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Hello and Welcome to Field Mill for yet another 'Massive' game this afternoon. I would especially like to welcome everybody who has made the journey up from Wiltshire for what should prove to be a good and energy filled match.

Andy King will be returning to Field Mill for the first time as manager since his days here so I would hope that he receives a good reception from all the fans no matter what your colours, after all he did a lot of work in his time as manager here.

I have had to make some changes to this afternoon's starting line, due to the absence of Rhys, but I am sure that no matter what Mansfield Town go onto the pitch they will display all the attributes I have become to expect from my boys, commitment, effort, professionalism and discipline.

It is these attributes that have given everybody involved with Mansfield Town that all important confidence boost and belief that we are a football team to be reckoned with, and, there are a few teams sitting in the promotion places of our table that finished 90 minutes of football against us and had to check our table position because the qualities and team effort of this club is good enough to give any team a game to remember.

So what have I said to the lads prior to this match?

That's easy the same as I have said from the first day I walked into this job - play to your strengths, stay disciplined, keep your shape and bring the three points to Field Mill.

I believe that we have enough in our changing rooms to survive this division and there are still plenty of points to pick up from now until the end of the season. Of Course, it's true that these last 10 games are all massive games but we will treat each and everyone of

them

the same, showing

the respect that each

club deserve whether they are at the bottom or top of the table.

But, we will be looking to take the 'lions share' of the points and with your help we will finish in a comfortable position.

Well, I guess that's it for this week, enjoy the game.

Curly

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# Ian Wilkerson Writes

I suppose I can reach out to both sets of supporters today because everyone inside this ground today will be eager for their team to get over their disappointing result against Cheltenham.

But that is only one thing that we have got in common. Obviously, the most noticeable link between the two clubs is Andy King, back at Field Mill for the first time as a manager since he was in charge of the Stags.

I'm sure he will notice a few changes since the last time he was here. I hope he enjoys his visit (but not too much) and gets a decent reception. He got this club into the play-offs, after all.

But the other link is one not many of you may know about, although, if you have come up from Wiltshire and were a regular reader of the Evening Advertiser a few years ago, you might just recognise the name and picture at the bottom of the page.



I worked in Swindon for two-and-a-half years before coming up north and still have a lot of friends in the town. In fact, when the Cheltenham Festival was on this week (sorry to bring up the C word again), I missed being so close to it all and it brought back memories of when I used to inflict my appalling racing tips on some of you poor people.

At least you would have been poor if you had taken any notice. Hopefully the club has been able to put the problems of the recent past behind it and can look forward to a rosy future with a bit of stability.

Here, things need to turn for the better as everything seems to be

conspiring against us at the moment.

Suspensions and other people's results don't seem to be helping one bit but with ten games still left, victory today and at Huddersfield on Tuesday could put a whole new look on the relegation picture.

It's that tight and it certainly isn't all over yet so every one needs to keep pulling in the same direction.

It's a big game on Tuesday and I would urge anyone to take the chance to go to the MacAlpine if they can get there. The stadium is superb and the boys need your support.

It's time for our luck to change again and today is the perfect opportunity.

Look how Notts County have reacted in the last few weeks after we beat them here. We have to make sure we do the same.

It ain't over yet.



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# From the Boardroom

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I am sure that everybody would like to join me in welcoming the Chairman, Board, officials and players of Swindon Town to Mansfield this afternoon.

Since our last game on home turf against Luton Town FC, which produced a valuable three points for our boys and was a real show of the grit and determination that is Mansfield Town FC. I am very pleased to say that we have managed to entice Adam Eaton to stay at the club on a more permanent arrangement.

To that end I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the committee members and Supporters of the SSA for their contribution which helped make this signing possible and for their continued support of this football club. It really shows what can be achieved when we all pool our resources to drive this club onwards and upwards - THANK YOU all.

All that remains to be said today is we are now in the last quarter of the 2002/03 season so please join me in cheering our boys to another victory and another three points as we get closer and closer to our target of surviving in this division ready for next season where the manager and his team will build on this years success.

Enjoy the game.

Keith

### IMPORTANT PLEA - From Chairman, Keith Haslam

Dear Stags Supporter,

I am writing to you to ask for your help to the Stags from facing a deduction of points for breaches of ground regulations, because as you know, we can ill afford to lose points as our fight against relegation will be undermined.

At a recent match an incidence of pitch incursion by Stags supporters was reported to the Football Association by the match referee.

Further, at recent matches, inspectors from the Football Licensing Authority and the County Council Safety Advisory Group have visited Field Mill for match day inspections.

Their reports have highlighted the persistent standing of a group of Stags supporters in 'B' Block of the Lower West Stand, and others around the ground.

The Club has been advised that these matters must be addressed, and that failure to address these issues may result in parts of the ground being closed, reduction in capacity of the ground and even deduction of points.

Such a deduction of points may spell relegation for the Stags despite the hard work of Keith Curle and the players.

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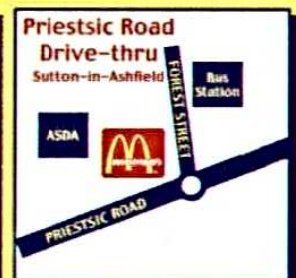
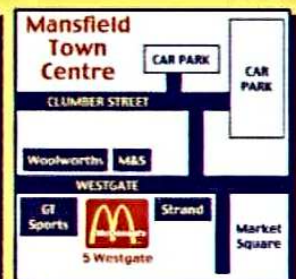


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## INJURY UPDATE with Ian Pearce

Welcome back to Field Mill for yet another big game of importance against Swindon Town. Once again there is good news coming out of my treatment room:

Craig Disley, Bobby Hassell and Craig Mitchell are all responding very well to treatment.

Craig who limped off the pitch following an off the ball clash against Oldham Athletic is coming along at a good rate following treatment of a strain to his medial ligament in his right knee and is expected back for selection very shortly.

Both Craig Mitchell and Bobby Hassell had a good game against Luton and took a bad knock to the calf.

What a lot of people maybe, don't realise about these kind of strains is that they do take a little longer than similar injuries else where to fully heal, this is largely due to the fact that they are part of a muscle group that is routinely used in day to day life such as walking but this aside both are doing well and we expect to see them ready for selection in the very near future.

Another player that has been missing for some time is midfielder Scott Sellers. Scott has got over his original ankle problem and is fit for training but he is still trying to put on some of the weight he lost following a virus that saw him shed 8lbs so I would expect to see him fully recovered in 3 to 4 weeks.

Colin Larkin another long term absentee had his last treatment in Sheffield on Monday following an operation on his hamstring. He has been doing very well in recent reserve games so we hope to see Colin back in the thick of it all in the next couple of weeks.

The only other player conspicuous by his absence is young Mark Hurst who has had a number of X-rays after fracturing his toes. The problem now seems to be now fully healed and the bones are starting to remodel themselves as would be expected and so, he should be returning to full training imminently.

Enjoy the game.

Ian



Hi everyone, welcome back to Field Mill this afternoon for this very massive game against Swindon Town.

As we enter the last quarter of the season with everything left to play for the gaffer and the boys have been training hard and the injury situation has improved with Physio Ian working wonders at getting everybody fit to give the boss a full squad to select from.

On the injury front I, myself am improving on a daily basis and hope to be back in full training as soon as possible, the treatment I have received, both from the club and the specialist at Kings Mill Hospital has been fantastic so I would like to say a big thank you to 'Pearcy' and the Kings Mill medical staff. Also, for the continuing support shown by the fans - it never ceases to amaze me that despite everything that is going on around you, you always find time for your kind words - thank you very much.

I would especially like to thank the 700 or so stags fans that travelled to Cheltenham last week, as usual your support was terrific and although the end result was a little disappointing you kept your spirits up and got behind the lads and I know that I have said this before but it REALLY does help them press onwards.

I believe that most of you, like me believe that we are still in the running and just because one result went against us it doesn't mean that we will be relegated just as a win doesn't mean that we will stay up.

With ten games left there are 30 points up for grabs and only a few points between bottom and mid table places this will be an exciting climax to the season and with your unconditional support we will be in the thick of it aiming at bringing most of the points back to Field Mill and why not start today. Swindon will be offering a great game of football and with their recent upturn in performances will be full of confidence.

So I know that the boys will take to the pitch and offer them the same respect that we show every team in this division and 'bring back the bacon'.

Enjoy the game.



Kevin

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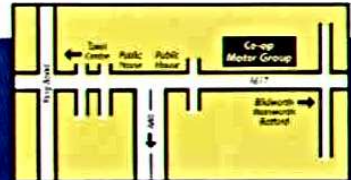
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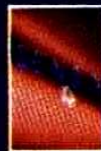
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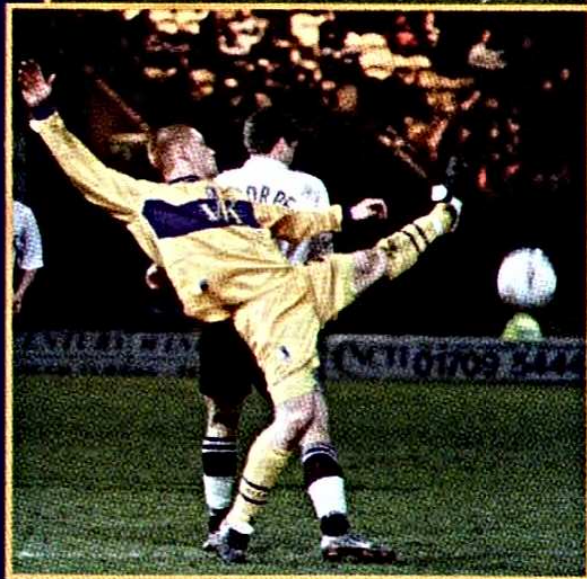
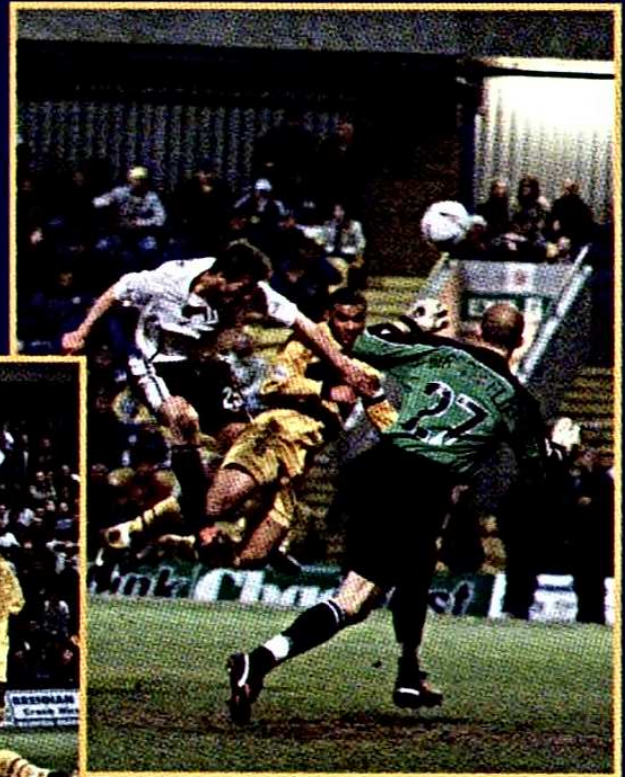
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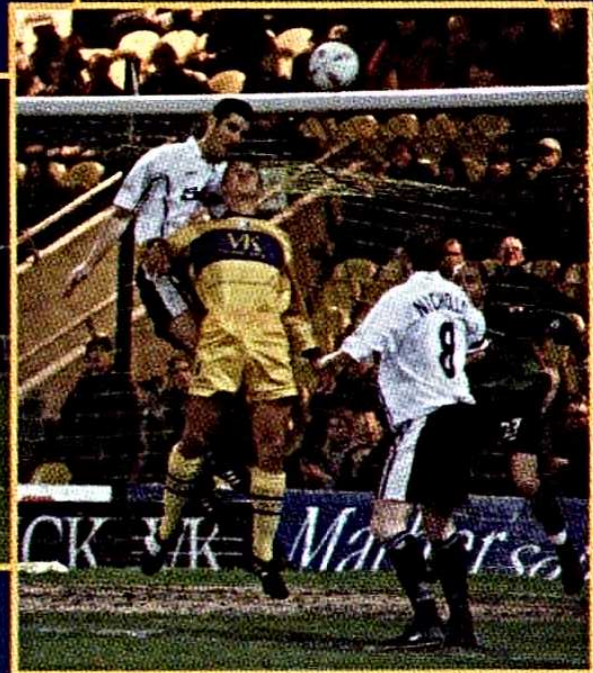
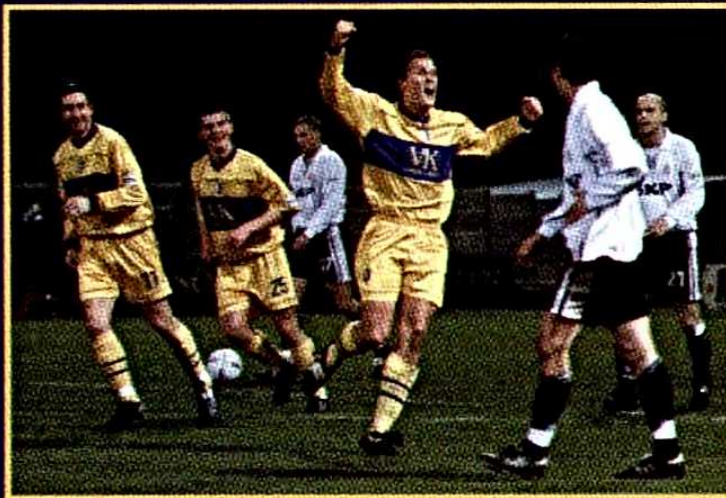
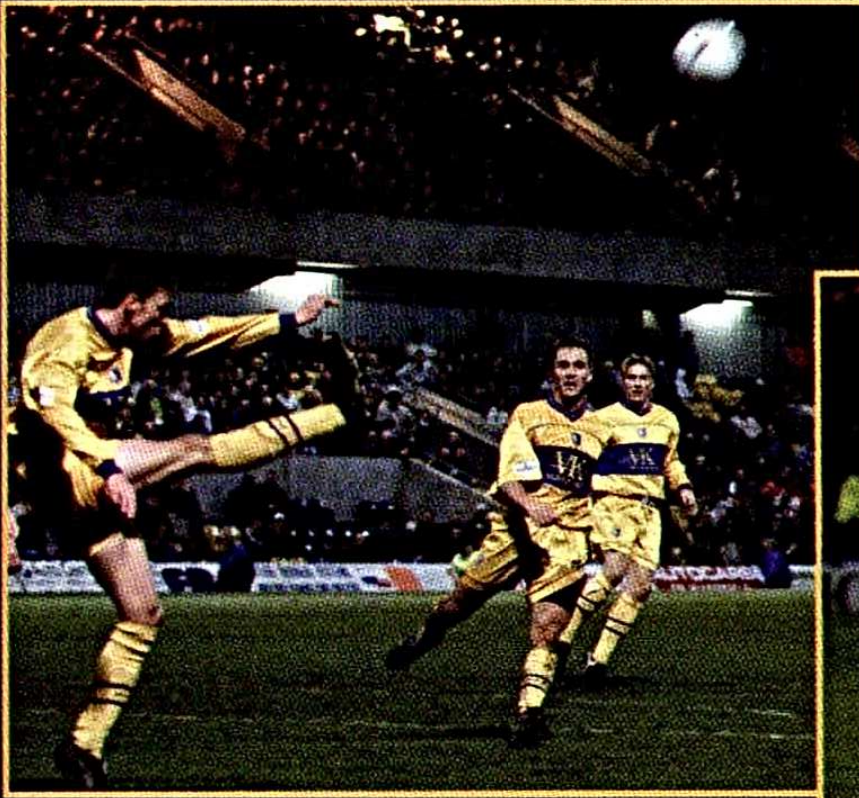
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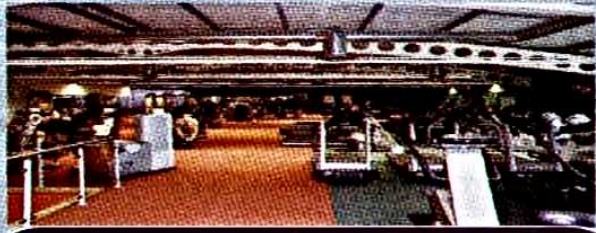






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The reason I mention this is because it is always worth remembering that our functions are only as good as the company that attend and there is blinding testament that when we all work together to achieve the same end the results are second to none and apart from the financial rewards that we benefit from there is a great feeling of satisfaction that can only be gleaned from unity and being on the same side.

Any way what have we got for the rest of season?

Well, there are many things planned the first being the ladies night on the 2nd of April, this will be a good night for the girls the last one was a roaring success. Then there are golf days and of course the end of season party - remember last years? It was a great night out good food, good company and great entertainment and of course all the players and management of Mansfield Town FC will be there. There are only a couple of places left for this so if you would like to attend contact me on 0870 756 3160.

Also, the charity football match at the end of the season, scheduled for Wednesday 7th April we will be hosting a special game of football between the Staff of Mansfield Town FC and Sponsors. You can come and watch this game at a mere £2.00 per person with 50% of the proceeds going to Alzheimers research a worthy charity I am sure you'll agree.

So Far the Sponsors Team comprises (there are still a couple of place available so call for details 0870 756 3160):

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# Mansfield Town Fat Club



At Mansfield Town Football Club the staff are aware of the benefits of losing weight and keeping a healthy life style. To this end, Stags Boss Keith Curle has been given the role of Fat Club leader administering the pat on the back when the participants reach their targets and dishing out the forfeits when things don't go according to plan.

This week the unlucky dieters are the usual suspects: Assistant Boss John Gannon, Club Physio Ian Pearce and Groundsman Rob Sprigg who this week was charged with the task of bringing the inner sanctions of Field Mill upto the clean, professional image that Curly expects both on and off the pitch.

## TICKET OFFICE - MARCH 2003



### HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

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### CARDIFF CITY

Friday 21 March - Ninian Park Kickoff 7.45pm  
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MATCH DAY  
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## Horror Show at Whaddon Road

**CHELTENHAM TOWN v MANSFIELD TOWN** – Dean Foulkes SSA Travel



11am departure time last Saturday for the 2 coaches organised by SSA Away Travel for the huge crunch game with Cheltenham and there was a strange sense of caution in the air, the tension of the occasion was apparent even 4 hours before kick off.

Potentially this was at the very least a six pointer but despite the midweek Luton victory this was the type of game in which a launchpad for safety had to be fitted and how the fans willed the players to rise to the challenge and kill off the Robins survival hopes. 1 down 3 to go was the feeling, we were wrong!

We run a Lucky 7's Competition on Saturdays at the SSA, the aim is to forecast the result of 7 matches taking place that afternoon, one of which is the game involving the Stags. It was interesting that 99% of players forecast at worst a Stags draw so defeat was certainly not on the menu.

Having arrived at Whaddon Road you are greeted by a typical non league ground really, set in the midst of a housing estate. The away end is particularly poor and must compete with Colchester for the worst view in Division 2. The programme however was a reasonable read but priced at £2.50 was too expensive. However the hospitality awarded to supporters at this ground is 1st class. We were welcomed into the Supporters Bar area which runs alongside the pitch Executive Box style. Food is served amongst a very friendly atmosphere and the place was crackling, this was a big game for everybody. Credit Cheltenham for this set up as the fan facilities in this area were excellent and a lesson for many clubs, including the Stags.

It became rapidly apparent that a small section of seats allocated to the away fan would quickly be snapped up so we entered the ground after a considerable queue.

Cheltenham have a new stand which although small and similar to the one at Macclesfield runs along one side of the ground and is a smart addition.

Once more the following from Mansfield was superb and with the pre match news that Julian Allsop the 20ft Cheltenham Striker who causes so much havoc was missing the fact we were missing Keith Curle didn't appear to matter too much before kick off. However the atmosphere was killed stone dead after a matter of seconds when a clever one-two left SSA funded Adam Eaton exposed then a near post strike which appeared to go straight through the Stags keeper put the Robins a goal up with seconds only on the clock. The amber army was shellshocked as the following 90 minutes unfolded, no doubt you have all read the reports of the match.

The most disappointing aspect of the day for many appeared to be that for such a massive occasion which could have a huge impact on the quality of 46 days out next season, the players failed to connect together and find the gear to compete with a side with a pitiful goals tally and generally a very poor side. The red and white shirts of Cheltenham were made to look like players of Ajax which hurt the most. Of course everybody has off days but so often this season we have been so close to just needing that extra victory to get ourselves out of trouble and the wheels fall off, so close but yet so far away. The match was really over within 20 minutes although Andy White White White improved the game as a spectacle offering new options up front which resulted in winning the Stags some throw ins, free kicks and time as much as anything else. It was good to see Neil McKenzie on the park also. Their 3rd goal was offside but it mattered little and the mood on the trip home was an angry one which changed into despair as rivals results came through.

All in all the real winners of the day were the Stags fans who listened to this one on 103.2, tucked up at home followed by the live Arsenal v Chelsea FA Cup tie at 5pm!!

Loyal travellers returned feeling that a golden chance was wasted but angry that had the side played to anything like their potential 3 points were there for the taking as at Colchester.

But that's gone now and today is another day, if Notts County can win at Cardiff and notch 3 on the bounce so can the Stags. They looked as if they were heading for oblivion after our derby win but within 3 weeks are sat snugly in mid table, the picture can change so quickly but the Football Post wasn't a good read on Saturday evening.

However today is the day to dust yourself down, we all need to stick together, look forward to these last 10 matches and most of all shout our heads off!!!

We didn't want a boring end of season anyway, did we ???

\* If you wish to travel Away with The SSA, next week there are 2 crucial trips to Huddersfield and Cardiff, see the SSA Page of The Stag for booking details.





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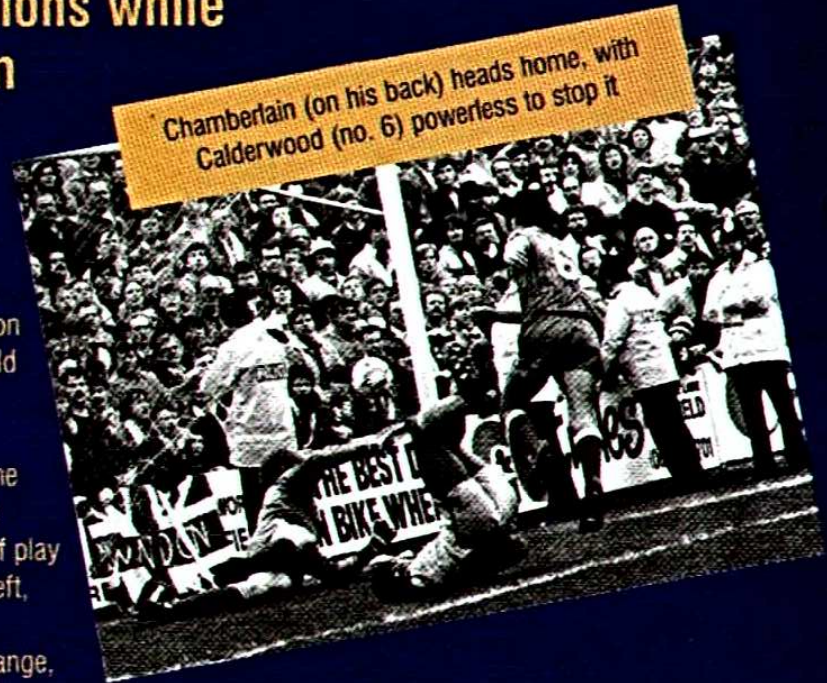
## Swindon crowned champions while Stags just one game from promotion in 1986

**O**n Saturday 19th April 1986, the Stags drew 1-1 with Swindon Town at Field Mill in front of a huge crowd of 8,416. The draw confirmed Swindon as champions of Division IV, while Stags remained in fourth place and would achieve promotion 3 days later, with a win over Hartlepool at Field Mill.

Stags had hit a shaky run of form, with only one win from their previous six matches, and made a nervous start, but took the lead against the run of play after 33 minutes. Paul Garner crossed from the left, Keith Cassells neatly flicked it on, and Neville Chamberlain stooped to head home from close range, despite the attentions of Swindon defender Colin Calderwood. It was Chamberlain's 19th goal of a glorious season. But ten minutes later Swindon were level. Dave Bamber mis-hit a free-kick and it fell to Leigh Barnard who drilled the ball home past Kevin Hitchcock.

Hitchcock made some vital saves in the second half to keep Stags in the game, and Stags substitute Roddy Collins came close to claiming the points with a fierce 20 yard shot that was brilliantly saved by Kenny Allen. At the end of the game the home fans gave their side a standing ovation, while the Swindon fans celebrated the championship. Afterwards Swindon boss Lou Macari claimed that it was former Stags defender Colin Calderwood that had earned the championship, telling the media: "If Colin Calderwood had stopped at Mansfield, they would have been champions and not us." Calderwood was roundly booed all afternoon! Meanwhile Stags boss Ian Greaves said: "It is one point in the right direction towards promotion."

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Sat 21 August	Notts County	Away	1-1	D
Wed 28 August	Hull City	Home	0-2	L
Wed 4 September	Scunthorpe United	Away	4-1	L
Wed 18 September	York City	Home	1-0	W
Wed 25 September	Chesterfield (Cup)	Home	0-0	D
Wed 2 October	Boston United	Away	1-3	W
Wed 9 October	Wrexham (Cup)	Away	3-4	W
Wed 30 October	Hartlepool United	Away	1-1	D
Wed 13 November	Grimsby Town	Away	CANCELLED	
Wed 27 November	Lincoln City	Home	6-3	W
Wed 4 December	Scarborough	Home	CANCELLED	
Wed 11 December	Darlington	Away	4-1	L
Wed 8 January	Notts County	Home	0-1	L
Wed 15 January	Hull City	Away	CANCELLED	
Wed 29 January	Scunthorpe United	Home	1-10	L
Wed 5 February	York City	Away		
Wed 12 February	Scarborough	Home	1-0	W
Wed 19 February	Boston United	Home	CANCELLED	
Wed 26 February	Hartlepool United	Home	0-8	L
Wed 26 March	Grimsby Town	Home		
Wed 2 April	Lincoln City	Away		
Wed 16 April	Scarborough	Away		
Wed 23 April	Darlington	Home		
Wed 30 April	Boston United	Home		



### CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE:

Following our decision to use the Merit League as an opportunity to view potential Scholars for the 2003 / 04 intake our next two



games against a very strong Tranmere Rovers side and an older Scunthorpe side proved very fruitful.

Although both games were lost it was a good chance to view our potential signings against sides of good standing in the league.

None of the trialists were disgraced. Adam Holmes who we have able to take from Nottingham Forest proved his worth at left back, although whilst at first he played in an attacking midfield role he has settled into the left back position very well with the added ability of being able to move forward.

The older members of the squad have used their experience to guide the younger trialists through both games which is to great credit to them through what have been 2 difficult games.

Kev Philliskirk

## Youth Alliance Merit League Division 1 North

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME	RESULT	WDL
22 Feb 2003	Wigan Athletic	Home	12.00pm	0-3	L
01 Mar 2003	Tranmere Rovers	Away	12.00pm	2-0	L
08 Mar 2003	Scunthorpe United	Away	11.00am	2-0	L
15 Mar 2003	Preston North End	Home	12.00pm		
29 Mar 2003	Rotherham United	Away	11.00am		
05 Apr 2003	Hull City	Home	11.00am		
12 Apr 2003	Port Vale	Home	11.00am		
19 Apr 2003	Hartlepool United	Away	12.00pm		
26 Apr 2003	Shrewsbury Town	Away	11.00am		

### How They Stand:

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
Tranmere Rovers	3	3	0	0	6	0	6	9
Wigan Athletic	2	2	0	0	8	2	6	6
Hartlepool United	3	2	0	1	8	3	5	6
Shrewsbury Town	3	2	0	1	4	4	0	6
Scunthorpe United	3	1	1	1	4	7	-3	4
Preston North End	2	1	0	1	9	3	6	3
Hull City	3	1	0	2	5	7	-2	3
Rotherham United	3	1	0	2	6	9	-3	3
Port Vale	3	0	1	2	4	12	-12	1
MANSFIELD TOWN	3	0	0	3	0	7	-7	0





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	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
Port Vaie	17	12	2	3	42	28	14	38
Mansfield Town	15	12	1	2	37	20	17	37
Rotherham United	18	10	3	5	49	31	18	33
Doncaster Rovers	18	5	5	8	33	33	0	20
Notts County	15	5	4	6	32	33	-1	19
Shrewsbury Town	15	4	7	4	28	30	-2	19
Chesterfield	14	5	1	8	18	26	-8	16
Chester City	16	4	3	9	17	32	-15	15
Maclesfield Town	14	2	5	7	16	23	-7	11
Wrexham	14	3	1	10	10	34	-16	10

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- Connor Vs Leyton Orient - Won 10 - 0
- Connor Vs Rotherham - Won 10 - 8
- Connor Vs Sheffield United - Lost 10 - 9

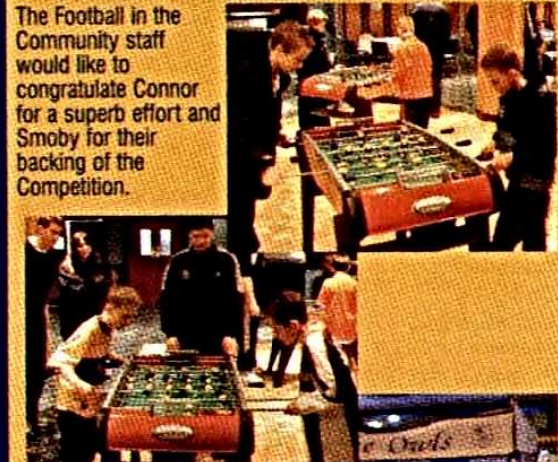
A great performance by Connor which took him in to the final against very strong competition from Notts County.

- Connor Vs Notts County - Lost 10 - 4

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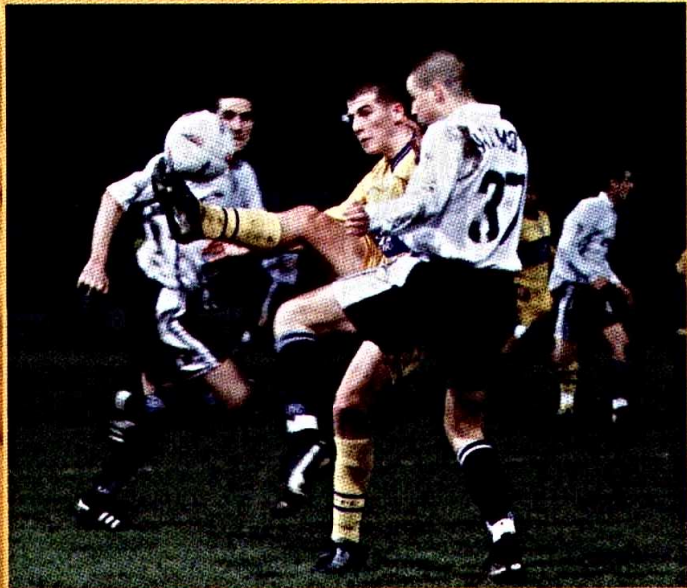
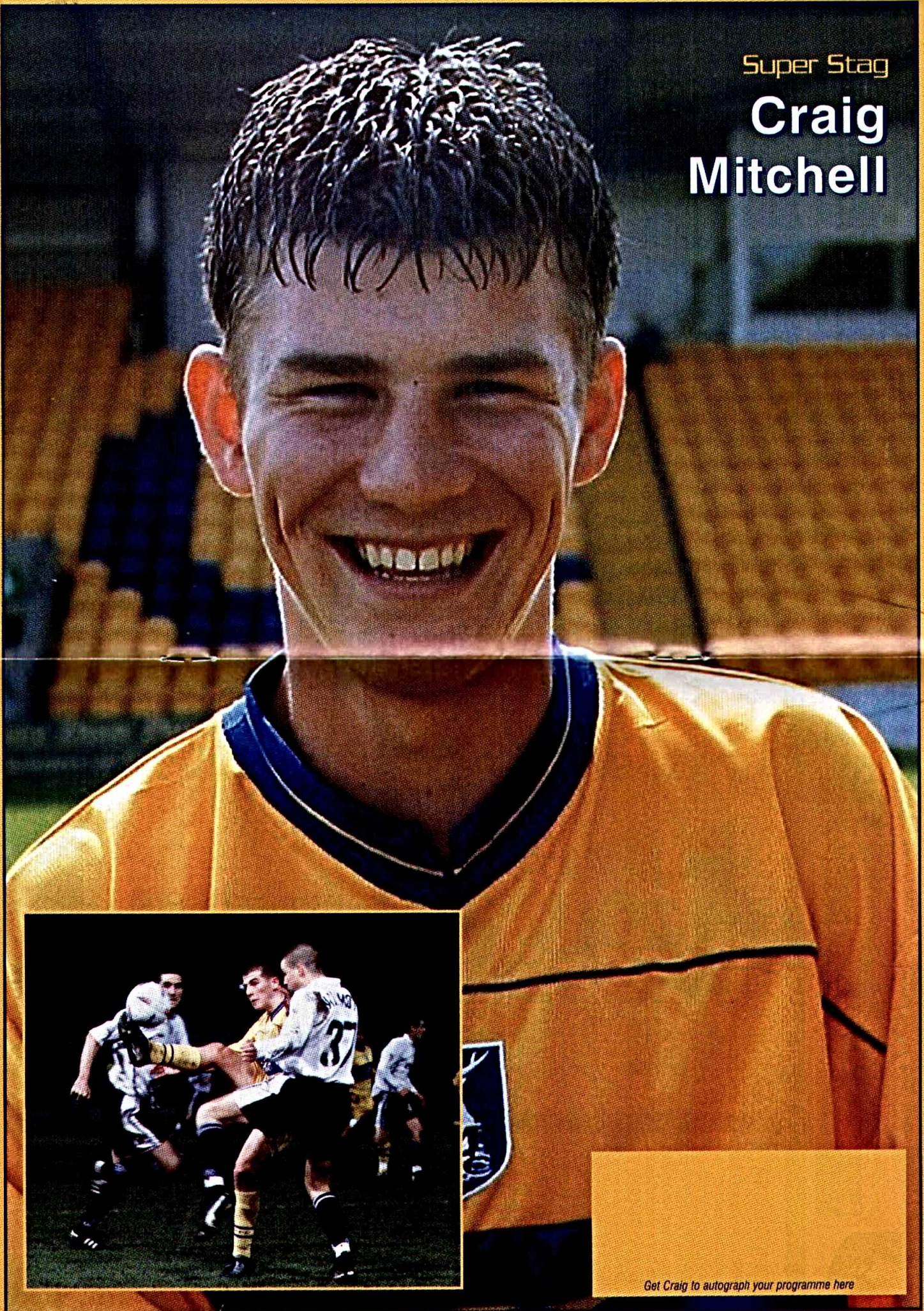


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## Sport Quiz

1. Which former Forest Player scored both goals for Shrewsbury in the cup against Everton this year?
2. Who defeated Phil Taylor in the final to win this year's Ladbrokes World Darts Championship?
3. Which 23 year old received an MBE for services to Rugby Union in the New Year's honours list?
4. Who with 1379 runs, lies second to Michael Vaughan among English Cricketer's in terms of test runs in a calendar year?
5. Who are the only 3 players to Captain their country to more than 30 victories in test cricket?
6. Which winger who joined Manchester United in November 1975 from Millwall went onto six England Caps?
7. Which French Football team are known by the initials PSG?
8. Santa Claus and CharlotTown provided which Jockey with Derby Wins?
9. With which player did Britain's John Lloyd twice win the Wimbledon's Mixed Doubles in the eighties?
10. With which sport would you associate the Harmsworth Trophy?

## Mixed-Up Stags

Which Stags player is in today's photo?



### BOGGLE:

Boggle: Can you find the words hidden within this grid. No two letter words are allowed and all the letters must be adjoining either vertical, horizontal or diagonally.

We managed to find 42 this week, see if you can do any better, we have highlighted the first to get you started.

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## Boggle

PROD - As above

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# SWINDON TOWN

## The Manager - Andy King

Born in August 1956, in Luton, King made his name as a lively midfielder having joined his home town club in 1974. His next stop was Everton, the club with which most people associate him, who he signed for in 1976 for £35,000.

He made 150 appearances for The Toffees, scoring an impressive 38 goals in four seasons at Goodison before joining QPR.

One season with the Superhoops was followed by another at West Bromwich Albion before a return to Everton for the 1982-83 season, where Andy played a further 43 games and added another 11 goals to his tally for the Toffees.

A short period with Dutch side Cambuur followed, before Andy returned to England with Wolves, for whom he played 28 times scoring 10 goals.

A very brief spell back at Luton in 1985 (just three appearances) preceded Andy's final move as a player when he joined Aldershot and notched 11 goals in 36 games for the Surrey side.

Having retired as a player, he turned to coaching, and was given his first managerial appointment at Mansfield Town in 1993 following George Foster's departure.

Having been relegated from Division Two, Mansfield were low on confidence but King managed to steer them to a mid-table finish in his first season at the helm.

The following season saw The Stags in with a chance of promotion back to the Second Division, having finished in 6th place in the table, but they were beaten in the play-off semi-finals by John Duncan's Chesterfield.

The 1995-96 season saw Mansfield drop down to 19th position in Division Three and Andy was replaced at Field Mill by Steve Parkin.

Andy spent some time out of management but was still involved in the game, and was working with former Everton team-mate Peter Reid at Premiership club Sunderland as a scout when Colin Todd took him to Swindon as his assistant manager in the summer of 2000.

When Todd got the call from Jim Smith to be his assistant at Derby County, King was given the opportunity to impress chairman Terry Brady, and after four games in charge he was given the job full-time, on November 6, 2000.

Swindon struggled to keep themselves out of the relegation zone for most of the season but a win over Peterborough in the penultimate game of their league campaign, coupled with Bristol Rovers loss to Wycombe, ensured their Second Division survival.

The great escape act was not enough to ensure Andy King's survival however. Despite his efforts in keeping The Robins up he was

replaced at the County Ground by former Liverpool boss Roy Evans in June 2001. But he was not gone for long. Evans left the club before the end of the year, after new owners arrived at the County Ground, and Andy King - who had taken legal action against Swindon with regard to his dismissal - was reinstated as manager on December 20 2001.

## Bart Griemink

Giant keeper signed by Colin Todd on a free transfer in the summer of 2000. Griemink is a former Dutch Under-21 international who spent a successful loan spell with The Robins (as cover for Frank Talia) before eventually joining the club. He came to English football in 1995 with Birmingham and deputised competently for the injured Ian Bennett, playing in the 1995 League Cup semi-final. He then followed Barry Fry to Peterborough United but lost his place to Mark Tyler. Griemink started the 2000-01 season as first choice goalkeeper and even deputised as captain, but ended up on the bench as Steve Mildenhall took his place in goal following Griemink's two dismissals and subsequent lengthy suspension. However, following Mildenhall's departure to Notts County Bart played every game last season and was one of the most consistent performers - he was also in contention for the Player of the Year Award. Having stalled on signing a new contract in the summer, Bart has taken his place between the sticks once again this time around.

## Gareth Edds

21-year old Australian who, having joined us on a month's loan from Nottingham Forest, has now signed for a year. Played nearly 40 games at Forest before joining Town and has been excellent in the right-back role. Was a consistent performer at the start of the season but has since had to fight for his place with Andy Gurney. Played for Australia's under 23 side against Leverkusen.

## Matthew Hewlett

An attacking central midfielder, Matt Hewlett was once tipped for the top by all at Ashton Gate. The former Bristol City player was called into the England Under 21 squad, but a number of injuries curtailed his flourishing career. In the end Hewlett made over 100 appearances for City, but left them to join Town on a Bosman in the summer of 2000. He was a regular for Colin Todd until being hit by injury once again and went on to play just 26 league games. Matty was a regular last season until a recurrence of his knee injury kept him out for the majority of December and January - other than that he was pretty consistent and even managed to bag his first goal for the club, a close range effort during

Town's 2-0 victory away at Port Vale in September. Has been the midfield general this time around and Town sorely miss his presence when he's injured.

## Adam Willis

Centre back who was revitalised under Colin Todd. Willis arrived at the County Ground in 1998 on a free transfer from Coventry and was Steve McMahon's last signing for The Robins. He scarcely figured for Jimmy Quinn and was allowed to go on loan to Mansfield after being told he could leave Swindon. Fortunately Todd liked the tall defender and gave him a new contract. Willis was a regular in the first half of the following season and scored his first goal for Swindon in the 4-1 win against Ilkeston in the FA Cup. A trainee at Coventry, Willis never made the breakthrough to the Sky Blue's first but has made the centre-back position his own in Andy King's back four - did enough at the back end of last season with some magnificent displays to warrant an extension to his contract. Has been superb again this season, that despite a lack of sleep due to the birth of his baby!

## Andy Gurney

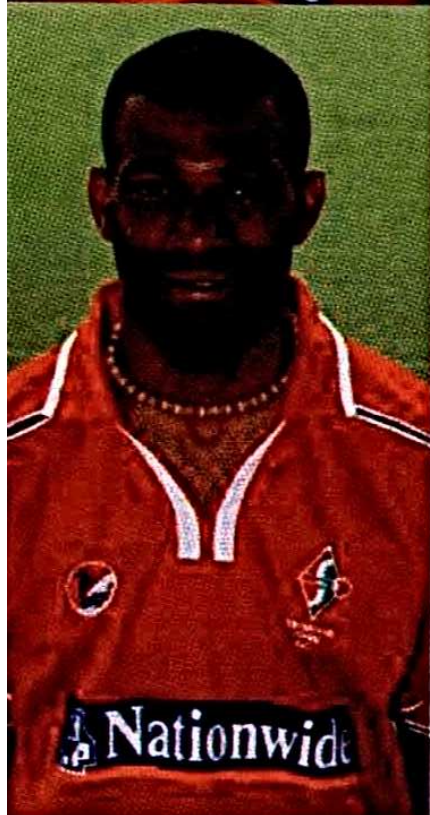
Andy joined Reading from Torquay in January 1999 for £100,000 as an attack-minded, right-sided defender that could also play in midfield. He started his career at hometown club Bristol Rovers, where he spent four seasons before moving to Torquay for one year and impressing during their surge to the play-offs. Established a regular starting place with Reading in 1999/2000 and figured in the Royals' promotion push last year. Was keen to join Town after their impressive performance against Reading and King snapped him up on a Bosman in the summer of 2001. Crowned an impressive home debut performance against Tottenham with a long-range goal and proved to be one of King's best buys. Gurney missed just four games last year through suspension and is set to miss the first three this time around for a misdemeanour against Reading on Valentines Day. Will be an integral part of King's squad this season and is set to continue as club captain.

## Keith O'Halloran

Irish midfielder who was one of several Bosman signings Colin Todd made in the summer of 2000. O'Halloran is a talented right-sided player who became first choice on the right of midfield, a position Swindon struggled to fill in 1999/00. O'Halloran started life as a trainee at Middlesbrough, but only made six appearances for Boro before moving to Scotland in 1997. He was a success at St Johnstone, and was offered a new contract but preferred to try his luck in Division Two. A good striker of the ball,







O'Halloran proved one of Swindon's best signings of 2000, netting seven goals from midfield (most of them from the penalty spot). Had it not been for injury, O'Halloran probably would have played in every game for Town during the 2000/01 season. Started 2001/02 well, converting three goals from the penalty spot before enduring an horrific tackle at Bournemouth in August. Keith subsequently missed the rest of the season but is set to return this time around. If fit will seem like a new signing having been out for so long.

#### Jerel Iffil

#### Sam Parkin

Very young and very promising forward who joined the club from Chelsea on Thursday August 1, 2002. The transfer followed months of speculation, with Andy King, a huge fan of the player, tracking him for several months. Parkin joined the club from Stamford Bridge where his development was hindered by a glut of international stars. However, whilst at the club he joined several other clubs on loan and it is with them that he built up a reputation as a lethal striker.

Joined Millwall in September 2000 and made his debut in the Football League for the Lions in a 5-0 demolition of Oxford United. Netted a brace on his first ever appearance and made it three in two with another against Peterborough at London Road. He then went on loan to Wycombe Wanderers in November 2000 after having a trial with Queens Park Rangers. He also had the option of a temporary move to Luton but decided to join the Adams Park outfit. Scored twice in 13 games for the Chairboys. Went on loan once again to Oldham Athletic before joining Northampton last season. Scored three goals in pre-season and five goals in the league - is set to be suspended following his sending off against Cheltenham.

#### Stefani Miglioranza

Miglioranza is the product of the American College football system in which the most promising players are drafted into Major League Soccer. Stefani helped St John's University win the 1996 NCAA Division I Championship and played for MLS team Chicago Fire before joining Everton on trial. They were keen to sign him but no deal came about. Portsmouth then outjumped Liverpool in inviting him for a trial and signed him soon thereafter. The 22-year-old is a Brazilian born American but holds an Italian passport. As a footballer the genes don't come much better. What's more, Miglioranza is versatile; he can play in defence or as a central midfielder and since joining the club in July, has impressed in the middle of Town's midfield.

#### David Duke

Left-sided midfielder that arrived on a free transfer from Sunderland in 2000. Unfortunately, Duke never managed a start for the Black Cat's first team. Duke appeared regularly in his first season with the Robins. He combined well with Sol Davis down the Robins' left and is a good crosser of the ball. Duke can also play at wing-back and will want to build on a decent start for Swindon. Consistency is the key for the Scotsman who has shown glimpses of what he is capable of, especially when running at defenders with the ball. Was in and out of the side last season but with a bit of consistency, can make the left side his own following the departure of Sol Davis.

#### Jon Bestwethrick

#### Eric Sabin

Few had heard of the young Frenchman when he joined the club last summer, but with Andy King comparing him to Thierry Henry he brought a lot of flair and excitement to Town's front line. Sabin joined Town from French Second Division club







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Wasquehall who finished 18th in season 2000/01. Sabin contributed with seven goals in 58 starts in France and last season, he didn't get the goals he deserved scoring just five in total. However, in terms of hard work Sabin brings much more to the team and in the first few games alone he earned four penalties. Sabin looks particularly dangerous when the ball is played behind the opposing defence for he has blistering pace. With a bit more confidence in front of goal, Sabin could prove to be a great acquisition.

#### **Darren Dykes**

Darren is somewhat of an unknown quantity having signed from Buckingham Town. However, the youngster made a huge impression when facing Didcot Town in a pre-season friendly and he was subsequently snapped up in a matter of weeks. The central midfielder has had trials with Spurs and Leyton Orient, but after failing to secure a contract had been helping out with his father's business before he landed the deal at Town. Will be a couple of weeks before he reaches match fitness, but Dykes could be one for the future.

#### **Danny Invincible**

Australian midfielder who endeared himself to the fans having been recommended to Colin Todd by Harry Redknapp at West Ham. Danny subsequently joined the Robins on a free transfer when Todd watched him in a trial game. After a slow start (although he did score on his debut against West Brom), Danny showed the club what he was capable of with five goals in four games in October/November in season 2000/01. The former Marconi Stallion and Aussie Under-21 star would later become Town's top scorer with ten goals, arguably his most important coming in the last home game of that season against Peterborough in the ninetieth minute - a goal that some say kept the club up. Danny is at his most dangerous when he is running at defenders and he was ever present again last season with eight goals to his name, attracting a lot of interest from a number of clubs. A crowd favourite, fans will be pinning the sides hopes on his shoulders this season.

#### **Matthew Heywood**

Heywood failed to break through at Burnley's Turf Moor and, after being alerted as to his availability by former scout, Shaun Reid, Andy King snapped him up on a free transfer. What a signing he's proved to be, ever-present in the latter half of 2000/01 and missing just four games last year, it is no surprise that he swept the board in last year's Player of the Year Awards. The tall defender has signed an extension to his contract, much to the delight of the fans and he will be looking to show the same strength and commitment as he did last year.

Strong in the tackle and good in the air, Heywood could prove to be a great asset to the club - if they can hang on to him. It is no coincidence Town's defensive record improved dramatically following his arrival and he can also play up front if need be too (scoring four goals in total last season)!

#### **David Bampton**

Swindon manager, Andy King, has handed promising Town scholar, David Bampton, the No. 21 shirt in his first team squad. 17-year-old Bampton has been added to the Swindon squad following several impressive displays during Town's reserves unbeaten start to the campaign. Bampton has proven that he is a dependable 'battler' and will further bolster King's options in midfield. Town's Youth Development Officer, Jim Fraser, said: "David has done well in his first two years with the Club and it's fantastic news that it has been rewarded and he will be part of the first team squad. "He is a local lad from Stratton and has featured in all of the reserve games this season. He can play in either central midfield or defence and has a good range of passing."

#### **Alan Reeves**

Experienced centre back who is particularly strong in the air. Reeves always causes problems from set pieces and for a brief period in season 2000/01 he was the club's top goalscorer. At the beginning of the season he was told by Colin Todd that he could leave the club, but persuaded the manager to reconsider with some fine pre-season performances. Reeves went on to be a permanent fixture and even ended up captaining Swindon in Mark Robinson's absence. Before joining Swindon in 1998, he spent four years at Wimbledon, where he had the tough task of replacing John Scales. Reeves has also played for Gillingham, Chester and Rochdale where he was considered one of the best players in the club's history. Reeves signed a new one-year deal in the summer of 2001 and has done the same this time around. Will have to be at the top of his game if he's going to challenge Heywood and Willis.

#### **Steve Robinson**

Tough-tackling and energetic right-footed midfielder signed from Birmingham City for £50,000 in February 2001, he was an automatic choice for the Robins for the remainder of the season. Found in the centre or right of midfielder, Robinson likes to win the ball and pass it on quickly. A former Birmingham trainee, he broke into the Blues team under Barry Fry but has constantly been dogged by injuries that have limited his first team chances. He made over 50 league starts for the Blues, but almost joined Sheffield United in 1999 only to fail the medical. Involved at the start of the 2000-01 season, but was transfer-listed by Trevor Francis in

November after failing to hold down a regular place in the first team squad. Looks set to be a part of King's plans once again this season and he will be eager to add to the two goals he scored against Oxford in 2000/01., not to mention improve his disciplinary record!

#### **Alan Young**

At 19 years of age, Young is one of Swindon's brightest hopes for the future. Having already played for England's Youth team, Young has risen from Town's youth set up to the fringe of the first team squad via the Reserves. Scoring goals for fun with the youth side, Young more than held his own in the club's second string and marked his first team debut in the FA Cup by scoring against non-league Ilkeston Town in 2000/01. Unfortunately he was unable to command a place due before an ankle injury sidelined the youngster. King has made his admiration for the youngster very clear and he could well figure in his plans this year after a growing influence on the first team last year; he made seven appearances in total in scored the winner in Town's 1-0 win over Blackpool.

#### **Nathan Edwards**

Nathan is just one of three players to have signed progression contracts last summer having impressed in Town's successful youth team. The midfielder was ever-present in Viv Busby's under 19's side and was eventually drafted into Andy King's squad, making his debut against Colchester in the LDV Vans Trophy. Edwards also figured in Town's 0-2 trip to Stoke as well as their last game of the season against Wycombe and he could well become even more influential this season - King has high hopes of the youngster.

#### **Kevin Halliday**

Another youngster to have qualified from Town's youth ranks, Kevin is one of Town's more experienced youngsters. Having captained the under 19's to considerable success, Kevin made his debut in season 2000/01 when he played against Millwall in the LDV Vans Trophy. He came on as a substitute in the same competition last season and appeared on the bench a number of times, but as yet is yet to make his full league debut.

#### **Craig Farr**

Goalkeeper who was an unused substitute for the Robins in the 2000-01 season and will hope the departure of Steve Mildenhall gives him more of a chance. Has impressed greatly when given the chance in Town's second string and could become Bart Gnemink's understudy this season. Andy King is a huge admirer of Farr and his display between the sticks against Wimbledon in pre-season is testament to the lad's ability.

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# Forthcoming Events

## Five Aside Tournament



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### Wednesday 2nd April 2003:

By popular request A LADIES EVENING sponsored by 'Vodka Kick'. Tickets cost £10 which include a buffet and a free bottle of Vodka Kick. Also making an appearance will be star comedian 'Christine Coles' to be held in Mansfield Town Football Club's Executive Lounge.

### Wednesday 8th April:

'Spring Golf Classic' (Sponsored by Elliot Mather Solicitors) to be held at Rufford Park Golf Club. There are also sponsorship opportunities available. cost is £250 + VAT For a team of 4 and that includes a buffet lunch and free gift.

### Friday 9th May:

'End of season club dinner' to be held at the Civic Centre. Tickets will cost £30 of which includes a four course meal and disco. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by top comedian Leslie Gibson. Players of the year presentations will also take place on the evening of this dinner.

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**WINNING MARGINS**

Gms won by:	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4gls	5+
Wigan	10	13	1	0	0
Crewe	7	9	2	1	1
Cardiff	11	4	1	3	0
Oldham	11	4	0	2	1
Bristol City	6	7	4	1	0
QPR	6	7	2	2	0
Tranmere	12	2	2	1	0
Luton	11	2	3	0	0
Blackpool	7	5	3	0	0
Plymouth	7	4	1	0	1
Wycombe	4	4	2	1	1
Brentford	9	2	0	0	1
Chesterfield	10	1	0	1	0
Swindon	6	4	2	0	0
Barnsley	9	2	0	0	0
Mansfield	6	2	0	1	1
Stockport	5	3	1	1	0
Colchester	7	2	1	0	0
Notts County	5	2	3	0	0
Port Vale	8	1	1	0	0
Peterborough	5	2	1	1	0
Huddersfield	6	2	1	0	0
Northampton	5	1	3	0	0
Cheltenham	3	4	0	0	0

**FULL GROUNDS - ATTENDANCES**

Club	Aggregate	% Capacity
Luton	123,711	69
QPR	231,379	67
Northampton	92,191	67
Blackpool	122,055	66
Cardiff	232,784	65
Crewe	116,179	63
Cheltenham	83,994	63
Wycombe	108,246	60
Chesterfield	75,721	60
Bristol City	211,963	55
Oldham	119,683	49
Mansfield	88,949	49
Plymouth	167,003	46
Tranmere	138,709	46

**CLEAN SHEETS**

Gms without conceding	Lge Pos
Wigan	19 1
Oldham	15 4
Cardiff	14 3
QPR	14 6
Chesterfield	14 17
Crewe	13 2
Brentford	13 12
Bristol City	12 5
Luton	12 8
Huddersfield	12 21
Blackpool	11 9
Peterborough	11 18
Wycombe	10 13
Plymouth	9 10
Northampton	9 23
Tranmere	8 7
Notts County	8 14
Port Vale	8 19
Cheltenham	8 24
Colchester	7 16
Stockport	6 20
Mansfield	5 22
Swindon	4 11
Barnsley	4 15

**FAILED TO SCORE**

Gms without scoring	Lge Pos
Huddersfield	18 21
Northampton	17 23
Mansfield	15 22
Chesterfield	14 17
Peterborough	13 18
Wycombe	11 13
Brentford	11 12
Swindon	11 11
Blackpool	11 9
Cheltenham	10 24
Port Vale	10 19
Barnsley	10 15
Plymouth	10 10
Bristol City	10 5
Colchester	9 16
Tranmere	9 7
Stockport	8 20
Notts County	8 14
QPR	8 6
Oldham	8 4
Crewe	8 2
Luton	6 8
Cardiff	6 3
Wigan	5 1

**SEQUENCES: DIV 2**

CONSECUTIVE WINS:	
Wigan	11
Bristol City	6
Oldham	6
Luton	5
Port Vale	5
QPR	5
Crewe	4
Plymouth	4
UNDEFEATED RUN:	
Wigan	21
Bristol City	14
Blackpool	11
Cardiff	10
Crewe	8
Plymouth	8
Brentford	7
Luton	7
Oldham	7
Swindon	7
LOSING STREAK:	
Swindon	6
Chesterfield	5
Colchester	5
Mansfield	5
Peterborough	5
Blackpool	4
Luton	4
Northampton	4
Port Vale	4
Wycombe	4
NO WINS:	
Chesterfield	10
Northampton	10
QPR	9
Bristol City	8
Cheltenham	8
Colchester	8
Notts County	8
Plymouth	8
Stockport	8
Mansfield	7
Peterborough	7
Swindon	7

**HEADERS SCORED**

Oldham	16
Wigan	14
Barnsley	12
Cardiff	12
Plymouth	12
Tranmere	12
Wycombe	12
Crewe	11
Stockport	11
Blackpool	10
Peterborough	10
Luton	9
Mansfield	9
Cheltenham	8
Port Vale	8
QPR	8

**HEADERS CONCEDED**

Mansfield	18
Brentford	17
Chesterfield	15
Notts County	14
Port Vale	14
Barnsley	11
Cheltenham	11
Colchester	11
Swindon	11
Stockport	10
Blackpool	9
Bristol City	9
Luton	9
Tranmere	9
QPR	8

**GOALS FROM OUTSIDE 18 YARD BOX**

SCORED	Gls	Total	%	CONCEDED	Gls	Total	%
Mansfield	12	54	22	Blackpool	9	44	20
Northampton	7	32	22	Peterborough	9	46	20
Bristol City	11	61	18	Northampton	11	57	19
Crewe	11	62	18	Colchester	9	48	19
Colchester	7	40	18	Luton	9	48	19
QPR	9	53	17	Stockport	10	58	17
Tranmere	8	48	17	Cardiff	5	29	17
Barnsley	7	42	17	Cheltenham	9	54	17
Plymouth	8	50	16	Plymouth	7	42	17
Huddersfield	4	27	15	Oldham	5	31	16
Chesterfield	5	34	15	Bristol City	6	39	15
Wigan	8	57	14	Notts County	8	54	15
Brentford	5	37	14	Tranmere	7	49	14

ordered as % of all goals scored

**GOALS PER GAME - THE MOST CONSISTENT STRIKERS**

Player:	Rob Hulse	Robert Earnshaw	Luke Beckett	Iyseden Christie	Mark Stallard	Clyde Wijnhard	Tony Thorpe	Sam Parkin	Scott Murray	Steven Howard	Simon Howarth	John Murphy
Lge Gls:	21	25	23	18	20	8	12	19	13	15	15	14
WC Gls:	1	3	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
FAC Gls:	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	1	2
LDV:	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	0	0	1
Gls/Gme:	0.74	0.71	0.61	0.56	0.55	0.55	0.54	0.54	0.48	0.47	0.47	0.46

**HIGHEST & LOWEST ATTENDANCES**

<b>Premiership</b>	67,691 Man U v Southampton
14,253 Fulham v Boro	
<b>Division 1</b>	33,016 Derby v Reading
849 Wimbledon v Rotherham	
<b>Division 2</b>	18,085 Bristol C v Plymouth
2,721 Colchester v Wigan	
<b>Division 3</b>	22,319 Hull v Hartlepool
1,576 Macc v Hartlepool	



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## Clubs Comparison

Goals Scored		
36	Shots	20
9	Headers	7
5	Volleys	11
2	Penalties	5
2	Free Kicks	3
0	Own Goals	0

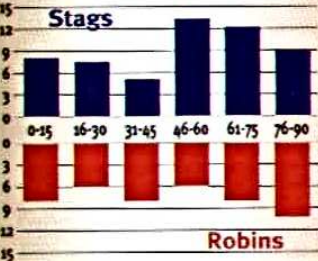
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## When Goals Scored



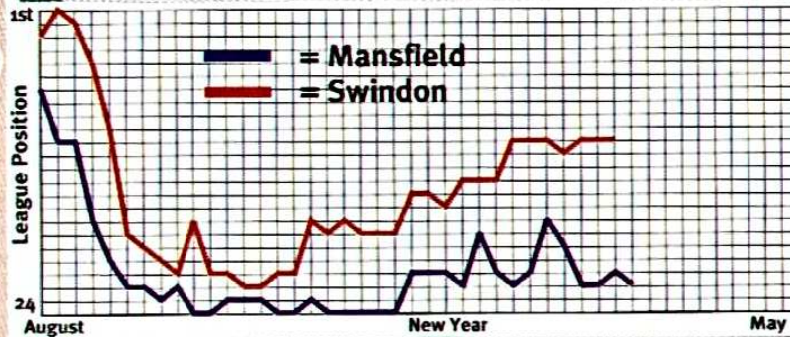
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2	Won	2
1	Drawn	2
3	Lost	2
9	For	6
11	Against	7
7	Points	8
-2	Goal Difference	-1
WLDLWL	Sequence	DWLDWL

## Yellow & Red Cards

64	Yellow	45
4	Red	1

## Seasonal Progress Comparison



## 2002-2003 Attendances

Stags	Aggregate	Robins
88,949		90,396
8,134	Highest	7,716
3,414	Lowest	4,136
4,942	Average	5,317
49	% of Capacity	37

## 10 Year Record

Stags	Avg Pos. among 92 clubs	Robins
78.3		44.7
2,718	Avg Att 1993	15,011
4,684	Avg Att 2002	5,109
72	+ / - %	-66

## Average Goals per game

1.50	For	1.31
1.83	Home For	1.41
1.17	Away For	1.22
2.08	Against	1.40
2.00	Home Against	1.24
2.17	Away Against	1.56

## 2002-2003 Figures

38	Players Used	25
5	Clean Sheets	4
15	Failed to Score	11
Goals scored from...		
2	Corners	8
8	Free Kicks	4
Goals conceded from...		
10	Corners	4
10	Free Kicks	7

## Top League Scorers

Christie	Parkin	
18	League Goals	19
30	Games Played	32
0.60	Lge Goals/Game	0.59
10	Points Gained	17
5	Scoring Run	6
1	Hat-Tricks	1
7	Close Range	8
10	Inside Area	11
1	Long Range	0
10	Shots	8
6	Headers	3
2	Volleys	4
0	Penalties	4
0	Direct FKs	0

## Swings

MT	Games Won from:	ST
0	3 Goals Down	0
0	2 Goals Down	0
4	1 Goal Down	4
Lost from:		
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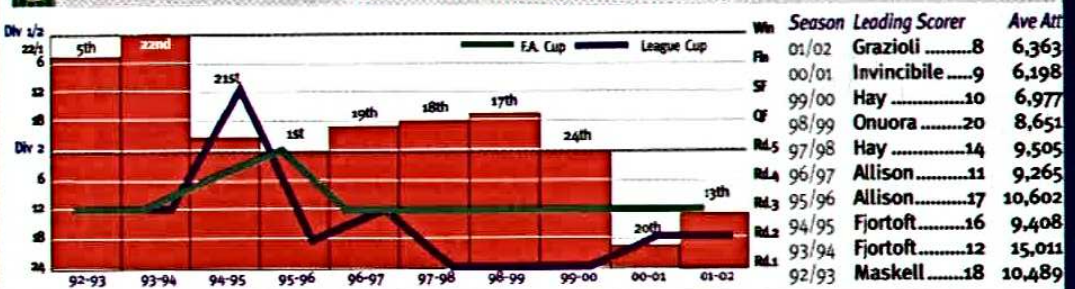
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1	Lost by 4 Gls	0
2	Lost by 5+ Gls	0

## Misc stats

7	Highest Pos.	1
24	Lowest Pos.	22
3	Winning Run	2
3	Unbeaten Run	7
5	Losing Run	6
7	No Win Run	7

## Swindon Town's 10 Year History



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### The early days

In 1894 Swindon Town football Club, founded by Rev. Williams Pitt, took on professionals and became a founder member of the Southern League Division One. The team struggled in the early part of the 18th century and subsequently finished fourth. Financial problems would dictate the direction of the club from an early stage.

Before World War I the club enjoyed prosperous times winning the Southern League Championship twice and reaching the FA Cup semi-final on two separate occasions.

Swindon Town moved into the Football League Div 3 (S) in 1920 and achieved their first league victory against Luton Town.

Town, having earned their league status, nearly lost it in 1933, 1956 and 1957 and had to apply for re-election to the league. World War II brought more troubled times for the club and during the war the County Ground was used by the war office as a POW camp.

After the conflict the club slowly got back on its feet although finances were hard. October 1956 saw the arrival of Bert Head. The following season saw a change in fortunes as the club finished in the top half of Division 3 (S), earning entrance to the national Third Division. Head developed the side and young talent began to come through.

### 1966/67

Town's excitement for the season came in the FA Cup, an away draw at West Ham gave Town's fans the opportunity to see World Cup stars such as Hurst, Moore and Peters, whilst also giving them a day out in London.

Town managed to come away with a fantastic 3-3 draw earning them a money-spinning replay at home. However, the financial rewards were not the only benefit. With the replay looking to be heading for a 1-1 draw (John Sissons cancelled out Willie Penman's long range effort), Don Rogers and Willie Penman applied a double blow. Round four saw Town's dispatch of Bury, a neat header by Keith Morgan and a darting individual goal by Don Rogers enough to tee up a fifth round draw with Nottingham Forest at the City Ground. Town proved that the West Ham result was no fluke earning a 0-0 draw, unfortunately they could not repeat the home success and a late strike by Bruce Walker took the tie to a second replay. The second replay was played at Villa Park and unfortunately many supporters missed the first half but arrived in time to see three goals in the last half-hour end Swindon's cup hopes.

It was remarkable that the team had performed so well in the Cup because they were struggling against relegation in the league. The team contained four heroes of Town's previous promotion season in 1962-63 in Trollope, Morgan, Rogers and Smart along with Thomas, Harland, Penman and Butler who would appear in the team that triumphed in the League Cup in 1969. Ken Skeen and Bruce Walker, goalscoring heroes in the cup run had lost their places to new signings Pat Terry and Bobby Jones. The new signings and the boost of confidence of the cup run saw Swindon climb well clear of danger and finish in eighth spot with 50 points from 46 matches, five positions above Colchester who had 44 points.

### 1968/69

Town could have endured an ignominious exit in Round Two when they trailed Fourth Division Bradford City at the County Ground, only to come back and win 4-3. In Round Four, Town were four minutes away from a 2-0 victory against Coventry. City came back to earn a replay that saw them defeated 3-0 at the County Ground with first half goals from Don Rogers, Roger Smart and Willie Penman. The toughest opposition came from Derby County. After a hundred and eighty minutes of football against Brian Clough's team, the two sides were separated by a single goal that followed a cruel deflection.

The semi-final saw both Town and their opponents make a nonsense of home advantage, losing 2-1 on their own grounds to take the tie to a decider at Hawthorns. In this match a fierce rising shot by John Smith gave Town an early lead. However, with just 25 seconds of normal time remaining, a free kick found David Thomas who sidestepped the packed Swindon defence to fire home. Many Town fans were convinced that their Wembley dream was over when Burnley's Casper found the ball at his feet and made no mistake. Swindon recovered from the double blow and increasing pressure caused Bellamy to put through his own goal. Minutes into the second period of extra time Noble met a headed clearance to finish what was to be the goal that took Town to Wembley. In the final, Roger Smart's first half goal had given Town a narrow lead that, thanks to the brilliance of Downsborough in goal, they held minutes from time. Then the Town keeper hacked clear only for the ball to rebound over his head from the chest of Bobby Gould who followed up to score. Don Rogers finished ended game with two brilliant goals, the first following a corner, the second saw his dramatic run from the half way rounded off when he took the ball round Wilson in the Arsenal goal.

### 1986/87

Lou Macari refused to be complacent despite having seen his side achieve a record points total in Division Four the previous season. He realised that some experience would be needed to add to the fitness and endeavour that characterised his side the previous season. Shrewdly, the sale of Colin Gordon to Wimbledon financed three new signings. Although Jimmy Gilligan failed to establish a regular place, central defender, Tim Parkin, and striker, Steve White, were to play major roles in another season of success. When goalkeeper, Kenny

Allen twisted an ankle in a Littlewoods Cup match at Southampton, Lou returned to his former club Manchester United to borrow Fraser Digby. The signing was later made permanent and the young 'keeper was to prove his worth in this, and many other seasons. Although the season began brightly with a 2-1 win at Bolton, Town suffered two home defeats in quick succession. The second saw an absolute drubbing at the hands of Blackpool. Despite this the fans did their best to raise spirits by chanting "Lou Macari's red and white army" which was to be the war cry of the period. Mark Jones was another player who came on loan and when he scored twice in a 3-1 win at York his signing was made permanent. As a second successive promotion became a real possibility the Board came up with £60,000 to allow Digby's signing to be made permanent and also for Jimmy Quinn to be brought back to the County Ground. A home tie against Leeds United ended in defeat in the FA Cup but the run to the Fourth Round generated much needed finance. A 3-0 home win over Newport County was to spark a run of 10 games in which the only points Swindon dropped were in a 1-1 draw at Blackpool. On April 11 a 4-3 win at Ashton Gate against Bristol Rovers (they were playing on City's ground at the time) lifted Town to second spot in the table. However, by the season's end they dropped back to third and would have to battle for the final promotion place with Wigan and Gillingham, who both finished below them and Sunderland from Division Two.

The first leg of the Play-off semi-final at Wigan saw the home side get off to a flying start. A goal in only the second minute was followed by a second thirteen minutes later, the ball bouncing off the body of Fraser Digby to allow Bobby Campbell to score. With just 20 minutes remaining it looked as though Swindon would be facing an uphill task in the second leg. Then Peter Coyne's pass found Jimmy Quinn and although his shot was blocked, it broke loose to Dave Bamber who made no mistake. Quinn himself got on the score sheet with a header as Town's fitness (a hallmark of the Macari era) began to tell. Then Coyne, rejected by Wigan as a teenager, put Swindon 3-2 up in the closing minutes, heading in a mark Jones cross. A 0-0 draw in the second leg saw Swindon through to the final.

At this time the final was not played at Wembley but over two legs instead and Town faced Gillingham in the final. Swindon's third place finish meant that the first leg was played at Gillingham and the only goal of the game came from the home side with just eight minutes remaining. A debatable free kick was awarded against Mark Jones for handball and David Smith drove the resultant shot through the Town wall. One goal is not too much to pull back but when Karl Elstrey volleyed home in the 17th minute of the second leg, Swindon's task began to look daunting. When a Steve White header struck the bar with Kite beaten, it began to seem as though it would not be Town's night. However, after 61 minutes, Peter Coyne wriggled through to shoot home and with just 10 minutes remaining, a left footer from 20 yards by Charlie Henry took the tie to a decider at Selhurst Park. Two goals by Chalkie White were to take Town back to Division Two after 13 years. Steve's first came after just two minutes when he raced on to Phil King's free kick. The second came just after the hour, a looping ball from Dave Bamber was chested down by White who rode two tackles before striking a beautiful reverse angle shot. In the words of the Advertiser, "White lightning sends Town up."

### 2001/02

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

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

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

The opening game of the season was a repeat of the closing one of the previous campaign when Peterborough visited the County Ground, but the three points that were so vital three months earlier failed to materialise this time round. There was however an early indication of where the season's biggest problem was likely to be as Town failed to score for the first time in what would become 20 League occasions up until today. More encouraging was the clean sheet that was the other statistic of the day. A first away trip to Ashton Gate was perhaps more disappointing, as the 3-1 score line

finished in the favour of our rival Robins. By the end of August Town had collected just four Second Division points but had managed to progress to the second round of the Worthington Cup, courtesy of a 2-1 win at Molineux against First Division Wolves.

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

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

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

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

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

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

If things were beginning to look a little comfortable Town became their consistently inconsistent selves by failing to register a win or a goal in the next four attempts, although if the 0-0 draw against new table toppers Reading was a good performance, a repeat of the early 3-0 defeat against Cardiff was the opposite. Consecutive home wins against Chesterfield and Port Vale brought February to a close and commenced March, and it was the three points produced from the match with Vale that took Town to the 50 point mark and perceived Division Two survival. The, by now, traditional mid month slump saw Town record two defeats and a draw before collecting the customary end of month win in the keenly awaited home game against Steve McMahon's Blackpool. There weren't too many people in Wiltshire who were disappointed with that result. Into the last month of the season and a trip to Stoke failed to yield points as did the visit of QPR, but already relegated Cambridge were despatched 2-1 at the Abbey Stadium. Squad shuffling was the order of Andy King's day as he used the last games of the season to formulate his plans for 2002/03. Town looked to have placed the Brighton championship party on ice with an excellent 0-0 draw at Withdean, but Reading's failure to win at home to Peterborough presented Brighton with the trophy anyway.







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# Stags



# Away with the Stags

## Huddersfield Town

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Tel: 01484 484100



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J Ann Hough, Club Secretary - Huddersfield Town

### How to get there

#### BY CAR:

**From South:** Exit M1 at junction 38 (s/p Huddersfield A637). At motorway roundabout take second exit (s/p Huddersfield A637). Keep on the A637 for 6.1 miles, over one roundabout, to the Grange Moor Roundabout. Here, take first exit (s/p Huddersfield A642) onto the A642. At lights at the Waterloo Junction after 3.4 miles, by Cooke service station, go straight on (s/p Huddersfield A629, M62). After 1.7 miles, after passing through several sets of lights, turn right (by old church, now Aspley carpets, on LHS, s/p Leeds A62) into St Andrews Road. Pass 'The Aspley' pub on the LHS, and after 0.5 miles turn right at crossroads for Ford Cowie to ground. From North and East: Exit M62 at junction 25 (s/p Brighouse A644, Huddersfield (A62), also Alfred McAlpine Stadium). At motorway roundabout follow signs to 'Huddersfield East (A62), Dewsbury A644' onto the A644 Wakefield Road. At Cooper Bridge roundabout after 1.1 miles turn right (s/p Huddersfield A62). Follow 'Huddersfield A62' signs through several sets of lights for 2.9 miles and then turn left (s/p Sheffield A629, Wakefield A642, McAlpine Stadium) into St Andrews Road. At lights after 0.2 miles (by Ford Cowie) turn left to ground.

**From West:** Exit M62 at junction 24. At roundabout turn right, under the motorway. At roundabout after 0.2 miles, take 4th exit (s/p Huddersfield A629) onto the A629 Halifax Road. The ground is signposted from here (ie to end of the A629, left onto the Ring Road, second major exit onto the A62 Leeds Road). NB: The above routes are designed for cars. Coach operators should check routes in advance with the police Football Liaison Officer on (01484) 436 654.

**FROM RAILWAY STATION (Huddersfield):** By taxi: £3. By foot: Bear left out of station past the George Hotel. Straight over crossroads into Northumberland Street. At end of street, go straight over major crossroads (s/p Leeds A62). At roundabout after 0.2 miles, just after 'Homestyle' bear right into Gas Works Street, passing the gas works and crossing canal. Straight on at crossroads by Ford Cowie to ground. Last Midweek Trains: Call (0345) 484 950.

**BY BUS:** Special matchday buses, nos. 330 and 331, run from the bus station on Queensgate. Normal bus services to Leeds, nos. 201, 202, 203, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221 and 229 also run along Leeds Road.

#### PARKING:

A lot of the parking at the ground is now reserved by season-ticket holders, but some spaces in the St Andrews Road car park are available to visiting fans on the day, cost £2.50. Otherwise there's a charity car park in Gas Works Street (£2) and a small multi-storey on Pine Street (50p/hour to 6pm), which is signposted off the Leeds Road. Otherwise it's street parking.



## Cardiff City

Friday 21 March 2003

Kick-off 7.45pm

Ninian Park  
Sloper Road  
Cardiff  
CF1 8SX



Tel: 02920 221001

#### Ticket Prices:

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Standing: Adults: £12.00, Concession: £8.00

Some Disabled Places Available: Prior arrangements must be made (0845 345 1405)  
Adults £6.00, OAP £4.00 & Children Free

Ninian Park lies just around the corner from the centre of Cardiff with easy access from the M4 motorway and doorstep access for train users. Visitors to Cardiff enjoy excellent shopping facilities from all the big high-street names as well as the small friendly traders. Within easy reach of the ground is a copious choice of pubs and restaurants. The nearest pubs to Ninian Park include 'The Cornwall', 'The Cottage' and 'Legends'. The Cornwall is a friendly pub, which serves both hot, and cold snacks; to get there go to the end of Sloper Road towards Penarth Road, turn left after the Gulf petrol station. The Cottage and the Legends Pub are both in St Mary Street both of which offer food. In this part of Cardiff you will be spoilt for choice due to it being on the doorstep of the Millennium Stadium, where the area is well geared for catering for sporting events. To get to St Mary Street from the main train station: walk straight ahead passed the bus station and head right. You will come across a busy street in front of you, which is St Mary Street. Some of the outlets you will find in St Mary Street include: McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Pizza Express, Belta Pasta, Fatty Arbuckles and many other outlets. If you prefer you can dine upmarket in one of the more expensive restaurants in the area.

#### From all directions:

Exit M4 at junction 33 and follow A4232 (West Cardiff, Penarth & Barry). Continue on the A4232 for 6 miles and take the second exit (Leckwith Industrial estate & Athletics Stadium). Stay in the left hand lane (signposted B4267 City Centre) and automatically join Leckwith Road.

For Ninian Park continue to the traffic lights and turn right into Sloper Road. The stadium is on the left hand side.

**For Car Park** - facilities are available opposite the ground. Take first turning right after joining Leckwith Road (Leckwith Athletic Stadium)

**By Train** - Your best bet is to get the train into 'Cardiff Central Station', from there you can change trains to 'Ninian Park' (which is the nearest to the ground) or you can go to 'Grange Town' which is at the far end of Sloper Road about a ten minute walk away. Another option is to go into town from Central Station and then make your way down to Ninian Park by taxi after enjoying the City.

**Note:** if you are planning at stopping the night in Cardiff after this match, there is a Welsh rugby international the following day and accommodation in and around Cardiff is booking up very quickly.







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## Stags Supporters Association

### Adam Eaton

As you will be aware, Adam Eaton signed for the Stags last week and SSA were delighted to be able to contribute £5,000 towards his transfer fee following a request from Manager Keith Curle. We'd like to welcome Adam to Field Mill and wish him all the best during his time at our club. Pictured is Adam with several SSA members taken on the day he signed for the Stags.



### SSA Race Night

Thanks to all those who attended the SSA Race Night on 1st March at William IV, special thanks to Keith Curle and his staff for coming along despite suffering a disappointing defeat earlier in the day. Thanks to the generous contribution of the race sponsors, horse sponsors and the takings on the night the event raised over £1,100 to SSA funds.

### T-Shirts

We have a number of T-shirts for sale celebrating the recent Derby Double victories over Chesterfield and Notts County. Priced at £6 for adults and £5 for juniors (Large Boys only) they are available via post to SSA, PO Box 6430, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts, NG17 8RA - enclosing a cheque payable to SSA for £6 or £5 per T-shirt plus 50p P&P - remember to include your name, address and required size (they are available in L, M & Large Boys).

### Membership

You can now join the 1,200+ supporters who have joined SSA this season for half price. For just £2.50 for adults or £1 for kids you can be an SSA member for the rest of the season and receive renewal information for next season. To join complete the application form on our website ([www.stagsnet.com](http://www.stagsnet.com)), e-mail us at [ssa@stagsnet.com](mailto:ssa@stagsnet.com) or give us a ring on our mobile leaving your name and address and we'll send you an application form.

### CCT Meeting

At the recent CCT Meeting between SSA, Team Mansfield and MTFC issues brought up in the recent SSA Survey were discussed in detail. Members will receive full details of the meeting in the next newsletter out at the end of next month, alternatively, the minutes of the meeting will be posted to the Team Mansfield website soon.

### Welcome

SSA would like to welcome Julie & Lucy to today's match, who won Executive Tickets at the recent MTFC / SSA Millionaires Night held here at Field Mill. Thanks to Bob Gornill for providing this prize.

### Away Travel

Forthcoming trips are as follows:

Tue 18 Mar 03 - Huddersfield - Depart 5pm - Price: Adult: £8, Under 16: £6, Under 10: £4  
Fri 21 Mar 03 - Cardiff - Depart 1pm - Price: Adult: £25, Under 16: £23, Under 10: £12.50

Fans who travel to Huddersfield will be entitled to a £3 discount off the trip to Cardiff.

To book please phone SSA on 07967 689597 or e-mail us at [ssa@stagsnet.com](mailto:ssa@stagsnet.com).

### Happy Birthday

A big happy birthday to the following Junior Stags!!

Luke Tucker (16) - Jessica Bryan (15) - Lee Mooney (15) - Robert Darlington (15)  
Amy Bennett (14) - James Barker (13) - Charlotte Fifoot (10) - Adam Cooper (10)  
Jacquelyn Bird (10) - Gregory Taylor (9) - Joshua Slack (6) - Daniel Betts (4)

## Ollerton Supporters

Sunday 13th April 2003 sees a very special event taking place at Field Mill. Many of you will remember that last year myself and Mike from the Déja Vu Fanzine organised a five aside tournament to raise funds for the Chelsea Barsby Campaign. Well, due to it being such a success with over £150 being raised (and a lot of good fun and sportsmanship both on the pitch and in the Early Doors afterwards) we have got our heads together again in order to hold another one. Again the day will be to raise money for a very good cause, this time it being the "Lolly Fund" which aims to raise money for the Baby Unit at the Queen's Medical Centre at Nottingham.

It was me that suggested that we raise money for this particular fund (and thanks to Mike for agreeing this was a worthy cause) because the granddaughter of our main sponsor - Pete Hodgson of the Ollerton House pub and restaurant on Wellow Road in Ollerton - sadly passed away last year. Since then Pete and his family plus many tireless volunteers and helpers have been working hard to raise money to put into research and equipment for the Baby Unit at the hospital.

Currently Pete is wanting to raise enough cash to completely redecorate and refurbish one of the family rooms at the hospital and name it The Lolly Suite on completion. At difficult times for the families of these babies in the unit it is important they have a high standard area or room where they can have time to themselves to relax, think, talk etc. Somewhere with a nice cosy atmosphere can make all the difference when you are feeling low or helpless. This is where you all come in...

All you need to do to help this target be reached is enter your team into the Five Aside Tournament for a price of £15 per team. The rest is the fun part with a whole day of footy to play! And if last year is anything to go by you'll see plenty of quality goals (and the occasional blooper) if you only come along to be a spectator instead of taking part.

I am personally looking to reform my OSSC team from last year that came runners up despite never having met each other before the day, never mind about playing football together before! But let's not forget it is not the winning it's the taking part that counts to help people who need us to... (NB: We are also looking for referees for the day.)

More details about the tournament can be found on [www.ollertonstags.co.uk](http://www.ollertonstags.co.uk) or [www.yellows.co.uk](http://www.yellows.co.uk) (the Déja Vu Fanzine's website.) You can read more details about the day and enter your team via the online form on the Déja Vu site. There will also be a form in Issue 13 of Déja Vu which goes on sale at the Port Vale home game on April 5th to allow those of you that don't have internet access to enter.

Please come along and support this day. As well as making money from the teams that enter the tournament we will be holding a bucket collection for any spare change you might have with you which we have nicknamed buying a "Lolly for Lolly". Ollerton Stags Supporters Club have kindly donated several raffle prizes to make that bit more of a difference to the figure raised too, the first prize being a signed home shirt so to be in with a chance of winning it come along on the day. We look forward to seeing you all there; we are counting on your support...

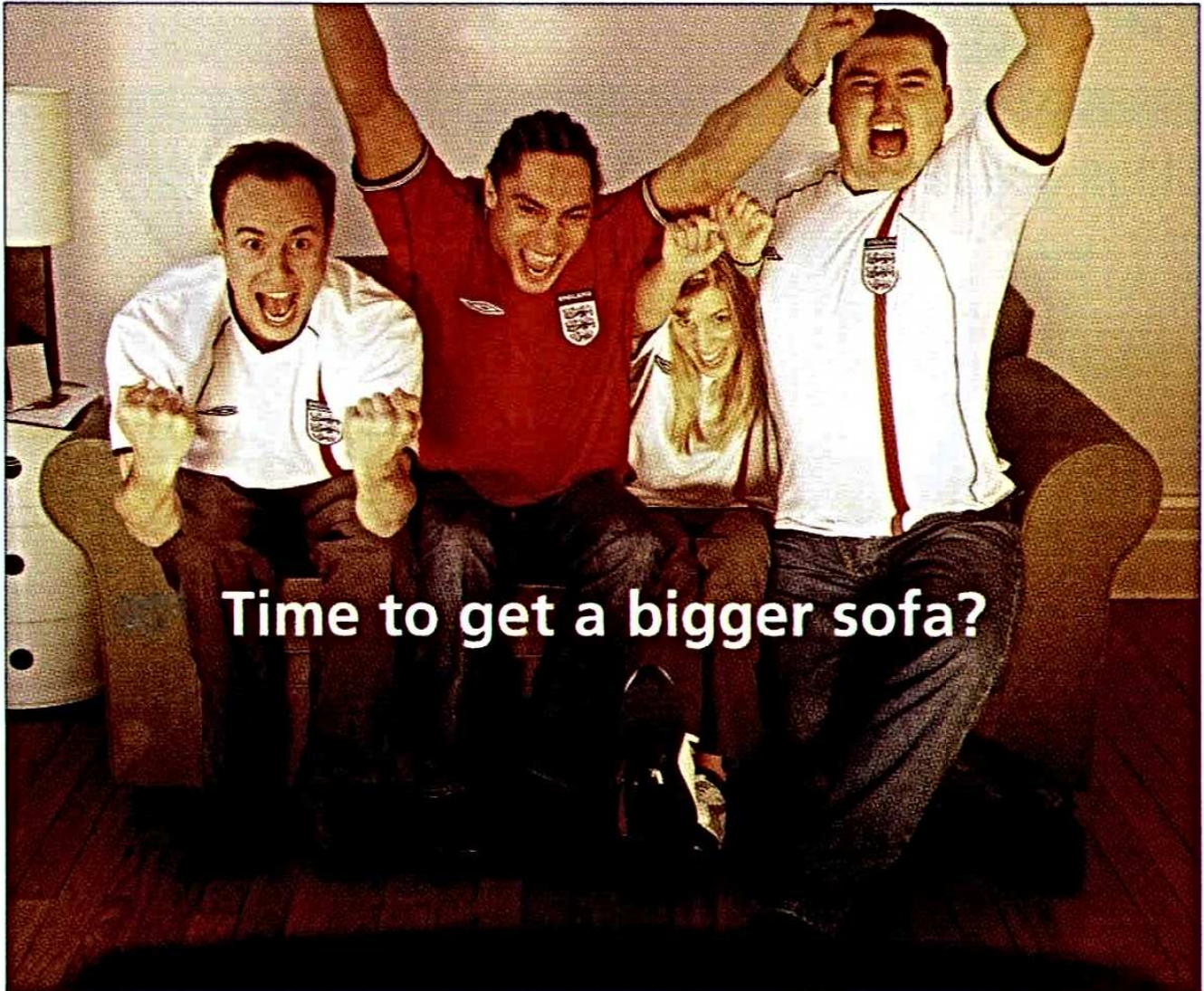
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## TODAY'S MASCOTS

### CARLY ROSE MILLER

Carly was 8 on the 9th March 2003 and attends Ethel Wainwright Primary School in Mansfield, she is a keen Stags fan and season ticket holder.

She also travels to away games with her dad.

Her favourite players are Iyseden Christie, Liam Lawrence and former Stags striker Chris Greenacre. Carly's interests are playing football at school coached by Mansfield Town Community football and is a keen swimmer.



### JACK KEELING

Jack attends Hetts Lane infant school in Warsop. He lists amongst his hobbies and interests watching and playing football, using his playstation and tormenting his aunties dog, Saska.

He is a keen football supporter who is a member of the SSA and he says that his favourite players are Iyseden Christie and Bobby Hassell.



Pictured in photograph 1 is Rebecca Matthewman with Bobby Hassell and Sammy and in photograph 2 Connor Fleming with Wayne Corden and Sammy both children were mascots v Luton Town FC.

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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the Stags Classroom page.

This week we are welcoming Head Teachers from our local primary schools. They will be attending a meeting to discuss their involvement in the Stags Classroom. Opportunities will be given to pupils in years 5 and 6 to attend the Out of Hours Learning Sessions.

Over the last few weeks the secondary pupils attending the Stags Classroom have had the opportunity to interview some of the players who have joined in as mentors. The pupils thought about what questions they would like to ask to complete a player profile. Well done to Gareth Brown from Queen Elizabeth's Endowed Comprehensive. Gareth always works hard and isn't afraid to have a go at new things during the sessions, his profile of Danny Bacon can be seen below. Thanks this week must go to Danny Bacon, Jamie Clarke and Andy White who all survived the pupils' interviews.

Thanks also go to Terrie-Ann Richardson, a sixth-form student from Meden School and Technology College who has joined us as a mentor alongside Clare Green who has been working hard back in school encouraging other students to try out their mentoring skills.



## Player Profile



Gareth Brown

Name: Daniel Stephen Bacon

Age: 22 (D.O.B) 20/9/80

Weight: 12 stone

Height: 5' 10"

Lives: Mansfield

Position: Centre Forward

Goals: 0 first team and 4 for the reserves

Number of matches: 7 for reserves

Best moment: Scoring his first goal for Mansfield Town

First club: Mansfield Town

Hobbies: Fishing and lifting weights

Likes: Going to the cinema

Dislikes: Running

Favourite food & drink: Dr Pepper and scrambled eggs

If not a footballer: Danny would like to be a PE teacher or a fireman.



### More mentors needed

Do you think you could make a difference?

Could you like the players, spare two hours one evening a week (3:30pm to 5:30pm) to give support to one or two pupils who will be attending the study support centre in the future?

### What to do now.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor or would like more information and are 16 or over please do not hesitate to contact me on 0870 7563160. No experience necessary.

### Under the West Stand

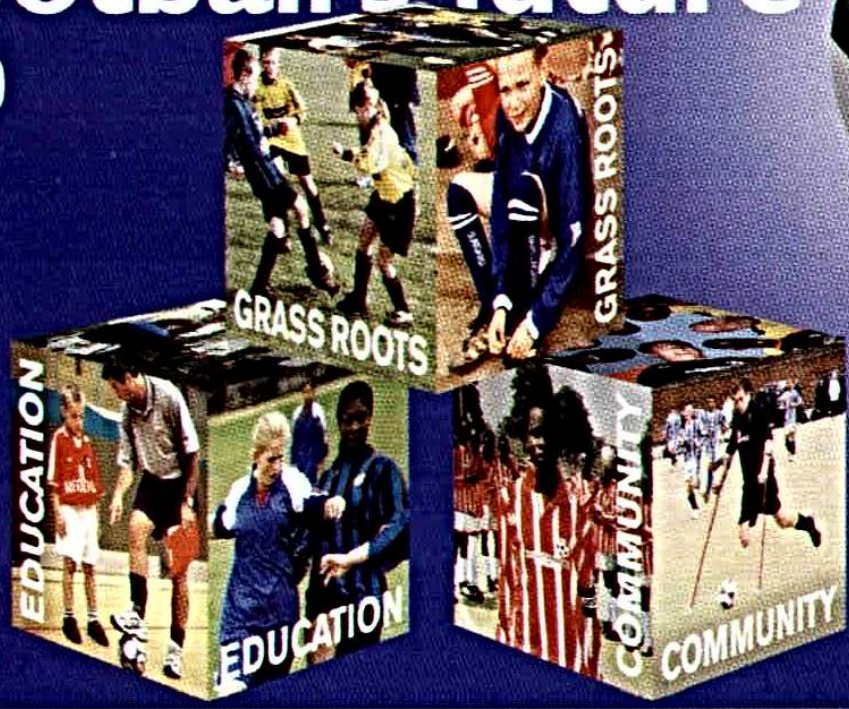
I am happy to say that good progress is being made on the building of the new classroom and ICT suite under the west stand. The plasterers have been busy and I understand the air-conditioning is being installed. It is hoped that next terms programme of activities will be able to take place in the new facilities.

Sarah Brennan, Centre Manager





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### NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO LEAGUE TABLE (up to and including Tuesday 11th March 2003)

Club	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
Wigan	36	11	6	1	30	13	13	3	2	27	8	36	81
Crewe	36	10	2	6	25	15	10	5	3	37	19	28	67
Cardiff	35	10	5	3	29	14	9	4	4	24	15	24	66
Oldham	36	8	4	6	26	16	10	7	1	24	15	21	65
Bristol City	36	10	5	3	31	13	8	3	7	30	26	22	62
QPR	36	11	3	4	30	17	6	6	6	23	23	13	60
Tranmere	36	10	4	4	25	18	7	3	8	23	31	-1	58
Luton	36	8	4	6	29	21	8	4	6	26	27	7	56
Blackpool	36	10	5	3	29	16	5	4	9	17	28	2	54
Plymouth	36	8	5	5	31	21	5	6	7	19	21	8	50
<b>Swindon</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>46</b>
Brentford	36	7	6	5	20	14	5	4	9	17	28	-5	46
Wycombe	36	8	4	6	35	27	4	5	9	17	20	5	45
Notts County	36	7	6	5	29	27	3	8	7	24	27	-1	44
Barnsley	36	6	6	6	22	25	5	4	9	20	26	-9	43
Colchester	36	6	6	6	20	17	4	6	8	20	31	-8	42
Chesterfield	36	9	4	5	23	19	3	2	13	11	33	-18	42
Peterborough	35	5	5	7	19	17	4	7	7	17	29	-10	39
Port Vale	36	6	4	8	23	25	4	4	10	17	32	-17	38
Stockport	36	6	6	6	30	30	4	1	13	16	28	-12	37
Huddersfield	36	6	6	6	20	20	3	3	12	7	25	-18	36
<b>Mansfield</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>36</b>
Northampton	36	6	3	9	19	22	3	4	11	13	35	-25	34
Cheltenham	35	5	5	8	18	26	2	7	8	18	28	-18	33

### THE STAGS PLAYERS APPEARANCES, SEASON 2002-2003

Players Name	League App.	Cup App.	League Goals	Cup Goals
Kevin Pilkington	26	2	-	-
Bobby Hassell	9	-	-	-
Allen Tankard	-	-	-	-
Neil McKenzie	15(5)	3	-	-
Nell Moore	19(1)	2	-	1
Stuart Reddington	5(2)	1	-	-
Liam Lawrence	32(2)	4	8	2
Lee Williamson	23(7)	2	-	-
Shayne Bradley	-	-	-	-
Craig Disley	31(1)	1	3	-
Wayne Corden	27(6)	2	9	-
Jamie Clarke	14(5)	2	-	-
Michael Bingham	-	-	-	-
Dave Jervis	4(2)	-	-	-
Andy White	18(5)	(2)	4	-
Danny Bacon	1(4)	(2)	-	-
Michael Sisson	-	-	-	-
Dion Scott	-	-	-	-
Scott Sellars	12(1)	1	1	-
Colin Larkin	14(4)	4	3	-
Ilyseden Christie	23(7)	5	16	1
Jason White	-(1)	-	-	-
Mark Lever	16	-	-	-
Danny Holyoak	(2)	1	-	-
Lee Glover	(2)	-	-	-
Darmien Defaney	7	-	-	-
Peter Clark	2(1)	1	-	-
Mark Hurst	1	1(1)	-	-
Arjan Van Heusden	5	-	-	-
Jake Buxton	-	(1)	-	-
Alex Baptiste	-	-	-	-
Tony Vaughan	4	-	-	-
Colin Little	5(1)	-	-	-
Matt Gadsby	14(2)	-	-	-
Rhys Day	16	-	1	-
Adam Eaton	11	-	-	-
Keith Curle	7(2)	-	-	-
Tom Curtis	12	-	-	-
Chris Beardsley	1(2)	-	-	-
Ben Doane	7	-	-	-
Craig Mitchell	1(6)	-	1	-
Junior Mendes	8	-	-	-
Keith Welch	5	-	-	-
Andy Jones	1	-	-	-

Up to and including Saturday 8 March 2003

### Stags squad list



- Kevin Pilkington
- Bobby Hassell
- Neil Mackenzie
- Tom Curtis
- Matthew Gadsby
- Liam Lawrence
- Lee Williamson
- Craig Disley
- Wayne Corden
- Jamie Clarke
- Ben Doane
- Andy White
- Danny Bacon
- Adam Eaton
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Adrian Steel				

scorers  half-time score   
FULL TIME SCORE

### Robins squad list



- Bart Griemink
- Gareth Edds
- Matt Hewlett
- Adam Willis
- Andy Gurney
- Keith O'Halloran
- Jerel Mil
- Sam Parkin
- Stefani Miglioranza
- David Duke
- Jon Beswetherick
- Eric Sabin
- Daren Dykes
- Danny Invincibile
- Craig Farr
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**Today's Match Officials**  
Referee: Mr. D. R. Crick  
Asst. Mr. P. Eastwood (Yellow Flag)  
Asst. Mr. A. T. Greaves (Red Flag)  
Fourth Official: Mr. G. Mellor

**Key**

- position
- substitutions
- red card
- yellow card
- goals

Man-of-the-Match   
Attendance





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DATE	FIXTURE	VENUE	RESULT	ATTENDANCE	W/D/L
<b>AUGUST</b>					
Sat 10	Plymouth Argyle	Home	4-3	5,309 (1,086)	W
Tue 13	Wigan Athletic	Away	3-2	5,837 (550)	L
Sat 17	Wycombe Wanderers	Away	3-3	5,057 (510)	D
Sat 24	Chesterfield	Home	0-2	7,258 (1,693)	L
Mon 26	Stockport County	Away	2-0	5,190 (663)	L
Sat 31	Crewe Alexandra	Home	0-5	4,183 (588)	L
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					
Sat 7	Queens Park Rangers	Home	0-4	4,581 (1,231)	L
Tue 10	Derby County (WCup R1)	Home	1-3	5,788 (1,741)	L
Sat 14	Oldham Athletic	Away	6-1	5,490 (396)	L
Tue 17	Luton Town	Away	2-3	6,004 (160)	W
Sat 21	Cheltenham Town	Home	0-2	4,116 (385)	L
Sat 28	Northampton Town	Away	2-0	5,594 (597)	L
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
Sat 5	Tranmere Rovers	Home	6-1	3,668 (545)	W
Sat 12	Peterborough United	Away	0-0	5,067 (832)	D
Sat 19	Huddersfield Town	Home	0-2	4,998 (1,069)	L
Tue 22	Crewe Alexandra (LDV Trophy R1)	Home	0-4	1,874 (125)	L
Sat 26	Swindon Town	Away	2-1	4,136 (150)	L
Tue 29	Cardiff City	Home	0-1	3,441 (591)	L
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
Fri 1	Colchester United	Home	4-2	3,414 (183)	W
Sat 9	Notts. County	Away	2-2	10,302 (3,764)	D
Sat 16	Team Bath (FA Cup R1)	Away	2-4	5,469 (TBC)	W
Sat 23	Bristol City	Home	4-5	4,801 (1,348)	L
Sat 30	Port Vale	Away	4-2	3,880 (512)	L
<b>DECEMBER</b>					
Sat 7	Crewe Alexandra (FA Cup R2)	Away	3-0	4,563 (750)	L
Sat 14	Blackpool	Home	4-0	4,001 (522)	W
Sat 21	Barnsley	Away	0-1	10,495 (1,211)	W
Thur 26	Stockport County	Home	4-2	6,434 (817)	W
Sat 28	Brentford	Away	1-0	5,844 (550)	L
<b>JANUARY</b>					
Wed 1	Crewe Alexandra	Away	2-0	6,931 (751)	L
Sat 11	Wycombe Wanderers	Home	0-0	4,811 (433)	D
Sat 18	Chesterfield	Away	1-2	6,813 (2,300)	W
Tue 28	Wigan Athletic	Home	1-2	5,524 (439)	L
<b>FEBRUARY</b>					
Sat 1	Plymouth Argyle	Away	3-1	8,030 (240)	L
Tue 4	Brentford	Home	0-0	3,735 (125)	D
Sat 8	Notts. County	Home	3-2	8,134 (2,422)	W
Fri 14	Colchester United	Away	1-0	3,247 (350)	L
Sat 22	Queens Park Rangers	Away	2-2	11,942 (1,000)	D
<b>MARCH</b>					
Sat 1	Oldham Athletic	Home	0-1	5,712 (TBC)	L
Tue 4	Luton Town	Home	3-2	4,829 (722)	W
Sat 8	Cheltenham Town	Away	3-1	3,881 (803)	L
Sat 15	Swindon Town	Home			
Tue 18	Huddersfield Town	Away			
Fri 21	Cardiff City	Away			
Sat 29	Peterborough United	Home			
<b>APRIL</b>					
Sat 5	Port Vale	Home			
Sat 12	Bristol City	Away			
Sat 19	Barnsley	Home			
Mon 21	Blackpool	Away			
Sat 26	Tranmere Rovers	Away			
<b>MAY</b>					
Sat 3	Northampton Town	Home			

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# Mansfield Ladies

**M**ansfield Town Ladies at home to Clowne tomorrow (Sunday 2pm kickoff) are looking to end the clubs worst sequence of results since the club was reformed two years ago.

The ladies have lost there last four games which ended there participation in both cup competitions and included two vital league defeats which means that the club are unlikely to achieve promotion.

Despite the disappointments head coach Stewart Rowley explains that the club remain ambitious and grateful for the support of Mansfield Town chairman Keith Haslam.

"We have facilities here that are second to none, the ladies team are provided with first class kit enjoy free training facilities thanks to Keith and Ashfield School, have four qualified coaches including myself, Chris Phillips, Kath Bailey, and Selwyn Marston, and injured players are able to access the services of Stags physio Ian Pearce.

We are disappointed that we were unable to sustain a push for promotion this season but accept that maybe our expectations of a squad with an average age of just 17 was too high. The club have struggled with injuries all season the biggest problem being the continual absence of goalkeeper Amanda West.

We have the ingredients here to become one of the best Ladies teams in the country but to realise this we need more people to become involved in the administration of the club".

Stags Ladies have 6 games left and boss Kath Bailey has set the Girls a target of 16 points from a possible 18.

"We must look to automatic promotion next season and need players with the desire to achieve success and to match the clubs ambitions. We will be looking for players to perform for a place in the squad for next season".

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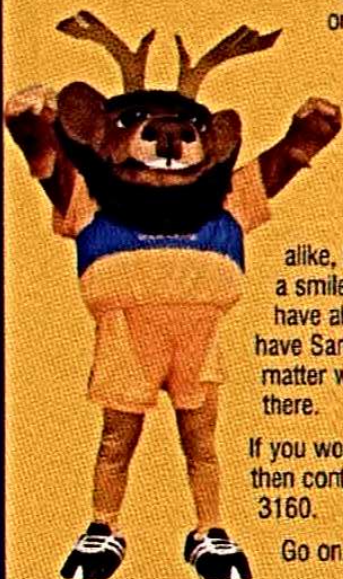
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