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Merry Christmas!!

FC: would like to wish its readers and contributors a very Merry Christmas. A big thank you to those who continually help out, especially at this time of year – and to those who buy it. Merry Christmas and enjoy the festive issue.



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A WARM WELCOME BACK TO THE COUNTY GROUND AFTER LAST WEEKEND'S EXERTIONS AT PLYMOUTH ARGYLE. IT HAS BEEN A DISAPPOINTING COUPLE OF WEEKS ON THE ROAD FOR US AND AFTER THE DEFEAT AT OXFORD, I REALLY THOUGHT WE'D RETURNED IN TRIUMPHANT FASHION.

Unfortunately, as seems to be our luck at the moment, the referee denied us three points and I must admit, I'm still disappointed by the way in which we were deprived of victory at Home Park – not just for me but for the players and supporters too. The players worked ever so hard and those fans that made their way down from Wiltshire, travelled for hours to see us perform.

At the end of the day there is nothing we can do about things like that. In my opinion it was not a penalty, but we can't replay the game and we can't change the mind of the referee and so we just have to live with it. It is just so unfair that my players can be denied victory when they have worked their socks off for ninety minutes. With that said I told them afterwards that a draw away at Plymouth is still a decent result. Paul Sturrock's side had beaten Stockport 3-0 a week earlier and at home; they have proven to be very difficult to beat. Included in their side was David Norris, a player who many of you will recognise as a player that I wanted to sign in the summer and so they had a number of good players within their squad – but we battled against them, were positive and created the better chances.

My only criticism would be that in the final 20 minutes we dropped too deep and when you do that, you open yourself up to pressure and also allow referees to make the kind of decision as the one last Saturday. But the fact that the lads seemed absolutely dejected in the dressing room after the game tells me a lot about them as professionals and I am sure



THE GAFFER CONT'D...

Johnnie Jackson returned to Tottenham last week.



they will bounce back this afternoon.

Overall I was pleased with them and I couldn't really have asked for any more, it was a different team that had played so poorly against Oxford a week earlier and that is pleasing. Furthermore, if they can continue that kind of guile this week then I am confident that we can continue our good run of form in the league.

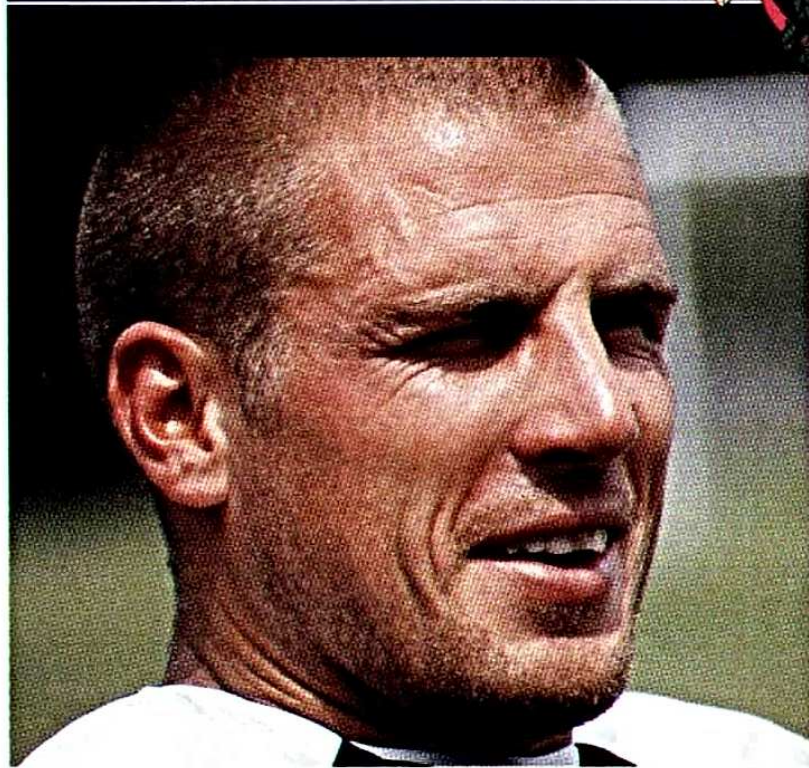
Crewe Alexandra will pose a tough task for us this afternoon. Led by a manager with whom I have great respect for, Dario Gradi, they play good football and as a result – are currently towards the top end of the table. Dario Gradi has been at the club for a long time and has a great set-up up there and this year his squad are made up of young local stars. They have scored a lot of goals in recent weeks and we will have to be resolute at the back if we are to keep them at bay.

At the other end I am hoping to cause them problems with the usual three-pronged attack. Danny, Eric and Sam worked hard last week and deserved more and I hope that they can continue their good form in the opponents half.

Since we last spoke we have lost the services of Johnnie Jackson who, unfortunately, has decided to return to Tottenham. Johnnie is a very talented young player and he contributed a lot to our cause here at the County Ground. But you can't blame the lad for wanting to pursue his dream and I wish him all the best for the future at Spurs. What it does do however is deplete our squad even more. Yet with the Ruddock issue seemingly over – we can look to add one or two faces to our squad in the coming weeks, let's just hope that there are some managers out there willing to loan out their players, for at this time of year (with so many games falling into a short space of time) they are reluctant to do so.

Finally may I take this opportunity in wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. I sincerely hope we can give you all the perfect present with three points this afternoon and I hope to see you all back here for the visit of Brentford in five days time.

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN



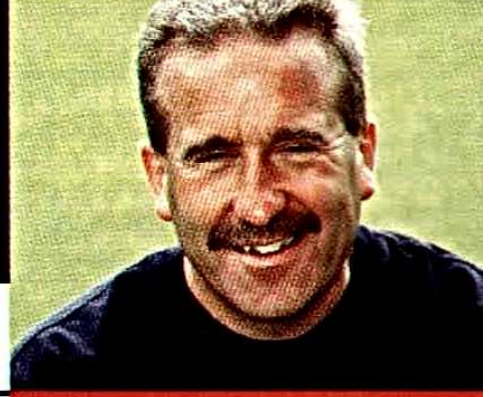
GOOD AFTERNOON AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL AS WE ENTER THE BUSY FESTIVE PERIOD AGAINST CREWE THIS AFTERNOON.

I was kind of hoping that we'd enter this game on the back of victory at Plymouth last week – unfortunately it wasn't to be. I thought we'd played pretty well against a fairly strong side and personally it was nice to get on the score sheet. I suppose it was one of those that sometimes flies into the net and on other days it goes into row 'z' of the stand. Thankfully for us, it found the top corner and despite the fact that I get repeatedly mocked from the lads for trying these things, my philosophy is that if you don't shoot you'll never score!

In the end it's a poor decision that's let them back into the game and at the final whistle, you would have thought that the lads had lost 6-0, not just earned a draw away at Plymouth. It was very, very disappointing. But blaming the officials

won't get us anywhere and as 'the gaffer' rightly pointed out afterwards, we have to be more stable when defending a lead because last week we dropped too deep and allowed them to come at us. It's good to see goals going in at the other end but we need to start producing some clean sheets if we are to grind out victories. Today's game should be a tough one, particularly if we do want to keep a clean sheet. Crewe have scored a lot of goals recently, I think they beat someone 8-0 in the LDV Trophy and any team that does that must be quite handy. With that said we are now seven games unbeaten and I can assure you that we don't want to break that sequence today.

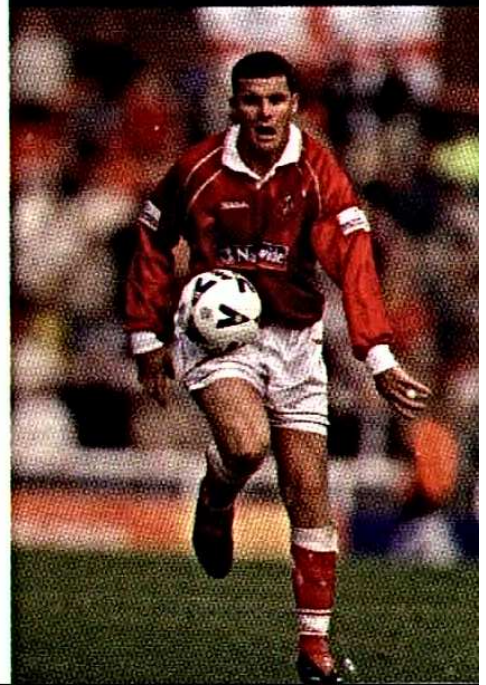
Merry Christmas once again and enjoy the game!



DICK MACKEY'S TREATMENT ROOM

A warm welcome to this afternoon's game against Crewe. Fortunately I have very little to report this week. Traditionally this is the busiest time of year in the Treatment Room, such is the nature of the pitches and with the number of games we play, we normally get a lot of injuries. For whatever the reason (and touch wood), that doesn't appear to be the case this time around and the only player in with me at the moment is Keith O'Halloran.

Keith is working very hard at the moment and is running well. He was also kicking a ball with me last week and at one stage joined in a running exercise with the other lads. He is continuing to progress and we will strive to get him even fitter in the New Year.



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Good afternoon and a warm welcome to everyone for today's visit of Crewe Alexandra. On behalf of the board of directors at the County Ground I would also like to welcome the directors, management, players and supporters who have made the long journey down.

The visit of Crewe to the County Ground is particularly timely given the recent comments of Manchester United Chief Executive, Peter Kenyon. For anyone who may have been out of the country a couple of weeks ago, Mr. Kenyon suggested that only 40 full-time professional clubs could be supported in England given the current financial climate. How easy it is for one man from inside the corporate HQ at Old Trafford to dismiss the dreams of 52 clubs.

Crewe Alexandra, for me, represent what can be achieved with the right planning, infrastructure, investment in youth development, financial prudence and patience – something that is in short supply in the football business generally. On modest, but passionate gates, the club has made giant strides over the past several seasons. The club has benefited first in performance terms, and then financially from their investment in youth development and the team are known to play some of the best football outside the Premiership. And despite relegation last season the club is pushing, once more, for a return to Division One. It is no co-incidence that Dario Gradi is one of the longest-serving managers in the country and the club and its supporters appear to exist in harmony with one another.

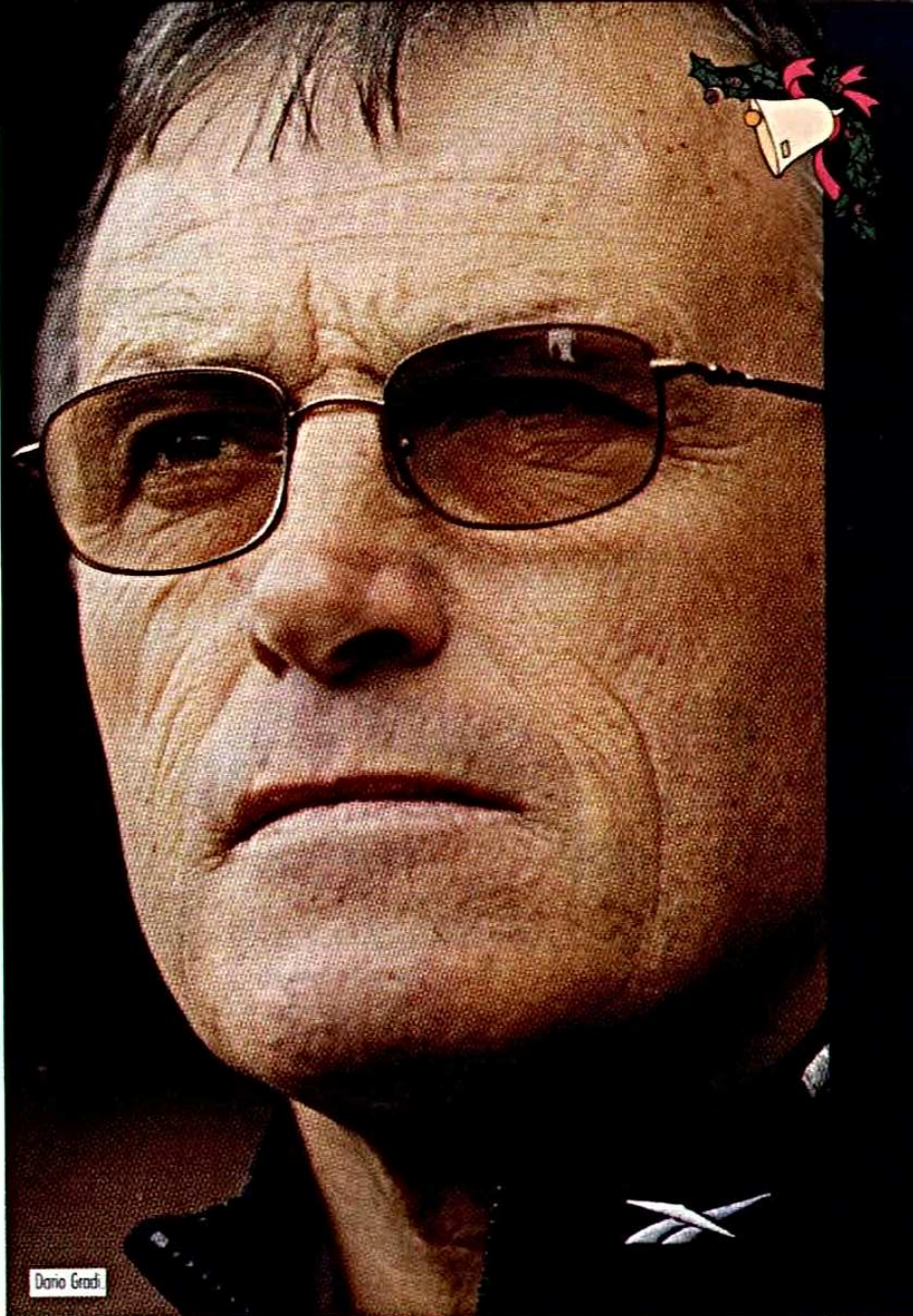
Crewe are a shining example of what I would like to us achieve here at Swindon, in terms of the way the club operates. We are now operating to tight financial controls. I believe we have slowly begun to communicate with our fans in a more pro-active and coherent fashion and again, slowly but surely, we are putting in place the infrastructure required to operate a football club on a professional, profitable, and hopefully, successful basis. So I would say to Mr Kenyon that you need to be very careful before suggesting that the history, passion and support of 52 clubs can be tossed away forever. Rather, I believe you will see that the current financial climate will ensure that clubs operate on a more frugal and sensible platform, with investment made in developing

club's fan bases rather than just waiting and hoping that the next big media deal to come along. If that happens then most, if not all clubs will survive.

Like many of you I felt the disappointment of losing to Oxford in the FA Cup, it was a very quiet journey back home for most of us. With that said, there is still much for us to look forward to. Division Two is so compact from positions 6 to 22 that a run of three or four wins on the trot will propel

any of us into the top eight and who knows what can happen once you reach that mark? We have a small squad, but a committed and talented one and with your support we might just sneak those wins. It would be far better to reflect back on the Oxford defeat from the upper echelons of the division. Thanks for your support and enjoy the game.

Finally, may I wish all the supporters and Club staff a very Merry Christmas – I look forward to seeing you all back here on Boxing Day.



MARK DEVLIN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC.



THE WEEK THAT WAS



02.12.02

RESERVE FIXTURE OFF

Swindon Town's reserve team fixture against AFC Bournemouth is called as a result of the under 19s' cup fixture against Hoddesdon Town. The cancellation follows the postponement of their fixture with QPR. A date for both re-arranged fixtures will be posted on www.swindontownfc.co.uk as soon as they're known.

02.12.02

AGM IN FIVE DAYS TIME

Swindon Town Football Club have confirmed that the AGM will be held this Thursday before the Brentford fixture at The County Ground. The AGM will begin at 11.00am. The Swindon Town FC Board were keen to hold an AGM before the year-end and details have been sent out to all shareholders.

12.12.02

JACKSON RETURNS TO EARN HIS SPURS

Johnnie Jackson has returned to Tottenham Hotspur in an attempt to force his way into Glenn Hoddle's plans. The 20-year old has returned to White Hart Lane after a spell of three months at the County Ground, further depleting Andy King's squad ahead of the busy Christmas period. And despite taking a couple of games to get acclimatised to life in Division Two, Jackson added some much needed quality to Town's midfield, King will certainly be sorry to see him go. "Once again, it's another good player going back to their respective club," he admitted. "Like Davis, you get used to having them around – but we always knew that he was going to go back at some stage. He was a good player and contributed to some of the club's recent successes.

Unfortunately he has decided to go back to Spurs and good luck to him, I can understand his reasoning and I wish him all the best."



12.12.02

AWAY TICKET DETAILS ANNOUNCED

www.swindontownfc.co.uk can now confirm ticket prices for the away fixtures at Wigan Athletic and Cardiff City. For the Wigan game (at the JJB Stadium), Adults will pay no more than £14, whilst Concessions will pay £9. At Cardiff, Adult tickets range from £12-£17, whilst Concessions will pay between £8 and £13.



12.12.02

'RAZOR' OFF TO PASTURES NEW

Swindon Town Football Club have reached an agreement with Neil Ruddock in respect of his claim of wrongful deduction of wages. The terms of agreement are confidential and as a result, we cannot disclose any further details. However, the terms of agreement do include the termination of Mr Ruddock's contract and he is set to leave the club by the end of the year. Chief Executive Mark Devlin said: "The Club are now looking forward to concentrating on consolidating and improving our position in the League. The last few months have been a costly distraction and now we can look to put them behind us, and also move forward for the future."

10.12.02

WILTSHIRE PREMIER SHIELD POSTPONED

Last week's Wiltshire Premier Shield tie at Swindon Supermarine was called off following a pitch inspection. A third of the pitch was frozen and with temperatures dropping, the match was called off.



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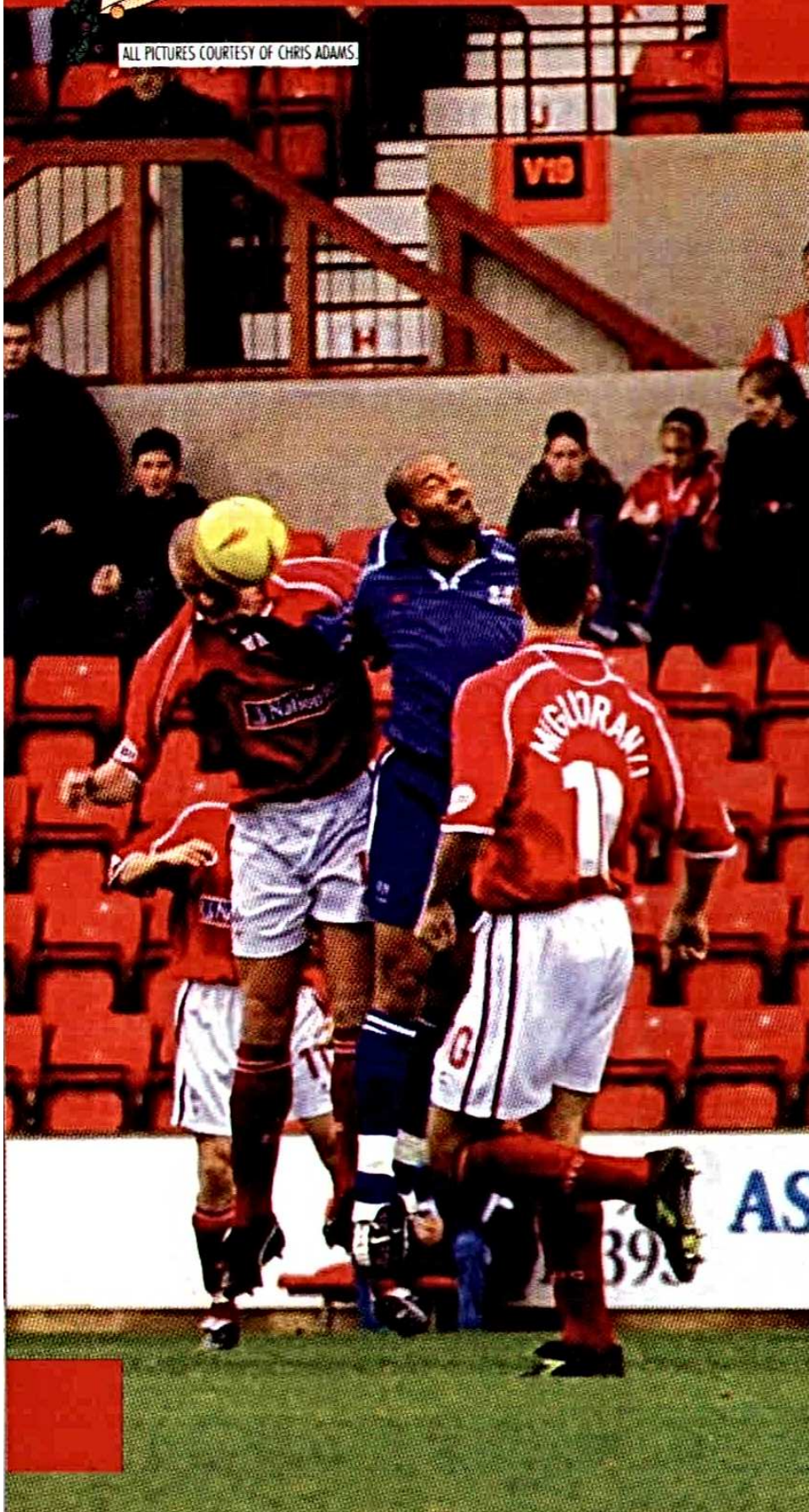
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MATCH



SWINDON TOWN 1 PARKIN 79(PENALTY)

PETERBOROUGH UNITED 1 BULLARD 71

Swindon Town opened the afternoon with one change from the previous game at Huddersfield, with Sam Parkin starting the game and Steve Robinson dropping out.

Eric Sabin made a bright start for Town when he turned on the edge of the box, unfortunately he lost control of the ball and conceded a goal kick. Peterborough United broke forward on four minutes and a good move involving Newton and Lee saw Duke make a vital intervention before a shot could be made. David Farrell saw his long range effort fly well over and into the Stratton Bank.

Matt Hewlett gathered the ball in the middle of the park before pushing forward and clipping an acute ball over to Invincibile who saw his volley end in the arms of young Peterborough 'keeper, Mark Tyler, from nine yards out from a difficult angle. A good passing move involving Gurney and Hewlett saw Miglioranzi released down the right. The New Yorker curled the ball over the defender but Connor gathered the ball with ease.

On 20 minutes Adam Newton did well to get a cross in from the right, which was met by former Town loan player Neale Fenn who got a foot to the ball, shooting narrowly over the bar for the first real chance for the visitors. Fenn was then in the thick of the action as he gathered the ball, turned and shot but the ball took a deflection off Gurney and Griemink carried the ball over the bar as he attempted to prevent a corner. The resulting corner was powered away to safety by Heywood. Following a foul on Sabin on the half way – Gurney stepped up to take the free kick. The long ball into the box was headed on by Reeves to Sabin, who could only head well wide of goal. Andy Gurney, on the half hour, threaded a ball through to Hewlett but the former England U21 international could only hit a low shot within reach of Connor who took the ball in.

With just five minutes to half time – Parkin was fouled as he tried to turn, giving Town a useful field position for a free kick. Jackson fired in the free-kick but Connor flapped at the ball and the defender could only clear to Invincibile whose cross was met by Heywood who could not make the telling touch to break the deadlock as Town headed into the break.

Town started the second half with added desire, looking to take the game to the visitors. On 50 minutes Town were awarded a

free kick on the edge of the box, taken by Andy Gurney who saw his right foot effort fly narrowly wide of the left hand post with Connor beaten.

Heywood was then booked for pulling back Jason Lee's shirt 40 yards out to give Posh an opening. The resulting long-range effort was tipped over by Bart Griemink, with the corner cleared from Jimmy Bullard's centre.

With the Town End in full voice King's men pushed forward, with Duke having a good run cruelly halted on the left hand side. Jackson took the free kick, but Reeves could only head wide from seven yards out at the back post. Eric Sabin was next to try his luck with a turn and shot which was easily gathered by Dan Connor down to his left.

Neale Fenn, had a 30-yard snap shot saved by Griemink in a rare Posh foray forward. Despite Town's possession they struggled to produce a final ball to create room for a shot.

In the 65th minute Invincibile gathered the ball from Gurney but was chopped down by left back Gareth Jellyman. The resulting free kick was headed clear as the visitors continued to frustrate.

Two minutes later Jackson had a 35-yard rasper gathered up by Connor as the home side looked to break the deadlock. On 70 minutes Andy King left his stand seat and headed down to the dugout. Miglioranzi saw his shot a minute later turned away for a corner. Jackson's corner was tipped away by Connor with the slightest, but vital, of touches. As Miglioranzi's corner was cleared, a long ball out of defence was gathered by Bullard who ran untouched for 20 yards after a miscue from Duke. Bullard then cut inside Gurney and shot past Griemink to give the visitors the lead with 16 minutes to go.

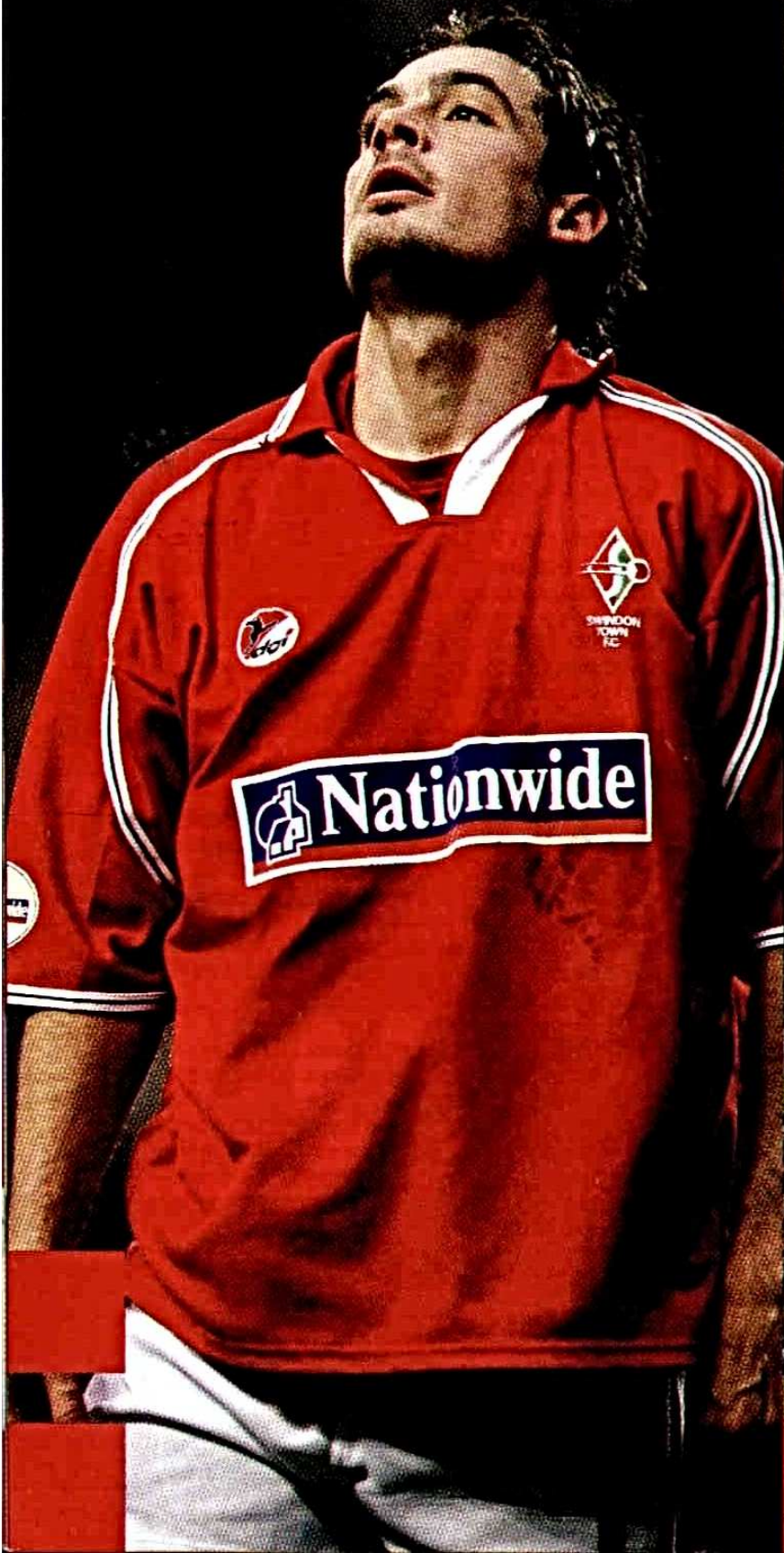
With Town looking to equalise with urgency, Sabin raced forward following a long ball out of defence, ran into the area and was pulled down by Captain Andy Edwards on 77 minutes, who was booked. Parkin confidently stepped up for the penalty and slotted past Connor and the ball nestled into the left hand corner to bring the County Ground to their feet. Thankfully Town had rescued a point, but in fairness all three should have been wrapped up before hand.

TOWN: Griemink, Gurney, Duke, Heywood, Reeves, Hewlett (Robinson 87), Miglioranzi, Jackson, Sabin, Parkin, Invincibile **Subs not used:** Farr, Edds, Wittis, Young.

PETERBOROUGH: Connor, Gill, Jellyman, Rea, Edwards, Newton, Bullard, Shields, Farrell, Lee, Fenn **Subs not used:** Pearce, Lee Clarke, Danielsson, Laurie, Tolley.

MATCH

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OXFORD UNITED 1

LOUIS 65

SWINDON TOWN 0

The wait was over, and after weeks of anticipation, hype and build up – 11,645 fans packed into the Kassam Stadium for the FA Cup Second Round clash, a trip to Highbury the reward for the winner.

The game began with Matt Robinson finding space on the left had side inside two minutes, but Gareth Edds (in for the suspended Gurney) did well to cut out his run. Sam Parkin then fouled Robinson on the near touchline which gave Oxford a free kick just inside their half which was eventually cleared by Matt Heywood at the heart of the Town defence. Minutes later, following good hold up play by Eric Sabin, a neat chip over the top by Miglioranzi found Parkin but the linesman raised his flag as the former Chelsea striker ran through. On four minutes Town were awarded a free kick that Jackson clipped into the back post, but Captain Alan Reeves could only head across goal into the hands of Woodman from an acute angle. David Duke made a good run forward into the United half and gave the pass to Jackson who crossed to Invincible, but he could only shoot just over from four yards although under pressure.

Town were awarded another free kick when Miglioranzi's flick on was handled. Johnnie Jackson stepped up but his curling effort flew just wide. On eight minutes a cross from the left by Dave Savage found James Hunt in space in the box and his shot was well saved by Griemink with his legs in the Town goal. United youngster Jefferson Louis then surged forward and his effort was deflected on 15 minutes at the near post for a corner. Bobby Ford swung the ball over but Griemink was once again up to the challenge to punch clear. On 21 minutes Sabin made a foraging run into the United box but his run was cut out for a corner that was cleared without any real threat to Andy Woodman's goal. Four minutes later Sabin was once again hauled down to the left of the 'd' presenting Town with another opportunity for a shot on target. Jackson was the only candidate but could not find the target, bending his shot wide of the upright.

On 27 minutes Miglioranzi fouled Louis giving United a free kick that Bobby Ford angled into the Town box, however Jefferson Louis could only head wide. Scott McNiven then made a run down the right and saw his cross blocked for a corner. The resulting centre found Andy Crosby who headed on towards goal finding Savage just two yards out. With his back to goal, Savage could only head over.

On 35 minutes Gareth Edds then made a vital intervention, diverting a long ball out for a corner whilst under pressure from Steve Basham, taken by Ford but only found Reeves who headed over his

own bar for another corner. The second corner was also taken by Ford but went straight into the arms of Griemink. Two minutes later a through ball to the right from Miglioranzi found Sabin who was brought down for a free kick. Jackson fired the ball in but saw his effort cleared for a corner. Jackson's second corner flashed across goal missing the oncoming Parkin and Sabin to keep the scores level as the interval approached.

Both teams ran out for the second period unchanged, hoping to break the deadlock in the second period. A good through ball from Miglioranzi found Invincible who's cross across the face of goal narrowly missed by Parkin who was rushing into the six-yard box. On 48 minutes the referee made his first booking of the game as he carded Matt Robinson for Oxford.

On 49 minutes Jefferson Louis powered past Duke down the Oxford right and crossed to Steve Basham who could not get the ball out of his feet for a shot and the danger was over. Basham then made another good turn in the box but Matt Heywood did well to turn the ball back to Griemink who eliminated any threat with a long clearance. After Oxford took the initial stages of possession Town began to build with some good passing football culminating in an Invincible cross which was cleared long up field by Crosby. Danny Invincible then ran almost unchallenged from the half way line on 58 minutes but his left foot drive from 20 yards flew wide of the left hand post, despite appeals for a corner from the Australian after an impressive run. On 64 minutes a ball from Edds found Invincible who curled his cross into the box. The cross found Miglioranzi but he could only divert the ball wide of the post.

The moment all Swindon Town fans had feared arrived on 65 minutes. A long throw from the right by McNiven was flicked on by Louis who did enough to nestle the ball in the back of the net as the Kassam Stadium came to life.

With Town looking to equalise, Matt Hewlett was booked on 70 minutes as he caught Basham on the half way line with a trailing boot. From the resulting free kick the ball fell to McNiven who powered a shot narrowly wide of Griemink's right hand post. On 76 minutes Steve Basham again found space in the Town box and turned, but could only hit the ball wide of the target.

In the final minutes Town surged forward hoping for an equaliser to take the tie back to The County Ground. David Duke picked the ball up from a Griemink goal kick on 88 minutes, cut inside McGiven but saw his hurried shot roll wide of the left hand post.

OXFORD: Woodman, McNiven, Waterman, Crosby, Bound, Robinson, Hunt, Ford (Whitehead 87), Savage, Louis, Basham (Sall 89) **Subs not used:** Steele, Hackett, Hunter.

TOWN: Griemink, Edds (Willis 73), Heywood, Reeves, Duke, Miglioranzi, Hewlett, Jackson (Bampton 79), Sabin (Young 86), Parkin, Invincible **Subs not used:** Farr, Halliday.

Jack Charlton played his part in last week's highly successful Sporting Club Dinner and before the event got under way, swindontownfc.co.uk managed to grab the former Ireland manager for a few questions.

'Big Jack' made his debut for Leeds at the age of 17 and for England at the age of 29. His finest moment was receiving a World Cup winners medal in 1966. In 1967 he was crowned 'Footballer of the Year'. At the age of 37 he picked up an FA Cup winners medal and retired in 1973 having made 773 appearances for Leeds, scoring an incredible 96 goals from centre half. He managed Middlesbrough from 1973-77, guiding them to the Second Division Championship by a record margin of 15 points. He then managed Sheffield Wednesday from 1977-83 and Newcastle from 1984-85. His record as the Ireland Manager was second to none. They reached the European Champions final in Germany and the 1990 World Cup Finals in Italy, where they were beaten by the home team upon reaching the Quarter Finals. Jack is still an icon throughout Ireland today.

A warm welcome to the County Ground, is it a ground where you have played in the past? One of our historians Dave Wallis tells me that Swindon played Leeds in 1970 where we lost 2-0 in the FA Cup.

It was a long time ago so maybe I did. I can however remember bringing Sheffield Wednesday here as a Manager. I played most of my career in what is now the Premiership Division. It was only when I became a Manager at Sheffield, who were then in the Third Division, that I did visit the smaller clubs.

Do you know our current Manager Andy King?

There are a few Kings! I had one who played for me at Sheffield. Strangely enough the two or three I know were all called Andy. One played for Everton, another for Man United. I saw your Andy on television at the Oxford game and he looked familiar. I don't know Andy well but I know he was a good player at Everton.

I know from my frequent trips to Ireland that you are still an icon there. Do you manage to get back very often?

Yes in fact I'm off there next week doing a job for a local football club and I will also get in a days shooting.

Any comment about the current Ireland Managers situation?



JACK CHARLTON

No. They will make up their mind eventually and decide who they are going to appoint. I only hope they appoint someone as good as Mick. They will have a job!

You were never sacked as a football manager, do you think managers today have an impossible job? Given so little time and with results so crucial?

I never had to face the wage bills and the financial situation clubs have to face today. I think many clubs are losing money every time they play. The highest earner for me was on something like £200. I left club management in 1985 and went to the Irish job in '86 for 10 years. Before that money was controllable, now it's uncontrollable. We didn't have any agents in those days, well maybe the odd one, but not many. Now we have more agents wheeling and dealing. It upsets me that we bring so many foreign players into the country, they all want to come and play football here, whether they are good or not. They just want to get the money here. The players are hanging around football clubs and we can't get rid of them because of the amount we are paying them. It's a sad the way football is going at the moment.

Do you think Roy Keane will ever be Irish manager?!

(Jack smiles) It wouldn't surprise me one little bit!!

There was some talk last week by Manchester United's Peter Kenyon that 40 clubs should be professional and the rest should be semi-pro. Do you think teams like Swindon should be semi-pro?

The guy is only saying what he thinks is

going to happen, and it probably will happen. Clubs in the lower divisions just can't afford to pay the amounts going out unless they get money coming in. As they don't get much of the TV money they are going to suffer. The guy was not saying it should happen, only that it's almost certainly going to happen, unless something is done about the amount of money that's going out of the game in players wages.

Your Ireland teams had fantastic team spirit. Do you think that this is better than having some superstar players?

I also had some good players! A lot of people keep telling me that we had a motivated team with players who wanted to play and be part of the set-up. For example I would get players ringing me up asking, if they were injured or I had not bought them into the squad, if they could still come to the game. That was always great for me because they always wanted to come, even if they weren't involved. But we did have some outstanding players throughout the years, like Paul McGrath, Tony Galvin, Frank Stapleton, all in their prime in those days. Then we had Mick McCarthy, Kevin Moran as well as good full backs in Chris Houghton and Steve Staunton. We had lots of really good players, Ronnie Whelan, you can go on and on. They were good players when I got them, all I did was to put them into a team and give them a way of playing, then let them get at it and they were very good!

Do you think the England Manager is doing a good job at the moment?

When someone comes into the England Manager's job he is immediately expected to win something. If he doesn't win anything the press start to

have a little nibble at him, claiming he's not done this right or that right. They then start giving him advice. Eriksson has just gone around the country, watching players, seeing as many games as he can and he comes up with all the cliché's, as all previous managers have done, "we need more time with the players". How can you have more time with the players when you have 38 league matches to play and all the cup games? Most of the top teams are also playing in Europe. They are playing an enormous number of games on top of which you have to fit international games into the schedule. Eriksson, like everyone else has said that he wants to spend more time with the National team but how do you get that? The players are

playing virtually twice a week throughout a long season.

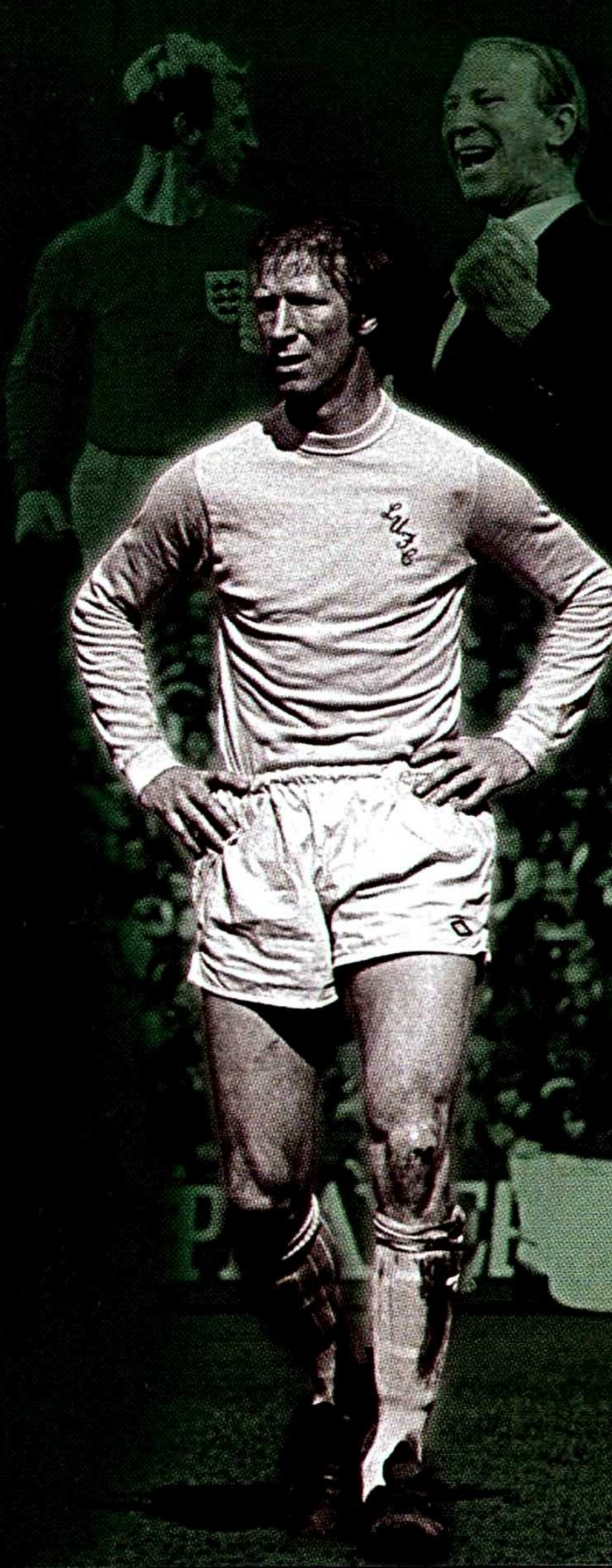
Do you think England will ever win the World Cup again?

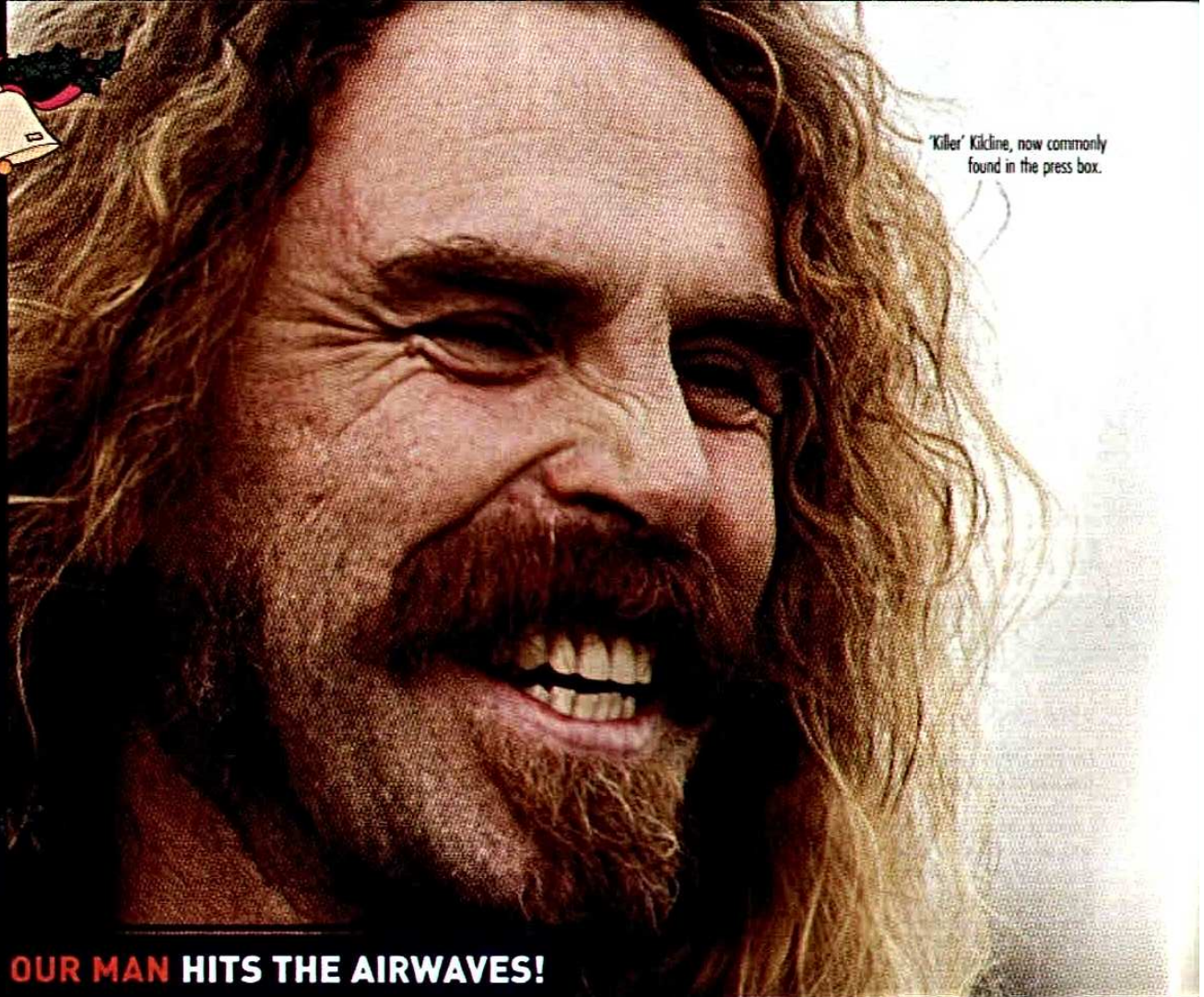
I read in the paper a couple of weeks ago, on a particular Saturday, that there were only 36 English players in the Premiership that day. Does that mean Eriksson has to pick his team from just 36 players? We must get a little bit more stable, with more English lads coming through. Kids must be given the opportunity to learn the business and play at higher levels. If a club has a lad with a bit of ability today, he might sneak a game here or there, he's usually not thrown in the deep in and told to get on with it. Clubs will find someone from abroad, pay the money as a replacement to an existing player. There should be more local players given a chance. The more foreign players we bring in the less opportunity they have. This worries me a great deal and we can't go on like this.

Last question. Would you like to comment on the pressure the Leeds Manager is under?

I think it's like all managers, you go into a job, learn all about the lads, you have to find out about all the players. You hope you have a spell with no injuries, be consistent in the team you are picking, getting them to play the way you want them to play. I think Terry's got to be given a little bit more time to sort it out because he has had injury problems. Leeds got rid of two or three of their best players before he arrived. Terry is a good coach, I've known Terry for many years - he knows the game and knows football. Who else would you replace him with? They have to stick with him now. Leeds do have too many good players to be in this position in the league.

Jack was interviewed by Mike Judd.





'Killer' Kildine, now commonly found in the press box.

OUR MAN HITS THE AIRWAVES!

Ever wondered who co-commentates with Ed Hadwin on BBC Wiltshire Sound? Well, two weeks ago, Dave Wallis (big Town fan and resident writer in these holy pages) joined Ed on the trip to Huddersfield. Dave takes up the story...

When Ed Hadwin agreed to my request to act as his co-commentator for the day I confess to having second thoughts. I'd noticed that the BBC local-radio guys often took a fellow pundit along with them to matches and I'm still trying to determine whether it was ego or foolishness that made me contact them to offer my services for the trip to Huddersfield. Having encountered some traffic, the news that Sam Parkin would start the game on the bench was broken with the release of the team sheet about 30 minutes before kick-off and the general consensus of opinion was that the introduction of Miglioranzi would force Town to adopt a 4-4-2 formation in place of the now familiar 4-3-3.

There were several recognisable faces in the press box as Town old boys Brian Kilcline and Kieran O'Regan put in appearances on behalf of the media, and notes were swapped between members of the press who obviously ran into each other on a regular basis. The common view was that we were to witness the low scoring match that all the statistics pointed to and the wry laugh forthcoming from Kilcline to the news that Neil Ruddock was proving difficult to remove from the wage bill was matched by a similar smile from myself. Anyone who remembers the saga involved in eliminating Kilcline from the County Ground staff won't need me to draw the comparison. So to the game itself, and with such a dramatic start to the match I had the equivalent of a first touch of the ball that a goalkeeper requires as Ed called upon me to offer my views on David Duke's 42-second opener. It was a great way to begin the

afternoon and went some way to steadying my nerves for the ensuing 89 minutes, but I can't pretend that there was ever a time when I felt 100% comfortable with the mike in my hand. Mind you, that might have had something to do with the temperature which hovered somewhere between freezing and brass-monkey weather.

With 25 minutes gone and Town holding a comfortable two-goal cushion, Huddersfield started to dominate the midfield as Swindon dropped deeper. It's a scenario that supporters will know well, as Town seemed undecided whether to press on to further their lead or to drop back and protect what they had. Huddersfield, predictably, took the initiative. The game lost some of its impetus as a spectacle, particularly from a Swindon supporter's point of view, and I acceded to Ed's pre-match advice to talk when I had something to say, which was becoming rare. A goal from Huddersfield's Smith brought no cheers from me, but I had grudging praise for the quality of his finish.

Just as we were all ready to settle for a 2-1 win for the Wiltshire Town, up popped substitute Sam to add another goal on the Parkin meter, followed by Stead's second for Huddersfield as home supporters started to converge on the home dug out to express their dissatisfaction with manager Mick Wadsworth. The ensuing demonstration outside the main stand would have kept us penned in the stadium for 45 minutes had Ed not needed to carry out his post match interviews anyway. In reality, there was little need for incisive comment from the guest pundit, for which I was grateful. Ed Hadwin's professionalism shone through, receiving national scores from the studio in one ear, jotting them down as he announced them over the air and making informed comment on them... all at the same time as monitoring action on the pitch. I was impressed. It's not a job for me!



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MATCH ACTION



THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2002

SWINDON TOWN 6 DRAYCOTT 2, CHEESEMAN 2, SALTER, HAMBIDGE BURTON ALBION 0

STFC line-up: Steve Smith, Danny Taylor, Ian Oliver, Aaron Salter, Luke Garrard, Bertie Foster, Harry Hambidge, Michael Pook, Mark Draycott (Ashan Holgate 73), Jamie Cheeseman, David Stroud (Chris Taylor 70)

Subs: Matty Bullman, Lance Lewis, Kirk Willmoth.

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UNDER 18'S



SWINDON TOWN CONTINUED THEIR IMPRESSIVE RUN LAST WEEK WITH A 6-0 DEMOLITION OF BURTON ALBION IN THE THIRD ROUND OF THE MIDLAND YOUTH CUP.

In a re-arranged fixture Swindon were dominant from the start with Jamie Cheeseman's corner being well cleared by Mark Connolly in the Burton defence. The home side took the lead on 20 minutes through Mark Draycott, a deep cross from the left was misjudged by Hambidge as he attempted a shot, with the ball falling to the feet of Draycott who made no mistake from four yards. Draycott almost put Town 2-0 up on 44 minutes when he turned on the edge of the area and hit a shot straight at the busy Richard Keeling, in the Albion goal. Swindon Town did double the lead on the stroke of half time. A defensive mix-up in the box gave the ball straight back to Jamie Cheeseman who took one touch before lashing the ball past Keeling, who could only watch as the ball fizzed into the back of the net.

The visitors emerged for the second half in the knowledge that only a more ambitious second period would give them a chance of progressing. However, David Stroud had other ideas as Town looked to put the game beyond doubt. Stroud picked the ball up just inside the Burton half and surged forward, beating two defenders and unleashing a fierce shot which the keeper got a hand to. As the ball rolled towards edging Town into a 3-0 lead, Dane Carton cleared the ball off the line to keep his side with just a two-goal deficit. On 49 minutes Swindon did take their tally to three with a well-worked goal. After good interplay on the right hand side, a pinpoint cross from the right by Danny Taylor found Aaron Salter who headed past Keeling. The score line was extended to four on 63 minutes with an excellent goal. Draycott threaded the ball through to Cheeseman who cut inside the defender and lifted the ball coolly over the advancing keeper.

With twenty minutes to go, the lead was finally extended to 5-0. Substitute Chris Taylor crossed from the left and Hambidge stroked the ball home for his first goal of the night on 71 minutes. Just two minutes later Swindon were awarded a penalty after Cheeseman, with his back to goal, was fouled. Mark Draycott got his hands on the ball immediately, denying Cheeseman the chance for his hat-trick. Draycott took scored his second of the evening, slotting the ball past Keeling to put Town six-nil ahead.

HOME MATCHES KICK-OFF AT 11.00AM AT KING EDWARDS PLACE, WANBOROUGH



MATCH ACTION



TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2002

HODDESDON TOWN 1

SWINDON TOWN 4

CHEESEMAN, DRAYCOTT 2, BAMPTON

STFC line-up: Steve Smith, Kyle Lapham, Ian Oliver, Ian Herring, Luke Garrard, Justyn McKay, Mark Fenwick, Neil Crosby, Mark Draycott, Jamie Cheeseman, Chris Hughes, David Stroud **Subs:** Harry Hambridge

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UNDER 19'S



UNDER 19'S FIXTURES 2002/03

SWINDON TOWN CONTINUED THEIR PROGRESS IN THE FA YOUTH CUP AS THEY OVERCAME HODDESDON TOWN, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY KNOCKED OUT QPR IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND.

On a difficult surface and in difficult conditions, Viv Busby's side made an inauspicious start to the game when they conceded a goal after just six minutes. Busby takes up the story: "We went one nil down after just six minutes which was not the ideal start for us, but the ideal start for Hoddesdon who were looking for another upset. We had tried to make the lads aware that the home side would come out all guns blazing and that is just what they did. When they scored it gave them another big lift in their ego and performance. It knocked our lads back and made them realise that hard work lay ahead. Jimmy and myself kept encouraging them from the side and in the first fifteen minutes the boys didn't really work to the game plan we had asked them to work to."

However, heeding the coaches' advice, the players kept working and were rewarded when Mark Draycott, on fire at the moment, equalised after some good build-up play. Jamie Cheeseman then scored to make 2-1 to put Town in the driving seat. Mark Draycott then scored a superb third goal, his second of the night and one that broke Wayne Rooney's record of goals scored in the FA Youth Cup. Viv Busby said: "Making it 3-1 made it that little more comfortable going into the break. Mark picked the ball up on the edge of the box, faked a shot, took the ball on another yard and fired the ball past the 'keeper into the angle of the goal, into the top right hand corner. It was a great strike, but that's what the boy can do. We need to work on the other parts of his game because the higher he goes the harder it gets. He is a good finisher there is no doubt about that, but at higher levels you don't get chance after chance - you have to work harder to create those chances. He has good pace and a big lad but there is still a long way to go for him, he has a chance."

After the break, Town came out looking to seal their path into the Fourth Round and did so from a corner. Dave Bampton got on the end of a well worked move. Hoddesdon put pressure on the Robins in the last fifteen minutes and Town 'keeper, Steve Smith, did well to deal with numerous corners.

Reflecting on the overall performance Busby commented: "It was a very workmanlike performance, it was a good display and we look forward to the next round." Swindon Town now face Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane in the Fourth Round.

Sat 17th Aug	Cheltenham Town	Away	2-1
Sat 24th Aug	Bristol Rovers	Home	0-0
Sat 31st Aug	In Service Day		
Sat 7th Sep	Cirencester		0-3
Sat 14th Sep	AFC Bournemouth		3-2
Sat 21st Sep	Portsmouth		3-1
Wed 25th Sep	Grimsby	2-2 (4-3 pens)	
Sat 28th Sep	Swansea City	Away	3-2
Sat 5th Oct	Cirencester	Home	4-1
Sat 12th Oct	Cardiff City	Away	1-1
Sat 19th Oct	Torquay United	Away	2-1
Sat 26th Oct	Exeter City	Home	3-0
Sat 2nd Nov	AFC Bournemouth	Home	3-2
Sat 9th Nov	Plymouth Argyle	Away	p-p
Sat 16th Nov	Cardiff City	Home	p-p
Sat 23rd Nov	Cirencester	Away	p-p
Sat 30th Nov	Torquay United	Home	2-1
Tue 3rd Dec	Hoddesdon Town	Away	4-1
Sat 7th Dec	Exeter City	Away	
Sat 14th Dec	AFC Bournemouth	Home	
Sat 21st Dec	Free Week		
Sat 28th Dec	Christmas Break		
Sat 4th Jan	In Service Day		
Sat 11th Jan	Plymouth Argyle	Home	
Sat 18th Jan	Cheltenham Town	Home	
Sat 25th Jan	Bristol Rovers	Away	
Sat 1st Feb	Swansea City	Home	
Sat 8th Feb	Merit Division Changeover		
Sat 15th Feb	Merit Division Changeover		

HOME MATCHES KICK-OFF AT 11.00AM AT KING EDWARDS PLACE, WANBOROUGH



5 OF THE BEST



Such was the response for loyal fans to come forward that instead of five of the best, we've got ten! It seems as though there are many Townies out there who follow the reds home and away and in doing so, go beyond the call of duty in pursuit of their team. So here it is, Part One (Part Two to follow in the Brentford issue) of STFC's most loyal fans. Thanks to all those that helped compile this list via www.swindontownfc.co.uk.

5 STEFAN TYRIE

Stefan Tyrie is 13 years old and has been watching STFC's home games ever since his Dad took him to watch the 2-1 defeat against Luton in the 1994-95 season. In the eight seasons Stefan has been coming to the County Ground he's missed just two home games (versus Stockport in 1998/99 and Shrewsbury in 1995/96. He has been a season ticket holder for four years and has missed just one game away from home this time around.

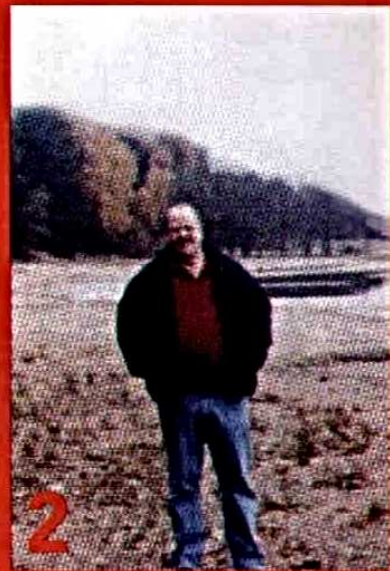
4 EDDIE GOLBY

Another youngster, this time 14 year old Eddie Golby who has been supporting the Town since the mid-nineties, his first game being the 3-1 win against QPR on Boxing Day in 1993/94. Last season he missed two games (on holiday) and this season has been an ever-present. Eddie explains that many events have tested his patience, including once when he was in Yorkshire staying with family.

Eddie continues, "We were playing Huddersfield on the Saturday at home, and I wanted to make sure I could go, and get back in time. So, I left York train station at 5.00pm hoping to get to Swindon for 11.00pm and then stay with friends. What followed was a sequence of train cancellations that meant I slept rough at the station, only for the game to be cancelled due to a waterlogged pitch!"

3 DAN CASTLE

Fervent readers of the Swindon Matchday Programme will recognise the name of Dan Castle. Dan, a mad Townie has been collecting Town shirts for many years and his total spending has now reached the £2,000 mark. Dan's latest purchases include shirts from the Premier League season including Craig Maskell and Ty Gooden, Fjortoft, away shirt, and the one that John Moncur was wearing when Cantona stamped on him (all from ex Town Financial Secretary Steve Jones).

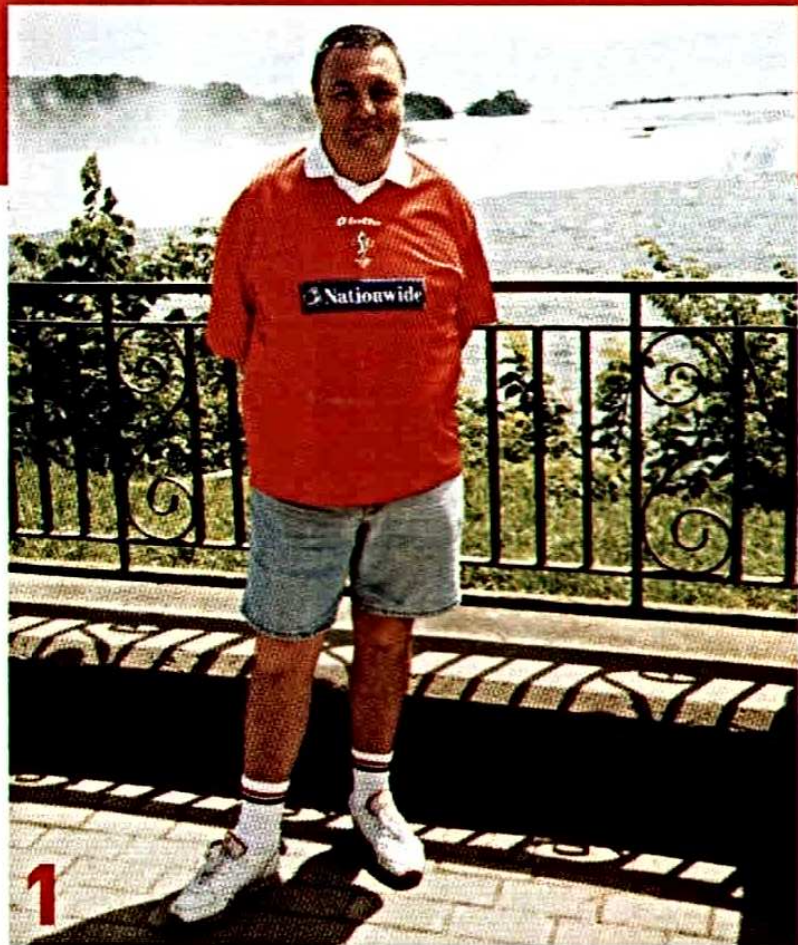


2 CHRIS PIERCE

Chris has been supporting the Town since he was a youngster, and that was a long time ago (writes his son Terry!). He has been working in Sweden for the last year and every Saturday Chris flies home to watch Town home and away, before flying back in the early hours of Monday morning. Terry continues, "We used to make the 200-plus mile round trip to Swindon just to watch the town when we lived up north, as well as attending games all over the north and the rest of the country. One moment that really stands out and re-defines loyalty, is that he once gave up a ticket to watch his then second team, Leeds, in a FA cup semi final just to watch the town at Aldershot - now that is loyalty!"

1 DEREK ELSTON

Derek Elston is another fan to have featured in these pages before and amazingly, Derek has not missed a game (home and away) for 21 years



– and that's despite living in Northampton. In fact, his 21st anniversary of games watched came at the Kassam Stadium when Town faced Oxford in the FA Cup Second Round and in total, Derek has been to 1,145 consecutive games (in all competitions) since 1981. He has

even had to miss his brother's wedding (well, it did coincide with Town v Chesterfield!) and Derek has travelled to Italy to watch Town in the Anglo-Italian Cup.

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A WARM WELCOME TO TODAY'S MATCH AND BEFORE I START, MAY I WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS! UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF THE TIME OF YEAR, LAST WEEKEND'S GAMES WERE VICTIM OF THE TORRENTIAL RAIN.

We had five home games against Swansea called off because of the bad weather. Fortunately though, our two remaining games that were away from home against the Swans went ahead.

Our under 14s won 3-0 with Chris Allen scoring two goals, while the under 15s drew two-apiece. Both coaches were very happy with their respected teams performances, especially as both teams had a number of lads not playing through injury.

Last Wednesday our under 10s, under 11s and under 12s played against Cirencester's development squads. All the teams did very well considering the freezing weather. Our under 10s won 8-3, the under 11s 5-1 and the under 12s drew 2-2 - all on Cirencester's main pitch which was a great experience for them.

Our lads now have their Christmas break. Hopefully they will rest and come back next year ready to continue their impressive performances in the New Year.

Merry Chistmas and enjoy the game.

FIXTURES FOR DECEMBER

DECEMBER 1

UNDER 9S	CARDIFF CITY	A
UNDER 10S	CARDIFF CITY	A
UNDER 11S	CARDIFF CITY	A
UNDER 12S		
UNDER 13S	CHELTENHAM	A
UNDER 14S	CHELTENHAM	A
UNDER 15S	CHELTENHAM	H

DECEMBER 8

UNDER 9S		
UNDER 10S	CHELTENHAM	A
UNDER 11S		
UNDER 12S	BRISTOL ROVERS	A
UNDER 13S	BRISTOL ROVERS	A
UNDER 14S	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
UNDER 15S	BRISTOL ROVERS	H

DECEMBER 15

UNDER 9S	SWANSEA	H
UNDER 10S	SWANSEA	H
UNDER 11S	SWANSEA	H
UNDER 12S	SWANSEA	H
UNDER 13S	SWANSEA	H
UNDER 14S	SWANSEA	A
UNDER 15S	SWANSEA	A



CREWE ALEXANDRA APPEAR TO HAVE THROWN THE PROVERBIAL FOOTBALL RULE BOOK OUT OF THE WINDOW. PROSPERING ON NEXT TO NOTHING (AS THE GAP BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR GROWS WIDER) AND A MANAGER WHOSE TENURE FAR OUTWEIGHS THAT THAT OTHER MANAGERS ARE ALLOWED, THE CLUB IS THE ENVY OF MANY CHAIRMEN AND FOOTBALL FANS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

TODAY'S VISITORS

CREWE ALEXANDRA



Alexandra Stadium
home of Crewe

THIS SEASON

Ins: Sagi Burton (Port Vale), John Miles (Stoke)

Outs: Paul Tait (Bristol Rovers), Shaun Smith (Hull City), Steve Macauley (Rochdale), Phil Charnock (Port Vale), Phil Trainer (Northwich), Kevin Street (Northwich), Sagi Burton (Peterborough)

Odds for promotion: 5/2
(Odds courtesy of www.swindonbet.co.uk)

Last five games: WDWWW

LAST SEASON

Position last year: 22(Division One)

Biggest win: 4-2 (v Rotherham)

Biggest defeat: 1-6 (v Coventry)

Top scorer: Robert Hulse 12

Most League apps: Kenny Lunt 53

HISTORY BOOK

Formed: 1877

Biggest win: 8-0 v Rotherham United (01.10.1932)

Most capped player: Bill Lewis (Wales: 12)

Most league goals: Bert Swindells (126: 1928/37)

Biggest buy: Rodney Jack £650,000

Record against the Town: STFC Wins 9, Crewe Wins 8, Draws 1

And that's despite their relegation from Division One last year too, the club falling through the trap door to Division Two after an uncharacteristic season. Last season was the Gresty Road club's fifth consecutive term in Division One, whilst Gradi was enjoying his eighteenth season in the dugout. Unfortunately however, for both Gradi and the club (and despite finishing on 49 points along with Rotherham) the club (unfortunately featuring the second worst defensive record in the league) entered Division Two for the first time since 1996/97.

As a result of Crewe's demotion, many tipped the Railway men for an immediate return this time around and so far (at the time of writing) Gradi's side haven't disappointed and currently occupy fifth place behind Oldham.

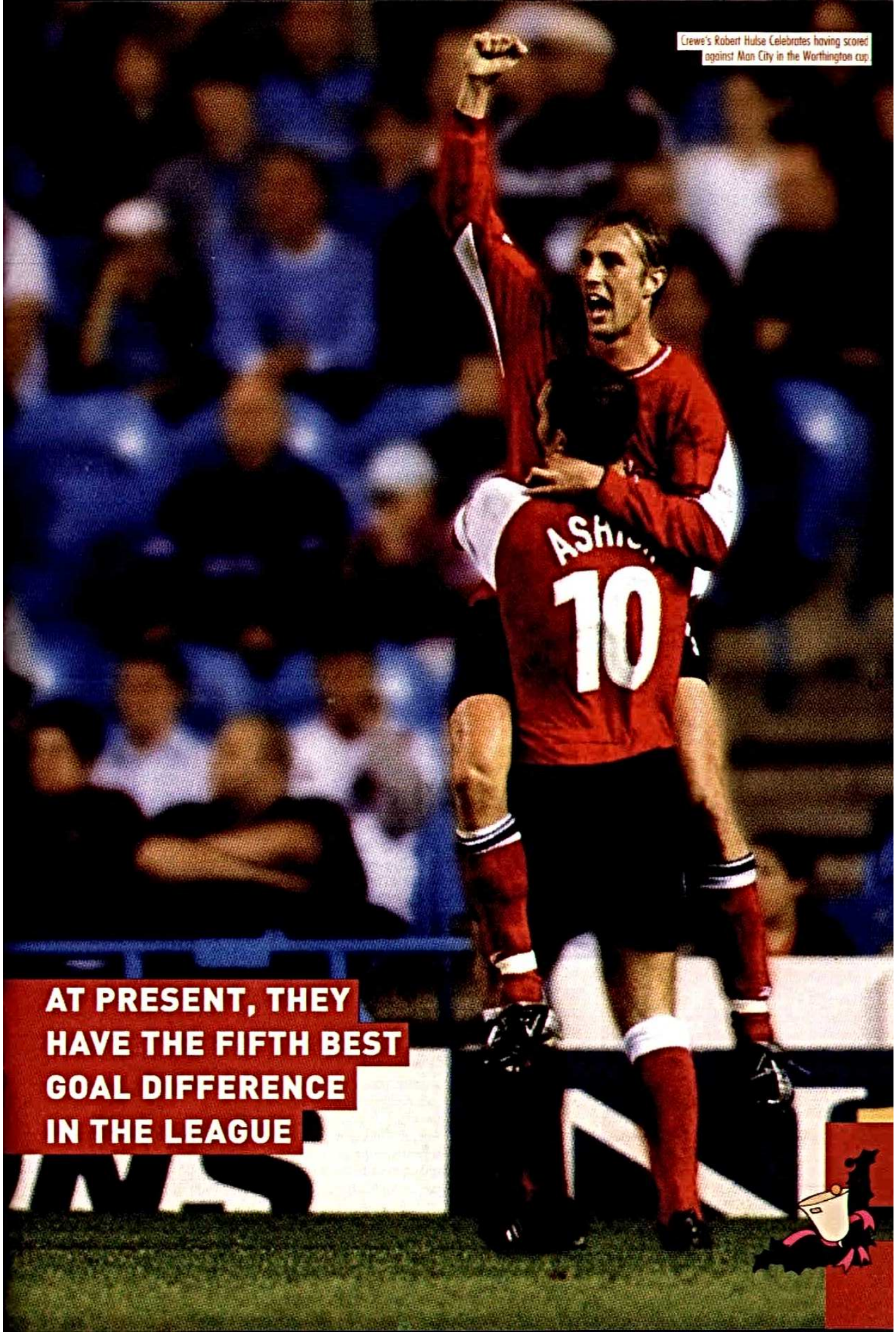
A slow start including a draw against Northampton and defeat against Notts County suggested it was going to be an arduous season for the Cheshire-based club. But the same players that took the club down last year have certainly found their feet and since then, have shown consistency and potency, hence their prosperous league position.

Take Robert Hulse for example, the 23-year old failing to score in the club's opening two fixtures, has since gone on to record 19 goals in 22 games (in all competitions). In fact, Crewe have lost just five times in the league all season and their recent form would suggest that there won't be many more. Their 8-0 demolition of Doncaster in the LDV Trophy crowned a glorious run of seven games without defeat and included in that sequence was a slender victory against Port Vale in the FA Cup Second Round.

Perhaps more impressive is the sides' rate of goalscoring and at present, they have the fifth best goal difference in the league. Alexandra have scored twice (or more) in no less than 14 fixtures and it will be their attacking prowess that Town will have to keep in check if they're to snuff out the promotion hopefuls.

Apart from Hulse, Rodney Jack, despite having scored just twice will be one to watch, whilst Dave Brammer looks to be the driving force behind the front two. Having signed from Port Vale for £500,000, Brammer has been likened to Neil Lennon. If that's the case, let's hope that messrs Robinson, Helwett and Miglioranzi are up to the challenge! Whatever happens this afternoon, you can be rest assured that at least one member of today's squad will go on to bigger and better things, such is the nature of Crewe's youth policy. Who knows, the next David Platt could be on the pitch right before our eyes...

Crewe's Robert Hulse Celebrates having scored against Man City in the Worthington cup



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THE GAFFER



DARIO GRADI

Born in Milan, Gradi learned his coaching trade in London with Chelsea before taking up managerial positions at Wimbledon, where he spent four years, and Crystal Palace. At Crewe he has established a renowned Youth Academy where graduates such as Seth Johnson and Dele Adebola have moved on to bigger and brighter things. Gradi also has the knack of improving released or non-league players. He turned David Platt from Manchester City into a regular England International and Robbie Savage into a Welsh International.

Thanks to Dario and his back room staff Crewe Alexandra now have a Youth Academy that is envied and respected throughout the football world. He is always prepared to give youth a chance and is a shrewd judge of character. Dario Gradi is the longest serving manager in English football and for his contribution to football was awarded with the MBE in January 1998.

Crewe 1983 G1008 W386 D380 L242
C Palace 81-81 G27 W6 D18 L3
Wimbledon 77-81 G171 W63 D61 L47

THE SQUAD

CLAYTON INCE (keeper)

The club finally secured the services of the Trinidad and Tobago goalkeeper in September 1999. The £50,000 signing from Defence Force had to wait for the departure of Jason Kearton before he got a sniff of the first-team action. He made 23 appearances last season as he battled for the number one spot alongside his close friend Bankole. Excellent at crosses, the Trinidad and Tobago International agreed a new three-year with the club in the New Year.

DAVID WRIGHT (def)

David Wright has emerged into a competent right back, but during his time at the club has also been used as a left-back, sweeper, wing-back and centre-half. His assured and versatile displays have attracted a host of scouts to the Alexandra Stadium. David loves to get forward and should begin to score more goals if he continues to get into threatening positions.

DAVID WALTON (def)

Walton became Crewe's record signing when he arrived at Gresty Road in a deal which will eventually see Shrewsbury Town net £700,000. The former Sheffield United and Shrewsbury defender would be a first choice in the Crewe defence, but he now faces extra competition from Efe Sodje and the emerging Stephen Foster, Chris McCready and Richard Walker.

STEPHEN FOSTER (def)

Young Stephen is another player to emerge from the Club's Academy. His rapid progress saw him make his first-team debut against Bury in 1998 and he made a further appearance as an emergency striker against Bristol City in the Worthington Cup. The Warrington -born defender is now a first-team regular and he made 37

appearances in various defensive positions last season.

PAUL TIERNEY (def)

Paul is currently on loan from Manchester United, where he has already broken into Alex Ferguson's first-team squad this season. Earlier in the year he was named as a substitute for United's trip to Chelsea. His performances at left-back have already made the Eire Under-21 international a popular player with the Crewe faithful.

KENNY LUNT (mid)

Dario Gradi describes Kenny Lunt as 'a young man with an old head on his shoulders' and that sums him up perfectly. Making 51 appearances last season, Kenny was again outstanding in the middle of the park and continues to pull the strings for Crewe in terms of creativity. As a former graduate of the FA National School at Lilleshall, Lunt played with the likes of Michael Owen and Michael Ball.

DAVID VAUGHAN (mid)

David is an exciting prospect who loves to run at defenders from his fullback or wing position. Has been converted from a winger into a reliable and hard working defender. Made a surprise first-team start against Blackburn Rovers two years ago before being withdrawn at half-time. His debut may have come a little too early, but the young Welshman has improved considerably over the last year so so and he is now regarded as a first-team regular.

ROB HULSE (att)

After overcoming a spinal injury brought on by a spurt of growth, young Rob is now back to his potent best. The local lad scored his first senior goal on the final day of the 1999/2000



Crewe's Rodney Jack puts one-in past the Man city keeper

season and went on to finish as last season's top scorer on 13 goals. Hulsey has improved his strength and touch and is a real presence upfront. He holds the ball up well and is a threat in the air, as his superb header against Notts Forest last season demonstrated.



!DANGER!
DAVE BRAMMER

After weeks of speculation Crewe finally

got their man for £500,000. Dave Brammer, Port Vale's Player of the Season agreed a three-year deal last season, making his debut as a second-half substitute against Grimsby on the opening day of the season. Dario compares the combative midfielder to Neil Lennon and if he can reproduce the form we used to see from Lennon then the Alex will have a terrific player on their hands.

RODNEY JACK

Rodney Jack burst onto the scene in 1998 after work permit problems had delayed his move from Torquay United. He scored twice on his home debut against Oldham Athletic in the Worthington Cup and the expectation level was raised again. The St.Vincent International joined the Alex after three seasons at The Gulls for £650,000, but he would be the first to admit that he has not fully reached his potential yet. He is exceptionally quick and direct. His control is superb; he possesses a powerful shot and is surprising good in the air.

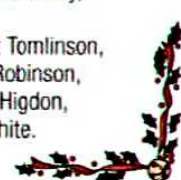
YOUNG GUN
DEAN ASHTON

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Dean is one of the most talked about young footballers in the country. A host of clubs have been linked with him, but Dario Gradi is adamant that he is to develop his talent at Crewe. He began the 2000/01 season in the Under-17s but finished with eight league goals in just 13 First Division starts! Dean is a strong and athletic forward, who has the ability to make a real name for himself in the game. He possesses a powerful shot, is good in the air and can play using both feet.

AND THE REST

- Ademole Bankole, Stephen Foster,
- Colin Little, Neil Sorvel,
- Wayne Collins, Efe Sodje,
- Steve Jones, Chris McCready,
- Ben Rix, Lee Bell,
- Paul Edwards, Stuart Tomlinson,
- Alex Morris, James Robinson,
- John Miles, Michael Higdon,
- Adam Yates, Andy White.



THEM AND US

Peter Coyne

Peter Coyne was one of a trilogy of non-league players who came to the County Ground staff as Lou Macari began to build a cut-price team to bid for promotion from Division Four. Joining the club at the same time as Colin Gordon and a year before Bryan Wade, all three were to prove invaluable acquisitions at bargain prices.

Beginning his career at Manchester United he was one of the many players to be labelled the next George Best, but he made just two appearances before being released in the spring of 1977, seeing out the season playing for Ashton United. The summer however saw Crewe manager Harry Gregg use his Old Trafford knowledge to lure Peter back

into professional football and Coyne was soon making waves in Division Four, finishing club top scorer in 1977/78 with 16 goals. It was somewhat surprising therefore that after 134 League appearances, which produced a goal every three games, Peter decided to drop into non-league football with Hyde United.

Macari proved time and again that he knew the non-league scene but perhaps Gregg, assistant to Lou at Huddersfield, provided the instigation to tempt Coyne to have another crack at League football in the summer of 1984. The second game of 1984/85 saw Hartlepool born Coyne open his goal scoring account in a visit to his home town as Town recorded

a 2-2 draw, and Peter was to finish second to Colin Gordon in the club goal scoring tables that season. With goals in both games against Crewe, he let the Gresty Road supporters know what they had lost. It was the following season that brought the high point of Coyne's career as he finished third in Town's goal scoring list with Gordon and Wade either side of him in the chart.

All told, Coyne played 110 games for Swindon and scored 30 goals, and a spell at Aldershot at the beginning of 1989/90 produced three appearances but no goals. This time, Peter Coyne's League career really did draw to a close.

A powerful central defender, it's

THIS WEEK OUR RESIDENT 'STATO', DAVE WALLIS, REMEMBERS BOTH PETER COYNE AND COLIN PROPHETT - BOTH FANTASTIC PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR TOWN AND CREWE. OVER TO DAVE...



surprising that Colin Prophett was under six-feet tall. Beginning his career with Sheffield Wednesday (who spotted him playing local football in his home town of Crewe) Colin made almost 120 appearances for the Hillsborough based club, making his debut as Wednesday dropped out of the old first division at the end of 1969/70 where the Owls were to stay throughout Prophett's spell. A move to Norwich in June 1973 returned Colin to the top flight, but for the second time in five seasons a bottom place finish dumped him back in Division Two.

With a record like that, Town supporters and Colin himself might have felt a little trepidation as 1974/75 started. A move to the County Ground had taken place in

September and Swindon were looking to turn their fortunes around having suffered relegation to the old third division at the end of the previous season. The immediate return to Division Two didn't materialise, but Colin established himself in the centre of defence with Frank Burrows, missing just one game to the end of the season. A lengthy lay off through injury limited 'Prof's' appearances the following season, but he was to take part in 160 League games before a move to divisional rivals Chesterfield in September 1978. 34 games and a flirt with relegation later and Colin was off to hometown Crewe in October 1979.

In these pre-Dario days, Crewe were

struggling at the bottom of Division Four as Prophett found himself forming part of a defence in front of a young Bruce Grobbelaar and teaming up with the afore-mentioned Peter Coyne on several occasions. 79 League games followed before Colin, ever present in defence in his final season, called a day to playing career.

Anyone who watched Prof's performance when called on to deputise for injured 'keeper Jimmy Allan (against former club Sheffield Wednesday in 1975/76) will have warm memories about his commitment to the Town cause, and that he had to repeat the feat the following season against the same opposition defies credibility.

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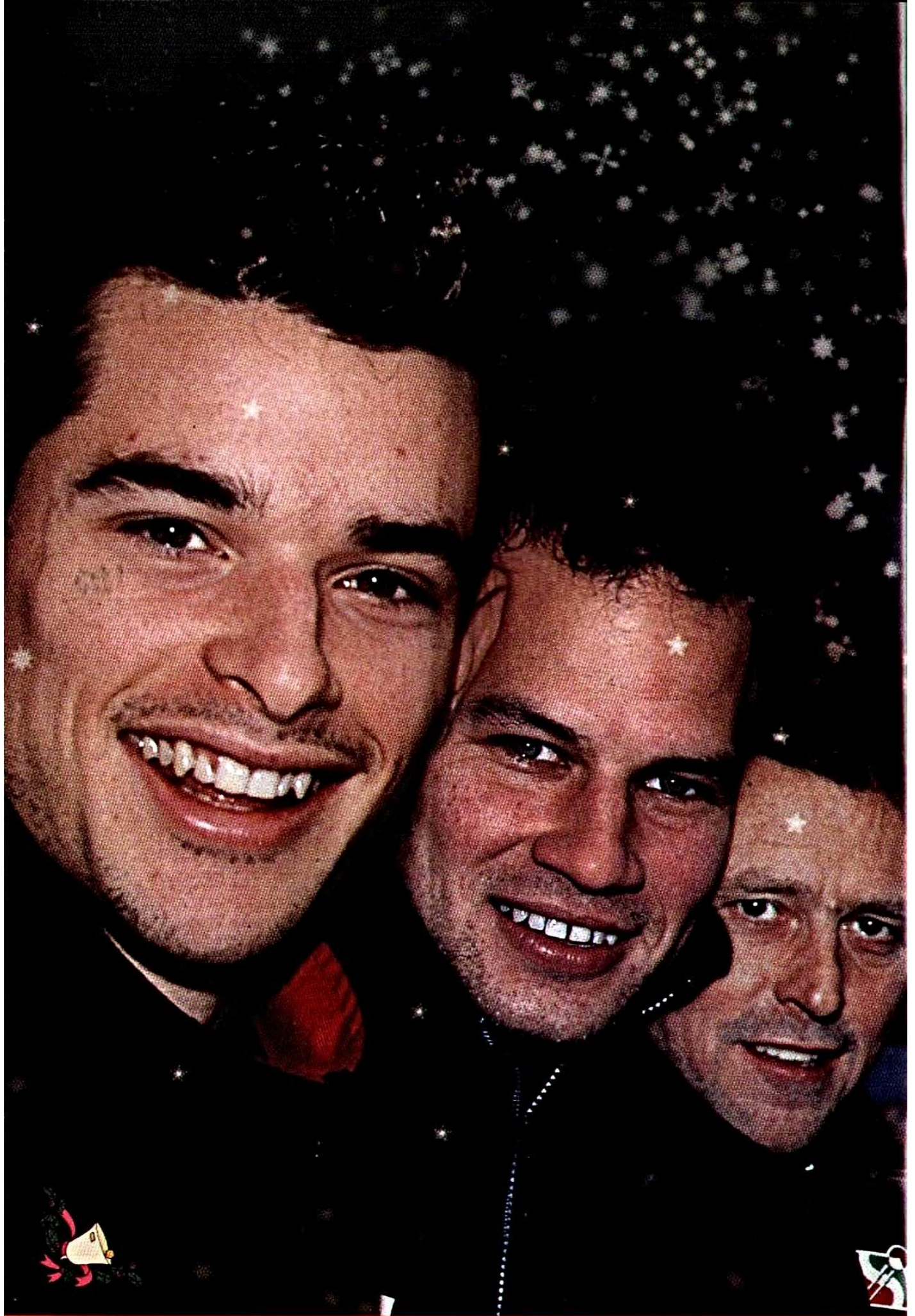


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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE STFC FIRST TEAM SQUAD

Back Row: David Bampton, Gareth Edds, Daren Dykes, Alan Reeves, Bart Griemink, Paddy Heywood, Craig Farr, Sam Partin, Eric Sabin, Chris Collins, Andy Gurney (captain)

Front Row: Malcolm Crosby (Assistant Manager), Matt Hewlett, Alan Young, Kevin Halliday, Steve Robinson, Nathan Edwards, David Duke, Andy King (Team Manager), Adam Willis, Danny Invinible, Keith O'Halloran, Juan Cobian, Stefano Miglioranzzi, Dick Mackey (Physio)





THE FUTURES BRIGHT

FOR MOST CLUBS IN THE NATIONWIDE LEAGUE, INCLUDING OURSELVES, GONE ARE THE DAYS OF THE BIG MONEY TRANSFER.

Such is the economic state of the game that fewer and fewer clubs can afford to gamble their existence on an ageing European star, or former legend closer to home that has played in the top flight but has since fallen from grace. Instead, more and more clubs are turning their attentions to the future and today's visitors are pioneers of converting young raw talent into the 'end product'.

David Platt, Geoff Thomas and Danny Murphy are just three stars that started life at Gresty Road before moving on to bigger and better things, yet whilst the Crewe production line continues to thrive there are many here at the County Ground that believe we have our own stars in the making. STFC, by its very tradition has not been known to produce a great deal of young stars in the past. However, recent seasons have seen Matt Collins (now at Fulham), Steve Milderhall (Notts County), Sol Davis (Luton), Alan Young and Craig Farr develop from young wannabes to first team contenders and this year alone has seen two Second Year Scholars progress into the First Team squad, with Dave Bampton figuring at both Oxford and Plymouth. Add to that the likes of Nathan Edwards, Chris Collins and Kevin Halliday, who all signed professional forms at the end of last season, and what you have is an improving and exciting plethora of young stars.

"It's a good time for the club at the moment," explains, Viv Busby, the Club's Youth Team Coach. "We are in a very healthy position whereby the younger kids are pushing those in the years above, whilst the older lads are pushing those in the reserve team and the first team, which is fantastic news."

Viv Busby himself is no stranger to success as a footballer. Born in 1949, Busby represented a host of clubs before reaching the pinnacle of his career, an FA Cup final in 1975 (in which his side Fulham lost to West Ham at Wembley). He also won promotion with Stoke City in 1978/79 before turning his attention to coaching (Viv joining STFC as part of Colin Todd's management team in 2000). Alongside Viv Busby are Jim Fraser and Adam Collier, both products of the STFC youth system themselves, the young duo unfortunately being released before turning their hand to coaching the young stars themselves. Fraser, having nurtured the younger kids at Swindon

Town's Soccer Centres for five years now works alongside Busby with the older scholars (and down to the under 9s) whilst Collier has taken over the mantle of Soccer Centre Co-ordinator.

"The Soccer Centres form an integral part of youth set up," explains Jim. "Ultimately we invite boys and girls of all ages and abilities from all the surrounding areas (including Oxfordshire) and introduce them to the game of football, teaching them the basic skills and techniques. Although it does act as recruitment tool, you do get the occasional gem and they then have the opportunity of progressing into the Club's Centre of Excellence. We actually have one kid who is eight years old and looks to be a good talent. He first came to the Stratton Centre to play with his mates, but now plays for our Centre of Excellence too and is scoring goals for fun which is great to see - we will certainly be keeping an eye over him for the next few years."

Yet becoming a footballer is no mean feat, and those that do manage to make it past the first hurdle and graduate from Town's Soccer Centre through to the Centre of Excellence are then faced with the next challenge, earning a full time Scholarship.

"It's very difficult for any player to go all the way. Here, once the players have reached the age of 16 we then have to make a decision whether or not we will take them on a full time basis," explains Fraser. "The South West area doesn't have an under 16 set up, so having gone through from the under 9s to the under 15s, we will then let them play for the 17s to see just how good they are. This is the stage we're at at the moment with the under 16s and, to be honest, there are only a few places available and so it becomes a very hard decision to make. Those that we do pick we hope will make the most of it and progress through their Scholarship and ultimately, into the reserve and first team squads." Town's current crop of hopefuls is littered with talent and with many kids playing way beyond their age group, things are looking good. For instance the reserve team that faced Plymouth contained no less than eight scholars. Perhaps a greater example was the 18s' recent victory in the FA Youth Cup against Hoddesdon Town. From the victorious squad, no less than 11 were playing in a higher age group as well as those in



their second year and scorer of seven that night (and record breaker too – the player in question surpassing Wayne Rooney's goalscoring record of 11 goals in the competition), Mark Draycott in particular – grabbed a lot of attention. "Draycott has seemed to have attracted all the attention recently but it was a fantastic team performance. Many of the lads were a bit younger than their opponents and so to beat them is fantastic. But what it has done is make the manager sit up and take notice because Bampton has since gone on to the first team, whilst more and more lads are getting an opportunity at reserve level."

That victory over Hoddesdon has earned the 18s a lucrative Fourth Round match up against Tottenham Hotspur, the game set to take place at White Hart Lane in January next year. Yet whilst the tie will prove to be a fantastic day out for the lads, it also serves to highlight the gap between the youth set ups at clubs at the top end of football, and those with less money at their disposal such as ours. Viv Busby remembers last year's trip to Blackburn Rovers. "We were very lucky that the game was played on a Saturday because it meant that we were able to go up to Blackburn the night before and use their training facilities. Their training ground was immense too, not to mention the Academy which cost £7million to build

and costs £2.5million to maintain – it's a different world. But the lads enjoyed the experience and then did themselves very proud against a Premiership losing 2-1. We had loads of phone calls from scouts saying how well we'd played, and I'm sure that the Spurs game will be no different. It will be a great experience for the lads, but also a great opportunity to show what they can do against the elite."

With the growing budgets afforded to Premiership youth set ups comes the problem of clubs such as ours holding on to the cream of our crop. Take Matt Collins for example (brother of current squad member Chris), a player bought to the club by Phil Cannon (previously at Swindon and now at Everton). Both Phil and Viv had high hopes for Matt Collins until he was lured by the dream of top flight football at Fulham. "Once we've got them on a scholarship deal there is little other clubs can do about it. With that said, when Fulham offered what they did for young Matty, it was very hard for the club to turn it down as it would be – a club such as ours can't afford to. We do get people enquiring about some of our players now, but ultimately we'd like to see them progress here and if we can hold on to them we will endeavour to see them through to the Swindon first team," said Viv. The class of 2002/03 including Nathan Edwards,

Kevin Halliday, Craig Farr and Chris Collins, are all waiting for their chance, whilst Alan Young, despite fleeting appearances last year, is still waiting for a consistent run in the side. And what of David Bampton, a tenacious midfielder who was introduced to the Swindon masses against Oxford and Plymouth? "Dave is a dream for us to be honest. Like so many others, a local lad he started life in the Centre of Excellence before progressing to the Scholarship. He was then offered a three-year, full time scholarship and in his second year, has already made two appearances for the First Team squad. That is fantastic for him and having seen him progress as we have, it makes our job very fulfilling. But it also shows the others that are 'there or thereabouts' that the opportunity is there should you grasp it." This afternoon could well see some of Town's youngsters pitting their wits against those considered to be amongst the best in the country at Crewe. You never know, if things continue as they are – maybe Town will have a youth set up of similar standing?

If you are interested in joining Swindon's Soccer Centres then you can call Adam Collier on 01793 333700. Alternatively, if you'd like a trial for the club's Centre of Excellence (who train twice a week and play in weekly weekend fixtures), then contact Jim Fraser on 01793 333700.







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Also with us today are guests from the local Eldene **FITNESS FIRST** branch, our friends from **GIST**, who today will be presenting a cheque to the Club for £10,000 in recognition of their sponsorship of the Clubs Football in the Community. Gist is one of the UK's leading logistics businesses. They're responsible for the warehousing and/or movement of goods for a range of major high street names - including Marks & Spencer, Budgens, the **John Lewis Partnership** and **Carlsberg - Tetley**. At the heart of **Gist** is a philosophy of partnership; a philosophy which is ideally matched by Swindon Town Football Club's Football in the Community scheme. As a responsible local and national employer we are delighted to support an organisation which is equally dedicated to providing the qualified coaching necessary for learning. Being associated with a team which encourages not only good health but the acquisition of such skills as teamwork and co-operation is an investment in our future and the future of Swindon.

Also with us are the guests of Swindon die hard fan **MR.VOWLES** who has, amongst his party, Swindon Town legend and goalscorer from the 1969 League Cup Final, **ROGER SMART**. And our final group today is **GROMO TOURS** who hail from the Crewe area. Their party is led today by **Mr.Maurice Mogg** and **Mr.Philip Grocott**.

On behalf of the club I hope that all of our guests have a very enjoyable time with us today.



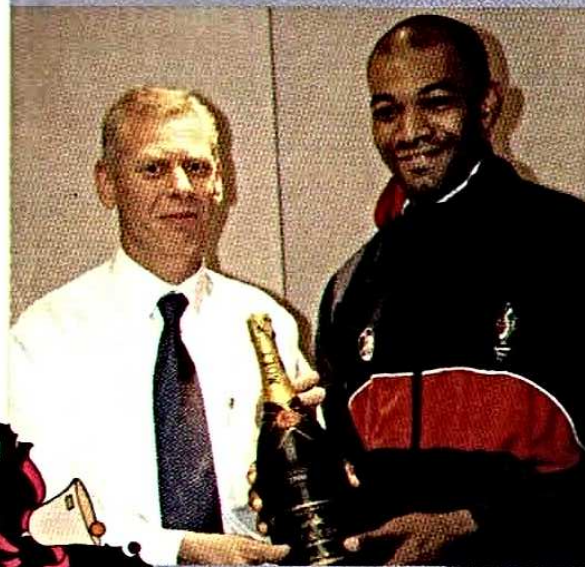
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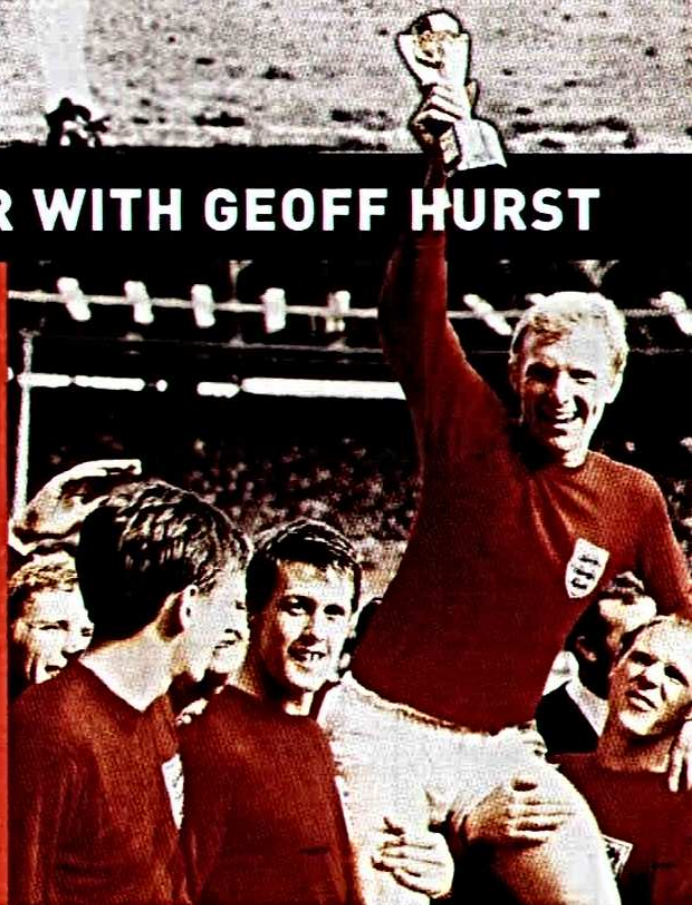
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THIS WEEK DICK MATTICK TAKES US BACK TO 1999. UNFORTUNATELY TOWN WERE BOTTOM OF THE TABLE, BUT IT WASN'T ALL BAD AS DICK EXPLAINS...

The first Division Four clash between Crewe and Swindon saw Andy Rowland with the only goal giving Town victory at the County Ground in 1982. Only 1,909 saw one of the most entertaining games between Swindon and Crewe at Gresty Road in October 1984 when Peter Coyne and Alan Mayes (with a penalty) scored the Town goals. The return game at the County Ground was drawn 1-1, with Peter Coyne scoring again for Town.

Today's featured match took place on September 18 1999. It had been a disappointing start to the season and Swindon, with just five points from six games, were already in the bottom three of the Division One table. Frank Talia in Town's goal pulled off a fine save from Kevin Street, but the ball broke loose and the Crewe midfielder followed up to score. Rivers came close to making it two a minute later, but Talia pulled off another fine stop. Swindon, with loan signing Andy Williams prominent, had looked the more dangerous

side in the opening exchanges but now found themselves trailing and although they had the better of the exchanges in midfield - did not look like scoring. Swindon came to life just before half time - a shot by Paul Thirlwell was turned over the bar before Gareth Davies failed to get high enough to head home a corner from Bobby Howe.

With just over an hour played Jimmy Quinn brought on veteran winger Mark Walters and he was immediately thrust into the action, producing a fine cross from which a Thirlwell shot was deflected wide. From the resulting Howe corner, George Ndah made a late run and jumped to head home at the far post. Swindon came close to taking the lead in the 76th minute when Walters fired a shot just wide, but two minutes later it was 'the Alex' who took the lead. Lunt had run into the area and after tangling with Gareth Davies, was awarded a penalty that Shaun Smith converted. The last goalmouth action came when Walters

fired in a shot two minutes from time but failed to beat Kearton. When Town equalised there were real hopes that Town could go on to victory but Matt Reeder in his *Adver* report described them as having 'all the killer instincts of a pet rabbit with one paw' - forty crosses had been fired into the Crewe penalty area, but only one goal had resulted. George Ndah, who scored Town's goal, was transferred to Wolves shortly after this match and the season ended with Town's relegation while Dario Gradi's Crewe survived in Division One for two more seasons before last year's relegation.

Crewe: Kearton, Sonel, Wright, McAuley, S Smith, Street (Unsworth 68), Lunt, Chamock, Little (Tait 78 Lightfoot 90) Cramb A Rivers.

Swindon: Talia, Robinson (Walters 65), Davies, Hall, Reeves, Williams, Howe, Thirlwell, McHugh, Ndah and Onuora (Griffin 87).

Attendance: 5,280

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DUNCAN SHEARER RETURNS TO THE GAME AS FOURFOUR TWO'S MARK HANRAHAN GIVES US THE LATEST FROM THE WEIRD AND WONDERFUL WORLD OF FOOTBALL.

Another World Cup ace joins the Premiership, Gazza finds his way back into the headlines, a former Town goal-scoring legend resurfaces, an unknown teenager gets a La Liga trial and a Goalkeeper turns to on-pitch martial arts – and still people wonder why you need an excuse to love the beautiful game?!!

With his two first choice strikers misfiring and England hopeful Matt Jansen recovering from serious head injuries suffered on holiday during the summer, Graeme Souness moved quickly to snap up former Inter Milan and Parma ace Hakan Sukur on a contract until the end of the season. The Turkish international striker capped an uncharacteristically quiet World Cup with the fastest goal ever recorded at the tournament finals during Turkey's third place play-off with South Korea. Despite requiring a hernia, Sukur will play through the pain. His arrival means fierce competition for Andy Cole and Dwight Yorke, who promptly netted three goals between them as Sukur watched the 4-0 Worthington Cup romp against Division One Rotherham from the stands. Sukur is eligible to play immediately having signed as a free agent. Despite rumors suggesting a summer free transfer to former Club

Hadjuk Split, Middlesbrough striker Alen Boksic has declared he is currently enjoying the Twilight of a distinguished career at with Steve McClaren's men on Teeside. The 32-year-old who has scaled the lofty heights of European football with Lazio, Juventus and Marseilles has been a bit-part player for Boro this season, scoring just once in a handful of appearances. However, with Boro rumored to be ready to dispense with Boksic's reported £60,000 per week salary, the Croatian star – in the last year of his contract - stated "I'm really happy to be part of this team."

"It's not some sort of publicity stunt, it's a footballing decision", claimed Gillingham chairman Paul Scally who is optimistic that Paul Gascoigne will move to The Priestfield Stadium to give his mid-table Gills that, "bit of spark in the middle of the park". Gazza's track record boasts, Newcastle, Tottenham, Lazio, Rangers, Middlesbrough, Everton and Burnley. Recently he has been training with his local rugby League club in an effort to get his struggling career back on track. "We've talked to a lot of people about Paul and he's apparently working very hard. "We've got some good players here, but we'd like someone to sit in midfield

and create some chances for our five strikers."

Aberdeen have appointed Steve Paterson and former Swindon Town legend Duncan Shearer as their new managerial team. The former Inverness Caledonian Thistle manager and his flame haired assistant's move to Pittodrie has been rubber stamped after 48 hours of intense negotiations between the two clubs. Former Ipswich boss George Burley had expressed his interest in replacing the axed Ebbe Skovdahl.

After playing a key role in a Reading team which has taken Division One by storm this season, former England U21 star Matthew Upson says he will quit Arsenal if he fails to win a place in Arsene Wenger's first XI. After playing a pivotal role in a Reading defence that had kept seven straight clean sheets during his loan spell, Upson's frustration at a lack of first team football could lead to a January move. "I am determined to get back in the team but it's just a matter of how long I leave it. I'm 23; I have been playing first team football at Reading and have enjoyed myself. I don't think I'll be able to go back to Arsenal and wait in the wings for much longer than Christmas really."

Real Mallorca have offered Alloa star Jamie Stevenson an extended trial after a scout for the club spotted him playing on a Spanish beach. The 18-year-old midfielder has been given a two-week trial at the La Liga outfit having been spotted during a beach kick-about. Stevenson was approached by a man speaking in broken English asking if he could attend a forthcoming Mallorca club trial. A couple of weeks on from the mysterious rendezvous an official club letter arrived at young Jamie's home and he now finds himself winging his way to Spain for the chance to pursue his dream move.

Manchester United have announced that they are bidding to cement the truly global nature of the club's brand with a strategic tie up with Portuguese club Sporting Lisbon. United chief executive Peter Kenyon met officials at the end of November to discuss sharing an academy system, according to The Daily Telegraph. United have already forged close ties with Royal Antwerp of Belgium and the New York Yankees baseball club.

Finally, Arsenal reserve keeper Graham Stack has 'hit' the headlines in Belgium in the most bizarre fashion. Stack - the current fourth choice Arsenal stopper - currently on loan with Belgian club Beveren, knocked a Royal Antwerp fan 'sparko' after being challenged by his assailant on the pitch. The Gunners youngster had endured a torrent of abuse during the game, and had to duck a vicious assortment of missiles during the game (a lump of steel and a knife were discovered in his goalmouth post-match). Football365 reports that as Beveren went 3-1 ahead, a number of Antwerp fans ran on to confront him - and he laid one of them out. Stack said: "We had just gone 3-1 ahead and, out of nowhere, I saw all these fans running at me. They had managed to break down one of the gates. Then I could see someone else running at me and it was obvious he was not going to stop. I swung at him out of self-defence. I didn't hit him that hard but he must have been drinking because he went straight to the floor".

Hakan Sukur playing in the 2002 world cup: Turkey v China



Paul Gascoigne playing at a charity match.



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IN THE COMMUNITY

TODAY WE EXTEND A WARM FESTIVE WELCOME TO OUR SPECIAL GUESTS WHO ARE HERE AS PART OF OUR 'SATURDAY TEAM CLUB' PACKAGE.

Mark Reynolds, manager of Lydiard Youth Football Club, has brought his under 8s, as has John Escott and his players from Melksham Park Boys & Girls Football Club. And last but not least we welcome Mike Kam with his Stratton Juniors team. We hope you all have a great day with us and bring us luck this afternoon.



Last week Jono, Luke and I attended our annual Christmas meeting down at Exeter City Football Club. It was great to see all the lads from clubs in the South West. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Community programme on a national scale, and it is really encouraging to see how football in the community has expanded over the last 13 to 14 years.

Here at Swindon, we'd like to say a big thank you to John Relish, our Regional Manager, for his continual support and help. We would also like to thank Mike Spearman for his help and encouragement over the past year.

On behalf of Swindon Town Football Club in the community we would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Enjoy today's game
Clive, Luke and Jono.

At half time today there will be a cheque presentation on the pitch on behalf of GIST who have very generously donated £10,000 to the Club. The money from this donation will be used in the promoting of the Football in the Community and Centre of Excellence areas within the Club. The presentation will be made to Swindon Town Community Officer, Clive Maguire, and Club Chief Executive, Mark Devlin, by Mr. Tony McCurrach (European Account Manager) and Mr. Steve Jones (General Manager, Swindon) on behalf of GIST.

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DIV2 REVIEW



VALE SLIP INTO ADMINISTRATION



Cash-strapped Port Vale have had their application to go into administration accepted. Vale are reportedly £2.4m in debt and losing around £500,000 a year and the Inland Revenue and Custom and Excise are owed £600,000. The Professional Footballers' Association have given the administrators a loan of £34,000 to help the club on a short-term basis. And the move into administration will shield the club from its creditors while it searches for a buyer.

The Valiants are now in the hands of Ian Rose and Bob Young from accountants Poppleton and Appleby after the application was accepted by the High Court in Birmingham. Supporter-based buy-out group Valiant 2001 are hoping to take over the club but the club's administrators are likely to wait to see if there are any rival offers.



CORAZZIN DELAYS OP



Oldham striker Carlo Corazzin has delayed a knee operation until the New Year. The Canadian striker had been due to have surgery on Monday, but he is set to delay the operation and stay in England after Oldham confirmed Clyde Wijnhard needs major knee surgery. The Dutchman could be out for up to 18 months. Wijnhard requires further knee surgery after a recent operation failed to return the former Leeds and Huddersfield forward to fitness. The 29-year-old is expected to take seven months to recover from the operation and then faces up to a year's rehabilitation.



BALMER JOINS BOSTON



Pilgrims boss Neil Thompson made his move for the former Charlton and Wigan centre-back following an injury to Mark Greaves. The 33-year-old Balmer, who is available on a free transfer at Oldham, made his Boston debut at Southend last Saturday, but was unable to stop Thompson's side slipping to their eighth successive defeat.



BRADLEY JOINS SPIREITES



Striker Shayne Bradley is hoping to kick start his career at Chesterfield after agreeing a contract at Saltergate. The 23-year-old was recently released by Mansfield following a catalogue of injuries. However, Bradley is returning to full fitness after ankle surgery and has signed for the Spireites until the end of the season. "I'm just grateful for the chance to resurrect my career, in a way," said the former Southampton youngster, who was on the bench for Saturday's defeat at Brentford. I had a lot of injuries at Mansfield and it's nice to feel wanted. I think it will take two or three games before I'm fully match-fit. I've got faith in my ability and I know when I'm fit I will score goals" he told Chesterfield's website.



WILSON MARVELS AT ROBINS



Bristol City boss Danny Wilson has described his team's superb victory at Cardiff on Sunday as "a massive win." The Robins stepped up their promotion chances with a hard-fought win over their fierce rivals and went a point clear of the Bluebirds in the process.

"We knew that it was going to be tough going to Ninian Park, we knew we'd have our work cut out," said Wilson. "To take all three points is brilliant. At half-time I felt the game was very even, with very few chances for either side. There are plenty of teams in with a chance of promotion and there is a long way to go."

LOCAL

FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Swindon Supermarine crashed once again against Rotherham with an 85th minute strike from Richard Owen leaving them firmly rooted to the bottom of the league. Marine boss Ray Baverstock gave debuts to Dave Slattery, Shaun Terry, Toby Clark and Ryan Souter, but Marine were left pointless with Dave Slattery being sent off on his debut.

Cirencester Town were losers at Cinderford, with Scott Griffin sealing the win for the hosts with a late 88th minute goal proving decisive.

Fairford Town were just five minutes away from taking all three points off leaders North Leigh at the weekend. Goals from Lee Clarke and Lee Stoddart put Town 2-1 in front with just five minutes remaining. However two late strikes from Mark Gee and Harry Burnley left Town with nothing.

Elsewhere, Cricklade Town beat Malmesbury Vics 6-4 with a dramatic second half comeback, Calne Town defeated Willand 2-0 and Chippenham Town were held by Worcester City.

Have you ever felt that life is essentially unfair and that the world has really got it in for you? If so, the chances are that you were at Home Park last week watching the lads get well and truly booted in the proverbials in stoppage time. If that was a penalty then the Kassam is a ground with four stands (sorry, the wounds are still fresh). But I suppose you could argue that a draw was essentially fair and that neither team had really done enough to merit three points. But a win would really have set us up nicely going into a very difficult looking game today. Our visitors Crewe Alexandra are flying at the moment and their supporters are certainly guaranteed goals. Let's hope the only goals they see today are ones blistering into their own net. However, we have been warned. Alexandra have rattled in 18 goals on their travels while we have managed just 12 on our own patch.

Dario Gradi is truly unique in managerial terms. Managers can find themselves under pressure after a matter of weeks at a club (look at Terry Venables) yet the Crewe boss is preparing to celebrate 20 years in charge at Gresty Road. I wonder if he's ever had a vote of confidence?

The Second Division is ridiculously tight. As I pen these notes, Town are perched just three points off the relegation places but a glance up the table shows that a play-off spot is just eight points away. One step at a time. We have to start putting some distance between ourselves and the bottom three before we start looking upwards. But all it takes is a half decent run and the season starts to look very different. I still believe that this is a mediocre league to say the least and that the doom and gloom merchants should not hold sway. Hopefully the embargo will have been lifted by the time you read this. Who knows, there could be a new face (or faces) in the squad today. Maybe Sir Alex has decided he can do without Jimmy Davis for the rest of the season (well, we can hope).

I was happy to see the Razor Ruddock scenario finally concluded. Clearly it



JON RITSON



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has cost the club more than it wanted to pay while Razor has ended up with less than the natural term of his contract. But it could not be allowed to drag on any further. It was dragging the club (and its image) through the mud. The club has to look forward but I'm sure it won't be too long before 'Razor' pops up in a football role somewhere else. It all provides him with an excuse to bring out an updated version of his autobiography I suppose. Anyway, let's hope there is a decent turnout for today's game. It would be a fantastic early Christmas present for the club (what do you

mean you were thinking about going Christmas shopping instead?).

Anyway, get behind the boys today and hopefully we can see plenty of festive cheer when Brentford arrive here on Boxing Day. May I take this opportunity on behalf of everyone at Adver Towers to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. Hopefully Santa comes up with the goods for you. Finally, a word for my colleague Mr Hadwin at BBC Radio Swindon. Nice shoes Ed. Are they new? Ritson's jokes: As predictable as they ought to be! Come On You Reds!

All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth – said Joe Jordan!! With this being the last Saturday before Christmas, I thought I'd share some thoughts with you about the inside scoop on what footballers, their managers and supporters may want from Santa Claus come Wednesday morning.

Let's start with my Three Wise Men; Houllier, Wenger and Ferguson. None will be have frankincense or myrrh on their lists this year, but most certainly gold, or should I say silverware come May. On my Christmas list is Houllier's men who desperately need some points. December has not been kind to them, and let's hope they can start the New Year with a flourish. If only to keep the title race interesting.

Alex Ferguson must feel that Christmas has come early this year. One point from the top of the league, his two main opponents in some degree of disarray, and all his key players coming back to form and fitness. Look out.

Not forgetting Arsene Wenger. Rodney Marsh said last weekend, "Can you name one funny Frenchman?" Well, Arsene seems be trying his best to make us laugh by claiming that Man Utd were lucky to beat them recently. I watched the game and thought that Arsenal were outplayed! Arsene will probably be hoping that's the only stuffing he gets this year.

And what about the teams at the other end of the table? Howard Wilkinson must be desperate for the transfer window to open so that he can get rid of some of the turkeys in his charge. That's if anyone is not sick of the sight of turkey come January.

Glenn Roeder and Gary Megson must be praying for a change of luck. If reports are true then Santa is bringing Glenn some new blood that might provide a glimmer of hope. Gary however will have to



HELEN WINGROVE



BBC RADIO SWINDON

trust that his defence do not give away any gifts. They are finding life tough enough as it is.

And finally, closer to home, there may have been three kings in the Christmas tale. However I would like to mention one King in particular. Things have been

difficult so far this season, but I think that Andy King has done a good job all things considered.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone connected with Swindon Town the compliments of the season and hope Santa brings you everything you wish for.

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As these are our last notes before Christmas may we take the opportunity to wish our members, all supporters and those associated with the football club, players, employees and officials a happy and peaceful time. Everyone is hoping for an early present in the shape of three points today.

Away travel sponsored half time draw

What another fantastic response from fans and our sellers at the Peterborough match. Not only did we again beat our seasons' best prize, but also came close to beating our all time high since the draw started three seasons ago. The lucky winner on the day was match day steward, Leo Wittchell, a regular participant, who took home a prize of £341 for ticket number 242. This is the second time Leo has won the draw. Look out for our Boxing day notes when we will be featuring some major facts and figures about the draw.

What a difference a week makes...

After all the expectancy of the Cup a week ago, we returned to league action last week at

Plymouth. It is not often that we comment on matches in these notes, but thought we would take this opportunity to consider the merits of two stadiums, one with three sides and the other who have rebuilt three sides of their ground since our last visit.

Oxford's Kassam Stadium, with three separate stands that are not linked, built in the style of stadia from the mid point of the last century in terms of design. The three sides of rebuilt stadium at Plymouth form a continuous bowl, much more akin to modern fashion and giving a real impression of a modern facility.

The refreshment facilities at Plymouth appeared far more organised and professional than the counterpart at Oxford. The bars at Plymouth were well stocked, with staff dressed uniformly in fashion that gave a good impression. Conversely, at Oxford, although they tried, their staff were disorganised, untidy and generally gave an opposite view. With that said they did have greater numbers to deal with. This should of course been no secret and in terms of

individuals per bar there were approximately the same at each game.

Both have large areas and at the end of the match each provides its own chaotic scramble. One would like to think that for the high profile game at Oxford greater thought could have been put into an orderly departure from the stadium.

In summary, Plymouth was by the far the best - as of course was the result!

Happy Christmas from the Supporters Club Committee.

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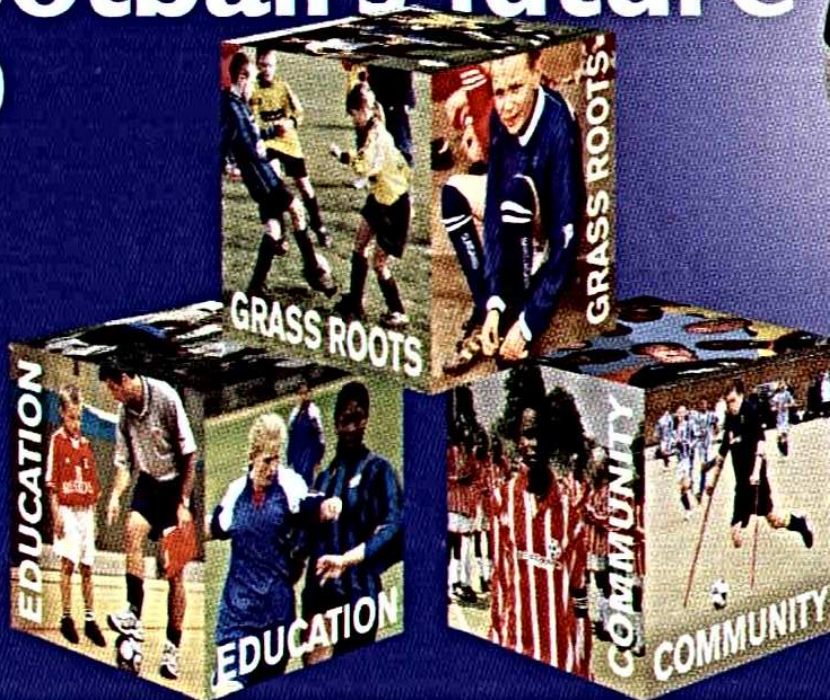
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GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL OF OUR JUNIOR ROBINS AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S MATCH AGAINST CREWE ALEXANDRA.

JUNIOR ROBINS

By now all of you should have received your Christmas cards as well as the enclosed details of two forthcoming events. The trip to Stockport has been organised for January 18 2002 and your return form has also been included, they should reach you no later than December 30. Please read these leaflets carefully. In order to make this trip successful we require at least 20 juniors, it promises to be a really good day out – all we need is your support.

The family day out is planned for February 15. The day promises to be a really good bargain, but once again we need your support so keep your details handy as the forms must be returned by January 25 2003.

This week we say Happy Birthday to Jack Painter (who is nine in two days time), Liam Buckland (five on the same day), Brandon Barbara (who'll be one on December 26) and Colin Curtis, who will be 16 on the 30th. Many happy returns to you all!

Finally, were you our mascot against Bristol City on October 19? If so, then please contact George because he has a photo of you with the captains.

A Merry Christmas to each and everyone!

ROCKIN'S POSTBAG



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

Dear Mr Robin,

As a leading expert on this beautiful game we call football, I am needing your opinion and advice on the standard of refereeing generally this season. We know that you take a keen interest in observing from the sidelines and value your comments with regards to any future developments in the choice of officials. What do you say, RR?

Anon, The F.A.

Dear Sir,

Well, what can I say. The refs have a hard job and have their critics, but I come down on the side of the men (formerly) in black. In fact, one of my best mates is a ref! He said to me the other day 'guess who I bumped into at the Opticians the other day' I replied 'I don't know – who?' he said 'everybody'. But seriously, before we criticise too much, like the old saying, we should walk a mile in their shoes - the odds are that you end up with a decent pair of boots and are too far away to get caught! Boom Boom!

NAME THE TOWN PLAYER

Once again, simply decipher the player from the clues below and send your answers in to the above address!

Born 8/4/83, Lincoln

Midfield

Current Player

Anagram: TEN HANDS AWARD

THE ROBIN THAT ROCKS!

by Allyn





01

01 PARTRIDGE ON THE RUN

Pictured here in his kit of old is ardent Town fan (of 42 years), Les Partridge. Les, who I can only imagine is pictured here at the start of the race (he doesn't look tired enough to have finished!!), recently completed the Eynsham 10k road race congratulations Les!



02

02 SULLIVAN STRIKES AGAIN

We knew he was talented, but here is Mike Sullivan in action again – this time orchestrating a childrens birthday party. Mike, who is the club's Sales and Marketing Manager by day, obviously has some other strings to his bow that we didn't know about – we've already seen him in action as Wycombe's mascot. Good work Mike!



03

03 MASCOT-TASTIC!

STFC today welcomes Finlay Max-Lynton-Jenkins to the County Ground as the club mascot. Finlay, two years old (three on Christmas Day), loves drawing (especially on walls) and kicking a ball, or anything that resembles a ball. His favourite player, according to his Mum, is anyone that can kick a ball, and he will go onto the pitch this afternoon with his 11-year old brother. To Finlay and his family, happy birthday and enjoy your day.

ROCKIN' ROBIN'S SCHOOL OF DANCE

On Monday December 9, Rockin' Robin started his very own school of dance. Rockin', famed for his ritual dance before Swindon home games, was invited to the Ilsleys Primary School in West Berkshire to help with preparations for the school play. Starring in the production were the 'Rockin' Robins' which

consisted of four Reception children at the school dancing along to the prestigious music!

Rockin' said: "It was great to spread my dancing expertise on to some very promising young baby Robins. They seemed to enjoy the experience and learned well! Hopefully in the next dancing class I can progress to the quickstep, tango and robin-trot."

Rockin's pre match dance has in the past been compared to that of the Haka, performed by the New Zealand All Blacks before Rugby games. However, Rockin' is adamant that his dance is more fearsome and ferocious!

MY SWINDON XI – TOWN DOUBLE TAKE

All of the Town team below had two spells here at the County Ground. Seems that they must have liked something about the place...

- Fraser Digby
- David Kerslake
- Phil King
- Martin Ling
- Chris Kamara
- Paul Rideout
- David Moss
- Alan Mayes
- Jim Quinn
- Dave Bamber
- Don Rogers
- Paul Bodin

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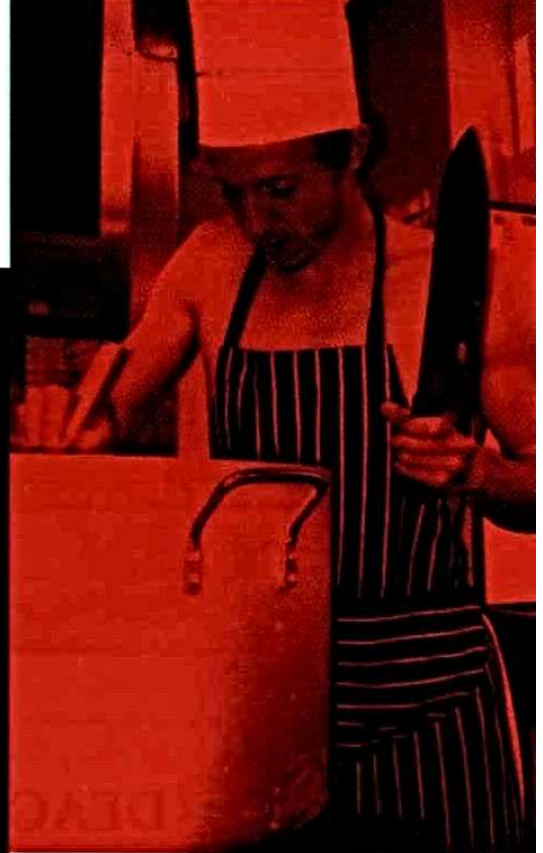


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STEVE ROBINSON

WIN TWO TICKETS! 25 YEARS AGO by Dave Wallis

Simply answer the highlighted question below, send your answer in and you could win two free tickets to a Nationwide League match of your choice!

While Swindon's interest in the League (Worthington) Cup ended in the first round this season, back in December 1977 Town were through to the Fourth round and faced a trip to Wrexham. The Welsh team (who were also divisional rivals) were having a great season, at the end of which they were to finish Third Division champions. On December 7, Town were sitting in 10th place while Wrexham already occupied the top berth. John Lyons and Graham Whittle were on target for the home team while Town failed to register.

If it was a fair distance to Wrexham, Town's visitors three days later made an even longer trip when the County Ground played host to Carlisle United. David Moss and Kenny Stroud were on the score sheet for Town as United took a point back to Cumbria after a 2-2 draw. Goals from Billy Rafferty and Mick Tait secured a share of the spoils for Carlisle.

1 Wrexham were eliminated from the League Cup in round five when Dalglish scored a hat trick at the Racecourse Ground... while playing for who?

2 Carlisle's manager in 1977 once lifted the European Fairs Cup as captain of Newcastle. Who was he?

3 In June next year, Dario Gradi celebrates the anniversary of joining Crewe as manager. Will it be a) his 10th, b) his 20th, c) his 80th?

4 Which Manchester United trainee played 134 times for Crewe before making 62 appearances for his country?

5 Which non-league team currently playing Conference football at the McCain Stadium beat Crewe in the FA Cup 25 years ago today?

Answers: 1 Liverpool 2 Bobby Moncur 3 Mike Zorn 4 Steve Jones 5 Scarborough

THE NAKED CHEF

This week our resident chef gets all festive on us and, rather predictably, cooks us some good old Christmas 'Pud'.

NO. 14 TURBO'S CHRISTMAS PUDDING

1 You will need the following: butter for greasing, 225g/8oz plain flour, pinch of salt, 5ml/1tsp each of ground ginger, mixed spice and grated nutmeg, 50g/2oz blanched almonds, chopped 400g/14oz soft dark brown sugar, 225g/8oz shredded suet, 225g/8oz each of sultanas, currants and raisins, 175g/6oz cut mixed peel, 175g/6oz dried white breadcrumbs, 6 eggs, 75ml/5tbsp stout, juice of 1 orange, 50ml/2fl oz brandy, 125ml/4fl oz milk plus extra if necessary

2 Butter two 1.2 litre/2 pint pudding basins. Sift the flour, salt, ginger, mixed spice and nutmeg into a very large mixing bowl. Add the almonds, sugar, suet, dried fruit, mixed peel and breadcrumbs.

3 In another bowl, combine the eggs, stout, orange juice, brandy and 125 ml/4fl oz of the milk.

4 Stir the liquid mixture into the dry ingredients, adding more milk if necessary to achieve a soft dropping consistency. Divide the mixture between the pudding basins. Cut a round of greaseproof paper 1 1/2 times the size of the rim of the pudding basin. Grease then fold a single pleat in the paper to allow room for the pudding to expand during cooking. Cover each pudding with paper and secure with string.

5 Place each pudding into a saucepan with water half way up the side. Cover and steam for 6 hours or longer. The longer a pudding cooks the richer and darker it becomes. Top up each pan with boiling water as required and don't let the water boil dry.

6 To store: Remove the rounds of greaseproof paper and replace with new. Wrap each pudding in a cloth and store in a cool dry place until required. To reheat: Steam each pudding for 2 hours and serve.



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Swindon Town's Soccer Centres

THIS WEEK SIGNALS THE END OF THIS TERM'S COURSES AND ALL OF THE PARTICIPATING KIDS WERE PRESENTED WITH THEIR MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES.



The kids have worked extremely hard this term and the football has been brilliant, so well done to all of you! This year's numbers have risen since September and to date, at all the centres, our coaches were 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 next year (as one term finishes another starts!), you have to pay in full to your chosen leisure centre reception as soon as possible. The cost of the courses is £3.00 per session (sessions are 1 hour). Non Swindon Borough courses may differ, please check with your centre. All you need to do is make sure that the kids have a full playing kit, shin pads, trainers and a drinks bottle – let us do the rest!

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

OASIS (Swindon Borough)

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

HIGHWORTH (Swindon Borough)

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

HAYDON CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

BAMPTON (Oxon)

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

STRATTON

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

LINK CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

MARLBOROUGH

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

RIDGEWAY LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday	5.00 - 6.00 pm	5 - 7 years
	6.00 - 7.00 pm	8 - 11 years

CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday	5.30 - 6.30 pm	9 - 11 years
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TIDWORTH

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



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UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

WHEN DID YOU START PLAYING FOOTBALL?

When I was about seven I used to play football with the boys at school during playtime, as well as the boys in my village.

WERE THERE OPPORTUNITIES AT SCHOOL?

I went to Kempsford Village School and played for their side. Now, I go to Farmors in Fairford and thankfully I'm still able to play in the school team, but only when they have friendly matches. I still have a kick around with the lads at lunch time too.

HOW DID YOU JOIN SWINDON TOWN?

When I was 14 I was recommended to John White. John rang me and asked if I would go along to Coleview, now Swindon, and train one evening. After a few weeks I signed on and have been playing regularly in the reserves (in the Wiltshire County League) ever since.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?

I have sampled the first team and would love to earn a more regular spot. I have also played for the Wiltshire County Youth side and would like to progress to their full team. I also hope to represent Cirencester College Football Academy.



CHANNELLE KIRKUM

AGE 15
POSITION FORWARD

All fixtures are subject to change without prior notification

STFC LADIES

SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES 2002/03

TOWN'S LADIES HAD A DISAPPOINTING RETURN TO ACTION FOLLOWING THEIR LENGTHY LAY-OFF WHEN THEY WERE BEATEN BY PLYMOUTH ARGYLE LAST WEEKEND. THE HOME SIDE TRIUMPHED 3-1 IN THE SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURE.

Town took an early lead through Lucy Bailey after she had latched on to Michelle Rich's through ball. Bailey then rounded the 'keeper before slotting the ball home into the empty net. Unfortunately Argyle scored two goals in two minutes before half time and victory was assured with a 56th minute goal in the second half.

Town's reserves fared slightly better and beat Swindon Spitfires 8-0 in the Wiltshire County League. Laura Stallard bagged five goals, whilst Michelle Rich (with two) and Pam Ashman (penalty) also scored. However, 'the stiffs' couldn't quite repeat the same form when they went down by three goals to two against Porton. Fiona Ross and Kirby Cliff got Town's goals.

The under 14s eleven-a-side team, playing in the Surrey Primary League, demolished Borden 11-2. Clare Morton bagged four, Laura Allsopp two, with Abi Curton, Carly Smith, Tara Lofts and Chantelle Lovell also got on the score sheet (there was also an own goal). Southampton Saints were also confidently dispatched of, with Morton and Smith grabbing two each, and Tara Loft, Lovell, Sally Ann Thompson and Robyn Levett getting on the score sheet in an 8-0 win.

The Under 12 side beat Swindon Spitfires by four goals to one, with two goals from Stephanie Fisher and a goal apiece for Chloe Bryant and Katrina Fisher ensuring the points. The under 10s were less fortunate and were beaten 4-3 by Swindon Badgers. Abi Picton got two, whilst Ellie Maynard got the other.

Overall it's been a disappointing season so far for Town and at the time of writing, they are currently just above the two relegation spots. They must do better next year if they are to remain in the division.

Sun 18 Aug	Cardiff City	A	0-5
Sun 25 Aug	Aylesbury United	A	P-P
Sun 01 Sep	Plymouth Argyle	A	2-4
Sun 08 Sep	Reading Royals	H	3-4
Sun 15 Sep	Clevedon Town	A	2-2
Sun 22 Sep	Portsmouth	H	0-2
Sun 29 Sep	Chesham United	A	1-0
Sun 06 Oct	Newton Abbot	H	5-2
Sun 13 Oct	Yeovil Town	A	P-P
Sun 20 Oct	Cardiff City	H	
Sun 27 Oct	Oxford United		1-2
Sun 03 Nov	Aylesbury United	H	P-P
Sun 10 Nov	FA Cup 2nd Round		P-P
Sun 17 Nov	Exeter City	H	P-P
Sun 24 Nov	Reading	A	P-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	Yeovil Town	H	
Thur 16 Feb	Chesham United	H	
Thur 23 Feb	Newton Abbot	A	
Thur 09 Mar	Aylesbury United	H	

THE TRAVELLING CONTINUES OVER THE NEW YEAR PERIOD AND IN THE SPACE OF JUST THREE DAYS, TOWN FANS WILL BE REQUIRED TO VISIT BOTH WIGAN AND CARDIFF. THOSE OF YOU MAKING THE TOO JOURNEYS CAN SEEK SOLACE IN OUR OFFICIAL TRAVEL GUIDE (DETAILS TAKEN FROM THE TWO CLUBS' RESPECTIVE WEB SITES)...

A ROUGH GUIDE TO... WIGAN ATHLETIC

WHO? WIGAN ATHLETIC

WHEN? SATURDAY DECEMBER 28

WHERE? JJB STADIUM

KICK-OFF? 3.00PM



STFC TRAVEL CLUB: The travel Club will be departing Wotton Bassett at 08.30am, West Swindon 08.45am, the County Ground at 09.00am and Ermin Street at 09.15am. The coach fare is £16.50 (adults and £15.00 under 15's. Supporters Club members receive a £2 discount. For more information contact SAS Travel on 01793 536757.

BY CAR: Exit M6 at junction 25. At end of slip road (approx. one mile) turn left, sign-posted Wigan A49. Follow signs for Wigan A49 for 1.8 miles to saddle roundabout. Take second exit sign-posted Standish A49 into Robin Park Road. Follow signs for JJB Stadium.

Parking: There are 2,500 spaces for fans at the stadium and so

Townies are advised to park here. However, with crowds averaging just under 8,000 – you're advised to get there early!

Train: Trains are operating from Swindon to Wigan – there are usually between one and two changes. However, check either www.thetrainline.com, or 08456 484950 for more details.

Swift half: Away fans are recommended to use the facilities in the concourse. However, outside the ground are Burger King, Pizza Hut and Frankie & Bennies.

TICKET PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS: ADULTS £14.00, CONCESSIONS £9.00

A ROUGH GUIDE TO... CARDIFF CITY

WHO? CARDIFF CITY

WHEN? WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1

WHERE? NINIAN PARK

KICK-OFF? 3.00PM



STFC TRAVEL CLUB: SAS Travel are yet to disclose information for the trip, but they can be contacted on 01793 536757. Alternatively visit www.sastravel.co.uk. Opening hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10.00am and 2.00pm, Thursday evenings between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.

BY CAR: Exit the M4 at junction 33 (signposted Cardiff West/Barry/Penarth/Cardiff Bay) and follow these signs onto the A4232. Turn off after 6.1 miles onto the B4267 – Leckwith Road – following the signs for the City Centre. After 0.5 miles turn right at the traffic lights into Sloper Road. Ninian Park is situated on the left hand side of the road.

Parking: Much of the parking on matchdays is by residential permit

parking only. The main car park is situated in the Athletics Stadium on Leckwith Road and the entrance is accessed 0.4 miles after leaving the A4232 on the right hand side of the road.

Train: Trains are operating from Swindon to Cardiff this is a direct route. However, check either www.thetrainline.com, or 08456 484950 for more details.

Swift half: Stay away from Ninian Park and instead – hit St Mary's Street in Town. Keep those colours covered up too.

TICKET PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS: ADULTS £13.00 - £17.00, CONCESSIONS £8.00 - £11.00

NEXT IN TOWN...



Brentford

26.12.02 (3.00pm)



Chesterfield

04.01.03 (3.00pm)



Blackpool

11.01.03 (3.00pm)



Wigan Athletic

25.01.03 (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

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ON-LINE BOOKING

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NEXT PLEASE...

AT THE COUNTY GROUND



WHO? **BRENTFORD** KICK-OFF? **3.00PM**

WHEN? **THURSDAY DECEMBER 26**

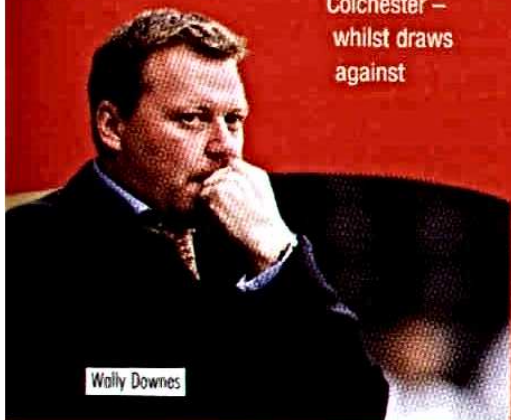
Did you know that in 1901 Town faced Brentford in a play-off game to see who would stay in the Football League? And did you know that after 90 minutes, with the scores at 0-0, the game went into extra time only for the match to end goalless too?

In the end Swindon stayed up anyway (which kind of defeats the object of a play-off?), but these days Brentford find themselves towards the top end of the table as they look to climb into Division One. And for those that thought that last seasons play-off appearance (The Bees narrowly losing out to Stoke in the final in Cardiff) was a one off, then this seasons form should lay to rest any such thoughts, with Brentford once again finding themselves in the top six.

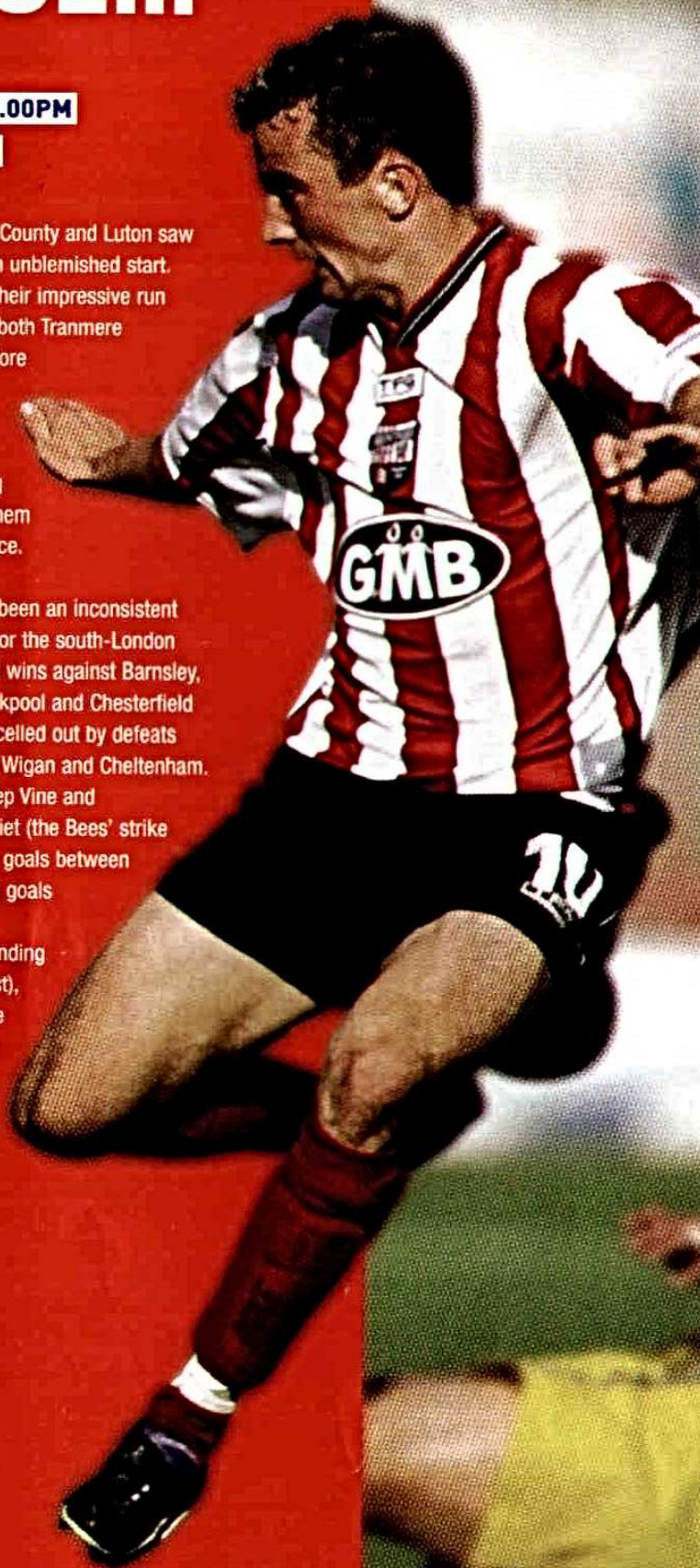
A blistering start of seven games without defeat, including a 3-1 victory against Town in August (two early goals effectively killing the game off), saw them hit the top two – that despite being without the likes of Paul Evans and Lloyd Owusu who moved on to pastures new in the summer. An away day victory against Huddersfield was followed by wins against Bristol City and Colchester – whilst draws against

Oldham, Notts County and Luton saw them record an unblemished start. Unfortunately their impressive run was ended by both Tranmere and Cardiff before Peterborough unleashed five past Downes' young squad to see them drop off the pace.

Since then it's been an inconsistent string of form for the south-London based club and wins against Barnsley, Stockport, Blackpool and Chesterfield have been cancelled out by defeats against Crewe, Wigan and Cheltenham. If Town can keep Vine and McCammon quiet (the Bees' strike duo scoring 12 goals between them, including goals in the corresponding fixture in August), then King's side will have every chance of repeating last year's memorable 2-0 victory.



Wally Downes



Brentford's young gun, Stephen Hunt.



TOWN STATISTICS 2002/03

STFC FACT FILE

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

DATE	FIXTURE	RES	ATT	POS
Sat 10 Aug	Barnsley	Home	3-1	6,120 4
Tue 13 Aug	Chesterfield	Away	4-2	3,189 1
Sat 17 Aug	Blackpool	Away	0-0	6,404 2
Sat 24 Aug	Cardiff City	Home	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	1-2 ^{alt}	2,993 N/A
Sat 14 Sep	QPR	Away	0-2	11,619 20
Tue 17 Sep	Cheltenham Town	Away	0-2	5,761 21
Sat 21 Sep	Northampton Town	Home	2-0	4,719 17
Sat 28 Sep	Luton Town	Away	0-3	6,393 21
Sat 5 Oct	Oldham Athletic	Home	0-1	4,326 21
Sat 12 Oct	Colchester United	Home	2-2	4,152 22
Sat 19 Oct	Bristol City	Away	0-2	13,205 22
Sat 22 Oct	Southend United (LDV1)	Home	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 ^{alt}	1,322 N/A
Sat 16 Nov	Huddersfield Town (FAC1)	Home	1-0	4,210 N/A
Sat 23 Nov	Huddersfield Town	Away	3-2	8,334 17
Sat 30 Nov	Peterborough Utd	Home	1-1	4,709 17
Sun 8 Dec	Oxford United(FACup2)	Away	0-1	11,645 N/A
Sat 14 Dec	Plymouth Argyle	Away	1-1	8,111 18
Sat 21 Dec	Crewe Alexandra	Home		
Thur 26 Dec	Brentford	Home		
Sat 28 Dec	Wigan Athletic	Away		
Wed 1 Jan	Cardiff City	Away		
Sat 4 Jan	Chesterfield	Home		
Sat 11 Jan	Blackpool	Home		
Sat 18 Jan	Stockport County	Away		
Sat 25 Jan	Wigan Athletic	Home		
Sat 1 Feb	Barnsley	Away		
Sat 8 Feb	Tranmere Rovers	Away		
Sat 15 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	Home		
Sat 22 Feb	Port Vale	Away		
Sat 1 Mar	QPR	Home		
Wed 5 Mar	Cheltenham Town	Home (7.45)		
Sat 8 Mar	Northampton Town	Away		
Sat 15 Mar	Mansfield Town	Away		
Wed 19 Mar	Bristol City	Home (7.45)		
Sat 22 Mar	Notts County	Home		
Sat 29 Mar	Colchester United	Away		
Sat 5 Apr	Peterborough United	Away		
Sat 12 Apr	Huddersfield Town	Home		
Sat 19 Apr	Crewe Alexandra	Away		
Wed 23 Apr	Plymouth Argyle	Home (7.45)		
Sat 26 Apr	Oldham Athletic	Away		
Sat 3rd May	Luton Town	Home		

THE KEY FAC = FA CUP WC = WORTHINGTON CUP DENOTES SCORER *DENOTES BOOKING

Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood*	Willis	Hewlett	Robinson	Miglioranzi	Invincible	
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Griemink	Edds	Duke	Heywood	Reeves	Gurney	Robinson	Miglioranzi	Sabin	
Griemink	Edds	Heywood	Reeves	Duke	Miglioranzi	Gurney ¹	Robinson*	Davis*	
Griemink	Gurney	Willis ¹	Heywood	Duke*	Hewlett*	Miglioranzi	Robinson*	Davis	
Griemink	Gurney	Reeves*	Heywood	Duke	Hewlett	Miglioranzi	Jackson	Robinson	
Griemink	Edds*	Gurney*	Heywood	Duke	Invincible	Robinson	Hewlett	Jackson	
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Griemink	Gurney	Heywood	Willis*	Duke	Robinson	Hewlett	Jackson	Invincible	
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Griemink	Gurney	Heywood	Reeves	Duke	Robinson	Hewlett	Miglioranzi	Invincible	
Griemink	Willis	Gurney	Heywood ¹	Edds	Miglioranzi ¹	Jackson ¹	Davis ¹	Duke	
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11 DAYS

Swindon Town is open for business over Christmas. However, both the Superstore and the Ticket Office will be closed on certain days. Here are the opening hours for the festive period:

- Monday December 23 9.00am - 5.00pm
- Tuesday December 24 9.00am - 1.00pm
- Wednesday December 25 CLOSED
- Thursday December 26 9.00am - 5.00pm
- Friday December 27 CLOSED
- Saturday December 28 9.00am - 12.00pm
- Sunday December 29 CLOSED
- Monday December 30 9.00am - 5.00pm
- Tuesday December 31 9.00am - 1.00pm
- Wednesday January 01 CLOSED
- Thursday January 02 9.00am - 5.00pm

For more information contact the Ticket Office on 01793 333777, or the superstore on 01793 333778.

Those interested in our on-line store, we are still in the process of updating our system in order to accommodate the new stock. Keep logged on for further details.

Here's a reminder of what you can find in the club shop: Remember, the merchandise catalogue is available now...

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Parkin ³	Sabin	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Young	Davis	
Parkin ¹	Sabin* ¹	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Young	Davis	
Parkin	Sabin	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Young	Dykes	
Sabin*	Invincible	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Young	Parkin	
Parkin	Davis ¹	Farr	Reeves	Edwards	Dykes	Invincible	
Parkin	Davis	Farr	Willis	Edwards	Young	Cobian	
Sabin	Parkin	Farr	Willis	Hewlett	Young	Dykes	
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Parkin	Sabin	Farr	Edds	Edwards	Young	Cobian	
Parkin**	Sabin	Farr	Miglioranzi	Edwards	Young	Dykes	
Parkin ¹	Sabin	Farr	Miglioranzi	Edds	Reeves	Young	
Parkin	Sabin	Farr	Edds	Young	Edwards	Reeves	
Invincible	Sabin	Farr	Edds	Dykes	Cobian	Bampton	
Sabin ¹	Davis	Farr	Edds	Miglioranzi	Dykes	Young	
Davis	Sabin	Farr	Young	Jackson	Edds	Willis	
Parkin ¹	Invincible ¹	Farr	Dykes	Sabin	Hewlett	Reeves	
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Invincible ¹	Parkin	Griemink	Duke	Parkin	Gurney	Hewlett	
Sabin	Parkin	Farr	Edds	Willis	Miglioranzi	Young	
Sabin	Invincible	Farr	Parkin ¹	Edds	Willis	Young	
Parkin ¹	Invincible	Farr	Robinson	Edds	Willis	Young	
Parkin	Invincible	Farr	Willis	Bampton*	Young	Halliday	
Parkin	Sabin	Farr	Bampton	Edds	Willis	Young	

NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO 2002/03

WIGAN	21	14	5	2	36	13	47	+23
BRISTOL C	21	14	2	5	45	25	44	+20
CARDIFF	21	13	4	4	35	17	43	+18
OLDHAM	21	11	6	4	34	16	39	+18
CREWE	21	11	5	5	32	17	38	+15
BRENTFORD	21	9	5	7	27	24	32	+3
QPR	21	8	6	7	28	25	30	+3
LUTON	21	8	6	7	31	29	30	+2
CHESTERFIELD	21	9	3	9	18	23	30	-5
TRANMERE	21	9	3	9	26	33	30	-7
BLACKPOOL	21	8	4	9	25	32	28	-7
PLYMOUTH	21	6	8	7	28	29	26	-1
WYCOMBE	21	7	5	9	29	31	26	-2
PORT VALE	21	7	5	9	26	33	26	-7
COLCHESTER	21	6	7	8	21	27	25	-6
NORTHAMPTON	21	7	4	10	21	29	25	-8
STOCKPORT	21	7	3	11	26	31	24	-5
SWINDON	21	6	6	9	25	31	24	-6
BARNSELY	21	6	6	9	24	33	24	-9
NOTTS CO	21	4	10	7	30	31	22	-1
PETERBOROUGH	21	5	6	10	26	30	21	-4
HUDDESFIELD	21	5	6	10	17	25	21	-8
CHELTHAM	21	5	6	10	20	29	21	-9
MANSFIELD	21	5	3	13	36	53	18	-17

TODAY'S FIXTURES 21.12.02



Arsenal vs Middlesbro
Birmingham vs Charlton
Chelsea vs Aston Villa
Leeds vs Southampton
Newcastle vs Fulham
West Brom vs Sunderland
West Ham vs Bolton



Barnsley vs Mansfield
Blackpool vs Peterborough
Bristol C vs Luton
Cheltenham vs Wycombe
Chesterfield vs Oldham
Colchester P.P vs Cardiff
Port Vale vs Plymouth
QPR vs Brentford
Swindon vs Crewe
Tranmere vs Notts Co
Wigan vs Huddersfield



Coventry vs Derby
Gillingham vs Burnley
Grimsby vs Sheff Wed
Millwall vs Wolves
Norwich vs Walsall
Nottm Forest vs Reading
Portsmouth vs Ipswich
Sheff Utd vs Preston
Watford vs Bradford
Wimbledon vs Stoke



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

APPEARANCES 2002/03

PLAYER NAME	LEWIS			FK LIP			MIDNORTHAMPTON COOP			LIP HANE		
	APPS	GOAL	BK	APPS	GOAL	BK	APPS	GOAL	BK	APPS	GOAL	BK
BART GRIEMINK	21	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
GARETH EDDS	0(5)	0	1	1(1)	0	0	0(1)	0	0	1	0	0
MATTHEW HEWLETT	17	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	0(1)	0	0
ADAM WILLIS	0(2)	0	2	0(1)	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
ANDY GURNEY	18	3	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	1(1)	0	0
KEITH O'HALLORAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JIMMY DAVIS	11(3)	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
SAM PARKIN	15(1)	12	1RC	2	0	0	1	0	0	1(1)	1	0
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	13(1)	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0
DAVID DUKE	20	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
JUAN COBIAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ERIC SABIN	18	3	5	2	0	0	1	0	1	0(1)	0	0
DAREN DYKES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0(1)	0	0
NEIL RUDDOCK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DANNY INVINCIBLE	14(3)	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0
MATTY HEYWOOD	18	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
ALAN REEVES	14	1	3	2	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0
NATHAN EDWARDS	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KEVIN HALLIDAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STEVE ROBINSON	17(1)	0	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN YOUNG	0(6)	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
CHRIS COLLINS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IAN HERRING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAVID BAMPION	0(1)	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JOHNNY JACKSON	11(2)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
CRAIG FARR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0



SWINDON

Manager Andy King

CREWE

Manager Dario Gradi

✓ = PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UP

BART GRIEMINK ✓ 1	ADEMOLE BANKOLE
GARETH EDDS ✓ 2	DAVID WRIGHT
	3 RICHARD WALKER
MATTHEW HEWLETT ✓ 4	✓ KENNY LUNT
ADAM WILLIS 5	✓ DAVID WALTON
ANDREW GURNEY ✓ 6	STEPHEN FOSTER
KEITH O'HALLORAN 7	COLIN LITTLE
	8 ✓ DAVE BRAMMER
SAM PARKIN ✓ 9	ROB HULSE
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI 10	✓ DEAN ASHTON
DAVID DUKE ✓ 11	✓ RODNEY JACK
JUAN COBIAN 12	✓ NEIL SORVEL
	13 ✓ CLAYTON INCE (GK)
ERIC SABIN ✓ 14	DAVID VAUGHAN
DAREN DYKES 15	WAYNE COLLINS
	16 EFE SODJE
DANIEL INVINCIBILE ✓ 17	STEVE JONES
CRAIG FARR 18	CHRIS McCREADY
MATTHEW HEYWOOD ✓ 19	✓ BEN RIX
	20 LEE BELL
DAVID BAMPTON 21	PAUL EDWARDS
ALAN REEVES ✓ 22	STUART TOMLINSON
NATHAN EDWARDS 23	ALEX MORRIS
KEVIN HALLIDAY 24	JAMES ROBINSON
STEVE ROBINSON ✓ 25	JOHN MILES
	26 MICHAEL HIGDON
	27 ADAM YATES
	28 ANDY WHITE
ALAN YOUNG 29	✓ PAUL TIERNEY
CHRIS COLLINS 30	



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10	3	3	4	12	11

CREWE'S

Last 10 Home League Results

D-D-W-D-W-L-W-W-L-D

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	4	4	2	20	13

LAST COUNTY GROUND MEETING

Saturday February 26 2000

Swindon Town 0

Crewe Alexandra 1

MEN IN THE MIDDLE

Referee: L. E. Cable

Assistant 1: M. L. Jones

Assistant 2: E. B. Mackerel

4th Official: K. J. Hawkes

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