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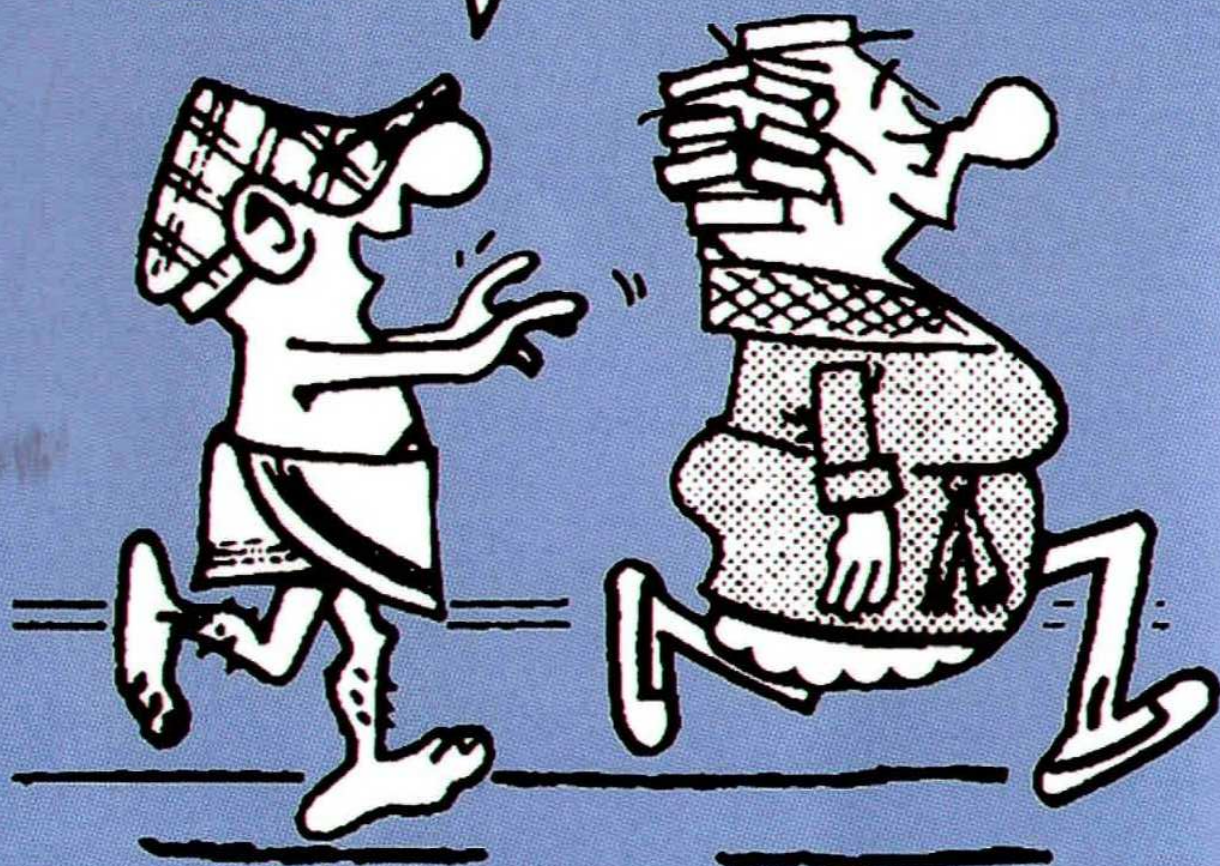
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COMMENT - Chris Tanner

Welcome back to The County Ground for today's game with QPR. I am sure that most Town fans will remember the thriller against the Londoners back in March, where Sam Parkin scored THAT goal. Mind you, a repeat scoreline would go down very nicely!

The past few weeks since our home win over Wycombe have seen us go out of the FA Cup and pick up, more importantly, three valuable league points at Boundary Park. It was good to see Sam Parkin back on the goal trail to claim our first win at Oldham since 1968.

It has been a busy time for the players off the pitch with Steve Robinson, Andy Gurney and Matt Hewlett helping out at CLIC (Cancer and Leukaemia In Childhood). Sam Parkin and Tommy Mooney were also due to turn on the Christmas lights in Old Town on Thursday night as the links between the Football Club and the community grow even closer. Finally may I also take this opportunity to thank Harry Bromley for all his hard work in organising the event.




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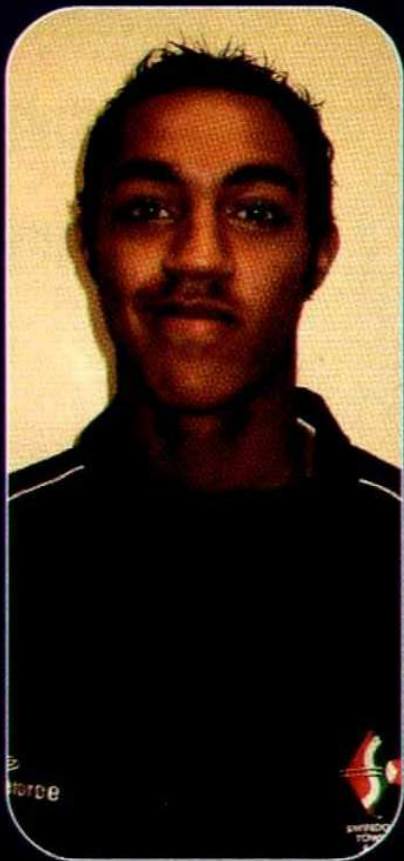


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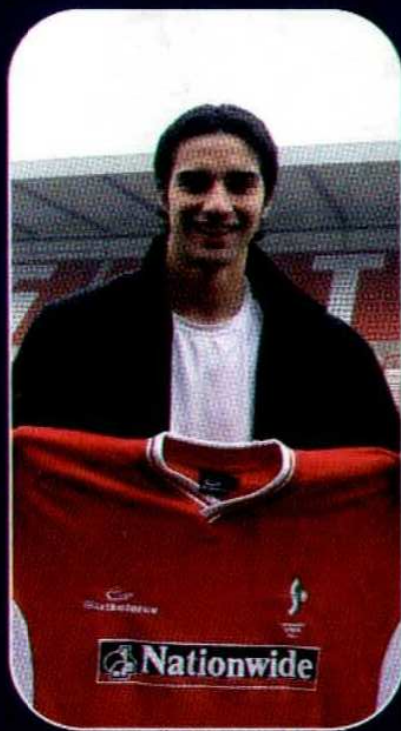
FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER ARNOLD & MILLS GET INTERNATIONAL CALL

Swindon Town youngster Leigh Mills starred for England Under 16's as they triumphed over Wales at Gillingham FC.

He was also Captain and marshalled his side to a 4-2 win. Mills lined up against his Town teammate Joe Arnold who started the game as striker for the Welsh, with Mills booked in the second half for a challenge on Arnold, pictured below.



TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH FALLON SIGNS



Swindon Town complete the signing of Barnsley striker Rory Fallon. The 21-year old progressed through the youth ranks at Oakwell aged 15 and progressed through to the first team. He scored seven goals last term and has notched four so far this season for the Tykes.

But despite being born on New Zealand's East coast, the towering frontman has gained international honours with England at Under 16, 17 and 18 level. His strike partner was none other than Jermain Defoe, the

star in the making at Premiership West Ham United.

"I was at Barnsley for six years, I joined as a YT when I was 15 and progressed through to the reserves and then the first team. I enjoyed my time up at Oakwell but it was time for a change and here I am! I was played as a target man at Barnsley but I have much more in my locker than that and I am looking forward to the chance to show the Swindon fans what I can do.

"The play-offs have to be the aim. The squad looks strong and I want to get to know the place and the lads as soon as I can. It is a great challenge and I can't wait to get started."

WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER YOUTHS THROUGH AFTER SPIREITES WIN

The Town Youth team are through to the Fourth Round of the FA Youth Cup after a convincing 4-1 win over Chesterfield at The County Ground on Wednesday night.

Goals from Lance Lewis, Chris Taylor, James Hambidge and David Stroud were enough to put Town into the hat for the Fourth Round draw, which will be made on Tuesday 2nd December.

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GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME WITH QPR. I WOULD LIKE TO WISH A WARM WELCOME TO THE VISITING PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS, DIRECTORS, IAN HOLLOWAY AND KENNY JACKETT TO THE COUNTY GROUND.

May I also take this opportunity to welcome Eric Sabin, whether it be in a playing capacity or as a squad member. I had a lot of time for Eric and his family during their time here and I believe that he did achieve during his time here with us. If he had added a few more goals to his tally then he would have been a further success but I am sure the fans will give him a warm Wiltshire welcome this afternoon on his return.

This afternoon could see the home debut of Rory Fallon who has recently signed on from Barnsley. For those of you who support the Club so superbly away from home, you will have seen Rory in action against ourselves on a few occasions over the last few seasons. He is a handful and scored past us last season when he bundled Bart Griemink into the net in 'old fashioned' style. He has a wonderful attitude to the game and at just 21 is the type of player that will improve the squad. With five strikers now at the Club we have great competition for places.

Jerel Ifil has returned to the squad on a two-month loan that will bring his loan spell up to the three months allowed by the Football League. On the subject of loans, as I write these notes it looks like Junior Lewis could be returning to Leicester City after today's game. If that were to be the case, I would be sad to see him go as he has made a big impact during his second spell here.

On a brighter note, I would like to congratulate Leigh Mills on his first full cap. His performances have attracted attention from various Premiership clubs but to Leigh's credit he has signed for Swindon Town FC and has stated that he would like to play his football here. He scored on his first representative game against Wales, where he also captained the side and on the back of that he has been awarded his first full cap representing England Under 16's against Scotland. Congratulations must also go to Joe Arnold who played against Leigh for Wales U16's. I would like to wish them and all the other youngsters within our youth system every success in the future. I firmly believe that young or old, age is no barrier and if you are good enough, you are old enough.

Enjoy the game.

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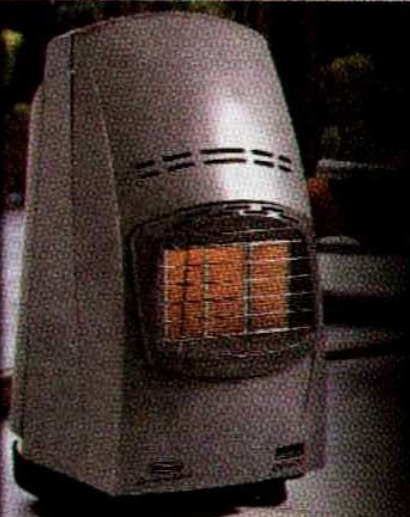
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Adi Viveash, we have decided to treat conservatively for the next two weeks following a swollen knee joint. Adi has been able to work his upper body and run and swim in the pool, something that Adi with all due respect, finds very hard and will not be getting a job as a lifeguard in the near future! He is making good progress, with good stretch and reduced swelling and is anxious to resume competitive action very shortly.

Sammy Igoe trained with his colleagues for the first time on Tuesday and did look his old self. We will however continue to work him hard especially on his running to make sure when the plaster is removed, he is ready for the fray.

Could I also take this opportunity to offer our facilities within the Medical department to the general sportsmen and women who may require treatment and rehabilitation advice on their sporting injuries.

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Enjoy the game.



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CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

HELLO AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME WITH QUEENS PARK RANGERS.

The last few weeks have been contrasting for us really in terms of results. The FA Cup defeat at Wycombe was disappointing at 4-1, but I think the score flattered them somewhat as at 2-1 down we pushed forward and were unlucky to concede two in the time we did.

Last weekend was a battling performance up at Oldham that saw us secure our first win at Boundary Park since 1968. It was great to see Sam

back on the scoresheet and despite playing most of the game with ten men, we came through with all three points.

QPR are a strong side and have some real quality within their ranks. From our point of view, with the exception of Jon Beswetherick and of course Eric Sabin, the bulk of that squad from last season's 3-1 home victory should be involved against Ian Holloway's men this afternoon.

Enjoy the game.

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Good afternoon and welcome to everyone for today's visit of Division Two leaders Queens Park Rangers. On behalf of the board of directors can I also offer a very warm welcome to the QPR Chief Executive David Davies, his fellow directors, management, players and the supporters of QPR. On a personal basis I would also like to welcome my old colleagues from my time working at Loftus Road, who I hope to catch up with at some stage during the day. I hope they have an enjoyable day, but I am sure they will understand that my loyalties this afternoon will be with the team in red as we strive to get the win that will take us further up the table.

On the subject of the league table, it riles me a little that the Division is put down somewhat, just because we don't have a Wigan-type team who are romping away from the rest. A win for us today would see us just four points off top place, and with the exception of perhaps half a dozen sides, I would think that every club in this division still believes they have a realistic chance of at least reaching the play offs next May. It will make for a tremendous competition and hopefully we will all benefit from the bigger attendances generated by such a close and exciting competition.

The players deserve great praise for their performance up at Oldham last weekend, when we managed to win the game despite playing with only 10 men for all but the first twelve minutes. There is a fantastic spirit amongst the players and Andy and Malcolm and the desire to take this club forward is there for all to see. It was good to see Jerel Ifil back in a Swindon shirt and I would like to welcome our latest signing, Rory Fallon, to the club and wish him, on behalf of everyone at Swindon Town, every success in his career at the County Ground. Such was Rory's desire to join the club that his girlfriend had already made appointments to see properties in the area during the time it took to get all the paperwork and contract signed.

The signing of Rory Fallon is another sign of the progress we are making as a club. For us to spend money on a player I have to be completely convinced that we can afford the purchase from our existing cashflows. Once we are happy we then have to convince the Football League. Not only that but the Football League also had to take into account the fact that we had Junior Lewis on loan and we wanted to bring in Jerel Ifil on loan as well. I assume from the fact the transfers were sanctioned that the League are happy with the figures we have provided and that in itself is another sign of progress. From a revenue prospective November and December are crucial periods for the club. Our exit from the FA Cup doesn't help, even though we only budgeted for one round of the competition. We are fortunate that in Plymouth Argyle and Brighton we have two attractive fixtures which will probably see bigger than average crowds in attendance. But also, importantly, we have significantly improved the numbers of companies using our facilities for their Christmas festivities and the projected revenue we will receive from these events is likely to be at record levels and will help us make ends meet during the next couple of months.

One final note. Our community outreach continues to grow rapidly. Following on from the record numbers the Football In The Community scheme catered for at half term, we were proud and privileged to host a game between two special needs schools- Springfield House and St Lukes last week. Some of the children participating came from backgrounds where they had been abused, physically and mentally, and to see their pleasure in getting the chance to play football on the pitch at a professional club was truly inspirational. Amongst all the talk of missed drug tests, strikes and police investigations it is wonderful to also note that football can represent some positive values. I hope the national media take the time to report on this as well.

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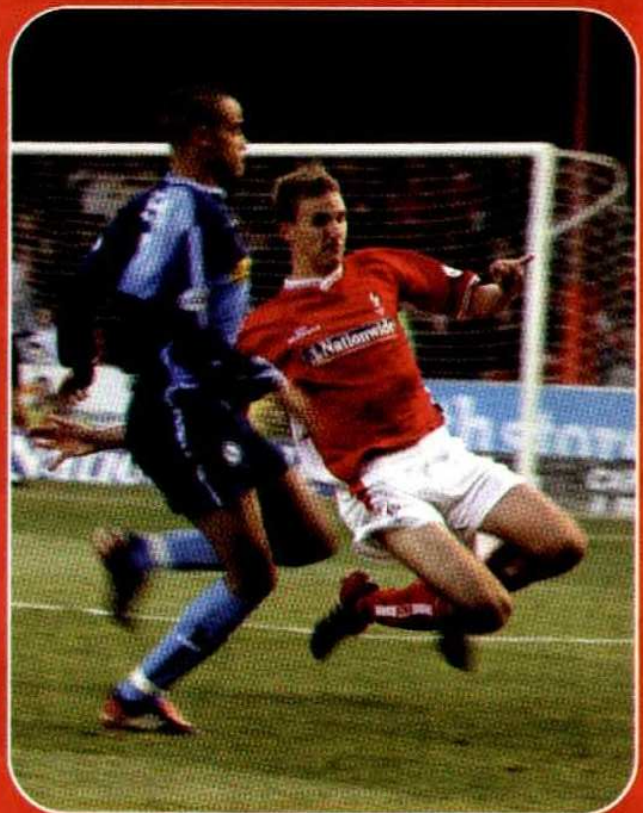
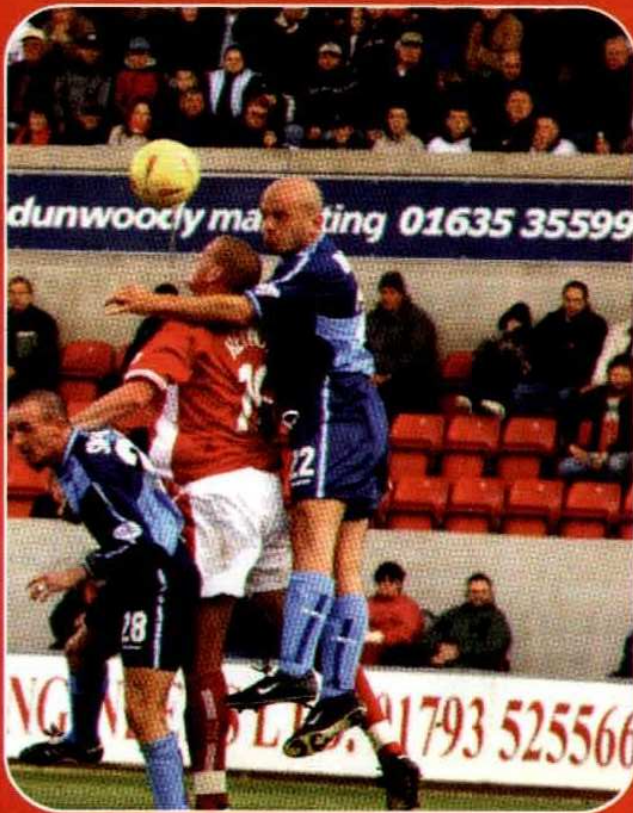
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SWINDON TOWN 2
WYCOMBE WANDERERS 0



STEFANI MIGLIORANZI SEALED MAXIMUM POINTS FOR TOWN WITH A SPECTACULAR 25-YARD EFFORT AFTER DEON BURTON BROKE HIS GOALSCORING DROUGHT TO OPEN THE SCORING WRITES STFC SPORTS REPORTER ADRIAN SMITH

Town recalled Andy Gurney after suspension and Andy Nicholas retained his place as the home team kicked off and went close when Gurney had a free-kick which eventually fell to Burton but his shot struck a Wycombe defender.

Stefani Miglioranzi and Tommy Mooney combined to set up the opening goal for Town with an excellent through ball which led to Deon Burton's first goal for the club in the 11th minute as he coolly side-footed home from the edge of the area.

In the 16th minute Town were awarded a free-kick when Robinson was fouled by Brown but Talia easily took the ball and his long ball over the Town defence fell to McSporryan but Gurney was on hand to cut out the danger from Brown. Shortly afterwards Nicholas was penalised for a foul and Currie's free-kick almost caught out the Town defence as his ball reached McSporryan but Evans made a fine save to push the ball out for a corner.

A mistake by Gurney in the 24th minute led to a corner by Wycombe but Lewis made a good defensive header by Lewis and moments later Evans made a good save from a McSporryan shot after being set up by Brown. Burton was just denied in front of goal after a cross by Duke but the ball got stuck between his feet and a couple of minutes later Hewlett set up Miglioranzi but his shot flew over the bar.

Burton, Robinson and Miglioranzi combined to set up a chance for Duke but his shot went wide and at the other end another in-swinging cross by Currie reached Brown but his weak header was saved by Evans.

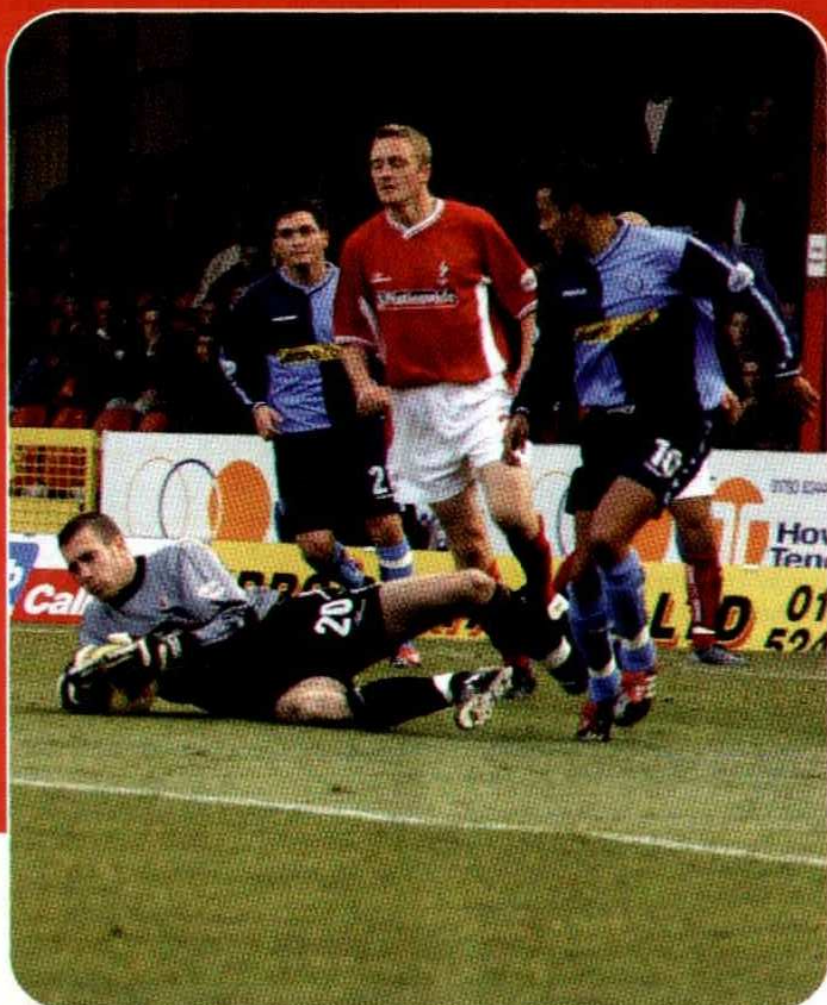
A long goal kick by Evans fell kindly for Burton but his turn and shot on the volley just dipped over the bar in the 41st minute. Two minutes later Brown was cautioned for a foul on Robinson and the resulting free-kick was taken by Gurney but Lewis's header just went wide and the half-time whistle went soon afterwards.

Both teams made substitutions at half-time with Alan Reeves replacing Duke and Wycombe replaced Holligan with Andy Bell.

Evans made a smart save from a powerful shot by Vinnicombe early in the second half and moments later Reeves was harshly cautioned after a



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 VENUE: THE COUNTY GROUND
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collision with a Wycombe player but the Town defence were able to clear the resulting free-kick.

Wycombe went close in the 60th minute after a scramble in the Town defence and moments later Mooney had the ball in the net from a header but the assistant referee had already flagged for offside. Three minutes later Town threatened with a Gurney free-kick which was headed behind for a corner taken by Robinson but gathered by Talia.

Super Sam Parkin made a welcome return after injury in the 65th minute when he replaced Burton and Wycombe replaced Brown but it was Stefani Miglioranzi who grabbed the limelight two minutes later with a

sublime curling shot from the edge of the box after a superb build up. Parkin was unlucky not to add Town's third when he was first to react from a cross by Robinson but his header struck the post and rebounded to safety.

Evans made a good save from Bell and his long clearance set up Mooney but his curling shot went just wide from twenty yards in the 75th minute. Moments later Evans was again involved when he showed some excellent defensive skills as he sprinted from his line to cut out another Wycombe attack. Town replaced Lewis with Brian Howard and moments later Gurney made a good defensive header from a Senda cross.

Miglioranzi had a long range shot

from 30 yards in added time which was saved by Talia just before referee Mr Butler blew his whistle for full time as Town claimed their first win in eight games to push Wycombe down to the bottom of Division 2.

SWINDON TOWN:

Rhys Evans, Junior Lewis (Brian Howard), Matthew Hewlett, Andy Gurney, Tommy Mooney, Stefani Miglioranzi, David Duke (Alan Reeves), Andy Nicholas, Deon Burton (Sam Parkin), Matthew Heywood, Steve Robinson

Subs Not Used: Bart Griemink, Sebastien Ruster

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MATCH ACTION WYCOMBE WANDERERS 4 SWINDON TOWN 1 FACUP R

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VENUE: CAUSEWAY STADIUM ATTENDANCE: 4,386



WYCOMBE PROGRESSED THROUGH TO ROUND TWO OF THE FA CUP AT TOWN'S EXPENSE AS A BRACE FROM DARREN CURRIE ENSURED TONY ADAMS MADE A WINNING MANAGERIAL START.

Sam Parkin, a former Wycombe hero having scored in their memorable FA Cup run, started in the Town line-up and soon found himself in the thick of the action, forcing a throw after pressurising Senda. The resulting throw by Nicholas was launched into the box before Miglioranzi saw his shot blocked.

Darren Currie made a lively start with a 25-yard curling effort drifting just over Rhys Evans in the Swindon area. Keith Ryan then fired well wide of the right hand post after being deployed in a front three, a tactical change by the Wycombe management after last week's loss at The County Ground.

Brian Howard, replacing the suspended Hewlett, saw his free-kick punched away by former Town keeper Frank Talia as Town pushed forward. Tommy Mooney then drove into the Wycombe half and after an interchange with Howard, poked a left foot shot wide.

On the half-hour Town created their best chance of the half when Howard's left foot shot from 20-yards rebounded off the post and fell to Parkin but his goal-bound shot was parried acrobatically by Talia. Minutes later Alan Reeves then headed straight at Talia from a Gurney corner.

On 64 minutes Nicholas gave away a free-kick on the edge of the area. Currie then stepped up and bent the ball around the wall into the top corner of the net to leave Town trailing 2-0.

Swindon were handed a lifeline in the 70th minute when Sam Parkin was tripped by Roger Johnson inside the area. Referee Mr R Beeby pointed to the spot to the delight of the 1,127 Town fans and Captain Andy Gurney led the way to blast the ball past Talia into the corner of the net to make it 2-1. Shortly after Gurney had a long-range free-kick deflected away before some good pacy defending by Nicholas denied McSparran.

A deep cross by David Duke from the right was headed behind by Ryan and seconds later Grant Smith replaced Howard. The resulting corner by Miglioranzi struck Mooney and fell away from danger and Nicholas went close with a toepoked shot from close range on 81 minutes.

Sebastien Ruster replaced Reeves but Wycombe went further ahead in the 85th minute when a shot by Dannie Bulman was not gathered by Evans and Currie slid the loose ball home. Although Keeper Evans protested that he had been fouled, the referee awarded the goal.

Two minutes later McSparran broke down the right hand side and skipped past Gurney to drive the ball past Evans from the right hand edge of the area to complete the scoring.

Gurney was cautioned in the 90th minute for a foul but the resulting free-kick was easily cleared as the full-time whistle blew.

The 4-1 scoreline ensured a successful start to Tony Adams' managerial career and this result leaves Town to focus on the League as they are out of all cup competitions this season.

SWINDON TOWN:

Rhys Evans, Andy Gurney, Tommy Mooney, Sam Parkin, Stefani Miglioranzi, David Duke, Andy Nicholas, Brian Howard(Grant Smith), Matt Heywood, Alan Reeves (Sebastien Ruster), Steve Robinson
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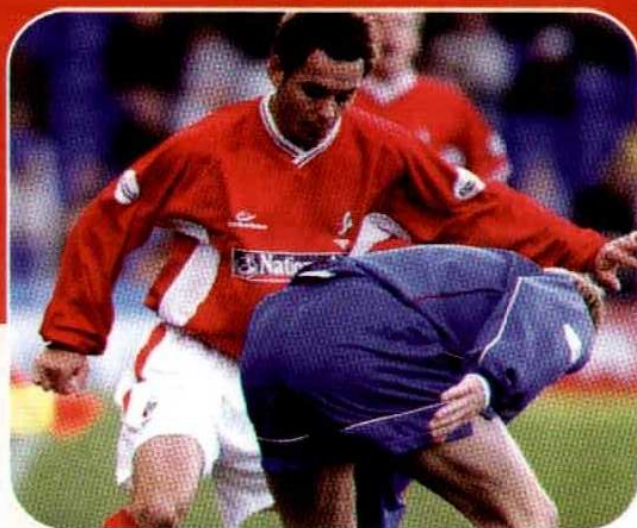
MATCH ACTION

OLDHAM ATHLETIC 0
SWINDON TOWN 1

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2003 KO 3.00PM

VENUE: BOUNDARY PARK ATTENDANCE: 5,282

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SWINDON ACHIEVED THEIR FIRST WIN AT BOUNDARY PARK SINCE 1968 AS SAM PARKIN SCORED THE ONLY GOAL DESPITE MATT HEYWOOD'S SENDING-OFF IN THE 11TH MINUTE WRITES STFC SPORTS REPORTER ADRIAN SMITH.

Town included Jerel Ifil and Matt Hewlett who returned from suspension as Steve Robinson and Stefani Miglioranzi were involved in some good early attacking play. Andy Gurney chose to go for placement rather than power in his first free-kick after Robinson was fouled but Oldham keeper Pogliacomini caught the ball easily.

Referee Mr Cowburn controversially sent off Matt Heywood in the 11th minute as the Swindon player challenged former Town target Calvin Zola for the ball and a penalty was awarded against Town. However Lady Luck smiled on Town when Zola's penalty struck the post and the resulting shot from the rebound went high and wide.

Town reshuffled their line-up and Gurney dropped into the defence and in attack Sam Parkin and Lewis combined to create an opportunity for Mooney but his shot went wide. In the 25th minute

Rhys Evans made an outstanding save in a one on one situation with Ernie Cooksey and the ball was cleared for a corner that was gathered by Evans. Lewis was cautioned in the 34th minute when he kicked the ball away a split second after Zola had again tumbled over and a free-kick against Town.

Evans made an incredible save from a header by Zola who was two yards from the goal-line and the resulting corner was cleared and although Oldham had the ball in the net, Mr Cowburn had already awarded a free-kick for offside.

After the break Mooney showed some good skill as he set up Miglioranzi for a long range shot which was saved by Pogliacomini and Hewlett shot wide from 25 yards after some good approach work by Mooney.

Jerel Ifil made a good tackle in the penalty area as Zola threatened and the ball was cleared for a good attack involving Mooney and Lewis which was cleared. However Town took a deserved lead in the 61st minute when Sam Parkin side footed home from close range after a cross by Junior Lewis who was injured in the build up, but he eventually carried on after treatment. Oldham counterattacked strongly and Mooney was back helping

out in defence with a long-range clearance from a corner.

Rory Fallon made his Town debut in the 78th minute replacing Parkin and Alan Reeves replaced Robinson as Andy King elected to try and preserve Town's slender lead. Roca tested Evans reflexes with a close range shot but found the Town keeper equal to the task and at the other end Miglioranzi set new boy Fallon up in front of goal but he took one touch too many and the ball was cleared.

Oldham captain John Eyre went close with a dipping shot in the 4 minutes of added time and the home team continued to press forward with Evans making another smart save from a Vernon header. Miglioranzi and Gurney pushed forward but lost the ball and the home team had one last attack before Mr Cowburn blew for full time to seal a fine battling, winning display from ten man Town.

SWINDON TOWN:

Rhys Evans, Matt Hewlett, Andy Gurney, Tommy Mooney, Sam Parkin (Rory Fallon), Stefani Miglioranzi, David Duke, Matt Heywood, Steve Robinson (Alan Reeves), Jerel Ifil, Junior Lewis
Substitutes not used: Bart Griemink, Andy Nicholas, Brian Howard
Referee: Mr M Cowburn.



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A Day In The Life Of... Brian Wood - Conference & Banqueting Manager

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Who ate all the pies? Well, hopefully everyone if Brian Wood has anything to say about it. And not just the pies but the Chicken Chasseur as well. Or maybe you prefer a Mexican Wrap? Food, glorious food is what it's all about for ex-restaurateur Brian whose job is everything culinary at the County Ground.

Trained Chef Brian is a proud man who constantly strives to improve on his already high standards so that his guests (all 7,000 of them!) enjoy what they eat in every part of the ground.

Starting as manager for contract caterers Halliday in 1994/95, Brian began in his current position in August 2002 when conference & banqueting went in-house. His team is Clive Harper, Head Chef, Chris Abrook, Kiosk & Bars manager and Nikki Whitaker, Conference Assistant. He also oversees 80 people spread throughout the ground.

Family man Brian describes football as "his hobby, his job and his life". Married to Lynn for 26 years he has four children and at 46 still plays Sunday league football in his Gloucester home. Like Mike Sullivan he is also a qualified referee and, Rhys beware, his son Ashley is a youth goalkeeper at Gloucester City.

On A Matchday Saturday...

6.45am -

Preparation in catering is done prior to matchday i.e. ordering food etc... However I arrive early to put the finishing touches in place. Its having that eye for detail - are the televisions dusty, are the rooms warm?

8.15am -

Clive, our Head Chef arrives.

9.30am -

Nikki and Chris arrive. We sit down to run through the order of the day so that everything coincides with the marketing team. This ensures matchday runs smoothly and is why our guests tend to go away very happy.

10.30am -

Around mid morning Chris and I go to check on the various kiosks. We make sure everything is ready for the arrival of the fans i.e. the pie warmers and coffee machines are switched on etc... It generally takes 45 minutes to visit them all.

11.30pm -

Nikki, Chris and I do the last minute jobs so that everything is ready.

12.00pm -

Guests arrive from mid-day onwards. We're on our toes from around 11.30am.

It's ensuring the first impression of the Club is a good one. They are shown up to us, we take them to their rooms and hope it's the beginning of a great day.

2.00pm -

We revisit the kiosks to make sure that the standards expected are being met, i.e. staff are wearing their hats, they have their hair tied up and, very importantly, a smile on their faces.

3.00pm - 4.40pm -

We try to watch some of the game but also have to get ready for half-time. This means clearing up the pre-match meal, cleaning the rooms and getting the tea and coffee ready. Half-time is very busy and when the second half starts its clear down time again.

4.45pm - 6.00pm -

At the end of the game we look after guests from the game but also get ready for any evening function. Most weekends we have some sort of event such as a wedding.

6.00pm -

Guests start arriving for the evening but we may still have guests from the game in the bars so we have to make sure that we keep everyone happy.

1.30am -

After the function has finished I usually get away by 1.30am.



30 Seconds

with striker...
RORY FALLON



- 1) What attracted you to STFC?
Good football!
- 2) Favourite food?
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- 3) Beach holiday or Safari?
Beach holiday in Perth Australia
- 4) Favourite Film?
Pulp Fiction
- 5) What other sports do you follow?
Rugby
- 6) Christmas Day or New Years Eve?
New Years Eve
- 7) Footballing hero?
Diego Maradona
- 8) Sporting hero?
Muhammad Ali
- 9) Best goal ever scored?
Barnsley vs Cardiff
- 10) Hopes for this season?
Promotion!

Rocky,

It's that time of year again and I feel the urge to record my Christmas single so I can heave my ageing bones up the charts and reach number one over the Christmas period, but I'm struggling for a song to do the bizzo with this year - can you offer me some advice?

Sir Cliff Richardo

Cliffy,

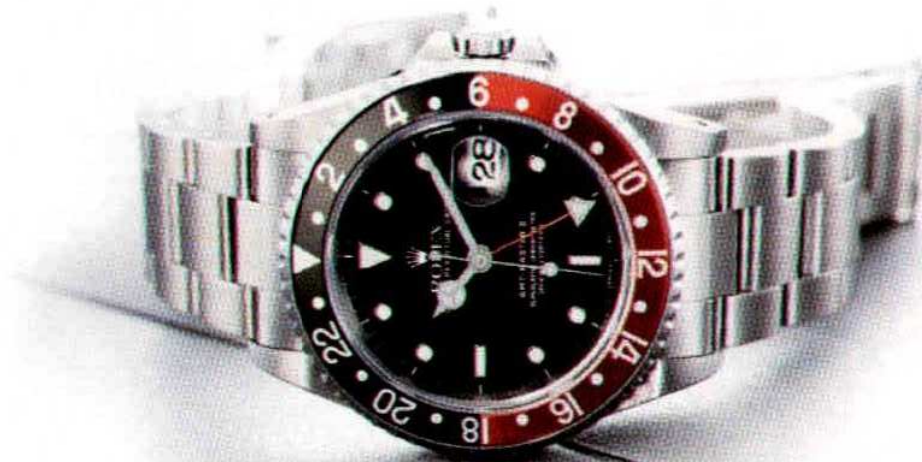
Strewth, is it really that time of year, and are you REALLY thinking about another Christmas record? My suggestion is that you should give us a break this year... unless you can sing Far Away. No, not the old Slade song, just far away - a

long, long way away. My friends, there are only three things in life that are totally unavoidable once they get going, they are - thunderstorms, Cliff Richard Christmas songs, and drum solos. The drummer in my old band (we were called The Dreadful Grate) was so fed up with being the butt of all musician jokes (How do you know when a drummer is knocking on your door? The knocking speeds up...) that he went to the music shop to try some other instruments. He said to the assistant 'I'll take that red trumpet over there and the accordion in the corner', the assistant said 'OK - you can have the fire extinguisher, but the radiator has got to stay'! Boom Boom! Cliff, my only advice to you would be to record a duet, and I'm just the singer to harmonise with you. If anyone can hear us for the dogs howling we could have a hit record!

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ABOVE IS THE BACK PAGE OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE FA CUP CLASH IN 1971 BETWEEN TODAY'S TEAMS. THE PROGRAMME COST 5P AND CONTAINED THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE REVIEW WHICH WAS GIVEN AWAY FREE BY MOST CLUBS IN THEIR PROGRAMMES AT THIS TIME.

The programme itself contained the Bush Telegraph with news about Queens Park Rangers and an article by Gordon Jago the manager. A centre spread gave information and a picture of Swindon while there were two pages of excellent detail on Rangers matches in the previous weeks.

The match itself was played out on a slippery surface at Loftus Road. The best chance of the first half came after 23 minutes when Don Rogers skilfully

outpaced three defenders only to see his shot saved by Phil Parkes in the Rangers goal. When the Rangers attacked they came up against Stan Harland on top form ably assisted by Ron Potter deputising for Frank Burrows.

The first goal came after 61 minutes. Joe Butler attempted a shot that was going wide when it came close to the quick thinking Arthur Horsfield who redirected it with a volley into the Rangers goal. Seventeen minutes later Swindon increased their lead. Again Joe Butler was the provider but this time not with a mis-directed shot but a carefully placed through ball that enabled Peter Noble to run through and beat the advancing Parkes. The score might have stayed like that but for a strange penalty decision. Mike McGovern had a shot tipped onto the bar by Downsborough that came back

to Leach who should have scored but fired over. While Downsborough was receiving treatment referee Derek Nippard consulted his linesman and awarded a penalty for handball by Rod Thomas who had been about four feet away. Rodney Marsh tucked the kick away thus making for a nerve-racking period before the final whistle. It was to be Town's first and last F A Cup win of the season as for the second season in a row they went out to Leeds United. This time heavily beaten by 4-0 at Elland Road. In the league Queens Park Rangers finished just above Swindon with 43 points to Town's 42. Both clubs right backs Dave Clements and Rod Thomas were ever present in the League as were Joe Butler and Stan Harland for Town. Rodney Marsh led the Rangers scorers with 23 in League and Cup while for Swindon Don Rogers with 20 goals in league and cup led the scorers.


QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Colours: Shirts Blue & White Hoops
Shorts White

Manager: **Les Allen**
Coach: **Gordon Jago**

1 PHIL PARKES	Sub:	
2 IAN WATSON	3 DAVE CLEMENT	
4 MARTYN BUSBY	5 RON HUNT	6 FRANK SIBLEY (Captain)
8 FRANK SAUL	10 RODNEY MARSH	
7 MICK MCGOVERN	9 MICK LEACH	11 GERRY FRANCIS

Referee: **Mr. D. R. C. NIPPARD**
(Hants)



Linesmen:
Mr. E. F. M. MERCHANT
(Red Flag)
Mr. J. A. CHRISTOPHER
(Yellow Flag)

11 DON ROGERS	9 ARTHUR HORSFIELD	3 CHRIS PORTER
10 PETER NOBLE	8 TONY COUGH	
6 STAN HARLAND (Captain)	5 FRANK BURROWS	4 JOE BUTLER
3 JOHN TROLLOPE	2 ROD THOMAS	
1 PETER DOWNSBOROUGH	Sub:	

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Paul Furlong

(pic courtesy Gerard Farrell)

TODAY'S VISITORS

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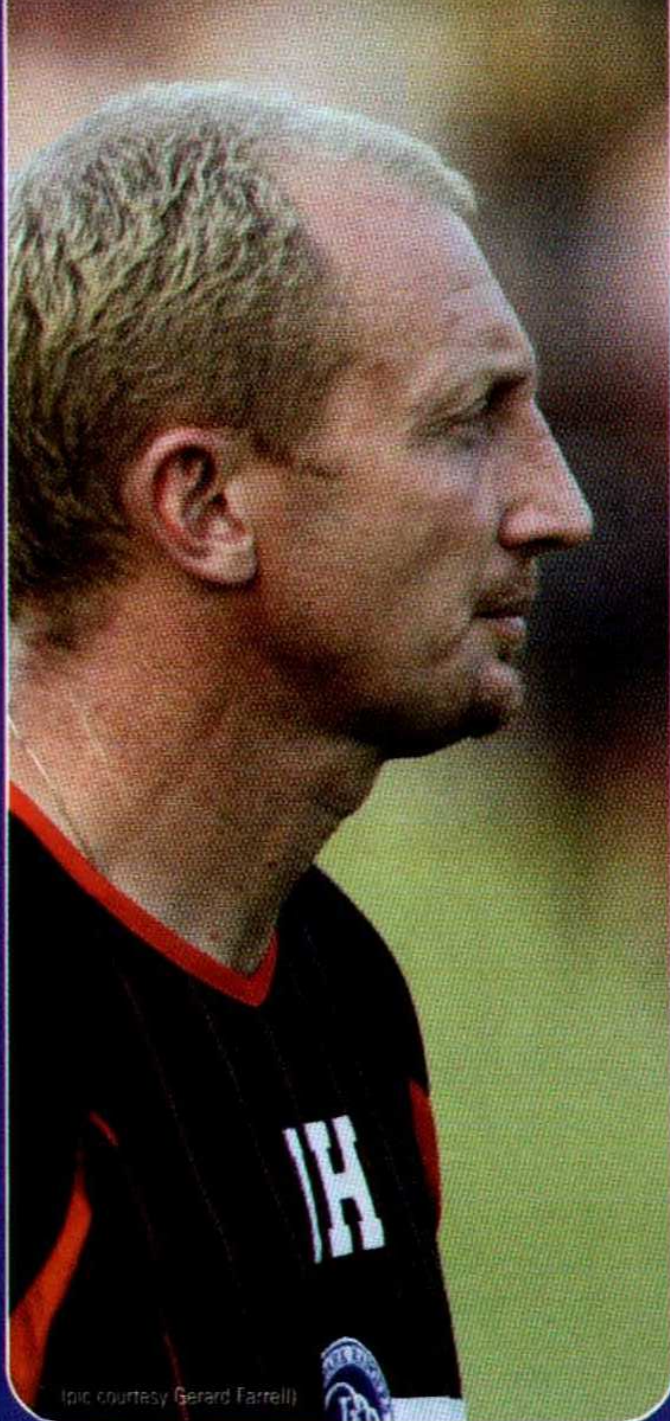
MEMBERS OF THE PREMIERSHIP AS RECENT AS 1996, RELEGATED FROM THE FIRST DIVISION IN 2001, OUR VISITORS TO THE COUNTY GROUND THIS AFTERNOON, QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS, ARE AMONG THE FAVOURITES TO GAIN PROMOTION THIS TIME ROUND.

But manager Ian Holloway, a former player at Loftus Road, is still cautious about his side's chances of climbing out of the Second Division, saying: "There's an awful long way to go yet and anything can happen from now until next May. It's going to be mighty tough with so many decent teams all in with an excellent chance of finishing in the top six at least."

Last season Rangers missed out on promotion when they lost 1-0 to Cardiff City after extra-time in the Play-off Final at The Millennium Stadium. That defeat was a huge disappointment for all concerned at Loftus Road, but Holloway, vastly experienced in the game, was confident that if he was able to hold on to his best players, then there was no reason why Rangers couldn't claim promotion in 2003-04...and that's his goal, despite losing 1-0 at Grimsby in the 1st round of the FA Cup a fortnight ago.

Holloway finished last term by fielding this line-up: Day; Kelly, Padula; Palmer, Shittu, Carlisle; Bircham, Gallen, Furlong, Pacquette and McLeod, with Thomson, Williams, Ross and Plummer all being used as substitutes.

So far this season, Rangers have had mixed results away from home. From the nine games played in the Football League, they have won three, drawn four and lost two.



(pic courtesy Gerard Farrell)

THE GAFFER IAN HOLLOWAY

In his playing days, Ian Holloway was hard-working, right-sided midfielder who amassed a fine record of more than 600 first-class appearances, with over 550 coming in the Football League (49 goals scored). Born in Kingswood near Bristol in 1963, he started his career with his local club, Bristol Rovers and went on to serve,

in turn, with Wimbledon, Brentford, Torquay United, Bristol Rovers (again), Queen's Park Rangers (August 1991-July 1996) and Bristol Rovers for a third time. Indeed, he was appointed as player-manager of the Pirates in 1996 and remained in office until February 2001 when he replaced Gerry Francis in the hot-seat at Loftus Road.

DANGERMAN KEVIN GALLEN



Kevin Gallen is able to play in midfield or up front and is in his second spell at Loftus Road. Born in Chiswick in September 1975, he started his professional career at Loftus Road in 1992 and over the next eight years netted 40 goals in 191 first-class games, gaining England Youth and Under-21 recognition. He then assisted Huddersfield Town (10 goals in 39 outings), and Barnsley (two in 10) before returning to Rangers two years ago this month. Since then he has added a further 25 goals to his tally (in less than 100 appearances) and is currently in pretty good form. He feeds well off Paul Furlong but can also graft hard and long himself and when drafted into midfield, he certainly puts in his fair share of work. He was rangers' 'Player of the Year' last season and he also scored the club's 'Goal of the Season'.

DID YOU KNOW?

Queen's Park Rangers were the first team from the Third Division to play in and win a major Cup Final at Wembley - beating the holders West Bromwich Albion 3-2 in the 1967 Football League Cup Final (after trailing 2-0 at half-time). Rodney Marsh was the star performer in the Rangers side that afternoon. And two years later...(!)

LAST MEETING

The corresponding fixture here at The County Ground last season, played on 1st March 2003, ended in a 3-1 win for the Robins in front of a crowd of 7,116. Steve Robinson, Sam Parkin and Matthew Heywood scored the home goals after Danny Shittu had given Rangers a 15th minute lead.





GARETH AINSWORTH

Gareth joined Rangers on a free transfer in July 2003 after being released by Cardiff City. His debut for Rangers was in the first match of the 2003/04 season at home to Blackpool where he also scored two goals in a 5-0 victory.

MARCUS BEAN

Marcus came through the youth ranks at Rangers after first joining the Club as an eleven year old. He scored his first senior goal for Rangers in September 2003 when he bagged the first in a 2-0 victory at Wrexham.

MARC BURCHAM

Lifelong Rangers fan Marc joined Rangers on a free transfer from Millwall in July 2002. His all-action displays in the heart of the Rangers midfield have made him a firm favourite with the Loftus Road fans.

CLARKE CARLISLE

Highly rated central defender signed in May 2000 from Blackpool for an initial fee of £250,000 which could rise subject to appearances. Now back to full fitness and a vital part of the Rangers defensive unit.

NICK CULKIN

Nick joined Rangers on a free transfer from Manchester United in July 2002. Made his debut for Rangers in the opening match of the 2002/03 season at Loftus Road v Chesterfield.

WESLEY DALY

Wesley joined the club as a ten year old and has progressed through the youth system to the First Team squad. Made his debut two weeks after his eighteenth birthday against Colchester United in March 2002. Another youngster who will be pushing hard for a first team place this year.

CHRIS DAY

Former England Under 21 goalkeeper signed on a free transfer from Watford in July 2001. Made his

Rangers Squad

Rangers debut at Loftus Road against Stoke City on the opening day of the 2001/02 season. Chris suffered a double fracture of his right leg playing against Oldham in October 2001 and missed the remainder of the 2001/02 season. Chris returned to First Team action in March 2003.

TERRELL FORBES

Versatile defender signed on a free transfer from West Ham in July 2001. Came through the youth system at Upton Park but never made a first team appearance for the Hammers in his two seasons there. Terrell was voted the Club's Player of the Year in 2001/02 for his consistent displays at right back.

PAUL FURLONG

Experienced striker who joined Rangers in September 2002 on a free transfer from Birmingham City after an initial loan spell at Loftus Road. Paul has now established himself as a first choice striker and he endeared himself forever to all the Rangers fans by scoring the goal against Oldham Athletic that took Rangers to the Second Division Play Off Final last season.

KEVIN GALLEN

Former England Youth and Under 21 striker who rejoined Rangers in

November 2001 on a free transfer from Barnsley. A Rangers fan from boyhood, Kevin is now playing the best football of his career back at Loftus Road where he was voted Player of the Year for 2002/03 by the fans.

DENNIS OLE

Striker who joined the Club in August 2000 whilst still attending college on a full-time basis. In February 2002 he set a remarkable record, when aged just eighteen, of playing for the Youth Team, Reserves and made his debut for the First Team against Wigan Athletic all the space of eight days. Signed professional in July 2002.

RICHARD PACQUETTE

Local player who progressed through the Youth ranks and signed professional on his seventeenth birthday. Was voted Young Player of the Year by the fans last season.

GINO PADULA

Left back who was first signed by Ian Holloway for Bristol Rovers from Xerez in Spain in October 1999. Scored his first goal for the Club in a 4-0 victory over Port Vale in February 2003 and has become a real fans favourite with his attacking displays from left back.

STEVE PALMER

Highly experienced defender signed on a free transfer from Watford in July 2001. Graduate of Cambridge University, Steve made his Rangers debut in the first match of the 2001/02 season at Loftus Road v Stoke City. Last season Steve played in all 53 games for Rangers.

MATTHEW ROSE

Signed from Arsenal in May 1997 for a fee of 500,000. Captained Arsenal's FA Youth Cup winning team of 1994 before going on to make his full debut for them in March 1997. Has been capped twice at England Under 21 level playing Georgia in 1996 and later Italy. He made his debut for Rangers in the opening match of the 1997/98 season against Ipswich Town.

MARTIN ROWLANDS

Rangers signed Martin on a free transfer from Brentford in August 2003 after the locally born midfielder had made 186 appearances for the Bees, scoring 23 goals. Martin scored his first goal for Rangers in a 2-0 victory at Wrexham in September 2003.

ERIC SABIN

Striker signed in July 2003 on a free transfer from Swindon Town after he made 58 appearances and scored seven goals in his two seasons at the County Ground. Made his debut for Rangers in the opening match of the 2003/04 season, coming on as a sub in a 5-0 win over Blackpool.

DANIEL SHITTU

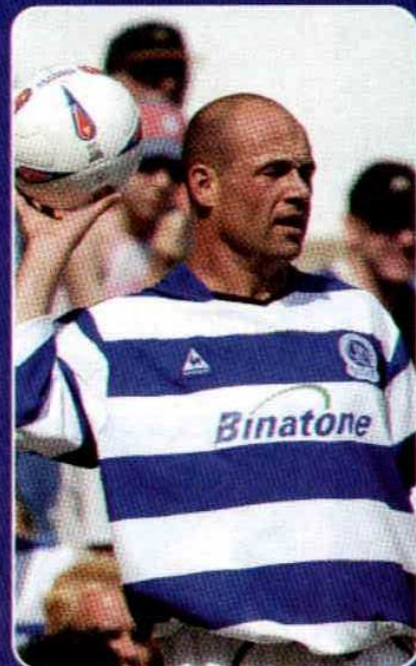
Powerfully built central defender signed in January 2002 from Charlton Athletic for an initial fee of £250,000. Daniel has now established himself in the heart of the Rangers defence and his impressive displays earned him an International call-up for Nigeria in March 2002.

TONY THORPE

Experienced striker who began his professional career at Luton Town. Has also played for Fulham, Bristol City and Reading (loan). Rangers snapped up the striker for £50,000 in August 2003.



▲ Clarke Carlisle (courtesy Gerard Farrell)



▲ Steve Palmer (courtesy Gerard Farrell)

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Mark Devlin, Chief Executive, was in confident mood following the release of the half season ticket details; "Everyone at the club believes we have a squad still capable of challenging for a top six place this season. With the half season ticket plan we will hopefully see more fans here to cheer on the players which can only have a positive effect on both the club and the team"

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JON RITSON



ERIC SABIN WILL HOPEFULLY BREAK WITH TRADITION AND REFRAIN FROM SCORING AGAINST HIS FORMER CLUB TODAY.

The Frenchman was hardly prolific in front of goal during his two seasons in Wiltshire and he has struggled to find either goals or a regular starting slot since his summer switch to Loftus Road.

That means absolutely nothing for 90 minutes today. Eric might be all smiles but beneath that pleasant exterior, he really wants to do us some damage. It's just human nature.

How many times can you recall a player coming back to haunt your side once he has moved on?

I have seen it happen countless times over the years and boy does it hurt.

Still, I trust Eric will do the decent thing and not turn on those who used to chant Eric Sabinho at him.

Still, not everyone gets pleasure from scoring against their old club. Remember the look on Denis Law's face when he scored Manchester City's winner at Old Trafford to send his old club United down?

Actually, I'll compromise with regard to Eric. If we're winning 5-0 with a minute to go then I might just allow him to hit the post or the crossbar. At a push, he can hit the back of the net only for the goal to be disallowed.

Seriously, Rangers are one of the favourites for promotion again this year and today's match will undoubtedly be one of our toughest tests so far. Having said that, a repeat of last year's result would do very nicely. Only this time Sam, keep your shirt on! Hartlepool beckons next Saturday and for some reason I suspect an extra layer of clothing will be in order. Hopefully the long trip north won't be in vain.

A crisis looms seven days later though. Our exit from the FA Cup means we are facing a free Saturday. I have serious concerns that I could end up being dragged off Christmas shopping. If you see a bloke getting increasingly irritated in the centre of Swindon on that Saturday, it'll probably be me.

Anyway, enjoy the game today, get behind the lads and lets hope Messrs Parkin, Mooney and Fallon all get on the scoresheet.

It'll be interesting to hear Ian Holloway's post-match ramble. Remember how he compared an early season win to a night on the pull. Priceless.

See you all back here for the visit of Plymouth Argyle on December 13.

Cheers

JON RITSON



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CATCHING UP WITH ERIC SABIN



ERIC SABIN RETURNS TO HIS FORMER STOMPING GROUND THIS AFTERNOON AS PART OF A SUCCESSFUL QPR SQUAD GUNNING FOR PROMOTION, AND THIS WEEK JAMES SPARKS CAUGHT UP WITH THE SPEEDSTER.

"Everything is going well for me at QPR and everyone has been really good to me since I arrived. Its nice that we are top of the table at the moment but it is a lot more important to be at the top at the end of the season. If we can stay in this position until the end of the season it would be great, but as everyone knows that is not always the case. Most clubs will be looking to beat the team that are top of the table so any game is in doubt for us now and we have to make sure we play to our best all the time," he said.

Many a Town fan will remember the Frenchman's emotional farewell to The County Ground crowd after the last home game of last season, but how has he adjusted to life in the capital?

"The way I see it is; once everything is done it is done and that is the case now. I left Swindon for QPR and had to put it all behind me and move on. However, I did not forget anyone and I am still in contact with a few of the players and I am always happy when the team get good results.

"I have been keeping a good eye on the results of the team and I have to say that I have not been surprised at what I have seen. The manager (Andy King) has managed to put together a really good team this year and bring in a lot of experienced players. Every week Stef and Sam have been telling me how well the team are doing and how they have been getting on. I think at the end of the season Swindon should be in the top six, maybe even higher if they can keep up the quality of their play and stay on a consistent run of form."

The former Wasquehal frontman has not found a regular starting place easy to come by in West London, but is hoping for a chance to impress in front of the Swindon faithful this afternoon.

"Hopefully I should be available for selection this Saturday although one or two of the other players are injured at the moment. We will be working hard and preparing for the game all week and I think everyone should be fit to play. We have worked hard recently and got good results, which in turn has given the players a lot of confidence. Saturday

should prove to be a good challenge for us and I am sure the Swindon players and crowd will make it difficult for us."

Returning to The County Ground for the first time since his move away over the summer, Eric anticipates a difficult game for his new employers, although indicates that he feels the three points will be on the way down the M4 to London by 4.45pm.

"It will be a tough game, just like the game last season when Swindon beat QPR at home in March. There will be a lot of challenges in midfield because both teams have a strong set of players in that position who will be looking to control that area of the pitch. The QPR defence will have to work hard to control Sam up front as he proved a handful last year, especially when he scored that great goal. Hopefully it should be game for the fans with lots of hard work in midfield, quality everywhere on the pitch, lots of passion and one or two goals.

"It is a hard game to predict but I think maybe it will be a late goal from myself that will give QPR a 1-0 win! Obviously it is hard for me to say who will win because I still have feelings for Swindon, but who knows, maybe a draw would be best for everyone but it would be nice for me to score at my old ground. We shall see!"



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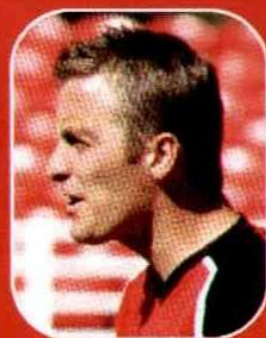
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PONTIN'S HOLIDAY COMBINATION CUP

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The game started with Town making the early running with Michael Pook and Junior Lewis, on loan from Leicester City, dominating in the middle of the park. On 5 minutes Pook played a great diagonal ball out to Taylor, who just failed to get his cross in.

and was deflected past Griemink into the corner of the net to give the visitors the lead.

Bull then got down well to save from Stevenson once again before Chris Taylor floated a shot just wide after beating his marker. The visiting keeper was a busy man in the first period as he then saved from Pook and Stevenson once again to keep his side in the ascendancy.

With just five minutes to go before half-time a deep cross from the right by Danny Taylor was met by loanee Junior Lewis who cleverly diverted his powerful header back into the corner past the raging Bull. Having

for Junior Lewis who headed the ball home. Ten minutes after equalising, Reeves made a double substitution replacing Grant Smith and Jon Stevenson with the youthful Cheeseman and Draycott. Another youngster Justyn McKay entered the fray replacing Junior Lewis, who was cup-tied for last Saturday's FA Cup defeat at Wycombe so had a run-out today.

On 71 minutes good work down the left from Chris Taylor resulted in a good ball being played across to Frenchman Sebastien Ruster who hit his shot at the keeper from the edge of the box.

A few minutes later substitute Cheeseman put Town in front. Centre-back Dave Bampton won the ball in his own half and played a superb long ball over the Aldershot defence into the path of Jamie Cheeseman who slipped the ball past an oncoming defender and under the keeper to make it 3-2.

Aldershot continued to press for an equaliser with a free-kick by Matt Griffiths pushed away by Dutchman Bart Griemink in the home goal. Draycott then hit a shot at the keeper from 12-yards as man-of-the-match Bull denied Town once again.



Town Reserves in action against Aldershot

Jon Stevenson then showed his prowess on 8 minutes as he skipped past four Aldershot defenders before firing a low shot that was well-saved by visiting keeper Nikki Bull, previously with QPR.

However the game took a turn on 14 minutes when a corner by Tyrone Smith took a touch off Dave Bampton

just equalised, Town went down once again minutes later as a defensive mix-up between Griemink and Bampton saw a long-ball from Aldershot headed into the net by Bampton to leave Town trailing 2-1 at the break.

After the interval Town continued their comeback with a second goal

SWINDON TOWN:

Bart Griemink, Danny Taylor, Ian Oliver, Ian Herring, Dave Bampton, Junior Lewis, Sebastien Ruster, Michael Pook, Grant Smith, Jon Stevenson, Chris Taylor
Subs: Mark Draycott, Steve Smith (GK), Jamie Cheeseman, Kyle Lapham, Justyn McKay



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PARKIN BACK IN THE GROOVE

THE RETURN OF TOWN STRIKER SAM PARKIN TO THE FIRST TEAM FOLD DURING THE HOME WIN OVER WYCOMBE WANDERERS A FEW WEEKS BACK GAVE EVERYONE AT THE CLUB A LIFT, LEAST OF ALL THE TOWN SUPPORTERS WHO STOOD AS ONE TO WELCOME THEIR HERO BACK ONTO THE FIELD.

It was a frustrating injury for the 22-year old, who has racked up almost 100 appearances in his career. As a youngster starting out at Chelsea, he was loaned out to Millwall, Oldham, Wycombe and Northampton. His spell at Adams Park was a happy one, although he made a losing return to the renamed Causeway Stadium just two weeks ago.

Despite a successful start to his Swindon Town career last season where he hit 26 goals to help Town secure Second Division status, the 2003-2004 campaign began well but injury kept the 6'2 striker out for several games, a frustrating time as Parkin explains.

"I did the injury in the home game against Peterborough. It was a twist and I played on to the end of the game not knowing the extent of the injury. After that game I tried to get fit for the following game against Luton but it wasn't right and I subsequently missed the game at Bristol City before going for a scan. That was when the

damage was noticed and it went from there.

"It was probably the most frustrating moment since I have been involved in first team football. It was the first time I had missed four or five games on the bounce with anything other than a muscle injury. It was a little bit unsettling because I thought I might have had to have an operation and miss a few months but we left it and the right decision was made in the end."

Now firmly 'back in the groove' at The County Ground, Parkin made his first start since returning from injury against another of his former loan clubs, Oldham Athletic, last weekend. Parkin latched onto a ball from Junior Lewis and stylishly swept the ball past the Oldham keeper to give Town all three points.

"I was delighted to get back on the scoresheet at Oldham on Saturday. It was my first league start since returning from the injury, and it was a very important win for us, especially having not won there for a little while! We were going through a bit of a sticky patch over the last few weeks with the FA Cup defeat but we have now put together two back-to-back victories in the league against two of my old Clubs."

Town Boss Andy King spent £50,000 to bring 'Super' Sam to Wiltshire and what a bargain that has proved to be.





SAM PARKIN



Having hit 26 goals last term and with nine goals so far this season, it looks like another successful campaign ahead for the Londoner. The boy from Barnes has also seen various changes during his spell at the Club and acknowledges that the changes over the summer have benefited the Club.

"There has been a big difference in the squad this year and I think that has showed in our performances. Last year we went seven or eight defeats on the run and didn't know where our next win was coming from whereas this year we have really turned it around. This season we have signed a few players and the squad is generally stronger.

"All of the new lads have made a difference. Adi is injured at the moment but he was great at the start of the season with an experienced head at the back. Tommy has been banging in the goals and we have struck up a good relationship. 'Nicho', Grant, Brian and Stevo have also played their part and there is a positive vibe around the place.

"As regards to ambitions, I would love to move up with

Swindon Town and take us into the First Division. Obviously my agent and Mark Devlin are still talking over the final points of my new contract and I would hope that it will have been sorted out before today's game."

As for today's opponents QPR, Parkin has made no secret of the fact that he is a Rangers fan but hopes to sink his boyhood heroes once again with a repeat of last season's goalscoring feats, that prompted Parkin to celebrate, minus his shirt, in front of the Town End!

"I think I made it aware before last years game against QPR when I scored that goal that I was a big Rangers fan and I think probably a lot of supporters will know that so it will be a big game for me and I am looking forward to it immensely.

"If I score I can safely say I won't be stripping off in celebration again, I will leave that until it is pouring down with rain in February. I said I wouldn't do that again and I am sticking to that."

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YOUNG GUNS

SWINDON TOWN'S YOUNGSTERS SHOWED GREAT COMPETITIVE SPIRIT AS THEY WENT ONE BETTER THAN THE FIRST TEAM AND DEFEATED WYCOMBE WANDERERS IN THE FA YOUTH CUP AT THE CAUSEWAY STADIUM.

With new Wycombe Manager Tony Adams watching on from the stands, it was Viv Busby's side who stole the headlines. Starting the game with around eight regular youth teamers ruled out with injury, Busby called upon many young players with little or no experience at youth team level.

However, it was the home side who started the game well with a goal after just 16 minutes from Matt Fox. The Chairboys then doubled their lead when Leon Gordon headed in a cross from James Rogers.

Town's youngsters then got a lifeline they needed with a spectacular 25-yard free-kick from Chris Taylor, who curled the ball past the home keeper. With just two minutes remaining, Luke Garrard got the equaliser to force the game into extra-time.

Having forced the game into extra-time, Leigh Mills volleyed home on 97 minutes before the lively Lance Lewis sprinted away to slot his second of the evening to wrap up the win.

The Town Youth Team defeated Chesterfield 4-1 in the FA Youth Cup at The County Ground on Wednesday night. The draw for the fourth round will take place on Tuesday 2nd December.

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In my last notes I spoke about Leigh Mills (pictured below right) playing for England Under 16's against Wales, with Joe Arnold also playing for Wales. The game itself was a good game with England winning 4-2 and Leigh scoring a superb header for the third.

The day was made extra-special for Leigh as he lead out his country as captain. Not only do we have two U16 internationals within our Centre of Excellence, but also the England U16 Captain. After the game there was some more good news for Joe as he was called up to the Wales U17 squad for a tournament in Turkey where he played against Turkey, Azerbaijan and Malta. The Welsh Under 17's are coached by Ian Rush so it was a fantastic opportunity for him to learn from one of the greats of the game.

The Victory Shield comes to an end over the next seven days, with Joe due to have faced Northern Ireland last night (Friday) and Leigh to face Scotland at Hampden Park next Friday 28th November. I would like to take this opportunity to wish both lads all the best and I will let you know how they got on in the Plymouth programme.

Last weekend we faced Swansea from our U9's through to U15's level with a mixed bag of good and steady

performances, with some sides under-achieving. Continuing our welsh theme, this weekend sees us face Cardiff City where we will be looking for an improvement throughout the age-groups upon last weekends performances.

Enjoy the game.

Jimmy Fraser.





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Mick McGovern

Joining Swindon from QPR in February 1973, midfielder Mick McGovern became a member of manager Les Allen's playing staff for the second time, the pair having previously teamed up at Loftus Road.

Mick had begun his career at QPR when he completed his spell as a trainee in November 1968, but he would appear just 12 times for Rangers. After a four-match loan spell at Third Division Watford, McGovern completed his transfer to Wiltshire, a move which retained his Division Two place just as QPR secured promotion to the top flight.

In a coincidence that belongs in the twilight zone, Mick's first appearance in a Swindon shirt took place at Loftus Road where Town were on the receiving end of a 5-0

drubbing. Playing his first couple of games at number eight, he was to also wear 11 and seven before the campaign closed with a 16th place finish.

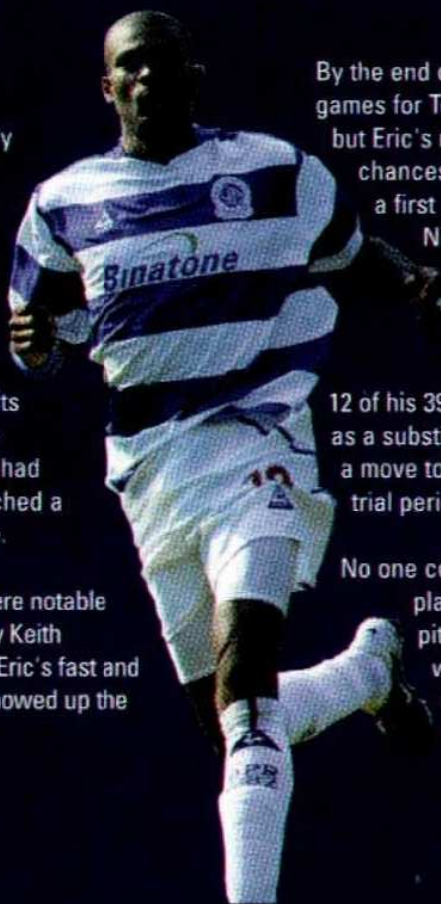
1973/74 saw Mick make a more settled contribution, taking to the field in a total of 20 matches and generally operating on the right hand side of midfield. As relegation became inevitable, Allen shuffled his options and moved McGovern to the wide left role as a replacement for winger and record signing Tommy Jenkins.

Back in the Third Division, John McLaughlin was pushed up from right back and he effectively deposed McGovern from his midfield role. In February 1975, Mick made his final appearance in a Swindon shirt in a 3-1 defeat at Gillingham. A loan spell at Aldershot in March 1975 produced his last six games of his League career and a final goal.

Eric Sabin

During the summer of 2001 Andy King came over all continental and added the pace of Frenchman Eric Sabin to Town's squad. Sabin joined from Wasquehal and teamed up with Danny Invincible to provide the speed in attack that had been conspicuous by its absence for some time. Born in Sarcelles in January 1975, Eric had made 28 appearances and notched a trio of goals for the French side.

The first games of the season were notable for the penalties stroked away by Keith O'Halloran, invariably a result of Eric's fast and tricky runs into the box which showed up the clumsiness of his markers.



By the end of 2001/02 he had appeared in 34 League games for Town and had struck a disappointing 5 goals, but Eric's movement was always capable of creating chances for others. Starting the following season as a first choice, the arrival of loan signing Luke Nightingale from Portsmouth on Boxing Day saw Eric dropped to the bench and he was not to reclaim a regular first team shirt.

12 of his 39 outings that season were to be made as a substitute and the close season of 2003 brought a move to today's visitors QPR after a protracted trial period.

No one could deny that Eric was one of the fastest players to have graced the County Ground pitch for a very long time, but equally truthful was the fact that his final ball often failed to consummate the expectation generated by his approach play.





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DUKEY'S COLUMN

THIS WEEK MY AMATEUR JOURNALISTIC CRUSADES WERE BROUGHT INTO DOUBT. OBVIOUSLY I HAVE BEEN GETTING A BIT CARRIED AWAY WITH THE REGULAR CONTENT OF THE COLUMN AND THE CONTINUOUS FLOW OF JIBES AT THE EXPENSE OF MY FELLOW PROFESSIONALS.

Thankfully I was brought to my senses with a little help and advice that I received from an avid reader of the matchday magazine. How could I have not noticed this problem already? Honestly I was shocked by the revolting standard of my writing when I finally removed my blinkers. I owe this enlightening realisation to one man, a man who as yet I haven't had the pleasure of meeting, but already I am endeared to him for helping me see the error of my ways and guiding me towards the light. Yes Mr Will Chester (great name by the way Bill!), it's you. Your guiding letter that I received has shown me that in fact my column was offensive, mildly crude and brought the high standards of the programme down. From now on I will respect my fellow professionals and will never offend their great character again. There will absolutely be no talk of eye candy ever again. Once again thanks for your letter, and any future correspondence will be gratefully received! If only you had remembered to include your address I could have thanked you personally.

Now with that out of the way, let's dig up some dirt from the past week...

DISCLAIMER: Stop reading here Bill, the next bit might offend!

This weekend our leader/coach/part-time captain/in-house comedian Reevesy is celebrating his ~~forty~~ thirty-sixth birthday this week. Our baby-faced defender has big plans for Saturday night but unfortunately the rest of the squad will not be sharing it with him. Showing his mature years and as an extremely cultured member of society, Reeeeeeeees will be taking a group of similar aged friends to the ballet in London before heading to a trendy restaurant. Sounds great Alan, have a great evening!

Sadly the axe has finally fallen on Grant Smith's card playing career to and from away games. The other players could stand for his dirty tricks no longer and have banished him from their group. Inconsolable at first, he has since shown brave heart and spirit and plans to start up his own card group, this time at the front of the bus! He assures me that the new group will have higher stakes and a fresher and greater quality of player. However, membership is exclusive and all entry fees must be made payable to the Chairman of the group, who happens to be Smithy! Good luck and hope all goes well with the new group!

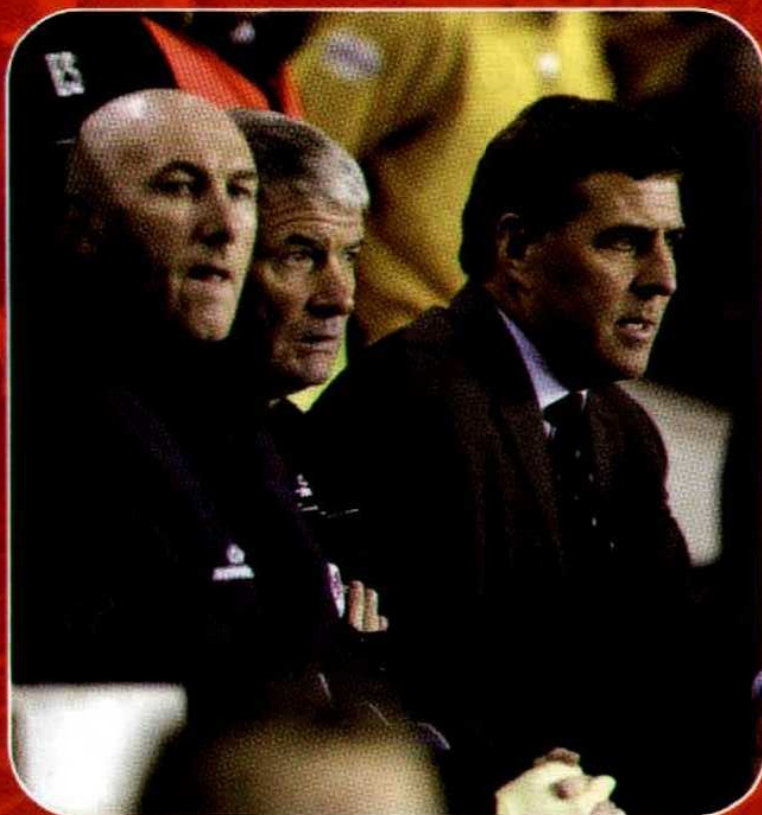
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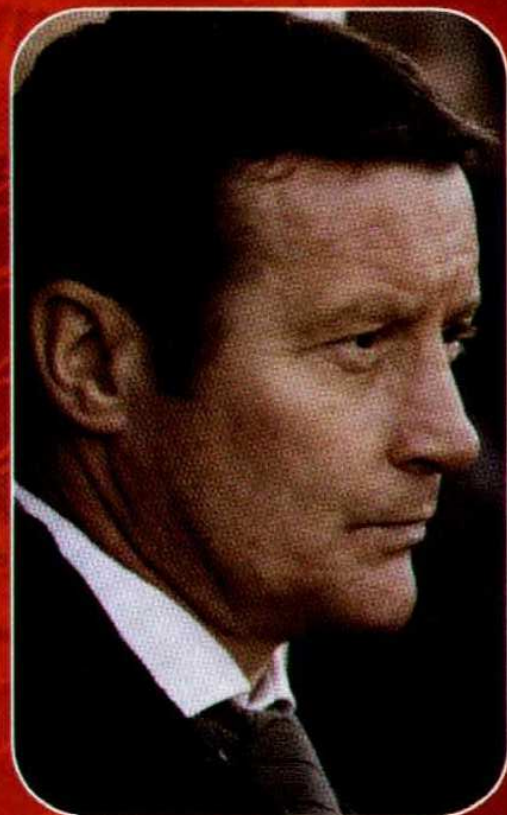
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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Words by Tony Matthews



▲ Seagull's new Manager Mark McGhee



▲ Bristol City boss Danny Wilson

BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION

Humbled 4-1 at home by Bristol City last Saturday, Brighton are slipping down the table at a fair rate of knots and new manager Mark McGhee (formerly in charge of Leicester City, Wolves and Millwall) knows full well that he has a lot of work on his hands if the Seagulls are to start flying again! Following the departure of his predecessor Steve Coppell to Reading, Brighton have struggled desperately and one supporter, speaking live on Radio 5 after that home lapse, said: "Some of the players seem to have lost their confidence. Coppell's departure hit some of them pretty hard and McGhee will have his work cut out to get the team back on track.

BRISTOL CITY

A crowd in excess of 15,000 is expected at Ashton Gate this afternoon to watch the Bristol City vs Barnsley

clash. The Yorkshire club are currently in excellent form and last weekend knocked over Tranmere Rovers 2-0 at Oakwell to move into second place in the table. City meanwhile raced to a very impressive 4-1 victory at Brighton to get their season back on track after a series of poor results. Boss Danny Wilson said after that win in Sussex: "We needed that and what a great display the lads produced. We could have had a couple or three more goals but in the end we settled for four and we were certainly good value for our victory.

COLCHESTER UNITED

Unfashionable Colchester United are now lying in fourth place in the table - their highest position in the club's 53-year League history...and they aim to climb even higher. Last week's impressive 3-1 home win over Sheffield Wednesday, who amazingly were a

Premiership side as recent as 2000, was their ninth of the season and it now leaves them just three points adrift of the leaders Queen's Park Rangers. This afternoon the Layer Road club travel north to play Brian Talbot's Rushden & Diamonds outfit hoping to improve their impressive away record of four victories and a draw.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Last Saturday afternoon, the biggest crowd at Loftus Road since April 2002 - over 17,000 - saw QPR lift themselves to the top of the Second Division table with a healthy 3-0 home victory over previous front-runners Plymouth Argyle. And the defeat of the Pilgrims also kept intact Rangers' unbeaten home record, which now stands at six wins and three draws from nine starts. Boss Ian Holloway was obviously delighted with his side's overall



▲ Parkinson's Colchester flying high

performance and now he wants more of the same, starting this afternoon against the Robins (not likely we say).

WYCOMBE WANDERERS

Despite last weekend's 2-1 home defeat at the hands of Brentford, new boss Tony Adams, who is now firmly bedded in at The Causeway Stadium, believes his team, although currently lying bottom of the pile, will escape relegation to the Third Division. Losing doesn't come easy for Adams! As a player with Arsenal he collected prizes galore and now he wants more of the same with Wycombe. To strengthen his squad, he has reportedly been given around £370,000 (probably Thierry Henry's wages for a week's goalscoring at Highbury) and that might just be enough to see him acquire a couple of decent, experienced professionals, one at the back, the other in midfield.



▲ Adams - Has money to strengthen squad

FACT FILE

- Three clubs - **Chesterfield, Tranmere Rovers and Wycombe Wanderers** have still to win an away League game this season.
- Three clubs - **Barnsley, Hartlepool United and QPR** - are unbeaten at home.
- **Wycombe** have also lost most matches to date - total 11 (five at home).
- **Bristol City** are the draw specialists with nine to their credit from 18 starts.
- **Plymouth Argyle** with a total of 38 (21 at home, 17 away) have so far netted most goals.



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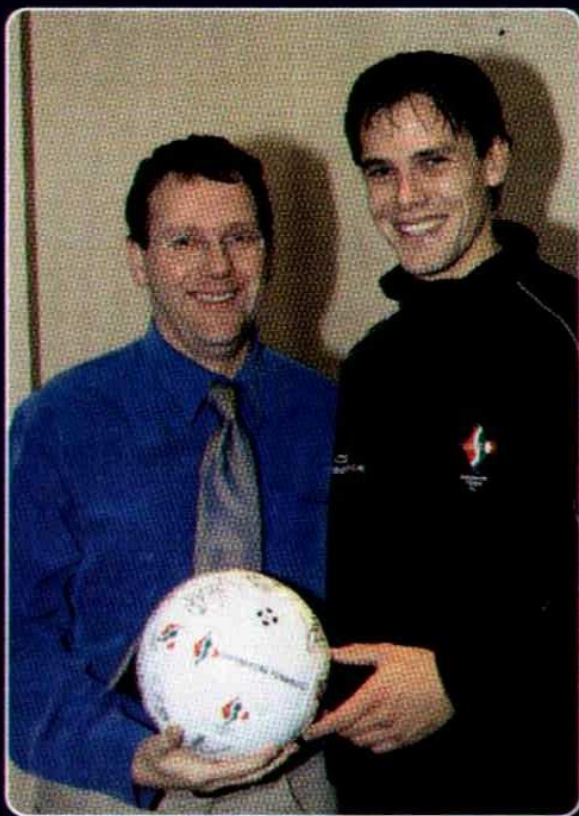
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...and finally - thanks to the new sponsors of my column, **VIVITAR (EUROPE) LTD** based in Kembrey Park, Swindon. They recently supported the club by giving us a huge discount on a brand new projector for the Winners Lounge, so that we can now show live TV sports on a regular basis.



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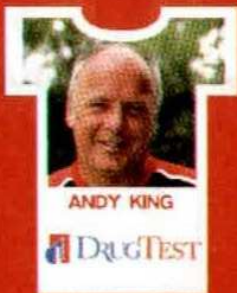
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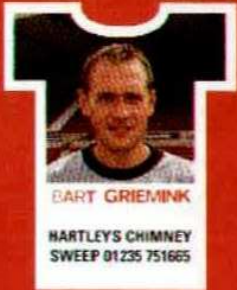


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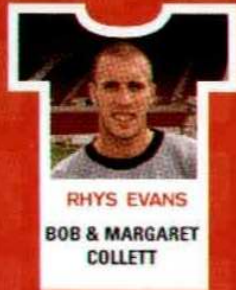
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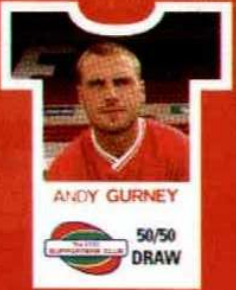
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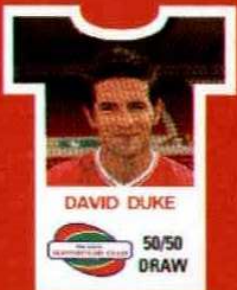
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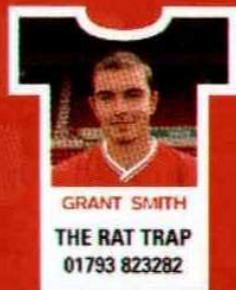
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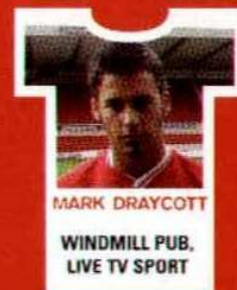
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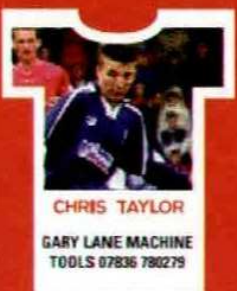
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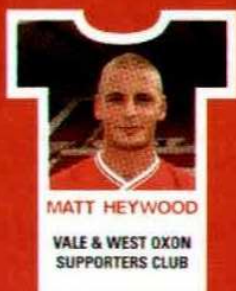
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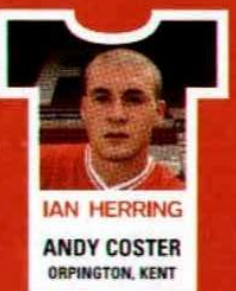
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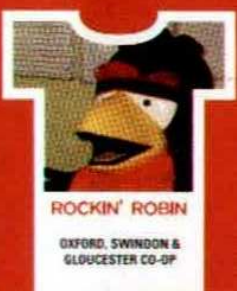
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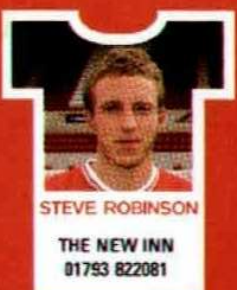
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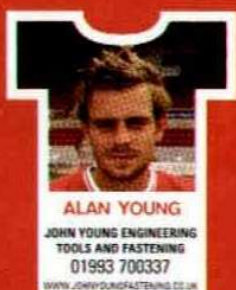
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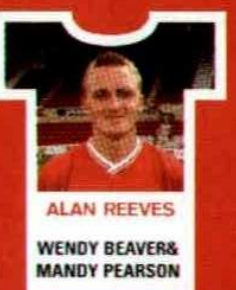
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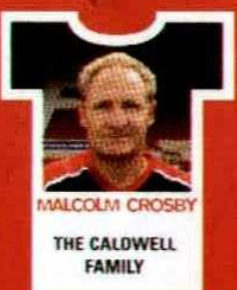
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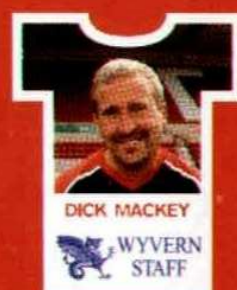
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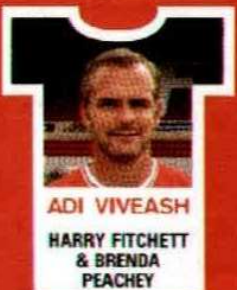
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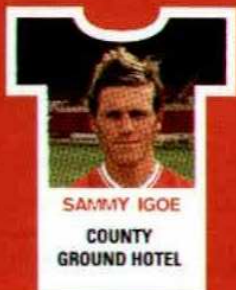
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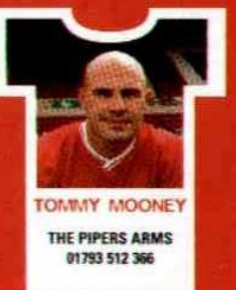
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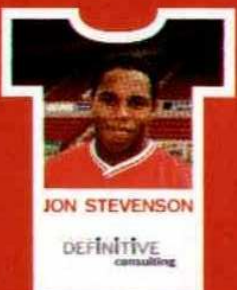
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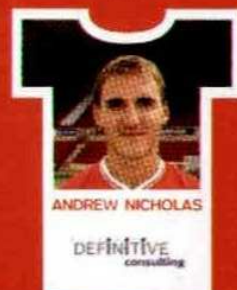
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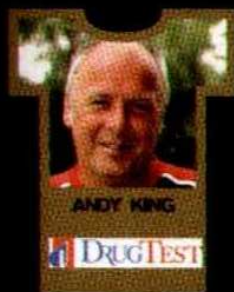


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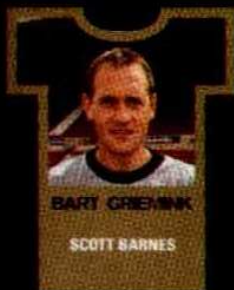




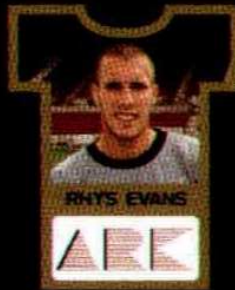
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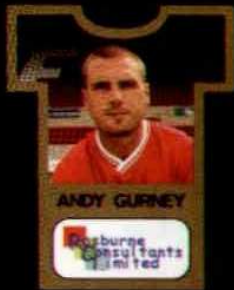
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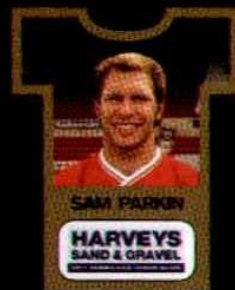
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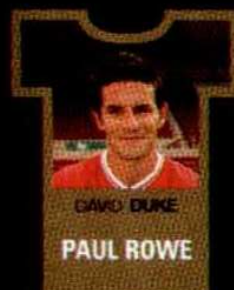
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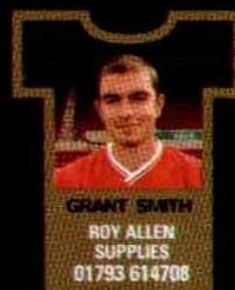
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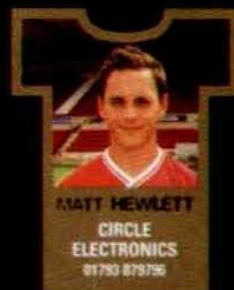
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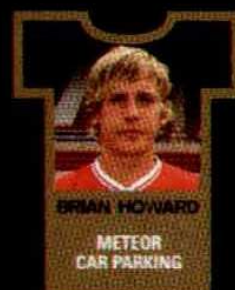
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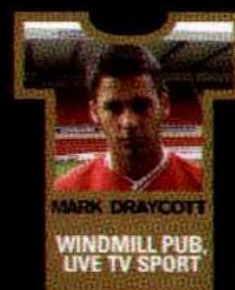
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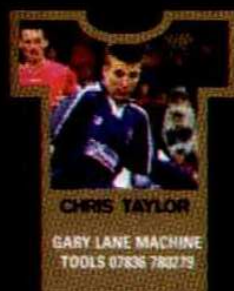
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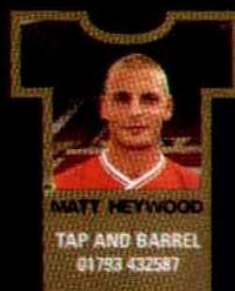
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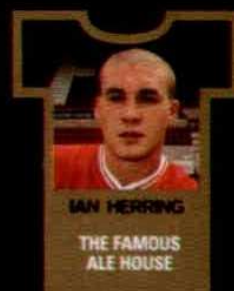
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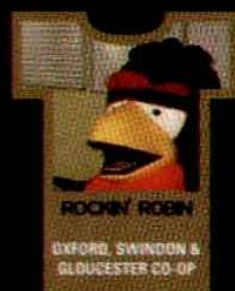
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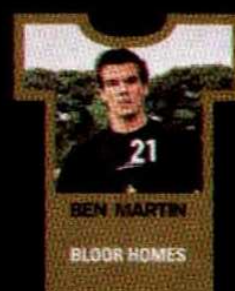
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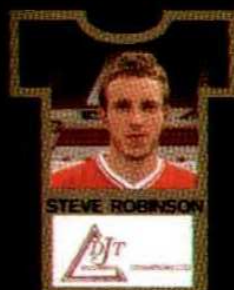
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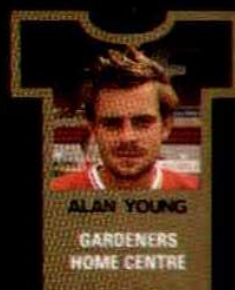
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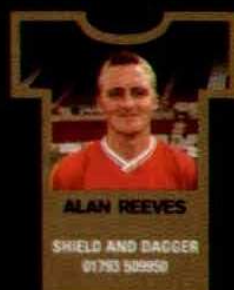
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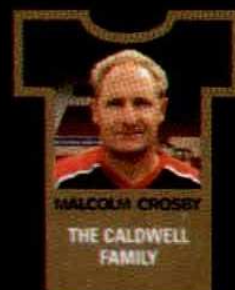
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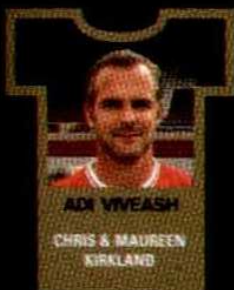
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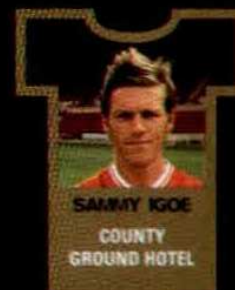
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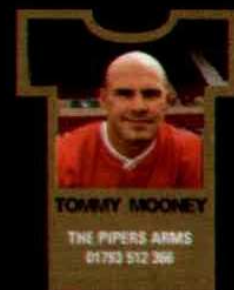
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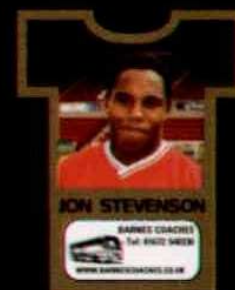
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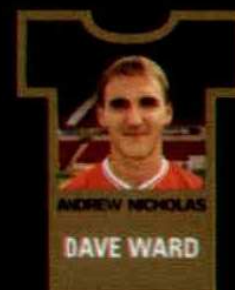
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SPANISH TOWN

Town fan Emma pictured in La Reserva De La Marbella Apartments Bar, in Marbella



DOUBLE PARKIN

Sam Bosson, aged 5, meets his 'Super' namesake at a home game earlier this season



SWINDON TOWN

FOCUS ON A FAN

NAME: Kathryn Dunn

AGE: 24

OCCUPATION: Sales Co-Ordinator

LIVES: Winchester

WHEN DID YOU FIRST COME TO SEE SWINDON TOWN: I needed help with this one! I first came to the Town in about 1985 when I was about 6, My dad tells me that we saw Swindon vs Arsenal reserves, he cant remember the result however he does remember that Graham Rix and Steve Williams were playing for the Gunners!

BEST STFC MEMORY: This has to be going to Wembley in 1993 to see that fantastic game against Leicester! Not only was the game good. But the celebrations in the town over the next few days were amazing. I remember that on the way back a guy pulled a moonie all the way back down the M4 out of a transit van! He must have been loyal!

HOPES FOR THIS SEASON: I would love for Swindon to go up to division one where I feel we belong. Knowing Swindon they will not do it the easy way and maybe we will see a trip to Cardiff at the end of the season?

YOUR LONG TERM HOPES FOR THE CLUB: I think most people would like to see Swindon continue to be successful and stay in the higher divisions. I would like the financial situation to improve and Swindon Town FC to be a big name club for the future.

IF MONEY WERE NO OBJECT WHO WOULD YOU WANT TO SEE PLAYING FOR SWINDON: Wow what a difficult question! I think that a bit of foreign class would be great maybe Raul or Zidane from Real Madrid. But what we really need is a great defender to strengthen the back line.

YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FANS: Be positive for the boys keep singing and most importantly keep coming to the County Ground. If we are going to go up this season or next the boys need our support.

YOUR MESSAGE TO THE PLAYERS: Just keep trying your best, stay focused and give us something to cheer about!

QUIZTIME - 25 YEARS AGO

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

- 1) Because of a previous deal struck when a Bournemouth striker joined Manchester United, on 10th November 1978 the Law Courts order United to pay a further £22,000 as a result of his goal scoring record at Old Trafford. Who was the striker?
- 2) On the same day, a striker left Southampton to join Bournemouth on a free transfer. Who?
- 3) Which ex-Everton midfielder and future Northern Ireland boss joined Swindon from Millwall for a fee of £20,000 on 14th November?
- 4) Who was named manager of Wolves in succession to Sammy Chung on 20th?
- 5) On 11th November, Town set an unenviable record when they missed their fifth penalty in succession. Three of the five were missed by captain Ray McHale. Which 6ft 2in striker missed the other two?

A1 Ted MacDougall A2 Believe it or not, Ted MacDougall
A3 Bryan Hamilton A4 John Barnwell A5 Chris Guthrie

COME ON YOU REDS!!!



THOSE WERE THE DAYS!

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



NAME: Sara Compton

QUALIFICATIONS: I spent part of my youth ignoring Swindon Town, despite my family credentials. My mum grew up 200 yards from the ground and went to many games as a girl. My dad had a schoolboy trial at the club and my sister became obsessed in the 80s.

I finally went to my first game in 1995 - Swindon Town vs Blackburn Rovers in the League Cup. At 2-0 up, my devotion began. The fact that we lost 2-3 was neither here nor there, and that's the way it's stayed for the next 8 years.

My first season was great fun as we won the Second Division Championship. The Division One years were pretty fraught but had plenty of incident. My memories are winning at Palace, when Frank Talia ran the length of the pitch to join in the fisticuffs, beating QPR at Loftus Road with Alan McDonald in goal, and winning in the dying moments on Boxing Day against Wolves.

Relegation to Division Two and the merry go round of managers hasn't been quite so enjoyable. Danny Invincible's goal against Peterborough, the last minute winner at Wycombe last year and watching Jimmy Davis have been my high points. The upturn this season, both on the pitch and in the stands, has been a joy to be part of. Let's hope the recent blip is only that and we can turn it around and head back up the league.

I'm a TrustSTFC member and can sometimes be spotted rattling collection tins or handing out leaflets outside the ground on matchdays. It's only a small part to play but I hope it helps keep this club alive and moving forward.



1. FRASER DIGBY: So reliable it was astonishing when he made a mistake. Good to have him back at the club in a sales and coaching capacity.

2. Ian Culverhouse: A defender of class and intelligence. Rarely panicked and was always there to sweep up the mistakes.

3. Matty Heywood: Has been a rock. Not afraid to get stuck in but is not the least bit dirty. His ability to avoid injury is becoming the stuff of legend.

4. Paul Bodin: Cool under pressure in defence and enjoyed going forward. Scored some all-important goals.

5. Stefani Miglioranzi: Started pretty quietly last season, but he's grown in confidence and stature. Has wonderful ability on the ball and is fast becoming our most influential playmaker.

6. Shaun Taylor: I'm sure he's appeared in all of these "best of" columns, so I won't say anything more than he was the spirit of Swindon Town for a long time.

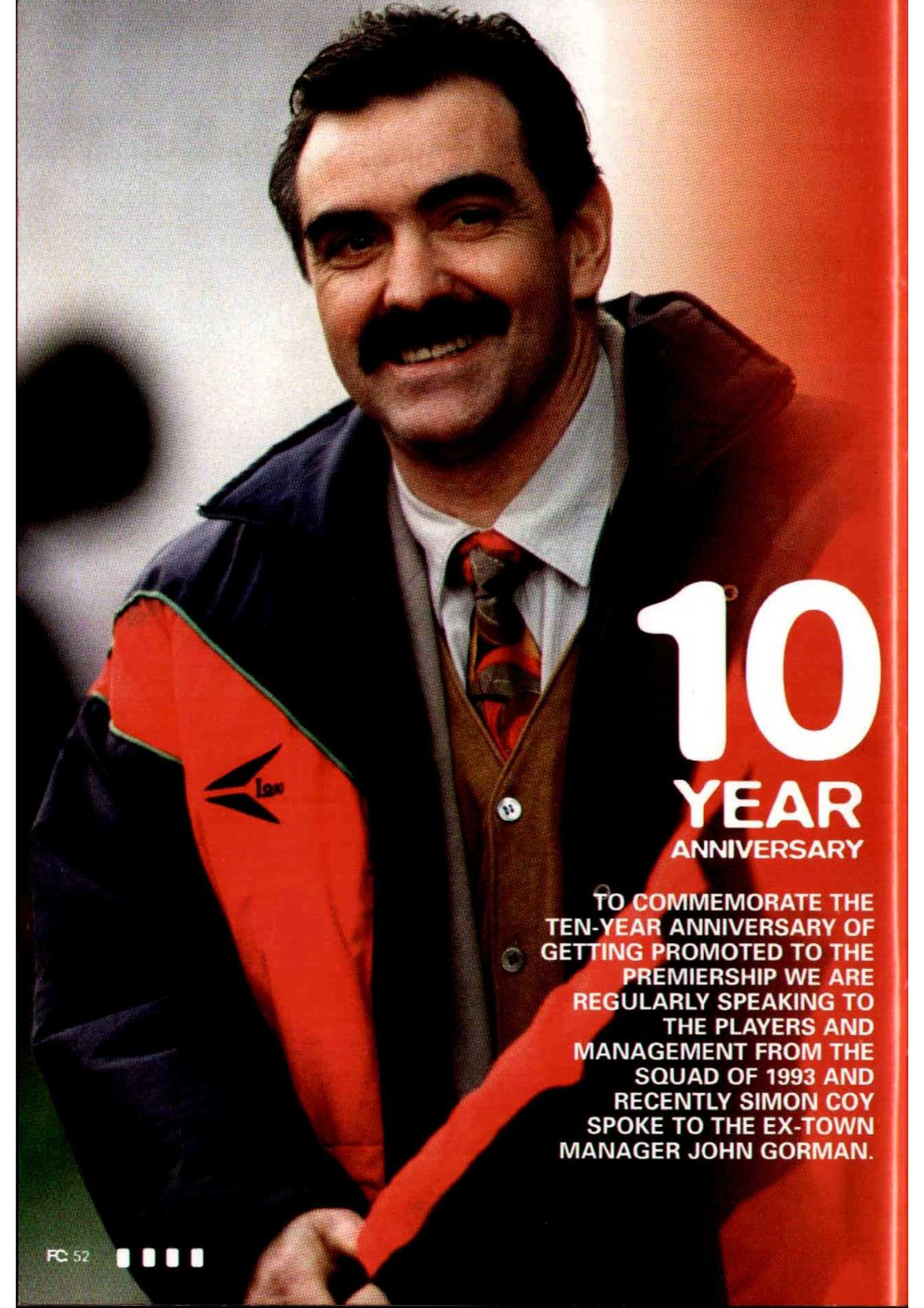
7. Mark Walters: I know he was past his best while he was with us, but his class and ball ability was a pleasure to watch. Could change a game with a pass and his goals were usually spectacular.

8. Kevin Horlock: Excellent midfielder with wonderful distribution skills. Had a cracking shot and wasn't afraid to try some spectacular attempts on goal.

9. Sam Parkin: Easily the best striker we've had since I've been coming to the County Ground. Hope he stays for at least another season, as it will take a while to build a squad who can compete in the 1st Division and Sam is key to that team.

10. George Ndah: He wasn't here long but made a great impression. Hasn't really lived up to expectations elsewhere, which is a shame.

11. Ty Gooden: Had great pace, a powerful shot and wasn't afraid to take players on. Could skip past opposing defenders and whip in pinpoint crosses.



10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

TO COMMEMORATE THE
TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF
GETTING PROMOTED TO THE
PREMIERSHIP WE ARE
REGULARLY SPEAKING TO
THE PLAYERS AND
MANAGEMENT FROM THE
SQUAD OF 1993 AND
RECENTLY SIMON COY
SPOKE TO THE EX-TOWN
MANAGER JOHN GORMAN.



Someone once said that rugby is a hooligan's game played by gentleman and football is a gentleman's game played by hooligans. Whoever called football a gentleman's game obviously had one man in mind. If ever there was a true gent to grace the corridors of The County Ground it was John Gorman.

John, Town's Assistant Manager at Wembley, recalls his honour at leading out the team, perching perilously on the roof of the coach and giving his wife the good news.

He began by giving his account of the play-off final from his view on the touchline and revealed that he had seen the game again recently on video.

"Funnily enough on the coach with Wycombe last weekend we put on a video of some of the great games and Swindon against Leicester at Wembley was one of them and it brought it all back again. It's was a wonderful, wonderful day.

"We stayed a fair way out at the Marriott Hotel near Heathrow the night before and I remember getting to the stadium and seeing one end totally red and the other end totally blue. It was a wonderful scene to be honest

"I led the team out because Glenn was playing and that was a big moment for me. It was a great honour to lead a team out for the first time at Wembley as I didn't expect to be doing that although I've been there since with England.

"I'll never forget the game, it was a crazy game! We played really well and Glenn scored an excellent goal as he didn't score many that season. We played a very good first half and totally controlled it if I look back.

"We came out in the second half and Craig Maskell's got a great goal and then big Shaun's got a third and we thought

- game over, and then unbelievably Joachim gets one back before Walsh and Thompson scored to make it three each. At one point the ball rolled towards the touchline and came between me and Brian Little and we just looked at each other and said 'what a great game'. I then put on Steve White and we had two good chances through Dave Mitchell and Steve White just before we got the penalty. When Paul Bodin stepped up and scored it to make it 4:3 there was no way back for Leicester. It was an epic final.

"After the final there were the best celebrations you could get, we didn't want to come out of Wembley. When we went back on the team coach and we got back to Swindon we got on top of the team bus. We took our lives in our hands then I think. We then went around the whole of Swindon, from place to place and then back to the stadium and as we drove into the entrance it was phenomenal. It was just one of those wonderful days from the point of view of being a coach.

"I kept many close work connections with players from that day. Colin Calderwood was a coach with me at Tottenham, so was David Kerlake and Mickey Hazard as well as Shaun Taylor at Bristol City and we still talk about it now."

The events that followed in the weeks after the final are etched in Swindon Town folklore as gentleman John took full control of team affairs as Glenn took the road to Chelsea. He remembers the moment when the decision was made.

"The day Glenn left I went in to say my goodbyes to everyone at the Club as I was convinced I was going to follow Glenn to Chelsea. Ray Hardman, the Chairman, then grabbed me for one last chat and he said 'John, we want you to stay, we don't want you to go,' so I said, 'OK, I'll stay'. I phoned my wife straight away and I said 'I'm not going to Chelsea, I'm going to stay and I'm going to be Swindon manager.' The rest, as they say, is history.

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SWINDON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

ROBINS REVIVAL "AWAY TRAVEL" SPONSORED HALF TIME DRAW.

With the visit today of the league leaders there is sure to be a great deal of interest from fans as we strive to close the gap at the top of the league. Lets hope that we are able to see mega sales today and offer a great prize to the winner.

POUNDS FOR POINTS SPONSORSHIP

Last weeks win at Oldham secured around £150 for the school of excellence from this sponsorship. We have already now raised over £1000 from this initiative .With plenty of points on offer between now and the end of the season, we will see the sponsorship fund grow to even greater levels. Lets get behind the team and 3 points today is just what we need. Come on you reds.

PROGRAMME SHOP

A reminder to fans that a programme shop is situated in the "Away travel" office and is open on every matchday. The shop does not just hold Swindon programmes and the stock contains many historical items. It can be found in the away travel office.....talking of which...

AWAY TRAVEL

Next game is the longest trip of the season - Hartlepool. Coaches leave the County ground at 7.00am and adult fare is £25. Adult Supporters club members receive a 10% discount - £2.50 on the fare, equivalent to half the cost of supporters club membership for the season. Under 15's fare is £23 and the discount for junior supporters club members is £2.

SUPPORTERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP

We still welcome further membership for the season. Adult membership is just £5. For full details of concessions and other details please visit our website.

SPONSORED BET

Bookmakers Stanley's gave us this opportunity at the start of the season. We nominated, with the help of the sports desk at the Advertiser, the following winners of the leagues from Premiership down. Those nominated were Arsenal, West Brom, QPR and Hull. Quick glance at the league tables last weekend saw each one top of their respective divisions !!

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STFC LADIES

THE TOWN LADIES HAVE NOW MOVED UP TO FOURTH PLACE IN THE SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE.

A trip up the M4 to face table toppers Reading Royals went the way of the form book and the Town were beaten by seven goals to one. Youngster Claire Moreton opened the scoring with her first goal for the Town. However the home side took control and with four first half goals and three after the break took the points.

The Town got back to winning ways with a four goals to nil victory over Exeter City.

The first half was goal less with the two side fairly evenly matched but after the break the Town took control and with the half just seven minutes old Nikki Watts put the Town ahead. Kim Reeves added a second four minutes later. Jenny Webster scored goal number three and Hayley Sprules took the Town's total to four.

The Under 14 side playing Surrey Primary League maintained their hundred percent record with two victories over Portsmouth and Southampton. The Town beat Portsmouth by twelve goals to two with Polly New scoring a double hat trick, Alicia Hazzard and Stephenie Lewis both got two and there were goals for Samantha Masters and Kerie Keene. The following week the Town

visited Southampton and won by four goals to nil. Stephenie Lewis grabbed a hat trick and Polly New got the other goal.

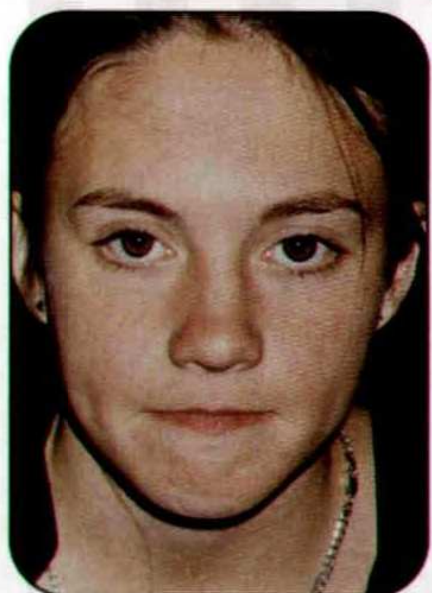
Congratulations to Martin Wheeler, the club chairman for the past ten years and John White second team manager who awarded certificates by the Mayor of Swindon to recognise their services to young people in the borough.

The Town had ten players selected for the Wiltshire County squad to face The Army at Chippenham. Wendy Davis, Hayley Sprules, Kim Reeves, Sam Quinn, Michelle Rich, Louise Corcoran, Leanne Gannaway, Michelle Brown, Tara Lofts and Diane George will all join the party.

Tomorrow the Town are at home and play Forest Green Rovers. The Gloucestershire are playing their first season in the South West Combination League having won promotion from the South West Regional League last season. This game will be played at the Aldbourne FC Ground and will Kick Off at 2-00 pm.

ONE 2 ONE WITH: JENNY WEBSTER

AGE: 14
HOME TOWN: DEVIZES
OCCUPATION: STUDENT
POSITION: FORWARD
PREVIOUS CLUBS: DEVIZES TOWN
HONOURS: WILTSHIRE YOUTH
WHO DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?
DAVID BECKHAM
FAVOURITE CLUB? ARSENAL
FAVOURITE PLAYER? THIERRY HENRY
FAVOURITE TELEVISION PROGRAMME? HOLLYOAKS
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SIT NEXT TO ON A PLANE?
DAVID BECKHAM



FIXTURES 2003/04

17-Aug	CLEVEDON TOWN	Home	3-1
24-Aug	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	Away	Post
31-Aug	CHESHAM UNITED	Home	2-5
7-Sep	EXETER CITY	Away	2-1
14-Sep	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	Home	1-2
21-Sep	CHESHAM UNITED	Away	0-3
28-Sep	YEOVIL TOWN	Home	2-0
5-Oct	CARDIFF CITY	Away	2-8
12-Oct	READING ROYALS	Home	3-1
19-Oct	CLEVEDON TOWN	Away	3-3
26-Oct	PLYMOUTH D. V FA CUP-1	Away	6-7
2-Nov	READING ROYALS	Away	1-7
9-Nov	EXETER CITY	Home	4-0
23-Nov	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	Home	
30-Nov	OXFORD	Away	
7-Dec	FA CUP - 3		
14-Dec	COUNTY CUPS		

TABLE 2003/04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
READING ROYALS	10	9	0	1	69	10	27
CARDIFF CITY	9	9	0	0	51	5	27
CHESHAM UNITED	9	7	1	1	29	14	22
SWINDON TOWN	11	5	1	5	23	31	16
OXFORD	10	4	2	4	35	27	14
CLEVEDON TOWN	11	4	2	5	17	27	14
FOREST GREEN ROVERS	9	4	1	4	32	27	13
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	10	3	1	6	16	28	10
EXETER CITY	10	3	0	8	16	40	9
READING	10	2	2	6	15	38	8
NEWTON ABBOT	10	2	2	6	14	40	8
YEOVIL TOWN	8	0	2	6	7	30	2

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IN THE COMMUNITY



HELLO AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME WITH QPR. WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME OVER 200 GUESTS ON OUR SATURDAY TEAM CLUB FOR THIS IMPORTANT FIXTURE THIS AFTERNOON. WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO DAVE WILTSHIRE AND HIS LADS FROM SHAW & WHITLEY UNDER 8'S WHO MAKE UP 150 OF OUR VISITORS. THIS TERRIFIC CLUB IS ONE OF THE OLDEST CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL TEAMS IN THE COUNTY, WITH PLAYERS FROM UNDER 6 RIGHT THROUGH TO UNDER 16 AFFILIATED TO THE CLUB. THEY HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR 25 YEARS AND IT IS GREAT TO SEE THEM BACK AT THE COUNTY GROUND AS PART OF THEIR ANNUAL VISIT.

We would also like to say a big hello to Chris King and his group from Rodborough FC who also make this an annual event for their Club. Last but by not least, Fiona Bradley has brought along Chippenham Town Youth Rangers who are here to take part in our action-packed Saturday Team Club project.

We hope you have all enjoyed your ground tour, coaching and lunch and let's hope you witness a good game with the Town picking up all three points this afternoon.

Three weeks ago we had a group from the De Vere Leisure Club who came with George and her staff and everybody had a great day with us. We unfortunately were unable to print a photograph of their group, but they are seen here on the opposite page full of smiles!

Our annual schools six-a-side competition is underway and we are delighted to announce that we have a new national sponsor for the tournament who are Kellogg's Frosties. We started our competition on a wet and cold Friday 14th November where we had twelve teams play for two hours in far from suitable conditions. Considering the weather, all the children produced a great two hours of entertainment with St. Andrews from Blunsdon running out eventual winners by beating Wanborough 1-0 in the group final. Our second heats were staged last night with another dozen local teams taking part and we will give you a full update in the next edition.



▲ Shaw & Whitley U8s

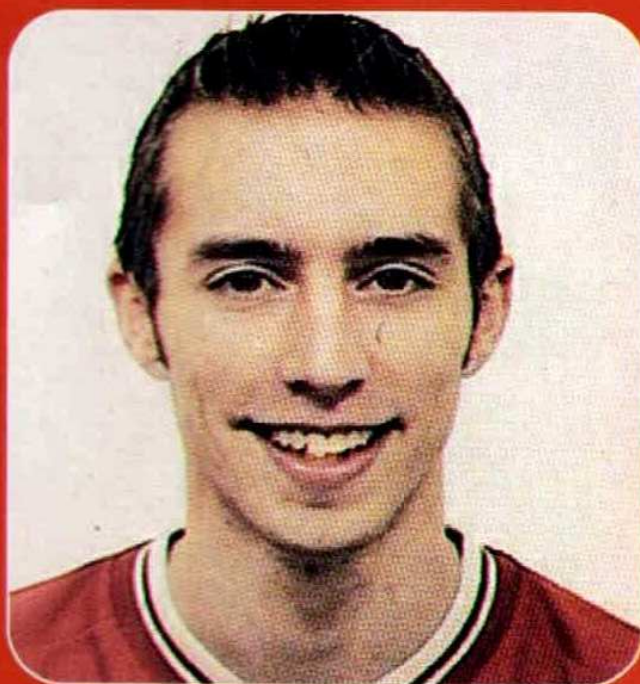


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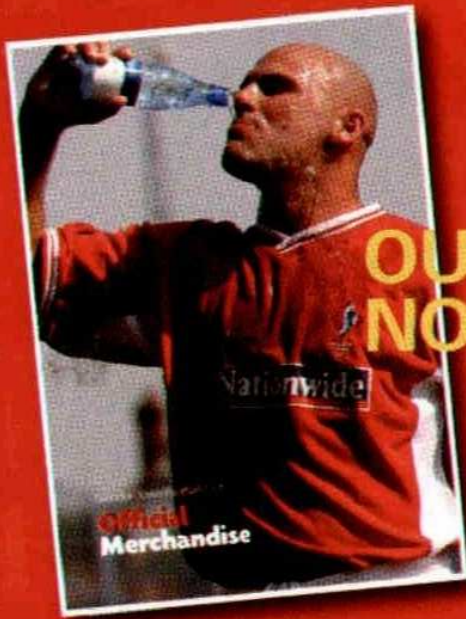
Finally, we would like to pay a special tribute to one of today's mascots who is Anthony Reeves, pictured right, from Buckinghamshire, who will be celebrating his 21st birthday on Monday. Anthony, along with his Dad, is a lifelong Town fan and Jon and I met him and his family back in 1996 when he was fighting Leukemia. We are delighted to see him back to full health and surely there can be no better person to lead out the sides this afternoon than this brave young man.

Enjoy the game.
Clive, Jon and Luke.





GOOD AFTERNOON AND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE JUNIOR ROBINS HERE THIS AFTERNOON.



OUT NOW

Just to remind you all that the new catalogue has come out in the club shop and there are lots of new and exciting products that will make perfect Christmas presents for your family, or to ask for from Father Christmas!

As Christmas is coming we have a competition for you, I need all Junior Robins to try and design a Christmas card relevant to Swindon Town Football Club. It needs to be A5 size (fold a piece of A4 paper in half) and can be colour or black and white. You may draw it or design it on a computer, please send all designs to me by Monday 1st December. The winner will get the card framed signed by players of his/hers choice and the winning card will be used as the official Junior Robins Christmas card. I've had a couple of cards already and it is promising to be a tough competition!

The next away games we will be taking the Junior Robin's coach to will be:

Saturday 10th January
JR's coach travelling to Sheffield Wednesday

Saturday 24th January
JR's coach travelling to Notts County

Saturday 14th February
JR's coach travelling to Stockport County

There will be a letter sent out to you all shortly, so put these dates in your diary!

Last but not least, the Junior Robins Christmas Disco will be held in the Winners Lounge on Monday 22nd December, so book the date in your diary. There will be some players there and maybe even some special guests. For more information keep an eye on this page!

If anyone would like any more information on anything to do with Junior Robins, mascots 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

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I'D LIKE TO WISH THESE JUNIOR ROBINS A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ALL OF US HERE AT SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB:

22nd November	Gary Chappell
23rd November	Alexander Green & Alessio Moise
24th November	Andrew Butt & Daniel Waylen
25th November	Bethany Russell, Adam Tait & Thomas Curwood
27th November	Max Harrison Tosatto & Chloe Durham
28th November	Jamie Stringer
29th November	Emma New & Jade Withers
30th November	Darren Priddle



SWINDON TOWN'S SOCCER CENTRES

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO EVERYONE TO TODAY'S MATCH VERSUS QUEENS PARK RANGERS.

Our Soccer Centres are in their second seven week course which takes them up to the Christmas holiday, a chance for all kids and coaches to have a well-deserved rest.

In the last couple of weeks we have seen lots of new faces at the centre that is very good but there are still a number of spaces at selected centres that we would like to fill. For more details please get in touch by calling myself at the Club on 01793 333700.

All of our courses run up to week before the Christmas break and

include all different aspects of football passing, control, turning, dribbling, shooting and all sessions end in a small-sided game. Children attending the courses will also receive a Christmas gift from us. A medal which is for the kids who have done well on the courses and to say thank you for attending the Swindon Town Soccer Centre courses.

All of our sessions last for an hour and are just £33.00 per session.

All you have to do is go along to your chosen centre and book at the leisure Centre reception.

Enjoy today's game,

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

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5.00 - 6.00 pm 7 - 8 years
6.00 - 7.00 pm 9 - 11 years

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

STRATTON

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

LINK CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

MARLBOROUGH

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

RIDGEWAY LEISURE CENTRE

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

CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday 5.30 - 6.30 pm 9 - 11 years

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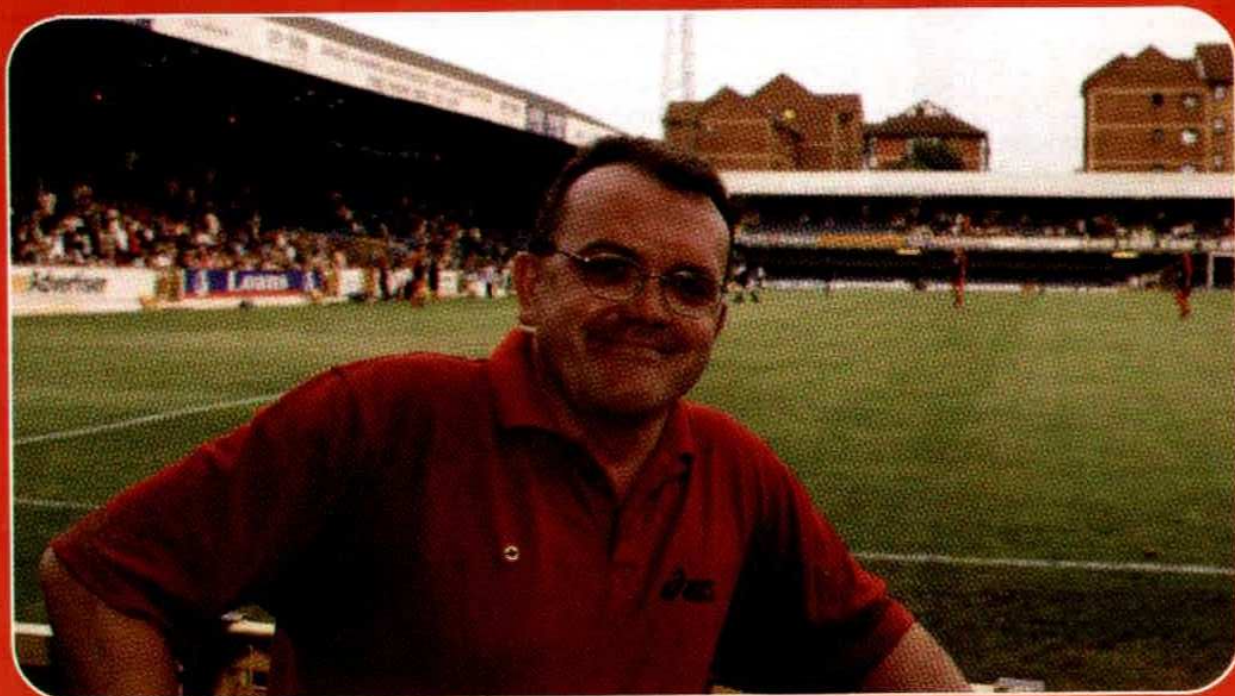
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The Class of '93

A VIEW FROM AFAR

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▲ Richard Keast

THE NEXT TWO GAMES SAW US MAKE HARD WORK OF BEATING A STRUGGLING SOUTHEND SIDE 3-2 AFTER THREATENING A CRICKET SCORE, GOING 3-0 UP BEFORE HALF TIME. A USEFUL POINT WAS GROUND OUT IN A 2-2 DRAW WITH OUR CHUMS FROM BRISTOL CITY (COMPLETE WITH A CERTAIN ANDREW COLE PLAYING UP FRONT).

Next up, Peterborough away, which would definitely not be the Reading Director of Football's finest moment in a Town shirt. The game was played on a Sunday afternoon, as yet again, we were being screened live by Central TV. The atmosphere took me back to the days of Lou Macari, as we entered a pub on the outskirts of town which was 'wall to wall' Swindon fans. This was not good for the 'Family Sunday Lunch' trade, but I reckon the land lord got his money back several times over in beer sales.

Once inside the ground, the atmosphere was just the same with Swindon drowning out the sparse home

support. The game was a corker. After going a goal down 'early doors', we attacked non stop (or so it seemed). There could surely only be one winner, especially when OOH! Shaun equalized with a trademark power header. Unbelievably, 'Posh' went ahead again when Shaun headed into his own net. The game carried on in the same vain in the second half. A Town goal disallowed for a phantom 'offside'. Still we poured forward with Kerslake causing all sorts of problems. The inevitable equalizer followed from Maskell before Shaun finally put us ahead for the first time in the game with 15 to go. Three points would surely follow. Errrrrr, no, actually. With about 4 minutes to go, Micky Hazard played the ball back to Hammond who was under no particular pressure, just to waste a bit of time - 'fine' you would think, except that Mr. Hammond decided to scuff the ball to the only player within 5 miles, Peterborough forward Tony Adcock who gratefully stroked the ball into an empty net without a defender in sight to hinder him. There you have it, a contender for the most unlikely 3-3 draw ever.

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STFC SCORE FIRST

DATE	FIXTURE	VEN	RES	ATT	VIS
Sat 9 Aug	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00 Home	2-3	10,573	3,300
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	518
Sat 23 Aug	Notts County	3.00 Home	4-0	5,758	206
Mon 25 Aug	AFC Bournemouth	3.00 Away	2-2	6,006	1,400
Sat 30 Aug	Blackpool	3.00 Home	2-2	6,219	349
Sat 6 Sept	Brighton & H.A.	3.00 Away	2-2	6,534	560
Sat 13 Sept	Wrexham	3.00 Home	1-0	6,160	302
Tues 16 Sept	Grimsby Town	7.45 Away	2-1	3,535	200
Sat 20 Sept	Barnsley	3.00 Away	1-1	9,006	349
Wed 24 Sept	Leeds United LC2	7.45 Away	2-2 (3-4 pens)	29,211	2,541
Sat 27 Sept	Peterborough United	3.00 Home	2-0	6,767	206
Wed 1 Oct	Luton Town	7.45 Home	2-2	7,595	408
Sat 4 Oct	Bristol City	3.00 Away	1-2	14,294	2,684
Sat 11 Oct	Stockport County	3.00 Home	1-2	7,086	201
Wed 15 Oct	Boston United (LDV)	7.45 Away	1-2	1,514	145
Sat 18 Oct	Chesterfield	3.00 Away	0-3	3,506	423
Tues 21 Oct	Tranmere Rovers	7.45 Away	0-1	6,675	159
Sat 25 Oct	Port Vale	3.00 Home	0-0	5,313	316
Sat 1 Nov	Wycombe Wanderers	3.00 Home	2-0	5,681	428
Sat 8 Nov	Wycombe Wanderers FA Cup 1	3.00 Away	1-4	4,386	1,127
Sat 15 Nov	Oldham Athletic	3.00 Away	1-0	5,282	350
Sat 22 Nov	Queens Park Rangers	3.00 Home			
Sat 29 Nov	Hartlepool United	3.00 Away			
Sat 6 Dec					
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	Brighton & H.A.	3.00 Home			
Sat 3 Jan	AFC Bournemouth	3.00 Home			
Sat 10 Jan	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00 Away			
Sat 17 Jan	Colchester United	3.00 Home			
Sat 24 Jan	Notts County	3.00 Away			
Sat 31 Jan	Blackpool	3.00 Away			
Sat 7 Feb	Rushden & Diamonds	3.00 Home			
Sat 14 Feb	Stockport County	3.00 Away			
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			
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			

THE KEY FAC = FA CUP WC = CARLING CUP DENOTES SCORER

Goalkeeper	Defence	Defence	Defence	Defence	Defence	Defence	Defence
Griemink	Gurney*	Heywood*	Viveash	Duke	Hewlett	Robinson	Miglioranzi
Evans	Heywood	Reeves	Viveash	Robinson	Hewlett*	Howard	Smith*
Griemink	Gurney	Heywood	Viveash	Robinson	Igoe	Miglioranzi	Hewlett*
Griemink	Robinson	Gurney	Heywood	Viveash	Duke	Hewlett 1	Miglioranzi
Griemink	Robinson	Gurney	Heywood	Viveash	Duke	Hewlett	Miglioranzi
Evans	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranzi
Evans	Ifil	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranzi
Evans	Ifil	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranzi
Evans	Ifil	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranzi
Griemink**	Smith	Hewlett	Rooves	Gurney	Stevenson	Parkin	Miglioranzi
Evans	Ifil	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranzi
Evans	Howlett	Viveash	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Duke	Miglioranzi
Evans	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Duke	Miglioranzi
Evans	Gurney	Howlett	Viveash	Igoe	Mooney	Duke	Heywood
Griemink	Smith	Viveash	Herring	Stevenson	Nicholas	Howard	Evans
Evans	Howlett	Viveash	Rooves	Gurney	Howard	Mooney	Duke
Evans	Howlett	Lewis	Reeves	Gurney	Howard	Mooney	Duke
Evans	Lewis	Howlett	Reeves	Mooney	Burton	Miglioranzi	Evans
Evans	Lewis	Howlett	Gurney	Mooney	Miglioranzi	Duke	Nicholas
Evans	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranzi	Duke	Nicholas	Howard
Evans	Hewlett	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranzi	Duke	Heywood

TODAY'S MASCOT



AIMEE BREWER

Aimee attends Oaktree School and her favourite player is Tommy Mooney. She plays football for STFC U10's and supports Swindon Town of course!



JAMIE COX

Jamie's favourite players are midfielder Stefani Miglioranzi and Town Captain Andy Gurney. His hobbies are playing football, snooker and pool.



ANTHONY REEVES (21 ON MONDAY!)

A lifeguard and a sports coach, Anthony plays both football and cricket in his spare time. His all-time favourite Town player is Duncan Shearer, with Tommy Mooney his current favourite.



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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 2003/04

TEAM	P	HW	HD	HL	HGF	HGA	AW	AD	AL	AGF	AGA	PTS	GD
QPR	18	6	3	0	19	2	3	4	2	12	11	34	+18
BARNLEY	18	5	4	0	11	4	4	1	4	13	16	32	+4
PLYMOUTH	18	5	3	1	21	10	3	4	2	17	13	31	+15
COLCHESTER	18	5	3	1	12	7	4	1	4	12	14	31	+3
PORT VALE	18	7	1	1	18	11	2	2	5	7	12	30	+2
HARTLEPOOL	18	4	5	0	16	4	3	2	4	14	18	28	+8
BRIGHTON	18	6	1	2	16	8	2	3	4	11	14	28	+5
BOURNEMOUTH	18	4	4	1	17	12	3	3	3	8	8	28	+5
BRISTOL C	18	4	4	1	14	6	2	5	2	9	9	27	+8
SWINDON	18	4	3	2	16	9	3	3	3	10	12	27	+5
WREXHAM	18	3	3	3	9	7	5	0	4	13	13	27	+2
LUTON	18	6	2	1	20	11	1	3	5	12	22	26	-1
BRENTFORD	18	5	1	3	15	14	3	1	5	7	12	26	-4
SHEFF WED	18	2	4	3	11	12	4	2	3	12	11	24	0
RUSHDEN	18	4	2	3	17	15	3	1	5	13	16	24	-1
BLACKPOOL	18	4	0	5	13	12	3	3	3	10	15	24	-4
GRIMSBY	18	4	2	3	15	8	2	3	4	7	18	23	-4
OLDHAM	18	4	2	3	15	12	1	5	3	14	17	22	0
TRANMERE	18	4	3	2	13	9	0	4	5	5	19	19	-10
PETERBOROUGH	18	0	4	5	13	18	3	4	2	9	9	17	-5
STOCKPORT	18	0	4	5	10	17	3	3	3	11	13	16	-9
NOTTS CO	18	3	2	4	10	9	1	2	6	6	19	16	-12
CHESTERFIELD	18	2	3	4	9	10	0	3	6	4	15	12	-12
WYCOMBE	18	2	2	5	13	16	0	3	6	7	17	11	-13

*DENOTES BOOKING **DENOTES SENDING OFF ■■■■ DENOTES SUB

	1	2	3	4	5			
Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Evans	Howard	Stevenson	Reeves	Smith	
Igoe	Stevenson	Parkin	Griemink	Miglioranzi	Mooney	Duke	Nicholas	
Duke	Parkin	Mooney	Evans	Smith	Stevenson	Howard	Reeves	
Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Evans	Stevenson	Smith	Howard	Reeves	
Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Evans	Stevenson	Smith	Howard	Reeves	
Duke	Heywood	Robinson	Griemink	Howard	Stevenson	Reeves	Smith	
Duke	Heywood	Milner	Griemink	Reeves	Herring	Smith	Howard	
Duke	Milner	Heywood	Griemink	Stevenson	Howard	Nicholas	Reeves	
Duke	Heywood	Milner	Griemink	Smith	Stevenson	Herring	Reeves	
Duke	Milner	Heywood	Griemink	Stevenson	Reeves	Igoe	Howard	
Duke	Heywood	Igoe	Evans	Viveash	Nicholas	Herring	Howard	
Igoe	Milner	Heywood	Griemink	Stevenson	Howard	Nicholas	Reeves	
Heywood	Milner	Ifil	Griemink	Stevenson	Howard	Robinson	Reeves	
Heywood	Herring	Howard	Griemink	Stevenson	Smith	Ruster	Reeves	
Stevenson	Reeves	Robinson	Griemink	Ruster	Howard	Smith	Herring	
Reeves	Pook	Robinson	Evans	Duke	Heywood	Martin	Howard	
Heywood	Burton	Robinson	Griemink	Stevenson	Nicholas	Martin	Ruster	
Heywood	Burton	Robinson	Griemink	Stevenson	Garrard	Smith	Viveash	
Robinson	Heywood	Nicholas	Griemink	Stevenson	Viveash	Howard	Ruster	
Robinson	Heywood	Robinson	Griemink	Howard	Reeves	Parkin	Ruster	
Heywood	Reeves	Robinson	Griemink	Viveash	Herring	Ruster	Smith	
Robinson	Ifil	Lewis	Griemink	Nicholas	Howard	Reeves	Fallon	

APPEARANCES 2003/04

Player name:	LEAGUE			FA CUP			CARLING CUP			LDV VANS		
	apps	goal	bk	apps	goal	bk	apps	goal	bk	apps	goal	bk
BART GRIEMINK	5	0	1y	0	0	0	1	0	1yr	1	0	0
JEREL IFIL	7	0	2y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANT SMITH	3	0	2y	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0
MATT HEWLETT	18	1	6y	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
ADI VIVEASH	14	0	1y	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
SAMMY IGDE	17	3	7y	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
TOMMY MOONEY	9	1	2y1r	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
SAM PARKIN	18	8	2y	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
STEF MIGLIORANZI	12	6	1y	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
DAVID DUKE	15	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
IAN HERRING	17	0	3y	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
JON STEVENSON	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
ANDREW NICHOLAS	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
JAMES MILNER	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
BRIAN HOWARD	6	1	2y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MATT HEYWOOD	12	1	2y	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
RHYS EVANS	18	0	2y1r	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN REEVES	14	0	1y	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
STEVE ROBINSON	11	0	2y	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1y
ALAN YOUNG	12	1	1y	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
BEN MARTIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEBASTIEN RUSTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MICHAEL POOK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
LUKE GARRARD	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
JUNIOR LEWIS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEON BURTON	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

HEYWOOD SUSPENDED 29/11/03

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONWIDE SECOND DIVISION

Brentford	vs	Grimsby
Bristol C	vs	Barnsley
Chesterfield	vs	Oldham
Notts Co	vs	Brighton
Peterborough	vs	Blackpool
Plymouth	vs	Hartlepool
Rushden	vs	Colchester
Sheff Wed	vs	Luton
Stockport	vs	Bournemouth
Swindon	vs	QPR
Tranmere	vs	Port Vale
Wrexham	vs	Wycombe

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PLYMOUTH ARGYLE
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THE NEXT GAME AT THE COUNTY GROUND IS NOT UNTIL 13TH DECEMBER WHEN PLYMOUTH ARGYLE ARE THE VISITORS. THE PILGRIMS HAVE HAD AN OUTSTANDING START TO THE SEASON, TOPPING THE TABLE UNTIL LAST WEEKEND'S 3-0 DEFEAT AT QPR SAW THE TWO TEAMS SWAP PLACES.

Finishing eighth last season, manager Paul Sturrock made some astute deals, clearing out several members of his squad to make room for fresh faces, with ex-Town centre back Craig Taylor amongst the departed and defender Tony Capaldi joining from Birmingham

towards the end of the campaign. Fellow defender Graham Coughlan had a three match loan spell at Swindon back in 1996/97 whilst on Blackburn Rovers' books.

French midfielder David Friio has already beaten his total strikes for last year and currently stands with nine in all competitions, while Mickey Evans, now in his second spell with the club after moves to Southampton, WBA and Bristol Rovers is close behind with eight.

Last year's top scorer Marino Keith struck 12 goals but he has started more slowly this season. The Scottish striker has been in Devon since 2001 when he travelled

south of the border after spells with Dundee United, Falkirk and Livingston.

If 12 doesn't seem a lot for a top scorer, no less than 16 players made the score sheet for Plymouth last term, so danger can be expected all over the pitch. Even the opposition chipped in with five own goals last season.

Swindon last faced Argyle in the penultimate home game of last season when Danny Invincible scored his last goal for Town in a 2-0 win. A similar result would see Town make up ground on their higher placed visitors.

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Referee: **B Knight**
Assistant 1: **M Yerby**
Assistant 2: **A Garratt**
4th Official: **P Armstrong**



SWINDON TOWN

Andy King **MANAGER**



QUEENS PARK RANGERS

MANAGER Ian Holloway

BART GRIEMINK	1		1	CHRIS DAY
JUNIOR LEWIS	2	16/1	33/1	2 TERRELL FORBES
GRANT SMITH	3	16/1	25/1	3 GINO PADULA
MATT HEWLETT	4		25/1	4 STEVE PALMER
ADI VIVEASH	5	25/1	20/1	5 CLARKE CARLISLE
ANDY GURNEY	6	16/1		6 DAN SHITTU
SAMMY IGOE	7	14/1		7 MATTHEW ROSE
TOMMY MOONEY	8	4/1	25/1	8 MARC BIRCHAM
SAM PARKIN	9	4/1	6/1	9 TONY THORPE
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	10		5/1	10 KEVIN GALLEN
DAVID DUKE	11	12/1	14/1	11 GARETH AINSWORTH
IAN HERRING	12	14/1	7/1	12 ERIC SABIN
	13			13 NICK CULKIN
JON STEVENSON	14	7/1	14/1	14 MARTIN ROWLANDS
ANDREW NICHOLAS	15	25/1	7/1	15 RICHARD PACQUETTE
RORY FALLEN	16			17 MARCUS BEAN
BRIAN HOWARD	17	16/1	8/1	18 DENNIS OLI
SEBASTIEN RUSTER	18	10/1	33/1	20 WARREN BARTON
MATTHEW HEYWOOD	19	20/1	12/1	22 KEVIN MCLEOD
RHYS EVANS	20		33/1	23 RICHARD EDGHILL
BEN MARTIN	21			29 PAUL FURLONG
ALAN REEVES	22	20/1		JAKE COLE
	23			FLETCHER
	24			
STEVE ROBINSON	25	14/1		
ALAN YOUNG	26			
DAVID MARSH	69			
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