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EDITOR'S EYE

So here we are - 51 games, 100 goals and 4,620 minutes since the start of the season and we've now reached the end of another epic STFC journey. It's been a long season, yet now that it's gone (nearly) I wonder where it's gone? 51 games (52 after today's) in just under 34 weeks - it's been a hectic campaign for everyone involved at the club. There have been numerous highs, inevitable lows and now - as we look ahead to 2002-03 we look to become even stronger (it's only 112 days to go until next season - to page 50). I won't go through it all - you've all lived and breathed every minute of the season too - but for Dave Wallis's review of on-the-field matters - turn to page 34. Dave, along with so many others this season has been magnificent in terms of helping me put this mag together. Dan Prescott, Tony Norris, Viv Busby, Jimmy Fraser, Jon Ritson, Dan Chisholm, Dick Mattick, Roger Reeves, Nigel Bennett, Clive Maguire, Martin Turnbull, George Chadwick and the many others I've missed out have all played their part in what has been, in my opinion, a decent publication this year. Not only that, but Matt Hirst and Wes Strange have, between them, successfully kept it looking good despite all my nagging. To everyone that has played a part (as well as those I've forgotten to mention) - a massive thank you. I look forward to pestering you all in July when we start all over again!



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Until then we have the small matter of today's game to worry about. On the basis of previous encounters it looks set to be another draw, but I'm sure that the lads will want to win as much as we want them to, if not they'll have Willie to answer for - you can what the chairman thinks on page 27. Until next season - have a great summer and come on England (and Ireland)! Before I go, congratulations must go to Mike Sullivan who, despite picking up an injury, successfully completed the London Marathon last week. You can get back to eating your cakes without feeling guilty now Mike!

Nick Judd - Magazine Editor

*All information in this magazine is up-to-date up to and including April 18.



AND THE WINNER IS...

**Matthew Heywood - STFC Official Player of the Year
(voted by you the fans on www.swindontownfc.co.uk)**

Well, was there ever any doubt? The giant centre back has been a revelation this season and therefore polled 50% of your votes. Heywood, who's pitched in with three goals (not to mention plenty of lifesaving tackles) has been an everpresent this season and Town boss Andy King was not surprised by the result. "I don't like to single people out when, in my opinion, the whole side has done well. But the fans have singled out Matty and to be honest, it's no surprise. The lad has a presence, but also a quality about him and the greatest thing about him is that he's getting better all the time. He has a willingness to listen and that is a great asset. Burnley's loss has certainly been our gain - but it just goes to show that if one door closes, another opens."

Meanwhile, this is what some of you thought of the former Burnley man:

"A class act - Heywood has shone all season" - *Dan Gilbert*

"Heywood has had a brilliant year and has made a tremendous contribution to 'The Robins'." - *Pat dean*

"From a Burnley cast off to a stalwart in defence in little over a season and a half, I can't help but vote for Matty Heywood. Also not bad as a makeshift striker!" - *Ray Schoolar*

"He has matured greatly and is always ready to cause problems when he goes up front." - *Dawn Hayden*

"My vote goes to Mathew Heywood because he hardly ever puts a foot wrong." - *Jim Morris*

Many thanks to everyone that voted. Heywood will be presented with his silver salver before the game this afternoon by one lucky fan that voted for him .

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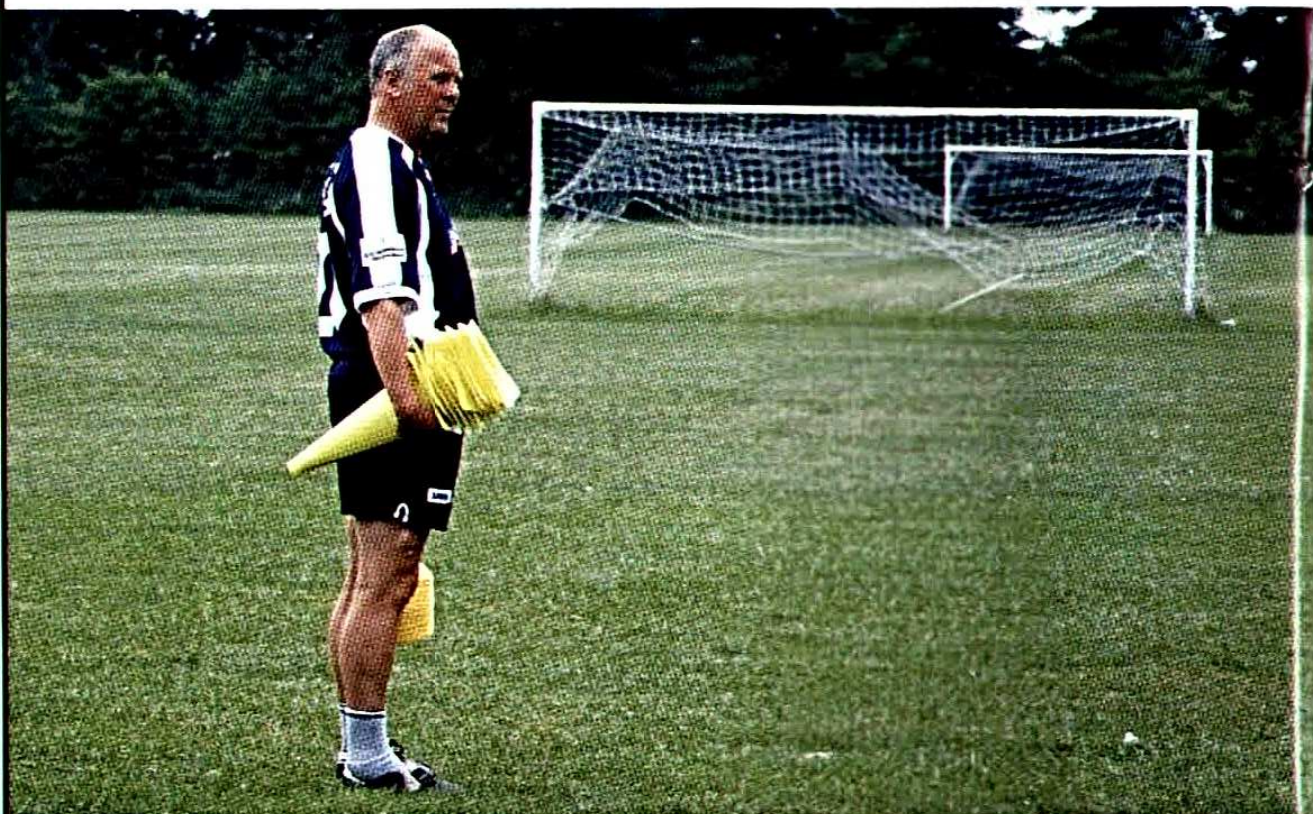


LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to what is, unfortunately, our last game of the season. I can't believe we've reached this stage of the year already, but I guess with the amount of games we have - time just tends to fly by.

Still, the campaign isn't finished yet and today we have a job to do against Lawrie Sanchez's Wycombe side. Unfortunately, neither club has anything to play for in terms of going up or going down (today's game will certainly be a mile away from the tense and nerve-wracking finish we endured last year) - but that doesn't mean that we won't be up for the game and it is my intention to finish the campaign on a high and with a win.

Zarlink Semiconductor



All in all it hasn't been a bad season, especially when you consider what has gone on behind the scenes. I'll be the first to admit that it hasn't been as promising as I would have liked, instead I'd argue that it has been respectable and with everything that has gone on, I think the lads can take a lot of credit and hold their heads up high. Last week's game at Brighton was a fine example of how far we've come this year. Granted, we didn't play as well as we all know we can do - but we held the league leaders without really hitting top gear and that has to be something from which we can build on next season? I said to the lads at the start of the match that the game was going to be a fantastic measure of how well we were doing and to be honest, had we taken our chances we would have won the game. It really is that simple, yet as well as not taking our chances we didn't put their defence under as much pressure as I would have liked to have done. But it's not the first time that we've managed to grab a point off the leaders, we did so against Reading in another encounter we deserved to win and so I really believe that we are not too far away from where I want us to be. With a bit of consistency (and a few more goals) we could well be higher up the league. Just look at Brighton and Bobby Zamora - he has earned them 21 points or so with his goals - with a striker like that and another 21 points imagine where we'd be now!

Moving on to today's game and Wycombe, like us will be slightly disappointed that they won't be challenging for a play-off place or at worst, a top ten finish. Lawrie's side were fifth at one stage, only for a miserable run of results to bring them down the table. Let's hope it's an entertaining climax to the season, but to Lawrie, his management team, directors, players and supporters - I wish you all a warm welcome.

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CROZZER'S COLUMN

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to this, the last game of the season here at the County Ground.

Unfortunately today's game, in terms of points and league positioning means very little - yet had results gone our way in March and we could have been challenging for a play-off place. The same can be said for our visitors today who, at one stage were in the top five earlier in the season. However, like us they have had several inconsistent periods and as a consequence, occupy in mid-table when they should really have been higher.

A great example of our own bad luck came last Saturday at Brighton. For the second time this season, we not only competed with the Seagulls but also deserved to beat them - yet we couldn't seem to finish them off. Cast your minds back to the home draw against Reading, once again another case of opportunities wasted - but it proves that we are capable of competing in this league and I have high hopes for next year. Today's game is all about preparing for the new campaign - players playing for their contracts, their positions and their pride. Let's hope we can round off a fine season with a win on the last day.

As well as getting three points today, I see the game as a good way of preparing for next year. A good finish will boost confidence in the close season and set us up nicely for what I hope will be an infinitely more successful term next time around. I have made it no secret that I'd like to bring a few more players into the club and in particular - a Premiership striker on loan and my work won't finish today - I'll be keeping a look out for new players all season. However, these things take time, especially at this stage of the year because nobody wants to commit to making any decisions, especially managers. Needless to say that we will keep you posted with any developments on the website.

Before I go, may I take this opportunity in thanking everyone at the club for their hard work. Not only to the players, coaching staff and office staff, but also to the caterers, ground staff and all the other people that don't normally get any acclaim - but work as hard as anyone here at the County Ground. Finally, may I thank you the fans for getting behind us in, at times, troubled circumstances. Your support keeps us going when the going's tough and inspires us when things go our way - last week's noise at Brighton is a perfect example.

Keep getting behind us and who knows, with a bit of hard work in the summer - we might reach new heights together next season. Enjoy the summer.

STFC DIARY



9TH APR



GURNEY DOUBLE SINKS RELEGATED CAMBRIDGE

Andy Gurney scores an impressive brace to sink relegated Cambridge at the Abbey Stadium. His first was a blockbuster from 25 yards, the second a more fortunate strike that took a deflection on its way in. "They all count and I'm definitely going to claim it!" said the former Reading defender after the game.

10TH APR



LIONS TAMED AS TOWN CLAIM POINT AT NEW DEN

Town earned a point as they travelled to the New Den in the Avon Insurance Combination League last week. Both teams had chances to win the game and Millwall's Kevin Braniff gave the home side the lead when he neatly converted Charley Hearn's cross from six-yards. The visitors replied almost immediately when Bryan Smith rammed home from close range.

12TH APR



TOWN STARS CONSIDERING THEIR FUTURES

Some of the players out of contract this summer find out whether they will be offered a new deal with the club. After training each received a letter stating Andy King's intent and have all gone away to consider their future. King said: "To be honest, I'm not sure what's going to happen. Hopefully things will get sorted out soon."

13TH APR



BRIGHTON WIN CHAMPIONSHIP BUT TOWN DESERVE MORE

Town earned a point at Brighton's Withdean Stadium last Saturday - the home side collecting the Championship. However, Town should have come away with so much more, Andy King's side guilty of wasting numerous chances. King said, "It's a case of the same old story - but we have to be happy with the way we played, there's not much between us."

15TH APR



TOWN'S ROBINS DOWNED BY EAGLES

Swindon Town's reserves lost again last Monday as they went down 3-2 at home to high-flying Palace. 'Razor' Ruddock, taking charge of Town against his former club, said: "Palace are near the top of the League and it showed. We were lucky to be in the game at half time, unfortunately a late goal won it." For the Cardiff result turn to page 18.

21ST APR



TOWN TO PLAY CHIPPENHAM IN FINAL

Swindon are set to take on Chippenham in the final of the Wiltshire Premier Shield tomorrow, the match being played at Chippenham's Hardenhuish Park. The match is being held on a Sunday due to the fixture back log that Swindon's Reserve team have faced, whilst Chippenham are still in the hunt for promotion and have a few games to play.

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I can hardly believe that we are already at the end of the season. Yet perhaps because many others and I have been involved in setting up TrustSTFC, the time has simply flown by.

On and off the pitch there have been many changes. So what is the assessment of the health of club? Finishing mid-table has to be seen as a plus. The fact we still have a club to support must also be a bonus.

We have seen a change in the boardroom, a manager change. Renewed hope with the arrival of Roy Evans. The departure of Roy Evans and the return of Andy King. We had the announcement that the club was just 48 Hours from closing, but somehow it survived. Nothing about following the fortunes of a football club could ever be called boring when that football club is Swindon Town.

The club is in administration and hoping to have a plan to secure it's future. The club needs to be out of administration before the new fixture lists are published or it may not be included. As the Trust we are playing our part in making sure we will see the start of a new season. Part of this plan involves us normal mortals, the supporters. We need to continue to support the club, and if possible help increase it. So make sure you get your season ticket ordered nice and early.

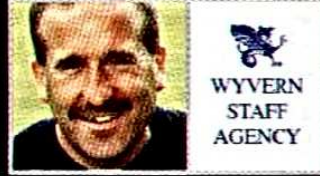
These are uncertain times for lower division football clubs, with the general uncertainty added to by the ITV Digital debacle. It is now that the growing influence of supporters can be felt.

This season has seen the Trust movement grow from just a handful of clubs to 52. More and more people are saying 'We want to safeguard the future of our club'. We at TrustSTFC are no different. There has been a steady increase in membership people as people have realised that together we can make a difference.

TrustSTFC has grown from nothing to an important voice on behalf of the fans and we are involved in some important work in helping ensure it has a future.

Finally, congratulations to Matt Haywood who was voted both player and Young player of the year by the Trust members.

Treatment room...



With the end of the season upon us - we have a couple of doubts for this afternoon's final game of the campaign. Those that travelled to Brighton will know that Adam Willis was forced to come off with about ten minutes to play. Unfortunately, Adam sprained his ankle ligaments and as a result, he is not running, or even walking as freely as he would like. I would imagine that he would be very doubtful for today.

Danny, who missed the trip to Withead due to a strain he picked up on Friday, is more likely to figure. Danny, who basically damaged his hip flexor muscle (Sartorius), could play if he trained hard in the week. However, he was suffering from a cold as well and that may have hampered his recovery. That just leaves me to fill you in with what will be happening over the summer. Many players will be taking a break before returning to pre-season, but for Sol Davis and Keith O'Halloran, they will have to keep working through it. It is up to the two of them to use their time wisely so that they are up to speed with the others come July. I would expect Sol to make at least one trip to Lilleshal, whilst Keith will be working closely with me.

All the best and enjoy the summer.

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THE ADAMS FAMILY

WYCOMBE WANDERERS ARRIVE AT THE COUNTY GROUND THIS AFTERNOON WITH LITTLE TO PLAY FOR ON THIS, THE LAST DAY OF THE SEASON. HOWEVER, AFTER A SLOW START (NOT HELPED BY ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CUP RUN) LAWRIE SANCHEZ'S SIDE ARE SAFELY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TABLE WITH FIVE POINTS SEPARATING THE CHAIRBOYS FROM ANDY KING'S SIDE - NOT BAD FOR A CLUB THAT ONLY JOINED THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE NINE YEARS AGO!



Yet it could have been so different for the boys from Buckinghamshire, the side occupying a play-off spot in December 2001. Unfortunately, an inconsistent series of results in the New Year, not to mention another cup run (albeit not as successful as the previous years) contrived to prevent them from finishing the season in the top six.

Chairboys facts

Name Wycombe Wanderers

Formation 1884

Nickname Chairboys/The Blues

Stadium Adams Park

Management team

Lawrie Sanchez & Terry Gibson

Position 2000/01 13 (Nationwide League Division Two)

Recent signings Andy Thomson, Richard Harris (Loan)

Form guide LDLWLW

Last three fixtures

Wycombe 2 - 1 Tranmere 01-04-02

Northampton 4 - 1 Wycombe 06-04-02

Wycombe 2 - 1 Oldham 13-04-02

Top goalscorers Rammell (13)

Honours

FA Trophy 1992

Bob Lord Trophy 1992

Conferece champions 1993

Swindon links

Keith Scott, Lawrie Sanchez,

Terry Gbson, Ty Gooden

Head to Head (wins)

Swindon 3, Wycombe 1, Draws 4

Last encounter Wycombe 1-1

Swindon Town (Div Two - 2001/02)

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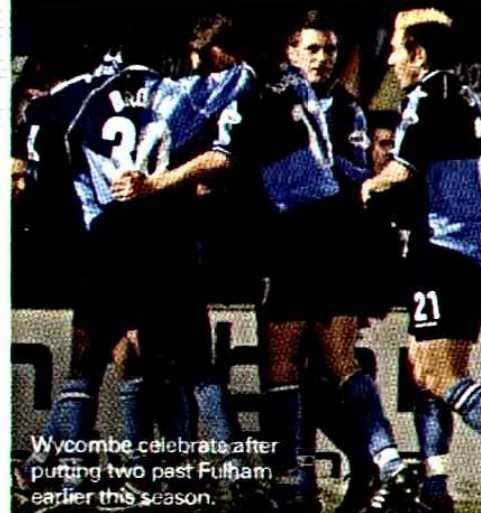
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The turning point in their season appeared to come at Stoke's Britannia Stadium in mid-December, Sanchez's side going down 1-5 to an in-form Potters side. Following that heavy defeat, Wycombe went on to record just one win in the next seven games, a run that included the draw against Fulham in the FA Cup third round (and the replay). A win against Notts County (3-0) on January 26 halted the slide and the club went on to record three wins in the next four games (the other game finishing in a draw to complete a successful run of four games without defeat). However, another heavy defeat, this time at home against Blackpool (1-4) proved to be the catalyst in an even more miserable run in which they would muster just one win in 11 games. Wycombe have returned to winning ways since then, but boss Sanchez will be disappointed with his sides inconsistency, especially when you consider that they were two points behind fifth placed Reading at Christmas.

The odds favour a draw today as the two sides have contested three stalemates in the last three league encounters. Town's last victory came in the LDV Trophy last year, Gary Alexander with an impressive brace. However, one player looking to settle the score this afternoon will be frontman Andy Ramell. The former Barnsley front man is the man charged with leading the line and he has 13 goals to his name. However, Rammell will have to play without his usual strike partner today, 23-year old Jermaine McSparran is the unfortunate victim of a cruciate ligament injury picked up two weeks ago.

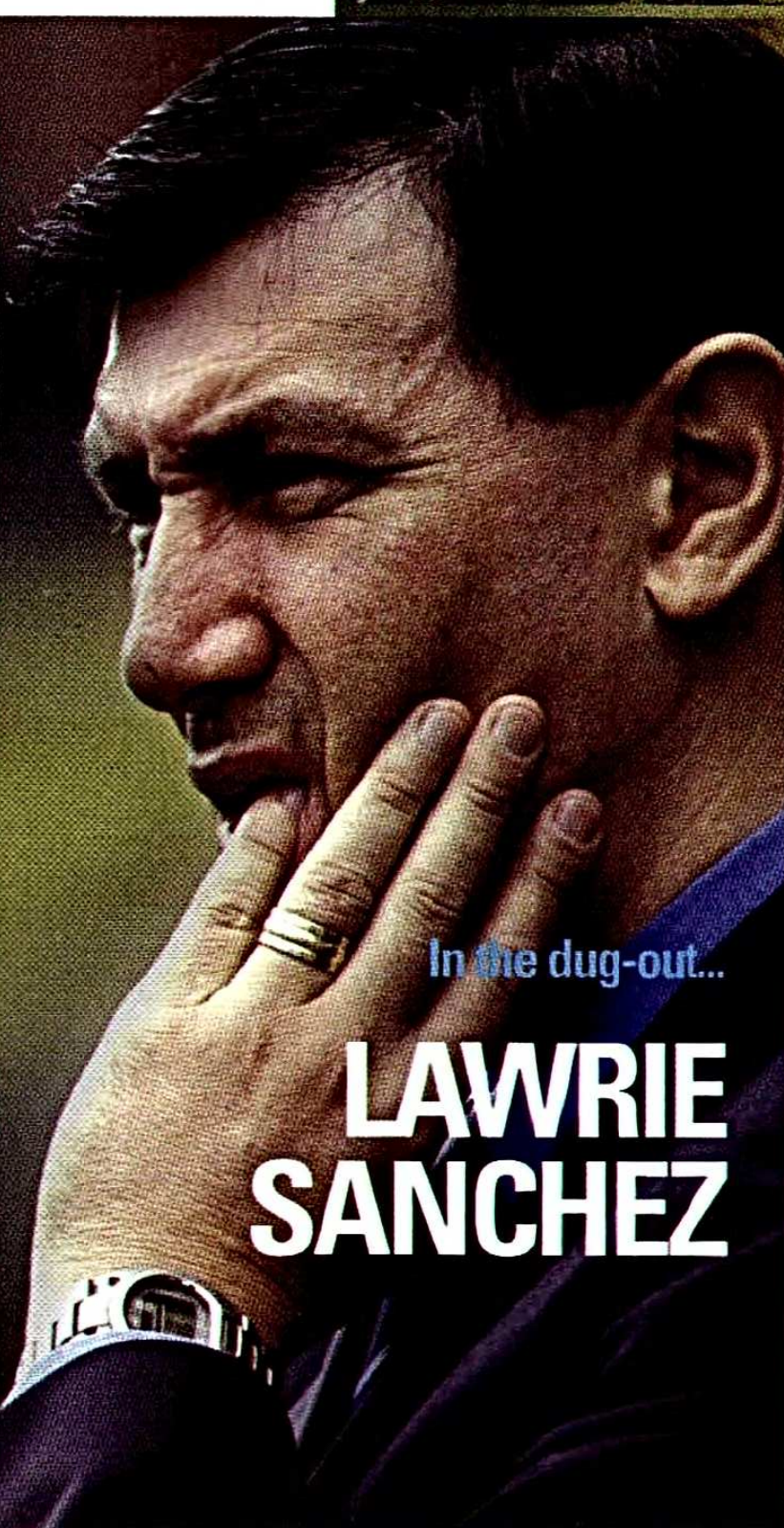
Adams park





Wycombe celebrate after putting two past Fulham earlier this season.

Lawrie's distinguished playing career started at local rivals Reading before he moved to Wimbledon for £30,000 when Dave Bassett was Manager. In the 10 seasons at Wimbledon he played 317 games and scored 35 goals, including the winner against Huddersfield that took the Dons into the First Division (now Premiership) and the winner against Liverpool in the 1988 FA Cup Final. Went to Swindon for a short period before managing Sligo Rovers. Took Sligo into Europe in the Cup Winners Cup before losing to FC Bruges. Lawrie was enticed back to Wimbledon by Joe Kinnear to manage the Dons reserve side. He won the Football Combination in his second year in charge, the only time Wimbledon have won the competition. He was appointed Manager of Wycombe Wanderers on February 5 1999 when the side were bottom of the league and without an away win all season. However, a sensational run of form including seven away wins from eight saw them stay up. In his first full season, Lawrie guided the side to twelfth place in Division Two and this season, he looks set to repeat that feat. Lawrie also made FA Cup history once again, this time as a manager when he guided the club into the semi-finals (where they lost against Liverpool) for the first time in their history.



In the dug-out...

**LAWRIE
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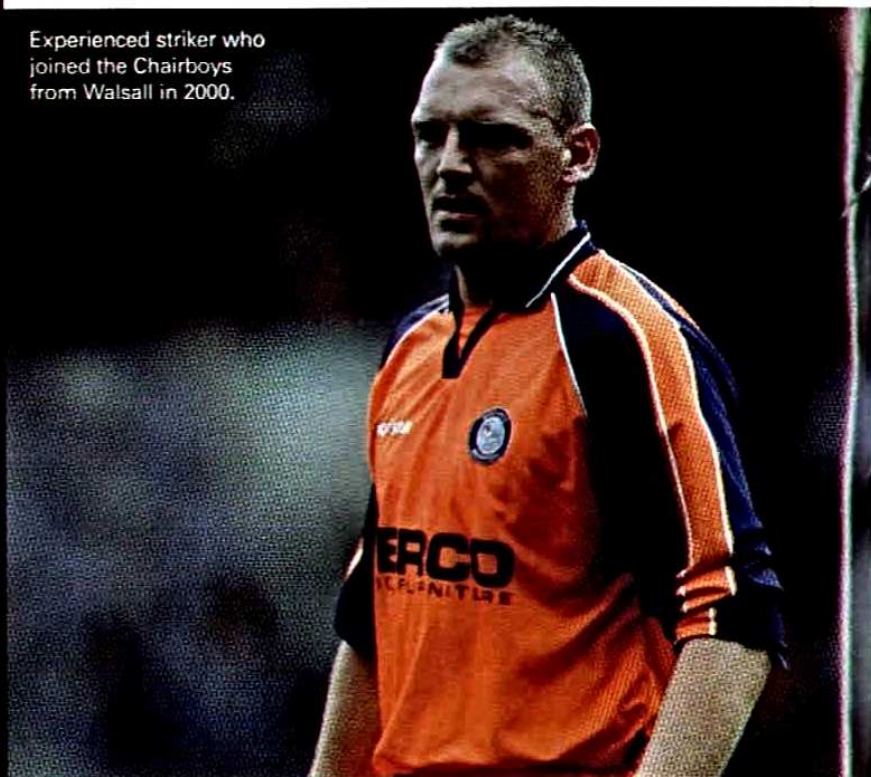


One to watch...

ANDY RAMMELL

Experienced striker who joined Wanderers from Walsall on September 7 2000. Started his career with non-league Atherstone United before moving to Manchester United for £40,000 in August 1989. A move to Barnsley in August 1990 resulted in six very successful seasons at Oakwell. Joined Walsall on a free in July 1998 and was a big part of their promotion season with 23 goals. Has continued to score goals at Wycombe and by the end of January 2001 he had 13 from 26 appearances.

Experienced striker who joined the Chairboys from Walsall in 2000.

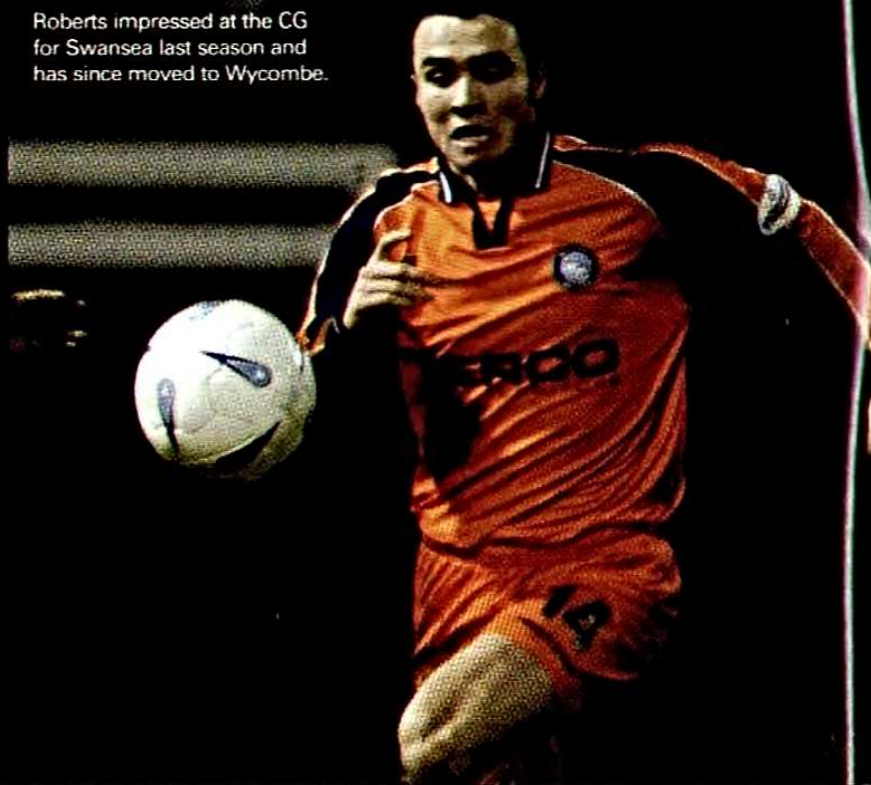


Young gun...

STUART ROBERTS

Joined Swansea City as a trainee and became a regular in the first team squad last season. Showed his versatility in a wide role before moving into the middle with real success. Five goals in seven games at the start of this campaign brought a £100,000 move to the Wanderers in October 2001. Has become an instant hit with the fans after supplying six assists in the first eight starts. Still only 20, he is a very good signing by Lawre Sanchez.

Roberts impressed at the CG for Swansea last season and has since moved to Wycombe.





Martin Taylor

Started his career with Mile Oak before joining Derby County, where he made a total of 140 league and cup appearances. He made his debut for Wycombe, whilst on loan from the Rams, against Shrewsbury on March 29 1997. Kept 18 clean sheets last season and has now made over 150 appearances.

Danny Senda

Young striker with a lot of promise who has also played for England's under 17's. Danny made his first full start against Chesterfield on January 3 2000 and scored his first goal for the club at Wrexham a month later. Received a nasty ligament injury in January 2001 but returned to play an important part in Wanderers' run-in.

Steve Brown

Joined in February 1994 from Northampton Town (where he was captain) for a fee of £40,000 when Martin O'Neill was manager. Steve scored the important equaliser against in the 2-2 draw in the fifth round of the FA Cup and he was an influential figure during the club's Cup run. Has recently extended his contract until 2003.

Sean Devine

Exciting striker who joined from Barnet for a record fee of £200,000 in April 1999. His goals helped Wycombe to Second Division survival in season 1998-99, scoring eight in 12 games. He was also the club's leading scorer with 25 last year and became the second highest Football League scorer in the Club's history with 31 goals.

Mark Rogers

Arrived from Canada in July 1998 and fought his way into the side after good displays in the reserve side. Injuries to other defenders enabled him to become a regular fixture and his confident displays earned him a call up into Canadian squad for the Concacaf Gold Cup. Has signed a new contract that will keep him at the club until 2005.

Michael Simpson

Michael enjoyed his best season for the club in 1999-00 with some sterling performances in midfield. His impressive form continued last season and he signed a new three and a half-year contract in January 2001 (tying him to the club until 2004). Played 61 out of 63 matches for the Blues last season - missing the other two through suspension.

Chris Vinnicombe

Started as a YTS at Exeter City before moving to Glasgow Rangers for £150,000 in November 1989. Unfortunately Chris didn't figure for the Glasgow side and he was transferred to Burnley for £200,000 in May 1994. A good left-sided defender he made over 90 appearances for Burnley before joining Wycombe in 1998.

Keith Ryan

A central midfielder that can also play up front, Keith was an FA Trophy winner in 1991 and 1993, and a Play-off winner in 1994. Keith has reached the 300 Football League appearances mark for the Club this season and he has signed a new contract that will keep him at the club until the summer of 2003.

Paul McCarthy

Joined from Brighton and has 10 under 21 Caps for the Republic of Ireland. Paul started last season in fine form but was side lined with an ankle injury for two months. Returned to the side in January and was the leading scorer in the FA Cup run of 2000-01 with five goals, also the leading goalscorer that season with eight.

Dannie Bulman

Joined Ashford Town at 15 and made his first team debut at 16. Spotted by John Gregory at Wycombe and played four games for the reserve side before signing at the start of the 1998-99 season for £10,000. Forced his way into the side during season 1999-00 and became a permanent fixture during 2000-01.

Gavin Holligan

Signed just prior to the start of 2001-02 having been released from West Ham during the summer. Gavin spent one season at Upton Park having joined from Kingstonian, unfortunately a series of injuries kept him out of the Hammers' pecking order and he was keen to rekindle a career in football when Lawrie Sanchez signed him.

J McSparran

Signed for Wycombe from Oxford City on a three-year contract. Jermaine played for Arsenal in the Avon Insurance Combination and scored two goals and subsequently attracted a lot of attention from Premier and Division One sides. Made his debut for Wycombe at Northampton on November 7 1998.



'Razor' - unable to claim a victory over his old Palace side

IN RESERVE

Swindon Town's reserves lost out again on Monday afternoon as they went down 3-2 at home to high-flying Palace.

Having taken charge of the side former Palace defender, 'Razor' Ruddock said: "Palace have a lot of very good young players and they, like ourselves, are bleeding them in the reserve team to give them vital experience. They're near the top of the Avon Insurance League and it showed in the first half and, to be honest, we were lucky to be in the game at half time, but as it was we were only 2-1 down (with two goals from Gareth Williams). Adam Collier's goal had kept us in the game and after, shall we say, a 'half-time talking to', the lads came out and gave a much better performance in the second half."

"We had a lot more of the ball in the second 45-minutes and after good pressure, one of their lads headed into his own net to level the scores. I thought that would be it but with the last kick of the game a looping cross (from Ben Syrey) sailed over everybody, hit the far post and went over the line to give them the game. It was a disappointing end to what had been a much better display by our lads in the second half and although we lost the game, we have to take heart in the way we responded to our poor first half display."

Palace are now top of the table with just two games to play. Town returned to winning ways on Wednesday afternoon with a 2-1 win over a strong Cardiff City side at the County Ground - Adam Collier and Chris Hughes got the goals.



Swindon Res 2
Crystal Palace Res 3

Monday 15th April
Kick-off 2.00pm

Swindon line-up:
McKinney, J Williams, Reed, Cobian,
B Smith, Thomas, Andersen,
N Edwards, Walton, Collier,
McAreavey. **Subs:** Draycott,
Bampton, Crosby, Fenwick, Fr.

Wed Aug 15	Wycombe Winds	(H)	3-3
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	(H)	0-3
Wed Oct 3	Nonwich 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)	3-1
Mon Nov 12	Cambridge United	(A)	2-2
Wed Dec 12	Luton Town	(A)	1-1
Wed Dec 19	Northampton Town	(H)	1-1
Wed Jan 9	Leyton Orient	(H)	2-1
Wed Jan 23	Gillingham	(A)	0-1
Wed Jan 30	Reading	(H)	1-2
Tue Feb 12	QPR	(A)	0-1
Wed Feb 20	Crystal Palace	(H)	2-3
Wed Feb 27	Reading	(A)	1-1
Wed Mar 6	Cardiff City (LC)	(H)	0-0
Wed Mar 13	Bristol City	(A)	0-3
Mon Mar 25	Gillingham	(H)	1-0
Wed Mar 27	Portsmouth	(H)	0-0
Wed Apr 3	Southern United	(A)	2-3
Tues Apr 9	Millwall	(A)	1-1
Mon Apr 15	Crystal Palace	(H)	2-3
Wed Apr 16	Cardiff City	(H)	1-1

STFC MAN OF THE MATCH

EACH WEEK, GUESTS FROM TOWN'S EXECUTIVE AREA VOTE FOR TOWN'S MAN OF THE MATCH...



MATTHEW HEYWOOD V OPR (06.04.02)
PRESENTED BY GUESTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE SUITE

SOL DAVIS & STEVE ROBINSON V BRISTOL CITY
(13.01.02) PRESENTED BY STEVE LEONARD, CLARION

BART GRIEMINK V NOTTS COUNTY
(22.01.02) PRESENTED BY WYVERN STAFF

BART GRIEMINK & DANNY INVINCIBLE V NORTHAMPTON
(02.02.02) PRESENTED BY EVELYN MCOUILLAN &
DORIS MACKEY

BART GRIEMINK V HUDDERSFIELD
(05.02.02) PRESENTED BY TONY LAWRENCE (CLARION),
HEATHER TAYLOR AND DAVINA MARK

MATT HEWLETT V READING
(14.02.02) PRESENTED BY PHILIP TOWL, MCLEAN HOMES

BOBBY HOWE V CHESTERFIELD
(26.02.02) PRESENTED BY GUESTS OF ZURICH

ADAM WILLIS V PORT VALE
(02.03.02) PRESENTED BY NEIL VOLLER,
A BIRTHDAY GUEST

MATTHEW HEWLETT V WIGAN ATHLETIC
(16.03.02) PRESENTED BY GUESTS FROM THE
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Last weekend's games pitched us against Cardiff in the under 9, 10 and 11 age group, and Swansea for the under 12, 13, 14 and 14s. Five games took place at our superb Zurich Life training ground, whilst two teams travelled away. Although performances were very high, we won just two games and lost five. But as we've stressed before we are looking for performances first. The players have another two weeks left at the Centre of Excellence and they'll play some trial games before the under 11s, 12s and 13s go to Torquay, and the 14s go to Northern Ireland for the Milk Cup.

Seeing as it's the end of the season we'd like to say a few more thank yous to certain people that that helped the Centre of Excellence throughout the year: Our sponsors - Swindon Town Supporters Club and Wiltshire Electrical Wholesalers, Zurich Life and Greendown School, Roger Jones - our kit man who washes all the centre of excellence kits and Stuart Vaughan and Dick Mackey - our physios. May I also thank our coaching staff who take our teams throughout the season and Eddie Buckley - our youth ambassador. All of the above have helped the youth department to another fantastic year - your efforts are very much appreciated. I look forward to seeing you next season!


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YOUTH OF TODAY

with Viv Busby and Jim Fraser

Town's under 19s' quest for top spot took a devastating blow last week when they lost to Cambridge. Having drawn with league leaders Brentford, the 19s had chances to beat the U's but unfortunately couldn't take them. Viv Busby said: "Having beaten West Brom we were confident of getting a result against Brentford. We played well in difficult conditions and to be fair, a draw was a good result against what was a very strong side. However, we should have come away with more at Cambridge. We played well but conceded a sloppy goal in the

first half. We had enough chances to get back into the game before a late penalty killed us off." The 19s play their last game of the season this Tuesday evening at home to Brighton & Hove Albion - details of which will be published on the website on Wednesday. Viv would like to thank Roger Reeves (physio) for all his hard work this season, Sue and Roger Jones who look after the hostel and last but not least, Zurich Life who keep the training ground in top notch condition.



Cambridge u19 2
Swindon u19 0

Saturday 13th April

Swindon line-up:

Farr, Herring, Reed,
Smith, Fenwick, Halliday,
Bampton, Crosby, Walton,
Hughes, Draycott, Bristow
& Cheeseman

STFC UNDER-19s 2001/02

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 (VAC)	A	1-2
Sat Jan 12	Swansea City	A	1-2
Sat Jan 19	Oxford United	A	0-2
Sat Jan 26	Blackburn (FACUP)	A	1-2
Sat Feb 9	Exeter City	A	1-2
Mon Feb 18	Cardiff City	H	1-0
Fri Feb 22	Torquay United	H	1-0
Sat Mar 2	Oxford United	A	0-1
Sat Mar 9	Colchester United	H	2-0
Sat Mar 16	Walsall	A	2-0
Sat Mar 23	Exeter City	A	1-2
Sat Mar 30	West Brom	H	3-2
Sat Apr 6	Brentford	H	1-1
Sat Apr 13	Cambridge United	A	0-2
Sat Apr 20	No game		
Tue Apr 23	Brighton	H	

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

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FROM THE PRESS BOX

Today we reach the end of a season which seems to have passed so quickly but with so much crammed into it.

It feels like we have had about 10 years worth of incidents crammed into one campaign. No wonder I'm knackered. I'm not going to bore you with a chronological recap of the last year, you all know what's gone on. I think it's a question of picking out a few edited highlights. I know it was technically pre-season but I'll never forget the day Andy King was sacked. It was extraordinary to have a manager offering to make the press tea while he waited for the axe to fall. Football is a fickle business and the arrival of Roy and Razor sparked fresh hope. I must say I found Roy a pleasure to deal with - a real pro.

There were some early season highs and lows. Razor's free kick against Colchester was a wonderful moment and then there was the bizarre sight of seeing Matt Hewlett finally hit the back of the net at Port Vale. It wasn't all sweetness and light. Remember the drubbings at Chesterfield and QPR?

Off the pitch, Danny Donegan was replaced by Willie Carson and the new board began to reveal the true extent of the club's financial woes. Roy eventually decided he could take the club no further and Andy King was restored as manager. He hardly received a hero's welcome but the early hostility has gradually thawed. The team have responded to him and a comfortable mid-table finish is the result. Let us now hope that a period in administration will help the club stabilise and build a platform for the future. The Supporters Trust is gathering momentum and is likely to have a key role to play in the future as well.

Today we welcome Wycombe Wanderers to the County Ground, managed by our old friend Lawrie Sanchez. The man who wanted to pinch Dany Invincible for £50,000 has led the Chairboys to another decent finish. But a win today would lift the boys to 61 points and a satisfactory end to the campaign. As for individual heroes this year? Today sees the presentation of the prestigious Evening Advertiser player of the year award. Who is your choice? All will be revealed before today's kick off. Anyway, that's about it for another season. Thanks for taking the time to read the column and hopefully we can do it all again next year. Enjoy your summer and let's all get together in August for the start of 2002/03. At least there is the small matter of the World Cup to keep us going through the close season. Come On England!

COMMERCIAL BREAK



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Today STFC gives a special welcome to John Swift and family of Chairman Software, and to Mr John Rivett and family - our joint match ball sponsors. We hope that you have a thoroughly enjoyable day at the County Ground and hope you'll be supporting the Reds!!!



HOT OFF THE PRESS!

STFC has announced that Jimmy Greaves, the former Tottenham and England legend will be the guest speaker at a Sporting Club Dinner on Monday October 7, 2002. Keep logged on to www.swindontownfc.co.uk for more details.

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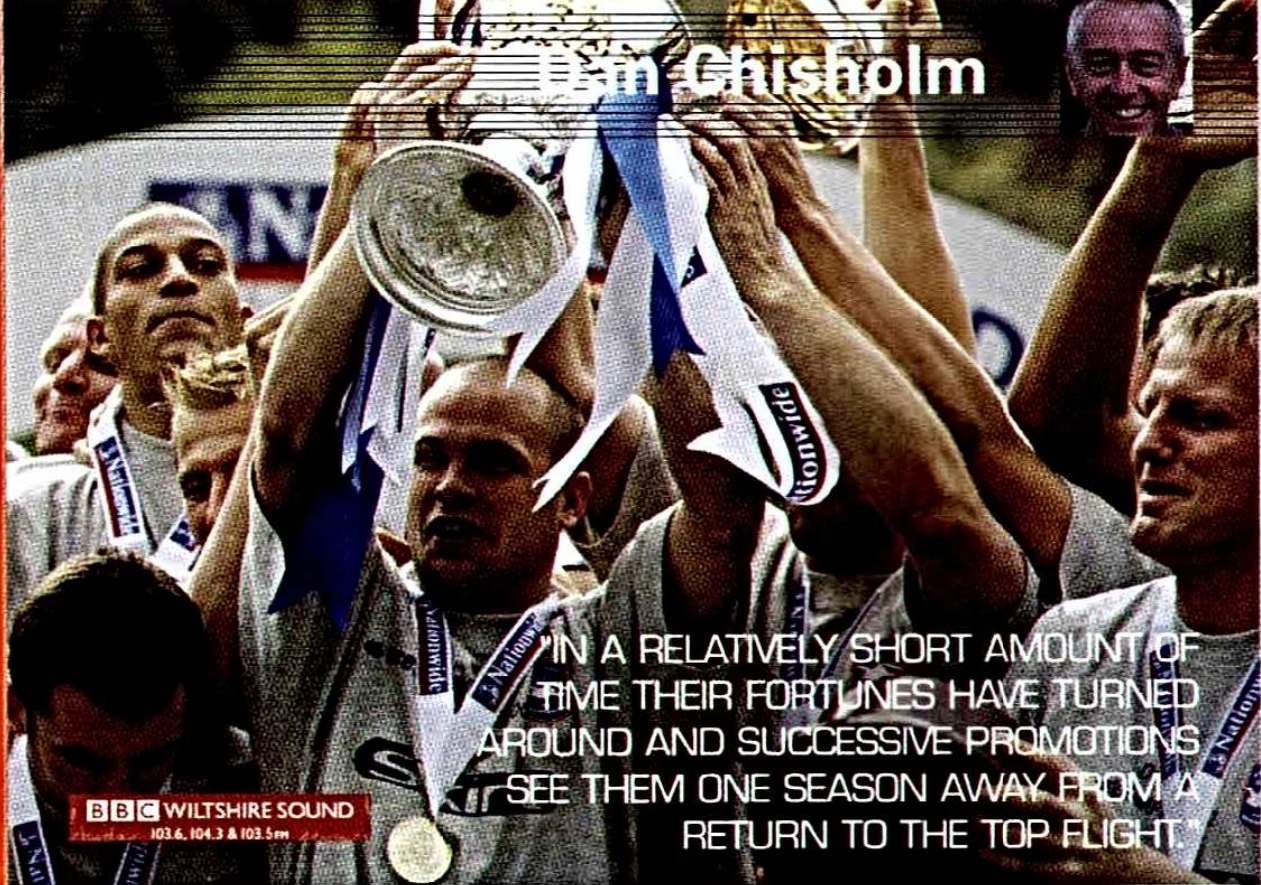
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FROM THE AIRWAVES

As Brighton fans were celebrating winning the Division Two championship title, I couldn't help thinking about the example they've set.

A club in dire financial trouble - they looked as if they would fold. No stadium, frustrated fans - it all seemed hopeless. In a relatively short amount of time their fortunes have turned around and successive promotions see them one season away from a return to the top flight. No wonder they were elated. When we examine the issues surrounding Swindon Town Football Club - the financial headaches, the on-going saga of the proposed new stadium - it makes you wonder where it's all going to end. As I said to Jon Ritson from the Advertiser the other day when he came into the Swindon Breakfast programme (on 103.6FM), I believe the club's directors are right to take it one step at a time. Survival of the club is paramount - all other issues can follow.

But what about the responsibility of the fans? How many times have I heard the moaning of so-called outspoken 'fans' who don't even turn up for the games? I'm sick to death of 'fair weather' fans ... if it's your team, stick with it through thick and thin. Where are all these turncoats who went to Wembley for the victory over Leicester to secure a place in the premiership back in 1993? It's also odd that I no longer hear the voice of the whining minority who persistently sang "Razor Ruddock's red and white army" after Andy King was reinstated as manager.

Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that he has done an incredible job with no resources whatsoever. At the end of another hectic season, perhaps it's time to acknowledge the King of the County Ground and extend thanks to the manager and board of directors for their achievements this season. It may not be evident by their league table position, but believe me, things could have been so different. Whatever you're doing for the summer, have a wonderful time. Keep it tuned to BBC Wiltshire Sound for the latest STFC news during the close season.



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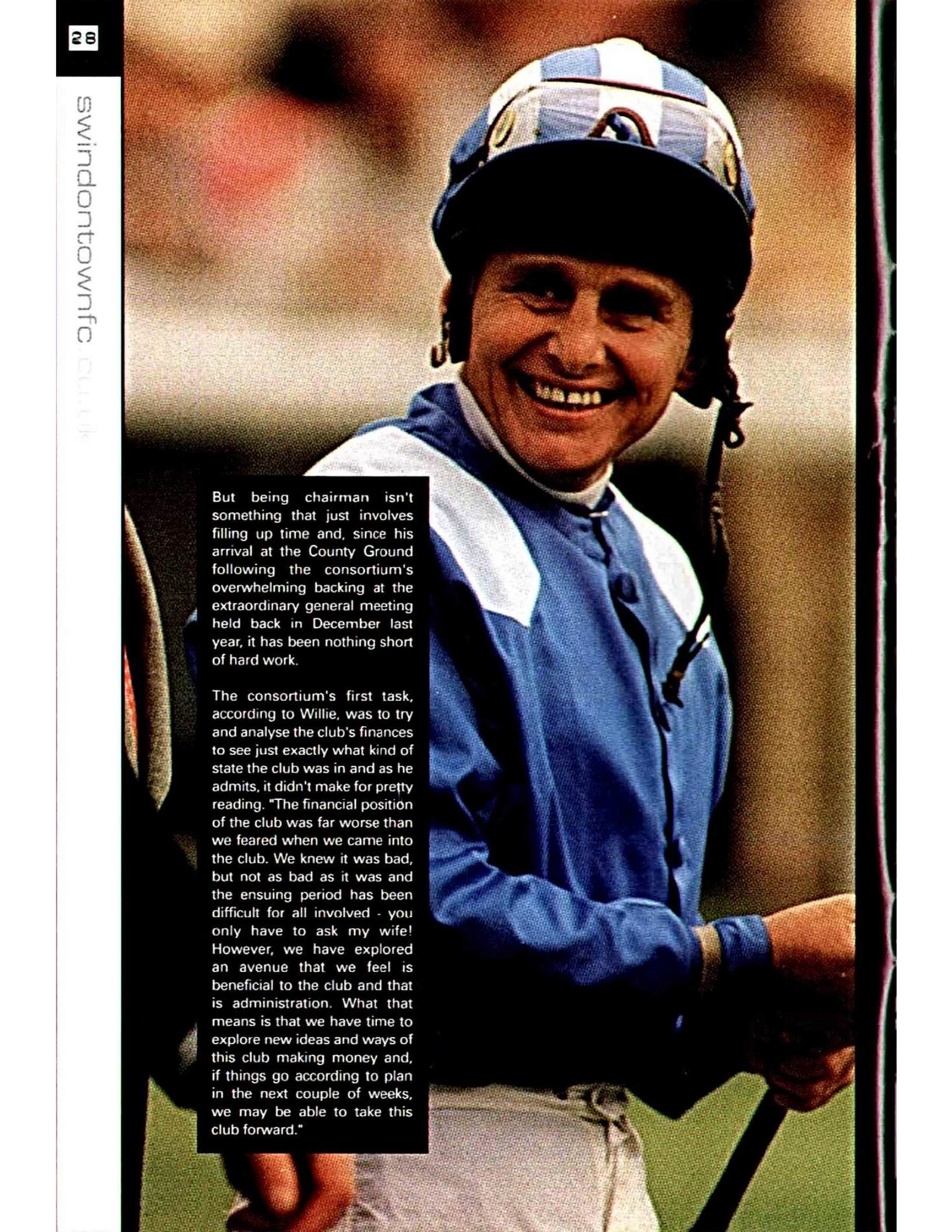
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WILLIE BACKS A WINNER

When Willie Carson takes to his seat this afternoon, it will be with a certain degree of sadness that he will be watching Town's last game of the season. For since his retirement in 1996 (after an illustrious racing career that spanned more than 30 years), Carson has enjoyed swapping the saddle for his seat on the board and the former Queens Jockey was happy to talk about his involvement with the Robins. He said: 'When I was first contacted about Swindon, it was with great relief because I was worried about what I was going to do with all my spare time having retired!'

A photograph of a man, likely a jockey or racing official, smiling broadly. He is wearing a blue and white striped jockey cap with a logo on the front. He is also wearing a blue jacket with white panels on the shoulders and a white shirt underneath. He is holding a riding stick in his right hand. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting like a racetrack.

But being chairman isn't something that just involves filling up time and, since his arrival at the County Ground following the consortium's overwhelming backing at the extraordinary general meeting held back in December last year, it has been nothing short of hard work.

The consortium's first task, according to Willie, was to try and analyse the club's finances to see just exactly what kind of state the club was in and as he admits, it didn't make for pretty reading. "The financial position of the club was far worse than we feared when we came into the club. We knew it was bad, but not as bad as it was and the ensuing period has been difficult for all involved - you only have to ask my wife! However, we have explored an avenue that we feel is beneficial to the club and that is administration. What that means is that we have time to explore new ideas and ways of this club making money and, if things go according to plan in the next couple of weeks, we may be able to take this club forward."



Willie shows Andy King just what he can do with a ball.

Administration appeared to be the only way forward for STFC, yet no matter how people try and dress it up, it will appear to many supporters as a negative move, one that has been tried and tested already. Carson was quick to disagree. He argued, "We think it is a positive move in the sense that it frees up a lot of things - that we can take a course of action without our hands being tied. The problem this club has is that it doesn't have enough fans coming through the turnstiles and as a result, we have to find other ways of utilising resources in a way that is beneficial to us."

Town's exact average attendance this season has been 6,302 - not bad in relation to the rest of the division. However, when Town competed in Division Two in 1995/96, the club was seeing an average well above 8,000. So what has changed? "I don't honestly know," Carson shrugged. "We can appeal for fans to turn up as much as we like I suppose, but unless the team is successful on the pitch and by that, I mean at the top end of the table, then you have to earn their support. That's the nature of the sport. But is it frustrating because we have declared that this club is in serious trouble - so much so that it is in danger of not existing. If that doesn't make people who are staying away sit up and take notice, then I don't know what will. It certainly makes life very difficult."

Willie is an exile by his own admission, the former Champion jockey neglecting the club at times since his move to the area in 1980. Yet he is a strong believer that the fans will come back, but until that is achieved some radical changes will have to take place, i.e. an increase in ticket prices. "Unfortunately, we have no choice and that's the worst thing about it. Those that come week-in week-out are going to have to pay more to do so, purely because there aren't enough people in the ground on matchdays. If we were getting 8,000 plus each week, we wouldn't have to and, to be honest, we don't want to increase prices but with the crowds we are getting we have no choice." Yet it is not just the fans that are being targeted by the club and Carson is quick to explain that players' wages are set to be looked at too. "Wages have to be slashed. This club cannot afford big signings or long contracts and the budget that Andy King has is a slender one. Yet he has proven that he can find players on suitable wages for this club, just look at Matt Heywood. If the club is successful next year and we do attract bigger crowds then the budget he is allowed will be revisited."



Willie clearly sees the return of large numbers through the gates as the key to the club's survival. But there have been a number of supporters doing some work of their own in an effort to save the club and Willie recognises their efforts. I am, of course, talking about TrustSTFC. "The Trust, as a body are very young and because of that are still growing. In time they will become a large force and one in which will be even more beneficial to the club and the board. They have raised awareness of the club's plight and have done something positive about it and their efforts can only be praised. I would imagine in the future that they will have an integral role to play at STFC and that can only be a good thing, not just for the club but for the supporters too."

Carson's admiration for the Trust soon becomes overshadowed by his deference towards Andy King - the chairman having nothing but praise for 'the gaffer' who, since returning to the club last December, has guided the club to mid-table. "I think Andy has done a terrific job. He has galvanised the players and has moulded them into a unit that has become difficult to beat. We have 58 points, 61 if we win today (and I'll be absolutely devastated if we don't win!) and by amassing those points we have safeguarded our future. That had to be our ultimate aim this season and we have done that. Mind you, there was a time when we first came to the club when we were thumped by QPR and were in danger of slipping down the table - thankfully that never happened and had we beaten Cardiff and Huddersfield, we might even have made the play-offs. But that was this year and next season the board, the manager, players and supporters want to progress. That is going to be hard, especially on the budget that we're on and it is going to be hard for Andy to add players to his squad that are better than those that he has already got. But we're all confident, very confident. Success on the pitch breeds excitement off the field, both in terms of numbers of fans buying tickets and in commercial terms as well. If we can achieve all that, then this club can run on an even keel - something it hasn't done for some time."

Another financial avenue that fans have enquired about is the possibility of STFC finding an investor, but Carson explains that it's not as simple as that. He said: "We are always on the look out for investors. I am always talking to people, but you have to remember we are just one of a number of clubs looking for the same thing.

Football in general is in trouble, Swindon Town FC is a small part of the wider problem yet we have to think of ourselves."

Carson seems confident about matters off the field and is eager to return to footballing matters, remembering in particular, several performances by the team. "I remember both draws against Brighton. As you know they will be playing in Division One next year, but I didn't think that they were that much better than we were. I concede that consistency has been the difference between the two, but the fact that we matched them twice was fantastic. It was the same against Huddersfield and Stoke, yet you have to remember that this is a very difficult league to get out of, but we are not a million miles away and that must be something we can build on."

As for the players, it seems as though Carson would be happy with having a few more Matty Heywood's joining the squad. "I honestly can't believe that no-one in the Premiership has picked up on him, he's been superb and is a Premiership star in the making. Sol Davis has also been very consistent and if we can get a few younger players coming through the ranks like him, then that would be magnificent. But it's been a superb team effort, they have all contributed to our success at some stage and so to single any of them out is unfair."

Today Willie will be hoping that the eleven on the park can do him proud and leave supporters with a positive lasting memory. "We have a couple of injuries and I know Andy might experiment with a couple of players - but a win today would be a magnificent climax. It would be a travesty to lose, especially when you consider the way we're playing at the moment. But you are only as good as your last game and if we can win it, people will go home this summer with that result in mind."

For supporters, today's game is the finish to a long season. For Willie and Co, the hard work will have only just begun, but Willie isn't frightened by it and as he explains, he is in for the long haul. "We have a lot of work to do. I will keep talking to people and keep trying to come up with new ideas in the hope that something pays off for this football club. We all have dreams, I for one dream of the club owning its own stadium, but in order to reach those kind of dreams we have to do everything we can to save this club and we will not stop until that is done."

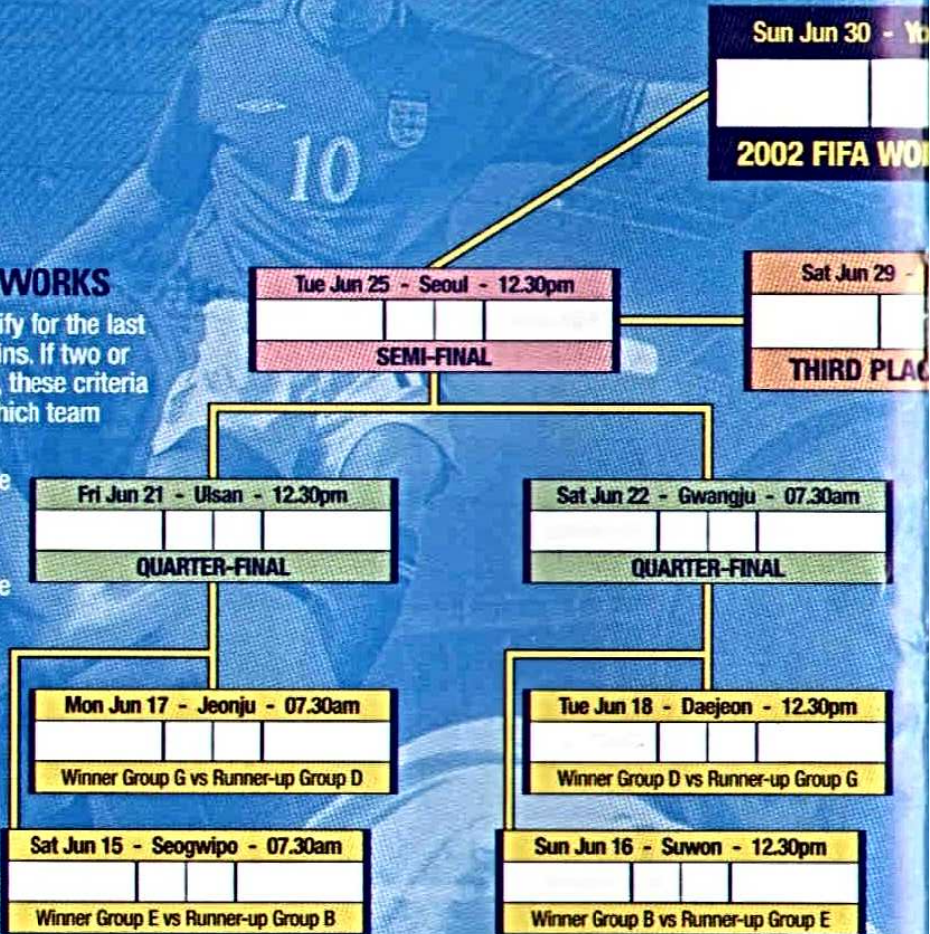
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- 1 Golden goal
- 2 Penalty shoot-out



GROUP A		
	FRANCE	
	SENEGAL	
	URUGUAY	
	DENMARK	
Fri May 31 - Seoul - ITV 12.30pm		
France		Senegal
Sat Jun 1 - Ulsan - ITV 10.00am		
Uruguay		Denmark
Thu Jun 6 - Daegu - BBC 07.30am		
Senegal		Denmark
Thu Jun 6 - Busan - BBC 12.30pm		
France		Uruguay
Thu Jun 11 - Suwon - ITV 07.30am		
Senegal		Uruguay
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Denmark		France
Winner A		Runner-up A

GROUP B		
	SPAIN	
	SLOVENIA	
	PARAGUAY	
	S' AFRICA	
Sun Jun 2 - Busan - ITV 08.30am		
Paraguay		S' Africa
Sun Jun 2 - Gwangju - BBC 12.30pm		
Spain		Slovenia
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Slovenia		S' Africa
Wed Jun 12 - Daegu - ITV 12.30pm		
Spain		S' Africa
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Slovenia		Paraguay
Winner B		Runner-up B

GROUP C		
	BRAZIL	
	TURKEY	
	CHINA	
	COSTA RICA	
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Winner C		Runner-up C

GROUP D		
	S' KOREA	
	POLAND	
	USA	
	PORTUGAL	
Tue Jun 4 - Busan - BBC 12.30pm		
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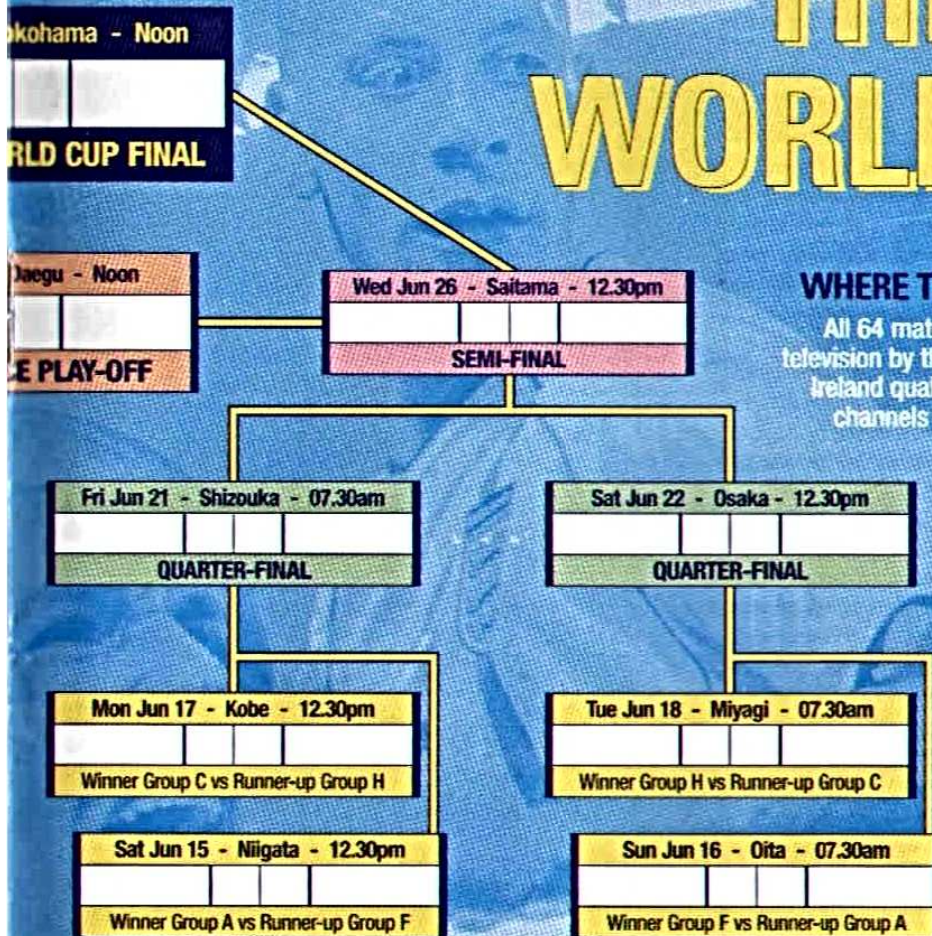
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	SAUDI ARABIA
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	CAMEROON
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R' Ireland	Cameroon
Sat Jun 1 - Sapporo - BBC 12.30pm	
Germany	S' Arabia
Wed Jun 5 - Ibaraki - ITV 12.30pm	
Germany	R' Ireland
Thu Jun 6 - Saitama - ITV 10.00pm	
S' Arabia	Cameroon
Thu Jun 11 - Shizuoka - ITV 12.30pm	
Germany	Cameroon
Thu Jun 11 - Yokohama - ITV 12.30pm	
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Winner E	Runner-up E

GROUP F	
	ARGENTINA
	NIGERIA
	ENGLAND
	SWEDEN
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Argentina	England
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Argentina	Sweden
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GROUP G	
	ITALY
	ECUADOR
	CROATIA
	MEXICO
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GROUP H	
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2001 / 02

Good reason to be cheerful

In January this year, results had contrived to drop Town down the league table. Results weren't going our way and people talked of relegation dog fights once again. However, by February King's side had managed to put a few results together and there was an outside shot of reaching the play-offs. Just another year in the life of Swindon Town Football Club then! Dave Wallis takes us through the highs and lows of 2001/02.

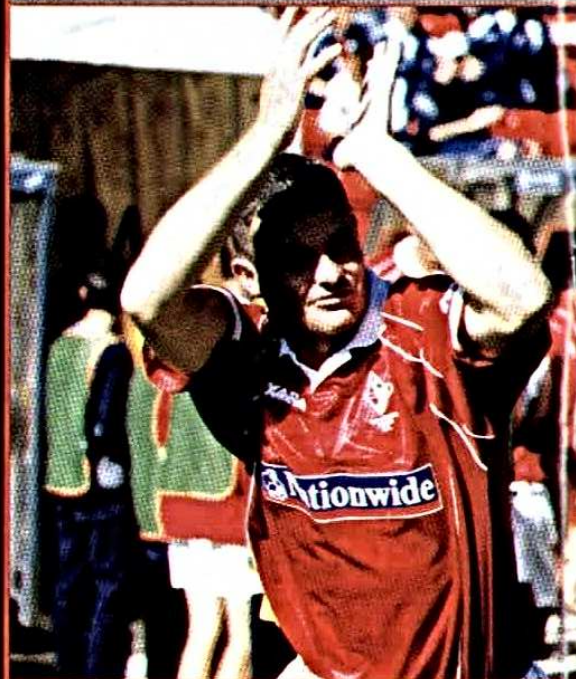
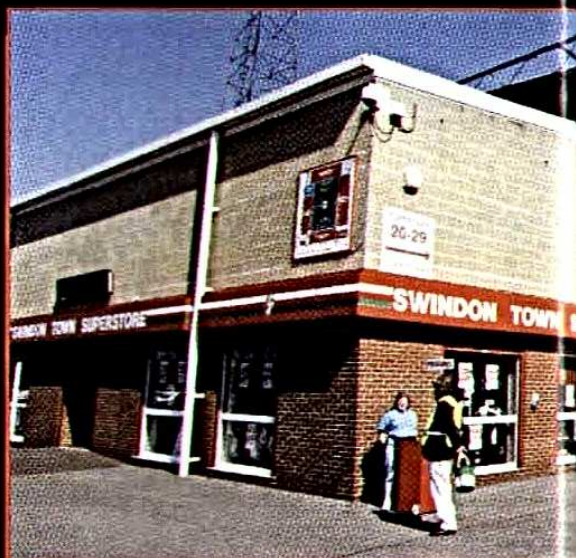
At the beginning of the season, optimism was at best, tempered. That close call in the last match of the previous campaign against Peterborough was all too close for comfort, and the Danny Invincible strike which saved the day deep into injury time was only as important as Bristol Rovers' campaign to keep Town in Division Two. The bookies were making us one of the favourites to go down at the end of 2001/02 and the limited funds available to bolster the squad suggested that as usual they might be on the mark. It seemed that there would have to be an overall improvement in team performances if the worst was to be avoided again.

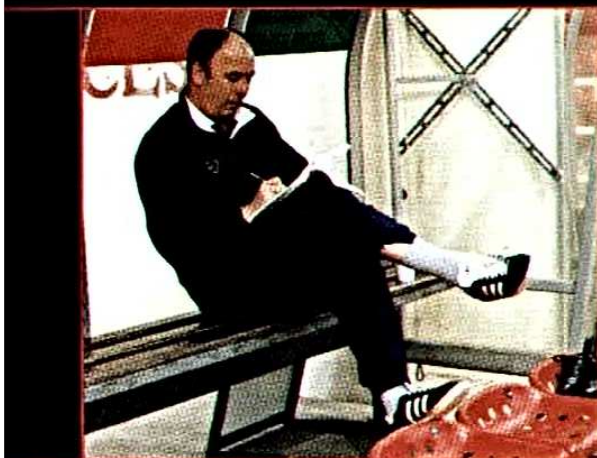
I confess to being pessimistic. Andy King had done well in turning our fortunes around to beat the drop, but it seemed a tall order to ask him to achieve it again with little greater resource. The departure of Gary Alexander, Steve Mildenhall and Antoine Van der Linden were balanced by the arrival of Eric Sabin, Richard McKinney and Andy Gurney culminating in a squad with a similar head count. The emergence of young talent through the youth system was one way of supplementing the squad and high hopes were pinned on the increasing contributions of James Williams, Alan Young, Nathan Edwards and Kevin Halliday.

Before a ball was kicked the debate took a dramatic twist as Andy was deprived the opportunity to prove the bookies wrong. Sacked and replaced by Roy Evans, a club in need of stability was denied just that. That Evans was a popular choice was not in question, but many questioned the wisdom of the timing of such a change and some wondered whether Evans was as suited to deal with football in Division Two as Andy King had been.

The opening game of the season was a repeat of the closing one of the previous campaign when Peterborough visited the County Ground, but the three points that were so vital three months earlier failed to materialise this time round. There was however an early indication of where the season's biggest problem was likely to be as Town failed to score for the first time in what would become 20 League occasions up

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until today. More encouraging was the clean sheet that was the other statistic of the day. A first away trip to Ashton Gate was perhaps more disappointing, as the 3-1 score line finished in the favour of our rival Robins. By the end of August Town had collected just four Second Division points but had managed to progress to the second round of the Worthington Cup, courtesy of a 2-1 win at Molineux against First Division Wolves.

September was even busier and Town contested seven League games. Neil Ruddock's rocket free kick collected the points and the Town supporter's respect on the first day of the month at home to Colchester, but with five of the remaining League games away from home it was a tall order to maintain the upward momentum. An injury to Keith O'Halloran was an early set back when on September 8 he suffered a broken leg against Bournemouth. Eric Sabin had won penalty after penalty with his runs into the box, and it didn't go un-noticed that they were often as a result of excellent through balls played by O'Halloran. A 2-0 win at Port Vale on 18th and a 1-1 draw a Northampton on 29th were the only points collected away from home, but a 2-0 home win against previously un-beaten Brentford was very encouraging. The match was particularly notable for the performance of Paul Edwards, on his home debut. Making an instant impression his speed and enthusiasm offered new alternatives on the left hand side of the pitch. Elimination from the Worthington Cup came at The Hawthorns on the 12th as WBA eased into round three with a 2-0 win.

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October was almost half way through before the first game brought a great victory in the derby game with Reading. The Royals were to have a season in which reversals were few and far between and the 3-1 win at the Madejski Stadium pleased Town supporters no end. Less welcome was the 3-0 home defeat by Cardiff City, a game that saw the return of Peter Thorne and the presence of the live TV cameras. Town did themselves few favours, always being second best to the Welsh team and failing to create a good impression for the watching masses. Exiting the LDV Vans Trophy at the hands of Colchester, four points gained from matches against Cambridge and today's visitors Wycombe rounded off the month, with loan signing Wayne Carlisle contributing the goal that claimed a point at Adams Park.

Eight goals were conceded and none scored in the first three League games in November with losses to Stoke, Blackpool and QPR, and the problems at both ends of the team were beginning to cause real concern as they inflicted damage on Town's League position. A 3-1 victory against Hartlepool in the FA Cup lightened the mood and

the month concluded with four points from six against Brighton and Wrexham.

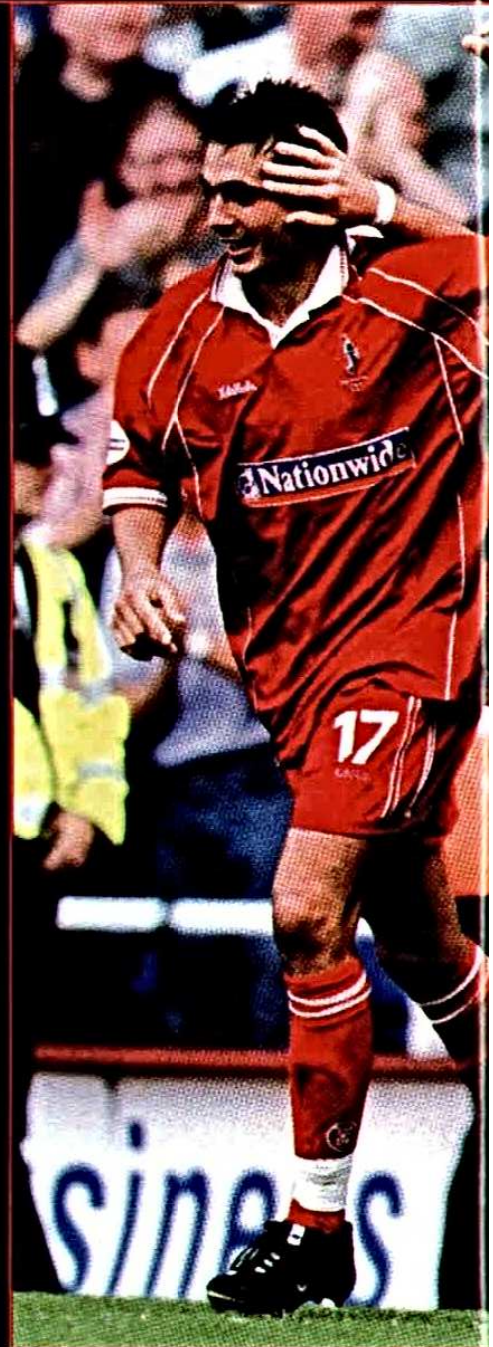
As the end of 2001 drew near, December will probably be remembered as being the month that fresh turmoil struck the club, and the problems associated with the EGM have been well documented. With the departures of Danny Donegan and Ian Blatchley in favour of the present Willie Carson leadership, manager Roy Evans left on the 20th. The return of one of the three Kings on the 22nd was particularly applicable for the time of year, so I suppose it would have been little surprise if ex left back Phil King had also made a re-appearance. There can't be too many clubs that have re-appointed a manager so soon after releasing him, but Town have now done so twice in Andy King and Lou Macari. Each time it has been successful and long may that continue to be the case.

Further progress was made in the FA Cup with a 3-2 home win against Hereford, but again results on the pitch were sporadic. The only League win of the month came on 29th when Bury were seen off 3-1, and Town finished the month only four points better off than when they started it.

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The New Year saw Town in 13th position and more inclined to look worryingly over the shoulder at the looming relegation places than to look skywards to the play-off zone. The trip 'oop north' to take on Manchester City in the FA Cup was a welcome break from the League and a welcome boost to the coffers, although the gate of 21,581 was to prove to be one of the lower gates to attend Maine Road this season and may not have been as lucrative as we'd have liked. A 2-0 elimination from the cup was the 'no quibbles' out-come. A second defeat of the season by Bristol City wasn't too gratefully received in Wiltshire but after losing 2-0 at Oldham; Town embarked on a five match unbeaten run which cemented the League position at 12th.

If things were beginning to look a little comfortable Town became their consistently inconsistent selves by failing to register a win or a goal in the next four attempts, although if the 0-0 draw against new table toppers Reading was a good performance, a repeat of the earlier 3-0 defeat against Cardiff was the opposite. Consecutive home wins against Chesterfield and Port Vale brought February to a close and commenced March, and it was the three points produced from the match with Vale that took Town to the 50 point mark and perceived Division Two survival. The, by now, traditional mid month slump saw Town record two defeats and a draw before collecting the customary end of month win in the keenly awaited home game against Steve McMahon's Blackpool. There weren't too many people in Wiltshire who



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were disappointed with that result. Into the last month of the season and a trip to Stoke failed to yield points as did the visit of QPR, but already relegated Cambridge were despatched 2-1 at the Abbey Stadium. Squad shuffling was the order of Andy King's day as he used the last games of the season to formulate his plans for 2002/03. Town looked to have placed the Brighton championship party on ice with an excellent 0-0 draw at Withdean, but Reading's failure to win at home to Peterborough presented Brighton with the trophy anyway.

So to today's game with Wycombe. Town haven't lost on the last game of the month all season, which could be seen to augur well. The final score will have little affect on the outcome of either team's season, but the players of both sides will be looking to stake a claim for a shirt next year. It's a time for individuals to look to entertain and impress.

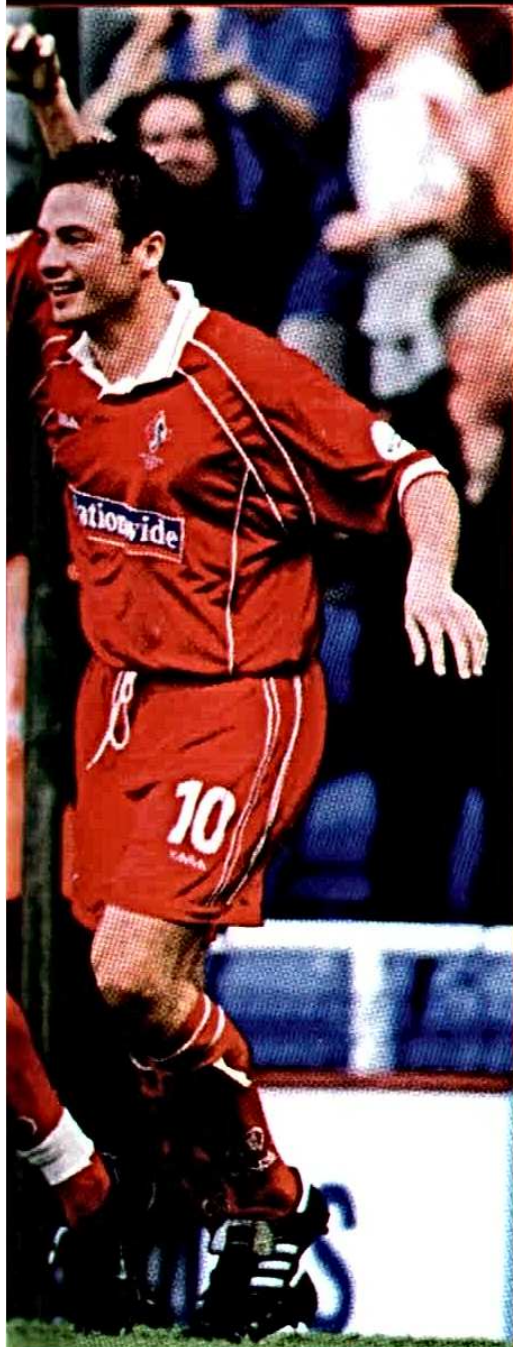
I certainly feel more optimistic for 2002/03 than I did for 2001/02

For me, 2001/02 will be remembered as a season of consolidation. One in which the club faced difficult, if not now unusual circumstances and were found to be up to the challenges those circumstances brought. There was a real fear that concentration on the pitch could waver as a result of events off it, and the players kept their nerve admirably. I certainly feel more optimistic for 2002/03 than I did for 2001/02, although there is still reason to be cautious. Youth will be given plenty of chance to come good next season. Indeed it has become almost a prerequisite.

Andy King was expected to lead the Town into battle, but had his tenure interrupted by 141 days. Back at the helm, he steadied the ship and is now looking to steam Town forward albeit 12 months later than expected, and there can be no doubt that the present directorship have the best interests of the club at heart. If any indication is required of the worth of the 20 goal striker that Andy King is looking for next season it can be seen in Brighton's Bobby Zamora. Called up to the England U21 squad the day Brighton won the championship, Zamora's 32 goals have been the biggest contribution to their trophy. If Town had scored just one goal in each of those 20 games that we didn't register, the extra 16 points gained would have put us one place off a play-off spot today. Let's hope Andy gets his man.

Oh, and Rocky Robin. What's he on? He's now chief cheerleader, ball cleaner, penalty taker and all round good egg. We've got a mascot with attitude, the envy of places like Bristol City who call themselves the Robins but have a mascot called City Cat. (What's that all about?). Rocky has come of age.

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Swindon made up for the previous disappointments of the last two years in a campaign in which they were rarely knocked off top spot. Seven wins in the first nine games saw them storm to the top of the table with Steve Finney, a signing from Manchester City, prominent among the scorers. There was a slight stutter in November and December, yet despite winning just the one game Town only lost one too. The Robins also made excellent progress in the Cup, reaching Round Five with victories over Cambridge, Cardiff, Woking and Oldham with only one goal conceded. Southampton were held to a draw at the County Ground before Town bowed out 2-0 at the Dell.



Promotion was eventually clinched at Blackpool; a twelfth minute shot by Kevin Horlock enough to earn the point that clinched promotion. Three days later the Second Division Championship was clinched at Chesterfield. Steve Cowe marked his first start for the Robins by curling in a right-footed shot with Peter Thorne and Wayne Allison adding further goals after the home side had equalised. It was a good season for the Town strikers with no fewer than four players reaching double figures. Wayne Allison led the way with 17 while Kevin Horlock, who notched the only hat-trick of the campaign against Bristol Rovers scored 12. Steve Finney also scored 12 and it would have been more but for an unfortunate leg fracture sustained at Burnley. Peter Thorne was averaging just under a goal every other game with 10 from 22 starts. Ian Culverhouse and Mark Robinson were ever present in defence and although Shay Given joined the club on loan, whilst Frank Talia made a more permanent move, Fraser Digby was in possession of the keeper's jersey at the season's end.

Wycombe finished the season in mid table in Division Two with 60 points. Dave Carroll, a veteran of Wycombe's non League days, was ever present and Miguel De Souza led the scorers with 18. A 3-0 win at Adams Park saw them through the First Round of the Coca-Cola Cup despite going down 2-0 in the second leg at Leyton Orient. They managed to hold Manchester City at home in Round Two but went down 4-0 in the away leg. The FA Cup saw them experience even less success. A Gary Patterson goal earned them a 1-1 at home to Gillingham, unfortunately this was followed by a 1-0 defeat in the replay at Priestfield.



HAVEN'T I SEEN YOU SOMEWHERE

Ty Gooden, who many Town fans will remember with fond memories, started his career with Wycombe in 1992 and less than a year later - had signed for Town on a free transfer in September 1993. In just under seven years, the diminutive left-sided winger played 171 games for Town, contributing 12 goals before signing for Gillingham.

However, the visit of Wycombe today sees two former players fill our opponents' dug-out. Lawrie Sanchez, and Terry Gibson both played for the Town between 1992 and 1994 having enjoyed prosperous times at Wimbledon. Sanchez's chief claim to fame is the goal he scored that won the FA Cup against Liverpool in 1988 and most people will remember him as a synonymous part of the 'Crazy Gang'. However whilst he made 270 appearances for Wimbledon, Lawrie, born on October 22 1959 began his career at Swindon's local rivals Reading, whom he signed for in September 1978 from Thatcham. 262 League appearances later, Wimbledon and an eventual date at Wembley beckoned, as Lambeth-born Lawrie moved to Plough Lane in December 1984. Reading had benefited from 28 goals from the midfielder and over the next ten years he both doubled his League appearances and his League goals in Wimbledon's colours. When Town manager John Gorman was looking for one last throw of the Premiership dice in 1994, it was to Lawrie that he turned in March to add to his midfield. He played in eight of the last nine games of the season, every one of them along side Keith Scott. Wycombe have their own reasons to be grateful for the arrival of Lawrie Sanchez who joined them as manager in February 1999, not least for the run that took them to the FA Cup semi-finals last season. However, no sooner was Sanchez given the managerial berth, he had appointed Gibson as his number two. Gibson, appointed on February 9 1999 also enjoyed life at Wimbledon before signing for Town and played in the Wembley cup final in 1988. He started his career at Spurs making his debut at 17, he then moved to Coventry City and became a leading goal scorer. He moved to Manchester

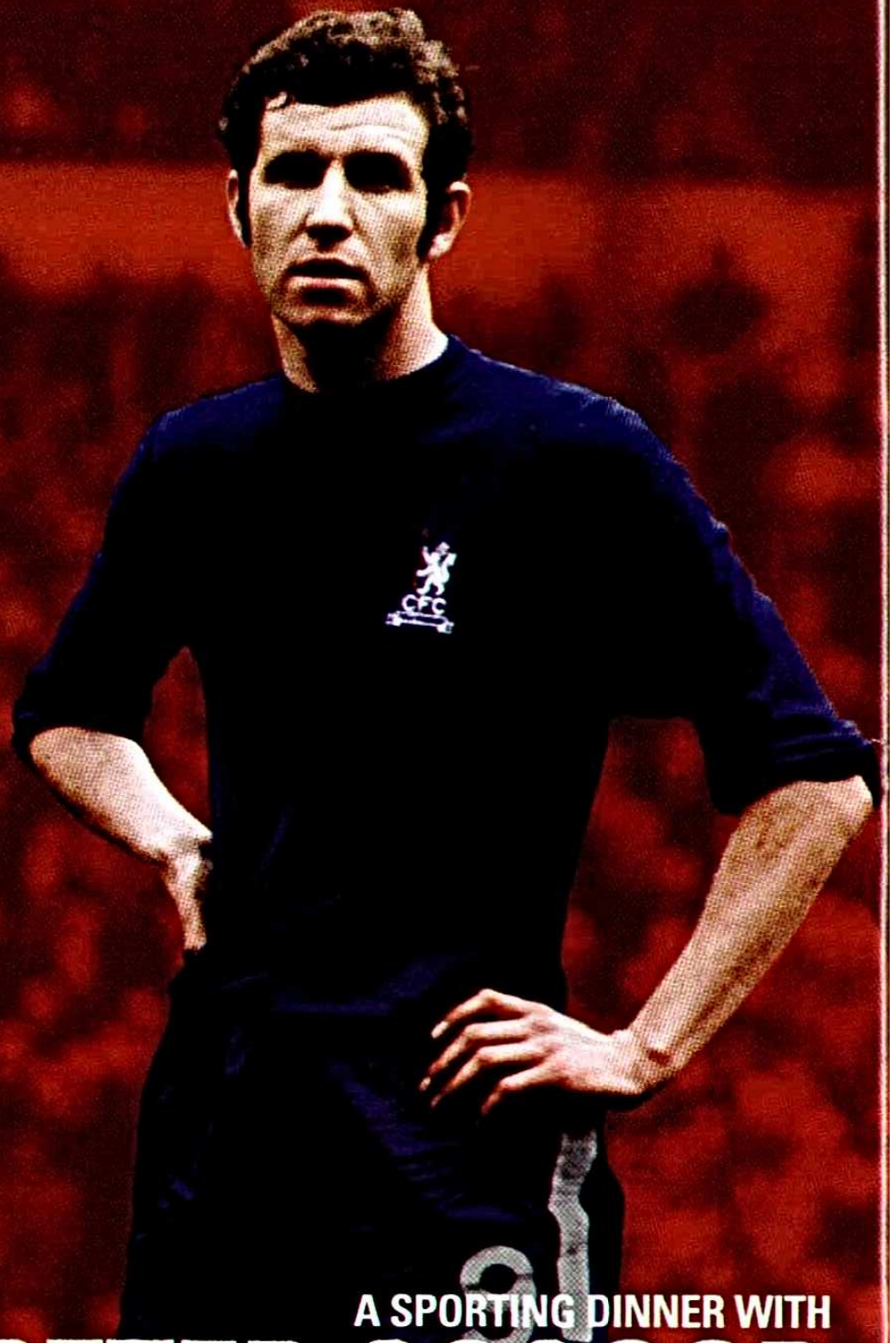


BEFORE?

IN THE LAST OF OUR SERIES OF ARTICLES ON PLAYERS THAT PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS, WE REMEMBER 'SUPER TY' GOODEN, TODAY'S VISITING MANAGEMENT TEAM, KEITH SCOTT. OVER TO DAVE WALLIS...

United but was in and out of the team owing to the competition for first team places. His transfer to Wimbledon proved a good one spending six years in a very good Wimbledon side before joining Town (for a brief spell on loan) and later, Barnet.

Mentioned earlier, Keith Scott, a 6' 3" striker shared some of the highest moments that Swindon Town have ever experienced and became a well respected servant through two spells with Wycombe. Born in Westminster on June 9 1967, he started his League career with Lincoln City in Division Four having joined them from Leicester University, but after scoring a couple of goals in 16 appearances he left the Football League to team up with Wycombe. A Conference championship followed in 1993 as Wanderers clinched the FA Trophy for good measure, with Scott contributing 28 goals to the cause. Just 15 games into the new season, Scott was called up to serve in the Premiership when £375,000 changed hands to make him a Swindon Town player in November 1993. Town's single Premiership campaign was, of course, ultimately destined for tears, but Keith scored on his debut to force a home draw with Ipswich and followed it up with the goal which gave Town their first Premiership win in a 1-0 victory at home to QPR. Ian Rush he might not have been, but it was true that whenever Scott scored that year, Town didn't lose. A little over a year and 51 games later and with Swindon back in Division One, £300,000 took Scott off to Norwich and after loan spells at Bournemouth and Watford he re-joined Wycombe for £55,000 in March 1997. Back on old territory, Keith banged in 20 goals in 63 games and his career was on the up again. £250,000 made Keith a Reading player in March 1999 where he stayed until joining Colchester in October 2000, coming on as a substitute against Swindon last year. He may not have received the highest accolades that football can bestow, but he was responsible for the goal that earned Swindon a league draw at Anfield and for many of the goals that brought Wycombe into the Football League. Surely that's good enough to endear him to both sets of fans?



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MATCH REPORT



SAT APR 13, KICK-OFF 3.00PM
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SWINDON 0

Team Check

1. Griemink
6. Gurney
5. Willis (S Robinson 74)
4. Hewlett
22. Reeves
20. P Edwards
8. Howe
19. Heywood
11. Duke
26. Young (McAreavey 69)
14. Sabin

Brighton may well have won the Second Division Championship last week, but they certainly didn't play like champions and Town deserved more than a point. King started with a 3-5-2 formation, Reeves joining the back three alongside Willis and Heywood. Edwards and Duke played in the wing-back roles, whilst captain Gurney played in the midfield with Hewlett and Howe. Sabin and Young paired up in the forward line.

The first half was scrappy, neither side taking the game to the other but Brighton could have taken the lead as early as the seventh minute. Brooker was put clean through on Griemink's goal, but with just the Dutchman to beat - he chipped over the post. Swindon's only half chance fell to Sabin, but he could not quite get to the ball after Brighton failed to clear a long Swindon clearance.

Brighton dominated the early exchanges of the second half, Town's defence coping with anything they could throw at them and as the half progressed King's side slowly began to make their way into the game. Neither side created any clear-cut chances however and in total, there were only two shots on target. On 53 minutes Swindon managed to create some space on the right wing. Duke crossed into the centre, Reeves headed the ball on and Young managed to get a shot in on the turn. Unfortunately the ball went wide of the back post. Sabin almost got lucky on the hour mark, the Frenchman charging down a Kuipers clearance. Luckily for Kuipers the ball went out for a goal kick. Andy King brought McAreavey into the game for Young. His first impact was to steal the ball in the midfield and play it out to Edwards on the left. Edwards charged toward the Brighton penalty area, he cut inside and passed a good ball to the on rushing Hewlett. Hewlett hit a fine shot, but it was straight at the Brighton keeper. Town deserved more than a point, but once again they were punished for not being able to supply the killer blow.

Sound bites...

**STEVE
ROBINSON**
on Town's **position...**

"How many times this season have we outplayed teams and not beaten them? It really is a case of the same old story. Sadly, you don't get points for performances and the league table doesn't lie. If only we had scored a few more goals, then who knows where we could be sitting now."

**ADAM
WILLIS**

On **Town's** performance...

"A clean sheet at the home of the champions is not to be sniffed at. But it was the same old story for us though, we created quite a few chances but couldn't manage to put any of them away. I really think we could have been a couple of goals ahead at half time."

**ALAN
YOUNG**

on the **Brighton** draw..

"The build-up was all about Brighton but I think we dominated for spells of the game. Matt Heywood kept Zamora quiet really well. We had a few opportunities and didn't manage to take them. Now we just want to end the season on a high and chalk up another home win on Saturday."



with George Chadwick

JUNIOR ROBINS

A big warm welcome today to all of our Junior Robins for the last match of the season.

Today we welcome a party of juniors from Wycombe who will be taking part with our own juniors in a game of football at half time. This game was organised at very short notice and so a draw was made to see which ten from our Junior Robins would play - have great time lads!



Today we also welcome our youngest Junior Robin, Brandon Lee Swindon Barbara who is pictured here 'showing his colours'. His father Steve sent us this photo when Brandon was just a few days old. Steve is a fanatical fan of the Town, surprising when you consider that he and the family live in Malta. However, he has already visited the County Ground a few times in the past - we look forward to seeing the family again soon, our congratulations to you all.

Next season we are hoping for a great junior membership next season - in particular more families so that we can have a really good season and hold more events such as discos, Christmas parties and pantomimes etc. Hopefully we can keep the membership fee down to an absolute minimum, it was only £3 for the whole season and we had six reciprocal matches throughout the season. Hopefully we can get more next year, and anyone who took advantage of this got their money's worth. Unfortunately, we just couldn't get the support from you (and there are a lot of Swindon families out there), so remember - if you're aged 1-15 we urgently need your support and all your friends to keep the Swindon Town Robins alive.

Just one of the few treats you are able to receive being a Junior Robin is a mast package similar to the one Alisdair Gurney took advantage of at Stoke. As you can see from this photo - Craig had a really great time and you can read more about his experiences on page 53.

Our warm wished to you all - have a really good summer break.

**Enjoy the game,
George Chadwick**



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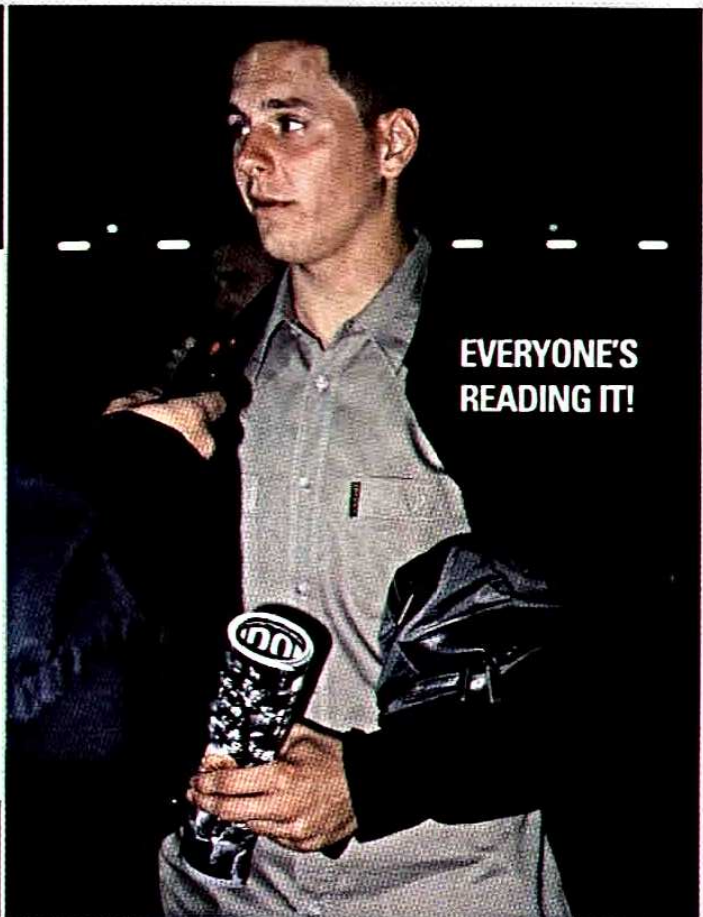



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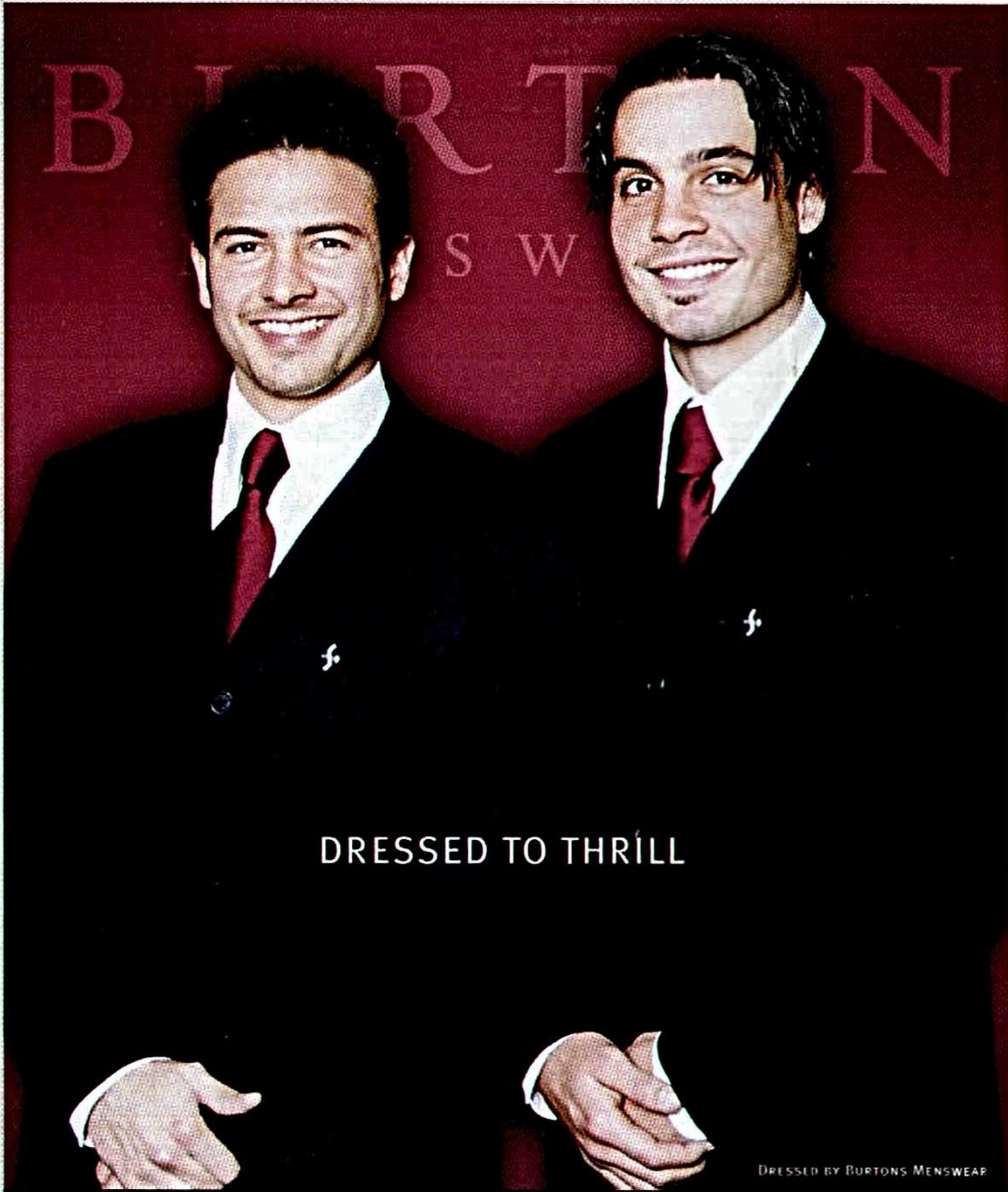


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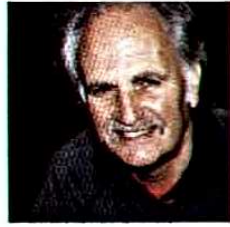
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CUP WOE FOR TOWN

The Town Ladies' disappointing season continued last week when they were beaten in the semi-final of the Ambassador South West Combination League cup by Cardiff City.

Town took the lead midway through the first half when Holly Ashman fired home a Nikki Relph cross, but the home side equalised just before the break. The turning point came just after the hour mark when Angie Tinson, the Town's (and the league's) top scorer was sent off. The incident itself was bizarre and many of the players were left bemused and dumbfounded, but it left the home side with an obvious advantage. The Bluebirds made the most of Town's bad luck and subsequently scored ten minutes later. Town pushed forward but the extra player told in the end and Town conceded two more goals before the end.

This was the first game that Town have ever lost in this competition, having won the trophy in the first three years that it was played. Town's reserves fared little better losing 0-2 to Swindon Spitfires. However, they did defeat Keynesham Town Reserves by four goals to three in the Wiltshire County League. Tomorrow Town entertain Cheltenham Town in the South West Combination League. In the away game Town won with two late goals by four goals to three. The Gloucestershire outfit have not had a good season and with time running out, occupy one of the relegation positions. Tomorrow's game will be played at Aldbourne FC Ground and will Kick Off at 2:00pm.

This has not been Town's best season, that despite having had an excellent start and leading the table at the mid way point. However, since Christmas results have been disappointing and we can expect to finish in third or fourth place in the South West Combination League. The Reserves have done well with a very young team and should finish third in the Wiltshire League.

Five Minutes with...

HAYLEY SPRULES

Position: Defender Age: 20

When did you start playing football?

I first started playing football near my house. I just played with the girls and boys in the neighbourhood. Heshmon Brown, who was a local football coach, saw me and asked me to play for Melksham Girls.

Were there any opportunities at school?

There was no girls football at the school, but I like sport generally and so played hockey and netball. Now I go to Bath University, studying Sports Science and there are lots of opportunities to play.

How did you join Swindon?

Three years ago Heshmon Brown arranged with John White to take me to train with the Town. I signed just afterwards and began to play with the Reserve side. I have now progressed into the first team and have occupied the full-back place all season.

And for the future?

I hope to continue playing with Swindon Town and keep my first team place. I would also like to continue to play with the County side.



Luton players celebrate promotion

Plymouth players celebrate automatic promotion

Carlton lends some advice

112 DAYS TO GO!

At 3.00pm this afternoon, it will be (by my poor mathematical reckoning) just 112 days, 2,688 hours and 161,280 minutes until we start again next season!

There'll be a few familiar clubs visiting the County Ground, perhaps even Reading again should they lose at Brentford and struggle in the play-offs. But there will also be some new clubs travelling to Wiltshire next year and we've got the inside track on those already up or down from Divisions One and Three respectively, as well as those that could be joining us via the play-offs (or as a result of this afternoon's results).

Stockport County were the first side to fall through the relegation trap door. Carlton Palmer's team have been bottom of the league for the vast majority of the season, no surprise when you look at their record - just six wins all season and a hundred goals conceded! Palmer has admitted that next season will be one of consolidation and many expect some of the younger members of the squad to become an increasingly integral part.

Stockport were joined, to the surprise of many, by Barnsley last Saturday - a 0-2 defeat at home to Norwich enough to condemn the former Premiership side to Division Two football next season. Town fans may recognise Mike Sheron and Darren Barnard, both having played for The Tykes when they last visited CG in April 2000, as well as Michael Reddy who could well still be at the club having joined them on loan. Barnsley look set to be joined by Crewe this afternoon, Alexandra needing a miracle both at home to Rotherham and at Hillsborough, where Sheffield Wednesday meet Wolves 0 only a heavy defeat for Wednesday and a huge win against the Millers will save them.

Coming up from Division Three are Plymouth and Luton. Plymouth secured the championship on Tuesday as they ran out 4-1 victors over Darlington, whilst Cheltenham could secure an automatic promotion spot today. Should they go up - STFC could have a new local derby to look forward to - the Gloucester club only a short drive away. Last but not least are Luton, Joe Kinnear's side going straight back up having finished below Town last season. Andy King's former side, Mansfield will be hoping to go up via the play-offs, although they will face stiff competition from three from Rochdale, Rushden, Shrewsbury, Hartlepool and Scunthorpe - all six vying for play-off places this afternoon.



Will Cheltenham join us next year?

How do I buy my season ticket? Current season ticket holders have from now until Monday 20th May to renew their ticket when they will then go on general sale.

Further information, including Season Ticket Holder Benefits, will be published on the club's website www.SWINDONTOWNFC.co.uk or look out for a season ticket application pack in the post or pick one up from the club next week. Box Office: 01793 333 777

If you buy your season ticket before Wednesday May 1, your name will be entered into a draw to win the chance for you and a friend of watching the 2002 FA Cup Final between Arsenal and Chelsea live at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff. Why beat around the bush when two lucky supporters could walk away with this unmissable offer? Buy your season ticket and the winners will be drawn out of a hat.

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Town End

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CLIVE KING



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This particular trophy is awarded by local print journalists in memory of former 'Adver' reporter, Clive King, who reported on the Town during four decades until his untimely death in 1995.

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REMEMBER - TAKE YOUR SHIRT AND CAMERA!

As we approach the holiday season, may I remind you all to take your STFC shirts and cameras with you when you set off on your travels this summer! Next season, we're hoping to see more pictures of Town fans on their travels - no matter where you may have been. Remember that this is the perfect opportunity for you to get yourself in Town's programme next season and we want to hear your stories! Have a great summer and we look forward to hearing from you as we prepare for the new campaign.

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DOUBLE TROUBLE FOR ADAMS FAMILY

Pictured here with Town's French striker, Eric Sabin are twins George and Josh Adams. The Adams brothers were on their first visit to the County Ground when this picture was taken and they must have enjoyed it, the two returning for our last game against QPR!

GURNEY MEETS HERO GURNEY!



Pictured here with Andy Gurney is Alisdair Gurney, who joined the Junior Robins when they travelled to support the Town at Stoke. Alisdair's Dad, Craig writes, "Alisdair's highlight, apart from meeting heroes Gurney and Heywood, was warming up with the players. Admittedly he did find it difficult keeping up with the players as they ran across the pitch, but he was able to score past Steve Robinson and make some neat interplay with Adam Willis and Danny Invincible. He can't wait to try out the new warm-up exercises he learned when he goes football training on Sunday!"

TOWN STEWARDS TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATE



10 Town stewards will be presented with their FSQ Certificate of Competence at half-time this afternoon. Chris Kirland, FSQ Assessor for STFC said, "The ten recipients successfully achieved the nationally agreed standards in football stewarding. Their framed certificates will be presented by club chairman Willie Carson and club director Bob Holt." The recipients are as follows: Barbara Hiscock, Karen Wheeler, Maureen Kirkland, Allan Alexander, Steven Hawkins, Paul Isquierdo, Leslie Jeffries, Stephen Kemble, Robert Penfold and David Smith. Well done!

WIN WITH THE KING!

It was bound to happen at some stage, an away supporter bought a programme with Kingy's signature in it and subsequently 'won with the King'. However, QPR fan, John Walsh has kindly donated his prize to two lucky Townies. He writes, "Sadly, I shall be unable to accept your kind invitation to attend your final home match of the season. On that particular Saturday I shall be strapped to a windswept seat, high up in the stand at Oldham - fervently cheering on my team. Instead I ask whether it would be possible for you to pass the free tickets on to some children from a local hospice or hospital so that they might enjoy the final day of the season with you?" Many thanks for your generosity John, needless to say that your wish has been granted.



BARNETT BASKS IN THE SUN

Pictured here proudly showing off his Town shirt is Trust member, shareholder and season ticket holder, Hugh Barnett. Hugh managed to get away in January this year with daughter Gemma and whilst Town were scrapping around in the cold at Oldham, Hugh was off basking in the sun on the beach of Palmanova, Majorca! Hugh writes, "It was great fun using the Euro and the peseta." Hugh has been a Town fan since 1974 when he used to be, all of all things, a Spirite! Hugh takes up the story, "I first saw Swindon away at Chesterfield on October 2, 1974, but I was a Chesterfield season ticket holder then. Swindon won 2-0. My first trip to the County Ground was on August 16 1975 (again as a Chesterfield fan) and this was a 1-0 win to the Blues - Ernie Moss the scorer. On that day we sat in the North Stand amongst all the Swindon fans and the seating in the old Shriventham Road stand was being used - how times have changed. I moved to Swindon in 1988 and my first game as a Swindon resident was on March 30 1988 against Bradford City (2-2 draw). I got my first Swindon season-ticket for the 1990/91 season, have had one ever since, and my daughter now has one too. We are genuine two-team fans, but what makes us different is that they are both second division clubs."



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As we finish the season with a home match - may we take this opportunity to thank everyone that has made this season such a success for the Supporters Club. Everyone from the membership, to the half time draw sellers, co-ordinators of the affiliated groups and our committee members and helpers can look back on an unprecedented season of success where our fund raising increased by more than 20% on the previous year. A huge thank you to everyone.

Naturally, we cannot rest on our laurels and we are already looking forward to how we can even better these efforts next season. We are holding a planning meeting shortly after the season ends and should be in a position to publish the full plan by the start of next season.

One of the outline proposals for next season is to have a specific link and representation from each Town in the surrounding area to Swindon, and if you live in Marlborough, Cirencester, Devizes, Hungerford, Lechlade, Chippenham, Cheltenham, or any

other Town that we have not mentioned then please ring either 01747 840721 or 01865 820499 to indicate that you may be able to help and express an interest. Also, if you live in Swindon and can help we would like to hear from you too.

Evening Advertiser Half time draw

Congratulations go to our latest winners, I. Higgs, who won £310 at the Blackpool game and D. Walker, who took home £314 at the QPR game. Full details of the winner of today's draw will be carried on our web site.

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Player of the season

We have canvassed our membership for their own views and are hoping that we will be

able to make a presentation before today's match.

AGM

Our AGM will be held early in July and we will keep members informed of the date in a newsletter shortly.

Membership

In readiness for next season we welcome membership applications from both existing and new members and an application form is carried on the next page. At a cost of just £5 for adult members, other costs quoted on the page, you can share in a number of benefits and we do believe that we give value for money for this minimal outlay. A photocopy or letter with details listed is also sufficient. If you need to know more then why not visit our web site?

Programme Shop

If you are a visitor to our shop in the Away travel office you may be interested to know that a fair is being held at Bristol City's Ashton Gate on May12 from 11am to 2pm. Free admission - it'll be nice to go there again next season!

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Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the last game of the season. We can't believe it's the end of the season already - but for our last home match of the campaign we have great pleasure in welcoming Neil Batten and his group from Shrivenham and Watchfield.



We also extend a warm welcome to Dave Hutchison and his lads from Stratton Crosslink Juniors. We hope you all have a good day with us and that you witness a home victory.

We would also like to say thank you to Mark Smythe from Reach. Mark is here with the group from the Integrated Drama Group who are currently on a production based on Romeo and Juliet. Again, we hope you all have a great day with us and come back again soon.



Finally, we at last have a picture of Dave Ledbury's boys from Calne Town Youth - his lads attended the Blackpool game earlier in the season.

Thanks for all your support this season and have a great summer. Don't forget the Whitsun course on June 4, 5 & 6. All the best,
 Clive Luke & Jono



A couple of weeks ago we visited community officers, Clive Maguire and Jon Holloway at St. Joseph's School while they held the second of their Easter Funweeks.

The field was awash with kids playing football and, by the looks on their faces, having a really great time out in the 'April Sunshine'. Clive Maguire spoke to us about how well things have been going in the community department. "We've got nearly 200 kids this week and we had 200 last week. Along with the kids we coached at Uffington and our Saturday team club, the community department has seen around 700 children come through its doors over the past two weeks, so it's been a superb time for us and the kids. The kids attend the course for three days. They learn new skills, meet new friends and all go home with a 'goodie bag' as well. During the course they also have the chance to win prizes through football competitions, meet the players and go on a tour of the County Ground as well, so there's a lot going on."

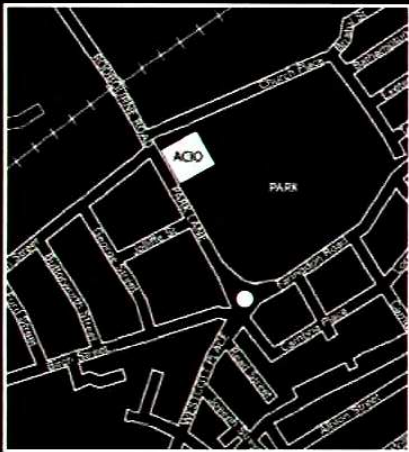
On our particular visit, the kids were fortunate enough to speak to someone that started his career on the very same course, Alan Young. Taking time out to talk to us, Youngy said: "I used to come here a lot when I was young and used to enjoy every minute of it. You can tell by the kids' faces that they're having a great time and I'm sure they all really look forward to the holidays even more just because they know they're going on a funweek. Clive and Jono (the Community Officers) do a great job here, probably because they're big kids as well!"

With Alan now in the first team, it just goes to show what can be achieved at the courses run by the Community Office. "Everybody here has dreams to become a professional footballer and luckily for me it has happened. If you have the ability and desire to do well then you've got every chance," Young said.

If you would like more information on any of the up-and-coming events, or to book your place, please call the community department on 01793 421 303.



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HERE COMES THE SUMMER SUN

Students from Liden, Haydon Leigh, Shaw Ridge and Moredon Primary schools together with students from Headlands, Highworth and St. Joseph's secondary schools have had their first week of study support at the County Ground. The light evenings mean that we can do more practical activities around the stadium and it is nice to drive home in the light.

Once again I am indebted to the Year 12 students from Wootton Bassett School who are giving up their evenings free of charge to work as mentors with the school students. Katherine Tostevin, Holly Smith, Corrina Wiltshire and Stephanie Cadagan are doing their third consecutive term of this work.

After the half-term break the study centres will be working with Football in the Community to run our Fun Challenge days for local primary schools. The mix of soccer skills and work on the computers has proved to be a winning formula.

ADULT LEARNERS WEEK

In May our centre in the Nationwide Stand will be offering a free one-hour computer taster session for adults. This is a great chance for you to discover the Internet, create your C.V. or brush up on your Power Point skills. Call 01793 333754 for more details.



THIS WEEK 25 YEARS AGO WITH DAVE WALLIS

The fixture pile up continued to play havoc and resulted in Swindon playing twelve games in just 39 days. With the season carrying on until May 17 1977 results were generally very poor, and over a nine game run Town scored just three goals and took just one point from a 1-1 draw at Rotherham. One keenly awaited encounter was the home match with Brighton, which was re-arranged after the original game had been abandonment with Town leading 4-0. A goal from Ray McHale two minutes from time secured all the points in a 2-1 home win and Town supporters felt justice had been done against already promoted Brighton. David Moss was named as Player of the Year and Kenny Stroud collected the Goal of the Season award.

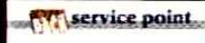
1) Who did Swindon beat 4-0 to win the Wiltshire Shield on April 25?

2) Which future Swindon midfielder scored twice for Portsmouth in Town's 4-3 win on the last day of the season?

3) His striking partner that day joined Town in August 1978. Who?

4) Liverpool won the Championship in 1976/77, but which team finished asecond?

5) Which other minor trophy did Liverpool win that season?



SOCCER CENTRES

with Jimmy Fraser

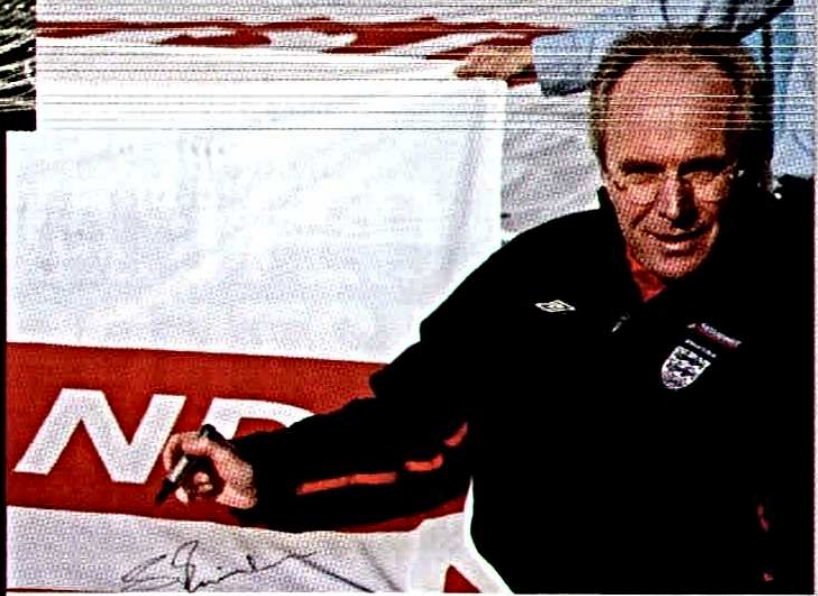
Hello and welcome to the final game of the season, today's clash with Wycombe.

All the centres will continue to run for two more weeks - taking the kids up to their summer holidays. The Centres have been a great success again this year and hopefully this will continue to be the case in the future.

Anyone interested in joining one of our 10 Soccer Centres should call into the main reception for an information letter, or alternatively call me at the football club on 01793 333724.

We'd like to make a few thank you's to the people that have helped make the Soccer Centres run so smoothly. To all the leisure centre staff who take all the bookings and make up the registers, Francesca Fuoco and her staff at Service Point in Old Town who produce our posters and help with all our printing needs and the players from the football club that helped to present our medals at Christmas. But the biggest thank you goes to the Soccer Centres coaching staff who, without them, we couldn't run these courses.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a good summer - see you all here for the start of next season.



SIGN ENGLAND'S GIANT WORLD CUP FLAG

What do celebrities such as Davina McCall, Bob Mortimer, Johnny Vaughan and Bobby Robson have in common?

They have all answered England coach Sven Goran Eriksson's call to action and offered David Beckham and the England team a message of support on the Come On England Flag.

The flag, which is an initiative of The Football Association and England team sponsor Nationwide Building Society, will travel out to Japan with up to a million signatures to support the team in their bid for World Cup glory in just under two months.

It could not be easier for England supporters wanting to follow the example of Sven and the celebrities, as they simply need to visit www.TheFA.com/flag and offer a short good luck message. Fans wanting to ensure that their names are printed on the back of the flag before it leaves for the Far East in May, are advised to add their messages as soon as possible.

Sven Goran Eriksson (pictured) said: "This campaign is a magnificent way of symbolising the entire country's support for the national team. We will travel to the World Cup with wonderful support behind us, it will mean a lot to me and all the players."

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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(73)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Sat Aug 18	(A) 3.00pm	Bristol City	13,818	1-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(62)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(84)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Wed Aug 22	(A) 7.45pm	Wolves (WC)	7,588	2-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(85)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Sat Aug 25	(H) 3.00pm	Oldham Ath	5,219	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(72)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Mon Aug 27	(A) 3.00pm	Bury	3,302	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(78)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(60)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Sep 1	(H) 3.00pm	Colchester Utd	4,889	1-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(77)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Sep 8	(A) 3.00pm	Bournemouth	3,770	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN(14)	HOWE	KUFFOUR(77)	GRAZIOU(14)	DUKE(62)	COBANE	SABIN
Tue Sep 11	(A) 7.45pm	Wals Brom (WC)	14,536	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(37)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(100)	GRAZIOU(37)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Sep 15	(H) 3.00pm	Tranmere Rovers	5,922	2-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(76)	GRAZIOU(23)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Tue Sep 18	(A) 7.45pm	Port Vale	3,237	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Sep 22	(A) 3.00pm	Crewefield	4,375	0-4	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY(77)	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(64)	GRAZIOU(59)	DUKE(54)	COBANE	SABIN
Tue Sep 25	(H) 7.45pm	Brentford	9,519	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Sep 29	(A) 3.00pm	Northampton Town	5,194	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT(17)	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(61)	GRAZIOU(51)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Oct 13	(A) 3.00pm	Reading	14,388	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(68)	GRAZIOU(49)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Tue Oct 16	(A) 7.45pm	Colchester (L5)	1,281	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT(27)	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(17)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sun Oct 21	(H) 2.15pm	Cardiff City	8,373	0-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(4)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Wed Oct 24	(H) 7.45pm	Cambridge Utd	4,882	2-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(2)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Oct 27	(A) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wanderers	7,127	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(74)	GRAZIOU(14)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Nov 3	(H) 3.00pm	Stoke City	7,981	0-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(78)	GRAZIOU(71)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Nov 10	(A) 3.00pm	Blackpool	5,918	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(8)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Nov 17	(H) 3.00pm	Hartlepool Utd (FA Cup)	4,766	2-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(9)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Wed Nov 21	(A) 7.45pm	QPR	8,847	0-4	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR(29)	GRAZIOU(69)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Nov 24	(H) 3.00pm	Brighton & HA	8,830	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Tue Nov 27	(H) 7.45pm	Wrexham	4,127	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Dec 1	(A) 3.00pm	Wigan Ath	5,838	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(69)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(61)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Sat Dec 8	(H) 3.00pm	Hertford United (FA Cup)	7,699	3-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Fri Dec 21	(A) 7.45pm	Notts County	4,187	1-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(167)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(72)	GRAZIOU(4)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Wed Dec 26	(H) 1.00pm	Bournemouth	6,790	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(83)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Dec 29	(H) 3.00pm	Bury	7,624	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Jan 5	(A) 3.00pm	Manchester City (FA Cup)	12,581	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(64)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(77)	GRAZIOU(77)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Sun Jan 13	(H) 2.15pm	Bristol City	7,273	1-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Wed Jan 16	(A) 7.45pm	Oldham Athletic	3,970	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(78)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Sat Jan 19	(A) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd	6,888	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS(78)	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(86)	GRAZIOU(70)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Tue Jan 22	(H) 7.45pm	Notts County	3,821	1-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS(64)	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(78)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Jan 26	(A) 1.00pm	Wrexham	2,878	2-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT(70)	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(78)	GRAZIOU(60)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Wed Jan 30	(A) 7.45pm	Colchester Utd	3,133	3-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT(75)	WILLIS	GURNEY 2	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(86)	GRAZIOU(71)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Sat Feb 2	(H) 3.00pm	Northampton Town	6,585	2-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(61)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Tue Feb 5	(H) 7.45pm	Huddersfield Town	5,094	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(82)	GRAZIOU(65)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Sat Feb 9	(A) 3.00pm	Cardiff City	12,046	0-3	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(78)	GRAZIOU(74)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Thu Feb 14	(H) 3.00pm	Reading	9,264	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS(71)	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(85)	GRAZIOU(71)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Fri Feb 22	(A) 7.45pm	Tranmere Rovers	8,138	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(83)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Tue Feb 26	(H) 7.45pm	Chesterfield	4,580	2-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(65)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Mar 2	(H) 3.00pm	Port Vale	5,867	3-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU(59)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Tue Mar 5	(A) 7.45pm	Brentford	5,844	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(69)	GRAZIOU(71)	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Sat Mar 9	(A) 3.00pm	Huddersfield Town	3,589	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(75)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Sat Mar 16	(H) 3.00pm	Wigan Ath	6,226	1-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS(8)	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Mar 30	(H) 3.00pm	Blackpool	5,065	1-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Mon Apr 1	(A) 3.00pm	Stoke City	13,530	0-2	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sat Apr 6	(H) 3.00pm	QPR	6,774	0-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(72)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Tue Apr 9	(A) 7.45pm	Cambridge Utd	2,405	2-1	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS	GURNEY 2	O'HALLORAN	HOWE(89)	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN	
Sat Apr 13	(A) 3.00pm	Brighton & Hove	6,870	0-0	GREMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	HEWLETT	WILLIS(74)	GURNEY	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	KUFFOUR	GRAZIOU	DUKE	COBANE	SABIN
Sun Apr 14	FA Cup Semi-Final																
Sat Apr 20	(H) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wanderers															
Sun Apr 21	FA Cup Final																

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



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Saturday 20th April 2002
Kick-off 3.00pm

MATCH OFFICIALS

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



Division Two 2001/2002

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD	(as at 17/04/2002)
Brighton	45	24	15	6	65	42	87	+23	
Reading	45	23	14	8	69	42	83	+27	
Brentford	45	24	10	11	76	42	82	+34	
Cardiff City	45	22	14	9	74	50	80	+24	
Stoke City	45	23	10	12	86	39	79	+27	
Huddersfield	45	21	15	9	64	45	78	+19	
Bristol City	45	21	9	15	67	52	72	+15	
QPR	45	19	14	12	60	48	71	+12	
Oldham	45	17	16	12	76	65	67	+11	
Wigan	45	16	15	14	64	49	63	+15	
Tranmere	45	16	15	14	63	59	63	+4	
Wycombe W	45	17	12	16	57	63	63	-6	
Port Vale	45	16	10	19	51	61	58	-10	
Swindon	45	15	13	17	45	55	56	-10	
Blackpool	45	14	14	17	65	67	56	-2	
Colchester	45	15	11	19	63	74	56	-11	
Peterborough	45	14	10	21	62	58	52	+4	
Chesterfield	45	12	13	20	51	64	49	-13	
Northampton	45	14	6	25	52	77	48	-25	
Notts Co	45	12	11	22	57	70	47	-13	
Bournemouth	45	10	14	21	55	69	44	-14	
Bury	45	11	11	23	42	73	44	-31	
Wrexham	45	10	10	25	54	88	40	-34	
Cambridge	45	7	12	26	45	91	33	-46	



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