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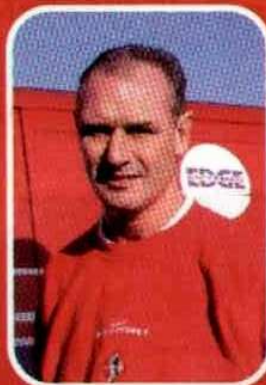
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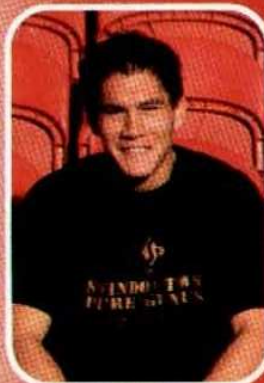


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Welcome back to The County Ground after an extended break. Not having a game last weekend certainly gave everyone at the Club a chance to have a break and I am sure the players were pleased to be granted a long weekend.

Two weeks ago we were defeated at Victoria Park by Hartlepool in what was extreme conditions. Your support was fantastic once again and to see so many fans make the trip was outstanding.

Today we face a strong Plymouth Argyle side who are currently flying high in second in the table. Last season's corresponding fixture was a low-key affair, however I expect today's encounter to be anything but as we look towards the play-off's once again.

Enjoy the game.

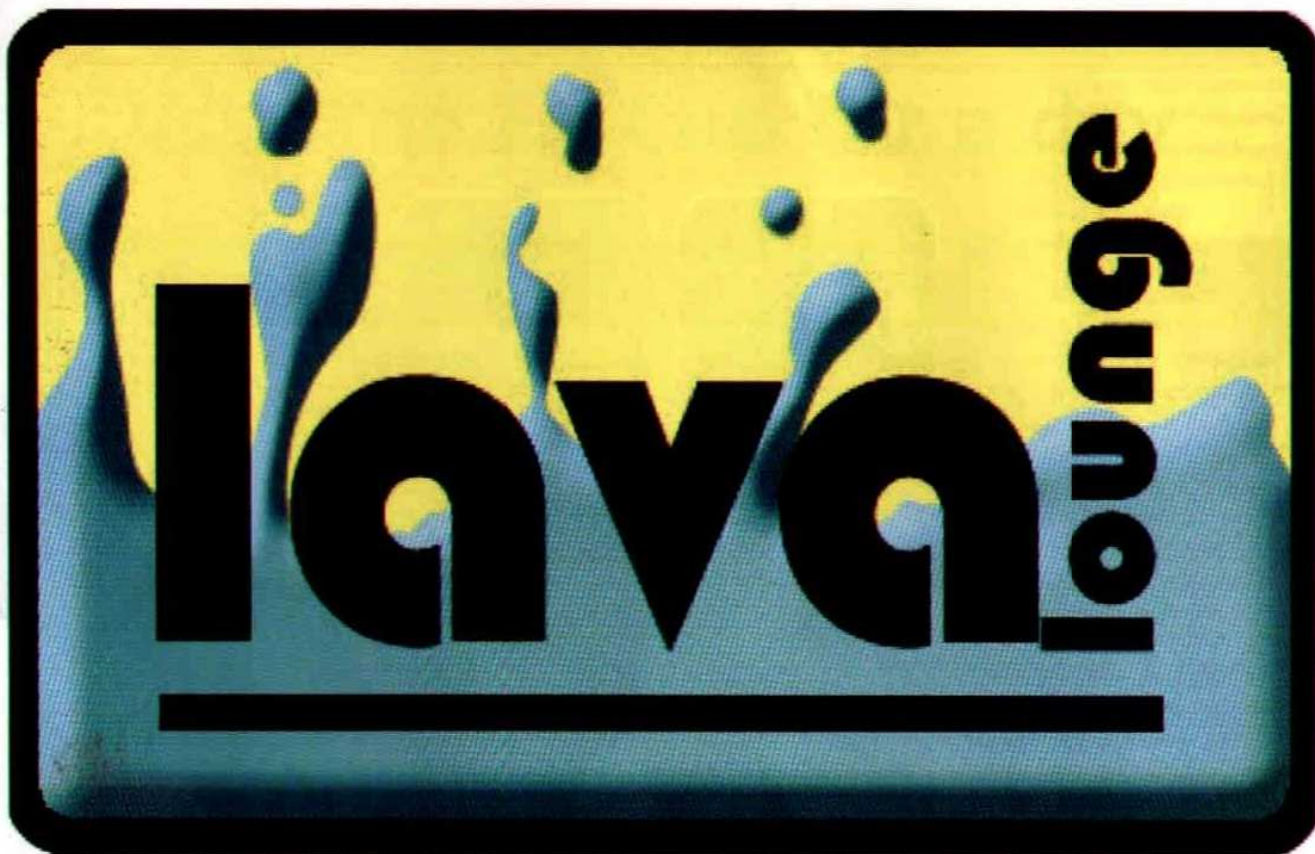
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COUNTY GROUND DIARY

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

ALAN YOUNG DEPARTS TOWN

Alan Young has his contract terminated at Swindon Town and will be eligible to play for another club from the 31st December. Young spoke to Swindontownfc.co.uk about the news.

"There is a bit of sadness in the decision as I have been here since I was eight, but the way things have happened it is probably a bit of relief to get on and move on.

"All I want to do is play football, I'm still only 20 and I think a lot of people forget that. If I can't play at Swindon Town then I have got to start to look elsewhere."



▲ Alan Young

TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER AGM DATE SET

Swindon Town FC announce the date of the anticipated AGM meeting. The board of directors will be looking towards the future and not the past when they meet on the 28th of December before the Brighton and Hove Albion fixture.

Having been signed off by the board, it is anticipated that within the next two weeks a final copy of the accounts will be posted out to shareholders.

It is expected that the AGM will begin at 11am before the visit of Mark McGhee's high-flying Seagulls.



▲ Mark McGhee

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER STFC CAROL SERVICE

All supporters and friends of Swindon Town Football Club are invited to join players, staff and Directors at the annual Club Carol Service on Monday 15th December at 7pm in Christ Church.

The service will include traditional carols, Bible readings and an address from the Bishop of Swindon, the Rt Revd Michael Doe - a club supporter.

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GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME WITH PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.

Today's game is very important because it begins the start of our Christmas period. The period up until early January is crucial because this is the time when you begin to evaluate and assess your hopes for the season. Plymouth are one of the top sides in the division at this moment in time and at this stage we are only three points behind the play-off places. With the right result today, I feel we could have the momentum to carry us into the Christmas period and beyond.

This afternoon may see the return of Sammy Igoe to action. He was due to see the specialist on Tuesday afternoon and we will know now whether the cast has been removed. Being an arm injury it has not hindered his training and he has been working extremely hard. Sammy also played in the behind closed doors game at Oxford United, as did Rory Fallon who scored his first goal for the Club. Although not recorded, I feel that the goal was an important landmark for him and Rory has grown in confidence since then in training.

On another pleasant note, may I congratulate Rhys (Evans) and his partner Rachel on the birth of their first child, a strapping 9lb boy. If his father's attitude is anything to go by, he will be out there practicing already! I wish them every happiness for the future.

I would like to thank all those travelling fans who made that incredible journey to Hartlepool for their efforts as it really is the most difficult place to travel to. I hope we can go someway to repaying their support with not only a victory, but a good performance this afternoon with an entertaining game and a pleasing result.

May I also take this opportunity to wish every single one of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and if your dreams for the New Year are shared with mine, I do hope they come true!!! I also would like to wish all the staff and players a personal Merry Christmas and thank not only my immediate staff on the playing side and their families, but also those that work so hard without having the recognition that we sometimes enjoy. Could I also add a special thank you to Linda my PA for putting up with years of moaning, and believe me I do moan! Thank you.

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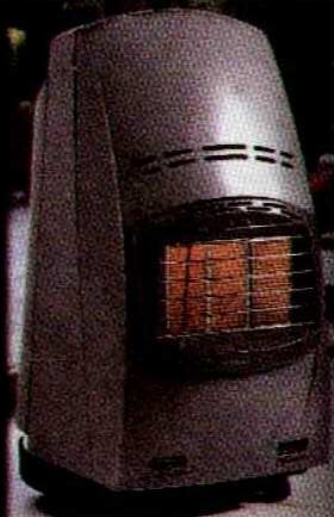
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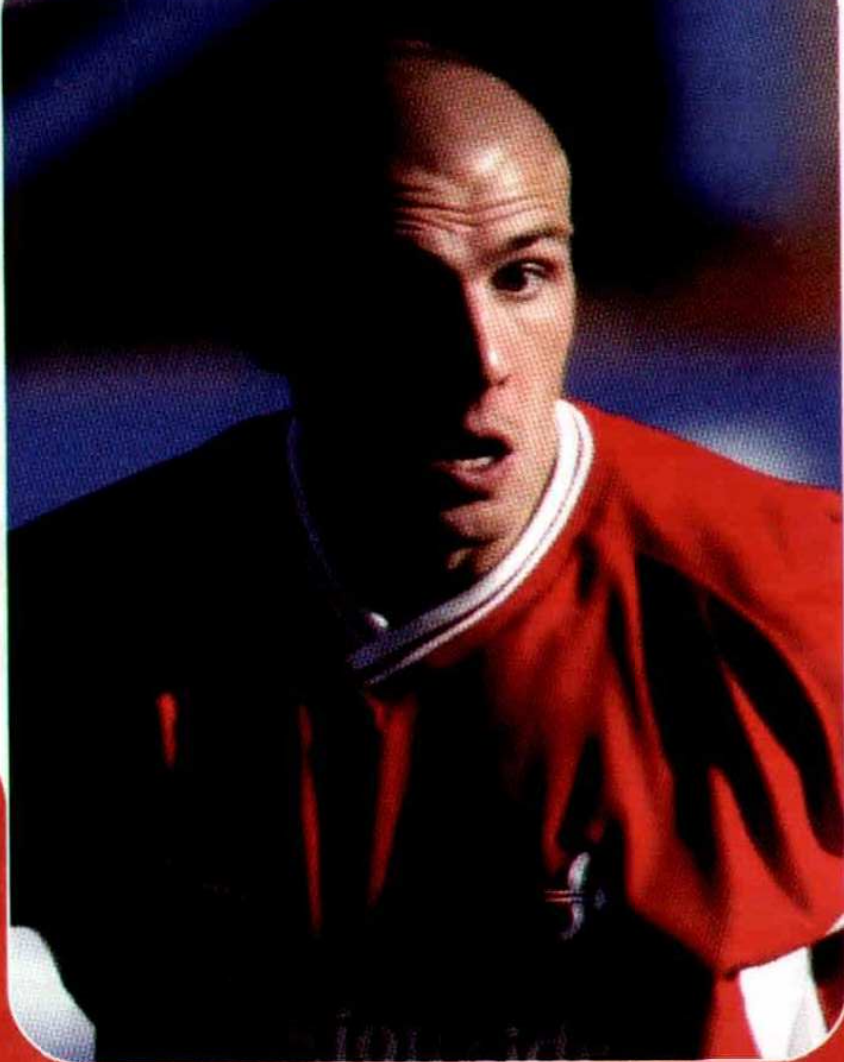
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SAMMY IGOE, WHO WAS DUE TO SEE THE CLUB'S ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON LAST TUESDAY, WITH A VIEW TO HIM COMPETING IN COMPETITIVE ACTION THE SQUAD HAS A HEALTHY LOOK ABOUT IT.

Brian Howard and Captain Gurney both sustained ankle sprains, but these are both responding well to treatment and they will be available for selection this afternoon.

Can I take this opportunity of wishing seasonal greetings to Dr Peter Wiesemann, Dr John Nicholas and Mr John Ivory for their help and support over the past year and to all Town fans.

Merry Christmas!

Dick Mackey.



CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

HELLO AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME WITH PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.

The QPR match was a good game for most of the fans to watch and I thought you saw possibly two of the best sides in the division battle it out for a draw. The Hartlepool fixture was disappointing and it just seemed like one of those days for us. The conditions were difficult and when we went 1-0 down, we threw everything at them and it just would not go in. In the end we got caught looking for an equaliser and conceded a second, which I felt was rough justice.

Despite not being in the FA Cup, the gaffer arranged a friendly against Oxford United at the Kassam Stadium. The 1-0 win kept us all on our toes and kept us sharp ahead of this afternoons game against Plymouth.

I was fortunate enough to have scored against Plymouth last year away from home, where we conceded a disputed late penalty to draw 1-1. The home game was a lot different and we won comfortably by two goals to nil. Let's hope we can repeat the scoreline with a win today.

Enjoy the game.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE, STFC.
MARK DEVLIN



Good afternoon and welcome to you all for today's visit of Plymouth Argyle. On behalf of the Board of Directors can I offer a warm welcome also to the Directors, Management, Players and Supporters from Plymouth Argyle.

It may be three weeks since England won the Rugby World Cup but I would like to add the congratulations of everyone at Swindon Town FC to Clive Woodward and his players on their magnificent achievement. Whatever sport you are into, it is wonderful when a National side becomes world champions at their particular sport. It gives us all a sense of pride and, importantly, it brings into focus the shortcomings of other sports, prompting the inevitable questions about facilities (or lack of them), levels of investment and Central Governments' commitment to sport in the UK. For me two things stand out about our rugby success. Firstly, the way in which the Premiership clubs fully supported Clive Woodward in releasing players from their domestic duties so that England could set up a lengthy training camp and prepare professionally for the competition. I guess this is easier to achieve in Rugby as it is a sport where the emphasis has been on Country rather than Club. Secondly, and very importantly, is that Clive Woodward has been in charge for seven years building to this success. There have been several occasions where failure to win key matches has been followed by a media campaign to change manager. Funnily enough the same newspapers appear to be backing a campaign for his knighthood now. It goes to show that success can be gained through a long-term plan, even if things don't always go according to the script. Patience is indeed a virtue.

You may by now be aware that our AGM will be held on Sunday 28 December 2003 at 11am, prior to the festive fixture with Brighton & Hove Albion. We will be presenting three sets of accounts for years 1998/99, 1999/00 and 2000/01. Most of us will know that they will not make pleasant reading, but it is important that we learn from the mistakes and excesses of the past as we build the future of this club. It gets suggested from time to time that the board do not want or are frightened of success as promotion brings additional costs. Nothing could be further from the truth. We all want to see this club playing at as high a level as possible, but we must create a financially sound foundation from which to build. It is no good gambling on plan A if there is no way of paying for it if the gamble fails. I am pleased to say that our hard work in increasing season ticket numbers, junior supporter numbers and revenues across the club are beginning to bear fruit. We have made great progress in redeveloping our relationship with local businesses, and we have a squad that can challenge for a promotion place. I believe these are signs of a football club gearing itself up for life at a higher level, not one that is frightened of the challenge.

To the 358 hardy souls who followed the team to Hartlepool, you have the thanks of Andy King, Myself and all of the players. You gave the team tremendous support. We are acutely aware of the cost of following your team to the other end of the country, especially in the run up to Christmas and the New Year.

On behalf of everyone at the club may I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. I hope to see as many of you as possible back here on the 28th for the Brighton match.

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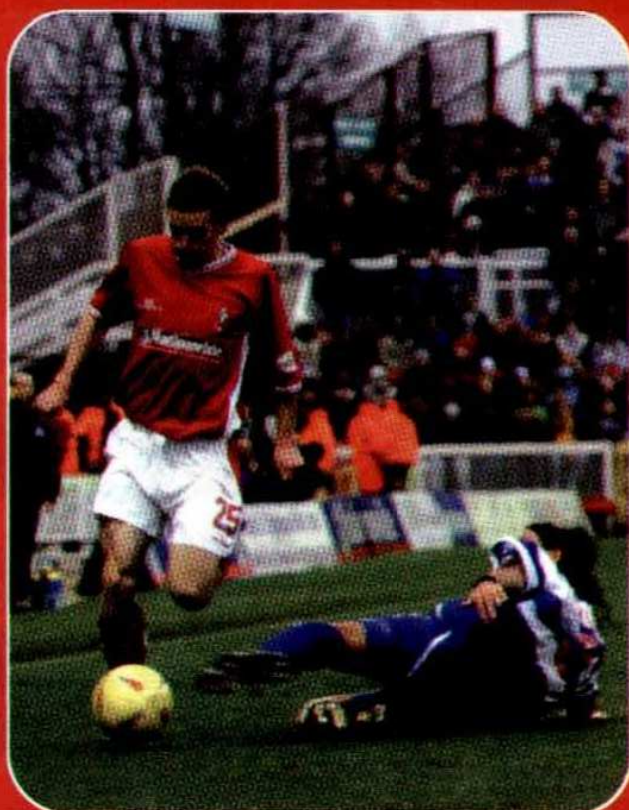
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MATCH ACTION

SWINDON TOWN 1

QPR 1



TOWN CLAIMED A WELL-EARNED POINT FROM A 1-1 DRAW WITH LEAGUE LEADERS QPR IN AN ACTION PACKED GAME WRITES STFC SPORTS REPORTER SIMON COY.

Swindon took a deserved first half lead through Sam Parkin before Rangers claimed an equaliser in the second half from Martin Rowland following wave after wave of pressure from the team at the top of the table.

QPR began well and in the second minute Kevin Gallen tried a speculative effort from 30 yards having spotted Rhys Evans off his line, but the Town keeper watched it drop over his bar.

A minute later Stefani Miglioranzi played a good through ball into the path of Super Sam Parkin. The Town number nine raced in on goal, but

Rangers keeper Day saved his weak shot. Mooney following in could only fire into the keeper's arms.

Just before the quarter of an hour, the lively Hewlett sent David Duke clear down the inside left channel. The Scotsman surged forward before firing a fierce shot narrowly over the bar from 20 yards.

Town were awarded a free-kick in the 21st minute after good work down the right by Steve Robinson. As he skipped past the first tackle he was scythed down by Gino Padula earning a booking from referee Knight. Howard fired in the kick, which was headed behind by the Rangers defence. The corner was again headed behind for a second Town corner. As Howard sent in the corner number two Day tried to claim under pressure and as the ball bobbed loose Mooney hooked his effort over the bar.

After 26 minutes Rhys Evans made an excellent save to deny Thorpe as the striker made space to shoot from the edge of the Town box. The England U21 keeper raced off his line to smother the shot.

In the 30th minute Robinson crossed to the far post where the superb Mooney headed goal-wards, but was unlucky to see his effort rebound off the crossbar. Miglioranzi following up could only scuff the loose ball wide of the left-hand upright.

Two minutes later Robinson found Parkin in the left side of the box but as the big striker tried to turn sharply he lost his footing for a moment and the Rangers defence pounced to clear for a corner. Howard fired a superb ball across the face of the six-yard box just in front of Miglioranzi but he couldn't reach the ball when any sort of touch would have steered it home.



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 VENUE: THE COUNTY GROUND
 ATTENDANCE: 10,021
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Andy King made his first change after 73 minutes as Andy Nicholas replaced the injured Robinson who was stretchered round the edge of the pitch.

In the 79th minute Rangers equalised through Martin Rowlands after a period of sustained pressure. The ball fell to the QPR midfielder following a defensive mix-up and he surged through to fire a low shot past Evans.

With a minute left new signing Rory Fallon made his Town home debut replacing the hard working Tommy Mooney.

In injury time Rangers had a free-kick which Forbes fired in towards substitute Shittu, but the big defender's header flew over the crossbar. Almost immediately referee Knight blew to bring an end to a pulsating game as the points were shared..

SWINDON TOWN:

Rhys Evans, Matt Hewlett, Andy Gurney (Capt), Tommy Mooney (Rory Fallon), Sam Parkin, Stefani Miglioranzi, David Duke, Steve Robinson (Andy Nicholas), Matt Heywood, Jerel Ifil, Brian Howard (Alan Reeves)

Subs Not Used: Bart Griemink, Grant Smith

QUEENS PARK RANGERS:

Chris Day, Terrell Forbes, Gino Padula, Clarke Carlisle, Marc Bircham, Tony Thorpe, Kevin Gallen (Capt), Eric Sabin (Gareth Ainsworth), Martin Rowlands, Marcus Bean (Steve Palmer), Richard Edghill (Danny Shittu)

Subs Not Used: Nick Culkin, Richard Pacquette

Ref: B. Knight



After 38 minutes Mooney hit the woodwork again as the ball dropped from Parkin's flick.

In the 39th minute Town took the lead. Skipper Gurney made an excellent run down the right before curling a pinpoint cross into the centre which was met perfectly by the head of Sam Parkin beating Day to bury the ball into the back of the net.

Right on half-time Duke made another mazy run down the left flank and fired a shot, which was tipped over by the Rangers keeper.

Early in the second period Howard swung in a Town free-kick from the right, but Mooney was beaten to the ball by the Rangers defence and the danger was cleared.

Two minutes later a long ball forward almost reached Tony Thorpe, but the QPR striker overstretched and could

only help the ball back to the advancing Evans.

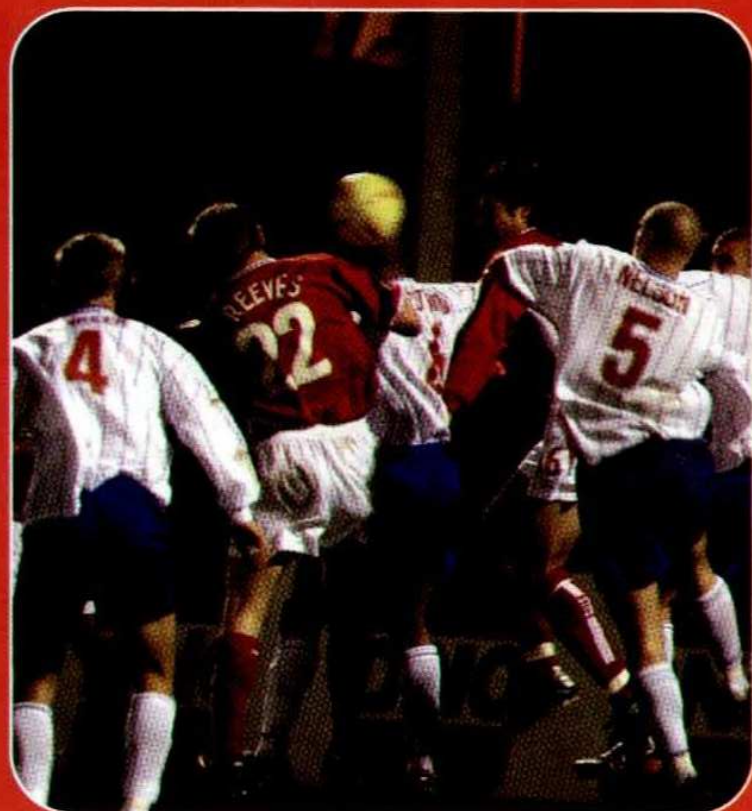
In the 54th minute Gurney lost possession in midfield and the ball was slipped through the centre. Evans raced off his line but Thorpe skipped past before cutting the ball back from the byeline and the follow-up shot was cleared off the line before being scrambled clear.

Soon after a bad clearance by Evans was collected by Gallen but his shot rebounded back off the post before the follow up effort from Ainsworth was brilliantly saved by Evans who had raced back to recover his position.

Just after the hour Mooney was fouled by Bircham who was booked, and Town were awarded a free-kick on the left of the Rangers box. Gurney's weak effort rebounded back to him and his second effort curled just beyond the far post.

MATCH ACTION

HARTLEPOOL 2
SWINDON TOWN 0



TOWN LOST 2-0 IN THE VICTORIA PARK GALES AFTER DOMINATING THE SECOND HALF BUT COULDN'T FIND THE FINISHING TOUCH, WRITES STFC SPORTS REPORTER SIMON COY.

A goal in each half through Strachan's penalty and sub Jack Wilkinson gave Hartlepool all three points as Town tried desperately to score, pegging United back for long periods.

After 10 minutes a ball across the Swindon box found Joel Porter whose first touch was a little heavy and his hurried shot was cleared by Andy Gurney for a corner which came to nothing. Both teams traded long balls during the early period of the game with the wind playing a big part in proceedings. After 15 minutes Pool were awarded a free kick 25 yards from goal when Jerel Ifil

brought down Porter but the effort by Robson flew high and wide.

Immediately after Town had their first real effort on goal following excellent work by Nicholas down the left flank. His accurate cross found Parkin who laid the ball into the path of Hewlett whose effort from 20 yards whistled just over the bar.

In the 16th minute Hartlepool were awarded a penalty when Rhys Evans raced out and brought down the lively Porter. Swindon fans hearts were in their mouths as the referee reached for a yellow card. Gavin Strachan stepped up and confidently slotted home to Evans right for his fifth goal of the season and Pool were ahead.

The pace of Ifil took him into the Hartlepool half in the 27th minute before sending a good ball to the feet of Parkin on the edge of the box. Sam laid the ball off to skipper Gurney but

as he turned and shot the ball deflected off a home boot taking all the sting out of the effort and Provett gathered easily.

Just after the half hour Chris Westwood fouled Parkin 20 yards from goal. Tommy Mooney stepped up and struck an unstoppable curling drive which crashed against the United crossbar, however the assistant had already waved for an offside.

In the 36th minute Miglioranzi made a confident run to the edge of the box before playing a neat one two with Gurney but his final through ball to Mooney was overhit and went straight to Provett.

Shortly after Tinkler went in late on Gurney who reacted angrily to the challenge. As the two squared up the referee was quickly on the scene to book the Pool midfielder for the foul.



SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
 VENUE: VICTORIA PARK
 ATTENDANCE: 4,493

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The resulting free kick was sent long and behind by Miglioranzi.

In first half stoppage time a sustained bout of Town pressure ended when a good ball in by Duke from the left evaded everyone before coming out to Ifil. However, his sidefooted shot went well over from the edge of the box. Straight after the referee blew for the end of the half and Town went in behind.

Swindon began the second half on the attack with the wind behind playing towards the 358 hardy Town fans who had travelled north.

In the 49th minute a Duke cross was caught well by Provett under pressure. Shortly after a Gurney corner fell to Nicholas in the crowded box but he could only succeed in poking the ball wide of the far post. A Mooney free kick on the right flew high and wide after 54 minutes with

the wind gusting behind.

Duke played a hopeful ball forward in the 72nd minute towards Mooney but with his back to goal the big number 8 could only loop his header up and over the bar. Immediately after Miglioranzi laid the ball out to Parkin on the right. His cross was met at the near post by the lunging Mooney but his touch could only guide the ball into the keeper's arms.

Swindon, with the wind assistance continued to dominate the game as they pushed forward looking for the equaliser in a one sided display of possession.

However, Hartlepool should have gone further ahead in the 79th minute following a quick break. A swift run down the left flank saw the ball played into the centre to Porter who suddenly found himself free in acres of space but after bringing the ball

under control his shot on the run was brilliantly saved to his left by Evans.

In the 86th minute disaster struck as Hartlepool scored their second against the run of play after a surging run by Wilkinson and Strachan. The Pool sub played the ball wide left to Strachan who returned the ball back to Wilkinson. Evans came, hesitated and then stopped as Jack Wilkinson put Town to the sword, chipping over the Town keeper from just outside the box.

Town strived to come back onto the attack but the home side had their tails up and as Swindon pushed forward gaps were opening at the back. After three minutes of stoppage time the referee brought the action to an end with Town unlucky to lose after battering the Pool defence in gale force conditions. Hartlepool extended their unbeaten home run to 27 games and amazingly Town went home empty handed.

SWINDON TOWN:

Rhys Evans, Matt Hewlett, Alan Reeves, Andy Gurney, Tommy Mooney, David Duke, Steve Robinson, Sam Parkin, Stefani Miglioranzi (Rory Fallon 74), Andy Nicholas, Jerel Ifil

Subs Not Used: Bart Griemink, Grant Smith, Brian Howard, Sebastien Ruster

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Jim Provett, Michael Barron, Michael Nelson, Eifion Williams, Chris Westwood, Matty Robson, Gavin Strachan, Mark Tinkler, Ritchie Humphreys, Joel Porter, Danny Byrne (Jack Wilkinson 69)

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▲ Luke Sharps and Clive Maguire

A Day In The Life Of... Clive Maguire - Football in the Community Development Officer

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Did you know that Tiger Woods broke 50 for nine holes at the age of 5? An amazing fact and testimony that it pays to catch em young. Here at Swindon Town three men (...with the help of a goalkeeping legend) are the disciples of the Town gospel spreading the word to the children of Wiltshire.

Football in the Community Development Officer Clive Maguire worked with the disabled before taking up his club position in May 1996 at the same time as his co-officer Jon Holloway, an ex-Town pro who still plays for Worcester City. The third member of the team is Black & Ethnic Community Officer Luke Sharps.

Married to Tracey with one daughter, Aimee, Clive dons the boots for a veteran's team in Newbury, coaches at Shrivensham, Highworth and Purton and is also Chairman of Stratton Juniors.

The Community Officers go to around 3 schools per week offering free coaching as well as running after schools clubs. At half term the team run 3-day soccer courses entertaining over 200 kids in Swindon and at other centres such as Chippenham. They also hold special one-day goalkeeping clinics with the

help of Fraser Digby.

Clive is especially proud of the Club's work helping children with special needs in a project called Ability Counts that takes place all over Wiltshire. The team held a very successful festival in Devizes for over 100 children in conjunction with Sport England.

The valuable work carried out by Clive, Jon and Luke cannot be understated. These unsung heroes take Swindon Town out to the future fans ensuring that hundreds of children without prejudice get first class opportunities to learn the game they love.

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Check the changing rooms, load the van and check the equipment for the coaching. Collect a matchday programme for each child.

10.30am -

We meet the groups of kids and their parents at the Club Shop and take them into the Town End to present an introduction to their day.

10.45am - 11.30am -

The guests are split into 3 groups for a tour of the ground.

11.30am -

We walk the kids round to St. Josephs School for their coaching session. The coaches are all local volunteers.

11.45am - 2.00pm -

The children have their coaching sessions ending in a mini-game. Meanwhile we are preparing their lunch and gift pack of a programme, Town poster and England badge.

2.00pm - 2.15pm -

After lunch we walk the children back to the Club and get them all seated in the stand ready for the match.

3.45pm -

At half time we make sure that they are all ok and enjoying the day.

4.55pm -

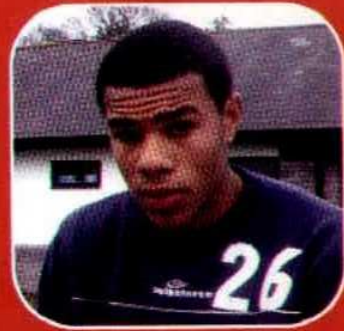
We see everyone off safely and have a debrief.



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Seconds

with defender... JEREL IFIL



1) What's your favourite drink?
Tropical fruit juice

2) Favourite food?
Chinese

3) Beach holiday or Safari?
Beach holiday

4) Favourite Film?
Pulp Fiction

5) Best friend in football?
Lloyd Doyley

6) Sum up Swindon Town in three words?
Fun, creative and ambitious

7) Footballing hero?
Paul Ince

8) Best game in a Town shirt?
Brighton & Hove Albion 2003/2004

9) Who will win the Premiership?
Manchester United

10) Where will Town finish this season?
In the play-offs

My Favourite Robin,

Well, it's nearly Christmas time again and it's time for me to go shopping to find good presents for everybody. I'm a bit short of ideas this year and the Elves have been no use whatsoever. So, can you advise me of where I can go to find some original presents to keep everybody happy?

Father Christmas

Santa!

Great to hear from you! You know it amazes me, every year Christmas is celebrated in December when the shops are so busy! It drives me nuts. But, once again I will be doing my shopping at the one-stop venue for the best gifts a bird can

buy - the Swindon Town Superstore. To be honest, Santa, I think you could do worse than follow my example, and shower the world with Swindon Town gifts! However, I'm not that popular in there. Last year I took a shopping trolley in and they weren't keen on me barrelling through the aisles, clearing the shelves. Then there was the incident with the autograph books - I just couldn't resist signing every page, and that bed set up in the corner with the STFC duvet cover is just the same as mine back at the nest, I don't think anybody noticed until I started snoring...but I have an idea, I'll look out for that white beard, the red and white outfit, borrow your credit card and shop til I drop! Of course this depends on whether you've forgiven me for that rugby tackle last season. I understand the first two rows of the North Stand are still having counselling...

Merry Chrimble!




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- 7 MOSS D
- 8 STROUD K
- 9 GUTHRIE C
- 10 McHALE R
- 11 CUNNINGHAM D
- 12 KAMARA C



REFEREE:

MR. DENNIS SMITH (Hornchurch, Essex)
 Started refereeing in 1966 in Essex local leagues, then graduated via the Isthmian and Athenian Leagues to the Football League 1st. Div. refereed three County Cup Finals, and has also been in charge of an F.A. Amateur Cup quarter final and an F.A. Vase semi-final.
 A married man, he is a Maintenance Engineer. He played football, as an amateur, for Millwall and is interested in all sports but particularly in cricket.

- 1 BARRON P
- 2 SMART K
- 3 UZZELL J
- 4 MEGSON G
- 5 FOSTER G
- 6 CRAVEN J
- 7 JOHNSON B
- 8 HARRISON C
- 9 AUSTIN T
- 10 HORSWILL M
- 11 ROGERS A
- 12 BINNEY F

Linesmen: Red Flag: Mr. K.F. Bessie, Harlow, Essex. Yellow Flag: Mr. R.T. Williams, Grangeham, Cardiff.

NEXT MATCH

DAY OF THE ROAD

Dick Mattick's VINTAGE RED

THE FIRST STRIKING FEATURE ABOUT THE SWINDON PROGRAMMES FOR THE 1977-78 SEASON WAS THEIR SIZE. COSTING 15P THERE WERE ONLY 12 PAGES BUT THEY WERE A4 SIZE PROBABLY THE BIGGEST THE CLUB HAS EVER PRODUCED. INSIDE THE PROGRAMME FOR THE ARGYLE MATCH WAS A BITS AND PIECES SECTION FEATURING PICTURES OF CLIFF JACKSON AND DAVE CORBETT WHO BOTH MADE THEIR DEBUTS FOR SWINDON IN THE 1958-59 SEASON BEFORE EVENTUALLY JOINING PLYMOUTH.

Fact Finder gave a survey of Argyle's last five seasons in which the name of Paul Mariner the club's leading scorer in the 73/74 and 75/76 season's stuck out. The excellent coverage of the away side in this programme was completed by a team photo surrounded by pen pictures of the players in Mike Kelly's team and two columns by Tony Pullein devoted to a survey of Plymouth Argyle's history. On the Swindon side there

was an interview by John Ward with David Moss and a focus on the career record of Maurice Owen. Finally much of Chairman, Cecil Green's column was devoted to arrangements for the Third Round F A Cup trip to Nottingham Forest which Town were to lose 4-1.

A crowd of 9,723 turned up to see the match played on the 27th December just one day after Swindon had recovered from being three down at half-time to earn a point at Oxford. Plymouth looked the better side for much of the first half and it was against the run of play that Swindon took the lead in the 12th minute when a miss hit shot by David Moss following a cross by John McLaughlin found the net. Free-scoring Fred Binney who had averaged a goal every other game in a league career of 178 matches with Exeter City levelled the scores when he shot home a looping cross by Gary Megson. Chris Guthrie twice went close towards the interval but the sides remained level at the break.

The second half looked to be heading towards a draw that would have been

a fair reflection of the overall run of play when Swindon struck in the 82nd minute. McLaughlin hit a free kick across field to Moss who lobbed the ball back into the area where Guthrie climbed highest to head home. With Argyle pressing forward for an equaliser Swindon hit them on the break in the 85th minute with Moss sending Chris Kamara away to score.

Swindon completed the double at Home Park later in the season when goals from Dave Cunningham and Chris Guthrie earned them a 2-0 victory. Swindon finished a respectable mid table tenth at the end of the season but for Argyle the season was a struggle. They lay in a relegation position for much of March and April but home wins over two already relegated sides Port Vale (3-2) and Bradford City (6-0) lifted them to safety and 19th position. One way they had attempted to improve their side according to their Chairman was to make a bid of £85,000 for David Moss and Chris Guthrie who ended the season as Town's leading scorers with 16 and 12 League goals respectively.

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Paul Wotton

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TODAY'S VISITORS PLYMOUTH ARGYLE



PROMOTED, AS THIRD DIVISION CHAMPIONS IN SEASON 2000-01, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE - OUR WELCOME VISITORS TO THE COUNTY GROUND THIS AFTERNOON - HAD A MODERATELY SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN LAST TERM, BUT ARE NOW WELL PLACED FOR A SECOND PROMOTION IN THREE YEARS.

However, astute manager Paul Sturrock, in charge at Home Park since October 2000, is not even looking at what might happen in the New Year. He is simply taking each game as it comes and today he simply wants his players to go out and perform and gain maximum points in what is expected to be a tough contest.

Argyle, the Pilgrims from Devon, have been a Football League club since 1920 (joined as original members of the old Third Division). They have never played in the top flight and in fact, their highest ever position (at the end of any one season) has been 4th - in Division two in 1931-32 and 1952-53.

The squad, under Sturrock's control, is full of experienced professionals with a handful of promising youngsters, also doing the business out on the field and there is no doubt that whoever pulls on the famous green shirt this afternoon, will give everything he has throughout the game.

So far in 2003-04 Argyle have played 10 away League games and have only lost two of them, winning four and drawing four. And generally their overall performances have been full of commitment - although they certainly didn't produce anything like their true form when succumbing to a recent defeat at QPR.

Argyle will be backed by at least a couple of thousand fans this afternoon and they will be a hard side to beat.





(pic courtesy Action Images)

THE GAFFER PAUL STURROCK

Paul Whitehead Sturrock, in charge at Home Park since October 2000 is a former Scottish international striker, who played for Grandtully Vale FC, Vale of Atholl, Pitlochry, Bankfoot Juniors and Dundee United. He also managed the latter club as well as St Johnstone. Born in Aberdeenshire in 1956, slight of build but quick and decisive in

front of goal, he was capped 20 times by his country and was twice a League Cup winner with Dundee United (in 1980 and 1981), while also gaining a runners-up medal in the same competition, as well as finishing runners-up in the Scottish Cup. He was one of Scotland's most entertaining players during the 1980s and is now proving his worth as a manager.

DANGERMAN MICKEY EVANS



MICKEY EVANS is an experienced Irish international striker, who is in his second spell with Argyle, having served also with Southampton, West Brom and Bristol Rovers. Born in Plymouth on New Year's Day 1973, he signed professional forms at Home Park in 1991 and scored 43 goals in 194 appearances before moving to Southampton for £300,000 in 1997. Spells with West Bromwich Albion (with whom he won his only Eire cap) and Bristol Rovers preceded his return to Plymouth for £30,000 two years ago. He has now added a further 20 goals and 115 appearances to his tally and last season scored four goals in 42 League games to help Argyle win the Third Division championship. Strong and mobile, he always poses a threat to defenders, especially from dead-ball situations.

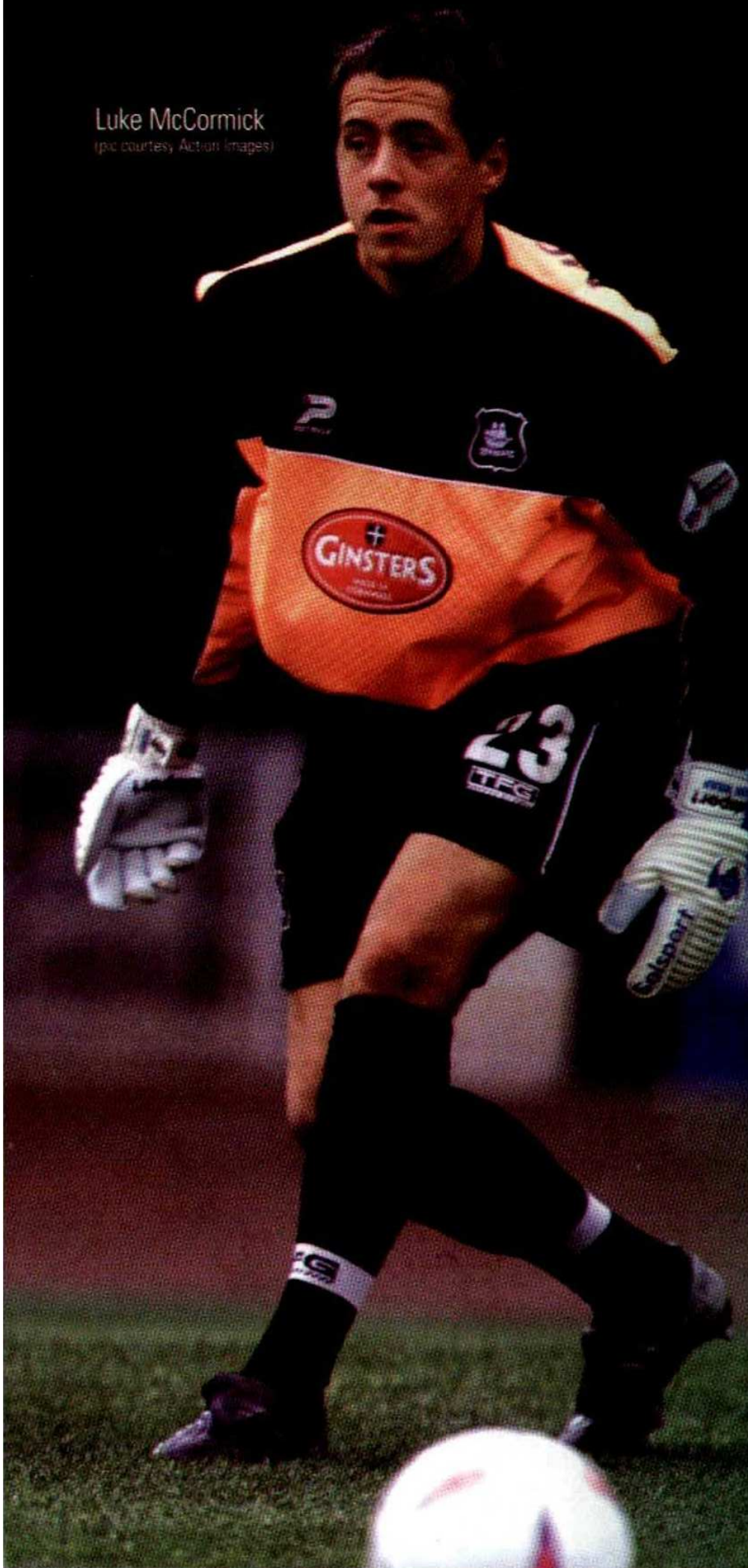
DID YOU KNOW?

Twenty years ago, Argyle's goalkeeper Geoff Crudgington (who is still associated with the club) suffered second degree burns saving his home from fire. After hospital treatment he turned out for the Pilgrims and played his part in a 3-1 win over Bradford City.

LAST MEETING

Last season the two league games between the Pilgrims and the Robins resulted in a 1-1 draw at Home Park and a 2-0 victory for Swindon here at The County Ground when Danny Invincible and Sam Parkin scored either side of half-time in front of 5,057 fans.

Luke McCormick
(pic courtesy Action Images)



LUKE McCORMICK

20 year-old goalkeeper who has been at Home Park three years and is now first choice between the posts following an injury to the Frenchman Romain Larrieu who has been sidelined for three months or so.

PAUL CONNELLY

A 21 year-old Liverpoolian defender, signed in 1999 and a professional since 2001, he is now first-choice at right-back having made his senior debut last season.

HASNEY ALJOFREE

Signed from Dundee United last year, having previously played for Bolton Wanderers, the 25 year-old Manchester-born defender has now made over 100 league appearances during his career.

GRAHAM COUGHLAN

An experienced 29 year-old defender with over 160 League appearances under his belt, he has been at Argyle since 2001 having previously assisted Blackburn Rovers, Swindon (on loan), and Livingston.

PAUL WOTTON

Aged 26 with more than 260 League outings behind him, he joined Argyle as a trainee in the early 1990s and has been a regular in their side for the last six seasons, performing superbly well in defence.

LEE HODGES

A 30 year-old midfielder, previously with Tottenham, Wycombe Wanderers, Barnet and Reading, he joined Argyle in 2001 and has now made well over 300 League appearances.

DAVID NORRIS

A 22 year-old midfielder, formerly with Bolton Wanderers, he joined Argyle last year and has now made over 50 appearances in League football.

TONY CAPALDI

Signed from Birmingham City towards the end of season, he failed to make the first team at St Andrew's but has settled well into a defensive role with the Pilgrims.



Plymouth Squad

STEVE ADAMS

A 23 year-old midfielder who signed for Argyle in 1997 and turned professional two years later, he's now made over 120 appearances for his home town club.

MARINO KEITH

In-form 28 year-old Scottish-born striker, ex-Fraserburgh Dundee United, Falkirk and Livingston who has now scored 60 goals in 175 League games

BLAIR STURROCK

The manager's son, 22 years of age, ex- Dundee United and Brechin City, he joined Argyle two years ago and plays as a forward.

IAN STONEBRIDGE

A 22 year-old six-foot striker from Lewisham, he joined Argyle in 1997 and as a teenager won England Youth honours. He's scored 40 goals for the Pilgrims.



▲ Steve Adams (Action Images)

NATHAN LOWNDES

A 26 year-old Salford-born striker, signed from St Johnstone last year, he has also played for Leeds United, Watford, Livingston and Rotherham.

JASON BENT

A Canadian international, aged 26, who joined the Pilgrims from Colorado Rapids in 2001. He has over 30 caps to his credit and 100 League outings.

DAVID FRIIO

Injured of late but likely to be fit today, the 20 year-old French striker, ex-Nimes and ASOA Valence, was signed in 2000 and has now hit over 20 goals in almost 120 appearances for the club.



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Details have now been released and should see supporters flock to the County Ground as Town prepare for a season challenging in the top half of the table.

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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Saturday 20th December 3.00pm

Seated (616 allocated):

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Friday 26th December 3.00pm

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The Match has NOT been declared "All Ticket", but we would strongly advise Swindon Supporters to purchase tickets in advance. All tickets for the area are reserved seating. Supporters should be advised to retain their ticket throughout the match. All Supporters will be required to sit in the specified seat(s) for the duration of the match. Registered Wheelchair Users ONLY & Carer(s) should be advised to contact Rushden & Diamonds FC Ticket Office on (01933) 652936 to purchase their tickets (contact Nikki Roberts).



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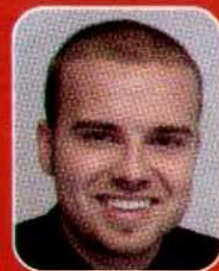
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JON RITSON



FISH WITHOUT CHIPS ISN'T RIGHT, NOR IS SALT WITHOUT VINEGAR AND A SATURDAY IN DECEMBER WITHOUT FOOTBALL IS JUST PLAIN WRONG.

Do you ever have that feeling that you've forgotten something important? It triggers a panic attack which is only eased by the dawning realisation that you haven't forgotten it or it simply doesn't matter. All the logical brain cells in my possession (don't start) reassured me that Saturday December 6 2003 was a Swindon Town-free Saturday. Sadly, the irrational part of me was nagging away. This doesn't feel right does it Jon? Why aren't you at the County Ground Jon? What if you switch on the radio Jon and you hear Ed and Shaun commentating on a Town game?

Nonsense, I know but that's just what football does to you. Saturday is football. As simple as that. Normality has now been restored and it's back business.

Our visitors today have started the season astonishingly well. Plymouth boss Paul Sturrock was even being mentioned in terms of the Leeds United job a few weeks ago.

You may remember we played the Pilgrims exactly a year

ago, albeit at Home Park. Gurns' free-kick looked to have given us three points until Plymouth were awarded a ridiculously dodgy penalty in stoppage time. It's staggering to think another 12 months has flown by. This time last year we were saying 'cheerio' to Razor Ruddock and still licking our wounds after the cup defeat at Oxford.

A win today would see us close the gap on Plymouth to five points and set us up very nicely for the trip to Brentford.

As this is the last home match before Santa comes crashing down your respective chimneys, on behalf of all the lads and lasses at Adver Towers, I'd like to wish you a very Happy Christmas.

Hopefully Boxing Day will see us unwrap three points at Rushden and Diamonds and we then complete the festivities with victory over Brighton and Hove Albion.

The Seagulls game will follow the long-awaited AGM. Hopefully it will prove to be a constructive gathering.

Until next time...

JON RITSON





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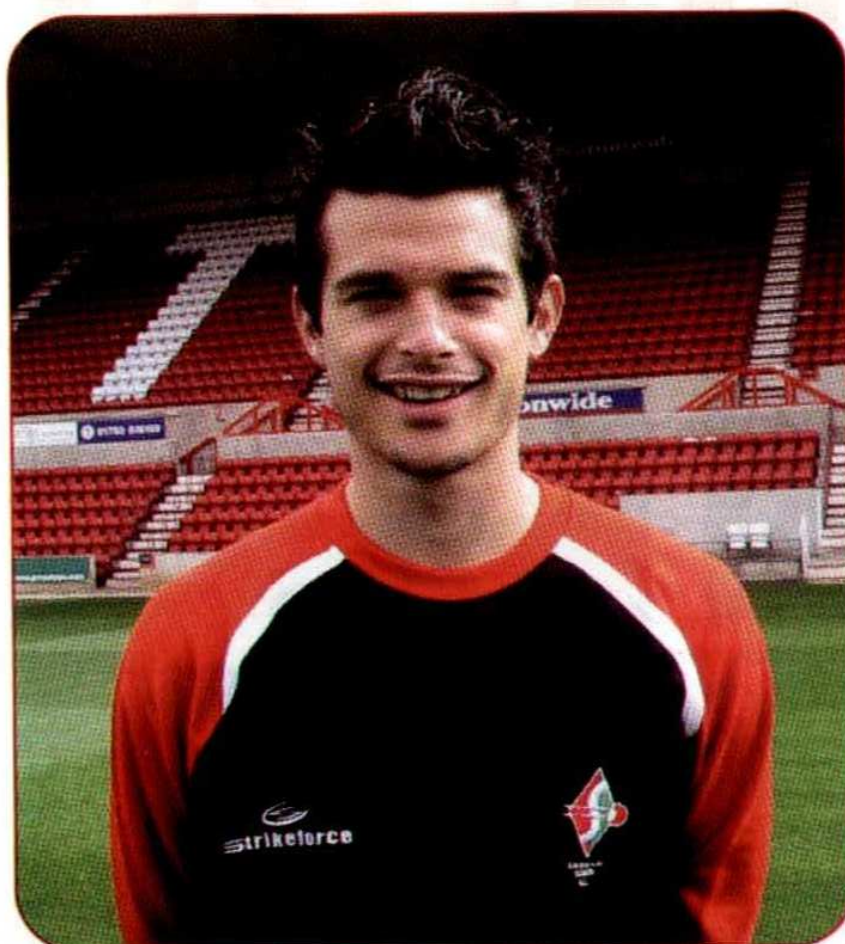
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The draw puts Wycombe out of the Cup as it leaves them without a chance to qualify. Alan Reeves side however still stand a strong chance of making the knockout stages as it leaves them to battle it out in the final group game against Reading.

Keeper Bart Griemink did well early on to deny Nathaniel Griffiths when he raced through only for the big Dutch stopper to keep the ball out with his legs. John Dixon also went close for the home team just before half time when his sweeping shot struck the face of the cross bar.

In the first half, Town had more than matched their opponents and were unlucky to have not got on the score sheet themselves. However, the second half finally brought about the first goal of the game.

Wycombe substitute Andy Bell skipped past Adrian Viveash in the Town defence and was seemingly tripped by the big centre back. Bell duly picked himself up and thumped home the penalty on 77 minutes.



▲ The Causeway Stadium, Wycombe

Two minutes later Swindon drew level. Stephen Dell failed to clear his lines and left Mark Draycott and Jon Stevenson to scramble the ball over the line. Both players claimed the goal but coach Alan Reeves seemed to think Draycott had done enough to get the final touch.

The draw leaves Town with a good chance of making the later stages of the competition, with the final game of the group round against local rivals Reading being the decider. That game is scheduled for Wednesday 21st January 2004.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS:

Gott, Dell, Reilly, McClurg, Oliver, Hole, Philo, Fox, Griffiths, Dixon, Mapes

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SWINDON TOWN:

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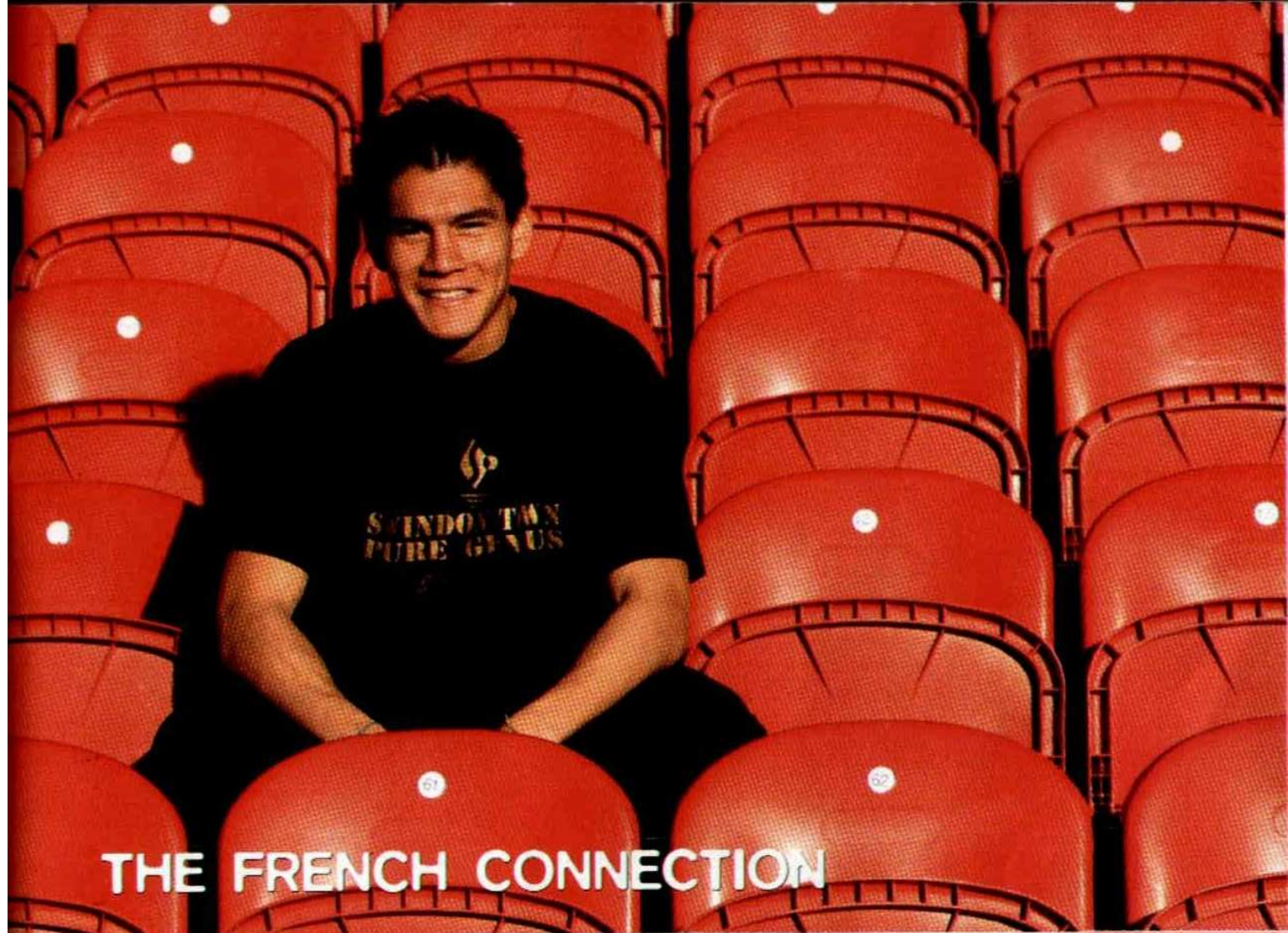
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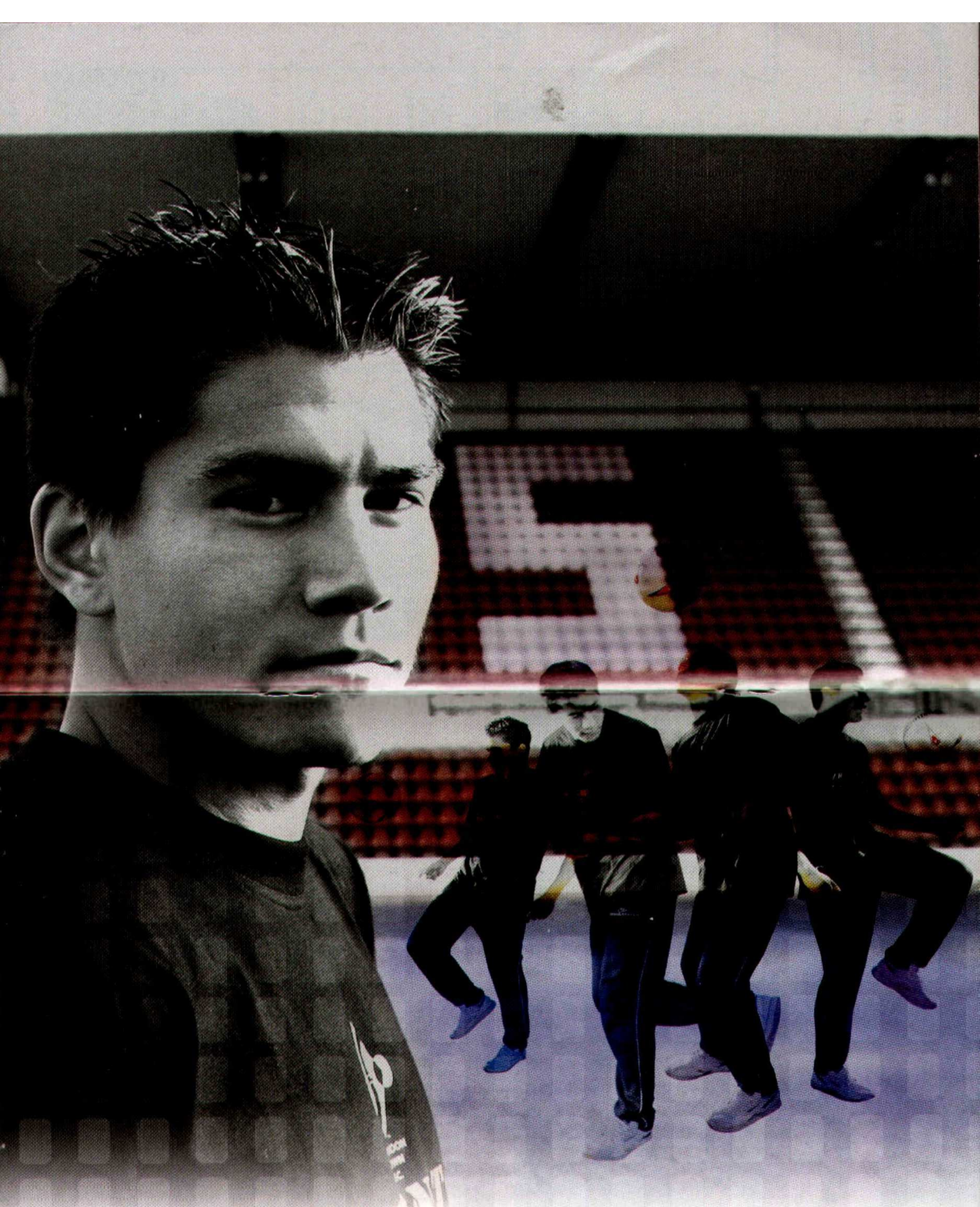
THE FRENCH CONNECTION

GARLIC, KRONENBOURG, WINE, FRENCH STICKS AND ERIC SABIN; OUR NEIGHBOURS ACROSS THE CHANNEL HAVE ALWAYS BEEN QUICK TO SHARE SUCH CULTURAL DELIGHTS.

And whilst Eric Sabin may not have been the best import since the influx of French footballers to Blighty began (which appears to be around 1992 following the arrival of Eric Cantona to Leeds), our divisions have literally been littered with French talent to the extent that you could probably send two English based teams to confront Sven's men next summer in Portugal.

The Euro 2004 draw (which pitched England and France in the same group) will have been the catalyst for scenes of friendly banter on training grounds all over the country between players of both nations. No doubt Swindon's Sebastian Ruster will be fighting France's corner against a tirade of abuse from his many English team mates! Yet Ruster is not the first French player to play in Swindon's red and white, which got us thinking - just how many French players have left French soil to come and ply their trade at the County Ground. And perhaps more importantly, where are they now? Nick Judd donned his beret and with phrase book in hand, went in search of Phillipe Cuervo and co before meeting Town's latest new signing...

Former Townies Ossie Ardiles (Paris St Germain) Glenn Hoddle (AS Monaco) and Chris Jones (Le Havre - who scored the goal to clinch Town's promotion in 1969) made the switch across the channel long before players started coming the other way in order to play for Town. You can't blame them either, I mean, Mansfield on a Tuesday night? Marseille more like, and it appears as though no players appear Frederic Darras was the first Frenchman to join the club in 1996. 1996 was a crazy time in English football. Money spent on players was growing at an exponential rate and as a result many lower-league managers were being forced to shop around Europe for some bargains. Frederic Darras was a result of such a search by Steve McMahon ahead of the 1996/97 season and despite coming with a glittering CV including UEFA Cup experience with Bastia (as well as over 220 games played in the French First Division), Darras was a relatively unknown quantity. Town fans would have been forgiven that Macca had gone soft in his old age, adding some continental flair to what was essentially a hard-working team made up of British based players. Yet Darras was, in fact, another Luc Nijholt and wasn't afraid to get stuck in. However, the lad could also pass the ball and despite his free transfer, Darras would turn out to be a useful commodity for STFC. Accompanying Ian Culverhouse in defence, Town's faithful were treated to an impressive array of skills and long passing from the back during the 29 games in which he played for Town before signing for Paris's Red Star 93.



SEBASTIEN RUSTER

THE FRENCH CONNECTION



▲ Phillipe Cuervo

Darras has since retired from playing but helps coach St. Anne de Reims in the French National Division (that's the equivalent Division Two to me and you). Unfortunately Darras' career in England was curtailed because he couldn't settle during his second season and after just 14 appearances in season 1997/98 he left for pastures new. However, just as Darras was leaving, Town took on a far enigmatic Frenchman who, like many wingers before him at Swindon, would go on to frustrate the County Ground faithful. Born just five months after Town's League Cup triumph against Arsenal in 1969, Phillipe Cuervo started his footballing career with St Etienne and Sochaux before joining Town in '97. Again he was relatively unknown, yet Cuervo threatened to become one of Town's most entertaining players with his gun-ho attacking mentality and array of tricks and skills. Unfortunately, having settled at the club (and after dying his hair blonde a la David James), a glut of injuries (and a poor attitude according to many) hampered his progress. Still the County Ground loved him during his three-year stint in Wiltshire and when he played, he would often dazzle the South Stand with his silky skills and tumultuous trickery. Unfortunately he broke his leg twice in two seasons and when his contract ran out at the end of the 1999/00 season, he was released. Cuervo returned to France and word has it, he's still playing for Stade Lavallois...

Next came Eric Sabin, one of Andy King's first proper signings as manager and the third player to make the switch from France. Unlike Darras and Cuervo, Eric

Sabinho' hadn't played in the top division in France, yet he came highly recommended by King and while his goalscoring record was nothing to write home about, his speed and attacking dimensions led Town's boss to compare his style of play to that of Thierry Henry. Eric's first club was Nimes who he represented in the 1995 French cup final against Auxerre. Unfortunately the then third division side couldn't make French football history (and lost the game 3-1), but Auxerre's qualification into the Champions League meant that Nimes did enough to earn a spot in the UEFA Cup Winner's Cup the following season. Sabin then joined Wasquehall, which is where he was picked up by King and in his first five games for Town, he earned four penalties in his first five games. Town fans had to wait a lot longer for his first goal, however, when he bagged in Town's 1-1 draw with Brighton on November 24 2001, and while his accuracy in front of goal would lead many to expect the worst, the sight of him in full flow, running at opposing defenders was a joy to behold.

Shortly before his contract expired at the end of the 2002/03 season Eric was offered a reduced deal and, after Queens Park Rangers had surprisingly expressed an interest in him on transfer deadline day, he played for them in a reserve game. He returned to Swindon to feature in the final game of the season - before confirming that he would leave when his deal ran out. More recently, Sabin featured in the Hoops' starting line-up when the two clubs clashed in the 1-1 draw November. Someone that didn't feature in that game,



▲ Frederic Darras

however, despite signing for Town in the last two months, was new boy Sebastian Ruster.

Ruster, unheard of by many, has shown signs of promise in Town's reserve team so far this season, not surprising when you consider that he scored 10 goals in 25 games for Cannes last year. "My agent knows Peter Reid and he recommended me to Leeds, so I went across for a trial," Ruster explains, with superb English for someone who's only been learning the language for a matter of weeks. "I went over at the start of pre-season and it was a great experience. There are so many quality players there such as Alan Smith and Mark Viduka." Whilst at Elland Road Ruster also got acquainted with a player many Town fans would grow to love as the season developed, Jamie Milner. "Milner stood out as having great skill and I think he could go on and play for England. He's young now, but he has the talent to succeed."

As for Ruster himself, we're still getting to know our latest French fancy. He's settling well into the squad and has performed well for the reserves - one feels that it won't be too long before we see him in first team action. "There is not a big difference in the pace of the game," Ruster explains, having watched his new team mates from the stands on a number of occasions. "Both the English and French leagues are quick, but England is much more physical than I am used to! I enjoy the training and relish each chance I get on the pitch. My English is not so good but I am having lessons at the moment. Before I play in the first team regularly I

need to learn the language fully and I am trying my best to do that now."

Ruster's grasp of the language is admirable; after all, it can't be easy learning from the gaffer such is his use of expletives (!). But with the European Championships draw still fresh in the memory, we asked Sebastian what he thought about his country's hopes, and who inspired him as he was growing up as a player. "I watched the France '98 World Cup Final at home with friends. It was a tremendous day and something I will remember for a long time. The French winning team included many great players - Zinedine Zidane was my player of the tournament and he has everything; skill, pace and awareness. Now, my favourite player is Arsenal's Thierry Henry. I have seen him play on TV and he is tremendous. When he dribbles at defenders he is frightening. My all-time footballing hero has to be Eric Cantona though. He grew up about ten minutes from my parents house in Marseille and played for the same youth team as me, Caillol F.C."

If Ruster's game contains any of the traits of those mentioned above then Town's faithful could be in for some entertainment as soon as the youngster makes his first team debut. Yet no matter how long it takes him to make his way into Town's starting XI, Ruster knows that should he help Town achieve their aim and make it into the play-offs, he will have ventured where no Frenchman has done so before, into good times with the good ship Swindon Town.

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Sat 13th Sep	Cheltenham Town	Home	2-1
Sat 20th Sep	Plymouth Argyle	Away	p-p
Wed 27th Sep	Bristol Rovers	Home	3-0
Sat 18th Oct	Cirencester	Home	p-p
Sat 25th Oct	Swansea City	Away	3-0
Sat 1st Nov	Yeovil Town	Home	1-2
Sat 8th Nov	AFC B'mouth	Away	p-p
Sat 15th Nov	Cardiff City	Home	1-3
Sat 22nd Nov	Cheltenham T	Away	
Sat 6th Dec	Exeter City	Home	
Sat 13th Dec	Torquay United	Away	
Sat 10th Jan	Plymouth Argyle	Home	
Sat 17th Jan	Bristol Rovers	Away	
Sat 7th Feb	Cirencester	Away	
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UNDER 19'S

Sat 16th Aug	AFC B'mouth	Home	2-2
Sat 23th Aug	Cardiff City	Away	2-1
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Sat 13th Sep	Exeter City	Home	2-1
Sat 20th Sep	Plymouth Argyle	Home	0-1
Wed 27th Sep	Bristol Rovers	Away	1-1
Sat 4th Oct	Swansea City	Home	3-0
Sat 25th Oct	Exeter City	Away	4-1
Sat 15th Nov	Bristol Rovers	Home	3-0
Sat 22nd Nov	Luton Town (YAC)	Away	4-0
Sat 6th Dec	Cirencester	Home	3-2
Sat 13th Dec	Torquay United	Home	

YOUNG GUNS

ON SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER THE YOUTH TEAM TRAVELLED TO LUTON TOWN IN THE SECOND ROUND OF THE YOUTH ALLIANCE CUP. VIV BUSBY TAKES US THROUGH THE GAME.

It is always nice to play in these cup competitions because we get a chance to play teams that we would not normally play during the course of the year. The day was a typical winters day with torrential rain, gale-force winds and freezing cold weather. However, the conditions didn't stop us playing some good football, especially in the second half where we totally dominated the game.

Lance Lewis scored a good hat-trick and Luke Garrard got on the end of a free-kick to give us a 4-0 score-line.

All credit must go to Luton, they had a young side out because five of their scholars traveled with the first team to Sheffield Wednesday and I believe that shows good progress for their Club.

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Last weekend's game with Swansea was called off due to the fact that we have been fixtured against them six times this season, but we have agreed to play them four times. This gave some of our U9's to U11's a chance to play for their local sides, this situation can cause some confusion with the local North Wiltshire League so these are the guidelines that we must adhere to:

When a player signs for the STFC Centre of Excellence, the rules state that he cannot play for his local side unless given prior permission by Swindon Town FC, and this is on the understanding that he plays monitored minutes only. Monitored minutes is when we request that the player plays only three-quarters of the game. Due to our massive fixture list this season, hopefully this will not arise too often but due to the cancellation of last weekend's game I felt it necessary to make people aware of the rules.

Our U12's to U16's cannot play for their local sides, unless

they been given prior permission by Swindon Town FC. However, an exception may be made for players to return to local football to gain further game time, if they have not been featuring regularly in our games programme, although they continue to be coached by ourselves at STFC. It is very important that we sustain a good relationship with the local leagues and we feel that we are doing so this season and are looking forward to various games with our U9's to U12's against the North Wiltshire representative teams next Monday and Tuesday, to be held here at The County Ground. We look forward to welcoming them to The County Ground and we hope that both sides enjoy the experience of playing here.

Our U16's were due to face Scottish giants Celtic at the training ground in a pre-arranged friendly on Thursday. Due to their winter break they are staying in Bath and have requested to play us during their time down south. I would like to thank Celtic FC for taking part in the game and I am sure the experience will have benefited both sides.

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Nicky Hammond

Nicky Hammond is now more at home in the suit of the boardroom than the cap and gloves of the goalkeeper, but back in the summer of 1987 he joined Town from Arsenal as understudy to Fraser Digby.

A product of Arsenal's apprenticeship scheme, Hornchurch born Nicky never made the first team at Highbury and was loaned out to Bristol Rovers in August 1986 where he made his League debut. After three appearances at Bath based Rovers and further, appearance-free loan spells at Peterborough and Aberdeen, Nicky travelled to pastures new in Wiltshire.

Kenny Allen had left Swindon and after using future England keeper Tim Flowers as loan cover, Lou Macari needed someone to permanently pressurise Digby's position as Swindon established themselves in the old Division Two. Hammond was to stay eight years but shifting 'Diggers' from between the posts was never

going to be easy.

Hammond was to steal the first team shirt on just 18% of the League opportunities during which he made 67 League appearances for Town, including 13 outings in the Premiership.

A £40,000 move to today's visitors Plymouth in August 1995 produced just four outings before the same fee brought a curtain call at Reading and a further 25. His contract was terminated at the end of 1999/2000.

After coaching the schoolboy keepers at the club, when manager Alan Pardew left Reading to take the reins at West Ham, chairman John Madejski's respect for Hammond was such that Nicky was promoted to the boardroom as Director of Football.

It seems a waste that Hammond made one less than a hundred League appearances in his entire playing career. In mitigation, challenging John Lukic and Fraser Digby, for their places was a tough task.

Craig Taylor

When central defender Craig Taylor joined Swindon in April 1997 he was stepping into the boots of a legend and it was natural for comparisons to be drawn between him and another member of his family.

Big brother Shaun had scored for Town at Wembley three years previously and had departed to Bristol City in August 1996. Craig's West Country grounding at Dorchester bore similarities with Shaun's route into the senior ranks and the potential was there for a seamless transition between the two Taylors in the centre of Town's defence. The theory of relativity however was proved to be flawed.

1997/98 started with Mark Seagraves at number five and after loan signing Chris Casper filled in for four matches, October brought Craig's debut with a career starting goal in a 4-2 home win against Port Vale. Another strike followed a month later against QPR as he made 32 appearances in Division One.

Injury hampered the start of 1998/99 with Taylor not starting a Town match until November. In order to regain fitness Craig had spent a six match spell at our visitors today Plymouth, where he scored in a 3-0 Division Three win against Brentford. Back in Swindon, he completed 21 games to the end of the season.

Two more Swindon appearances at the beginning of 1999/2000 preceded a permanent move to Home Park where Craig settled in to become almost ever present to the end of the season. When 2000/01 produced another 39 League outings, he must have felt happy with the way he had established himself in the Devon side's team. What a contrast then when injury led to the disappointment of just two more outings over the next two seasons.

2002/03 saw a five-match loan spell at nearest neighbours Torquay United and when Craig was released by Plymouth at the end of last season it was to Plainmoor that fate took him. A permanent move now sees Craig installed as captain where he can be found with other ex-Town players in Jo Kuffour and keeper Kevin Dearden.



Team Talk at Oxford



DUKEY'S COLUMN

THE PAST FEW WEEKS HAVE BEEN A LITTLE STRANGE REALLY. SINCE THE GAME AT HARTLEPOOL WE HAVE HAD A WEEKEND OFF AND THAT HAS GIVEN THE LADS SOME TIME TO THEMSELVES.

Having been knocked out of the FA Cup at Wycombe that meant we were without a game last Saturday. Don't get me wrong the FA Cup is a great competition to get a run going in but in hindsight maybe it was a good thing as it gave all the squad players a chance to get a game against a competitive side.

However, far from resting on our laurels the Manager arranged a game for us at Oxford United last Friday morning. We traveled down to the Kassam Stadium in the morning and the game took place in three half an hour periods. Oxford kept their side largely the same whereas we made quite a few changes. I played about forty

minutes so it kept the squad lively ahead of today's game with Plymouth.

I am sure today's game will be a tough one as Plymouth are riding high at the moment in the league and we have to take three points today if we are to maintain our challenge for the play-offs, which is the ultimate aim at the end of the season.

On Monday our new signing Rory Fallon moved into his new house with his girlfriend. They have made the move down from Yorkshire and seem to settling well.

Last Wednesday myself and 'Nicho' went to the Haydon Wick Community Centre to do the presentations for the 'Ability Counts' project there. The kids really enjoyed themselves and were handed goody bags as a reward for their efforts. It is always nice to be a part of these presentations and it gives something back to the community.



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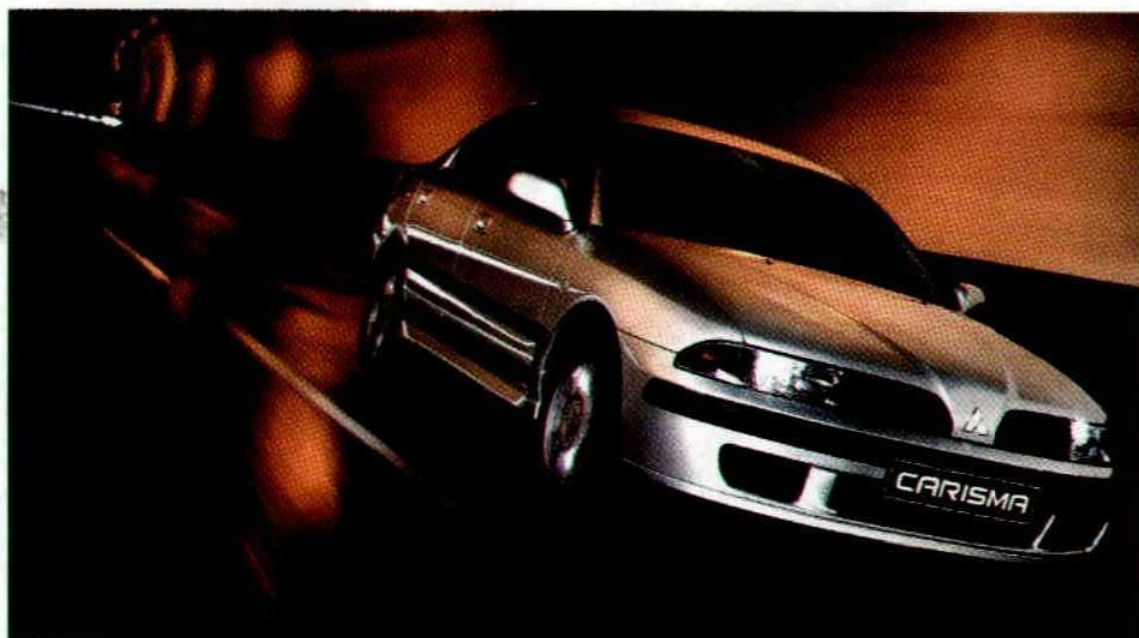
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The foundation was set up on 7th February 2001, by ex professional Marc & Gaby Duvillard, Nigel Munyati and Dr Guido Renggli. Sir Seton Wills himself is currently not affiliated to the foundation as he is kept busy with the goings on at the County Ground, but his involvement is still welcomed heavily by the children.

Only recently, whilst spending some time at his family home in Zimbabwe, Sir Seton dropped by the foundation to present the children with a set of Swindon Town kits. The kits themselves expired last year and Sir Seton purchased the remaining kit from the club shop and managed to put together three full kits for the children to play in.

When he is on holiday, Sir Seton always goes along to watch the kids play and help out where he can. The foundation does not have the money to finance a new kit and were over the moon when Sir Seton arrived with bags full of Swindon Town kit. The children were so excited they surrounded him in a huge huddle whilst he handed out the kit.

For those less privileged than most of us, it was a dream come true for some of the children who have had to, and continue to, suffer the worst. For Sir Seton Wills, it proves that Swindon Town's biggest fan is like most of us, addicted to football.

Even on holiday the ever-generous Sir Seton is thinking about helping out others and spreading the word about Swindon Town. It is not just Town fans that can count themselves lucky to have such a keen supporter....



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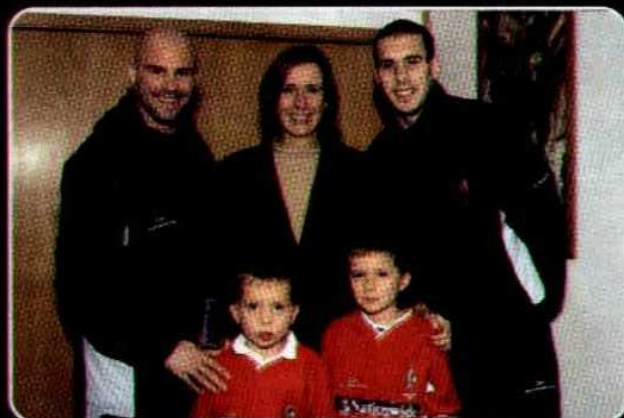
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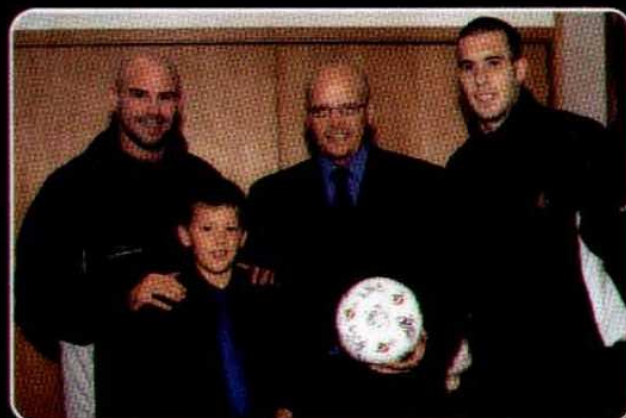
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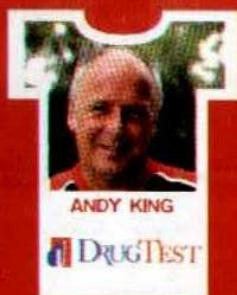
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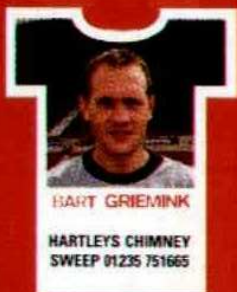
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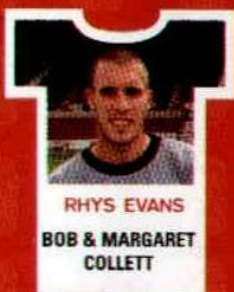
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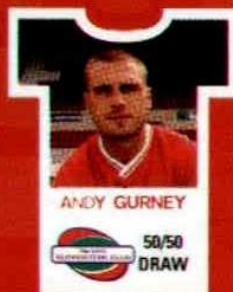
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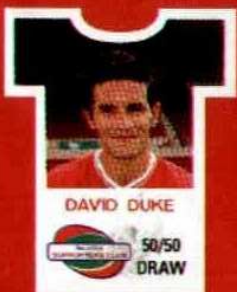
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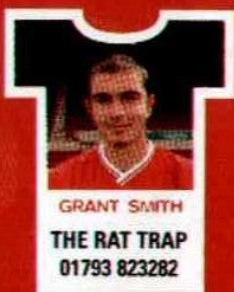
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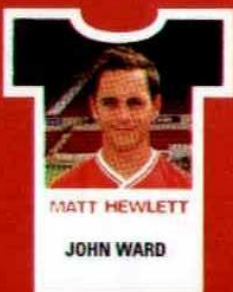
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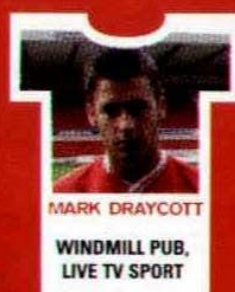
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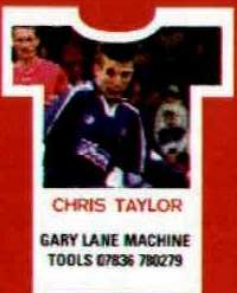
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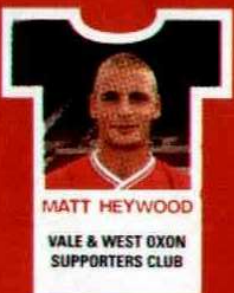
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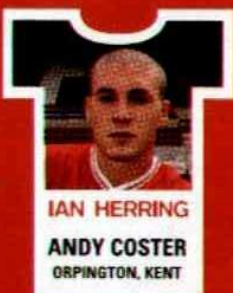
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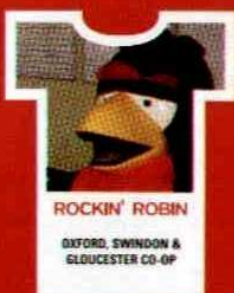
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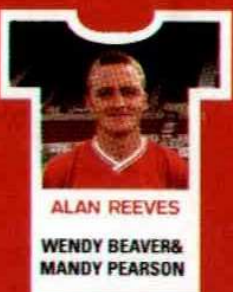
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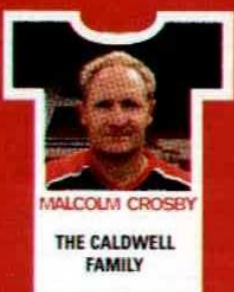
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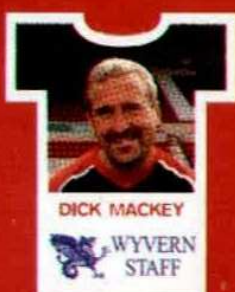
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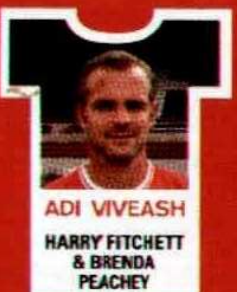
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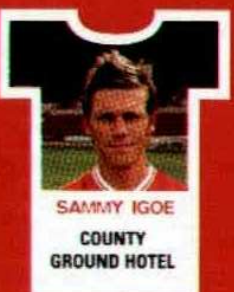
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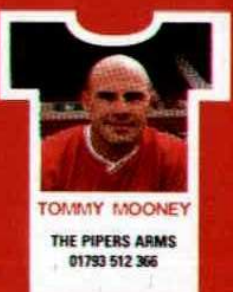
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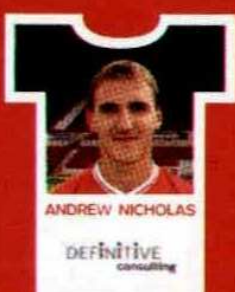
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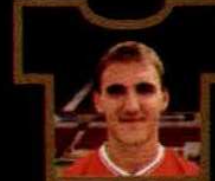
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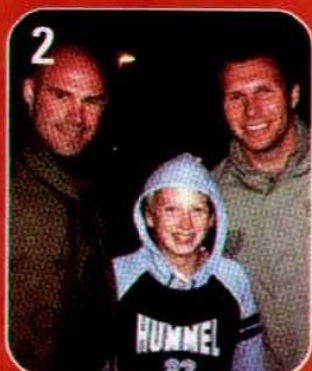
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"AT THE HEART OF EVERY FOOTBALL CLUB ARE THE FANS. SEASON AFTER SEASON, RAIN OR SHINE THESE FAITHFUL FOLK MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE COUNTY GROUND IN THE QUEST FOR GLORY. STFC SPORTS REPORTER SIMON COY MEETS THE PEOPLE WITH TOWN IN THEIR BLOOD".



PERFECT PARKIN
Lifelong Town fan Mark Hanrahan meets 'Super' Sam Parkin.



I'M ALRIGHT JACK
Young Jack Archer meets Tommy Mooney and Sam Parkin at the turning on of the Old Town Christmas lights.



SWINDON TOWN

FOCUS ON A FAN

NAME: Carla Dunne

AGE: 15

SCHOOL: Churston Ferrers Grammar School, Devon

LIVES: Paignton, Devon (originally from Swindon)

WHEN DID YOU FIRST COME TO SEE SWINDON TOWN:

1994, Port Vale at home. First game of the season back in Division 1, we won 2-0 with goals from Fjortoft and Scott.

BEST STFC MEMORY: Jan-Aage Fjortoft doing his goal celebrations.

HOPES FOR THIS SEASON: Get to the play-offs and beat Plymouth in the final at Cardiff.

YOUR LONG TERM HOPES FOR THE CLUB: Another promotion to the Premiership and a re-built County Ground holding 30,000 people being packed to capacity.

IF MONEY WERE NO OBJECT WHO WOULD YOU WANT TO SEE PLAYING FOR SWINDON: Raul and Beckham,

once we have got promotion to the Premiership so that we can be the Euro Champs the season after.

YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FANS: Get behind the manager, after all he is KING, as well as the players, we are all in this together.

YOUR MESSAGE TO THE PLAYERS: Please beat Plymouth in the final of the play-offs, otherwise I will get a lot of stick from the local cousin-brothers!

COME ON YOU REDS!!!

Happy 19th Birthday to Jenny. Love from Mum, Dad & Laura

Swindon Town FC would like to congratulate Derek Elston on attending his 1200th consecutive game recently - thanks for the support. A feature on Derek will follow in a future issue.

QUIZTIME - 25 YEARS AGO

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

- 1) On 23rd November 1978, Derby re-appointed a manager who also led Chelsea and Manchester United. Who was this?
- 2) Who was managing our visitors today when they were dismissed from the FA Cup by Worcester City in round 1 on 25th?
- 3) And which Leeds United legend was installed as manager of Doncaster Rovers on the same day?
- 4) Ground-breaking news came on 27th with the announcement that England were to field their first black player. Who was this?
- 5) Which future Town keeper moved from Aston Villa to Luton Town for £100,000 on 30th?

A1 Tommy Docherty A2 Malcolm Allison
A3 Billy Bremner A4 Viv Anderson A5 Jake Findlay



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: Alan Eyles

QUALIFICATIONS: Alan is a lifelong Town fan living in Marlborough. He is 37 years old, married, and has 2 children, Vicki 7, and Jake 4 years old. Alan is a season ticket holder who sits in the Nationwide stand, along with his father, Mick, who first brought him to the County Ground in the mid 1970's. Alan has been to over 80 league grounds following Swindon over the years having added another with his recent visit to Victoria Park, Hartlepool.

Alan works for BT during the day, and is on call as a Retained Firefighter in Marlborough during the evenings and at weekends.

Alan's team is chosen only from players that he can remember seeing play.

1. **FRASER DIGBY:** Fantastic goalkeeper. More than capable of dealing with whatever is thrown at him especially with this defence in front.
2. **NICKY SUMMERBEE:** More than an adequate defender, always eager to get forward, with the ability to whip in fantastic crosses from the by-line.
3. **PAUL BODIN:** Good defender, and very accomplished going forward, with a good eye for goal, and effective penalty taker.
4. **GLENN HODDLE:** Pure genius. Superb control and passing, and not a bad shot either!



5. **COLIN CALDERWOOD:** Excellent under pressure, a solid reliable defender. An eye for goal from 60yards. (Just ask Port Vale).

6. **SHAUN TAYLOR:** Very strong defender, unbeatable in the air. Great attacking asset at corners. Ooh.

7. **JIMMY DAVIS:** Undoubted quality, with excellent control, skill, pace, vision, commitment and attitude. Say no more.

8. **MICKY HAZARD:** A Wizard in midfield. Always able to make space with a nifty turn or three.

9. **SAM PARKIN:** Super!. Superb in front of goal, and would have a field day with crosses from Zippy and Summerbee.

10. **DUNCAN SHEARER:** Another good finisher, able to make good use of the crosses, with the bonus of a cracking shot.

11. **KEVIN HORLOCK:** Fantastic left foot, with an appetite for a goal or two. Strong in the tackle. The engine of the team.

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12. **SHAY GIVEN:** Excellent 'keeper. Pity we couldn't keep him.

13. **TOMMY MOONEY:** 'Chippy', for the number of times he has hit the woodwork. Plays some incredible passes from seemingly impossible situations.

14. **JAMES MILNER:** Another lad with undoubted quality. Three lions on his shirt before too long!

15. **JAN AAGE FJORTOFT:** Quality goal scorer from all areas

16. **JOHN TROLLOPE:** Mr Reliable. Always ready to give his all.



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 THIS WEEK SIMON COY SPOKE TO THE "MAN DOWN UNDER", EX-TOWN STRIKER DAVE MITCHELL..

Who can ever forget that great game at Wembley and all its nail biting drama? The game of the season? Well actually, no. That honour must surely go to an incredible display of attacking flair at St.Andrews, Birmingham when a mere 4-1 down with 25 minutes left Swindon turned on the style and ran out 6-4 winners. The hat-trick hero that day was a big Glaswegian long since departed these shores for his adopted Oz.

Dave Mitchell made 68 appearances for Town and with his physical no nonsense approach notched up 16 goals including the three mentioned above and one in the play-off semi-final against Tranmere at the County Ground.

Now living in Sydney, Australia, Dave took time out to tell us about his days at the Town together with how close he came to taking charge of the Socceroos. He began by bringing us up to date.

"When I left the Club I was at Millwall for a couple of years and from there went over to Malaysia on the way back to Australia. I wanted to bring my kids up in Australia as I had grown up there. My family had emigrated when I was six years old and my wife was Australian.

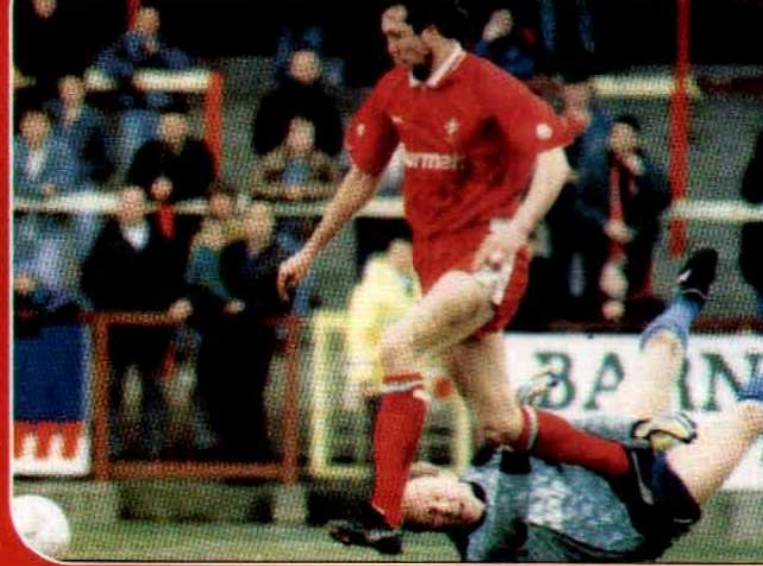
"When I got back the manager of the Club I was playing for, Sydney Olympic, got the sack and I took over for the last 10 games. At the end of the season they had an experienced coach lined up so I left and went to manage Sydney United. They were in financial difficulties but I took them over and we went on to finish 3rd the next season. This was in 1997.

"The following year the Club went into administration but we won the league which was a fantastic achievement and I got Coach Of The Year for Australia. A new Club was then formed out of the ashes of an old Rugby League side called Parramatta and so I went to manage them and 13 players came with me.

"I was with them for three seasons during which time we came 10th, 9th and 7th although the youth team won the championship in the first two years and came runners up in the third year. That takes us up to the end of 2001/02 and after that I began scouting for Feyenoord which I have been doing for about a year and am still doing now."

Continuing our stroll down memory lane, Dave went on to recall the promotion season at the County Ground and the final at Wembley.

"It was remarkable really. I remember Channel 4 doing a documentary and it was said right at the beginning of the season that the last time someone did a documentary the team got promoted. No one believed that we could do it. We did ourselves as we played good football and on our day we could beat anyone. A lot of people outside the Club were sceptical from what I recall. Leicester were quite a big side and no-one really fancied our chances.



"We came out onto the pitch and there was a fantastic crowd. My dad came over from Australia and it was a special day for him as people always dream of playing at Wembley and having moved his family out to Australia he never expected it.

"We really didn't want to let the Club down, the players felt it was a real responsibility that we got the Club up for all the fans that had supported us that year.

"When it was 3-0 I thought 'how good is this, we're playing at Wembley and we're three up.' And then all of a sudden, bang, bang, bang, they scored three goals. I can remember having a one on one, it was 3-3 with about 5 minutes to go and I could have been the hero but as I shot the ball I scuffed it. I thought it was going to go under the keeper but he actually sat on the thing. I felt like kicking him and the ball into the net. I thought that this was going to be the defining moment for Swindon not getting into the Premier League and it was all my fault. But luckily enough we got a penalty soon afterwards through Steve White and Paul Bodin tucked it away."

Some fans criticised Dave when he left the Club during the summer of 93 but he reveals that he wanted to come back but an FA rule prevented him doing so.

"I came back after going over to Turkey in a move that didn't work out and I actually trained with Swindon. John Gorman wanted to sign me back but they had this ridiculous rule that once you've left a Club you couldn't go back within a year. John had said to me 'come back Mitch we need you' and I would have come back to Swindon gladly but there was that silly rule."

Finally, having tasted success with both Swindon and club management in Oz Dave so nearly made an impact on the world stage. The Aussie/Scot with a Liverpoolian Dad explains how he just missed out on the big one.

"After I won coach of the year I went for the Australian job and was told I was the favourite to get it because I'd done well and what happened was Frank Farina got it. He pipped me for it which is still gut wrenching today."

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Bruce Lockhart	0.50

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£1214.50

SWINDON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Where has the first half of the season gone? With today's game being our last home match before Christmas it is time to wish everyone involved with the football club and their families a happy and peaceful time over the festive period and looking ahead, a prosperous and successful New year.

ROBINS REVIVAL "AWAY TRAVEL" SPONSORED HALF TIME DRAW.

Catching up with the latest winners we saw Mr A Buck of Wantage win £368 with ticket number 1168 at the Wycombe game. Details of the winner at the QPR match will be advised in the next programme. Thank you to everyone for their support with the draw. Incidentally, in recent weeks winners of two of the draws have returned part of their winning prize to the supporters club to help us in our work. The gesture was really appreciated and shows that we have some really brilliant supporters out there.

VALE AND WEST OXON GROUP.

Held a successful race night at the end of November that resulted in a profit of £325 that will be added to their fund raising efforts.

GEOFF HURST SPORTING DINNER.

As part of our ongoing support for the football club, we took a table at this event and were able through a "lucky draw" to provide some of our members with a free evenings entertainment. Those lucky members were: Mr & Mrs Bailey, Mr & Mrs Knight, Mr & Mrs Skinner, C Brewster, S Leonard, Ms. C Little, Mr K Mackenzie.

FOOTBALL CLUB SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE.

We have been major sponsors of this part of the youth development at the football club in recent years. We have added to our support by providing tracksuit tops, for each of the age groups, which will not only carry our logo but help the players look the part when representing the club. At half time today we are hoping to make a formal presentation on the pitch to Jimmy Fraser and his squads.

AWAY TRAVEL

BRENTFORD: Fare :Adult - £10.00 - Under 15's - £8.50

Supporters Club discount: £1.50

RUSHDEN: Friday 26th December 2003 Fare

Adult - £12.00 - Under 15's - £10.00

Supporters Club discount: £2.00

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STFC LADIES

THE TOWN LADIES DROPPED TO SIXTH PLACE IN THE SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FOLLOWING A MOST DISAPPOINTING TRIP TO OXFORD.

The Town fell behind as early as the 6th minute and further behind five minutes later.

The Town pulled a goal back in the 17th minute when Carly Smith latched onto keeper Tasha Chapman's long clearance to outpace the home defence and beat the advancing keeper. However that was the only goal that the Town managed despite Nikki Watts twice hitting the under side of the cross bar and Oxford went onto inflict the Town's heaviest defeat of the season scoring nine in total. The Town's trip to Newton Abbot was postponed.

The Reserves have continued to pick up points with two victories in succession. A trip to Brize Norton resulted in a six goals to nil win. Sam Quinn and Holly Burton both scored twice and there were goals for Melissa Sartain and Laura Allsop. The Reserves then entertained Swindon Spitfires and Tara Lofts goals in each half were enough for the Town to take the points with a two goals to one victory.

The Town Under Fourteens kept their unbeaten record and top spot in the Surrey Primary League with a four goals to nil home win over Portsmouth. In the Wiltshire County Seven a Side League the "A" are top with a hundred percent record having scored 67 goals and conceding just one and the younger "B" team have picked up and are now in fourth place.

The Town had six youngsters in the Wiltshire Youth squad that played Hampshire in the South West Counties Championship. Michelle Brown, Laura Stallard, Nikki Watts, Tasha Chapman, Leanne Gannaway and Tara Lofts all played. Nikki Watts gave Wiltshire the lead in just 12 seconds (the quickest recorded goal in Women's football is 7 seconds) but the visitors were victorious scoring three times.

Tomorrow the Town play their last game in the South West Combination League before the Christmas break when they entertain Cardiff City. The Welsh side are currently defending a hundred percent record. When the two sides met in Cardiff earlier in the season the experienced City side were too strong for the Town and won by eight goals to two. The game will be played at the Aldbourne FC Ground and will Kick Off at 2-00 pm.

ROGER REEVES

ONE 2 ONE WITH: LOUISE CORCORAN

AGE: 20
HOME TOWN: CARDIFF
OCCUPATION: BANK ASSISTANT
POSITION: MIDFIELD
PREVIOUS CLUBS: JUNIORS,
SWINDON SPITFIRES
HONOURS: WILTSHIRE YOUTH,
WILTSHIRE SENIOR
WHO DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?
STEVEN GERRARD
FAVOURITE CLUB? LIVERPOOL
FAVOURITE PLAYER? STEVEN GERRARD
**FAVOURITE TELEVISION
PROGRAMME?** FRIENDS
**WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO
SIT NEXT TO ON A PLANE?**
JONNY WILKINSON



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 Q. V. FA CUP-1	Away	6-7
2-Nov	READING ROYALS	Away	1-7
9-Nov	EXETER CITY	Home	4-0
16-Nov	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	Home	4-4
23-Nov	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	Home	Post
30-Nov	OXFORD	Away	1-9
7-Dec	NEWTON ABBOT	Away	Post
14-Dec	CARDIFF CITY	Home	

TABLE 2003/04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
READING ROYALS	12	11	0	1	82	11	33
CARDIFF CITY	11	11	0	0	62	7	33
CHESHAM UNITED	11	7	2	2	31	19	23
OXFORD	12	6	2	4	50	28	20
CLEVEDON TOWN	13	5	2	6	22	29	17
SWINDON TOWN	13	5	2	6	28	44	17
FOREST GREEN ROVERS	11	4	2	5	37	38	14
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	13	3	2	8	19	37	11
NEWTON ABBOT	11	3	2	6	20	42	11
READING	11	3	2	6	17	39	11
EXETER CITY	13	3	0	10	17	50	9
YEOVIL TOWN	11	0	3	8	10	43	3

MICHAEL'S WORKWEAR

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IN THE COMMUNITY



WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HERE'S HOPING FOR A FESTIVE THREE POINTS TODAY AGAINST PLYMOUTH.

We extend a warm welcome to our Saturday Team Club visitors who make up a massive group of 200 people this afternoon. A big thank you must go to the following:

Cliff Body - Blunsdon Colts U9's,
Paul Lavis - Marlborough Youth U9's
Barbara Godsell - Westbrook AFC
Mark Sawyer - Lydiard Youth U10's
Mark Reynolds - Lydiard Youth U9's
Marion Pictor & Jane Maslin - Malmesbury Youth U9's

We hope you all have a great day with us and we look forward to seeing you all again in the future. Once again many thanks to all the above named organisers who have done a great job with getting their respective groups here today.

Back on Friday 26th September 2003 Jon and myself were delighted to be invited over to Corsham along with Barry Stephens from the Wilts FA. We were invited to an auction organized by Gary Knowles and his team, Fascia Graphics FC, which was held in the Corsham Community Centre. It was a terrific evening and the music was provided by Chippenham DJ Jeremy Britton (01249 657346) and a live band who were called Nexzis. For more information on Nexzis please see their website (www.nexzis.com) or call Chris Cowdrey on 07900 952497.

The evening was followed by an auction and raffle that was made up of sporting memorabilia and all the proceeds were kindly donated to the English Federation of Disabled Sports (EFDS). Today we are receiving a cheque for £1,040 for our Ability Counts Project that we run here through the community scheme. We would like to express our thanks to Gary and all the people who contributed to making the night such a success.

Over the last three months we have been going into three schools a week offering two hour coaching sessions for

children in primary education. The sessions have gone very well with girls and boys as young as four years old up to eleven, joining in a thirty minute session per class. One of the schools that we have coached in was arranged by Colin Jones who now teaches at the Even Swindon School in Rodbourne. Headteacher, Mr Keith Cozens, is an avid Plymouth Argyle fan and is in fact retiring from his post at Christmas. Today he is leading out the Plymouth team as the Club mascot and we sincerely hope he has a great day and a long and healthy retirement back in his native county of Devon.



▲ Blunsdon Colts U9's



▲ Westbrook U7's



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▲ Fascia Graphics



▲ Marlborough U9's



▲ Westbrook U6's



▲ Lydiard U9's

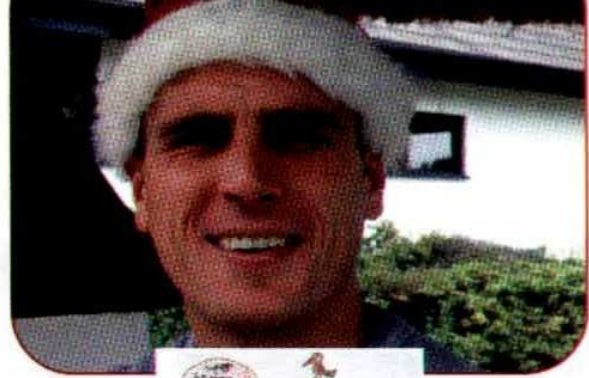


▲ Malmesbury Youth



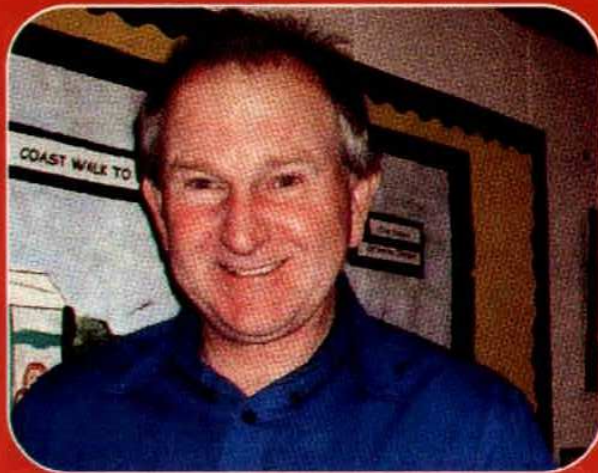
▲ Lydiard U10's





GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL THE JUNIOR ROBINS HERE THIS AFTERNOON AND ON BEHALF OF ALL AT THE CLUB I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO THE JUNIOR GREENS HERE TODAY.

We also have Holy Rood Junior School and Even Swindon Junior School here today. Keith Cozens became head of Even Swindon Juniors at Christmas 1983 and has always supported Plymouth Argyle, as this was his home club and has been a season ticket holder for a number of years. He is aged 54 and is originally from Cornwall, he became a teacher in 1971, having trained in Oxford. In this time he has dedicated a great deal to the local community and in particular youth football in the area. He is leaving the school in April to take on a new role with Somerset LEA and be with his partner Patsy who lives there. He is well liked and loved by staff and pupils alike and this is why they wanted to say thank you to him, by making his dream of running out with the Plymouth team come true. I hope he enjoys his day, well not too much of course!



▲ Keith Cozens

I would like to thank Lydia Rogers, Jessie Howard, Liam Jeffries, Bradley Carter, Joshua McCarthy, Robert Harland, Hannah Clinch, Melissa Edmunds, Chloe Tuck, Shane Edginton, Lizzie Skeates, Pete Leppan, Chris Sinsbury, Nathan Sinsbury and Megan Edmunds. They all entered Christmas cards into our competition and the standard was very high, here are the best three:



- Third** - Hannah Clinch - aged 7
- Second** - Melissa Edmunds - aged 12
- First** - Joshua McCarthy - aged 7

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

You should have received a letter with all the details for these, if you haven't please contact me on the details below.

The Christmas disco is on Monday 22nd December, I look forward to seeing you all there! Please make sure you fill in your form and return it me, ASAP.

This is the last game before Christmas, so on behalf of all the players and staff here at The County Ground, I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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.

Alice Wills
Junior Robins and Schools Project Manager

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KICK-OFF THE NEW YEAR IN STYLE! SHEFFIELD WED VS SWINDON TOWN

To be played at Hillsborough
Saturday 10th January 2004,
K.O. 3.00pm

Back in September the club ran a very successful trip to Elland Road for a classic Carling Cup encounter with Premier League outfit Leeds United. One traveller on that day back in September was Executive Season Ticket holder Harry Fitchett: "It was a tremendous day out, and we were looked after brilliantly. Well worth it." The club had so much positive feedback from the Leeds event that we are planning a brand new trip for 2004, to one of the most famous grounds in England - Hillsborough. Seeking revenge for our defeat on the opening day of the season, the players will be fired-up and ready for this encounter - and it should be great entertainment.

HERE'S A RUNDOWN OF THE DAY:

To Include:

- Return travel to Sheffield on a luxury coach with video screens and tables
- Complimentary Tea & Coffee on board
- Sandwiches, Cakes and Snacks all the way
- Three course lunch at Four Star Tankersley Manor Nr. Sheffield
- Match ticket for the game
- Complimentary Matchday Magazine
- Swindon Town gift for each guest
- Competitions and prizes to be won along the way
- Services of Swindon Town FC Representatives

Approximate timetable of events:

- 8:00am - Coach departs Swindon
- 11:30am - Arrive at Tankersley Manor for lunch
- 1:45pm - Leave Hotel and commence journey to Hillsborough
- 2:15pm - Arrive at Hillsborough Stadium
- 3:00pm - Kick Off
- 5:30pm - (Latest) Leave Stadium
- 9:00pm - Arrive back in Swindon

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To book your seats, please contact Stephen Mytton on 01793 333718 or by email: steve@swindontownfc.co.uk, but hurry as we only have a limited amount of places available on this V.I.P. Executive trip, and tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

Simon Coy

WHERE ARE THEY NOW...?

EVER WONDERED WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR COUNTY GROUND HEROES? YOU CHEERED THEM ON AND GAZED ADMIRINGLY AT THEIR XR31 IN THE CAR PARK. BUT WHERE DID THEY GO, THESE MEN OF STEEL ??

ON THE TRACK IS COY "THE HACK" FROM TOTTENHAM TO TIMBUKTU (WHO HE FINDS IS UP TO YOU). CHALLENGE HIM NOW WITH A NAME FROM THE PAST BY EMAILING SIMONCOY@EMAIL.COM AND WHEREVER THEY ARE HE'LL FIND THEM.

This week to celebrate the end of the 10 year anniversary promotion year The Hack had a chat with the man who won the most famous penalty in Town history, Steve "Chalkie" White, as well as the man who buried it, Paul "Zippy" Bodin.

Firstly, thanks to Mike Lewis and Simon Bayliss for your emails. The Hack is on the trail although one or two of the players you wanted me to find seem to have gone into hiding. However, I'm getting warmer and hope to bring you some news in a future edition.

Three weeks ago Chippenham Town, bottom of the Dr.Martens Premier League appointed a new man to try and revive the teams flagging fortunes. The man chosen is a very familiar face to Swindon fans. Steve White pulled on a Town shirt 244 times scoring 83 goals as part of a long and successful league career that had already seen him play for Bristol Rovers, Luton Town and Charlton Athletic before his arrival at the County Ground in the mid 1980's.

After leaving Swindon at the end of the Premiership season "Chalkie" moved to Hereford where his prolific goalscoring continued as he netted 44 times in 76 appearances between 1994 and 96. His playing career finished at Cardiff City where he spent two further years up to 1998.

Steve made his first move into management between 1998 and 2001 when he worked as assistant to Paul Bodin at Bath City. He left the club but stayed in the city when he became Director Of Coaching for the Southampton FC Bath Academy. He enjoyed his role where he coached 7 to 16 year olds on behalf of the south coast club. He is proud to say that three of his young prospects look like they will go far. Keep your

eyes and ears open for Martin Crainie, Nathan Dyer and Lloyd James.

Steve decided to take his chance to become 'the gaffer' by signing a 2 and a half year contract at Chippenham.

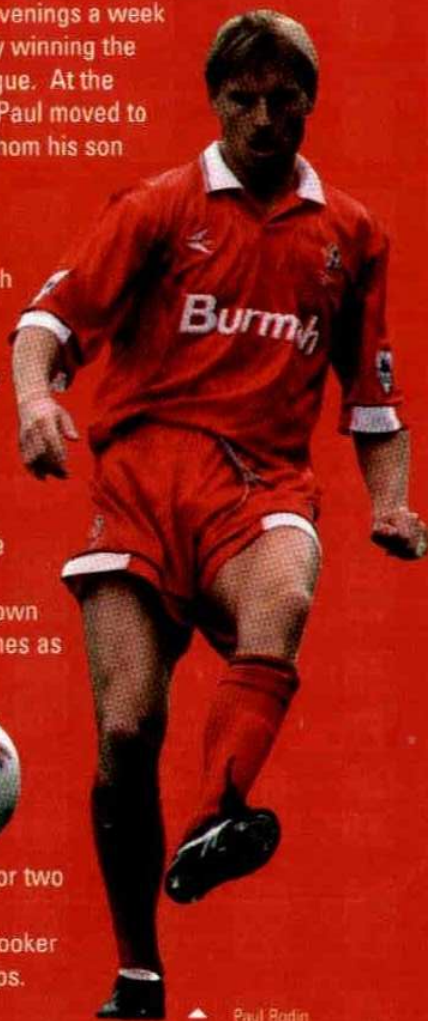
"It's a great opportunity for me. Although it was good to be working for a Premiership club I missed the day to day involvement. It was too good to miss."

White's old boss at Twerton Park, Paul Bodin, left Swindon for Reading in 1996 before taking the reins at Bath City in 1998. He left half way through his third year at the club and returned to the County Ground where he had previously made 239 appearances and scored 37 goals including 'that goal' under the shadow of the twin towers.

Working with Phil Cannon, "Zippy" began coaching the U17's two evenings a week who achieved success by winning the South West Alliance League. At the beginning of this season Paul moved to coaching the U12's for whom his son Billy plays as a striker.

"Billy finished as top goalscorer at the Ian Rush Tournament in Aberystwyth recently beating the record set by Michael Owen". Paul is rightly proud of his son's achievement.

He also does work for the Swindon New College Academy alongside ex-Town midfield maestro Tom Jones as well as a bit of scouting for his old pal Martin Ling at Leyton Orient. Like many ex-players Paul has one or two business interests and recently sold his local snooker club and a couple of shops.



▲ Paul Bodin

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STFC FACT FILE

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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	Netts County	3.00	Home	4-0	5,758	206
Mon 25 Aug	AFC Bournemouth	3.00	Away	2-2	6,606	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 (3-4pen)	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	7,085	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	1-1	10,021	2,807
Sat 29 Nov	Hartlepool United	3.00	Away	0-2	4,493	358
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	Netts 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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Griemink	Gurney*	Heywood*	Viveash	Duke	Hewlett	Robinson	Miglioranzi
Evans	Haywood	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
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Evans	Ifil	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranzi
Griemink**	Smith	Hewlett	Reeves	Gurney	Stevenson	Parkin	Miglioranzi
Evans	Ifil	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranzi
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Evans	Gurney	Hewlett	Viveash	Igoe	Mooney	Duke	Heywood
Griemink	Smith	Viveash	Herring	Stevenson	Nicholas	Howard	Finlay
Evans	Hewlett	Viveash	Reeves	Gurney	Howard	Mooney	Duke
Evans	Hewlett	Lewis	Reeves	Gurney	Howard	Mooney	Duke
Evans	Lewis	Hewlett	Reeves	Mooney	Burton	Miglioranzi	Finlay
Evans	Lewis	Hewlett	Gurney	Mooney	Miglioranzi	Duke	Nicholas
Evans	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranzi	Duke	Nicholas	Howard
Evans	Hewlett	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranzi	Duke	Heywood
Evans	Hewlett	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranzi	Duke	Robinson
Evans	Hewlett	Reeves	Gurney	Mooney	Duke	Robinson	Parkin

TODAY'S MASCOTS



JOSH SEALEY

Nine-year old Josh attends Bishopwood Junior School in Tadley and his favourite Town players are Sammy Igoe and Sam Parkin. He plays football for Calleva U10's and Playstation 2 in his spare time.



MILES RUGGIERO

Miles lives in Blunsdon, attends Bristol Grammar School, and plays football amongst other sports. His favourite Town player is Sam Parkin. Miles will be 10 on the 18th December. Happy Birthday from all at STFC.



NOAH HOWELL & LUC HOWELL

Two year old Noah's favourite Town player is Tommy Mooney and his hobbies are football, painting and playing with toy cars. Brother Luc, 5, attends St Marys RC Primary School and his favourite Town player is 'Super' Sam Parkin. His hobbies are football, drawing and reading.



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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	20	7	3	0	22	2	3	5	2	13	12	38	+21
PLYMOUTH	20	6	3	1	23	10	4	4	2	19	13	37	+19
BRIGHTON	20	7	1	2	18	8	3	3	4	13	15	34	+8
BARNSELY	20	5	5	0	14	7	4	1	5	14	18	33	+3
HARTLEPOOL	20	5	5	0	18	4	3	2	5	14	20	31	+8
BOURNEMOUTH	20	5	4	1	18	12	3	3	4	10	11	31	+5
PORT VALE	20	7	2	1	19	12	2	2	6	7	13	31	+1
COLCHESTER	20	5	3	2	12	9	4	1	5	12	18	31	-3
BRISTOL C	20	5	4	1	16	7	2	5	3	9	10	30	+8
LUTON	20	7	2	1	21	11	1	4	5	12	22	30	0
BLACKPOOL	20	5	0	5	14	12	4	3	3	11	15	30	-2
RUSHDEN	20	5	2	3	21	15	3	2	5	14	17	28	+3
SWINDON	20	4	4	2	17	10	3	3	4	10	14	28	+3
WREXHAM	20	3	4	3	9	7	5	0	5	13	15	28	0
GRIMSBY	20	4	2	4	15	9	3	3	4	10	19	26	-3
BRENTFORD	20	5	1	4	16	17	3	1	6	7	13	26	-7
SHEFF WED	20	2	5	3	11	12	4	2	4	12	14	25	-3
TRANMERE	20	5	3	2	14	9	1	4	5	6	19	25	-8
OLDHAM	20	4	2	4	15	13	1	6	3	15	18	23	-1
PETERBORO*	20	0	4	6	13	19	4	4	2	11	10	20	-5
STOCKPORT	20	1	4	5	13	19	3	4	3	14	16	20	-8
NOTTS CO	20	3	2	5	11	11	2	2	6	7	19	19	-12
CHESTERFIELD	20	2	4	4	10	11	0	3	7	4	16	13	-13
WYCOMBE	20	2	2	6	14	18	0	4	6	7	17	12	-14

*DENOTES BOOKING **DENOTES SENDING OFF DENOTES SUB

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Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Evans	Howard	Stevenson	Reeves	Smith
Igoe	Stevenson	Parkin	Griemink	Miglioranzi	Lewis	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
Reeves	Reeves	Robinson	Griemink	Ruster	Howard	Smith	Herring
Reeves	Pook	Robinson	Evans	Duke	Heywood	Martin	Garrard
Heywood	Burton	Robinson	Griemink	Stevenson	Nicholas	Martin	Ruster
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Robinson	Heywood	Nicholas	Griemink	Stevenson	Viveash	Howard	Ruster
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Heywood	Reeves	Robinson	Griemink	Viveash	Herring	Ruster	Smith
Robinson	Ifil	Lewis	Griemink	Nicholas	Howard	Reeves	Fallon
Heywood	Ifil	Reeves	Griemink	Nicholas	Smith	Reeves	Fallon
Miglioranzi	Nicholas	Ifil	Griemink	Smith	Howard	Ruster	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	1y1r	1	0	0
JEREL IFIL	9	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	20	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
ANDY GURNEY	19	3	7y	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
SAMMY IGOE	9	1	2y1r	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
TOMMY MOONEY	20	8	2y	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
SAM PARKIN	14	7	1y	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
STEF MIGLIORANZI	17	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
DAVID DUKE	19	0	3y	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
IAN HERRING	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
JON STEVENSON	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
ANDREW NICHOLAS	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
JAMES MILNER	6	1	2y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRIAN HOWARD	13	1	2y	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
MATT HEYWOOD	20	0	2y1r	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
RHYS EVANS	16	0	1y	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN REEVES	13	0	2y	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1y
STEVE ROBINSON	14	1	1y	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
BEN MARTIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
SEBASTIEN RUSTER	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	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	4	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

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONWIDE SECOND DIVISION

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

PLYMOUTH MASCOT

Matthew Whitfield aged 6, who lives in Penarth, Nr Cardiff. He attends Evenload Primary School and his favourite players are Paul Wotton and David Ffrio. His hobbies are football and sailing.

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Mark McGhee



UP NEXT

AT THE COUNTY GROUND



WHO: BRIGHTON & H.A.
WHEN: SUNDAY 28th DECEMBER
KICK OFF: 3PM

BY THE TIME WE NEXT GATHER AT THE COUNTY GROUND, CHRISTMAS DAY WILL BE A MEMORY AND THE NEW YEAR WILL BECKON. BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION ARE THE VISITORS ON 28TH DECEMBER FOR THE LAST LEAGUE MATCH FOR BOTH SIDES BEFORE 2004.

The day will mark the end of manager Mark McGhee's first two months in charge of the Seagulls since he took over from Reading-bound Steve Coppell. Albion had a rude awakening when relegation to Division Two on the last day of last season followed promotion 12 months earlier.

This season a good start gave way to a drop in form but with a recovery under way they are once more justifying the pre-season odds of 8/1 for the top spot, even though Brighton's away record shows that they are not unbeatable.

Here at Swindon we have a couple of strikers who have shown they know where the net is, but Brighton's Leon Knight currently leaves Sam and Tommy standing in the goal scoring stakes. With 16 to his name by the end of November Knight, who arrived at the club as a replacement for Bobby Zamora, is the division's second leading scorer and will need watching carefully.

Behind him in the scoring chart is Chris

McPhee who had seven in all competitions by the start of December.

Midfielder John Piercy joined from Spurs and he had an eventful spell with a goal and a card of each colour in the last three games of November.

Mark Yeates, another player with Tottenham connections, joined on loan in the middle of November although with the deal planned to last a month it would need an extension for Yeates to feature against Town. Ben Roberts has deposed Dutch keeper Michel Kuipers, who has recently spent a loan spell at Hull City.

Both teams will be hoping to finish 2003 in positive fashion.



Sunday 28th December (3:00pm kick off)

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TOWN END

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Assistant 1: **A R HENDLEY**
Assistant 2: **G R RUSSELL**
4th Official: **A WILLIAMS**



SWINDON TOWN

Andy King **MANAGER**



PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

MANAGER Paul Sturrock

BART GRIEMINK	1	100/1	100/1	1	ROMAIN LARRIEU
GRANT SMITH	3	10/1	20/1	2	DAVID WORRELL
MATT HEWLETT	4	8/1	7/1	3	LEE HODGES
ADI VIVEASH	5	20/1	5/1	4	DAVID FRIIO
ANDY GURNEY	6	10/1	12/1	5	GRAHAM COUGHLAN
SAMMY IGOE	7	8/1	16/1	6	STEVE ADAMS
TOMMY MOONEY	8	3/1	7/1	7	DAVID NORRIS
SAM PARKIN	9	3/1		8	JASON BENT
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	10	10/1	7/2	9	MICKY EVANS
DAVID DUKE	11	7/1	6/1	10	IAN STONEBRIDGE
IAN HERRING	12	8/1	10/1	11	MARTIN PHILLIPS
JON STEVENSON	14	4/1	12/1	14	TONY CAPALDI
ANDREW NICHOLAS	15	20/1	8/1	15	PAUL WOTTON
RORY FALLON	16	4/1	20/1	16	HASNEY ALJOFREE
BRIAN HOWARD	17	10/1	9/2	18	NATHAN LOWNDES
SEBASTIEN RUSTER	18	5/1	7/2	19	MARINO KEITH
MATTHEW HEYWOOD	19	10/1		20	EUGENE KANGULUNGU
RHYS EVANS	20	100/1	8/1	21	BLAIR STURROCK
BEN MARTIN	21		25/1	22	PAUL CONNOLLY
ALAN REEVES	22	16/1	100/1	23	LUKE MCCORMICK
MICHAEL POOK	23	20/1	16/1	24	PETER GILBERT
LUKE GARRARD	24				
STEVE ROBINSON	25	8/1			
DAVE BAMPTON	27	16/1			
JEREL IFIL	28	16/1			
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