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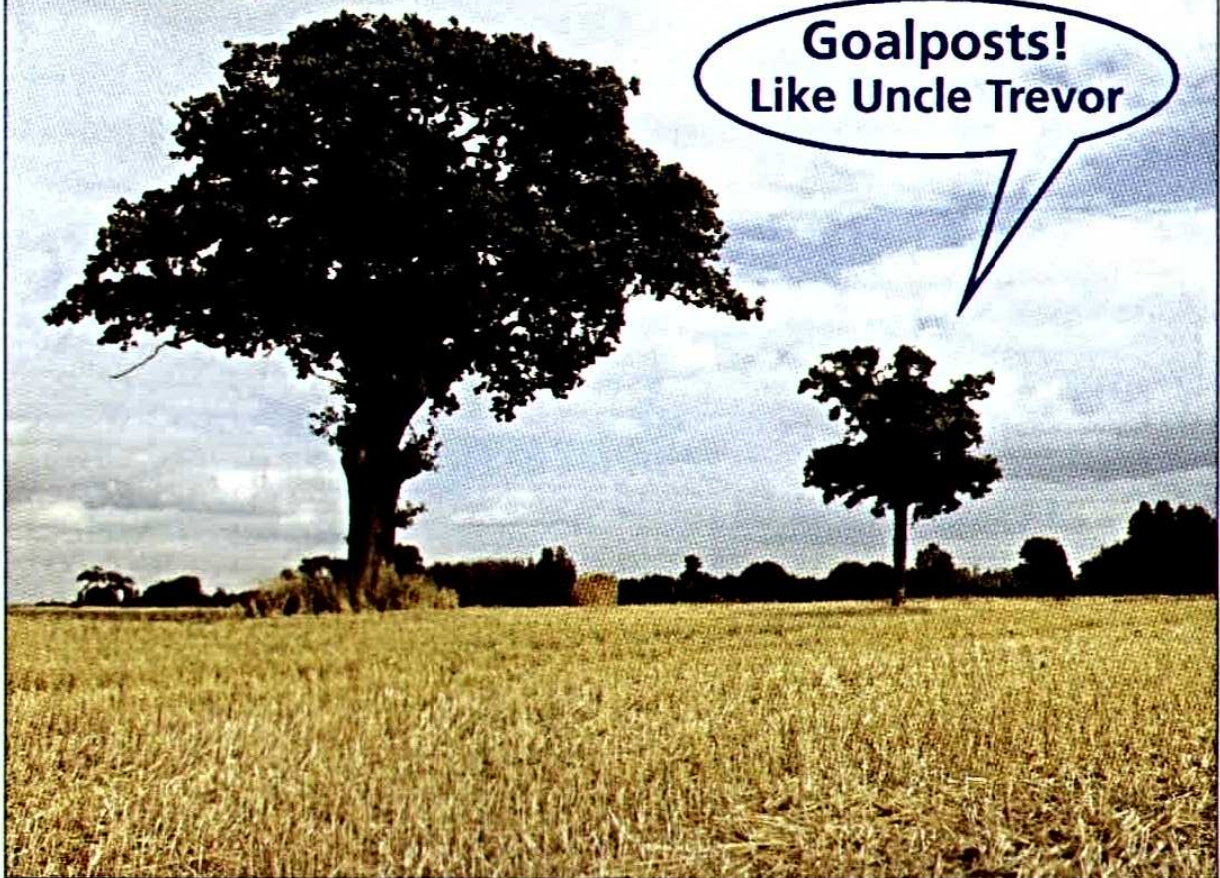
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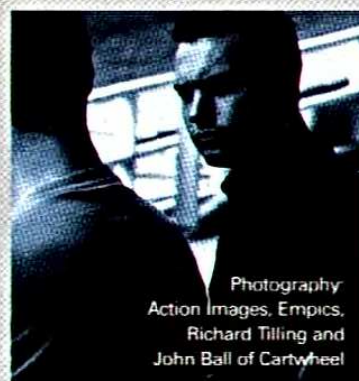
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EDITOR'S EYE

STOP PRESS - The announcement that Roy Evans' decision to leave the position of Director of Football for Swindon Town Football Club came on the day that this programme was due to go to print. Therefore, some of this programme may include out of date material and factual errors.



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A warm welcome to the County Ground this afternoon. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a belated Happy Christmas! It seems a long time since we were last here following the postponement of the Huddersfield game. What a disaster that was, not least because our fixture list becomes even more congested by the week for 2002, but also because we could really have done with the funds. The financial position of the club has been well-documented recently and although the Huddersfield game would not have solved our problems, it certainly would have helped. Let's just hope that the weather is a bit kinder to us over the festive period and New Year.

You may notice, as you read through this programme, that we have made a few changes here and there. The Christmas period is always a nightmare because deadlines are brought forward, but what you've got is a makeshift, new look issue that includes an interview with 'Reevesy', a calendar for 2002 and a review of the EGM that took place earlier on this month.

Needless to say that the Bury issue (in just three days time) will be completely different! It's a wonder that these things get published at all because all of our contributors are very busy themselves. Jon Ritson and Dan Chisholm hardly needed me bothering them for contributions, what with them both trying to keep up with developments at the CG. To everyone that has helped out with these issues - a huge thank you.

Nick Judd - Magazine Editor

*All information in this magazine is up to date up to and including December 15.

"BOBBY WAS THEN IN THE THICK OF IT TO SCORE THE WINNER FROM PAUL'S RESULTANT CROSS..."

CARSON'S COLUMN

A warm welcome to what should have been our third home game of the month, needless to say that we were all very disappointed with last week's postponement against Huddersfield.

We are taking precautions to help ensure it does not happen again, but our previous 'Short head' win against Hereford (which seems so long ago now!) was a five-goal thriller. It had all the ingredients of a dramatic FA cup-tie; an early lead, a quick equaliser and before we knew it, a goal down. All this before half time! At the interval we were under pressure but I was reminded by one of the new directors that we still had four furlongs to go! I have no idea what Roy said to the team at half-time and perhaps the actual 'Conversation' is best left un-chronicled. Pithy maybe, rude even, but certainly effective.

We started the second period with re-newed vigour and when Paul Edwards showed his class with his equaliser ten minutes into the second period I realised the lads were responding well. I think the team demonstrated their character and as the game progressed they grew in stature. Paul Edwards was again in the build up to our third goal. Bobby Howe played the ball wide to Paul on the left wing and Bobby was then in the thick of it to score the winner from Paul's resultant cross. It was not the most spectacular of goals and will not feature on the television as a classic but in my mind it was goal of the month. The next 15 minutes seemed to last forever and four minutes of extra time seemed like a lifetime. All good stuff, I hope you enjoyed the game as much as I did.

It just shows that determination; commitment and a belief in your own ability are the essence to success. The result at the EGM on Friday December 7 is a culmination of many months of commitment by your new Board. We are determined and believe we can secure the Club's future. During the last two weeks we have been scrutinising the accounts to establish the true financial position of the Club. It's too early to say what is needed, but clearly the last twelve months have taken their toll and the Club's funds are somewhat strained. In short, the Club has spent and contracted to spend in the coming years far more than it is expected to earn. To paraphrase the Dickens character Mr. Micawber: 'Income £1, expenditure £1 and 1pence - sadness / Income £1, expenditure 99pence - happiness'. On that note, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and may the future of our Club be prosperous.




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NIGEL LINDSEY

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THREE POINTS OUR 'MAIN' PRIORITY

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the County Ground. On behalf of all the coaching staff, may I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a safe journey home, especially to the management team, directors, players and supporters that have made the journey from the south coast.

It seems so long ago since we were last here at the County Ground. Mind you, it has been more than two weeks since the win against Hereford, but there is nothing you can do when the weather is as cold as it has been. The ground staff did a magnificent job in preparing the pitch ahead of the Huddersfield game. In fact, they did everything within their power to ensure that the game went ahead, but you just can't legislate for such frost, especially when you have a stand such as ours that insists on casting a shadow over the pitch! It now means that our fixture schedule after Christmas is even more congested (the Oldham game already

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having to be put back because of our draw against Man City in the cup). The growing number of fixtures between now and the end of the season means that we will most likely have more than one game a week and that can put strains on a squad as small as ours. We have seen already this season, how suspensions and injuries can plague team selection. But we will continue as best we can and so far, we have seen that there are several players that can do a great job if needed.

Today we face a Bournemouth side hot on our heels in the league and if you cast your mind back to the game down in Dorchester, you may remember that Sean O'Driscoll's side are strong, both at the back and in midfield. They made it very hard for us all over the park and it is difficult to play our usual passing game when teams do that. However, we are the home side this afternoon and I would expect us to take the game to them like we did against Hereford and in doing so, obtain three points and climb towards the middle of the table.

Unfortunately, these notes find you before our trip to Notts County. Hopefully we got a much needed win there and we can go in to today's game on a high. Notts County appear to be struggling at the moment, a surprise really when you consider that they have several good players in their squad. But we travelled up there on the back of a good cup win and in the knowledge that we have an exciting Third Round tie to look forward to. We will be looking to build on that in this busy Christmas period. I thought we played very well against a spirited and resilient Hereford side, although at half-time (when we were 2-1 down) there were some harsh words said!

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Last Thursday Roy Evans announced that he was leaving the post of Director of Football at Swindon Town FC releasing a press statement that read:

"It's been a very difficult decision for me to leave the Club. I've had a fabulous time, the fans, the players and all the staff at STFC have made me very welcome."

Roy Evans had been at Swindon Town for only four months but demonstrated through adversity a determination to be admired by all and his decision to leave was no doubt influenced by the instability of the Club at this present time.

The financial position we have found since taking over on the 7th December is far worse than expected. Swindon Town FC's future and financial security has over the last few months been well chronicled in both the national and local media. Losses over the last 18 months have escalated and it we now anticipate the shortfall could be as much as £3.5 million.

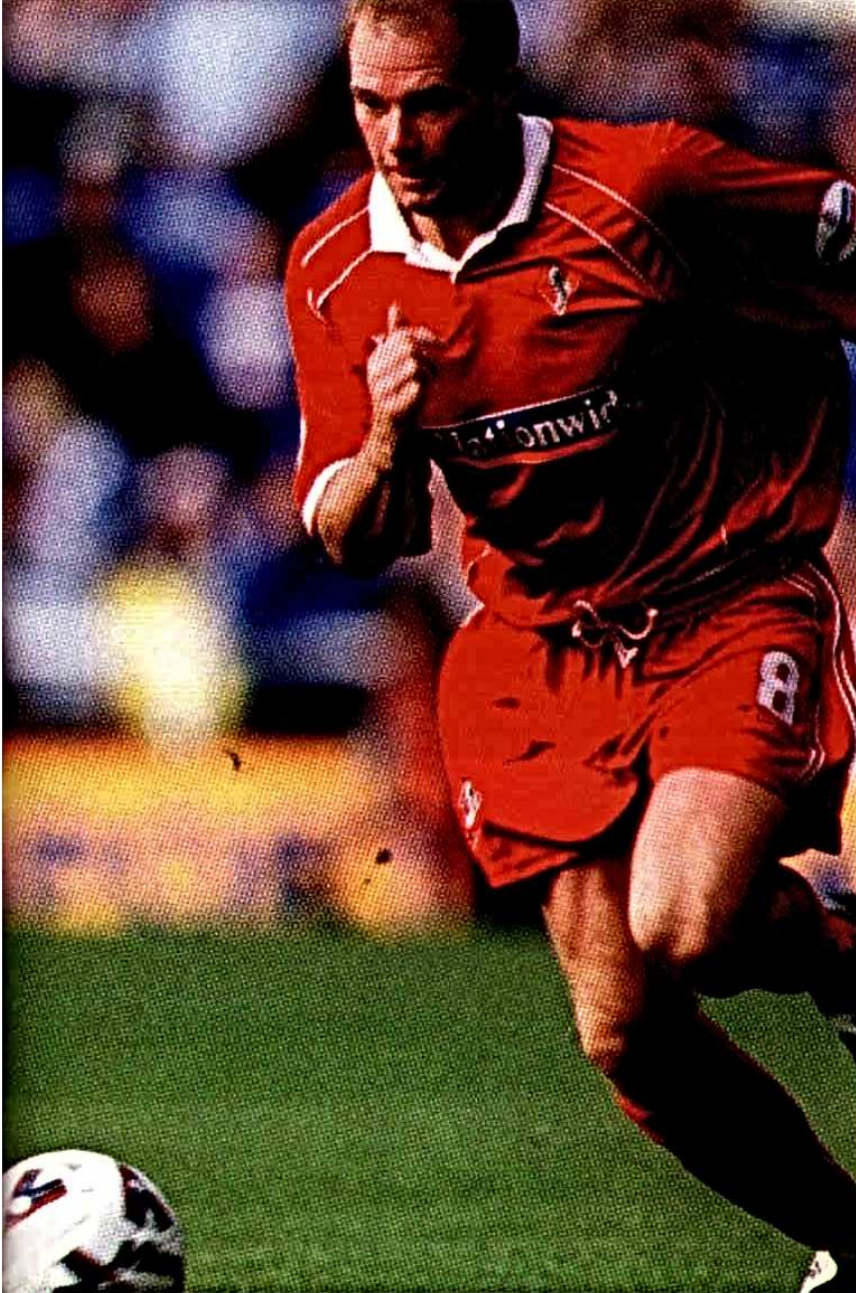
Therefore the newly elected members of the Board, including myself, cannot promise with any degree of certainty that funds will be available immediately or in the near future for new players.

The Board of Directors would like to thank Roy for his efforts over the last few months and wish him well for the future. Mr Evans' decision to leave the Club presents the Board with yet another decision of great importance. We will have to re-examine the Club, not only in financial terms, but now with a greater emphasis on football matters as well.

By the time you read this programme we may well have found Roy's replacement.

Best Wishes

Willie Carson
Chairman



Despite attacking well, we gave them too much respect and sat off them too much. As a result, the lad (Gavin Williams) was able to shoot from long range and that gave them a lift for the second. It was a fantastic strike though and you have to give credit to them, they came here and played the game of their lives and can go back with their heads held high. However, in the second half we were more physical and it paid dividends. Paul Edwards got the equaliser, a great goal and I am really pleased for him. I was just frustrated, with him playing as well as he was, that we didn't give him more of the ball! And then Bobby popped up in the box for the winner. Bobby hasn't been playing as well as he would like at the moment and he has had a tough time, I was chuffed to see him get the winner. Now we have the chance to show what we can do on a bigger stage and it gives us something to look forward to in the New Year. I hope it gives you, the fans, something to get excited about as well. After what has been an inconsistent start to the season, it should be a great day out for us all and that is very pleasing. Enjoy the game and we'll see you back here in three days time for the visit of Bury. and enjoy the rest of your Christmas!

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BEHIND THE SCENES

A very merry Christmas to all Swindon Town Supporters and I hope Santa brought you the presents you wanted.

Christmas at a professional football club is, unlike most of the rest of the country, a very busy time. No time for a relaxing few days eating turkey and sipping the odd glass of wine. The fixture list over the holiday period always throws up a few interesting games and thankfully today's game sees us pitted against a side we could reasonably say are local rivals. In years gone by, matches were played on Christmas Day, with return fixtures the following day. Liverpool would play at Arsenal one day and both teams would then share the same train north for the game at Anfield on Boxing Day. Today, of course, more emphasis is placed on the athletic nature of the players and their recovery process, so back to back games are something we only read about in history books.

All of our club staff on duty today have only had one day off and I would like to thank them for their efforts in making sure the game goes ahead.

I am particularly pleased that today's game is against Bournemouth – a team I followed as a small boy. Yes, I'm a Wiltshire man, but after being born in the south of the county – Salisbury to be exact – my parents decided to move to the coast, hence my interest in watching the Cherries play. I have fond memories of standing behind the goal at Dean Court and watching Ted MacDougall score nine against Margate in an FA Cup match. The team of the seventies was one of the best Bournemouth sides ever – although my Dad, who introduced me to the game, would probably disagree as he watched them under the great Freddie Cox in the 1950's. Having pleaded guilty to once supporting the 'other' side today I can confirm that my support these days is firmly behind the Town. Our early season encounter down at Dorchester ended in a draw and since that game, the Cherries have moved back home to a newly rebuilt Dean Court. Their story is not dissimilar to ours in that it has taken many years to finally redevelop their stadium. Against all the odds – and financial troubles – they have achieved it, which makes me believe we too can overcome our problems and rebuild the club under the stewardship of Willie Carson. Finally, may I offer seasonal greetings to the directors, players, staff and supporters of AFC Bournemouth and welcome them to Wiltshire today but as I always say in rounding off my column, Come on you Reds!



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The next couple of months are going to be very interesting, although worrying for the club that we all love. We may finally find out the true financial position. The shareholders have entrusted the interim board with producing a true statement of the club's position and to call an AGM so that a new board can be elected.

Whoever ends up running the club, they will need our support. This is not just about money, although that is a major part. As supporters we need to decide if we want to keep this club going. Once you have made that decision, and you do want the club to exist, then we have to find ways in which the supporters can help build the future.

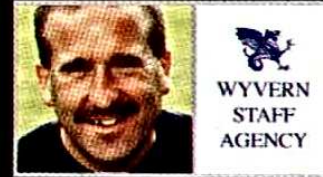
An easy way to help is to join TrustSTFC. One thing that we must point out, is that: Fans can make a difference! Never more so has this club needed its supporters than now. To paraphrase a well known American President:

'Ask not what the Club can do for you, But what you can do for the club!'

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Treatment room...



Fortunately, as we approach the crucial Christmas period, the Treatment Room is looking fairly healthy and there are just a few injuries to report (these notes penned before our trip to Notts County). Firstly, you were probably well aware of Matty Hewlett's absence against Hereford. Matt had been playing the last few games with a niggling knee injury and instead of playing through it and making things worse, we thought it would make sense to get it checked out. Thankfully now, he has received the necessary surgery and although he could be out of action for four weeks, the surgeon was happy with the process and Matt can now look ahead to making a recovery. David Duke on the other hand, played last week but unfortunately picked up a groin strain. Thankfully it is not too serious and he should be available for selection today. Alan Young, you will be pleased to hear trained for the second time this week. As you know, Youngy has had a complicated ankle injury and he has been out of action for a long time, but he can see the end in sight and we will monitor his progress in the coming weeks. Finally, we have Alan Reeves who, on Thursday, did some ball work, as well as some exercises to strengthen his leg muscles.

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Bournemouth's Karl Broadhurst and Eddie Howe question the referee at Millwall last season

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THE BOYS FROM BOSCOMBE

TODAY'S VISITORS HAVE STRUGGLED TO RECREATE THE FORM THAT SAW THEM MISS OUT ON THE PLAY-OFFS BY JUST ONE PLACE LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, SINCE THEIR RETURN TO DEAN COURT (FROM DORCHESTER) RESULTS HAVE IMPROVED AND THEY WILL BE LOOKING TO LEAPFROG TOWN IN THE LEAGUE TODAY.



The gap between the two sides (at the time of writing which was, unfortunately before our trip to Notts County) is just one point and there appears to be very little between Town and Bournemouth, the two sides battling out a 0-0 draw earlier in the season at Dorchester.

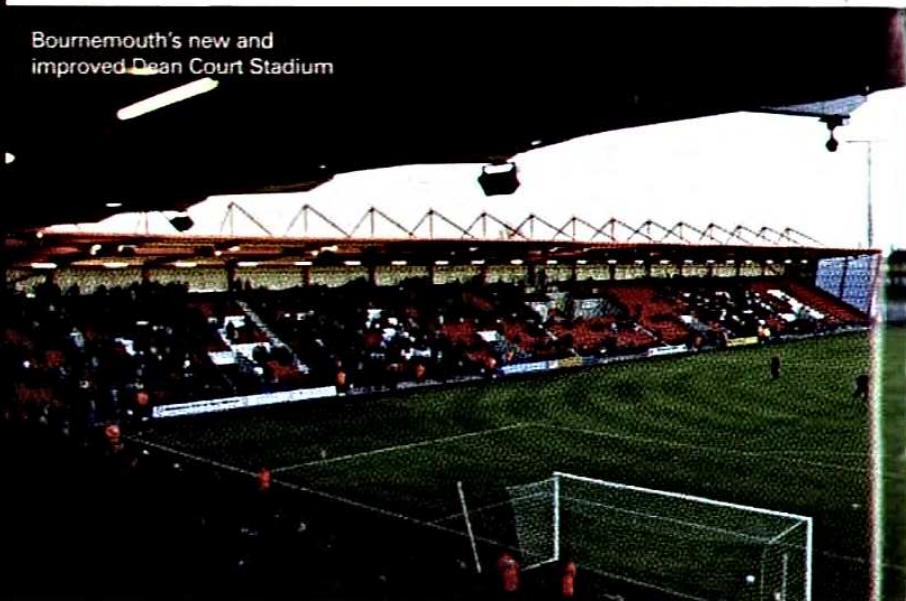
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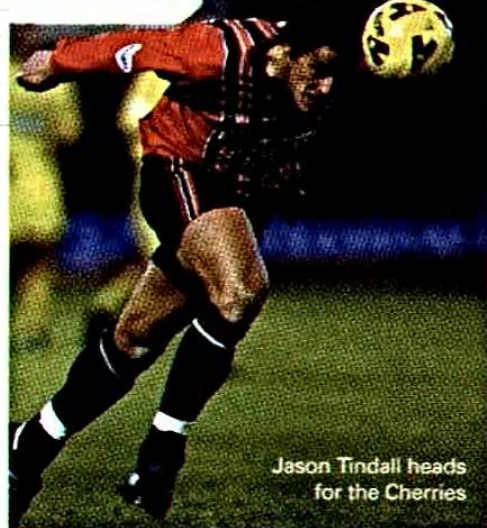
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Formation 1899 as Boscombe F.C.
Nickname The Cherries
Stadium Dean Court (3,719)
Management team Peter Grant
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However, whereas Town were on something of a good run when the sides met on September 8, Bournemouth were yet to record a win. Two 1-0 defeats in the first two games against Huddersfield and Blackpool were followed by draws against Cardiff and Cambridge, and it wasn't until the week after our encounter that the elusive victory was achieved against Bury. Unfortunately, any hopes that O'Driscoll's side might have turned the corner were quashed when they were thumped 0-6 by Peterborough at London Road. That inconsistency has been the major problem for Sean O'Driscoll's side who, having lost Jermain Defoe who returned to West Ham in the summer, have failed to continue the success that took them to just place from the play-offs last year. However, O'Driscoll will take heart in that it was at this stage last year, that his side embarked on that fortuitous run - a 3-3 draw at Reading on the last day not enough to lift them into the top six. Furthermore, since returning to their new and improved (although yet to be finished) Dean Court Stadium, results have got better. Although without a win in the last five the Cherries had won three in a row, beginning with their 'homecoming' fixture against Notts County (4-2). Wins against Colchester (2-1) and Wrexham (3-0) followed until Port Vale thwarted their run with a 0-0 draw. Since then, the Boscombe-based club is yet to record a win and they will be looking to Wade Elliot to rekindle some success.

Bournemouth's new and improved Dean Court Stadium





Jason Tindall heads
for the Cherries

Sean is the holder of the most appearances as a player for Bournemouth after joining the club in 1984 from Fulham and was a virtual ever present in a ten year spell which saw him break the appearance record in 1994. Sean took over as manager in August 2000 from Mel Machin who is now Director of Football. Sean won the January 2001 Nationwide League Division Two 'Manager of the Month Award' and came so close to marking his first season in charge with a place in the play-offs after leading the team from 23rd place in the table to seventh, a remarkable feat considering he has never had any money to buy a player until November 2001 when he purchased Derek Holmes for a nominal fee.

This season has been more of a struggle for O' Driscoll, the Cherries manager having his resources stretched to the limit all season. Talking to the club's official website, he said. "We have almost got seven strikers on the books and it's an area where maybe we have had to be strong because they keep getting injuries and suspensions. I have got four players on four bookings (Eddie Howe, Richard Hughes, Karl Broadhurst and Brian Stock), so sooner or later they will get suspended. The way football is, it's like a non-contact sport and people are going to get suspended."

In the dug-out...

SEAN O'DRISCOLL

One to watch...

EDDIE HOWE

Highly rated central defender who's mature displays and fierce tackling have won him a regular first place and international honours. He has been at the club for many years, starting life with the youth team where he was captain, to the reserves and then the first team as a regular. The 1998-99 season will surely go down as Eddie's best ever. It started with two appearances for England Under 21's in the Toulon Tournament in France and it was quickly followed by Eddie signing a record seven year deal with Bournemouth.

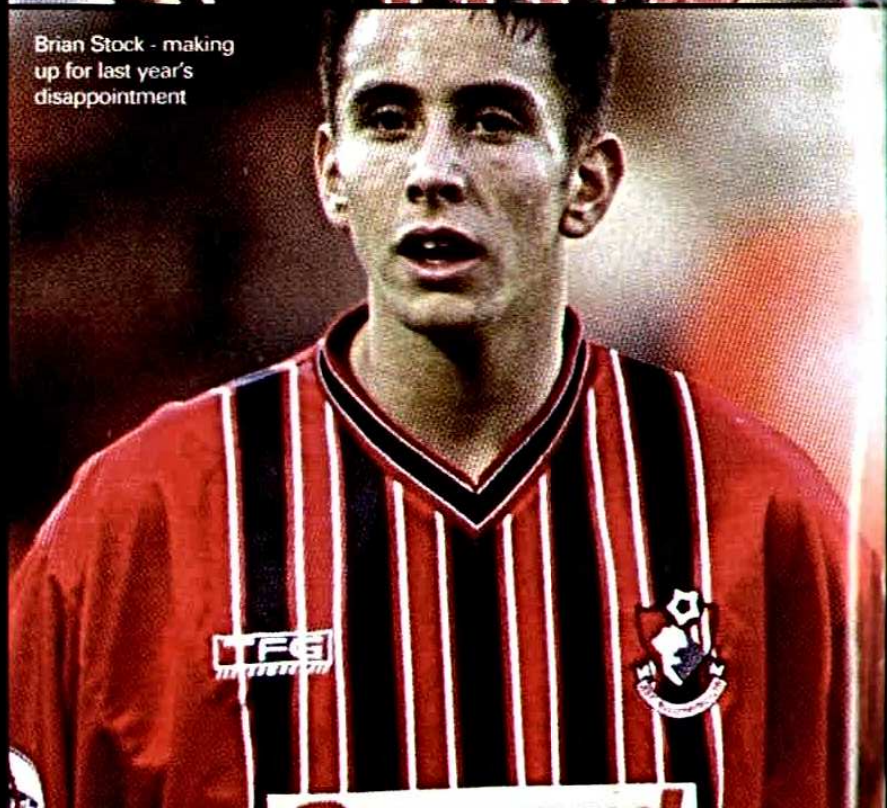
Young gun...

BRIAN STOCK

Brian is now entering his second year as a professional after making his senior debut whilst still a YTS. It was a disappointing campaign for him last season as he failed to make an impression in the first team. He made his first appearance of the season as a sub at Cambridge and scored his first senior goal with the 90th minute winner against Bury at Dorchester. Started his first game of the season against Oldham and has held on to his place in the side with some mature performances.



Eddie Howe - looks set to stay with the Cherries for the next seven years



Brian Stock - making up for last year's disappointment

Gareth Stewart

Joined the Cherries in the summer of 1999 from Blackburn Rovers, but started life at the club as a back-up for Wisbech-born Mark Ovendale. When Ovendale made the move to Luton, Stewart took his chance well and the former England youth international has never looked back, becoming ever present.

Shaun Maher

The Cherries latest signing, Shaun joined the Dean Court ranks from Irish club Bohemians where he enjoyed success in Europe. A commanding centre half Maher has established himself in the Cherries side alongside Tindall in the back-line. Was a transfer target for Andy King during the close season.

James Hayter

A product of the Cherries youth system, James is now entering his fifth year as a professional. Last season saw him have the game of his life, where he scored four times in the 5-2 win at Bury. The Isle of Wight born player will be looking to continue his progression and should be fighting for the role vacated by Jermain Defoe.

Warren Feeney

Warren joined Bournemouth on loan from Leeds after impressing in a trial match at Fulham. He stayed at Dean Court for the rest of the season and made his Football League debut when he came on as a late substitute in the 1-0 win over Bury. He scored his first goal in the 3-0 win and has since become a crowd favourite.

Jason Tindall

Central defender who joined the Cherries from Charlton Athletic in 1998. A hard-working player whose attitude and determination saw him captain the side in a cup victory over Ipswich Town. Made his debut in a 1-0 defeat at Cambridge and has since gone on to win the Exiles Club Player of the Year award.

Karl Broadhurst

Former Cherries youth player who made his first team debut at Charlton in the Worthington Cup in 1999 and has since overcome a lot of injuries to establish himself in the starting line-up. Focused and determined to succeed, Karl picked up an ankle injury in our last meeting but has since recovered to play an effective role.

Wade Elliot

A tremendous talent who joined the Cherries from Non-League Bashley in 2000. A level headed youngster who has resumed his studies for a degree after completing part of his course at a London College. Has started the season well and scored two stunning goals in the 2-2 draw at Cambridge United.

Derek Holmes

23-year old striker who joined Bournemouth from Scottish Division One side Ross County on September 14 on an initial one month loan, making his debut the following day against Bury. Scored his first goal in England against Oldham and added to his tally at Wycombe before signing an extension to his loan deal.

Stephen Purches

Purches made the move to Dean Court from West Ham United in the summer of 2000 and is a regular in the Bournemouth side this campaign. A player with great potential who signed an extension to his contract in the summer. Stephen has been a regular starter in the side apart from a short spell out through injury.

Carl Fletcher

Has come through the ranks at Bournemouth and made his first team debut at Grimsby in 1998 whilst still a YTS. Has made great progress and was a first team regular last season in the middle of the park. Carl endured a knee operation in the summer but he has since become a very influential member of the squad.

Chukki Eribenne

Young striker who made the move down south from Coventry City on a three year deal in June 2000. Chukki enjoyed an excellent pre-season, finding the net on numerous occasions and was unlucky not to open his account at the Abbey Stadium against Cambridge. Has been involved in most games this season.

Richard Hughes

Born in Scotland, Richard was raised in Italy and started his career as a junior at Atalanta before signing for Arsenal. He joined Bournemouth prior to the 1998-99 season, initially on loan, before signing on the eve of the season and has established himself as a first team regular and displays a maturity both on and off the pitch.

RISING STAR



NEIL CROSBY

Born 14/07/84, York
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What made you want to become a pro?

I have always enjoyed football and, thankfully, am quite good at it
Brief footballing background?

I started with Sheffield Wednesday before going to Oxford and now Swindon

Club supported as a boy?
Newcastle United

Role Model
Kevin Phillips

What brought you to STFC?

I wanted to go to a better club than Oxford and play a better standard of football

Best and worst moments in football?

The best was scoring a hat-trick in a cup final for Kennington F.C. The worst was breaking my ankle last season

Ultimate hopes for the future?

To keep getting better and better
Any advice for younger players?
Work hard to become the best player you can

How will Town get on this season?

Tenth



BODYLINE
The heart of the refresh process

YOUTH OF TODAY

with Viv Busby and Jim Fraser

Whilst Town's under 19's were without a game following the postponement of their League match with Torquay (frozen pitch), the under 17's were busy thrashing Torquay by eight goals to nil. There were two hat-tricks for Town (Mark Draycott and Dave Bampton), with Aaron Salter and Jack Hazard also getting on the score sheet. Only a week previously, it was the under 17's that were without a fixture, whilst the under 19's bowed out of the Youth Alliance Cup at the hands of Walsall. Adam Collier scored Town's solitary goal, although Town could have drawn the game when they were awarded a penalty. Unfortunately, Kevin Halliday struck his spot-kick against the post for the second time this season. There was better news in the FA Cup, with Town being drawn against Blackburn Rovers in the Fourth Round proper. Town's win against Yeovil in the previous round earned the lucrative match-up, the tie is expected to take place next January.



Torquay u17 0
Swindon u17 8

Saturday 15th December

Swindon line-up:

S Smith, Taylor, Bristow, Jones, Salter, Bampton, Pook, McKay, Draycott, Hambridge, Stround
Subs: Hazzard

STFC UNDER-19s 2001/02

Sat Aug 18	Cardiff City	A	1-0
Sat Aug 25	Exeter City	H	1-0
Sat Sep 8	Cardiff City (YAC)	A	2-2
Sat Sep 15	Cirencester	H	4-2
Sat Sep 22	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-1
Sat Oct 6	Torquay United	A	4-2
Sat Oct 13	Cirencester	A	3-3
Sat Oct 20	Cardiff City (YAC)	H	2-0
Sat Oct 27	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
Thur Nov 8	Grantham (IFACUP)	H	5-0
Sat Nov 10	Oxford United	H	1-2
Sat Nov 17	Cirencester	A	3-0
Sat Nov 24	Plymouth Argyle	H	3-1
Wed Nov 27	Yeovil (IFACUP)	A	2-0
Sat Dec 8	Walsall (YAC)	A	1-2
Sat Dec 15	Torquay United	H	7-2
Sat Jan 12	Swansea City	A	
Sat Jan 19	Oxford United	A	
Sat Jan 26	Bristol Rovers	H	
Sat Feb 2	Cardiff City	H	
Sat Feb 9	Exeter City	A	

STFC UNDER-17s 2001/02

Sat Aug 18	Oxford United	H	3-1
Sat Sep 1	Cheltenham Town	H	0-4
Sat Sep 8	Cardiff City	A	4-1
Sat Sep 15	Exeter City	H	2-3
Sat Sep 22	Cirencester	H	2-1
Sat Oct 6	AFC Bournemouth	A	2-1
Sat Oct 13	Torquay United	H	3-2
Sat Oct 20	Swansea City	A	2-1
Sat Oct 27	Plymouth Argyle	H	1-2
Sat Nov 3	Bristol Rovers	A	1-0
Sat Nov 17	AFC Bournemouth	H	7-3
Sat Nov 24	Cirencester	A	5-0
Sat Dec 1	Swansea City	H	3-3
Sat Dec 15	Torquay United	A	8-0
Sat Jan 12	Plymouth Argyle	A	
Sat Jan 19	Bristol Rovers	H	
Sat Feb 2	Oxford United	A	
Sat Feb 16	Cheltenham Town	A	
Sat Feb 23	Cardiff City	H	
Sat Mar 2	Exeter City	A	

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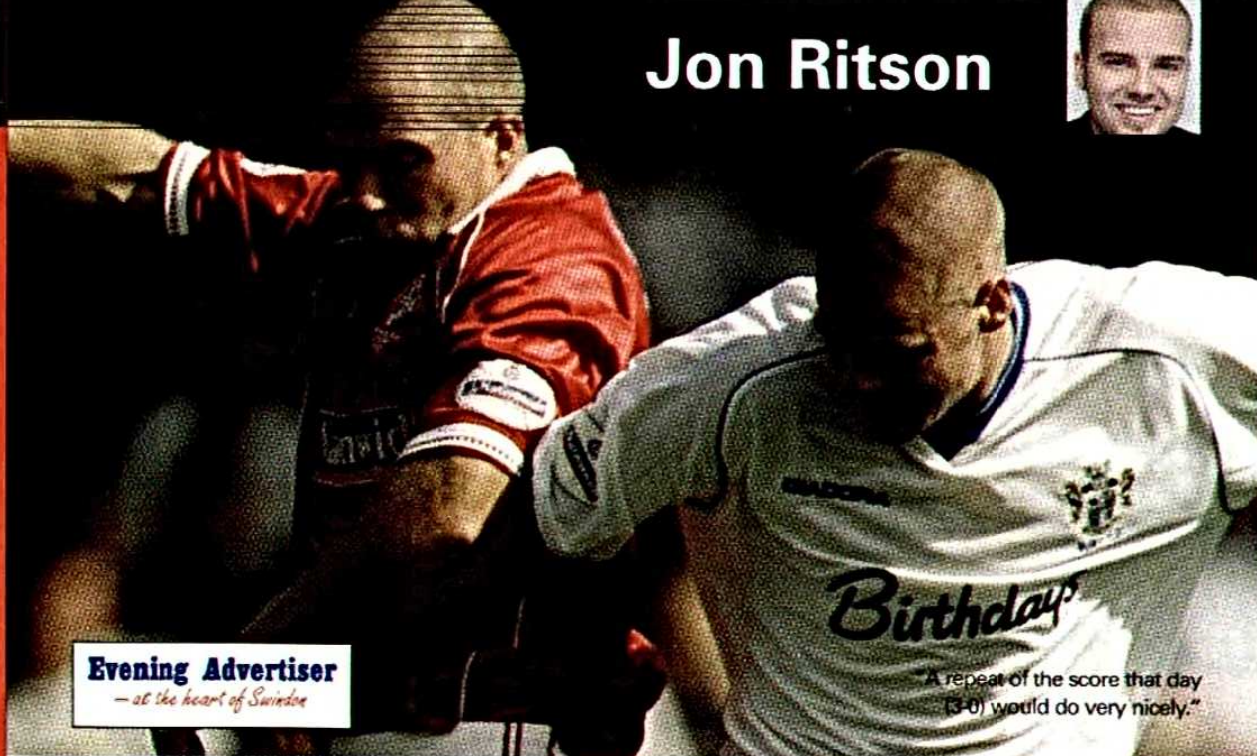
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FROM THE PRESS BOX

Good afternoon and I hope you've all had a very happy Christmas, at least off the field anyway.

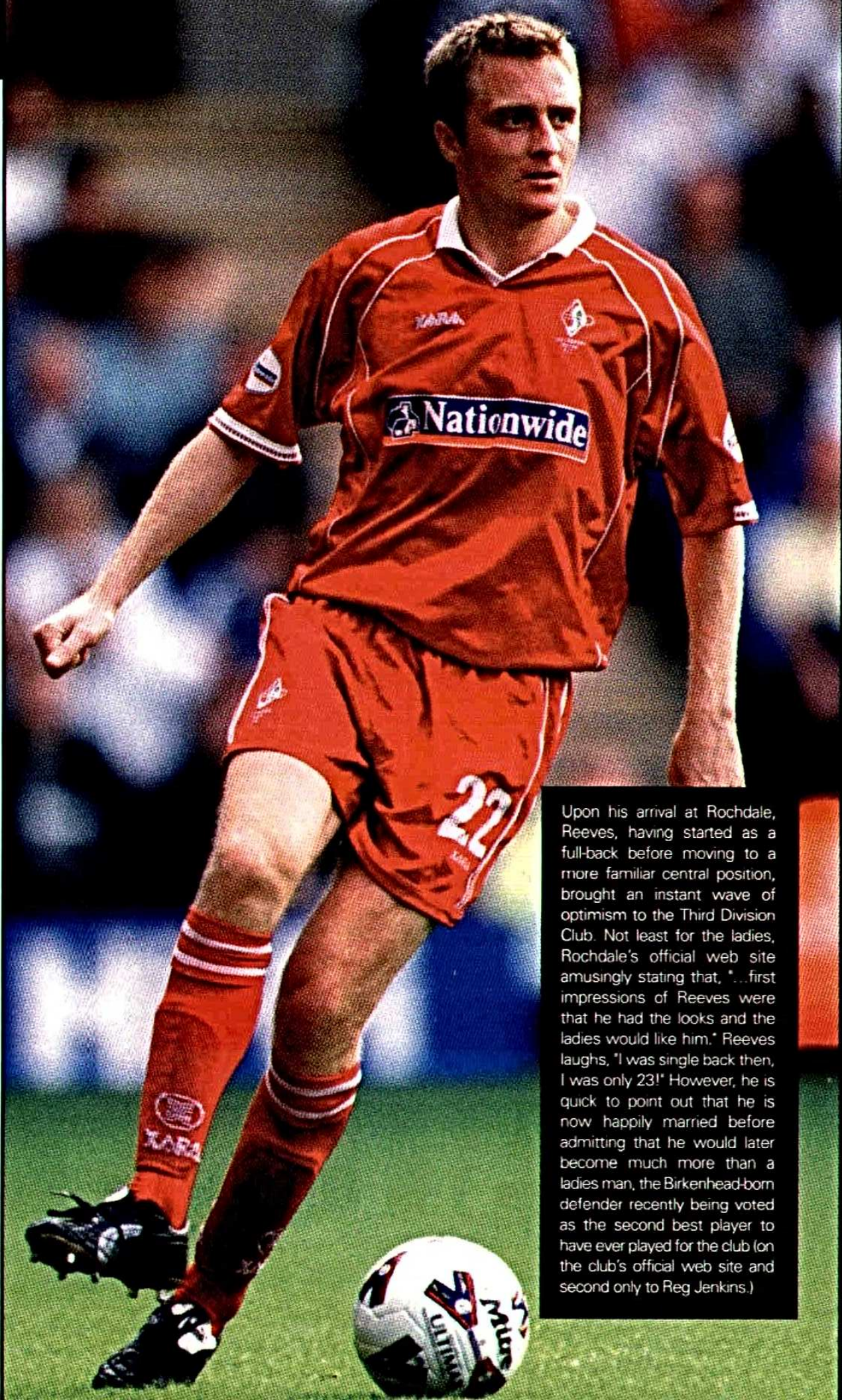
You must forgive me as these notes were penned a week before you read this so I may well have been overtaken by events. At this moment in time I don't know whether Roy will stay or if we managed to get a result at Notts County on Friday (I'm still fuming because this match was changed for Christmas shopping reasons. Of all the poxy excuses). I dearly hope the gaffer has decided to give it a go. The lads at Adver Towers are (were?) desperate for him to stay. The man is a true professional. Yes, we may not be sitting in the top six but it's still a huge improvement on last year's struggle. However, if the worst has happened, then I suppose we've just got to take a deep breath and get on with it.

The postponement of the Huddersfield Town game was a bitter blow (pardon the pun). We were all geared up to do a 'Leicester' and show Roy the strength of feeling out there. Do you ever get the feeling that someone or something upstairs isn't a Swindon Town fan? Still, that's the past and we have the small matter of today's game to deal with. I dearly hope we did get a result at Notts County because it will have helped banish worries of the traditional Christmas slump. Over the past few years our yuletide record has been pretty woeful. Last year was particularly awful. Defeat at Bury on December 23 was followed by a home reverse by Brentford and a last-minute defeat at Walsall. Let's hope for better fortunes this year.

Today's game should hopefully see a decent attendance. What is it about Boxing Day that attracts people to games? It's probably the prospect of having to eat yet more turkey or escaping the in-laws for a couple of hours. Anyway, whatever the reason let's hope the lads can provide us with a bit of festive cheer. I think both sets of fans will at least be grateful for not having to travel to the other end of the planet. You always seemed to get Carlisle v Plymouth or Exeter v Darlington on Boxing Day. Hands up who'd have fancied a trip to Wigan or Oldham today? Anyway, Bournemouth it is and let's make sure we're not trooping home with long faces at 2.45pm. Get behind the lads. Shouting and clapping your hands will certainly help keep you warm whatever is served up on the pitch. See you all back here for the clash with Bury on Saturday. Doesn't it seem like five minutes since we were sunning ourselves at Gigg Lane? A repeat of the score that day would do very nicely. Come on you Reds

THE WAITING GAME

It was July 2, 1991 when a fresh-faced Alan Reeves, described by those at Rochdale as a "dashing blonde defender," joined the Spotland club after a two-year stint at Chester. What followed for Town's 'never-say-die' defender, was a sequence of events that would later see him play in the top flight for the 'Crazy Gang' before moving to Wiltshire in 1997.



Upon his arrival at Rochdale, Reeves, having started as a full-back before moving to a more familiar central position, brought an instant wave of optimism to the Third Division Club. Not least for the ladies, Rochdale's official web site amusingly stating that, "...first impressions of Reeves were that he had the looks and the ladies would like him." Reeves laughs, "I was single back then, I was only 23!" However, he is quick to point out that he is now happily married before admitting that he would later become much more than a ladies man, the Birkenhead-born defender recently being voted as the second best player to have ever played for the club (on the club's official web site and second only to Reg Jenkins.)



Reeves seemed destined for hero status at Rochdale ever since announcing himself to the fans with a ninetieth minute winner at Cardiff City. From there, he never looked back and in 1992/93, as Rochdale looked likely to reach a play-off place, he made the central defensive position his own (in a side that had previously contained former Town scout, Shaun Reid). "Dominant in the air" and with "excellent anticipation", it was with no surprise that scouts from a plethora of clubs started flocking to 'The Dale' to see for themselves, whether reports of the former Hesswell and Norwich defender proved to be true. "Ironically, it was against last week's opponents Hereford, that Sam Hamann and Joe Kinnear came and watched me play. After the game they asked me whether or not I wanted to go and sign for Wimbledon and I said, "What do you think! It was either I stay at Rochdale or go and play in the Premiership. There was no comparison and the terms of the deal were finalised the next day."

Rochdale, led by Dave Sutton, failed to find a replacement for Reeves who, buoyed by his promotion into the top flight, celebrated his debut with a goal at Queens Park Rangers. Life, apparently was great with The Dons it would seem, on and off the field. "Once, on my birthday, the lads made me strip off in front of the press and slide through an ice cold puddle," Reeves remembers. But as well as upholding the 'Crazy Gang' tradition, Reeves went about ascertaining himself at the top level and went on to make 73 appearances in just under four years. Sadly, Reeves became increasingly frustrated by the lack of first team opportunities and it was at this stage of his career that he looked to the Robins to resurrect his career. Once again Reeves scored soon after joining, this time in his second game for the club, a home League Cup win against Wycombe and he would soon become an everpresent member of the side (not to mention club captain). However, in that time came one relegation and last year, very nearly a second. "Last year was disappointing, largely because we were chasing the teams above us all season. However, I am not disappointed that we stayed up and this year, after a new start, we are enjoying trying to head towards the top end. This year there wasn't the expectations that came with Colin Todd and having just avoided the drop by a single point, people didn't expect that much of us which has worked in our favour."

Reeves's never-say-die attitude is inspirational - the tough tackling defender opting for the most positive approach to even the most difficult situations (Reeves deputising in goal following Bart's sending off against Brentford!) This season, after agreeing a one-year contract at the County Ground, Reeves has gone about his most difficult proposition yet - assuaging a place in Roy Evans' side amidst a number of central defenders. "I've been enjoying it so far. I must admit it has been difficult trying to get a place in the side at times, but I don't worry about that. Whether we've got Martin Keown or Tony Adams in the side, when given the chance I will always give my best and the most important thing is that the side benefits from whoever plays. I think when given the opportunity, I've done alright. The side has kept a few clean sheets and I think I have done enough to slot into the back three."

Reeves' latest setback has been a medial ligament injury and he has been absent from Town's defence since the 2-0 defeat of Cambridge. "Yeah, that was my last game for a while and Matty Heywood has come in and not looked back. But when fit, which will hopefully be fairly soon, I will be back giving it my all and hopefully I can regain my place in the side. I'm sure Dick Mackey (physio) will be glad to see the back of me, he'll tell you I'm not the most patient person in the world!"

A comeback today maybe pushing it for Reeves, but in Bournemouth, Town's opponents are one of many struggling around mid-table. "Bournemouth are a tough side to beat and at the moment we are sitting just above them in the table. Three points today will be very handy for us and so the game is crucial. We have shown what we can do on numerous occasions and a few wins and we could be right up there. We were adamant at the start of the season not to get off on the wrong foot and we have managed to avoid the poor start we had last year. Now, if results go our way against sides like Bournemouth, Bury and Colchester you never know and we also have a tie with Manchester City to look forward to."

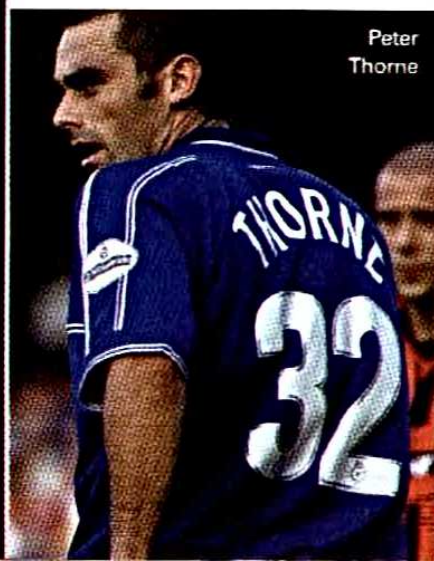
Whilst Reeves is forced to play the waiting game as he looks on from the stands, Town will be looking to cement three points this afternoon. However, you can be sure that when our trip to Manchester come around, Town's experienced scouser will be squaring up to Shaun Goater and Darren Huckerby.





THORNE SIDELINED FOR 3 MONTHS

Cardiff striker Peter Thorne will be out of action for three months after ripping tendons in his ankle. The 28-year-old striker only moved to Cardiff in September in a record-breaking £1.8 million deal, but injuries have limited him to just nine appearances. The former Blackburn man had only just returned to The Bluebirds' first-team at the beginning of this month, after suffering a hamstring injury which sidelined him for six weeks. But the damage he sustained during the 3-1 win over Brentford ten days ago has now been confirmed. "Peter has ripped tendons in his ankle and he will be in plaster for two weeks," said manager Alan Cork. "Then we will see how quickly he heals. It's a blow to lose a player of his quality."



Peter Thorne

TAYLOR SWOOPS FOR WEBB

Brighton boss Peter Taylor has made his first Seagulls signing, snapping up Southend United youngster Daniel Webb on a long-term loan. The 18-year old striker moves to the Withdean Stadium with a view to a permanent deal. Taylor briefly worked with Webb earlier this season when aiding with the training at Roots Hall following his sacking from Leicester, and he has reached an agreement with The Shrimpers to take him on loan for five months. Brighton will shell out £25,000 if the deal becomes permanent and Taylor is delighted with his capture "I know him and his father, Dave Webb very well and I used to coach Daniel at Southend's centre-of-excellence. He reminds me a lot of Teddy Sheringham," beamed Taylor.



Daniel Webb

BEES 'NO' TO MAHON BIDS

Second Division high-flyers Brentford have rejected two bids for their highly rated midfielder Gavin Mahon. First Division Crystal Palace and Watford have both made inquiries for the dreadlocked schemer. Brentford chairman Ron Noades is not prepared to let one of his prize assets leave Griffin Park. He said "We have had two offers so far, both for Gavin Mahon. Both were unacceptable and the Watford one is already a matter of public knowledge. We had an offer from Crystal Palace that later they withdrew because they were going to appoint a new manager," admitted Noades. "But you have to continue to look at the team's progress unless of course you get an offer where it would not be in the club's interest or the player's to refuse."



Gavin Mahon



PAYTON GOES TO THE SEASIDE

Blackpool boss Steve McMahon has raided Burnley to take veteran striker Andy Payton on a one month temporary transfer. Payton moves to The Seaside following Brett Ormerod's big money move to Southampton.

34-year old Payton, signed for the Clarets by Chris Waddle in January 1998, has been a regular goalscorer, but has been restricted to a place on the subs bench this season, although he has scored four goals from 12 substitute appearances. Seaside boss McMahon is pleased to have acquired a striker of Payton's quality so quickly, "We don't want clubs to think we are under pressure and we need to buy quickly. We need to buy the right people at the right price".

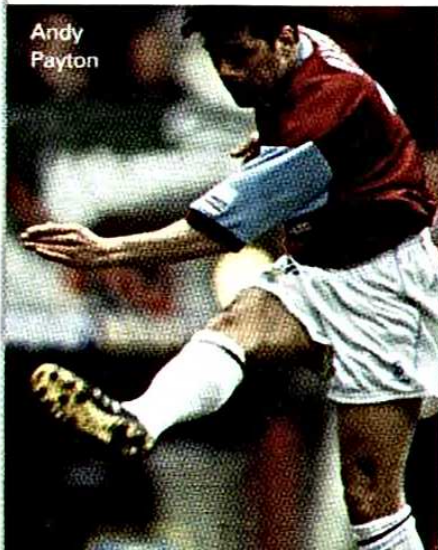
BURY BLAST FOR BLACKPOOL

Bury have described Blackpool's bid for Jon Newby as unacceptable. The Shakers turned down a cheeky £200,000 bid from Steve McMahon as the Seaside looked to replace Brett Ormerod. "After receiving £1.75 million for Brett they were trying to nick Jon off us for £200,000," fumed Shakers supremo Andy Preece. "If they had been able to do that they would have been laughing, the chairman isn't in the business of just giving our best players away. I've worked with Brett and I've worked with Jon and judging them on their all round game, Jon is just as good if not better than Ormerod," enthused Preece. "Brett is three years older than Jon but the only thing he has in his favour is the number of goals he has scored."

CHERRIES FINALLY GET THEIR MAN

AFC Bournemouth paid their first transfer fee in over a year when they finally completed the signing of striker Derek Holmes from Scottish side Ross County. The Scotsman agreed a three and a half year deal after a loan stint since September. Holmes joined Ross from Hearts two years ago for £50,000, but their financial situation means they were forced to allow him to move to Dean Court for a fee much less than that. The striker was relieved the long running transfer saga has been resolved. "It took a long time, and seemed like the longest time in the world", admitted Holmes. "Obviously you can see what's gone on with the ground and the club is going places, hopefully we can make the play-offs," he continued.

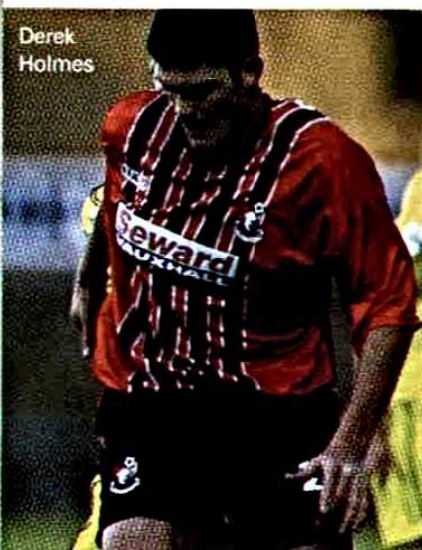
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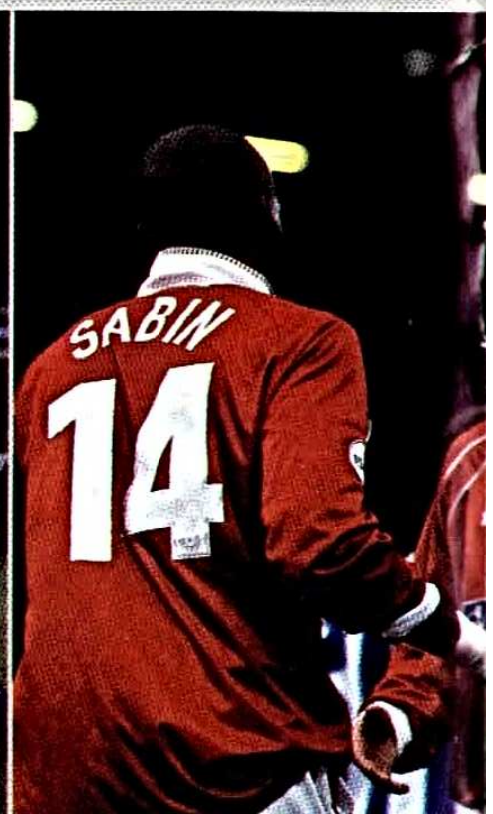
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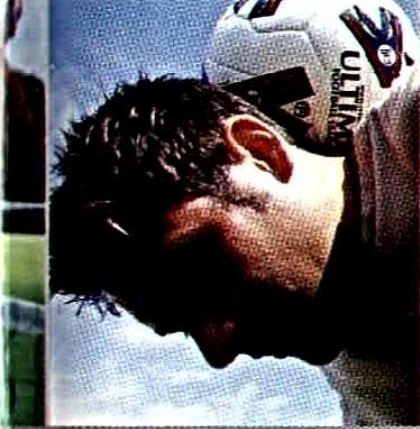
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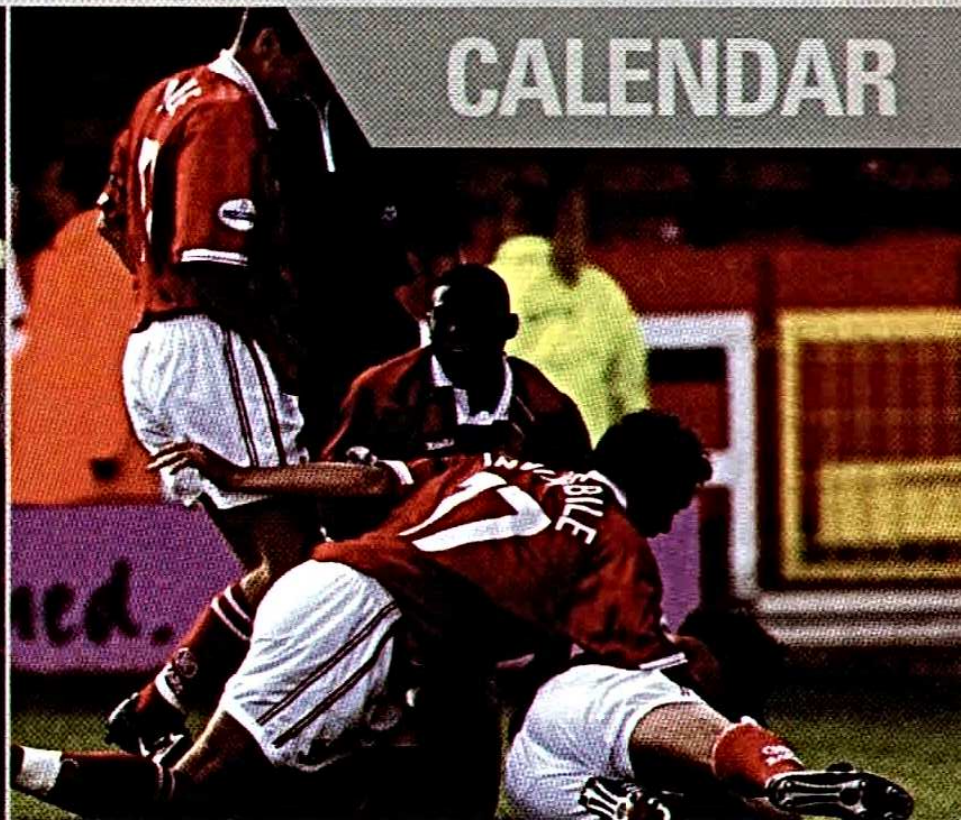
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Sol Davis (pictured) and
James Williams came through
the full 90 minutes unscathed

IN RESERVE

Town's second string were back in action after the postponement against Barnet and the trip to Luton saw the return of James Williams to the reserve side.

Town's diminutive scouser hadn't played a full ninety minutes since STFC's trip to Wigan last season (March 3), you could say he was pleased to be back! He enthused, "I've been chomping at the bit for the last four weeks. All throughout the season there has been a reserve game every week, and now the time I come back there has been four weeks without one! It's very frustrating but now I can't wait to get back into it." He continued, "I've had little niggles and I'm sore every now and then. It's not 100% yet, but it's a lot better than it was before I had the operation. I can get through training, so hopefully it will just keep getting better and better." Having now played for the reserves, James is keen to show the fans, and the management team what he is capable of. "Roy's been supportive while I've been injured, trying to get me not to rush back and to get it right before I come back to training. He's been great and hopefully I can show him what I can do now."

However, despite Williams' return, Town went down to a solitary goal scored by Luton's Peter Holmes. Dean Brennan's through ball was chased by Stuart Douglas and the ball fell to Holmes, who slotted home from close range. Town have now lost eight in a row and languish at the bottom of the Avon Insurance Combination League, but they must draw some consolation from the fact that both Williams and Davis came through the game unscathed. Also in Town's line-up was Grazioli (returning from injury), Dan Bennett (on trial from Singapore) and Alan McLoughlin.



Luton Town Res 1
Swindon Res 0

Wednesday 12th December
kick-off 2.00pm

Swindon line-up:

McKinney, Cobian, Davis, Halliday,
Smith, Bennett, Williams,
McAreevey, Brayley, Grazioli,
McLoughlin Subs: Smith, Collins,
Collier, N Edwards, Andersen

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Tue Aug 21	Bristol City (LC)	(H)	4-1
Wed Aug 29	Oxford United	(A)	0-1
Wed Sep 5	Brighton & HA	(A)	0-0
Wed Sep 12	AFC Bournemouth	(H)	2-0
Wed Sep 25	Bristol Rovers	(A)	0-2
Wed Oct 3	Nonwich City	(H)	1-2
Wed Oct 10	Cheltenham Town	(A)	0-1
Thur Oct 18	Colchester United	(H)	2-2
Wed Nov 7	Peterborough United	(H)	2-1
Mon Nov 12	Cambridge United	(A)	2-3
Wed Dec 5	Barnet	(H)	2-3
Wed Dec 12	Luton Town	(A)	0-1
Wed Dec 19	Northampton Town	(H)	2-0pm
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Wed Jan 9	Leyton Orient	(H)	2-0pm
Tue Jan 15	Milwall	(A)	2-0pm
Wed Jan 23	Gillingham	(A)	2-0pm
Wed Feb 6	Cardiff City	(H)	2-0pm
Tue Feb 12	QPR	(A)	2-0pm
Wed Feb 20	Crystal Palace	(H)	2-0pm
Wed Feb 27	Reading	(A)	2-0pm
Wed Mar 6	Cardiff City (LC)	(H)	2-0pm
Wed Mar 13	Bristol City	(A)	2-0pm
Wed Mar 20	Brentford	(H)	2-0pm
Wed Mar 27	Portsmouth	(H)	2-0pm
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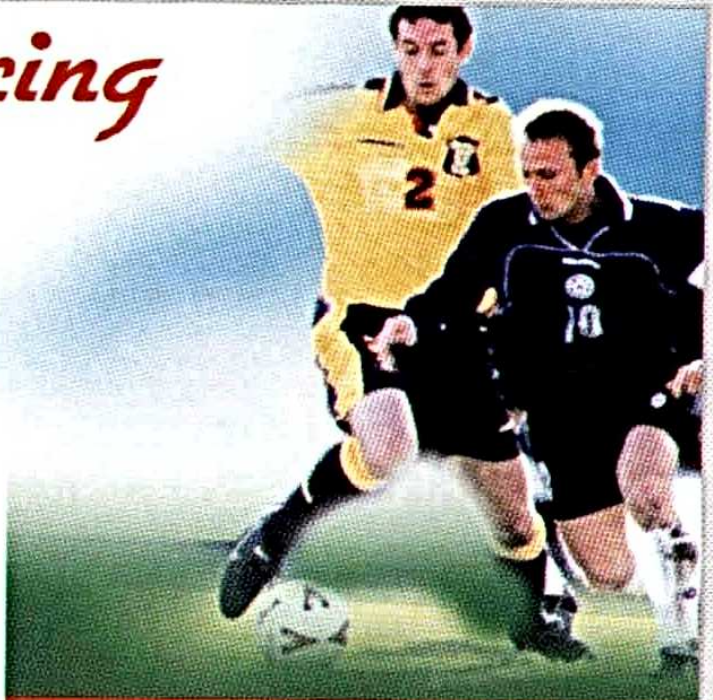
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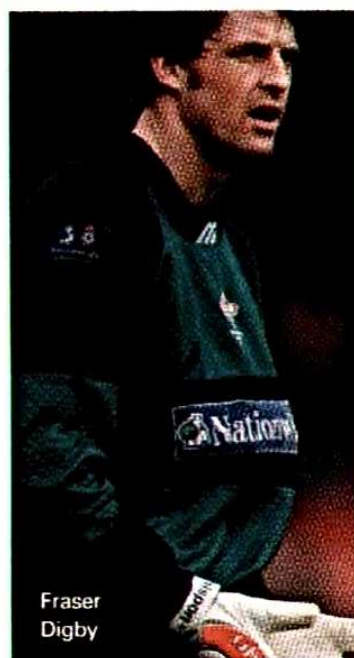
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In 1986/87, Town reached the play-offs. Dick Mattick, in the first of two parts, explains how.

Lou Macari refused to be complacent despite having seen his side achieve a record points total in Division Four the previous season. He realised that some experience would be needed to add to the fitness and endeavour that characterised his side the previous season. Shrewdly, the sale of Colin Gordon to Wimbledon financed three new signings. Although Jimmy Gilligan failed to establish a regular place, central defender, Tim Parkin, and striker, Steve White, were to play major roles in another season of success. When goalkeeper, Kenny Allen twisted an ankle in a Littlewoods Cup match at Southampton, Lou returned to his former club Manchester United to borrow Fraser Digby. The signing was later made permanent and the young 'keeper was to prove his worth in this, and many other seasons. Although the season began brightly with a 2-1 win at Bolton, Town suffered two home defeats in quick succession. The second saw an absolute drubbing at the hands of Blackpool. Despite this the fans did their best to raise spirits by chanting "Lou Macari's red and white army" which was to be the war cry of the period. Mark Jones was another player who came on loan and when he scored twice in a 3-1 win at York his signing was made permanent. As a second successive promotion became a real possibility the Board came up with £60,000 to allow Digby's signing to be made permanent and also for Jimmy Quinn to be brought back to the County Ground. A home tie against Leeds United ended in defeat in

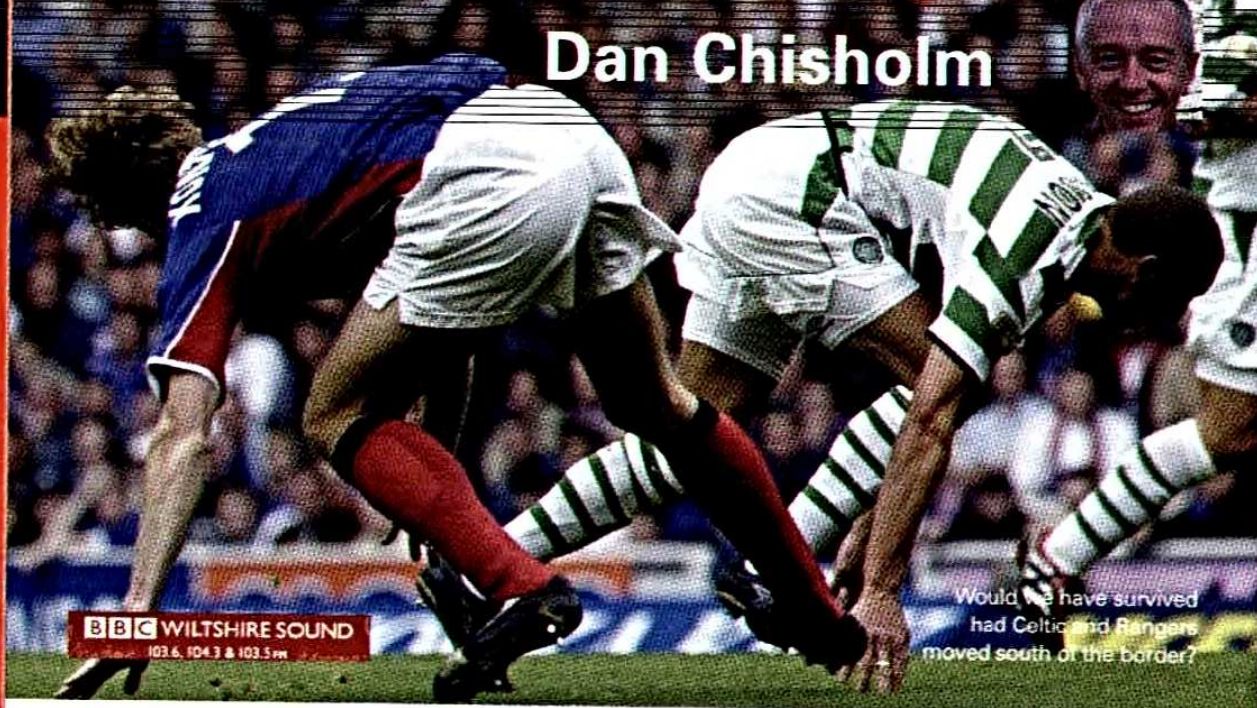


Fraser Digby

the F A Cup but the run to the Fourth Round generated much needed finance. A 3-0 home win over Newport County was to spark a run of 10 games in which the only points Swindon dropped were in a 1-1 draw at Blackpool. On April 11 a 4-3 win at Ashton Gate against Bristol Rovers (they were playing on City's ground at the time) lifted Town to second spot in the table. However, by the season's end they dropped back to third and would have to battle for the final promotion place with Wigan and Gillingham, who both finished below them and Sunderland from Division Two.

Bournemouth won Division Three, just three points in front of second placed Middlesbrough. Success was built around a magnificent home record which saw them win 19 games, losing just one. Gerry Peyton, Mark Newson and Sean O'Driscoll were all ever present for the Cherries while Paul Morrell and Mark Whitlock, missed just one game each. Jamaican-born Carl Davis led the scorers with 12 League goals, followed closely by Trevor Aylett and David Pluckett with 10 apiece. A goal spree against Fareham Town saw a 7-2 victory in Round One of the FA Cup but it was followed by defeat at Orient while in the Littlewoods Cup, a 1-0 defeat at Dean Court saw them go out 2-1 on aggregate.

Dan Chisholm



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FROM THE AIRWAVES

Christmas wouldn't be the same without sport on Boxing Day. There's nothing quite like the feeling of having to prize my bloated frame out of the armchair and getting my oversized posterior to the County Ground for a spot of footy.

A half time interval with a pie or two, or the inevitable turkey sandwiches and, for those not driving, a nip in a hipflask. Let's hope we continue to be in high spirits by the end of today's game.

You know, I really hate missing football - one of the highlights of my week, so it was wonderfully convenient that the Huddersfield game was postponed while I was hitch-hiking back from a week in the Scottish highlands. Amazingly, despite being tucked away in a cottage on the estate where they film the BBC 1 drama *Monarch of the Glen*, the temptation was almost too great to avoid making the trip to watch Inverness Caledonian Thistle or Aberdeen. Thankfully, the odd night or seven on the whisky got in the way.

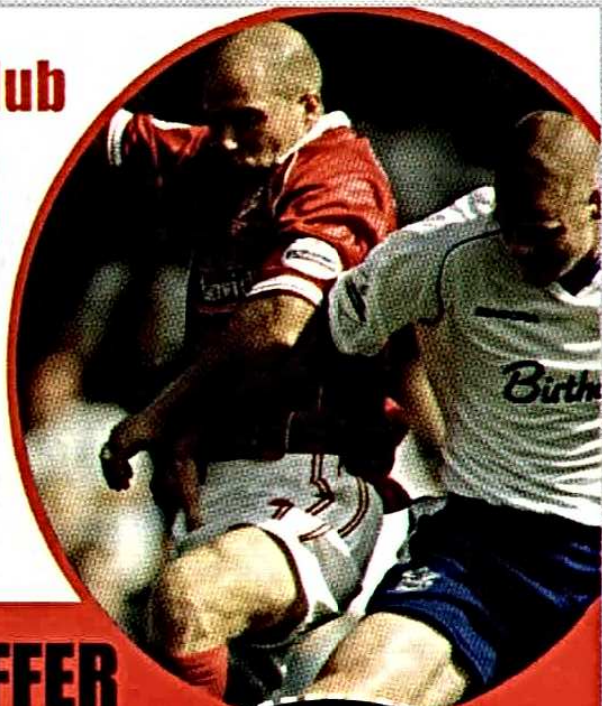
It was interesting watching sports coverage on Scottish TV - where the BBC are still able to screen it on Saturday night. I can't help feeling that teams other than Celtic and Rangers would (in my view) hardly pose a threat to some of the teams we've seen at the County Ground this season. After the recent talk of Premiership 1 and 2, I'm glad the idea has been thrown out along with the suggestion that the Glasgow big boys could be included in a new top flight. I was very concerned at the possible impact it could've had on clubs like ours in the lower leagues on both sides of the border. It could have killed the Scottish game completely and I believe few English clubs would have survived. Add to that the constant pressure to sell on our best players to bigger clubs, what will we be left with? For example, how long could Swindon Town fans expect to enjoy the pace of Eric Sabin? In the light of current concerns over where the money will come from for new players, we can only hope it won't be through being forced to sell our shining stars. That, of course, comes down to the new board. In wishing new chairman Willie Carson all the best with his role, I hope he's backed a winner in taking up the reins with Swindon Town. After years in the wilderness away from the Premiership, it's really about time this fine town got the success it's patiently been waiting for. I believe, with the right backing it can happen.

Hope you had a wonderful Christmas, may 2002 bring you continued health and happiness.

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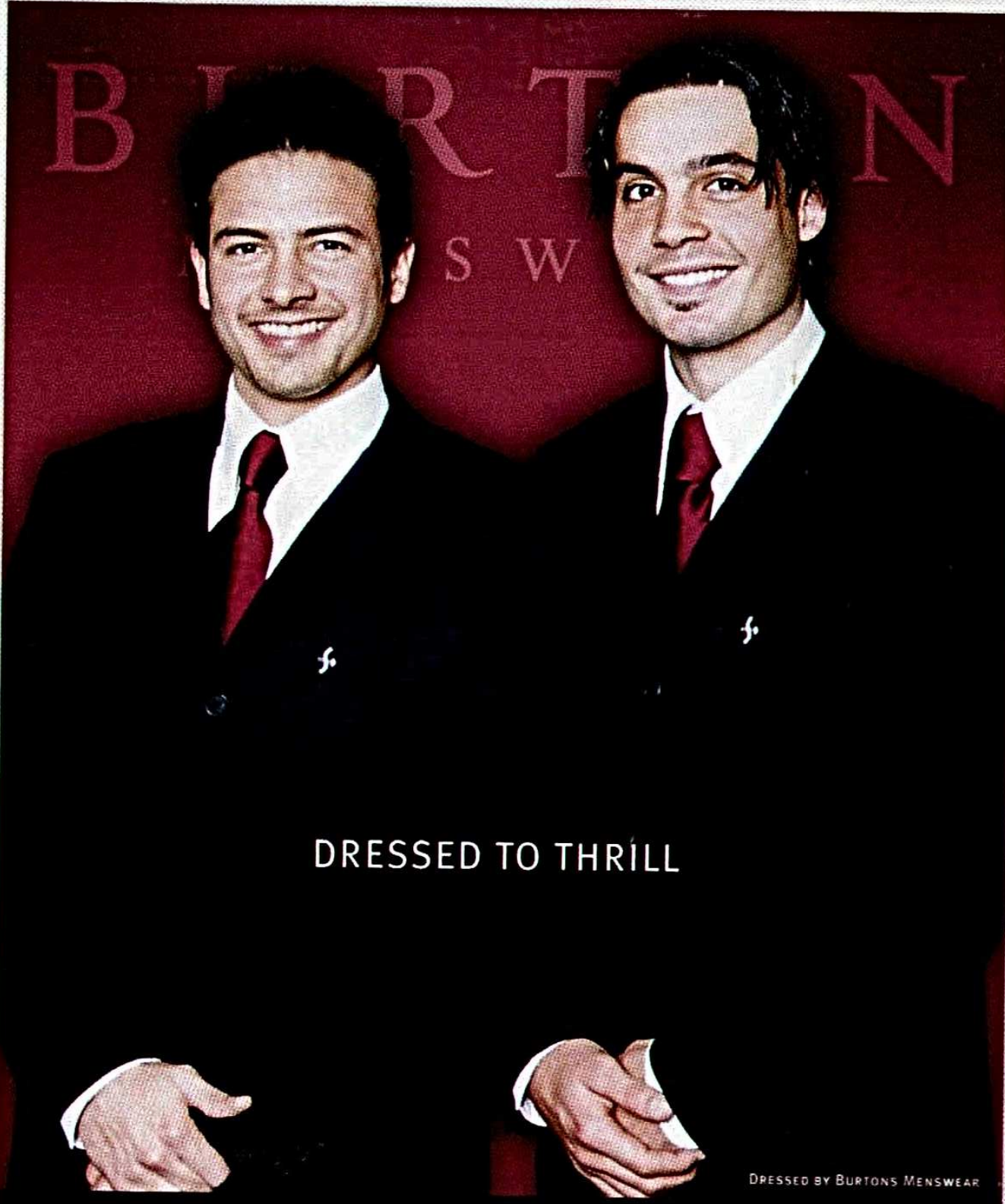
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Home International, April 15, 1961

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THE MATCH - Scotland goalkeeper Frank Haffey was allegedly 'the man to blame' for England's record thrashing of the 'auld enemy', but this belies the early stages of a match which saw a wretched performance by those defenders in front of him. Jimmy Greaves of Chelsea, prior to his move to Italy, was at his best and scored a hat-trick. Johnny Haynes, who orchestrated the performance with a commanding display in midfield, scored two as did Greaves' future Spurs striking partner, Bobby Smith. Bobby Robson and Bryan Douglas completed the England scoring. Scotland included the Rangers full backs Shearer and Caldwell, Dave Mackay, Billy McNeill, Denis Law and Ian St John, but collectively and individually they played very poorly. Their goals were scored by Mackay, Wilson and Quinn. England, pre-Ramsey, were on a roll with their fifth consecutive win, scoring 32 goals in that time with a team that scarcely changed in that period. Jimmy Greaves had scored eleven of them. It was Frank Haffey's last game for Scotland.



THE PROGRAMME - Wembley Stadium issued their familiar programme, with an aerial photograph of the stadium in blue, and background design in blue, red and green on the front cover. As programmes of its time went, this was a reasonable issue despite the cover price of 1/- being double the price of ordinary League programmes. The sixteen pages included articles on the forthcoming World Cup Finals and the future of Scottish football, plus detailed pen pictures of both squads and action photos of the previous year's meeting at Hampden. There were portraits of the guests of honour and opposite the centre page team lines (in 2-3-5 formation) was the familiar Time Table and Programme of Music. Advertisements included the Radio Times (on the inside front page), Bovril (featuring Jimmy Greaves in a Chelsea strip), Double Diamond beers (inside back page), British European Airways, Senior Service cigarettes, and forthcoming Ice Hockey, Greyhound Racing and Football events at the Stadium. The programme is very commonplace and should not cost much more than £2 to buy from one of the major dealers, who will certainly have several copies in stock.



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A NEW CHAPTER

RECENTLY, SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB HELD AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING AT THE COUNTY GROUND. THE MEETING (A RESULT OF A HIGH COURT ACTION THAT DECREED THAT FORMER CHAIRMAN, DANNY DONNEGAN AND DIRECTOR, IAN BLATCHLEY, WEREN'T APPOINTED LEGALLY AND THEREFORE WEREN'T RECOGNISED AS DIRECTORS OF THE CLUB) WAS CHAIRED BY NICK PRESCOTT AND WAS ATTENDED BY NEARLY TWO HUNDRED STFC SHAREHOLDERS.

The board members were elected by a majority show of hands and therefore did not need a poll vote (which would then have taken into account every individual shareholding). A board meeting was held immediately in which Carson was elected Club chairman, while Wendy Godwin, Bob Holt and Nick Prescott were elected as the remaining directors. The interim Board is now in the process of assessing the Club's financial position and a date for an AGM will be announced in the New Year. At this juncture, shareholders will then elect a new Board to take on the responsibility of running the Club for the next 12 months. This will be a much more open Forum than was allowed at the EGM (which was under a strict agenda set out by the high court). Shareholders will be given the opportunity to discuss the trading position of the club and its future.



Chairman: Willie Carson

Champion Jockey, Queens Jockey, television celebrity and now racing pundit for the BBC, Willie has been a follower of football all his life. Unfortunately, due to his racing commitments, Willie has only attended the occasional Robins match but as demonstration of his loyalty to STFC he bought shares in the Club in 1998 and has been seen more regularly. He recognises that the road ahead is tough and there is no short cut to success. "It's not going to be easy - this horse has been lame for sometime" laments Willie. However, "...this new Board has the necessary skills and backing to re-introduce a degree of normality to the Club."



Director: Wendy Godwin

Wendy's involvement with STFC came about in 1962 through her late husband, Peter. As a major shareholder, Wendy hopes her families' commitment has been evident over the last few years and she hopes she will be able to contribute in the same way as Peter. Wendy's goal is to bring much needed stability back to the Club, but comments "It is not just down to the Board - all must show their loyalty and commitment over the coming months and beyond."



Director: Bob Holt

Bob Holt first became involved with STFC in December 1999 when Cliff Puffett asked him to review the Club's financial status. Bob realised drastic action was necessary, the Club previously trading well beyond its means. Consequently Bob recommended to the Board the appointment of an Administrator to protect the Club's future. Bob's appointment to the Board of STFC is primarily to assist the Club in gaining financial security. He plans to immediately conduct a full audit, before forging a sound business plan to provide a platform for the Club to mount a legitimate challenge for promotion next season.



Director: Nick Prescott

Nick wasn't an official member of the Consortium but was invited to assist them. His first involvement with the Club was when he was employed by PIA (now Dunwoody Sports) to produce the Club's matchday programme. Over the last nine years he has developed a strong relationship with the Club, as a fan, shareholder and supplier, he even met his wife at the Club who worked in the marketing department! In terms of future commitment Nick intends to use his skills as a sports marketing specialist to re-establish, and develop, commercial activity at STFC. He hopes to be able to encourage local business and multi-nationals alike to become involved with the Club and above all, look to re-create the atmosphere that we all once enjoyed at STFC.

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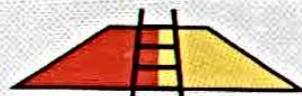


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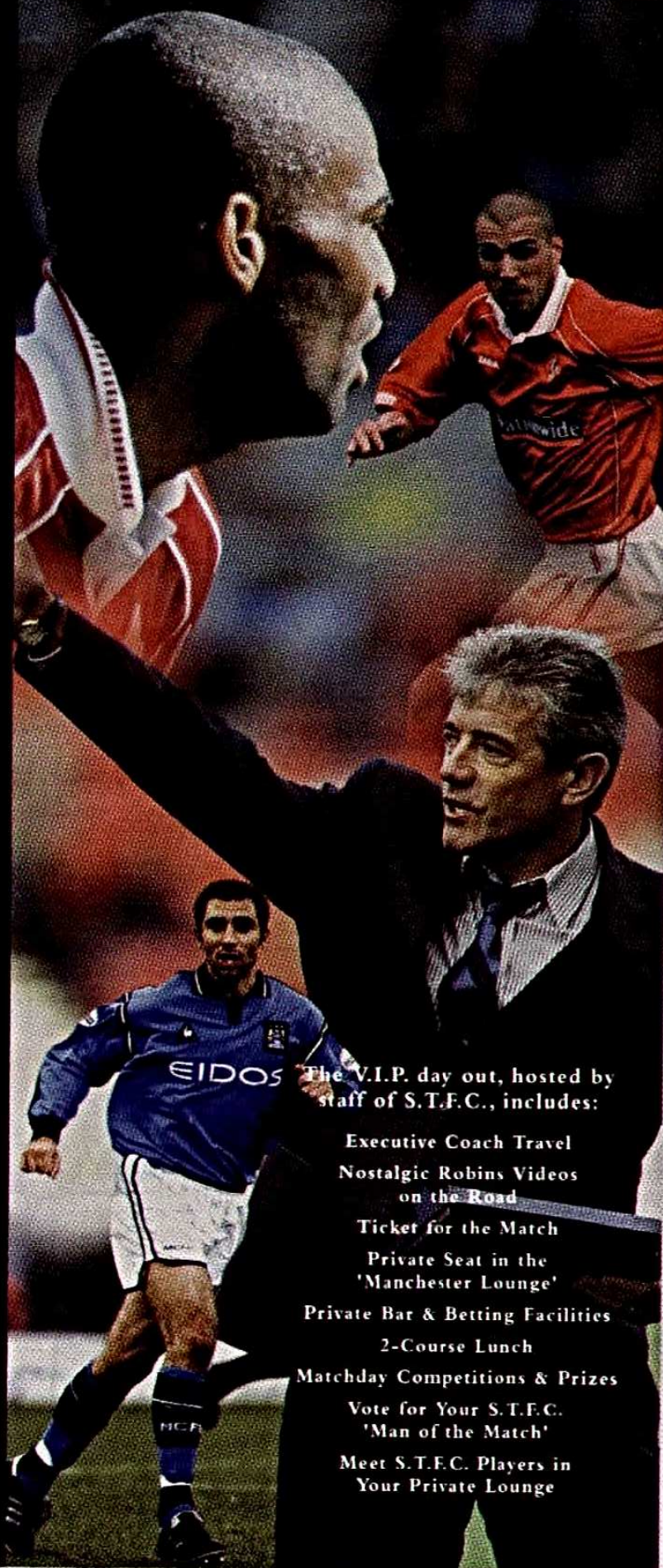
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 Sat Jan 5 - 3.00pm

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Evening Advertiser "Robins Revival" Half time draw

Stoke - The winning ticket for this match remains outstanding. Please check all pockets/back of sofas carefully as we really want to give away the prize of £260.

To claim, please ring Roger Bunce on, 01865 820499 if you have winning ticket number 920. The prize will be held until December 31 2001.

Hereford - Winning ticket for this game was 733 and the prize winner will collect £325. Full details of the winner will be included in the next programme. Furthermore, following the postponement of the Huddersfield game, it was not possible to complete the draw as intended. However, the draw was made last Thursday and we hope to have contacted all winners by now. A full list will be included in the Bury programme as well as

on our website (you will find the address above).

The Supporters Club Christmas draw

With prizes of over £500 on offer, we would like to thank all of our members who have taken time to sell tickets.

Why not stop after the game tonight as the draw will take place in The Winners Lounge at 5.30pm. You may just have time to buy a ticket to participate. Details of the funds raised from the draw will be published in a future programme.

Vale and Oxon Supporters Group

The Vale and Oxon Supporters Group held their recent meeting on December 4 and were given an opportunity to listen to a presentation from Truststfc - the Supporters Trust. An informal Q & A session was held with the Vale and Oxon's own vice president, Mike Spearman.

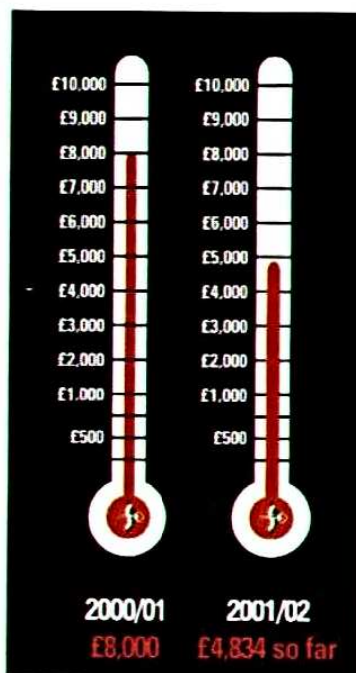
Disabled Group

Town's Disabled Group held their Christmas bash with eats and drinks and a Q & A session with

Their next meeting will be held in the Winners Lounge on January 7, 2002.

'Do I not know that' National Quiz

Keep an eye open for programme listings for ITV Sport. Their next two performances have already been filmed and are likely to be shown before the end of the year on either ITV 1 or ITV 2.





Andrew Parfett is aged 39 and lives in Great Shefford, Berkshire. Andrew can normally be found supporting the Robins in the Nationwide stand during home games.

TALK OF THE TERRACES

FIRST HOME MATCH SEEN?

My first home game was against Bournemouth when we lost 3-2 on December 5, 1989. My first away game came two weeks later at The Dell when we lost to Southampton 4-2 in the Fourth Round of the League Cup

FAVOURITE PLAYER OF ALL TIME?

Glenn Hoddle

WHICH PLAYER WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE BACK IN A TOWN SHIRT?

Glenn Hoddle

FAVOURITE PLAYER IN PRESENT TEAM?

Keith O'Halloran

MOST MEMORABLE HOME MATCH?

The two legs against Tranmere in the First Division Play-off semi-final in 1993 were fantastic

BIGGEST MOAN/GRPE?

The P.A. system in Nationwide stand

FAVOURITE TOWN STORY?

Rockin Robin's sliding tackle on Bristol City's cat during a penalty shoot out

FAVOURITE GOAL?

Paul Bodin's in the Play-off final against Leicester

MOST SATISFYING WIN LAST SEASON?

Rotherham at home

PREDICTION FOR THIS YEAR?

Top 10

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Centre of Excellence

WITH JIMMY FRASER

Our under 12's and 13's faced Cardiff City at our Zurich Life Training Ground two weeks ago, whilst the U14's and U15's travelled to South Wales. The Under 14's won 4-1, a cracking result considering we had to play a couple of under 13's (due to a couple of long term injuries). However, the under 14's performance can be improved by them keeping the ball better. The Under 15's were beaten 5-2, but their performance warranted a better result. The Under 12's played on our new pitch at the Training Ground, which has been made smaller for the younger age groups, along with the goals. They put on a very good performance despite losing 2-1, passing the ball around nicely and working hard and we were very pleased with them. The U13's were beaten 4-0, but again, their work rate and quality of passing was tremendous. We must thank Zurich Life for marking out the new pitches for us, and also for supplying us with a fantastic setting for our games programme. The Centre of Excellence has now finished until January 7, so this is a chance for all of our players to rest. We look forward to seeing you all after Christmas.

Wishing you a belated Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. Enjoy today's game and see you here on Saturday.


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We hope you are all having a great Christmas and that we witness a home win today here at the County Ground. The week leading up to Christmas was extremely busy for us.



THE Evening Advertiser TOWN END



It was very unfortunate that the match against Huddersfield was cancelled, as we had 150 people in for our largest Saturday Team Club of the season. We are making arrangements with the four groups in question to revisit us in the New Year.

On Tuesday December 18 we staged our annual six-a-side competition, sponsored by Railtrack, for the Under 11's. The final was played on the County Ground pitch and Wroughton and Liden gave us all some great entertainment. Wroughton came out on top winning by 3 goals to 1. James Turner scored two excellent goals for the winners, but it was the Liden goalkeeper, Adam Miller who stole the show – winning the 'Man of the Match' award. 'Razor' Ruddock presented the trophy and medals to the players, so a big thank you to him for his support. We would also like to thank Graham Barnes who, once again, refereed the final very fairly for both sets of players. Wroughton now go onto represent us in the regional finals at Bristol on Wednesday January 30 2002.

In the New Year will be commencing with our Smoby Table Top Football competition. We will be contacting local primary schools and going into the schools during lunch breaks. Our aim is to get as many children involved as we possibly can. If you think your school would like to take part please get your teacher to call us in the New Year.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Festive Greetings
Clive, Jon, Luke & Nolan

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SWINDON TOWN STUDY CENTRES



STFC's Study Centres are used by a wide variety of groups. Nine members of the Youth Team Squad are studying an Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education, which is organised and run by the New College. The students use the computers here for their course under the expert guidance of their tutor Ian Taylor. Recently the young players had to gather information from a company against the following five headings.

- Understand how organisations are structured
- Understand how companies use and exchange information
- Evaluate how well ICT can and does help organisations
- Consider how ICT supports different activities in organisations
- See how ICT offers new opportunities, eg. just in time stock management

On Thursday December 6, Martin Turnbull, the Study Centre Manager organised a visit to the brand new Adidas outlet at McArthur Glen's Designer Outlet Great Western in Swindon. Darren Jesson, the Manager at Adidas, told the lads how the new store fitted in to the Adidas Company and what his role and responsibilities were as a manager.

The players were then shown how ICT monitored new stock coming in to the store through to the point of sale. Darren explained that computer technology enabled both he and his area manager to see exactly what stock each store held, what was being sold, for how much and by whom. The lads enjoyed their visit and the information they collected at Adidas will be used in their end of unit examination in January.

THIS WEEK 25 YEARS AGO WITH DAVE WALLIS

On December 22 1976, Alan Ball left Arsenal to join Southampton for £60,000. The 27th saw Town entertain Oxford and emerge with a 1-0 win. Skipper Colin Prophet stabbed home the winner after 73 minutes in front of 12,125 supporters. It was Swindon's first league win since October 26 and left Town in 11th position in Division Three, four points and four places ahead of Oxford. On the same day, Bournemouth came back from a goal deficit to earn a 1-1 home draw against Swansea City.

Q1) In Dec 1976, Town had an ex-Bournemouth forward on the books. He later went on to Newport County. Who was he?

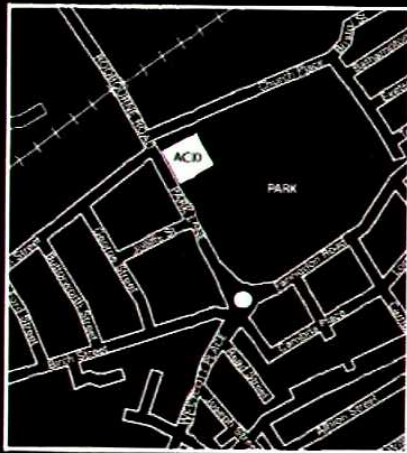
Q2) On December 24 1976, an ex-Town winger left Burnley to join Blackpool. What was his name?

Q3) On 29th December 1976, QPR idol Stan Bowles was threatened with the axe to make way for an ex-Swindon striker who had gone to Loftus Road the previous March. Who?

Q4) Which Bournemouth striker, who later moved to Manchester United, scored nine goals in a First Round FA Cup tie on November 29 1971?

Q5) Against whom did he score them?

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FESTIVE SPIRIT

Town fan and ironically named William Robbins has certainly got in the festive spirit with this seasonal drawing of Town mascot, Rockin' Robin. William, from Chippenham, is a season ticket holder in the Nationwide Stand.

GOAL OF THE YEAR

We are giving one lucky Town fan the chance to win a signed STFC shirt by simply voting for your favourite Town goal in 2001.

The lucky winner will also present the goalscorer with a commemorative prize on the County Ground pitch before Town's game with Bristol City (January 13).

All you have to do to stand a chance of winning the signed shirt, is choose your favourite goal from the shortlist of ten below, and send your decision into us here at STFC. The goal that receives the most votes wins, and one winner will be plucked from those that vote for that goal. You can send your nominations by post (marked goal of the year competition) to: Dunwoody Sports Marketing, The Litten, Newtown Road, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 7BB or by e-mail, nick.ju@d-mc.co.uk. Good luck!

1. McAreavey v Oldham, Mar 6.

An impressive run that was finished off superbly on the Irishman's return to the side.

2. S Robinson v Oxford, Mar 10.

A rare goal from 'Turbo', but his volley from 25 yards rounded off a fantastic performance against Town's local rivals, Oxford United.

3. Invincible v P'borough, Apr 28.

A volley that looked to have rolled off his shin, yet reached the top corner anyway in the ninetieth minute.

4. Howe v Wolves, Aug 22.

A spectacular long-range effort against Wolves in the 1st round of the Worthington Cup.

5. Duke v Bury, Aug 27.

A superb run, beating three players was calmly slotted home on this Bank Holiday Monday.

6. 'Razor' v Colchester, Sep 1.

Having put most of his practice efforts in the bush in training, Razor managed this 30-yard free-kick effort on his home debut.

7. Graz v Cambridge, Oct 24.

A spectacular goal from Town's joint top scorer, a fantastic volley at the death against Cambridge.

8. Carlisle v Wycombe, Oct 27.

Town's on-loan Irishman fired in a long range effort to give us the lead at Adams Park.

9. Sabin v Brighton, Nov 24.

A cool finish following Carlisle's good work on the left, this was Sabin's long-awaited first goal in the red and white.

10. P Edwards v Hereford, Dec 8.

Edwards' first goal for the club and at a crucial stage in the game. A neat bit of skill was followed by an impressive left foot shot.



Quick Quiz answers
What year? 1979/80, Andy Rowland
Guess who? Neil Ruddock
What team? Chesterfield

QUICK QUIZ

WHAT YEAR?

Can you guess the year from this picture?



GUESS WHO?

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

1. You could cut yourself with his nickname...
2. He's played for Liverpool
3. He scored on his STFC debut
4. He also does a lot of work off the pitch as well
5. You could say he's something of a crowd favourite

WHAT CLUB?

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

1. They beat us 4-0 earlier in the season at Saltergate...
2. ...however, they are below us in the league table
3. Alan Reeves certainly wasn't happy with the result
4. Their recent history has been enshrouded in financial instability
5. One wonders how long they can hold on to top goalscorer, Luke Beckett (below)



PREMIA K.A.
Who does he play for?



with George Chadwick

JUNIOR ROBINS

A big warm welcome to today's match to our Junior Robins.

On behalf of everyone on the committee, may I wish you all a belated Merry Christmas! We send all our very best wishes to each and every one of you - hopefully we will see you all back here for the game against Bury in three days time.

Apologies once again for not being able to arrange a Christmas Disco for you this year, but we are sending out a letter to all of you very soon regarding a Disco in February. Please reply as soon as you can.

Julie is again recruiting for the Robinettes. If you are between the ages of 12-16 and you feel you would like to be part of Julie's dedicated team please ring her on 01793 763349.

Finally, if you would like to be our Mascot (the package includes a replica kit, chance to meet and lead the players out before the game, buffet, free tickets to a game and of course, a complimentary matchday programme!), please ring George Chadwick on 01672 520679.

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



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SOCCER CENTRES WITH JIMMY FRASER



There are still some spaces available on our centres for next year, so if anyone is still interested in joining them, then please call me, Jimmy Fraser at the club on 01793 644724, or pop in and see me at the club. Soccer Centre members are reminded that they have just five days until December 31 to obtain their 10% discount off Town's new third kit as modelled by Matty Heywood.

SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB SOCCER CENTRES

OASIS (Swindon Borough)

Monday 5.00 - 6.00 pm 5 - 10 years
Saturday 9.00 - 10.00 am 5 - 8 years
10.00 - 11.00 am 5 - 8 years

HIGHWORTH (Swindon Borough)

Tuesday 4.00 - 5.00 pm 5 - 6 years
5.00 - 6.00 pm 5 - 8 years
Thursday 5.00 - 6.00 pm 8 - 11 years

HAYDON CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

Thursday 4.00 - 5.00 pm 5 - 6 years
5.00 - 6.00 pm 7 - 8 years
6.00 - 7.00 pm 9 - 11 years

MALMESBURY ACTIVITY ZONE (new)

Monday 4.00 - 5.00 pm 5 & 6 years
Monday 5.00 - 6.00 pm 7 & 8 years

STRATTON

Monday 3.30 - 4.30 PM 6 - 7 years
4.30 - 5.30 PM 9 - 11 years
Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 PM 5 - 6 years
4.30 - 5.30 PM 9 - 10 years
Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30 PM 7 - 8 years
4.30 - 5.30 PM 8 - 9 years
Friday 3.30 - 4.30 PM 5 - 6 years

LINK CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

Monday 4.30 - 5.30 pm 5 - 6 years
5.30 - 6.30 pm 8 - 11 years
Thursday 4.30 - 5.30 pm 5 years
5.30 - 6.30 pm 7 - 8 years

MARLBOROUGH

Wednesday 3.30 - 4.00 pm 5 - 7 years
4.00 - 5.00 pm 7 - 9 years
5.00 - 6.00 pm 9 - 12 years

RIDGEWAY LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday 5.00 - 6.00 pm 5 - 7 years
6.00 - 7.00 pm 8 - 11 years

CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday 5.30 - 6.30 pm 9 - 11 years

BAMPTON

Friday 5.00 - 6.00 pm 7, 8 & 9 years
6.00 - 7.00 pm 10 - 11 years

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Friday 4.00 - 5.00 pm 5 - 6 years
5.00 - 6.00 pm 7 - 8 years
6.00 - 7.00 pm 9 - 11 years



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STATS 2001/02

STATS KEY

GRAZIOU	Not played
GRAZIOU	Played
GRAZIOU	Scored goal
GRAZIOU 2	Scored two goals
GRAZIOU	Caution
GRAZIOU	Sent off
GRAZIOU	Sub not used
GRAZIOU(7)	Sub used (time)
GRAZIOU(7)	Player replaced (time)

Date	Time	Opponents	Attn	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Sat Aug 11	(A) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd	7,888	0-0	GREMINK		DAVIS(76)	HEWLETT		GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(57)		GRAZIOU	DUKE		SABIN
Sat Aug 18	(A) 3.00pm	Bristol City	13,818	1-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(62)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(54)		GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Wed Aug 22	(A) 7.45pm	Wolves	7,598	2-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(55)		GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Sat Aug 25	(H) 3.00pm	Colchester Utd	5,279	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(78)	KUFFOUR(67)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Mon Aug 27	(A) 3.00pm	Bury	3,202	3-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(79)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(65)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Sat Sep 1	(H) 3.00pm	Leeds Utd	4,899	1-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(72)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Sat Sep 8	(A) 3.00pm	Bournemouth	3,770	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(14)	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Tue Sep 11	(A) 7.45pm	West Brom	14,536	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(37)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(100)	GRAZIOU(3)	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Sat Sep 15	(H) 3.00pm	Tranmere Rovers	5,822	2-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(76)	GRAZIOU(37)	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Tue Sep 18	(A) 7.45pm	Port Vale	3,737	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Sat Sep 22	(A) 3.00pm	Chesterfield	4,275	0-4	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY(77)	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(74)	GRAZIOU(68)	DUKE(14)	COBAIN	SABIN
Tue Sep 25	(H) 7.45pm	Sheff Wed	5,578	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Sat Sep 29	(A) 3.00pm	Northampton Town	5,104	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT(7)	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU(81)	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Sat Oct 13	(A) 3.00pm	Reading	14,389	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(82)	GRAZIOU(86)	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Tue Oct 16	(A) 7.45pm	Colchester	1,251	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(71)	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Sat Oct 21	(H) 7.15pm	Cardiff City	8,279	0-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(71)	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Wed Oct 24	(H) 7.45pm	Exeter City	4,882	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(2)	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Sat Oct 27	(A) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wd	7,127	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(74)	GRAZIOU(74)	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Sat Nov 3	(H) 3.00pm	Sheff Wed	7,981	0-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(78)	GRAZIOU(71)	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Sat Nov 10	(A) 3.00pm	Blackpool	5,018	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(68)	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Sat Nov 17	(H) 3.00pm	Millwall	4,756	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(68)	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Wed Nov 21	(A) 7.45pm	QPR	8,847	0-4	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(78)	GRAZIOU(68)	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Sat Nov 24	(H) 3.00pm	Exeter City	6,832	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(66)	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Tue Nov 27	(H) 7.45pm	Wrexham	2,137	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(66)	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Sat Dec 1	(A) 3.00pm	Wigan Ath	5,635	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(83)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(66)	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Sat Dec 8	(H) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd	7,689	3-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBAIN	SABIN
Fri Dec 21	(A) 7.45pm	Notts County															
Wed Dec 26	(H) 1.00pm	Bournemouth															
Sat Dec 29	(H) 7.00pm	Bury															
Tue Jan 1	(A) 3.00pm	Colchester Utd															
Sat Jan 5	(A) 3.00pm	Manchester City															
Sat Jan 12	(H) 7.45pm	Bristol City															
Wed Jan 16	(A) 7.45pm	Oidham Athletic															
Sat Jan 19	(A) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd															
Wed Jan 24	(H) 7.45pm	Northampton															
Sat Jan 26	(A) 1.00pm	Wrexham															
Sat Feb 2	(H) 3.00pm	Northampton Town															
Sat Feb 9	(A) 3.00pm	Cardiff City															
Sat Feb 16	(H) 3.00pm	Preston															
Fri Feb 22	(A) 7.45pm	Tranmere Rovers															
Tue Feb 26	(H) 7.45pm	Chesham Utd															
Sat Mar 2	(H) 3.00pm	Port Vale															
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) 2.00pm	Blackpool															
Mon Apr 1	(A) 3.00pm	Stoke City															
Sat Apr 6	(H) 3.00pm	Sheff Wed															
Sat Apr 13	(A) 3.00pm	Brighton & Hove															
Sat Apr 20	(H) 3.00pm	Accrington Stanley															
Sat May 4	(H) 3.00pm	Sheff Wed															



Fixtures and kick-off times are subject to alteration for television purposes and other league requirements.

TOP SCORERS

SPOTLIGHT

GATES / FORM

TOTAL	PLAYER'S NAME	GOAL RATIO
6	Giuliano Grazioli	29%
6	Danny Invcibile	26%
3	Keith O'Halloran	20%
2	Eric Sabin	14%
2	Neil Ruddock	11%
2	Bobby Howe	10%
2	Matt Heywood	9%

STEVE ROBINSON	
AGE	26
DATE OF BIRTH	17.01.1975
PLACE OF BIRTH	Nottingham
HEIGHT	5' 9"
WEIGHT	11.3
PREVIOUS CLUBS	Birmingham City
GOALS	0

8,930	Brighton & HA	24.11.01
8,373	Cardiff City	21.10.01
7,981	Stoke City	03.11.01
7,904	Peterborough Utd	11.08.01
F-P	Huddersfield Trn	15.08.01
3-2 W	Hereford United	08.12.01
0-1 L	Wigan Athletic	01.12.01
3-1 W	Wrexham	27.11.01

Season 2001/02

15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	25	26	27	28	29	31
McKINNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE(9)	BRADLEY(8)	HEYWOOD	F EDWARDS	DAVIS	NEEVES		S ROBINSON(7)	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
McKINNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE(2)	BRADLEY(8)	HEYWOOD	F EDWARDS	DAVIS	NEEVES		S ROBINSON(7)	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
McKINNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE(5)	BRADLEY(8)	HEYWOOD	F EDWARDS	DAVIS	NEEVES		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
McKINNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRADLEY(7)	HEYWOOD	F EDWARDS	DAVIS	NEEVES		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
McKINNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE(7)	BRADLEY(8)	HEYWOOD	F EDWARDS	DAVIS	NEEVES		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
McKINNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE(2)	BRADLEY	HEYWOOD	F EDWARDS	DAVIS	NEEVES		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
McKINNEY	RUDDOCK(10)	INVINCIBLE	BRADLEY	HEYWOOD	F EDWARDS(10)	DAVIS	NEEVES(10)		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
McKINNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRADLEY(5)	HEYWOOD	F EDWARDS	DAVIS	NEEVES		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
McKINNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRADLEY	HEYWOOD	F EDWARDS	DAVIS	NEEVES		S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
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McKINNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRADLEY	HEYWOOD	F EDWARDS	DAVIS	NEEVES	CARLISLE	S ROBINSON(3)	YOUNG	MCAREAVEY	WILLIAMS	EDWARDS	HALLIDAY
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Mark Robinson	2
Sol Davis	3
Matthew Hewlett	4
Adam Willis	5
Andrew Gurney	6
Keith O'Halloran	7
Bobby Howe	8
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
Kevin Halliday	31



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Gareth Stewart	1
Neil Young	2
Stephen Purches	3
Eddie Howe	4
Warren Feeney	5
Shaun Maher	6
Carl Fletcher	7
Peter Grant	8
Chukki Erienne	9
Steve Fletcher	10
Richard Hughes	11
Gareth O'Connor	12
Michael Mentrrier	13
James Hayter	14
Narada	15
Wade Elliot	16
William Huck	17
Jason Tindall	18
Pascal Tetu	19
Amos Foyewa	20
Karl Broadhurst	21
Brian Stock	22
David Birmingham	23
James Ford	24
Danny Smith	25
Derek Holmes	26
Tresor Kandol	30



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Wed Dec 26 2001/02

Blackpool	vs	Oldham
Cambridge	vs	Brentford
Cardiff City	vs	Reading
Chesterfield	vs	Wycombe W
Huddersfield	vs	Peterborough
Northampton	vs	Colchester
Port Vale	vs	Bristol City
QPR	vs	Brighton
Swindon	vs	Bournemouth
Tranmere	vs	Stoke City
Wigan	vs	Bury
Wrexham	vs	Notts Co



Division Two 2001/2002

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GO	(as at 18/12/2001)
Stoke City	21	13	4	4	34	18	43	+16	
Brighton	21	12	7	2	30	15	43	+15	
Brentford	22	12	6	4	43	25	42	+18	
Bristol City	23	12	5	6	37	23	41	+14	
Reading	21	12	2	7	30	21	38	+9	
Cardiff City	22	8	9	4	34	24	36	+10	
Tranmere	22	10	5	7	42	32	36	+10	
Wycombe W	22	9	8	5	33	28	35	+5	
Huddersfield	21	8	6	6	31	23	33	+8	
QPR	22	8	6	7	32	26	33	+6	
Colchester	22	9	4	9	35	34	31	+1	
Oldham	22	7	9	6	36	29	30	+7	
Blackpool	22	7	8	7	29	34	29	-5	
Wigan	22	7	6	9	32	29	27	+3	
Peterborough	21	8	3	10	30	29	27	+1	
Swindon	21	7	6	8	22	28	27	-6	
Bournemouth	22	7	5	10	25	32	26	-7	
Chesterfield	22	6	6	10	26	30	24	-4	
Port Vale	22	6	6	10	26	31	24	-5	
Bury	22	7	3	12	23	37	24	-14	
Notts Co	22	4	8	10	27	38	20	-11	
Wrexham	23	5	4	14	27	53	19	-26	
Northampton	22	5	7	15	21	42	17	-21	
Cambridge	22	3	6	13	21	45	15	-24	



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