

CREWE ALEXANDRA

2002/2003

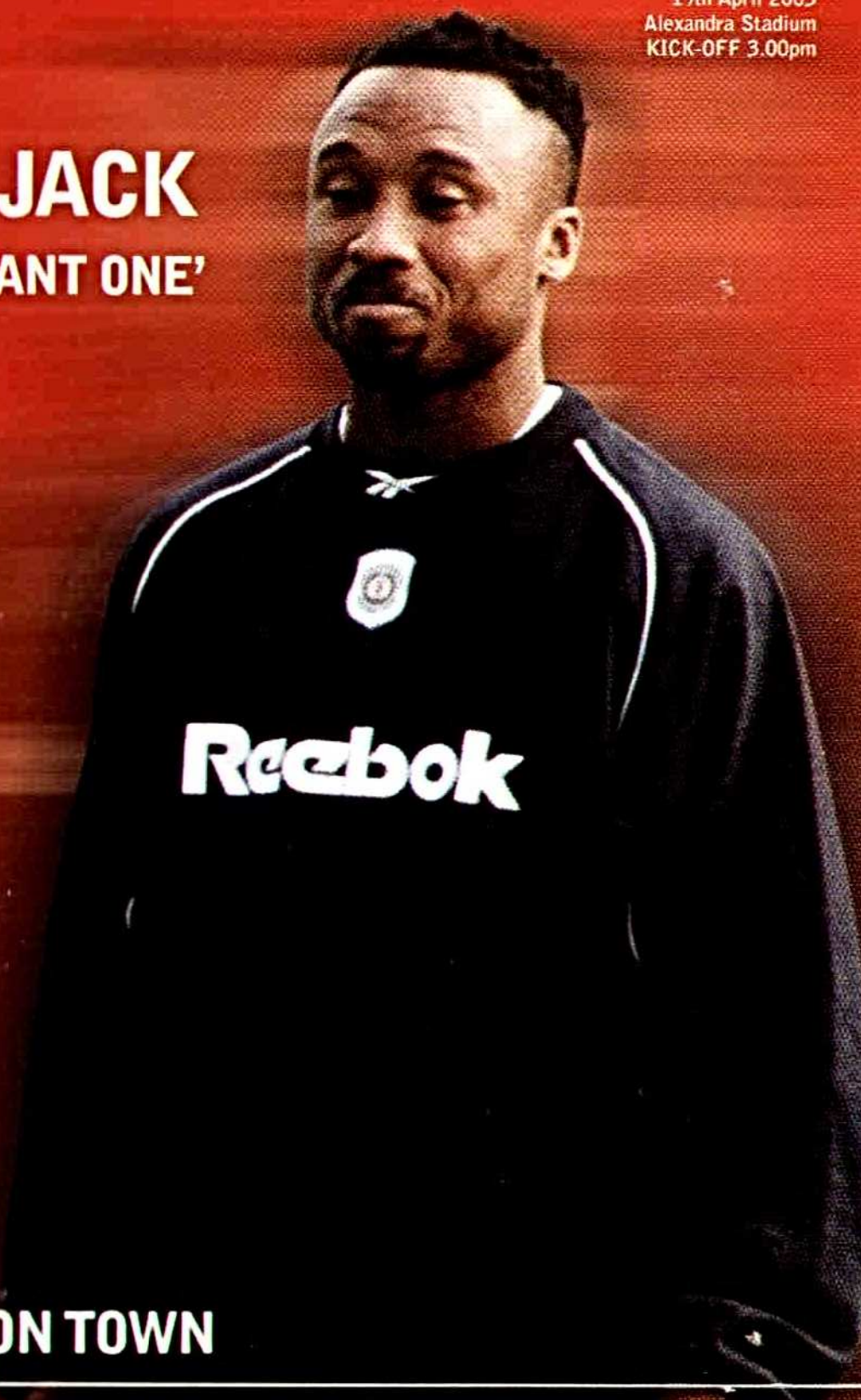


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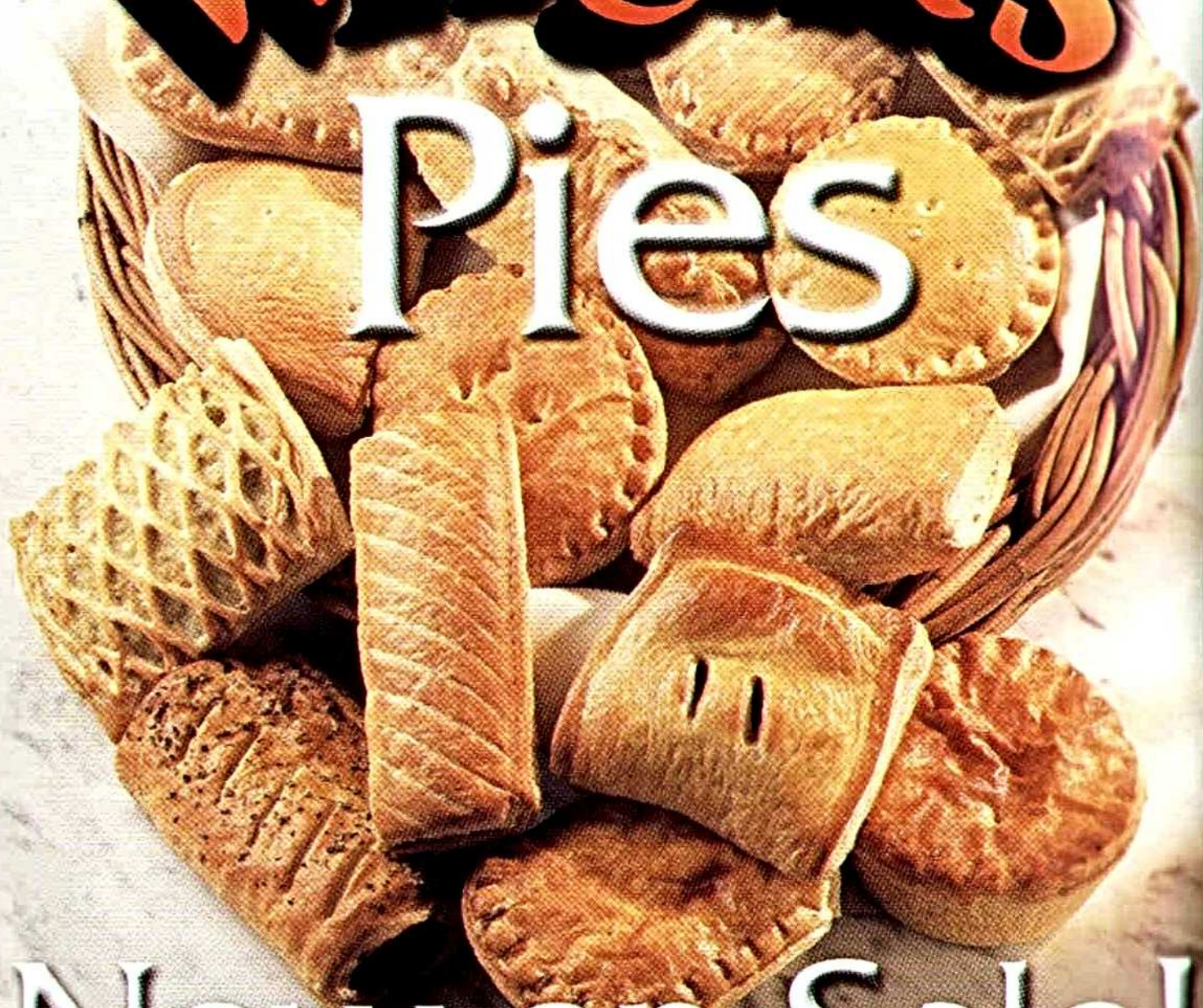
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Bristol Make A Point

TUESDAY NIGHT'S HOME CLASH WITH BRISTOL CITY WAS ONE OF OUR MOST DIFFICULT GAMES OF THE SEASON AND CREDIT TO DANNY WILSON AND HIS SIDE, WHO CAME HERE DETERMINED TO WIN THE GAME AND IN THE PROCESS KEEP THEIR OWN AUTOMATIC PROMOTION HOPES ALIVE.

It certainly wasn't one of our better performances of the season against arguably the finest footballing side to visit Gresty Road - but credit to the players, who defended well under pressure and didn't surrender what we had after Kenny Lunt had given us a first half lead from the penalty spot.

I don't think there are many who would not agree that Bristol City deserved the draw for their second half performance. Yes, it was a sloppy goal we conceded to Christian Roberts and we didn't create too much in the second period, but we didn't lose the game to one of our nearest rivals and they still have to face Cardiff City on Tuesday. It will certainly be an interesting climax to the season and our own fate is still very much in our own hands.

Dario Gradi was honest enough to admit that he too was relieved to hear the final whistle and take a point from Tuesday's game after a below par second half performance at Gresty Road.

"I'm pleased with the result because we didn't play very well. It was always going to be difficult without our full backs but I had a choice to make and decided to play Sodje and Foz as defending full backs - said Dario.

"I could have played Vaughany at left back and given us a better attacking option but I wasn't sure he could cope with Murray whereas I was pretty confident Foz (Stephen Foster) would. He did and we nullified his threat but couldn't get our own passing game going.

"We were trying to be too clever and Kenny (Lunt) got more and more intricate as the game went on and

eventually he lost his drive for it. That was one of our match winners out of the game and although Vaughany kept going, it's hard sometimes because Dean (Ashton) and Rodney (Jack) sometimes play well together and sometimes don't.

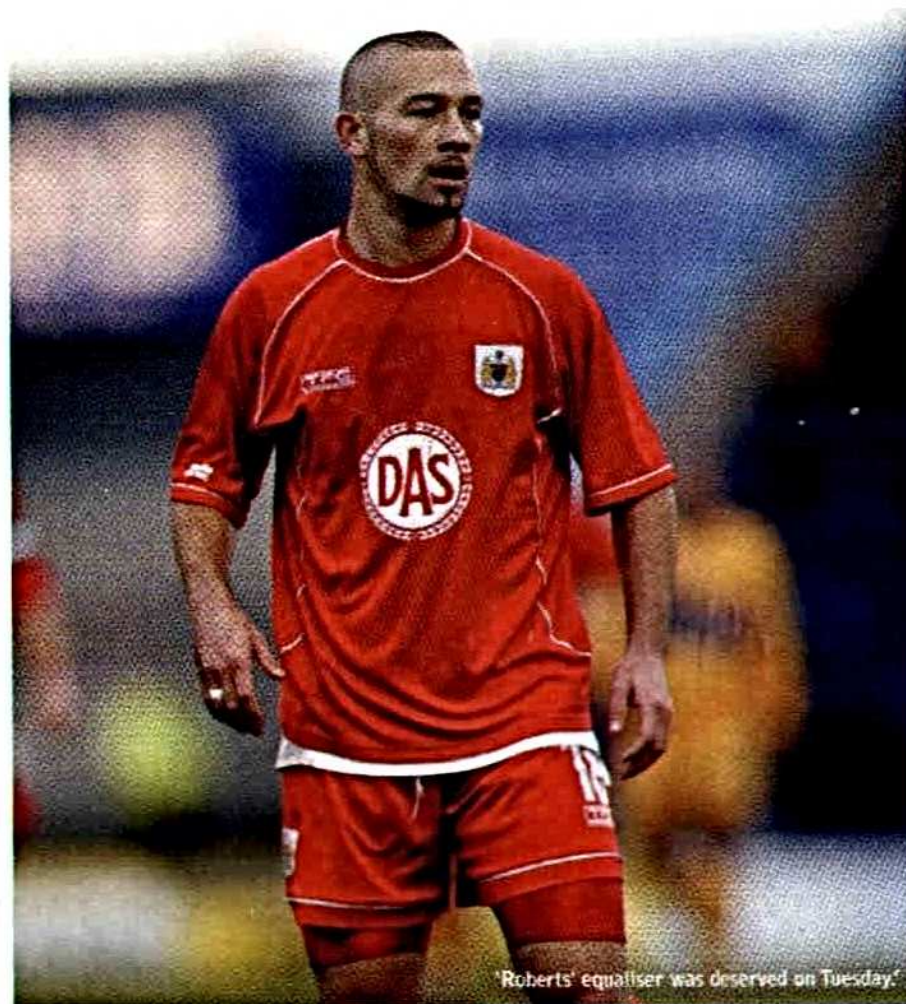
The boss added: "Rodney kept playing out on the right wing and so eventually I put him out there, but there were too many of our players who didn't play well enough to win us the match.

"We defended well though and certainly kept our discipline. Bristol didn't have any near misses and I thought Clayton (Ince) should have done better with the goal despite it being a decent strike.

"So the way the game went I was pleased with the draw in the end and I have to say I was happy to hear the referee's final whistle."

With just four games remaining, the Alex players know that nothing less than three points will do this afternoon. Let us hope that we can record a similar result to the one we achieved at the County Ground back in December. We won 3-1 that day but we rode our luck a little, with Andy King's side creating and wasting a host of decent openings.

Your support was fantastic at Blackpool and then again on Tuesday night. Make as much noise as possible and help the lads acquire those three points we need.



'Roberts' equaliser was deserved on Tuesday.'



CREWE ALEXANDRA AND SWINDON TOWN HAVE ENJOYED SOME MEMORABLE ENCOUNTERS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. THE COUNTY GROUND IN SWINDON WAS THE VENUE FOR OUR FIRST EVER GAME IN THE FIRST DIVISION - BUT THE HISTORIC DAY WAS SPOILT BY A 2-0 DEFEAT IN AUGUST 1997. IN THE SAME SEASON, YOUNG KEVIN STREET AND COLIN LITTLE (PICTURED WINNING A PENALTY AGAINST TY GOODEN) SCORED THE GOALS IN A 2-0 HOME WIN OVER TOWN. OVER THE YEARS, THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN FAIRLY EVEN AND THE VISITORS WILL BE TRYING TO REVERSE THE 3-1 VICTORY WE ENJOYED BACK IN DECEMBER THIS AFTERNOON.



Swindon Town

IT'S A FUNNY STAGE OF THE SEASON FOR SUPPORTERS AND PLAYERS OF SWINDON TOWN FC. SITTING IN 13TH POSITION IN THE NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO IT'S NOW MATHEMATICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE ROBINS TO MAKE THE PLAY OFFS, BUT HAVING ALREADY REACHED THE MAGICAL 50 POINTS MARK RELEGATION LOOKS VERY UNLIKELY.

A season comfortably ensconced in mid table in the Second Division might have been more than fans of Swindon could have dared to dream of in March of last year when the club slipped into administration.

It was the second time in two seasons that the Robins had suffered dire financial problems and their were real fears that they could be the first Football League club to go bust for many years, especially when ITV Digital disappeared a few months later.

Swindon have survived though and despite a poor start to the season, the Robins will play Division Two football again next year with hopes of impacting on the play off places.

Wins over Barnsley (3-1) and Chesterfield (4-2) in the first two games of the season may have raised supporters' hopes a little after a summer of turmoil off the pitch, but only one more victory in their next 12 games meant that the Robins occupied a relegation place in mid October.

Form was patchy, but did improve towards the end of the year and a 7 match unbeaten run at the beginning of 2003 was enough to ensure that the Robins stayed above the dreaded drop zone whilst others faltered.

A 2-1 win at the County Ground against runaway league leaders Wigan Athletic was the cream of the improved results, although thrashings of Stockport County (5-2) and Chesterfield (3-0) and an excellent 1-0 away win at Tranmere Rovers also showed that Andy King's side were more than capable of producing a result.

Recent form though has dipped

alarmingly and although 9 points clear of the relegation places with 4 games to go should just about be enough, King will not be impressed with one win from the last 8 matches.

That solitary triumph was a 5-0 thumping of Notts County at the County Ground, but defeats against the likes of strugglers Huddersfield Town (0-1), Cheltenham Town (0-3), Northampton (0-1) and Mansfield Town (1-2) will not have pleased Robins fans.

King will certainly be demanding an improvement from his players and, although they come into today's game

with nothing really to play for, they will be desperate to impress their manager in order to secure their places in his squad for next season. That makes today's game a tough battle.

Although this may have been an average season for Swindon a shining light has been the form of striker Sam Parkin. The 22 year old arrived after being allowed to leave Premiership giants Chelsea, and his 24 goals in all competitions may indicated that Claudio Ranieri's policy of importing foreigners galore, may have allowed an uncut diamond to slip through the net.



Andy King

Swindon Town

BART GRIEMINK - GOALKEEPER

Giant keeper signed by former boss 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 before eventually joining the club. He originally came to English football in 1995 with Birmingham before following Barry Fry to Peterborough United and then moving on to Swindon Town.

GARETH EDDS - DEFENDER

21-year old Australian who, having joined Swindon on a month's loan from Nottingham Forest, before agreeing a 12-month deal in the summer. Played

nearly 40 games at Forest before joining Town and has been excellent in the right-back role.

ANDY GURNEY - DEFENDER

Andy joined Reading from Torquay in January 1999 for £100,000 as an attack-minded, right-sided defender who can 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 before Andy King snapped him up on a Bosman in the summer of 2001. Has been an integral part of King's squad this season and is set to continue as club captain.

Birmingham City for £50,000 in February 2001, he was an automatic choice for the Robins for the remainder of that season. Found in the centre or right of midfield, Robinson likes to win the ball and pass it on quickly. A former Birmingham trainee, he broke into the Blues team under Barry Fry before moving on to the City Ground.

MATTHEW HEWLETT - MIDFIELDER

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



'Matthew Heywood'

MATTHEW HEYWOOD - DEFENDER

Heywood failed to break through at Burnley and, after being alerted as to his availability, Andy King snapped him up on a free transfer. What a signing he's proved to be, and it was 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.

STEFANI MIGLIORANZI - MIDFIELDER

Miglioranzi 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. The 22-year-old is a Brazilian born American but holds an Italian passport. What's more, Miglioranzi is versatile; and he can play in defence or as a central midfielder.

STEVE ROBINSON - MIDFIELDER

Tough-tackling and energetic right-footed midfield terrier signed from



'Sam Parkin'



Star Man



DANNY INVINCIBLE - MIDFIELD

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.

The former Marconi Stallion and Aussie Under-21 star 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. Has recently turned down the chance of a new contract with the club and looks set to move on.

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. Has been the midfield general this time around and Town sorely miss his presence when he's injured.

DARREN DYKES - MIDFIELDER

Darren was 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.

ERIC SABIN - FORWARD

Few had heard of the young Frenchman when he joined the club last summer, but he has brought a lot of flair and excitement to Town's front line. Sabin joined Town from French Second Division club Wasquehall. He looks particularly dangerous when the ball is played behind the opposing defence for he has blistering pace.

SAM PARKIN - FORWARD

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. Had a spell at Millwall before enjoying loan spells at Wycombe Wanderers, Oldham and Northampton. Parkin tops the scoring charts for the Robins with an impressive 23 league goals.

SWINDON TOWN statistics

Ground:

The County Ground

Manager:

Andy King

Honours:

Football League Second Division
Champions in 1995-96

Football League Fourth Division
Champions in 1985-86

FA Cup: Best Semi-Final - 1910, 1912

League Cup: Winners in 1969

Youngest Player:

Paul Rideout 16 years 107 days Vs Hull
City, 29th November 1980.

Oldest Player:

Alex Ferguson, 43 years and 103 days
vs Bristol City, 1947

Most League Appearances:

John Trollope 770 between 1960-
1980

Most Capped Player:

Rod Thomas 30 (50) for Wales

Record Goalscorer:

216 league - Harry Morris from
1926-33

Record Win:

10-1 FA Cup 1st Round v Farnham U
Breweries 28th November 1925.

Record Defeat:

1-10 v Man City, FA Cup 4th Round,
25th January 1930

Last Season:

13th in Division Two





'Swindon's last victory at Gresty Road saw Iffy Onuora score twice.'

GOALS BY STEPHEN FOSTER, DEAN ASHTON AND RODNEY JACK GAVE CREWE ALEXANDRA A 3-1 SECOND DIVISION VICTORY AT SWINDON TOWN ON 21ST DECEMBER 2002. KEVIN STREET AND SHAUN SMITH SCORED TO GIVE CREWE A 2-1 WIN ON SWINDON'S LAST LEAGUE VISIT TO GRESTDY ROAD IN SEPTEMBER 1999. SWINDON'S LAST LEAGUE WIN HERE WAS 2-0 IN NOVEMBER 1998 WITH TWO GOALS FROM IFFY ONUORA.

PROMOTION WINNER

Former Swindon Town left-back Mark Gardiner helped Crewe Alexandra to win promotion in 1988-89 and 1993-94. Signing professional at the County Ground in October 1984, he was a member of Swindon's 1985-86 Fourth Division title squad and scored once in ten League games for today's visitors prior to joining Torquay United in February 1987. He joined Crewe in August 1988 and also helped Dario Gradi's side to reach the play-offs in two consecutive seasons, netting 35 goals in 193 League outings before moving to Frederikstad in June 1995.

CUP HERO

One-time Crewe Alexandra central defender Colin Prohett was ever-present for Swindon Town in 1976-77. Moving to the County Ground from Norwich City in September 1974, he starred as Swindon took West Ham and Everton to FA Cup fourth round replays in 1974-75 and 1976-77 respectively and netted ten times in 160 Third Division games prior to joining Chesterfield in September 1978. He joined Crewe in October 1979 and was ever-present in 1980-81, scoring once in 79 League outings while at Gresty Road before moving to Cardiff City as reserve team coach in July 1981.

WAR-TIME FOOTBALL

Former Swindon Town inside-forward Fred Chandler played for Crewe Alexandra either side of the Second World War. Moving to the County

Ground from Blackpool in May 1936, he played alongside Jimmy Cookson in Swindon's attack and netted seven goals in 21 Third Division (South) games for today's opponents prior to joining Crewe in May 1937. He formed a notable left-wing partnership with Matt Johnson and played for the Alex in war-time football, scoring 22 times in 80 League outings while at Gresty Road before retiring in May 1947.

LEADING MARKSMAN

Former Crewe Alexandra striker Keith East was Swindon Town's leading marksman in 1965-66. Moving to the County Ground from Portsmouth in May 1964, he partnered the likes of Don Rogers and Mike Summerbee in Swindon's attack and netted 21 goals in 45 League games for today's visitors prior to joining Stockport County in December 1966. He joined Crewe from Northampton Town in July 1971 and briefly played alongside Stan Bowles, scoring eight times in 34 Fourth Division outings while at Gresty Road before moving to Folkestone in June 1972.

WING WIZARD

Winger Tommy Weale played for both Swindon Town and Crewe Alexandra during his career. Moving to the County Ground from Folkestone in July 1929, he made his League debut in Swindon's 4-1 defeat at Fulham on New Year's Day 1930 and scored in his only other first-team appearance for the Robins in their 4-1 reverse at Watford three months later. He joined Crewe in July 1931 and created numerous chances for the likes of Jimmy McConnell and Bert Swindells, netting 27 goals in 101 Third Division (North) outings while at Gresty Road prior to joining Burnley in February 1934.

TITLE TRIUMPH

Former Crewe Alexandra striker Peter Coyne featured prominently in Swindon Town's 1985-86 Fourth Division title triumph. Moving to Gresty Road from Ashton United in August 1977, he was



Crewe's leading marksman in two consecutive seasons and netted 47 goals in 134 Fourth Division games prior to joining Hyde United in July 1981. He reunited with Lou Macari at Swindon in August 1984 and also featured in their 1986-87 promotion campaign, scoring 30 times in 110 League outings for today's opponents before moving to Colne Dynamos in July 1990.

TOP SCORER

One-time Crewe Alexandra inside-forward Tommy Armstrong was Swindon Town's top scorer in 1933-34. Moving to the County Ground from Airdrie in July 1933, he scored on his League debut in Swindon's 2-1 win at Newport County a month later and netted 30 goals in 64 Third Division (South) games for today's opponents prior to joining Crewe in July 1935. He partnered Bert Swindells in attack and featured prominently as the Alex won the Welsh Cup in two consecutive seasons, scoring ten times in 68 League outings while at Gresty Road.

EVER-PRESENT

Former Swindon Town left-half Teddy Ware was ever-present as Crewe Alexandra finished eighth in the Third Division (North) in 1937-38. Moving to the County Ground from Clapton Orient in July 1936, he contested a first-team slot with Stan Wilcockson and made five Third Division (South) appearances for Swindon prior to joining Crewe on a free transfer in July 1937. He formed an effective half-back line with Gardner Blake and John Scott, playing 61 League games while at Gresty Road until retiring during the Second World War.

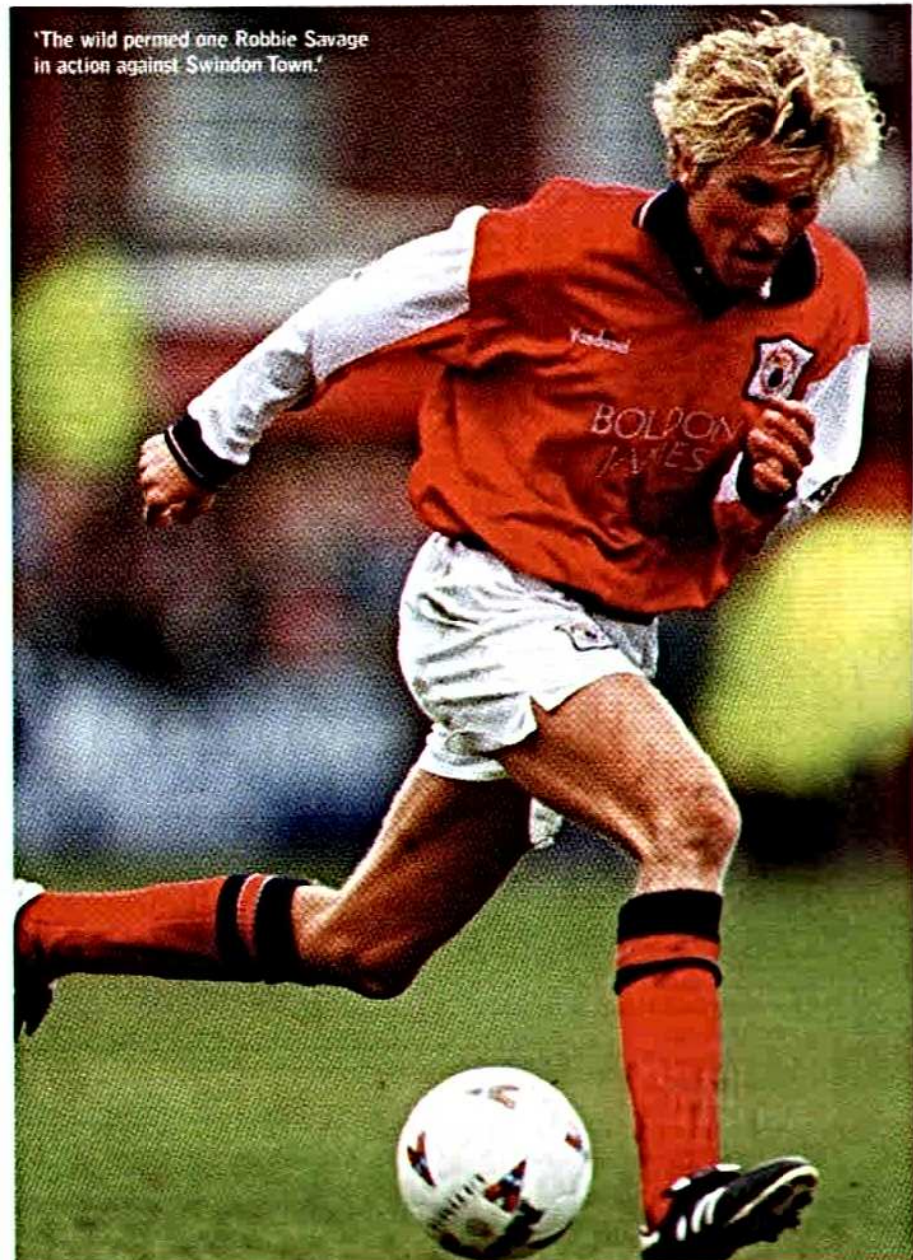
MANAGING TO SUCCEED

Maurice Lindley managed both Swindon Town and Crewe Alexandra during his career. Previously a defender with Everton, he joined Swindon as a coach in July 1951 and succeeded Louis Page as their manager from May 1953 and May 1955. He replaced

Ralph Ward as Crewe's boss and was in charge at Gresty Road between July 1955 and July 1958. Former Northern Ireland international goalkeeper Harry

Gregg was Crewe's manager from January 1975 until July 1978 and later assisted Lou Macari at Swindon during the mid-Eighties.

'The wild permied one Robbie Savage in action against Swindon Town.'



LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST SWINDON TOWN

	P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	9	6	0	3	15	8
AWAY	10	3	1	6	7	11
TOTAL	19	9	1	9	22	19

Crewe Alexandra v Swindon Town

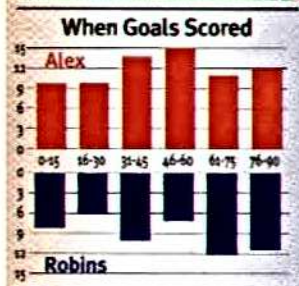
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Clubs Comparison

Goals Scored		
45	Shots	27
11	Headers	7
10	Volleys	12
3	Penalties	5
2	Free Kicks	3
1	Own Goals	0

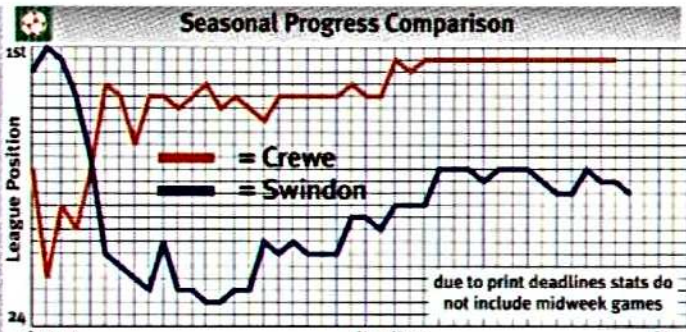


Form Guide - Last 6

4	Won	1
1	Drawn	2
1	Lost	3
11	For	8
4	Against	6
13	Points	5
7	Goal Difference	2
LDWWW	Sequence	LDWLDL

Yellow & Red Cards

28	Yellow	55
3	Red	3



2002-2003 Attendances

Alex	Aggregate	Robins
131,661		113,614
9,006	Highest	8,629
5,138	Lowest	4,136
6,583	Average	5,410
65	% of Capacity	37

Average Goals per game

	For	Robins
1.76		1.29
1.35	Home For	1.43
2.14	Away For	1.14
0.88	Against	1.38
0.80	Home Against	1.24
0.95	Away Against	1.52

2002-2003 Figures

29	Players Used	26
16	Clean Sheets	5
8	Failed to Score	14
5	Goals scored from...	8
13	Corners	7
5	Free Kicks	6
2	Goals conceded from...	9
	Corners	
	Free Kicks	

10 Year Record

Alex	Avg Pos.	Robins
45.4	among 92 clubs	44.7
3,833	Avg Att 1993	15,011
6,475	Avg Att 2002	5,109
69	+ / - %	-66

Top League Scorers

Hulse	League Goals	Robins
21		23
33	Games Played	39
0.64	Lge Goals/Game	0.59
14	Points Gained	18
4	Scoring Run	6
0	Hat-Tricks	2
7	Close Range	9
11	Inside Area	14
3	Long Range	0
12	Shots	12
4	Headers	3
5	Volleys	4
0	Penalties	4
0	Direct FKs	0

Swings

CA	Games Won from:	ST
0	3 Goals Down	0
0	2 Goals Down	0
3	1 Goal Down	4

0	Lost from:	0
0	3 Goals Up	0
0	2 Goals Up	0
1	1 Goal Up	1

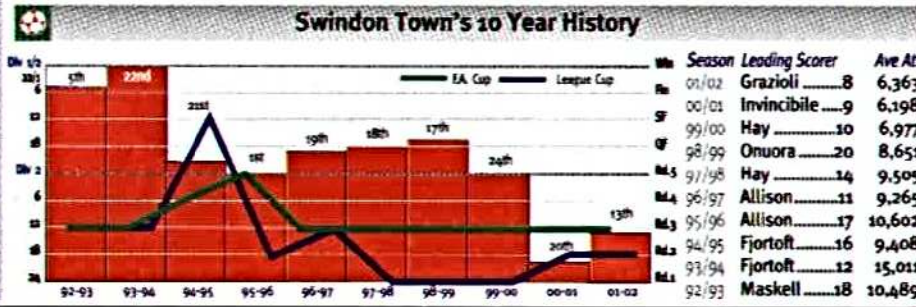
0	Drawn from:	0
0	3 Goals Down	0
0	2 Goals Down	1
0	1 Goal Down	5
0	3 Goals Up	0
3	2 Goals Up	0
3	1 Goal Up	5

Margins

9	Won by 1 Gl	6
10	Won by 2 Gl	4
2	Won by 3 Gl	2
2	Won by 4 Gl	0
1	Won by 5+ Gl	1
	Games	
7	Lost by 1 Gl	8
1	Lost by 2 Gl	6
1	Lost by 3 Gl	3
0	Lost by 4 Gl	0
0	Lost by 5+ Gl	0

Misc stats

2	Highest Pos.	1
20	Lowest Pos.	22
4	Winning Run	2
8	Unbeaten Run	7
2	Losing Run	6
2	No Win Run	7



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WINNING MARGINS

Gms won by:	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4 gls	5+
Wigan	11	15	1	0	0
Crewe	9	10	2	2	1
Cardiff	13	4	2	4	0
Bristol City	8	8	5	1	0
QPR	7	9	3	2	0
Oldham	12	5	0	2	1
Tranmere	14	2	2	1	0
Luton	11	2	3	0	0
Plymouth	8	4	2	0	1
Blackpool	7	5	3	0	0
Wycombe	5	4	2	1	1
Brentford	9	2	1	0	1
Swindon	6	4	2	0	1
Chesterfield	10	1	0	2	0
Colchester	8	3	1	1	0
Stockport	7	3	2	1	0
Port Vale	11	1	1	0	0
Notts County	6	3	3	0	0
Mansfield	7	2	0	1	1
Peterborough	6	2	1	2	0
Huddersfield	7	2	1	1	0
Barnsley	9	2	0	0	0
Northampton	5	2	3	0	0
Cheltenham	4	4	1	0	0

FULL GROUNDS - ATTENDANCES

Club	Aggregate	% Capacity
QPR	273,238	68
Blackpool	146,612	68
Luton	142,786	68
Northampton	108,913	68
Cardiff	272,826	65
Crewe	131,661	65
Cheltenham	97,112	62
Wycombe	125,698	60
Chesterfield	86,426	59
Bristol City	245,439	54
Oldham	140,325	49
Mansfield	103,611	49
Tranmere	163,398	47
Stockport	111,845	46

CLEAN SHEETS

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

FAILED TO SCORE

Gms without scoring	Lge Pos
Northampton	20
Huddersfield	19
Mansfield	17
Chesterfield	17
Peterborough	15
Wycombe	14
Brentford	14
Swindon	14
Blackpool	12
Barnsley	11
Plymouth	11
Tranmere	11
Cheltenham	10
Port Vale	10
Notts County	10
Colchester	10
Luton	10
QPR	10
Oldham	10
Bristol City	10
Stockport	9
Crewe	8
Cardiff	6
Wigan	6

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
Tranmere	11
Cardiff	10
Crewe	8
Plymouth	8
Brentford	7
Colchester	7
Luton	7
Oldham	7
Swindon	7

LOSING STREAK:

Swindon	6
Chesterfield	6
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
Blackpool	8
Bristol City	8
Cheltenham	8
Colchester	8
Notts County	8
Plymouth	8
Stockport	8
Brentford	7
Mansfield	7
Peterborough	7
Swindon	7

HEADERS SCORED

Oldham	18
Wigan	15
Cardiff	14
Stockport	14
Tranmere	14
Wycombe	14
Plymouth	13
Barnsley	12
Blackpool	12
Cheltenham	12
Peterborough	12
Port Vale	12
Crewe	11
QPR	11

HEADERS CONCEDED

Mansfield	21
Brentford	19
Chesterfield	16
Notts County	16
Port Vale	16
Cheltenham	14
Swindon	13
Barnsley	12
Luton	12
Stockport	12
Blackpool	11
Colchester	11
QPR	11

GOALS FROM OUTSIDE 18 YARD BOX

SCORED				CONCEDED			
Clb	Total	%		Clb	Total	%	
Mansfield	12	60	20	Blackpool	14	56	25
Huddersfield	7	36	19	Colchester	9	50	18
Plymouth	11	57	19	Luton	10	57	18
Northampton	7	37	19	Wycombe	11	63	17
QPR	12	64	19	Peterborough	9	52	17
Bristol City	12	72	17	Stockport	11	65	17
Barnsley	8	48	17	Northampton	11	68	16
Tranmere	9	55	16	Notts County	10	66	15
Colchester	8	49	16	Tranmere	8	54	15
Crewe	11	72	15	Oldham	5	34	15
Chesterfield	6	40	15	Plymouth	7	48	15
Wigan	9	64	14	Cardiff	5	35	14
Stockport	8	57	14	Bristol City	6	43	14
Wycombe	8	57	14	Cheltenham	9	65	14

ordered as % of all goals scored

GOALS PER GAME - THE MOST CONSISTENT STRIKERS

Player	Robert Earnshaw	Rob Hulse	Luke Beckett	Mark Stollard	Sam Parkin	Scott Murray	Iyeden Christie	Tony Thorpe	John Murphy	Martin Smith	Bruce Dyer
Lge Gls:	30	21	27	24	23	17	18	12	15	17	17
WC Gls:	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FAC Gls:	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	1	2	0	1
LDV:	0	4	0	0	1	5	0	2	1	0	0
Gls/Gme:	0.72	0.70	0.63	0.57	0.55	0.50	0.48	0.47	0.45	0.45	0.44

HIGHEST & LOWEST ATTENDANCES

Premiership
67,706 Man U v Fulham
14,253 Fulham v Boro

Division 1
33,016 Derby v Reading
849 Wimbledon v Rotherham

Division 2
18,085 Bristol C v Plymouth
2,721 Colchester v Wigan

Division 3
22,319 Hull v Hartlepool
1,576 Macc v Hartlepool

Crewe Lose Wright For The Season

JUST WHEN IT APPEARED THAT DAVID WRIGHT WAS ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY, WE HAVE BEEN DEALT THE NEWS THAT HE IS SET TO MISS THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON. THE FIRST CHOICE RIGHT-BACK WAS ALL SET TO RETURN TO THE FIRST-TEAM SQUAD THIS WEEK, BUT HE SUFFERED ANOTHER INJURY SET-BACK OUT ON THE TRAINING PITCH AND HE WENT FOR A SCAN ON A PROBLEMATIC THIGH MUSCLE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE RESULTS HAVE REVEALED A TEAR, WHICH WILL RULE HIM OUT OF THE ALL-IMPORTANT RUN-IN.

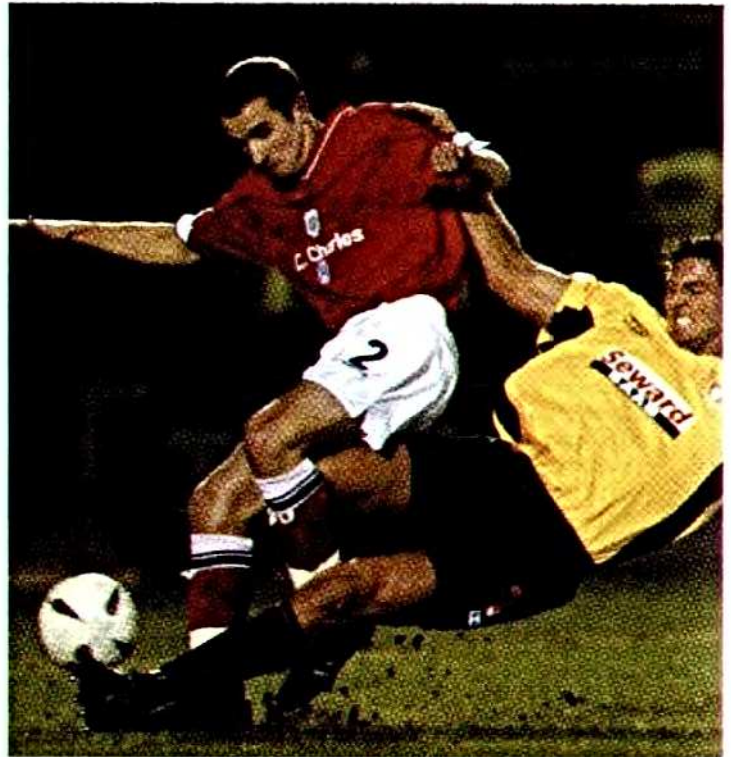
"The tests have revealed a tear and so I am not expecting David Wright to play again this season – said Dario.

"It's not the kind of thing that can be operated on and it will just be a case of resting it and let time be the healer."

Wright has played in just one of the last ten matches after suffering a re-occurrence of the injury in the 4-2 home win over Wycombe Wanderers on March 4th.

The loss of Wright is made worse by the fact that his replacement Chris McCready will also miss the remainder of the season after undergoing knee surgery.

After discussion with specialist Dai Rees, the unlucky McCready underwent surgery and is currently recovering well at the club's Reaseheath Training Ground.



'They Said It'



"Good teams will always hurt you at any time in the game, whether it's the 68th minute or the 90th. They will always hurt you and that's what you are up against with Crewe."

- Blackpool boss Steve McMahon was inspired by Crewe's work ethic.



"If it goes to the wire, so be it. If you had said at the start of the season that we would be going into the last game of the season needing to beat Crewe to get promotion I think we would have taken that."

- Umm, should we believe Cardiff's Graham Kavanagh or not?



"When Sam (Hammam) rings me, I just try and ignore it because knowing him he could be up to anything. He enjoys playing mind games."

- Dario Gradi tells Sky Sports, he is playing it nice and cool during the run-in.

BULLET POINTS:

- Wright and McCready out for the season through injury. Supporters are reminded that they can only purchase a match ticket for the final game of the season (Cardiff) if they have a customer number.

Crewe's New Reebok Away Shirt

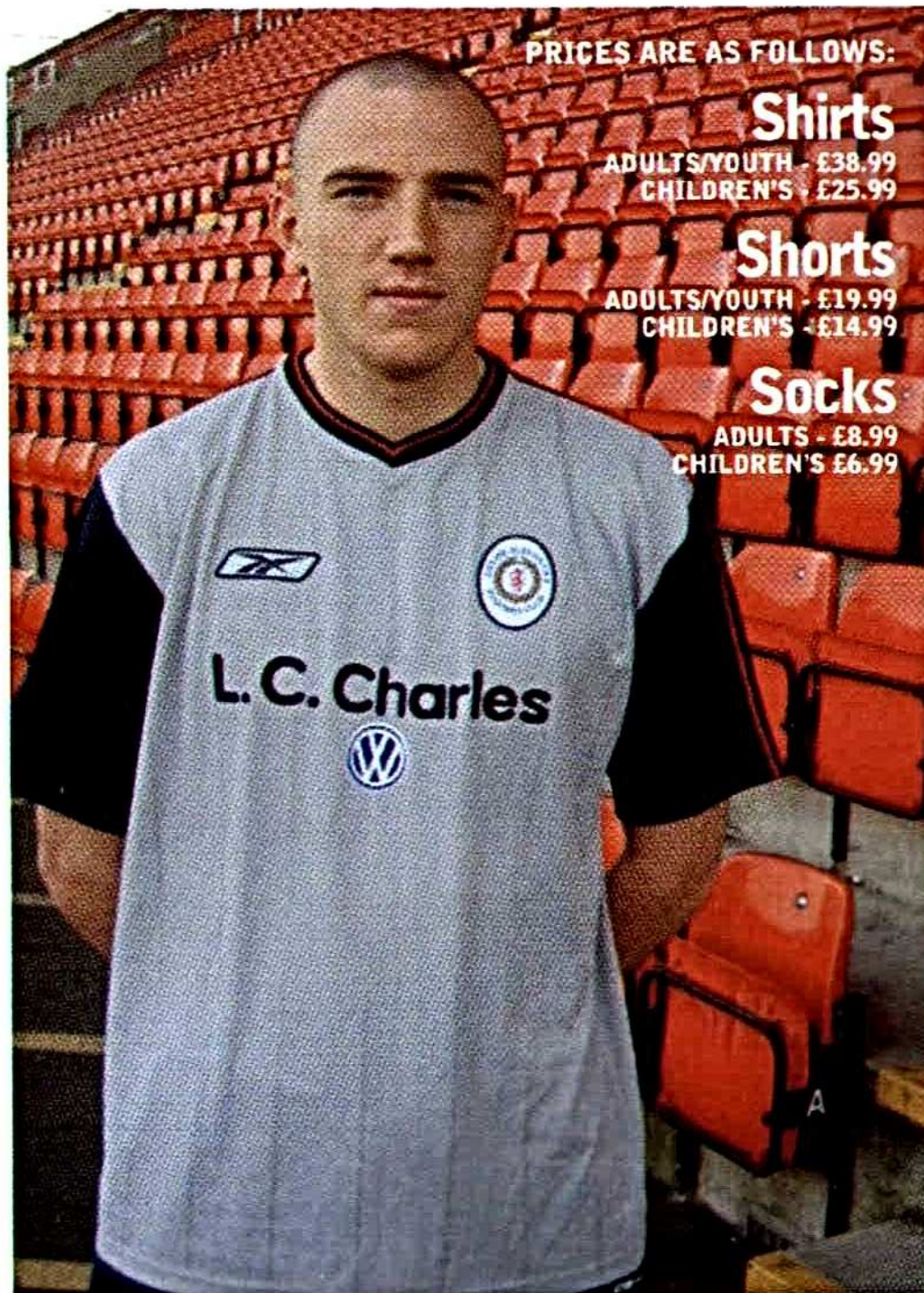
THIS IS THE FIRST PICTURE RELEASED OF THE NEW CREWE ALEXANDRA AWAY SHIRT. SMART ISN'T IT?

'The Doorman' Richard Walker kindly took time out before the Bristol City game to model the new Reebok away shirt at the Alexandra Stadium. Subscribers to Crewe Alex World were lucky enough to view the strip in advance and one lucky viewer will claim the very first shirt off the conveyor belt.

At the moment on the club's official web site, we are offering one subscriber the opportunity to own the new shirt before it officially goes on sale on Thursday 24th April. If you are interested in entering the competition, we will be announcing the winner on Monday afternoon, so you still have a chance of winning this fabulous prize. Click onto www.crewealex.net for more details.

The new Crewe Alex away shirt will be on sale in the club shop from Thursday. Therefore, the shop will be closed on Wednesday 23rd April - but the Ticket Office will be open for business as usual.

On the day of the official launch the Club Shop will be open from 9am to 7pm to allow you more time to purchase the new strip after work.



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* Crewe hopeful that Paul Tierney will be back in contention tonight. The on-loan Manchester United star has missed the last three games because of a thigh strain obtained on international duty. Crewe took 2,384 to Blackpool - biggest away following at Bloomfield Rd this season.

Beatles Roll Into Town Tonight!

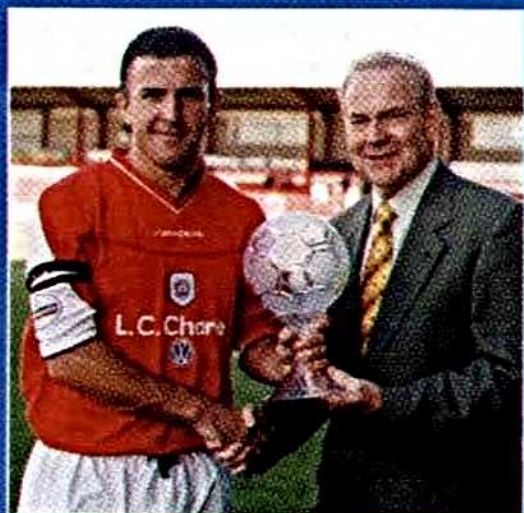
Player-of-the-Year Awards Night

TICKETS ARE SELLING EXTREMELY FAST FOR THIS EVENT AND ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE CREWE ALEXANDRA CLUB SHOP OR YOU CAN PHONE PROMOTIONS MANAGER MARTIN ROBBINS ON 01270 213014 EXT 108.

The club will be hosting their first Player-of-the-Year awards night on Saturday 31st May 2003. The not-to-be-missed event will take place in the Signals Lounge at the Alexandra Stadium and will consist of a cabaret and dinner.

For just £30 a ticket or £240 for a pre-booked table of eight, you will enjoy a four-course meal, cabaret entertainment starting television star Martin Lambert, a disco and late bar.

You can now vote for your choice of Player-of-the-Season by filling in one of the voting slips that can be found in the club shop and various function rooms.



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One of the country's leading Beatles tribute bands will be strutting their stuff at the Alexandra Stadium tonight. If you want a night's entertainment with us, then you can purchase tickets from the Club Shop until 5pm today.

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BULLET POINTS:

- Stefan Oakes agrees to extend his loan deal until the end of the season. Crewe's new away shirt to go on sale on Thursday 24th April.

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Our thanks go to Reebok for their continued support of Crewe Alexandra Football Club over the last few seasons and we must thank all those supporters, who have supported the official web site this year and we promise you that next season it be a good site better!

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Crewe Alex World is quickly becoming a must have service for supporters of Crewe Alexandra both locally, and for those living in exile, and subscribers are already in their hundreds spreading across the country and as far away as Singapore, Hong Kong and Canada.

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Introducing Crewe Alexandra

GOALKEEPERS

Clayton Ince (13) – The Trinidad and Tobago keeper has just helped the club to a new club record of 23 clean sheets this season. The most recent coming at Blackpool last weekend. Was disappointed with the one he conceded in mid-week but has been in excellent form.

Ademola Bankole (1) – The former QPR keeper has kept four clean-sheets this season and has featured in eight games.

Stuart Tomlinson (22) – The 2nd year scholar made his league debut this season in a 3-1 win at Oldham.

DEFENDERS

David Wright (2) – The Warrington born defender is unlikely to play again this season after suffering a thigh injury.

Paul Tierney (29) – The talented left-back is currently on loan from Manchester United for the season and is an Republic of Ireland Under-21 star. Struggling to be fit due to a thigh strain.

David Walton (5) – The former Shrewsbury and Sheffield United defender is currently out of contract in the summer and we could lose him on a Bosman free. Has enjoyed a virtually injury free season and scored his only goal of the campaign against Mansfield.

Richard Walker (3) – Rich has established himself in the back four this season. Got over an early red card against Wigan to make nearly 40 appearances this season.

Stephen Foster (6) – The Warrington youngster is currently playing at left-back and remains a threat from set-plays, scoring four times in 39 appearances so far.

Efe Sodje (16) – The Nigerian World Cup defender is operating as a right-back in the absence of David Wright and Chris McCready. He has scored twice this season, including an injury-time equaliser against Bournemouth in the FA Cup.

MIDFIELDERS

Neil Sorvel (12) – The former Macclesfield midfielder is in his second spell at Crewe and has been in good form in recent weeks. Sorvel is the team's unsung hero, who pops up in both penalty areas. Has scored twice this season against Northampton and Port Vale.

Dave Brammer (8) – The former Port Vale and Wrexham midfielder is the current club captain and has made 45 appearances so far this season, scoring twice from the penalty spot.

Kenny Lunt (4) – The Runcorn-born midfielder has scored eight times this season, which has included our last two goals against Blackpool and Bristol City. The former England Youth International is the creator of the side but he was substituted on Tuesday. An ever present so far this season.

Ben Rix (19) – The Wolverhampton youngster broke into the first-team last season and has made 24 appearances this season and has recently returned to first-team action after an ankle injury.

David Vaughan (14) – The Welsh Under-21 winger is one of the most creative players at the club. He has also filled in at left-back this season and made 30 appearances this campaign. So far, he has scored four goals this season, most recently at Luton in a comfortable 4-0 victory.

Lee Bell (20) – The Alsager based youth made his full debut against Blackpool in the LDV and opened his goalscoring account against Colchester United back in August with a real thunderbolt. Bell started games against Wigan and Wycombe but has been on the bench since.

FORWARDS

Rodney Jack (11) – The St. Vincent International has been in good goal scoring form this season and has reached the 16 goal mark already. The



Dave Brammer

former Torquay-man has been in great form of late playing alongside Dean Ashton, scoring at Luton and then the winner against Stockport.

Rob Hulse (9) – The local lad tops the goal scoring charts for the club with 26 goals in just 35 starts. Has had a frustrating time with a groin strain but has shaken that off and looks ready for the run-in.

Dean Ashton (10) – As a key member of the England Under-20 side, Ashton has hit an impressive number of goals in his relatively short career. Has 16 goals in just 27 starts this season.

Steve Jones (17) – The unlucky Irishman was in fine form before injury struck against Wycombe. A badly gashed eye and damage to his cheekbone ruled him for a number of games but he made his return against Bristol City on Tuesday.



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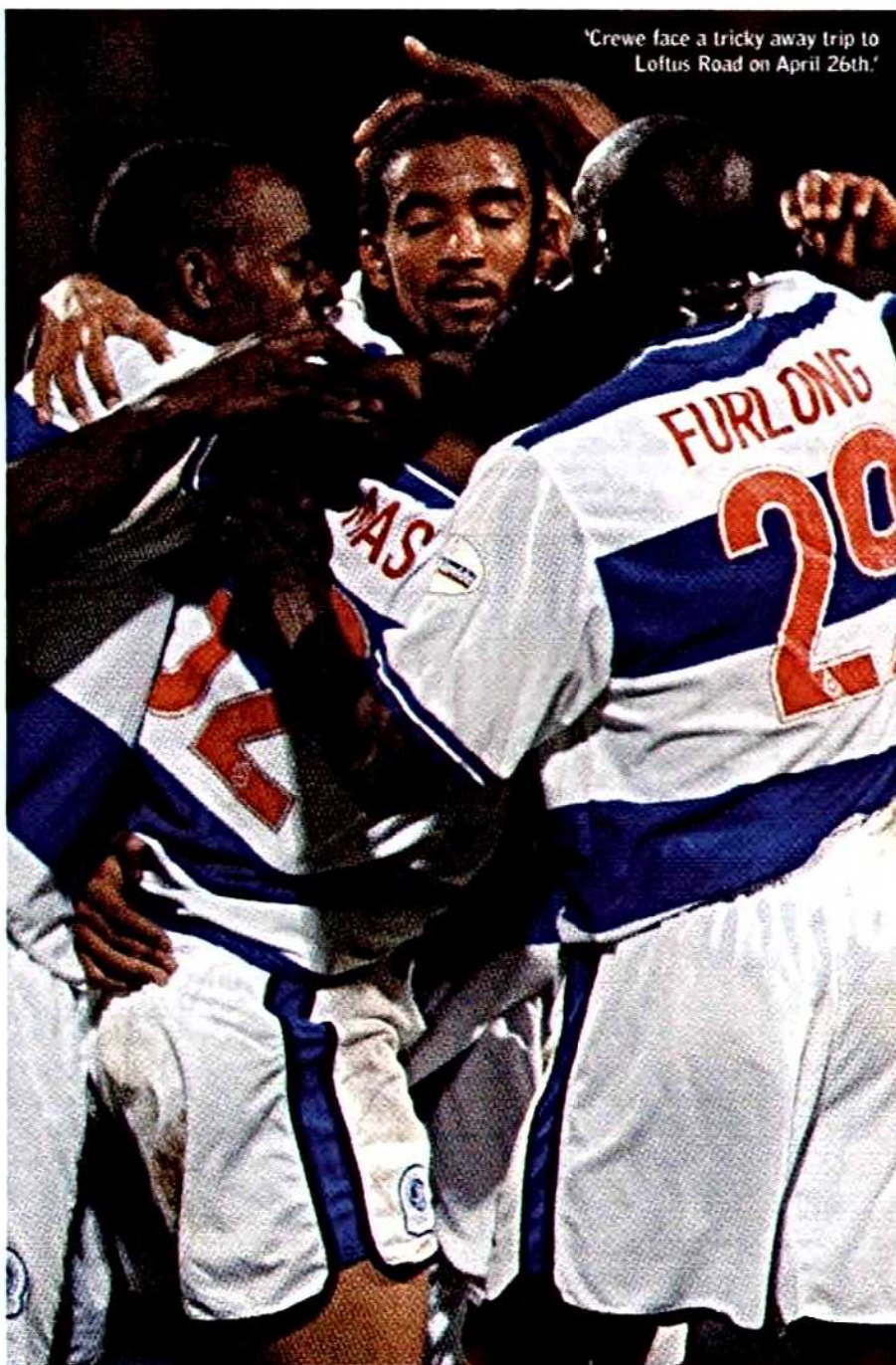
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The Pressure Cooker

IT IS GETTING HOT IN HERE! HERE ARE THE REMAINING FIXTURES OF CREWE CLOSEST RIVALS. WIGAN ATHLETIC, THE OUTSTANDING SIDE OF THE SECOND DIVISION MAY HAVE THE TITLE ALL BUT SOWN UP, BUT THAT SECOND AUTOMATIC PLACE IS STILL VERY MUCH UP FOR GRABS. IT LOOKS LIKE GOING RIGHT TO THE WIRE AND POSSIBLY THAT FINAL GAME AGAINST CARDIFF CITY ON MAY 3RD. WHAT YOU THINK?



'Crewe face a tricky away trip to Loftus Road on April 26th.'

		Wigan			
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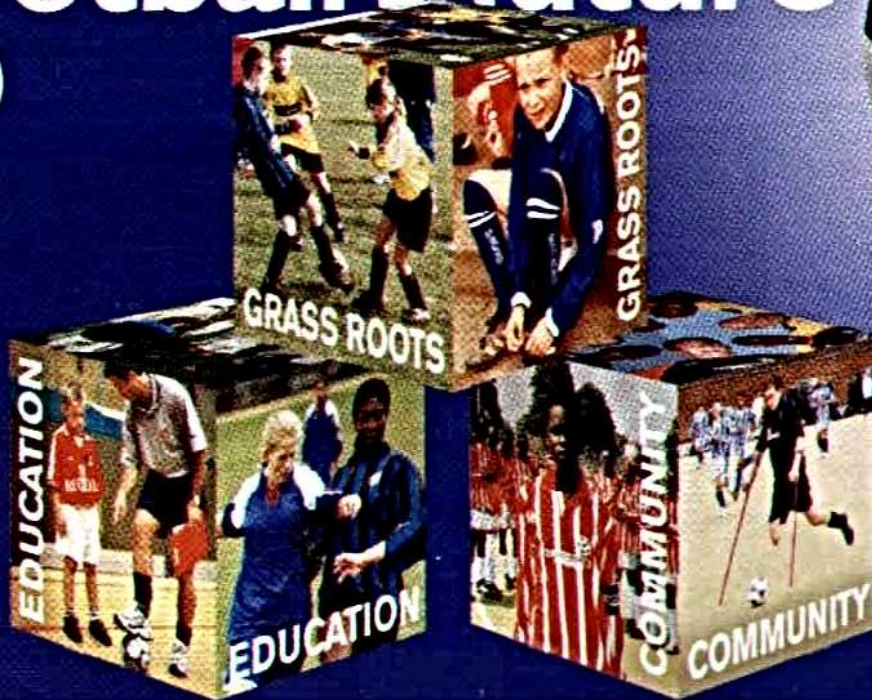
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On Manchester United's Serial Prankster

IN RECENT WEEKS, WHEN LISTENING TO LIVE COVERAGE OF PREMIER LEAGUE GAMES, IT HAS BEEN VERY NOTICEABLE THAT COMMENTATORS HAVE BEEN HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE MATCH REFEREES. THE NUMBER OF CONTENTIOUS DECISIONS BEING AWARDED TO, OR MADE AGAINST TEAMS, AND IF ONE HAD EITHER THE TIME OR INCLINATION OVER A SEASON, WOULD IF A DOSSIER BE KEPT THEN IT WOULD MAKE INTERESTING READING.

Dismissals and penalty awards are extremely high on the list and no doubt as the final games of the Season are played, then the destination of points could be decided on such issues. Some penalty awards are indisputable but there are also others when there is more than an element of doubt.

In the recent Charlton v Leeds fixture there was an interesting situation. Leeds were awarded two spot kicks, the first was taken by their regular taker, the second was used as a means, it could be said for Mark Viduka to complete his hat trick. As most of us have observed, it is often harder to score the third goal in a hat trick than either the first or second. Had a Viduka penalty come at a time when scores were level, would he have been allowed to convert - Maybe!

When Everton had made their planned for a trip to China during the closed season, they came to a sudden halt when the SARS illness caused them to abandon their plans. Stockport County also due to go to China have said their own tour will still go ahead. Other top teams contemplating such a trip may have to reconsider.

Once again, an individual, already well known in sporting circles had gained further publicity for another of his stunts. The latest was at Old Trafford, in this one he was not alone, he managed to get a posed group photograph on the pitch. To an observant eye it would have been noted

that not all of them were wearing identical kit.

For this latest stunt, Manchester United have already announced that they will impose a life ban on those who perpetrate it. Additionally details have also been placed with the Greater Manchester Police Authority, there could now be further consequences for Karl Power and his colleagues.

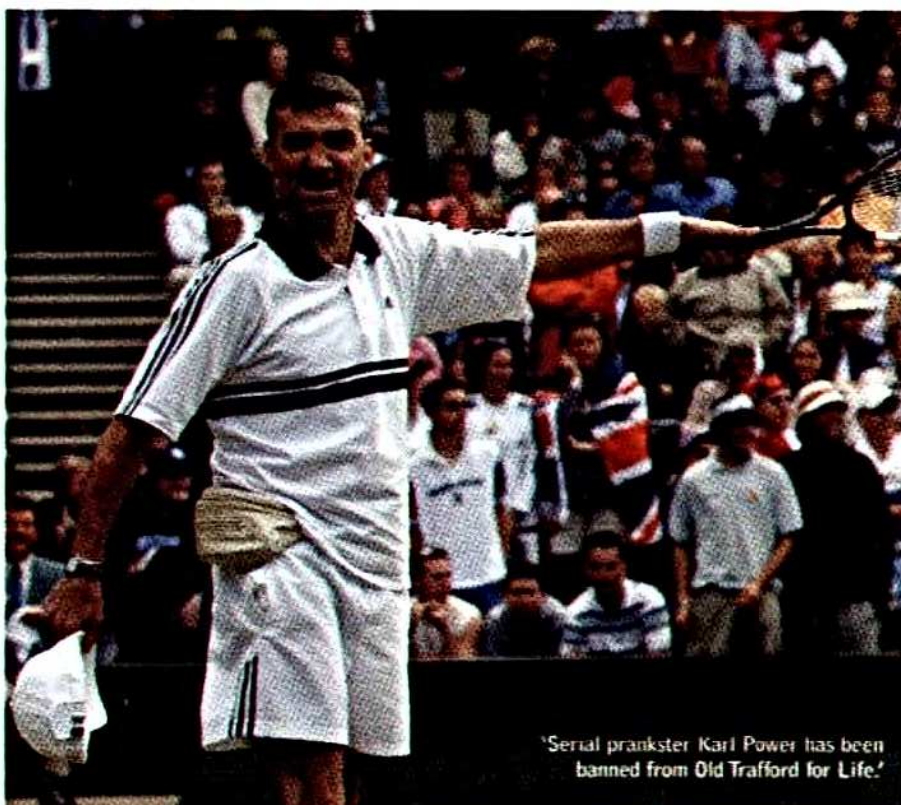
Wimbledon FC must be hoping that in their remaining games at Selhurst Park that they will have at least one reasonable attendance there before they make their move to the National Hockey Stadium at Milton Keynes ready for next Season. For the visit of possible play off candidate Sheffield United, the gate for that home game was only 1325. How reminiscent that figure seems to be even thinking back to the pre Dario era at Gresty Road.

It was announced that of that small total, the visitors brought 533 supporters down from Yorkshire, that left a figure of 792 made up of their own supporters and of course any

neutrals who may have been present. When thinking of the costs of policing and stewarding it cannot be particularly rewarding for those who are running Wimbledon Football Club.

At the start of the current season you will probably recall that Boston United started with a points deficit due to disciplinary action over financial irregularities. They are now in credit but that threat of relegation is still there. My reason for mentioning this, was the announcement that in the Greek League, Ioannina, a First Division side had 75 points deducted as penalty for the club debts. They are now relegated, as the 19 points they had, means that they are now minus 56. If Boston United had been treated in the same way they would be minus 35.

Manchester United after that 3-1 reverse against Real Madrid know they have an uphill task, they cannot afford to concede an early goal in the second leg. They did have a real confidence boost with that 6-2 win at St. James Park.



'Serial prankster Karl Power has been banned from Old Trafford for Life.'

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Of course, there are still a few games to go and someone may emerge to change your mind at the very last minute – but we would like to bring you all the results in the final matchday programme on 3rd May when Cardiff City visit us on the final day. Therefore, the final date for entry is Monday 28th of April.

All you have to do is have a look at

these suggestions, have a good think about it and either drop us an e-mail at rwilson@crewealex.net or write to us at the Alexandra Stadium. We'd love you to play your part by voting in the following categories and giving us your reasons behind your selection. It really isn't as easy as you think!!

PLAYER OF THE SEASON

Who do you think has stood out for us this season? There are a few nominees too. How about Dave Brammer, Kenny Lunt, Rob Hulse, Stephen Foster, Clayton Ince or even young David Vaughan to name but a few?

Please note that this award is for the web-site Player-of-the-Year and not the clubs official award that will presented on May 31st.

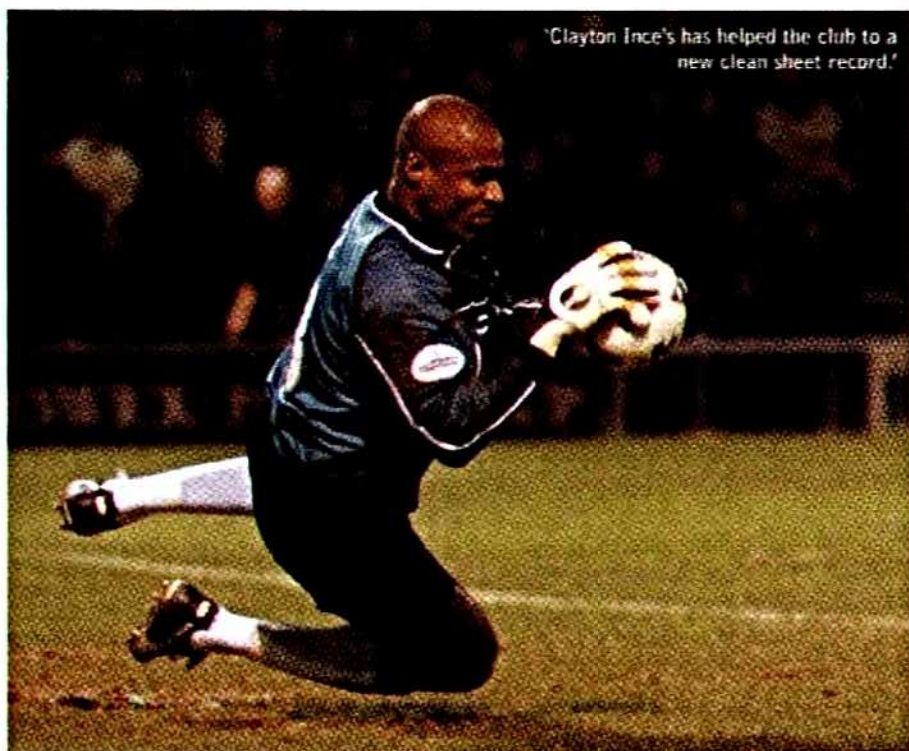
YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Strictly for those Crewe players who have emerged from our Academy in the last couple of seasons. So has any young player caught your eye in the

'Kenny Lunt has scored some memorable goals this season.'



'Clayton Ince's has helped the club to a new clean sheet record.'



first-team or on those cold mornings at Reaseheath watching the Academy lads or even those in Steve Holland's Youth team? Here are a few suggestions to help you. Ashton, Rix, Vaughan, Bell, Platt, Wilson, Edwards, Roberts and Tomlinson.

UNsung HERO

What about Wrighty, Rich Walker or 'The General' Walks at the back or how about Neil Sorvel or youngsters Rix or Bell in midfield.

BEST ATMOSPHERE AT GREStY ROAD

Of course the final game against Cardiff could in fact shade it – but which game stands out the most for you? Despite the result the

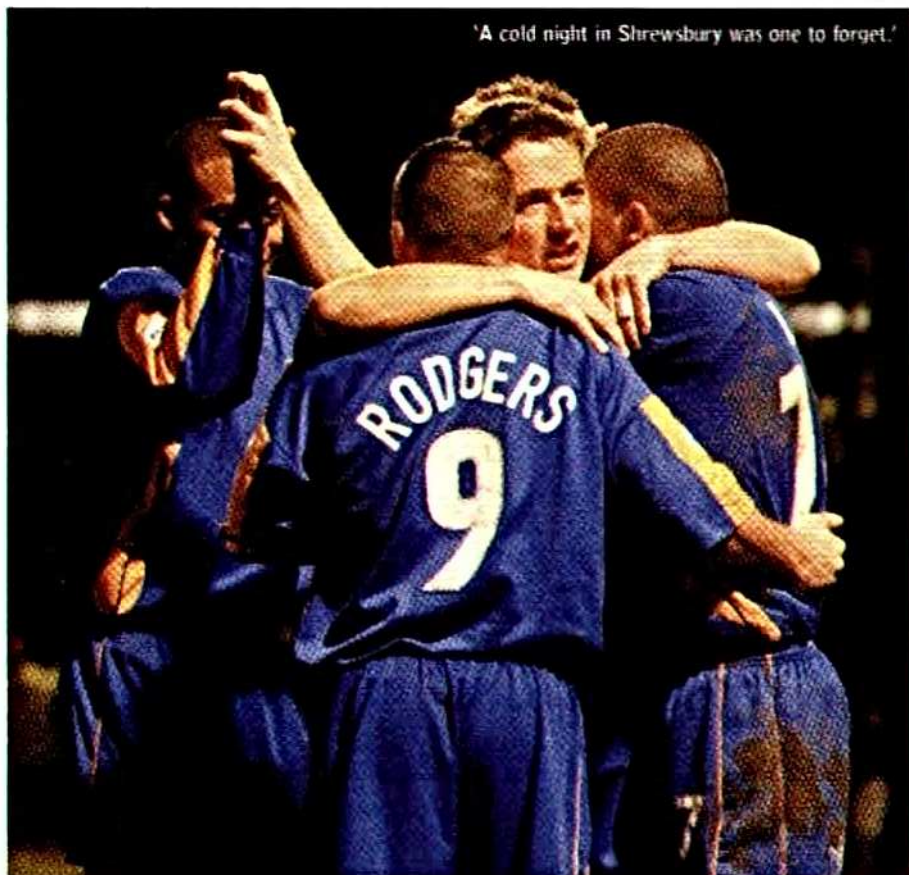
Bournemouth Cup replay was something special. Bristol City certainly made some noise on Tuesday and the Wigan game was huge. Or how about the derby encounters with the Vale or Stockport County.

BEST GOAL

There is certainly quite a few to choose from in this category! Lunt's well-taken goal at Stockport, Sorvell's opener at Northampton or Lee Bell's wonderful strike against Colchester United. How about Rodney Jack's superb individual goal at Cheltenham, or Hulse's late header at Vale Park?

Jonah's fabulous curler at Colchester back in January, Lunt's free kick at Mansfield or Deano's FA Cup winner at Port Vale are also contenders.

'Rob Earnshaw - The Welsh wonder scored a late brace at Ninian Park.'



'A cold night in Shrewsbury was one to forget.'

BEST HOME AND AWAY PERFORMANCE

The 8-0 hammering of Doncaster Rovers in the LDV, a comfortable 2-0 win over QPR, the wins over Wycombe, Blackpool and Tranmere at home or Oldham, Plymouth, Luton, Mansfield, Stockport, Man City or any of the Port Vale games. I'm sure we may have missed a few as well.

WORST HOME AND AWAY PERFORMANCE

Can you ever forget Notts County, Peterborough, Luton, Plymouth, Vale, Wigan or Oldham at home or Northampton, Peterborough, Wigan, Bournemouth or that dreadful night at Shrewsbury? Not easy is it? Decisions, decisions...

BEST OPPOSING PLAYER

Who's put in the most impressive performance against us this season? Robbie Earnshaw's two goals in the last five minutes, Brian Tinnion at Ashton

Gate, Oldham's Wayne Andrews, Posh's Leon McKenzie, Wade Elliott of Bournemouth, Jason De Vos or the Notts County pairing of Stallard and Allsop?

BEST CHANT

Just the clean ones, please. Maybe one to do with the boss, an ex-player or one of your favourite players.

BEST MOMENT

Sodje's last minute header against Bournemouth in the FA Cup was a pretty special moment. Lunt's winner at Blackpool, The winning goals at Vale Park, Jack's 27-second opener at Manchester City or Bell's first ever goal for the club. Of course, all will be surpassed if we can promotion at the end of the season.

You can keep up to date with all the voting via Crewe Alexandra's Official web-site at www.crewealex.net. Get voting.



STEPHEN FOSTER

Seventh Heaven For Lunt

KENNY LUNT'S SEVENTH GOAL OF THE SEASON WAS ENOUGH TO GIVE CREWE ALEXANDRA ANOTHER THREE POINTS ON OUR TRAVELS AT BLACKPOOL. IT WAS OUR 15TH AWAY VICTORY OF THE SEASON IN ALL COMPETITIONS, WHICH IS YET ANOTHER CLUB RECORD AND ONE WHICH HAS SEEN US INVOLVED IN THE PROMOTION TRAIL FOR MUCH OF THE SEASON. HERE IS WHAT THE PAPERS MADE OF THE CLASH AT BLOOMFIELD ROAD. IT REALLY DOES LOOK LIKE GOING TO THE WIRE...

Dario Gradi wants no less than a 100% record for Crewe until the end of the season in their bid to secure promotion. Kenny Lunt's goal made it four consecutive wins and the Alex manager is determined that form will continue.

Gradi said: "Promotion is a simple issue. We've five games left and if we win them all we go up."

Blackpool boss Steve McMahon commented: "I thought we did well against a good side, who have a good work and footballing ethic."

- THE DAILY STAR

"I thought we did well against a good side with a good work ethic. Sadly, our season fell away a bit and I have been left filling round holes in square pegs."

- MCMAHON IN THE TIMES

"We had many chances and for a long time it appeared that our luck might not be in, but we kept our cool. It as a hard game and we are delighted to have won."

- DARIO IN THE TIMES

Crewe boss Dario Gradi emphasised the need to stay level-headed as his side remained on the promotion trail with a hard fought win. Kenny Lunt's goal keeps the Alex in pole position to clinch second place and Gradi said:

"We kept our cool. I spend all week keeping players calm because calm players play calm football."

- THE MIRROR

Kenny Lunt gave a master class in finishing to edge Crewe closer to a return to Division One. The midfielder is a member of the Railwaymen's coaching staff and takes charge of the clubs Under-19s (he doesn't!)

And he gave a lesson in composure to settle this game at Bloomfield Road, taking Rob Hulse's 69th minute lay-off

before beating Phil Barnes at his near post.

Lunt said: "I've been looking to score more and it was great to get such an important one here. Promotion has been our aim all season, and with five matches to go, we need to keep on winning."

He added: "It looked as if it might be one of those days when we would not score but teams have scored against us late on so we just had to keep going."

- THE SUN

'Blackpool boss Steve McMahon admires Crewe's work ethic.'



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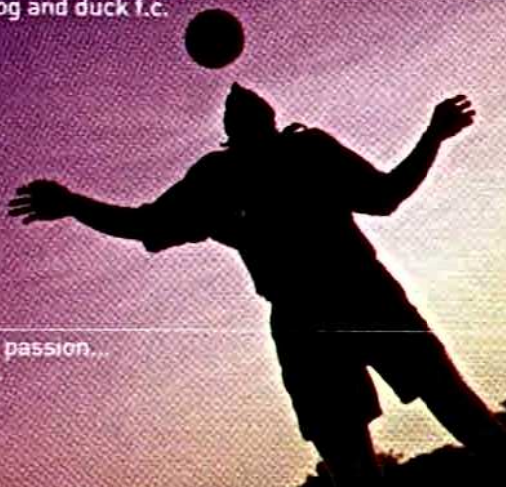
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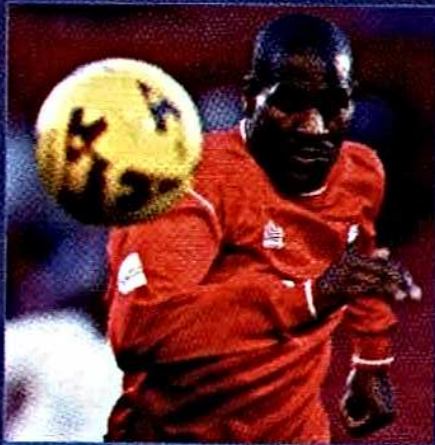


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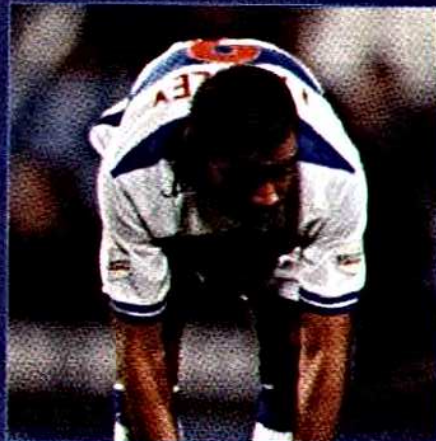
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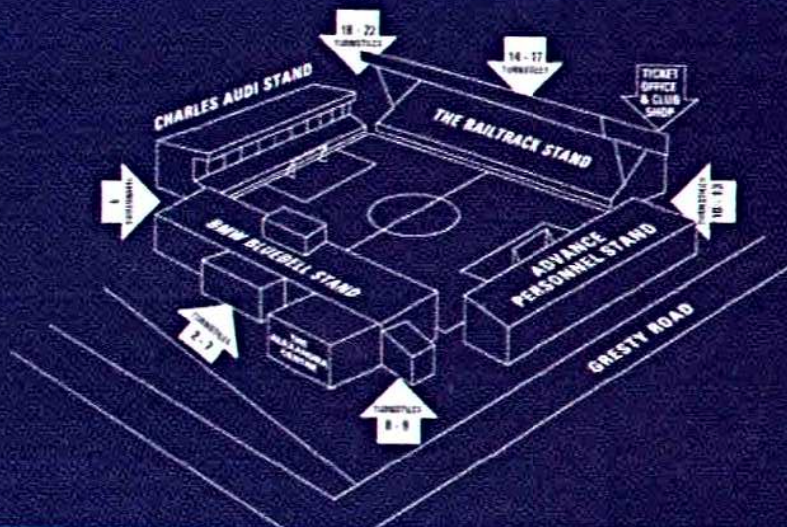
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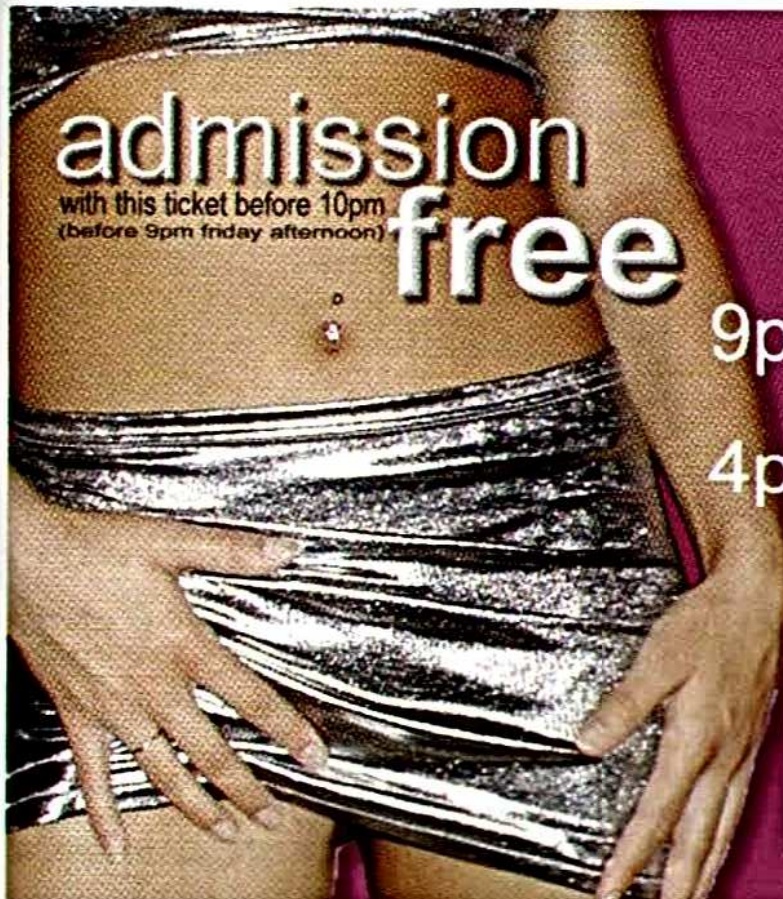
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'Aidan Callan and Trevor Goodwin get the table football underway with pupils of Smallwood Primary School.'

Crewe Mascot

Name: Sam Mountfield
School: Powell's School in Cirencester
Age: 7
Hobbies: Football
Favourite Players: Sodje and Dean Ashton



Crewe Mascot

Name: Luke Gillan
School: Broad Street Infants.
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Additional info: Member of the Junior Alex squad.



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BY GRESTY THE LION

Your Support Has Been Fabulous But We Need More

A WARM WELCOME TO EVERYONE WHO HAS MADE THE TRIP TO THE ALEXANDRA STADIUM FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S CLASH WITH SWINDON TOWN. WITH THE SEASON DRAWING TO A CLOSE, THE ALEX NEED TO KEEP THE CHASING PACK AT BAY AND TRY AND SNATCH THAT SECOND AUTOMATIC PLACE AHEAD OF THE LIKES OF OLDHAM, BRISTOL CITY AND CARDIFF CITY.

It was great to see so many of you at Bloomfield Road

and I hope that just as many of you are prepared to go along and support the boys at Barnsley on Easter Monday and then again in London for the difficult QPR encounter. The players were overwhelmed with the support at Blackpool and then at home to Bristol City last Tuesday. The support you generate is fantastic and helps us to win games. Please make the effort to come and cheer the lads on.

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Swindon Mascot

Name: Josh Britton

Age: 9

School: Akrotiri Primary School in Cyprus

Favourite Town Player: Sam Parkin

Additional Info: Josh is over here for Easter with his mum, brother Jack and sister Cerys to see his family.





from the archives

BY HAROLD FINCH Club Historian

'THAT MEANT THAT NINE FULL LEAGUE GAMES HAD BEEN COMPLETED WITHOUT A GOAL SCORED FOR CREWE'

Memories Of A Frustrating Time

SUPPORTERS ARE ALWAYS HAPPY WHEN THEY SEE THEIR TEAM SCORING GOALS, WHETHER IT IS JUST ONE, WHICH ON MANY OCCASIONS HAS BEEN SUFFICIENT EITHER TO SAVE A POINT OR EVEN WIN A GAME. ON THE OTHER HAND, GOALKEEPERS ALWAYS FEEL GOOD WHENEVER THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP A CLEAN SHEET. IN THIS CURRENT SEASON, CLAYTON INCE HAS PLAYED A MAJOR PART IN SEEING THE CLUB SET UP A NEW RECORD OF CLEAN SHEETS IN A SEASON, HIS OTHER HOPE IS THAT THE CLUB ACHIEVE PROMOTION.

Season 1974/75 was one when the club hoped to improve on the previous one, 1973/74 when after finishing in 21st position they had to apply for re-election once again. Happily they were successful and league football was still available to our fans at Gresty Road.

New signings, Eric Snookes from Preston North End, Ray Carter from Chester and Dennis Nelson from Dunfermline all played in the opening game of the season and Hughie Reed ex-Plymouth came on as a substitute. No goals from the newcomers but Bernard Purdie and Chris Duffey each scored to give us a 2-1 away win at Bradford City.

It was a good start for the Alex especially in the League Cup, for, after beating Wrexham 1-0 at the Racecourse Ground they were drawn at home to Birmingham City. Home fans were delighted as they won 2-1 and were next rewarded by another home tie, this time it was Aston Villa. A hard earned 2-2 draw saw the club travelling to Villa Park where a late Villa goal ended that cup run. Geoff Crudington, our keeper played against his former club in that particular game. The Villa fans had given him a good reception for his performance.

By this time the frustrating period was almost upon us, for, following that defeat at Villa we lost 2-0 away at

Chester, beat Exeter City 2-1 and then in the following game against Cambridge United it ended in a goalless draw.

Saturday 2nd November 1974 gave the Alex a home fixture with Scunthorpe. At this stage of the season there had been some changes in the playing staff. Chris Duffey had been transferred to Bury on 23rd October and a week later Hughen Riley also went to Bury for a fee of £3,000. Coming in were Steve Melledew and Charlie Gisbourne. Both these players were in the line-up who played out a 1-1 draw. The significance of Melledews inclusion was the fact that he scored the Crewe goal.

That particular goal was to be the last one he scored for quite a period of time. Exeter City away on the 6th November were the first to deny us a goal in a 2-0 defeat. A welcome point in a 0-0 draw at home to Southport, a narrow defeat at Stockport then a 3-0 reverse at Northampton.

That now takes us in December 1974, which was to start with a 1-0 defeat by Rochdale, then a 0-0 draw, also at home to Workington. Three more defeats 1-0 at Darlington. 2-0 at home to Mansfield Town and a 3-0 defeat at Workington. That meant that nine full league games had been completed without a goal scored for Crewe but conceding 13. It posed the question – When would the goal drought end?

The answer was provided one week later on the 4th January 1975 when Gerry Humphrey's scored our only goal in a 1-0 win over Reading. At the end of January, Harry Gregg took over as manager and although we failed to score on a few occasions, there was to be no repeat of that long goalless spell.

In all, out of the complete season, Crewe had failed to score in 21 league games. Despite that lack of goal power, the Alex did not have to apply for re-election; they finished in 18th position in the league table. Quite a contrast for the scoring record of the team this



'Jason Kearton held the clean-sheets record for his shut-outs in our promotion season of 1997.'

season. We sometimes use the expression 'those were the days – not always.'

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Tuesday night was one of our most difficult in the run-in and it could prove to be a valuable point in the long run. Bristol City were a fine team and a draw was probably a fair result considering that both sides shared

possession. Chances were rather limited though and it would have been unfair for either side to lose it late on. Everyone was disappointed by the result and the second half performance, but there is still a long way to go and our rivals face some tricky matches before the end of the season. One thing

is for sure it's going to be exciting and more than interesting!

Thanks for the great support at both Blackpool and on Tuesday evening. It was terrific and I'm sure everyone would love a repeat of those two atmospheres this evening.

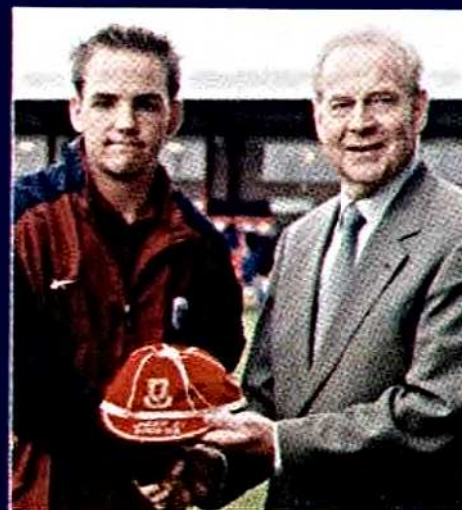


Congratulations To Our Lefties

Our congratulations go to youngster David Vaughan, who collected another Welsh Under-21 cap for his recent performance against Azerbaijan on March 28th.

David was presented with his International cap before Tuesday night's encounter against Bristol City. Hopefully, it won't be too long before the Crewe midfielder will be picking up his first full-cap as part of Mark Hughes' hugely improved squad.

Our congratulations also go to our on-loan star Paul Tierney, who was a part of the Republic of Ireland Under-21 squad. Hopefully, Paul will be back in action for us shortly.



Community Shield Donation

Crewe Alexandra Football Club have donated their FA Community Shield monies to their two chosen charities, Hope House and Springfield School. We visited Springfield School last week to make a donation of £4,050 to the children and staff of the local school. I'm pictured presenting two of the pupils with a cheque and I must thank them all for making our visit such an exciting day.



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'I WOULD LOVE TO SIGN FOR CREWE BUT I WANT TO BE PLAYING IN THE FIRST DIVISION.'

Stefan Oakes – 'In The Shop Window'

THIS WEEK, STEFAN OAKES EXTENDED HIS STAY AT CREWE UNTIL THE END OF THE SEASON. THE ON-LOAN LEICESTER CITY MIDFIELDER HAS BECOME A FIRM FAVOURITE WITH THE SUPPORTERS AND THE PLAYERS DURING HIS SPELL WITH THE CLUB AND EVERYONE WAS DELIGHTED THAT HE AGREED TO HELP US IN OUR BID FOR PROMOTION. WE CAUGHT UP WITH THE LEFT-SIDED MIDFIELDER AND ASKED HIM HOW HIS FIRST MONTH HAD GONE. HOW HAVE YOU FOUND YOUR FIRST MONTH WITH US?

I've loved my time here so far and I'm looking forward to helping the club to a possible promotion. The lads have been brilliant and I settled in very quickly and I didn't really think twice about staying here until the end of the season.

YOU MUST BE PLEASED THAT YOUR FORMER CLUB LEICESTER ARE ON THE BRINK OF A RETURN TO THE TOP FLIGHT, BUT THINGS HAVE BEEN TOUGH FOR YOU THERE?

Of course, it will be great if Leicester are promoted and I will go and see the lads when they hopefully achieve that but when you are not involved you tend to feel like a bit of an outsider. If I was still at Leicester, I wouldn't be involved at all and I would much rather be here than seeing out my contract playing reserve football.

DESPITE THEIR SUCCESS ON THE FIELD, IT HAS BEEN A TROUBLESOME TIME FOR LEICESTER OFF THE FIELD?

Leicester spent too much money on contracts and the new stadium killed us financially. It all went pear-shaped, especially with us being relegated from the Premier League but they are my hometown club and I'm delighted they look like getting back in the top flight again.

ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, YOU ARE

OUT OF CONTRACT IN THE SUMMER AND LOOK LIKE MOVING ON?

Yeah that's right. I'm out of contract at Leicester and I know that I'm not in Mickey Adams' plans so it will be time for me to move on and have a change. Playing for Crewe puts me in the shop window and hopefully I will get a contract somewhere in the summer.

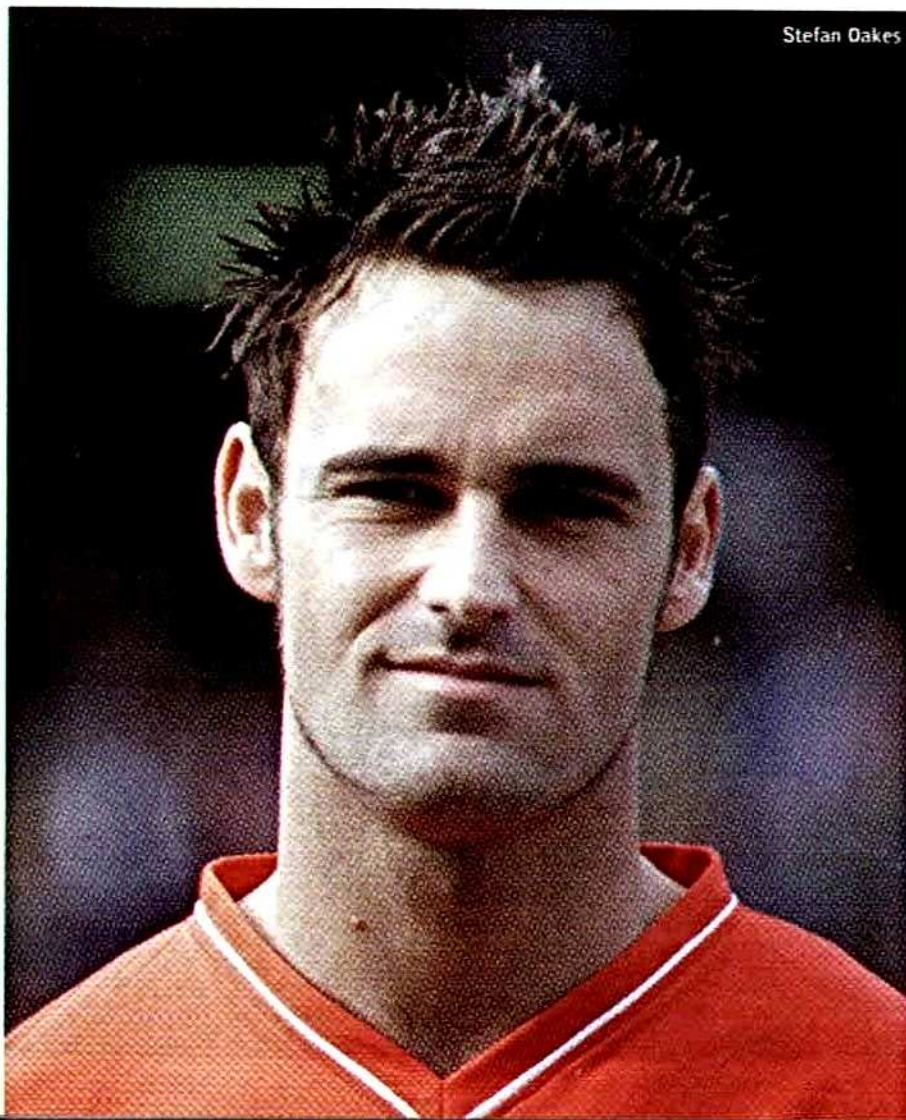
WOULD YOU FANCY A PERMANENT MOVE TO SOUTH CHESHIRE?

Obviously, I would love to sign for Crewe but I want to be playing in the First Division and testing myself in that division. To be honest I've not really had

chance to think about it and I've not spoken to Dario or anybody about the possibility, but you never know. I'll just take one step at a time and see where I am in the summer.

WITH THE FINANCIAL STRAIN WITHIN THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE WAGES WILL BE TAKING A TUMBLE?

Everyone wants to earn as much money as possible but I know that I'll have to take a drop in wages wherever I go. I'll have to meet that when I come to it. The wages are going to come down for everyone, except for those top players like your Beckhams and Owens.



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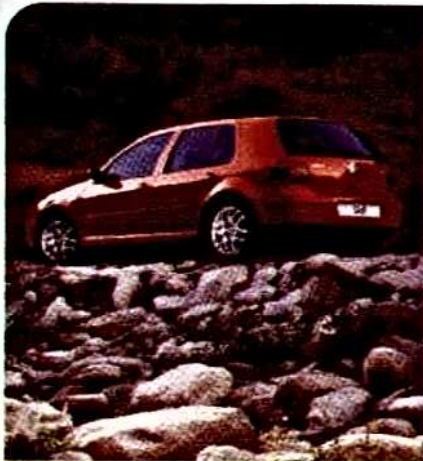
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Crewe Welcome Former Greats

CREWE ALEXANDRA FOOTBALL CLUB WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME FORMER PLAYERS FRANK BLUNSTONE, DAVID BOYLE AND JOHNNY KING TO THE ALEXANDRA STADIUM. ALL THREE FORMER GREATS ARE SPECIAL GUESTS OF THE CLUB FOR TODAY'S GAME AGAINST SWINDON AND I'M SURE YOU WILL GIVE THEM A FANTASTIC RECEPTION WHEN THEY MAKE AN APPEARANCE ON THE PITCH BEFORE KICK-OFF.

Frank Dale has helped organise the presentation of this rare team photograph to the chairman John Bowler, and we thank him for his assistance over the past couple of

weeks. I hope our former players had an enjoyable day with us and we look forward to seeing them and more Crewe Alexandra favourites at Gresty Road next season.

Frank Blunstone was born in Crewe in 1934 and he went on to make 48 appearances for his hometown club before joining Chelsea in 1952. He was captain of the Blues for the day when Crewe famously defeated them 2-1 at Stamford Bridge in a FA Cup game in January 1961. Frank also made five appearances for England from 1955-57.

David Boyle was born in North Shields in 1929 and joined the club from Barnsley in 1952. In his one

season at the club, David made 35 appearances, scoring three goals before moving on to Chesterfield.

Johnny King is arguably one of the finest players ever to play for Crewe Alexandra. Born in Wrenbury in 1932, King made 226 appearances for Crewe between 1950-66, scoring 60 goals for the Railwaymen before moving on to Stoke City.

Everyone would also like to send their condolences to the family and friends of former Alex player Roy 'Nipper' Walton who sadly passed away recently. Roy lived locally and made 12 appearances for the club in the early 50s.



CREWE ALEXANDRA F.C.—Left to right (standing): A. Copper (trainer), Meaney, Mould, Lees, Kelly, Parker (W.), Murphy; seated: McGuigan, Edwards, Catterick, Boyle, Blunstone. Inset: Waddington.

Haven't We Been Here Before?

DURING THEIR HISTORY, CREWE ALEXANDRA FOOTBALL CLUB HAVE HAD TO ENDURE MANY HIGHLY PRESSURISED GAMES WHERE PROMOTION OR RELEGATION CAN BE DECIDED OVER A 90-MINUTE SPELL. WITH JUST FOUR GAMES TO GO THIS SEASON, EVERY ONE OF THEM IS NOW TREATED AS AN INDIVIDUAL CUP FINAL WHERE NOTHING LESS THAN A VICTORY WILL DO. BOTH MENTALITY AND PHYSICALLY, THE DECISIVE RUN-IN TAKES ITS TOLL WITH THE FIXTURES COMING THICK AND FAST WITH A WHOLE SEASON'S WORK DECIDED OVER A HANDFUL OF GAMES. BUT HEY FROM THESE RECENT EXAMPLES WE HAVE BEEN IN THIS SITUATION MANY TIMES BEFORE AND HANDLED THE PRESSURE QUITE NICELY THANK YOU.

TRANMERE 89'

With both sides going for promotion in 1989, this memorable encounter at Prenton Park was always going to be a cagey affair. Due to crowd congestion the kick-off time was delayed for 20 minutes and with other results going in our favour a draw was sufficient to see both clubs promoted to the old Third Division. As news filtered through that Leyton Orient, Scarborough or Scunthorpe could not catch us, ourselves and Tranmere played 'keep ball' to rival that of the Germans and Austrians in the World Cup of 1982!



BRENTFORD 97'

Arguably the club's finest hour saw Crewe produce one of their finest displays of the 1997 season. How we only defeated Brentford 1-0 at Wembley remains a mystery to



this day. It is no exaggeration to suggest that we could have had five and Colin Little could have had a Wembley hat-trick. In the end, it took a defender, Shaun Smith, to show the forwards how it is done by lashing home the winner into the top corner following Steve Macauley's knock down. Crewe were in the First Division for the first time in their history.

PORTSMOUTH 99'

An appalling run of 18 games without a win had seen Crewe in the bottom three for much of the season and we were obviously everyone's favourites for the drop until Dario and the players performed their remarkable Houdini act to pull us out of the mire. A Seth Johnson goal against Bristol City condemned them and not us to relegation while a tremendous 2-1 win at promotion seeking Ipswich set us nicely for this home encounter with Portsmouth. We simply blitzed them in the first-half and thanks to a Super Col brace and a free-kick from Shaun Smith we went in at the interval 3-0 up. Pompey pulled one back in the second-half but it mattered not as the three points meant we somehow preserved our First Division status. We enjoyed the trip to Huddersfield didn't we?



BARNSLEY 2000'

Another difficult season at the bottom of the First Division saw Crewe needing to defeat Barnsley at Oakwell on the final day of the season to be absolutely sure of staying up. It seems quite remarkable that Barnsley were in fact going for promotion to the Premier League! Anyway, Crewe cruised to victory at a stunned Oakwell with midfielder Neil Sorvel opening the scoring with a stunning volley on 55 minutes and then a young pup named Hulse sprung off the bench to score his first goal for the club. Crewe's immense victory assured us of First Division football for another season and Walsall's defeat to Ipswich put it beyond any doubt.



FOREST 02'

Crewe were 2-0 down at the City Ground and their First Division status was ebbing away with every minute that passed. Then, suddenly out of nowhere, we produced a compounding and compelling finish that so nearly saw us achieve the unthinkable and win us the game. Our attacking play was relentless in the closing stages and we thoroughly deserved to claw the two goals back first through Jack and then through a Hulse bullet header.

Two goals in four minutes had given us a lifeline and we still had eight minutes to find a desperate winner. No one who travelled to the Trent that day could fault the players for effort. Even the Forest supporters applauded us off at the end and they were as shocked as us when the scoreboard churned out the cruel results to suggest that we would be relegated baring a goal glut against Rotherham. It was a cruel way to go, but a fine performance considering the circumstances.

BOLTON 01'

One of the most memorable games of recent times. No, not the one when Rodders destroyed Bolton in their own back yard, but the time Dean Ashton and Rob Hulse emerged as a real force up against the experience of Gudni Bergsson and Colin Hendry. The youngsters tormented them throughout the game and both fittingly scored in our 2-1 victory. Hulse's far post header from a Phil Charnock cross was one of the finest of his career and a confident Ashton drove home a last minute free-kick to give us 53 points with four games still to play. It was a vintage Crewe performance against a side, who would go up that season via the play-offs.





NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 2

As of 16.04.03

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 Wigan Athletic	42	27	11	4	40	92
2 Crewe	42	24	9	9	36	81
3 Cardiff City	41	23	10	8	32	79
4 Bristol City	42	22	10	10	29	76
5 Oldham	42	20	15	7	24	75
6 QPR	42	21	10	11	20	73
7 Tranmere	42	19	11	12	1	68
8 Luton Town	42	16	12	14	1	60
9 Plymouth	42	15	13	14	9	58
10 Blackpool	42	15	11	16	-4	56
11 Colchester	42	13	15	14	-1	54
12 Notts County	42	12	16	14	-5	52
13 Swindon Town	42	13	12	17	-4	51
14 Brentford	42	13	11	18	-9	50
15 Wycombe	42	13	10	19	-6	49
16 Port Vale	42	13	10	19	-15	49
17 Stockport	42	13	9	20	-8	48
18 Peterborough	41	11	14	16	-7	47
19 Barnsley	42	11	13	18	-13	46
20 Chesterfield	42	13	7	22	-26	46
21 Cheltenham	42	9	16	17	-17	43
22 Huddersfield	42	11	10	21	-17	43
23 Mansfield Town	42	11	7	24	-29	40
24 Northampton	42	10	8	24	-31	38

APPEARANCES & GOALS

	League		FA Cup		Wrth. Cup		LDV Vans	
	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS
1 Ademola Bankole	2+1	-	+1	-	-	-	4	-
2 David Wright	31	1	4	-	1	-	3+1	-
3 Richard Walker	27+4	1	1+1	-	2	-	4	-
4 Kenny Lunt	42	7	4	-	2	-	4	1
5 Dave Weston	24	1	4	-	+1	-	-	-
6 Stephen Foster	31	4	3	-	1	-	4	-
7 Colin Little	3+3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
8 Dave Brammer	37	1	4	1	2	-	2	-
9 Rob Hulce	31+3	21	1	-	1	1	2	4
10 Dean Ashton	22+14	9	1+1	2	1	-	3	5
11 Rodney Jack	34+2	9	2	-	2	3	3	4
12 Neil Sorvell	35+3	2	4	-	2	-	4	-
13 Clayton Ince (GK)	39	-	4	-	2	-	-	-
14 David Vaughan	24+4	3	4	-	1	-	2	1
15 Wayne Collins	-	-	-	-	-	-	+1	-
16 Efe Sodje	22+7	1	+2	1	2	-	2	-
17 Steve Jones	15+11	9	2+1	1	+1	-	2+2	1
18 Chris McCready	6+2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
19 Ben Rix	16+3	-	2+1	1	-	-	1+1	-
20 Lee Bell	3+12	1	+2	-	-	-	1+2	-
21 Paul Edwards	+2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22 Stuart Tomlinson (GK)	+1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Sagi Burton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 James Roberson	+1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 John Miles	+4	1	2	-	1	-	+2	-
26 Michael Higdon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27 Adam Yates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28 Andy White	+2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29 Paul Tierney	14+3	1	2	-	-	-	3	-
31 Stefan Davies	2+3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opponents	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

KEY

WC = Worthington Cup

FA = FA Cup

● = appearance

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○ = scorer

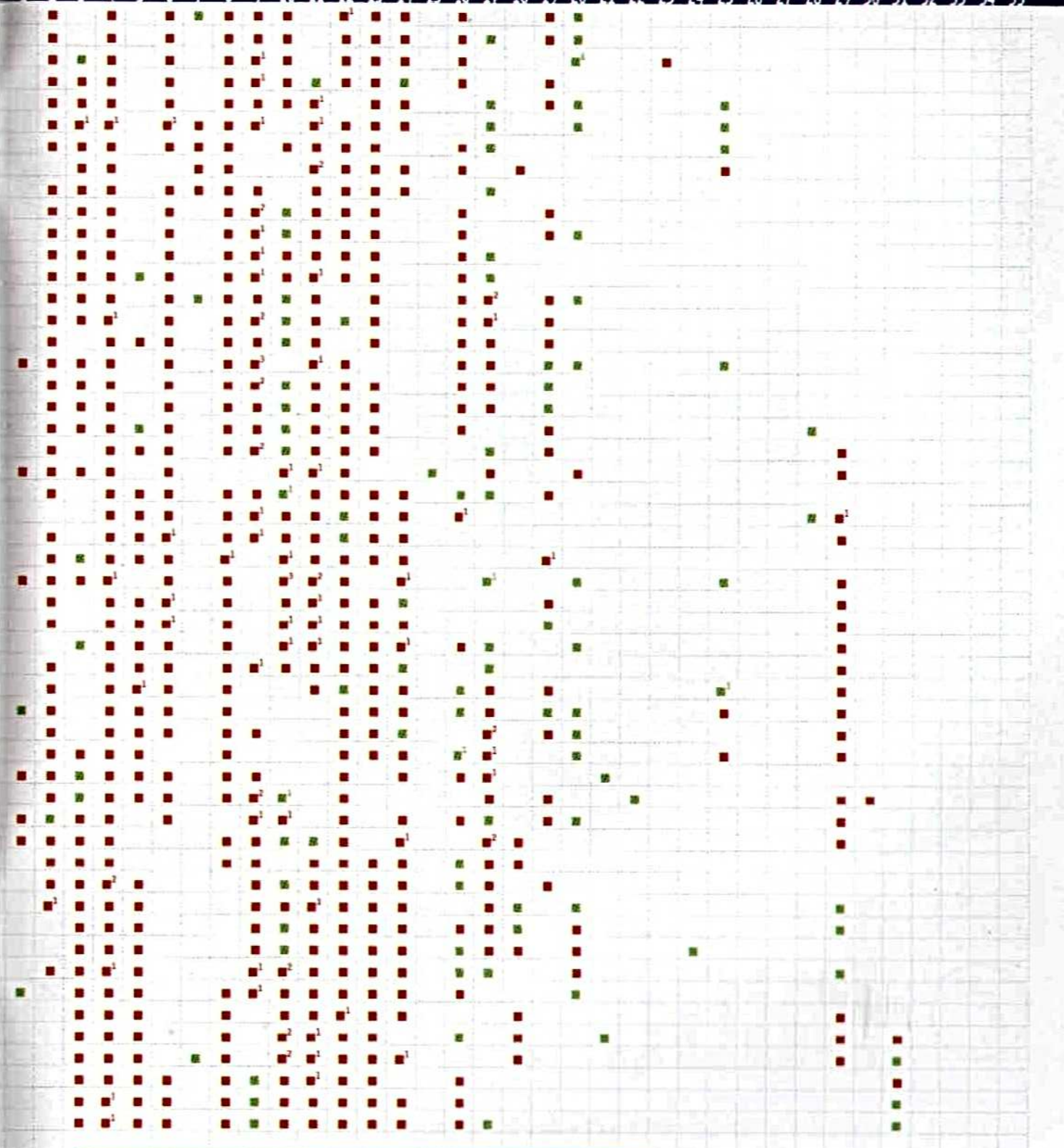
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Sat Aug 10	Northampton Town	Away	1-1	D2	5,694	-
Tue Aug 13	Notts County	Home	0-3	D2	6,141	20
Sat Aug 17	Colchester United	Home	2-0	D2	5,138	14
Sat Aug 24	Huddersfield	Away	1-1	D2	8,467	16
Tue Aug 27	Cheltenham Town	Home	1-0	D2	5,488	11
Sat Aug 31	Mansfield Town	Away	5-0	D2	4,183	4
Sat Sept 7	Chesterfield	Home	0-0	D2	5,837	5
Tue Sept 10	Port Vale	Away	2-0	WC	3,765	-
Sat Sept 14	Peterborough United	Away	0-0	D2	4,345	9
Tue Sept 17	Wycombe Wanderers	Away	2-1	D2	4,909	5
Sat Sept 21	Tranmere Rovers	Home	2-0	D2	6,875	5
Sat Sept 28	Cardiff City	Away	1-2	D2	13,208	6
Sat Oct 1	Manchester City	Away	2-3	WC	21,820	-
Sat Oct 5	Queens Park Rangers	Home	2-0	D2	7,682	5
Sat Oct 12	Stockport County	Away	4-1	D2	6,468	4
Sat Oct 19	Plymouth Argyle	Home	0-1	D2	6,733	6
Tue Oct 22	Mansfield	Away	4-0	LDV VT	1,874	6
Sat Oct 26	Port Vale	Away	2-1	D2	6,374	6
Tue Oct 29	Luton Town	Home	0-1	D2	6,030	6
Sat Nov 2	Wigan Athletic	Away	0-2	D2	7,086	7
Sat Nov 9	Brentford	Home	2-1	D2	5,663	5
Tue Nov 11	Blackpool	Home	2-0	LDV VT	2,600	5
Sat Nov 16	Port Vale	Away	1-0	FA Cup 1st R	5,507	5
Sat Nov 23	Blackpool	Home	3-0	D2	7,019	5
Sat Nov 30	Bristol City	Away	2-2	D2	12,585	5
Sat Dec 7	Mansfield Town	Home	3-0	FA Cup 2nd R	4,563	-
Tue Dec 10	Doncaster Rovers	Home	8-0	LDV Vans	2,189	-
Sat Dec 14	Barnsley	Home	2-0	D2	5,633	5
Sat Dec 21	Swindon Town	Away	3-1	D2	4,957	5
Thu Dec 26	Cheltenham Town	Away	4-0	D2	5,548	5
Sun Dec 29	Oldham Athletic	Home	1-2	D2	9,006	5
Wed Jan 1	Mansfield Town	Home	2-0	D2	6,931	5
Sat Jan 4	Bournemouth	Away	0-0	FA Cup 3rd R	7,252	-
Sat Jan 11	Colchester United	Away	2-1	D2	2,949	5
Tue Jan 14	Bournemouth	Home	1-3Pens	FA Cup	4,540	2
Sat Jan 18	Huddersfield Town	Home	1-0	D2	5,819	3
Sat Jan 25	Oldham Athletic	Away	3-1	D2	7,597	2
Wed Jan 29	Shrewsbury	Away	2-4	LDV Vans	4,646	2
Sat Feb 1	Northampton Town	Home	3-3	D2	6,164	2
Tue Feb 4	Notts County	Away	2-2	D2	3,875	2
Sat Feb 8	Brentford	Away	2-1	D2	5,424	2
Sat Feb 22	Chesterfield	Away	2-0	D2	3,956	2
Sat Feb 25	Wigan Athletic	Home	0-1	D2	8,917	2
Sat Mar 1	Peterborough United	Home	0-1	D2	5,704	2
Tue Mar 4	Wycombe Wanderers	Home	4-2	D2	5,398	2
Sat Mar 8	Tranmere Rovers	Away	1-2	D2	8,670	2
Sat Mar 15	Port Vale	Home	1-1	D2	8,146	2
Tue Mar 18	Plymouth Argyle	Away	3-1	D2	7,777	2
Sat Mar 22	Luton Town	Away	4-0	D2	6,607	2
Sat Mar 29	Stockport County	Home	1-0	D2	7,336	2
Sat Apr 12	Blackpool	Away	1-0	D2	7,623	2
Tue Apr 15	Bristol City	Home	1-1	D2	7,901	2
Sat Apr 19	Swindon Town	Home	-	D2	-	-
Mon Apr 21	Barnsley	Away	-	D2	-	-
Sat Apr 26	Queens Park Rangers	Away	-	D2	-	-
Sat May 3	Cardiff City	Home	-	D2	-	-

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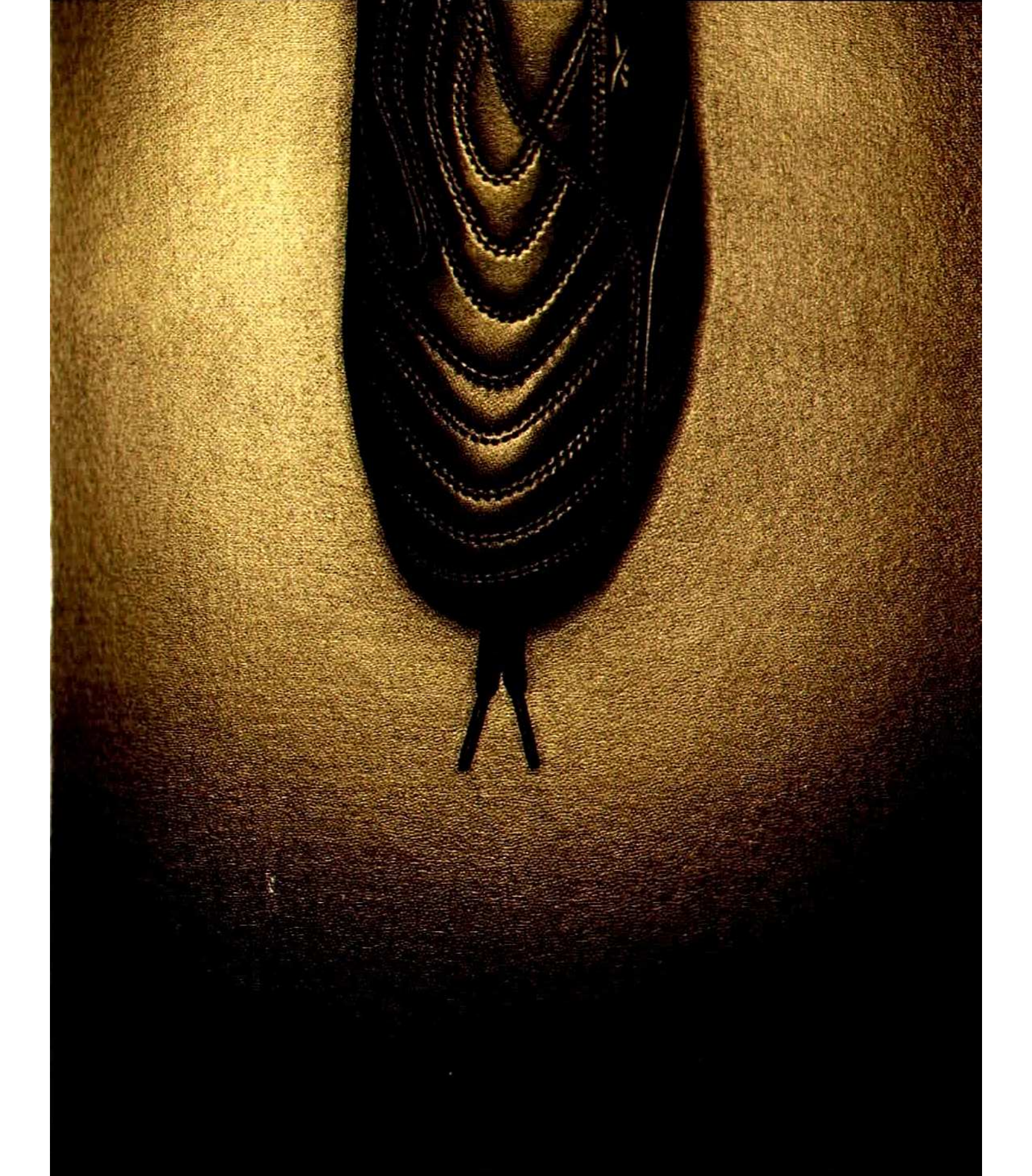


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