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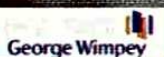
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Honours 1969 League Cup Winners, 1971 Anglo-Italian Cup Winners, 1996 Division Two Champions

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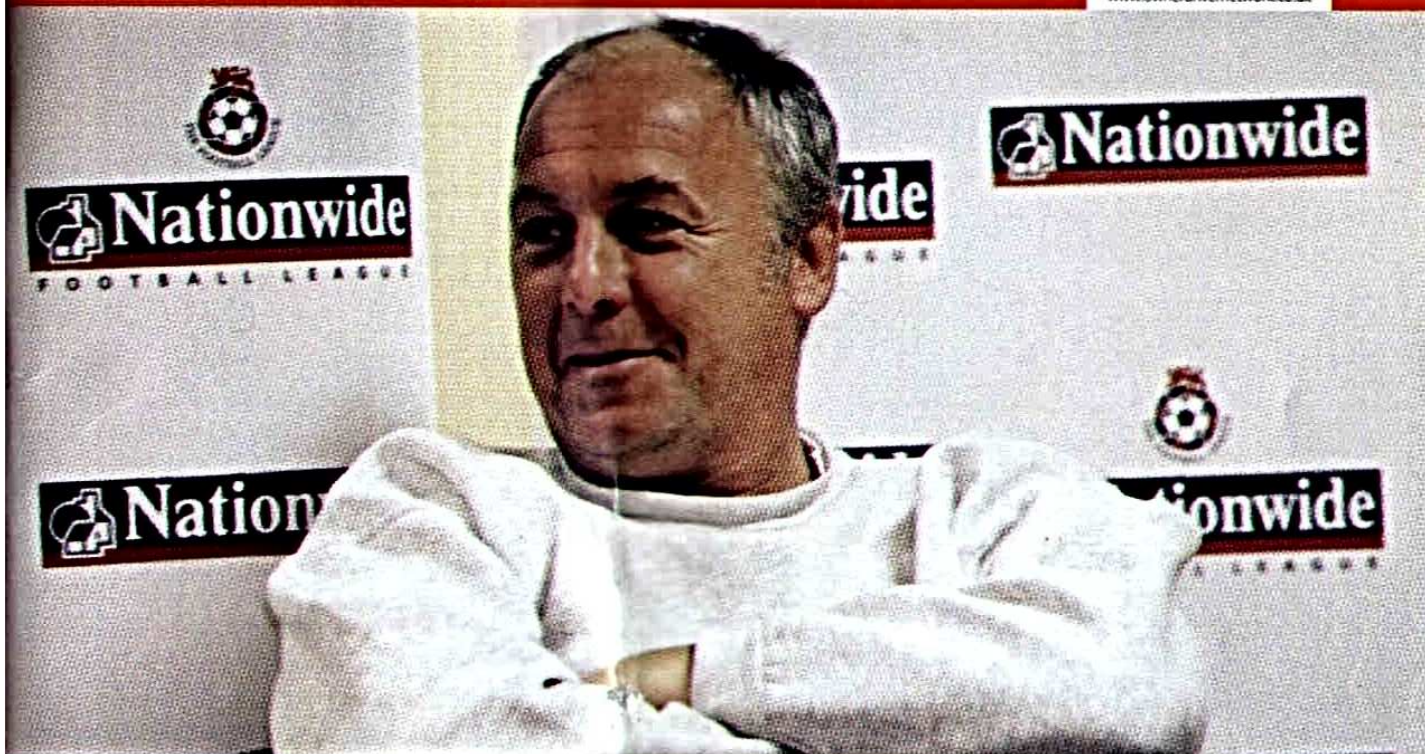
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THE GAFFER

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GOOD AFTERNOON AND A WARM WELCOME BACK TO THE COUNTY GROUND FOR TODAY'S MATCH AGAINST CARDIFF CITY.

Like you, I am really looking forward to today's encounter because it should make for a fantastic occasion. Not least because we've had a relatively good start to the season so far, as have Cardiff, but also because today's match will give us even more of an indication of how we're going to fare against the anticipated 'top' teams in this division.

Since our victory here against Barnsley on the opening day of the season, we have been extremely pleased to have kept our unbeaten record on our travels. At Chesterfield we showed that we can outplay teams away from home and at Blackpool we proved that we can stop them playing. To be successful in any league you have to be difficult to beat away from home and then try and win your home matches. That's what I'm trying to achieve here and today is a great chance for us to set our stall out and show that whoever comes here, they're not going to have an easy ride. If we can do that then I think we have a good chance of being successful this season.

Having said that, as I'm sure you've heard me say numerous times in recent weeks, I certainly won't get carried away with our decent run of games because you never know what's around the corner in this game. Don't get me wrong, we should all enjoy it while we can and we have performed well in our opening games, but if we get beaten today, all previous form will quickly be forgotten so we won't take anything for granted. Take the Blackpool game for example, having scored seven goals in the previous two games people were expecting us to do the same again and it is not possible to keep that sort of form going.

THE GAFFER CONT'D...

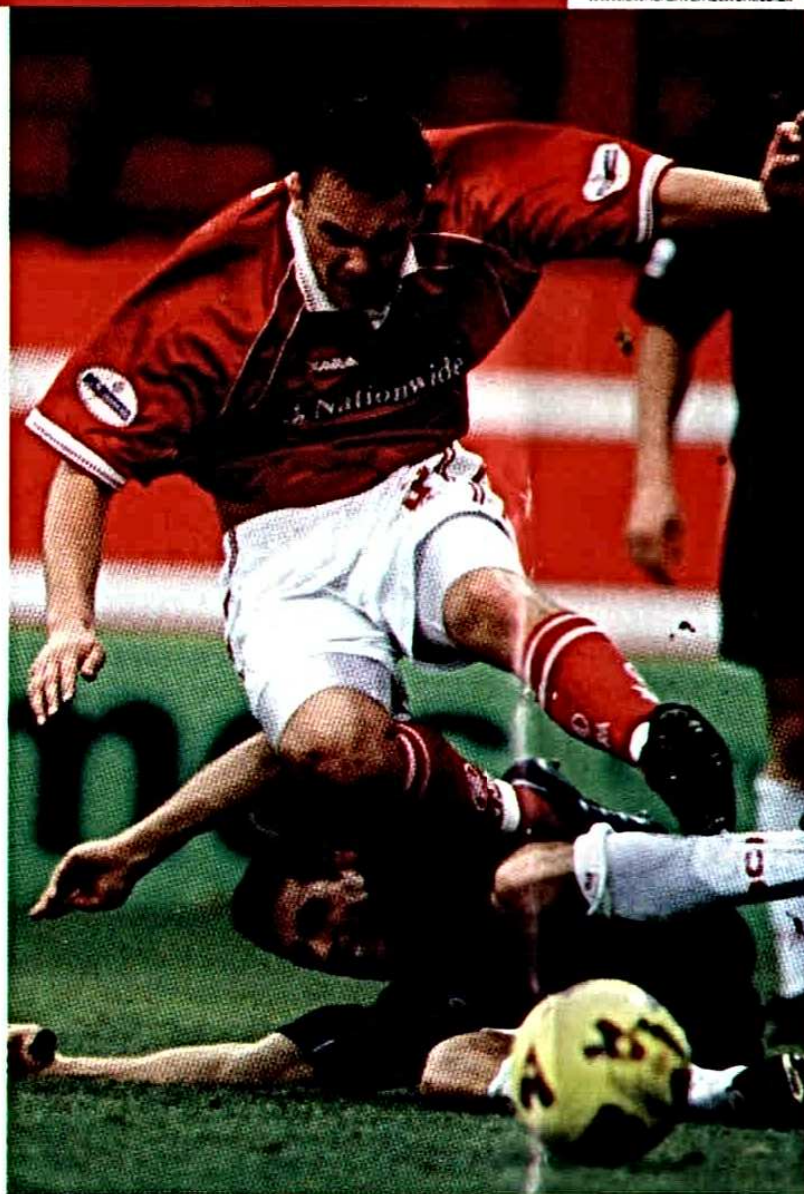


If, when we don't fire on all cylinders, we can still pick up draws or even knick the occasional win (something we haven't been able to do successfully in my time here), then we will be doing well.

Also, we must be aware that we haven't got the biggest squad in the league. Should we encounter injuries or suspensions at any stage, then that will be when we will truly be tested. Already Matt Hewlett has picked up an injury, and what with some of our players being here on short term deals, we must be aware of what problems may occur in the future.

Today's visitors are one of the favourites for the championship this season, but as we showed against Barnsley, that will not affect the way we approach the game and if we can continue where we left off at home, there is no reason why we shouldn't expect a positive result. The lads remember the two defeats to Cardiff last season, especially the 3-0 at home because it was in front of the live television cameras. So if they're not up for this one then I will be very surprised, but then I would expect them to be hungry in each and every game they play in. Whatever happens, I'm certain it will make for a very entertaining match with hopefully a large home support to cheer the lads on. Your efforts at Chesterfield and Blackpool were magnificent and with Cardiff expected to bring a large crowd today, it would be great to let them know who's at home.

Before I go any further may I take this opportunity to welcome Lenny Lawrence, his coaching staff and his players to the County Ground as well as all the directors, players and supporters of Cardiff City Football Club. Having lost last week, I would expect Lennie to be looking for a quick return to winning ways and so we must be on our guard this afternoon.



Returning to our own situation, we have endured yet another change to the personnel in the playing squad with Sol Davis joining Luton Town. It's a shame to see Sol go, but the lad made up his mind to leave and that is in the past now. If some of the money made from his sale is made available to tie both Miglioranzi and Edds into longer deals at this club, then some good may have come of it. On the subject of money, may I express my delight at the news that we are now out of administration.

Enjoy the game, I'm sure there will be a big crowd this afternoon and a great atmosphere. Let's hope we can keep our good form going.

Thanks for your support.

Andy King



DICK MACKEY

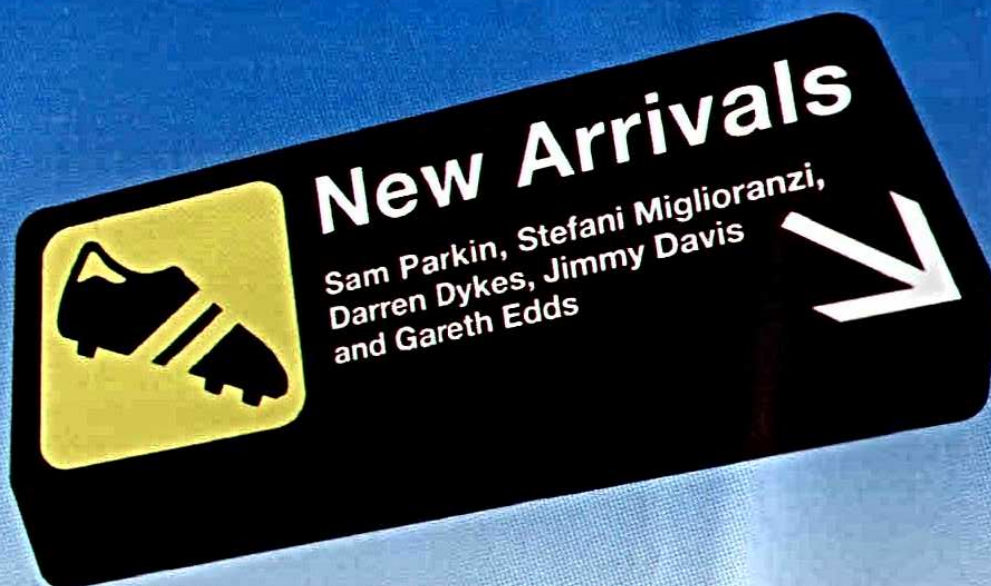
Good afternoon and a warm welcome to this afternoon's clash with Cardiff. I am happy to report that, with such a big game this afternoon, we only have one or two injuries to report.

Firstly some good news. Andy Gurney, who had been both suspended and injured for the first three games of the season, is fit and ready for selection this afternoon. Andy had picked up a groin strain against Wimbledon in pre-season, thankfully he has recovered and he could figure today.

Unfortunately Matty Hewlett will still be absent following an injury he picked up at Chesterfield. Matt had an appointment with a specialist yesterday and is unlikely to figure this afternoon. However, his injury isn't too serious, instead it's a ligament injury and he is improving steadily. He is now walking pain free, is working with some light weights and is also swimming. Today's game may have been too soon for him, but he may figure in Monday's squad when the team travel to Brentford.

Chris Collins has a groin/abdominal strain that he picked up in the reserve fixture against Wycombe Wanderers last week. He is also doing some light weights and a variety of stretches and so he should be fine within a week.

Finally we have Keith O' Halloran. Unfortunately Keith has suffered a setback in his rehabilitation and he is going to require more surgery. Unfortunately his fibula hasn't healed properly, but I am still optimistic that he will improve this season.

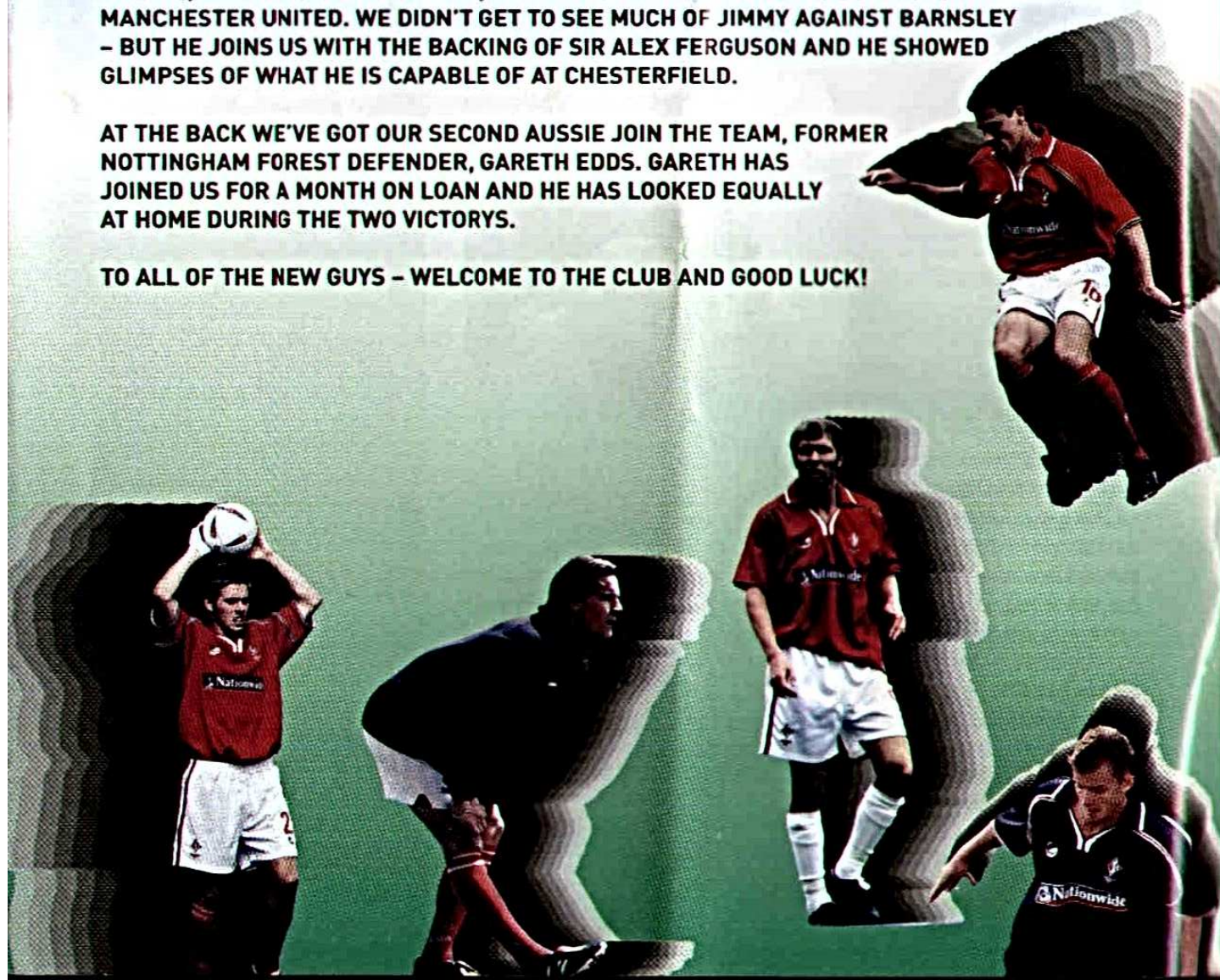


THIS AFTERNOON WE CAN OFFICIALLY WELCOME THE NEW BOYS TO TOWN'S SQUAD - ALL OF WHICH HAVE PLAYED THEIR PART IN OUR EMPHATIC START TO THE SEASON. MR PARKIN, WHO YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED SCORED THREE GOALS ON HIS DEBUT (AS WELL AS ONE AT CHESTERFIELD), HAS JOINED US FOR TWO YEARS FROM CHELSEA. AFTER SUCH AN ARRIVAL - WE HOPE HE GOES ON TO ACHIEVE BIG THINGS FOR THE CLUB.

IN MIDFIELD WE'VE GOT STEFANI MIGLIORANZI AND DARREN DYKES (WHO WE FEATURED IN ISSUE1), AS WELL AS JIMMY DAVIS, WHO HAS JOINED 'S FOR THREE MONTHS ON LOAN FROM MANCHESTER UNITED. WE DIDN'T GET TO SEE MUCH OF JIMMY AGAINST BARNESLEY - BUT HE JOINS US WITH THE BACKING OF SIR ALEX FERGUSON AND HE SHOWED GLIMPSES OF WHAT HE IS CAPABLE OF AT CHESTERFIELD.

AT THE BACK WE'VE GOT OUR SECOND AUSSIE JOIN THE TEAM, FORMER NOTTINGHAM FOREST DEFENDER, GARETH EDDS. GARETH HAS JOINED US FOR A MONTH ON LOAN AND HE HAS LOOKED EQUALLY AT HOME DURING THE TWO VICTORYS.

TO ALL OF THE NEW GUYS - WELCOME TO THE CLUB AND GOOD LUCK!



Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground for this afternoon's encounter with Cardiff City.

Well, what price so-called football pundits now? Like you, I've read all the pre-season previews predicting our slide down out of the league, whilst most understandably, tipping today's visitors for the Division Two title. It is early days, but Andy and the players are to be congratulated on such a fine start to the campaign – long may it continue.

One anomaly to arise from the ITV digital debacle is that currently the goal highlights of all Nationwide League games are not available on terrestrial television. Even allowing for the post midnight slot it received, the Nationwide League Review was a must for most fans. My opinion, which the League are aware of, is that it is crucial for fans and sponsors alike that the league conclude a highlights agreement very soon. Even if a short-term deal does not realise the monies previously hoped for, we need a mass audience for the Nationwide League product.

I am pleased that next week sees the arrival of the last member of the newly formed commercial sales team, led by Mike Sullivan and funded through our marketing agreement with Dunwoody Sports Marketing. The team will be challenged to develop links and sales with the business community throughout Swindon and Wiltshire. We are well aware that bridges have been burned, but we are determined to re-develop commercial partnerships which will be of benefit to both individuals and businesses involved and of course STFC. I'm sure Mike Sullivan will cover this subject in more detail.

I have been at the club for two months now and I am delighted with the way the administration staff have responded to the changes we have implemented. We now have an accounts function in place which will actually invoice customers their bills



Sam parkin celebrates against Barnsley

MARK DEVLIN



CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC.

and chase for payments, this may seem a small step to you but for the club it is a giant leap forward. Coupled with the provision of clear management reports and as mentioned earlier a proactive sales team, we have made solid steps in the right direction. Our next big challenge is to develop the fan base, particularly introducing local kids to this club and building future support, whilst

also developing our current product range and vastly improving customer service.

As you can see, there is plenty to do and I can't wait to make it happen.

Thanks for your support, keep bringing some family and friends along on a matchday and enjoy the game.

THE WEEK THAT WAS

12.08.02

TICKET PRICES ANNOUNCED FOR WORTHY CLASH

STFC announces ticket prices for the cup encounter with Wycombe set to take place on Wednesday September 11.

The prices for the game are as follows:

Season Ticket Holders (including children): £5, Please note: Season Ticket Holders MUST produce 'Voucher A', Arkells Stand (including the visitors section), Adults £15, Concessions £5
South Stand: Adults £15, Concessions £5
Town End, Adults £10, Concessions £5

The Stratton Bank may also be open depending on demand (for away fans only). Tickets for this stand will be priced £10 for adults, £5 for concessions. The match will kick-off at 7.45pm.



13.08.02

TICKET OFFICE STAFF WANTED

Swindon Town Football Club is looking for staff to work in their matchday Ticket Office. The ideal candidate will have a wealth of experience with computers and various packages, they will also have a good personality and must be able to deal with the public. They must also be able to work well under pressure. In return the club will offer good rates of pay as well as some other benefits. Please email you applications to Mike Sullivan, Sales and Marketing Manager, at mikesullivan@yahoo.co.uk

13.08.02

DANNY DOUBLE SINKS CHESTERFIELD

A Danny Invincible brace as well as goals from Sam Parkin and Eric Sabin are enough to sink Chesterfield at Saltergate. The results leaves Swindon top of the league. For a full match report turn to page 14.



14.08.02

RESERVES OPEN ACCOUNT WITH A WIN

Town's goal-fest continued as the reserves cruised to a 3-0 victory over Wycombe Wanderers last week. Alan Young scored twice and Neil Crosby once as Town's youngsters cruised to an opening day victory in the Avon insurance Combination League.





16.08.02

SOL:D – DAVIS JOINS LUTON

Sol Davis joins Luton Town. The 22-year old Cheltenham born defender has been stalling about his future at Swindon Town Football Club, his contract running out in the summer. It was hoped that he would sign a new deal over the summer – unfortunately negotiations proved fruitless. As a result, Sol joined the Hatters last Friday with the fee to be decided by the Football League's Appeal Committee. Town boss, Andy King, said: "I wish Sol all the best of the luck for the future – I hope the move works well for him and his career. He's been a tremendous player for me and so I thank him for that."



17.08.02

TOWN DRAW A BLANK AT BLACKPOOL

Town earn a point away at Blackpool. Steve Robinson enjoyed the best of the chances when he hit the home cross bar, but Town's front line failed to deliver for the first time this season. The club still occupies second place in the league.

17.08.02

YOUTHS OFF TO WINNING START

Town's under 17's win 5-0 away at Oxford, whilst the 19's win 2-0 over Cheltenham. Full comprehensive match reports of both games, turn to pages 20 and 21 respectively.

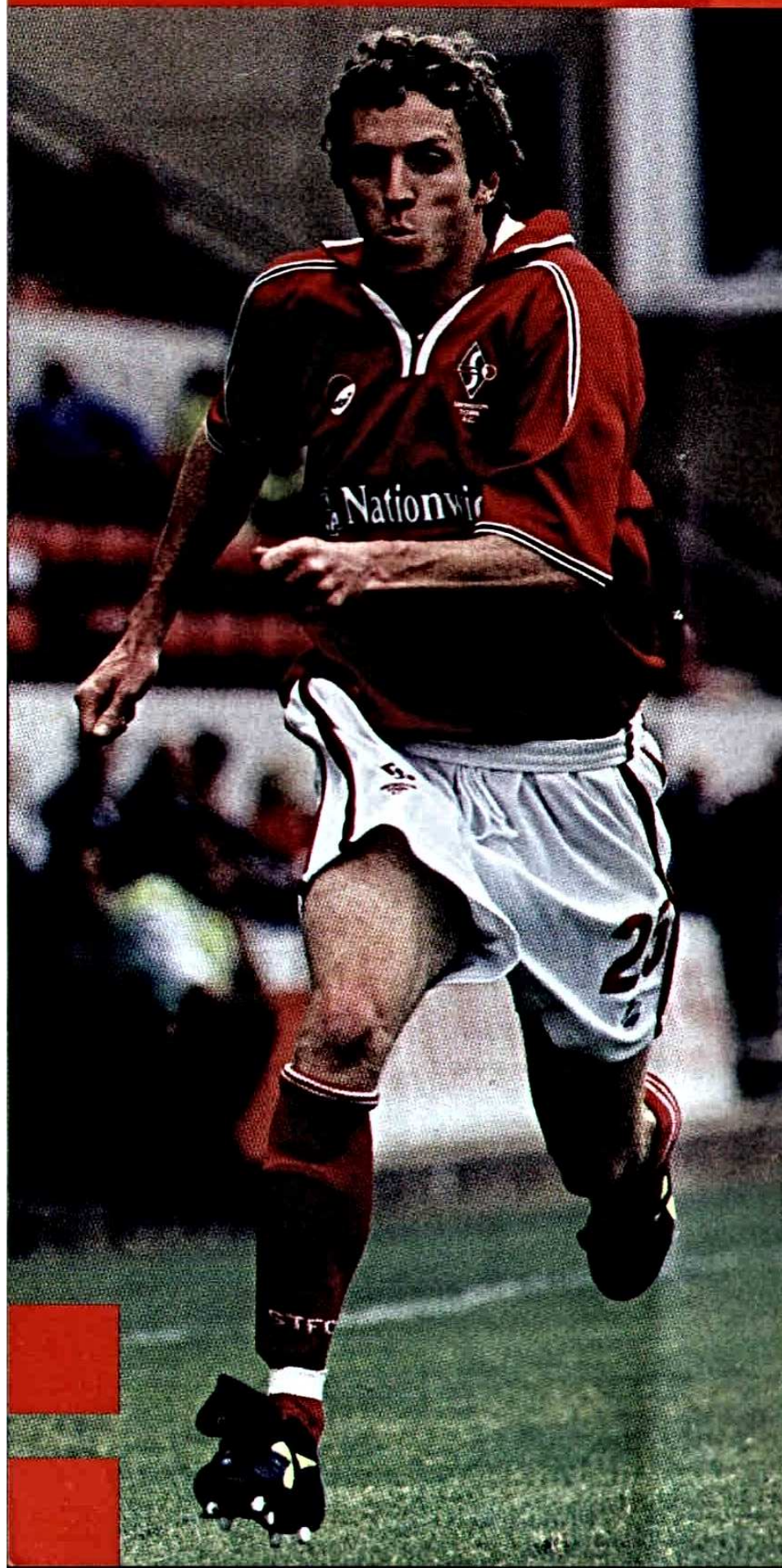
17.08.02

TOWN OUT OF ADMINISTRATION

The Club's Administrators, Hacker Young & Partners, confirm that the club has exited its period of Administration. This now means that the Club is in charge of its own finances on the condition that it works under the conditions stated in the Company Voluntary Arrangement (CVA). Town's Chief Executive, Mark Devlin, said: "Coming out of Administration means that the Club is now fully in charge of its own affairs and it is up to the board and I that we ensure that the Club is run on professional business guidelines and builds upon the early success on the field."



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MATCH ACTION



SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST 2002, KO 3.00PM
THE COUNTY GROUND 5,702

SWINDON TOWN 3

PARKIN 30, 52, 88 (PEN)

BARNSELY 1

LUMSDON 30 (PEN)

It had been five years since Town won a game on the opening day of the season, a 2-0 win against Crewe in 1997 seeming a mere distant memory to Town's faithful. However, that all changed when Sam Parkin grabbed a hat-trick on his home debut – Town cruising to an enthralling 3-1 victory two weeks ago against Barnsley.

In fact, it was even longer since Town fans enjoyed an STFC player scoring a hat-trick (we make it Chris Hay in the office) – but it took the former Chelsea striker just 88 minutes into his Swindon Town career to accomplish that feat. And it could have been four too...

However, it was far from a one-man show and on the whole – the side's performance from front to back was fantastic. A few

early scares in defence didn't tarnish Town's performance either, although had Mike Sheron's goal been allowed on six minutes, or Kevin Betsy's effort not rebounded off the post moments later – it could have been so different.

As it happened Barnsley took the lead anyway, Chris Lumsdon converting a

penalty after Stefani Miglioranza was adjudged to have brought down Kevin Betsy in Town's penalty area. However, The Tykes' goal came somewhat against the run of play – Sabin and Invincible forcing Marriot in the visitors goal into a number of

impressive saves. Fortunately, Town drew level soon after Barnsley's opener – some fine interplay between Hewlett (captain for the day) and Danny Invincible found Parkin in the box and he turned and slotted home a right-footed shot into the bottom of Marriot's goal.

Town's attacking formation of 4-4-3 was exposing Barnsley at every opportunity. Similarly, Barnsley were able to press Town when the home midfield pushed forward and it made for an entertaining, end-to-end encounter. Barnsley ended the half on top when Gary Jones tested Griemink just before the half-time whistle – the Dutchman comfortably dealing with Jones's shot.

Town started the second half as they finished the first, tenacious in midfield and probing in attack and it took just five minutes for Parkin to double his tally. The tireless work of Robinson in midfield found Invincible free on the left and, having been given time to cut in, he unleashed a shot that Marriot could only parry, allowing Parkin to tap home from an acute angle in front of the vociferous Town End.

Parkin thought he'd made it three soon after when, following another Edds cross, he headed home despite the oncoming challenge from Marriot. However, the referee adjudged Matt Heywood to be in an offside position and Town had to wait until two minutes from time to ensure the victory. Jimmy Davis, on as a substitute for Invincible, was welcomed to Division Two with a hefty challenge from Mike Flynn and the Manchester United winger, on loan for three months, went down in the area.

Parkin subsequently stood forward to take the resultant spot kick and he confidently stroked home the ball, sending Marriot the wrong way in the process.

TOWN: Griemink, Edds, Willis, Heywood (booked), Duke, Robinson, Miglioranza, Hewlett, Invincible (Davis 84), Sabin, Parkin. **Subs not used:** Farr, Reeves, Edwards, Young.

BARNSELY: Marriot, Austin, Morgan, Flynn, Gibbs, Betsy, Lumsdon (Bertos ,69), Jones, Gorre, Sheron, Dyer. **Subs not used:** Ghent, Rankin, Crooks, Mulligan.





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MATCH ACTION



TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST 2002, KO 7.45PM
SALTERGATE 3,189

CHESTERFIELD 2

HURST 56, 75

SWINDON TOWN 4

INVINCIBILE 11, 39, SABIN 42, PARKIN 57

Danny Invincibile and Eric Sabin opened their accounts for the season as Town eased past a poor Chesterfield side at Saltergate. Sam Parkin grabbed Town's fourth to add to his tally and despite not playing as well as they did on Saturday, Town were worthy winners – some superb finishing ensuring their 100% record.

Town's 4-4-3 formation once again caused the opposing defence all sorts of problems and the three-pronged attack of Invincibile, Sabin and Parkin must be fast becoming the most feared strike force in the league.

Town started the game with the same line-up that started the game against Barnsley and in the opening exchanges, seemed to be suffering from a hangover from their exertions, Griemink saving well at the feet of Allott after Hurst's shot was parried.

Just four minutes later Town took the lead. Parkin's shot cannoned off to defenders before landing at Invincibile's feet and the Australian reacted well – striking the ball high into the home sides' net. Town could have made it two shortly afterwards, Sabin breaking free on the right hand side and sending a powerful, low cross to Sam Parkin. Unfortunately, despite making contact with the ball, Parkin saw his effort rebound off the 'keeper and over the bar.

Six minutes from half-time Town doubled their advantage. Miglioranzi broke free and passed to Sabin in the middle who was bundled over. The ball subsequently fell to Invincibile and he took great delight in adding his and Town's second.

Three minutes later Swindon extended their lead. Invincibile broke free on the counter attack and hit a powerful cross onto the onrushing head of Eric Sabin. The Frenchman powered his header home and Town went in at half time three goals to the good.

Jimmy Davis replaced the injured Matt Hewlett at half time with devastating effect, the Manchester United winger angling a fierce volley towards the Chesterfield goal before the home side pulled one back. Chesterfield were awarded a penalty when Hurst went sprawling in the box – the forward eventually recovered to take the spot kick himself.

Town's response was emphatic and a minute later, Parkin restored our three-goal advantage. Davis broke on the right and played the ball to Sabin who in turn, released Parkin. The former Chelsea front man's shot was too powerful for Muggleton and the home 'keeper could only help the ball into the back of the net.

Chesterfield bagged another consolation goal following an Edwards' free kick. Bart Griemink palmed his effort onto the bar, but unfortunately for the Dutchman Glynn Hurst was first to react to the ball and he prodded the ball home from close range.

So, two wins in two for King's men and seven goals in the process. Not a bad start to the season, not least because the result left us top of the league for the first time in six seasons.

TOWN: Griemink, Edds, Willis, Heywood, Duke, Robinson (booked), Miglioranzi, Hewlett (Davis 45), Invincibile, Sabin (booked), Parkin. **Subs not used:** Farr, Reeves, Edwards, Young

CHESTERFIELD: Muggleton, Booty, Dawson, Howson, Payne, Edwards, Innes (Burt 45 booked), Hudson, Hurst (booked), Allott, Brandon (Howard 73). **Subs not used:** Richmond, Rushbury, Davies

20 QUESTIONS

EACH WEEK WE'LL BE LEARNING
QUIZ **ANDY GURNEY** ON KYLIAN
LADS - SEND THEM IN TO TW



IS A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT ONE OF TOWN'S PLAYERS WITH THE RETURN OF TWENTY QUESTIONS. THIS WEEK, WE ASK ABOUT INNOVATION, ANDY KING AND BIG BROTHER. REMEMBER, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND IN ANY QUESTIONS TO ASK THE PLAYERS, STFC PROGRAMME EDITOR, STFC, THE COUNTY GROUND, COUNTY ROAD, SWINDON, SN1 2ED.

1. NICKNAME?

'Gurns' is the only one I know of. Then again the lads could be calling me anything behind my back!

2. WHAT TEAM DO YOU SUPPORT OTHER THAN SWINDON TOWN (!)?

As a kid I used to support Manchester United but I don't really follow them anymore. I always look out for the results of my old clubs, Bristol Rovers, Torquay and Reading.

3. WHAT'S THE MOST RIDICULOUS RUMOUR/STORY YOU'VE EVER HEARD/READ ABOUT YOURSELF?

I'm not sure I can answer that in the programme!

4. WHAT'S THE WORST CHAT UP LINE YOU'VE EVER HEARD USED BY A TEAM-MATE?

I'm not allowed out so I wouldn't know!

5. WHAT ARE THE MAIN TOPICS OF CONVERSATION OTHER THAN FOOTBALL IN THE TOWN DRESSING ROOM?

There's a lot of mocking between most of them, but the more boring ones keep going on about this dream team thing in The Sun.

6. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS ABOUT WHAT YOU MIGHT DO WHEN YOU FINISH PLAYING FOOTBALL?

I have started to think about it and it would be nice to stay in the game, but obviously there aren't too many jobs going and so it'll be difficult.

7. WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME?

We don't get any spare time! No, I do like to spend some time with the kids. I've got a boy and a girl aged 3 and 5 respectively.

8. WHO WOULD YOU COMPARE YOURSELF TO AS A PLAYER?

I could set myself up for a lot of mocking with that question so I'll leave it well alone...

9. WHO ARE YOUR HEROES, ON AND OFF THE FIELD?

Bryan Robson was my hero as a kid, he was the ultimate player.

10. HARDEST OPPONENT EVER PLAYED AGAINST?

Bobby Zamora last year.

11. CAREER HIGHS AND LOWS?

Playing in two play-off finals answers both really. It was great to play at Wembley but I lost both games!

12. WHAT'S THE MOST EXPENSIVE THING YOU'VE EVER BOUGHT?

My car.

13. YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE GAFFER?

He's great with the lads and what you see is what you get. He is very bubbly, but you can also talk to him as well. He knows how to get the best out of players, he'll supply a shoulder to cry on should you need it, but he'll also give you a rollicking if you deserve one! I'd say he's the best I've worked with.

14. IF THE DRESSING ROOM WAS THE BIG BROTHER HOUSE, WHO WOULD YOU EVICT AND WHY?

It has to be Steve Robinson. He's a dirty, smelly, horrible git!

15. BIZARRE RUN-INS WITH A FAN?

I had an argument with a fan during a game at Bristol Rovers once, one of those heat of the moment things. I think I had to apologise in the programme afterwards.

16. BEST GOAL EVER SCORED?

It was a goal I scored at Torquay against Shrewsbury I think? A 25-yarder that hit the top corner of the net!

17. FERGUSON OR WENGER?

Has to be Fergie.

18. ANY HIDDEN TALENTS WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

I'm afraid not, although I am just starting to play golf. I'm not very good though...

19. WHAT MUSIC'S IN YOUR CAR AT THE MOMENT?

Lionel Richie

20. BRITNEY OR KYLIE?

Kylie.

MATCH ACTION



WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST 2002

WYCOMBE WANDERERS 0

SWINDON TOWN 3

YOUNG 2, CROSBY

STFC line-up: Craig Farr, Juan Cobian, Chris Collins, Neil Ruddock, Kevin Halliday, Darren Dykes, Chris Hughes, Nathan Edwards, Ian Herring, Neil Crosby, Alan Young. **Subs:** Steve Smith, David Bampton, Mark Draycott, Mark Fenwick, David Taylor.

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification.

IN RESERVE



RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES 2002/03

HAVING SUFFERED THE IGNOMINY OF HAVING TO BE RE-ELECTED INTO THE LEAGUE (HAVING FINISHED BOTTOM LAST SEASON), TOWN'S RESERVES OPENED THEIR AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION ACCOUNT WITH A THUMPING WIN AWAY AT WYCOMBE.

Alan Young and Neil Crosby got in on the goalscoring act following the first team's glut of goals and it was a comprehensive victory for what was a fairly young side last Wednesday. Having turned up at Adams Park only to learn that the game was to take place at Aylesbury United's ground, we settled down to watch an entertaining game in the afternoon sun.

Darren Dykes made his professional debut in a red and white shirt, whilst Chris Collins returned to Town's back four having been on trial at today's visitors.

Both sides enjoyed a number of chances, but Craig Farr and Frank Talia both enjoyed impressive displays in goal for the two sides. Indeed it took until the 40th minute for Town to break the deadlock, Alan Young converting an Ian Herring through ball to give the visitors a deserved half-time lead.

Town started the second half much as they finished the first and within five minutes of the restart, it was 2-0. Alan Young turned provider when he cleverly fed Neil Crosby, son of Malcolm, and the youngster confidently slotted the ball into the top corner of the net from six yards.

At the other end Farr was irresistible in Town's goal, resisting everything that was thrown at him and Wycombe paid the price for a number of missed chances when Young wrapped things up two minutes from time. Alan Young found space in the area once again and after a cheeky turn, he confidently rifled home from close range.

Remember - you can now keep up-to-date with all the latest news from Town's reserves on our official website. Just log on to www.swindontownfc.co.uk and click on the reserves link on the left hand side.

Wed 14 Aug	Wycombe W	Away	3-0
Wed 21 Aug	Millwall	Home	1-0
Wed 28 Aug	Cambridge United	Away	
Wed 4 Sep	Peterborough United	Away	
Wed 18 Sep	Luton Town	Home	
Wed 2 Oct	Brighton & HA	Away	
Wed 9 Oct	Bristol Rovers	Home	
Wed 16 Oct	Norwich City	Away	
Wed 30 Oct	Reading	Home	
Tue 12 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	Home	
Wed 27 Nov	Barnet	Away	
Wed 4 Dec	AFC Bournemouth	Away	
Tue 10 Dec	QPR	Home	
Mon 6 Jan	Crystal Palace	Away	
Wed 15 Jan	Cardiff City	Home	
Tue 28 Jan	Southend United	Away	
Wed 5 Feb	Northampton Town	Home	
Tues 18 Feb	Brentford	Away	
Wed 26 Feb	Bristol City	Home	
Wed 12 Mar	Gillingham	Home	
Wed 26 Mar	Colchester United	Away	
Wed 2 Apr	Cheltenham Town	Home	
Wed 16 Apr	Leyton Orient	Away	
Wed 23 Apr	Oxford United	Home	
Wed 30 Apr	Portsmouth	Away	

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MATCH ACTION



SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST 2002

SWINDON TOWN 5

STROUD 2, HULGATE, FOSTER, (OWN GOAL)

OXFORD UNITED 0

STFC line-up: Matt Bulam, Mark Jones, Ian Oliver, Bertie Foster, Leigh Mills, Alan Thompson, Ashan Hulgate, Leigh Henry, Mitchell Wyatt, Lance Lewis, David Stroud. **Subs:** Tom Valentine, Richard Alexander, Chris Zebroski, Matty Bennett.

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UNDER 17'S



UNDER 17'S FIXTURES 2002/03

SWINDON TOWN'S UNDER 17'S CONTINUED THEIR EXCELLENT RUN OF FORM FROM LAST SEASON WITH AN OPENING DAY WIN OVER OXFORD UNITED LAST WEEKEND.

The side romped to a 5-0 victory, that despite containing a number of under 15 and under 16 players. Jim Fraser takes up the story. "It was a fantastic result. With the first team winning games as well, I think the younger lads have been inspired to win games too. The team played well in patches, it was very difficult because of the hot weather and so we weren't expecting an amazing 90 minutes."

David Stroud scored the first, a fantastic free kick from 25 yards before Bertie Foster, playing on trial, added a second – the youngster lobbing the advancing Oxford 'keeper from 12 yards. Tom Valentine added a third, the under 15s player played a neat one-two with David Stroud and he calmly slotted the ball home from the right hand side of the area. Another free kick saw Town score their fourth. This time it was Ashan Hulgate's turn to smash home from 20 yards. Town's fifth came from an Oxford own goal – a long ball from Ian Oliver was chased down by Hulgate before Oxford's defender lobbed the ball over his own 'keeper in an attempt to clear the ball.

Jim Fraser, delighted by the result, added: "It was a great win but there are always opportunities to improve and I am sure the lads will learn more as the season develops. The most pleasing thing was that some of the younger lads came through. It means that they can compete at a higher level, pushing the 17s on to the under 19 level and the 19s into the reserves. It was also nice to get one over on Oxford too!"

Sat 17th Aug	Oxford United	Home	5-0
Sat 24th Aug	Exeter City	Away	
Sat 31st Aug	In Service Day		
Sat 7th Sep	Cheltenham Town	Home	
Sat 14th Sep	Swansea City	Away	
Sat 21st Sep	Cardiff City	Home	
Sat 28th Sep	Cirencester	Home	
Sat 5th Oct	Plymouth Argyle	Away	
Sat 12th Oct	AFC Bournemouth	Away	
Sat 19th Oct	Bristol Rovers	Home	
Sat 26th Oct	Free Week		
Sat 2nd Nov	Torquay United	Away	
Sat 16th Nov	Cirencester	Away	
Sat 23rd Nov	Plymouth Argyle	Home	
Sat 30th Nov	Bristol Rovers	Away	
Sat 7th Dec	AFC Bournemouth	Home	
Sat 14th Dec	Torquay United	Home	
Sat 28th Dec	Christmas Break		
Sat 4th Jan	In Service Day		
Sat 18th Jan	Oxford United	Away	
Sat 25th Jan	Exeter City	Home	
Sat 1st Feb	Free Week		
Sat 8th Feb	Cheltenham Town	Away	
Sat 15th Feb	Swansea City	Home	
Sat 22nd Feb	Cardiff City	Away	

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MATCH ACTION



SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST 2002

CHELTHENHAM TOWN 1

SWINDON TOWN 2

CHEESEMAN, DRAYCOTT

STFC line-up: Steve Smith, Danny Taylor, Richard Bristow, Ian Herring, Luke Gerrard, Chris Taylor, Dave Bampton, Neil Crosby, Mark Draycott, Jamie Cheeseman, Chris Hughes. **Subs:** Michael Pook, Paul Titcombe, Aaron Salter.

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UNDER 19'S



UNDER 19'S FIXTURES 2002/03

TOWN'S UNDER 19S CONTINUED THE CLUB'S WINNING START WITH AN IMPRESSIVE AWAY WIN AT CHELTHENHAM LAST SATURDAY.

Jamie Cheeseman opened the scoring when his free-kick (with the help of a slight deflection) hit the back of the net. The 19s work on free-kicks in training and so it was extremely rewarding for the side to apply their practice to the pitch. Town continued to dominate but couldn't convert chances into goals and they were to pay early in the second half, Cheltenham's front line beating the offside trap from a free-kick to level the scores.

Town continued to batter the home defence, yet no matter how many chances they had – they couldn't grab that elusive goal. However, with just minutes remaining Mark Draycott scored a deserved winner to give Town their first three points of the season.

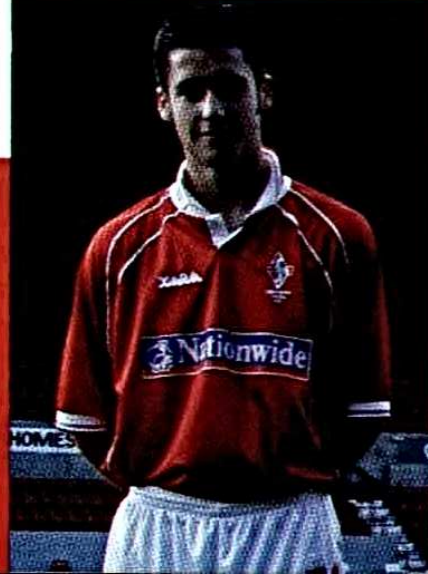
Viv Busby, talking after the game, said, "We had four under 17s and five second year scholars playing in that squad and it is great to see them given the chance to play against an older age group. Obviously our aim is to get the younger lads playing in as high a level as possible and so I am hoping for more of the first and second year scholars to come through to the 19's, allowing those in their third year to be given the chance in the reserves and hopefully, the first team. It was a good test of their development and obviously the result was a bonus!"

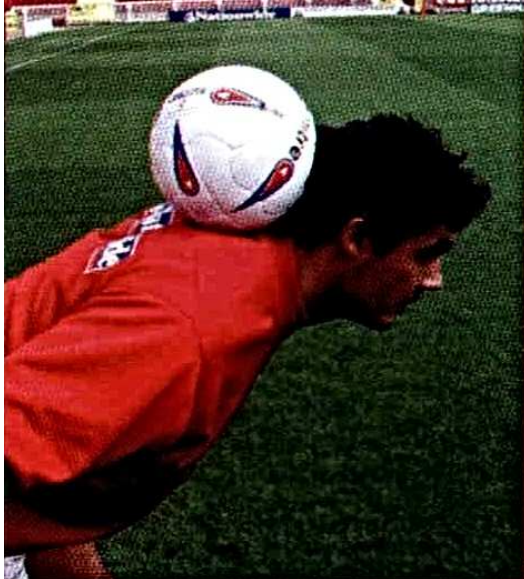
The under 19s face Bristol Rovers this afternoon.

Sat 17th Aug	Cheltenham Town	Away	2-1
Sat 24th Aug	Bristol Rovers	Home	
Sat 31st Aug	In Service Day		
Sat 7th Sep	Cup Date 1		
Sat 14th Sep	Cup Date 2		
Sat 21st Sep	Cup Date 3		
Sat 28th Sep	Swansea City	Away	
Sat 5th Oct	Cirencester	Home	
Sat 12th Oct	Cardiff City	Away	
Sat 19th Oct	Torquay United	Away	
Sat 26th Oct	Exeter City	Home	
Sat 2nd Nov	AFC Bournemouth	Home	
Sat 9th Nov	Plymouth Argyle	Away	
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Sat 7th Dec	Exeter City	Away	
Sat 14th Dec	AFC Bournemouth	Home	
Sat 21st Dec	Free Week		
Sat 28th Dec	Christmas Break		
Sat 4th Jan	In Service Day		
Sat 11th Jan	Plymouth Argyle	Home	
Sat 18th Jan	Cheltenham Town	Home	
Sat 25th Jan	Bristol Rovers	Away	
Sat 1st Feb	Swansea City	Home	
Sat 8th Feb	Merit Division Changeover		
Sat 15th Feb	Merit Division Changeover		

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DANNY'S SOCCER SCHOOL

NO:2

THE NECK CATCH

In our last issue, Danny showed us how to do a Cruyff turn. This week, after several attempts, he shows us how to catch the ball on the back of the neck. Remember, you can send us in pictures of yourselves having a go – just send your photos to STFC Matchday Programme, Swindon Town Football Club, County Ground, County Road, Swindon, SN1 2ED



STEP 1

Flick the ball with your preferred foot just in front of your body and above head height. Be patient, this may not happen first time!



STEP 2

If you're having problems keeping the ball up with your foot, then practice throwing the ball at the preferred height.



STEP 3

Bend your body forward, arching your neck so that the ball can rest in between your shoulders. Use your arms to balance yourself, all the time watching the ball.



STEP 4

Use your arms to help balance the ball behind your head and keep as still as you can. Keep your head up at all times.

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CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

LAST WEEK TOWN'S UNDER 16'S TRAVELLED UP TO EVERTON TO TAKE PART IN A FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL. AMONGST THE OPPOSITION WERE CHELSEA AND WOLVES – BUT TOWN PROVED THAT THEY ARE AS GOOD, IF NOT BETTER THAN THEIR HIGHER LEAGUE COUNTERPARTS AS JIM FRASER EXPLAINS...

"Last Monday (August 12), our under 16's took part in the second Academy Festival at Everton football. With us in our group were Blackpool, Everton, Chelsea and Wolverhampton Wanderers – a tough group by any stretch of the imagination, but a fantastic experience for the lads nonetheless.

"Our first game was against Chelsea and we more than matched them, beating them by three goals to nil with goals from Mitchell Wyatt, David Stroud and Lance Lewis. Unfortunately, Lance was injured scoring his goal and missed the rest of the tournament – we hope he returns to action soon.

"Mitchell Wyatt on the other hand went from strength to strength and scored an impressive hat-trick in the next game, another 3-0 win, this time against Blackpool.

"Wyatt scored his fifth of the tournament in our next game, a 1-0 win over Wolves, Wyatt converting a penalty.

"Our last game was against the home side, Everton. Fortunately

we managed to keep another clean sheet. However, we couldn't convert at the other end and the game finished all square at 0-0.

"The top two teams of the group, ourselves and Everton, went on to play in the cup final. Unfortunately, despite another fantastic performance, we lost by a goal to nil following an unfortunate lapse of concentration. The players were obviously disappointed, but they were superb throughout the tournament and indeed the final. We are confident that their performances will stand us in good stead for the season ahead.

"The main thing was that we managed to compete with, and even excel against teams from the Premiership. This should give the lads something positive to think about – they have shown that they can compete at the highest standard.

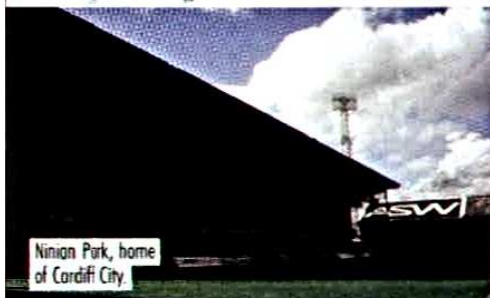
"With Mitchell Wyatt picking up the Golden Boot Award with 5 goals, this rounded off a fantastic summer for STFC's youth department. Well done lads!"



HAVING COME SO CLOSE TO PROMOTION LAST SEASON (THE BLUEBIRDS LOSING OUT TO STOKE AT THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PLAY-OFFS) CARDIFF CITY WILL BE HOPING FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER TOP SIX BERTH THIS TIME AROUND.

TODAY'S VISITORS

CARDIFF CITY



Ninian Park, home of Cardiff City.

THIS SEASON

Ins: Chris Barker (Barnsley), Gary Croft (Ipswich), Martyn Margetson (Huddersfield) and Gareth Whalley (Bradford)

Outs: Lee Kendall (Shrewsbury), Paul Brayson (Cheltenham)

Odds for promotion: 4/7
(courtesy of www.swindonbet.co.uk)

LAST SEASON

Position last year: 4 (Division Two)

Biggest win: 7-1
(v Oldham, Rushden & Diamonds)

Biggest defeat: 0-4 (v Wigan)

Top scorer: Kavanagh 15

Most League apps: Neil Alexander (53)

HISTORY BOOK

Formed: 1899

Biggest win: 9-2 v Thames (28/08/1920)

Most capped player: Alf Sherwood (Wales: 35)

Most league goals: Stan Richards (1946/47: 30)

Biggest buy: Peter Thorne £1,700,000

Record against the Town:
SFC wins 20, CCFC wins 13, Draws 9

Cardiff, by their own admission, under achieved for the best part of last season, that despite being many people's favourites to make it two promotions in three seasons. However, the sacking/resignation of Alan Cork and subsequent appointment of former Middlesbrough manager, Lennie Lawrence, brought about an upturn in fortune for the Bluebirds and the ex-school teacher has lost just twice since joining the club.

Results thus far during this campaign would suggest that City will be there or thereabouts come May – but consistency will be the key if they are to fulfil their unquestionable potential. Inconsistency was arguably the club's achilles heel last season and despite winning 2-1 at Oldham on the opening day of the season, Lawrence will be aware that he can not afford complacency – the side close to surrendering a two-goal lead in the dying moments.

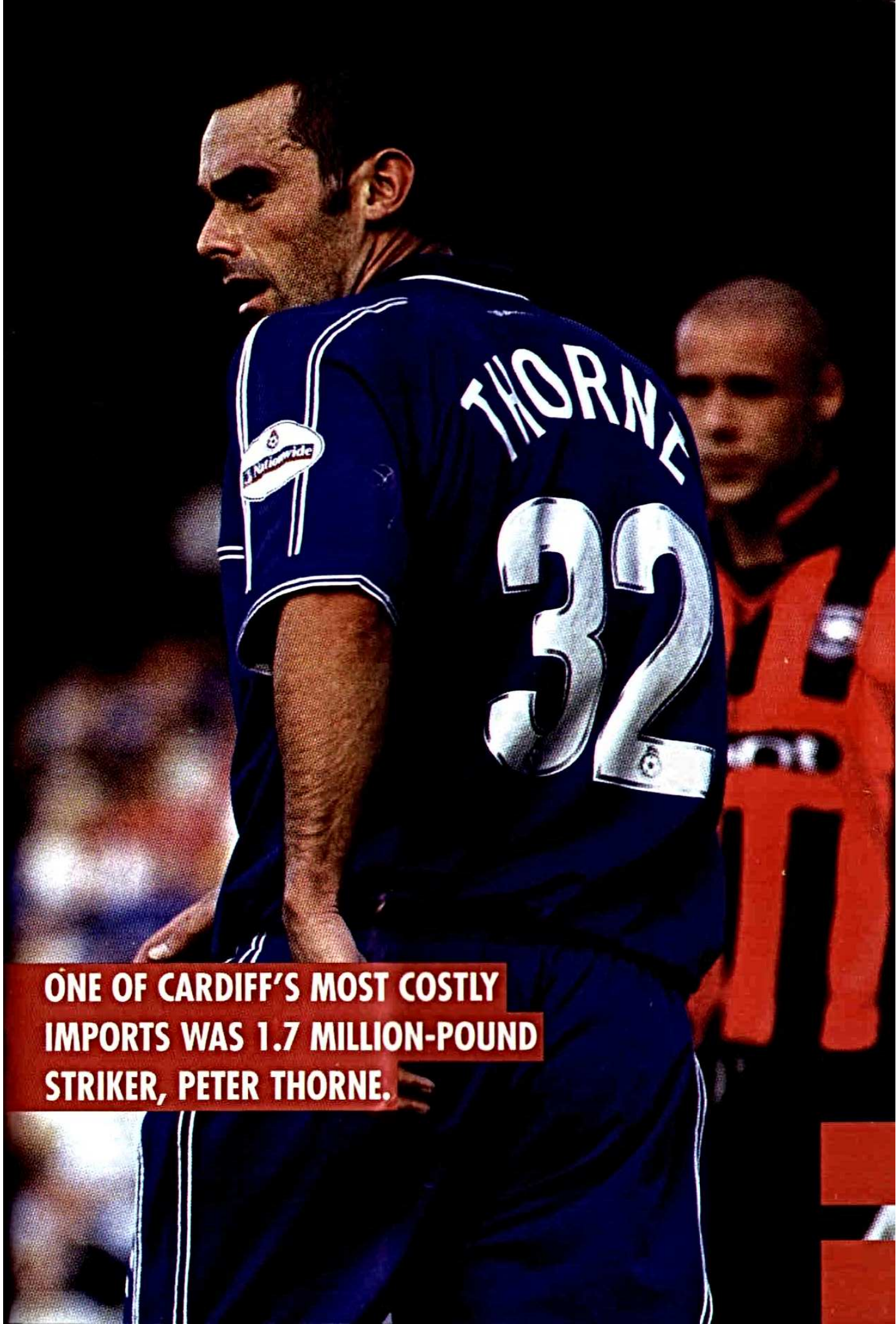
With that said, expectations are high at Ninian Park, so much so that only a top two finish will appease the club's ambitious supporters. The summer acquisitions of Gareth Walley, Chris Barker and Gary Croft have merely served to accentuate the expectations, (whilst at the same time, underlying the club's intentions of mounting a serious challenge for the championship) Lennie Lawrence will certainly feel the heat should his side fail to deliver.

Sam Hammam, the club's controversial chairman, will certainly be expecting some kind of reward for his considerable investment. On paper his side look to be by far one of the strongest in the league, but their strength in depth has come at a cost and his squad is probably the most expensive in the division.

One of Cardiff's most costly imports was 1.7 million-pound striker (and former Town favourite), Peter Thorne, who arrived at Ninian Park amid much hype. However, the ex-Town striker has returned just 8 goals from 26 starts and a lot rests on his broad shoulders. Alongside Thorne will be one from Leo Fortune West and Robert Earnshaw, Earnshaw doing his chances of a start no harm with a goal against Oldham on the opening day. The 21-year old also scored on his international debut for Wales and so will be hoping to add to his growing reputation this afternoon.

In midfield are two familiar names, Graham Kavanagh and Gareth Whalley. Kavanagh has terrorised Town's midfield for a number of seasons (firstly at Stoke before joining Cardiff), whilst Whalley joins the Bluebirds from Bradford City.

As for the club's back-line, well, Spencer Prior needs little introduction. The former Manchester City stalwart was a proverbial rock in City's defence last season and he'll relish facing Sam Parkin this afternoon. It would be a brave man that suggests a winner from that particular encounter – the two players sharing over 12' in height and 26 stone in weight! Let the battle commence...



**ONE OF CARDIFF'S MOST COSTLY
IMPORTS WAS 1.7 MILLION-POUND
STRIKER, PETER THORNE.**

THE GAFFER



LENNIE LAWRENCE

Lennie Lawrence was appointed as manager of Cardiff City on February 18, 2002, just six weeks after his dismissal from Grimsby Town. He replaced Alan Cork having initially been brought in to Ninian Park as Director of Football by Cardiff chairman, Sam Hammam. Lennie began his professional coaching career at Plymouth Argyle in 1977 and after two years at Home Park, he was appointed assistant to Colin Murphy at Lincoln City. Having helped Lincoln to promotion from Division Four in 1980-81 Lennie left to take a reserve team post at Charlton in 1982, taking over as manager "temporarily" in November. He remained in charge at Charlton for nine years. He left Charlton in Summer 1991 to take up the managerial reins at Middlesbrough before joining Bradford in 1994. After just 15 months at Valley Parade he was appointed manager at Luton where he was surprisingly sacked. After just two months out of the game Lawrence was then snapped up by Grimsby before he joined the Bluebirds.

MANAGERIAL TRACK RECORD

Cardiff 2002 - W 12 L 1 D 3
Grimsby 2000-01 W 22 L 36 D 24
Luton 1995-00 W 89 L 93 D 67
Bradford 1994-95 W 29 L 28 D 20
Middlesbro 1991-94 W 61 L 53 D 43
Charlton 1982-91 W 120 L 164 D 109
Plymouth 1978-78 W 0 L 2 D 3

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THE SQUAD

NEIL ALEXANDER (keeper)

Neil is a very highly rated former Scotland U21 international who arrived from Livingston during the summer of 2001. Neil is widely tipped to become the Scotland's number one goalkeeper over the next few seasons and he was included in the Squad that toured the Far East in the close season. An ever present last season.

SPENCER PRIOR (def)

Spencer joined his hometown Club, Southend United from trainee in 1989 before moving on to Norwich City, Leicester City, Derby County and Manchester City before making the move to Cardiff in summer 2001. His ability in the air makes him a threat in both defence and attack. A regular in last season's first team, he formed a formidable defensive partnership with Scott Young.

RHYS WESTON (def)

Joined Arsenal in the summer of 1997. A good tackler and strong in the air, Rhys made his first Wales senior squad appearance when he came on from the subs' bench against Portugal at the beginning of June 2000. Signed for Cardiff in November 2000 and was the Club's regular right-back last season.

DANIEL GABBIDON (def)

Daniel signed for Cardiff in September 2000 following a successful loan spell at the start of the season. Daniel is a quality player, with pace, who has played in every defensive position. His performances last season saw him called into the Full Welsh Squad and he gained his debut cap against Argentina at the Millennium Stadium.

GARY CROFT (def)

Gary spent six seasons at Grimsby, making 149 League appearances before heading to Blackburn in March 1996 for £1.7 million. After 40 League games and one goal at Rovers, the versatile defender joined Ipswich Town in September 1999 for an initial fee of £540,000. He represented England at Under-21 level, alongside David Beckham, winning four caps. He joined Cardiff on loan at the end of last season and made the move permanent in July 2002.



Graham became Cardiff City's first ever £1million signing following his move from Stoke City in the summer of 2001. 'Kav' started his career at Home Farm in Ireland before spending five years at Middlesbrough. He moved to Stoke City for £250,000 in 1996. Graham is a natural leader and was last season's joint leading scorer with 15 goals.

WILLIE BOLAND (mid)

Signed on a three-year contract from Coventry City in the summer of 1999 on a free transfer. Willie became a professional with Coventry in 1992 on his 17th birthday and he went on to make over 60 appearances in The Premiership. His work rate and consistent form in the midfield engine room last year was rewarded with two separate Player of the Year awards.



Gary Croft celebrates putting the winner past Tranmere last season.

!DANGER! **GARETH WHALLEY**

(mid)

Signed this summer after being released by Bradford City. Originally a trainee at Crewe, Gareth made over 200 first team appearances for the 'Railwaymen' before signing for Bradford in July 1997 for £600,000. Gareth is a good passer of the ball with excellent vision and was influential in Bradford's rise to the Premiership. Gareth was a regular during their two-season spell in the top flight and last season played in 25 League games for the Bantam's before ending the season on loan to former club Crewe.

YOUNG GUN **ROB EARNSHAW**

(str)

Joined Cardiff City as an YTS player in 1997 and was offered a professional contract after just one year. He had brief loan spells with Middlesbrough in February/March 1999 and Greenock Morton in 2000. Earnie's frightening pace and goalscoring record has made him a regular member of the first team

squad. His form last season saw him making his full Welsh debut – where he was the man of the match and scored the only goal of the game against Germany.

PETER THORNE

(mid)

Peter began his career as a trainee at Blackburn Rovers before he moved to Swindon Town in January 1995 for £225,000. After a successful spell at Swindon the Potteries club signed Peter for £350,000 in July 1997. He became the Bluebird's record signing in September 2001. Peter was hampered by a spell out through injury last season. A constant threat in the air and good with his back to goal Peter will hope to add to his 8 goals from 23 League starts this season.

LEO FORTUNE-WEST

(mid)

Signed from Rotherham United for £300,000 in September 2000. Started his career with Stevenage Borough and went on to play for Gillingham, Leyton Orient, Lincoln City and Brentford. Scored on his debut for Cardiff City in a 4-2 win over Halifax Town. Last season Leo scored 11 goals in 42 first team appearances.

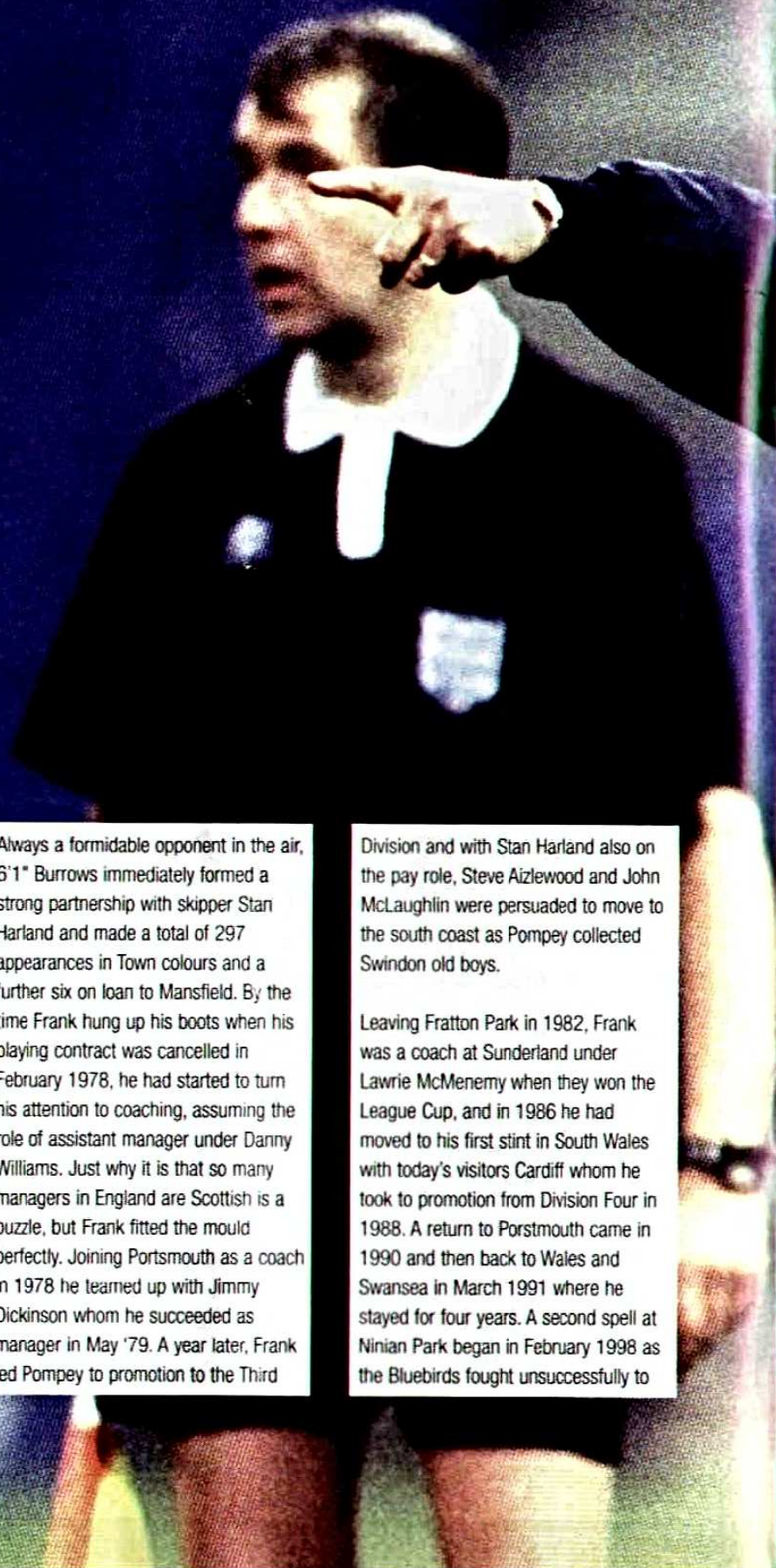
And the rest...

Andy Legg, Andy Campbell, Jason Bowen, Mark Bonner, Layton Maxwell, James Collins, Scott Young, Michael Simpkins, Gavin Gordon, David Hughes, Mark Walton, Chris Barker, Gethin Jones, Des Hamilton, Andy Jordan, Kevin Evans, & Martyn Giles.



THEM AND US

Frank Burrows in his second spell at Ninian Park.




One of the 'famous twelve' forever remembered for giving Swindon their first (and some may say finest) day at Wembley, Frank Burrows, partnered skipper Stan Harland at the heart of defence as Town reached the League Cup Final in 1969, returning triumphant to Wiltshire at the expense of Arsenal.

Frank was signed by Danny Williams in July 1968 from Scunthorpe where he had played 106 times in League matches. Born in Larkhall on January 30 1944, Burrows began his professional career with Raith Rovers and he settled into Town's side swiftly. By the time Wembley beckoned he had already performed in all but two League games since signing for Swindon.

Always a formidable opponent in the air, 6'1" Burrows immediately formed a strong partnership with skipper Stan Harland and made a total of 297 appearances in Town colours and a further six on loan to Mansfield. By the time Frank hung up his boots when his playing contract was cancelled in February 1978, he had started to turn his attention to coaching, assuming the role of assistant manager under Danny Williams. Just why it is that so many managers in England are Scottish is a puzzle, but Frank fitted the mould perfectly. Joining Portsmouth as a coach in 1978 he teamed up with Jimmy Dickinson whom he succeeded as manager in May '79. A year later, Frank led Pompey to promotion to the Third

Division and with Stan Harland also on the pay role, Steve Aizlewood and John McLaughlin were persuaded to move to the south coast as Pompey collected Swindon old boys.

Leaving Fratton Park in 1982, Frank was a coach at Sunderland under Lawrie McMenemy when they won the League Cup, and in 1986 he had moved to his first stint in South Wales with today's visitors Cardiff whom he took to promotion from Division Four in 1988. A return to Portsmouth came in 1990 and then back to Wales and Swansea in March 1991 where he stayed for four years. A second spell at Ninian Park began in February 1998 as the Bluebirds fought unsuccessfully to



PETER THORNE'S NOT THE ONLY PLAYER TO HAVE MADE THE SWITCH BETWEEN SWINDON TOWN AND CARDIFF CITY. CHRIS COLLINS HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A TRIAL AT NINIAN PARK, WHILST DAVE WALLIS DELVES FURTHER BACK TO REVEAL TWO MORE PLAYERS THAT HAVE PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS.

retain their Second Division status, but Frank Burrows led the club back to the Second Division just twelve months later. He was replaced as manager by Billy Eyre in December 1999.

When you're looking for a someone who played for a Welsh club, it seems logical to look through the records of those named Evans, so when you find Tony Evans fits the bill it might be surprising to find he was born in Liverpool.

After making six appearances for Blackpool, Tony moved to Ninian Park in June 1975 where he was to play over 120 games during the next three years. City, who had just been relegated to Division Three bounced straight back

the following year and striker Evans finished top scorer with 21 goals. A consolidated League position saw Evans chalk another 15 the following season and in July 1979, Birmingham City who had themselves just dropped into Division Two decided Tony would assist their own promotion attempt.

Twelve months later and mission accomplished, Evans was plying his trade in the top division. St Andrews saw mid table finishes for the next three seasons until a move to Selhurst Park took Tony to Division Two and Crystal Palace. Another year on and he was on the move again, this time to Wolves who were in the process of plummeting from Division One to Four in consecutive

seasons. A four match loan spell at Bolton in February 1985 preceeded his move to the County Ground by six months when Lou Macari brought Tony to supplement Town's attempt at the Fourth Division championship.

Tony Evans took to the field in all of Swindon's first nine games that season, a period which saw Town slump to 21st place, so it looks totally justified that Macari picked him on just one further occasion as Swindon corrected the dismal start to take the championship by 18 points. A disappointing way for Tony Evans to bring the curtain down on his career, but there were many high points during his career, starting at Cardiff City.

DIV 2 REVIEW



KOUMAS ON HIS WAY TO HAWTHORNS?



West Brom are set to sign Tranmere midfielder Jason Koumas after lining up an improved offer of £2m for the Welsh international. The Premiership outfit, who lost to Manchester United 1-0 last Saturday, hope to have Koumas signed in time to play today after upping their initial £1.5m bid which was rejected by the Second Division club.

"Koumas is one of several players we are trying to sign," West Brom manager Gary Megson told the Express & Star newspaper. "It would be nice if we could get him in before the weekend."



KINNEAR'S 'KEEPER NIGHTMARE



Luton Town boss Joe Kinnear will give trials to two new goalkeepers this week after losing patience with Carl Emberson. The Hatters netminder has looked out of his depth standing in for the injured Mark Ovendale. And Kinnear blamed him for the 2-1 defeat at Plymouth after Emberson conceded a soft winner. Now Luton's irate manager will take action by bringing in keepers from IFK Gothenburg and Troyes this week as possible replacements. He said: "I've got two new keepers coming in. It's an area I wanted to address anyway, not just because of the goal. I'll look at quite a few keepers this week. I'm not having much luck with transfers."



CURLE SET TO JOIN BARNESLEY



Former England defender Keith Curle is to have talks with Barnsley with a view to agreeing a long-term deal at Oakwell. The 38-year-old lined up for the Tykes during Saturday's 1-0 win over QPR, but is hoping that he can stay for longer. Curle was one of the hundreds of players looking for a club in the summer after the collapse of ITV Digital. Talking to the club's official website, Barnsley boss Steve Parkin said: "Keith would like to come and we would like to have him. It is just purely a matter of finance and I would hope that we can sort that out." Since his release by Sheffield United in the close season, Curle has trained with Stockport and Mansfield.



HORTON DEFIANT DESPITE POOR START



Port Vale manager Brian Horton has remained defiant despite his sides' disappointing start to the season. Vale, who face Town in two weeks time, are bottom of Division Two after losing all three of their opening games, and the side has come in for criticism from a section of the club's supporters. However, Horton knows that there is work to be done and is determined to put things right. "We've got to do something about it," he told the club's website. "I've never run away - I'm a strong enough character to fight my corner, that's what you've got to do and that's what I'm asking the players to do. It's not just about kicking and tackling. It's about playing, and we're just not playing at the moment. I think supporters do want commitment, without a doubt, and I think we can give more in terms of that. But the biggest loss for us is the fact we're just not playing, so I've got to look at that and wonder why." Horton's side have so far failed to live up to pre-season expectations and he is set to invite a number of players to play in a behind-closed doors trial match against Crewe.



FURLONG INJURY WOE



On-loan striker Paul Furlong suffered a groin injury in QPR's defeat at Barnsley on Saturday, leaving them with problems ahead of this afternoon's home fixture with Peterborough. Rangers manager Ian Holloway may now have to call upon QPR's new Portuguese striker, D'Jailson Vieira, to fill in. "He's been with us a few weeks and is big, quick and strong," said Holloway. "We've got a reserve team game in midweek so we'll look to give him a run out there. We will have to wait and see how he gets on."

LOCAL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

BLUEBIRDS READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Chippenham Town will write yet another chapter in their remarkable recent history when they entertain Chelmsford City in the Dr Martens Premier Division at Hardenhuish Park today. The Bluebirds have soared up the non-league ladder over the past two years and open their first ever campaign in the top division of the Southern League against a Chelmsford side managed by former England right back, Paul Parker.

Chippenham boss Tommy Saunders said, "We're looking forward to it. It is going to be a big match, the fact that Paul Parker is their manager adds a bit of spice, but it is Dr Martens Premier Division football at the end of the day. We're only two steps off the Football League and it is frightening to even consider that."

HOWE AND HALL OFF TO BAD START



Former Swindon stars Gareth Hall and Bobby Howe (left) were on a losing Havant side as they lost their first game of the season to Havant last Saturday.

SUPERMARINE START WITH DRAW

Swindon Supermarine got off to a steady start when they drew with Stourport Swifts last Saturday. Fuller and Collier got the goals in the club's opening Dr Martens Western Division fixture - they travel to Clevedon today.

If you have any local football news you'd like to share with us, then send it in to stfc_enquiries@hotmail.com, or post it to the club C/O Programme Editor.



SUPERSAMMYPARKIN

HE'S A BIT GOOD, AND EARLIER THIS WEEK WE
MET TOWN'S TOP SCORER, SAM PARKIN

When Sam Parkin announced his arrival at the club with a goal in each of Town's pre-season friendlies, he certainly raised a few eyebrows amongst the County Ground faithful. Yet when he went on to bag an impressive a hat-trick on his league debut against Barnsley on the opening day of the season, he caused widespread hysteria amongst the Swindon masses, not to mention his own team mates.

Not since Chris Hay in 1997 (against Port Vale) had we seen a threesome such as Parkin's, yet in just 88 minutes he had smashed a number of records and by doing so, endeared himself to us all.

And that includes Andy King too, for when Parkin notched his first the smile on the manager's face was there for all to see (well, those sitting in the Arkells Stand anyway!) – the long search for a prolific target man seemingly over. Yet whilst obviously pleased over his bargain-buy, King has been cautious in his words when talking about the former Chelsea front man – 'the gaffer' eager not to let the early successes go to his head.

However, upon talking to Parkin himself, you wouldn't believe

that you were in the presence of the league's top scorer and King's influence on him shines through. "The main thing for me was that the team played well as a unit, and that we got that first win under our belts. Barnsley are no mugs and we outplayed them fair and square – that was a terrific start," he said.

Parkin's modesty could be attributed, in some part, to his disappointing season at Northampton last year. Previous to his loan move to Sixfields, the Roehampton born striker had been prolific at both Oldham and Millwall scoring, on average, a goal a game. However, when he moved to join the Cobblers towards the beginning of last season, it all went wrong for him.

"Don't get me wrong, Northampton is a lovely club, but there was just something not right there for me and when your heart is not in it and you're the slightest bit unhappy – your form is bound to suffer. The same thing happened when I was on loan at Wycombe. In the end, I only scored a small number of goals over the course of the season, but the fact that I've nearly matched that amount already here at Swindon speaks volumes about the way I feel about this club."

Sam Parkin mobbed
by new team mates.



Despite his modesty, Parkin exudes confidence and as well as acknowledging the role played by his team mates, he is aware that he could not have got off to a better start. He enthused, "Scoring goals is what it's all about for a striker and I was pleased to get a few under my belt early on. The main thing for me was, having got the three in the first game, to score another quickly afterwards to prove that it wasn't a one off. I would go as far as saying that the second game (away at Chesterfield) was probably more important than the first one, but what was also nice about that night was that both Danny (Invincible) and Eric (Sabin) got on the scoresheet as well. After all, we work hard for each other and so it is rewarding when we can all get in on the act. Hopefully the goals will give us all the confidence we need to go on and score a large number of goals."

Should Town's trio continue in a similar fashion then they certainly have the potential to become one of the most potent strike forces in the League. And whilst Sam may be at the top of the charts for the time being, he is quick to share the plaudits. "Playing with the other two upfront has been a real eye opener for me. Not being the quickest of players myself, their pace is absolutely frightening and it adds another dimension to my game. Their style of play gives me the licence to drop deeper and receive balls further away from goal, something I haven't been able to do for a long time. In return I can offer them a physical presence, someone to cause a bit of hassle and bussle up front and create chances for them."

Today's game will certainly test Parkin's attributes to the limit. In Spencer Prior,

Cardiff City have a veritable mountain at the centre of their defence. But when you're scoring goals no-one frightens you and Parkin seems certainly up for the test. "They are one of the few sides in this league with a bit of money to spend and they have gone and bought players with Premiership experience. They are certainly many people's favourites to go up this year and so it will be a tough game. I would certainly expect Andy Campbell to be one of the strikers towards the top of the goalscoring charts come May. But in saying that, we have already proved that we can beat some of the better teams in this league, even when we haven't been on song we've picked up points (Blackpool being a great example) and so we have nothing to fear. Being at home will certainly be an advantage, hopefully our fans will be out in force as a result of our good start and I'm sure we will do our best to please them."

Town's fans have, so far had reason to be cheerful already with, not only Sam's performances, but those of the rest of the side too. Yet their appreciation for Sam's hat-trick at the County Ground was evident with chants of 'Super Sammy Parkin,' and the 21-year old says it has helped him to settle in: "I've always said that being happy is a key part to being successful, and I wasn't happy at Northampton last year. My form suffered as a result, but since I've been here I've only been encouraged by what I've seen. The manager has been great, the players really friendly and the fans absolutely terrific. The move has been a breath of fresh air for me and long may it continue."

Amen to that, and a couple of goals this afternoon will certainly help Town's cause as they look to consolidate at the top end of the table. Sam's previous record speaks for itself and whilst he may have struggled last year, everywhere else he's been he's been nothing short of prolific. Today's encounter will certainly be a benchmark to see how far both Parkin and the club itself has developed, let's hope that at 4.45 there will still be the same smile across Sam's face.

Main picture, Parkin at Chelsea
and insert at Northampton.



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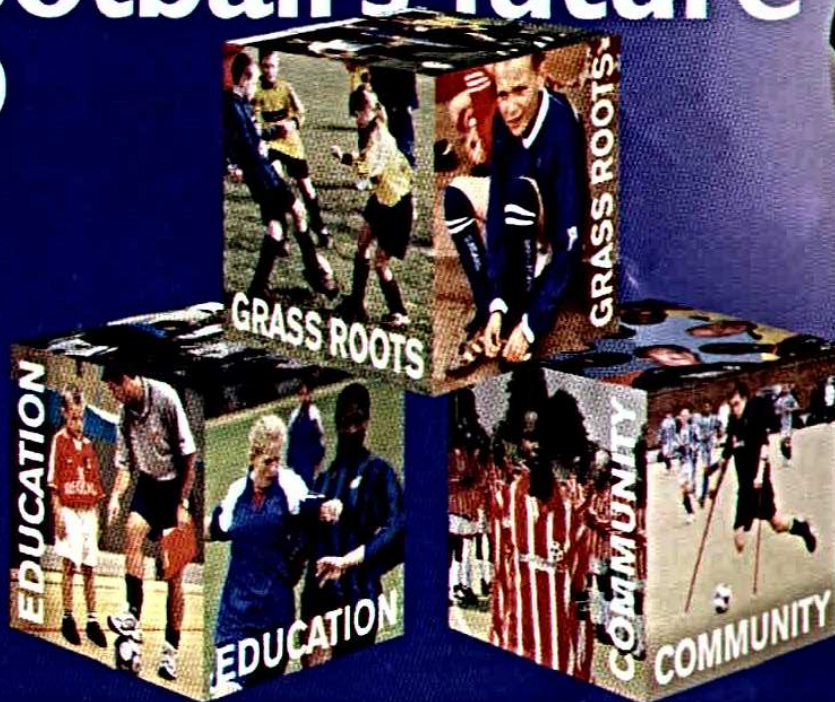
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Sam Parkin seen here presenting matchday sponsors, Greenham, with their silver salver v Barnsley.

A warm welcome to the County Ground to all of today's Matchday sponsors. This afternoon we have two match sponsors, **GEORGE WIMPEY HOMES** (formally McLean Homes), and the local Cardiff branch of **GREENHAMS**. Our matchball sponsor is from South Cerney, **SUPERIOR ACCESS SOLUTIONS**.



COMMERCIAL VIEW WITH MIKE SULLIVAN



Sam Parkin with Paul Edwards and family after the Barnsley Game.

GEORGE WIMPEY HOMES have been in the Swindon area since 1963 and are the country's largest house builder. They specialise in detached houses and are the market leader in this sector. Their party today is led by Director and General Manager Mr. Philip Towl and both he and the company have been much valued long term sponsors of the Club. **GREENHAM** are one of our newer sponsors. They have 19 branches nationwide, with the nearest branches to Swindon being in Newbury, Oxford, Bristol and Cardiff. Their trade shops are open weekdays 8.00am-5.30pm, and on a Saturday from 8.00am-12.30pm, for all your 'One Stop Shopping' needs. Experienced staff are on hand to give friendly help and service for the vast range of personal protection equipment, hose, ducting and accessories, contractors' site equipment/industrial cleaning, hygiene and maintenance products. Their party today is led by Branch Manager, Mr. Andy Reid. **SUPERIOR ACCESS SOLUTIONS** also one of our newest sponsors, based on the Evergreen Industrial Estate in South Cerney, Gloucester, is Superior Access Solutions. The company perform high level maintenance, cleaning and inspections. They have been trading for four years now and work up and down the country, as well as other parts of Europe including Holland and Cyprus. The owner and Managing Director is Mr. John White who, apart from Swindon Town, also supports one of the two North London Premier Clubs. He is, at the moment undecided at who is the better and which one to support, although he can be seen more at Highbury than White Hart Lane. To all of our sponsors, I hope that you have a great day with us and enjoy the Swindon Town Matchday Experience.

SPORTING DINNER



STFC SALES TEAM

(left to right, Rob O'Carroll, Elaine Hiscock, Alan Thomson, Hennie Coulson, James Sparks)

It is still not too late to book up your places for the first of this season's popular Sporting Dinners. Our main speaker will be the goalscoring legend of Chelsea, Tottenham and England - JIMMY GREAVES.

The date of the Dinner is Monday October 7th and the price of the ticket includes a superb four course evening meal. In addition to the main guest speaker, the evening will be hosted by the popular Barry Williams and will also include a comedy spot plus the normal fundraising raffles and auctions.

To find out more details about the evening and the price of tickets please ring the Sales and Marketing Department on 01793 333719

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As part of the new future of the Club, the Marketing Department are launching a new Sales team. Their mission will be to cover the County of Wiltshire and surrounding areas to introduce new companies to the Club.

Support from local and national companies in advertising, corporate hospitality and sponsorship is extremely important to the Club, and this is even more so now following the demise of the ITV Digital contract.

The new sales team will be canvassing for new outlets and will be explaining all the opportunities available in your company being linked to the Club.

We still have vacancies in matchday sponsorships, advertising and corporate hospitality and there are many benefits included in being involved at the Club. The new sales team include Rob O'Carroll, Hennie Coulson, Alan Thomson, James Sparks and Marketing Administrator, Elaine Hiscock.


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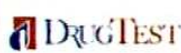



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DICK MATTICK BLOWS THE DUST OFF HIS ROTHMANS AND TAKES US BACK TO 1914 AND 1969.

It was against today's visitors that Swindon clinched the Southern League Championship in 1914. Cardiff, who had been one of only two sides to win a league match at the County Ground that season, were held 0-0 at Ninian Park thanks to some brilliant goalkeeping by Len 'the cap' Skillier. The draw secured the title for Town as they pipped Crystal Palace on goal difference. When Cardiff won the Third Division South Championship in 1946/47 they only lost six league games all season. One of these was a 3-2 defeat at Swindon, but the Welsh side got ample revenge in a 5-0 win on their own ground. On Town's run to the fifth round of the FA Cup in 1952, Cardiff proved to be their toughest opposition. The Bluebirds, who were leading the Second Division at the time, held Town to a 1-1 draw in front of 40,000 people. It took extra time back at the County Ground for Maurice Owen to net the only goal of the game.

Today's featured match was played at Ninian

Park on August 13, 1969. It was Town's second game in Division Two and it included a Cardiff side that included John Toshack, Don Murray and Fred Davies – the latter both ever present the previous year.

The opening 20 minutes were one-way traffic, with the home side romping to a 2-0 lead. Their first came in the 7th minute when Peter King whipped in John Toshack's header from a narrow angle. Then, in the 17th minute, a centre was flicked on by Brian Clark for King to score his second, a diving header from close range. Swindon began to rally and they pulled a goal back just before the half-hour. John Smith tried his luck with a free kick from the edge of the area and, although his effort was blocked, Peter Noble latched on to the rebound to crack the ball home. Six minutes later Town drew level with probably the best goal of the match. Roger Smart won possession in midfield and set Don Rogers away on the left. A speedy run by the winger

ended with a cross to Horsefield who, under pressure, brought the ball down and it passed the Cardiff 'keeper.

Town dominated the early stages of the second half whilst Cardiff grew stronger towards the end. Downsborough had pulled off a number of saves for Swindon and two minutes from time the Robins nearly snatched victory when Rogers sent Davies the wrong way in City's goal. Unfortunately, his shot rolled wide of the post. "A fine game and a great result" was the comment of Town manager, Fred Ford, as Swindon got their first point of the season.

Cardiff: Davies, Carver, Bell, Sutton, Murray, Harris, Jones, Clark, Lea, Toshack and King.

Swindon: Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Harland, Smith, Horsfield, Smart, Noble and Rogers.

Attendance: 27,971

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HAVING MADE HIS DEBUT IN OUR LAST PROGRAMME, MARK HANRAHAN RETURNS WITH HIS THOUGHTS ON THE START OF THE SEASON.

A debut hat trick for Swindon Town's new centre-forward aside, the story that most caught my attention in the last couple of weeks can be found at Leicester City's Walkers Stadium.

Former Swindon Town winger and Wembley hero Nicky Summerbee has joined ex-Blackburn and Scotland star Billy McKinlay in signing for the foxes on a non-contract basis. In the pre-ITV digital days this would probably mean a week-to-week contract for players that can boast England U21 and full Scottish caps to their names. However, in this season's crazy world of the Nationwide League this means joining the humble ranks of the Sunday footballer and playing for diddysquat.

On the opening day of the season, the Leicester City midfield was perhaps symbolic of the problems engulfing the Nationwide as we ride this wave of transition. On one hand you have the McKinley's and Summerbee's grafting away in the hope of securing a permanent (mortgage paying) deal, and on the other you have Turkey's World Cup bench

warmer, Muzzy Izzet. Izzet, who by his own admission can no longer be afforded by the club, is reportedly collecting thirty grand a week. Messrs. McKinlay and Summerbee would probably be happy with a tenth of that in the current climate. Nonetheless, Izzet has become a symbol of the perils of promotion and relegation to the Premiership. It is surely only a matter of time before a cut-price move to the top flight is found for him, with the only likely buyer – Middlesbrough – having their long-term attacking midfield options disrupted by a serious knee injury to their favourite Brazilian – prodigal samba son, Juninho, Teeside beckons.

From players suffering from financial predicaments to one of many struggling clubs. It was interesting to see my red-hot pre-season favourites Wolverhampton Wanderers held by crisis club Bradford City on the opening day of the season. The Bantams, unable to pay their playing staff for over four months, have been forced to release a clutch of players including their mercurial Italian forward Benito Carbone, whose wages alone could have forced the club into extinction. In what many hope

signals a change in player attitudes towards the new financial constraints imposed by clubs in the post-ITV digital era, it is a credit to Bradford that they can raise their game to match a team many predict will run-away with the title this season.

Whether this attitude has worked its way down to The Den is another matter. After their 6-0 mauling at the hands of Rotherham (four of the goals coming from recent signing Darren Byfield), Millwall boss Mark McGhee had an idea just where the reason for such an opening day catastrophe could be found, he said: "Because the money situation changed so dramatically during the summer, these players got no reward for reaching the play-offs. But then nobody at the club did and I have come to terms with it, although I'm not sure the players have. If they cannot accept that there is no more money on the table then we have to get ruthless and get rid of them."

Thank heavens for the likes of Matty Hewlett, Bart Griemink and co. that signed-up at The County Ground again this summer on greatly reduced terms. If

their performances during our opening day of the season are anything to go by, their commitment and professionalism could never be brought into question!

A truly desperate opening day was endured at Selhurst Park for Wimbledon's opening fixture. Having to suffer the embarrassing spectacle of home and away goalkeepers personally retrieving wayward shots from deep within barren stands, a pitiful crowd of 2,476 (boosted according to many corners of the media by 600-odd non-attending season ticket holders) and a 0-1 defeat at the hands of Gillingham, did little to lift the gloom that has descended over SE25 in recent weeks. Outside the ground supporters of newly formed AFC Wimbledon (the S.E. Counties team founded by breakaway supporters) converged to disrupt the Don's opening fixture by drawing picket lines and dancing the conga in a sign of protest against chairman Charles Koppel's franchise-like relocation of Wimbledon F.C. to Milton Keynes. And what of the country's favourite new non-league side, hardly the most auspicious start boys: eight games – eight defeats! Still, if their crowds continue to average around 4,000 the new Dons will not need too many favors in the new season and beyond.

The sad decline of ex-Manchester United star Lee Sharpe was also noted this week as the twenty-nine year old winger returned to his roots to sign non-contract terms with Exeter City, local rivals of Sharpe's first club Torquay. Sharpe emerged as one of the game's brightest talents before injury and illness disrupted his progress, despite spells at Leeds, Sampdoria, Bradford, Portsmouth and Grimsby.

I leave you to mull over a subject always good for generating debate - Manchester United and former Eire skipper Roy Keane. Is he intent on pressing the self-destructs button in the near future, or has he just pressed it? Never a stranger to controversy, Keane endured a summer of scrutiny following his much-publicised crossing of swords and early departure from Mick McCarthy's World Cup camp. So, what does he go and do? Roy chooses to write the latest in a long line of autobiographies that (as David O'Leary and Jaap Stam might testify) appear to do more harm than good to a career in football. At the time of writing, Keane could be facing a FA disrepute charge and a lawsuit from Manchester City defender Alf-Inge Haaland for his admittance of intent to harm the tough tackling midfielder. Haaland has his claim for a first team place limited since the injury.



Lee Sharpe



Turkey's World Cup bench warmer, Muzzy Izzet, with his feet up.



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We have, again, run our highly successful summer challenge project in conjunction with Martin Turnbull and his team from the Study Support Centre. We had 16 schools attend from Whitsun through to the summer holiday and, as you can see from the pictures, a great time was had by all.

SKILLS, THRILLS AND LEARNING THROUGH FOOTBALL

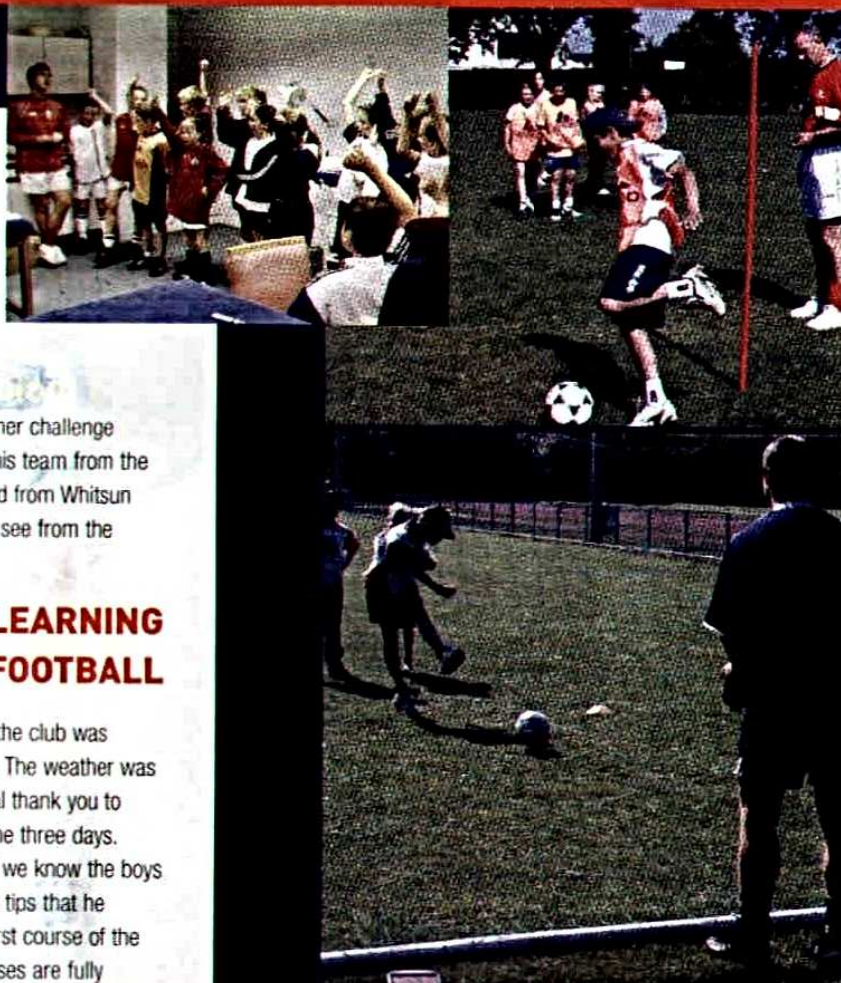
The Whitsun soccer camp that we held here at the club was enjoyed by 170 up-and-coming young hopefuls. The weather was kind to us too, but we would like to say a special thank you to Town midfielder, David Duke, who coached on the three days. 'Dukesy' said he really enjoyed helping out, and we know the boys and girls all enjoyed his coaching, as well as his tips that he offered throughout the course. We started our first course of the holidays two weeks ago. However, all three courses are fully booked here at the club and, due to the terrific demand for places, we have had to put on an additional course on for the 6th, 7th and 8th of August. We keep saying that due to the huge popularity of the courses we cannot guarantee places, so please make sure you return your forms as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

As well as the four courses we are running here, we are travelling to Chippenham, Marlborough and Ardington (Wantage). Again these venues have proved to be very popular, with a great up-take on each of the respective courses.

We have lots to tell you about over the next few weeks, so we will endeavour to keep you updated in the match day programmes as best we can.

Hope you all enjoy the game and we will talk to you soon.

Best wishes,
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Each week, a fan from each team will go head to head. In the red corner today is **Wes Strange** of Swindon, whilst in the blue corner we have **Gareth Jones**, an avid Cardiff fan.

If you would like to go head to head why not drop us a line at Head to Head, STFC Matchday Programme, The County Ground, County Road, Swindon SN1 2ED.



FANS HEAD TO HEAD

IT'S EARLY DAYS, BUT HOW HAPPY HAVE YOU BEEN WITH THEIR FORM?

Swindon: 7 points out of a possible 9 and bagging 7 goals too! It's been an impressive start. There is a long way to go, but a positive start is a good start, it brings confidence to the team and hopefully a few more people through the turnstiles.

Cardiff: A bit disappointed really, particularly as they started favourites for the league, but they always start the season slowly. Had to hang on for an away win at Oldham, failed to impress against 10 men of Port Vale after a good opening quarter and lost dismally at home to Northampton on Saturday.

WHO HAS IMPRESSED YOU FROM YOUR SIDE?

Swindon: The whole team. With the new boys coming in it has added quality and competition that it seems we were lacking last term, it's been encouraging that all the goals have come from the forwards, something we lacked last year. And although I was not there I'm lead to believe that Bark Griemink put in a fantastic performance against Blackpool.

Cardiff: - Andy Legg is still the best player at the club despite all the big money signings of the past two years. Totally committed, outstanding work rate and skills - scored a great goal against Port Vale from outside the box.

AND THE NEW FACES HOW HAVE THEY FITTED IN?

Swindon: Very well it seems. Parkin's got off to a great start, contributing a lot more than just goals to the side. Miglioranza had a fantastic second half against Barnsley, really controlling the midfield. Gareth Edds has looked solid throughout and I'm looking forward to seeing more from Jim Davis and Darren Dykes.

Cardiff: Croft has been the most impressive of the summer signings, composed and assured on the ball, although a bit reluctant to go forward. Barker and Whalley also seem useful additions to the squad.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF THE OPPOSITION?

Swindon: I saw Cardiff at the County ground last season and they were very impressive. Kavanagh is always dangerous, 15 goals from midfield proves just that, and we all no what Peter Thorne can do on the day, but our defence is looking as solid as ever at the moment, even without Gurney. Cardiff were surprisingly beaten at home by Northampton last weekend - let's hope it's the start of a bad run.

Cardiff: A strong start to the season despite being rated at 50/1 outsiders by the bookies at the outset. Unbeaten after 3 games and scoring goals through Parkin and Invincible - who looked a good player against Cardiff last year.

HAS YOUR PREDICTION CHANGED FOR YOUR SIDE'S FINAL LEAGUE POSITION ON THE BACK OF THE LAST THREE GAMES?

Swindon: No. In the second half of last season we produced some fantastic football (and results) at the County Ground. I felt that Andy King would be able to build on that, and with the signings he's made we are going in the right direction. Pushing for the playoff's come May I think.

Cardiff: No - The bluebirds will be in the play-off places at the end of the season and hopefully get automatic promotion

HOW WILL YOUR SIDE GET ON THIS AFTERNOON?

Swindon: It's going to be a very tight game. I don't want to make any predictions as I'm normally wrong, but I will be having a few quid on 'Super Sam' to be opening the scoring.

Cardiff: The Bluebirds seem to play better away from home. They will always score but unfortunately usually concede something as well. It won't be a repeat of last years 3-0 away win - my money will be on a 2-2 draw.

Football is a bitter-sweet game but I think it's fair to say we have had an overdose of the bitter at the County Ground in the last few years (and I'm not talking alcohol here).

But it is probably that lengthy period of anguish that helps make the cracking start to the season taste that much sweeter. Seven points from the first nine points is a more than satisfactory return and I wonder just how many of us honestly thought we would be sitting second in the table (having topped it after the win over Chesterfield) going into today's encounter?

The boys went goal crazy in the first two games with Sam Parkin already halfway to matching last season's top goalscoring total. A hot sunny day in Blackpool saw the goals dry up but as Andy King rightly points out, no-one is going to march through this league and win every single game. But, being greedy, it would have been great to have celebrated three out of three if Steve Robinson's shot hadn't cannoned back off the crossbar.

But there is no doubt we look a much stronger outfit this year and I think all three of the teams we have played (and their supporters) have been surprised by our play. Perhaps they simply accepted the pundits' gloomy predictions that we were certainties for relegation. But the manager is quite right when he warns us not to start getting carried away. Teams make bright starts every year before fading. Let's hope we're not one of those.

Since we last met, Sol Davis has moved on to join Luton Town. We can only wish him well for the future while hoping he has a couple of stinkers when we play the Hatters this season.

As for today's visitors, they will be looking to bounce back after a disappointing home defeat by Northampton Town. Having spent a fortune to try and make it into the 'big



Graham Kavanagh,
Div 2's best midfielder?

JON RITSON



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time' Cardiff fans were gutted to lose out in the play-offs last season. Without doubt they possess some quality players (Graham Kavanagh is widely regarded as one of, if not the best, midfielder in Division Two) but money doesn't always guarantee success. But there is no doubt this will be the toughest test of the campaign so far. The Ninian Park outfit simply tore us to pieces at the County Ground last season and then completed the double later in the campaign. I think we owe them one don't you? No doubt our visitors have brought a large following with them today. Let's hope they return to South Wales suitably disappointed.

After today's game, there is barely time to catch your breath before we make

the trip to Griffin Park on Monday. I don't need to remind you of the cloud of doom that hung over the club the last time we travelled to Brentford. Let's hope this proves to be a happier occasion. But the real excitement today should already have happened. The draw for the first round of the LDV Vans Trophy was scheduled to take place this morning. I predict Torquay away. Let's win the thing this year. It would certainly help the old bank balance.

Make sure you keep up to date with all the County Ground news in the Evening Advertiser and see you all back here for the Stockport County game next week.

Get in the net!

It was just fourteen days ago that STFC stormed to a surprise victory against fancied Barnsley, and I was being asked by Bristol City fans (they're in the family unfortunately) whether 'that chap Parkin' was any good? I created much horror and astonishment when I confirmed he showed signs of greatness!!

My one concern though is that clubs like Swindon will suffer more greatly than ever before should they have suspensions or lengthy/numerous injuries. In a season which has seen a major exodus from professional football, due to cash crises all round and the new transfer window, squad numbers are now smaller, and I fear, for men like King, that each season they will continue to decrease.

There are 600 players currently unemployed; contracts not renewed during the summer. Ronny Johnsen cannot even get a game - unless he plays for free like Nicky Summerbee and Billy McKinley. No doubt Chairmen all over are rubbing their hands with glee at the prospect of Spurs faithful Chris Armstrong turning out for free.

On a serious note, how long can our Nationwide clubs sustain the levels of wages they pay with the major cash-flow issues ever present in the game? First day of the season saw record attendances at Nationwide grounds across England, however the majority of clubs still need to significantly increase their crowd size. Of course, clubs don't want to just accept your turnstile cash. In order to somehow make up the huge shortfall in projected revenues expected from TV, clubs want to maximise your spending. Buy a hot dog, or three, get the home and away full kits, perhaps purchase extra socks, key-ring?...and look forward to the day average players earn average wages.

Just in case we were thinking this was an English problem, let's not forget that



HELEN WINGROVE

BBC WILTSHIRE SOUTH

huge Italian clubs, with fanatical local support, such as Lazio and Sampdoria, are in severe difficulty. Television deal gone wrong? Perhaps. That's this year's excuse. Could it not be that clubs have become too dependent on TV's major cash injections and egotistical chairmen have become lazy in their management of huge budgets?

The beautiful game the world over needs to grow up and realise that, like it or hate it, it's no longer a sport but an important local business. How many companies do you know wouldn't make redundancies in troubled times? Perhaps profit related pay would be an interesting way to motivate players?

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With our cracking start to the season on the field there is plenty of opportunity to join the Supporters Club and to send in your application for membership. As you know we included an application form in our last programme, but if you would just like to send

the relevant information to the above address, or hand that into the away travel office – then that will suffice. You can also leave any completed forms with us C/O the County Ground. Applications may also be downloaded from our web site.

In mentioning our web site, may I remind supporters that it is an excellent opportunity for you to keep up-to-date on, not only the latest news regarding the supporters club, but it also carries great links to all things Swindon Town, including official and unofficial sites. The number of hits has just breached the 10,000 barrier - a major milestone.

If you have not yet been convinced of the value of membership of the supporters club, here is another cracking

offer and service we can give to our members, that will more than cover the small membership fee of just £5. We are able to offer our members an opportunity to purchase the softback copy of the 2002/03 Rothmans Football Yearbook for just £10, (it retails at £19.99) - a saving of almost £10. A must for all fans, requiring up to date facts and historical information on the game.

To take up this offer all you need to do is visit the away travel office before 2.45pm prior to the Stockport match and leave your name and address and telephone number and the funds to cover the cost. We will then let you know when the books can be collected. New members enrolled at the latest on the day will be eligible for the offer.

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TODAY'S GAME AGAINST CARDIFF.**

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As yet (and it is still early), we have not yet received a great response to our Junior Robins Membership. As you know, the more of you that join, the more we can do to help you enjoy the season ahead. The membership fee is the same as last season – just £3, so come on and get your forms in! You can pick them up from the Away Travel Office, or alternatively you can ring George Chadwick on 01672 520679 – he will gladly put one in the post for you.

As a special competition – we are offering a prize for the family that includes the highest member of Junior Robins!

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As I explained in our last set of notes, plans are afoot on a number of reciprocal visits between us and a number of clubs. If you take up any of these games, you will automatically receive a free ticket (obviously you have to be a member first) – recouping your outlay on membership. The clubs we are negotiating with include Bristol City, Wigan, Wycombe, QPR and Stockport.

Don't forget, if you have any ideas of days out or visits we can do – let us know. Also, if you have any pictures or stories you would like to tell us – then send them in. Remember, this is your page and we want to hear from you!



ROCKIN'S POSTBAG

Dear Rockin'

Bonjour mon ami. I have a petit problembo. We have no more room here at Highbury in our trophy cabinet since we won the Community Shield. Alors! What are we to do? Do you know a good chippy who can knock together an extension. Robby baby, advise me the best you can.

Arsenal Wenger

Mon Petit,

Depardieu! Are you having a laugh, or just taking the petit pois? I must give you a little history lesson. March 15th 1969 – the Wiltshire Wonders tore apart the Gunners at Wembley Stadium and will forever be known as the heroes in white that rocked the football world. So, just because you can't get down to MFI and buy a self-assembly cabinet, don't bother me. Just mark your diary for two or three years time when Swindon will be challenging again with the best – just watch your derriere! 🐔

Dear Rockin'

What's your opinion on the state of refereeing in football these days, my line-running colleagues came in for some criticism during the World Cup. What would your solution be.

P-L Collina

Well, me old shiner, I could suggest that the ref seeks the advice of the mascot on the touchline if there is any kind of uncertainty on a decision, I've been known to whisper the odd suggestion to the Referee's Assistant when an offside decision was borderline—normally for the benefit of the doubt to go to the red shirt. But seriously, I think the time has come for four assistants to run the lines, and on another subject, the referee should be wired up (as in Rugby) so decisions can be explained properly and players will be less keen to give abuse to the ref. 🐔



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01 SUPER SAMMY ILES!

Pictured above is Town's newest fan (we think!). Samuel Iles. Sam, born on the 6th of this month, is pictured here with Mum Helen and Dad Adrian. Adrian has been a Swindon fan all of his life and it is hoped that Sam will follow suit! A warm welcome to the Iles family this afternoon.

02 HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

A belated Happy Birthday to Town boss Andy King. Andy celebrated his birthday on Wednesday August 14.

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CAPTION COMPETITION



In Issue 1 you remember we featured a picture of Steve Robinson. The winner was Mrs D. Mackey from Swindon, who sent in, "I always stick a couple of frozen turkeys up my shorts to cool off after the match!" This week, a picture of David Duke from the Barnsley game. Send your captions into us at the above address.

MY SWINDON XI

Each week, Dave Wallis will supply a themed Swindon XI. With Cardiff's visit this afternoon, we've got a squad of players that all have connections with South Wales, making appearances for at least one Welsh club as well as turning out for Swindon. Manager Frank Burrows has the distinction of leading both Swansea and Cardiff. Building a team of Swindon Town players around a common theme produces a common problem... finding a goalkeeper. Familarly named Alex Ferguson played seven times for Town immediately after World War Two, but had been with Newport and Swansea before that particular European competition had kicked off.

1 Alex Ferguson	Newport and Swansea
2 Rod Thomas	Cardiff/Newport
3 Paul Bodin	Cardiff/Newport
4 Gareth Davies	Cardiff
5 Steve Aizlewood	Newport
6 Mel Nurse	Swansea
7 Wynne Hooper	Newport
8 Roy Carter	Newport
9 Howard Goddard	Newport
10 Kenny Stroud	Newport
11 Tony Evans	Cardiff
12 Bobby Woodruff	Newport

Manager Frank Burrows Swansea/Cardiff

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25 YEARS AGO

Town started their Division Three campaign on August 20 1977 with a 1-1 draw at Hillsborough. Over 12,000 saw the match in which Chris Kamara made his League debut for Town, whilst Town skipper Colin Prophet returned to one of his former clubs. Sheffield Wednesday, managed by Len Ashurst equalised through a Tommy Tynan goal. Swindon's first home game of the season came three days later when Peterborough were the visitors. Another new recruit saw his name added to the score sheet when Chris Guthrie opened the scoring for Town, with Ray McHale adding the second in a comfortable win. A gate of 7,124 watched, and Town will be hoping to beat that figure today against Cardiff. Not playing that day, but making 27 appearances for Posh that season was striker Jack Carmichael, who would have a brief spell with Swindon in 1980. Nationally, on August 16 Ron Greenwood is appointed as caretaker manager of England after the July resignation of Don Revie. The opening day of the season sees Lou Macari score a hat trick for Manchester United whilst on August 24, Second Division Cardiff City's League Cup replay with Torquay is watched by just 1,711 people, Cardiff's lowest ever attendance against opposition of League status.

1. Against both Wednesday and Peterborough, Town faced an opponent with a common name. The first went on to play in goal for Manchester United, the other had a brief spell at Swindon. What name did they share?
2. Chris Kamara later went into management. Who did he manage between November 1995 and May 1998?
3. Which Town Wembley legend made 16 League appearances for Cardiff in 1977/78?
4. On August 16 1977, a future Everton manager who was previously the youngest player to appear in an FA Cup final moved from Birmingham to Stoke for £40,000. Who?
5. In 1970, Cardiff received a club record fee of £110,000 from Liverpool for a player who later managed Wales for a single match. Who was he?

Answers: 1. Chris Turner 2. Brian Clough 3. Rod Thomas 4. Howard Kendall 5. John Toshack



STEVE ROBINSON

THE NAKED CHEF

In the second of a new series of articles, Town's resident chef takes you through another of his recipes.

NO. 2 TURBO'S BACON SPAGHETTI

1. For a serving of four, you'll need a pound of bacon, a pound of spaghetti, 3 cloves of garlic, 5 tablespoons of olive oil, salt, pepper and 2 tablespoons of grated parmesan cheese.
2. Cook the bacon on the grill until crispy. Frying it is not healthy, but whatever you do, don't burn the bacon - it'll spoil the taste.
3. Prepare the spaghetti according to the guidelines. Make sure to add a drop of oil to the water so that it doesn't stick to the pan. To make sure spaghetti is cooked, throw it against the wall - if it sticks - it's cooked!
4. Process the garlic and add it to the olive oil.
5. Toss together the spaghetti, bacon and oil/garlic mix on a low heat until piping hot.
6. Add salt, pepper and cheese for taste.
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Boys that show exceptional ability also have the chance to be offered a trial at Swindon Town's Centre of Excellence.

To book your place on the Swindon Town Soccer Centres, you have to pay in full to your chosen leisure centre reception. The cost of the courses are £3.00 per session (sessions are 1 hour). Non Swindon Borough courses may differ, please check with your centre.

Listed right are the times, centres and age groups of the Soccer Centres.



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

HIGHWORTH (Swindon Borough)

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

HAYDON CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

BAMPTON (Oxon)

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

STRATTON

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

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

MARLBOROUGH

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

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Wednesday	5.00 - 6.00 pm	5 - 7 years
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Wednesday	5.30 - 6.30 pm	9 - 11 years
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UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

How did you first get involved in the game?

I have two brothers and so I started kicking a ball around with them at an early age.

How did you end up at STFC?

I was in the army and was posted to Wiltshire. I subsequently signed for Salisbury City who played in the Dorset County League. I also played for the Army Representative side, who suggested that I play club football at a

higher level. I contacted both Swindon and Southampton and it was only Town that responded – here I am!

What are your ambitions for the future?

Now that I have left the army and have a son, I am not likely to move. Therefore I hope to play for the Town whether its with the first team in the South West Combination League, or the reserves in the Wiltshire County League.

SHARON BLACK

AGE 36

POSITION DEFENDER

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STFC LADIES

SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES 2002/03

TOWN'S LADIES SIDE KICK-OFF THE NEW SEASON WITH SIX TEAMS; TWO SENIOR SIDES, TWO UNDER 14 TEAMS, AND UNDER 12 SIDE AND AN UNDER 10 TEAM.

The senior side will once again play in the South West Combination League which is one league down from the National Division. The National League comprises of a Premier League and two Division Ones, one north and one south. Clubs such as Arsenal and Doncaster Belles play in the Premier Division, whilst Bristol City will start the season in Division One having won the South West Combination Championship last season. Town will face three new sides this season: Aylesbury United, who were relegated from the National League, Exeter City, who had a very good run in the AXA sponsored FA Cup and who also won the South West Regional League, and Chesham United, who have moved from the South East Combination League.

In the close season Town lost six regular first team members from last season's squad. Holly Ashman, Georgia Alcock, Katy Lemon, Nikki Relph have all moved away to university, whilst Netti Wyness has decided to hang up her boots. Angie Tinson on the other hand, has decided to move up the M4 to join Bristol City who, of course, play in a higher division. New signings include Julie Selway from Portsmouth, Angela Green from the Isle of Wight, Cara Stacey from Chiseldon and Margaret Rodd from Queensland, Australia.

The club is now able to provide girls and women's football for all ages and we are always keen to attract and involve new players to the game. The junior players train at Park Sports Hall on Friday nights. If you know anyone that may be interested in girls football, then please contact the club secretary, John White, on 01793 824470.

Sun 18 Aug	Cardiff City	A	0-5
Sun 25 Aug	Aylesbury United	A	
Sun 01 Sep	Plymouth Argyle	A	
Sun 08 Sep	Reading Royals	H	
Sun 15 Sep	Clevedon Town	A	
Sun 22 Sep	Portsmouth	H	
Sun 29 Sep	Chesham United	A	
Sun 06 Oct	Newton Abbot	H	
Sun 13 Oct	Yeovil Town	A	
Sun 20 Oct	Cardiff City	H	
Sun 27 Oct	FA Cup 1st Round		
Sun 03 Nov	Aylesbury United	H	
Sun 10 Nov	FA Cup 2nd Round		
Sun 17 Nov	Exeter City	H	
Sun 24 Nov	Reading	A	
Sun 01 Dec	Clevedon Town	H	
Sun 08 Dec	Exeter City	H	
Thur 12 Jan	Plymouth Argyle	H	
Thur 19 Jan	Reading Royals	A	
Thur 26 Jan	Reading	H	
Thur 02 Feb	Portsmouth	A	
Thur 09 Feb	Yeovil Town	H	
Thur 16 Feb	Chesham United	H	
Thur 23 Feb	Newton Abbot	A	
Thur 09 Mar	Aylesbury United	H	



The games are coming thick and fast at the moment and in just two days time, Town are set to make the short journey up the M4 to face Brentford at Griffin Park.

Despite last season's defeat, Town's record at the Bees' home soil is pretty impressive – just 2 defeats in the last 10 visits. However, this year's encounter is set to be a corker with both teams starting the season impressively. But if that isn't reason enough to go, then why not try and visit all four pubs – the ground boasting a public house on each corner. Here's our comprehensive travel guide...



A ROUGH GUIDE TO... BRENTFORD

WHO? BRENTFORD

WHEN? MONDAY AUGUST 26

WHERE? GRIFFIN PARK

KICK-OFF? 3.00PM

STFC TRAVEL CLUB: Swindon Town's travel club is on the road again and what better way to watch the Town than with a number of likeminded people. For more information, contact the Travel Club on 01793 536757/01793 825935, or log on to their website: www.sastravel.co.uk. Departure times are as follows: Wootton Bassett (Coped Hall Bus Stop) 11.00 am, West Swindon (Ashington Way) 11.15am, County Ground 11.30am, Ermin Street 11.45am. Coach Fare: £9.50 per adult, Under 15's £8.50. Supporters club members receive a £1.00 discount.

BY CAR: Leave the M4 at junction 3 (A312 – signposted Feltham) and at the

roundabout, take the third exit. You'll eventually reach the Waggoners roundabout on the A312, take the first exit A4 (signposted London). Stay on the A4 until you reach the junction with the B455. Leave the A4 here and take the third exit (signposted Brentford). Griffin Park is on the right hand side on Braemar Road.

PARKING: Head back up the A4 (s/p The West, Heathrow A4, M4). Keep in the two right-hand lanes (s/p Staines, Hounslow A4) and go straight on for 1.5 miles, to junction/lights. Here, turn left (s/p Brentford A3002) into Boston Manor Road. Somerset Road, which leads to one of the best parking areas, is on the RHS after 1.0 miles.

BY TRAIN: Trains from Swindon to London run every half-hour. Unfortunately you will have to change at either

Paddington or Waterloo. South West trains run from Waterloo and Vauxhall to Weybridge via Brentford. From the station head up to the main road and turn left. Take first main left turn into Windmill Road, and first right (s/p Methodist Church) into Clifden Road. After 0.2 miles turn right into Brook Road and away turnstiles are on the LHS. Call 08457 48 49 50 for the latest information.

Alternatively you can make your way to the ground from Gunnersbury tube station (1.3 miles from the ground) on the District Line. From here, exit station into Chiswick High Road and turn left. After 0.3 miles, at Chiswick Roundabout, take 2nd exit (s/p S. Circular A205) into Chiswick High Road, which becomes Kew Bridge Road.

BY BUS: The E8 is a frequent service from Hanwell along Boston Manor Road, while the E2 runs from West Ealing along Windmill Road.

NEXT IN TOWN...



Stockport County
31.08.02 (3.00pm)



Port Vale
07.09.02 (3.00pm)



Wycombe Wanderers
11.09.02 (7.45pm)



Northampton Town
21.09.02 (3.00pm)



Oldham Athletic
05.10.02 (3.00pm)

Ticket Office Opening Hours

Monday-Friday 9.00am-5.00pm Match day (Sat and Wed) 9.00am-7.45pm Non match day Saturdays 9.00am-12.00pm

Telephone Booking

Lines are open from 9.00am weekdays 01793 333777

On-line booking

To book online, log on to www.swindontownfc.co.uk

NEXT PLEASE...

AT THE COUNTY GROUND



WHO? **STOCKPORT COUNTY** KICK-OFF? **3.00PM**

WHEN? **SATURDAY AUGUST 31**

When Stockport finished eighth in Division One in 1997, and with Gary Megson at the helm, few would have predicted their current predicament – the side currently in the bottom half of Division Two.

Megson has since been and gone (and is now managing in the Premiership with West Brom), as has Andy Kilner and at the moment the Hatters are currently under the guile of former England international Carlton Palmer.

Last year was a proverbial disaster for County and Palmer, the side going eight games without a win (winning just one in their first 18) at the start of the season and confirming their relegation at an early stage.

As a result, many have tipped County for an immediate return to the First Division, but it has been somewhat of a slow start for Palmer's boys this time around. An opening day defeat at Colchester was followed by a 1-1 draw with QPR and at the time of writing

Stockport currently occupy the bottom half of the table.

Hopes this season will be pinned on three central figures. Luke Beckett, who joined the club from Chesterfield last season, was last year's top scorer with 7 and he has already opened his account this time around with the opening goal against QPR. Ben Burgess, another centre forward, has joined the club from Blackburn having spent the majority of last season on loan at Brentford with devastating effect. The burly striker was a target of Andy King's before Palmer snapped him up in July this year and his physical presence will, no doubt, have to be contained if Town are to succeed next Saturday. Stockport's other star is one for the future. Robert Clare, a 19-year old centre half, has impressed everyone at Edgeley Park and has been outstanding again so far this year.

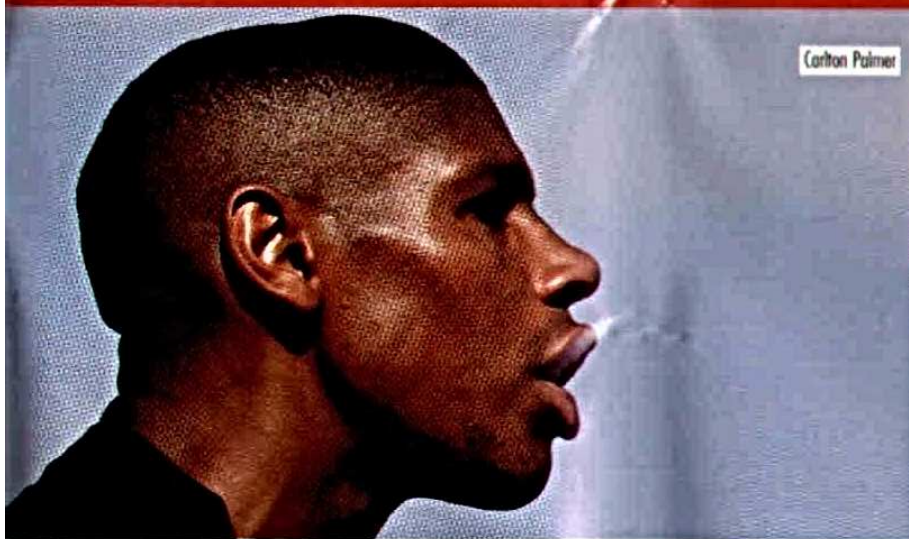
With the fans behind the manager (eventually) and a chairman with every confidence in his players, one assumes



Robert Clare

that it will only be a matter of time before Stockport start to assert their authority on this division. After all, the club is no longer a minnow and in this league, I would go as far as saying that they are one of the so-called 'bigger' clubs. Hopefully they will have to wait until after our encounter until they register their next win and you never know, the longer the club goes without a victory, the lower the confidence gets. As we know to our cost, relegations can take their toll...

Carlton Palmer



TOWN STATISTICS 2002/03

STFC FACT FILE

KICK-OFF 3PM SATURDAYS, 7.45PM MIDWEEK UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

DATE	FIXTURE	RES	ATT	POS
Sat 10 Aug	Barnsley	Home	3-1	6,120 4
Tue 13 Aug	Chesterfield	Away	4-2	3,189 1
Sat 17 Aug	Blackpool	Away	0-0	6,404 2
Sat 24 Aug	Cardiff City	Home		
Mon 26 Aug	Brentford	Away		
Sat 31 Aug	Stockport County	Home		
Sat 7 Sep	Port Vale	Home		
Wed 11 Sep	Wycombe W (WC 1)	Home		
Sat 14 Sep	QPR	Away		
Tue 17 Sep	Cheltenham Town	Away		
Sat 21 Sep	Northampton Town	Home		
Sat 28 Sep	Luton Town	Away		
Sat 5 Oct	Oldham Athletic	Home		
Sat 12 Oct	Colchester United	Home		
Sat 19 Oct	Bristol City	Away		
Sat 26 Oct	Mansfield Town	Home		
Tue 29 Oct	Notts County	Away (7.45)		
Sat 2 Nov	Wycombe Wanderers	Away		
Sat 9 Nov	Tranmere Rovers	Home		
Sat 23 Nov	Huddersfield Town	Away		
Sat 30 Nov	Peterborough Utd	Home		
Sat 14 Dec	Plymouth Argyle	Away		
Sat 21 Dec	Crewe Alexandra	Home		
Thur 26 Dec	Brentford	Home		
Sat 28 Dec	Wigan Athletic	Away		
Wed 1 Jan	Cardiff City	Away		
Sat 4 Jan	Chesterfield	Home		
Sat 11 Jan	Blackpool	Home		
Sat 18 Jan	Stockport County	Away		
Sat 25 Jan	Wigan Athletic	Home		
Sat 1 Feb	Barnsley	Away		
Sat 8 Feb	Tranmere Rovers	Away		
Sat 15 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	Home		
Sat 22 Feb	Port Vale	Away		
Sat 1 Mar	QPR	Home		
Wed 5 Mar	Cheltenham Town	Home (7.45)		
Sat 8 Mar	Northampton Town	Away		
Sat 15 Mar	Mansfield Town	Away		
Wed 19 Mar	Bristol City	Home (7.45)		
Sat 22 Mar	Notts County	Home		
Sat 29 Mar	Colchester United	Away		
Sat 5 Apr	Peterborough United	Away		
Sat 12 Apr	Huddersfield Town	Home		
Sat 19 Apr	Crewe Alexandra	Away		
Wed 23 Apr	Plymouth Argyle	Home (7.45)		
Sat 26 Apr	Oldham Athletic	Away		
Sat 3rd May	Luton Town	Home		

THE KEY FAC = F.A CUP WC = WORTHINGTON CUP DENOTES SCORER *DENOTES BOOKING



Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood*	Willis	Hewlett	Robinson	Miglioranzi	Invincibile
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Griemink	Edds	Duke*	Heywood	Willis	Davis	Robinson	Miglioranzi*	Invincibile



THERE ARE A NUMBER OF VACANCIES NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR STAFF. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK IN AN EXTREMELY EXCITING AND VIBRANT ATMOSPHERE, PLEASE READ ON...

POSITION: MATCHDAY BAR & KIOSK STAFF

TYPE: MATCHDAYS

SALARY: RATE PH ON EXPERIENCE

Swindon Town FC is recruiting a number of Bar & Kiosk staff to operate and maintain the service areas on matchdays in and around the ground. If you are enthusiastic, amiable and would like to work in an exciting and vibrant atmosphere then this role is for you. Customer service is top priority and although previous experience would be helpful, it is not essential. If you would like to apply, please call Chris Abrook on 01793 333 715

POSITION: MATCHDAY WAITERS & WAITRESSES

TYPE: MATCHDAYS

SALARY: RATE PH ON EXPERIENCE

Swindon Town FC is developing and upgrading the matchday experience in all its hospitality areas. An enthusiastic and amiable team of people are required to perform varied roles within the service and hospitality areas. Customer service is top priority and although previous experience would be helpful, it is not essential. If you would like to apply, please call Chris Abrook on 01793 333 715

POSITION: STEWARDS

TYPE: MATCHDAYS

SALARY: PART TRAINED STEWARDS £6.00 PER HOUR, WHEN FULLY TRAINED AND REACHING FSQ STANDARDS £7.50 PER HOUR.

The main duty of a steward is safety, ensuring the safe passage into and out of the stadium of supporters and their well being whilst in the stadium. Stewards are there to ensure that ground regulations are enforced. To enable stewards to perform their duties they undergo 6 modules of training including such aspects as: fire safety, first aid, evacuation procedures, responding to and handling safety issues. To this end Swindon Town stewards are trained to the National Football Stewards Qualification (FSQ). So if you are looking to do a useful job and earn good money, contact Safety Officer Clive Doyle or Steward Training Manager Doug Coombs at the County Ground who will arrange an interview. Tel: 01793 333733

****DENOTES SENDING OFF**    **DENOTES SUBSTITUTIONS**



Parkin ³	Sabin	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Young	Davis
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NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO 2002/03

TEAM	P	D	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
WIGAN	3	3	0	0	7	2	9	+5	
SWINDON	3	2	1	0	7	3	7	+4	
TRANMERE	3	2	1	0	6	2	7	+4	
BRENTFORD	3	2	1	0	3	0	7	+3	
CARDIFF	3	2	0	1	6	4	6	+2	
PLYMOUTH	3	2	0	1	7	6	6	+1	
NOTTS CO	3	1	2	0	4	1	5	+3	
NORTHAMPTON	3	1	2	0	4	3	5	+1	
BLACKPOOL	3	1	1	1	5	4	4	+1	
QPR	3	1	1	1	4	3	4	+1	
MANSFIELD	3	1	1	1	9	9	4	0	
OLDHAM	3	1	1	1	2	2	4	0	
BARNLEY	3	1	1	1	3	4	4	-1	
CATWELL	3	1	1	1	3	4	4	-1	
COLCHESTER	3	1	1	1	2	3	4	-1	
WYCOMBE	3	0	3	0	5	5	3	0	
PETERBOROUGH	3	1	0	2	3	4	3	-1	
BRISTOL C	3	1	0	2	2	3	3	-1	
HUDDERSFIELD	3	1	0	2	4	3	3	-2	
CHESTERFIELD	3	1	0	2	5	8	3	-3	
STOCKPORT	3	0	2	1	1	2	2	-1	
CHELTHAM	3	0	1	2	1	4	1	-3	
LUTON	3	0	0	3	5	10	0	-5	
PORT VALE	3	0	0	3	3	9	0	-6	

APPEARANCES 2002/03[illegible]



SWINDON

Manager Andy King

CARDIFF CITY

Manager Lennie Lawrence

✓ = PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UP

BART GRIEMINK ✓ 1	✓ NEIL ALEXANDER
GARETH EDDS ✓ 2	✓ RHYS WESTON
	3 ANDY LEGG
MATTHEW HEWLETT 4	✓ GARETH WHALLEY
ADAM WILLIS ✓ 5	✓ SPENCER PRIOR
ANDREW GURNEY 6	✓ DANIEL GABBIDON
KEITH O'HALLORAN 7	✓ ANDY CAMPBELL
JIMMY DAVIS ✓ 8	✓ GRAHAM KAVANAGH
SAM PARKIN ✓ 9	✓ LEO FORTUNE-WEST
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI ✓ 10	ROBERT EARNSHAW
DAVID DUKE ✓ 11	✓ PETER THORNE
JUAN COBIAN 12	✓ WILLIE BOLAND
	13 MARTYN MARGETSON
ERIC SABIN ✓ 14	JASON BOWEN
DARREN DYKES 15	MARK BONNER
NEIL RUDDOCK 16	LAYTON MAXWELL
DANIEL INVINCIBILE ✓ 17	JAMES COLLINS
	18 SCOTT YOUNG
MATTHEW HEYWOOD ✓ 19	MICHAEL SIMPKINS
	20 GAVIN GORDON
	21 DAVID HUGHES
ALAN REEVES 22	MARK WALTON
NATHAN EDWARDS 23	✓ CHRIS BARKER
KEVIN HALLIDAY 24	GETHIN JONES
STEVE ROBINSON ✓ 25	DES HAMILTON
ALAN YOUNG 26	GARY CROFT
CHRIS COLLINS 27	
	28 ANDY JORDAN
	29 KEVIN EVANS
	30 MARTYN GILES

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FORM GUIDE

TOWN'S Last 10 Home
League Results

W	L	D	W	W	D	W	L	D	W
P	W	D	L	F	A				
10	5	3	2	14	7				

CARDIFF CITY'S Last 10 Away
League Results

L	L	W	W	W	W	D	W	W	W
P	W	D	L	F	A				
10	1	3	6	20	12				

LAST COUNTY GROUND MEETING

Saturday 21 October 2001
Nationwide Division Two

Swindon Town	0
Cardiff City	3

MEN IN THE MIDDLE

Referee: B. Knight
Assistant 1: P. Norman
Assistant 2: G. Beale
4th Official: R. Groves

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