out through our funding. But it is also worth noting that top players earning tens of thousands of pounds a week, pay half the amount of annual subscriptions of a nurse earning £15 – 20,000 per year. Some £48 million was provided over the last four years by the clubs for the players non-contributing pension scheme which provides a lump sum of, on average £28,000 to a player when he turns 35 years of age. All clubs provide full medical insurance for players and there are numerous other contributions made by clubs and the leagues to benefit players and the game in general. I believe the current offer is fair – providing the PFA with an extra £20million – not bad when you consider the players' unions in Italy and Germany receive absolutely nothing, the French get £1.8 million and the Spanish Union just £600,000. Perhaps it is now time to say enough is enough!

On a more pleasant note may I take the opportunity of welcoming the directors, players and staff and supporters of Wrexham to the County Ground tonight. However, please get behind Roy and the boys as you always do. The support at QPR last week was absolutely superb and a big thank you must go out to everyone who was there – despite the result. Come on you Reds!





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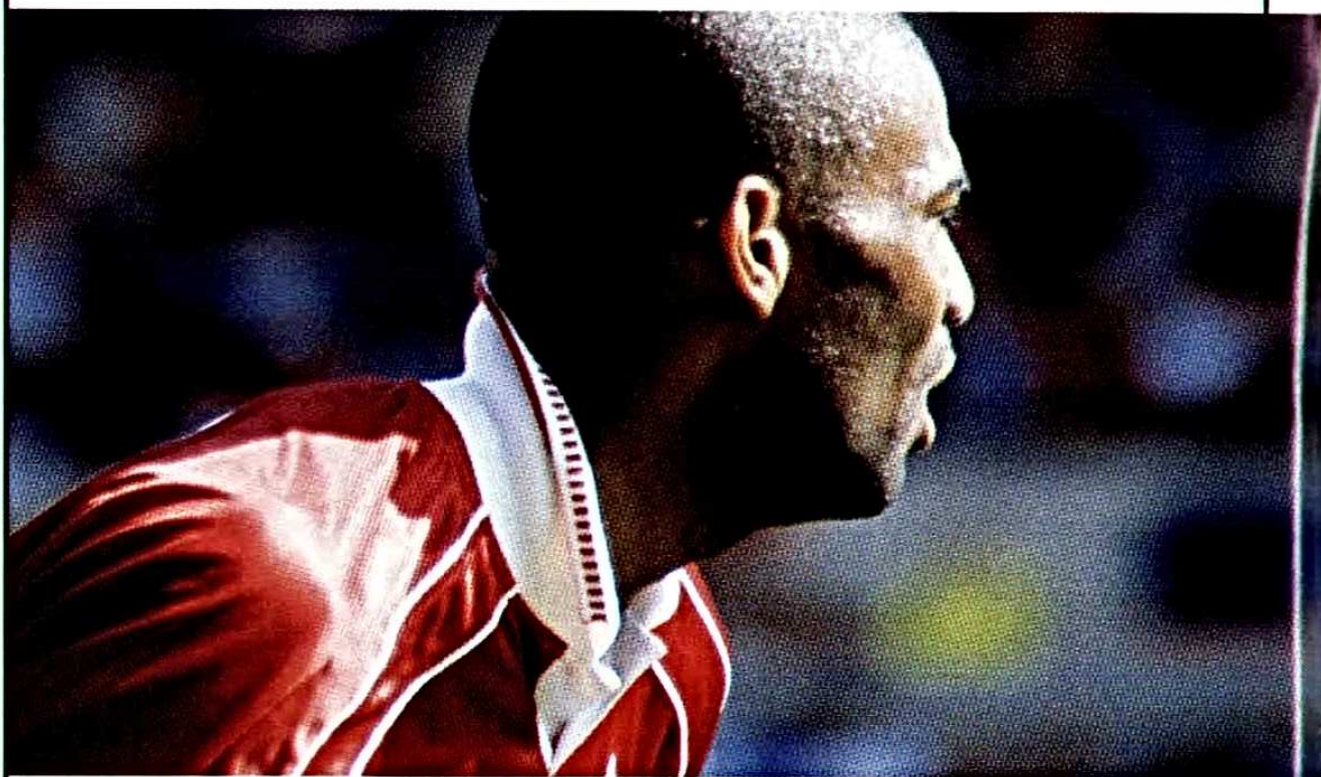
Good evening and a warm Wiltshire welcome to the management team, directors, players and supporters of tonight's visitors, Wrexham Football Club.

In my notes on Saturday, I asked for a better performance from my team following the defeat against QPR and they certainly didn't disappoint. Make no mistake, we were outclassed and outfought last Wednesday and we suffered a torrid start, but to battle in such a way as we did on Saturday against the league leaders was terrific, and a vast improvement.

It was important, especially against a confident and well-organised side such as Brighton, that we started the game well, to give ourselves a chance. Unfortunately, we didn't really do that again and the visitors took the lead with a Bobby Zamora effort. To be honest, it looked like a freak goal, what with the ball moving so much in the air and deceiving our defence, but he took it well, it is no surprise that he has scored the number of goals he has because his finishing is so clinical.

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Yet despite the fact that he could have scored with an earlier effort, I thought that, on the whole, Brighton didn't really trouble us and we contained them pretty well. In fact I would argue we had the better of the possession, and also the better of the chances.

But what impressed me most was that we didn't 'throw in the towel' having conceded in the early stages of the match. It would have been easy for the lads to roll over again because to go a goal down, after what happened at Loftus Road, must have been disheartening. Instead we didn't capitulate and we rolled our sleeves up and, with the visitors having set down the gauntlet, we rose to the challenge and attacked it head on. Following the goal, I thought we contained them well (our defence tight and organised) and we even began to show glimpses of the form that characterised our good run earlier in the season with some great football.

Eric Sabin had arguably the best chance of the first half. Unfortunately, he has taken a bit of time to return to full fitness since his return to the side from injury, he had lost a bit of his sharpness but he has worked hard on that in training and seems to have eradicated a lot of mistakes from his game.

He got himself in a good position but he didn't really know where to put the ball and the 'keeper did well to deny him. But fair play to the lad, he worked tirelessly throughout the game and I am pleased that he managed to get on the score sheet. He will only improve with the more games he plays and that goal will boost his confidence no end.

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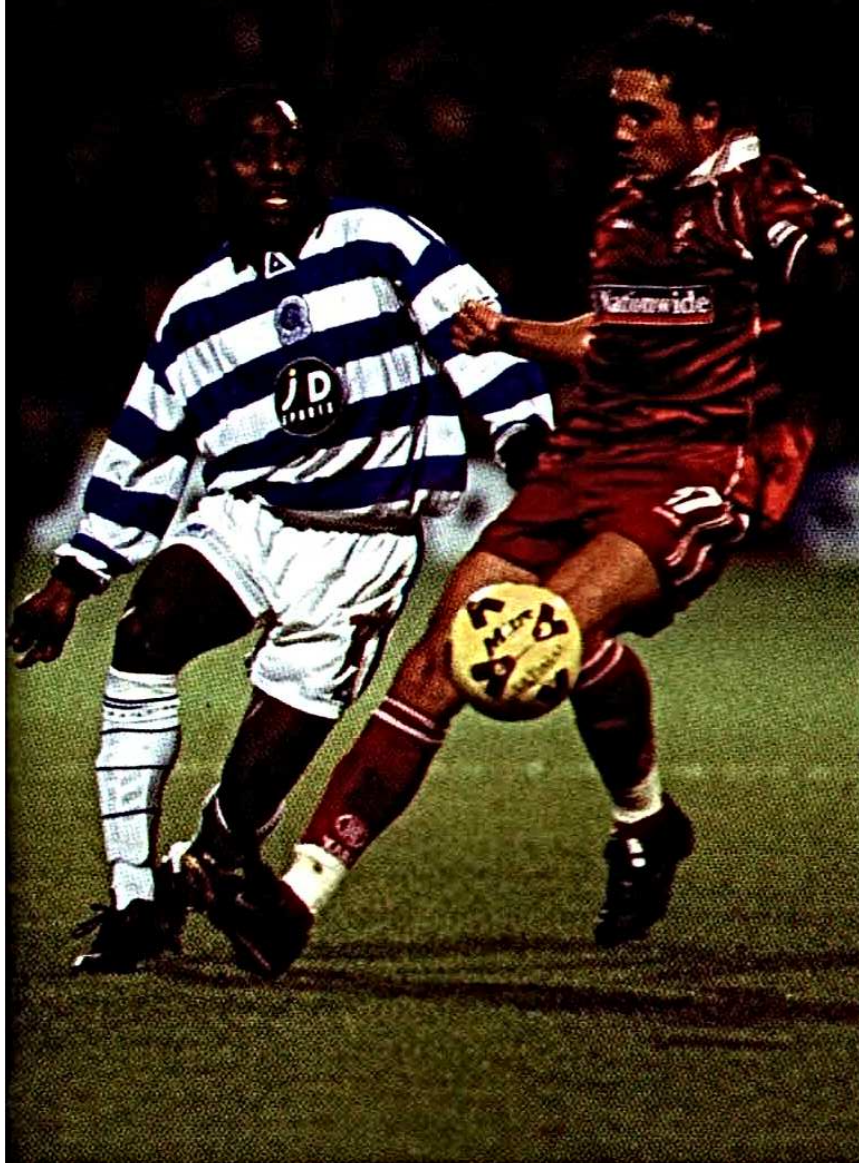


## CROZZER'S COLUMN

Town's assistant manager gives his views on events of the last week.

Following Saturday's draw against Brighton, we now move on to what should be a different proposition against Wrexham. Of course, the visit of the Welsh side sees the visit of an old friend of mine, Denis Smith, who I have worked with on a number of occasions over the years. Denis has taken on the job at the Racecourse Ground and I hope that he succeeds over there.

However, tonight's game is a big one for us and despite matching a side at the top of the league on Saturday, we only gained a point and we really need to be winning games. However, to be honest it was especially pleasing for the lads to recover from last Wednesday's game and in particular, to come from a goal behind to earn a point. As Roy has mentioned, it must have been disheartening for them to conceded another early goal after what happened at QPR, but their heads never went down and instead, they worked hard and got on with the job in hand, clawing their way back into the game. If we can put on a similar performance tonight, maybe get a bit of luck in front of goal, then hopefully we can rise up the table again.



In conclusion, I was really pleased with Saturday's performance, we played so well that I thought we could have taken all three points. But after Wednesday's debacle, we proved to ourselves that we could play as a team and as a unit. We showed that we weren't prepared to give in and instead, tried to play good football. Now we must build on that result and try and play in a similar fashion against Wrexham tonight.

I think it is fair to say that we have done well against the top sides in this league. Whether we raise our game or not I'm not sure, but if we are to climb into a more comfortable league position then we are going to have to win games like tonight's against a team that has encountered a difficult start to the season.

Wrexham have struggled so far this term, but they achieved a good away win at Cambridge last week and they will also be looking for a win to get away from the bottom of the league. We must believe in ourselves, show the same kind of grit as we did on Saturday and we should be ok. Enjoy the game.



# STFC DIARY



## 19TH NOV



### HEREFORD NOT TO BE UNDER-ESTIMATED SAYS EVANS

Roy Evans has warned his players not to become complacent about their cup tie with Hereford United on December 8. "Everyone knows what Hereford have achieved in the FA Cup over the years. We have to make sure that we don't become another of their victims. Still, we are at home to a non-league club and you have to be fairly happy with that."

## 20TH NOV



### TRUST TO SIT DOWN WITH TWO PARTIES

Former Town Chairman Danny Donnegan and a rival consortium member look set to come face to face at a Swindon Town Supporters' Trust meeting. TrustSTFC vice-chairman Andy Ratcliffe said: "This is a good opportunity for Trust members to hear first hand how these two parties propose to take this football club forward."

## 20TH NOV



### RUDDOCK SUSPENDED FOR WIGAN TRIP

Town's player-coach Neil Ruddock will miss the trip to Wigan Athletic on December 1 having picked up his fifth booking of the season. Ruddock's booking against Hartlepool in the FA Cup triggered the automatic one-match ban. He will be available for Town's FA Cup second round clash with Hereford United.

## 21ST NOV



### TOWN BEATEN IN EARLY STAGES BY CLASSY HOOPS

Town slumped to their fourth defeat in five games after two early goals killed off any hopes of a result at Loftus Road. Dou Dou took just three minutes to break the deadlock, Oliver Burgess doubling Hoops' tally five minutes later. Gallen and Thomson confounded Town's misery with goals in the 27th and 90th minute respectively.

## 22ND NOV



### EVANS WARNS PLAYERS ABOUT RELEGATION THREAT

Roy Evans has told his players to take a long hard look at themselves if they want to avoid an unpleasant scrap for survival. Town's director of football was left fuming after Wednesday's defeat at Queens Park Rangers and he challenged Town's squad to stop under-achieving. He said: "They have to get their chins up because they can do better."

## 1ST DEC



### KUFFOUR'S TOWN FUTURE TO BE DECIDED

Jo Kuffour's loan spell at STFC is set to end this Saturday, his future is to be decided at the beginning of next week. Town boss Roy Evans said, "I have to look after Jo and also Arsenal. I have too much respect for the lad to mess him about. If nothing is sorted out about the club's future in the next few days then I think we'd have to send him back."



# TRUST

## STFC



About a week ago, a letter arrived at the Trust containing a membership application, a cheque (always welcome!) and a letter, part of which we'd like to quote from.

"I'm not one of you - not a long time Town fan or even a Swindonian - I only moved here a couple of years ago, although I've been going to Town matches ever since, but I am a football fan, who wants to watch live professional football and like most football fans I am horrified by the crises that affect many of the smaller clubs these days, and it seems Swindon gets more than its fair share.

At a lot of clubs, fans are the last to be considered as power brokers in the boardroom or local politicians who only want headlines in the local rag carry out debates over the future of their club. That's why I've decided to sign up to the Supporters' Trust - at last a chance for the fans (who when it comes down to it are usually the only people who really care about the future of their club) to reclaim their club. This is a brilliant idea and more power to your elbow!"

That's it really - that's what the Trust is all about, getting the fans a say in our club. And showing the powers that be, whether they are in one of the factions fighting over the club or in the local council, that the fans have a voice. That we want a say and won't be ignored and pushed to the sidelines again and again. As we face the prospect of a PFA strike over the distribution of TV money and speculation mounts over greatly reduced TV deals in future years, it seems likely that less and less money will be available to lower league clubs in coming years. Football has wasted the TV cash bonanza and in years to come the payback will likely come in the form of 'smaller' clubs going to the wall. Only those with a solid foundation will survive - and a solid foundation means not just a bucket of cash or a good team (as players will move on) but a real base in the community in which the club is rooted. Without that kind of basis, councils bulldoze grounds; chairmen propose moving the club wholesale to Milton Keynes and clubs fold and die. Even once the current set of shenanigans is sorted out, Swindon, like many other "smaller" clubs, will have more crises to come in future years and we, the fans, need to get together now to make sure our voice is heard in the arguments to come. As individuals, we can be (and all too often are) ignored, but together as one united voice we could well be the force that saves our club.

If you feel the same way - Come and join the Trust. We can be contacted on match days at our Office.  
Together we can make a difference.

## Treatment room...



With our home games coming in quick succession, there hasn't really been any more developments since we last spoke in Saturday's programme. Obviously, following the Brighton game we may or may not have had some casualties - you never know, needless to say that if we do we will relay the news to you in our next issue.

On Saturday I told you the good news regarding Alan Reeves, James Williams, Sol Davis and Paul Edwards. 'Reevesy' has continued to run and work on his leg strength. He may have returned tonight, or if that is too soon he should be in contention for Saturday's trip to Wigan. The same goes for Sol Davis and Paul Edwards. Paul is moving well now, and Sol Davis should be up for selection towards the end of this week, or the beginning of next week at the latest. James Williams, who has been training for a week now should also be ready to play again. He still complains that he feels a bit sore at times, but that is to be expected. 'Youngy', who I would expect to return to training after Christmas, is also feeling a bit sore - but he is continuing to improve. Hopefully we will have some more news ahead of the Hereford game on all our injuries.



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## Records

Highest Gate	17,953
Stoke v Brentford	
Lowest Gate	2,459
Bury v Wycombe	
Highest Agg Score	
Chesterfield 3 Colchester 6	
Biggest Home Win	
Peterborough 6 Bournemouth 0	
Biggest Away Win	
Northampton 0 Bristol City 3	
Chesterfield 3 Colchester 6	
Bury 0 Swindon 3	
Swindon 0 Cardiff 3	
Northampton 0 Huddersfield 3	
Swindon 0 Stoke 3	
Consec. Wins	
Brentford 7	
Games Unbeaten	
Wycombe 10	
Consec. Defeats	
Bury 8	
Winless Run	
Bury 11	
Total Games	225
Home Wins	108 ..... 48%
Away Wins	59 ..... 26%
Draws	58 ..... 26%
stats don't include week-end's games	

## Average Attendances

	3000	6000	9000	12000	15000
Bournemouth					3,700
Blackpool					5,110
Brentford					6,176
Brighton					6,672
Bristol City					11,767
Bury					3,311
Cambridge					3,449
Cardiff					11,999
Chesterfield					4,098
Colchester					3,961
Huddersfield					9,861
Northampton					5,117
Notts County					5,427
Oldham					6,086
Peterborough					6,197
Port Vale					5,340
QPR					11,034
Reading					11,710
Stoke					13,330
Swindon					6,340
Tranmere					8,859
Wigan					5,895
Wrexham					3,895
Wycombe					6,428

## Goals - When Scored

	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
Bo	3	5	4	2	6	4
Bl	7	3	2	3	3	8
Bt	5	5	5	7	7	7
BHA	5	2	5	3	7	5
BC	1	5	8	7	3	3
Bu	4	2	3	2	3	6
CU	4	3	2	4	3	3
Ca	3	5	10	4	1	4
Ch	4	0	1	6	5	5
CU	7	9	5	2	1	7
HT	0	5	5	5	8	5
NT	3	0	3	2	5	5
NC	5	4	2	3	5	4
OA	4	5	7	0	7	9
PU	3	2	8	7	4	4
PV	1	2	3	9	5	3
QPR	4	3	3	4	8	5
Re	4	4	8	4	4	4
SC	2	3	3	8	4	8
ST	1	1	3	5	2	6
TR	3	2	6	6	6	8
WA	3	4	3	6	9	2
Wx	2	1	3	5	6	6
WW	7	5	5	1	6	3

## Form Guide: Home & Away

Home Form	most recent result on left	Away Form
DWWLW	Bournemouth	WLDLL
DWDWW	Blackpool	LDLLW
WWWWWD	Brentford	DLWWW
DWWWL	Brighton	WDWDD
LWLDW	Bristol City	DLLWL
DWWWW	Bury	LLLDL
LDDWW	Cambridge	LLILD
DWDDD	Cardiff	LWWWD
WLDLW	Chesterfield	DLLLL
LDWWL	Colchester	DWLLL
DDWLW	Huddersfield	DWLLW
LLWDL	Northampton	LLDWL
LDLLW	Notts County	DDLLL
DLLWW	Oldham	DDDLL
LWWWW	Peterborough	DLLLW
WLDWL	Port Vale	DLWDL
WLDLW	QPR	WLLWW
WWWLL	Reading	WWWLL
DWWWW	Stoke	LDWWD
LWLWD	Swindon	LLDWD
DLWWW	Tranmere	LWDLW
DWLLL	Wigan	WWDLL
LDWLL	Wrexham	WLLWW
WWDDW	Wycombe	DDWWD

## Clubs' top scorer & the points their goals have won

see key below	Leading Scorer	CS	Sc1	Sc2	HT	Gms	Gls/Gm	Pts	Run
Brighton	Bobby Zamora	12	10	1	0	19	0.63	18	5
QPR	Andy Thomson	14	7	2	1	18	0.78	15	3
Blackpool	Brett Ormerod	13	4	3	1	19	0.68	12	2
Wycombe	Andy Rammell	7	5	1	0	17	0.41	9	2
Brentford	Paul Evans	9	5	2	0	13	0.69	8	4
Wigan	Simon Haworth	8	4	2	0	15	0.53	8	3
Peterborough	Leon McKenzie	7	5	1	0	11	0.64	8	2
Cambridge	Dave Kitson	7	7	0	0	18	0.39	8	2
Reading	Jamie Cureton	6	2	2	0	16	0.38	7	2
Tranmere	Stuart Barlow	10	4	0	2	18	0.56	6	2
Colchester	Scott McGleish	10	6	2	0	19	0.53	6	2
Cardiff	Leo Fortune-West	5	3	1	0	13	0.38	6	2
Huddersfield	Danny Schofield	5	3	1	0	17	0.29	6	1
Bristol City	Tony Thorpe	8	5	0	1	19	0.42	5	1
Bournemouth	Wade Elliott	6	2	2	0	19	0.32	5	2
Wrexham	Craig Faulconbridge	7	7	0	0	18	0.39	4	2
Port Vale	Chris Killen	6	4	1	0	9	0.67	4	3
Swindon	Guiliano Grazioli	6	4	1	0	15	0.40	4	3
Chesterfield	Luke Beckett	6	4	1	0	19	0.32	4	2
Stoke	Chris Iwelumo	5	3	1	0	14	0.36	4	3
Notts County	Danny Allsopp	7	3	2	0	18	0.39	3	1
Bury	Gareth Seddon	3	1	1	0	16	0.19	3	1
Oldham	Carlo Corazzini	5	5	0	0	12	0.42	2	3
Northampton	Jamie Forrester	4	0	2	0	16	0.25	1	1

## Biggest Wins & Heaviest Defeats

Club	Win - vs.	Defeat - vs.
Bournemouth	3-0 Wrexham	0-6 Peterboro
Blackpool	4-2 Huddersfield	0-4 Brhtn, Tran
Brentford	5-1 Bury	0-2 Swindon
Brighton	4-0 Blackpool	0-2 Northampton
Bristol City	3-0 Nthptn, Chfld	1-4 Peterboro
Bury	3-0 Cardiff	1-5 Brentford
Cambridge	3-1 Bury	0-5 Port Vale
Cardiff	3-0 Swindon	0-3 Bury
Chesterfield	4-0 Swindon	3-6 Colchester
Colchester	6-3 Chesterfield	1-4 Brentford
Huddersfield	5-1 Wrexham	2-4 Blackpool
Northampton	4-1 Tranmere	0-3 Bstl C, Hudd
Notts County	2-0 Northampton	1-4 Oldham
Oldham	4-0 Bury	0-3 Brighton
Peterboro	6-0 Bournemouth	1-4 Port Vale
Port Vale	5-0 Cambridge	1-4 QPR
QPR	4-0 Swindon	1-4 Peterboro
Reading	4-1 Tranmere	1-3 Swindon
Stoke	3-0 Colch, Swind	1-6 Wigan
Swindon	3-0 Bury	0-4 Chfld, QPR
Tranmere	5-0 Wrexham	0-4 Brentford
Wigan	6-1 Stoke	1-3 Blackpool
Wrexham	2-0 Cambridge	0-5 Tranmere
Wycombe	5-2 Wrexham	0-2 Reading

## Numbers

PU	CS	FS
24	5	8
25	4	5
25	6	2
21	8	3
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Key: (CS=Goals Scored; Sc1=Games Scored 1 Goal; Sc2=Games Scored 2 Goals; HT=Hat-Tricks; Each club's leading league scorer and avg. goals per games (Gls/Gm). Next column shows taking off their goals, how many Points (Pts) lost. Last figure show best scoring Run in consecutive games.

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Former Town defender Jim Whitley fends off a Hereford player during Wrexham's 1-0 defeat in the cup

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# BATTLE OF THE ROBINS

IT HAS BEEN A WRETCHED START TO THE SEASON FOR DENIS SMITH'S WREXHAM SIDE. JUST FOUR WINS IN THE LEAGUE THIS SEASON (AND THE SIDE OUT OF ALL THREE CUP COMPETITIONS), THE ROBINS' NEW MANAGER IS LOOKING TO DRAG HIS TEAM AWAY FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE TABLE.





After a difficult start to the season, which saw manager Brian Flynn depart the managerial position after nearly 12 years in charge, Robins supporters are now hoping that new boss Denis Smith can inspire their team towards the victories they need to climb away from the relegation zone.

## Robins facts

**Name** Wrexham  
**Formation** 1872  
**Nickname** The Robins  
**Stadium** The Racecourse Ground (15,500)  
**Management team** Kevin Russell  
**Position** 2000/01 12 (Division Two)  
**Recent signings**  
 Jim Whitley, Kevin Sharp  
**Form guide** LLLLLW  
**Next three fixtures**  
 Dec 1 Northampton (H) 3.00pm  
 Dec 15 Brentford (A) 3.00pm  
 Dec 22 Bristol City (A) 3.00pm  
**Top goalscorer** Faulconbridge (8)  
**Honours**  
 Third Division Champions 1978  
 Welsh Cup Winners 23 times  
**Most capped player**  
 Dai Davies: (28 Wales)  
**Head to head (wins)**  
 Swindon: 10, Robins: 11, Draws 6  
**Last encounter**  
 Wrexham 1-1 Swindon Town (Div 2 - 2000/01)  
**Odds to win the title** 40/1  
**Website** [www.wrexhamafc.co.uk](http://www.wrexhamafc.co.uk)  
**Matchday Programme** (00/01)  
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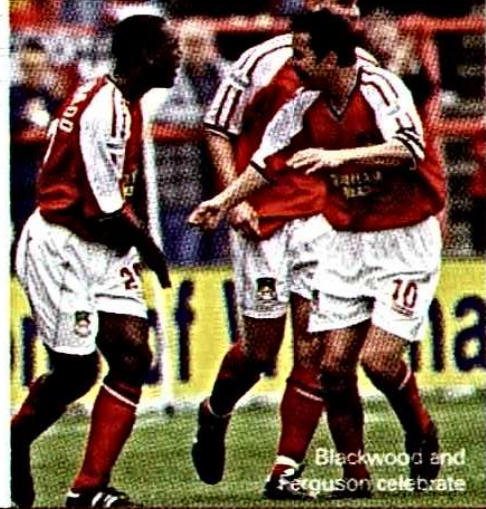


Wrexham started the new campaign with a 3-3 home draw against Oldham after surrendering a two goal advantage in the closing stages, and followed that with a 5-2 thrashing at Wycombe, where they were 4-0 down by half-time. Unfortunately that was a sign of things to come as the Robins went on to win just one of their next six matches, a sequence that eventually cost Flynn his job. Flynn was replaced on a temporary basis by Joey Jones after a 5-0 defeat at Tranmere, and two home defeats later Denis Smith was appointed new boss. Smith's arrival brought a turn-around in fortunes, with Michael Blackwood scoring in a 1-0 victory over QPR in his first game in charge. That was followed by a superb 5-1 win against Wigan in the LDV Vans Trophy, and when the Robins then completed a swift double over Wigan with a 3-2 League victory at the JJB, it seemed Smith could do no wrong. A fortnight ago the unbeaten run continued when Lee Trundle was on target in a 1-1 draw with Blackpool, but Smith's honeymoon period was decisively ended with a 5-1 defeat at Huddersfield on 27th October. The Welsh derby against Cardiff two weeks ago condemned them to a second defeat before Hereford United dumped them out of the FA Cup in front of the television cameras. However, The Robins faithful will be boosted by their last outing, a 2-0 win away at fellow relegation candidates, Cambridge United, that pulled them away from the relegation zone.

Wrexham's Racecourse Ground







Blackwood and Ferguson celebrate

Denis Smith's career as a player began in 1968 when he started at Stoke City in a spell at the Staffordshire club that would last 17 years. During this time, he made 493 appearances in a period that saw Stoke in the top flight for all but two years. Smith also won the 1972 League Cup, played in European football and reached two FA Cup semi-finals with the Potters.

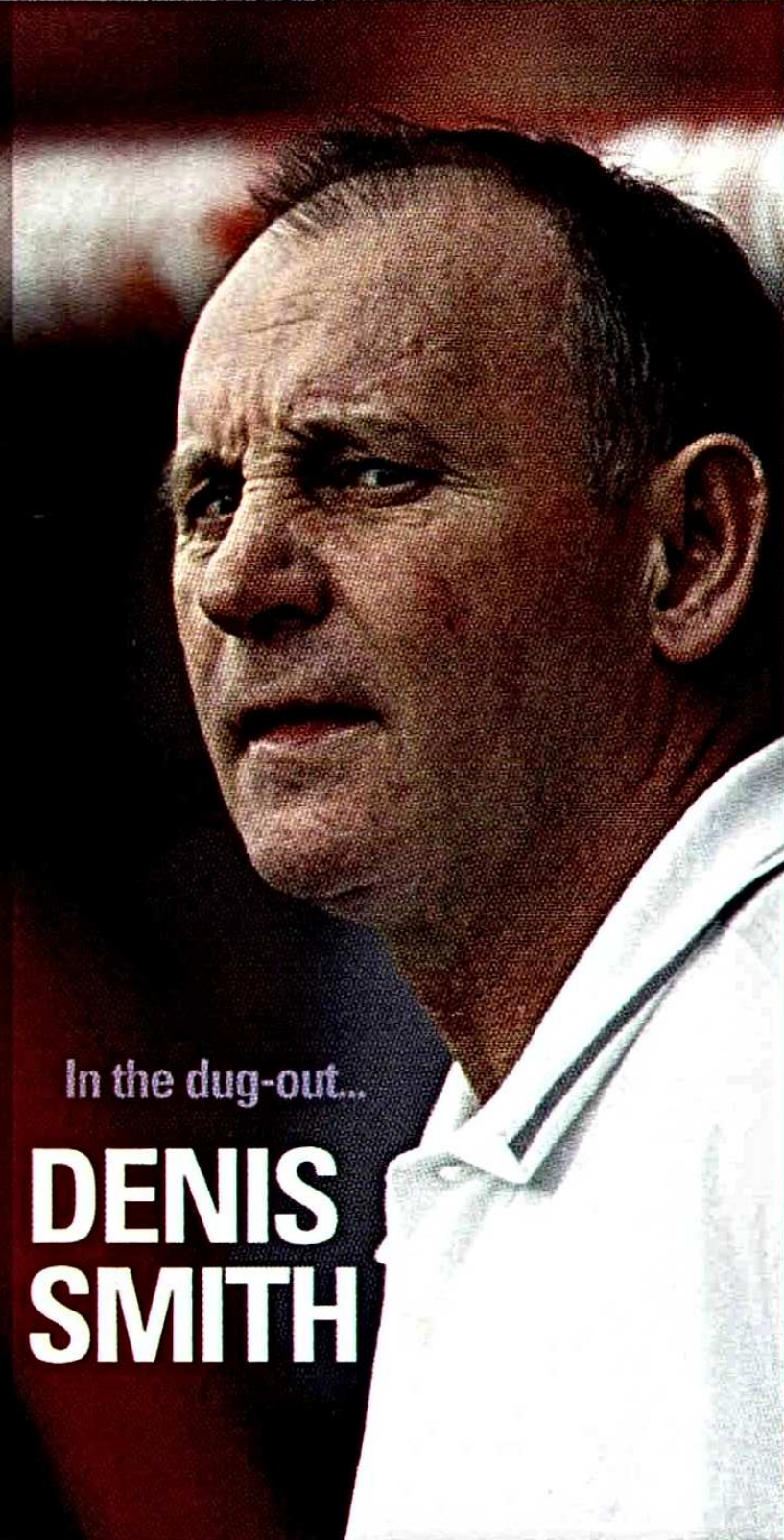
His playing career ended in 1982 and he became a successful manager with York City, winning the old Division Four in his second season. After five seasons at York, Sunderland appointed Smith in June 1987 and he succeeded in taking the Weariders back to the top flight and guiding them to the 1992 FA Cup Final, which resulted in a 2-0 defeat against Liverpool.

After parting company with Sunderland, Smith took over at Bristol City in March 1993, and he remained with the Ashton Gate club for a year before being appointed by Town's local rivals, Oxford United.

Three years later he moved on to West Bromwich Albion, but after another two years he was back at the Manor Ground, where he stayed until October 2000. He took over at Wrexham last month after a year out of the game and his arrival has seen a dramatic improvement in results.

In the dug-out...

# DENIS SMITH





One to watch...

## LEE TRUNDLE

Striker **Lee Trundle** made his name last season after arriving from League of Wales side Rhyl, scoring seven goals in his first six games for the Robins, including a hat-trick in a 5-3 victory over Oxford. The 25 year-old Liverpool-born striker ended the campaign with eight goals from 14 appearances, and has continued to register so far this season, notching on five occasions. However, he has only scored once in the League since the middle of September, and will be hoping to get back to last season's prolific form soon.

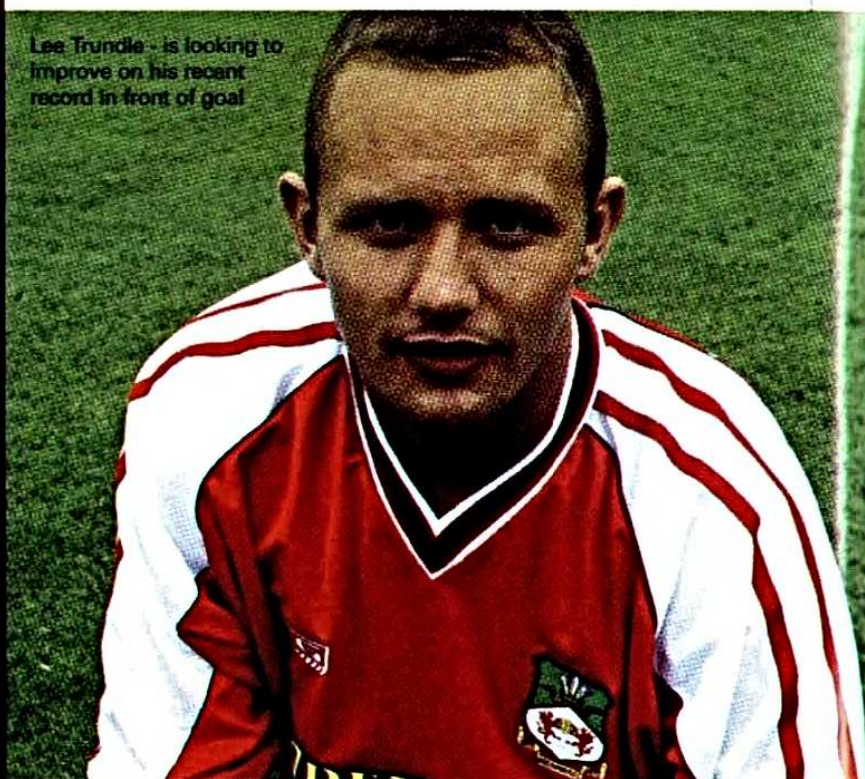
Young gun...

## ROBIN GIBSON

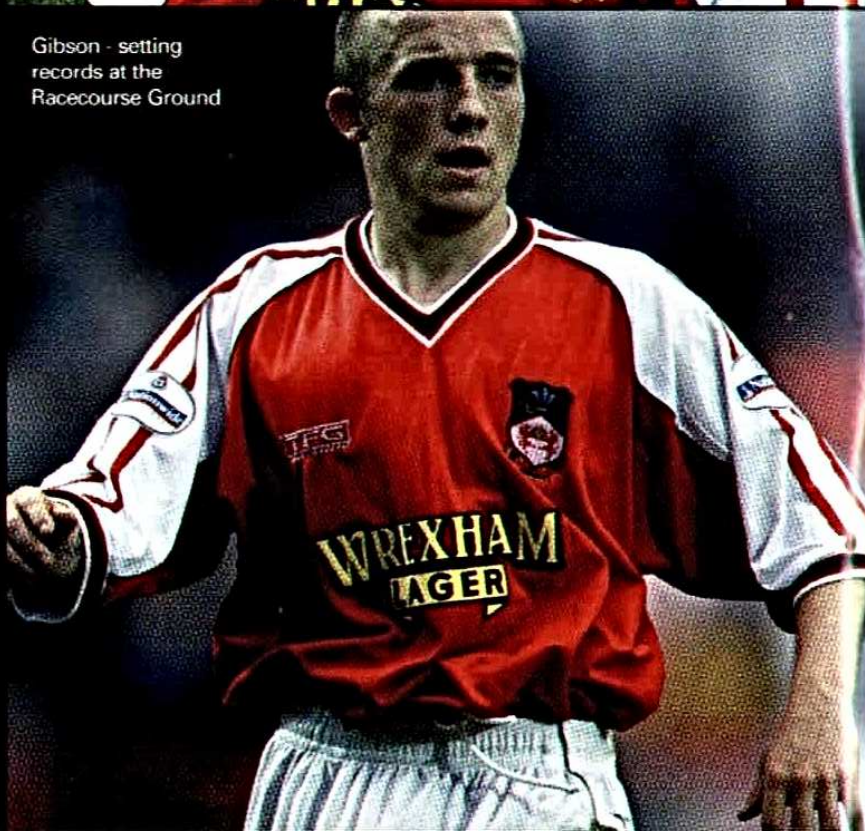
Former youth trainee who is now in his third season as a professional. Made his debut in January 1999 and has featured in the first team on a regular basis since then. The 21 year-old right winger's determined approach to the game has endeared him to the Wrexham faithful. Gibson scored the equaliser in The Robins FA Cup tie with Middlesbrough and he has also scored one of the quickest goals ever at the Racecourse Ground, taking him just 28 seconds.



Lee Trundle - is looking to improve on his recent record in front of goal



Gibson - setting records at the Racecourse Ground







## Dave Walsh

A Welsh under 21 international and former Wrexham trainee goalkeeper who broke into the first team last season with some competitive displays. Came back into the side ten days ago to replace the injured Kristian Rogers (the two having competed for the 'keeper's jersey for some time), who is injured.

## Steve Roberts

Made his first team debut in October 1998, lining up alongside brother Neil. A Welsh youth and under 21 international, the 21 year-old defender has a big future ahead of him and is back on track after his progress was hampered last season when he suffered a broken leg at Oxford. Certainly a promising talent for the future.

## C Faulconbridge

23 year-old striker who started his career with Coventry City and had loan spells with Dunfermline and Hull before joining Wrexham in the summer of 2000. Has been a regular on the scoresheet since moving to North Wales (including on his debut) and Craig bagged in his side's 2-0 win over Cambridge United last week.

## Mike Blackwood

Signed during the summer of 2000 by Brian Flynn, the 22 year-old joined Wrexham from Aston Villa after a loan spell with Chester City. Injury hampered his progress last season, but big things are expected this time around with his trickery down the left wing. He caused Hereford all kinds of problems last week.

## Jim Whitley

26 year-old Northern Ireland international midfielder who joined the Robins from Man City shortly after last month's arrival of Denis Smith. Made nearly 50 first team appearances at Maine Road without ever establishing a regular place, before joining Town on loan for a short period last season.

## Martyn Chalk

Wrexham signed the 32 year-old midfielder from Stockport in March 1996 in a deal that saw Kieron Durkin move in the opposite direction. Came out of non-league football with Louth to join Derby County and then switched to Edgeley Park in a £40,000 deal during 1994. Martyn is a tricky right sided player.

## Hector Sam

An international team-mate of Anthony Rougier, the 22 year-old striker joined last summer from a local team in Trinidad. Started his Wrexham career with seven goals in as many games before injury halted his progress. Possesses blistering pace and will be looking to re-establish himself now.

## Kevin Russell

Experienced attacking midfielder who was a prolific scorer during his first spell at the Racecourse after signing from Portsmouth in 1987. Then joined Leicester and after appearing for several other clubs, notably Stoke City and Burnley, he rejoined Wrexham in 1995 for a fee of £60,000.

## Keith Hill

Central defender who is currently on loan at Wrexham from Third Division side Cheltenham. The 32 year-old started his career with Blackburn and also had lengthy spells with Rochdale and Plymouth. Has been ever-present, consistent and a tower of strength since making the move to North Wales early last month.

## Darren Ferguson

29 year-old former Scotland under 21 international who passes the ball well and always offers a goalscoring threat from midfield. Signed from Dutch club Sparta Rotterdam last season after spells with Wolves and boyhood club Manchester United, where dad Sir Alex is manager. Darren is also club captain.

## Steve Thomas

22 year-old midfielder who has gained Wales youth and under 21 international caps. Unfortunate to be dogged by injury during his time at the Racecourse, he came back into the side during the final stages of last season and showed enough potential to be offered a new contract.

## Andy Morrell

27 year-old striker who came to prominence with non-league side Newcastle Blue Star and was recommended for a trial at Wrexham. He showed enough promise to be given an extended contract and formed a good partnership with Lee Trundle in the latter stages of last season.





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## FROM THE PRESS BOX

Denis Smith brings his Wrexham side to the County Ground this evening to meet up with an old friend. Malcolm Crosby and Smith have worked together at several clubs, including Sunderland, West Brom and dear old Oxford.

The partnership has now been broken up and 'Crozza' has already stated that he feels his place is at the County Ground and I'm sure Smith is quite happy with life at the Racecourse Ground (with the exception of an FA Cup exit at the hands of Hereford). Some people in football will always be linked. Brian Clough and Peter Taylor are the most obvious duo. Once they split the old magic was never quite the same. Closer to home, Glenn Hoddle and John Gorman have enjoyed a fair degree of success together, while Jimmy Quinn and Mick Gooding took Reading to the brink of the Premiership. But there comes a time when you have to strike out on your own. I'm sure Crozza feels he can fulfil his footballing ambitions without the assistance of his old mate.

Sadly, these programme notes were penned before the Brighton and Hove Albion game. Hopefully we bounced back from the debacle at QPR to see off the Seagulls. If we didn't then tonight's game takes on even greater importance. There is no doubt the boys have slipped a little of late. Since the 1-1 draw at Wycombe, it has been pretty depressing stuff. The cup victory over Hartlepool was welcome but not convincing and the less said about the trip to Loftus Road the better. Razor said it was one of those games you just have to forget about. Impossible! It was unforgettable. We were dreadful. But if you give a team a two-goal start after eight minutes then the situation is pretty hopeless. Clearly events off the field are not helping. It seems as though Mr Donegan has sailed off into the sunset leaving the way clear for the rival consortium. To be honest, December 7 cannot come quickly enough. Let's hope some of the questions that are being fired at the consortium will be answered.

Anyway, back to tonight. We have to be confident of getting three points. We are due a win over the Welsh lads. Last season saw two draws (and a memorable post-match brawl between Reevesy and Darren Ferguson). Remember, if you can't get to a Town game then check out the Evening Advertiser live match feed at [www.thisisswindontownfc.co.uk](http://www.thisisswindontownfc.co.uk). See you all back here for the Hereford United cup tie in a fortnight. Come on you Reds!





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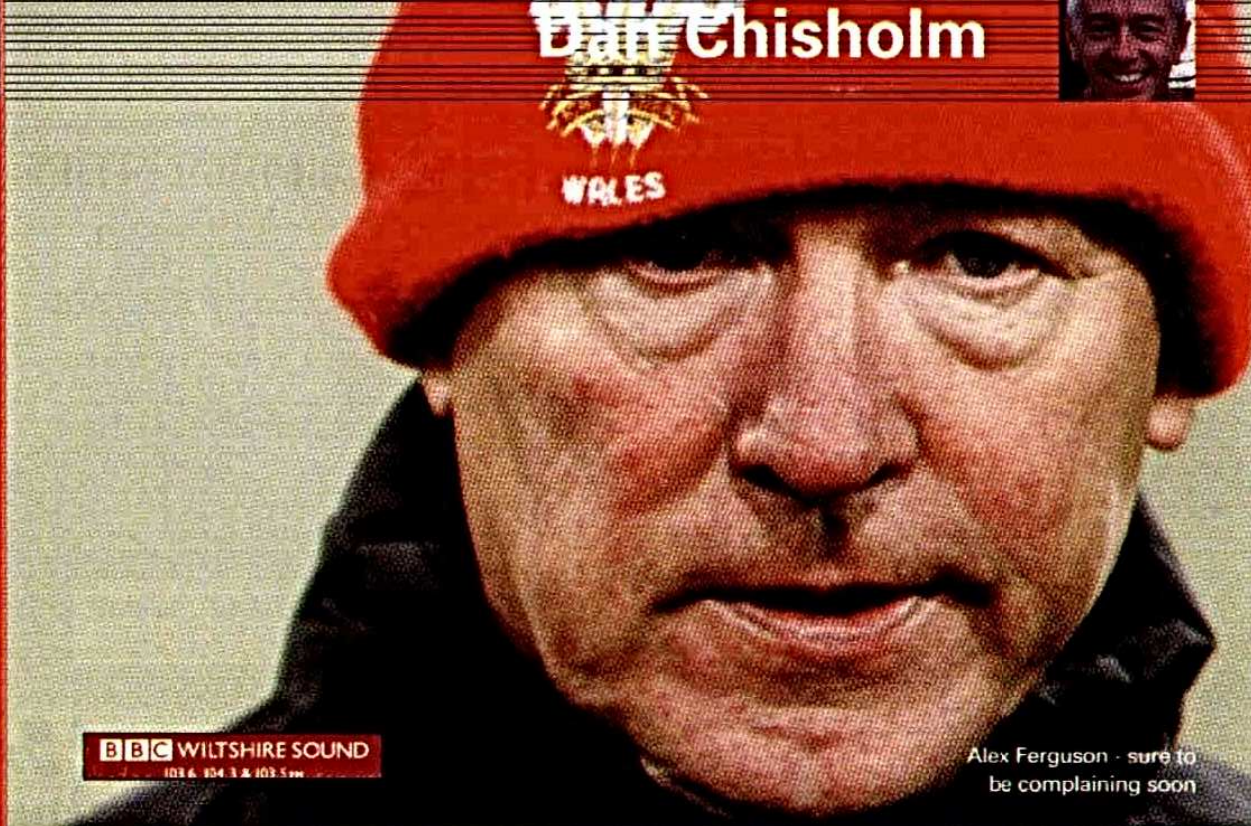
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Alex Ferguson - sure to  
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## FROM THE AIRWAVES

I promise not to dwell on that cup match at Edgar Street - other than to say that had it been for better finishing and an inspired goalkeeping performance from Hereford's Matt Baker, this game could easily have been the warm-up for the next round of the Cup.

Instead, here we are with a midweek game when the nights are much colder and where the fitness of the modern day footballer is being tested. As winter draws on, the injury list grows and gives every manager a selection headache. This is aggravated by games in quick succession - for us, this evening is the third of four in a ten day period. I've no doubt it won't be long before Sir Alex complains about the need for a mid-season break, or too many games being played in a small amount of time.

I've never quite understood this - I'd have played football every day if I could - and still would, but for the fact I'm reminded (with another birthday approaching) that I'm getting too old for that, and have an ever-increasing girth dominated by a gut which has enjoyed a few too many pints of Arkells in recent years. So much for that slender agile goalie of years ago who pulled off that wonder-save to help win the local five-a-side tournament, or at least, as it was reported at the time. By me. I tell you, those opposing fans who chant uncomplimentary things about Razor Ruddock's six-pack have obviously not noticed mine. Obviously in the fridge. If they ever run out of pies on a match day, look no further.

But isn't it interesting how the fitter they become, the more injury-prone players seem to become? Hence the need for bigger squads. Sadly, this is a long way in the future for the likes of Swindon Town and today's opponents, Wrexham. If there is some comfort in the Hereford cup defeat for our visitors, then at least fixture congestion is unlikely to be an issue. By the way, hello to guitarist Andy Scott from The Sweet who lives near Devizes and has been a Wrexham supporter all his life. He'll be here to witness this Blockbuster. Wonder whether he'll find the result 'Funny Funny' at the final whistle?



# COMMERCIAL

## MAN OF THE MATCH



Pictured here are two of Town's executive guests at the Hartlepool United Cup match, with one of the goalscorers on the day and man-of-the-match, Matty Heywood. The former Burnley defender, scoring his first goal of the season last week, was voted as Town's man-of-the-match by guests in the Executive Lounge, one of which is handing him his bottle of Champagne (the other picture of Heywood with Mrs Gardiner.) You too can enjoy an afternoon in Town's Executive Lounge. For just £70.50, you can experience a two-course meal, complimentary matchday magazine, plus use of the bar! To book a seat or for more information, call Rob O'Carroll on 01793 333718.

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# THE MIDDLE MAN

Town midfielder Matt Hewlett is a great example of the old footballing adage that 'form is temporary, class is permanent.'

Tipped for the top by all at the beginning of his career, Hewlett's progression has been hampered by a multitude of injuries – yet his ability in the centre of midfield has never been in question.

Since his arrival at the County Ground in August last year, Hewlett has never been far from the middle of Town's midfield engine room, that despite an injury (picked up in Town's 1-0 defeat at Oldham in October) that sidelined him for four months. Even so, Hewlett still managed 30 appearances and this time around, he has been an ever present, scoring one goal in the process.





Yet one gets the feeling that it could have been so much better for the 25-year old who, at an earlier stage of his career was playing alongside the likes of Phillip Neville in England's under 18 side. "To play for your country has got to be the greatest feat a player can achieve and even though I only played with the under 18's, I am very proud of my England caps." He continues, "We had a good side at the time. I suppose Phillip Neville is the most famous player, obviously he has gone on to play at the highest level both with club and country. But there are others, like Jamie Cureton for example." At this stage of his career, with Hewlett still in his teens, the Bristol-born workhorse was forging an integral part of Bristol City's midfield, playing with the likes of former Town legend Shaun Taylor, Shaun Goater and Adi Akinbiye.





Unfortunately, after his blistering start to a professional career that progressed logically from City's YTS programme, Hewlett's development was blighted by injury and in his last three seasons at Ashton Gate, he made only fleeting appearances before deciding it was time to move on, time for a new challenge.

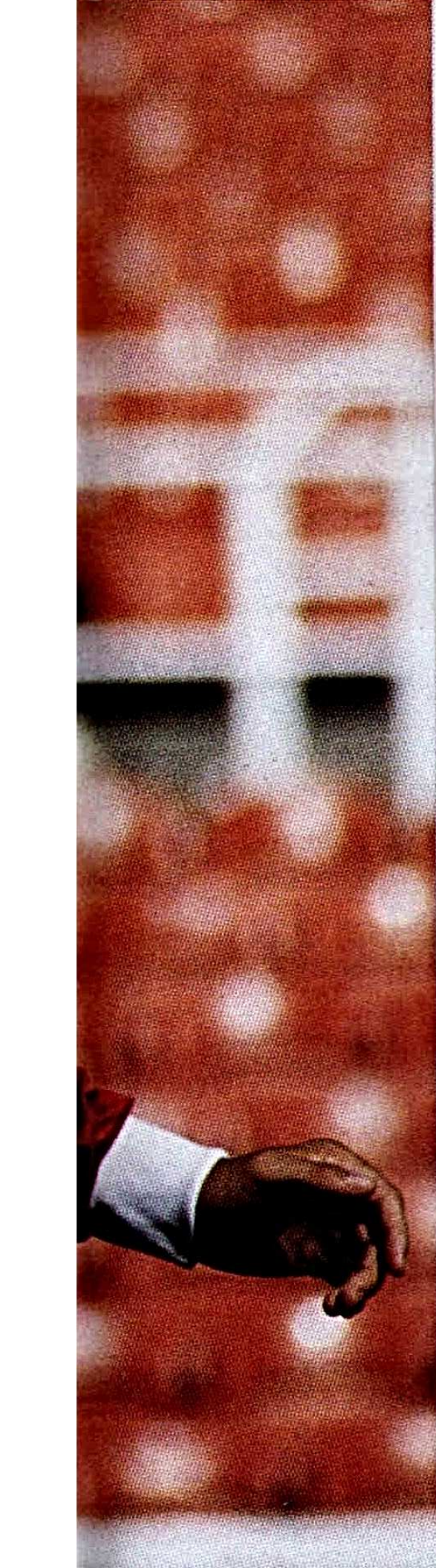
And that challenge came in the form of Colin Todd's revolution at the County Ground last summer. "I was on holiday at the time when my agent called and said Colin was interested. Town had just come down from Division One and so I thought it was an ideal opportunity for me to go up a level, as well as to work under a manager whom I had great respect for." Like everyone else at the club, Hewlett believed that Town had what it took to achieve an immediate return to Division One. However, we all know what happened next, "We never really got started and we were camped in the bottom six all season. In situations like that you need to win three or four games in a row in order to climb away from the relegation zone and to be honest, we never really achieved that. Instead we were always trying to catch teams. Having experienced such a poor season, we were adamant that it wouldn't happen again this time around."

And so far it hasn't, Town showing on several occasions the kind of form they displayed against the likes of Reading (at home) and Rotherham (away) last season. However, just one win since the defeat of Reading at the Madejski Stadium has seen Town slip down the table and boss Roy Evans has been quick to warn his players of the relegation battle that faces them if they don't improve. Hewlett, having experienced one relegation with City and being at the forefront of Town's struggle last year, is quick to heed 'the gaffer's' advice but suggests that Town have learned their lesson. "It has been a poor run of form of late, but if you look at the league table there is only a few points separating top from bottom. We have fallen away from the middle recently, but you only have to look at QPR following the game at Loftus Road last week to see that one win can take you up a few places. On the other hand it could be easy to get dragged down if we don't start putting things right, but we want to be getting ourselves back into the top half as soon as we can.









"Our main concern is that we haven't been playing well, especially when you consider how well we were playing at the start of the season. Hopefully though, we have stemmed the tide with a good draw against Brighton and if we can win against Wrexham tonight, we will go up the league a bit and take the pressure off."

Perhaps more surprising about Town's recent poor run of form is that it came at a time when Town were playing some of their best football of the season. "I don't really know what you can put it down to. We had been playing well and even against Stoke, when we lost 3-0, we played some of the best football at home this season. We have had a few suspensions and a few injuries, but that is no excuse. We knew that this month was always going to be difficult, purely because of the teams we had to play and so maybe that's the reason. But if we are going to compete we need to do better than we have done this month and our job is to improve things on the field and return to an even keel if you like." How much have the most recent, off the field controversies had an effect on the side, is that a possible cause in what appears to be an apparent lack of confidence? "It's a difficult one really. The players talk about it, I'd be lying if I said they didn't, but we don't really know what is going on and, as hard as it is, we just have to try and be as professional as we can. To be honest, the situation has been the same since I've been here so I don't really know any different, but it is certainly very frustrating."

Back to on the field matters and Saturday's draw against Brighton was, in contrast to QPR, a fantastic performance against another side enjoying life at the top of the table. But just how good are they and from what Matt has seen so far this season, who are the teams that we should expect to be there at the top of the table? "I think QPR will be up there, but there are better sides in this league. It is amazing though, just how bizarre the league is in terms of any team being seemingly able to beat another, we are a great example! Those that are more consistent will succeed, at the moment we are not in that bracket and that is something we have to change."

Something Matt Hewlett is trying to change on a more personal level, is his goalscoring record. Hewlett once scored an emphatic brace for City against Wycombe, but since joining Town he has only scored one goal (at Port Vale this season). "I would like to score more goals, but it is not the main aspect of my game and I am just trying to keep playing well really. It is nice just to steer clear of injury, but whilst I'm playing I just want to keep playing well, if I score it's a bonus. To be honest, as long as the team wins I'm not too bothered."

Where have we heard that before? Then again, it worked for Eric Sabin, who, on Saturday scored his first of the season. Maybe the same feat will manifest itself on Matt Hewlett, I wonder what the odds are...





  
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- Warren

#### Swindon

- Heywood
- Gurney
- S Robinson

Two quick strikes gave Swindon Town a huge hill to climb at Loftus Road. Roy Evans' side never recovered from the early onslaught and two further goals wrapped up the points for a competent and determined QPR.

Rangers took the lead after only three minutes. Kevin Gallen's return to the side having an immediate impact. Gallen's quick thinking and through ball found Dou Dou who blasted past Griemink. QPR made all of the forward running and on eight minutes increased their lead. Griemink produced a fantastic reflex save from Palmer's fierce shot, but from six-yards Burgess fired in the re-bound.

The Hoops' midfield controlled the match and Swindon had to wait half-an-hour for their first effort, Danny Invincible sending his right foot effort over the bar. On 37 minutes Rangers fired home their third goal. A long ball forward found Kevin Gallen who turned Andy Gurney in the area before unleashing an unstoppable shot past a diving Griemink. A yellow card for Steve Robinson for dissent summed up Swindon's first half frustration, the reds managing one more strike at goal before the break, David Duke firing wide from the edge of the box.

The second half brought a slight improvement from the Swindon team. But the red shirts posed little threat to an efficient and hard working Ranger's side. Shots from Mark Robinson and Danny Invincible never troubled Fraser Digby. Neil Ruddock's header flashed over the bar.

Swindon's best chance fell to substitute Grazioli. The number ten received the ball from Danny Invincible, but his powerful volley landed into the hands of Fraser Digby. QPR always looked a threat going forward and in injury time wrapped up a convincing victory. Substitute leading scorer Andy Thomson fired home his 14th of the season. The number 27 rounded Bart Griemink to slot home for Ranger's fourth. Town will need to improve against Wrexham if they are to return to winning ways.

# Sound bites...

## ROY EVANS

**on the QPR defeat...**

"I have no doubt these lads have the ability but it is about time they started taking responsibility or we are going to end up in a situation where we are starting to fight for our lives if we're not careful. We've been in a nice position but have let it slip."

## NEIL RUDDOCK

**on the second half...**

"We came out fighting in the second half, passed it about and we were a better team. It was an uphill battle really, we had no chance. It's just one of those games you've got to forget about, we're lucky we've got two games to put things right."

## IAN HOLLOWAY

**on his sides' victory...**

"I am very, very pleased. I asked my players to show me some character and that is exactly what they did. I made some changes, but I think whoever played would have done a job for me tonight. They were all really hurt after Sunday."



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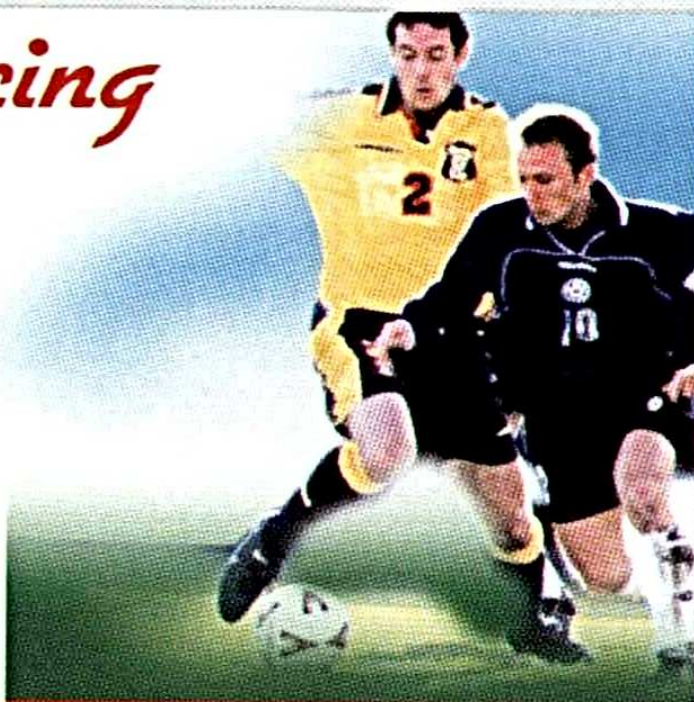
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# 1979-80

## VINTAGE RED

with Dick Mattick

Dick Mattick takes a walk down Memory Lane and re-visits the season of 1979/80.

The highlights for Town in 1979/80 came in the League Cup in which Town played no less than eleven ties. The old formula of a draw away and a win at home saw them overcome Portsmouth and then Chester before being faced with a tie against Stoke City in Round Three. Andy Rowland seized a second half equaliser at Stoke and goals by Rae McHale and Alan Mayes in the second Leg



Pat Jennings -  
Arsenal legend

meant a 4-3 aggregate win. Round Four gave Swindon a tough away trip to Wimbledon. 7,000 packed in the cramped Plough Lane ground. Jimmy Allan in the Town goal was playing with two fingers strapped together due to injury but managed to keep the Dons at bay until half time. Eight minutes into the second half, Andy Rowland evaded three challenges before smashing a shot in to give Town the lead. Five minutes from time Chic Bates made sure to secure a game against Arsenal in the next round. Few chances were created and, with minutes remaining, it looked as though Alan Sunderland's penalty would be enough to give the gunners a victory, when Billy Tucker headed home Alan Mayes' corner. This set up a magical night at the County Ground with Pat Jennings, Liam Brady and Frank Stapleton all coming to parade their skills. Within twenty minutes the Robins were flying high with a 1-0 lead. First, a collision between Young and Walford led to the latter heading into his own net and then, the unfortunate defender was struck by an Alan Mayes shot on the shoulder causing the ball to loop over Jennings into the net. A Brady header pulled one back for Arsenal after the hour mark but Swindon's lead was restored five minutes later when a Kamara header struck Hollis on the head before entering the Arsenal net. Brady led a tremendous fight back driving home a free kick from Rix, before evading two tackles and crossing for Talbot to head home to take the match into extra time. Four minutes from the end Andy Rowland, with socks round his ankles scored the winner that set up a semi-final against Wolves (of which you can read more on in the next issue).

The 1979-80 season was not a good one for Wrexham. Arfon Griffiths' side finished a disappointing 16th in the old Division Two. Dixie McNeil with 19 goals in League and Cup led the scorers closely followed by Mick Vintner with 17. The League Cup had seen a Second Round defeat at the hands of Southampton by the convincing aggregate margin of 8-0. In the FA Cup Charlton were hammered 6-0 at the Racecourse Ground, before a 3-1 defeat of Carlisle in Round Four. Round Five produced a money-spinning tie against Everton at Goodison Park, but also marked the end of the Cup road as they went down by 5-2.





## BHUTIA BLOW FOR BURY

Resurgent Bury have been dealt a blow with the news that Indian international Baichung Bhutia will miss the rest of the season. The striker has suffered a knee injury which requires surgery, ruling Bhutia out for five months. Bury boss Andy Preece is distraught by the news of the Indian's long-term absence, "It's a massive blow for him as well as us. To lose him, Matt Barrass and Chris Billy with similar injuries is really awful luck. All three of them started the season in the first-team and Baichung was going to be a big part of the team this season playing in a withdrawn role with Jon Newby, but we will have to change our thinking now". Bhutia had been poised for a recall after making his comeback for the Shakers' second string against Huddersfield.

## ANOTHER POTTERIES ICELANDER

Stoke City's band of Icelandic players has increased after the Potters swooped to sign Petur Marteinson from Norwegian side, Stabaek. However, the Britannia Stadium supporters will have to wait until the new year to see the Icelandic international in action. "He is coming to us on a Bosman free transfer" explained Stoke's Director of Football John Rudge. "In fact, we would have approached Stabaek to release him early from his current contract, but he is presently injured and out for four to six weeks". The 28 year old is currently nursing a broken foot, but Rudge believes the club have made another impressive capture "He is a strong player, over 6ft tall, who can play either in the centre of defence, the centre of midfield, or right-back."

## WILSON NO TO SAINTS LINK

Bristol City boss Danny Wilson has rubbished reports linking City 'keeper Steve Phillips with a move to Southampton.

Reports suggested Saints boss Gordon Strachan was interested in taking the 23-year-old as cover for Paul Jones. "I've had absolutely no contact with Southampton" explained Wilson "But you can see why he might turn a few heads because he's a very good keeper who has been very unfortunate to be kept out of the side". Phillips began the season as second choice to veteran 'keeper Mike Stowell, but an injury to the former Wolves shot-stopper gave Phillips his chance. But Stowell has recently been re-installed after recovering from injury.



Baichung  
Bhutia



John  
Rudge



Danny  
Wilson





### CULLIP WANTS OUT OF BRIGHTON

Brighton centre back Danny Cullip has handed in a transfer request to Seagulls boss Peter Taylor and chairman Dick Knight. News that the 25 year old stopper wants to quit the South Coast has alarmed supporters and officials at the Withdean Stadium. "Despite the fact that we're top of Division Two, that he's one of our top wage earners and that he's successful and popular here at Brighton, Danny Cullip is determined on a move," explained a confused Knight. Seagulls supremo Taylor is unhappy by the news but insists a player would not be forced to stay at the club against their will. "I'm really disappointed because since I've been here Danny Cullip has shown he's a great defender and an integral part of my team."

### GORDON GOES TO BLUEBIRDS

Cardiff have captured 'Boro' full back Dean Gordon on a month's loan deal. The 28-year-old has just returned to full fitness, but he is not believed to be in Steve McClaren's plans. Gordon is out-of-contract in the summer and has seen his left back berth taken by on loan Frenchman Franck Queudrue. Boro youngsters David Murphy and Stewart Downing are also pushing for places in the first team squad which could limit Gordon's chances. A £900,000 signing in 1998, Gordon's progress has been curtailed by a succession of injuries and for the same reason he has been unable to show McClaren what he is capable of. "I am in Wales for the next few weeks and we'll see how things go for a while."

### ROOKIE TO STAY AT SALTERGATE

Chesterfield have been given the go-ahead to hold on to Aston Villa youngster Thomas Hitzlsperger for another month. The Munich born midfielder will stay at Saltergate until Christmas but the Derbyshire side are now looking for a longer deal. "I am delighted that Thomas will be staying with us a while longer as he has slotted so well into the side" chirped Chesterfield boss Nicky Law. "To see him play you would have thought he had been with the side for months".

19 year-old Hitzlsperger arrived at Saltergate with another Villa Park rookie, Stefan Moore, initially for a month, and helped the struggling Spirites to two wins, a draw and a narrow defeat at Cardiff City.



Danny  
Cullip



Dean  
Gordon



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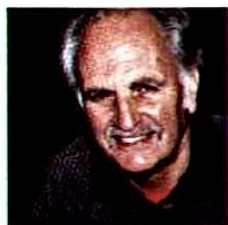
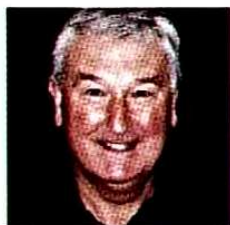
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# ROYAL DELIGHT

Town Ladies travelled to Reading and beat the Royals by five goals to two when the two sides met in the Ambassador South West Combination League.

The Town got off to the perfect start when Holly Ashman scored after just 49 seconds. However, Reading soon settled and fought back to level the scores. Nevertheless, two goals within a minute mid-way through the first half put Town back in control. Laura Morgan touched in Michelle Rich's free kick and then knocked in the rebound after Holly Ashman's shot had hit the Reading cross bar. Holly Ashman got a fourth before Laura Morgan completed her hat-trick. In the second half Reading hit back, but could only reduce the arrears with a consolation goal.

Town's Reserves have been without a fixture for the past few weeks dropping out of the Wiltshire County League. The Town are always looking to develop the club and any new players are always welcome. The team train twice a week; on Tuesday's at the Aldbourne FC ground and on Thursdays at Abbeymeads. Anyone interested should contact **John White** on Swindon 01793 827044.

On Sunday Town travel to Gloucestershire to face Cheltenham Town in the quarter final of the Ambassador South West Combination Cup. The two sides met a fortnight ago and Swindon's ladies won a closely fought game by four goals to three.

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Team	pld	w	d	l	f	a	gd	pts
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Portsmouth	10	8	1	1	28	7	+21	25
Bristol City	10	7	2	1	28	11	+17	23
Cardiff City	9	5	1	2	34	16	+18	16
Reading Ladies	11	3	3	5	24	31	-7	12
Clevedon/SBW	11	2	5	4	16	16	0	11
Newton Abbot	9	3	1	5	19	27	-8	10
Reading Royals	7	2	3	2	18	12	-6	9
Yeovil Town	10	3	0	7	18	26	-8	9
Cheltenham T	10	3	0	7	18	33	-15	9
Plymouth A	7	2	1	4	13	21	-8	7
Southampton	11	1	1	9	10	47	-37	4



## PLAYER PROFILE

**Georgia Allcock**

Forward

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Occupation Student

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Keynesham Town

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Wiltshire County Senior  
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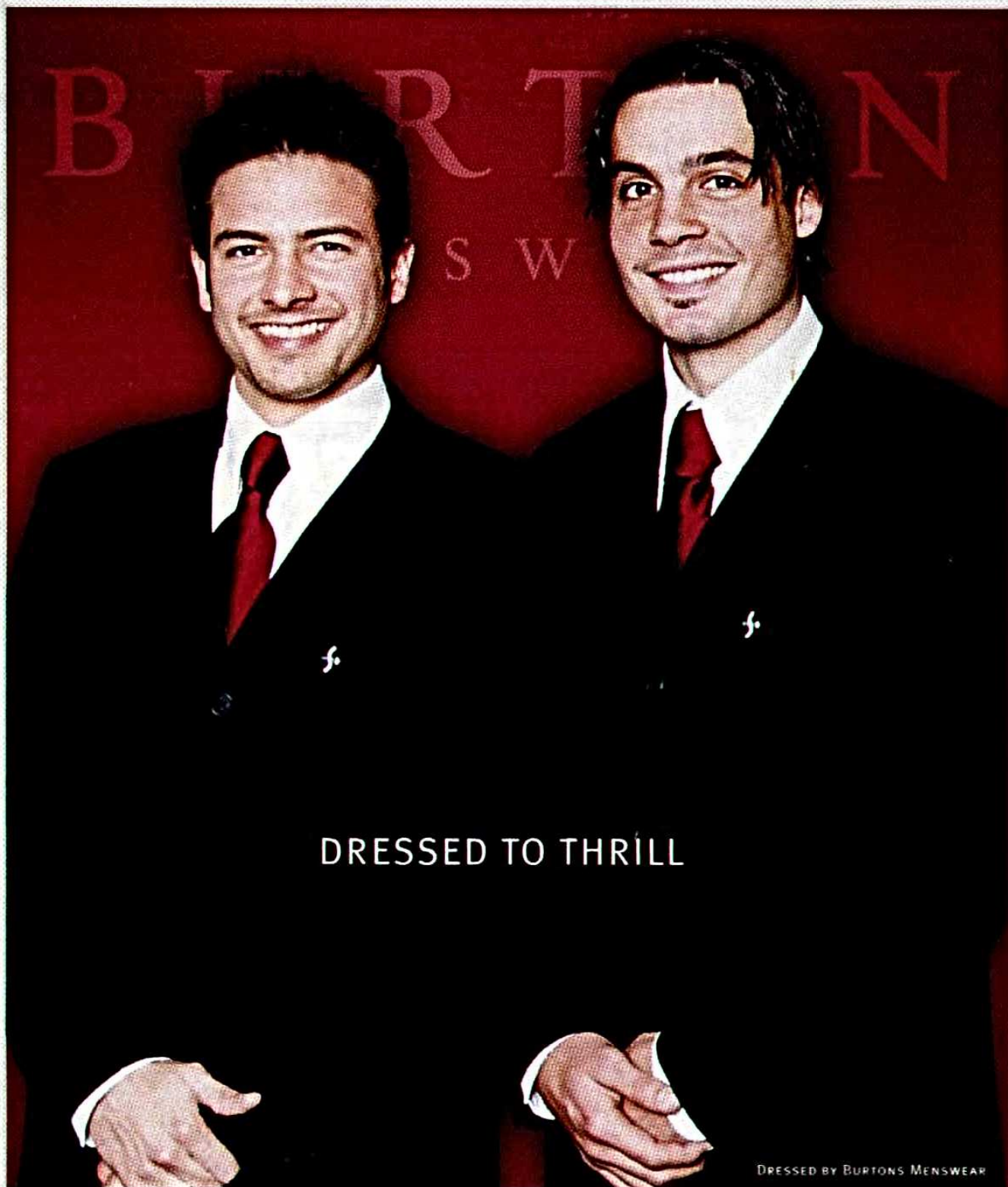
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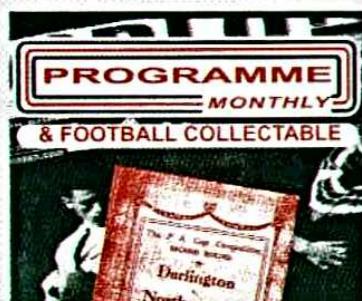
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Closer to the tournament, a 32 page black and white booklet, slightly smaller in size, was published as an insert, and this included the final squad lists for the competing countries. The programme was produced in huge quantities, and brought into the UK in good numbers, so copies may be purchased for £1.50.



Mario Kempes - so good he got away with this haircut



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The final, which took place on the centre pitch was a closely fought (the first encounter ending as a draw too) match, MJM/Dunwoody taking the lead through Richie Borne (main picture). Following a controversial decision from the referee (to say the least - Ed.) Thames Water drew level with a penalty with just a minute to go. The game went into extra-time before a penalty shoot-out was required to separate the two sides, Thames Water eventually coming out on top and taking the title of Peter Godwin Memorial Trophy winners 2001.

The teams were presented with their trophy's by Wendy Godwin (Peters wife) before a disco and buffet rounded off a fantastic and successful day.

The tournament, in its infancy, was a huge success and as a result STFC will be bringing the competition back in 2002, making it bigger and better. Once again it will be held at the County Ground on a Sunday in May, the date yet to be confirmed. More details will follow in later editions of the mathday magazine. For further information call Rob at the club on 01793 333718.

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For many teams, the FA Cup seemed less of a break from tough League action than an exercise in cautiously

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# Swindon Town Supporters Club

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## Evening Advertiser Half-time draw

Results of the Evening Advertiser half-time draw for both the Stoke and Brighton matches will appear in the next programme (Hereford United in the FA Cup).

Greg Taylor of Stratton won £235 with ticket 296 at the Hartlepool FA Cup First Round game.

## Disabled group

Don't forget the Christmas bash on December 3 in the Winners Lounge, starting at 7.30p.m. Disabled supporters and their helpers are welcome. For further details contact Tracy Richman on 01225 866012 or Ian Ratcliffe on 01451 821180.

## Vale & Oxon group

The Vale and Oxon group are set to hold their next meeting on December 4 at the Royal British Legion in Hanney. All supporters are welcome.

The agenda for the night will be a presentation by the supporters trust. The evenings raffle will include a Matt Heywood shirt and further entertainment will include a quiz.

## Away days

Don't forget to make your travel arrangements with the away travel group. We have demonstrated recently that travelling with the group can save 50% of normal travel costs, by other means of transport. Our members obtain even greater discounts, so please arrange to join the supporters club next time you book. They will be happy to help with the completion of formalities.

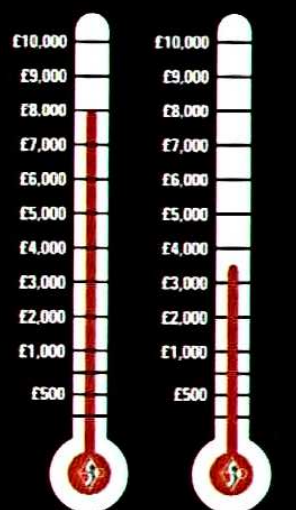
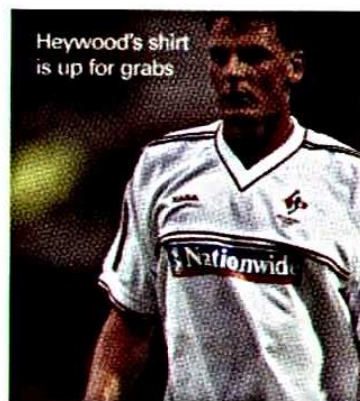
## Junior Robins

Please check on their own page elsewhere in the magazine for full details and contact points for Junior Robin activities. This can involve reciprocal arrangements as guests of other football clubs, matches against junior teams of our opposition and mascot activity. Closer to home they run social activities including discos for all the family. Why not check them out?

## Christmas special

Don't forget to get your bids in for the chance to take part in the fans profile in the Bournemouth programme. To make a bid please use our message board on our web site, or ring 01747 840721

Heywood's shirt is up for grabs







The fan in today's profile is Tony Masters of Devizes. Tony is 45 and watches Town's home matches from the Nationwide stand.

# TALK OF THE TERRACES

## FIRST HOME MATCH SEEN?

I cannot remember which home match was my first, but away from the County Ground it was at Selhurst Park against Crystal Palace. Town lost 4-2 and it was in season 1972/73

## FAVOURITE PLAYER OF ALL TIME?

John Trollope

## FAVOURITE PLAYER IN PRESENT TEAM?

'Graz'

## MOST MEMORABLE HOME MATCH?

Against York which Town won 3-0 with goals by Steve Finney (2) and Paul Bodin

## MOST MEMORABLE AWAY MATCH?

QPR when Alan McDonald took over from Fraser Digby after he was sent off. Town won 2-1

## FAVOURITE TOWN STORY?

The victory over Arsenal in 1969 League Cup final.

## BIGGEST MOAN/GRIPE?

Apparent lack of support by Swindonians, who seem content just to follow Premiership teams.

## FAVOURITE GOAL OF ALL TIME?

Once again, Danny's from last season comes out on top.

## MOST SATISFYING WIN LAST SEASON?

Bristol City away

## PREDICTION FOR THIS YEAR?

Mid table

## THIS WEEK 25 YEARS AGO WITH DAVE WALLIS

27th November 1976, Town drew 1-1 at fifth placed Mansfield. While Swindon were ranked 11th, only a point separated the two teams.

**Q1)** Swindon's right full back against Mansfield made 150 appearances for local rivals Reading before coming to the County Ground. Who was he?

**Q2)** A Swindon striker joined Mansfield in August 1974 and went on to play for Sparta, Ajax and Bruges. What was his name?

**Q3)** On 30th November 1976, Town Manager Danny Williams moved to sign a right winger from Newport County. Who was this?

**Q4)** On 17th November 1976, England lost a World Cup qualifier against Italy in Rome. Which future England manager played that day?

**Q5)** In Division three 25 years ago today, 2nd placed Wrexham won 0-2 at divisional leaders Brighton. One of Wrexham's scorers was Bobby Shinton. Name the Division One club that Shinton made five appearances for in 1979.



Answers:  
1) Wilf Dixon 2) Ray Clarke 3) Wyn Hooper  
4) Kevin Keegan 5) Manchester City





RAILTRACK



# BUILDING BRIDGES

## SWINDON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the County Ground this evening for tonight's crucial Nationwide League Division Two fixture against Wrexham.



Our second stage of the annual schools six-a-side competition certainly didn't disappoint last Friday.

The remaining 10 schools battled it out in very cold conditions, and there was some really good, entertaining football played.



Wroughton and Eldene got through to the final and Wroughton narrowly went through on a penalty shoot-out. They now contest the final on the County Ground pitch against Liden. The game will be a 4:30 p.m. kick-off on **Wednesday December 5 2001**.

This will be directly after the reserve game against Barnet, so feel free to stay behind and cheer on the lads. Remember that the eventual winners will represent Swindon Town Football Club in the regional finals at Bristol in the New Year.

Finally we would like to officially welcome on board **Nolan Paul**, our Youth training lad, who is with us for two years.



As we mentioned in the programme on Saturday, Nolan will be working closely along side Jon, Luke and myself and his aim is to achieve his UEFA coaching award.

Good luck for tonight's game lads!  
Clive, Jon, Luke & Nolan.



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## SWINDON TOWN STUDY CENTRE



### 24 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT JAMES WILLIAMS - EVEN SWINDON JUNIOR SCHOOL

Budding journalists from Even Swindon Junior School quizzed James Williams as part of their study support at the County Ground, here's what they found:

1. He was born in Liverpool and the first match he watched was between Liverpool v Sheffield.
2. He has a sister called Halley
3. He is 19 years of age
4. James was spotted playing in his hometown **By Sophie Sharland**
5. James said that he wanted to be a footballer because his dad played for Liverpool
6. One of his favourite players is Gazza
7. His favourite football team is Everton
8. He started playing for Swindon when he was 15 **By Rebecca Everleigh**
9. He would like to be a P.E teacher, if he was not a footballer.
10. He has not got a girl friend.
11. He loves Britney Spears.
12. He has a silver Ford Fiesta car **By Jade Modell**
13. James was spotted whilst playing for Tranmere
14. He played against Leeds Utd in the F A Youth Cup
15. At the moment he is recovering from a groin injury
16. His favourite car is a Ferrari **By James Dicks**
17. Favourite colour is blue.
18. He started to play the proper team when he was 16.
19. He likes playing in midfield
20. His favourite actress is Julia Roberts **By Nathan Cooper**
21. He started playing for Swindon at the age of 16
22. He scored his first goal for Swindon in 1999 at the age of seventeen
23. James looks up to his dad
24. his favourite drink is lilt and lager **By Scott McCue**



## Be a VIP with STFC

**STFC V HEREFORD UNITED**

Swindon Town FC are pleased to announce an extremely special ticket offer for our second round AXA FA Cup clash with Hereford UTD on December 8th.

For only £20.00 per person you can enjoy the surroundings of the Club's Executive Lounge, enjoy a two course meal with bar facilities, executive enclosure seating, complimentary matchday magazine, half time refreshments and the chance to see some of the stars of Swindon Town.

For further information or to book call Rob at the Club on 01793 333718.

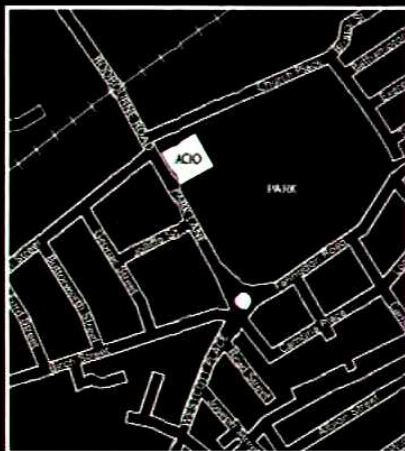
**Strictly Collar and Tie**





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## CHRISTMAS APPEAL

I know that these normally happen on Blue Peter at this time of year, but this is an appeal of our own! With the large number of games in and around the festive period, we are looking for even more pictures, stories (like the one below) that you can send in. If you have anything that may be of interest to us 'Townies'; birthdays, stories or anything else you would like to see, then send them in to us. The address to send them to is Dunwoody Sports, The Litten, Newtown Road, Newbury, RG14 7BB or alternatively you can email me, nick.ju@d-mc.co.uk.

# REAL FANS REAL FOOTBALL



## RIGHT PRIORITIES

When Town supporter Mike Rogers and his fiancé Stella decided to tie the knot they ran into a problem. The date of October 4 1986 had been set as the wedding day months before, but when the fixtures for the 86/87 season were published, Mike realised that Swindon had a home game against Wigan arranged for the same day. Now the Accounts Manager at DDI Technologies in Calne, Mike decided

he had to test the supporter/club relationship and contacted the County Ground to see what they could do.

'It was a tongue in cheek request, but I asked whether they could move the game to another day' Mike relates. 'I was amazed when they said they could help.' Both clubs agreed to move the fixture by 24 hours to play on Sunday October 5 and a presentation took place on the pitch prior to kick-off.

While Mike and Stella were pleased and surprised at the response of the two clubs, they couldn't have been prepared for the reaction of the media. 'First Shaun Hodgetts got hold of the story and we were interviewed by Wiltshire Sound, and from there the coverage just escalated. We were featured in The Sun, Mirror and Express and the pitch presentation appeared on Central TV. I had a friend who was back-packing in Australia who was astounded to see us featured in the local newspaper.'

But that wasn't the end of it. The following February, Wigan entertained Swindon in the return fixture and Mike and Stella were invited to Wigan as guests of the club. A champagne civic reception followed and Wigan installed the Rogers' in the honeymoon suite of a local hotel. Unusual reminders of the whole event are in the shape of his and hers miner's lamps, courtesy of Wigan.

Mike remembers one last point. Apparently he was promised the match ball after the game at the County Ground, but unfortunately it never made it's way to the Rogers' house. Now with an eight year old son Lewis and his sister Faye, what better way to cultivate their interests in Swindon Town than by giving them a ball to kick around in the garden? Any chance I wonder? After all, Geoff Hurst had to wait longer.

Quick Quiz answers  
Guess who? Chris Collins  
What team? Cambridge United

# QUICK QUIZ

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A belated Happy Birthday to  
Mark Robinson, 33 last  
Wednesday



## GUESS WHO?

Can you identify the Town player described below from the use of these clues?

1. He signed professional forms this summer
2. His brother has recently been sold to Fulham
3. He has recently played for Town's reserves after a lengthy injury
4. He's a local lad
5. He's a right-back

## WHAT CLUB?

Can you identify this second division side from the following clues?

1. John Beck has left them for the second time in his career
2. Their closest rivals are Peterborough United
3. Town recently beat them 2-0, Grazioli scoring a brace
4. They also lost to tonight's visitors, Wrexham 2-0 last week
5. Amber is their colour







with George Chadwick

## JUNIOR ROBINS

A warm welcome to our Junior R's for our second home game in quick succession.

Let's hope that on Saturday, the lads got a good result. Unfortunately, we are not getting the response we had hoped for in terms of new members - so if you have a friend that is interested in joining - then please ask them to come along. £3 is all it takes and they can make that money back by travelling to one of our away matches that are listed below:

WIGAN ATHLETIC Dec 01  
 NOTTS COUNTY Dec 21  
 WREXHAM Jan 26  
 HUDDERSFIELD Mar 09  
 STOKE CITY Apr 01  
 BRIGHTON & HA Apr 13

We would also like to remind you about our home mascot package. It includes: Suite hospitality, a buffet, tour, Replica Kit as well as meeting the players and leading them out before the warm up and much more. For more details of this and of how to be an away mascot, contact George on 01672 520679. Finally, we are hoping to arrange a disco at either Christmas or New Year. Watch this space for more details!

If you are interested in joining, then contact Swindon Town's Soccer Centre co-ordinator, Jimmy Fraser, on 01793 333724



service point

## SOCCER CENTRES WITH JIMMY FRASER



Hello and welcome to tonight's game. Today sees the third match of our Soccer Centre members free ticket offer. I hope plenty of you are here tonight, taking up this great deal. Remember Christmas is coming and you have until the end of December to obtain 10% discount off the new third kit.

Enjoy tonight's game

### FAIRWELL AND GOOD LUCK PHIL CANNON

As most of you will now know, Phil Cannon, our youth development officer is leaving the Club to join Everton F.C as their head of recruitment.

This is devastating news for the Club and myself. From my point of view I have worked alongside Phil for the past four years, during this time I have learnt most things there are to know about youth development.

Phil is full of knowledge in every aspect of his work and has done a magnificent job in signing good quality players of which, some have played in first team or obtained pro contracts.

The next Generation of players are now coming through the Centre of Excellence and they too, are of a good standard. Hopefully some of Phil's players can make it through the ranks, to the youth team and on to the first squad.

I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank Phil for making my job at Swindon Town so interesting and enjoyable and to let him know that his high standards of work and play (joke telling etc.) will be sorely missed.

All the best for the future Phil  
 Jimmy Fraser





## Goals Info:



### Where



3 Goals



10 Goals



5 Goals

### How

Shots.....10  
Headers.....1  
Volleys.....4  
Penalties.....2  
Free Kicks.....1  
O.G.s.....0

### Top Scorers

Grazioli.....6  
Invincible.....3  
O'Halloran.....2  
Osei-Kuffour.....2

### 2001-2002

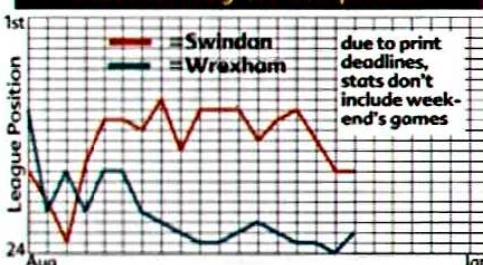
Highest Gate  
8,373  
vs Cardiff  
Lowest Gate  
4,882  
vs Cambridge  
Average Gate  
6,340  
Players Used 24  
Clean Sheets 7  
Failed to Score  
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Consec. Wins  
2 games  
Consec. Defeats  
3 games

## Robins' Last 10

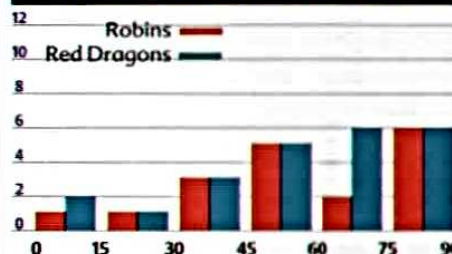
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L	Cardiff	H	17th
W	Reading	A	11th
S	Northampton	A	23rd
W	Brentford	H	2nd
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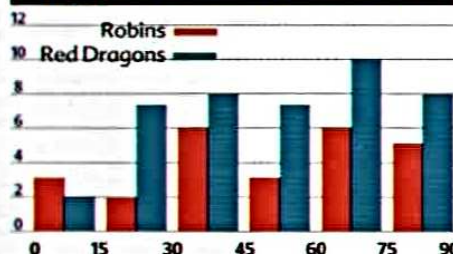
## Seasonal Progress Comparison



## When Goals have been Scored



## When Goals have been Conceded



## Guiliano Grazioli (Swindon)



5 games  
4 games  
1 game  
0 games

Total Games Scored In  
Games Scored 1 Goal  
Games Scored 2 Goals  
Hat-tricks

W->L.....0 (0pts)  
W->D.....1 (2pts)  
D->L.....2 (2pts)

Season's Results and  
(loss of points) without  
the two goalscorers goals

3 games  
4 games

Maximum scoring run  
Maximum Dry Spell

Goals.....6  
Games.....15  
Average.....0.40

3  
0  
3  
0

Shot  
Header  
Volleyed Shot  
Penalty

Swindon Goals.....18  
Swindon Games.....18  
Swindon's Goal Ave.....1.00

0  
0  
0  
0

Direct free Kick

## Top Scorers Comparison Craig Faulconbridge (Wrexham)



7 games  
7 games  
0 games  
0 games

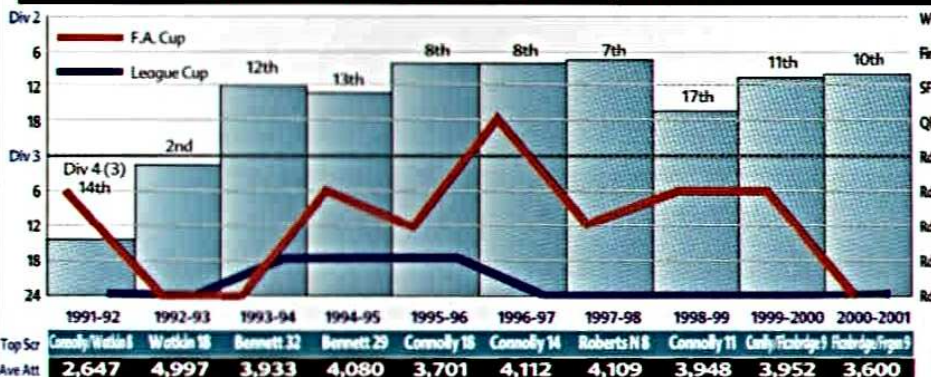
W->L.....0 (0pts)  
W->D.....1 (2pts)  
D->L.....2 (2pts)

2 games  
5 games

Goals.....7  
Games.....18  
Average.....0.39

Wrexham Goals.....23  
Wrexham Games.....18  
Wrexham's Goal Ave.....1.28

## Wrexham's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record



## Goals Info:



### Where



3 Goals



14 Goals



6 Goals

### How

Shots.....14  
Headers.....4  
Volleys.....3  
Penalties.....1  
Free Kicks.....1  
O.G.s.....0

### Top Scorers

Faulconbridge.....7  
Edwards.....3  
Trundle.....3  
Ferguson.....2  
Chalk.....2

### 2001-2002

Highest Gate  
5,832  
vs Cardiff  
Lowest Gate  
2,470  
vs Bury  
Average Gate  
3,895  
Players Used 25  
Clean Sheets 3  
Failed to Score  
3  
Consec. Wins  
2 games  
Consec. Defeats  
5 games

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Fulham v Leeds United

Sunday 2 December, ITV Sport Select

Tottenham Hotspur v Bolton Wanderers

Monday 3 December, Sky Sports 1

Arsenal v Juventus

Tuesday 4 December, ITV Sport Channel

Roma v Liverpool

Wednesday 5 December, ITV Sport Channel



# STATS 2001/02

## STATS KEY

GRAZIOU	Not played
GRAZIOU	Played
GRAZIOU 2	Scored goal
GRAZIOU	Scored two goals
GRAZIOU	Caution
GRAZIOU	Sent off
GRAZIOU	Sub not used
GRAZIOU(57)	Sub used (time)
GRAZIOU(67)	Player replaced (time)

Date	Time	Opponents	Attn	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Sat Aug 11	(H) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd	7,834	0-0	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(76)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(67)		GRAZIOU	DUKE		SABIN(71)
Sat Aug 18	(A) 3.00pm	Bristol City	13,818	1-3	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(62)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(64)		GRAZIOU	DUKE		SABIN
Wed Aug 22	(A) 7.45pm	Wolves	7,598	2-1	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(51)		GRAZIOU	DUKE		SABIN
Sat Aug 25	(H) 3.00pm	Oldham Ath	5,219	0-2	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(73)	KUFFOUR(62)	GRAZIOU	DUKE		SABIN
Mon Aug 27	(A) 3.00pm	Bury	3,202	3-0	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(78)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(63)	GRAZIOU	DUKE		SABIN
Sat Sep 1	(H) 3.00pm	Colchester Utd	4,499	1-0	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(72)	GRAZIOU	DUKE		SABIN
Sat Sep 8	(A) 3.00pm	Bournemouth	3,770	0-0	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN(14)	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(14)	DUKE		SABIN
Tue Sep 11	(A) 7.45pm	West Brom	14,536	0-2	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(37)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(103)	GRAZIOU(37)	DUKE		SABIN
Sat Sep 15	(H) 3.00pm	Tranmere Rovers	5,922	2-2	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(76)	GRAZIOU(53)	DUKE		SABIN
Tue Sep 18	(A) 7.45pm	Port Vale	3,737	2-0	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE		SABIN
Sat Sep 22	(A) 3.00pm	Chesterfield	4,275	0-4	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(64)	GRAZIOU(58)	DUKE		SABIN
Tue Sep 25	(H) 7.45pm	Brentford	5,519	2-0	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE		SABIN
Sat Sep 29	(A) 3.00pm	Northampton Town	5,104	1-1	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT(17)	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(61)	GRAZIOU(61)	DUKE		SABIN
Sat Oct 13	(A) 3.00pm	Reading	14,389	3-1	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(66)	GRAZIOU(66)	DUKE		SABIN
Tue Oct 16	(A) 7.45pm	Colchester Utd	1,251	0-1	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(71)	DUKE		SABIN
Sun Oct 21	(H) 2.15pm	Cardiff City	8,173	0-2	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(76)	DUKE		SABIN
Wed Oct 24	(H) 7.45pm	Cardiff City	4,882	2-0	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(2)	DUKE		SABIN
Sat Oct 27	(A) 3.00pm	Wycombe Ws	7,127	1-1	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(74)	GRAZIOU(74)	DUKE		SABIN
Sat Nov 3	(H) 3.00pm	Stoke City	7,981	0-3	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(68)	GRAZIOU(78)	DUKE		SABIN
Sat Nov 10	(A) 3.00pm	Blackpool	5,018	0-1	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(68)	DUKE		SABIN
Sat Nov 17	(H) 3.00pm	Northampton Town	4,746	3-1	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(73)	GRAZIOU(69)	DUKE		SABIN
Wed Nov 21	(A) 7.45pm	QPR	8,847	0-4	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(78)	GRAZIOU(66)	DUKE		SABIN
Sat Nov 24	(H) 3.00pm	Brighton & H	6,298	1-1	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE		SABIN
Tue Nov 27	(H) 7.45pm	Wrexham															
Sat Dec 1	(A) 3.00pm	Wigan Ath															
Sat Dec 8	(H) 3.00pm	Northampton Town															
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Fri Dec 21	(A) 7.45pm	Notts County															
Wed Dec 26	(H) 1.00pm	Bournemouth															
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Tue Mar 5	(A) 7.45pm	Brentford															
Sat Mar 9	(A) 3.00pm	Huddersfield Town															
Sat Mar 16	(H) 3.00pm	Wigan Ath															
Sat Mar 23	(A) 3.00pm	Cambridge Utd															
Sat Mar 30	(H) 3.00pm	Blackpool															
Mon Apr 1	(A) 3.00pm	Stoke City															
Sat Apr 6	(H) 3.00pm	QPR															
Sat Apr 13	(A) 3.00pm	Brighton & Hove															
Sat Apr 14	(A) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wanderers															
Sat Apr 20	(H) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wanderers															
Sat May 4	(A) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wanderers															



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## TOP SCORERS

TOTAL	PLAYER'S NAME	GOAL RATIO
6	Giuliano Grazioli	32%
4	Danny Invinibile	18%
3	Keith O'Halloran	28%
2	Jo Kuffour	16%
2	Neil Ruddock	12%
1	Wayne Carlisle	17%
1	Eric Sabin	9%

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## SPOTLIGHT

## ANDY GURNEY

AGE	27
DATE OF BIRTH	26.01.74
PLACE OF BIRTH	Bristol
HEIGHT	5' 10"
WEIGHT	11.6
PREVIOUS CLUBS	B Rovers, Reading
GOALS	1

## GATES / FORM

6.830	Brighton & HA	24.11.01
8.373	Cardiff City	21.10.01
7.981	Stoke City	03.11.01
7.934	Peterborough Utd	11.08.01
1-1 D	Brighton & HA	24.11.01
0-4 L	QPR	21.11.01
3-1 W	Hartlepool Utd	17.11.01
0-1 L	Blackpool	10.11.01

15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	25	26	27	28	29	31
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE(8)	BRAYLEY(8)	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES		S ROBINSON(67)	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE(62)	BRAYLEY(82)	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES		S ROBINSON(67)	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE(35)	BRAYLEY(85)	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY(73)	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE(79)	BRAYLEY(83)	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE(72)	BRAYLEY	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES		S ROBINSON(67)	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE(82)	BRAYLEY	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK(10)	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS(82)	DAVIES	NEEVES(80)		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY(83)	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS(83)	DAVIES	NEEVES		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK(79)	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY	HEYWOOD(18)	P EDWARDS(8)	DAVIES	NEEVES		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY(8)	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY(88)	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES(77)	NEEVES		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK(17)	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY	HEYWOOD(88)	P EDWARDS(8)	DAVIES	NEEVES	CARLISLE	S ROBINSON(33)	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY(83)	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK(73)	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY(70)	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES(73)	CARLISLE	S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES	CARLISLE(8)	S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS(19)	DAVIES	NEEVES	CARLISLE	S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES	CARLISLE	S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES	CARLISLE	S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY(70)	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES	CARLISLE	S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY(81)	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES	CARLISLE	S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
MOXNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY	HEYWOOD	P EDWARDS	DAVIES	NEEVES	CARLISLE	S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
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## SWINDON

**Director of Football**  
**Roy Evans**

Bart Griemink	1
Mark Robinson	2
Sol Davis	3
Matthew Hewlett	4
Adam Willis	5
Andrew Gurney	6
Keith O'Halloran	7
Bobby Howe	8
Jo Osei Kuffour	9
Giuliano Grazioli	10
David Duke	11
Juan Cobian	12
Eric Sabin	14
Richard McKinney	15
Neil Ruddock	16
Daniel Invincibile	17
Berti Brayley	18
Matthew Heywood	19
Paul Edwards	20
Gareth Davies	21
Alan Reeves	22
Wayne Carlisle	23
Steve Robinson	25
Alan Young	26
Paul McAreevey	27
Nathan Edwards	28
James Williams	29



## WREXHAM

**Manager**  
**Denis Smith**

Willie Miller	2
Shaun Holmes	3
Martyn Chalk	4
Brian Carey	5
Dennis Lawrence	6
Carlos Edwards	7
Craig Faulconbridge	8
Lee Trundle	9
Darren Ferguson	10
Kevin Russell	11
Paul Barrett	12
David Walsh	13
Robin Gibson	14
Stephen Roberts	15
Wayne Phillips	16
Andrew Morrell	17
David Warren	18
Steven Thomas	19
Michael Blackwood	20
Kristian Rogers	21
Mark Evans	22
Hector Sam	23
Adrian Moody	24
Keith Hill	25
Jim Whitley	26
Paul Whitfield	27
Mark Morris	30



**Tuesday 27th November 2001**  
**kick-off 7.45pm**

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: D. R. Crock  
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## TODAY'S FIXTURES

**Tue Nov 27 2001/02**

**Nationwide League Division Two**  
**Swindon vs Wrexham**

### FA Cup First Round Replays

Barrow	vs	Oldham
Bristol R	vs	Aldershot
Bury	vs	Lincoln
Carlisle	vs	Barnet
Lancaster C	vs	Altrincham
Notts Co	vs	Cambridge
Peterborough	vs	Bedford Town
Plymouth	vs	Whitby
Rochdale	vs	Tamworth
York	vs	Colchester

## Nationwide Division Two 2001/2002

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD	(as at 26/11/2001)
Brighton	20	11	7	2	28	15	40	+13	
Stoke City	20	12	4	4	29	17	40	+12	
Brentford	19	11	6	2	36	17	39	+19	
Reading	20	12	2	6	30	20	38	+10	
Bristol City	20	9	5	6	29	21	32	+8	
Wycombe W	20	8	8	4	27	20	32	+7	
Huddersfield	20	8	6	6	29	22	30	+7	
Oldham	20	7	8	5	34	25	29	+9	
Tranmere	20	8	5	7	37	31	29	+6	
Cardiff City	19	7	8	4	27	21	29	+6	
QPR	20	8	5	7	27	22	29	+5	
Peterborough	20	8	3	9	29	27	27	+2	
Colchester	20	8	3	9	31	31	27	0	
Blackpool	20	7	6	7	27	32	27	-5	
Bournemouth	20	7	5	8	25	29	26	-4	
Swindon	19	6	6	7	19	25	24	-7	
Port Vale	20	6	5	9	24	27	23	-3	
Wigan	19	6	4	9	29	27	22	+2	
Chesterfield	20	5	6	9	23	27	21	-4	
Bury	20	6	3	11	21	34	21	-13	
Notts Co	19	4	7	8	23	32	19	-9	
Wrexham	19	4	4	11	23	43	16	-20	
Cambridge	20	3	6	11	20	40	15	-20	
Northampton	20	4	2	14	18	39	14	-21	



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