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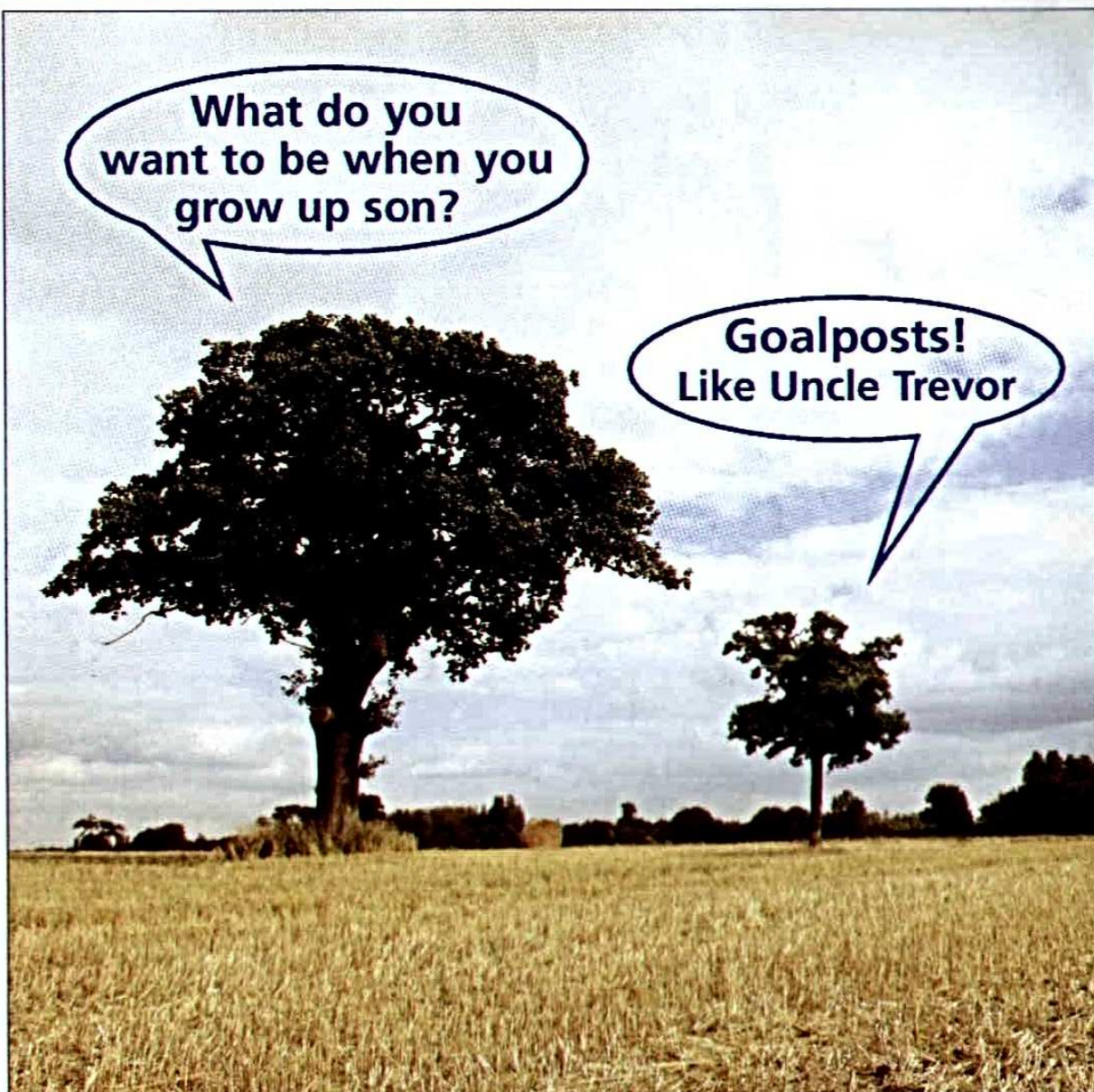


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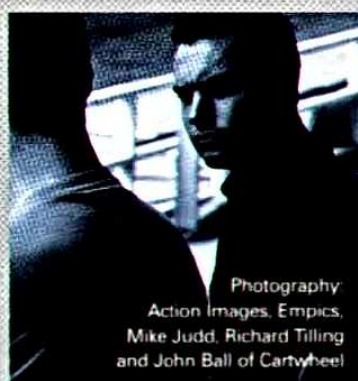
EDITOR'S EYE

If you had said to me before last week's trip to Manchester, that we come away with just a 2-0 defeat, I probably would have taken it. Let's face it, it's been an age since we last won in Round Three (1996 actually - I'm sure I got that question wrong on a quiz on the way up) and City had been scoring goals for fun en route to the top of Division One (not to mention our appalling cup record

at Maine Road, including a 10-1 drubbing in 1930.) However, such was the result that I thought it was somewhat of an anti-climax, especially having watched the likes of Cardiff, Bristol Rovers and Leyton Orient. To my knowledge, I don't think we hit the target once and despite playing some nice football at times we rarely threatened City's defence. I mean, isn't Round Three day supposed to be about giant-killings, revelations, the journeyman conquering the professional and dare I say it, potential banana skins? Never mind, there's always next year and at least we got to visit a magnificent stadium in Maine Road. Quite why they want to leave I don't know (although I have it on good authority that their new stadium has all sorts of bells and whistles on it), maybe they can let us have the Kippax Stand when they're finished?

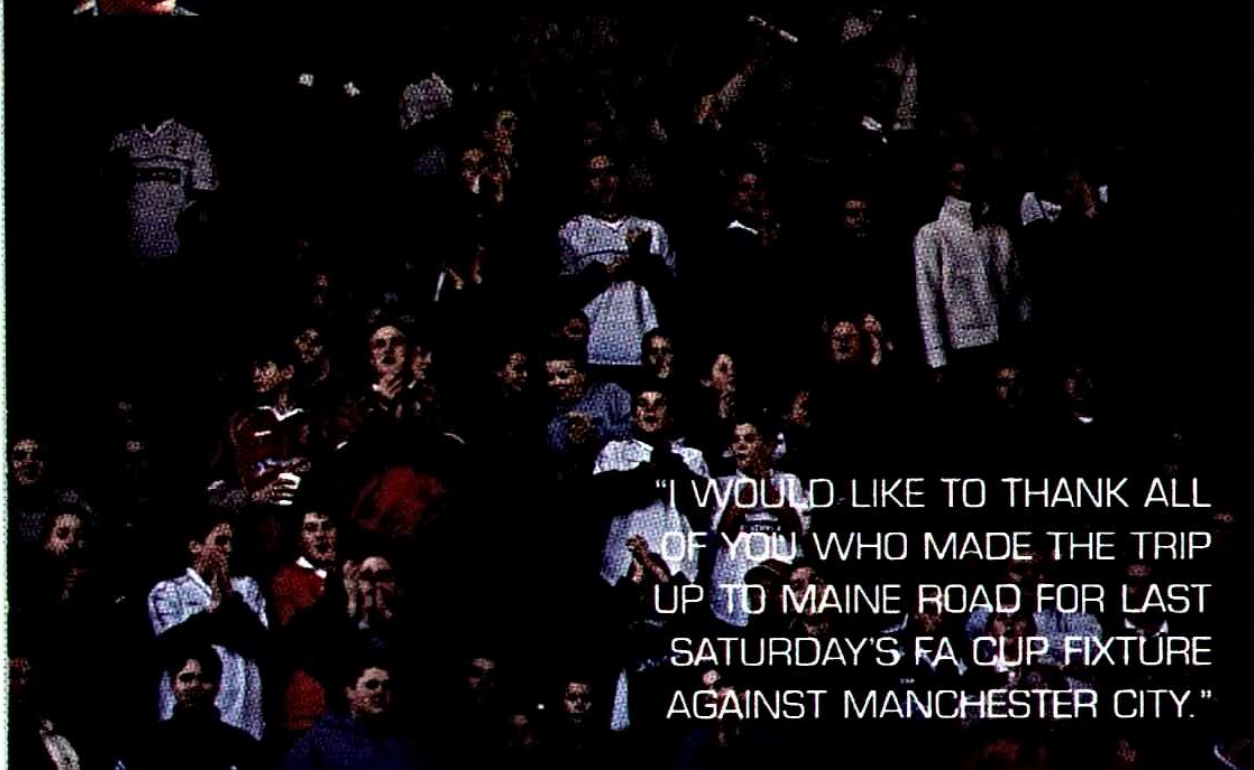
Today, talk of 'concentrating on the league' and the 'bread and butter' will be rife. But all joking aside, a win against the Robins today (and let's be honest - we owe them one for the defeat earlier in the season) would be lovely. Unfortunately, missing from today's side will be Wayne Carlisle who, last week, returned to Crystal Palace. However, someone eager to fill his boots is Paul McAreevey (and could well do after last week's performance) as he will tell you on page 25. Let's get behind 'Kinky' and the lads and see if we can continue our unbeaten league run going for 2002 (well, we didn't lose at Colchester did we...)

Nick Judd - Magazine Editor



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"I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO MADE THE TRIP UP TO MAINE ROAD FOR LAST SATURDAY'S FA CUP FIXTURE AGAINST MANCHESTER CITY."

CARSON'S COLUMN

Welcome to today's big game with our local rivals Bristol City. These 'local derbies' always tend to give that little bit of extra bite to the game and to some supporters, is the difference between life and death!

Today's game is bound to be an exciting one. City come to us presently lying in third position with 48 points from 27 games, whilst we are 15th with 31 points from 24 games played. As you can see, three points would be very welcome and would be a nice way of building upon our excellent 3-1 home victory over Bury at the end of December. It would also help us pull closer towards the top half of the table as we strive to reduce the seven-point gap that has started to emerge.

I would like to thank all of you who made the trip up to Maine Road for last Saturday's FA Cup fixture against Manchester City. Nearly 2000 of you were present and your vocal support was very much appreciated by Andy and all of the players. On the day, we came up against a strong City side and, despite conceding an early goal, we gave a very good account of ourselves. However, we have to be honest, they were a very good side and you could see why they are sitting on top of the First Division.

The next month is going to be very crucial for the club as we have two games a week to play for the next four weeks. There are four home and four away games to play and if we could set ourselves a target of 15 points out of a possible 24 then we will be well on the way towards reaching the 'safety net' and maintaining Second Division football here at the County Ground next season.

Now is the time that we need 'you', our supporters, to really get behind the team with your support and cheer the Town on to another home win this afternoon!

Enjoy the game.

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DERBY DAY

Good afternoon and a warm welcome today as we return to league action after what was an exciting cup adventure last week at Maine Road.

As disappointing as it was to exit the FA Cup against Manchester City, I am sure you will agree it was an amazing experience and I hope you all enjoyed your trip to Manchester. The day before the game the lads had the benefit of being able to use Manchester United's training facilities and so we couldn't have prepared in a better fashion. I can assure you the amenities up there are fantastic and the lads enjoyed the experience. Unfortunately we couldn't follow it up with a cup shock against Kevin Keegan's side, but I'm sure that you are all as proud of the lads as I was.

Before the game, I kept saying to the players that the day was to be enjoyed and that it was an opportunity to show people what they were capable of. Don't get me wrong, we knew that City would be a very difficult side to compete with and all credit to Kevin Keegan, he played five forwards. I just thought that if we could

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have kept them quiet in the first half-hour then their fans might have started to get restless. For the first five or ten minutes we did that, hassled them and pressed at every opportunity.

The early goal was the killer blow. You could tell that, when Paolo Wanchope headed home, the wind went out of our sails and I think the lads did well to keep the score at a respectable level. Man City have been scoring a lot of goals in recent weeks and it has taken them to the top of the table. Thankfully, they only managed to score two last Saturday and I think we can at least be proud of that. City will be in the Premiership next season, I am positive of that. Some of the football they produced was tremendous and going forward they had several players with the ability to create problems. Fair play to our back three, Gurney, Reevesy and Heywood all did well in a difficult situation. They never gave up, kept their shape and stuck to their task well and Reevesy's leadership and exemplary performance just goes to show why he is captain of my side. He is a 34-year old player, yet he showed the passion, commitment and willingness that I love to see in any player of my team. When you are under as much pressure for a long period such as that, the only people likely to stand out are the defenders and goalkeeper. However, Paul McAreevey, who hadn't even played on this level before came in and did a wonderful job in midfield with Steve Robinson and Bobby Howe who, between them, didn't stop running for the whole ninety minutes.

My main disappointment was that we didn't create enough in the final third. Danny and Eric worked hard, closing down whenever they could but in terms of creating chances and troubling their back line, it never really

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CROZZER'S COLUMN

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

Today sees a return to league action as we look set to face a strong Bristol City side. Danny Wilson has been extremely successful at City this season and as a consequence, they currently occupy third position. They will know that a win could send them back to the top and so we are going to have to be at the top of our game if we are to win three points ourselves. It would have been nice entering today's game on the back of a good cup upset, unfortunately that did not happen. Despite a good start, Man City got an early goal and that was frustrating because they grew in confidence from that moment. You could see that the players were gutted when the goal went in, but I thought they were magnificent and they gave everything they had. Defensively, we were well-organised, the midfield battled to the end and the top two grafted all afternoon. However, despite battling well we never looked like troubling them and so they were worthy winners. I doubt we'll have to meet a side as strong as that again this season (!), but that does not mean we can afford to relax, especially today. Derbies often mean so much to the fans and so I hope that we can give you something to smile about today.

happened. Considering we weren't really troubling them from open play, it was all the more frustrating that we couldn't make the most of our set pieces. At 1-0, no matter how we were playing there was always a chance of sneaking one back but unfortunately our cup hopes are put on the back burner for another season.

Today, we return to league action and may I take this opportunity in welcoming Danny Wilson's side, management team, directors and supporters to the County Ground. I have a lot of respect for Danny who has succeeded in taking his side towards the top end of the table having spent very little money. After their draw with Wigan last week, they will be looking to return to winning ways. We must be focused and make sure that doesn't happen, and instead look to extend our unbeaten league run and climb the table ourselves. One thing's for sure; it will certainly be a fiercely contested derby, so get behind the lads and help shout them on to victory. Finally, may I wish Gareth Davies the best of luck following his decision to retire. His career has been plagued by injury and it's a great shame that someone so young should have to quit the game. All the best Gareth.

STFC DIARY



28TH DEC



BUTLER FRUSTRATION FOR TOWN BOSS KING

Andy King is foiled in an attempt to bring Sunderland midfielder, Tommy Butler, on loan to the County Ground. King, who was offered the player by good friend and Sunderland manager, Peter Reid, was prevented from signing Butler because of an embargo placed on the club by the FA. It is hoped that the matter will be resolved shortly.

29TH DEC



EARLY BRACE ENOUGH TO SEE OFF STRUGGLERS BURY

Town scored twice in the opening ten minutes in their 3-1 win against Bury. Andy Gurney opened the scoring with a half-volley inside the Bury area before Bobby Howe doubled the advantage from close range. Bury pulled one back before the break but Wayne Carlisle ensured the victory with an expertly taken free-kick.

1ST JAN



TOWN FROZEN OUT ON NEW YEARS DAY

Town were forced to endure yet another postponement, this time on New Year's Day as Colchester's pitch was deemed unfit to play due to frost. The game would have been Town's third game in five days, but they now face a fixture backlog in 2002, with eight games in five weeks. The game will now take place on Wednesday January 20.

3RD JAN



SPECULATION IS QUASHED AS CROSBY DECIDES TO STAY

Malcolm Crosby ended days of speculation regarding his future by pledging his allegiance to STFC and Andy King. Rumours of his departure were initiated when Roy Evans decided to leave the club, but Town's assistant manager said, "I had some thinking to do but I love the club and I'm looking forward to helping Andy take the club forward."

5TH JAN



CITY TOO STRONG FOR VALIANT TOWN

Town's FA Cup hopes were dashed at Maine Road as Kevin Keegan's league leaders proved too strong for Andy King's men. Despite a valiant start, Town's chances were thwarted when Paolo Wanchope headed home from close range. Kevin Horlock doubled the home side's advantage and they now face Ipswich in the Fourth Round.

13TH JAN



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One of the issues that is currently doing the rounds of football groups is 'Safe Standing'.

After the tragic events of Hillsborough the immediate reaction was to set up all seated stadiums. To many this was a knee jerk reaction, not only did it spoil the traditional way of watching football, but it killed off the atmosphere as well. To others watching football became far more civilised.

There is now an active campaign to get safe standing in grounds. Manchester seems to be the centre for the activity. There is a group trying to get a safe standing area in the new Manchester City stadium, Eastlands and Manchester United fans are very active in the main group, S.A.F.E: The Campaign for Safe Standing Areas.

S.A.F.E. offer the following introduction to their campaign:

S.A.F.E. is the campaign to allow the introduction of limited safe standing areas in English football grounds. Originally begun as a campaign for safe standing in Manchester City's new ground, Eastlands, S.A.F.E. is now the umbrella campaign for safe standing areas to be allowed in all English grounds, should the clubs wish it.

S.A.F.E. does not support a 'return to terraces' but the introduction of small, limited sections of standing, designed to rigorous safety specifications and criteria.

S.A.F.E. believes that, given improvements in stadium technology and practice, football supporters should be allowed the choice of whether to stand or to sit.

S.A.F.E. also believes that allowing limited safe standing areas would help alleviate problems resulting from supporters currently standing in seating areas as well as allowing clubs to expand ground capacities and reduce prices in some areas, with no loss of income. The fact-finding mission to Germany has backed this up.

At the Trust we are interested in all issues relating to football fans and this one has struck a chord with our members, and we want to hear your views. You will see a questionnaire asking for your opinion on the safe standing issue. Could you please take a moment of your time to fill in the form, and drop it back to us, either through the collection boxes around the ground or in to the office.

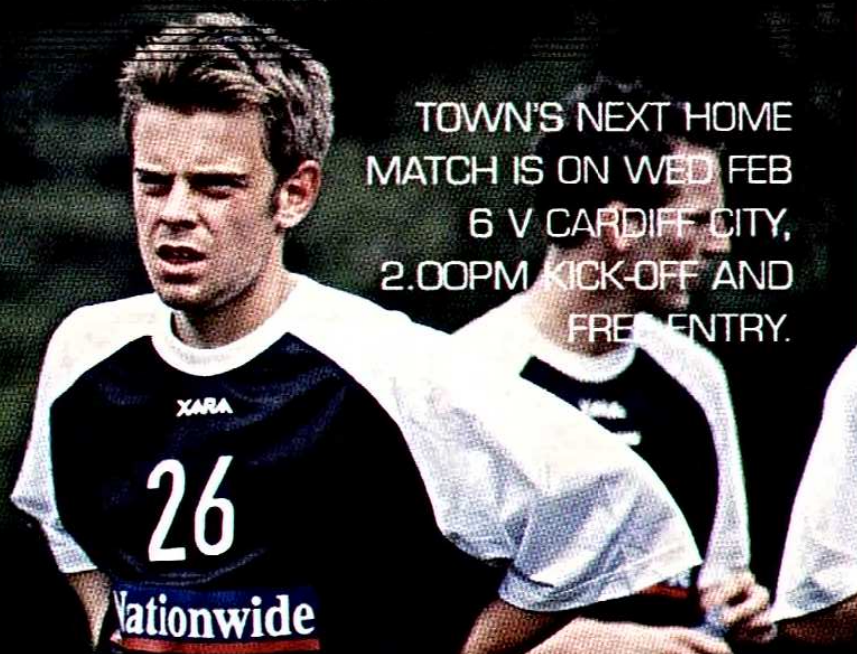
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Treatment room...



It has been a difficult time for the club recently, Andy King losing several players through injury and his squad being reduced to the bare bones. Although you expect more injuries at this time of year (because of heavier pitches and the large number of games) it doesn't make it any less frustrating! However, we've had a few of the lads in and they are all making great progress. Paul Edwards has had a good week and was working hard on the exercise bike and in spinning class in particular. It was touch and go whether or not he would train at the end of the week, but hopefully he will have returned. 'Razor', who having had his knee scanned this week has been walking better, as well as doing some running in the swimming pool. The X-ray confirmed that there is some medial ligament damage - fortunately it won't require surgery and he should be back in action within three to four weeks. Matty Hewlett is also making good progress and he is right on schedule. He has had problems with his knee before and knows what to do, therefore he has been getting on with it himself. Finally, Keith O'Halloran, who will hopefully be having his splint removed, has worked brilliantly in the gym. As soon as he is able to drive himself, he will be in every day of the week.

Alan Young announced his second game back with Town's opening goal after good work from Brayley



TOWN'S NEXT HOME MATCH IS ON WED FEB 6 V CARDIFF CITY, 2.00PM KICK-OFF AND FREE ENTRY.

IN RESERVE

Excellent displays from Mark Robinson and Sol Davis lit up a dull and cold afternoon at the County Ground as Town notched their first win in nine games.

Goals from Alan Young and substitute, Paul Reed, were enough for Town to earn three points in a competent display. And it could have been more, with both sides having a goal disallowed in the opening 45 minutes. The first period was fairly even, Young and Brayley working well up front, whilst Robinson and Davis offered Town width on the right and left wing respectively. Cobian threatened with some dangerous corners and the O's 'keeper, Glenn Morris, was called upon to palm the ball away on ten minutes. Tommy Morgan was sound in the visitors' midfield, whilst Daniel Hatcher proved to be a real handful in the final third. It was from his effort that McKinney was called into action as he saved bravely before Young forced the visitors' goalkeeper into saving his effort on 25 minutes. Adam Willis looked to have put the visitors ahead but his shot was disallowed, before the visitors also had an effort overuled, this time for offside just before the break.

Craig Farr was introduced at half-time, McKinney retiring through injury. 13 minutes after the re-start Alan Young broke the deadlock. Two efforts from Brayley were blocked but Town's diminutive youngster was on hand to fire home. However, Town's lead was shortlived, Tommy Morgan equalising with a free-kick from the edge of the area. Morgan and Hatchett were outstanding for the visitors, but it was Paul Reed that proved to be the deciding factor, Town's substitute cracking the ball home following Cobian's great pass. Jude Stirling also came on in the second half and it was from his cross that Brayley nearly made it three before the final whistle.



Swindon Res 2
L'ton Orient Res 1

Wednesday 9th January
kick-off 2.00pm

Swindon line-up:

McKinney, M Robinson, Davis, Cobian, Willis, Halliday, Collins, J Williams, Brayley, Young, N Edwards Subs: Farr, Stirling, Reed, Andersen, B Smith

Wed Aug 15	Wycombe Wndrs	(H)	1-3
Tue Aug 21	Bristol City (LC)	(H)	2-1
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	Norwich City	(H)	1-2
Wed Oct 10	Cheltenham Town	(A)	0-1
Thur Oct 18	Colchester United	(H)	0-2
Wed Nov 7	Peterborough United	(H)	3-4
Mon Nov 12	Cambridge United	(A)	2-2
Wed Dec 5	Barnet	(H)	P-P
Wed Dec 12	Luton Town	(A)	0-1
Wed Dec 19	Northampton Town	(H)	1-1
Wed Jan 2	Reading (LC)	(A)	P-P
Wed Jan 9	Leyton Orient	(H)	2-1
Tue Jan 15	Millwall	(A)	2.00pm
Wed Jan 23	Gillingham	(A)	2.00pm
Wed Feb 6	Cardiff City	(H)	2.00pm
Tue Feb 12	QPR	(A)	2.00pm
Wed Feb 20	Crystal Palace	(H)	2.00pm
Wed Feb 27	Reading	(A)	2.00pm
Wed Mar 6	Cardiff City (LC)	(H)	2.00pm
Wed Mar 13	Bristol City	(A)	2.00pm
Wed Mar 20	Brentford	(H)	2.00pm
Wed Mar 27	Portsmouth	(H)	2.00pm
Wed Apr 3	Southend United	(A)	2.00pm

Tony Thorpe's (pictured) goals have been vital in the Robins rise this season

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CITY ROBINS ON THE UP

AFTER A BLISTERING START TO THE SEASON, WHICH SAW THEM RACE TO THE TOP OF THE TABLE WITH 14 POINTS FROM THEIR FIRST SIX GAMES, BRISTOL CITY HAVE STRUGGLED TO REPRODUCE THE SAME FORM IN RECENT WEEKS AND MAKE THE SHORT TRIP EAST TODAY ON THE BACK OF TWO VICTORIES IN THEIR LAST FIVE GAMES.



Nevertheless, despite the apparent downturn in the club's more recent fortunes, Danny Wilson's side still sit in second place in the table thanks largely to their impressive start to the campaign. A first half hat trick on the opening day by Tony Thorpe set the side up for the Town's visit on August 18.

Robins facts

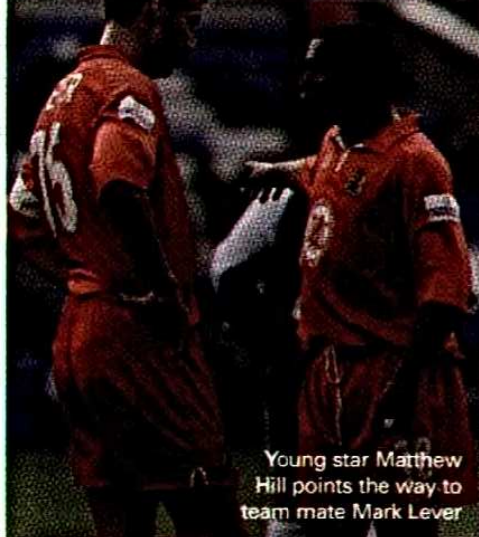
Name Bristol City
Formation 1894
Nickname The Robins
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Management team Leroy Rosenior
Position 2000/01 9 (Nationwide League Division Two)
Recent signings
 Mike Stowell, Dani Rodriguez (loan)
Form guide LLWLWD
Next three fixtures
 Jan 19 Northampton (A) 3.00pm
 Jan 26 Chesterfield (H) 3.00pm
 Feb 02 Huddersfield (A) 3.00pm
Top goalscorer Thorpe (13)
Honours
 Division Two Champions 1905/06
 Division Three (S) Champions 1922/23, 1926/27, 1954/55
 Freight Rover Trophy Winners 1986
Most capped player
 Billy Wedlock (England: 26)
Head to head (wins)
 Swindon: 23, Robins: 37, Draws 26
Last encounter
 Bristol City 3-1 Swindon Town (Div 2 - 2001/02)
Odds to win the title 8/1
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City's 3-1 home win, in a game that saw Alan Reeves sent off, saw them continue the 100% record and it was maintained even further with a 2-1 victory at Wigan, Thorpe getting on the scoresheet again. After draws against QPR and Port Vale, Danny Wilson's side stretched their unbeaten run to seven games with a 3-1 victory over Colchester and a 2-2 draw at Brentford. City's undefeated start to the season was eventually ended in their next outing, when Barry Fry's unpredictable Peterborough United side romped to a 4-1 victory at London Road. The Robins then bounced back into winning ways with a 2-0 success over Tranmere at Ashton Gate, before suffering another away defeat at the hands of Huddersfield (0-1) and since then they have been unable to regain the consistency of their early season form. A 3-0 victory over Chesterfield and a 1-1 draw with Cardiff at Ashton Gate followed, along with a 1-0 victory at Oldham, but the Robins then suffered a 1-0 home reverse against Wycombe Wanderers. A Brian Tinnion goal was enough to gain a 1-0 success over Bournemouth, but the Robins then suffered successive defeats against fellow promotion candidates Stoke, Brighton and Reading. Four victories have since followed, the most recent away at Cardiff City (3-1), but one feels that if they are to return to Division One this time around, they need to become more consistent against the teams around them.

Bristol City's Ashton Gate Stadium





Young star Matthew Hill points the way to team mate Mark Lever

Danny Wilson was appointed manager of Bristol City in June 2000, his main aim of taking the club back to the First Division. He had been out of the game for three months following an up and down spell as Sheffield Wednesday manager, which ended with the Owls looking set to fall through the Premiership's relegation trap door.

Wilson was a hard-working midfielder at Luton and Sheffield Wednesday, helping the Hillsborough club to promotion from Division Two and success in the League Cup in 1991 during his four-year spell with the club between 1990 and 1994. He was appointed player-manager of Barnsley in 1994 when Viv Anderson moved to Middlesbrough as assistant to Bryan Robson. He took them to an unlikely promotion in 1997, but was unable to keep the Tykes in the top flight, making a swift return to Division One.

In his first year at Hillsborough, Wilson endured a mediocre season, but the 1999/00 campaign proved disastrous. The Owls were entrenched in the relegation zone for the whole season, and Wilson was eventually sacked in March after failing to turn the tide. He was not off the merry-go-round for long, however, as Second Division Bristol City decided he was the man to replace then manager, Tony Fawthrop.

In the dug-out...

DANNY WILSON

One to watch...

TONY THORPE

Prolific striker who was City's leading scorer last season with 23 goals and opened his account for 2001/2002 with an opening day hat-trick at Northampton Town. Originally found his first-team appearances limited at Ashton Gate since becoming City's second million-pound buy in the summer of 1998 from Fulham. He appeared on loan for Reading and Luton Town, before enjoying a revival under caretaker manager Tony Fawthrop in the latter half of the 1999/00 season. Is the club's top scorer this time around with nine goals.

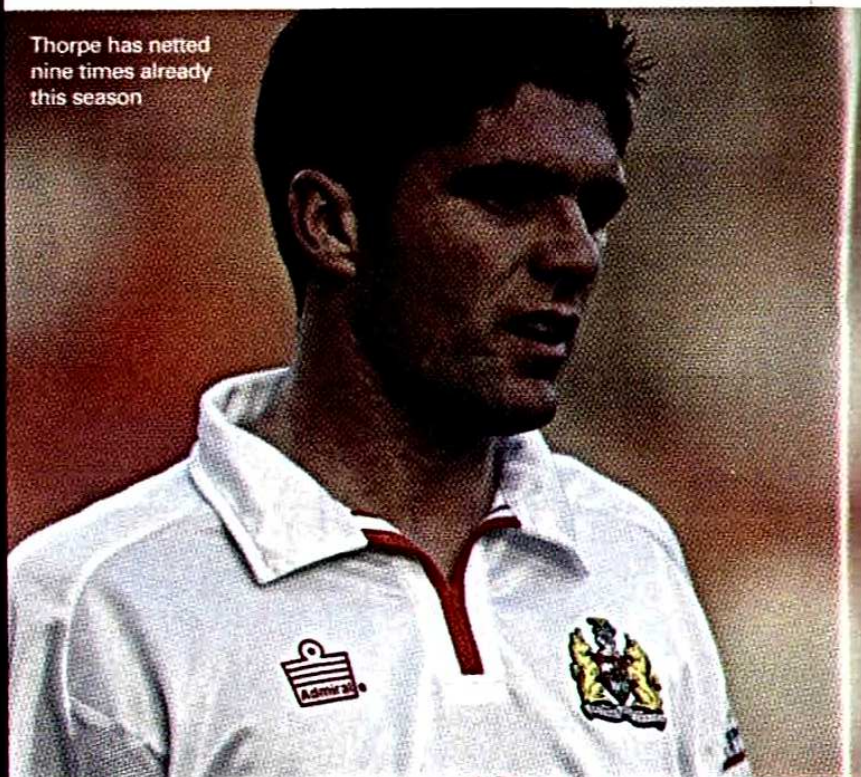
Young gun...

MATTHEW HILL

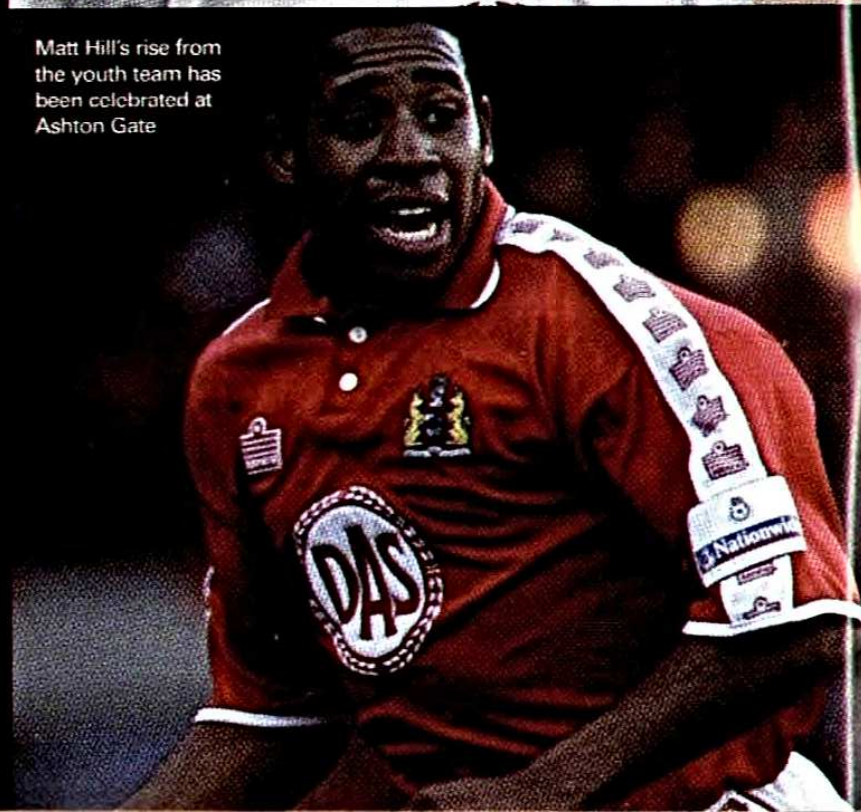
Tough-tackling defender who can play at left-back or in the centre of defence. Progressed through the ranks to make his first team debut at the age of 17 in the First Division in November 1998. Has featured regularly in the first team squad since the latter half of the 1999/2000 season and so far this season, has been an ever-present member of Danny Wilson's defence - making 31 appearances for the Robins in all competitions.



Thorpe has netted nine times already this season



Matt Hill's rise from the youth team has been celebrated at Ashton Gate



Mike Stowell

Vastly experienced keeper who is with his ninth club and has made more than 500 senior appearances, the majority coming in an 11-year spell with Wolves before he joined City in the summer. Has been first choice this season and despite missing a few games recently through injury, has kept six clean sheets.

Danny Coles

20 year-old central defender who has worked his way up through the ranks since joining City as a schoolboy. Rated highly by the club, he was rewarded with his first team debut in April 2000 and has signed a four-year contract keeping him at the club until the summer of 2004. Scored his first goal at Wrexham last year.

K Amankwaah

Pacy 18 year-old right back who can also play in central defence. He has progressed through the youth ranks since signing schoolboy forms and made his first team debut in March 2000 after impressing for the reserve and under 19 sides. Signed a four-year deal in summer 2000 and has scored three goals this season.

Lee Matthews

Promising young striker who initially joined City on loan from Leeds United - with whom he won the 1997 FA Youth Cup. Became an instant hero with City fans when he scored an injury-time winner on his debut against Millwall, but first team opportunities have been limited although he did manage to score against us!

Brian Tinnion

Brian Tinnion has been an influential member of the first-team since joining from Bradford in 1993. A cultured, left-footed midfielder and City's longest-serving player, Tinnion has enjoyed legendary status at Ashton Gate since scoring the goal that knocked Liverpool out of the FA Cup at Anfield in January 1994.

Mark Lever

Experienced central defender who was Danny Wilson's first signing for the club when he arrived on a free transfer from Grimsby Town in the 2000/2001 pre-season after more than 400 appearances for the Mariners, but a serious knee injury kept him out of action last season. Has returned this time around 22 times.

Mickey Bell

Dangerous left-sided player who fits in perfectly to Danny Wilson's 3-5-2 system and has a key role to play for the Robins. The 29 year-old started his career with Northampton and then had three years with Wycombe before joining the Robins in the summer of 1998. Bell has scored twice already this season.

Lee Peacock

Powerful striker who became City's third most expensive signing when he arrived from Man City in a £600,000 deal in August 2000. Began his career as a trainee at Carlisle before moving to Mansfield where he was a prolific scorer and earned a move to Maine Road in 1999. Has eight goals to his name this term.

Joe Burnell

Central defender who can also play at right-back and in midfield. Joined City as a schoolboy where he played for the club's under 19 and reserve sides, and showed maturity beyond his years when he made his first team debut in January 2000. Signed a three-year contract in April and has made 16 appearances this season.

Louis Carey

Versatile 24 year-old defender who is a product of the club's youth system. Has never looked back since making his first team debut in October 1995. Began his first team career as a right-back, but feels more at home in central defence, and was ever-present in the 2000/2001 League campaign.

Aaron Brown

Skilful 21 year old left-footed midfielder who is a product of City's Academy. Made his first-team debut as an 18 year-old in the First Division in December 1998 and is now an established member of the senior squad. Spent a month on loan to Exeter City in January 2000 but has made 27 appearances this season.

Scott Murray

Pacy right-winger signed from Aston Villa in December 1997 for an initial fee of £85,000, rising to £150,000 on appearances. Began his career as a striker at Fraserburgh, before converting to the right flank at Villa Park. Popular with both fans and team-mates at Ashton Gate and signed a four-year contract in the summer.

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With the Christmas break out of the way and both the under 17's and 19's refreshed, it is back to business this weekend.

The under 19's, who haven't played for well over a month (due to the postponement of their last game of 2001) returned to action yesterday against Swansea City (A). A report of the game will appear in the next programme, but the under 19's will be looking to extend their lead at the top of the table. A win will put them in good stead for their FA Cup Fourth Round match-up with Blackburn Rovers (who beat holders, Chelsea, in the previous round), to be played on January 26. The under 17's, keen to build on their 8-0 win over Torquay before Christmas, look set to try and enact some revenge on Plymouth, one of two sides to have beaten them in the league this season. Town's Centre of Excellence is set to start again for 2002, a warm welcome back to those returning for the New Year.



Rovers celebrate in last year's FA Youth Cup semi-final against Liverpool

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 (FACUP)	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 (FACUP)	A	2-0
Sat Dec 8	Walsall (YAC)	A	1-2
Sat Dec 15	Torquay United	H	P.P.
Sat Jan 12	Swansea City	A	
Sat Jan 19	Oxford United	A	
Sat Jan 26	Blackburn (FACUP)	A	
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	2-2
Sat Oct 20	Swansea City	A	2-1
Sat Oct 27	Plymouth Argyle	H	1-2
Sat Nov 3	Bristol Rovers	A	P.P.
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	0-0
Sat Jan 12	Plymouth Argyle	A	
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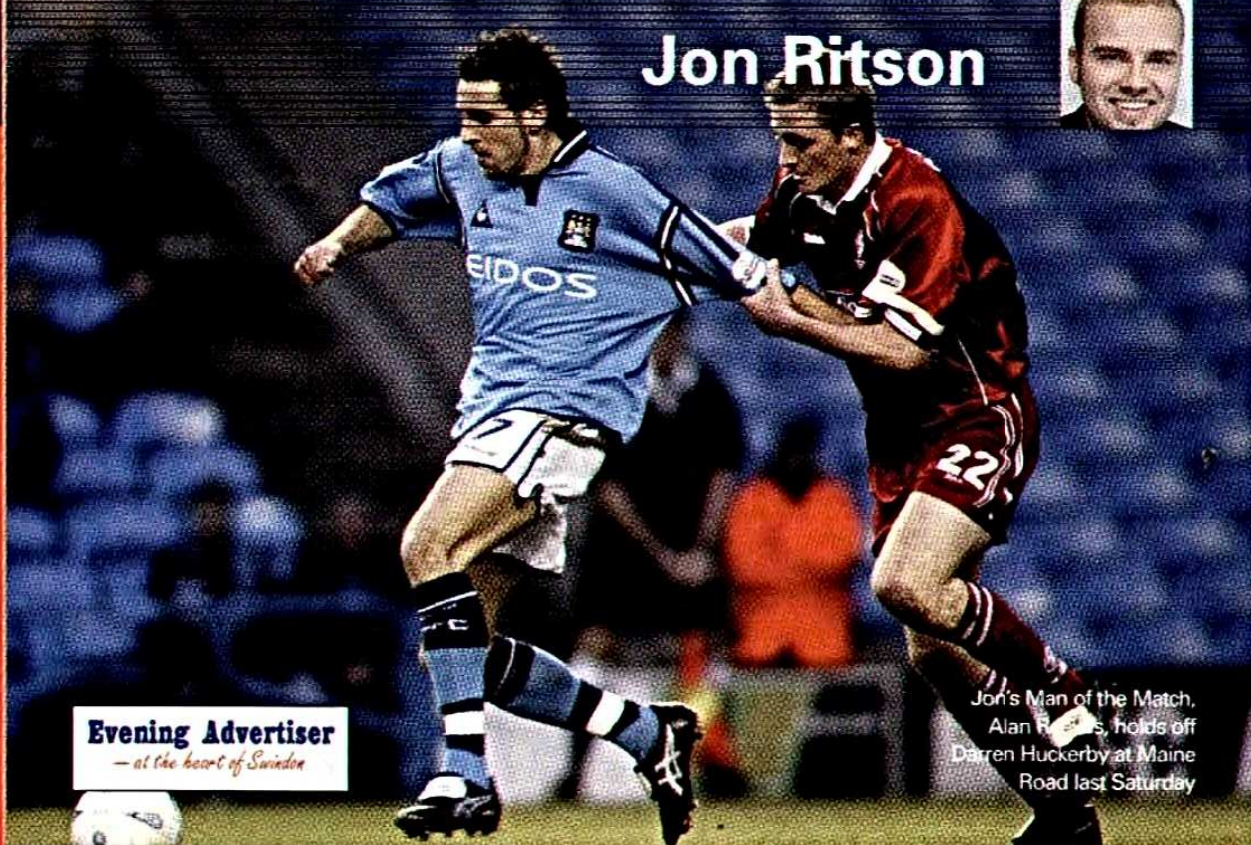
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A man with dark hair and a mustache is sitting in the center of the frame. He is wearing a black sports jacket with white stripes on the sleeves and a white logo on the chest. He is surrounded by rows of empty red stadium seats. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the man.

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FROM THE PRESS BOX

It's derby day once again and we have the small matter of trying to see off a very strong Bristol City side.

I've probably said this before but time really does seem to fly by the older you get? I seem to remember a more innocent time when the season stretched on endlessly. But then the summers were always warmer and longer etc etc. It seems like only yesterday that we travelled to Ashton Gate and promptly lost 3-1. But a lot seems to have happened since then. There can't be too many clubs who change board and manager in the space of a season (or less). While the odds certainly favour our visitors, they should expect one heck of a battle today.

The Second Division has almost split in half. Town and Wigan are 'top' of the second half of the division. An alarming seven point gap has opened up between the teams in 12th and 13th places (or at least it had when these notes were penned). That gap must be narrowed as quickly as possible. Today would be a good time to start and after gaining four points from Danny Wilson's men last season, there's no reason why we shouldn't give it a real go today. I think promotion is something we'll have to put on ice for another year but we can certainly have a say in spoiling City's attempts to make it back to Division One.

We must now concentrate on the league after the FA Cup dream came to an end at Manchester City. We never looked like causing a shock but at least we avoided humiliation. It's a shame we didn't make it because we would have had an easy tie at Ipswich in the next round. Ah well. Maybe next year. The television lads are here today of course. I just hope we put on a better show for the viewing public than we did when Cardiff paid us a visit back in October. Get behind the lads and three points today should set us up nicely for a very busy month. Trips to exotic locations like Oldham and Colchester beckon. Boundary Park in January. Mmmmm, nice! See you all back here for the Notts County game on January 22. Will Mildy be fit? Let's hope so. Remember, if you can't get to a game then check out the Evening Advertiser's live match feed at www.thisisswindontownfc.co.uk. Come on you Reds!



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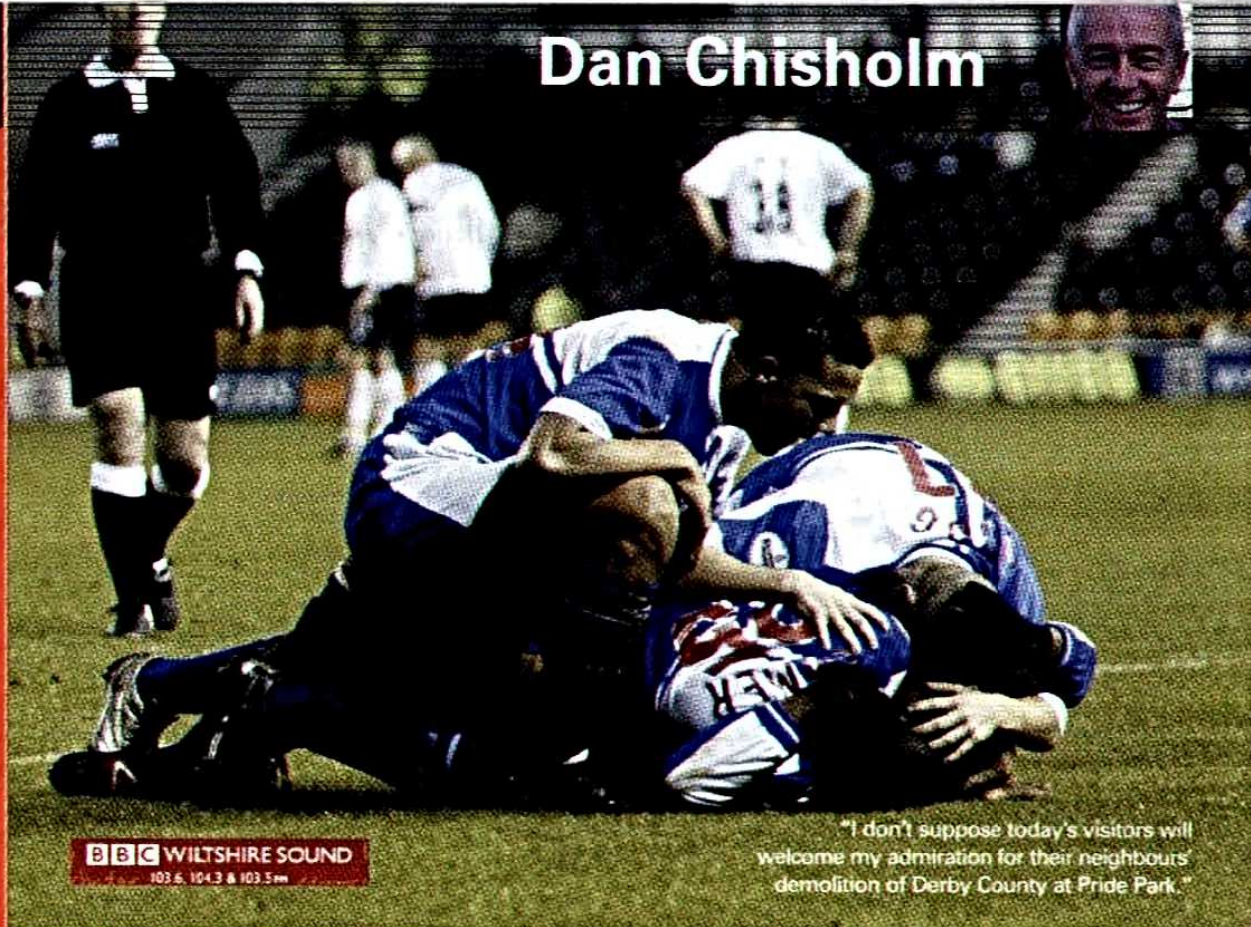


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FROM THE AIRWAVES

Well, that's it for another year. Out of the cup, time to concentrate on the league and other well-worn clichés.

I don't suppose today's visitors will welcome my admiration for their neighbours' demolition of Derby County at Pride Park. Absolutely fantastic, that result and the one at Ninian Park really made my weekend after the disappointment of Town's exit at Maine Road.

I suppose we have more important matters to be concerned about after the revelation on BBC Wiltshire Sound that the club could still be wound up over an unpaid debt to the Inland Revenue. That plus the news that the club's bankers suggested they took their business elsewhere. You can't help but wonder where it's all going to end.

In my last column, I wrote about the need for supporters to recognise that everyone must get behind the club and accept the likelihood that there is no money to buy new players for the foreseeable future. It's very clear that any expenditure has to be very carefully managed to ensure the survival of the club. Whether you're happy about the appointment of Andy King for a second stint as manager, it's vital to accept the choice has been made and now we have to unite behind Swindon Town Football Club. If you think you're making a point by chanting "Razor Ruddock's barny army", think again. The deal's done - get a life!

The extra tension created by such actions may make your view known to the directors of the club, but truthfully, harmony is more important. Or would you rather end up with the choice of supporting Oxford United or Bristol City (no offence meant) after the club collapses?

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TODAY'S MASCOTS



STFC's first lucky mascot today is seven-year old, Matthew Johnson. Matt visits the County Ground today in celebration of his seventh birthday. He is an avid football fan and as well as watching the mighty reds, he loves to watch Liverpool, Manchester United and Spurs too. His favourite Swindon player is Razor Ruddock and as well as football, Matt also likes to read, go to the cinema and ride his bike. From all at STFC, we hope you enjoy your day and bring us luck!



Our second mascot today is Bristol City fan, David Long. David, from Yate, is celebrating his 12th birthday (yesterday) and attends the Wyvern Community School in Western-Super-Mare and apart from watching his beloved City, he also likes to play a bit himself (Hutton United under 12's), his favourite player is Matt Hill. Happy birthday David.

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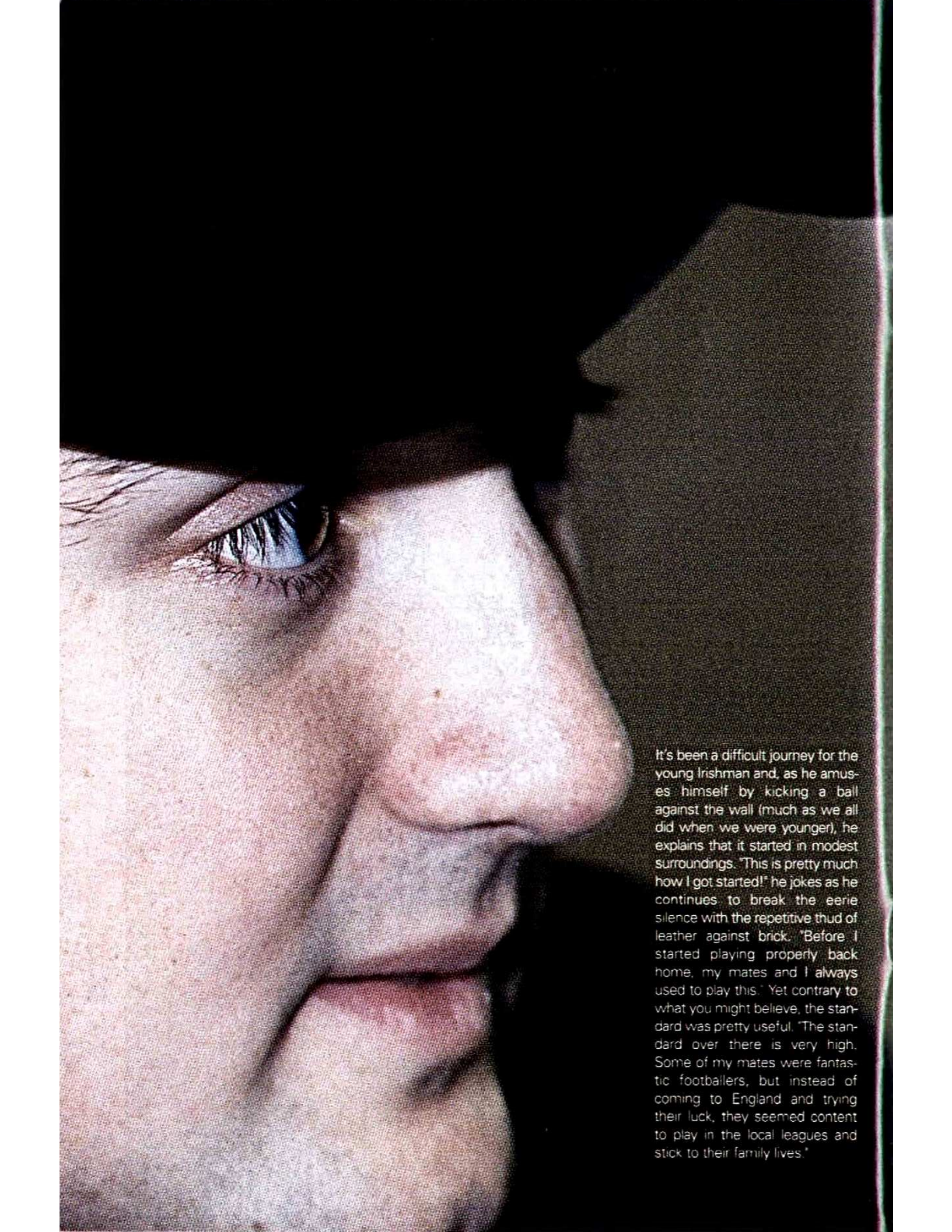
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MAC TO THE FUTURE

You can't blame Paul McAreavey for being chuffed for himself. For whilst Town's reserves are taking on Leyton Orient on a cold and rather dull January afternoon he is, for once, not involved.

And not because he is injured or out of favour either. Instead, the Belfast-born midfielder has waited patiently for his chance at first team football and seems to have grasped it with both hands. About time too for a player that has literally had to live in the shadow of the County Ground, his digs a 'stones throw' away from our theatre of dreams.





It's been a difficult journey for the young Irishman and, as he amuses himself by kicking a ball against the wall (much as we all did when we were younger), he explains that it started in modest surroundings. "This is pretty much how I got started!" he jokes as he continues to break the eerie silence with the repetitive thud of leather against brick. "Before I started playing properly back home, my mates and I always used to play this." Yet contrary to what you might believe, the standard was pretty useful. "The standard over there is very high. Some of my mates were fantastic footballers, but instead of coming to England and trying their luck, they seemed content to play in the local leagues and stick to their family lives."



Thankfully for Town, McAreevey attempted to make the transition and on a trip to England, was spotted by Phil Cannon. "I was playing with an Irish side at the time and we went on a trip to Newcastle. Whilst I was over there Phil Cannon spotted me playing and invited me down for a trial. Before I knew where I was, I was playing for Swindon Town's youth team and I've been here ever since." 'Macca's' recent emergence has been a delight in what has been an eventful couple of weeks at STFC headquarters – not least because the importance of Town's youth system has never been so integral (the club unable to sign new players.) "I think it's extremely important for clubs like ours to have young lads come through. I am by no means a regular in the side, but when there is little money about players like myself, Sol Davis and Alan Young become quite important. But we have a lot of young players coming through at the moment; you only have to look at our reserve side to see that (he's talking about the likes of Nathan Edwards, Kevin Halliday and Chris Collins). It's important for them to see players such as myself getting a chance because it gives them hope"

But making the transition from youth team player to first team squad is not as easy as it sounds, as McAreevey can vouch for. "It's been a struggle and I've had to bide my time! I must admit there have been a few times where I've thought, 'I've got no chance' and I've just wanted to pack my bags and go home. And I started so well too because when I first joined I was thrown straight into the first team – I thought I was going to be playing in the Premier League in no time! But I was very young then and it has been hard trying to establish myself, but you can't be defeatist and you have to work hard to earn the right to play. The main obstacle you have is that the manager already has a settled squad and to try and work your way in, you have to do something special on a regular basis to get noticed. All you can do is work as hard as you can and now that I have seen an in-road to playing every week, it is up to me to keep myself there, this is where the hard work starts because if you can't take chances like this, then you can't complain."

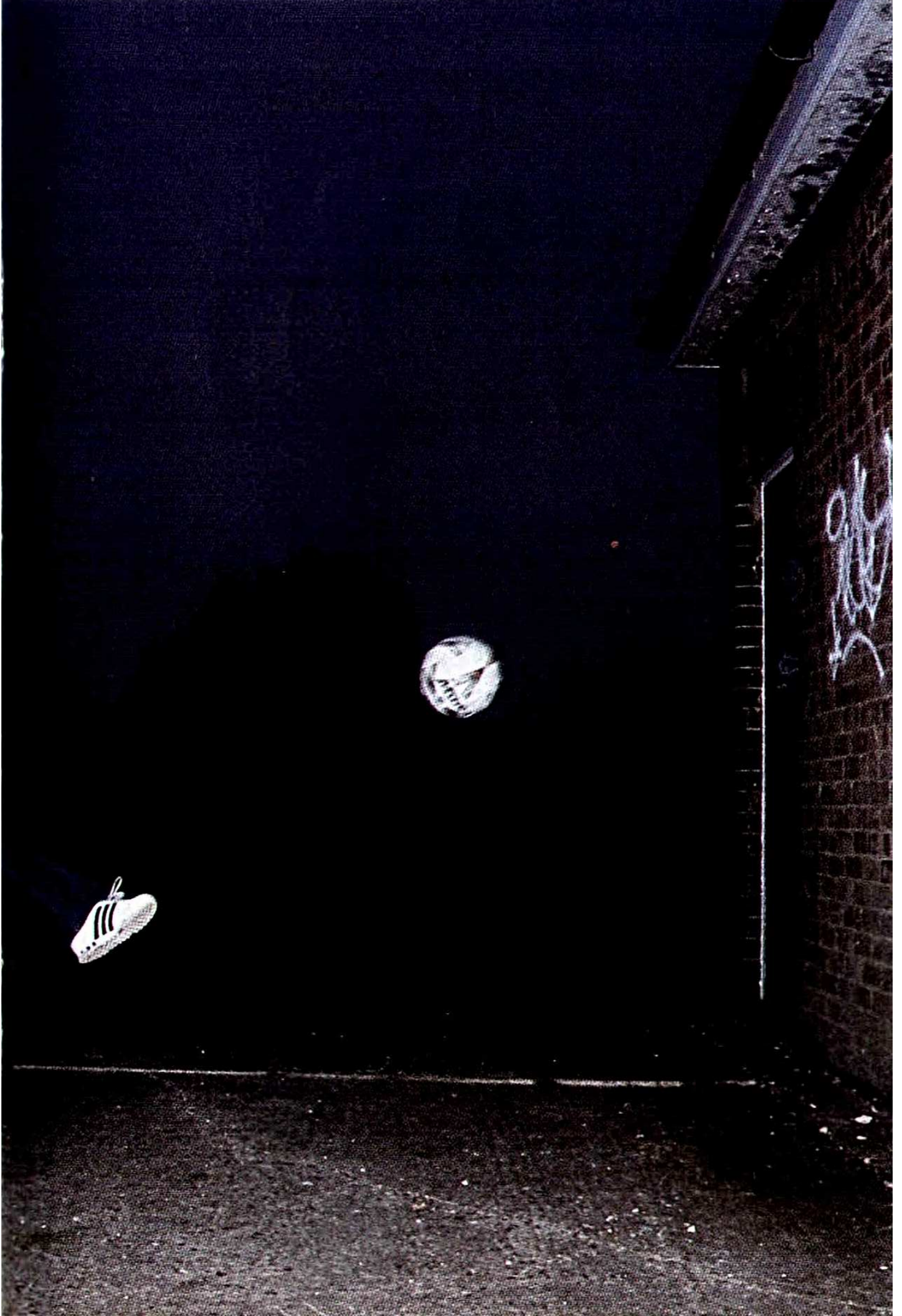
So far, he's not doing too bad having nearly doubled his number of appearances this season alone. The turning point, he says, came last year against Oldham, "I was on loan at Kilkenny and the outlook wasn't that great

here at Swindon. I think there were a few players injured or suspended and my loan was cut short so that I could join the squad for the game against Oldham. Thankfully I was given the chance to show what I could do and I scored, it was fantastic. That goal at least let the gaffer know that I was around." That was until the gaffer left. "When Roy came it was frustrating for me because I had to impress all over again. When he came to the club, he only knew what others had told them about me, he hadn't actually seen me play before and so I felt like I was starting again. Also there weren't enough reserve games to show him what I could do. I was given a few substitute appearances but it is very difficult to impress when you are coming on three quarters of a way through a game." However, Andy King's return has seen an improvement in fortunes and Macca has since figured in three of the last four games, including a starting place last week at Manchester City. "To play against City was fantastic," he enthuses. "I have never played at a ground like that before and it was amazing, although I have to admit the ground wasn't as good as I thought it was going to be. It seemed to be all segregated, nevertheless the support we had was astonishing. My folks came to watch for the first time and the one thing that impressed them was the number of Swindon fans there, it was amazing. It's just a shame that we couldn't get a result but City were such a good side.

"Horlock was fantastic and the two lads, Benerbia and Berkovic, well, they were a different class. Unfortunately I had to come off, I had a bit of a knock on my ankle, that and I was absolutely shattered! But hopefully I have done enough to warrant a place in the side today and we'll see what happens." See what happens we will, but if McAreavey can establish a regular run in the side, then who knows what he can achieve, maybe even a recall to the Irish squad? "I've played with the Irish side right from under 16's through to the under 21's. Unfortunately I am bit old for them now and so the next step is the full squad. That is a long way off but to be honest, my main aim is to succeed here first and just start enjoying my football again. There is a lot to come from me, but I just need the chance to prove myself."

Let's hope that he gets the chance to figure today as Town hope to beat local rivals Bristol City in an attempt to close the gap on the top half of the table. In failing that, there is always the game against Oldham on Tuesday night. And we know what happened last time he played against the Latics...





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Those expecting a landslide at Maine Road must have been thinking the worst when Kevin Keegan's side broke the deadlock early on. However, resolute defending and wayward shooting on City's behalf contrived to keep the score down to just two as Town crashed out of the cup.

With Razor and Hewlett sidelined through suspension and injury respectively, Irish-born midfielder, Paul McAreevey, stepped into King's side as they prepared to topple Division One's league leaders. And for eight minutes it looked as though the Robins were up to the challenge, the midfield quartet hassling the City players at every opportunity. However, City soon showed why they have been scoring so many goals when, against the run of play, they took the lead when Paolo Wanchope headed home from close range following good work on the right hand side. It was a killer blow and one from which Town never recovered as City started to repeat some of the form that had seen them ease past title contenders, Burnley, a week previously. Bernarbia and Wright-Phillips shone, at times showboating with elaborate ease whilst Horlock, once a Swindon player himself and Town's record sale, was dynamic yet dependable in the centre of the park. Had it not been for the guile of Reeves, Gurney and Heywood, not to mention the agility of Bart Griemink, Town would certainly have gone in at half-time more than one goal down.

The second half began as the first had ended, the home side looking to break forward at every opportunity and the visitors seemingly content to contain the flowing tide of sky blue. McAreevey linked well in the middle and looked to be Town's unlikely hero. Unfortunately he had to leave the field through injury, Sol Davis coming on as his replacement. Howe and Robinson also ran their socks off in Town's midfield but the home side were simply too strong and they doubled their advantage soon after the hour mark. Having been fed from the middle, Horlock slotted home from the left hand side of the area leaving the hapless Griemink despondent in Town's goal.

Sound bites...

STEVE ROBINSON

on cup defeat...

"Unfortunately we couldn't give the fans the result they wanted. It would have been a boost for them because of what's happened off the pitch. Who knows, if we'd got something to hold on to early on then it could have been a difficult afternoon then?"

MATTY HEYWOOD

on Manchester City...

"Nobody likes to lose but I think 2-0 was a respectable defeat. My old team Burnley came here and got beat 5-1, so we've not done too badly considering the difference in league placings. We were disappointed not to really create any chances."

ALAN REEVES

on having a go...

"We were always chasing the game after going behind early on. I don't think you can fault the lads for their effort. I wish Danny and Eric had seen more of the ball than me but I hope the fans saw that we had a go at City for them."

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Not a season to celebrate for Town's fans, whilst City almost earned promotion via the Play-offs as Dick Mattick explains.

Swindon's first season back in the old Second Division began with a defeat at Bradford City (2-0), the first game to be played at their ground after it's restoration following the fire disaster.

Swindon returned to winning ways with a 2-0 win at home to Sheffield Wednesday. A return to Division Three never looked an issue with Jimmy Quinn, who scored 21 League goals, in rampant form. Indeed, a 2-0 victory over Oldham in early October lifted Town to fourth in the table. An injury to Fraser Digby at Crystal Palace coincided with the start of a poor run which saw only one point taken and ended in a 4-2 defeat at Elland Road. Despite this, there was plenty to enjoy at the County Ground. Dave Bamber (13) and Steve White (11) both reached double figures in terms of League goals and Roy Wegerle on loan from Chelsea provided good entertainment. Paul Bodin, a signing from Newport County, was also making his first appearances for Swindon, a club he was to serve well. The only celebrations at the season's end however came from Aston Villa supporters whose team's no score draw was enough to earn them promotion.

The Littlewoods Cup provided plenty of entertainment before Swindon lost 4-2 at Watford having failed to get an advantage in the home leg. In the F A Cup they caused something of an upset. Having drawn at the County Ground they travelled to Carrow Road and two Dave Bamber goals led to the defeat of Norwich City. This victory was perhaps the opposite of a blessing in disguise as it was to lead to a 5-0 hammering by a Newcastle side featuring a young Paul Gascoigne.

There was plenty of entertainment for the fans at Ashton Gate in the League with 77 goals helping to earn fifth position and a place in the play offs. City overcame Sheffield United in the semi-final stage but were still level with Walsall after the final which, at this time, was played over two legs. Instead of the decider being played on a neutral ground, as had happened with Swindon the previous season, a penalty shoot out was held to decide who got home advantage. Walsall won this 4-2 and took advantage with a crushing 4-0 victory in the deciding match. In the Cup Bristol suffered a disappointing Second Round home defeat at the hands of Torquay and went out in the first Round of the Littlewoods Cup. This had seen them paired with Swindon who established what looked a comfortable 3-0 advantage on the first leg thanks to a Jimmy Quinn hat trick. Bristol, leading 3-1 at half time in the Second Leg, looked poised to cause an upset but a Steve Berry penalty relieved the pressure and the match ended 3-2.





ROYALS STALL ON SALAKO

John Salako's permanent move to Reading could be in the balance because of the £200,000 transfer fee. Salako is keen to resurrect his career with the Berkshire side and has hinted he would take a salary cut. "I believe a fee has been agreed between the clubs, but I understand Alan Pardew's budget is pretty much gone," admitted Salako. "There's no major problem regarding wages but after this month has ended I can't do any more at Reading. Maybe that will force the chairman to do something". Under FA rules, Reading cannot extend Salako's loan any further than three months, and if they fail to sign the former England international on a permanent deal, then a return to the Valley beckons for the former Palace winger.

TAYLOR HANDED U'S JOB

Cambridge United have appointed John Taylor as their new manager following a six week spell as caretaker boss at the Abbey Stadium. The U's board made the decision despite losing five of their nine games since Taylor took over from John Beck. Taylor has led The U's to the LDV Vans Trophy Southern final, and will now have the task of keeping the club in the Second Division along with his assistant, Dale Brooks. "It is a very difficult challenge but it is one that Dale and I believe we can achieve," Taylor told the club's website. "There are a lot of points to play for and if we continue to perform as we know we can then the points target for survival is certainly achievable". Vice chairman, Roger Hunt, is now hoping that Taylor can fulfil his potential.

LENNIE GETS CARDIFF TASK

Cardiff City have appointed former Grimsby boss, Lennie Lawrence, as their new Director of Football only 36 hours after receiving his cards at Blundell Park. The former Luton and Middlesbrough manager will work alongside Bluebirds boss Alan Cork. Lawrence took up his post for City's controversial FA Cup win over Leeds last week and insisted his appointment does not endanger Alan Cork's position. "I'm no danger to Alan. He'll be picking the team but I will be coaching and dealing with administration matters like players contracts". Cardiff chairman Sam Hamman was quick to point out what Lawrence's role at Ninian Park would be. "He will examine everything and everyone at the football club."



John
Salako



John
Taylor



Lennie
Lawrence



QUINN GOES BACK TO THE BAGGIES

West Brom winger James Quinn has returned to The Hawthorns following his loan stint at Notts County. The Northern Ireland international's hopes of a long term deal were dashed after the Meadow Lane outfit were unable to match his personal terms. The Irishman packed his bags and returned to The Baggies despite a successful spell with The Magpies. Quinn found his form, notching three times in six games but talks collapsed over a permanent move to Meadow Lane. "There is no problem with us agreeing a fee with West Brom, I had agreed that with them when we first took the loan," said County Chief Executive Peter Storrie. "The simple problem is that we need to try and agree financial terms with James".

TERRIERS DUO OUT FOR THE SEASON

Huddersfield supremo Lou Macari has been dealt a blow with the news that strikers Delroy Facey and Martin Smith have been ruled out for the rest of the season. The duo have yet to feature for The Terriers this term. Facey has been out with a back injury sustained in a pre-season friendly with Manchester City, while Smith has been sidelined since March because of a knee problem. Macari revealed that both players are not even close to resuming training. "Martin and Delroy haven't been able to train with us whatsoever," bemoaned Macari. "You would have to say we are looking at another three or four months without them. It's a great shame, but we have just got to put a line through their names at the moment and get on with it."

LEWIS SET FOR SEAGULLS RETURN

Brighton boss Peter Taylor is set to sign midfielder Junior Lewis for the third time in his managerial career, but the date on which he will arrive on the South Coast is still to be decided. Taylor had initially wanted to sign 28-year-old Lewis, who previously played under him at Dover, Gillingham and Leicester, for the remainder of the season but FA regulations only allow players under the age of 24 for season-long loans. Lewis is expected to join The Seagulls on a three-month loan spell, but Taylor is considering his options, including the possibility of Albion being involved in the play-offs, which could mean waiting until mid-February for the deal to go ahead. "I haven't arranged any definite dates yet," claimed Taylor "I am trying to sort it out."

James
Quinn



Delroy
Facey



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Lewis



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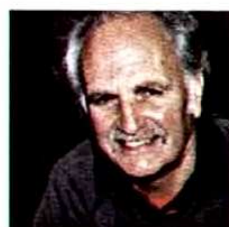
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BACK IN ACTION

Town are back in action this weekend, with both sides looking to extend their lead at the top of the table.

The First Team travel to Plymouth to face Argyle in the Southwest Combination League, the south-west side currently ninth in the league. Town will be looking to increase their lead at the top of the league table having beaten Plymouth before in September (4-1). Town's second team travel down the M4 to face Chippenham Town in the Wiltshire County League. The Town beat their north Wiltshire opponents 6-3 earlier in the season. Next Sunday the Town are at home and entertain Cheltenham Town in the South West Combination League. Town won the away game by four goals to three in a very close encounter, scoring twice in the last ten minutes to take the points. The two sides also have an outstanding Ambassador South West Combination League Cup quarter-final tie to decide. Sunday's game will be played at Albourne FC and will kick off at 2:00pm. The Reserves are away to Malmesbury in the Wiltshire County League. The two sides have not met before.

Once again Town have a strong contingent selected for the Wiltshire County squad to face Somerset in the South West Counties Championship match at Corsham. Holly Ashman, Kim Reeves, Michelle Rich, Clare Wheeler, Netti Wyness, Lucy Bailey, Laura Morgan, Nikki Relph, Katy Lemon, Georgia Allcock, Angie Tinson, Hayley Sprules and Natalia Zarczynski have all received a call-up. Wiltshire share their Group with Devon, Somerset and Hampshire and the winners will go on to play the winners of the other groups comprising of Sussex, Gloucestershire, the Army and Dorset

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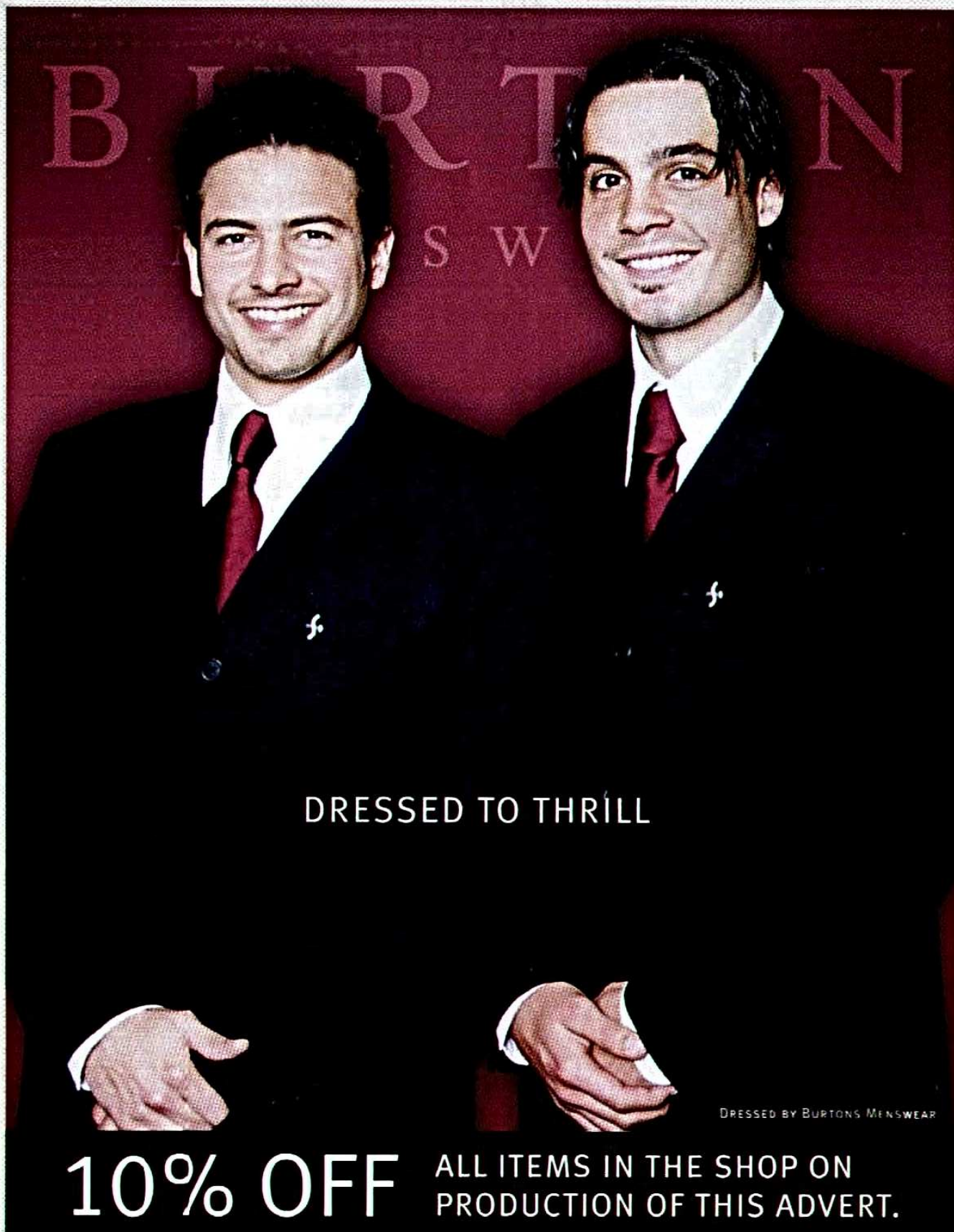
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Portsmouth	11	9	1	1	36	7	+29	28
Bristol City	11	8	2	1	31	13	+18	26
Cardiff City	9	5	1	2	34	16	+18	16
Newton Abbot	10	4	1	5	24	28	-4	13
Reading Ladies	12	3	3	6	24	39	-15	12
Clevedon/SBW	11	2	5	4	16	16	0	11
Plymouth A	8	3	1	4	17	24	-7	10
Reading Royals	8	2	3	3	19	17	2	9
Yeovil Town	10	3	0	7	18	26	-8	9
Cheltenham T	11	3	0	8	21	38	-17	9
Southampton	12	1	1	10	12	53	-41	4



PLAYER PROFILE

Fiona Baldwin
Midfield

Age 17
Occupation Student
Previous clubs
Malmesbury Girls
Honours
Wiltshire County under 18's
Wiltshire Schools
Favourite team
Arsenal
Favourite Town player
Bobby Howe

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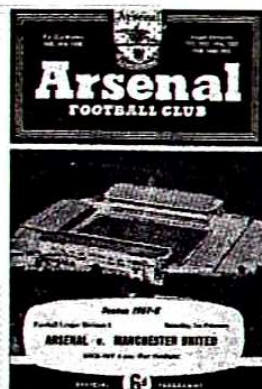
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THE MATCH - The huge crowd at Highbury watching this nine goal thriller were not to know that this was to be the last match on British soil for the "Busby Babes". The young Manchester United team had run away with the last two League Championships and were threatening to do the same for a third time. They were also making progress in the European Champions Cup, where they were due to play Red Star in Belgrade four days after the Highbury match.

United wasted no time in establishing their superiority over Arsenal. Goals by Edwards, Charlton and Taylor put them 3-0 up at half time, but the resilient Gunners took advantage of complacency in the visiting defence by scoring three times in as many minutes to level the scoreline early in the second half.

David Herd and Jimmy Bloomfield (2) were the goalscorers. That galvanised United, and Violett and Taylor restored a two goal lead, only for Tapscott to put one back for Arsenal to set up a thrilling finish. Within five days, that memorable match had faded into insignificance as 23 passengers (including eight players) lost their lives in the plane crash at Munich.



David Herd was
on the scoresheet

THE PROGRAMME - Only the events of four days later propelled this programme towards its historical significance. Sixteen A5 pages was excellent value at 6d. 'Voice of Arsenal' fills the first three internal pages, much of it given over to the visitors, and page five has a full match report of Arsenal's previous fixture. There are two pages of match action photographs and then the centre fold teams, followed by United pen pictures. 'Jottings by Spectator' devotes two pages (less than space given for the half time scoreboard) to notes from the history of United, followed by a full page team group of the visitors. Two pages of statistics and a full page 'Portrait Gallery' of Vic Groves brings the programme to its conclusion, where forthcoming matches and previous match details cover the back page. Content is packed in with small type size, there are no adverts. The historical significance of this game means that it fetches upwards of £25 under offer.



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GARETH CALLS TIME

STFC HAS BEEN SADDENED BY THE NEWS THAT GARETH DAVIES HAS LOST HIS BATTLE AGAINST A LONG-TERM KNEE INJURY AND HAS ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT FROM PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL. FORMER TOWN BOSS, JIM QUINN, SIGNED DAVIES ON A FREE TRANSFER FROM READING IN MARCH 1999. IT WAS HERE THAT THE WELSHMAN HAD MADE A NAME FOR HIMSELF AS A COMMITTED AND TOUGH TACKLING CENTRE-HALF.



The move followed spells at Hereford (where he started his career as a trainee), Crystal Palace and then Reading. Unfortunately, Town fans didn't get to see the best of Gareth - for he made just 28 first team starts in three years at the club. Several operations and countless ours of physiotherapy, training and occasional reserve and first team matches contrived to prevent him from making the full recovery that he, the club and the fans desired. He said, "I had a third operation on my knee last November and unfortunately it has swollen up again. It is a shame because I was working hard to myself back into the first team, but then I guess I alwasys knew that it would flare up again at some stage. At the end of the day I don't want to damage myself permanently and end up in a wheelchair.

"I made the decision because of my son really. It was a difficult one, although I had been thinking about it for some time. He (Rhys - his son) means everything to me and I want to be able to enjoy playing with him as he grows up - he showed me that there was more to life than football. That's not to say that I haven't enjoyed my time here because I have I've also made some great, life-long friends. I spent a lot of time with Dick Mackey (physio) and other members of the coaching staff and we subsequently became very close."

Gareth's continual battle with injury did little to dampen his spirits in and around the County Ground and he would often be the one keeping up the spirits of the rest of the team when times got hard. Furthermore, Gareth was actively involved with the club's community projects and you would rarely find someone more committed to official club engagements, which is testament to his professionalism.

The club would like to thank Gareth for his hard work and commitment to the club over the past three years and wish him all the very best of luck for his future endeavours. "I have some idea of what I'd like to do, coaching kids, or a youth team or reserve side would be great, but we will just have to wait and see. I have been working on my coaching badge and so I am hopeful that that is something I can get involved in."

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Conference.

Cardiff's on the pitch giant killing is somewhat lessened by off the pitch behaviour. Now it's hard to blame fans for celebrating, but the club is certainly not flattered by some of the supporters' behaviour. And to think that I was unnerved by the minor issue of a rousing chorus of "Get Your T**s Out For the Lads" on my last visit to Ninian Park on Boxing Day.

The festive period has taken Stoke to the top of the table and Reading to second. Two clubs, it's safe to say, would have been promotion favourites at the start of the season. Another of those highly tipped clubs – Bristol City – also performed well – and manager Danny Wilson well deserved that Nationwide Manager of the Month

Award for December.

At the other end of the table, I for one am delighted to see the King of the Abbey, AKA John Taylor, given his chance as permanent manager at Cambridge United, and, though times are tough, I know he'll have the support of the Cambridge fans.

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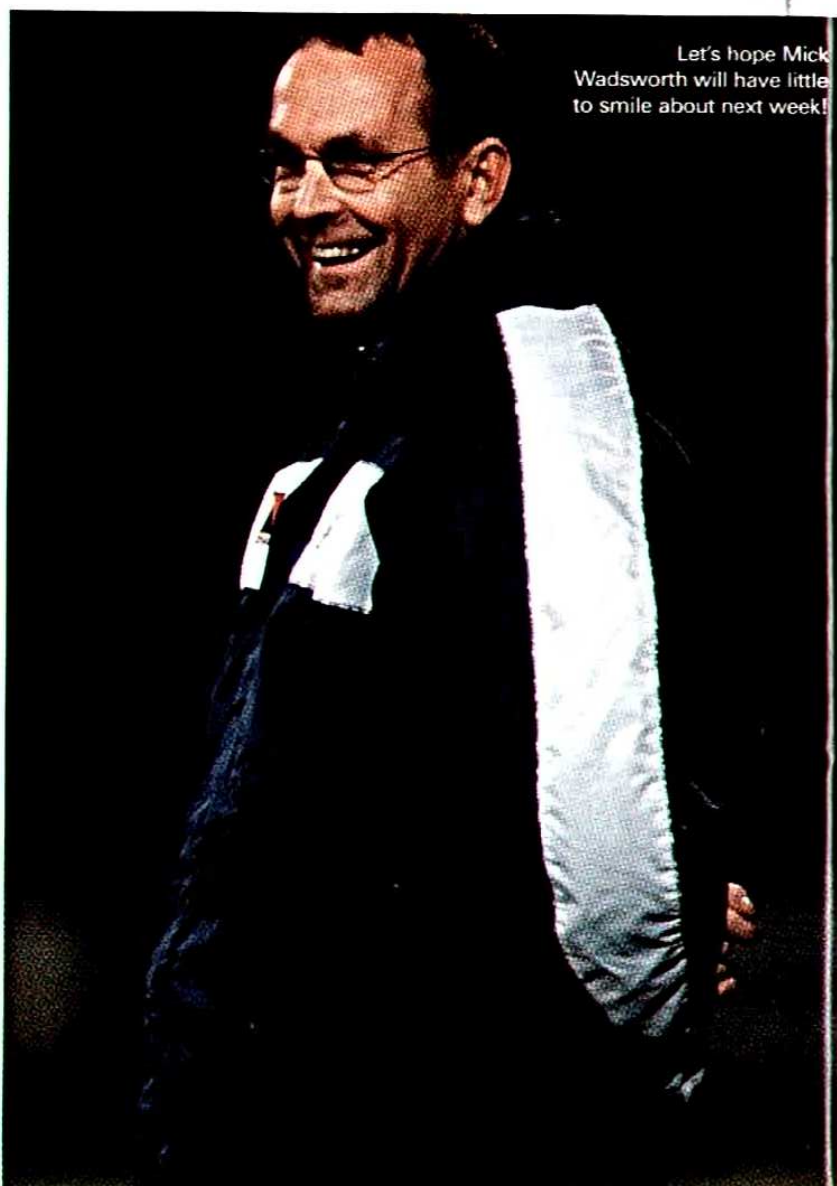
Last encounter - Swindon 0-2 Oldham Athletic (County Ground)

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BREAKING BOUNDARIES

Andy King's side will be looking to break their Boundary Park jinx in this re-arranged fixture against Oldham Athletic. Town have failed to win at the Latics' ground in eight attempts, our last victory coming in October 1968.

Town will also be looking to avenge the 2-0 encounter against the Latics earlier in the season. Goals from Sheridan and Balmer were enough to earn three points and also kick-start a run of form that would see them win the next four games. Since then, Andy Ritchie has since departed (returning to former club Leeds as part of the youth set up) and Mick Wadsworth has taken over the mantle. His tenure has been encapsulated by movement in the transfer market; Allott and Innes have moved to Chesterfield in return for the Spirit's highly rated midfielder, David Reeves. Recent results have also improved too. Following their magnificent start of eight games without defeat, Oldham contrived to embark on a poor run of form (hence Ritchie's departure), but the Latics have since put things right and currently sit in seventh position. A miserable spell of four defeats in a row has been followed by just one defeat in the last 11 and Oldham have won their last three against Port Vale (2-0), Blackpool (2-0) and Northampton (1-0.) Matthew Tipton will be the one to watch, the youngster has five goals to his name already.



Let's hope Mick Wadsworth will have little to smile about next week!

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Sat Jan 19 - 3.00pm

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Although we lost to a better and talented team on the day, fans certainly won the battle of the terraces. The sight of one of the Maine Road faithful frantically trying to whip the home support into a noisy frenzy (and failing) in the old 'Kippax' was recognition of the contribution the fans made to the day. More of the same today please!

Evening Advertiser 'Half time draw'

We have a few matches to bring you up to date with following the Christmas festivities:

Bury - The winner was M Curtis who won £270 for his £1 stake

for ticket number 608. Incidentally, Mr Curtis is the Bury groundsman, so next time we go to Gigg Lane there should be a little more grass on the pitch!

Bournemouth - The winning ticket number was 291 which paid £260 to Mr E Healey. You may notice the similarity in surname to a previous winner. His father won earlier this season!

Hereford - No claim has yet been made for ticket 733. £325 awaits the winner, so please check your pockets carefully.

Calling all fans in the Calne area

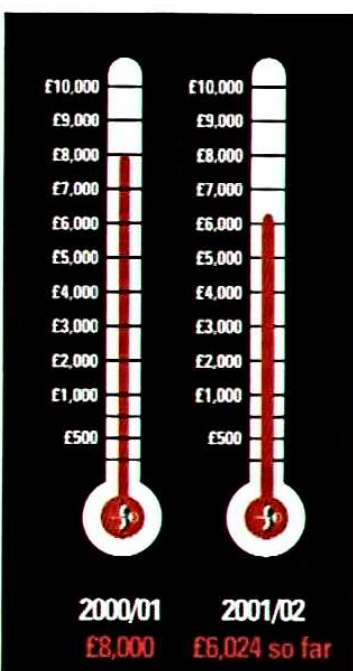
Season ticket holder and supporter for 10 years, Bill Dolman, travels to games regularly. But being unable to drive, Bill is reliant on the usual fixed time service buses to get him to and from games.

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XMAS Draw

A big thank you to everyone who sold tickets on our behalf. It was a real shame that the Huddersfield game was postponed, as this was to bring our ticket selling campaign to a finale. However, we will still be looking at a profit on the draw of around £400. Full details of prize winners can be found in the last programme, or on our web site.





Chris Bailey, this weeks fan to be quizzed, lives in Cheltenham and is usually found in the Arkells Stand. Chris doesn't reveal his real age, but does admit to being 50+!

TALK OF THE TERRACES

FIRST HOME MATCH SEEN?

I saw my first home match as a boy with my late father who loved STFC. My first away match was at the old Den and Town lost 1-0.

FAVOURITE PLAYER OF ALL TIME?

Chris Kamara

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

David Moss

FAVOURITE PLAYER IN PRESENT TEAM?

'Graz'

MOST MEMORABLE HOME MATCH?

Beating Stoke 6-0, with their fans doing a 'conga'

BIGGEST MOAN/GRIPE?

I travel 30 miles to watch Town play at home and I wish more would attend from Swindon

FAVOURITE TOWN STORY?

Sharing a day in Brisbane with a Coventry fan just as we were beating them during our premier league season.

FAVOURITE GOAL?

Paul Bodin's penalty at Wembley

MOST SATISFYING WIN LAST SEASON?

Bristol City away last season when Alan Reeves scored the winning goal

PREDICTION FOR THIS YEAR?

Good run from now on and we might reach the play-offs

MAN WITH THE MIC

WITH GARY TATE

Today's game is our first at home in 2002, so belated New Years wishes from Stuart Morse and myself.

Our only hope, like most of you, is that 2002 brings some cheer to the Club. Despite our exit from the FA Cup last week, we can still establish a good run of form and move up the table, starting today against local rivals, Bristol City. I have had the pleasure of speaking to many football managers over the years and Danny Wilson is one of the nicest, as well as one of the most respected. Under his guidance City have established themselves as one of the favourites to gain promotion this year, so today's game is a good yardstick by which to measure our own progress. Andy King is now back as manager and in the two League games since his arrival we have seen plenty of passion from the team, resulting in four points. Long may it continue. Unfortunately there is still an element of the crowd who are critical of his appointment. Andy's job is difficult enough, shielding his players from off the field events and so what he needs is our backing. We need to get behind the management and players, especially in front of today's TV cameras. Finally, I would just like to thank HMV for their continued support of the Club by providing the music for each home game this season.

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SWINDON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the first game of the New Year, I hope you all enjoyed a great break. Wouldn't it be great to start the New Year with a win over Bristol City!



We extend a warm Community Office welcome to Mark Jones and his team, Wootton Bassett under 8's who are today's Saturday team club. We hope you enjoy your day with us and if anyone else would like to take advantage of our exclusive club, then feel free to drop us a line.



All you need to do is speak to either myself, Luke or Jon on 01793 421303. It involves local junior football teams visiting the club on match days and having a look at what goes on behind the scenes. The lads will receive a ninety minute coaching session, lunch, a complimentary matchday magazine and a ticket in the Arkell's Stand. It's a fantastic day for everyone involved so give us a call!

Our first course of the New Year takes place in February during the half-term break. The dates for your diaries are February 12, 13 and 14. Give us a call on the number above, or drop into the main reception at the County Ground (in the Arkells Stand) where you will find some application forms.



Our annual Table-Top Football Competition starts later this month. We will be visiting a number of local Primary schools, so if you think your school would like to participate, then give us a call.

Finally, Luke Sharps is still taking bookings for birthday parties, so if you would like to celebrate your birthday with us, give us a call!

All the best,
Clive, Jon, Luke & Nolan

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SWINDON TOWN STUDY CENTRES PLAYING FOR SUCCESS



STFC CENTRES ALL SET FOR 2002

The Study Centres are now in their fourth year at the County Ground. The after school study support programme continues to be very well received by pupils, teachers and parents and we look forward to another successful year. The national project Playing for Success continues to spread in to other sports with Gloucester Rugby club and Somerset County Cricket club recently opening centres.



This term we welcome pupils from Goddard Park Primary, Westlea Primary, Oliver Tomkins Junior and Holy Family Junior Schools to after school study support at the County ground. Pupils from Ridgeway, Churchfields, Kingsdown and Greendown Secondary schools will also be attending study support. Sixteen year 12 students from Wootton Bassett School will act as mentors to support the pupils.

THIS WEEK 25 YEARS AGO WITH DAVE WALLIS

January 1977 saw Town matched with Second Division Fulham in the Third Round of the FA Cup. And despite the Cottagers fielding George Best, Rodney Marsh and Bobby Moore, Town drew 3-3 (having led 3-1) to earn a reply. The bookies quoted Swindon as 6-4 favourites to win the re-match and, in front of 24,000 fans, goals from Anderson, Syrett and Moss ensured victory.

Q1) On January 7, a new director was appointed to Town's board. He had previously sat on the board at Bristol City but who was he?

Q2) On January 19, Bristol City were contesting a Division One match at Old Trafford. A 2-1 defeat left them close to the relegation zone, but who was City's manager for this game?

Q3) In 1977, City's record fee received was recorded as £110,000 in September 1971. Their record signing was also for £110,000. Both these transactions involved the same player. Who?

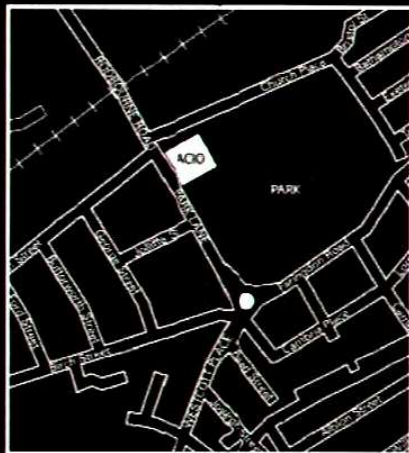
Q4) On January 10, and despite being in the League Cup semi-finals, Everton sacked who?

Q5) On January 11, Middlesbrough recorded a 1-0 FA Cup win against the Football League's newest recruits, who were in only their fifth month of League membership. Who was this?

Answers:
1) Lionel Smart 2) Alan Hicks 3) Chris Garland, who arrived from Chelsea and departed to Leicester
4) Billy Bingham 5) Wimbledon

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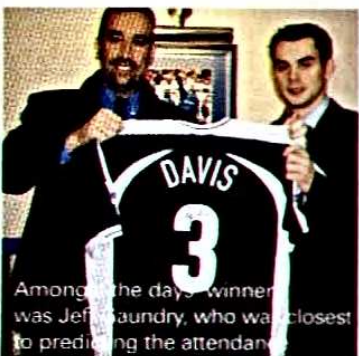
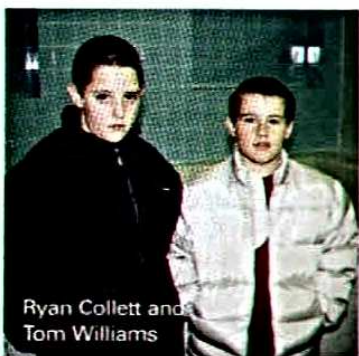
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GUESS WHO WON GOAL OF THE YEAR...

...well, not who you might think actually. Many people voted for Danny Invincible's last gasp effort against Peterborough (a goal that some of you thought kept us up last season), but this year's winner is Giuliano Grazioli for his spectacular scissor-kick against Cambridge United this season with 53% of the votes. Danny came a close second with 20%, whilst Steve Robinson (for his goal against Oxford), David Duke (Bury), Razor (Colchester) and Wayne Carlisle (Wycombe) all got 7%. Congratulations to Louise Bazza whose name was drawn out of all those that voted for Graz - she wins a signed STFC shirt!

REAL FANS REAL FOOTBALL



Many thanks to Rob O'Carroll, his girlfriend Emma and Marion for organising such a fantastic trip. Watch out for further executive trips in the future.

STFC AWAY DAYS

Last Saturday, a tear came to my eye when Paul Bodin scored from the spot before Don Rogers put us one up at Wembley. Let me explain. We had the good fortune to travel up to Maine Road in an executive coach complete with tv and video (and numerous quizzes) and to get us into the mood we watched the First Division Play-Off Final. On arrival, we were surprised to get a tour of the Main Stand, including Town's changing room in which their shirts were all laid out ready for their arrival. The bath was the old fashioned type where you see the whole team splashing about after the game! It had certainly seen better days though, as we know, City will be moving to a brand new stadium in the near future. Mike Summerbee was wandering around the area where the teams run on to the pitch and very graciously came and chatted. He was waiting to be interviewed by local radio, but was keen to wish us well. After walking around the edge of the pitch to Kippax Tower(!) we climbed 500 (well, it felt like 500) steps to the top. Oxygen wasn't on offer but should have been. The pre-match meal was great, but have you ever wished you hadn't (our seat was so high!) and despite being disappointed with the result - we enjoyed watching, amongst other things, a funny episode of Only Fools and Horses as we made the long journey home. A good trip was had by all and we await the next one with anticipation.

Quick Quiz answers

1. 'Aye aye' Ify Oporua and the score was 3-2
2. Mark Robinson, Junior Bent and there were no goals
3. Swindon 1953, Bristol City 1936
4. Reevesy

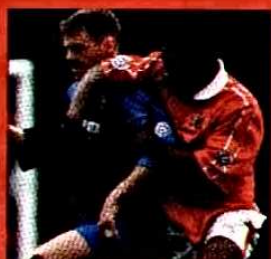
QUICK QUIZ

HEAD TO HEAD

Seeing as it's the New Year we thought we'd offer you a more challenging quiz, with previous encounters with whoever Town play as the subject. Today, with the visit of Bristol City, see how much you can remember of previous encounters down the years...



1. The year is 1998. But who is pictured here scoring for Town in front of the Stratton Bank and what was the final score?



2. Can you name the two players pictured? Also, how many goals were scored in this game, March 30 1996?
3. A bit harder this one - both sides have beaten each other 5-0, but in what years?
4. Which Swindon player scored the winner against City at Ashton Gate last season? (He was not as lucky this time around and was sent off in our previous encounter this time around, now don't say I don't help you!)

Congratulations to Steve and Barabara Lee (Steve a long-term season ticket holder) who gave birth to the youngest Junior Robin member on Boxing Day. The name - Brandon Lee Swindon Roberto!



with George Chadwick

JUNIOR ROBINS

Good afternoon to all our JR's and a Happy New Year to you all.

We would like to make another appeal for any of you who have not yet joined the Junior Robins. £3 is the small amount you pay for a membership and forms are always available from the away travel office. Failing that, you can contact either George on 01672 520679, or Richard on 01993 703110. If you join now you can come along with us to our next Juniors away match at Stoke City on Easter Monday, April 1 2002. Unfortunately, due to lack of response, we are unable to go ahead with the Disco on February 15. Julie is again recruiting for new Robinette members. If you are aged between 12 and 16 and would like to be part of her team, then you can call her on 01793 763349. We would remind you Juniors get a 10% discount on any Home Mascot Package (see picture - it could be you!), please contact Rob O'Carroll at the Club on 01793 333718. George is your contact for any Juniors interested in being an Away Mascot.



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

Hello and welcome to today's game against Bristol City. May I take this opportunity in wishing you all a Happy New Year - I hope you all had a great Christmas too! As some of you may or may not know, our Soccer Centres started again this week (except that course at Stratton, unfortunately delayed due to re-laying of the flooring there). If any of you have forgotten to enrol on the courses, now is the perfect opportunity to do so! Anyone interested in starting at one of the Centres below can do so. All you have to do is either give me a ring at the club for more details, or simply just pop in and see me and I will do my best to give you any further information.

Enjoy today's game.

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 7 - 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

BAMPTON (Oxon)

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

TIDWORTH (new)

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

All the Soccer Centres are run in conjunction with half-term, so courses vary from five to seven weeks. All the children need is a playing kit, shinpads, trainers and a drink

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Goals Info:



Where



7 Goals



11 Goals



8 Goals

How

Shots.....15
Headers.....1
Volleys.....6
Penalties.....2
Free Kicks.....2
O.G.s.....0

Top Scorers

Grazioli.....6
Invisible.....4
O'Halloran.....2
Gurney.....2
Duke.....2
Sabin.....2
Osei-Kuffour.....2
Carlisle.....2

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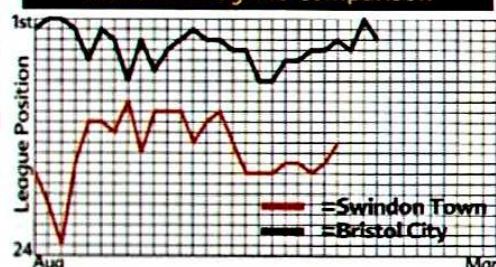
Highest Gate
8,830
vs Brighton
Lowest Gate
4,127
vs Wrexham
Average Gate
6,508
Players Used 24
Clean Sheets 8
Failed to Score
10
Consec. Wins
2 games
Consec. Defeats
3 games

Robins' Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
W	Bury	H	19th
D	Bournemouth	H	17th
L	Notts County A	21st	
L	Wigan	A	18th
W	Wrexham	H	22nd
S	Brighton	H	1st
L	QPR	A	14th
L	Blackpool	A	15th
L	Stoke	H	3rd
S	Wycombe	A	6th

check out the stats @ www.soccer-stats.com

Seasonal Progress Comparison



Robins' Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
S	Wigan	H	15th
W	Cardiff	A	6th
L	Port Vale	A	19th
W	Wrexham	H	22nd
W	Cambridge	A	23rd
W	Wrexham	A	22nd
W	Notts County	H	21st
W	Blackpool	H	10th
S	Bury	A	20th
L	Reading	A	4th

Goals Info:



Where



13 Goals



23 Goals



7 Goals

How

Shots.....25
Headers.....6
Volleys.....5
Penalties.....4
Free Kicks.....0
O.G.s.....3

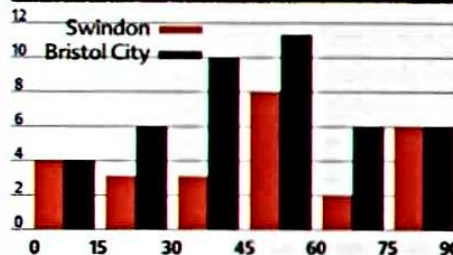
Top Scorers

Thorpe.....10
Peacock.....8
Murray.....7
Jones S.....5
Tinnion.....3
Bell.....2
Matthews.....2

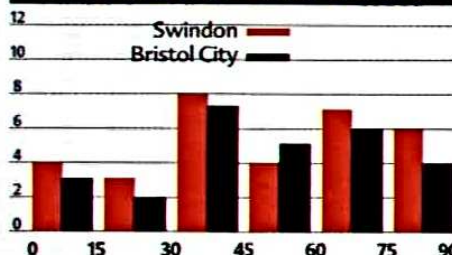
2001-2002

Highest Gate
13,955
vs Brighton
Lowest Gate
9,411
vs Notts County
Average Gate
11,332
Players Used 26
Clean Sheets 9
Failed to Score
6
Consec. Wins
5 games
Consec. Defeats
3 games

When Goals have been Scored



When Goals have been Conceded



Guiliano Grazioli (Swindon)



Goals.....6
Games.....18
Average.....0.33

5 games.....Total Games Scored In.....8 games
4 games.....Games Scored 1 Goal.....7 games
1 game.....Games Scored 2 Goals.....0 games
0 games.....Hat-tricks.....1 game

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

3 games.....Maximum scoring run.....7 games
0.....Maximum Dry Spell.....6 games

Swindon Goals.....26
Swindon Games.....24
Swindon's Goal Ave.....1.08

Top Scorers Comparison Tony Thorpe (Bristol City)



Goals.....10
Games.....27
Average.....0.37

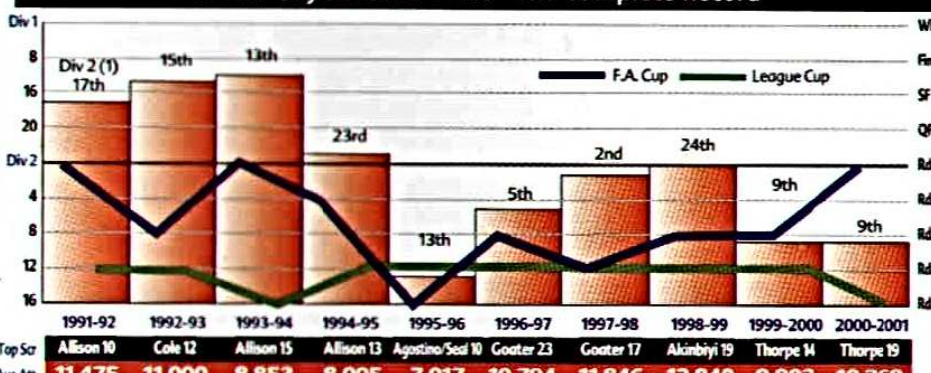
8 games.....Total Games Scored In.....8 games
7 games.....Games Scored 1 Goal.....7 games
0 games.....Games Scored 2 Goals.....0 games
1 game.....Hat-tricks.....1 game

W->L.....0 (0pts)
W->D.....3 (6pts)
D->L.....1 (1pts)

1 game.....Maximum scoring run.....1 game
6 games.....Maximum Dry Spell.....6 games

Bristol City Goals.....43
Bristol City Games.....27
Bristol City's Goal Ave.....1.59

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Sunday 20 January, Sky Sports 1

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Monday 21 January, Sky Sports 1
Manchester United v Liverpool
Tuesday 22 January, Sky Sports 1

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GRAZIOU	Not played
GRAZIOU	Played
GRAZIOU	Scored goal
GRAZIOU2	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	(H) 2.00pm	Peterborough Ltd	7,934	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(76)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(57)		GRAZIOU	DUKE		SABIN
Sat Aug 18	(A) 3.00pm	Bristol City	13,818	1-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(52)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(64)		GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Wed Aug 22	(A) 7.45pm	Wolves WOL	7,588	2-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(54)		GRAZIOU(83)	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Sat Aug 25	(H) 3.00pm	Oldham Ath	5,279	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(73)	KUFFOUR(82)	GRAZIOU	DUKE(52)	COBURN	SABIN
Mon Aug 27	(A) 3.00pm	Bury	3,202	3-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(73)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(82)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Sat Sep 1	(H) 3.00pm	Crechevalley Utd	4,469	1-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(72)	GRAZIOU	DUKE(27)	COBURN	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(27)	COBURN	SABIN
Tue Sep 11	(A) 7.45pm	West Brom W.B.	14,536	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(37)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(100)	GRAZIOU(37)	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Sat Sep 15	(H) 3.00pm	Tranmere Rovers	5,822	2-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(78)	GRAZIOU(53)	DUKE	COBURN	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	COBURN	SABIN
Sat Sep 22	(A) 3.00pm	Cheshirefield	4,275	0-4	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY(77)	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(64)	GRAZIOU(63)	DUKE(54)	COBURN	SABIN
Tue Sep 25	(H) 3.00pm	Brentford	6,576	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Sat Sep 29	(A) 3.00pm	Northampton Town	5,104	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT(17)	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU(81)	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Sat Oct 13	(A) 3.00pm	Reading	14,389	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(88)	GRAZIOU(88)	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Tue Oct 16	(A) 7.45pm	Colchester Utd	1,251	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(71)	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Sat Oct 21	(H) 2.10pm	Cardiff City	6,273	0-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(88)	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Wed Oct 23	(H) 7.45pm	Cambridge Utd	5,882	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(2)	DUKE(28)	COBURN	SABIN
Sat Oct 27	(A) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wids	7,127	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(71)	GRAZIOU(74)	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Sat Nov 3	(H) 3.00pm	Sheff Wed	7,981	0-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(78)	DUKE(78)	COBURN	SABIN
Sat Nov 10	(A) 3.00pm	Blackpool	5,018	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON(33)	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(55)	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Sat Nov 17	(H) 3.00pm	Northampton Town (FA Cup)	4,466	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(55)	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Wed Nov 21	(A) 7.45pm	QPR	8,547	0-4	GREMINK	ROBINSON(79)	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(78)	GRAZIOU(86)	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Sat Nov 24	(H) 3.00pm	Brighton & Hove	6,832	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Tue Nov 27	(H) 7.45pm	Wrexham	4,157	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Sat Dec 1	(A) 3.00pm	Wigan Ath	5,635	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON(76)	DAVIS(23)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(81)		GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Sat Dec 8	(H) 3.00pm	Reading Utd (FA Cup)	7,886	3-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON(79)	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE		GRAZIOU	DUKE(79)	COBURN	SABIN
Fri Dec 11	(A) 7.45pm	Notts County	4,197	1-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(107)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(72)		GRAZIOU(57)	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Wed Dec 19	(H) 7.00pm	Bournemouth	6,786	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON(73)	DAVIS(80)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE		GRAZIOU	DUKE(30)	COBURN	SABIN
Sat Dec 29	(H) 2.00pm	Bury	7,624	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE		GRAZIOU(19)	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Sat Jan 5	(A) 3.00pm	Manchester City (FA Cup)	21,581	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(84)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(77)		GRAZIOU(77)	DUKE	COBURN	SABIN
Sat Jan 13	(H) 2.10pm	Sheff Wed															
Wed Jan 16	(A) 7.45pm	Oldham Athletic															
Sat Jan 19	(A) 3.00pm	Peterborough Ltd															
Tue Jan 23	(H) 7.45pm	Notts County															
Sat Jan 26	(A) 1.00pm	Wrexham (FA Cup Fourth Round)															
Wed Jan 30	(A) 7.45pm	Colchester Utd															
Sat Feb 2	(H) 3.00pm	Northampton Town															
Tue Feb 5	(H) 7.45pm	Northampton Town															
Sat Feb 9	(A) 3.00pm	Cardiff City															
Sat Feb 16	(H) 3.00pm	Reading (FA Cup Fifth Round)															
Fri Feb 22	(A) 7.45pm	Tranmere Rovers															
Tue Feb 26	(H) 3.00pm	Cheshfield															
Sat Mar 2	(H) 3.00pm	Port Vale															
Tue Mar 5	(A) 7.45pm	Brentford															
Sat Mar 9	(A) 3.00pm	Huddersfield Town (FA Cup Sixth Round)															
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 (FA Cup Semi Final)															
Sat Apr 19	(H) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wids															
Sat May 4	(H) 3.00pm	Hove															



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



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Matthew Hill	18
Joe Burnell	19
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Kevin Amankwaah	21
Greg Goodridge	22
Danny Coles	23
Tommy Doherty	24
Jamie Attwell	27
Mike Stowell	28
Craig Woodman	31
Marvin Brown	32
John Burns	33



Sunday 13th January 2002
kick-off 2.15pm

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THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Sat Jan 12 2001/02

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

Sun Jan 13 2001/02

Northampton	vs	Stoke City
Swindon	vs	Bristol City



Division Two 2001/2002

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD	last at 11/01/2002
Stoke City	25	14	7	4	39	21	49	+18	
Reading	26	15	4	7	38	24	49	+14	
Bristol City	27	14	6	7	43	27	48	+16	
Brighton	24	12	10	2	34	19	46	+15	
Brentford	25	13	6	6	47	28	45	+19	
QPR	28	11	7	8	38	31	40	+7	
Oldham	25	10	9	6	41	29	39	+12	
Tranmere	24	11	6	7	45	34	39	+11	
Huddersfield	24	10	8	6	37	27	38	+10	
Cardiff City	25	9	11	5	38	30	38	+8	
Wycombe W	24	10	8	6	38	32	38	+6	
Colchester	28	11	5	10	44	43	38	+1	
Wigan	26	7	10	9	36	33	31	+3	
Peterborough	24	9	4	11	34	32	31	+2	
Swindon	24	8	7	9	26	32	31	-6	
Blackpool	26	7	10	9	32	41	31	-9	
Port Vale	27	6	6	13	30	39	30	-9	
Chesterfield	24	7	7	10	30	33	28	-3	
Bournemouth	25	7	7	11	26	34	28	-8	
Bury	25	7	5	13	28	42	26	-16	
Notts Co	25	5	8	12	32	43	23	-11	
Wrexham	27	6	4	17	30	59	22	-29	
Cambridge	25	4	7	14	23	48	19	-25	
Northampton	25	5	2	18	23	49	17	-26	



Stoke lead on goal difference

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