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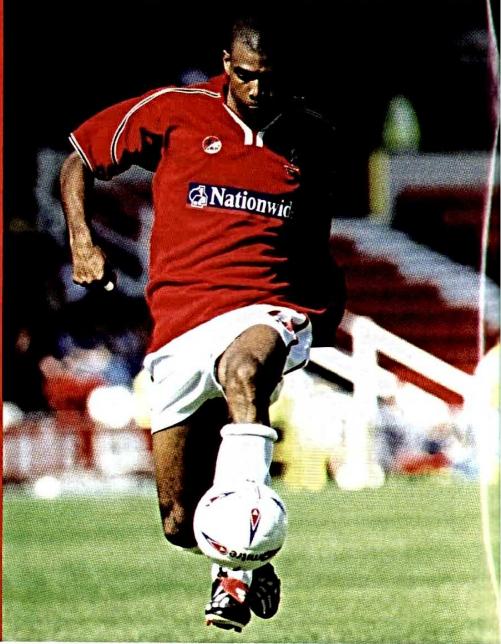
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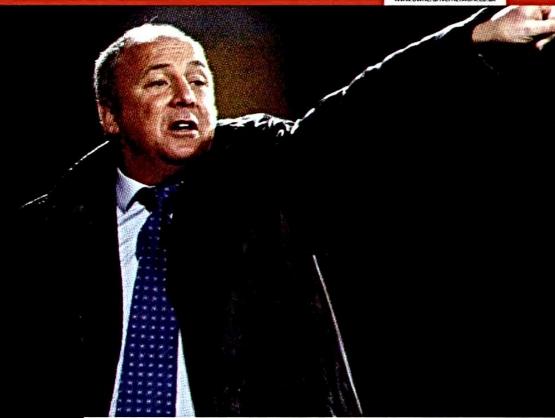


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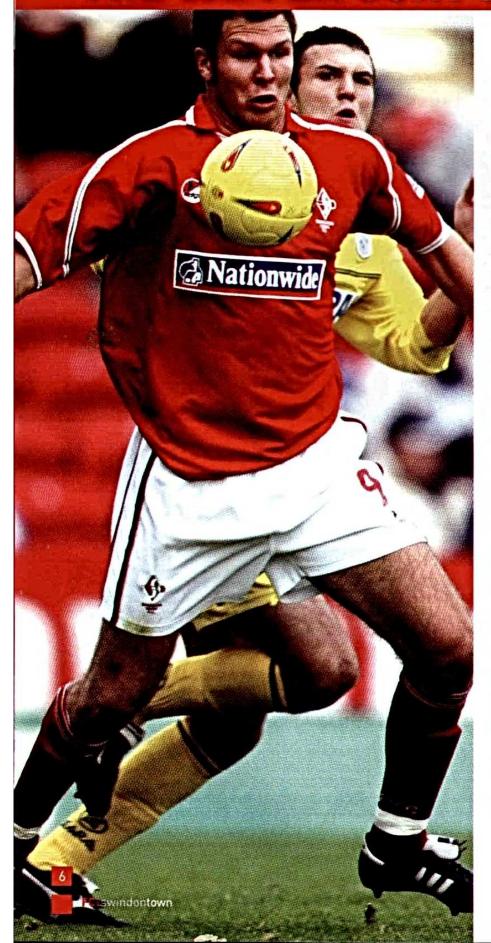
GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO THE COUNTY GROUND AFTER LAST WEEK'S TRIP TO HUDDERSFIELD.

Today sees another side at the wrong end of the table visit Wiltshire and whilst Peterborough will no doubt offer an entirely different encounter, if we can chalk up another victory I am sure that we can continue our recent climb up the table.

Last week saw us grind out a victory against a side that we were forced to play twice in the space of seven days. Despite having won the cup encounter a week earlier, these things can sometimes go against you because make no mistake, Huddersfield would have been desperate to win in front of their home fans last Saturday, especially after the defeat a week before. But they are experiencing some tough times of late and we all know how difficult it is to register a win when things are going against you. As a result their fans are frustrated and those that went last week saw what happened, the players' confidence slowly disappeared and at the end of the game Mick Wadsworth found himself the unfortunate victim of some nasty comments. Having gone through a similar situation I don't like to see anyone go through that kind of abuse.

Our own cause wasn't helped by the injury to Sam Parkin. Sam had been struggling in recent weeks with a knock to his knee and as much as I would have liked him to have started, I just can not afford to risk him picking up a long-term injury. Yet such was the state of the game last week, in the second half in particular, that I felt it necessary to bring him on. Danny and Eric had worked tirelessly all game and as a result, were unable to hold the ball up as much as I would have liked towards the end. For whatever reason we let the home side back into the game having taken a two-goal lead and we put ourselves

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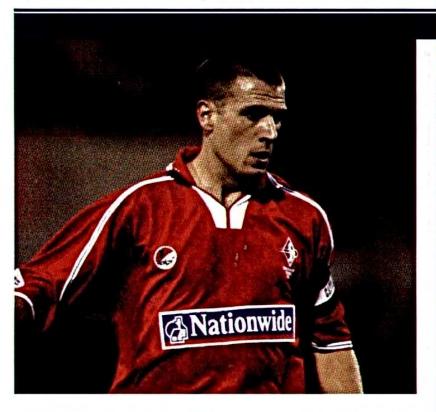
under unnecessary pressure. Sam came on and did well for us, holding the ball up well and getting the all-important third goal, but overall it was a fantastic, passionate performance. It just goes to show how much character this side has because it is the same players that are now getting results that endured that torrid run earlier in the season.

Today we have the opportunity to build on the recent run that we've built up in the league against a side languishing in the bottom three. A win would see us climb a couple of places in the league, but with that said you can't take anything for granted. Such is the league table, as it has been for the last couple of seasons. that any side stringing a few results together can climb the table with relative ease. Any side is capable of beating any other team in this league and I think that the fact that there is only 12 points separating those at the top and those at the bottom speaks for itself. I know that we are capable of winning today, but we must make sure that we play professionally in order to get a result.

The main thing this afternoon, and it is a danger, is that we don't put next weekend's game ahead of today's. The FA Cup clash with Oxford and its subsequent coverage on the BBC has been well publicised and I just hope that the players focus on the job in hand before they concentrate on next week's clash. At the end of the day the league is the 'bread and butter' and staying in this division is more important than reaching round three of the FA Cup. That's not to say that a win next weekend wouldn't be welcome, just that we have to remember what is important and only when we've achieved a positive result can we then think about the cup game.

Once again, many thanks for your continued support and let's make sure of a victory this afternoon.

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



A WARM WELCOME BACK TO THE COUNTY GROUND AFTER LAST WEEK'S WIN AT HUDDERSFIELD.

This week we turn our attentions to Peterborough, another side struggling at the foot of Division Two. However, games like this, despite their league position, are never easy. We know what it's like to be scrapping for points and no doubt Peterborough will be doing exactly that. I also seem to remember that the games against them last year were pretty difficult and so we must work hard in order to get a result.

Last week's win has certainly seen us climb the table slightly. Huddersfield were a tough side to beat and despite going two goals up, made it very difficult for us. But we battled hard, scrapped and fought for everything and were rewarded with a victory. However, we can't afford to rest on our

laurels and you are only as good as your last game. A defeat today will undo all the hard work done over the last few weeks and so a win is crucial. It's a big game for us, but a win will not only see us climb towards the middle of the table, but also set us up nicely for a certain cup game against Oxford. The league is so tight at the moment that a win could see us close the gap on those in the top half of the table. More importantly for the time being maybe, is that we pull away from those below us — especially Peterborough.

Enjoy the game and let's hope that come 4.45pm, we'll be celebrating another win (and who knows, maybe even another goal for me!).



DICK MACKEY'S TREATMENT ROOM

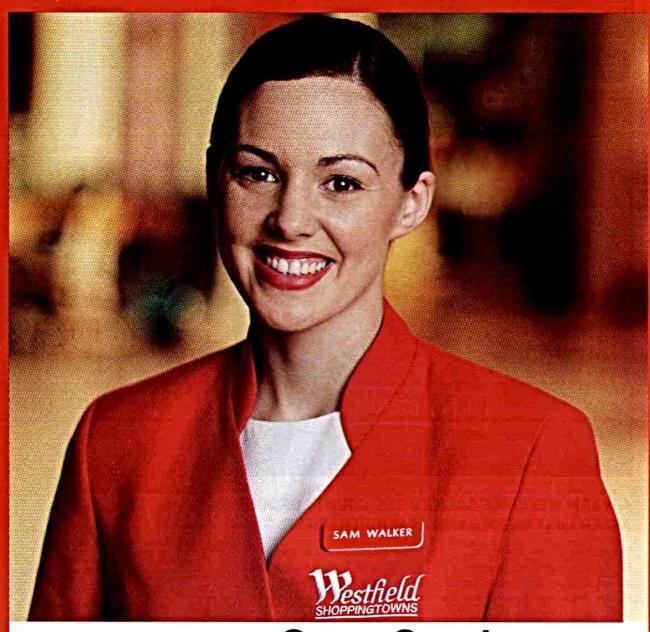
Unfortunately this week we've had a number of players making an appearance in the Treatment Room following Saturday's win up at Huddersfield.

David Duke received a kick to the back of his lower calf, around his Achilles area. However the squad did not train on Monday which allowed him to rest and he should be available today. I would imagine that he would have returned to training on Tuesday and would therefore be available for selection.

Eric Sabin received a superficial stud wound to his lower right leg and came in for treatment on Monday and trained on Tuesday - the injury should not keep him out this weekend but you have to be cautious with these things.

Keith O'Halloran continues his hard work as he builds up his strength and fitness. He is due to see the specialist next week who can give him an assessment of his progress. Sam Parkin started on the bench at Huddersfield and has made a steady recovery from the knock he received to his knee a few weeks back.

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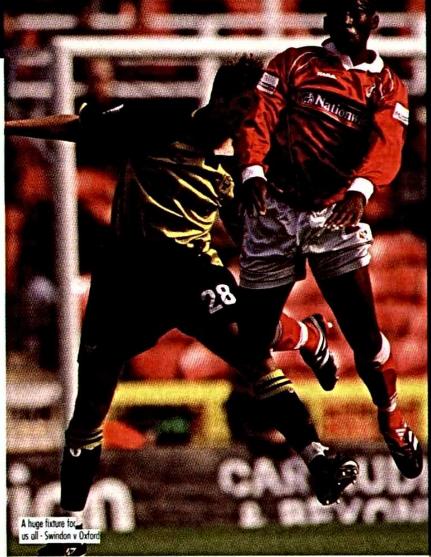
Good afternoon and welcome back to the County Ground for today's visit of Peterborough United. As always, on behalf of the board of directors, I would like to welcome the directors, management, players and supporters from Peterborough.

I'm pleased to say that since the Cup draw it has been a very hectic and lively week at the County Ground. There is a real sense of excitement about the trip to the Kassam Stadium, and whilst I was fairly aware about the rivalry between Swindon and Oxford before joining the club, the response from our fans following the draw has left me in absolutely no doubt as to how passionate our fans are about this fixture.

It has been well documented that the funds from the coverage of the game, and the receipts from a sell out crowd will be welcome at the County Ground. But for me it is also a chance to put the club in the minds of the nation. It gives us an opportunity to show how much on and off the field we have begun to turn the club around - a club that was minutes away from folding just eight months ago. It will also give the national audience a chance to see what our players are made of, and I believe they will be pleasantly surprised by the quality this squad possesses. It is the depth within the squad that is our biggest concern, and as you are no doubt tired of hearing, we cannot do anything about that until we reach an agreement with Neil Ruddock over the severance of his contract

Without wishing to use too many clichés, the League must remain our priority. Improving our current position in the table with the resources available to us will not be easy, but with your continued support – financially and vocally – and if we can get back to regular attendances in excess of 5,500, then it can be achieved.

The Football League has discussed the issue of salary capping recently. Anything that helps clubs to put their financial houses in order and retain the competitive 72 club structure is to be welcomed, but I had a few concerns over the proposals put forward by the Football League working party. Put simply, the proposal put forward was that the clubs limit their playing salaries to a percentage (60% in the first year and 50% in subsequent seasons was suggested) of their annual turnover. The problems arise when identifying what actually should be allowed to be considered as part of your turnover. Transfer fees for instance, were not to be included. Also,



MARK **DEVLIN**



as we know to our cost, budgets fluctuate throughout the financial year sometimes upwards and sometimes downwards. We were approximately £80,000 short of budgeted turnover during October because of falling attendances - would we then be penalised if salary percentage went above the salary cap set? In my opinion I would prefer to see a flat salary cap set - as they have in Rugby Union - this would help to create a more level playing field as well as, it is hoped, encouraging clubs not to live outside of their means. Whatever happens the best form of salary cap is simply to not spend more than you can afford whatever the circumstances and we all know that football clubs suffer from many forms of outside influences unique to the sport. Can I thank those supporters who have responded in great numbers to the Crewe Alexandra promotion. If things

continue as they are we could see a very healthy attendance for the game here on December 21. I would also like to remind supporters that they are welcome to attend the Club's Carol Service which takes place at Christ Church, Drove Road, Old Town at 6.30pm on Monday December 16. An informal reception in the Executive Lounge will follow immediately after the service.

And finally, I wish Peterborough United every success in defending their use of the 'Posh' trademark. As you may well know our Sales and Marketing Manager, Mike Sullivan, spends most of his time defending his 'Ginger' trademark against various people from the entertainment world with a vested interest in the title.

Thanks for your support and enjoy the game.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



21.11.02

HAT-TRICK HERO COMES TO TOWN



Geoff Hurst thought it was all over, but it's not yet and next February he'll be the special guest at the next Swindon Town FC Sporting Club Dinner.

The news comes just days after the next Dinner, which will take place on Monday December 9, sold out with 250 people set to attend. The Geoff Hurst event has been pencilled in for February 17. For more information or to book a table contact the Sales and Marketing Department on 01793

333718. For more details turn to page 39.

25.11.02

TOWN DUO TO MISS CUP CLASH

After Saturday's win over Huddersfield at The McAlpine Stadium, Swindon Town have been dealt a blow after two players received their fifth bookings of the season.

Captain Andy Gurney and midfielder Steve Robinson will miss next week's FA Cup Second Round match at The Kassam Stadium. Gurney has been in great form over the past few weeks and has netted in the past two games. Firstly, he struck the winner in the First Round of the FA Cup with a late strike and secondly on Saturday at Huddersfield he hit a penalty to take Town's unbeaten run up to five games in the League. Former Birmingham City man Robinson has been a regular in a three man Town midfield over the past few weeks. His energetic running and subsequent ability to cover all aspects of Town's play has been an asset to the side. Both will be available this afternoon however.

26.11.02

TOWN YOUTHS TO EARN THEIR SPURS?

The FA Youth Cup Draw for the Fourth Round proper was made at Soho Square last week with Swindon Town being given an away tie at Spurs or Portsmouth. However, there is the small matter of overcoming a potential upset with Hoddesdon Town in the Third Round first. The Hoddesdon game will take place next Tuesday having been postponed due to the weather last week.

28.11.02

OXFORD TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the eagerly awaited derby with Oxford United at The Kassam Stadium went on sale this Thursday at 9.00am.

Swindon Town FC provided tea and biscuits for all fans who queued for tickets on Thursday in recognition for their support. There were a large number of fans outside the Ticket Office on Thursday as the build-up to the game begins.

The STFC Ticket Office will be opening at 9am on Thursday morning. For more details contact the Ticket Office on 01793 333777.

27.11.02

PARKIN LIGHTS

Swindon Town Striker Sam Parkin last week switched on the Christmas lights in Swindon Old Town. Having done a similar event whilst at Northampton last year, Parkin will be joined this year by Spurs loan midfielder Johnnie Jackson. The lights will be switched on by the former Chelsea striker at 7.00pm Thursday evening.

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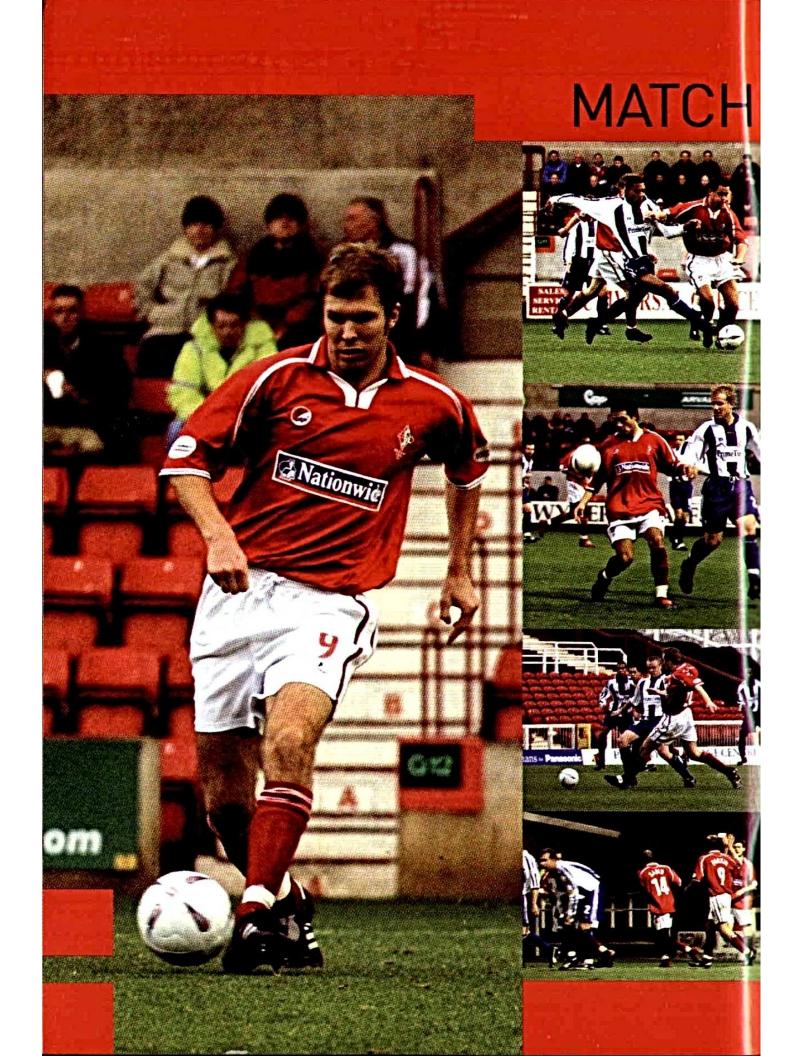
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The FA CUP SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2002 KO 3.00PM THE COUNTY GROUND 4,077

SWINDON TOWN 1

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 0

Andy Gurney was the unlikely hero for Town as he struck a late winner to see off Huddersfield Town in Round One of the FA Cup. However, the goal was nothing less than Town deserved after an entertaining second half, the second period making up for a dour first 45 minutes.

Eric Sabin returned to Town's starting line-up, the Frenchman joining Parkin and Invincibile in the usual three-man attack. However, with both sides struggling to find any kind of form chances were few and far between in the first half and it was a scrappy game; despite enjoying long periods of possession neither side could apply the final ball.

In fact, in the first 45 minutes there wasn't once chance worthy of a special mention and the closest Town came to scoring was through a suspect back pass. Sam Parkin looked to have embarrassed the away defence when he latched onto a poor pass back to Bevon in the visitors' goal. Unfortunately Bevon was lucky enough to get to the ball in time to clear the danger.

Eric Sabin enjoyed the first chance of the game, the pacy striker picking up a loose ball on the edge of the area before sending a weak shot straight at Bevon. Soon after and Huddersfield enjoyed a rare foray into Town's area and Worthington was unlucky not to get on the end of Schofield's penetrative through ball. Huddersfield, who fielded a young side, looked low on confidence and as their goals-for record suggested, offered little in the way of attacking invention.

Sabin, fresh from his two-week lay-off through suspension and injury looked sharp and his pace troubled the visitors on a number of occasions. And it was a flash of French trickery that lead to a crazy spell of 30 seconds in the visitors' box when the ball just wouldn't sit down for Parkin and Steve Robinson.

Despite the best efforts of the Town crowd to get the home side going, there was just no fluency or consistency in Swindon's play and instead it was the visitors that started the brighter of the two sides in the second half. Within five minutes of the restart the Terriers came close to scoring on three minutes. Dwayne Mattis headed over when unmarked in the box before Martin Smith saw a speculative chip tipped over the bar by Griemink. A minute later and it really should have been 1-0 to the visitors. Schofield broke away and having beaten Gumey, he sent a left-footed effort inches past Town's post. On 55 minutes Town breathed a huge sigh of relief again. Nat Brown, who had had an excellent game at the heart of Huddersfield's defence, was unlucky not to see his scrambled effort cross the line, fortunately for the home side Heywood was on hand to clear the danger when it looked as though Brown had broken the deadlock.

At the other end an excellent ball from Sam Parkin saw Sabin break away on the left. His pace left Jenkins for dead and his cross just eluded the onrushing Johnnie Jackson.

On the hour-mark Chris Holland saw a speculative right-footed effort fall wide of the post when, to be honest, he should have done better with the amount of time he had to line up his shot. At the other end and on 75 minutes Andy Gurney was unlucky not to break the deadlock. Town's skipper found himself in the box and following a Parkin flick, he half-volleyed a low effort past Beyon's post. A minute later and Johnnie Jackson sent a wicked trade-mark free-kick inches over Bevon's goal.

The chances were more forthcoming, yet the general standard of play was still below the standard that Town have become accustomed to in recent weeks and there were too many stray passes and schoolboy errors.

On 70 minutes Invincibile really should have given Town the lead. Eric Sabin, arguably Town's man of the match, got the ball down in the visitors' area and his cross flashed across the face of their goal. Danny, in front of an empty net, blazed the ball into the Town End from an acute angle.

As the game became more stretched Town went down the other end and following some nice play from Steve Robinson, Jackson crossed to Parkin who's header forced Bevon to punch the ball to safety. Martin Smith was unlucky not to see his volley force Griemink into a save on 80 minutes, instead his effort was deflected wide for a Huddersfield corner and with ten minutes to go it looked as though either side could snatch it.

Thankfully it was Town that took the initiative and the game was won in the 85th minute. Andy Gurney, who had a quiet game by his standards, found himself in the Huddersfield box and he converted a cross from close range with a right-footed flick.

TOWN: Griemink, Duke, Heywood, Reeves, Gurney, Jackson, Hewlett, Robinson, Invincibile, 3 Sabin, Parkin Subs not used: Farr, Edds, Willis, Miglioranzi, Young.

HUDDERSFIELD: Bevan, Jenkins, Moses, Brown, Sharp, Worthington [Thorrington 87], Holland, Mattis, Smith, Stead. Schofield Subs not used: Senior, Youds, Scott, Baldry.



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SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2002 KO 3.00PM MCALPINE STADIUM 8,334

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 2

SMITH 36, STEAD 90

SWINDON TOWN 3

DUKE 1, GURNEY 24 (PENALTY), PARKIN 90

Sam Parkin came off the bench to score his 11th league goal of the season and secure three points for Town after what had been a difficult second half for King's men. The result sees Town climb the table once more, whilst the pressure now piles on Huddersfield's Mick Wadsworth.

It looked to have been plain sailing as Andy Gurney added to David Duke's early opener with a penalty however, an impressive goal from the home side just before the half-time break, as well as a second late on following Parkin's goal meant that it was an uneasy afternoon for the 150 or so fans that travelled from Swindon.

It took Town just 42 seconds to take the lead. Eric Sabin, who has been extremely impressive in recent weeks, cut the ball back to Duke following some neat interplay between himself and Invincibile and the Scotsman slotted the ball into the bottom left hand corner of Bevon's net. The only change to Town's line-up was the inclusion of Stefani Miglioranzi ahead of the injured Sam Parkin — however, King changed the actual formation of the side and opted for a 3-5-2, with Gurney sweeping behind Heywood and Reeves. Huddersfield managed to claw their way back into the half after a slow first fifteen minutes and with the crowd on their backs, rallied forward in search of an equalizer. However, for all the home sides' effort and guile Swindon always looked the more dangerous of the two sides going forward and on the break Invincibile and Sabin looked capable of getting behind the Terriers defence at every opportunity.

And it was Invincibile's pace that led to Town's second goal – the Australian broke forward and was adjudged to have been pulled back when crossing the ball from just inside the Huddersfield area. And despite the howls of derision from the home crowd the referee pointed to the spot. Andy Gurney duly obliged and Town's skipper scored his second goal of the week (and against Huddersfield) from the spot to put Town two up. Huddersfield, themselves languishing at the wrong end of the table, looked deflated and the best chance for them came on 35 minutes, a tame shot from long range eventually finding the grateful arms of Bart Griemink. Indeed the Terriers had scored just 13 goals all season until today and didn't look like adding to that tally. That was until a great virtuoso goal with just ten minutes to go until the break.

Martin Smith edged quietly towards Town's goal and with the Robins' defence backing off, he cleverly chipped Bart Griemink to give the home side a life-line as half time approached. Despite receiving a knock just before the half time whistle Eric

Sabin returned after the break as the temperature started to drop. And just as the weather seemed to have deteriorated, so did the quality of play as both sides continued to give the ball away following the kick-off. Huddersfield enjoyed long periods of possession without ever really threatening the Town goal — meanwhile at the other end the closest Town came to penetrating the home sides' back four was a Jackson foray into their area. Yet for all of Huddersfield's play in their own half they were just missing that final ball and calls for Mick Wadsworth's resignation began to ring around the ground as the Terriers' faithful became increasingly frustrated with their sides' efforts.

Sam Parkin was introduced to the game at the expense of the injured Eric Sabin as King looked to assert some authority on the game again. Similarly, as the home side looked to get themselves back into the match Chris Holland made way for John Thornington.

Town were looking increasingly like they were going to settle for a 2-1 win, yet for all the time they weren't attacking the Huddersfield goal, the home side piled on the pressure. Gareth Edds came on for David Duke and immediately afterwards, Town won a free kick on the edge of the Huddersfield area. Johnnie Jackson was brought down following good work from Sam Parkin and the former Tottenham midfielder saw his effort drift over the bar.

At the other end John Thorrington had the best chance for the home side – the left-sided player shooting wide when he had time and his effort was indicative of Huddersfield's afternoon.

Nat Brown was introduced to the game with five minutes to go. The center forward come defender was thrown into the home side's front line in an effort to add some height. His presence caused confusion in Town's defence soon after and Miglioranzi cleared for a home corner. Brown was involved soon again when his looping header struck the Town bar with Griemink scrambling on the Town goal line.

Swindon looked to have wrapped up all three points courtesy of that man 'Super Sam'. Danny Invincibile broke free and cut the ball back to Parkin who, following a deflection, slotted the ball home. Town's fans were ecstatic whilst King celebrated on the line – yet before they were seated again Huddersfield pulled one back. Town went to sleep at the back and Stead converted from close range. However, it was too little too late for the Terriers and as Town celebrated a hard-earned victory — the home support called for Wadsworth's head in large numbers.

HUDDERSFIELD: Bevan, Sharp, W. Youds, Moses, Jenkins, M. Holland [Thorrington 70], Mattis, Baldry (Worthington 58), Smith, Schofield [Brown 85], Stead W. Subs not used: Senior, Scott.

SWINDON: Griemink, Duke (Edds 75), Heywood, Reeves, Gurney, Jackson, Hewlett, Robinson, Miglioranzi, Sabin (Parkin 64), Invincibile Subs not used: Farr, Willis, Young



It's always nice to beat your local rivals and with next week's clash with Oxford looming, it seemed only fair that we remember some of the greatest encounters between the two sides. Funnily enough, we seem to have won all of them. Same again next week please fellas...



SWINDON TOWN 3-2 OXFORD UNITED (04.05.82)

Oxford were second in the table with a run of twelve games without defeat behind them while Town were struggling to avoid relegation. Paul Rideout put Town ahead thanks to a pinpoint cross from Charlie Henry at the far post early in the second half, before Town doubled their lead just past the hour. Roy Carter buried a superb shot into the corner of the net to put Town two goals to the good. Billy Jeffrey pulled one back for the visitors before Paul Rideout looked to have secured the points. There was still time for another Oxford goal after Graham brought down Ray Train, allowing David Fogg to net from the spot.



SWINDON TOWN 2-1 OXFORD UNITED [08.10.2000]

This win wasn't particularly impressive, but it formed part of a double header over our local rivals in season 2000/01 (look at number 2). With both teams languishing in the bottom four it made for an even more tense encounter, but goals from Alan Reeves and Giuliano Grazioli either side of Whittingham's strike made sure of the points.



SWINDON TOWN 4-1 OXFORD UNITED (06.12.1997)

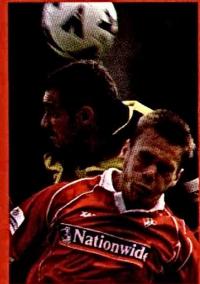
Who would have thought that when Town beat the U's 4-1 in December 1997, that they'd do exactly the same thing a year later! Despite going a goal down, Town rampaged home, the equaliser coming through an Wilsterman own goal. Mark Walters scored a second from the spot before Stevey Finney and Ty Gooden put the game beyond doubt.



OXFORD UNITED 0-2 SWINDON TOWN (10.03.2001)

It's always nice to win on Oxford's



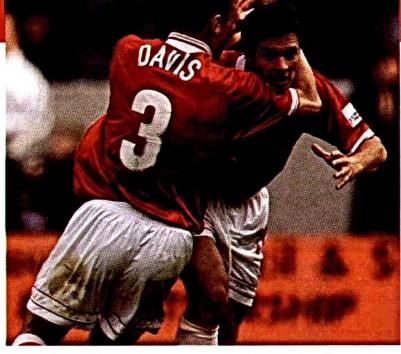


'patch' and two seasons ago, Town did exactly that when Steve Robinson crashed home two thunderous volleys. What was even better was that the defeat pushed the U's closer to the relegation zone. Talking after the game Steve Robinson said, "Normally those shots hit Row Z but for some reason today they flew into the top corner.

"It's always nice to score, especially when you don't do it very often. However, it now means I probably won't score for another two years..."

SWINDON TOWN 4-1 OXFORD UNITED (09.09.1998)

The game began superbly for Town when George Ndah got his foot to a Mark Walters cross to put Swindon a goal to the good. Walters engaged in top gear from the beginning of the game and his performance was worthy of a goal, yet United keeper Phil Whitehead denied him on numerous occasions. Nick Banger



equalised for the visitors on 25 minutes when he headed in a deep cross which edged past Jimmy Glass. Early into the second half Town fans celebrated what they thought was the crucial goal to edge ahead, but the referee (bravely!) judged that Darren Bullock's header did not fully cross the line and thus waved play on. With 18 minutes to go, Gooden made a rampaging run down the flank, then cut inside before firing in a shot

which Whitehead could not handle, this left Onoura with a simple tap in to make it 2-1. Mark Walters had a hand in the third goal as his teasing cross was met by Onoura who put the game beyond doubt. With the Town faithful in full voice cheering their side on, Gooden threaded an acute pass through to Ndah who motored past his marker and slid the ball under Whitehead to secure a memorable 4-1 win.

MATCH ACTION



WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2002

BARNET 2

SWINDON TOWN 3

DRAYCOTT 2, YOUNG

STFC line-up: Craig Farr, Chris Collins, Kevin Halliday, Gareth Edds, Adam Willis, Nathan Edwards, Juan Cobian, Alan Young, Daren Dykes, Mark Draycott, Chris Hughes

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IN RESERVE



RESERVE TEAM

SWINDON TOWN CAME AWAY FROM UNDERHILL LAST WEEK WITH THREE WELL-EARNED POINTS AFTER WHAT WAS A THOROUGHLY ENTERTAINING GAME.

A young Town side, including Chris Hughes, Mark Draycott and Chris Collins, battled well to take the game to the hosts from the kick off.

During the initial exchanges the Town defence, well marshalled by Adam Wilis and Kevin Halliday, kept the Barnet attack under wraps. Young striker Mark Draycott, who scored seven goals in the FA Youth Cup victory over Chelmsford, opened the scoring on just 10 minutes. The youngster hit an angled effort past 'keeper Ricky Millard which flew into the corner of the net to put Town 1-0 up.

This goal seemed to kick start the hosts into action and they pressed forward putting the Town back line under pressure. Barnet equalised on 18 minutes through Wayne Purser and took the lead just ten minutes before half time. The busy Wayne Purser floated in a cross which was met by Midgley who made no mistake and shot past Farr to leave Town with an 'uphill' task in the second half,

Draycott added another goal to his tally to equalise for Town with a close range shot on the hour. There was more drama to come when on 80 minutes Chris Collins was penalised for shirt pulling in the box and the referee pointed to the spot. Midgley drove the resulting spot kick hard and low, but Craig Farr pulled off a superb stop down to his right to deny Barnet a winner.

Alan Young, who scored for the first team in the LDV Vans defeat at Kidderminster, should have decided matters on 84 minutes when his effort looped agonisingly over the crossbar.

However, with just three minutes left, Young atoned for his earlier miss by driving in a right foot shot to secure all three points for Town.

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Wed 21 Aug	Millwall	Home	
Wed 28 Aug	Cambridge United	Away	
Wed 4 Sep	Peterborough United	Away	
Wed 18 Sep	Luton Town	Home	4
Wed 2 Oct	Brighton & HA	Away	1
Wed 9 Oct	Bristol Rovers	Home	
Wed 16 Oct	Norwich City	Away	3
Wed 30 Oct	Reading	Home	
Tue 12 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	Home	٦
Wed 27 Nov	Barnet	Away	
Wed 4 Dec	AFC Bournemouth	Away	
Tue 10 Dec	OPR	Home	
Mon é 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 Har	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	

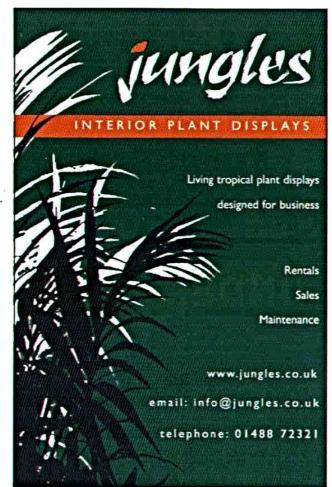
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MATCH ACTION



TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2002

CIRENCESTER TOWN 1 SWINDON TOWN 4 STROUD 4

STFC line-up: Matt Bulman, Kyle Lapham, Ian Oliver, Mark Jones. Aaron Salter, Hambidge, Chris Taylor, Micahel Pook, David Stroud, Lance Lewis, Ashan Hulgate. Subs: Bertie Foster, Thomson, Chris Zebrovski, Mitchell Wyatt, Matt Bennett.

All follows are subject to change without prior roll lication

UNDER 17'S



UNDER 17'S

TOWN UNDER 17S RETURNED TO WINNING WAYS LAST TUESDAY WITH AN IMPRESSIVE AWAY VICTORY AGAINST LOCAL RIVALS CIRENCESTER

Having beaten them by ten goals to two earlier in the season, David Stroud bagged four goals as the Robins strolled to an impressive 4-1 victory.

Against strong wind and on a poor pitch, Town's under 17s performed as well as they could in the conditions. Jimmy Fraser fielded a strong side, with the majority of the First Year Scholars representing the side with the under 19s out of action(due to postponements as a result of the weather). Jim takes up the story: "The lads didn't play as well as they can do, but then the conditions weren't ideal and at times we did string some nice moves together. Add to that the fact that we beat Cirencester 10-2 a few weeks ago and it made for a tough encounter because they were certainly looking to make amends for that defeat. The main thing is that we won in the end and the lads are now back on track after a couple of disappointing results. David Stroud did well to grab all four, he had dropped back down from the under 19s and like the rest of the lads, showed a tremendous attitude with plenty of passion. Sometimes when the older lads come back to play in a younger age group they don't take it as seriously, but there was no danger of that in this game. The passing and movement was good and culminated in a good victory.

"On the whole I think the lads can be pleased with their performance, but they know as well as I do that there is more to come and I am hoping that they can add to this victory when they face Bristol Rovers, another tough game against local rivals."

The 17s travel to face their local rivals today before they face two home games back to back against Bournemouth and Torquay.

Sat 17th Aug	Oxford United	Home	5-0
Sat 24th Aug	Exeter City	Away	4-1
Sat 31st Aug	In Service Day		
Sat 7th Sep	Chettenham Town	Home	4-0
Satu 14th Sep	Swansea City	Away	2-2
Sat 21st Sep	Cardiff City	Home	2-3
Sat 28th Sep	Cirencester	Home	10-2
Sat 5th Oct	Plymouth Argyle	Away	0-1
Sat 12th Oct	AFC Bournemouth	Away	0-3
Sat 19th Oct	Bristol Rovers	Home	4-1
Sat 26th Oct	Free Week		
Sat 2nd Nov	Torquay United	Away	p-p
Sat 9th Nov	Cardiff City	Away	2-3
Tue 26th Nov	Cirencester	Away	4-1
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	
Wed 22nd Jan	Torquay 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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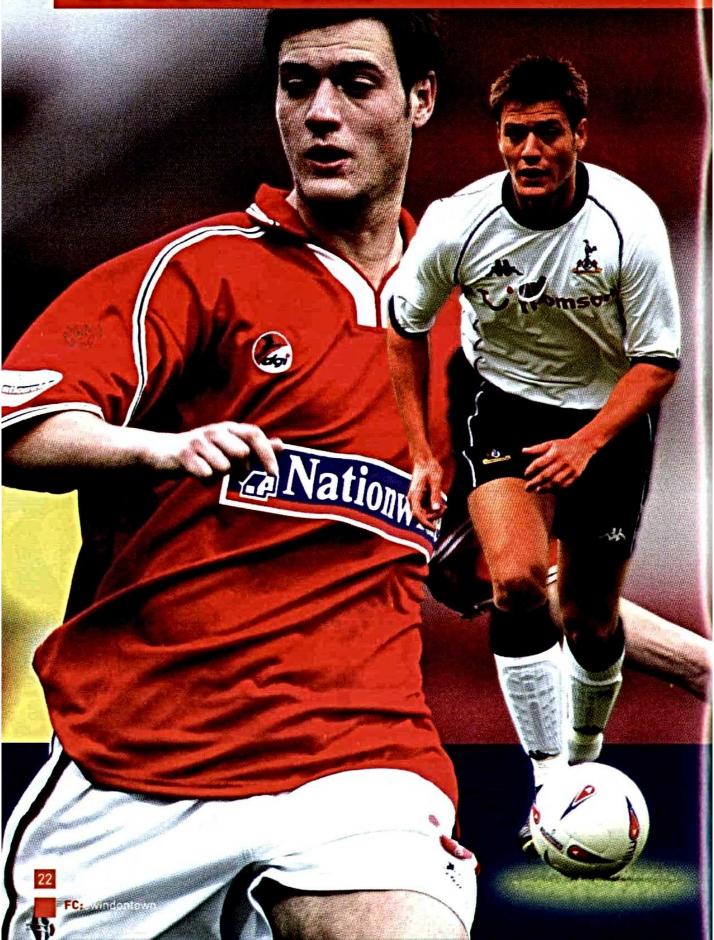
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20 QUESTIONS



1. HOW ARE YOU ENJOYING YOUR STAY AT THE COUNTY GROUND?

I'm enjoying it a lot, it is just good to be playing first team football every week. In the reserves at Spurs I was playing in front of just a few hundred, so to be playing in front of thousands is a great experience.

WHO HAS THE BEST DRESS SENSE AT THE TOWN?

I would have to say Johnnie Jackson.

3. AND THE WORST?

Sam Parkin without doubt, he wears some terrible gear.

4. WHAT OTHER SPORTS DO YOU FOLLOW APART FROM FOOTBALL?

Not many to be honest, I follow the horseracing and play a bit of tennis but I don't follow many other sports...

5. WHAT DO YOU DO BEFORE A GAME, ARE YOU THE NERVOUS TYPE?

It depends on how big the game is. Before my debut for Swindon I was pretty nervous, but I don't usually get the nerves before a game that badly.

6. IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD DO FOR A LIVING?

Probably still be a student at University. I started in the Youth Team at Spurs when I was sixteen after my GCSE's so didn't look too far past football from that stage.

7. WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME?

I like to watch DVD's, but apart from that spending time with friends and perhaps the odd bit of shopping.

8. FAVOURITE DRINK?

Coke.

9. WHO IS THE TEAM JOKER AT SPURS?

Ben Thatcher without question.

10. ANY FUNNY STORIES FROM THE SPURS TRAINING GROUND?

Lets just say Tim Sherwood has had to deal with something left in his locker after training!

11. CAREER HIGHS AND LOWS SO FAR?

Playing for England's U18s in Italy and beating them on their own turf was a superb experience. Career low so far would be not getting much of a chance to impress at Spurs and being left in the Reserves.

12. MOST EXPENSIVE ITEM YOU HAVE EVER BOUGHT?

£800 for a suit.

13. FAVOURITE DVD?

The Godfather.

14. WHO WAS THE BEST PLAYER AT SPURS?

Teddy Sheringham is class.

15. FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION?

Ayia Napa in Cyprus.

16. BEST GOAL SCORED SO FAR?

A Free Kick for England U18s against Belgium - it flew in.

17. TYPICAL PRE-MATCH MEAL?

Whenever I can I like to have pasta before a game, so the favourite meal would be Chicken and Pasta.

18. WHAT CAR DO YOU DRIVE?

VW Golf.

19. WHAT WILL THE TOWN SCORE BE TODAY, AND WHO WILL SCORE?

We will win 5-0. Jackson hat trick, Danny and Matty Hewlett.

20. JACKO'S PREDICTIONS FOR THE REST OF THE DIVISION TWO FIXTURES: NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Barnsley 0	Oldham 0
Blackpool 0	Notts County 0
Bristol City 3	Crewe 0
Cheltenham 1	Brentford 2
Chesterfield 1	Huddersfield 0
Coichester 0	Plymouth 2
Port Vale 2	Mansfield 1
Stockport 1	Wycombe 1
Swindon 5	Peterborough 0
Tranmere 2	Luton 2
Wigan 3	Northampton 0



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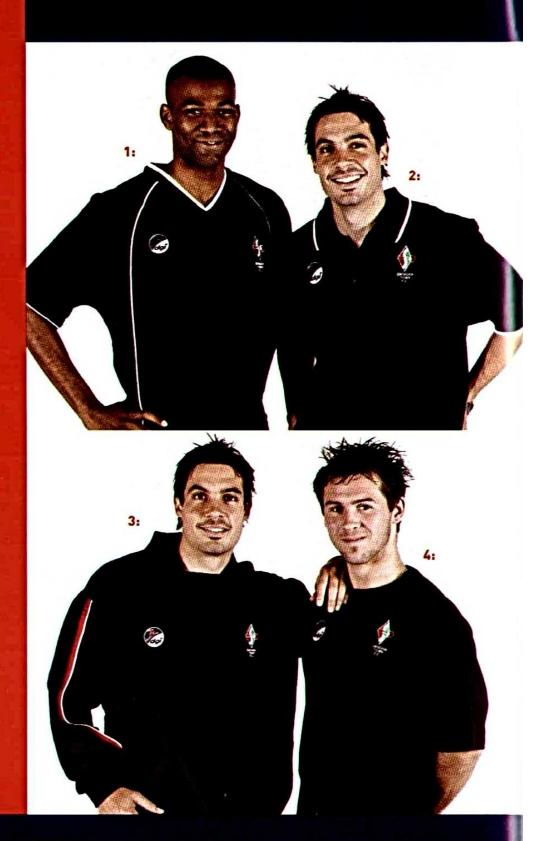
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However, weather permitting we should be back in action this week and this weekend's game sees the U19's, U10's and U11's travelling to Cardiff. The U13's and U14's are away to Cheltenham, with the U15's at home to Cheltenham.

Our U12's have no game but they will be involved in a training game against themselves, their coach will pick two teams to play in what we hope will be a worthy exercise, as the lads have not had many games recently, due to the bad weather.

We also have a number of trialists involved in games this weekend who will be looking to show the coaching staff and myself something that might make us offer them a contract at our Centre of Excellence.

All trialists sign for us for a six-week trial period, within the six weeks they are coached twice a week and weather permitting, will play in our games programme. We wish all of our players all the best for the weekend's games.

Anyone who thinks they have seen any players worthy of a trial should contact Jimmy Fraser at the club on 01793 333724.

We are also still looking for sponsors and if you are interested, or may know of anyone that is - then call me on the same number.

Enjoy today's game!

FIXTURES FOR DECEMBER

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TODAY'S VISIT OF PETERBOROUGH REKINDLES
MEMORIES OF THE FAMOUS VICTORY THAT SAW TOWN
AVOID THE DROP TO DIVISION THREE TWO YEARS AGO.
OK, BRISTOL ROVERS' FAILURE TO WIN A GAME IN
THEIR LAST THREE MAY ALSO HAVE HELPED, BUT THAT
STILL DIDN'T PREVENT SCENES OF JOY AS DANNY
INVINCIBILE RIFLED HOME A LAST-MINUTE WINNER.

TODAY'S VISITORS

PETERBOROUGH UNITED



THIS SEASON

Ins: Roger Willis (Chesterfield), Sagi Burton (Crewe), Bradley Allen (Grimsby), Brian McGovern (Norwich)

Outs: David Oldfield (Oxford), Howard Forinton (Torquay), Jon Cullen (Darlington), Roger Willis (Kettering), Marc Joseph (Hull City)

Odds for promotion: 200/1 (odds courtesy of www.swindonbet.co.uk)

Last five games: DLWLL

LAST SEASON

Position Last year: 17 (Division One)
Biggest win: 9-0 (v Bournemouth)
Biggest defeat: 1-4 (Port Vale)
Top scorer: Leon McKenzie 20
Most League apps: Mark Tyler 53

HISTORY BOOK

Formed: 1934

Biggest win: 9 - 1 v Barnet (05/09/1998)

Most capped player: Tony Millington (Wales: 8)

Most league goals: : Jim Hall (122: 1967/75)

Biggest buy: Martin O'Connor £350,000

Record against the Town: STFC Wins 16, PUFC Wins 14, Draws 10 However, the very fact that Peterborough weren't involved in the relegation scrap itself must have been a relief to the London Road faithful who, unfortunately, have seen their fair share of ups and downs over the years.

A 'yo-yo' club by tradition Peterborough have, for years, spent most of their time negotiating the lower leagues. With that said, the club has endured a somewhat stable period in the last few years and this year will be their fourth consecutive season in the Second Division, not bad for a club including a number of players that were plucked from semi-professional football.

This year looks set to be their toughest yet however, and with the blues currently occupying 23rd place in the league table, it looks as though Barry Fry's managerial acumen could be tested to the limit. A wheeler-dealer and the king of bargain buys, Fry has, for years, been able to spot a player in the non-league scene. Having spent much of his time playing and managing a number of semi-professional clubs Fry built up a reputation as a manager that could spot a bargain and his current squad, despite holding their own in the last two years, is now showing signs of its inexperience.

Yet right off Fry and his players at your peril, for Peterborough are one of those sides that thrive in the face of adversity. It has been their never-say-die attitude that has seen enjoy success in recent years and that will always live with the club as long as Fry is in charge.

Despite their inconsistent start there have been signs that would suggest Peterborough's league position belies their potential. An opening day win against much-fancied Luton suggested that there may be better times ahead and despite an ensuing run of five games without a win, Fry's side then drew with Wigan before comfortably dispatching of Brentford, another club towards the top end of the table, 5-1. Unfortunately that's about as good as it's got for the London Road side since and one win (against Chesterfield three weeks ago) has seen many of the London Road faithful vent their frustrations towards the management.

Even Posh Spice seems to have it in for the London Road-based club, Victoria Beckham alleging that the Cambridgeshire side were not allowed to use the nickname Posh, that despite the fact that the club has used the nickname since the 1920's!

Let's hope for an upturn in the club's fortunes — obviously after the Town have snatched three points from them today.



THE GAFFER THE SQUAD



BARRY FRY

Barry's football career started in 1960 when he was signed by Manchester United following a glittering run as a schoolboy. After four years at Old Trafford without making it into the senior squad, spells followed with Bolton, Luton and Leyton Orient before he dropped into non-league soccer with Gravesend and Northfleet. Romford, Bedford Town, Stevenage Borough and Dunstable Town, gaining his first managerial experience with the latter and steering them to promotion in his debut campaign as player-manager.

Other managerial spells followed with Hillingdon Borough, Barnet, Maidstone, and Barnet again. Three times the North London club were runners-up in the GM Vauxhall Conference before finally going one better and gaining a place in the Football League.

He joined Southend United in April 1993 and by the end of the year Southend were third in Division One when Barry was tempted to join Birmingham City. In two and a half years at St Andrew's he achieved an Auto Windscreens Shield and promotion double in the 1994-95 season before taking the club to the semi-final of the Coca Cola Cup in the following season. He joined Peterborough in 1996.

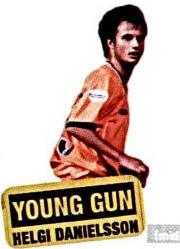
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MARK TYLER

Once again performed to the optimum last season when he came to his side's rescue on several occasions. Rated by many as one of the best goalkeepers outside of the Premier League, he was rewarded by his fellow professionals with selection into the PFA Division Two team of the year.

JIMMY BULLARD

Highly rated youngster who was a regular in his first season at London Road where he scored 11 goals from the central midfield slot. The energetic and skilful 24-year-old moved to Posh from Premier League outfit West Ham United on a free transfer in the summer of 2001 and he will be looking to build on his impressive start.



Icelandic Under international midfielder who was one of the bright spots at London Road in otherwise season underachievement for Posh. The talented youngster joined the club as a 17-year-old after impressing in a youth trial game against his favourite club Liverpool and he signed a twoyear contract extension, which will keep him at London Road until 2004.

ANDY EDWARDS

Experienced central defender who has been 'Mr Consistent' since joining the club from Birmingham City in the 1996/97 season, 'Eagle' as he is affectionately known, found the back of the net twice last term, including a complete fluke in the 2-2 draw at Blackpool, and he ended the season with 53 outings in all competitions.

MATHEW GILL

Returned after 11 months from a career threatening knee injury in fine style and finished the season with a flourish from his new right-back position, scoring twice in 12 appearances, including the first goal in the 2-2 draw at promoted Reading. The youngster skippered the Under 18s in their 1997/98 Times FA Youth Cup run and has not looked back since.

GARETH JELLYMAN

Welsh Under 21 international who suffered a nightmare season with injuries, namely on his knee, which meant he only appeared 13 times in Posh colours. The skillful left back has lived up to his potential after making the breakthrough from youth ranks to a star in the senior side and winning the 'Man of the Match' award at the 1999/00 Wembley Play-off final.

SIMONREA

Strong central defender who missed the end of the 2001/02 campaign with injury after a steady season at the heart of the Posh back-line. With Marc Joseph proving to be equally good at centreback and right-back, the former Birmingham City man will have to work



hard to get back in the side, although he has had a good run in the side recently.

at Portsmouth.

TONYSHIELDS

Irish midfielder who was on the verge of quitting Posh and returning to his homeland tollowing a season of frustrating injuries and loss of form where he lost his place to new arrival Jimmy Bullard. To the relief of Barry Fry and Posh supporters the youngster committed himself to London Road and returned to pre season training firing on all cylinders. A tenacious player with a clever touch, he is not afraid to bite into the tackle despite his diminutive size.

SAGI BURTON

Powerful defender who was signed on a one-year contract from Crewe Alexandra in September. The versatile performer has settled quickly at London Road with a string of impressive performances, but he was harshly sent-off in the

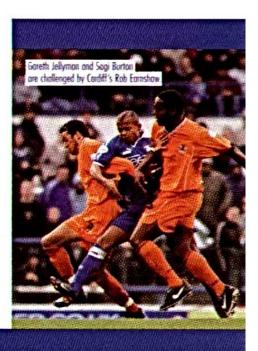


Worthington Cup first round tie

Andy Clarke will always be remembered as the man who scored the winning goal in Peterborough United's 1-0 Wembley victory over Darlington in the 1999/00 Division Three Play-off final. The veteran struggled to hold down a regular place last season, but still managed to find the back of the net on eight occasions.

AND THE REST

Dennis Pearce, Marc Joseph David Farrell, Richard Forsyth Jason Lee, Adam Newton Gary MacDonald, Dan Connor Francis Green, Steve Laurie Leon McKenzie, Lee Clarke Howard Forinton, Neale Fenn Daniel French.





Jim Barron was a goalkeeper bred from vintage stock. His father, who was also called Jim, had played League football either side of the Second World War, finishing his career with 23 matches for Darlington, and Jim Jnr followed Dad hand in glove. Dad was from Blyth, junior was from Tantobie, but Wolves would be the first League team to benefit from the North West's second generation of goalkeeping prowess.

After just eight games (and as Wolves dropped out of Division One) Jim retained his top division spot by moving on to Chelsea in 1965, a stay that would be even less prolific on the appearance front. Just one League team-sheet in a little under a year featured Jim Barron's

name before a move to Oxford United would establish him as a worthy Football League performer. Oxford, who had not long been admitted to the League, made Barron their regular first choice 'Number One' and over 150 appearances followed for the Manor Ground based club. At the time of Barron's arrival at the end of season 1967/68, Oxford had just made the jump to Division Two, taking the championship both eight points and eight places ahead of Swindon.

July 1970 produced a move onwards and upwards to First Division Nottingham Forest where he again held the stoppers' shirt in excess of 150 games, although relegation in 1971/72 returned Barron to the Second Division. The spring of 1974 saw Swindon drop into the Third, and in August newly re-seated Town manager Danny Williams brought Barron to the County Ground to bolster the attempt at immediate promotion. While that aim was not achieved and a sharing of duties between Barron and Jimmy Allan stopped either maximizing their League appearance tally over the next two seasons, Barron still clocked up a creditable 79 showings before a move to London Road, Peterborough and the basement of the Football League in August 1977. Consecutive promotion and relegation seasons resulted before his goalkeeping gloves were stowed in the drawer marked retirement in 1980. Coaching duties were the new order of the day and Jim has served as

THE VISIT OF BARRY FRY AND HIS PETERBOROUGH SIDE THIS AFTERNOON WILL REUNITE ONE OF OUR PLAYERS WITH HIS FORMER CLUB, WHILST DAVE WALLIS REMEMBERS ANOTHER GOALKEEPER THAT HAS PLAYED FOR BOTH SWINDON AND TODAY'S VISITORS.



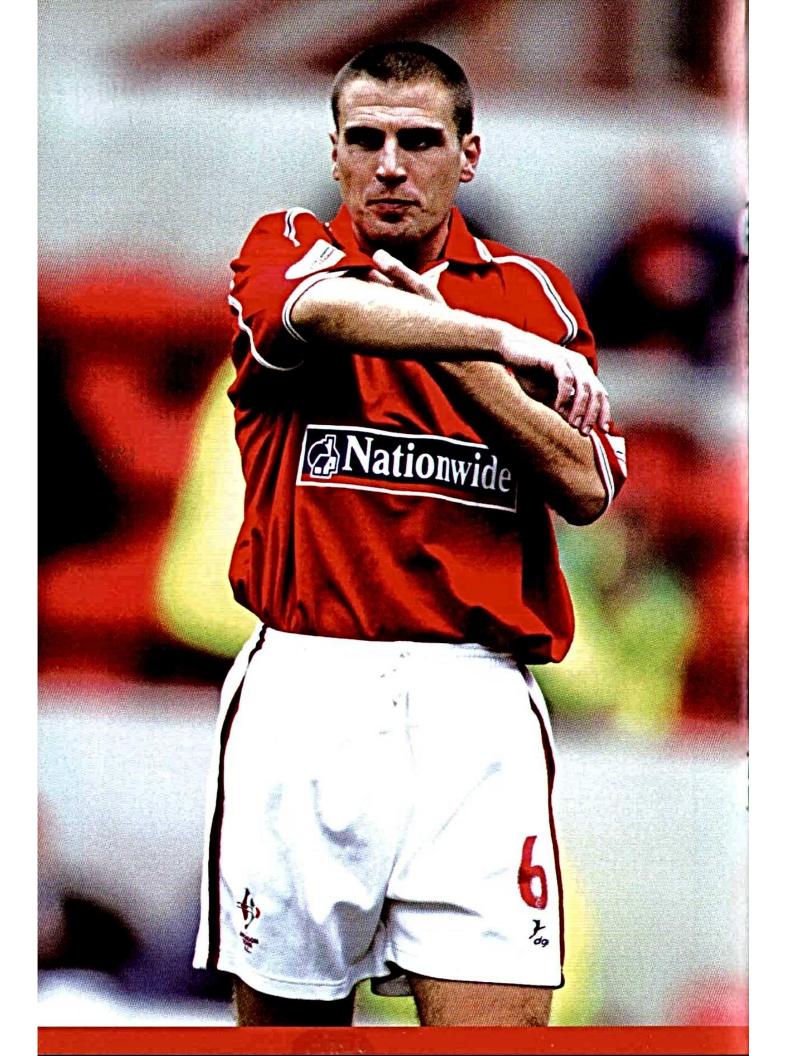
goalkeeping coach at a variety of League clubs.

Bart Griemink took the reverse journey to that of Jim Barron, moving from Peterborough to Swindon some 22 years later. Bart was born in Holland in March. 1972 and was spotted by Birmingham City playing for amateur team, WK Emmen, while working for a furniture store. The 6ft 3in 'keeper moved to St. Andrews in November 1995 where he joined Steve Robinson. The season had started with Ian Bennett as regular first choice 'Number One', but after Bennett picked up a hand injury in December. Bart took his chance to register 20 League appearances as City finished in mid-table of Division One. The following

season, with Bennett restored to both health and the team. Bart failed to take to the field. A month's loan at Barnsley in September 1996 only maintained his lack of first team opportunity as everpresent Dave Watson proved impossible to shift, and a permanent move to today's visitors, Peterborough, in October followed in exchange for £25,000. Another ex-Town 'keeper stood in Bart's way at London Road in the shape of Jon Sheffield but patience was rewarded towards the end of the year when Bart grabbed the shirt and went on to complete 27 matches to the end of the season. Perhaps Griemink was considered culpable for the eventual outcome of the season however. With Posh relegated to Division Three Bart

once more found himself second choice, not taking to the field throughout the whole of 1997/98 and making another 31 appearances over the next two seasons.

Another change appeared necessary and in February 2000, Town manager Jim Quinn used his ex-Peterborough connections to bring Bart here to the County Ground on loan. Four appearances resulted in just one point but even this, the dismissal of Quinn and the appointment of Colin Todd didn't prevent Bart making the move permanent the following summer. At first sharing the keeper's duties with Steve Mildenhall, Griemirk made 25 outings but the departure of Mildenhall in the summer of 2000 saw Bart appear in all but one League game last season.



CAPTAIN CAVEMAN

WHEN ANDY GURNEY TAKES THE FIELD THIS AFTERNOON, THE FORMER BRISTOL ROVERS AND READING DEFENDER WILL BE HARBOURING SECRET DESIRES ABOUT NETTING HIS THIRD GOAL IN AS MANY GAMES.

A strange ambition for a defender you might think? Not for 'Captain Gurns' it seems who, as well as preventing the opposition from scoring at the other end, seems to be quite happy knocking them in and boosting Town's goals for column. He seems to have a habit of doing that, Town's faithful might recall his debut goal against Spurs, which was then swiftly followed by a number of goals last season.

This year, after a slow start (not helped by a three-game suspension) and even a contra ton with a small section of the fans against Cheltenham, Gurney has returned as any leader should - with excellent, professional performances on the pitch and two goals to boot. "It's been quite nice I have to admit, I must say it's not a priority of mine to score goals and if the team wins then I don't care who gets on the score sheet. But if we keep winning and I keep scoring then you won't hear me complaining, it'd be nice to add a few more to the collection!"

And keep winning we seem to have been doing in recent weeks, with King's side now going five games unbeaten in the league. "It's been a good run to be honest, but it's difficult to put your finger on why the same players that have gone unbeaten for five games were in a position where they couldn't win one in ten. Confidence is a big factor in this game and once you've broken that losing run, you then think about how you're going to win the next game. Then you win again and it becomes a habit, but I think luck also plays a part because even in that awful run - at times we weren't playing that

bad. Now it's got to the stage where we're a difficult team to beat and you start to wonder if it was a good think going through that run - perhaps it made us stronger?"

Having touched upon Town's poor run of form, I asked 'Gurns', as captain., how hard it was for him to keep going - to lift everyone else as well as himself when the chips were down. "It was frustrating more than anything else. Sometimes it wasn't our fault, instead it would be a silly little decision that would cost us the game or a silly error and it makes it worse because it feels as though you've done all that work for nothing. And it makes it worse when the crowd get on to you as well. Thin thing is, we hate losing too and ultimately want to do our best for ourselves and the supporters, but knowing that you're trying your best and having your hard work un done by a bit of bad luck is just annoying. The fans want to win every game as do we and so to not achieve that aim can be frustrating. But to be fair to the players, the staff and the fans they've all come through it and I think we're now starting to reap the rewards. The players are performing well and look like they're enjoying their football, the management staff aren't having to work on problems (well, not as many!) and the fans have got an in-form side to be proud of and are subsequently getting behind us."

Captain 'Gurns' is certainly enjoying life at the moment, but one gets the sense that having 'been around the block' - he is not one too get carried away. Mind you, getting carried away isn't



something anyone associated with the club should do! "There's no point basking in the glory of the last few wins if we go and lose this Saturday. The Peterborough game is a massive one for us because, unfortunately, those below us also won last weekend too. So in actual fact we're not that much better off than we were this time last week. A win would put some space between ourselves and Peterborough and we must learn from our start to the season, a couple of wins doesn't mean anything because the situation can change so quickly. I had a look at the league table the other day and we're just eight points off the top six, but at the same time we're still only four points off the bottom four and it just goes to show just how close this division is."

Things have certainly changed for Barry Fry and his Peterborough side. Having enjoyed considerable success with The Posh (including promotion from Division Three), this year things have gone against him and his side, after a dismal run in the league, currently occupy 23rd place. But with any Barry Fry side you know that you're going to get plenty of commitment and Gurney recalls the two encounters against them last year. "I don't know too much about

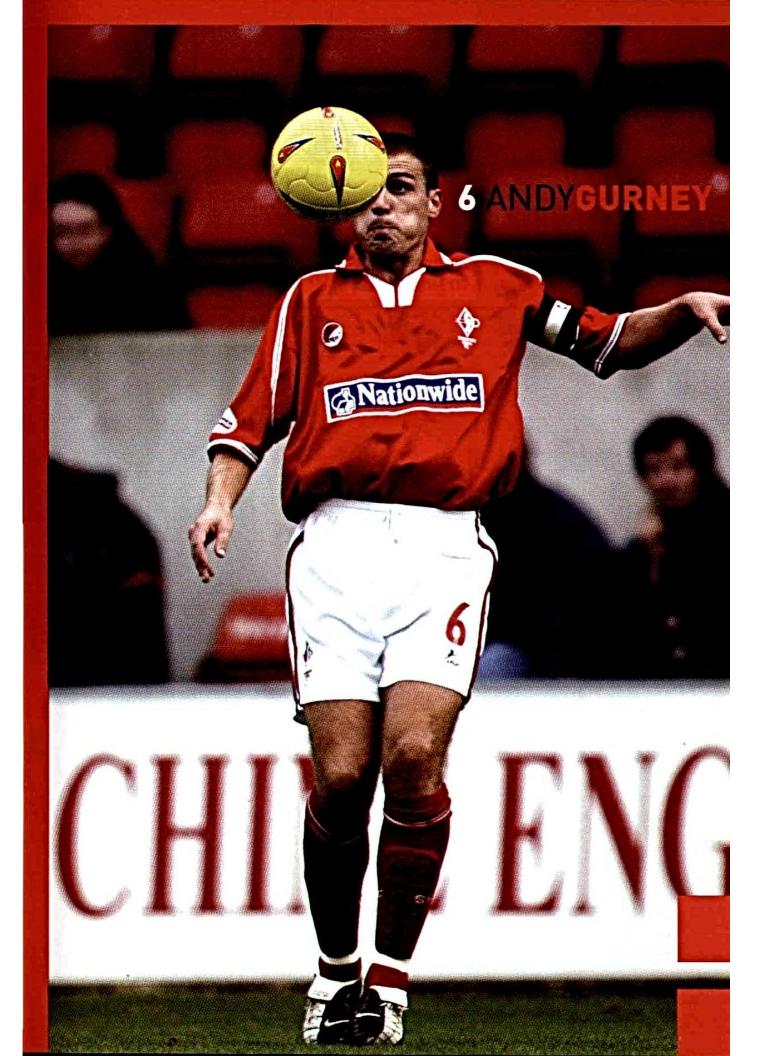
them this year, but I would imagine that their squad isn't that different. After all, as a club they are similar to us - they have very little money to spend on players and so have to make do with what they've got. With that said we know they'll be very hard to beat, they were last year and at the moment are scrapping for their lives. In fact, I don't think we beat them at all last season and so we must go one better this time around, get at them from the start and just play like we have been."

Changing the subject slightly and delving back a bit further into Gurney's career you'll find that our favourite skipper has enjoyed spells with Torquay, Bristol Rovers and Reading. Neither of the former are performing particularly well at the moment. with 'Graz' and Wayne Carlisle finding life difficult in Division Three. Reading on the other end, as much as it pains me to say it, are thriving in Division One and at the time of writing occupy fourth position. " They've done well," he says with a wry smile. "Their squad hasn't changed all that much, but then the players are obviously doing well enough to get them into a good position. It's surprising that they're doing so well, especially in what is a tough division -

I must admit they didn't do anything to impress me when we played them last season. The most interesting thing will be to see if they keep it up."

Having spent far too much time talking about the Royals, I turned Gurney's attention back to his current club and in particular, his captain's arm band. Rumour had it that emblazoned across his band were the words 'Cave Man.' I asked Andy to explain. "Unfortunately you'll have to ask 'Reevesy' about that one." Not convinced I pressed him further, unfortunately with fruitless results - it seems as though it's not a nickname, much to my diappointment. "I think it stems back to the Kidderminster game. Obviously I wasn't playing and instead, 'Reevesy' was captain for the evening. It must have happened when he had it."

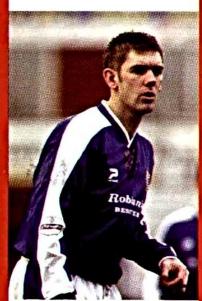
It seems that some more investigating will have to be done, but for now I'll leave "The Cave Man" alone and let him get on with what he does best which, at the moment, looks to be scoring goals! You never know, a few more wins might see a return to the top half of the table - I mean if Reading can do it so can we!



DIV2 REVIEW



RED CAR REVIEW FOR CHALLINOR



Stockport County boss Carlton Palmer has confirmed that last Saturday's referee, M. Warren, has agreed to take a second look at the red card that Dave Challinor's picked up against Plymouth. The former Tranmere defender was dismissed for a professional foul as the Pilgrims went on to win the game 4-1. "I was on the way down from the directors' box so I missed the sending off," admitted Palmer to Stockport's official website. "However, the chairman and Dave Challinor were both adamant that it shouldn't have been a red card. I asked the 'ref' what he sent Dave off for and he said that he felt he'd denied them a goalscoring opportunity. But how can it be a goalscoring opportunity 40 yards from goal? I'm not going to say too much now because the referee has promised me that he's going to have a look at the video and, if he deems it right, he's going to overturn his decision."



PROUDLOCK PRAISED AS HE RETURNS TO MOLINEAUX



Tranmere manager Ray Mathias praised Wolves striker Adam Proudlock as the player returned to Molinuex after his loan spell with Rovers. Mathias had been keen to keep the 21-year-old forward at Prenton Park, but Wolves boss Dave Jones was adamant that Proudlock returned to the Nationwide Division One promotion-chasers. "Adam did a fine job for us," Mathias told the Liverpool Echo. "He's a talented player with a good future in front of him. I think striker is his best position and he deserved a couple of goals for his efforts for us."



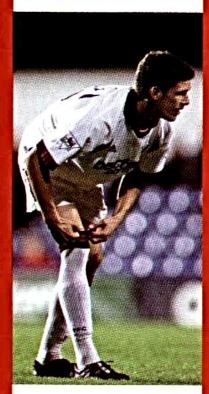
HACKWORTH ON WAY BACK



Notts County striker Tony Hackworth has returned to training and is close to a first-team return after successfully recovering from his knee injury. The former Leeds United forward has been sidelined since October when he sustained the injury during a reserve team clash with Lincoln. The 22-yearold had minor surgery on his knee after consulting a specialist, but has responded well since the operation. "Tony's back in training and hasn't suffered any problems up to now," confirmed Magpies boss Billy Dearden. He added: "It shouldn't be too long before he's back in first-team contention, which is good news because we need everyone we have in the squad available if we can. Tony and Richard Holmes should be back in action in the near future."



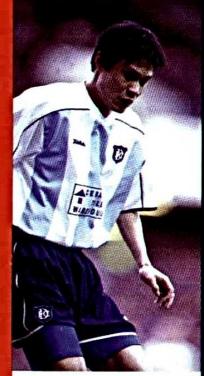
HUDSON HEADS FOR SALTERGATE EXIT



Chesterfield manager Dave Rushbury has, this week, confirmed that Mark Hudson has returned to Middlesbrough following his loan spell at Saltergate. The Spireites had been keen to extend the 22-year-old midfielder's loan deal but no agreement between the two clubs has been made. "I really thank him for coming down, applying himself and mixing in with the team," Rushbury told the club's official website. "He helped set us off on a run and it showed us the type of player we need in the club. With the new wagecapping system that looks as though it's coming in now, some of these players may have to set their wage demands a little lower if they're to get a job in the league."



ZHIYI IN OXFORD VICTORY



Cardiff City's Chinese defender Fan Zhivi made his first appearance for the club in the midweek reserve win over Oxford United. The 33-year-old is making good progress towards full match fitness, with the 1-0 victory over the U's a valuable stepping stone. The former Crystal Palace and Dundee stopper moved to Ninian Park a fortnight ago and is expected to make a huge impact when he does regain full fitness. A Cardiff spokesman said: "Fan played the full 90 minutes. although he didn't have that much to do as we spent a large part of the game attacking. We've said all along that he needs a couple of weeks to get back to fitness, but he has done well so far."



FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Swindon Supermarine have unveiled their new manager after Tom Jones quit the Hunt's Copse side after last weekend's embarrassing 9-0 defeat at Solihull Borough. Jones' quit Supermarine to take up a coaching post in Korea and has been replaced by Ray Baverstock, who is the third manager at Supermarine already this season behind John Murphy and Jones. Swindon Supermarine are currently bottom of the Western Division with just two points to their name.

Highworth Town secured a point at Wantage Town thanks to a late strike from Justin Miller.

Fairford Town had their match at Pewsey Vale called off but are now eighth in the Hellenic Premier Division, two points behind fifth placed Highworth. Wootton Bassett drew 2-2 at Carterton Town thanks to a Swatton double.





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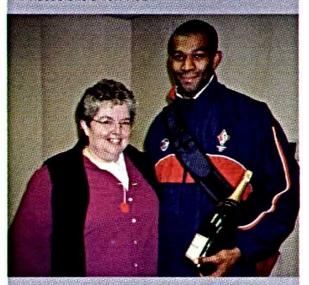
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SPORTING DINNER

A WORLD CUP WINNER COMES TO TOWN

A look back at our recent Sporting Luncheon with 66 World Cup legend Martin Peters.

An audience of 110 attended the latest Swindon Town Sporting Luncheon, held on November 14 and kindly sponsored by GREENHAM.

In 1966 England World Cup star, Martin Peters, spoke of his memories from the greatest day in the history of English football (July 30th 1966), the day that England became champions of the world. He also spoke about the modern game of today and gave an invaluable and interesting insight to such names as Sir Alf Ramsey, Bobby Chariton and Nebby Stiles. The Luncheon was compered by Barry Williams and he conducted a question and answer session from the floor to Martin Peters. The Luncheon was kindly sponsored by GREENHAM and their Operations Director. Mike King said afterwards, "For us the Luncheon has been a great success. The idea today, was to introduce the name of GREENHAM to the Swindon area, and what better way of doing it than at Swindon Football Club. We have been involved at the Club since March and we see it as the ideal platform to build the awareness of the products we produce to both local and national companies in the County."



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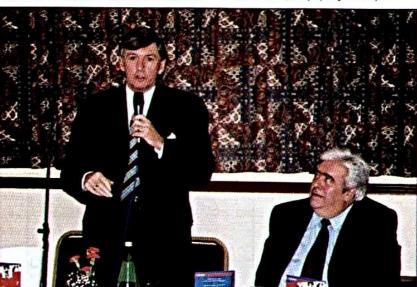


▲ The top table including Mike King, Mark Devlin, Mike Spearman





▲ "Excuse me Martin, could you just sign this for my lad"



▲ Mike King of Greenham looks up at Martin Peters

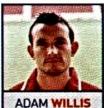
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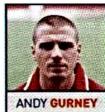
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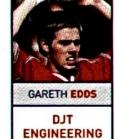
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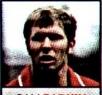
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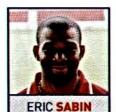


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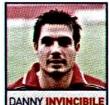
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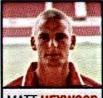


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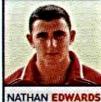
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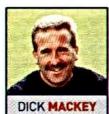
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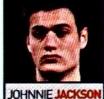




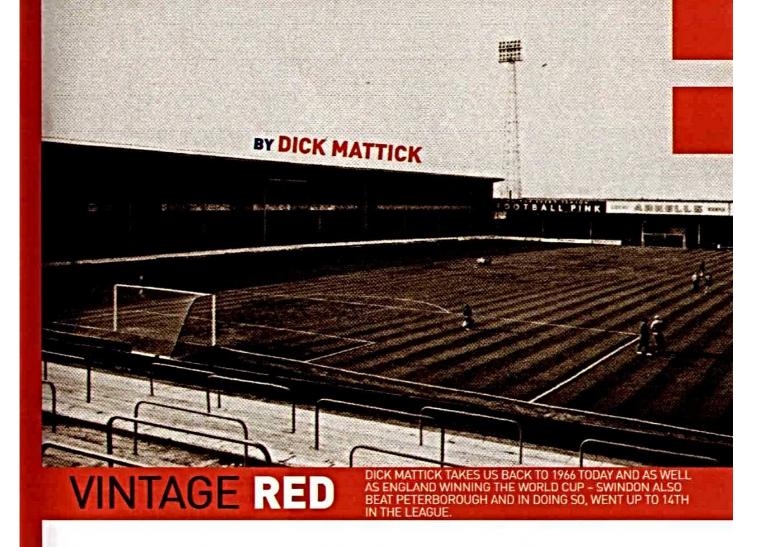
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WYVERN STAFF



LUKE BACHHUBER



During the 1962/63 season Peterborough performed an Easter double beating Swindon 3-2 at the County Ground on Good Friday and 3-1 at London Road on Easter Monday. Despite this, Town went on to win promotion. During the 1976/77 season Peterborough won 4-0 at the County Ground, with Jack Carmichael, Jeff Lee, Mark Heeley and Bob Doyle the goalscorers as a rampant Posh inflicted Town's heaviest home defeat for 13 years.

Today's featured match was played on Boxing Day, 1966 on a heavy pitch. It featured both Dennis Brown and John Fairbrother who were amongst the Third Division's leading scorers. Willie Duff was called into the Peterborough goal in place of the injured Millington and it was Duff that was the busier of the two 'keepers during the opening 15 minutes. Posh came close to taking the lead however with a side-footed shot before Town broke the deadlock just after the half hour mark. Don Rogers had switched from the right wing to his more

familiar left-sided position. He neatly controlled a cross field ball from Joe Butter and gave Town no chance in the Peterborough goal. He came close to doubling Town's advantage soon after when he curled an effort towards the top comer of the net, only to see Duff finger tip the ball to safety.

The second half saw Willie Penman and Roger Smart test Duff with a number of fierce shots before the Robins eventually increased their lead in the 56th minute. An indirect free kick was tapped sideways to Rogers whose subsequent shot was driven through the defensive wall. Tony Hicks, deputising for the injured Peter Downsborough, was called into action to save a shot from George Wright before two goals in as many minutes put the game in Peterborough's grasp. Both were scored by Town's Scottish centre forward, Willie Penman. The first saw him side-foot home a cross by Bruce Walker, whilst the second saw his diving header find the net via the best efforts of Duff's right hand.

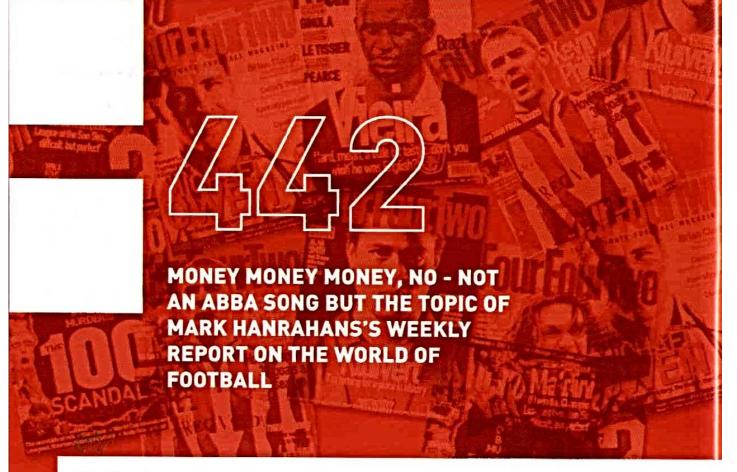
Peterborough, who were getting roasted by Town's neat push-and-run tactics, showed commendable spirit in staging a late rally, yet by the time they earned their first corner Town had already enjoyed 19!

They were rewarded with a goal however in the 82nd minute when Johnny Byrne seized on a rebound and threaded a ball through to Fairbrother who made no mistake. The victory saw Swindon climb above Posh to 14th position and by the end of the season they had climbed to eighth, whilst Peterborough had slipped to 18th.

Swindon: Hoks, Thomas, Trolope, Smart, Nurse, Harland, Rogers, Brown, Penman, Butler, Walker

Peterborough: Duff, Johnson, Crawford, Wright, Rankmore, Kirkham, Mason, Beesley (Adams), Fairbrother, Byme, Pulley

Attendance: 14,619



Money, Money, Money that's all I seem to talk about. However, those with an eye on proceedings in football this last fortnight will have done well to avoid the plethora of stories hitting the headlines as football struggles to get it's house in order.

Worryingly for fans of Portsmouth, and those assorted others gathering around the upper echelons of Division One hooing they can safely leap the chasm in class that has developed between our top two divisions, promotion to the Premiership is no longer an all day, all night party of frivolity and smile evoking dreams of away days at the Old Traffords of this world. Just ask Ipswich Town! The scale of their relegation from the Premiership has been realised in their end of financial year reports. The Tractor Boys ran up a £3.3m loss as relegation saw them lose out on TV money and gate receipts and suffering from a crippling wage bill of £24.2m almost two-thirds of the club's overall turnover.

Sheffield Wednesday however are finally showing shoots of revival — on the balance sheet at least. The Owls announced profits of £840,000 in their annual report with turnover increasing to over £18m. The struggling First Division club upped

turnover 40.2% to £18.55m - compared with £13.23m in 2001. Chairman Geoff Hulley was quick to enthuse that the results were encouraging considering his club's financial performance had exceeded the breakeven target set by the club, from a £6.3m loss in 2001.

Sadly, despite the club's nosebleed from their current lofty perch in Division One, Watford have appealed to former chairman Sir Elton John to help them escape yet more financial problems. The cashstrapped Homets need to raise £9.5m to stay afloat for the next two years. Players and staff (many recruited during the illfated Vialli rein) have already agreed to a wage deferral earlier this season. As things stand, the appeal may be one involvement too far for the flamboyant singer. 'Orns chairman Simpson said, "It may be he has chosen to put no more money into the club. I would be disappointed but I know just how much he has done already. I haven't given up hope he will reply to my letter."

Barnsley were thrown a lifeline by Town Mayor Peter Doyle who has bought the stricken club that was on the end of a Sam Parkin inspired thumping by Swindon on the opening day of the season. Doyle, whose business acumen has been sharpened in the oil and gas industries, has agreed a deal with the club's administrators to buy the club. The consortium led by former England striker Gary Lineker has formally submitted its bid to Leicester City's administrators to take control of the club. Administrators Deloitte & Touche confirmed they received the bid last week.

What two things have each of the above clubs got in common? All could be described as 'big clubs' and all have suffered recent relegation from The Premiership! Lessons must be (and perhaps now are finally being) learnt.

Anyway, enough facts and figures, on with the gossip!

England midfielder Owen Hargreaves could well be set for a move to the Premiership, with some sources reporting a January move is highly likely. Bayern coach Ottmar Hitzfeld followed up comments from Hargreaves about the number of his international colleagues playing in the Premiership by saying "If he really wants to go to England, we cannot change that."

Alen Boksic, who returned to goalscoring

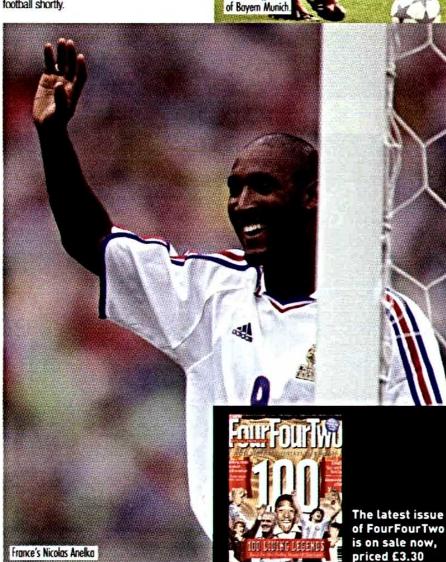
form last weekend has yet to renew his contract with Middlesbrough and reports suggest that he is set to leave the club at the end of the current campaign. The Croatian's current contract is worth a reported £60,000 per week, and the former Juve and Lazio star is likely to re-join ex-Premiership aces Slaven Bilic and Igor Stimac in their rescue mission at troubled Hadjuk Split.

Cardiff City have bolstered their ranks (and no doubt their Asian fan base) with the signing of China World Cup defender Fan Zhiyi. The former Crystal Palace star agreed personal terms on a move to Ninian Park following his release by Scottish outfit Dundee. Zhiyi had made 107 appearances for Palace before moving to the Scottish Premier League side in a £300,000 deal in 2001. With 109 caps for China and last season's Asia Player of the Year award under his belt, Zhiyi should prove an asset once he regains full match fitness.

Cirio, the major shareholders of struggling Italian Giants Lazio have put the Rome club up for sale after having their shares suspended. One of Italy's largest foot manufacturers and owned by Lazio chairman Sergio Cragnotti, Cirio - Lazio's parent company - were declared in default on a bond of almost £100m and face having to pull cash together in a relatively short space of time. Along with several other prime company assets, Lazio will be sold to the highest bidders. Both Hernan Crespo and Alessandro Nesta have already headed to Inter Milan for around £40m.

Despite those recent captures of Nesta and Crespo, Inter are keen to continue their big spending policy. Reports in The Sun last week suggest that they are preparing a £40m move for Premiership stars Ryan Giggs and Alan Smith. Club President Massimo Moratti want both Manchester United winger Giggs and Leeds striker Smith as Inter push for domestic and European honours. Well, £40 million might just be enough to prize Giggs away from Old Trafford, but what about the remaining £20 million Leeds would surely demand for Smith?!!

Finally, with no fresh managerial appointment for the Republic of Ireland, the inevitable rumours abound regarding potential successors to Mick McCarthy, himself sacked last month following Eire's dismal start to their Euro championship qualifying campaign. This week former Japan boss Philippe Troussier became the latest name to be linked with the vacant job. French reports suggest that the FAI want to speak to Troussier about his availability for the position, a move which has interesting parallels with recent foreign managerial appointments by both England and Scotland with Eriksson and Voots respectively. Troussier - currently recovering from a knee operation - is widely tipped to go public with his intentions about his future in football shortly.



Owen Hargreaves

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These sessions, which take place between 5.00pm and 6.00pm, are aimed at giving those with disabilities the opportunity of taking part in football. There are three sessions before Christmas and the project has been kindly supported by Fuel Force, EFDS and the Wiltshire FA.

We are hoping that there will be a further 11 sessions taking place in the New Year and they are being booked as we speak.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors for helping us with this project. A presentation will be made in due course to our sponsors – so look out for us and we'll keep you posted!

Our six-a-side competition, the Play Safe Trophy sponsored by Railtrack, is now in its second stage.

A fine evening of football saw Nythe defeat Catherine Weight 2-0 and the heat final, Nythe now go on to face Brook Field in the final which will be played here at the County Ground on December 17 at 4.15pm.

The Girl's Community Cup (under 13) took place last Thursday with eight teams competing. Warbeford, from Highworth, and Greendown will take centre stage on the same day after the primary Schools Competition. Spectators are welcome (this may change due to weather).

Until next time - all the best and enjoy the game. Clive, Luke and Jono

















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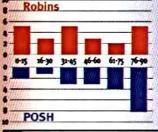
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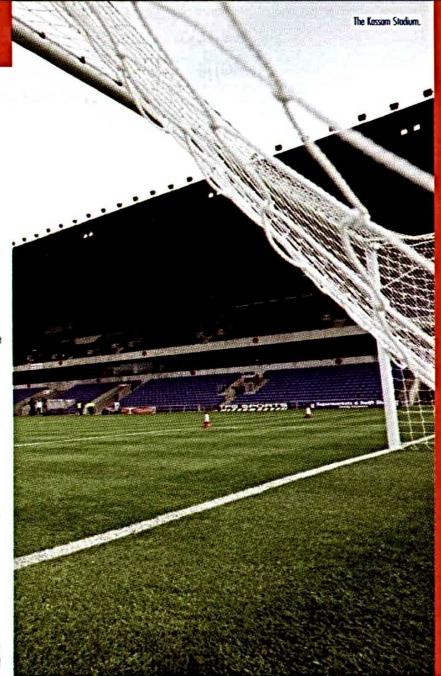
If I ask you not to think of Oxford United, what is the first thing you will immediately think of?

Thought so. There is just no getting away from our first trip to the Kassam Stadium next Saturday. It promises to be a memorable occasion and hopefully a successful one.

From a cash point of view, I suspect Willie and his fellow directors would be quite happy with a 3-3 draw, a full house for a replay, a 5-0 win (with Super Sam grabbing a hat trick) and then a trip to Manchester United in round three. I suspect that by the time you read these ramblings, you will have more chance of getting Anne Robinson to stop winking than you will of getting a cup ticket. The 3-2 win at Huddersfield last week was marred by bookings for Steve Robinson and Andy Gurney. Both will now miss the trip to the Kassam, but I'm sure the lads will battle on without them.

As for predictions? Forget it. I'm not going to tempt fate in any way whatsoever. All we know is that we're as desperate to beat them as they are to beat us. May the best team win (as long as it's in red).

But enough of the FA Cup. The league is the 'bread and butter' as the saying goes. We have now worked ourselves into a position where we can push on up the league but the dreadful run of defeats we suffered means we cannot take the foot off the gas in any shape or form. Staying in the Second Division has to be the key priority. To that end, three points against the 'Posh' will do no harm at all. Actually, I'm not sure if 11 players will line up against us today. If recent reports and trade name disputes are resolved, it could be Swindon Town v Victoria Beckham. That would certainly make for an interesting 90 minutes. Seriously, after putting some distance between ourselves and Huddersfield Town, we have a great chance to do the same against Peterborough today. Barry Fry is another man under pressure with United struggling in the bottom four. I just hope he is not



JON RITSON

EVENING ADVERTISER

feeling any happier at full time today. The last thing I want to see today is Barry streaking (not in that sense) down the touchline to celebrate a goal.

It just shows how quickly managers' fortunes can change. Andy King was spot on when he said managers go from idiots to geniuses (and back again) at alarming speed. Let's hope he is being hailed as the latter at 4.45pm.

So get behind the lads today and roar them on to another important victory. A win would set us up nicely for our next game. Now who are we playing again? Some Third Division side I believe? Remember to keep up with all the Town news in your sporting Evening Advertiser and see you all back here for the clash with Crewe Alexandra on December 21. And as a certain Mr A. Partridge might say. . . Back of the Net!

I have recently been asked why I always end up discussing cash and/or greedy chairmen. So to confuse this person I've decided to go to the other end of the spectrum and share some funny footballing moments.

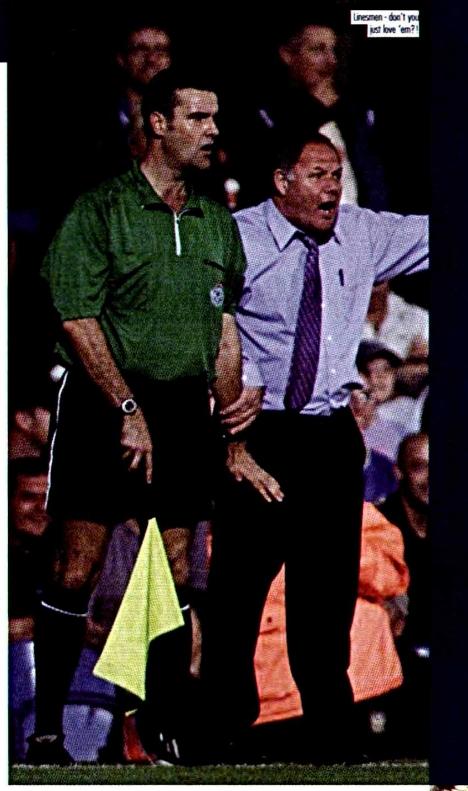
I read last weekend about the player who was arrested during a pitch invasion – the reason given by police was that the player was wearing a replica shirt.

This led me to reminisce about the time I was at Watford v. Walsall when the linesman on the near touchline went to flag for off-side, and as he did so, lost control of the flag, only for it to hit one of the defenders on the head!

Better than that though was in a local Saturday parks game about eight years ago. Imagine a forward with an open goal ahead of him. Oute frankly, it's hard to miss. But miss he did and the referee proceeds to call the 'striker' over, telling him it was the worst miss he'd ever seen in fifty years and then produced the yellow card, to much bemusement. When the player protested, the referee said he was lucky not to be sent off as he was sure his team would have been better off without him.

And finally, staying with local nonleague football, how about those days when it's so cold outside even a polar bear finds it a bit nippy, never mind go out in shorts and tshirt to run around an uneven hill of a pitch for 90 minutes? Can you imagine the scene when one of the opposition asks the referee for permission to return to the pitch? Yet neither the referee nor anyone else involved in the game remembers him ever leaving the field of play! Turns out he'd been sitting in his car with the heater on full for the past twenty minutes.

It was that cold that in the second half, the home side shot at goal, only for the ball to stop on the line



HELEN WINGROVE

BBC RADIO SWINDON

in the frozen turf. The keeper knocks it in 'accidentally', the referee blows up and everyone runs back to the changing rooms relieved the referee was in the same mind as the players – even with twenty-eight minutes to play! At last – a sensible referee who knows when to make a good decision.





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Away travel sponsored half time draw

Despite a drop in attendance for the cup match against Huddersfield we had another tremendous response from fans with the prize once again topping £300. The winner was regular Town fan Mrs. C. S. Newland from Hilmarton near Calne, who won £312 for ticket number 722. Thank you to all fans for your continued support.

Newsletter

Our latest newsletter will shortly be dropping through letter boxes and will carry an update of progress to this year.

Christmas draw

This season, rather than run our own draw, we are assisting the Football Club with their own competition. Should any of our members require tickets for sale then please contact us through Roger Bunce on 01865 820499.

Disabled group

The next meeting is the Christmas Bash on December 9. This event is being held in the Winners Lounge starting at 7.30pm.

Away travel

With the prospect of a potentially lucrative cup run, there is no better time to join the Supporters Club to enjoy the benefits of

discounted away travel. Ask when booking for any trip and you can enrol on the spot.

OUFC V STFC

Passions will of course run high but we would urge everyone to get behind the team and sing their hearts out. It's a great opportunity to raise the profile of the football club and a chance to show everyone that our derby is as passionate as that from any other area. Get out, support the team, but please ensure there is no misbehaviour to discredit our team and club.

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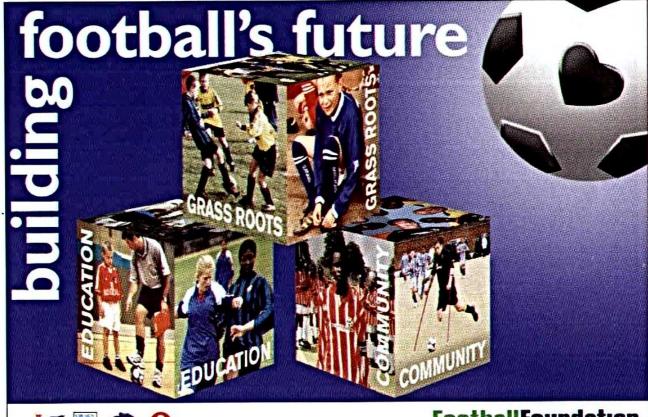
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GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL OF OUR JUNIOR ROBINS AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S MATCH WITH THE POSH.

JUNIOR ROBINS

What a great win for the lads last Saturday – I hope all of the Junior Robins that travelled to the game enjoyed their day.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of support we are unable to hold a Christmas Disco as planned for this year – we apologise if this has caused disappointment.

We have however, with your support, been able to support an action-packed day out with the Community Office which will (amongst other things) include a tour of the ground. Once we have obtained full details from Clive Maguire regarding the above then we'll send out a mail shot to all of our members. Also included is an application form and details of a proposed trip to Stockport County on January 18 next year. Look out for the 'postie' in coming weeks!

These events are organised for you participation and enjoyment, so come on boys and girls (Mums and Dads!) – let's start making a success of the Junior Robins.

This week we give early birthday wishes to Rueben Wakeley (who will be three on the second) and Ryan McCarthy — Ryan will be 10 and 14th. Happy Birthday boys!

ROCKIN'S POSTBAG

SEND YOUR LETTERS TO ROCKIN' ROBIN, MATCHDAY PROGRAMME, STFC, COUNTY GROUND, SWINDON ST1 2ED

Rockin' Robin

Blimey, RR—it's an absolute nightmare down here, we can't hold a candle to these Australians and it really is quite depressing, they are too good for us. I'm hoping to come out of this with some kind of credibility but I'm not sure how. Can you give me some of your sagest advice?

Nasher Hussain

Nash.

Tell me about it. We're all getting it in the neck up here from Mr. Invincibile and Mr. Edds who go around singing Ashes To Ashes just to rub it in. I've never been a cricket fan—too dangerous in my opinion, that ball is far too hard and it comes down far too quick at head height.

I can understand that you are dreading facing the music on your return, so I suggest you apply for a job on the cast of Neighbours, my favourite TV programme. Since Drew died (sob) they have been lacking a decent sort of bloke around Ramsey Street, and Harold could do with an extra pair of hands around the Coffee Shop.

Then, after a while you could take up a singing career like they all do, and make your fortune that way. Only joking really, we will look after you and all the squad when you come back, let the Aussies have it this time, but re-group and we will knock the billabongs out of them next time!







01 TODAY'S MASCOT

Today we welcome mascot Matthew Youd from Highworth. Matthew, who's 12, supports Manchester United and Barcelona and his favourite players are David Beckham and Rio Ferdinand. He also likes playing himself, as well as tennis and golf. Coincidentally, Matthew's great Grandfather played for the Reds.

Not only that, but Matthew's mother's cousin, Tony Hicks, appeared for Town between 1960 and 1966. Maybe Matthew will continue the trend?!

A KIND DEED FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Many thanks to Town fan, Simon White, who last week kindly donated £10 to the club, and £13 to Children In Need. Many thanks Simon.

PEN PALS WANTED

A Swindon Town fan living in Zimbabwe is looking for pen pals to keep him up to date with all things Swindon. Clemeriee Chimimba, who lives in Bulawayo is desperately looking for likeminded fans to keep in touch with him, if you're interested please write to: Clemeriee Chimimba, Sipambaniso Flats, 42058-10, 8th Story, 10th Road, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

SWINDON TOWN CAROL SERVICE

Swindon Town Football Club is pleased to announce that they will be holding their carol service on Monday December 16 at 6.30pm. It will be held at Christ Church and will be followed by a reception in the Winner's Lounge. All fans are invited and the ceremony is open to all fans, players, directors and club staff. The service will include a number of famous carols, as well as a talk from guest speaker. Mick Mellows, a former Portsmouth player. Admission is free so come early!

For more details please contact the Club Chaplain, Simon Stevenette, at Christ Church Vicarage, 26 Cricklade Street. Swindon. Alternatively you all call Simon on 01793

02

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS ALL ROUND! Firstly, we must wish Chris Kirkland a very Happy Birthday – that's from Maureen and all the family. Also, belated birthday wishes go out to David Duke (7th), Keith O'Halloran (10th) and Alan Reeves (18th), who all celebrated their birthdays this month.

STFC IN THE CO

The players have been doing their bit for the local community and in recent weeks, they've been out and about to no less than 145 events. Included in those are a Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening, a dinner for the terminally ill and an appearance at Asda for Children In Need. If you would like the players to support an event you're hosting, then why not give the press office a call on 01793 333740?

MY SWINDON XI - SHORTIES

It's not easy justifying positional selection when you're trying to pick a team of the shortest players who have been on Town's books. Unsurprisingly, there is a dearth of central defenders and keepers, but there have certainly been some shorties pull on the Town shirt. Chris Ogden is the shortest keeper we've had for many a year and Lou Macari used to pick himself at sweeper, so at 5'5" he gets the unenviable job of playing in central defence. Not wishing to make any of the current squad feel inferior I've deliberately left out any who would qualify for this team, although there are two of the present playing staff who satisfy the criteria by being under 5'7". Can you name them?

1) Chris Ogden	5ft 10in
2) Joe Butler	5ft 6.5in
3) Sol Davis	5ft 7in
4) Gerry O'Brien	5ft 6in
5) Lou Macari	5ft 5in
6) Craig Moores	5ft 6.5in
7) Dave Cunningham	5ft 5in
8) Steve Cowe	5ft 6in
9) Ossie Ardiles	5ft 6in
10) Alan Mayes	5ft 7in
11) Paul Hunt	5ft 5in

YOU ARE MY SWINDON

Remember - this is your chance to get yourself in the only mag that counts and we would love to hear from you (and of course, we would love to see more pictures of you in your kit!) - so keep sending in your letters and pictures.

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STEVE ROBINSON

THE NAKED CHEF

Town's resident chef goes back to basics th week and offers a cheap and cheerful culinary delight.

NO. 13 TURBO'S TAGLIATELLE

- Tagliatelle, Butter, Egg yolks, Parmesan (grated), Double cream, Bacon (chopped), Salt, Pepper (freshlymilled)
- 2 Bring a large saucepan of water to the boil, add some salt and a few drops of oil and cook the tagliatelle for 8 minutes.
- Meanwhile, melt about 1 oz of butter in a small pan and cook the chopped bacon for 3-4 minutes.
- Beat the egg yolks together with the remainder of the butter, the Parmesan cheese, the cream and some freshlymilled black pepper.

Drain the tagliatelle and put it back in the pan quickly so as not to lose heat.

- Add the bacon and its juices to the pasta, pour in the egg and cream mixture and toss well.
- Season with salt and pepper if desired, then serve with more Parmesan. Serve accompanied with green vegetables such as courgettes [zucchini] or leeks, or with a green salad.

It shouldn't take you any longer than 15 minutes - enjoy!

STEVE KODINSON

WIN TWO TICKETS! 25 YEARS AGO by Dave Wallis

Once again – answer the highlighted question below correctly and you could win two tickets to a Nationwide League match of your choice.

Manager Danny Williams gave his side a verbal rocket before the home match against Rotherham on November 19, 1977, condemning them as lacking character, maturity and professionalism on their travels. As if to prove his point, Town set about beating one of Williams' old clubs 2-0, maintaining their record of being a club with one of the best home records in Division Three, but the very worst away one.

It wasn't until December 3 that Town faced Third Division opposition again, when the trip to Edgar Street produced a 1-1 draw against Hereford. Ray McHale tucked away a 75th minute equaliser from the penalty spot. The biggest influence on the outcome of the game however was deemed to be Kevin McNally, the referee, for sending off Town's John McLaughlin and disallowing an apparently legitimate strike by team mate Trevor Anderson.

1 Rotherham's goalkeeper was ever present during 1977/78 and signed for Swindon in May 1980. Who was this?

2 Two days after Town played Hereford, one of their midfielders signed for Swindon for £22,000. Who was he?

3 On November 10 1977, a striker moved from Norwich to Stoke. Today he is Town's youth team coach. Who?

4 On November 26, 15 year-old Kettering goalkeeper and future Swindon No. 1 became the youngest player to ever appear in the First Round of the FA Cup. His name?

5 On November 21, the game between Barnet and Chelmsford was abandoned when an ex-England, Chelsea and Spurs legend refused to leave the field after being sent off. Any quesses who?





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This year's numbers have risen since September and now, at all the centres, our coaches are coaching over 700 kids each week which is fantastic news. We must thank all the coaches for their hard work and hope the kids continue to learn and enjoy themselves.

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 is £3.00 per season (sessions are 1 hour). Non Swindon Borough courses may differ, please check with your centre.

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STFC's Soccer Centres are still in the process of finding sponsors in order to support our sessions. If you are interested in helping us, or may know of anyone that is, then feel free to give me a call on **01793 333700**.

Thanks again for your support Enjoy the game Adam Collier





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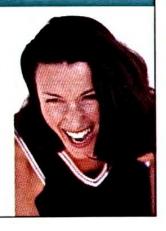
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UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

When did you start playing loothal

I just kicked around on my own and then my friend asked me to go with her to a football training day.

What about school

When I was at the Junior School at Blunsdon, I played in school tournaments. I then played for the school second team with the boy's. At Warneford school in Highworth in years seven and eight we play in girls tournaments against other schools.

How did you come to ion Swindon Town

I was playing for the school in a tournament on the County Ground Extension and John White asked me to go along to Coleview girl's team. Coleview are now Swindon Town of course. I play in the under 14 side, both seven-a-side in the Wiltshire County League and eleven-a-side in the Surrey Primary League.

What of the future?

I would like to keep playing football and hopefully one day in the Premier League; with Swindon Town of course...



SALLY-ANNE THOMPSON

AGE 12 POSITION GOALKEEPER

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STFC LADIES

SOUTH WEST COMBINATION

LEAGUE FIXTURES 2002/03

THE TOWN LADIES AGAIN HAD A BLANK WEEKEND WHEN THEIR GAME AGAINST READING IN THE SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE WAS POSTPONED DUE TO A WATERLOGGED PITCH.

The Town have not completed a league game since October 8! An FA Cup tie at Oxford, an abandoned game at Yeovil have both been victims of the weather, whilst opposition involved in Welsh and County Cup ties and the withdrawal of Aylesbury United from the Ambassador South West Combination League have all contributed to a long early mid-season break.

Town Reserves have been in action however and last week they beat Wootton Basset in the Wiltshire County League by eight goals to nil. Nicola Goodheart got four and there were goals for Pam Ashman, Sarah Moore and Louise Corcoran too.

The Under 14 eleven a side team, playing in the Surrey Primary League, shared four goals with high flying Colne Valley in an entertaining game. The Town twice fought back to equalise with the first a well struck shot from Laura Allsop and the second a late goal from Kerrie Keene following a goalmouth scramble.

The Town are currently training at Peatmoor School on Wednesday nights and if any girls are interested in playing then please contact the club secretary John White (Tel: 824470) and he will arrange for them to join in one evening.

Tomorrow the Town travel to the south coast to face top of the table Portsmouth in the second round of the Ambassador South West Combination League Cup. When the two sides met at Aldbourne in the league, Pompey won a close encounter by two goals to nil.

The Town Reserves are at home and play Swindon Spitfires Reserves in the Wiltshire County League. This game will be played at Aldbourne F.C Ground and will kick off at 2.00pm.

Sun 18 Aug	Cardiff City	A	0
Sun 25 Aug	Aylesbury United	A	P
Sun 01 Sep	Plymouth Argle	A	2
Sun 08 Sep	Reading Royals	H	3
Sun 15 Sep	Clevedon Town	Α	2
Sun 22 Sep	Portsmouth	H	. 0
Sun 29 Sep	Chesham United	A	1
Sun 06 Oct	Newton Abbot	H	5
Sun 13 Oct	Yeavil Town		P
Sun 20 Oct	Cardiff City	H	
Sun 27 Oct	Oxford United		- 1
Sun 03 Nov	Aylesbury United	H	
Sun 10 Nov	FA Cup 2nd Round		P
Sun 17 Nov	Exeter City	H	P
Sun 24 Nov	Reading	A	P
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	Yeavil Town	H	
Thur 16 Feb	Chesham United	H	
Thur 23 Feb	Newton Abbot	A	
Thur 09 Mar	Aylesbury United	H	

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THE MIGHTY REDS ARE ON BBC ONE AND SO THE TEMPTATION FOR MANY WILL BE TO CLIMB OUT OF BED AT APPROXIMATELY 12.58PM, BEFORE MAKING THEIR WAY DOWN STAIRS AND WATCHING TOWN FROM THE COMFORT OF THEIR OWN HOME, ALTERNATIVELY (AND THERE'S NO SUBSTITUTE FOR ACTUALLY BEING THERE)

A ROUGH GUIDE TO... OXFORD UNITED

WHO? OXFORD WHEN? SUNDAY DECEMBER 8

WHERE? KASSAM STADIUM KICK-OFF? 1.00PM

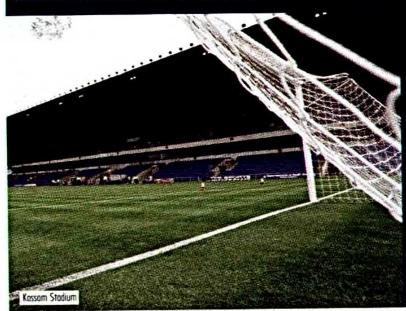
STFC TRAVEL CLUB: Why not join the Travel Club and travel to our local rivals courtesy of a luxury coach? The pick-up times are as follows: Wootton Bassett (Coped Hall Bus Stop) 10 00am. West Swindon (Ashington Way) 10.15am, County Ground 10.30am and Ermin Street 10 45am. The coach fare is £7.00 per adult. Under 15's £6.50. Supporters Club members receive a £2.00 discount (membership cards

BY CAR: From the Oxford Ring Road take the A423 towards Henley and Reading then turn left after half a mile following signs for the Oxford Science Park. Bear left and go straight on at the two roundabouts then the stadium is on the left in Grenoble Road.

PARKING: There are 1.100 parking space available at the ground

Train: Oxford Station is a fair distance from the Kassam Stadium. The best bet is to take a bus from the City Centre if taking a train to Oxford. Train journeys take approximately 45 minutes. For train times and details please visit www.thetrainline.com, or telephone 0870 010 1296.

Swift half: The Priory and ?' is the only pub near the ground. It is a temporary supporters club, and gets very busy. Sandford on Thames and Littlemore are both within fifteen minutes walk, with pubs in both. There is a bar in the South Stand for home fans only, but beer can be purchased inside the concourses of the ground though



TICKET PRICES FOR THIS **GAME ARE AS FOLLOWS:** ADULTS £14-£17, JUNIORS/SENIOR CITIZENS £8.50-£11 AND STUDENTS £10.50-£13.

NEXT IN TOWN...





26.12.02 (3.00pm)



Chesterfield 04.01.03 (3.00pm)



Blackpool 11.01.03 (3.00pm)

TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

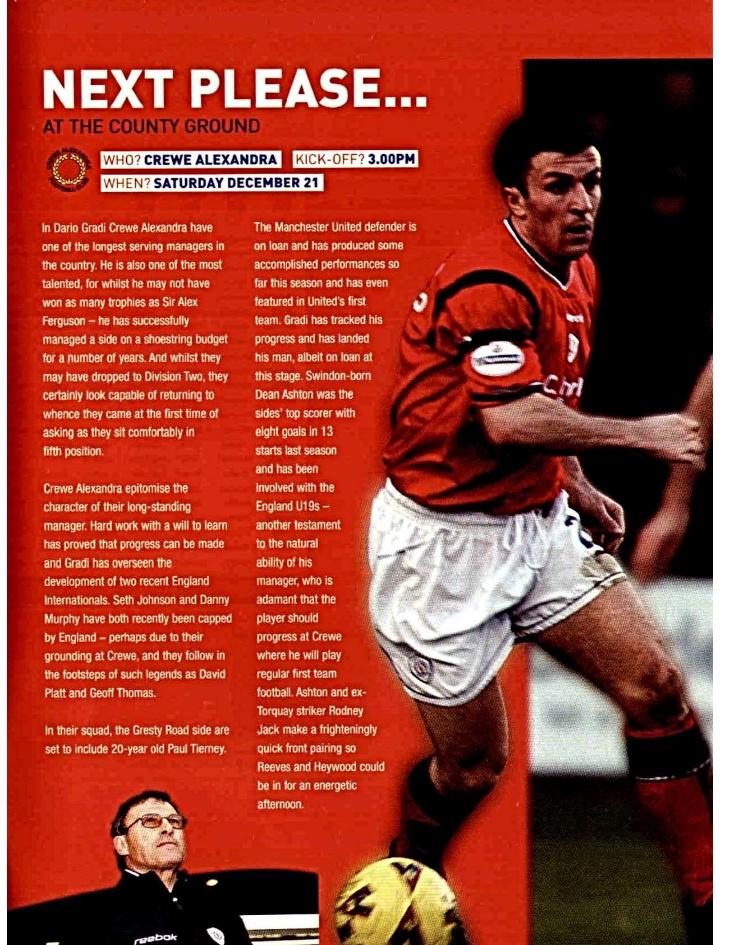
Monday-Friday 9.00am-5.00pm Match day (Sat and Wed) 9.00am-5.30pm Non match day Saturdays 9.00am-8.15pm

TELEPHONE BOOKING

Lines are open from 9.00am weekdays 01793 333777

ON-LINE BOOKING

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



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TOWN STATISTICS 2002/03

STFC FACT FILE

THE KEY FAC = F.A CUP WE = WORTHINGTON CUP DENOTES SCORER

DATE	FIXTURE		RE5	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	0-1	7,564	5
Mon 26 Aug	Brentford	Away	1-3	6,299	10
Sat 31 Aug	Stockport County	Home	0-1	5,456	18
Sat 7 Sep	Port Vale	Home	1-2	5,029	19
Wed 11 Sep	Wycombe W (WC 1)	Home	1-24		N/A
Sat 14 Sep	OPR	Away	0-2	11,619	20
Tue 17 Sep	Cheltenham Town	Away	0-2	5,761	21
		Home	2-0	4,719	17
Sat 21 Sep	Northampton Town		8-3	6,393	21
Sat 28 Sep	Luton Tewn	Avay			21
Sat 5 Oct	Oldham Athletic	Home	0-1	4,326	
Sat 12 Oct	Colchester United	Home	2-2	4,152	22
Sat 19 Oct	Bristol City	Away	0-5	13,205	
Sat 22 Oct	Southend United (LDV1)		6-1	1,747	N/A
Sat 26 Oct	Mansfield Town	Home	2-1	4,136	21
Tue 29 Oct	Notts County	Away	1-1	4,797	21
Sat 2 Nov	Wycombe Wanderers	Away	3-2	6,021	17
Sat 9 Nov	Tranmere Rovers	Home	1-1	5,077	18
Tue 12 Nov	Kidderminster (LDV2)	Away	2-3	п 1,322	N/A
Sat 16 Nov	Huddersfield Town men	Home	1-0	4,210	N/A
Sat 23 Nov	Huddersfield Town	Away	3-2	8,334	17
Sat 30 Nov	Peterborough Utd	Home			
Set 14 Dec	Plymouth Argyle	Away			
Sat 21 Dec	Crewe Alexandra	Home			
Thur 26 Dec	Brentford	Home			
Sat 28 Dec	Wigan Athletic	Away			
Wed 1Jan	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	OPR	Home			
Wed 5 Mar	Cheltenham Town		[7.45]		
Sat 8 Mar	Northampton Town	Away			
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Sat 29 Mar	Calchester United	Away			
Sat 5 Apr	Peterborough United	Away			
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STFC PAYS TRIBUTE TO AVID FAN



This afternoon, Swindon Town Football Club pays tribute to life-long Swindon Town fan, Frank Crocker, who recently passed away in his sleep. He was aged 64.

Frank was an avid Town fan and in total, visited 38 different grounds whilst watching his beloved Reds on the road in a period that spanned more than 34 years. Frank watched the Town through thick and thin and heartfelt condolences go out to his family from everyone here at the Football Club. In particular, Club Chairman, Willie Carson, would like to pay his respects.





FRONT COVER ANDY GURNEY, PHOTOGRAPHY EMPICS

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Brighton vs Reading
Coventry vs Preston
Gillingham vs Stoke
Grimsby vs Leicester
Mittwall vs Bradford
Norwich vs Derby
Nottm Forest vs Ipswich
Portsmouth vs Walsall
Rotherham vs Wolves
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Chettenham vs Brentlord
Chesterfield vs Huddersfield
Colchester vs Plymouth
Port Vale vs Mansfield
Stockport vs Wycombe
Swindon vs Peterborough
Tranmere vs Luton
Wigan vs Northampton

Boston Utd vs Leyton Orient
Bournemouth vs Scunthorpe
Bury vs Exeter
Cambridge vs Macclesfield
Darlington vs Southend
Hartlepool vs Kidderminster
Oxford vs Lincoln
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Swansea vs Shrewsbury
Torquay vs Rochdale
Wrexham vs Hull City
York vs Carlisle

NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO 2002/03

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CARDIFF	19	12	4	3	31	15	40	-16
OLDHAM	19	11	5	3	32	12	38	•20
BRISTOL C	18	12	1	5	38	21	37	+17
CREWE	19	10	4	5	28	15	34	+13
OPR	19	8	6	5	28	18	30	-10
BRENTFORO	19	8	5	6	25	22	29	+3
LUTON	19	7	6	6	27	26	27	+1
BLACKPOOL	19	8	3	8	24	27	27	-3
CHESTERFIELD	19	8	3	8	16	21	27	-5
TRANMERE	19	8	3	8	21	30	27	-9
NORTHAMPTON	19	7	4	8	21	24	25	-3
PLYMOUTH	19	6	6	7	27	28	24	-1
WYCOMBE	19	6	5	8	25	28	23	-3
BARNSLEY	19	6	5	8	22	29	23	-7
PORT VALE	19	6	5	8	21	28	23	-7
SWINDON	19	6	4	9	23	29	22	-6
STOCKPORT	19	6	3	10	23	28	21	-5
COLCHESTER	19	5	6	8	19	26	21	-7
NOTTS CO	18	3	9	6	24	27	18	-3
CHELTENHAM	19	4	6	9	18	25	18	-7
HUDDERSFIELD	19	4	6	9	15	23	18	-8
PETERBOROUGH	19	4	5	10	21	28	17	-7
MANSFIELD	19	4	3	12	30	49	15	-19

APPEARANCES

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ADAM WILLIS	8(2)	0	2	6	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	8
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KEITH O'HALLORAN	0	0	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0
JIMMY DAVIS	11(3)	2	2	g	D	9	1	0	0	1	1	0
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DAVID DUKE	18	0	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
AJAN COBIAN	0	ū	0	Ð	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ERIC SABIN	18	3	5	1	0	0	1	0	1	0(1)	6	9
DAREN DYKES	0	ū	0	0	0	0	0(1)	9	0	0(1)	0	0
NEIL RUDDOCK	0	6	0	U	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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MATTY HEYWOOD	18	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
ALAN REEVES	12	1	3	1	9	0	0[1]	0	0	9	0	0
NATHAN EDWARDS	0(1)	0	0	0	6	0	D	5	0	0	0	0
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IAN HERRING	0	8	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	Ð	0
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SWINDON

Manager Andy King

PETERBOROUGH

Manager Barry Fry

/ = PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UP

- BART GRIEMINK / MARK TYLER
 - GARETH EDDS
- MATHEW GILL
- JOHNNY JACKSON
- DENNIS PEARCE MARC JOSEPH
- MATTHEW HEWLETT / ADAM WILLIS
 - SIMON REA

 - ANDREW GURNEY / ANDY EDWARDS
- KEITH O'HALLORAN
- DAVID FARRELL RICHARD FORSYTH
- SAM PARKIN / D / ANDY CLARKE
- STEFANI MIGLIORANZI / JASON LEE

 - DAVID DUKE ADAM NEWTON
 - JUAN COBIAN
- GARY MACDONALD
- ERIC SABIN
- DAN CONNOR [GK]
- DAREN DYKES
- FRANCIS GREEN DANIEL MURRAY
- **NEIL RUDDOCK**
- JIMMY BULLARD
- DANIEL INVINCIBILE
- LEON MCKENZIE
 - CRAIG FARR
- LEE CLARKE
- MATTHEW HEYWOOD / GARETH JELLYMAN
 - DAVID BAMPTON
- TONY SHIELDS
 - ALAN REEVES
- HOWARD FORINTON
- NEALE FENN
- NATHAN EDWARDS
- HELGI DANIELSSON
- KEVIN HALLIDAY STEVE ROBINSON
- DANIEL FRENCH
- **ALAN YOUNG** CHRIS COLLINS SAGI BURTON



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TOWN'S

Last 10 Home League Results

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PETERBOROUGH'S

Last 10 Home League Results

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LAST COUNTY GROUND MEETING

Saturday August 11 2002

Swindon Town 0 Peterborough United 0

MEN IN THE MIDDLE

Referee: M. Fletcher Assistant 1: M. T. Cassidy Assistant 2: G. J. Chapman 4th Official: R. C. Green

