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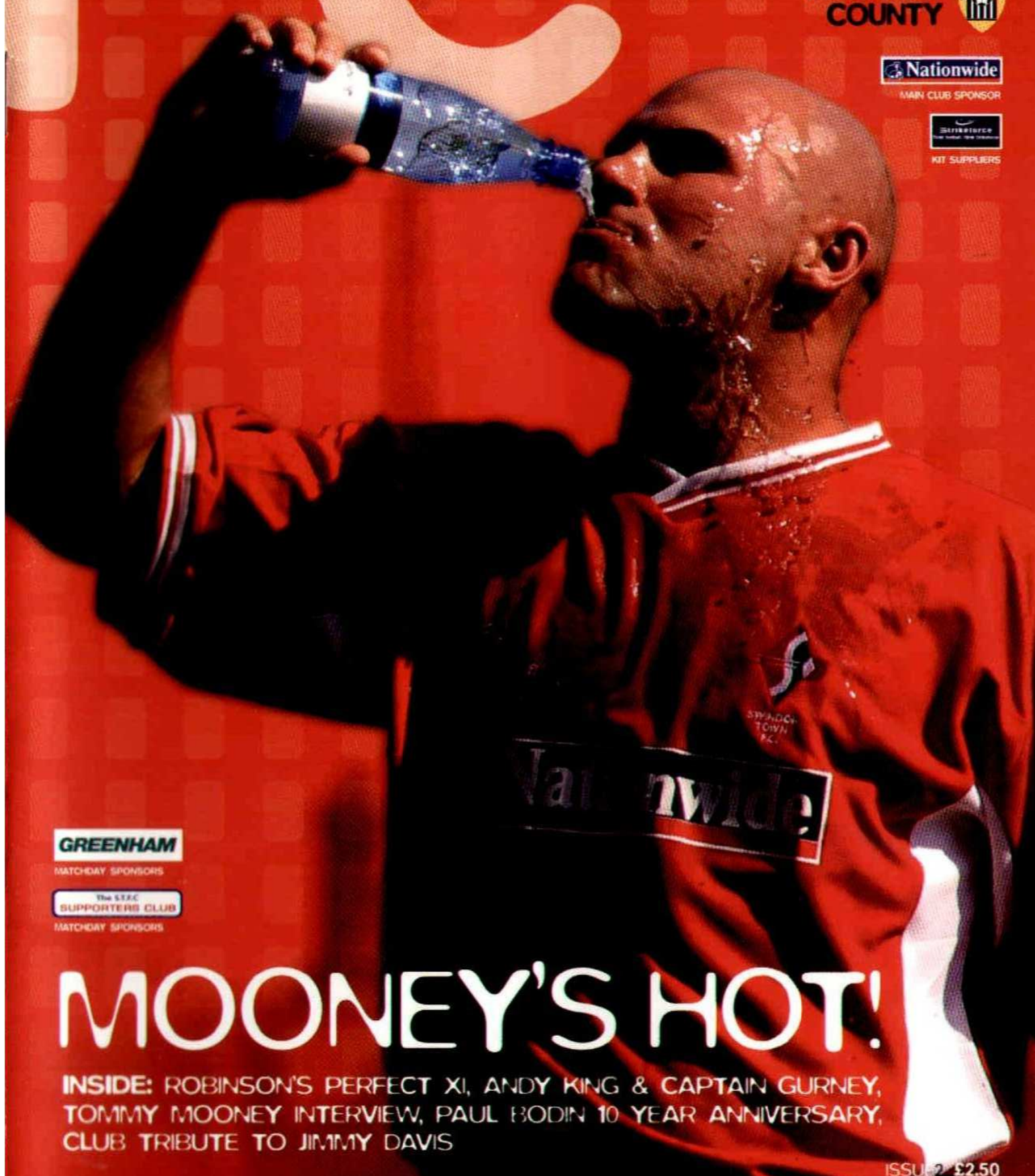


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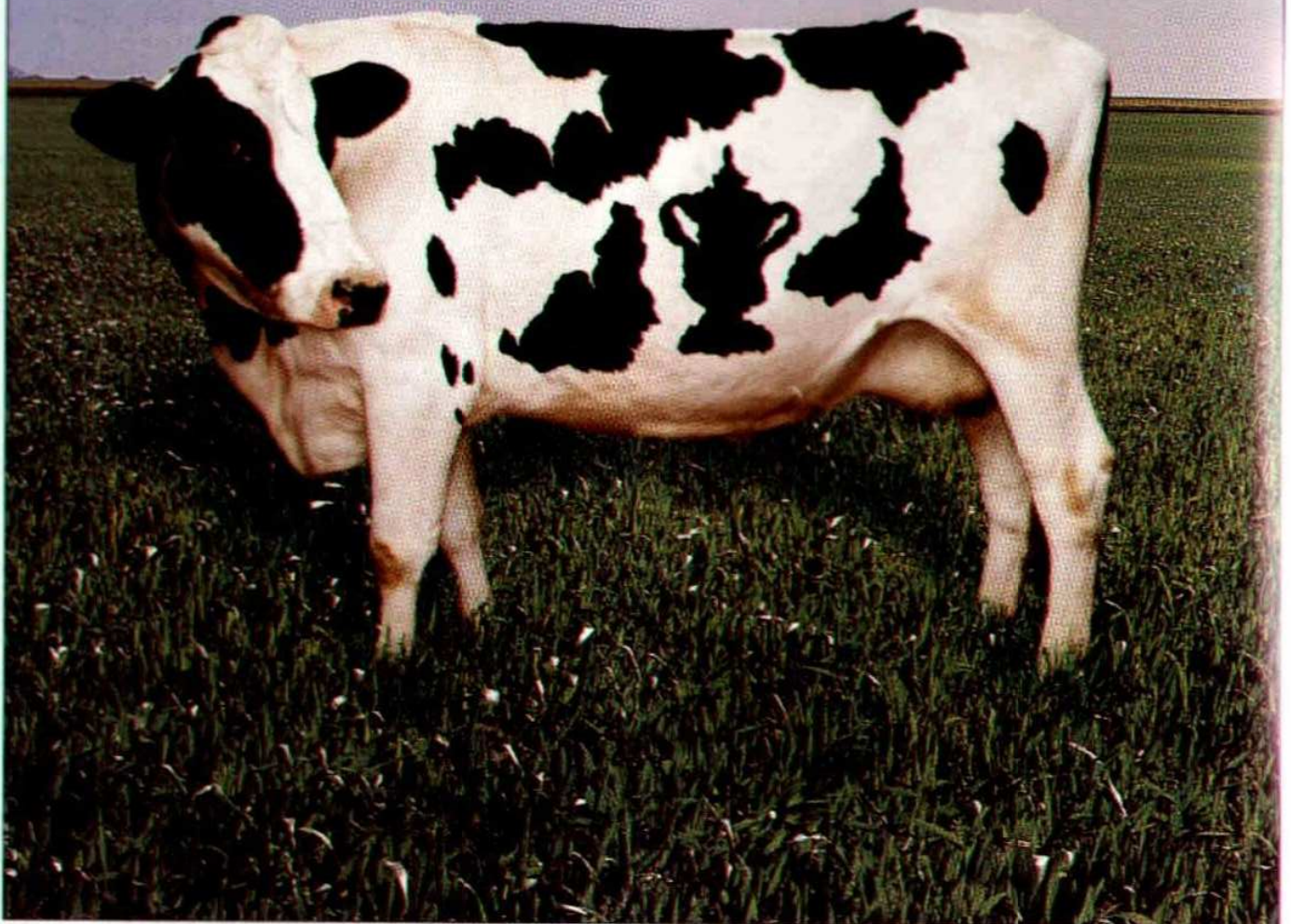
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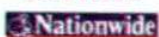
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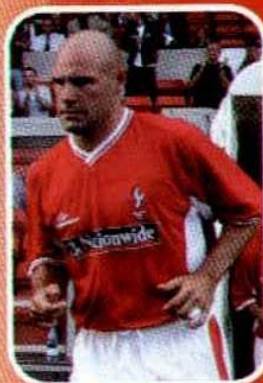
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COMMENT - Mike Judd

On the way down to Swindon for the game against Sheffield Wednesday, at 12.15 we heard on the radio that Watford's opening home game had been postponed due to "a fatality" - no further news was given. To postpone any opening game is a big story and we were mystified as to the reason. On arrival at the County Ground, the mood was of excitement, we expected our biggest home league game for years, it was a hot sultry day, our manager had assembled an impressive team-full of promise and the fans were full of optimism. Soon the news filtered through, at one time it was rumoured two Watford players had been killed on the M6. The realisation that last year's loan star Jimmy Davis could be involved subdued the staff and press already working at the ground.

How ironic that in our opening day programme, a fan named his favourite all time team and included Jimmy at number 8 despite only just over a dozen games played. Soon our worst fears were realised, the lone driver killed on the M40 was Jimmy Davis. The tributes in the press on Sunday and Monday confirmed the affection for this young star with the world at his feet. Sir Alex Ferguson said "You could not meet a nicer and more bubbly character, Jimmy was a player with real potential." I confess that I wrote to Sir Alex when Jimmy's loan period was up, thanking him and asking if we could have him back!

Word obviously got out as during the game, "There is only one Jimmy Davis" could be heard from the Town end. Thanks Jimmy for entertaining us on & off the pitch.

From all at Swindon Town Football Club: Rest in Peace.....
(A full tribute to the young star can be found in centre of this programme)





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THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST 2003

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Umbro Isotonic, the Official Sports Drink of The Football League, announce a sponsorship deal with of The Football League Youth Alliance.

The sports drink, produced under license by Calypso Soft Drinks, will lend its name and support to competitions for Under 19 and Under 17 footballers in a move that will add further impetus to the game at youth level.

Teams belonging to clubs from the Nationwide Football League, FA Premier League and Nationwide Football Conference will compete for the prestigious Umbro Isotonic Youth Alliance title in their respective conferences this season, plus The Umbro Isotonic Youth Alliance Cup, which is currently held by Tranmere Rovers.

FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST

TOWN ISSUE STATEMENT

Swindon Town issue a statement in response to actions taken by certain members of the crowd attending the Swindon vs Sheffield Wednesday fixture. During the match between Swindon Town and Sheffield Wednesday, two Swindon fans ran onto the field of play. One of these attempted to assault an away player. A

large number of coins were also found on the pitch at the Town End of the stadium. Mark Devlin, Chief Executive at Swindon Town FC said: "The reputation of our Club, and our fans, has been tarnished by the mindless behaviour of a small minority of our supporters who ran onto the pitch and threw coins. The Club has decided to ban for life from The County Ground, those identified for committing these acts.

"We welcome information from our fans that will lead to the identification of any persons who threw coins onto the pitch. Any person who commits these acts or goes onto the trackside or pitch will automatically be subject to a life ban from the Club. This is in addition to any action the Courts may deem necessary."

The FA have written to the club requesting our view of the events and we have sent our response. There is clearly potential for the FA to apply penalties against the Club if they deem it necessary. It goes without saying that the actions of these individuals could cost the Club dear," said Devlin. Jim Neighbour, the Wiltshire Police Football Intelligence Officer, based at Swindon Police Station, said: "The police take a dim view of going onto the pitch, coin throwing and similar activity. All people involved in such activities will be dealt with according to the Acts covering football matches."

SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST

TOWN LAND PREMIERSHIP TIE

The draw for the Carling Cup Second Round is made, pairing Town with Premiership giants Leeds United at Elland Road.

The draw gives Town Boss Andy King the chance to pit his wits against old friend Peter Reid and also give his side the opportunity to show what they can do against top-flight opposition.

The game will be played on Wednesday September 24th 2003.

TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST 2003

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MAY I WELCOME THE MAGPIES' VISITING MANAGEMENT TEAM AND PLAYERS - MANY OF WHICH I HAVE MET ONCE OR TWICE BEFORE!

Billy Dearden, the manager, was my number two at Mansfield whilst his assistant, Steve Parkin, not only played for me at Field Mill, but also took over my job upon my departure. Alongside Steve Parkin at Mansfield was Ian Baraclough, also playing today - whilst you will all recognise a certain Mr. Mildenhall in goal. To you all, a warm welcome today - I just hope we can put friendships aside for 90 minutes!

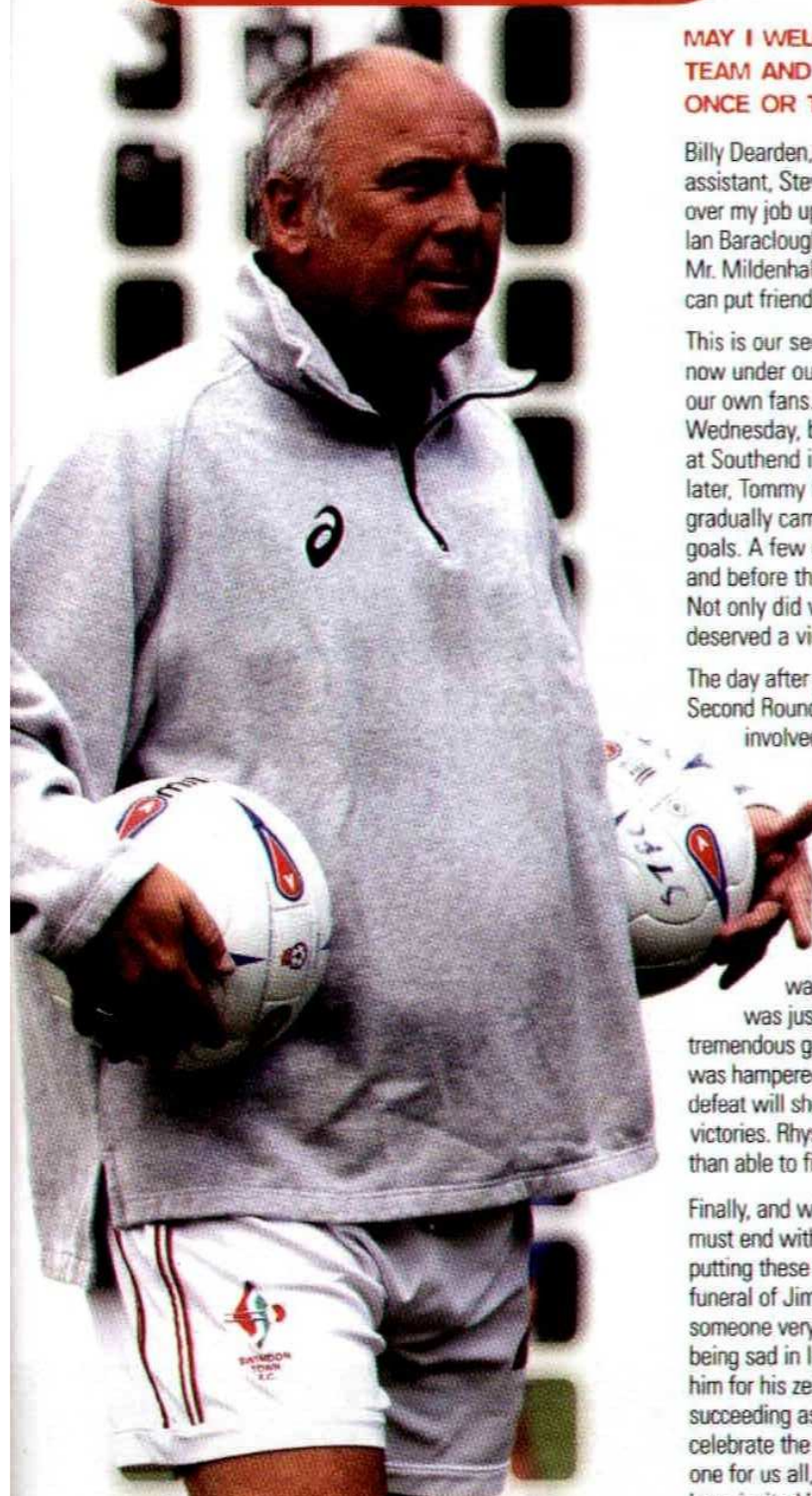
This is our second home game of the new campaign and with two wins now under our belt, let's hope that we can pick up three points in front of our own fans. We were very disappointed to lose out against Sheffield Wednesday, but we showed terrific character to come back and get a win at Southend in the week, Sam Parkin getting off the mark with two and later, Tommy Mooney grabbing the winner. Again we started slowly but gradually came to life, and it was nice to see our strike force grabbing the goals. A few days later came an even better performance at Colchester and before the game, I'd asked for a clean sheet, to tighten up defensively. Not only did we achieve that, but we also played with such quality and deserved a victory because we created so many chances.

The day after the Colchester game saw us drawn against Leeds in the Second Round of the Carling Cup - a fantastic match up for everyone involved at the Club. For the fans you get to visit a top-class stadium whilst the players can look forward to pitting their wits against some of the best players in the country. And for me, well I just get to see my best mate in football, Peter Reid. And whilst we may be playing a Premiership side, we will go there with nothing to fear.

The good news continued last week when, on Tuesday night, Rhys Evans was included in the England Under 21 squad. I was so proud to see a Swindon player involved in such a game, I was just disappointed to see that he hadn't started. Rhys is a tremendous goalkeeper and I would hate to think that his international career was hampered because he was playing in Division Two. Hopefully the 3-0 defeat will show the FA that Premiership players alone don't guarantee you victories. Rhys showed what he can do at Southend and I am sure he is more than able to fill the posts competently for England.

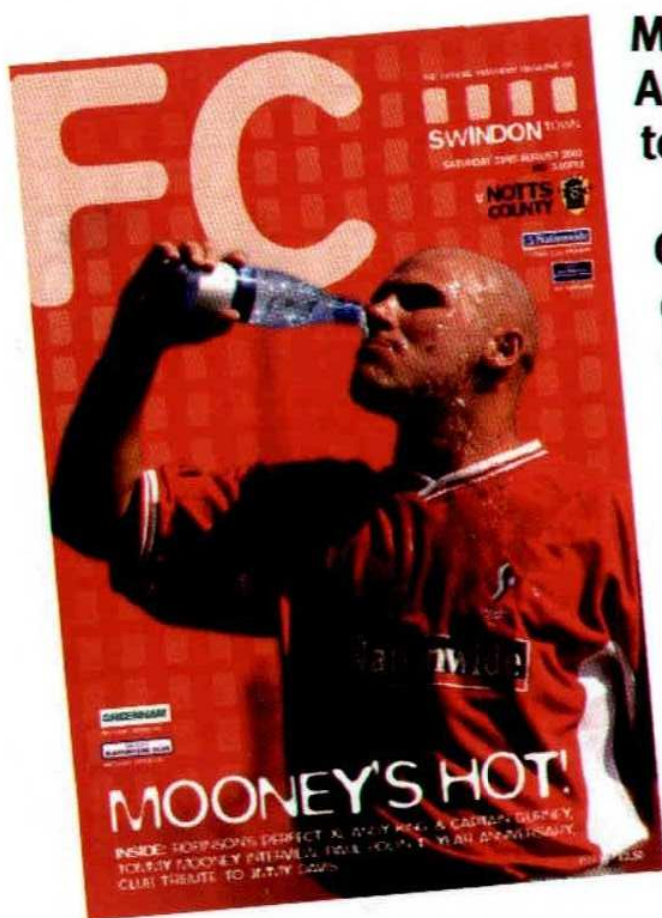
Finally, and whilst these notes have been filled mostly with good news, I must end with something more sombre. Unfortunately, in the process of putting these notes together, a number of the players and I attended the funeral of Jimmy Davis. I can honestly say that I feel as though I have lost someone very close to me - he just had that effect on people. But instead of being sad in light of the events of two weeks ago, I would like to remember him for his zest for life. He was so enthusiastic and was very committed to succeeding as a footballer - his energy rubbed off on others and I will always celebrate the way he lived his young life. The day he passed away was a sad one for us all, but I can only pass on my condolences to his family. In fact, I have invited his father to be with us today and if he is here, reading these notes, he will know how much we all thought of him. May he rest in peace.

Enjoy the game.



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GOOD AFTERNOON TO YOU ALL, I'D LIKE TO GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE JUNIOR ROBINS HERE TODAY AND ON BEHALF OF ALL AT THE CLUB I'D LIKE TO WELCOME OUR VISITORS, THE JUNIOR MAGPIES.

I know your'e bored of me going on about this but PLEASE can all Junior Robins who HAVEN'T sent their photos in for their membership cards yet, send them in A.S.A.P. I have only received 90 photos and we have 465 members. They are very important cards, you can not get any benefits of Junior Robins without them. For those of you who have sent in their photos, your membership card will be sent to you, if it has not arrived already.

The Junior Robins Souvenir Packs will be ready for collection on Monday 1st September. There will be some first team players in Swindon Town Football Club's shop from 2.00pm-4.00pm to hand them out. Everyone is welcome for autographs and polaroid pictures and it promises to be a fun afternoon and I look forward to seeing you there.

We are travelling to our away game on Monday and if you are going on the trip, PLEASE make sure you are at The County Ground at 10.45am, we must leave on time at 11.00am as the traffic is going to be BAD. Please make as much noise as possible and cheer the lads on. If you want more information on this trip on Monday and haven't got your ticket yet there are still places left but I will not be selling them after 5.30pm TODAY.

I'd like to wish these Junior Robins a very Happy Birthday I hope you had or will have a great day:

- 14th August Mstr Cowley
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- 18th August James Tinsley, Daljeet Chahal and Robbie Rogers
- 20th August Thomas Lentschner and Siobhan Dixey
- 21st August Stefan Tyrie, Martyn Little and Kirstie Maisey
- 23rd August Chloe Foster, Simon Jenkins and Lee Hayward
- 24th August Daniel Skudlarz
- 25th August Gregory Greaves
- 26th August Stephen Nobbs and Sam Carter

If anyone would like any more information on anything to do with Junior Robins or Schools, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

COME ON YOU REDS!

Alice Wills
Junior Robins and Schools Project Manager
01793 333733 alice@swindontownfc.co.uk

Bonjour Rockeee,

How are you, mon feathered ami? All is not well here at Ighbury - we have no money! All ze other big clubs are spraying the money around and buying players how you say - willy le nilly. . . And already the referees have it in for Arsenal zis season. My Sol Campbell - how dare he be sent off!!? He never does anything wrong in his career, he is a saint like no other - including Patrick Viera. Oh woe is me, how will we survive. . . I cannot believe zis is happening. Help me Robeeee, help me.

Arsenal Wenger

Dear Sir!

Strewth, how old is the season already? Blimey Arsenal - I can't stand all this 'mauvais temps' coming down from North London. All the letters you sent me last season, have you learned anything from my great advice? Folks are going to talk if we carry on meeting like this. I think I can pinpoint one area where you are going wrong.

The team talks. I hear on the grapevine through a player that shall remain nameless. . . let's call him Thierry X that your team talks go on too long. Last week this player discreetly made an exit from one of your teamtalks, and when you collared him later on in the day, you quizzed him about his disappearance, he explained that he had to leave to get a haircut. "Why didn't you do that before ze teamtalk" you asked him "Because", he said, "I didn't need one then".

But don't start on at me about having no money for players! You only have to look at the sort of team we are building here at Swindon with no money. With funds as tight as a duck's derriere we are bouncing up and down with all the value signings the boss has made. Money is so tight round here, last week the chairman dropped a 5p piece, bent down to pick it up and it hit him on the back of the neck! Boom Boom!

Take a Chill Pill! **RR**



TREATMENT ROOM

The past seven days have seen no new additions to the treatment room, with the strong Wiltshire sun presenting the only challenge. It is vital that the players take on board the necessary fluids before, during and after training and matches.

Andy Gurney recovered from his groin strain following the visit of Sheffield Wednesday and played a full 90 minutes in the 1-0 win at Colchester United last Friday.

I would also like to thank, on behalf of STFC, Club Doctor Alun Davies for all his hard work during his time with us. Dr Davies, who also ran Drove Road Surgery, was with us for eight years and has returned to work in his native Wales.

Dr Davies, a modest man and an excellent doctor was well versed legally and in Sports Medicine. He was easy to work with and did great service to the Club. We thank him for his service and wish him and his family well for the future.

Our new Club Doctor is Dr Peter Wiesemann from the Great Western Surgery. We trust his stay will be a long and happy one.

We also welcome back Anita Fisher, one of our nurses. She was stationed with Her Majesty's Forces for several months in Iraq.



► Gurney (Action Images)

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

WELCOME TO THIS AFTERNOON'S GAME AGAINST NOTTS COUNTY

All of the team are relieved that we have now two wins under our belt, but more importantly that we enter this game with 3 points on the board.

After the gaffer's comments about our slow starts out of the block against both Sheffield Wednesday and Southend, we spent a great deal of time on the training ground analysing why we have started games slowly. We concentrated on set plays and how to up our work rate. So it was great to win on our trips to Southend and Colchester.

After a good pre-season we were aware of the positive mood around the club prior to the Wednesday game. All the players appreciated the great support on the opener and it was great to see so many fans inside the County Ground.

The new lads have settled down really well and training has been going well. Its good to see that Moons and Sam have got on the scoresheet. The keen battle for positions is healthy and none more so than for the space between the posts. Both Bart & Rhys know the score and we all appreciate that no place is guaranteed.

Having just heard the draw we are now looking forward to a trip North to the great Elland Road, I'm sure the Gaffer is pleased.

But today we need points, thanks again for your vocal support, enjoy the game.

CHAIRMAN, STFC.
WILLIE CARSON



Good afternoon everyone, in the absence today of Mark Devlin may I offer you a warm welcome for today's second home league game. On behalf of all the Directors at Swindon Town, can I also offer greetings to the Directors, Management, Players and Supporters of Notts County.

Having won two games on our

travels and hearing the exciting Carling Cup draw that takes us to face Leeds at Elland Road there is an optimistic mood around the club. I had already felt bullish about the start of this season. We have, in my opinion bought wisely and have a stronger squad in depth to fight for places than we had last season. It was particularly pleasing to see the attendance for our opener and it's only by bringing in higher revenue that we can bolster the team. Thank you for your support.

I have to tell you that after a difficult 2-3 years, the club is on a much better financial footing, but we still have to remain cautious and proceed wisely. Over the last 18 months the board have had little time to talk football, with all the problems (off the field) that we have faced. I hope the fans will see a very successful season and that some pride is back at the club. Its taken a longer time than we expected but we are getting there.

As Mark mentioned last time our spending has been careful. He put the record straight that we let seven players go and bought in eight new signings – mostly players with experience at playing at higher levels and on a like-for-like basis we have been able to reduce our expenditure. Personally I enjoyed the performance of Sammy Igoe in our opener, he is small, quick and intelligent, exciting to watch. Tommy Mooney has shown at

Southend and Colchester what he can do, a match winner. Super Sam we don't have to talk about, with increased service who knows how many he will bag for us this season.

I was surprised that Leeds reported on their website that the visit of Swindon Town is a 'relatively straight-forward task'. We will relish this fantastic challenge and I hope we can rise to the occasion. I think Peter Reid's side might get a bit of a fright, especially if our strikers are on form and they get good service. Also that our defence stays firm. I'm sure Andy will enjoy the challenge against one of his best mates.

Once again may I say how wonderful your support was against Wednesday. However, it was marred by two Swindon fans running on the pitch, one is reported to have attempted to assault an away player. Also a number of coins were found on the pitch at the Town End of the stadium. Any incident like these can cast a shadow over all our hard efforts to get the club back to where we belong. Its OUR club so please help us to eliminate these problems.

Enjoy today's game, let's hope it's another three points and thanks again for your support.

Willie Carson
Chairman



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VS SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Town felt the heat on the hottest weekend in history when promotion favourites Sheffield Wednesday steamed into a three goal lead in 24 blistering minutes. However new-look Swindon refused to lie down and sun bathe in 100 plus degrees pulling back two goals before time ran out on a 2-3 home defeat. The fight-back must have resulted in a cold sweat for the Wednesday supporters as Town's spirited performance nearly earned a point, writes STFC Sports Reporters Adrian Smith and Simon Coy.

A Stefani Miglioranzi header and a debut goal from a quick Sammy Igoe free-kick replied to early strikes for the Owls from Owusu and Kuqi, after a Steve Robinson own goal had given the Yorkshire side the lead in front of an expectant crowd of over 10,500 basking in the sun and the early season cheer.

Disaster struck from Wednesday's first attack in the fourth minute when Bart Griemink lost control of an Evans cross and the ball crept in off Steve Robinson as Owusu wheeled away to try and claim the goal.

Duke's long throw in to Mooney resulted in a smart turn by Igoe but his return pass to Mooney was just too long. Igoe had another shot shortly afterwards which went wide and the same player had a dipping shot moments later which went just over the crossbar. Duke took a quick throw-in to Mooney but his cross just evaded Parkin.

Moments later there was controversy when Igoe seemed to be fouled just outside the Wednesday area, but the referee waved play on and from the resulting attack Kuqi passed to Owusu who this time was definitely the first to the ball and he volleyed home.

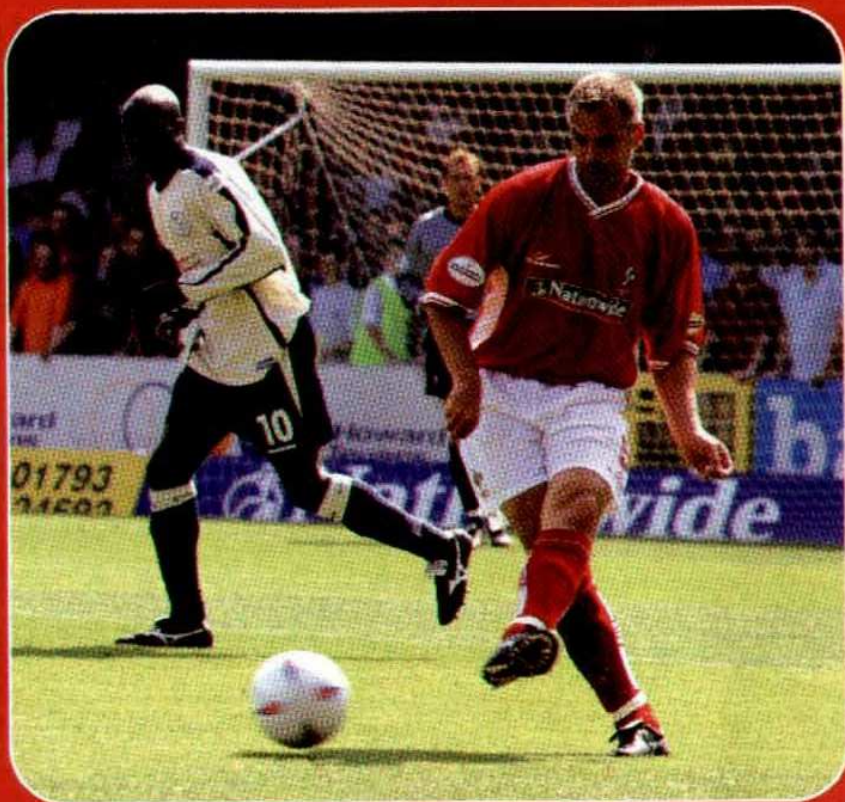
Swindon came back strongly through Parkin and Igoe resulting in a corner but Robinson's shot was charged down. However the dominant Wednesday side went further ahead when Kuqi tapped home a cross by Evans in the 24th minute and the bookies favourites looked to be heading for a comfortable victory.

Robinson persistence paid off on the half hour when he tricked his way through to the right hand byeline and Miglioranzi headed home Town's first League goal of the season from Turbo's pinpoint cross.

Then a clash of heads between Mooney and Barry-Murphy resulted in a lengthy stoppage while the Wednesday player was treated. From the restart a neat link up between Miglioranzi and Igoe resulted a good shot by Igoe which went just wide. Miglioranzi was also on the end of a move involving Duke and Parkin

SWINDON TOWN 2 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 3

MIGLIORANZI, IGOE



but his tame shot was easily saved by Tidman.

Duke and Mooney linked up well but the former Birmingham man was unable to get a clear shot and although Swindon enjoyed a good period of possession including a 25 yard free-kick by Mooney and a close range shot by Parkin they were unable to reduce the deficit further in the 2 minutes of injury time. The referee Mr Knight blew up to end proceedings on a very hot first half.

Wednesday kicked off and were swiftly on the attack which resulted in a corner but it was cleared by the Swindon defence. Quinn became the first player to be cautioned when he fouled Gurney. From the resulting Gurney freekick Igoe's cross was headed just over by a lively looking Parkin.

Gurney was involved in another

move with Parkin but Tidman was quickly off his line to intercept. Robinson, Igoe and Mooney linked up in a superb attack, which resulted in an Igoe corner dealt with comfortably by Tidman.

Igoe and Robinson were again working well together soon after but a Wednesday defender slid in and Tidman collected the ball. At the other end Gurney was cautioned after a difference of opinion with Dwusu. As Swindon continued to push forward another good move involving Hewlett and Robinson resulted in Parkin's cross just evading Mooney's head.

Finally Town's good work paid off. Viveash and Mooney linked up well but Mooney was tripped from behind. Igoe took a very clever quick freekick that struck the post and went in for Swindon's second goal and this increased the noise levels in the County Ground, as Kuqi was booked for protesting about the kick.

Swindon were quickly on the attack again striving for the equaliser. Mooney had a good shot after some further trickery by Igoe and at the other end a Wednesday freekick was headed away by Hewlett. Matt Heywood became the second Swindon player to be cautioned for dissent and Armstrong became the second Wednesday player to be cautioned. Richard Wood replaced Evans as the first substitute in the 21st minute and moments later Griemink was almost caught out when a defensive clearance ricocheted back off a Wednesday forward but the ball went just wide.

Igoe was featuring in plenty of the action and his chip over the Wednesday defence was just caught by Tidman. A Wednesday attack by Kuqi ended up with Holt being fouled and from the freekick Griemink made a smart instinctive save. Moments later Wednesday had the ball in the net through Kuqi but it was ruled out for offside and immediately Brian Howard replaced Hewlett in the Swindon midfield. Howard made an immediate impact when his goalbound freekick was tipped over by Tidman.

An Igoe corner resulted in a Gurney header which was deflected by the lively looking Howard and Parkin had a superb solo run but was unable to get a clear shot on goal. Wednesday replaced Quinn with Steve Haslam as the heat took its toll and Swindon brought on Jon Stevenson for Igoe after the influential midfield maestro picked up a knock.

Referee Barry Knight blew the final whistle with Swindon on the attack and although the result went against them the Robins can be pleased with an excellent performance after a slow start on a stifling hot afternoon.

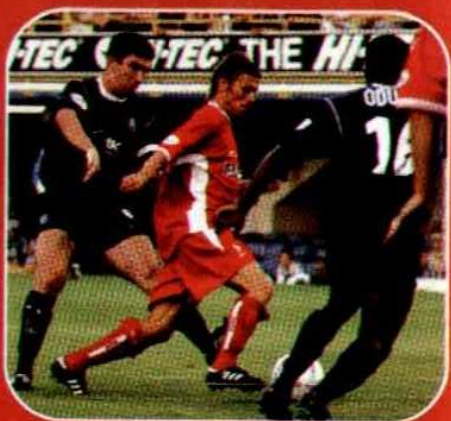
MATCH ACTION



TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST KO 7.45PM

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ATTENDANCE: 3,385



TOWN VS SOUTHEND UNITED

Premiership big guns Leeds United await Town's visit after Mooney's winner capped off a solid Swindon second half showing at Southend writes STFC Sports Reporter Simon Coy.

Swindon's 199 travelling fans were over the moon as Tommy fired home in the 72nd minute to seal a 3:2 away win. The strike by Mooney capped a strong second half fight back by Town after another slow start left them trailing 2:1 at the break. Super Sammy Parkin began the revival levelling just after half time having already kept Town in the game with a first half goal in an opening 45 that twice saw Southend take the lead.

Southend United started the game the stronger side with Town once again slow out of the starting blocks. A quick free kick from Mark Gower was cleared by Steve Robinson for a corner in the first minute. Moments later a Kevin Maher cross was

once again cleared by the alert Robinson.

Swindon's first attack came in the 6th min when a volleyed cross into the box by left wingback Grant Smith was too long for Jon Stevenson. At the other end Southend surged forward again and a sharp shot from Maher was caught by debutant keeper Rhys Evans.

After 11 minutes the pressure paid off for the Shrimpers. A corner from Jupp was played out to Gower who chipped into the box from the edge and Maher headed past the despairing Evans.

Southend continued to look the better side but a combination of the experienced Alan Reeves and the alert Evans ensured that long balls were being dealt with.

As the half continued Swindon came into the game more. A long ball forward from Evans found Robinson. He then fed Igoe who pushed the ball on to Howard but he was once again tackled by the ever alert

Cort for a corner. Sammy Igoe whipped in the corner but the referee judged that Reeves was climbing on the defender and the attack came to nothing.

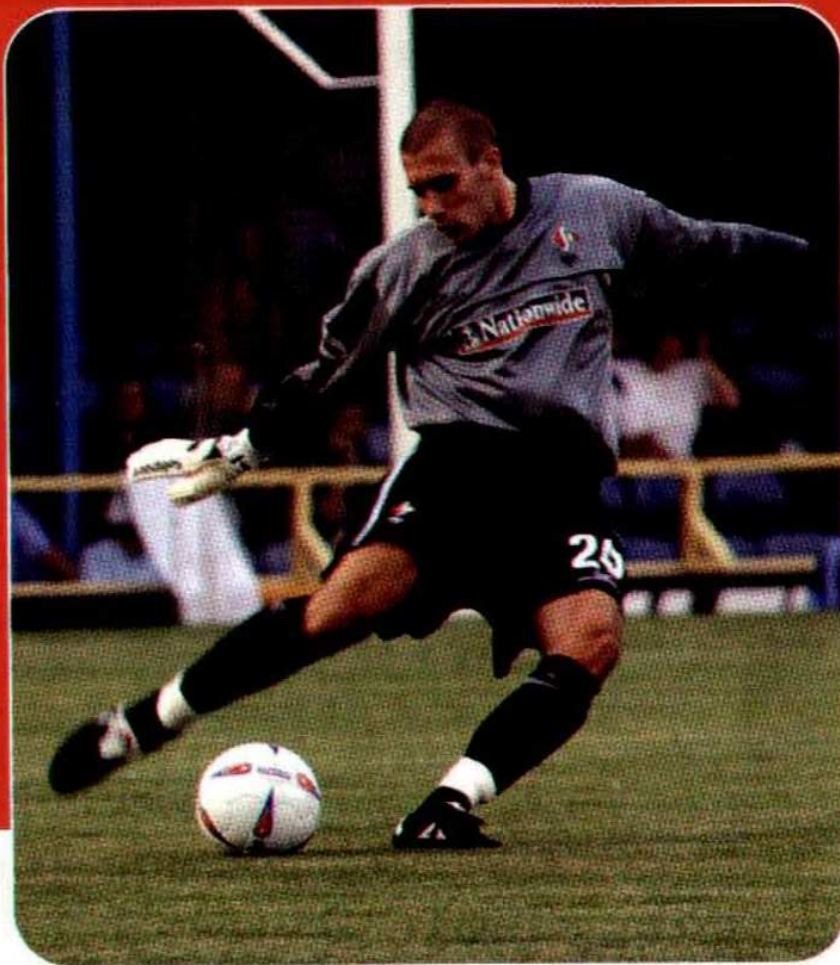
Swindon finally came back into the game in the 34th minute. A long ball from Viveash was controlled well by Stevenson. He drew the keeper and then slipped the ball out to his left to Parkin who had ghosted into the box in support. Super Sam hit the ball first time across the goal into the opposite corner of the net and Town were level.

However Swindon only managed to stay on equal terms for 4 minutes. After 38 minutes Southend produced another quick fire attack. Gower crossed into the feet of Husbands who tricked past Hewlett in centre of box. He sent a short pass over to Broughton whose shot went past Evans from 10 yards.

A clearly revitalised Swindon had the perfect start to the second half with an

SOUTHEND UNITED 2 SWINDON TOWN 3

PARKIN 2, MOONEY 1



MAN OF THE MATCH

(AS VOTED FOR BY FANS ON
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SAM PARKIN

early goal from super Sam Parkin. In the 48th minute Igoe dribbled forwards and played the ball into Robinson. He took ball to bye line before cutting it back for Sam Parkin who swept home from 6 yards.

Soon after another good Swindon build up saw the ball break again to Parkin but he was pulled up for pushing McSweeney and the move broke down.

Smith's deep angled cross in the 54th minute was just beyond the diving Mooney on the far side of the six yard box. Half time substitute Stefani Miglioranzi exchanged passes with Igoe skipped round two players and then shot low from 12 yards but the Southend keeper was equal to it.

In the 59th minute Southend showed that

they were still not ruling out winning the tie as they once again tested Evans. The England U21 keeper was equal to it as he made a great save down to his left from a powerful Jupp downward header.

On 68 minutes a great passing move involving Igoe and Miglioranzi created space just inside the box only for the United defence to foil yet another Town attack. Matt Hewlett was then booked for kicking the ball away. The resulting free-kick saw the ball crossed into the box, deceiving Viveash and falling at the feet of Drewe Broughton at the back post. The big striker controlled neatly before firing the ball fiercely towards goal only to be foiled by the athletic Evans.

On 72 minutes Town went ahead for the first time in the game. A free-kick

from Grant Smith floated over to Parkin whose header found Viveash at the back post. Viveash's header deflected off the post to the feet of Mooney who hammered his shot across goal into the far corner of the net. The popular striker then celebrated in front of the ecstatic 199 travelling fans behind the goal. Both players and supporters knew that Town had earned the winner with an impressive second half performance.

In the remaining quarter of the game Town continued their attacking play with some neat one-touch football but Southend did not give up the cause. United Boss Steve Wignall introduced Tes Bramble on 78 minutes and the big striker was soon in the thick of the action as he was booked for taking down Evans eight yards out. The referee Mr D Crick consulted his linesman before producing a yellow card.

In the closing stages Tommy Mooney saw his 25-yard effort easily gathered and Parkin missed out on a hat-trick after being foiled inside the box by the United backline. Overall it was a game of contrasting fortunes as Town showed their class in the second period.

We're all over the Mooney!

TOMMY MOONEY HAS CERTAINLY BECOME THE FAN'S FAVOURITE SINCE HIS SWITCH FROM BIRMINGHAM CITY - AND FOLLOWING ON FROM HIS PRE-SEASON OPTIMISM, MIKE JUDD SPOKE TO 'THE MOON' AT THE TRAINING GROUND.

Tommy explained that since he joined us in the second week of June, he has been disappointed that injury kept him out for three weeks. "The foot injury has affected my return to full fitness, but a combination of rest and the training helps, but it's games that give you the fitness and three matches in six days obviously has been useful. I'm now a bit quicker, but there's a fine line between getting your fitness back and resting enough so that you are 100% again for the next game, especially when they are only two or three days apart. The Friday night game against Colchester didn't help because a Saturday game would have given me a bit more time, but you just have to get on with it and not worry about it. If you worry about it then that's probably when you're not going to perform to your maximum level and at this stage in the season all you want to do is get maximum points on the board. After the disappointment of the game against Sheffield Wednesday we just wanted to play the next league game. It was a great win against Southend (in the Carling Cup), but it's the points we need to concentrate on. So it was great to get the points against a good Colchester side and we can certainly build on that result. I was pleased to get on the scoresheet again!"

Mooney's reputation upon joining us was as a goal scorer and he got his first goal for the Town at Roots Hall, "It was great to get on the score sheet in the first week, having said that I always score against my old clubs! I knew that it was only a matter of time. Things were not going well for us at half time so we had to change it around to make

sure we got in the hat for the next round. We did that and I thought we played really well in the second half. If we can continue to take that 45 minute performance into our league form then we should be OK.

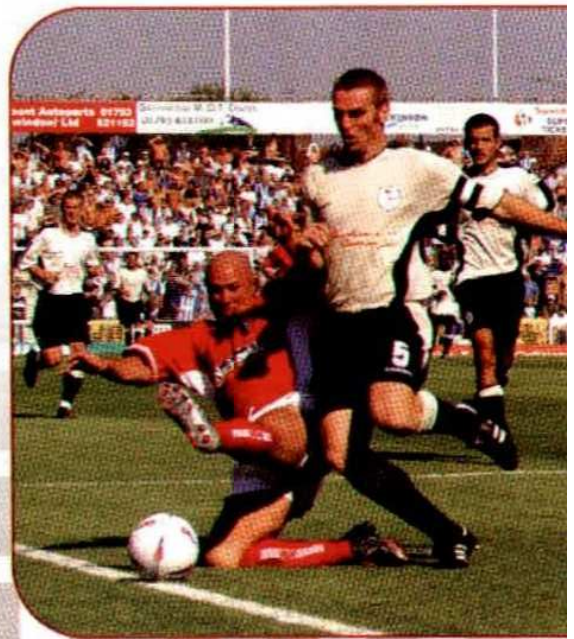
"We have had two bad starts, it couldn't have been any worse on the opening day, 0-3 down against the Owls after 15 minutes, I think we showed an awful lot of character to come back from that. It could have gone either way, we could have crumbled and then could have been five or six down. (Things started better against Colchester, with some changes to the line up). I'd like to thank the supporters for their loud support, they appreciated that we rolled our sleeves up and dug in a little bit, in the end we just didn't have enough to draw level at the County Ground."

"After the optimism of pre-season we are still the same, but we need to improve our team play. We struggled in certain areas in our opening games and those need to be taken care of. The sooner we can get into the system that we know can we play the better, we seem to have no problems going forward, but when you do have an attacking set up we do need to get back and defend a lot of the time. We need to adapt that attacking system to something we are comfortable with, where we can hold on to a lead, not concede goals. The sooner the team can do that the better it will be, we don't want to have to score two or three goals to have to win a game. Mind you, it has only been three games so far and

so we have time to get it right. This team WILL score goals and hopefully there will be plenty for Sam & I! The midfielders also offer us scoring options, so we will be a good side going forward, now we have to adapt that into a team performance."

And how is Tommy getting on with 'Super Sam'? "The problem is that we only played 45 minutes together at home pre-season against Wolves, so Sheffield Wednesday became our first game, ideally we would have liked three or four games together before the start of the season. As I've already said there really is no substitute for real games and the quicker we get on together on the pitch then the better it will be for the team. However I stress that we are part of the team. Between Sam & I it is an us, you need to have a pairing. Sam has said that he has not had a pairing before and the better your front pairing works invariably the better the team performs. It's a challenge because there is a lot of pressure on Sam to repeat his goals from last season and there is an obvious pressure on me because I've come in and I'm expected to score goals too. So it's put pressure on both of us, but we are both people that perhaps thrive on that pressure situation. It's a nice part of the game for me because if you are not under pressure then you may as well go and play on a Sunday morning. I like that responsibility and I know Sam does too. So that and the expectation is the reason I came here."

We wish Tom and Sam success in the season ahead, may they find the net aplenty!!!




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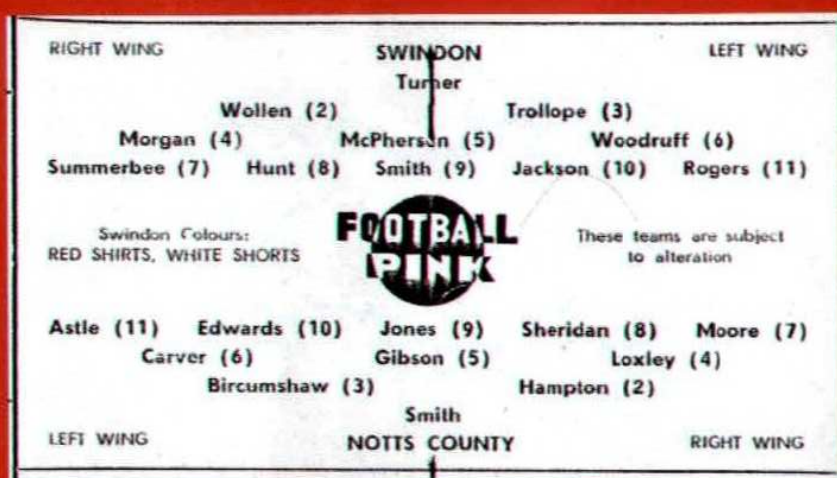
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Dick Mattick's VINTAGE RED

This week I dipped in to my programme collection to find one of a match between Swindon and Notts County in December 1962. It was the first season Swindon had gone to a small pocket size programme and in amongst the adverts could be found Club Notes, Supporters Club notes and brief pen pictures of the visitors. Among these were J Astle described as "a promising inside forward and useful goal scorer and T Hateley "One of the finest headers of a ball in the game today." Hateley did not play in the game but Astle featured at outside left. The fear of pitch invasions was indicated by a cartoon which requested that whether you were "mad, sad or glad" "Please keep of the pitch". A list of appearances showed Wollen, Trollope, Morgan, Woodruff, Smith and Jackson as ever present in all 20 League matches played to that point while Cliff Jackson with 11 was just ahead of Ernie Hunt and Jack Smith with 10 in the scoring stakes. A centre stand seat could be had for just 6/6 or about 33p in today's currency. Swindon took the lead in the 39th minute. The move was started by Don Rogers, making just his second League appearance and moved on through Bobby Woodruff and Jack Smith before inside left Cliff Jackson cracked home a shot. RCE's Football pink Report stated that "If ever a side deserved a goal then Swindon did that one. He went on to



describe how Swindon's scintillating football was leaving County outplayed which was surprising in view of the fact that earlier in the season they had hammered Town 5-0 in the League Cup.

Swindon went further ahead in the second half when Ernie Hunt dribbled through. Although George Smith, a keeper who had been with County since 1953, advanced quickly and blocked Hunt's shot the ball broke loose to Jackson who calmly dribbled it to create a clear view of the now vacant goal into which he now slotted home. The saddest moment of the match and indeed of the whole season for Swindon came in the 65th minute. John Sheridan of County tackled Terry Wollen the town right back. I was sitting in the old stand and heard the crack which signalled a broken leg that to all intents and purposes ended Terry's

career, for although he returned to play a few matches he was never the same player again. Sheridan was sent off and ten minutes later Don Rogers wrapped things up dribbling through to beat the off side trap. A minute later Smith pulled a goal back for County and that completed the scoring. The victory brought Swindon level on points with County and QPR and left them just four points behind League leaders Peterborough

Although Notts County won the return match 2-0 in April the season ended in promotion for Swindon, who finished as runners up to Northampton, while Notts County had to be contented with a seventh place finish. The difference between County's form at home and away was marked with 15 games won at home but only four away.



TODAY'S VISITORS
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TODAY'S VISITORS TRAVEL TO WILTSHIRE IN DESPERATE NEED OF POINTS. ONCE AGAIN THE MAGPIES HAVE STARTED SLOWLY OUT OF THE BLOCKS AND WHILST THEIR SQUAD SUGGESTS THAT THEY COULD BE CAPABLE OF MOUNTING A PROMOTION PUSH – RESULTS HAVEN'T FOLLOWED SUIT.

In fact the nation's oldest Club has had a tendency to under-achieve for a number of years and since the days in which Darren Caskey and Mark Stallard were brought in order to fire them up the leagues, it's been a case of one disappointment after another in Division Two.

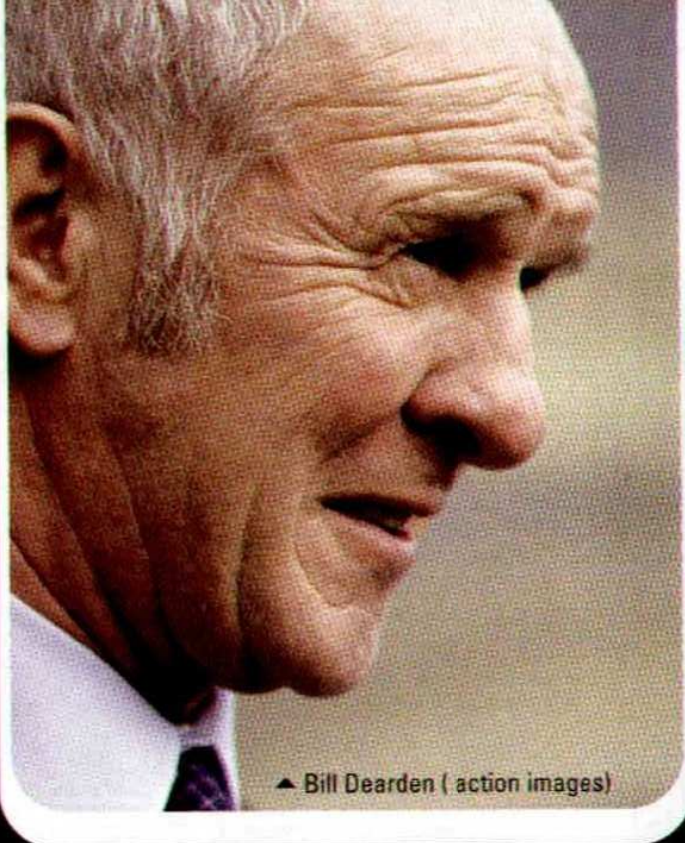
County themselves have an illustrious history. As well as being the oldest Club in the world, County also boast the distinction of having an Italian base their kit on the black and white striped number. However, that is where the similarities finish and in recent years – it's been very much a similar situation to our own. Desperate to climb out of the division County have tried spending money – leaving them enshrouded in financial uncertainty, as well as making do with what they've got. Their current squad includes just 21 players and so should they encounter any injuries – then they could come unstuck.

Just returning from injury is former Town favourite Steve Mildenhall. 'Mildy' picked up an injury in pre-season and subsequently missed the first game of the season. However, a 5-0 defeat at the hands of high-flyers Bristol City has seen him return between the sticks – he'll be hoping for a more pleasant afternoon than the one he endured last season when Swindon put five past him!

County then achieved an impressive draw away at Preston in the Carling Cup, beating the First Division Club on penalties to sail into the next round. However, their league form didn't improve when the Robins of Wrexham were the visitors last Saturday, with Hector Sam scoring the winning goal that left the Magpies without a point or a goal.

▲ Mark Stallard (action images)





▲ Bill Dearden (action images)

THE GAFFER

BILL DEARDEN

Billy Dearden was appointed manager of Notts County on January 7 2002, a day after resigning from his post at Mansfield Town to take up the position at Meadow Lane. He replaced Gary Brazil as Magpies manager, with his predecessor continuing at the Club as coach and Director of Youth Football.

Bill started his playing career at Oldham Athletic part-time and in 1964 at the age of 21, he began playing full-time. He left Oldham in 1966 and went to Crewe Alexandra and during that time the club gained promotion from the Fourth to the Third Division. 18 months later he signed for Chester City, but his big break came in 1970 when he signed for Sheffield United and played there for six years. In 1976 due to bad knee injuries he left The Blades and went back to Chester. In his time at Bramall Lane Bill played over 160 games and scored 70 goals.

He continued at Chester City for 12 months but when Arthur Cox left to go to Chesterfield, Bill followed and became player/coach at Saltergate before being appointed Assistant Manager in 1981. He stayed at Chesterfield until 1983 when he left to join Mansfield Town where he was later offered the post of First Team Coach (under a certain Mr King). He left the club in 1994 and went to take a position at Port Vale as Assistant Manager to John Rudge. In June 1999 he was invited to return to Field Mill and was offered the job as Mansfield Town Manager, before he joined Notts County three years later.

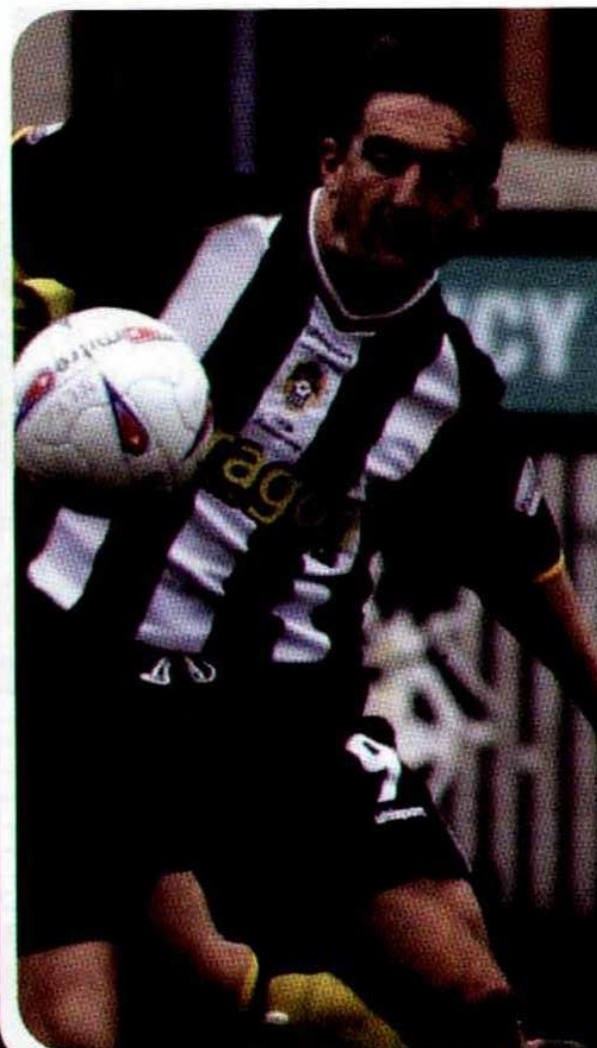
DANGERMAN

MARK STALLARD

After a hernia problem wrecked Mark's 2001/02 season, he was back to his best last time around, hitting a career-best 25 goals during the course of the campaign and firing County to Division Two safety.

"Stall" hit 11 goals by Christmas, and hit top form during the early part of the year netting a number of vital goals throughout the season - including a brace against Cardiff City in the 2-0 win at Ninian Park. He also proved to be 'Mr Cool' from the penalty spot on a number of occasions, not least against Huddersfield when he converted two pressure penalties late on in the game.

He was rewarded for his fantastic efforts by being named the club's Player of the Season. Mark is a huge favourite with the Magpies fans and will once more be the key player for the year ahead.



Notts County Top Trumps



STEVE MILDENHALL

Age:	23
Appearances last season:	22
Clean Sheets last season:	4
Yellow cards:	0
Red Cards:	0
Career Appearances:	94
Career goals:	0
Previous Clubs:	3 (Swindon, Salisbury & Gloucester)

After warming the bench for the opening months of the 2002/03 season, Steve was recalled to the Notts first in November, and he has impressed ever since. He has since given a number of outstanding performances - although Town fans were used to those!



NICKY FENTON

Age:	25
Appearances last season:	41
Goals last season:	3
Yellow cards:	13
Red Cards:	0
Career Appearances:	178
Career goals:	9
Previous Clubs:	2 (Bournemouth & Manchester City)

The 2002/03 season saw Nicky revert back to his favoured position at centre half, and he ended the season as runner up to Mark Stallard in the Player of the Season poll. A near ever present, his only downside is his disciplinary problems, 13 yellow cards in total last year!



KEVIN NICHOLSON

Age:	22
Appearances last season:	38
Goals last season:	0
Yellow cards:	1
Red Cards:	0
Career Appearances:	90
Career goals:	3
Previous Clubs:	3 (Forest Green, Northampton & Sheffield Wednesday)

After a fine end to the 2001/02 season, much was expected of the former England Youth international during the following campaign. Unfortunately he failed to reproduce his best form and he will be looking for some more consistency this time around.



IAN RICHARDSON

Age:	32
Appearances last season:	38
Goals last season:	2
Yellow cards:	8
Red Cards:	1
Career Appearances:	350
Career goals:	31
Previous Clubs:	2 (Dagenham & Hedderley & Birmingham City)

'Richo' finally put pen to paper on a one-year deal with Notts during the summer, just seven months after being offered a new contract! The pacy defender will remain at Notts for at least another year now, and if he can stay clear of injuries, he could have a successful season.



PAUL HOLLAND

Age:	23
Appearances last season:	30
Goals last season:	4
Yellow cards:	3
Red Cards:	0
Career Appearances:	112
Career goals:	5
Previous Clubs:	1 (Bradford City)

Paul started last season in the centre of midfield alongside Darren Caskey, before being shifted out onto the right wing to cover for Marcel Cas. It may not have been Paul's favoured position, but he gave 100% as usual and his willingness to work hard made him a big favourite with the supporters.



IAN BARRACOUGH

Age:	32
Appearances last season:	36
Goals last season:	2
Yellow cards:	5
Red Cards:	0
Career Appearances:	514
Career goals:	35
Previous Clubs:	6 (QPR, Mansfield, Lincoln, Gillingham, Wigan & Leicester)

Ian started the 2002/03 season on the left side of midfield for The Magpies, before reverting to centre. His versatility was vital with Notts' squad being down to the bare bones on many occasions, with a lot of his work for the side going unnoticed, but what he does do is vital for the team.



DARREN CASKEY

Age:	28
Appearances last season:	41
Goals last season:	3
Yellow cards:	6
Red Cards:	2
Career Appearances:	373
Career goals:	60
Previous Clubs:	3 (Reading, Watford & Tottenham)

On his day Darren can be the key man in the centre of midfield, and can provide the telling pass which can cut opposition defences apart. Unfortunately after a good start last season he suffered a loss of form and will be hoping for more consistency this time around.



PAUL HEFFERNAN

Age:	20
Appearances last season:	39
Goals last season:	11
Yellow cards:	2
Red Cards:	0
Career Appearances:	73
Career goals:	16
Previous Clubs:	1 (Newtown)

Paul began last season on the bench, before scoring three goals in three games to get his season started. 'Heff' then suffered a few injury problems during the Christmas period before returning with a bang in the New Year, scoring some vital goals to help Notts avoid relegation for the second season running.



TONY HACKWORTH

Age:	23
Appearances last season:	10
Goals last season:	0
Yellow cards:	1
Red Cards:	0
Career Appearances:	56
Career goals:	2
Previous Clubs:	1 (Luton United)

Tony suffered another injury prone season at Meadow Lane during the 2002/03 season, making only four starts during the year. When Tony was fit and ready for first team action, he was unable to get into the team because of the fine form of Mark Stallard and Paul Heffernan.



STEVE JENKINS

Age:	21
Apps last season:	33 (Hullfield & Cardiff)
Goals last season:	0
Yellow cards:	4
Red Cards:	0
Career Appearances:	520
Career goals:	5
Previous Clubs:	4 (Cardiff, Birmingham, Huddersfield & Swansea)

Dearden has been a long time admirer of the Welsh International for many years, and when he became available on a free transfer following his release by Cardiff City, Dearden swooped to sign the defender. Able to play anywhere across the back line, Steve has 16 international caps for Wales.



TONY BARRAS

Age:	37
Apps last season:	26 (Plymouth & Walsall)
Goals last season:	0
Yellow cards:	1
Red Cards:	0
Career Appearances:	495
Career goals:	35
Previous Clubs:	7 (Plymouth, Walsall, Reading, York, Rusham, Stockport, Hartlepool)

Dearden swooped to sign this experienced defender following his release from Walsall in August 2003 on a month's contract after performing well in pre-season. He's a well-known figure in the lower leagues and his experience could be vital. Could be Nicky Fenton's ideal partner in County's back four.



SIMON BALDRY

Age:	26
Apps last season:	25 (for Huddersfield)
Goals last season:	3
Yellow cards:	3
Red Cards:	0
Career Appearances:	172
Career goals:	10
Previous Clubs:	2 (Bury & Huddersfield)

One of a number of players signed on a monthly contract. A naturally right-sided player, Simon could be the winger that Dearden is desperately looking for. Baldry is looking for a good consistent run of games after he has endured a number of injury problems in the last few seasons.

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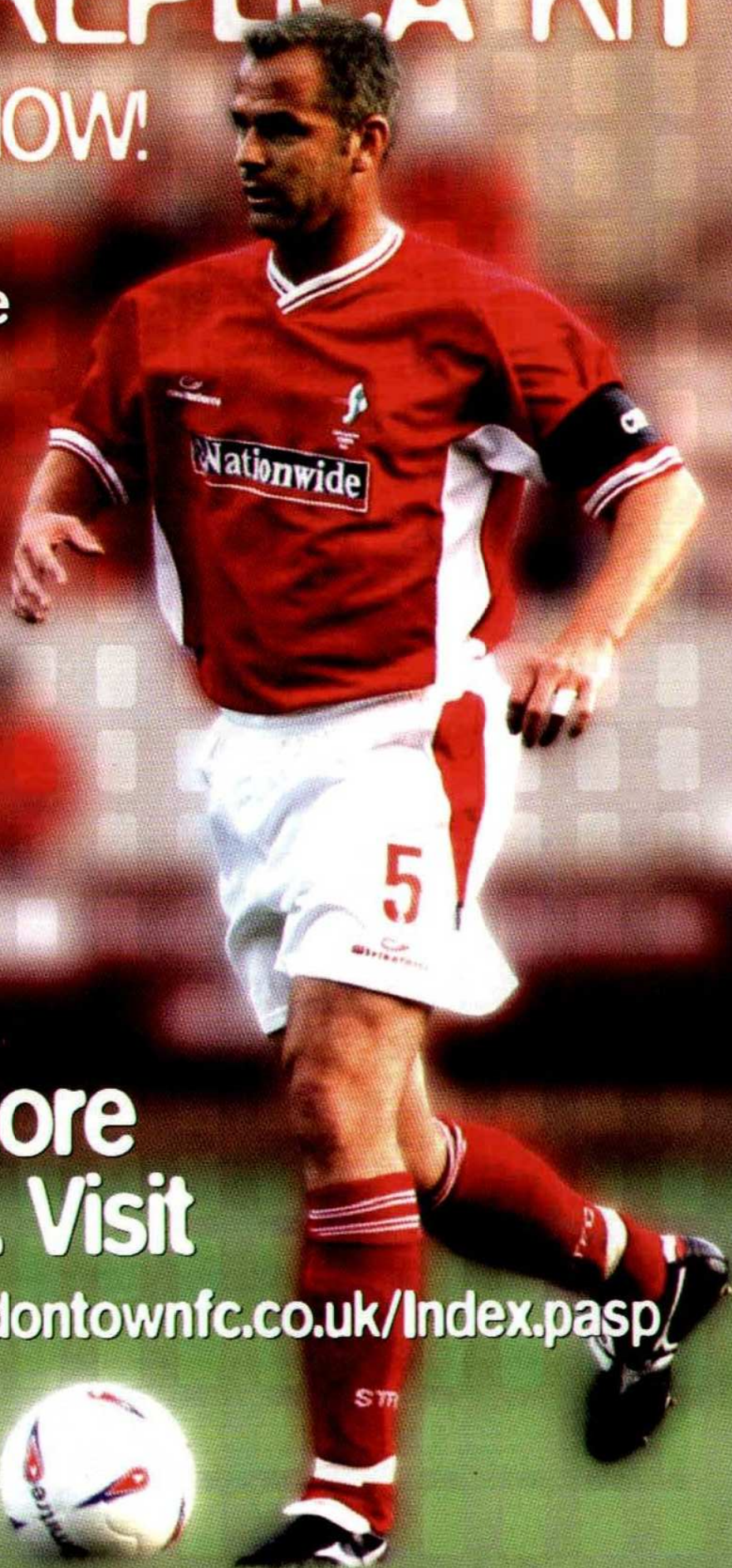
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Most Scoring chances per game

	On Target	Off T		On Target	Off T
Swindon	11.00	9.50	Wycombe	5.00	5.00
Plymouth	10.50	7.00	Colchester	4.00	5.50
Notts County	7.50	7.50	Brighton	5.50	3.00
Bristol City	9.00	4.50	Chesterfield	5.50	3.00
Rushden	6.50	6.50	Oldham	4.00	4.00
Tranmere	7.50	5.50	Brentford	4.50	3.00
Wrexham	7.00	5.50	Luton	4.50	3.00
QPR	6.50	5.50	Sheff Wed	5.00	2.50
Bournemouth	6.00	5.00	Blackpool	3.50	3.50
Port Vale	8.50	2.50	Hartlepool	3.50	3.50
Peterborough	8.00	2.50	Stockport	3.00	4.00
Grimsby	4.00	6.00	Barnsley	4.50	1.00

Goals in last 15 Mins of match

FOR	76-90 Tot	%	AGAINST	76-90 Tot	%		
Tranmere	2	4	50	Rushden	2	4	50
Oldham	1	3	33	Brighton	1	2	50
Plymouth	1	3	33	Colchester	1	2	50
Swindon	1	3	33	Brentford	3	7	43
Hartlepool	1	4	25	Bournemouth	1	4	25
Port Vale	1	4	25	Peterborough	1	4	25
Luton	1	5	20	Notts County	1	6	17
Bristol City	1	6	17	Blackpool	1	7	14
Peterborough	1	6	17				
QPR	1	6	17				

TOP GOALSCORERS

Free Kick scorers			scored inside 6 yard box		
Player	Club	Tot	Player	Club	Tot
Giggs	Man Utd	1	Basham	Oxford	3
Blake	Burnley	1	Trundle	Swansea	3
Lunt	Crewe	1	Knight	Brighton	2
Strachan	Hartlepool	1	Matthews	Bristol City	2
Igoe	Swindon	1	Ainsworth	QPR	2
Williams	Kidderminster	1	Kuqi	Sheff Wed	2
Corden	Mansfield	1	Preece	Bury	2
Johnson	Yeovil	1	Fortune-West	Doncaster	2
Padula	QPR	1	Gall	Yeovil	2

Average Shots On and Off target per game

ordered by late goals as % of all goals

Goals from Set Pieces for and against

SCORED	Co	FK	CONCEDED	Co	FK
QPR	1	2	Blackpool	1	2
Blackpool	1	1	Brentford	2	1
Bristol City	2	0	Brighton	0	2
Luton	1	1	Grimsby	1	1
Swindon	0	2	Wycombe	1	1
Tranmere	1	1	Bristol City	1	0
Brighton	0	1	Chesterfield	1	0
Chesterfield	1	0	Colchester	0	1
Hartlepool	0	1	Notts County	1	0
Oldham	0	1	Oldham	0	1
Peterborough	1	0	Peterborough	0	1
Plymouth	1	0	Rushden	1	0
Port Vale	0	1	Sheff Wed	0	1
Wycombe	0	1	Stockport	0	1

Co = Corners FK = Free Kick Routines

COMEBACKS

Won from	-3	-2	-1	Tot
Blackpool	0	1	0	1
Hartlepool	0	1	0	1
Brighton	0	0	1	1
Luton	0	0	1	1
Port Vale	0	0	1	1

THROWAWAYS

Lost from	+3	+2	+1	Tot
Peterborough	0	1	0	1
Wycombe	0	1	0	1
Grimsby	0	0	1	1
QPR	0	0	1	1
Rushden	0	0	1	1

number of games when clubs have come behind to win or been ahead and lost

Margins of Victory

Games WON by	1gl	2gl	3gl	4gl	5+gl
Brighton	1	1	0	0	0
Luton	1	1	0	0	0
Port Vale	2	0	0	0	1
Bristol City	0	0	0	0	1
QPR	0	0	0	0	1
Barnsley	1	0	0	0	0
Blackpool	1	0	0	0	0
Hartlepool	1	0	0	0	0
Peterborough	0	0	1	0	0
Rushden	1	0	0	0	0
Sheff Wed	1	0	0	0	0
Swindon	1	0	0	0	0
Tranmere	0	0	1	0	0
Wrexham	1	0	0	0	0
Wycombe	1	0	0	0	0
Bournemouth	0	0	0	0	0
Brentford	0	0	0	0	0
Chesterfield	0	0	0	0	0
Colchester	0	0	0	0	0
Grimsby	0	0	0	0	0
Notts County	0	0	0	0	0
Oldham	0	0	0	0	0
Plymouth	0	0	0	0	0
Stockport	0	0	0	0	0

Scorers' Points Gained & Scoring Run

Club	Gls	Gl/gm	Pts	Run	1stG
Leon Knight	4	2.00	5	2	0
Stephen McPhee	2	1.00	4	2	1
Shefki Kuqi	3	1.50	3	2	0
Dean Gorre	2	1.00	3	2	1
Scott Taylor	2	1.00	3	1	0
Tony Thorpe	2	1.00	2	1	0
Onandi Lowe	2	1.00	2	2	2
Paul Robinson	2	1.00	2	1	0
Hector Sam	1	0.50	2	1	0
Charlie Mapes	1	1.00	2	1	1
	1	0.50	2	1	1

eg if player scores the goal in a 1-0 win, the goal is worth 2 pts as score would have been 0-0, or if 2 goals in 2-1 win, goals worth 3 pts. Also shown is goals per game figure and number of games player scored 1st goal

Fouls and Offsides per game

avg. fouls per game	avg. offsides per game		
Grimsby	18.50	Luton	8.00
Tranmere	18.50	Stockport	7.00
Notts County	17.00	Brighton	6.50
Luton	16.50	Peterborough	6.50
Chesterfield	15.00	Blackpool	5.50
Oldham	15.00	Rushden	5.50
Wycombe	15.00	Chesterfield	5.00
Bournemouth	13.50	Colchester	5.00
Barnsley	13.50	Tranmere	5.00
Brighton	13.50	Grimsby	4.50
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- 4.30pm Leave Millennium Stadium
- 6.30pm Arrive back at County Ground

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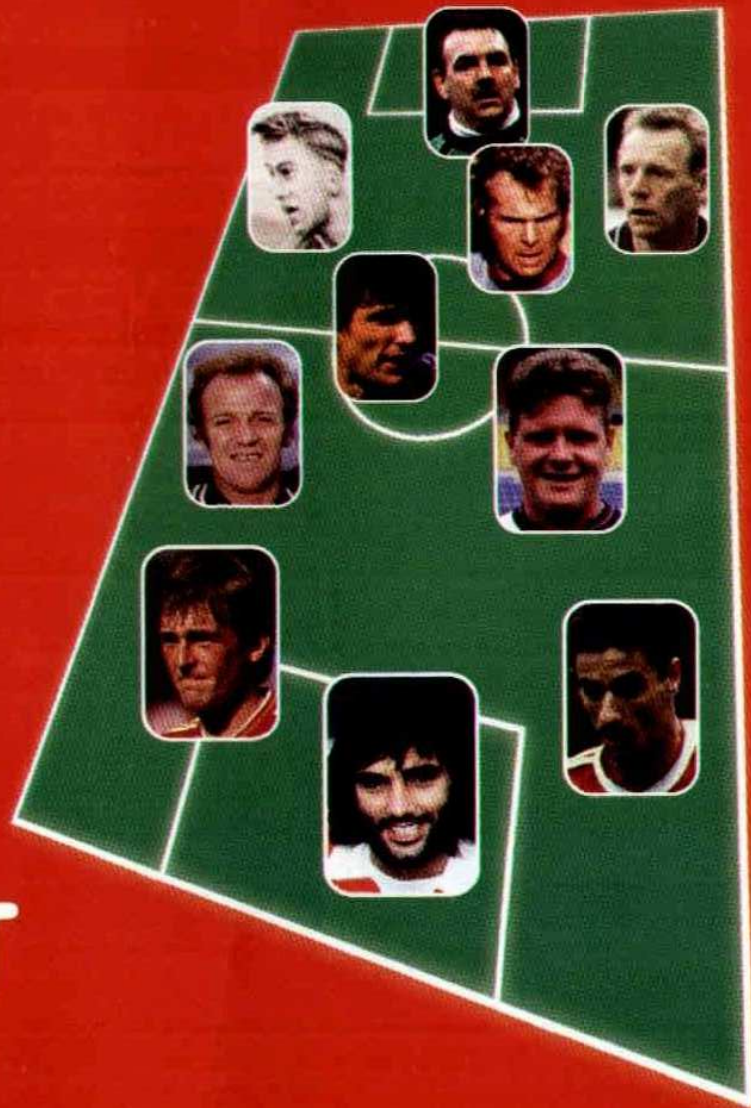
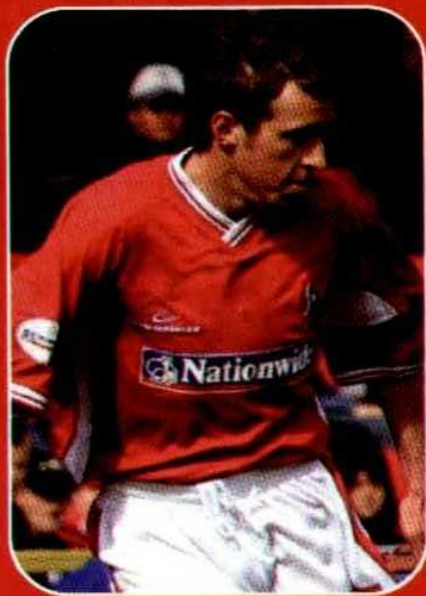


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STEVE ROBINSON'S



MY 'British' PERFECT XI

GOALKEEPER: Neville Southall

In his prime he was a quality keeper, agile for a big man, a great shot-stopper. I always saw him as a quality, but underrated keeper.

RIGHT BACK: Duncan Edwards

A legendary 'Busby Babe', one of the really formidable team who was sadly taken from us in Munich in 1958. Could have become an all-time great.

LEFT BACK: Stuart Pearce

'Psycho' was a born leader. He took over the England captaincy from Gary Lineker in 1992. He was the 999th player to be selected for the full England team. Despite his penalty miss against Germany in the 1990 World Cup he is admired by fans and players alike and he made up for it against Spain.

CENTRE BACK: Bobby Moore

"Enough said."

CENTRE BACK: Alan Hansen

A talented and respected footballer that talks a good game.

MIDFIELD: Paul Gascoigne

If it wasn't for his knee injury he would have been a great world player – he was in fact, but could have been even better.

MIDFIELD: Billy Bremner

A legend at Leeds. What a player he was? It is very fitting that there is a statue of Billy outside Elland Road.

MIDFIELD: Colin Bell

A Manchester City great

ATTACK: Kenny Dalglish

Kenny was such an intelligent and great player. He had a remarkable soccer career that included 102 caps, scoring 30 goals for Scotland. Played 515 times for Liverpool and scored 172 goals

ATTACK: George Best

One of the best drinkers we ever produced! Despite everything he is still a legend today.

ATTACK: Ian Rush

Great moustache!! A hard working goal scorer. Another class act who won so many trophies as a Liverpool legend. So quick and a great partner for Dalglish. (At this point an audience of Tommy Mooney and Ed Hadwin are offering advice about other great goal scorers including Alan Shearer, but 'Robbo' sticks to his guns and says Rush is better - M.J.)

RESERVE: John Charles

Could play up front or in attack.





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FIXTURES 2003/04

Tue 19 Aug	Plymouth Argyle	Away	0-3
Wed 27 Aug	Yeovil Town	Home	
Wed 3 Sep	Pontin's Holiday Cup Match		
Wed 10 Sep	AFC Bournemouth	Away	
Wed 24 Sep	Cheltenham Town	Home	
Wed 15 Oct	Pontin's Holiday Cup Match		
Wed 22 Oct	Bristol Rovers	Home	
Wed 5 Nov	Swansea City	Away	
Wed 12 Nov	Pontin's Holiday Cup Match		
Wed 26 Nov	Bristol City	Home	
Wed 3 Dec	Pontin's Holiday Cup Match		
Wed 8 Dec	Oxford United	Away	
Wed 21 Jan	Pontin's Holiday Cup Match		
Wed 28 Jan	Cardiff City	Home	
Wed 3 Mar	Bristol Rovers	Away	
Wed 10 Mar	Oxford United	Home	
Wed 24 Mar	Bristol City	Away	
Wed 31 Mar	Pontin's Holiday Cup Match		
Wed 7 Apr	Plymouth Argyle	Home	
Wed 28 Apr	AFC Bournemouth	Home	
Wed 12 May	Pontin's Holiday Cup Match		

RESERVE TEAM LAST SEASON'S RESULTS

Wed 14 Aug	Wycombe W	Away	3-0
Wed 21 Aug	Millwall	Home	1-0
Wed 28 Aug	Cambridge	Away	1-1
Wed 4 Sep	Peterborough	Away	3-2
Wed 18 Sep	Luton Town	Home	0-4
Wed 2 Oct	Brighton & HA	Away	0-2
Wed 9 Oct	Bristol Rovers	Home	2-1
Wed 16 Oct	Norwich City	Away	0-1
Wed 30 Oct	Reading	Home	1-1
Wed 27 Nov	Barnet	Away	3-2
Tue 14 Jan	Cardiff City	Home	2-0
Tue 28 Jan	Southern Utd	Away	4-1
Wed 26 Feb	Bristol City	Home	1-4
Wed 5 Mar	Bournemouth	Away	1-0
Wed 26 Mar	Colchester	Away	0-5
Wed 2 Apr	Cheltenham	Home	0-6
Mon 8 Apr	QPR	Home	2-1
Wed 16 Apr	Leyton Orient	Away	1-5
Wed 30 Apr	Portsmouth	Away	0-4
Fri 2 May	Gillingham	Home	



REEVESY'S RESERVES



LOWNDES HITS TOWN WITH TREBLE

SWINDON TOWN RESERVES WERE DEFEATED 3-0 AT HOME PARK AS PLYMOUTH GOT THEIR PONTIN'S HOLIDAY COMBINATION SEASON OFF TO A FLYER.

Reserve Team Manager Alan Reeves included himself in a strong line-up that included five of Town's summer signings. Grant Smith, on loan with Plymouth from Sheffield United last season, captained Swindon from midfield.

Striker Nathan Lowndes certainly did his chances of a first team berth no harm as he hit a hat-trick. His first of the game rebounded into the net off a Town defender.

Plymouth, who included five players who have represented the first team already this season, had further chances to increase the lead before the break with the best opportunity falling to Ian Stonebridge. Youth Team goalkeeper Steve Smith did well to deny Stonebridge on the first occasion then he saw his close-range header fly wide from a Steve Adams cross into the box.

Town were caught napping for the second goal when quick thinking from Plymouth's Marcus Martin whose quick free-kick was played into Lowndes who then fired his shot home from inside the area.

At 2-0 down, Swindon knew they had to get themselves back into the game and enjoyed a good spell of possession in the second period, with Luke McCormick making some good saves in the Plymouth goal. Chris Taylor then conceded a penalty after hauling down Stonebridge but the Plymouth striker could only hit his spot-kick wide of Smith's goal.

In the dying minutes of the game, the home side made it 3-0. Ian Stonebridge squared the ball back for Nathan Lowndes who completed his hat-trick.

Swindon Town Reserve Boss Alan Reeves was in pensive mood after the game.

"We just didn't get started. All of our first team squad players got a run-out but we had too many off their game, which was disappointing.

"Keith O'Halloran got another game in and looked tidy in the middle and Ian Herring worked hard. Grant Smith put some good balls through from midfield but as a team we just couldn't get our game together. We now have to pick ourselves up and look to next week."

Plymouth: L McCormick; P Conolly, M Villis, H Aljofree, P Gilbert; D Beresford, M Martin, S Adams, B McGlinchey; N Lowndes, I Stonebridge. Substitutes (not used): K Schofield (gk), G Sawyer, L Coxon, A Watkins, W O'Sullivan.

Swindon Town: S Smith; I Oliver, B Martin, A Reeves, I Herring; B Howard, K O'Halloran (C Taylor 73), G Smith, A Nicholas; J Stevenson, A Young (D Bampton 63). Substitutes (not used): D Taylor, J Cheeseman, M Draycott.





Two weeks ago today, Swindon Town learned the sad news that Jimmy Davis, just 21 years of age, had been killed in a motorway crash. The Manchester United player, on loan at Swindon for three months last season - died in an accident on the M40 in Oxfordshire during the early hours of Saturday 9th August.

Tributes have poured in through various methods for the extremely popular youngster - the reaction of the footballing world just going to show how highly regarded he was held, both as a footballer and a young man.

Yet whilst there are no words that can explain the events of a fortnight ago - there are many that can illustrate and celebrate all that he achieved in his short career.

Joining Town at the beginning of last season - few had heard of the youngster from Manchester United. However, Davis had already made his United debut, played for Royal Antwerp in Belgium and collated a number of international caps at different age groups - and so he was well equipped for what Division Two had to offer. His exciting style of attacking play was evident as soon as

he took to the pitch in Swindon's red and white. His low centre of gravity awarded him with the enviable ability of being able to take players on and he rarely failed when attempting to beat a defender. During Town's 3-1 defeat at Brentford he stole the show. Orchestrating the proceedings from the right hand side of midfield - Davis proved a useful link between midfield and attack and on one occasion - a mazy run involving the beating of most of Brentford's starting line up - he shaded the post with a clever shot. That Davis didn't score more goals in his 15 appearances (two as a substitute) was surprising - such was



JIMMY DAVIS

A TRIBUTE

his direct and dynamic style, but his overall contribution was unquestionable.

But it was his bubbly demeanour and pleasant nature off the field that really encapsulated Jimmy Davis. Always willing to chat to anyone that took an interest, Jimmy appreciated his position as a role model and public figure and over the course of three months, his affections for our little Club grew and grew. Jimmy cherished all that being a footballer encompassed and whilst he was often the first on the training ground - he was always the last off it. No matter

how good he was, he felt there was room for improvement and his work ethic rubbed off on many people. It spoke volumes for how much he felt for Swindon when, after his last game, he shed a tear as he left the pitch to a standing ovation.

This summer Town were desperately trying to secure his services for another season. Instead Sir Alex Ferguson decided that he'd be better off plying his trade in Division One with Watford. Had he been given the chance - I am sure he would have succeeded. In fact I am certain that Jimmy would have gone on to

succeed at the highest level. And yet despite his move to Hertfordshire Jimmy never forgot his roots and he was often a spectator at the County Ground - most recently during the Manchester United friendly.

Unfortunately we will never get the chance to see just what Jimmy could have achieved. However, we must be grateful for the opportunity to have seen his skills illuminate our County Ground pitch and appreciate what he did for this Club. For someone at Swindon for such a short time, his presence will never be forgotten and his legacy will be never-ending.





As the 17s and 19s prepare for the new campaign - Viv Busby looked back on what he saw as a successful pre-season.

YOUNG GUNS

Swindon Town Under 19's 2 Bournemouth 2

This was our first League game and after 4 pre-season friendlies against good opposition, for example Southampton, Brighton, Tranmere, Tottenham and good performances in each of these games, this game against Bournemouth for our opening League fixture was disappointing. We were 2-0 down 10 minutes into the second half when I made 3 substitutions to try and change the formation and cause Bournemouth a few problems. Fortunately it worked in our favour and we finished the game with a 2-2 draw with Ashan Holgate scoring both the goals with clinical finishing. It was disturbing to watch the performance after particularly good performances during pre-season and I emphasised to the players that consistency is something in this game that is of paramount importance.

It is not possible to enter the field of play in a casual manner and expect to perform at the top level. If these young players want to progress it has to be quality day in, day out and matchdays week in, week out. It's not possible for me to forward any names to the Manager in terms of first team opportunities if they are not performing at a good level in the Under 19's. I hope and I'm sure that this was just a one-off because I rarely have had to talk to the lads the way I did on Saturday.

So we look forward to an improved performance against Cardiff (not the result, the performance) to get the players back to the levels I know that they can perform at.

Viv Busby



FIXTURES 2003/04

UNDER 17'S

Sat 16th Aug	Exeter City	Away	5-1
Sat 23th Aug	Torquay United	Home	
Sat 6th Sep	Cardiff City	Away	
Sat 13th Sep	Cheltenham Town	Home	
Sat 20th Sep	Plymouth Argyle	Away	
Wed 27th Sep	Bristol Rovers	Home	
Sat 18th Oct	Cirencester	Home	
Sat 25th Oct	Swansea City	Away	
Sat 1st Nov	Yeovil Town	Home	
Sat 8th Nov	AFC B'mouth	Away	
Sat 15th Nov	Cardiff City	Home	
Sat 22nd Nov	Cheltenham T	Away	
Sat 6th Dec	Exeter City	Home	
Sat 13th Dec	Torquay United	Away	
Sat 10th Jan	Plymouth Argyle	Home	
Sat 17th Jan	Bristol Rovers	Away	
Sat 7th Feb	Cirencester	Away	
Sat 14th Feb	Swansea City	Home	Sat
21st Apr	Yeovil Town	Away	Sat
28th Feb	AFC B'mouth	Home	

UNDER 19'S

Sat 16th Aug	AFC B'mouth	Home	2-2
Sat 23th Aug	Cardiff City	Away	
Sat 6th Sep	Torquay United	Away	
Sat 13th Sep	Exeter City	Home	
Sat 20th Sep	Plymouth Argyle	Home	
Wed 27th Sep	Bristol Rovers	Away	
Sat 18th Oct	Swansea City	Home	
Sat 25th Oct	Cirencester	Away	
Sat 1st Nov	Exeter City	Away	
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Sat 16th Aug	AFC B'mouth	Away	
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RED ARMY FUND



Make the difference

So what is this Red Army Fund?

The Red Army Fund is a fund set up by TrustSTFC, in co-operation with the Supporters' Club and the Club, to help pay for new players for Swindon Town. It is a supporters initiative to enable fans to make a direct contribution to improving the quality of the team we all watch on the pitch, by donating regular, affordable amounts to a fund to be used at the manager's discretion to strengthen the squad.

Your chance to make a real difference!

Whether it be by funding a loan player's wages or paying the transfer fee for a new signing, the Red Army Fund gives you the chance to directly affect the quality of the team you see on the pitch. Think about it - we all know how two or three key players can turn round a team's season and you could have a direct impact on Swindon's push for promotion this season. Just think of the impact we could have - a better squad means better performances and better results, which brings in bigger crowds and so improves the club's revenue. If we all pull together to support this fund, we could not only turn round the performances on the pitch, but also help give the club a more stable financial footing to secure the future. Not a bad return for a few pounds a month!

Will it work? It did for Wrexham!

Can this fund make a difference? Just ask Wrexham fans - celebrating their recent promotion from the Third Division. The Wrexham Independent Supporters (WINS) Group set up a similar scheme in 2002 and in the first 18 months helped the club to sign four new players. The WINS chairman told us, "So far, we have funded the signings or wages of four players, who have made very significant contributions towards our push for promotion. Average attendances are currently up by more than 10% on last season, and the gate at our most recent game was double that of earlier games in the season. This has produced four times as much cash for the club as we have donated!"

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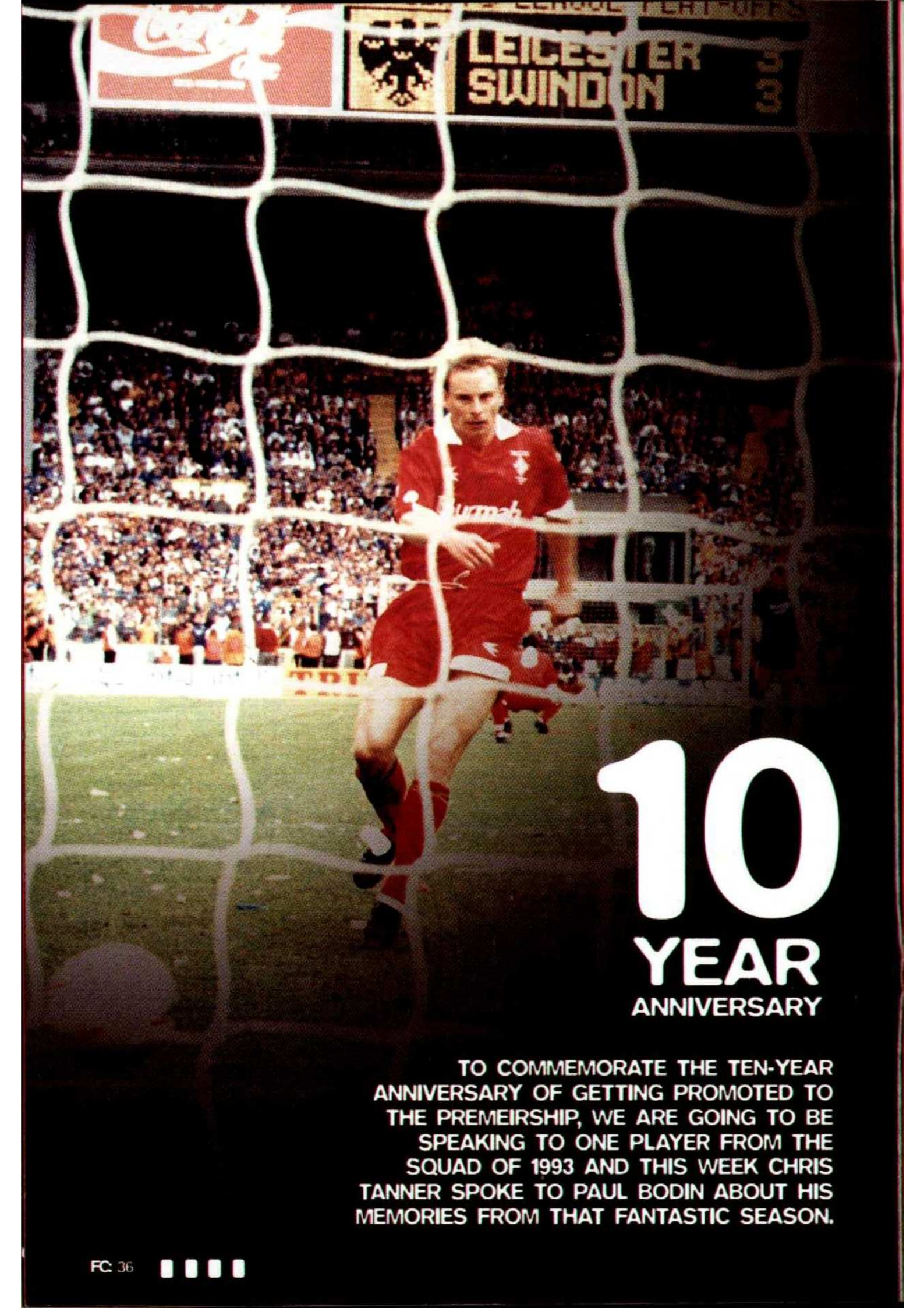
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LEICESTER SWINDON 93

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

TO COMMEMORATE THE TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF GETTING PROMOTED TO THE PREMIERSHIP, WE ARE GOING TO BE SPEAKING TO ONE PLAYER FROM THE SQUAD OF 1993 AND THIS WEEK CHRIS TANNER SPOKE TO PAUL BODIN ABOUT HIS MEMORIES FROM THAT FANTASTIC SEASON.



WHAT CAN YOU REMEMBER OF THE TWO PLAY-OFF GAMES WITH TRANMERE ROVERS?

We got off to a good start and Dave Mitchell scored a couple of good goals. We knew we would have to hold them at their place and we knew what was at stake. Getting to Wembley was perhaps the hardest part.

WHAT WAS THE ATMOSPHERE LIKE BUILDING UP TO THE GAME?

The key thing for us was that we had played at Wembley only three years before. Leicester has been there three times before and lost all three games so we were quite confident going into the game. The team had played fantastic football, taking over from Ossie's era where we played some great attacking football. Then under Glenn Hoddle we played more tactically astute football. We were more confident on the day and we had a great build-up to the game. We played some very good football that season, with some great strikers in the team, so we scored lots of goals and we were looking for a positive result.

CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE MOOD IN THE DRESSING ROOM BEFORE KICK-OFF?

Before every game you are nervous. However, when you are playing at Wembley – the home of football – it is hard not to get excited about it. To get into the Premier League was a massive thing for the Club and players and we had the desire to get there before the game.

CAN YOU PUT INTO WORDS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PLAYING AT THE COUNTY GROUND & AT WEMBLEY?

The build-up to games like that are special. The play-offs are always special and you know what is at stake. Perhaps you don't actually realise how much is at stake there is until you move on into coaching. They were fantastic days. We were 3-0 up on the day and even when they came back to 3-3 I always felt that we were in control of the game. It was simply a great game and I am pleased to have been a part of such a special era.

HOW DID YOU FEEL ABOUT TAKING PENALTIES?

It was something that I had done throughout my time at The County Ground and if I didn't feel confident I wouldn't have taken them. I didn't realise how late it was until I looked at the clock in the 83rd minute, then I knew we were closing in on the Premiership.

HOW DIFFICULT IS IT TO BLOCK OUT THE CROWD WHEN TAKING A PENALTY?

A lot of people said they couldn't watch me take the penalty. Fortunately it was in front of the Town fans. Sometimes the away supporters jump up and down and swing their arms to make things difficult. Confidence is the key though and you have to believe you are going to score every time.

THERE WAS A TREMENDOUS TEAM SPIRIT THAT SEASON. WHAT WAS THE KEY?

There was a great spine to the team such as 'the rock' Shaun Taylor and Colin Calderwood. We had supreme confidence in each other's ability and we were good friends off the field too. All the wives got on well and we used to go and have a meal or a drink together socially after games. The spirit off the pitch was certainly evident on it. We had a collective belief that we could reach the Premier League.

THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A HUGE RELIEF AT THE FINAL WHISTLE?

We knew everything was done and dusted and there were no thoughts of what happened in 1990. We knew if we did our part in winning the game we would definitely go up. There were a lot of players still at the Club from 1990 and having that second chance gave us the opportunity to get into the top division.

WHAT WAS THE MOOD AFTER THE GAME?

We came back to Swindon and went to the De Vere hotel. I was up early the next morning to join up with the Welsh squad as we were playing the Faroes, so it wasn't too much of a celebration. The Welsh squad saw the game on TV and everyone was talking about it. It was a wonderful time and it is something I remember to this day.

AND THE CIVIC RECEPTION AFTER THE GAME?

The main bone of contention was whether Glenn was going to stay. There was a bit of unease with that and unfortunately we lost him to Chelsea. We lost a few players and the new signings took their time to settle. They key was losing the mainstay of the team and it didn't quite work out. However, many people have great memories from that season and you cannot take those memories away from anyone.

DO YOU STILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MANY OF THE PLAYERS FROM 1993?

I keep in touch with quite a few of the lads. Martin Ling and Steve 'Chalky' White were with me when I was Manager at Bath and I still see Shaun Taylor around. I have been living in Swindon since 1988 and my kids have grown up here and I am well settled. I run the U12's and enjoy my commitment to the Club still.

AND WHAT OF THE SEASON AHEAD FOR SWINDON TOWN?

Football has a habit of going in circles and although times have not been the best lately, I am sure the good times are just around the corner. I think the side have got off to a reasonable start and hopefully we can have a good cup run and I am quite optimistic for this season and beyond.



MATCH ACTION



FRIDAY AUGUST 15 2003 KO 7.45PM
VENUE: LAYER ROAD ATTENDANCE: 3,339
REFEREE: MR P CROSSLEY



VS COLCHESTER UNITED

A dominant second half by Town at Layer Road saw Tommy Mooney open his Nationwide account scoring Swindon's first away league goal of the season to claim all three points in a hard fought 1:0 win.

The robins swept forward relentlessly after the break in search of a winner following another slow start. The goal in the 86th minute followed wave after wave of Swindon pressure with the hard working Mooney deserving his excellent strike.

Swindon kept a clean sheet in the opening 45 minutes for the first time this season. A scrappy half saw Colchester have the better of the possession but Town also had chances to take the lead. Swindon began with 5 changes from the previous visit to Essex 4 days earlier. Rhys Evans found himself back on the

bench with Bart Griemink reclaiming his place between the sticks. Skipper Andy Gurney came into the back three for Reeves with David Duke and Stefani Miglioranzi shoring up the midfield. Up front the partnership of Super Sammy Parkin and Tommy Mooney was restored.

After 5 minutes a foul on Swindon goal machine Sammy Parkin led to a town free kick from the right hand side of midfield. Steve Robinson stepped up and floated the ball into the U's box to be met by Stefani Miglioranzi's header, which sailed wide of the far post. Moments later Igoe played the ball into Robinson whose cutback for Parkin was cleared by Sam Stockley.

Swindon did well to keep Colchester out during the opening period having once again starting at a canter. The 3339 crowd were treated to a scrappy start to the game as both teams cancelled each other out and passes went astray but

Colchester continued to have the better of the possession and looked the sharper team. Just before the half hour they should have gone ahead. Joe Keith was put through by Craig Fagan and was gifted a chance as Andy Gurney slipped as he went to challenge, but the U's man put the ball wide of the post.

Whatever Town manager Andy King said during the break had an immediate effect as the team looked a different outfit as they came out fighting. Three minutes into the half Swindon hit the woodwork. The bright Sammy Igoe played the ball in towards Mooney whose sharp turn and shot rebounded off the Colchester bar. Stockley reacted quickest to clear the danger.

The home side were not out of the game and a run by Andy Myers down the left flank ended when his cross was easily claimed by Bart Griemink in the 55th minute. Soon after a low Rowan Vine cross from the right found

**COLCHESTER UNITED 0
SWINDON TOWN 1**
MOONEY 87



MAN OF THE MATCH

(AS VOTED FOR BY FANS ON
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TOMMY MOONEY

Fagan but he fluffed his shot and a relieved Griemink claimed the ball. Quarter of an hour into the second half an excellent Town move saw the eager Igoe chip a ball into the centre of the box towards Parkin. The big number nine nodded the ball back into the path of Mooney whose fierce drive went just wide of the right hand post.

The lively number nine again went close midway through the second half when a long pass by Mooney found Parkin in the danger area once again. He feigned to

go left, played the ball to the right and having created the space drilled a shot goalwards from 6 yards bringing a good save low to his left by Brown.

Swindon continued to dominate and had all the pressure. All that was missing was that vital goal. Tommy Mooney went close in the 73rd minute from a Sammy Igoe free kick. The midfield maestro upended 20 yards out on the right of the box sent in an accurate ball which almost paid dividends.

Colchester had only sporadic possession. With fifteen minutes to go they won a rare corner. The ball in was cleared by a strong Bart Griemink punch and when it was returned again to the danger area it was easily dealt with by a solid Town backline.

With the game looking like it was going to remain goal-less, despite all the best efforts of an ever improving Swindon

display, Town conjured up the winner. In the 86th minute Adrian Viveash played a long ball forward from defence and found Mooney on the left hand side of the U's box. Mooney controlled well with his chest, shielding the ball from the United centre back, let the ball drop and volleyed home from 12 yards. The ball flashed across the keeper into the far corner and town were deservedly ahead.

The way Town were playing there was no time for Colchester to come back into the game and sure enough Swindon hung on for an excellent well deserved away victory.

Match Report by Simon Coy



WE MEET AGAIN...

DAVE WALLIS RETURNS FROM HIS SUMMER BREAK REFRESHED AND READY TO DELVE INTO HIS ARCHIVES TO PROVIDE US WITH TWO PLAYERS, ONE FAMILIAR AND ANOTHER NOT SO FAMILIAR, THAT HAVE PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS.

Eric Weaver

Winger Eric Weaver signed for Swindon from Trowbridge in December 1961. Born in Rhymney in South Wales on July 1943, Eric was to stay at the County Ground for six seasons but despite ten games in his first year it would be five seasons before Eric forced his way into regular first team contention.

Weaver could consider himself unlucky that he found himself in competition with Mike Summerbee for the right wing spot and Eric's appearances in 1961/62 were made on the opposite wing. With promotion to Division Two gained the following season, Weaver had to content himself with just three outings when he replaced almost ever present Cliff Jackson on the left hand side of the pitch and things didn't get better when the young talent of Don Rogers came through the ranks.

During the next two seasons, a wing

combination of Rogers and Summerbee was understandably difficult to displace and Weaver managed just one appearance throughout the two campaigns.

It must have been with some relief then that as 1965/66 approached and with Mike Summerbee now at Manchester City, Weaver was given a long overdue run in the first team. Playing the first five months of the season at right wing, Weaver made 19 appearances before losing his place to Tommy Henderson and finished the season with a commendable 33 showings. Eric must have thought he had finally established himself.

Not so. Starting the first five games of 1966/67 on the right wing, another twist saw Don Rogers switched from left to right and Eric was out again as Bruce Walker grabbed the place vacated by Rogers. As the season ended, Weaver had made just three more appearances and perhaps his patience and expectations had expired.

In August 1967 Eric moved on to our

visitors today Notts County. County had just avoided a re-election place in Division Four in 1966/67 and another below mid table finish awaited the Meadow Lane club the following season. Eric settled in well and played in 17 games, scoring a goal in every fourth one, but when in December the opportunity arose to play on the Third Division stage once more, Eric accepted the chance to join Northampton Town.

Finally he was to have the most stable part of his career as he took to the League pitch on 64 occasions for the club, calling a halt to his playing days at the end of season 1968/69.

Eric's career took him to two different County Grounds and one County as he played in three of the four divisions in a little over 130 appearances. Not perhaps the most auspicious footballing career, but Eric must have felt particularly unlucky at the quality of the opposition he had to displace in order to gain a first team shirt.

Ken McPherson

Born in Hartlepool on 25th March 1927, Ken McPherson was to have a career which would see him make major contributions at both ends of the pitch.

After joining Second Division Notts County on Aug 1950, Ken played his first 24 League games for the Meadow Lane club but failed to make the score sheet and it was three years later that he moved on to Middlesbrough for £15,000. It was a move that took him upwards both geographically and professionally as it was at Ayresome Park that he stuck away 15 goals in 33 Division One matches.

For a northern lad successfully plying

his trade as a striker close to home and at the top of the ladder, it seems strange that his next move took him down to the Midlands and down to Division Three (South). Coventry City were still ten years away from a Jimmy Hill-inspired climb to Division One but in November 1955, McPherson was Highfield Road bound where 36 goals came in 89 outings.

In the summer of 1958, City were bound for the basement league when the regional Third Divisions were reconfigured into Division Three and Four. To avoid becoming a Fourth Division player, Ken McPherson signed for Newport County (who were to join the new Third Division) in June where he went on to make almost 130 League

appearances before joining the ranks at the County Ground in August of 1961.

With a consistent record of one goal every two or three games, he was originally signed as a centre forward and despite clocking up a couple of goals in eight appearances up front, the form of Jack Smith who had signed the same summer forced McPherson to drop to defence in search of a regular shirt. In November 1962, stalwart and legend Maurice Owen was the man to lose his place as Ken made a smooth transition to centre half. The move proved an instant success when at the end of the season Town finished runners-up to Northampton and gained the club's first ever promotion into Division Two.





DUKEY'S COLUMN: CHEERLEADERS

WE ARE NOW A WEEK FURTHER DOWN THE LINE AND THE SQUAD IS A LOT HAPPIER ABOUT THEIR FOOTBALL.

After the Sheffield Wednesday result everybody was very disappointed, especially as we played well in large parts of the game. We didn't feel that they were that special as a team and to be beaten by them was hard to take. The defeat really ensured that the next two games were all the more important. If we had lost our first two games, confidence would have dropped and would not have made for a good start to the season.

However, as things turned out, we beat Southend United in the Carling Cup first round, although we did make it difficult for ourselves once again. The Southend result put us in good spirits going into the trip to Colchester – a game that we knew was going to be massively important. Maybe now we can gain some momentum and take that on to beat Leeds United in the Cup? Watch this space!

On a personal level, the fact that we did not concede against Colchester was a blessing as every goal we

conceded, Adi Viveash became more miserable and really was harassing everyone. 'Victor Meldrew' sits across from me on the team coach and this was meaning that I had to take the brunt of it. Honestly believe me, seeing is believing with 'Victor'. From the moment he arrives at the training ground to the moment he leaves, all he does is frown and whinge. I've been searching for happy tablets but have had little success as yet. Only messing Adi, honest! Don't moan at me!

Moving onto brighter topics, the squad was pleasantly surprised by the quality of the half-time entertainment at Roots Hall when we played Southend United. Yes, you guessed it, cheerleaders! I have been meaning to pester Mr Devlin to see if we can sort out something similar for The County Ground. I have been assured that it would have a positive affect on our warm-ups and I am sure we would start the games better! Any head start would be greatly appreciated, so if any ladies over the age of eighteen and fancy the Scottish twang, cheers!

On away trips, players find their own ways of passing the time. Music and videos are usually the most popular

along with the card school. We have a highly competitive card group who play for pride of course. The newest recruits to the group are Grant Smith and Jon '50 cent' Stevenson. These guys have been causing a few shock waves within the group. 'Smithy' being a fellow Scot is tight with his money and takes very few risks that causes a lot of discontent within the fellow players. I have been informed that he even knows how much change he has in his car, down to the last penny! Nothing wrong with that 'Smithy', look after the pennies and you know the rest! Now '50 cent' Stevenson has created a bit of a reputation for himself as a bit of a maverick style player, mostly through his own talk I may add. It looks like it is all a bit of hot air from our resident gangster because he'll struggle to keep up with the shifty moves from the older players in the squad and has found himself on the losing side on more than one occasion! If anybody can offer 'Stevo' any lessons I am sure he would be grateful, although they may have to be lessons in snap!

Till then,
'Dukey'

AROUND THE GROUNDS

Words by Tony Matthews

WITH THE SEASON NOW WELL UNDERWAY WE TAKE A LOOK AT NEWS OFF THE PITCH



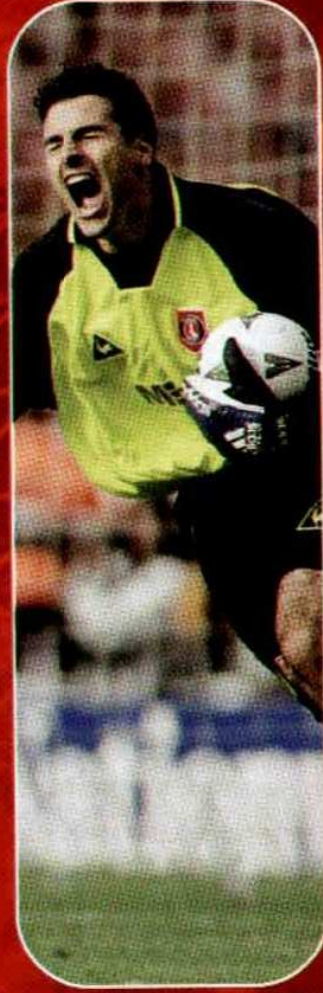
▲ Leigh Bromby



▲ Andrei Kanchelskis



▲ Jamie Vincent



▲ Sasa Ilic

DIVISION TWO ROUND-UP

- Defender **Leigh Bromby** (23) is set to join **Norwich City** from Sheffield Wednesday. The Canaries, of course, are managed by Nigel Worthington, a former Owls' player.
- **Andrei Kanchelskis**, the former Manchester United, Rangers and Everton right-winger has agreed a short-term contract with **Brighton & Hove Albion** after impressing Gulls' manager Steve Coppell during a fortnight's trial.
- **Portsmouth's** out-of-favour defender **Jamie Vincent**, is a target of **AFC Bournemouth**.

• **Oxford United** manager **Ian Atkins** is locked in a battle with Raith Rovers to sign Swansea City's midfielder **Andy Mumford**.

• **Barnsley** have four new players in their team - goalkeeper **Sasa Ilic**, **Craig Ireland**, **Peter Handyside** and **Tony Gallimore**. The latter two have also been with Stoke City

• **Luton Town's** new boss, **Mike Newell**, was delighted with his team's performance against the League's newcomers **Yeovil Town** in the 1st round of the Carling Cup. The Hatters won 4-1 after producing some excellent attacking football.

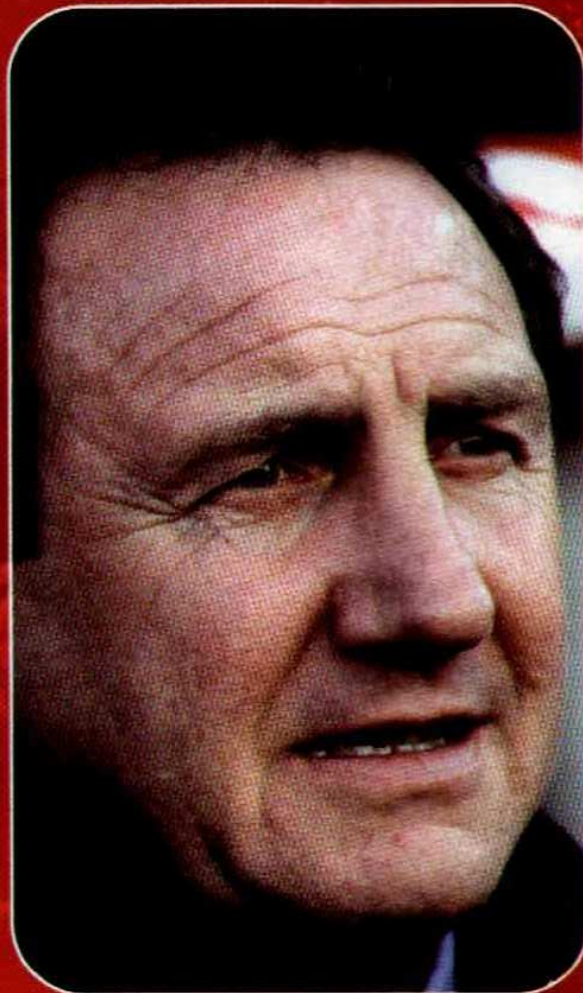
• The former Aston Villa and Glasgow Rangers midfielder **Neale Cooper** has taken over as manager from Newell at **Hartlepool United**.

• Another new man in charge - **Roy McFarland** at Chesterfield - is looking forward to having a good season at **Saltergate**, and after two games have been played the Spire-ites have yet to concede a goal - drawing 0-0 at Denis Smith's **Wrexham** and then held Bristol City to a 1-1 draw at home.

• Right wing-back **David Worrell** made his 100th appearance for **Plymouth Argyle** on the opening day of the season at home to Grimsby and quickly said: "Now let's go for the next 100!"



▲ Andy Mumford



▲ Roy McFarland



▲ Scott Murray

• **Gareth Ainsworth**, who has struggled with injuries over the last five years, made a dream debut for his new club **QPR**, scoring in a 5-0 win at home to Blackpool on the first Saturday of the season.

• There were three penalties at Prenton Park as **Tranmere** started their campaign with a 4-1 victory over Brentford. **Shane Nicholson** scored twice from the spot for Rovers while **Steve Hunt** did likewise for the Bees who had debutant striker Peter Beadle sent-off early in the game. Brentford then had another player dismissed in their 4-0 Carling Cup defeat at West Bromwich Albion four days later.

• The bookies have made **Bristol City**

short-priced favourites to win the Second Division this season...but they will have to do it without 20-goal striker **Scott Murray** who has joined **Reading**.

• **Port Vale** are among the handful of clubs who have been marked down as potential relegation candidates, but Valiants' boss **Brian Horton** has snapped back by saying: "Hey, I think we could figure in the promotion race." And Vale have started well enough - winning their opening game against AFC Bournemouth, holding Nottingham Forest to a 0-0 draw in the Carling Cup (only to lose on penalties) and then taking a 2-1 victory at Grimsby.



**A WARM WELCOME TO TODAY'S MATCH
SPONSORS GREENHAM AND
THE SUPPORTERS CLUB 50/50 DRAW.**

COMMERCIAL VIEW

WITH MIKE SULLIVAN

Today's first matchday sponsors are our regular visitors to the County Ground, GREENHAM. They have been excellent supporters of the Club and have already pledged to continue their support for the new season. It was only last week that they agreed to sponsor the Town End for the second year running. They have nineteen branches nationwide, with the nearest branches to Swindon being in Newbury, Bristol and Cardiff. The GREENHAM guests today all come from the Newbury branch.

Joining us again as matchday sponsors are our good friends from THE STFC SUPPORTERS CLUB 50/50 HALF TIME DRAW. The draw is organised by the Supporters Club and the sponsorship is one way that proceeds from the draw are returned to help the football club. It will also allow 12 fans, allocated by lucky draw from those supporters who pay for their entries by regular subscription, to enjoy a special day out at the Club. This is the first of the match sponsorships that the Supporters Club has agreed to take this season. Profits from the draw in the past have also allowed for a major £5,000 sponsorship in each of the previous two seasons for the Football Club's School of Excellence.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SPONSOR A PLAYERS KIT

With the first two league games now behind us, I would like to remind you that it is still not too late to sponsor a players kit. This season we have changed it slightly. Due to its popularity, we have introduced the option of being able to sponsor the players kit - both Home and Away (Now, there's a suggestion for the name of a television programme, maybe). Each person who sponsors a players kit will receive some really good benefits. They include a V.I.P. day out at the Club for a selected home League game, two Main Stand tickets for a home League game, their name in each matchday programme, a photograph taken with their sponsored player, but more importantly, they will receive the players shirt at the end of the season. We still have players available for sponsorship, so if you want to help the club in your own special way, then why not sponsor a players kit. To find out more details and the availability of the players, give James Sparks a call on 01793 333718 now.

ANOTHER MAN UTD LEGEND COMES TO THE COUNTY GROUND

Following the huge success of our two Sporting Dinners with Manchester United and Scotland legend, DENIS LAW, last May, another 'Red Devil' will be joining us at the County Ground in October. On Thursday 2nd October, Ex England International and the present day team manager of Brighton and Hove Albion, STEVE COPPELL will be joining us for the first of the season's TWO Sporting Luncheons. Steve will speak briefly about the highlights of his past career before taking questions from the audience. The Luncheon will be compered by Barry Williams and will have a 11.45am for 12.30pm start and will finish approximately at 14.45pm. Tables of ten will cost £275 plus vat and individual places will be £29 plus vat per head. The price of the ticket includes a two course luncheon. Once again, we are delighted that GREENHAM have very kindly agreed to be with us on the day as the Lunch Sponsors. If you are interested in booking your places then give me a call on 01793 333719 now.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

Maybe you have a birthday or an anniversary coming up, or maybe you are just looking for something special to celebrate that family occasion. Well why not treat yourself to V.I.P. day out at the Club on a matchday. These days are always very popular, and are an ideal way of giving someone coming along, a day to remember for the rest of their lives. The day includes a welcome drink on arrival, tour of the ground, three course meal, Executive ticket, half time refreshments and a matchday programme. We are taking V.I.P. Day bookings for all home games this season, so if you want something unique to give to that special someone, then give James a call on 01793 333718 now.



MEN OF THE MATCH

SAMMY IGOE

V SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 09.08.03

Mike King, Operations Director of Greenham presents Man of the Match Sammy Igoe with a bottle of Champagne.



▲ Our Sponsors line up before kick-off at the Sheffield Wednesday game, accompanied by Rockin' Robin & David Marsh.



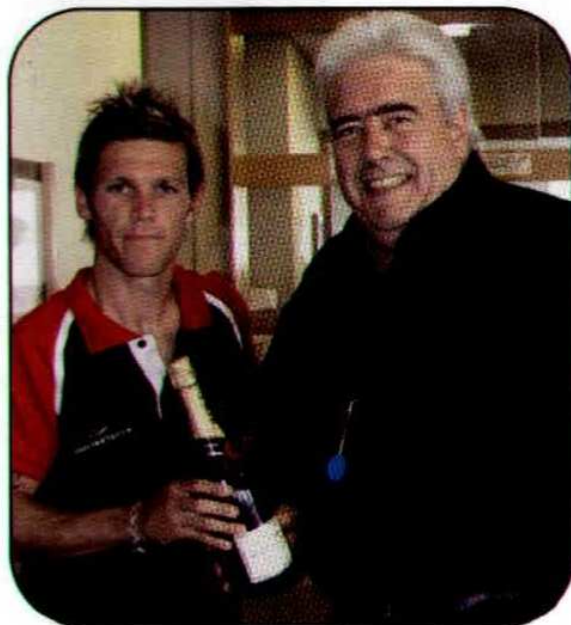
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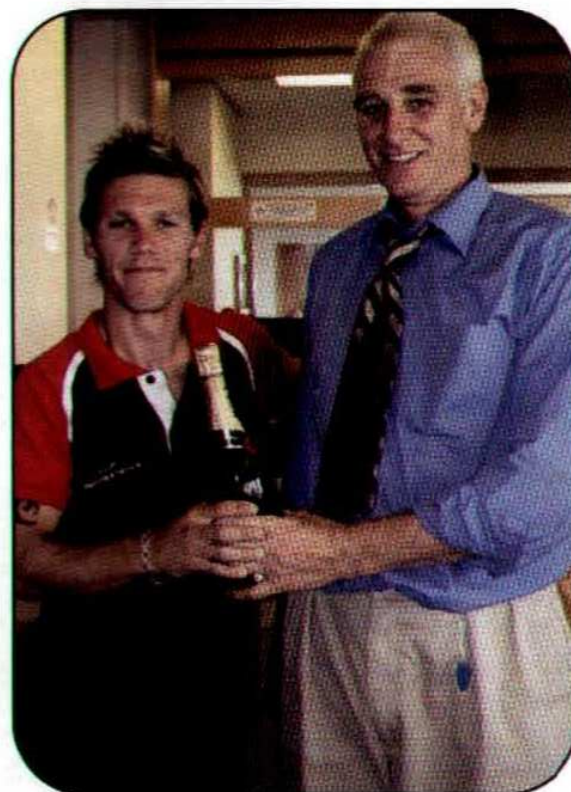
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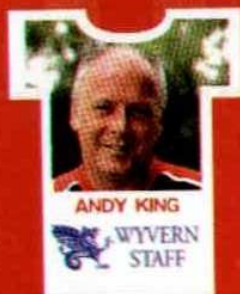
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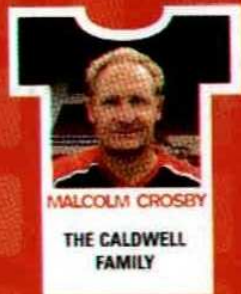


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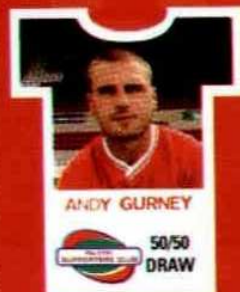
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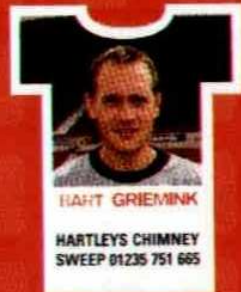
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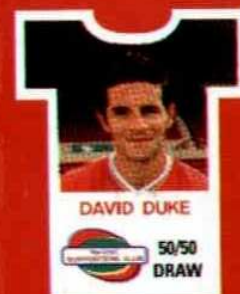
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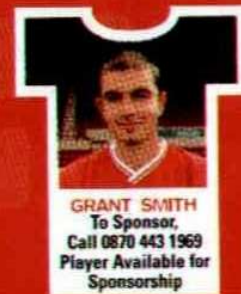
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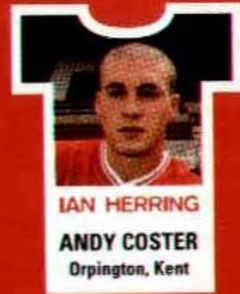
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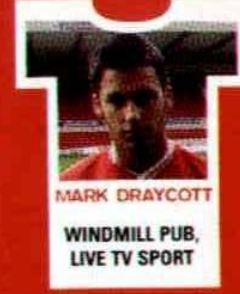
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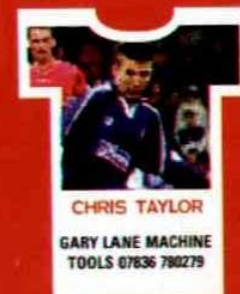
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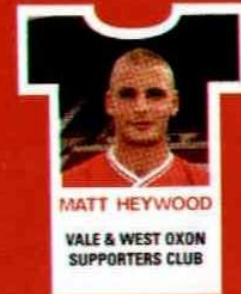
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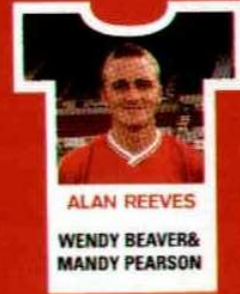
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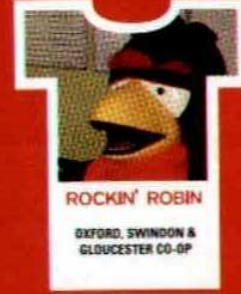
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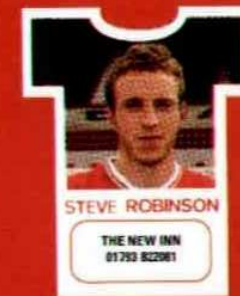
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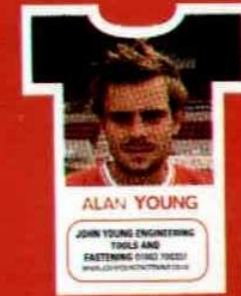
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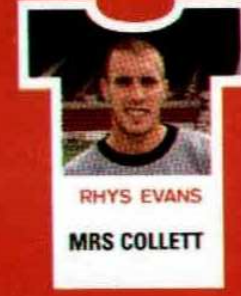
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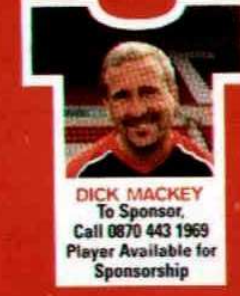
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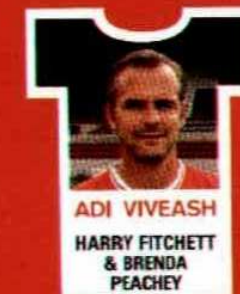
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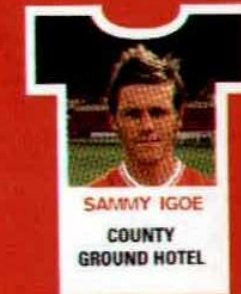
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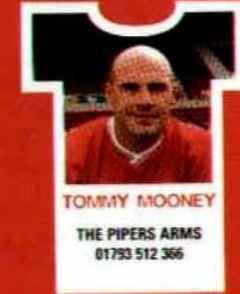
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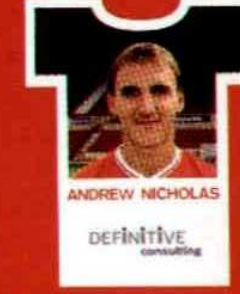
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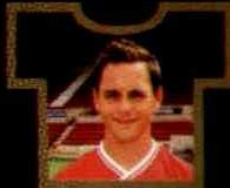
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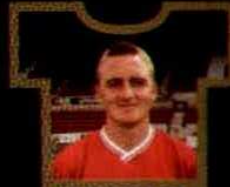
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TOWN IN DUBAI

Pictured here is Marie Saunders, 16 whilst on holiday in the UAE. Marie was kept fully in-touch with the latest Town news by cousin Kelly.



BABY BOWLER

Pictured here is Sam Bowler son of long time Town fan Mark Bowler with Rockin' Robin during a Central News feature.



JAKE HITCHCOCK

Jake is seen here at home in his bedroom sitting proudly beside his signed Sam Parkin shirt, that he won in a recent Junior Robins Spot the Difference competition.



COURT ON CAMERA

Pictured here is Jeremy Court from Purton House after being presented with a Sam Parkin shirt by Swindon Town Football Club.



FAN FOCUS - RICHARD KEAST

NAME: Richard Keast. **AGE:** 37.

OCCUPATION: Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer of the Braintree branch of Swindon Town Supporters Club. Current membership, 2.

LIVES: Braintree, Essex

WHEN DID YOU FIRST COME TO SEE SWINDON TOWN: 1976, v Crystal Palace, 1-1 draw.

BEST STFC MEMORY: Driving back down the M4 after the play off victory in 1993, and seeing every bridge over the motorway full of people and decked out in Town flags and scarves and then driving around the town afterwards. It doesn't get much better than that.

HOPES FOR THIS SEASON: To see some decent football played mainly. But I don't think it is unrealistic to hope for a top six finish given the squad we have.

YOUR LONG-TERM HOPES FOR THE CLUB: I'll be very happy if we can get back to Division 1 and re-establish ourselves as a top-ten side again, playing decent football, with a few cup runs thrown in and a new stadium and some financial security (I don't want much!) The Premiership is a nice dream, but I'm a bit disillusioned with it really, as it is totally obsessed with money. So many fans are being priced out of it, and what some Premiership 'stars' get paid a week is obscene. It's losing touch with its working class roots.

IF MONEY WERE NO OBJECT WHO WOULD YOU WANT TO SEE PLAYING FOR SWINDON: If money really was no object, I would buy the car from 'Back to the Future'. I would then go back about ten years and bring back Duncan Shearer. 'Deadly Dunc' is for me, the most complete forward I have seen. If we were a more 'fashionable' club, he would have made a lot more international appearances than he did. THE worst piece of business the club ever did was to sell him to our promotion rivals Blackburn for a pittance (500k) on deadline day. (Dunc hardly played a game for them!)

YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FANS: You've got every right to be optimistic for the coming season with the players we have, but there WILL be bad days, there WILL be frustrating days. (Not too many we hope). These are the days when your support is most badly needed. Keep your patience and KEEP THE FAITH - BETTER THINGS ARE ON THE HORIZON!

YOUR MESSAGE TO THE PLAYERS: 1) Give 100% and the fans will support you. 2) Don't forget how lucky you are.

QUIZTIME - 25 YEARS AGO

Test your knowledge against our resident 'Stato', Dave Wallis. Answers can be found at the bottom of the page.

- 1) On 12th August 1978, the Charity Shield was won 5-0 by the team who would win the European Cup the following May. Who?
- 2) The team they beat that day had won the Championship in 1962, just one year after being promoted as champions of Division Two. Who was this?
- 3) On 15th August 1978, referee Clive Thomas sent off a Swindon midfielder in a League Cup tie with Portsmouth. The player had previously played for Pompey and would join them again in the future. Who was he?

THOSE WERE THE DAYS!

FC: MAGAZINE INVITES SWINDON FANS YOUNG AND OLD TO REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD DAYS AND NAME THEIR FAVOURITE SWINDON XI

▼ Colin Calderwood (Action Images)



NAME: Roger Bunce

AGE: 56 –Chairman, STFC Supporters Club

QUALIFICATIONS: First visit to the County Ground was in Season 54–55 v Aldershot in Division 3 (South) and regular supporter home and away since 1958. So I have "enjoyed" all the "ups and downs" both on and off the pitch in the ongoing seasons. From Roger Smart scoring v Shrewsbury to confirm Town's first ever promotion, the marvellous afternoon v Arsenal in 1969, the two play-off finals at Wembley, that unbelievable season in the Premiership and then leaving Newport having being relegated to Division 4, losing at home to Dagenham & Redbridge in the Cup, and being one of the gate of just 1,681 v Darlington.

1. PETER DOWNSBOROUGH

Hero of the win v Arsenal at Wembley and a very consistent keeper during his 274 matches for the Town.

2. ROD THOMAS

His telescopic legs always seemed to see him get the better of opposing attackers, and quality player endorsed by his 50 Welsh Caps.

3. PAUL BODIN

Another Welsh international, 23 caps, who could excite the crowd with fine overlapping runs, netted 37 goals, a good return for a full back.

4. FRANK BURROWS

The Scotsman was a hard, uncompromising defender, needed in the backbone of any team, a super fit performer.

5. COLIN CALDERWOOD

Another Scotsman and brilliant defender, who would have added the culture alongside Burrows. Won 36 Caps after leaving Swindon.

6. RAY MCHALE

The sort of midfielder needed in any team, always looking for the ball, always available to accept the ball, an excellent passer with a fine shot, scorer of 33 in 173 appearances.

7. GLENN HODDLE

The most complete footballer I have witnessed in a Town shirt. His skills were outstanding, frightening to think what he must have been like in his prime at Spurs or Monaco, worth the admission money alone.

8. MIKE SUMMERBEE

One of Bert Head's original youngsters in 1959, a fast attacking winger and scorer and creator of goals, later winner of 8 England Caps.

9. PETER EASTOE

Scorer of 43 goals in just 91 appearances, a truly excellent ratio, a real goal "sniffer" who could put away just half a chance with ease.

10. ALAN MAYES

Another goal "sniffer", a very skilful player, who netted regularly in two spells with the Town, could always make something happen in the box.

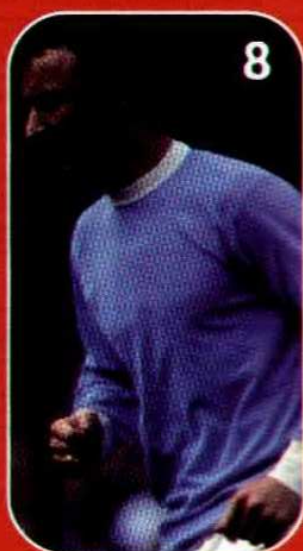
11. DON ROGERS

Again someone who was worth the entrance money alone, fast and skilful winger, with an amazing goal scoring record. One who you could really call a Swindon legend.

WITH APOLOGIES TO MESSRS, DIGBY, TAYLOR, TROLLOPE, WOODRUFF, OWEN, HUNT, SHEARER AND FJORTOFT, ALL OF WHOM COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN IN THE TEAM.



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For instance, if you decide to offer £1 a point and Town were to storm Division Two with 100 points, the Club's Centre of Excellence benefits by £100.

We will send you a note at the end of each month for the payment due, so your payments would be spread across the whole season and not requested in one amount at the end of the season. For example, if you have sponsored 50p a point and the team wins 12 points during a month, a payment of £6 would be requested. You can join at any time and invoices will only start from that date unless you wish to backdate them.

Listed below are the names of participants thus far, but if you do not want your name in the programme, please tick the appropriate box on the form below.

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Membership of the Supporters Club is also now available for the new season and we are delighted to announce reduced membership fees for junior membership aged up to 18 years, of just £2 and family membership just £13 for two adults and up to three children. Adult membership remains the same as it has been for the last three seasons, at £5, with all other concessions remaining at £3. Don't forget membership brings a number of benefits including discounted away travel and discounts in the Club Superstore. Application forms are available at friendly matches from committee members, or alternatively it can be downloaded from our webpage: www.go.to/swindontown.

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FAMILY (up to five people minimum two children)



CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

HELLO AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME. OUR U11'S, U12'S AND U13'S USUALLY TAKE PART IN THE ENGLISH RIVIERA TOURNAMENT BUT DUE TO IT'S LATE CANCELLATION, WE ENTERED THE IAN RUSH TOURNAMENT IN WALES.

Our U11's moved up a year and took part in the U12's competition that gave all the players a better test. The players topped their qualification group with some style, playing some really good football, coupled with the end product, Scott Montgomery and Billy Bodin scored the majority of the goals. Unfortunately, in the next group the players were beaten twice and finished 5th out of 20 teams taking part. This was a good achievement by all the players as they were playing up an age group. Also, Billy Bodin won 'player of the tournament' as he scored 25 goals, beating Michael Owen's record, so well done Billy and to the U11's.

The U12's team also played up an age group. A couple of trialists joined the team and helped the players put in a good week's performance. All the players performed to their standard with some good performances especially against Shrewsbury and Preston.

Our U13's won their tournament after qualifying for the finals. After drawing 0-0 with Preston in the group stages the players faced them again in the semi-final. The lads did well and beat Preston 3-0, a

result that put them through to the final that they won with a well-organized display.

This tournament, like the Milk Cup, serves a fantastic purpose to all the players and staff as we get to be with the players for a week, understanding how they deal with different situations and how they compete against stronger opposition. Each group of players behaved very well and did STFC proud which was very pleasing to see. Performance wise, the players have been told by their coaches what is needed from them this season and we look forward to seeing how they perform.

I must thank the coaching staff Paul Bodin, John Hathaway, Ian Palmer, Mark Collier, Adam Collier, Martin Allen and Eddie Buckley who joined us at the tournament. Thank you to you all and continue the good work.

Apart from our U13's all age groups will take part in the Everton festival. To be invited to a tournament of such stature is great for our Club. Our players will play against teams such as Blackburn Rovers, Newcastle United, Leeds United, Middlesbrough and Chelsea along with other Academy and Centre of Excellence teams. This will finish off our summer programme and after this tournament we will look forward to our new season that kick's off on September 7th and I look forward to bringing you a report on the games ahead.

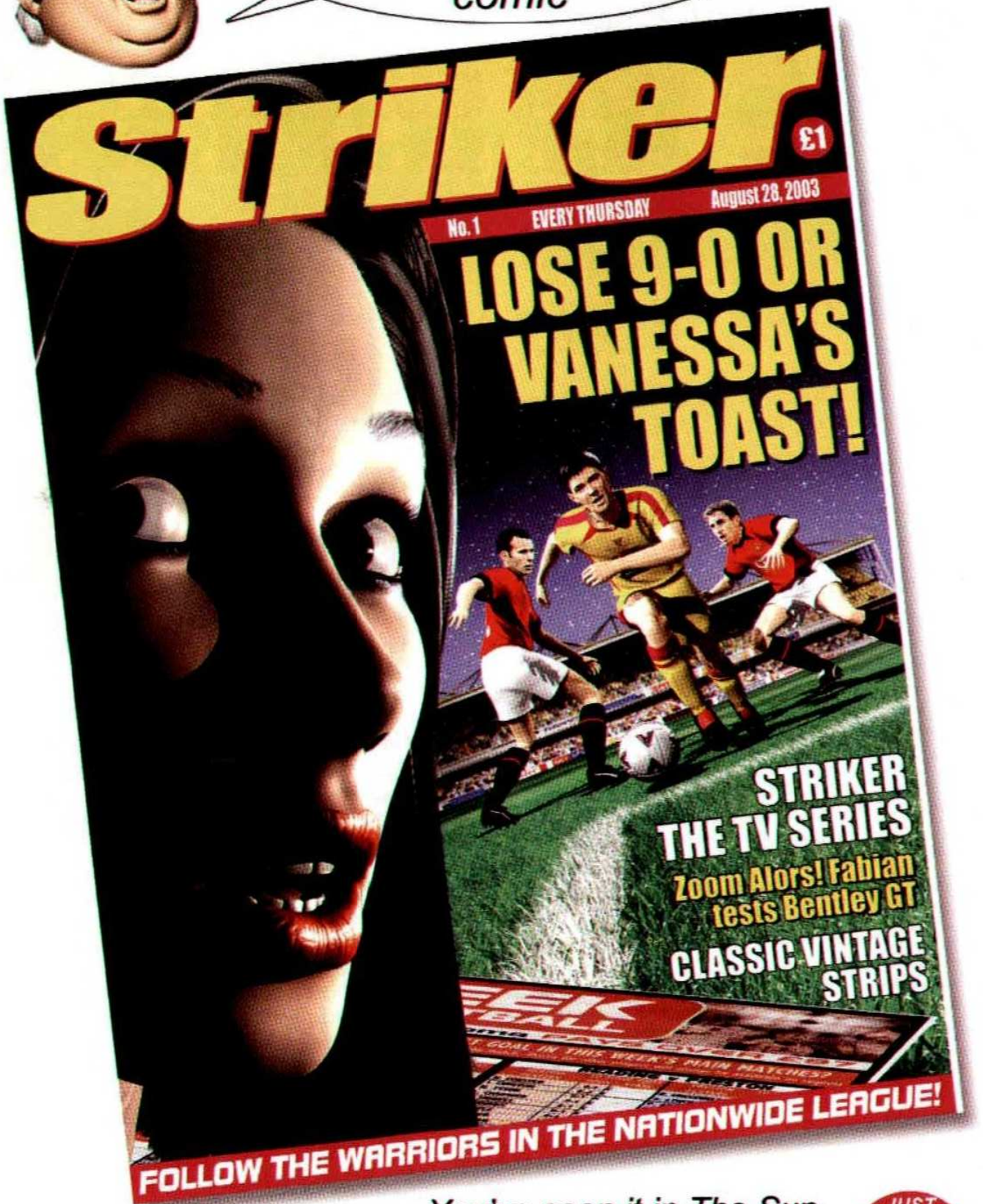
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Jimmy Fraser.





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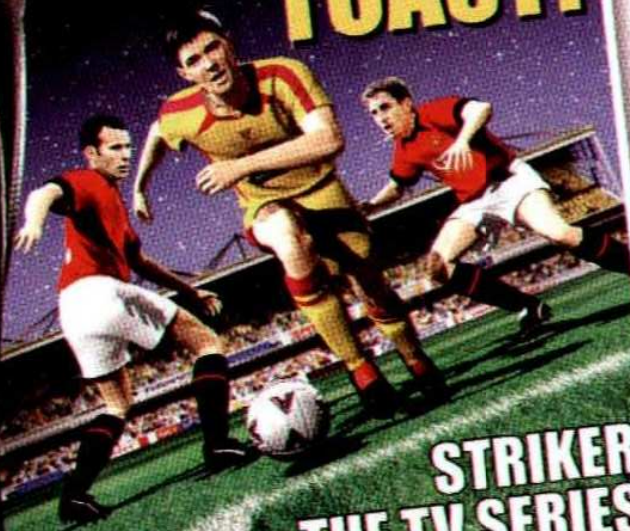
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SWINDON TOWN'S SOCCER CENTRES

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME AGAINST NOTTS COUNTY.

As soccer centres don't start up again until the 1st week of September there has been a few weeks for our kids to have a well deserved rest as all of our centres are run in school term time.

The overall standard at the centres last year was first class with over 700 kids attending. With that in mind, we had some young talent at the centres so we have started an advanced soccer centre.

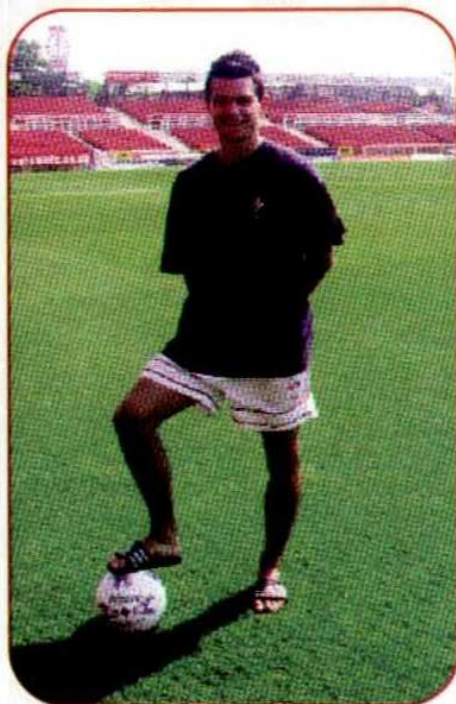
It was great for the soccer centres to start this as some of the lads signed for the Swindon Town centre of excellence U9's, lads such as Jake Simpson son of former

Swindon player Fitzroy Simpson. The advanced soccer centre is a great recruitment tool for the centre of excellence and it gives kids at soccer centres something to aim for.

To book your place on September's course all you have to do is pay in full to your chosen leisure centre reception. The cost of the courses is just £3 per session and sessions last for an hour.

Enjoy the game and I look forward to seeing you all in September. Let's hope all the centres can keep up the excellent work for this year and have an even better one than last year.

Adam Collier



▲ Adam Collier



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING, THEN CONTACT SWINDON TOWN'S SOCCER CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR, ADAM COLLIER ON 01793 333724

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STFC LADIES

THE TOWN LADIES OPENED THE NEW SEASON IN THE SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE WITH A HOME GAME AGAINST CLEVEDON TOWN, RECORDING A CREDITABLE 3-1 WIN.

Swindon had the better of the first half but had to be grateful to home keeper Wendy Davis as she saved a 34th minute Clevedon penalty to keep the scores level. Just three minutes later, after an interchange of passes between Clare Morton and Kim Reeves, Nikki Watts found the back of the net to make it 1-0. Watts then added a second, soon after a delightful pass from Michelle Rich found Watts in space, her shot taking a wicked deflection to leave the Clevedon keeper with no chance.

Nikki Watts completed her hat-trick on 85 minutes, making it 3-0 to complete a great opening day for Swindon Town Ladies. Other results in the league saw Reading defeat Plymouth 8-0 and Cardiff put four without reply past Forest Green Rovers.

A week previous to the league opener against Clevedon, Town played a friendly against Team Bath and emerged with a 2-1 win thanks to Lisa Coe and Jenny Webster.

Tomorrow's game against Forest Green Rovers in the South West Combination has been postponed and will now be played in September during midweek. The next home game for Town's Ladies will be on Sunday 31st August against Chesham United. This game will be played at Aldbourne FC, with kick-off at 2.00pm

ONE 2 ONE WITH: HAYLEY SPRUELES

Age: 21

Home town: Melksham

Occupation: Postal Worker

Position: Midfield

Previous Clubs: Melksham Town

Honours: Wiltshire County

Who do you most admire?

Steven Gerrard

Favourite Club? Liverpool

Favourite player? Steven Gerrard

Favourite television programme?

The Premiership

Who would you most like to be stuck in a lift with?

Micheal Owen



FIXTURES 2003/04

Aug 17	Clevedon Town	Home	3-1
Aug 24	Forest Green Rovers	Away	
Aug 31	Chesham United	Home	
Sep 07	Exeter City	Away	
Sep 14	Plymouth Argyle	Home	
Sep 21	Chesham United	Away	
Sep 28	Yeovil Town	Home	
Oct 5	Cardiff City	Away	
Oct 12	Reading	Home	
Oct 19	County Cup		
Oct 26	FA CUP 1		
Nov 2	Reading Royals	Away	
Nov 9	FA CUP 2		
Nov 16	County Cup		
Nov 23	Forest Green Rovers	Home	
Nov 30	Oxford	Home	
Dec 07	FA CUP 3		
Dec 14	County Cup		

SEASON 2002/03 FINAL TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Plymouth	22	21	1	0	85	6	64
Reading Royals	22	17	3	2	85	19	54
Cardiff City	22	17	3	2	87	18	54
Plymouth Argyle	22	17	1	9	57	58	37
Swindon Town	22	11	3	8	57	55	36
Clevedon Town SBW	22	9	3	10	56	37	30
Chesham United	22	9	2	11	58	39	29
Yeovil Town	22	7	2	13	31	42	23
Newton Abbot	22	6	2	14	50	99	20
Exeter City	22	5	4	13	40	53	19
Reading	22	5	2	15	35	74	17
Aylesbury United	22	0	0	22	12	165	0



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IN THE COMMUNITY



THIS WEEK HAS SEEN US ON OUR TRAVELS TO MARLBOROUGH AND CHIPPENHAM WHERE AGAIN WE HAVE COACHED NEARLY 200 CHILDREN.

The weeks have proved to be highly successful and popular as this is our seventh year of visiting both venues. We would like to say a big thank you to St Johns Upper School at Marlborough and Chippenham Town council for all their hard work and again enabling us to use John Coles Park.

The weather has again been on our side, if anything at times it has been too hot but we shouldn't complain should we! Again our coaches have done a fantastic job in providing first class coaching for the up and coming youngsters who have displayed both great skill and commitment at both venues.

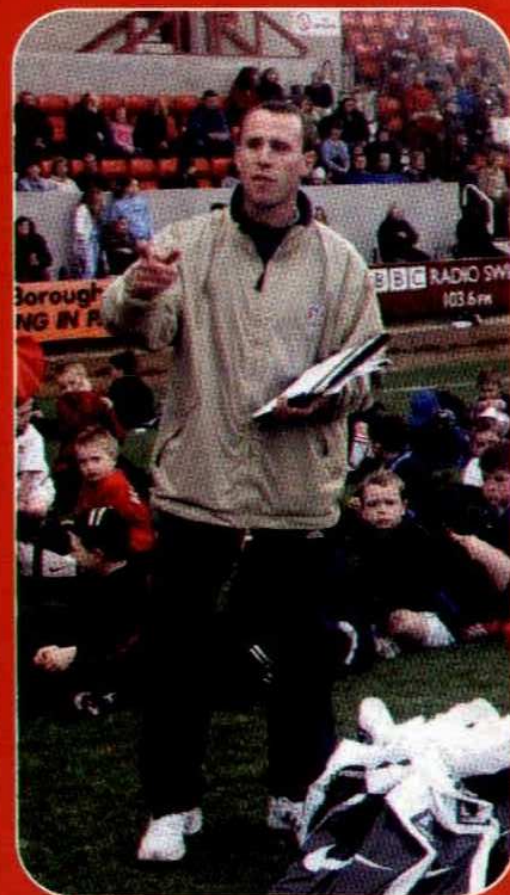
Our final week of the summer holidays takes place here at The County Ground where we have 200 children attending to complete what has been an excellent summer. We have coached many children old and new and they have all been a credit to themselves and their families.

Our after school coaching clubs will resume in early September where we will be setting up structured coaching sessions in local primary schools. This will then take us through to the October half-term where we will be running another three fun packed days here at STFC. For further details please call 01793 421303.

Finally, a quick reminder about our Fraser Digby goalkeeping clinic that will be held here at the Club on Friday 30th August 2003. We have limited places left so if you would like to sign-up then do not hesitate to call us on the number above.

All the best,

Clive Maguire



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

STFC SCORE FIRST

DATE	FIXTURE	VEN	RES	ATT	VIS	POS
Sat 9 Aug	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	Home	2-3	10,573	3,300 1st
Wed 13 Aug	Southend United LC1	7.45	Away	3-2	3,385	199
Fri 15 Aug	Colchester United	7.45	Away	1-0	3,339	13th
Sat 23 Aug	Notts County	3.00	Home			
Mon 25 Aug	AFC Bournemouth	3.00	Away			
Sat 30 Aug	Blackpool	3.00	Home			
Sat 6 Sept	Brighton & H.A.	3.00	Away			
Sat 13 Sept	Wrexham	3.00	Home			
Tues 16 Sept	Grimsby Town	7.45	Away			
Sat 20 Sept	Barnsley	3.00	Away			
Wed 24 Sept	Leeds United LC2	TBC	Away			
Sat 27 Sept	Peterborough United	3.00	Home			
Wed 1 Oct	Luton Town	7.45	Home			
Sat 4 Oct	Bristol City	3.00	Away			
Sat 11 Oct	Stockport County	3.00	Home			
Sat 18 Oct	Chesterfield	3.00	Away			
Tues 21 Oct	Tranmere Rovers	7.45	Away			
Sat 25 Oct	Port Vale	3.00	Home			
Sat 1 Nov	Wycombe Wanderers	3.00	Home			
Sat 15 Nov	Oldham Athletic	3.00	Away			
Sat 22 Nov	Queens Park Rangers	3.00	Home			
Sat 29 Nov	Hartlepool United	3.00	Away			
Sat 13 Dec	Plymouth Argyle	3.00	Home			
Sat 20 Dec	Brentford	3.00	Away			
Fri 26 Dec	Rushden & Diamonds	3.00	Away			
Sun 28 Dec	Erington & H.A.	3.00	Home			
Sat 3 Jan	AFC Bournemouth	3.00	Home	F A Cup 3		
Sat 10 Jan	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	Away			
Sat 17 Jan	Colchester United	3.00	Home			
Sat 24 Jan	Notts County	3.00	Away	F A Cup4		
Sat 31 Jan	Blackpool	3.00	Away			
Sat 7 Feb	Rushden & Diamonds	3.00	Home			
Sat 14 Feb	Stockport County	3.00	Away	F A Cup 5		
Sat 21 Feb	Chesterfield	3.00	Home			
Sat 28 Feb	Port Vale	3.00	Away			
Wed 3 Mar	Tranmere Rovers	7.45	Home			
Sat 6 Mar	Brentford	3.00	Home	F A Cup 6		
Sat 13 Mar	Plymouth Argyle	3.00	Away			
Wed 17 Mar	Grimsby Town	7.45	Home			
Sat 20 Mar	Wrexham	3.00	Away			
Sat 27 Mar	Barnsley	3.00	Home			
Sat 3 April	Peterborough United	3.00	Away			
Sat 10 April	Bristol City	3.00	Home			
Mon 12 April	Luton Town	3.00	Away			
Sat 17 April	Wycombe Wanderers	3.00	Away			
Sat 24 April	Oldham Athletic	3.00	Home			
Sat 1 May	Queens Park Rangers	3.00	Away			
Sat 8 May	Hartlepool United	3.00	Home			

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TODAY'S MASCOTS



LUKE JOHNSON

from Thetford in Norfolk is today's Swindon Town mascot. His favourite player is Sam Parkin and lists his hobbies as football, skateboarding and making models. His favourite teams are Swindon Town and Manchester United. Luke attends Ixworth Middle School in Bury St. Edmunds.

OLIVER GREY

shares Lukes favourite player Super Sam and he only supports Swindon Town. His hobbies are football and robot wars and he attends Brockton C of E School, Shropshire.

WE HOPE YOU BOTH ENJOY YOUR DAY WITH SWINDON TOWN... THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Steve McMahon



UP NEXT AT THE COUNTY GROUND



WHO: BLACKPOOL
WHEN: SATURDAY AUGUST 30
KICK-OFF: 3.00PM

BLACKPOOL'S MANAGER STEVE MCMAHON WILL NEED NO INTRODUCTION TO TOWN SUPPORTERS WHEN HE BRINGS HIS TEAM TO THE COUNTY GROUND ON SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST WHERE HE IS SURE TO RECEIVE A WARM WELCOME.

Taking over at Bloomfield Road deep into season 2001/02, McMahon led the club to promotion to the Second Division within his first months in the job when Blackpool clinched a Second Division place via the play-offs. Now safely settled in their higher status, The Seasiders finished last season in 13th position.

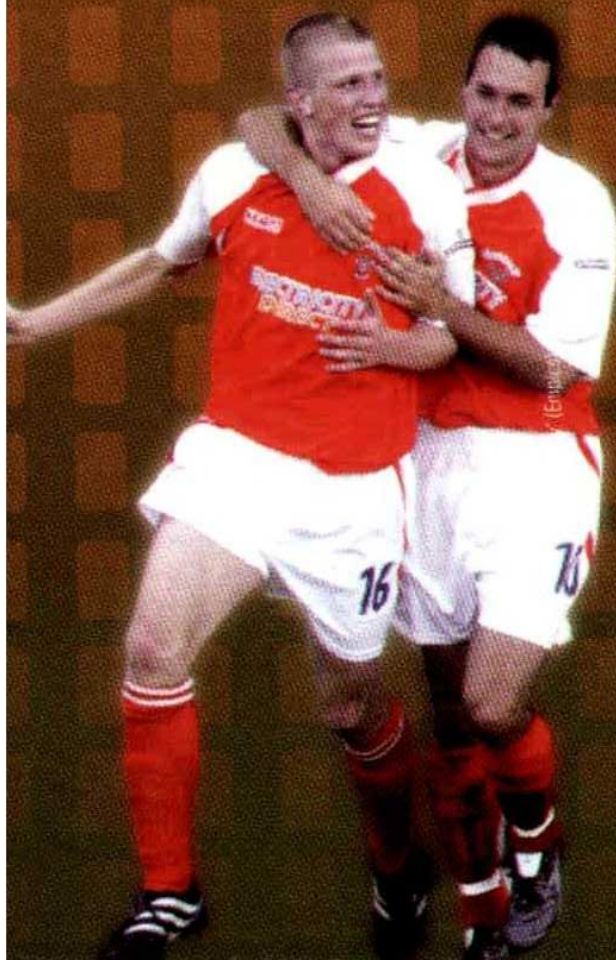
There were a significant number of squad changes during the summer with the departures of Paul Dalglish and ex-Town midfielder Lee Collins amongst them. Collins, who left Swindon for Blackpool in June 2000 departed Bloomfield Road after 48 appearances. He had spent the end of last season on loan at Morecambe when the arrival of Neil Danns on loan from Blackburn put pressure on his first team place.

A fight back from two goals down against Wycombe Wanderers last weekend gave Blackpool their first points of the season with a 3-2 home win. Scott Taylor netted a brace with new signing from Manchester United Kirk Hilton completing the scoring for the home side with his first ever League goal. The result

went some way to repairing the damage of a 5-0 opening day defeat at QPR.

Currently performing between the posts is Lee Jones who has just completed the switch from Bristol Rovers after a successful loan spell. Jones earned praise for an outstanding save which protected Blackpool's lead in the recent 2-1 win at Barnsley in the Carling Cup, while the headline grabber would again have been Scott Taylor with another couple of goals. The Seasiders now face a tie against Birmingham City as a reward for the result. With both Swindon and Blackpool looking to sustain their current encouraging form, the three points on offer next week will be as keenly contested as any game involving a Steve McMahon team.

For more details please call the Swindon Town Box Office on 0870 443 1894.



Saturday 30th August (3:00pm kick off)

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Adults: £13, £18 & £19
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 Assistant 1: **S.D. Habgood**
 Assistant 2: **S.P. Snartt**
 4th Official: **G.J. Chapman**



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- GRANT SMITH** 3
- MATTHEW HEWLETT** 4
- ADRIAN VIVEASH** 5
- ANDREW GURNEY** 6
- SAMMY IGOE** 7
- TOMMY MOONEY** 8
- SAM PARKIN** 9
- STEFANI MIGLIORANZI** 10
- DAVID DUKE** 11
- IAN HERRING** 12
- JON STEVENSON** 14
- ANDREW NICHOLAS** 15
- BRYAN HOWARD** 17
- MATTHEW HEYWOOD** 19
- RHYS EVANS** 20
- BEN MARTIN** 21
- ALAN REEVES** 22
- STEVE ROBINSON** 25
- ALAN YOUNG** 26
- DAVID MARSH** 69
(AUCTION WINNER)



NOTTS COUNTY

MANAGER Billy Dearden

- STEVE MILDENHALL** 1
- NICK FENTON** 2
- IAN BARRACLOUGH** 3
- STEVE JENKINS** 4
- TONY BARRAS** 5
- IAN RICHARDSON** 6
- CLIVE PLATT** 7
- DARREN CASKEY** 8
- MARK STALLARD** 9
- PAUL HEFFERNAN** 10
- KEVIN NICHOLSON** 11
- STUART GARDEN** 12
- PAUL BOLLAND** 14
- MICHAEL BROUGH** 15
- SIMON BALDRY** 16
- TONY HACKWORTH** 17
- PAUL RILEY** 18
- SAUL DEENEY** 19
- SHANE McFAUL** 22
- WILLIS FRANCIS** 23