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Will it be third time lucky for the Magpies who, in Billy Dearden, are playing under their third manager so far this season?

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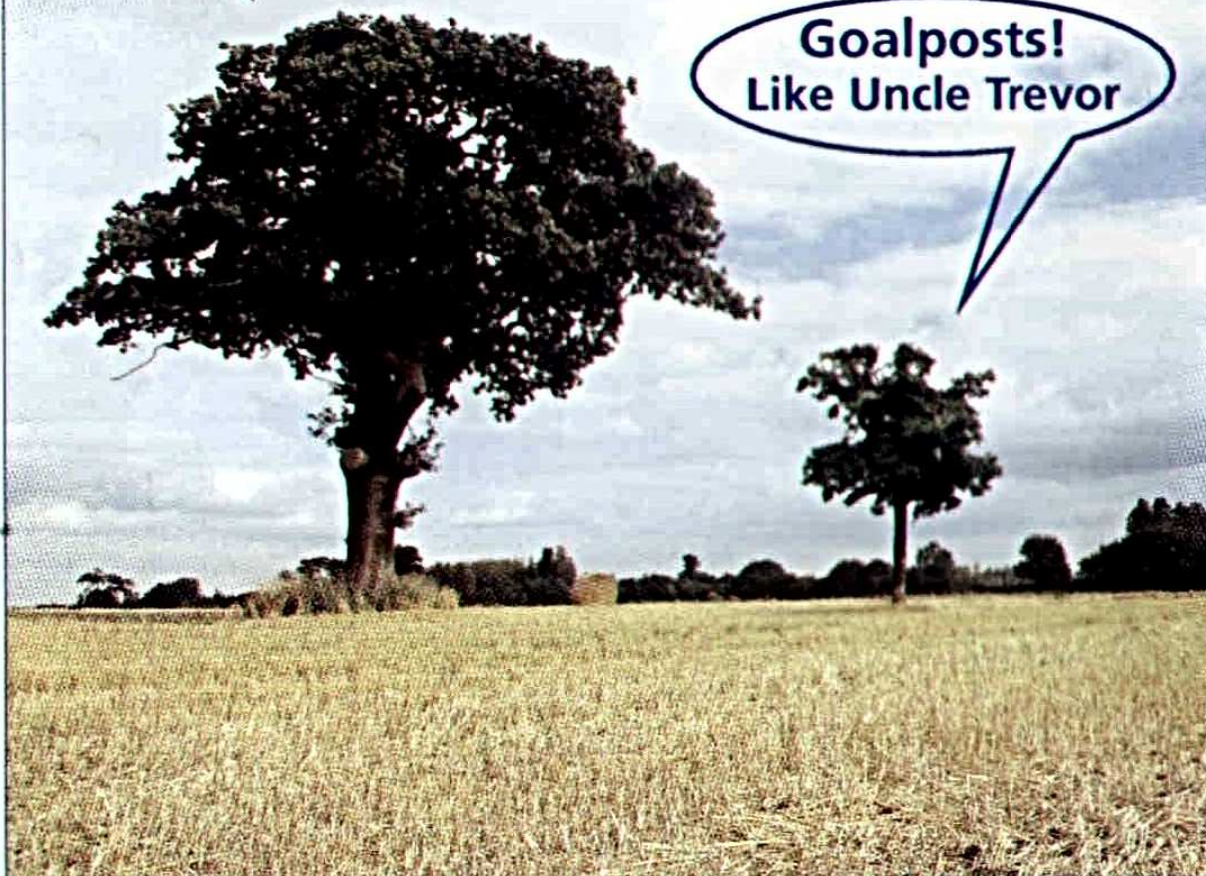
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EDITOR'S EYE

Do you ever get the feeling that we've been here before? Manchester United look set to pull away at the top of Premiership once again, Reading have taken the initiative at the summit of Division Two and here we are, talking about 'big' games and the need for three points.

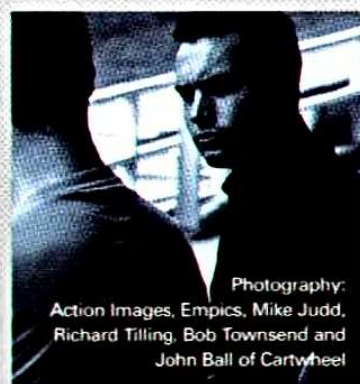
However, I think that a lot of people are in danger of expecting the worst without really giving the side a chance (understandable I suppose given our recent history). OK we are five points away from the bottom four, but we are also just four or five points away from mid-table. All we need is a decent run of three or four wins and our season could be right back on track. Port Vale, Bournemouth and Bristol City did it last year, Wigan have done it this time around – all we need is a bit of luck and a lot of support.

Let's face it, if the 'gaffer' is confident then surely we should be? Andy King has been under a lot of pressure (unnecessary pressure might I add) since his return. Yet after everything that has happened, he still believes we can achieve something this season. You can read more about Andy King's hopes for the future in this issue's interview on page 25.

As for tonight's game, well I think you will all agree that it's about time we gave Notts County a taste of their own medicine. Town have failed to beat the Magpies on the last three occasions. It would also be nice to keep Mr Mildenhall busy in the Magpies' goal!

Until next time, enjoy the issue and I'll see you back here on February 2 when Northampton are in Town.

Nick Judd - Magazine Editor



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Wille Carson

"I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT BOTH A SPORTING CLUB DINNER, WITH EMLYN HUGHES AS GUEST SPEAKER, AND A 'HEROES OF 1969 EVENING' HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED..."

CARSON'S COLUMN

Good evening and welcome to tonight's match against Notts County.

As you can probably imagine, things have been very hectic here at the County Ground recently but we are making good progress and I am pleased to report the arrival of Mike Sullivan as the club's new commercial manager. Mike is no stranger to the County Ground having worked here 15-years ago. Since then he has gained valuable experience of working at League level with clubs like Watford, Gillingham, Crystal palace and Wycombe Wanderers, so we are delighted to welcome him back.

Mike is heading up the club's revitalised commercial department and with the vast resources of Dunwoody Sports Marketing now at his disposal, we are sure to see a quick turn around in the club's commercial activities.

He is extremely enthusiastic about what the club can achieve in terms of bringing the club, local businesses and fans closer together and attempt to rejuvenate the club's commercial prospects and rekindle the kind of community bond that has existed at the County Ground in the past.

Following the club's successful V.I.P. excursion to Maine Road that raised much-needed cash for the club, Mike has wasted no time at all in rejuvenating the commercial events at the County Ground and I am pleased to report that both a Sporting Club Dinner, with Emlyn Hughes as guest speaker, and a 'Heroes of 1969 Evening' have been scheduled for the coming months (more details on pages 12 & 30). Furthermore, there are a number of exciting events coming up later this year so watch this space.

We are already noticing a surge of activity off the pitch but we haven't been able to produce the goods on the pitch in recent weeks. I'm sure the lads will turn it around and hopefully we secured a good result against Peterborough on Saturday (these notes written 18/01/02).

I would like to welcome the officials, management, players and supporters of Notts County FC and I hope you enjoy your evening with us at the County Ground – but not too much!



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OLD FRIENDS

Good evening and a warm welcome to the County Ground this evening. I am pleased to welcome back two old friends with tonight's visit of Notts County.

The first is Billy Dearden, and may I take this opportunity in wishing Billy, his management team, players, supporters and directors a safe journey home following tonight's game. Billy is what you might call a gentleman in the game of football and he was my assistant at Mansfield a couple of years ago. As some of you may or may not know, Billy has just taken over the reins at Notts County from Mansfield (where he did a fantastic job) and he will be looking to take The Magpies away from the bottom four. After a promising start to his tenure, with a 2-0 win against fellow strugglers Cambridge, Billy's side will be looking to recover from Saturday's home defeat against Port Vale. The other old friend needs little or no introduction to people in these parts. I am, of course, talking about Steve Mildenhall, who left this club in the summer to join Notts County. I hope Steve gets a terrific reception tonight because he did a magnificent job for us last season. Let's just hope we keep him busy this evening!

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As I have mentioned, tonight's game takes on great significance, with ourselves needing a win just as much as our visitors because results haven't really gone our way in recent weeks. For whatever reason, we seem to have performed below the level in which I would like and that has been disappointing. Even going back before the New Year at Meadow Lane, we just didn't play as well as we can do and so that is something we have to put right this evening.

Perhaps the most explicit example was our recent encounter against local rivals, Bristol City. In games such as that, where tackles fly in and the game becomes more competitive, you need to start quickly and compete and unfortunately, we didn't do that. City took the lead and ironically, it wasn't until we had gone two down and had a player sent off that we started to play football, put the opposition under pressure and create chances. I suppose that you must draw upon the positives in such circumstances and to be fair, I thought we were worth a point for our second half performance, but I just wish we had started the game in a similar fashion.

Then of course we visited Oldham and as you all know, I asked for a lot more from the players against a side who, in my opinion, are not what I would call a top club. Like I said last year, there are no sides that are good enough to win any game by rights and so I was confident of getting something. However, those that travelled up to Boundary Park will know that we just couldn't get any kind of routine together. Oldham caused us all sorts of problems, especially on the wings and in the end, they were deserved winners. That was the most disappointing thing because I don't think Oldham are that much better than us, but we just didn't compete.


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CROZZER'S COLUMN

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

After two straight defeats last week, it was somewhat of a relief to get a point at Peterborough. That said, we should really be looking to beat teams like that if we are hoping to climb the table. Tonight we face a Notts County side under new management and their players will be keen to impress their new manager. The Magpies find themselves in the bottom four of the league which is surprising really when you consider the players that they have and the money that they've spent. However, I am sure that Billy Dearden will turn things around, we just have to make sure that they don't start their recovery tonight. Despite being in the bottom four, tonight's visitors will be no push over. Those that travelled to Meadow Lane just before the New Year will know just how dangerous they can be. Nevertheless, we earned a good point at Peterborough on Saturday and we must draw on that, and the positives from our last three games if we are to get three points tonight. We must start to believe in ourselves a little bit more and take the game to our opponents. With a bit of hard work and the crowd behind us, I am sure we can emerge victorious.



Thankfully on Saturday we managed to stop the rot and pick up a point on our travels. I was conscious of the result last year (0-4) and that Peterborough have a fairly strong home record which is why we reverted to the 4-4-2 formation. At least with that formation the players know what job they have to do and the result was a far better performance.

The lads showed me a far greater level of commitment and that was pleasing and when we went a goal up, I thought we could have gone on to score one or two more. Eric (Sabin) did wonderfully well to get on the score sheet, no one deserves it more than him because not only did he work hard on Saturday, but he has gone several games without a goal. In fact, he could have scored a second soon after following good work from Danny on the wing. I just wish that the lads would make the most of their attributes because if we did that, then we would have no problems climbing away from our current league position.

Enjoy the game and do your bit in helping us get three points by getting behind the side.

STFC DIARY



11TH JAN



YOUNG HORNET FOLEY JOINS TOWN ON LOAN

Town dip into the transfer market and sign Dominic Foley on a two-month loan period from Watford. The young Irishman was signed by the Hornets from Wolves ahead of the 1999/00 season and is described by Gianluca Vialli as a hot prospect. A full international, Foley is expected to go straight into the side for the visit of Bristol City.

12TH JAN



WELSH WOE FOR TOWN'S UNDER 19'S

Town's under 19's side returned to action last weekend when they travelled to Wales to face Swansea City. Graham Walton (pictured) gave Town the lead before Kevin Halliday missed a penalty. Swansea punished the visitors and scored two goals to take the points. Town's under 17's also lost 2-1, to read more turn to page 18.

13TH JAN



10-MAN TOWN LOST OUT IN ODD GOAL TO RIVALS CITY

Town go down to Bristol City for the second time this season. Matt Hill scored the visitors first with a header before Lee Peacock doubled their advantage from a free-kick on the edge of Town's area. This followed Alan Reeves's second red card of the season. Dominic Foley pulled one back for Town, but the visitors held on for a deserved win.

14TH JAN



FORMER TOWN BOSS GETS THE BOOT FROM PRIDE PARK

Former Swindon Town boss, Colin Todd, is sacked by Derby County after just three months in charge. The Rams, who currently lie perilously close to the bottom of the table, have won just three league games all season. Despite widespread criticism, the Derby board are now going about the business of finding a replacement.

16TH JAN



TOWN LOSING STREAK CONTINUES AT OLDHAM

Town fell to their third defeat in three games at Boundary Park last Wednesday night. Two goals from substitute, John Eyre, secured the points for the Latics who have now won four in the last five matches. His first came on the stroke of half-time, the striker heading home from close range, his second, another header, came in the second half.

26TH JAN



WREXHAM KICK-OFF TIME CHANGED

Town's fixture with Wrexham, scheduled for January 26 is now to be played at 3.00pm as opposed to 1.00pm. The Welsh club has announced the change of time following the scheduling of a Welsh rugby match (to be televised) for 1.00pm. For a full preview, turn to page 44.

TRUST

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In accordance with the Trust rules we are going to hold our first AGM on February 7. This will be to announce the new Trust Board.

The Trust as an organisation is fully democratic, and the Trust board has been taken from nominations from the membership. The rules state that we have a board comprising of eight members. We had a total of eight members nominated, and therefore we did not need to hold a board election. The board will decide the roles and responsibilities of each board member, hopefully before the AGM.

The Trust has held meetings with the new Swindon Town board so that we could understand what is going on. We have published the members' second newsletter explaining our views and the situation the club now finds it's self in.

We have received some criticism for not producing any public statements on the recent events at the club. There were two very good reasons for this. The first was that there was a large amount of information that we had at our disposal and it took some time to collate this information and understand the full picture. Once we had done this we put together the newsletter for the Trust membership, this unfortunately took a while to do. Secondly, we are obligated to the membership to keep them fully informed, so it would be unfair on the membership to go public with all our information before they were informed. The membership now has received the newsletter so it is now available for anyone to read.

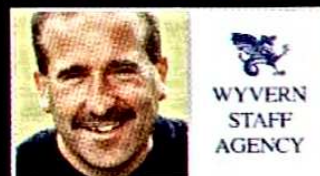
The newsletter is available on the web site: www.truststfc.co.uk or from the Trust Office. Thanks for all the people who have filled in the Safe Standing survey – we will publish the results on January 25.

Finally – and I know we keep asking, but we need more members – the more members we have the greater the role we can have. Bringing stability is the number one priority. So if there is a group of you who still need convincing – we are more than willing to come and talk to you.

You can call into the office on match days, or call Tony Norris on 01793 875760.



Treatment room...



Fortunately for Andy and the side, there have been no new injuries since the Oldham game. Bart was the only concern, but his back seems to be in full working order. Paul Edwards who you may remember was working hard on the exercise bike two weeks ago, looks set to return to training. I would go as far as saying he would have been back in action yesterday, whether or not he is available tonight is another story - it may be too soon.

Matty Hewlett also returned to training last week. Matty has been frustrated with the same knee injury that prevented him from playing last season, but he trained last Wednesday, and again on Friday so he should also be back with the first team this week.

'Razor', you may remember, was suffering with a medial knee injury (ligament). He is making good progress but you have to be careful with these kind of injuries. If you don't let them heal completely, the problem may re-occur and hinder the player's development. I think Razor could be playing again in two to three weeks.

Finally, Keith O'Halloran is having a couple of days off at the moment, but he will return soon and we shall continue his recovery.



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Town's 'Player of the Season' last year, Steve Mildenhall, will be hoping to get one over his former team mates this evening

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MAGPIES HOPE TO STEAL POINTS

THE WORLD'S OLDEST SENIOR FOOTBALL CLUB ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTIONS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON WITH THE SIGNINGS OF DARREN CASKEY FROM READING AND STEVE MILDENHALL. HOWEVER, THE CLUB HAS SINCE ENDURED A DIFFICULT SPELL OF FORM AND THEY NOW FIND THEMSELVES IN THE BOTTOM FOUR.



The club's lack of success has come as a great surprise to many, not least the management team (Jockey Scott and Gary Brazil having both been sacked already this season) and it is now up to new boss, Billy Dearden, appointed two weeks ago, to try and succeed where the others have failed.

Magpies facts

Name Notts County

Formation 1864

Nickname The Magpies

Stadium Meadow Lane (20,300)

Management team Peter Fox,
Gary Brazil

Position 2000/01 8 (Nationwide
League Division Two)

Recent signings

Danny Stone, Craig Ireland

Form guide LLWLLW

Next three fixtures

Jan 26 Wycombe W (A) 3.00pm

Jan 29 Northampton (H) 7.45pm

Feb 02 Oldham (H) 3.00pm

Top goalscorer Allsopp (8)

Honours

Second Division Champions 1897,
1914, 1923

FA Cup Winners 1895

Anglo-Italian Cup Winners 1995

Most capped player

Kevin Wilson (Northern Ireland: 15)

Head to head (wins)

Swindon: 20, Magpies: 19, Draws 7

Last encounter

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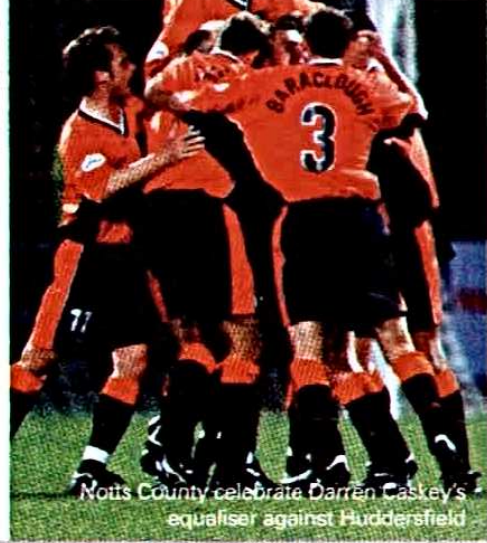
Partners press



Talk of relegation dogfights and six-pointers couldn't have been further from the minds of those that follow the Magpies after a promising start to the season. An opening day defeat at Port Vale was followed by a run of five games unbeaten and even when Tranmere ended that run in September, County still had room for two more wins against Colchester and Peterborough (both 1-0). The turning point came in the form of a 4-1 reverse at the hands of Oldham at Boundary Park, a result that proved to be the catalyst to a run of form that saw them go 13 games without a win. Ironically, that run would later end with a 3-1 win against Swindon (Quinn, Caskey and Cas earning the points after Duke's opener on a day in which Andy King returned to STFC) but the damage had been done and Jockey Scott had departed, paving the way for Gary Brazil to pick up the pieces. Back to back defeats soon re-applied the pressure on the Magpies management and in the last two weeks, former Mansfield manager, Billy Dearden was installed as Notts County's third boss of the season. Dearden's tenure couldn't have started on a more positive note with his County side seeing off Cambridge United (for the third time this season - the U's crashing out of the FA Cup at Meadow Lane) 2-0. That clean sheet was only County's sixth of the season, but if the Magpies are going to pull away from the bottom then they are going to have to improve their goalscoring record, Danny Allsopp the top scorer with eight.

Notts County's
Meadow Lane



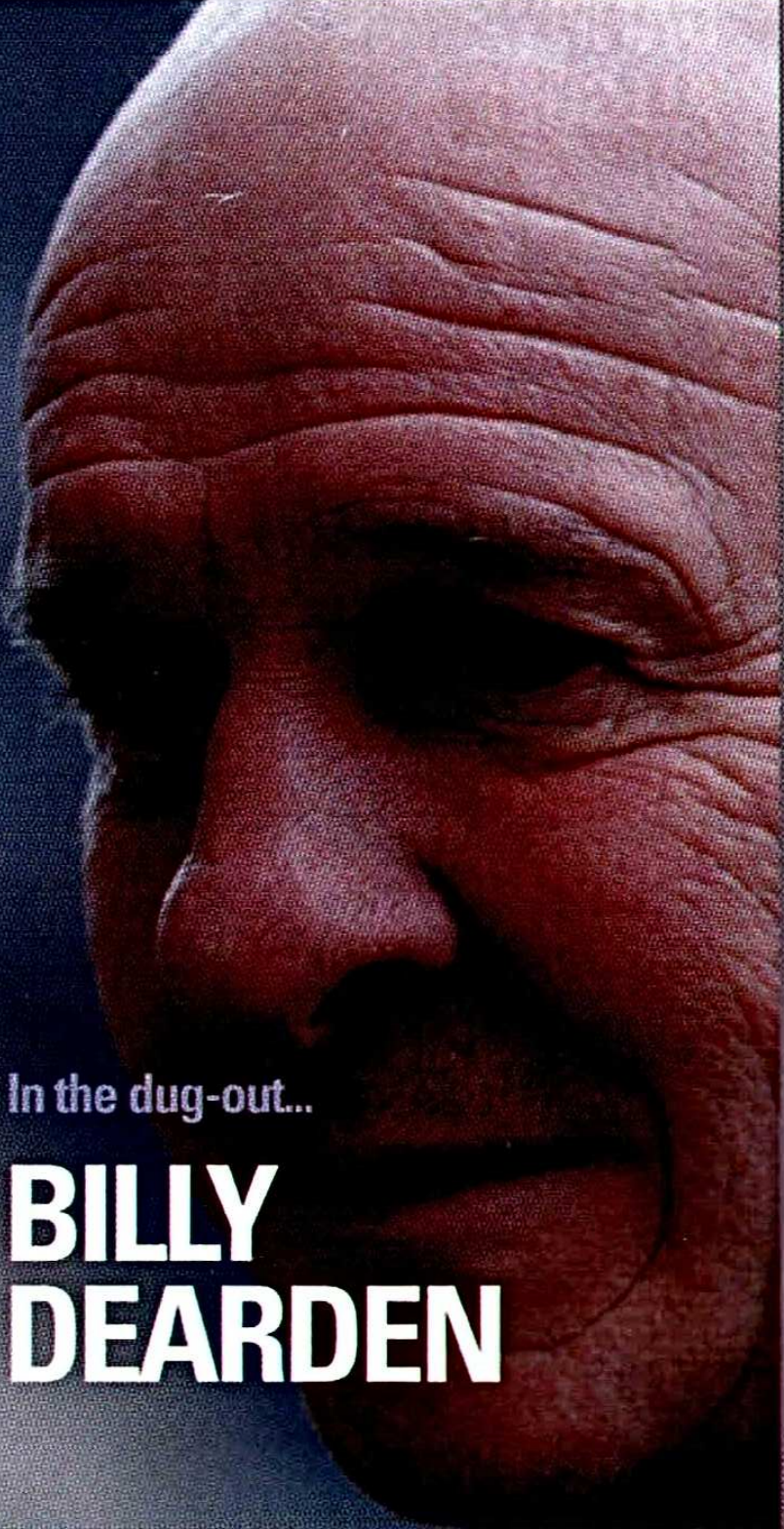


Notts County celebrate Darren Caskey's equaliser against Huddersfield

Billy Dearden started his playing career at Oldham Athletic and, in 1964, at the age of 21 he began playing full-time. He left Oldham in 1966 and went to Crewe Alexandra and during that time the club gained promotion from the Fourth to the Third Division. 18 months later Dearden signed for Chester City but his big break came in 1970 when he signed for Sheffield United where he played for six years. In 1976 he left The Blades and went back to Chester having played over 160 games and scored 70 goals. Dearden's management career began in 1981 when the former striker joined Arthur Cox at Chesterfield, in a role as player/coach, subsequently progressing to the role of Assistant Manager. Dearden stayed at Chesterfield until 1983 when he left to join Mansfield Town, where he would later be offered the post of First Team Coach. In his first tenure with the Stags, they gained promotion as well as the Freight Rover Cup. He left the club in 1994 and went to take a position at Port Vale as Assistant Manager to John Rudge. In June 1999 Dearden returned to Field Mill as manager, replacing Steve Parkin who went on to manage Rochdale. Despite having to work on a tight budget, Dearden steadied the ship and this season, the club's young side have gone from strength to strength.

In the dug-out...

BILLY DEARDEN





One to watch...

DANNY ALLSOPP

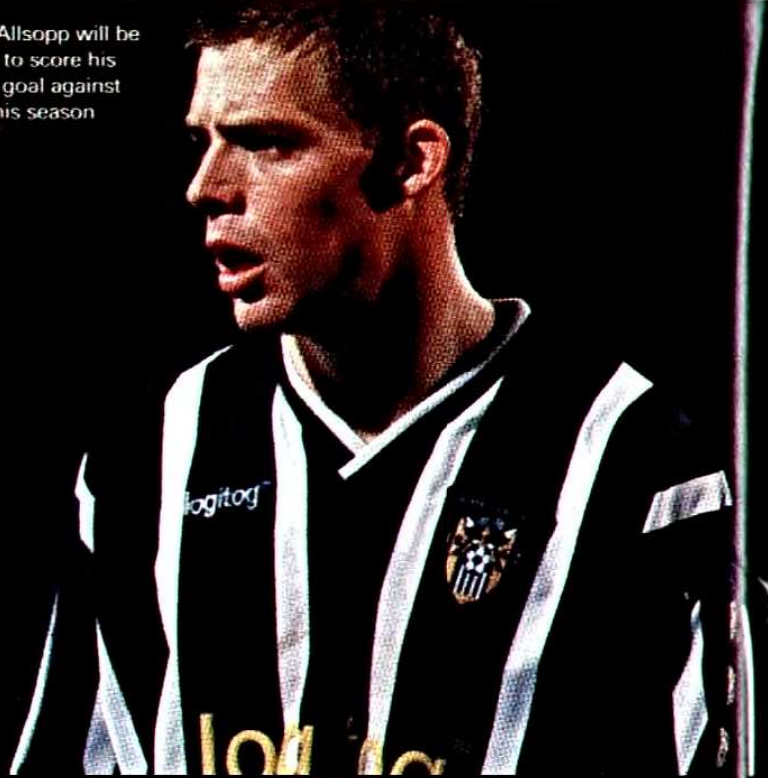
Powerfully-built striker with pace and determination. Danny's transfer last season was his second stint at Meadow Lane after a loan spell the previous season. Although he didn't notch as many goals last season as Mark Stallard, Danny's goals per game ratio equalled his strike partner, and after a slight dip in form over the Christmas period, Danny returned to form with some committed displays. This time around, Danny has already bagged sixteen goals and the Magpies have had a regular scorer in the side despite Stallard's injury.

Young gun...

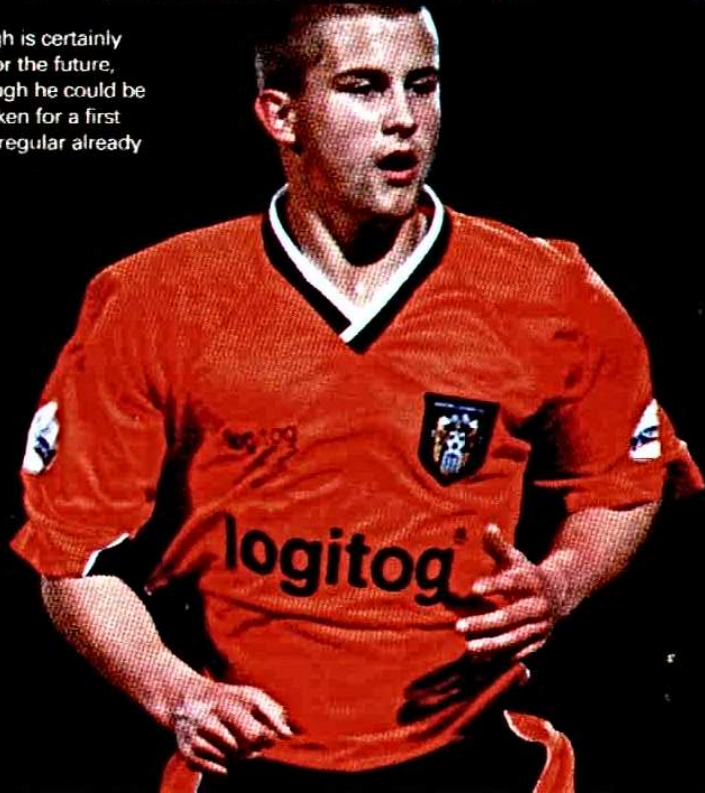
MICHAEL BROUGH

Despite being just twenty years old, Michael earned himself a 'Man of the Match' award against Stoke City on New Year's Day last season and continued to impress from there. A local lad whose energy levels seem to know no bounds, Michael works tirelessly for the side and a lot of his work often goes unnoticed. This season the youngster has figured in no less than 16 games and he looks set to become an ever-present for the rest of the 2001/02 campaign.

Danny Allsopp will be looking to score his second goal against Town this season



Brough is certainly one for the future, although he could be mistaken for a first team regular already



Steve Mildenhall

Last season's 'Player of the Year', Steve Mildenhall started last season as second choice behind Bart Griemink, but midway through the campaign took his opportunity to great effect, displacing the Dutchman for the rest of the season. 'Mildy' signed a new contract before being lured to Meadow Lane in the summer.

Craig Ireland

Signed by Jocky Scott, Craig is a tough centre-back whose aerial ability enables him to snuff out the opposing threat in the air. Initially joined the Magpies last season on loan, but it seemed a permanent deal would be scuppered when the two clubs could not agree on a fee. Fortunately for the Magpies an agreement was reached.

Ian Richardson

Pacy defender who looked set to leave the club over the summer after a deal was agreed with Wimbledon. Ian began his career with Birmingham City as a midfielder but Sam Allardyce purchased the Londoner for £200,000 and groomed Richardson as a central defender, where his pace has been a massive asset.

Marcel Cas

Summer signing from Dutch side RBC Roosendaal. A right-sided player who can operate in midfield or defence, Marcel may well be deployed in a wide right role for the Magpies after Adam Newton's return to West Ham. His ability and willingness to attack defenders was exemplified in our previous meeting at Meadow Lane.

Gary Owers

Former club captain whose efforts last season can be measured by how much he was missed during his absence. Marshalls the midfield well, allowing those around him to concentrate on attacking. Gary is always able to pop up with the odd goal when needed, and has shown his dependability again this time around.

Danny Stone

A former trainee at Ewood Park, County quickly snapped young defender, Danny Stone, up on a one-year contract after he was released by Blackburn. A very composed young player who looks to have a bright future, and is yet to have a poor game for the first team having made his debut against Queens Park Rangers.

Paul Bolland

Young midfielder who was unable to force his way into the side on a consistent basis last season, but who is still regarded as a very good prospect. Tenacious in the tackle and a willing runner, Paul will hope to have more of a contribution to the side this season and so far, has enjoyed a more prominent role.

Mark Stallard

Gutsy striker who came to the fore last season, and is now established as one of the big favourites in the stands at Meadow Lane. After finishing the previous season as top scorer despite a knee injury, Mark carved a reputation for himself last season, continuing to find the back of the net even when the side was struggling.

Nicky Fenton

Signed from Manchester City last season for £150,000, Nicky was actually in his second term with Notts after a loan spell the previous season. A pacy, composed defender who slotted into the side last season with consummate ease and is hugely popular with the fans. His performances belie his young years.

Mark Warren

After starting last season brightly, Mark missed virtually the entire second half of the campaign with a recurring back injury. A tigerish defender who always fights tooth and nail for the ball, Mark will be looking to further establish himself in the heart of the defence this time around and so far, he has figured 14 times.

Darren Caskey

Another of the Club's signings over the close season, and possibly the biggest. Free-scoring midfielder who is especially dangerous from free-kicks, Darren opted to come to Meadow Lane despite interest from a number of First Division clubs. Began his career at Spurs before becoming Reading's biggest signing in 1996 for £700,000.

Paul Heffeman

A young striker with bags of potential. Has scored freely in the reserves this season, and former boss, Gary Brazil, showed no concern in giving the youngster his first league start against Wigan. Heffeman duly returning the compliment with a goal. Has tremendous pace and composure, one to watch for the future.

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STEVEN SMITH

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Brief footballing background?

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Club supported as a boy?
Liverpool

What brought you to STFC?

When I left Everton I was invited to come down to Swindon on trial

Best and worst moments in football?

My worst was when the team I was playing for was cheated out of the semi-final of the National Cup, the best was winning the European Cup with Great Britain

Ultimate hopes for the future?

Play at the highest level

Any advice for younger players?

Set goals and try your hardest to achieve them

How will Town get on this season?

Town have great potential and I would hope that they finish high up in the table.



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YOUTH OF TODAY

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It was a miserable return to action for both Town's under 19's and under 17's, both sides going down on their travels.

The under 19's, without a win since November 27 (against Yeovil in the FA Cup) travelled to Wales to face Swansea City looking to extend their lead at the top of the League. Graham Walton gave the visitors the perfect start by heading home from close range following Ian Herring's cross before Kevin Halliday was given the perfect chance to double Town's advantage, Town being awarded a penalty. Unfortunately the left

sided midfielder missed from 12 yards (his third of the season) and the home side took advantage, scoring twice to steal the points. The under 17's travelled south-west to face Plymouth, one of three sides to have beaten them this season. Despite Mark Draycott (boosted by his international call-up) scoring for Town, the home side went on to beat them 2-1 for the second time this season.



Swansea u19 2
Swindon u19 1

Saturday 12th January

Swindon line-up:

Farr, Taylor, Reed, Halliday, Smith, Herring, Anderson, Fenwick, Crosby, Walton, Hughes
Subs: Thomas, Bampton

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	1-2
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	3-2
Sat Oct 20	Swansea City	A	2-1
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Sat Dec 1	Swansea City	H	3-3
Sat Dec 15	Torquay United	A	5-0
Sat Jan 12	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-2
Sat Jan 19	Bristol Rovers	H	
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Sat Feb 23	Cardiff City	H	
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STFC MAN OF THE MATCH

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"I for one hope he gets a decent reception because he gave us a decent few years service..."

FROM THE PRESS BOX

Tonight should see the return of former Town hero Steve Mildenhall to the County Ground.

I for one hope he gets a decent reception because he gave us a decent few years service (at youth and reserve level) and made quite an impression after breaking into the first team last season. Mildy literally went through the pain barrier at Town. He was very nearly a 'changed man' after a game at Portsmouth a few years ago. But it seems some players will always hold a special place in the hearts of supporters despite moving on elsewhere. Colin Calderwood received a decent reception when Notts County came here last season. But other former Town stars have not been greeted in quite the same manner. Joey Beauchamp usually gets a hot reception from the County Ground faithful due to his Oxford connections, while Robin Hulbert was jeered during Bristol City's win here a fortnight ago. Football fans do have short memories but there are just some things players should not do.

Eric Cantona was greeted by a wall of hate when he returned to Leeds with Manchester United. Sol Campbell has found the perils of swapping Spurs for Arsenal. Perhaps we mistakenly believe players should have unending loyalty. Do players really care about their club or simply about boosting their bank balance? I think there are examples of both. Matt Le Tissier and Steve Bull could have gone elsewhere in their careers but chose to stay loyal. Or perhaps that was lack of ambition. At the other extreme, we can all think of certain players who tout their services around, raking in the cash before kicking up a stink and moving in. How is Anelka getting on at Liverpool by the way?

Anyway, the boys really need your support tonight. This was written before Saturday's game at Peterborough. Hopefully we got a morale-boosting result there. But if we didn't then tonight's game is very important in easing away from the wrong end of the table. We face a busy couple of weeks. After tonight's match we have Wrexham, Colchester, Northampton and Huddersfield in quick succession. Four wins would do very nicely thank you lads! Anyway, get behind the boys and let's send Mr Mildenhall home to Nottingham with a bad back due to his busy evening picking the ball out of the net.

See you all back here for the clash with the Cobblers. If you can't get to a game check out the Evening Advertiser's live match feed on www.thisisswindontownfc.co.uk. Come on you Reds.



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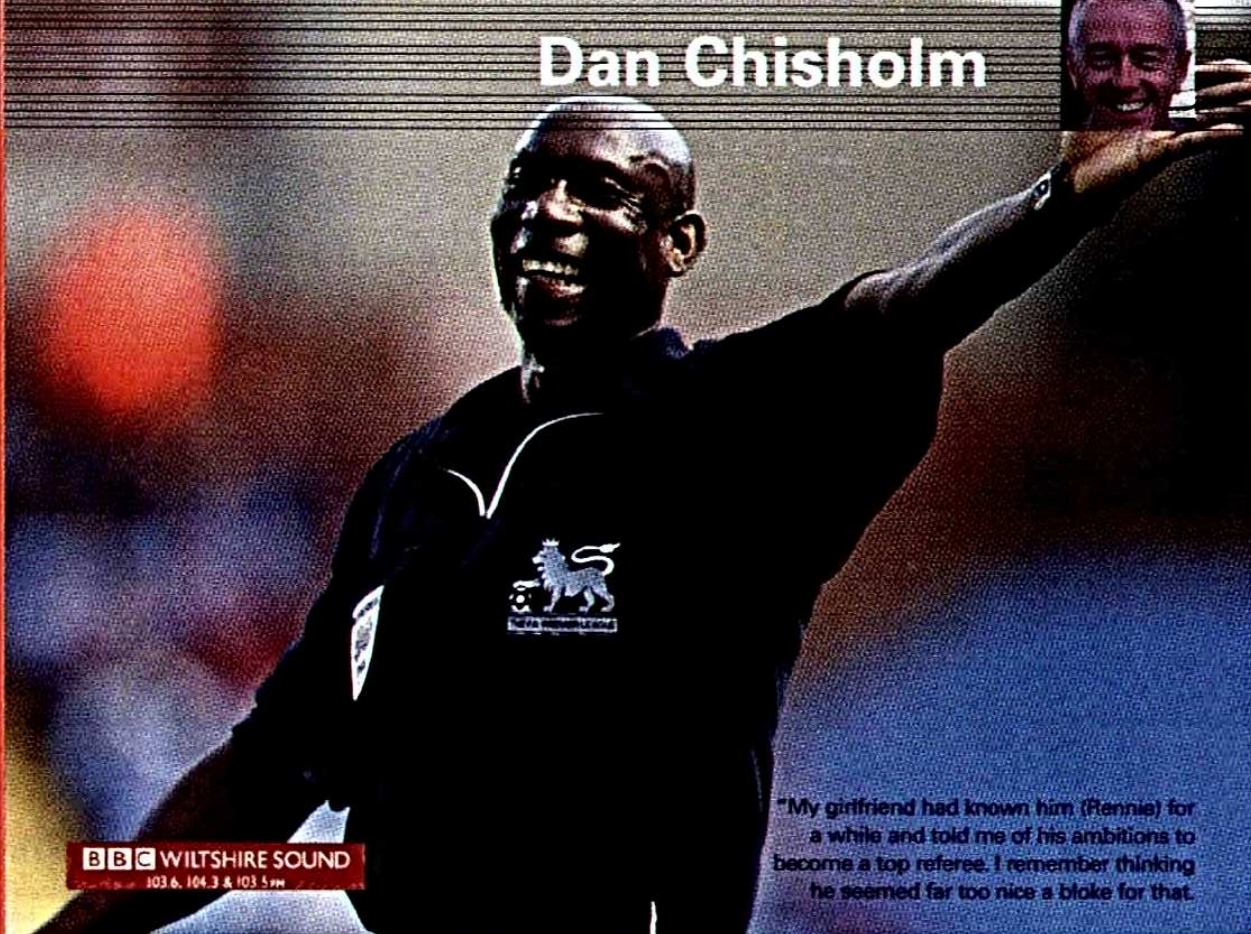
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"My girlfriend had known him (Rennie) for a while and told me of his ambitions to become a top referee. I remember thinking he seemed far too nice a bloke for that."

FROM THE AIRWAVES

Professional footballers and managers constantly complain about the standard of referees. If they feel so strongly, how come no-one volunteers to train for the job?

I met Uriah Rennie a few years ago in Sheffield at the finals of a basketball tournament. My girlfriend had known him for a while and told me of his ambitions to become a top referee. I remember thinking he seemed far too nice a bloke for that.

I mean - who (in their right mind) would want the job? I cannot begin to imagine the pressure these guys are under with constant 'trial by television'. We always hear when they get it wrong, but never when they get it right.

Remember a few weeks ago, when Paul Taylor was the ref against Bournemouth? Three red cards, (I lost count of the yellows) and the crowd got very angry. In the Bristol City game last week, Mr Rennie also brandished his cards around - and while Alan Reeves literally saw red, (in my view) three others should have walked if the letter of the law was applied. Thank heavens common-sense prevailed during what was otherwise a tough local derby.

I get as angry as you do when a referee gets it horribly wrong, but I really believe that FIFA needs to restore the right for a ref to make a decision based on his/her own judgement. Too often, crowd trouble flares up from a moment of 'officialdom', or when players overreact. What Mr Rennie got absolutely right last week was realising that any more cards would have got everyone seeing red!

Meanwhile, if the players think it's not good enough - they could always put their names forward...

COMMERCIAL

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Following the success of last year's inaugural competition (in memory of former STFC director, Peter Godwin), STFC are set to repeat the competition this summer. Club physio Dick Mackey and the Adver's Jon Ritson were just some of the players taking part. Look out for more details in forthcoming matchday programmes.



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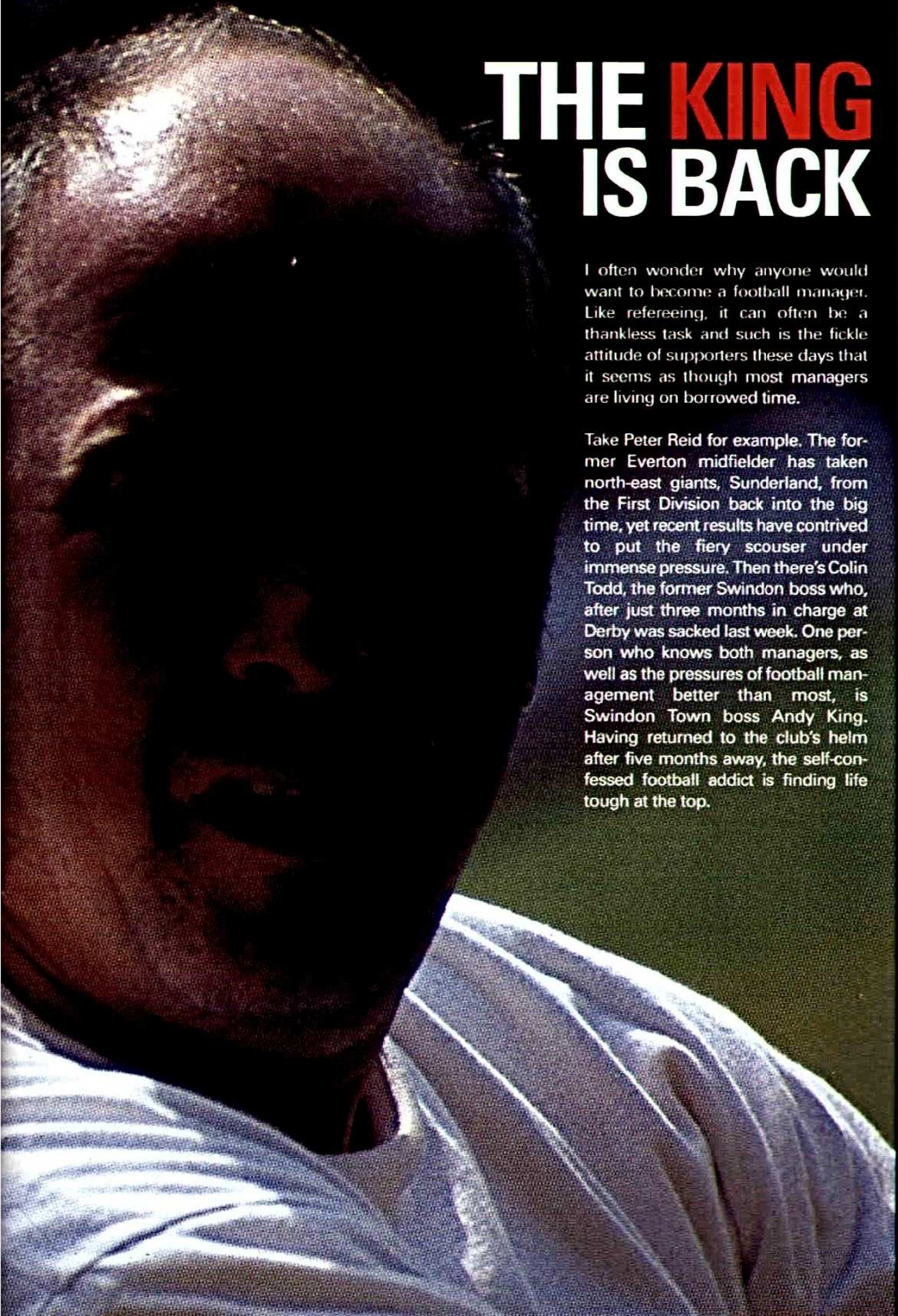
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THE KING IS BACK

I often wonder why anyone would want to become a football manager. Like refereeing, it can often be a thankless task and such is the fickle attitude of supporters these days that it seems as though most managers are living on borrowed time.

Take Peter Reid for example. The former Everton midfielder has taken north-east giants, Sunderland, from the First Division back into the big time, yet recent results have contrived to put the fiery scouser under immense pressure. Then there's Colin Todd, the former Swindon boss who, after just three months in charge at Derby was sacked last week. One person who knows both managers, as well as the pressures of football management better than most, is Swindon Town boss Andy King. Having returned to the club's helm after five months away, the self-confessed football addict is finding life tough at the top.





King, pictured here as boss at Manfield

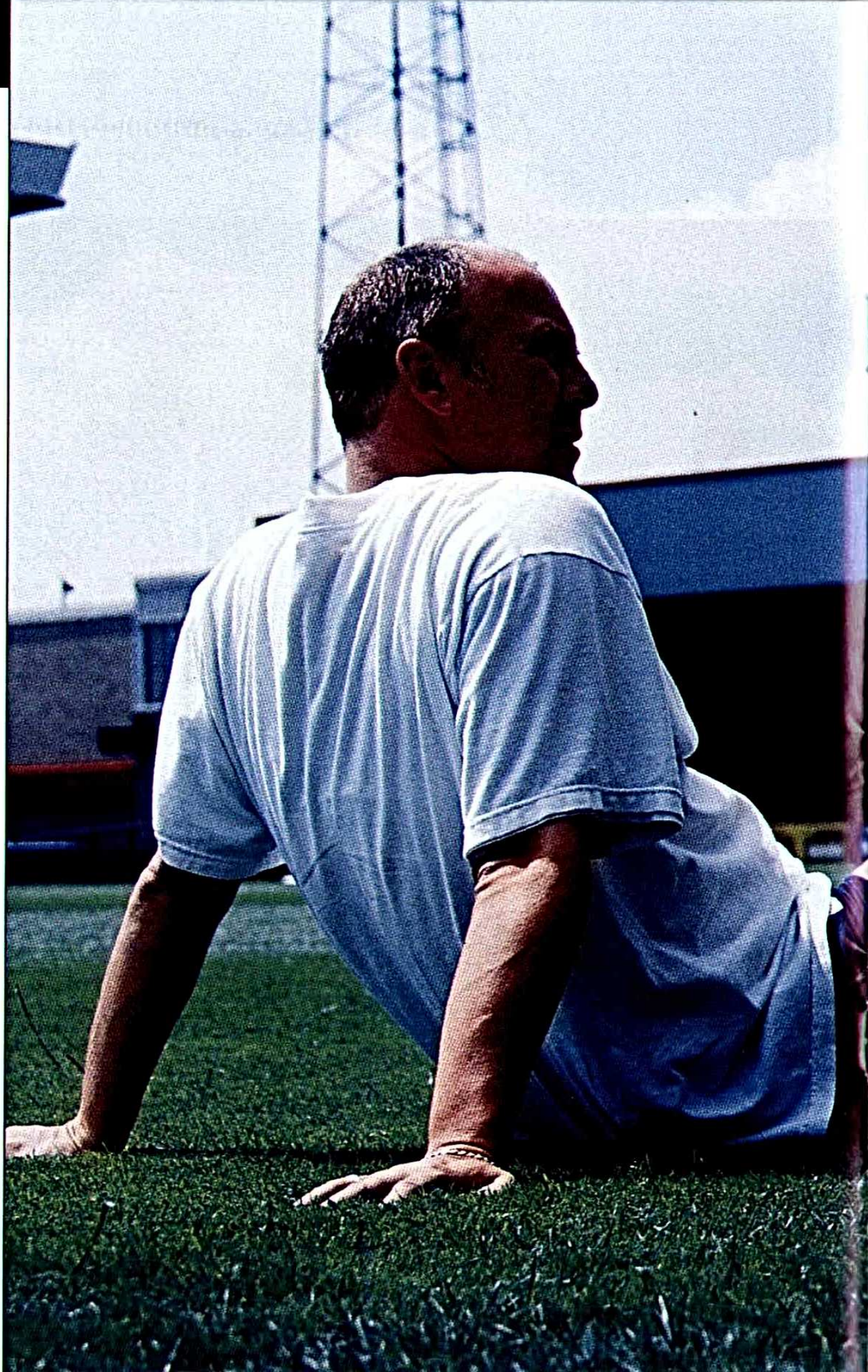
King's nightmare began in August when, having signed a new three-year contract he was sacked just days before the start of the season. What followed was a turbulent period of five months in which, amongst other things, he scouted for Sam Allardyce around Europe. However, the pain of being dismissed never went away. "It was ridiculous. I mean, who gets sacked just before the start of the season? The simple fact was that the board at the time wanted their own people in and to do that, I had to go. I felt very hard done by because I had done what they had asked me to do last season, which was to keep the club up. I had also bought well in the summer and in my opinion, had made progress, especially in the game against Derby. I honestly thought the club was moving in the right direction and so when the decision was made to get rid of me, there was only one thing for me to do and that was to take action.




"But when the new board came in they felt that in their wisdom, it was the best option to reinstate me and here I am. I hope that their decision was based upon the right reasons, but whilst I am here, at a club where I know the staff and players very well, I will continue to do the best job I can."

At the time of his departure, many Town fans were stunned by the decision and King departed with the good wishes of many supporters. On his return however, King would experience his next challenge, the dissension of a small minority of Town's support. "I couldn't understand the reaction by some people because it wasn't as though we were top of the league. The fact of the matter was that we had only won two games since the victory at Reading and were thirteenth. But I am not a complainer, I am a realist and my job is to get on with things. Peter Reid is going through a similar situation at Sunderland. He has done wonders for that club and has put them back on the map after years of neglect in the First Division. But he has experienced a bad run of form and the fans are straight on his back. It's outrageous. The reality of our situation is that we have picked up five points from five games since I have taken over and that is what counts. I want people to judge me on what I achieve, not what has happened already this season. And whilst there seems to be doom and gloom around the club, we are just a few points from the middle of the table."

Andy King's close friendship with Reid began at Everton whom King had joined from Luton in 1975. At this stage of his career, King had already reaped the benefits of such influences as Bill Nicholson (at Spurs where he had been rejected as a youngster) but it wasn't until he left for Goodison Park that he became a legend in his own right. An attacking midfielder, King booked a place in the annals of most Everton supporters' memories by scoring the winner against Liverpool in 1977, a goal that ended a seven-year run without victory against Liverpool for the Toffees. The Street End would often sing, 'A long wait to beat the Reds, hear the Street End sing, Get in there you beauty - oh, Andy is our King.' From Mersyeside, King travelled to QPR, West Brom, Everton and Luton again before finishing his playing career at Wolves and Aldershot. Having played under the likes of Howard Kendall and Bill Shankly, alongside Tony Currie, Peter Reid and against such stars as Johan Nieskins,





King arrived at his first manager's post at Mansfield with all the credentials to be a top coach. Not only that, but it was here that he would work alongside tonight's visiting manager, Billy Dearden. "Billy (Dearden) was my assistant at Mansfield before he joined John Rudge at Port Vale and he's a great guy, a gentleman and someone who knows the game very well. We had the highest scoring side in the country at Mansfield and he looks to have left behind a similar situation. Now, of course, he's joined a bigger club with greater resources and I'm sure he can do a very good job. Notts County have a very good side and to be honest, should really be higher in the table than they are. They've managed to spend a lot of money on players over the years, as well as the boy Caskey and Danny Allsopp and so I would expect them to climb away from their current position."

Ironically, King's first game in charge during his second tenure was at Notts County where the Magpies were victorious. Since that defeat at Meadow Lane Town have won just one won game, drawn two and lost two, not the ideal start for someone hoping to silence his critics. "I knew when I came back that I was going to receive a certain degree of criticism. But I am also a realist and if we had won the last two games people would be jumping for joy. If you analyse the last four games, we really should have taken more points."

However, despite everything that has happened, King is still driven by his passion for success at STFC. "I am reminded of what can be achieved at this club by the picture of Hoddle and Co. at Wembley in my office. But I honestly believe that this club can become big again. At the moment we have a few difficulties facing us, my hands are tied in the transfer market and we have had our fair share of injuries and suspensions. But there is nothing you can do about that and we just have to get on with it. We have players here capable of success in Division Two, if only they'd believe in themselves as much as I do."

"We have the perfect opportunity to climb back up the table in our next three games (all of which are against sides below us in the table) and if we can play to our strengths, there is no reason why we shouldn't be putting pressure on sides in the top of the table. Obviously those teams below us will be looking to drag us into the mire, just as we were last year, but it is up to us to be strong and prepared and who knows what can happen?"



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(Chesterfield)

Mick Wadsworth's Oldham side condemned Town to their third defeat in a row with a convincing 2-0 win at Boundary Park. Oldham are now breathing down the necks of those above them in the top six, whilst Town sit perilously above the relegation zone in 18th position.

Andy Gurney returned to the side from suspension and he was called upon several times in the early stages as Oldham threatened from either flank. Chris Armstrong, a new signing from Bury and Scott McNiven gave Town a lot to think about on both wings and it was from these outlets that Oldham threatened to break the deadlock early on. First, McNiven whipped in a dangerous cross that was met by the impressive Griemink before Armstrong's cross put Town under pressure at the far post. David Eyres had the best chance of the opening exchanges when he managed to get on the end of another Armstrong cross, fortunately he could only head inches over. Foley and Sabin created half chances for themselves but Town's best chance of the evening fell to Danny Invincibile who blazed over the home side's bar from just twelve yards. On 28 minutes Griemink did well to save from another Eyres' header before Allan Smart collided with Matty Heywood, effectively ending his evening. However his replacement, John Eyre, was even more devastating and within seven minutes of coming on, The Latics substitute had put the home side in front. David Eyres sent a deep corner into Town's box and Eyre stooped low to plant a header past Griemink.

In the second half Town went with three upfront, Invincibile joining Foley and Sabin, but too often they were called upon to defend in their own half. After Foley volleyed over the bar, the home side threatened to double their advantage when David Reeves, brother of Alan, left Town's defence for dead only for Griemink to save magnificently once again. Unfortunately, Town's flying Dutchman (and man-of-the-match) was unable to do anything about Oldham's second. David Eyres raced clear on the left hand side and he produced another teasing cross for Eyre to head home for his, and Oldham's second of the game.

Sound bites...

DOMINIC FOLEY

on scoring against City...

"I saw the keeper coming out and decided that chipping him was the best option. But there's always a few anxious moments and it was great to see it drop into the back of the net, it was just a shame about the result. Hopefully I can get a few more though."

GIULIANO GRAZIOLI

on Town's form...

"We have beaten the likes of Reading and I still believe we are a better side than last season. There's no reason why we shouldn't come through this difficult patch and I'm sure the gaffer will make sure we're all buzzing for the Notts County game."

BART GRIEMINK

on his heroics...

"It is nice to play well but I would rather see the strikers making the headlines. We have been kept busy at the back for a couple of games now and I just hope that we can start causing the opposition problems and start winning games again."

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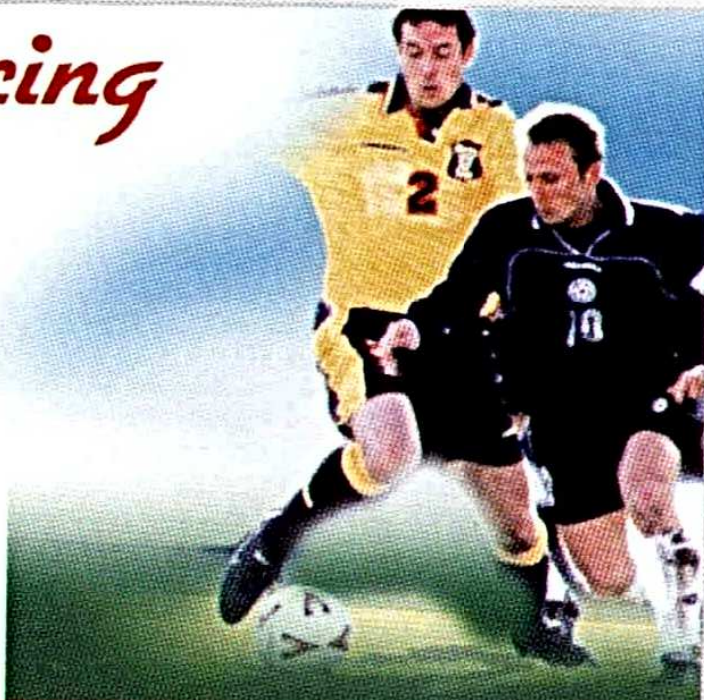
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with Dick Mattick

Town nearly made it to Division One in a season when messrs Shearer and McLaren joined the club, as Dick Mattick explains.

Before their second season back in the old Division Two, Swindon lost the services of two key strikers in Dave Bamber and Jimmy Quinn who moved to Watford and Leicester respectively. However, with the help of funding from the directors, Town were able to purchase Duncan Shearer from Huddersfield and Ross McLaren from Shrewsbury. They proved good investments and Swindon reached the play offs. 'Big Dunc' was leading scorer with 14 in the League; none more valuable than the two he scored in the last home match of the season, a 3-0 victory over Stoke City which made sure of a play-off place. Fraser Digby, with 17 clean sheets, was ever present in goal and Steve White contributed 13 League goals. But it was Steve 'stigger' Foley who won the Adver 'Player of the Year Award'. The Robins managed a 1-0 victory in the first leg of the play off semi-final thanks to a Hopkins own-goal, but the combination of Wright and Bright, all pace and elbows, proved to be a problem in the second and Selhurst Park saw the hopes of First Division football ended by Steve Coppell's Crystal Palace.

It was Crystal Palace who put Town out of the League Cup in Round Two while the FA Cup saw Portsmouth defeated 2-0 in a Third Round replay thanks to goals from Foley and Shearer. This earned Town a Fourth Round draw with West Ham, who knocked Swindon out scoring the only goal of the tie at Upton Park in a replay.

The Palace play-off match was to be Lou's last in charge of Swindon before moving to West Ham United. He had been the personification of Swindon Town, with countless commentators talking about Lou Macari's Swindon. While his approach to the game (based on super fitness and getting the ball in the opponents box) did not please some purists it moved Swindon from Division Four to the edge of Division One. Long after his departure the benefits of his shrewd signings were still benefiting the club.

Notts County had an indifferent season. By mid-January they had sunk into the bottom four of Division Three and relegation seemed a real possibility. A run of four consecutive victories starting in mid February saw them out of harms way. During this run Paul Barnes managed a hat-trick against Reading, but lack of scoring power was a major problem, with Gary Lund the leading scorer with just eight League goals. Despite this they managed to finish a creditable ninth. The most impressive performance of the season came in the Second Round of the Littlewoods Cup where Tottenham scrapped through 3-2 on aggregate over two legs. The FA Cup saw the Magpies exit the competition by the odd goal at Hartlepool United.



Duncan Shearer



CHALLINOR SEALS COUNTY DEAL

Tranmere Rovers have allowed defender Dave Challinor to join First Division strugglers, Stockport County in a £120,000 deal. The 26-year old has signed a four year contract at Edgeley Park. The no-nonsense centre back made more than 170 appearances for the Prenton Park outfit and County's Director of Football, Colin Murphy, believes they have bought proven First Division quality. "He is a consistent footballer at this level and I'm sure his contribution will be recognised". Challinor's move to Cheshire comes as Stockport boss, Carlton Palmer, continues to re-shape his squad in a bid to avoid the drop from Division One. "It's no secret that we are trying to revamp the squad and we're now looking to bring in four or five players quickly".

Dave
Challinor



RANGERS TRANSFER - LIST STAR DUO

QPR have transfer listed 18 goal striker Andy Thomson at his own request. The former Southend, Oxford and Gillingham hitman is out of contact in summer and favours a return to his native Scotland. "He has asked to go on the transfer list because he has problems travelling to QPR," admitted R's boss Ian Holloway. "It's a very awkward situation, it's a personal situation and he felt that his family might need to move back to Scotland". Holloway confirmed that SPL side, Aberdeen, have been in contact regarding Thomson's availability, but the striker is believed to favour a move to Motherwell. The West London outfit have also told Stuart Wardley he can leave Loftus Road, Wardley is one of the club's highest paid earners.

Andy
Thomson



CASPER FACES AGONISING WAIT

Reading defender Chris Casper is awaiting a surgeon's report to determine whether he has a future in the game. The former Manchester United man has not played a competitive game since Boxing Day 1999, after breaking his leg in a clash at Cardiff City. "I'm hoping to get this specialist report as soon as possible, within the next week or so," said Casper. "After having an X-ray, it showed that the leg is still not fixed and so, after the report, I'll review my options and see whether it's viable to have another operation". The former England Under-21 international made an attempted comeback for the reserves and also featured in a friendly with Tottenham. However, the 26-year old has not trained with The Royals' first team for some time.

Chris
Casper





BRIGHTON CONFIRM ZAMO APPROACH

Brighton have rejected an approach from a Premiership club for striker Bobby Zamora. Middlesbrough, Everton and Sunderland have all been linked with the 20-year old who has notched 49 goals in 72 league games for The Seagulls. "We haven't had a bid, but there was contact chairman to chairman," claimed chief executive Martin Perry. "It was a Premiership club. They were told we are not selling and there has been no further discussion. There was a board meeting to discuss it afterwards and the board confirmed that position". The club are desperate to retain the services of Zamora who joined them in a £100,000 deal from Bristol Rovers following a hugely successful loan spell two seasons ago.

SUPER LEAGUE SET FOR GRIFFIN PARK

Brentford have agreed a deal with Rugby League side, London Broncos, to use Griffin Park for the 2002 Super League. The Bees' new tenants are due to play their first game of the Super League season on March 9. The Broncos have now had seven different homes across the capital since their formation in 1980, although they did stage two matches there during the 1995-96 centenary season. They began life at Fulham's Craven Cottage before moving on to Crystal Palace. They have also resided at Barnet's Underhill and most recently, Charlton's Valley Stadium. "This new link up works perfectly for both parties, and we are hopeful that this can be cemented in the future," enthused Bees' Managing Director Gary Hargraves.

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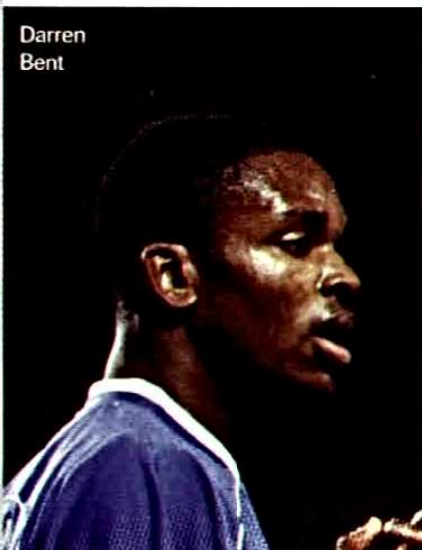
Bournemouth have failed with loan bids for Ipswich Town's Darren Bent and Richard Garcia of West Ham. Cherries chief, Sean O'Driscoll, has been looking to bolster his squad and had targeted the young pair, but both Premiership sides said no. "I think we need to get somebody in to freshen things up a bit - somebody who doesn't come with the baggage of the side not scoring," admitted O'Driscoll. "The search goes on all the time, but it's difficult because if you find a striker who's scoring goals then people aren't going to let them out on loan. We are not going to be able to afford to buy anybody and although we've got options with loan players, some of the wages we are being quoted are way beyond our means."



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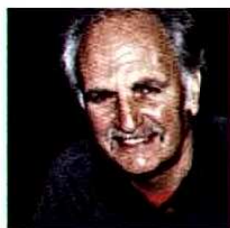
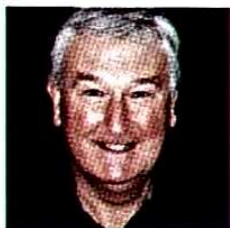


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SINKING FEELING

Town's Ladies lost their first game of the season and with it, top spot in the South West Combination League last weekend.

Town made the long trip to South Devon and were beaten by two goals to nil by Plymouth Argyle. However, Town had the better of the first half on a very heavy pitch, but were unable to convert their advantage into goals. Just after the break Argyle took the lead and grabbed a second five minutes from time. The defeat drops Town into second place, two points behind leaders Portsmouth.

Town's reserves fared somewhat better and recorded a 1-0 away win over Chippingham Town in the Wiltshire County League. Sarah Moore scored Town's winning goal in the 21st minute.

In the Wiltshire County Game against Somerset at Corsham, all of Wiltshire's outfield players consisted of STFC playing staff. The visitors went ahead before Holly Ashman equalised. Somerset regained the lead, but with the fog closing in the referee called an early close to the game.


On Sunday Town play host to Reading in a South West Combination League fixture. When the two sides met earlier in the season Town won a closely fought derby by four goals to two. The game will be played at Aldbourne FC Ground, Farm Lane, Aldbourne and will kick off at 2:00pm.

The Town Reserves are away to Swindon Spitfires in the Wiltshire County League Cup First Round. The spoils were shared when the two sides faced each other in the League a few weeks ago. This game will be played at Pinehurst School and will kick off at 2:00pm.

South West Combination League 2001/2002

League Table Jan 16 2001

Team	pld	w	d	l	f	a	gd	pts
Portsmouth	12	10	1	1	40	9	+31	31
Swindon T	12	9	2	1	47	17	+30	29
Bristol City	11	8	2	1	31	13	+18	26
Cardiff City	11	5	1	5	37	24	+13	16
Newton Abbot	12	5	1	6	28	31	-3	16
Reading Royals	11	4	3	4	24	21	3	15
Clevedon/SBW	12	3	5	4	18	25	-7	14
Plymouth A	10	4	1	5	20	27	-7	13
Yeovil Town	11	4	0	7	21	26	-7	12
Reading Ladies	13	3	3	7	26	43	-17	12
Cheltenham T	11	3	0	8	21	38	-17	9
Southampton	12	1	1	10	12	53	-41	4

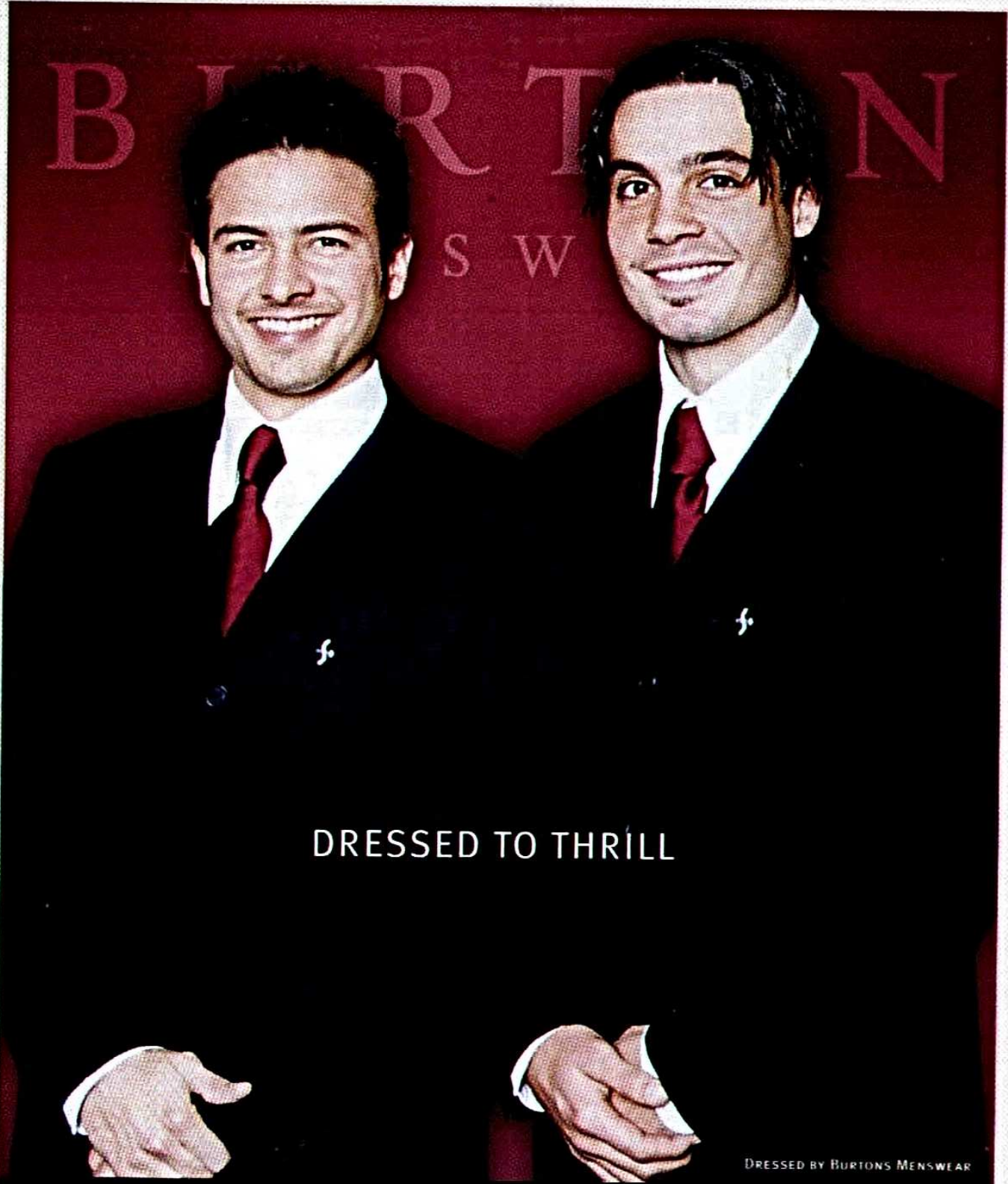


PLAYER PROFILE

Diane George
Goalkeeper

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Occupation
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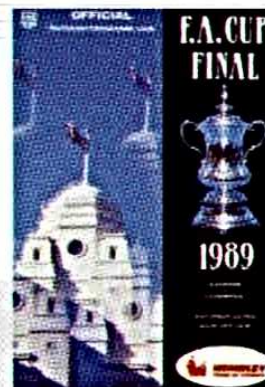
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CLASSIC GAMES

Liverpool 3 Everton 2
FA Cup Final, 1989
Wembley Stadium

THE MATCH - The second Merseyside Cup Final in three years seemed inconsequential after what had happened at the semi-final, no less than 95 supporters were killed in a crush at Hillsborough during Liverpool's game against Nottingham Forest. An emotional crowd at Wembley looked on as Liverpool contrived to achieve the win that they believed would go some way to appeasing the hurt, with the track-side fences removed for the first time in many years. John Aldridge put them ahead within five minutes of the kick off, a lead which they held for well over an hour until Stuart McCall was introduced to the proceedings. His presence galvanised Everton and his last minute equaliser put the game into extra time. Another substitute, Ian Rush, put Liverpool ahead just after the restart and McCall equalised with a splendid 25 yard volley. It was to be the Reds' day however, and Rush converted a Barnes cross for the winner.

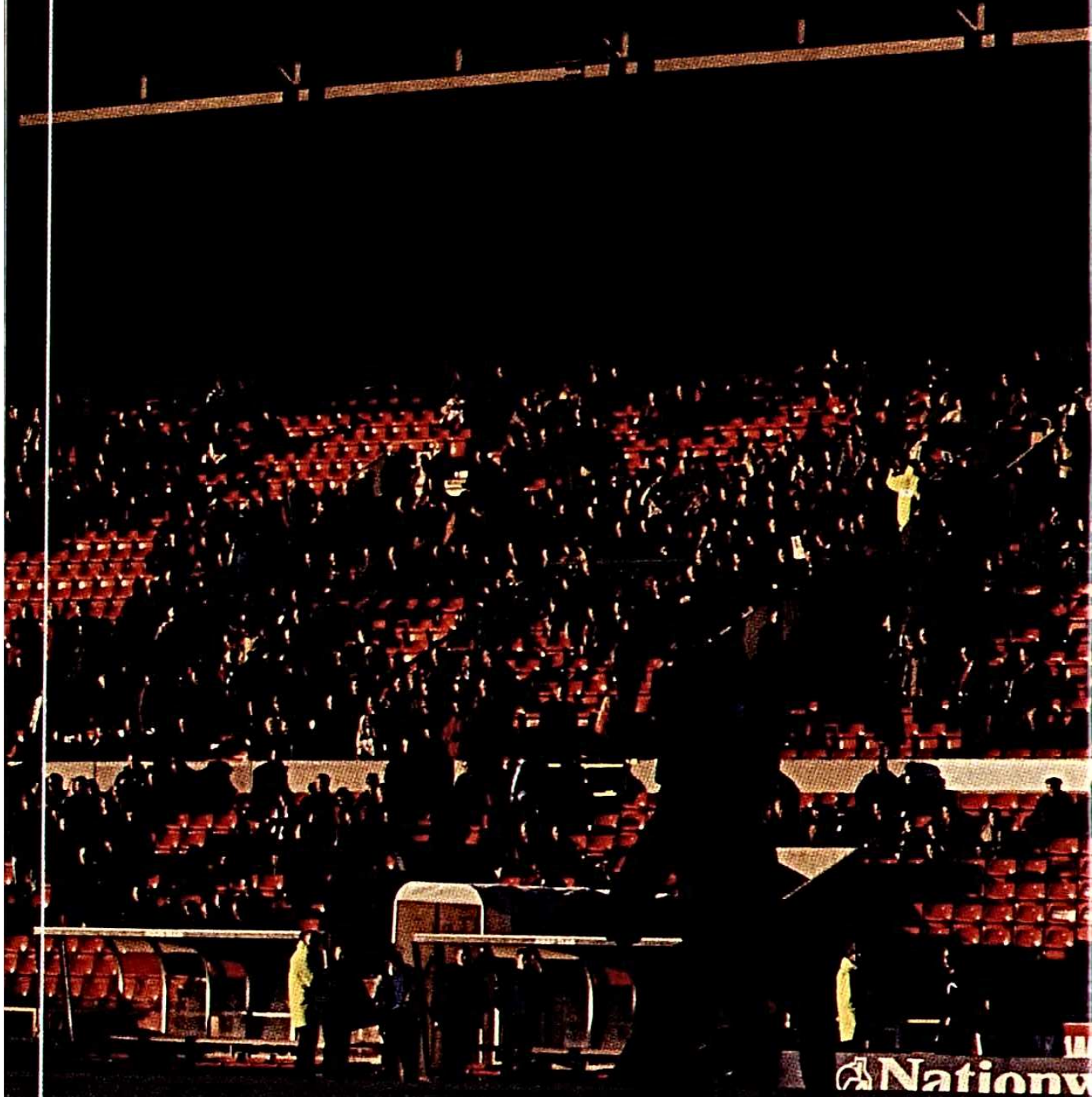


Liverpool captain, Ronnie Whelan, proudly holds the cup aloft

THE PROGRAMME - Wembley's brochure-sized programmes were well into their stride by 1989 and the £3 issue for the Cup Final weighed in at 108 pages, in full glossy colour with a high gloss light card cover which featured one of the twin towers. Contents included historical articles on past finals, 'The Changing Face of Wembley', star players over the years for both finalists, the competing managers (Colin Harvey and Kenny Dalglish), players who missed out on past Cup Finals and fourteen pages of results from that season's competition, starting from the Preliminary Round on September 3. There was also extensive coverage of the competing clubs, their players and their route to the final. Unfortunately, the large number of pages gives scope for many advertisements to be included, and this issue is particularly heavy in that regard. FA Cup Finals are the most popular of programme collectables, but most during the last 35 years were produced in enormous quantities. This one is slightly harder to obtain than most of its era, and you may have to pay between £4 and £6 to buy one from a major dealer's catalogue.



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I first started to take an interest in Swindon Town around the age of 12 due to being pressured at school by friends to say which team I supported. At this time I did not take too much interest in football at all. I suppose that I should point out that at this time I lived in Watford. Most of my school friends supported Watford and as always there was a healthy following for Arsenal, Spurs and of course even then, Manchester United. I think that I have always had the desire to be a little different and as my parents had friends who lived in Chiseldon, I chose Swindon Town. As I grew a little older and became more interested in professional football, I used to watch Watford at a time when entrance for boys was two shillings (10p), how times have changed! I found this to be quite a chunk from my pocket money and eventually became a ball-boy for a couple of seasons - my only real connection with Swindon being the odd time that I managed to see them at Watford where wins were hard to come by.

When I left school and started work I managed to watch the odd match in London, the first being away to Leyton Orient resulting in a scoreless draw. Despite this, I was not to be deterred and as I grew older and wages improved, I managed to see more games. I remember Swindon getting to the League Cup final and travelling to Wembley without a ticket and paying £4 for a 10-shilling (50p) ticket from a tout. Imagine my dismay when I discovered that I was in with the Arsenal supporters!

I married Chris in 1973, outside the football season of course, and we moved to Northamptonshire. I really started to see games on a regular basis in the mid 1970's having purchased my first season ticket (20) when I began to travel to almost every game with just the odd midweek being missed. Indeed from 1975 the only two matches missed were away to Tranmere Rovers on a Monday night and away to Plymouth on a Tuesday night. Moving into the eighties I missed my first home game since becoming a season ticket holder on December 5th 1981 against Bristol City (0-1) and was on edge all day trying to find out the result.

Read the second and final part of Derek's story in the next issue.

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Include Stoke, Brighton, Brentford and QPR in that bracket too. But two new managers have plenty to do at the bottom end of the table. John Taylor will be an even

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Wrexham v Swindon Sat Jan 26

Head-to-head - Swindon wins 11, Wrexham wins 11, draws 6

Last encounter - Swindon 3-1 Wrexham (County Ground)

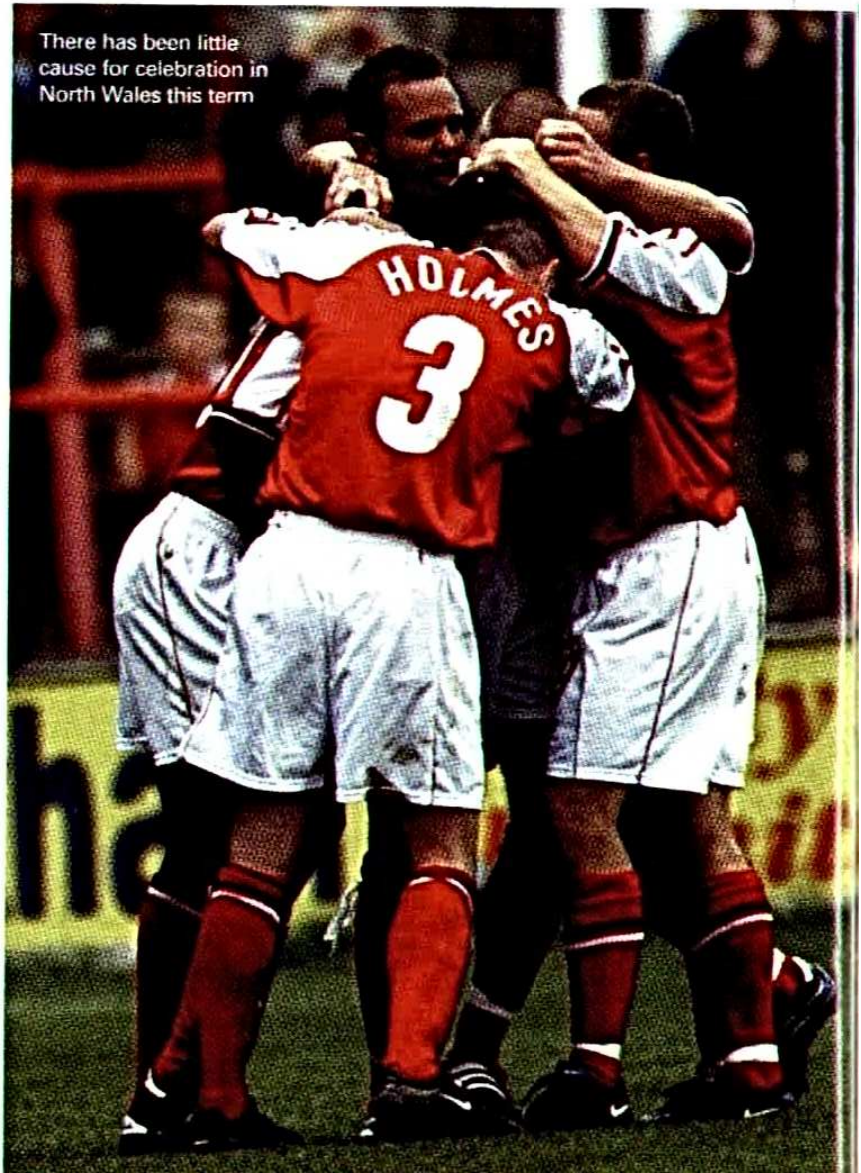
Form guide (league) - Swindon LDWLLL Wrexham LLWLLD

RED ROBINS REELING

Andy King's side travel to the Racecourse Ground looking for three points in order to put some distance between themselves and Denis Smith's struggling Wrexham side. If successful, Town will have ended a run of 15 years without an away win against the Robins.

When Wrexham visited the County Ground on November 27, they brought with them a terrible record that saw just one win in their previous six games. However, they had nearly held Reading to a goalless draw at the Madejski Stadium (until two late goals saw the end to that) and had beaten fellow strugglers, Cambridge United, at home. Denis Smith argued that the signs of improvement were there before goals from Danny Invcibile, Eric Sabin and Matty Heywood were enough to see off the Robins in a 3-1 win. Similarly, Wrexham's preparation ahead of the two sides' second encounter isn't much better with just two wins recorded in the last eight games. A 3-2 win against Northampton was followed by three straight defeats against Bristol City (twice 0-2 and 0-1) and Brentford (0-3). That disappointing run was temporarily thwarted with a win against fellow strugglers, Notts County, before normal service was resumed with defeats against Reading (0-2) and Colchester (1-2). Two months on from their previous encounter and eight points still separate the two sides (although Town have two games n hand).

There has been little cause for celebration in North Wales this term



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(COUNTY GROUND)
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Wed Jan 30 - 7.45pm

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Sat Feb 9 - 3.00pm

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(COUNTY GROUND)
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HOME

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Evening Advertiser 'Half time draw'

Despite the disappointing result last Sunday, at least we had a 'home' win for the draw at the Bristol City match. Mr A Lappan from Swindon, walked off with the prize of £310 from ticket number 480.

We are still waiting for the winner of the Hereford draw to come forward. Ticket number 733 will pay £325.

An 'intimate' evening with 'Razor'

The Disabled Group recently enjoyed an hours entertainment with 'Razor' holding centre stage and recalling tales of his career. You can always be sure that the monthly meeting of this Group will be entertaining and fun and this month's was no exception. 'Razor' also let them into some of the secrets of off the field activities, but we couldn't possibly print those here. Can we?! Did anyone know that 'Razor' likes to be known as the 'cuddly bear'? Watch out for the next meeting of this group in February. The date will be confirmed in our next programme notes.

Do I not know that!

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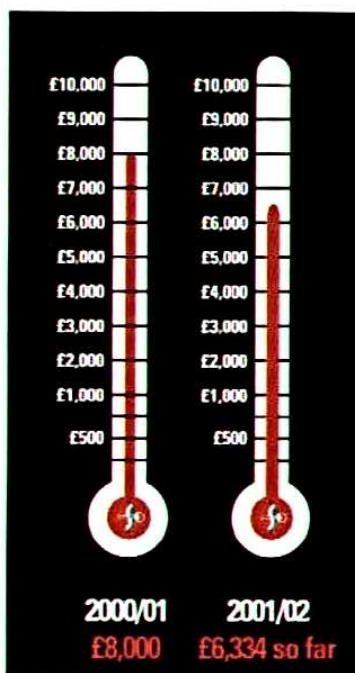
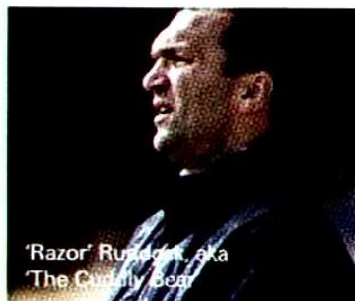
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Today's fan in profile is 15-year old, Joanne Butterfield (pictured here with 'Graz'). Unfortunately, Joanne lives in Hertford and doesn't get to as many matches as she would like to. However, she already has some major memories from games she has attended.

TALK OF THE TERRACES

FIRST HOME MATCH SEEN?

My first home match was against Crewe in 1999/2000 and although Town lost 1-0, I will always remember the day as I was the mascot!

FIRST AWAY MATCH SEEN?

My first away game was at Peterborough last season and once again I was the mascot. This time we lost 4-0! I must be an unlucky charm or something!

FAVOURITE PLAYER OF ALL TIME?

Iffy Onoura and John Moncur

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

Iffy Onoura

FAVOURITE PLAYER IN PRESENT TEAM?

Danny Invincibile

BIGGEST MOAN/GRIPE?

We lose too many games

HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE A WIN?

Wind up my Dad, but I sulk if we lose.

FAVOURITE GOAL?

Danny Invincibile's last season against Peterborough

MOST SATISFYING WIN LAST SEASON?

Oxford away when we won 2-0

PREDICTION FOR THIS YEAR?

We will finish 13th



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WITH JIMMY FRASER

Hello and welcome to this evening's game against Notts County.

Last weekend our games programme pitched us against Swansea City. Our under 12's and under 13's travelled to Wales, whilst the under 14's and under 15's faced The Swans at home at Allied Dunbar.

Unfortunately, the under 12's were beteen 2-6, the under 13's 0-3. It was a shame because their performances deserved better and the under 12's, with just ten minutes remaining, were all square at 2-2. However, in the closing stages they did not defend properly and were punished accordingly. They paid the price for some poor defending.

On a brighter note, the under 14's put on a terrific performance, winning 5-1. Dom Khaekphong scored an impressive hat-trick and there were a lot of good displays all over the field.

Finally, the under 15's drew 2-2. They were 2-0 down at one stage, but they showed fantastic commitment to draw level with goals from Lance Lewis. Lance was unlucky not to come aay with a hat-trick as well.

This weekend we face local rivals, Oxford United, games in which all the lads are looking forward to.



BUILDING BRIDGES

SWINDON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

Good evening and a warm welcome to the County Ground this evening for the visit of Notts County. Let's hope that results pick up for the Town, starting with tonight's game.



The National Competition, Railtrack play safe trophy 2001/2002, organised by football in the community is now nearing the area final stage with Wroughton Junior School ready to represent Swindon Town FC and looking for a place in the regional Final. The tournament, sponsored by Railtrack, with support from Sportsmatch (the Government's Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme) has the grand final scheduled to take place at the Millennium Stadium (below), Cardiff, in March.

Meanwhile the girls under 13's Adidas Community Cup is also reaching it's climax with our local final being staged here tomorrow afternoon with a 4.30pm kick-off. This year's final is between Dorcan and Wootton Bassett, the same as the boys' competition. The eventual winners will represent us, Swindon Town Football Club, in the regional finals which are to be held at Bristol in March. If you would like to watch the game tomorrow, entry is free, so come along and give your support to the players.

Finally, don't forget our half-term course in February. Get your application forms from Main reception, or give us a call on 01793 421303.

All the best,
Clive, Jon, Luke & Nolan

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Stadium, Cardiff



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SWINDON TOWN **STUDY CENTRES** PLAYING FOR SUCCESS



IT'S ALL GOOD FOR **STFC CENTRES**

Study Support started last week with pupils from Goddard Park Primary, Westlea Primary, Oliver Tomkins Junior and Holy Family Junior Schools, and Ridgeway, Churchfields, Kingsdown and Greendown Secondary schools. Fourteen year 12 students from Wootton Bassett School act as mentors to support the pupils. In the first week the pupils have a tour of the football facilities (see above - in the changing rooms.)



Two parents from St. Catherine's School last term stated, "It has given my daughter more confidence in her use of a computer. She is keen to help me and others in her family if we have a problem on the computer," and "I am very pleased my son had the opportunity to attend this course. I feel it has enhanced his communication skills as well as his IT skills. Thank you very much." These comments are typical of positive feedback about the after school programme.

THIS WEEK **25** YEARS AGO WITH DAVE WALLIS

On January 22 1977, Town took a 2-0 lead inside the first 20 minutes in a Division Three game at Port Vale, but had surrendered it again by the 65th. The game finished in a 2-2 draw in front of 4,446 fans.

On the same day, Notts County won a Division Two fixture at Millwall 5-2 with a hat-trick from Mick Vinter, who had scored all of his 12 goals for the season away from home.

Q1) The creator of Vale's first goal later joined Swindon and had a spell as manager at the County Ground. Who?

Q2) On January 18, Arsenal drew 3-3 at Birmingham with a hat-trick scored by each side. Which player, who later became the first British £1m player, scored Birmingham's three?

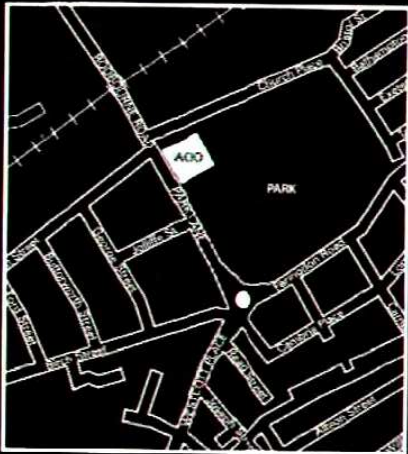
Q3) And which Arsenal player, signed for £333,333 from Newcastle five months earlier, recorded the other hat-trick?

Q4) Which striker had spells at both Swindon and Notts County and scored an FA Cup winning goal for Everton?

Q5) It's well known that County are the League's oldest club, but in which year were they formed?



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NEW FOR 2002 - BUT WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

Your response to our appeal for pictures this season has been fantastic. Since the opening day of the season we have received a large number of pictures of Town fans on holiday, but we still want more! If you have anything that you think may be of interest to the rest of us 'Townies'; birthdays, stories or anything else you would like to see on your page, then send them in to us. The address to send them to is Dunwoody Sports Marketing, The Litten, Newtown Road, Newbury, RG14 7BB or alternatively you can email me, nick.ju@d-mc.co.uk. Have a look at a story involving one Town fan and 1000 consecutive games on page 40. If you have done anything 'Beyond the call of duty' - we want to hear about it!

REAL FANS REAL FOOTBALL



THUMBS UP FOR JORDAN

There are some fans that go way beyond the call of duty when supporting their team. Jordan Barnes, pictured here, is one of them. Jordan has appeared on these pages before, but as well as travelling the world in his Town shirt, he has now had his bedroom decorated in Swindon's red and green writes his father, Steve. Now that is impressive!



MANDY AND RAZOR

Pictured here with 'Razor' is avid Town fan, Mandy Woodhouse Mandy, who was found wandering around the County Ground and had her picture taken with Town's playing coach, started watching Town in 1980 when she was 10 years old. She writes, "There have been so many good moments since I started watching - the two Wembley play off finals were fantastic. I have been all over the country, Carlisle, Scunthorpe, Rochdale, Mansfield, Man City, so many I can't begin to recall them all. My favourite player was Paul Rideout, I was so gutted when he left. The Evening Advertiser even came round and did a piece on me and my undying love for Paul!" Mandy has been disappointed with Town's form this season, but hopes that one day we will reach the top flight again. "The best football we played was under Glenn Hoddle and John Gorman, I just hope that one day, we reach the Premiership again." Me too!



STARTING EARLY!

Swindon Town now has a new Junior Robin in Malta. Not only that, but he is the youngest member of the Junior Robins! He was born on Boxing Day 2001 and congratulations are in order to the happy parents (Steve and Zabrina Barbara) who have named him Brandon-Lee, Swindon, Roberto. We hope to see him at the County Ground sometime in the near future!(Maybe even playing - Ed.)

Quick Quiz answers

1. Cas scored Notts County's third, whilst Duke scored our goal.
2. Glenn Hoddle, Tony Agosta and we beat them 5-1!
3. Danny Langgled twin, Mandy Heywood scoring the other
4. Kevin Horlock, 5. Ian Woan

25 years ago Answers (from page 46)

- 1) Ken Boamah,
- 2) Trevor Francis,
- 3) Malcolm MacDonald
- 4) Paul Rideout, 5) 1982

QUICK QUIZ

HEAD TO HEAD

In the second of a new series of quizzes, we take a look at how Town have fared against tonight's visitors, Notts County, in previous years. See how much you can remember in the five questions below. You will find the answers at the bottom of the page...



1. Sol Davis attempts to tackle Notts County's third goalscorer earlier on this season - but what is his name and who scored our goal?



2. Can you name the two players pictured? The Swindon one should be easy, but what about Notts County's centre forward? And by how many goals did Town beat Notts County (1993)?

3. Town had little success against County last season, but who scored our three goals?

4. Town's last victory against Notts County came in 1996, but who scored the winning goal in a 1-0 win? (Here's a clue, he has played against us in the FA Cup this season).

5. Which former Town midfielder made his debut for the club at Meadow Lane last season before moving to America?



with George Chadwick

JUNIOR ROBINS

Hello again to all our Junior Robins and this week, we are appealing to those that have not yet joined us.

You can join for just £3 and you obtain a membership form at the away travel office. You can also contact either George on 01672 520679 or Richard on 01993 703110. Don't forget, your membership entitles you to a 10% discount in the Club Shop and away opportunities such as the forthcoming visit to Stoke (Easter Monday, April 1). There are a limited number of tickets for this game and we shall be sending you forms to complete - we would appreciate it if you could return them as soon as possible. Hopefully we will be organising five-a-side games with Stoke's juniors too. This trip was a great success last season and we are very pleased that Stoke are inviting us back again. Richard is again appealing for ball boys/girls for home matches. If you are 12 years or over, please contact Richard on 01993 703110. Home mascot package, contact Rob at the Club on 01793 333718 (JR's get a 20% discount. Away Mascots, contact George on 01672 520679 allowing at least two weeks in advance.

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



service point

SOCCER CENTRES WITH JIMMY FRASER



Hello and welcome to tonight's game against Notts County. As some of you may or may not know, our Soccer Centres started again two weeks ago. 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 or simply just pop in and see me.

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

Head 2 Head

Goals Info:



Where



7 Goals



11 Goals



9 Goals

How

- Shots.....16
- Headers.....1
- Volleys.....6
- Penalties.....2
- Free Kicks.....2
- O.G.s.....0

Top Scorers

- Grazioli.....6
- Invincible.....4
- O'Halloran.....2
- Gurney.....2
- Duke.....2
- Sabin.....2
- Osei-Kuffour.....2
- Carlsie.....2

2001-2002

- Highest Gate 8,830 vs Brighton
- Lowest Gate 4,127 vs Wrexham
- Average Gate 6,566
- Players Used 27
- Clean Sheets 8
- Failed to Score 11
- Consec. Wins 2 games
- Consec. Defeats 3 games

Robins' Last 10

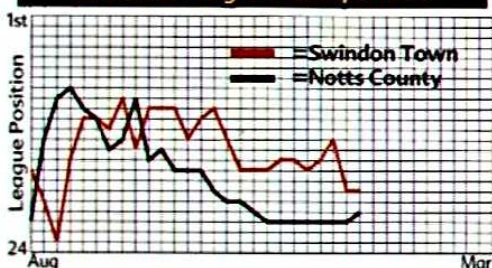
Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
L	Oldham	A	8th
L	Bristol City	H	3rd
W	Bury	H	19th
D	Bournemouth	H	17th
L	Notts County	A	21st
L	Wigan	A	18th
W	Wrexham	H	22nd
D	Brighton	H	1st
L	QPR	A	14th
L	Blackpool	A	15th

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

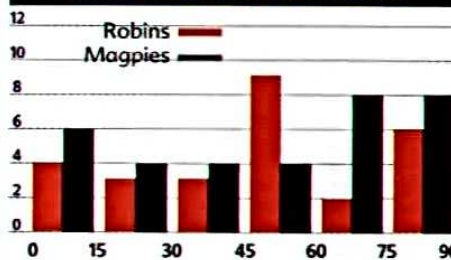
Magpies' Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
W	Cambridge	A	23rd
L	Chesterfield	A	18th
L	Wrexham	A	22nd
W	Swindon	H	15th
L	Bury	H	20th
D	Wigan	A	17th
L	Bristol City	A	5th
D	Cardiff	H	8th
D	Blackpool	A	12th
D	Huddersfield	A	5th

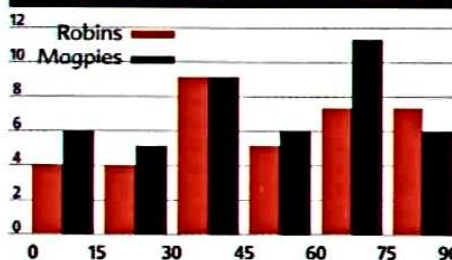
Seasonal Progress Comparison



When Goals have been Scored



When Goals have been Conceded



Guiliano Grazioli (Swindon) Top Scorers Comparison Danny Allsopp (Notts County)



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

5 games.....	Total Games Scored In.....	6 games
4 games.....	Games Scored 1 Goal.....	4 games
1 game.....	Games Scored 2 Goals.....	2 games
0 games.....	Hat-tricks.....	0 games

W->L.....0 (0pts) Season's Results and W->L.....0 (0pts)
W->D.....1 (2pts) (loss of points) without W->D.....1 (2pts)
D->L.....2 (2pts) the two goalscorers goals D->L.....1 (1pts)

3 games.....	Maximum scoring run.....	1 game
7 games.....	Maximum Dry Spell.....	8 games

3.....	Shot.....	5
0.....	Header.....	0
3.....	Volleyed Shot.....	1
0.....	Penalty.....	2
0.....	Direct free Kick.....	0

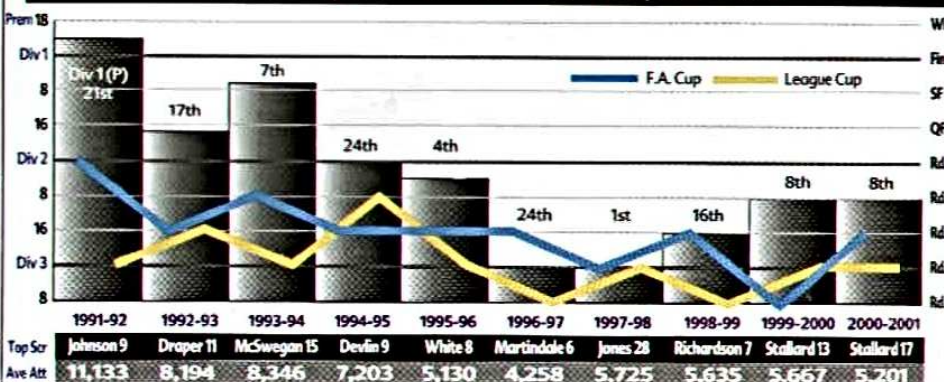


Goals.....8
Games.....24
Average.....0.33

Swindon Goals.....	27
Swindon Games.....	26
Swindon's Goal Ave.....	1.04

Notts County Goals.....	34
Notts County Games.....	26
Notts County's Goal Ave.....	1.31

Notts County's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record



Goals Info:



Where



6 Goals



19 Goals



9 Goals

How

- Shots.....17
- Headers.....6
- Volleys.....7
- Penalties.....2
- Free Kicks.....2
- O.G.s.....0

Top Scorers

- Allsopp.....8
- Caskey.....4
- Stallard.....4
- Cas.....3
- Quinn.....3
- Baraclough.....2
- Fenton.....2
- Heffernan.....2

2001-2002

- Highest Gate 6,313 vs Cardiff
- Lowest Gate 4,197 vs Swindon
- Average Gate 5,312
- Players Used 28
- Clean Sheets 7
- Failed to Score 6
- Consec. Wins 2 games
- Consec. Defeats 4 games

To watch these games call 0808 100 0101

Bolton Wanderers v Manchester Utd
Tuesday 29 January, Sky Sports 1
Crystal Palace v Coventry City
Tuesday 29 January, ITV Sport Channel

Chelsea v Leeds United
Wednesday 30 January, Sky Sports 1
Preston North End v Watford
Thursday 31 January, ITV Sport Channel

STATS KEY

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

STATS 2001/02

Date	Time	Opponents	Attn	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Sat Aug 11	(H) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd	7,934	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(76)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(87)	KUFFOUR(82)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Aug 18	(A) 3.00pm	Bristol City	13,818	1-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(82)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(84)	KUFFOUR(82)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Wed Aug 22	(A) 7.45pm	Wolves (CFL)	7,588	2-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(85)	KUFFOUR(82)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Aug 25	(H) 3.00pm	Oldham Ath	5,219	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(73)	KUFFOUR(82)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Mon Aug 27	(A) 3.00pm	Bury	3,202	3-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(78)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(83)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Sep 1	(H) 3.00pm	Colchester Utd	4,889	1-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(72)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Sep 8	(A) 3.00pm	Bournemouth	3,770	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(72)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Tue Sep 11	(A) 7.45pm	West Brom (WFL)	14,938	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(37)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(100)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Sep 15	(H) 3.00pm	Tranmere Rovers	5,922	2-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(78)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Tue Sep 18	(A) 7.45pm	Port Vale	3,737	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(78)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Sep 22	(A) 3.00pm	Chesterfield	4,275	0-4	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(64)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Tue Sep 25	(H) 7.45pm	Brentford	5,519	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(61)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Sep 29	(A) 3.00pm	Northampton Town	5,104	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT(17)	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(88)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Oct 13	(A) 3.00pm	Reading	14,389	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Tue Oct 16	(A) 7.45pm	Colchester (CFL)	1,251	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sun Oct 21	(H) 2.15pm	Cardiff City	8,373	0-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Wed Oct 24	(H) 7.45pm	Cambridge Utd	4,882	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Oct 27	(A) 3.00pm	Wycombe White	7,127	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Nov 3	(H) 3.00pm	Stoke City	7,981	0-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Nov 10	(A) 3.00pm	Blackpool	5,018	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Nov 17	(H) 3.00pm	Hartlepool Utd (FAC)	4,766	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Wed Nov 21	(A) 7.45pm	QPR	6,947	0-4	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Nov 24	(H) 3.00pm	Brighton & HA	8,830	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Tue Nov 27	(H) 7.45pm	Wrexham	4,127	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Dec 1	(A) 3.00pm	Wigan Ath	5,835	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Dec 8	(H) 3.00pm	Hereford United (FAC)	7,689	3-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Fri Dec 11	(A) 7.45pm	Notts County	4,197	1-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(16)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(72)	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Wed Dec 26	(H) 1.00pm	Bournemouth	6,790	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(80)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Dec 29	(H) 3.00pm	Bury	7,624	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Jan 5	(A) 3.00pm	Manchester City (FAC)	21,581	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(64)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(77)	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sun Jan 13	(H) 2.15pm	Bristol City	7,273	1-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Wed Jan 16	(A) 7.45pm	Oldham Athletic	3,370	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(78)	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Sat Jan 19	(A) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd	6,588	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(83)	KUFFOUR(81)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBMAN	SABIN
Tue Jan 22	(H) 7.45pm	Notts County															
Sat Jan 26	(A) 1.00pm	Wrexham															
FA Cup (4th Round)																	
Wed Jan 30	(A) 7.45pm	Colchester Utd															
Sat Feb 2	(H) 3.00pm	Northampton Town															
Tue Feb 5	(H) 7.45pm	Huddersfield Town															
Sat Feb 9	(A) 3.00pm	Cardiff City															
Sat Feb 16	(H) 3.00pm	Reading															
FA Cup (5th Round)																	
Fri Feb 22	(A) 7.45pm	Tranmere Rovers															
Tue Feb 26	(H) 7.45pm	Chesterfield															
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 (6th 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															
Sun Apr 14	(A) 3.00pm	Wrexham															
Sat Apr 20	(H) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wanderers															
Sun May 5	(A) 3.00pm	Wrexham															
FA Cup (Final)																	



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

TOP SCORERS SPOTLIGHT GATES / FORM

TOTAL	PLAYER'S NAME	GOAL RATIO
6	Giuliano Graziop	23%
6	Danny Invisibile	19%
3	Keith O'Halloran	39%
3	Bobby Howe	12%
3	Eric Sabin	11%
2	Neil Ruddock	9%
2	Matt Heywood	8%

DOMINIC FOLEY

AGE 29
DATE OF BIRTH 07.07.1976
PLACE OF BIRTH Cork
HEIGHT 6' 1"
WEIGHT 12.8
PREVIOUS CLUBS Wolves, Watford
GOALS 1

8,830	Brighton & HA	24.11.01
8,373	Cardiff City	21.10.01
7,981	Stoke City	03.11.01
7,594	Peterborough Utd	11.08.01
1-1D	P'borough Utd	19.01.02
0-2L	Oldham Athletic	16.01.02
1-2L	Bristol City	13.01.02
1-3L	Manchester City	05.01.02

Season 2001/02

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Andrew Gurney	6
Keith O'Halloran	7
Bobby Howe	8
Giuliano Grazioli	10
David Duke	11
Juan Cobian	12
Eric Sabin	14
Richard McKinney	15
Neil Ruddock	16
Daniel Invincibile	17
Berti Brayley	18
Matthew Heywood	19
Paul Edwards	20
Gareth Davies	21
Alan Reeves	22
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Alan Young	26
Paul McAreavey	27
Nathan Edwards	28
James Williams	29
Kevin Halliday	31



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Stuart Garden	12
Richard Liburd	13
Paul Bolland	14
Micahel Brough	15
Richard Holmes	17
Henrik Jorgensen	18
Niall McNamara	20
Paul Heffernan	21
Ryan Ford	22
Liam Chivers	23
Darren Caskey	24
John McCaig	25
Tony Hackworth	26
Craig Ireland	27
Danny Stone	28
Leam Richardson	29
Paul Riley	30



Tuesday 22nd January 2002
kick-off 7.45pm

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C. Penton
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Assistant 2: K. P. Stroud
4th Official: A. D. Sainsbury

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Tue Jan 22 2001/02

Swindon vs Notts Co

Wed Jan 23 2001/02

Cambridge vs Wycombe W
Cardiff City vs Stoke City
Huddersfield vs Colchester
Port Vale vs Oldham
QPR vs Bournemouth
Tranmere vs Peterborough
Wigan vs Reading

Nationwide Division Two 2001/2002

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD	(as at 20/01/2002)
Reading	28	17	4	7	42	24	55	+18	
Bristol City	29	15	6	8	46	31	51	+15	
Stoke City	27	14	8	5	40	23	50	+17	
Brighton	26	13	10	3	38	25	49	+13	
QPR	28	13	7	8	42	31	46	+11	
Brentford	27	13	6	8	48	31	45	+17	
Oldham	28	12	9	7	48	34	45	+14	
Tranmere	26	12	7	7	46	34	43	+12	
Huddersfield	27	11	9	7	40	30	42	+10	
Cardiff City	27	10	11	6	39	32	41	+7	
Wycombe W	26	10	9	7	38	33	39	+5	
Colchester	28	11	6	11	45	45	39	0	
Wigan	28	9	10	9	40	33	37	+7	
Port Vale	29	10	6	13	35	41	36	-6	
Peterborough	26	10	5	11	37	33	35	+4	
Chesterfield	26	9	7	10	36	36	34	0	
Blackpool	28	8	10	10	36	47	34	-11	
Swindon	27	8	8	11	29	37	32	-5	
Bournemouth	27	7	7	13	31	41	28	-10	
Bury	28	7	6	15	26	46	27	-20	
Notts Co	27	6	8	13	35	46	26	-11	
Wrexham	29	6	5	18	31	62	23	-31	
Northampton	27	6	3	18	27	51	21	-24	
Cambridge	27	4	7	16	26	54	19	-28	



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