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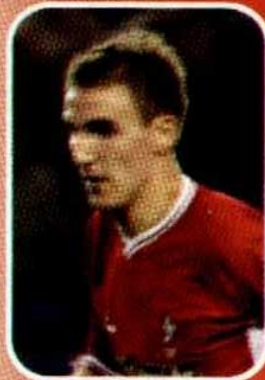
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In today's edition of 'FC Magazine' we speak to Andy Nicholas who joined us from Liverpool in pre-season. 'Nicho' speaks about his time at Anfield as well as his season so far. And as usual we have regular columnists Andy King, Andy Gurney, Mark Devlin, David Duke and much, much more.

When you get home this evening after watching the Town, why not take a look at the official site. We will have post-match interviews on STFC World as well as an in-depth match report, reaction from the Manager and you can also watch the action on World from Monday. For more information just visit swindontownfc.co.uk

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THE NEWS

COUNTY GROUND DIARY



▲ Off to the salon?

MONDAY 5TH JANUARY HOWARD'S AWAY!

Brian Howard was voted Player Of The Month for December and picked up his award at The County Ground on Tuesday 5Th January.

The former Saints man has been in tremendous form following his spell on the left hand side of midfield. His goal against Brentford along with a string of superb performances secured the gong for the 20-year old ahead of the other candidates.

The midfielder was obviously pleased with his new acquisition, a Mitsubishi Shogun, albeit on loan for just one month. Howard spoke exclusively to STFC World upon receiving the award.

"I was pretty delighted to get it, it was very unexpected and a few of the lads started to rib me about whether I was able to drive or not when they found out. I just want to say a big thanks to all the fans that voted."

MONDAY 5TH JANUARY HALLIDAY JOINS UP

Former STFC player Kevin Halliday has joined the STFC Football in the Community Office as an additional member of the coaching team.

Football in the Community Development Officer Clive Maguire said:

"We are delighted to have Kevin join the team. He is a familiar face and should be a valuable member of our coaching set-up."



▲ Kevin Halliday



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THE GAFFER



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GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME WITH COLCHESTER UNITED. I WOULD LIKE TO WISH A WARM WELCOME TO THE VISITING PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND DIRECTORS TO THE COUNTY GROUND.

Having been at Layer Road on Tuesday night for the Cup replay, of which the result went in Colchester's favour 2-1, I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best in their continuing Cup run. I hope they have left the aggression from that game at home, both on and off the field!

Today is a very important game and I think we played as well as we have done all season in the second half at Colchester earlier in the season. Phil Parkinson has done a good job so far and we start today's game just a point ahead of them in the league. Also, I would like to thank you for all your support over the past few weeks and I hope we can put on a performance that will enable you to get behind us once again.

Obviously as the game starts today we have lost the services of both Rory Fallon and Andy Gurney through suspension, so obviously there will be changes from the team that played at Hillsborough last week.

Today will be Jerel Ifil's last game. He has been not only a wonderful acquisition and I have tried to bring him in on a permanent basis but Watford have not been forthcoming in wishing to sell him so he will have to go back. I would like to thank him personally because if we can achieve something this season then his contribution will have had a major part in that. I hope he leaves us on a winning note.

On a personal note, Adi Viveash and his family have had a poor Christmas due to the unfortunate illness of Adi's young son Toby. He has now recovered and is having a late Christmas and I am so pleased for them. I would like to welcome Adi back into training and wish him and his family a brighter New Year than the year ended.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and I hope it is an enjoyable trip for both you and me.

Enjoy the game.

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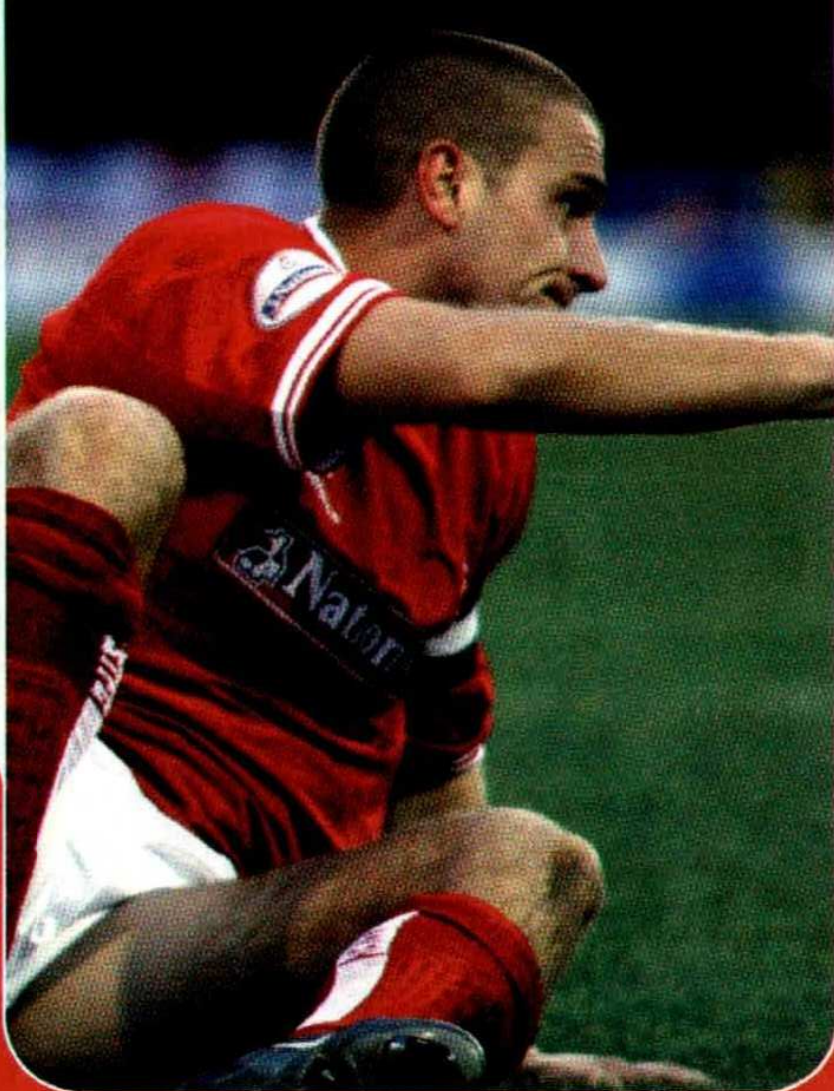
May I wish you all a belated Happy New Year, as we had a clean bill of health for the last home game against Bournemouth.

For today's game thankfully we only have one doubt, that of Stefan Miglioranzi who sustained a groin strain against Bournemouth. He has made good progress but will be extremely doubtful for today's game.

Rhys Evans picked up a nasty grazing to his knee last weekend at Hillsborough and Matty Hewlett had a sore knee. Both of these players will be available for today's game. Gurney and Fallon will both miss the game through suspension.

Enjoy the game.

▶ Andy Gurney



CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

HELLO AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME WITH COLCHESTER UNITED.

It has been a pretty productive Christmas period for us. Having taken nine points from a possible twelve we have moved up the league and now find ourselves right amongst the battle for the play-off places.

The loss at Rushden & Diamonds was perhaps the low point of the festive season as we didn't really do ourselves justice. However, we made up for that with the win over

Bournemouth and our home form is gaining momentum now.

We had chances to win the game at Hillsborough last weekend, as did they, but we would have taken a point before the game and it was great to play in front of a big crowd and at such a magnificent stadium.

Today we have to beat Colchester, make no mistake. Our home form is crucial to us if we are to keep up our promotion push. Let's hope we can produce the goods with three points this afternoon.

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MARK DEVLIN



GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO EVERYONE FOR TODAY'S MATCH UP WITH COLCHESTER UNITED.

On behalf of the Board of Directors at the County Ground can I also offer a warm welcome to the Directors, Management, Players and Supporters of Colchester. The hospitality afforded to us at Layer Road last August was very warm and I hope you enjoy your day, although I would like the three points to stay in Wiltshire.

At long last I am able to give you my thoughts on the AGM. All in all it was a positive meeting. The three sets of accounts presented (1998/99, 1999/2000, 2000/01) did not make for pleasant reading. However given the two periods of administration the club has suffered over the past few years, that was always going to be the case. The important thing is that the club is structured in such a way that it can stand on its own two feet, with the objective of breaking even over the course of the financial year. I believe we are well on the way to achieving this. Clearly, we need to keep improving incoming revenue into the club. That means several things. Firstly, we must work with our fan base to improve attendances at the County Ground. We need to capture data more proficiently and use that data for a co-ordinated push to develop attendance and expenditure at the Stadium. This effort must be replicated in the corporate market. Businesses are returning to the County Ground. We have some of the most professional and friendly corporate matchday offerings anywhere in the League and, I believe, that the efforts of Mike Sullivan and his commercial team are being noticed. But we are still striving to re-establish our credibility with our fans - both corporate and individuals after a very difficult few seasons where, as a club, we alienated many local people.

The clubshop has improved dramatically, in customer service, revenues and bottom line delivery, and needs to improve further. Non-matchday conference and banqueting revenue is also improved. But, as the Winners Lounge is one of Wiltshire's biggest conferencing facilities, I know there is still room for further improvement.

Costs need to be monitored very closely. In line with the new ruling from the Football League, the total cost of salaries for our playing squad cannot exceed 60% of our turnover next season. Other costs too need to be minimised. With an ageing stadium, suffering from a lack of investment, this is not always easy but we just have to manage the situation as well as possible. Both Sandy Gray and I were delighted to receive shareholder support for us to continue as Directors of Swindon Town Football Company Limited. The company has become a subsidiary of Swindon Town FC Limited, a company controlled by James Wills. The holding company is now the vehicle for the club to obtain any additional cash requirements, should it be necessary to do so.

A couple of things to note from our trip to Hillsborough. Firstly, the wonderfully noisy support. Apart from their famous band, you outsang the Wednesday fans from start to finish. Please keep up the noise levels at home, which I know is more difficult as our support is split between three stands. Secondly, when the match referee was taken ill midway through the first half, the PA system appealed for any class one referees in attendance to make themselves known, our very own Sales & Marketing Manager, Mike 'Pierluigi Collina' Sullivan offered his services. I would have paid the admission fee alone to see Mike, trying to contain Andy King within the technical area. Maybe one day we'll get the chance.

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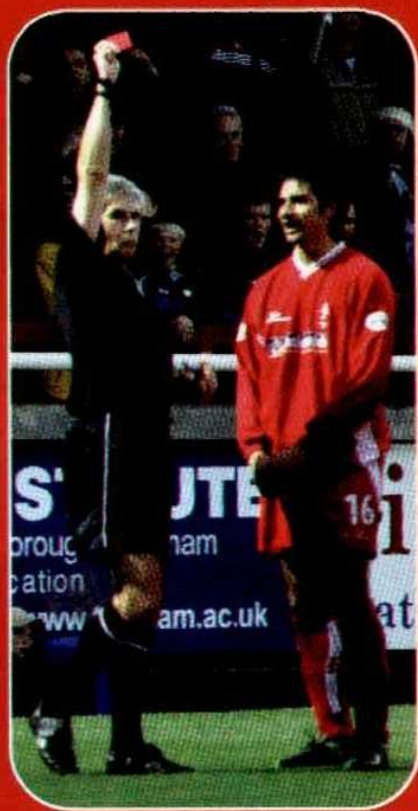
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MATCH ACTION

RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS 2
SWINDON TOWN 0



THERE WAS NO FESTIVE CHEER FOR TEN MEN TOWN FOLLOWING A 2-0 BOXING DAY DEFEAT AT RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS WRITES STFC SPORTS REPORTER SIMON COY.

A brace of goals from big striker Lowe, one in each half, ended Swindon's resistance in another evenly matched contest which saw the home team make the most of very few chances after Swindon had been reduced to ten man following the sending off of Rory Fallon.

The game began with a strong wind behind the home team. An early attack saw a good through ball find big striker Onandi Lowe running through on goal. Rhys Evans raced off his line to clear well with his feet. Rodney Jack fired back towards the empty net from 30 yards but only struck Gurney guarding the open goal.

In the 12th minute a long Nicholas throw was met by Parkin in the box but the striker couldn't make a good contact and nodded wide of the right hand upright. Shortly after at the other end a heavy back pass from Gurney put Evans under pressure but the keeper cleared well.

Swindon went close five minutes later when Howard played a pass towards Igoe making a run in behind Parkin who laid the ball into his path. The little midfielder took a touch before letting fly from the edge of the box forcing keeper Ashdown into a good save to turn the ball just wide of the right post.

However in the 23rd minute Rushden took the lead. Rodney Jack tested Evans with a long range shot, which the keeper did well to tip over the bar for a corner. The ball in was initially cleared before falling for Jack on the edge of the area. He skipped round Gurney before floating the ball into

the box. Hunter flicked on towards the giant Lowe who powered in a header from 6 yards.

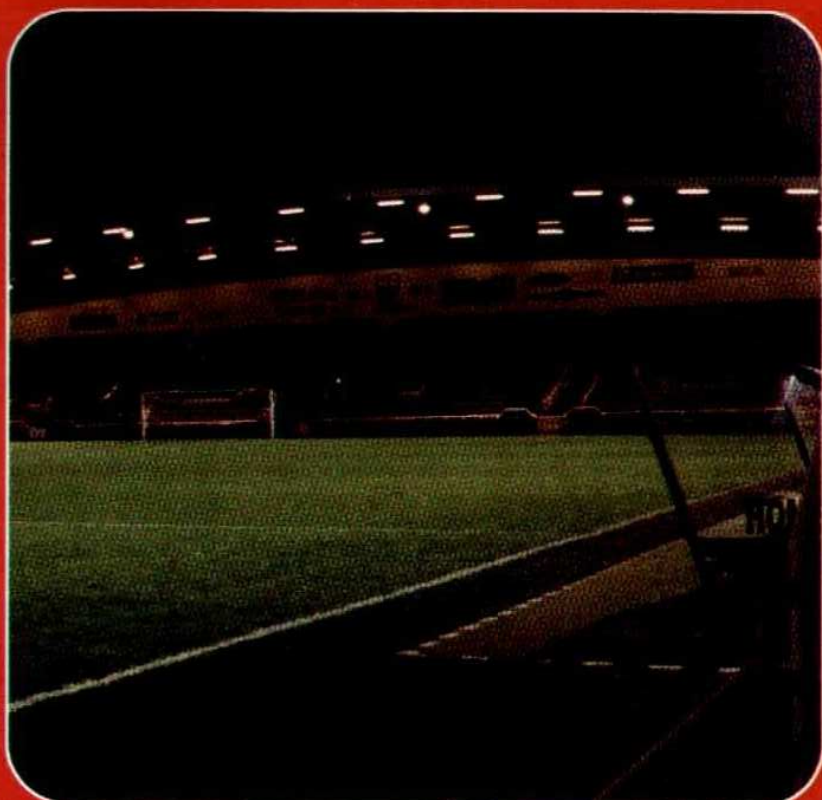
A minute later skipper Gurney picked up another booking for dissent after voicing his opinion to referee Warren. Just on the half hour mark disaster struck when Rory Fallon was shown a straight red card for an off the ball incident in the Rushden box involving Barry Hunter.

Referee Warren again reached for his book again shortly before half time to give Steve Robinson a yellow card for a challenge on Dempster.

Town began brightly in the second half going straight on the attack as Miglioranzi slipped the ball through to Parkin but the move broke down as Super Sam delayed his cross. At the other end Andy Sambrook made a good run down the right but his ball across was cut out by Evans.



FRIDAY 26TH DECEMBER
 VENUE: NENE PARK
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Ten minutes into the second half a Rodney Jack cross found Hall who somehow managed to spoon the ball up and over the bar from point blank range when scoring seemed an easier option.

Just before the hour an excellent Howard ball found Parkin on the right. He turned and played the ball across to Robinson who cut inside and fired a shot, which Ashdown saved well down to his right.

Andy King made his first change immediately after bringing on Mooney for Sammy Igoe and the Town fans turned up the volume to chant the name of the big number eight.

In the 62nd minute Swindon went further behind. Alan Reeves collected a booking after hauling down Lowe on the edge of the box. The huge striker dragged himself to his feet before striking a free-kick through the Town wall into the back of the net.

Soon after Howard made another confident run through the centre of midfield but sent his weak shot wide of the right hand upright. Minutes later Gurney fired high and wide from long range as Town tried desperately to pull a goal back. Miglioranzi found space for a shot which was deflected into the path of Parkin but the alert keeper collected before the number nine could react.

Both teams made a change with fifteen minutes left. David Duke came on for Howard in midfield and Rushden brought on Ritchie Hanlon for the hard working Lowe.

With ten minutes left Town were awarded a free kick 25 yards out when Parkin had his shirt pulled. Mooney stepped up but could only fire low into the wall and the ball was scrambled clear.

With a minute left Evans made a superb

save to deny Burgess from an excellent Kitson cross. As the rain lashed down referee Warren brought the contest to an end and the fantastic support from the 1,089 Swindon fans was unable to raise the team enough to take anything from a disappointing game.

SWINDON TOWN:

Rhys Evans, Andy Gurney, Sammy Igoe, Sam Parkin, Stefani Miglioranzi, Andy Nicholas, Rory Fallon, Brian Howard, Alan Reeves, Steve Robinson, Jerel Ifil

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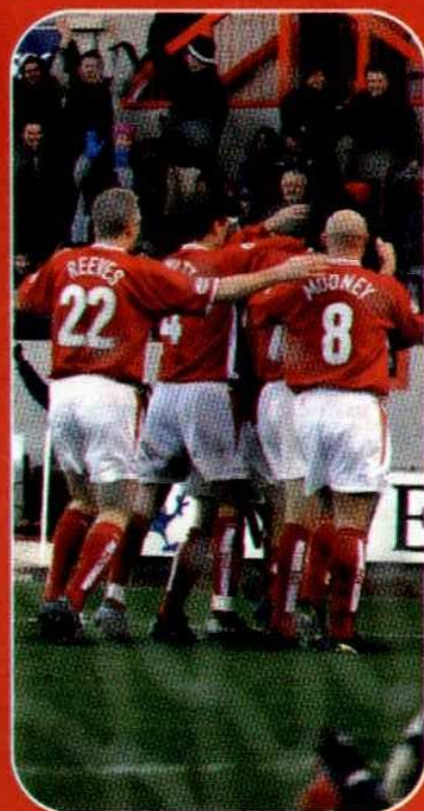
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MATCH ACTION

SWINDON TOWN 2
BRIGHTON & H.A. 1



TOWN BROUGHT THE HIGH FLYING SEAGULLS DOWN TO EARTH AS STEFANI MIGLIORANZI SCORED THE WINNER AFTER LEON KNIGHT HAD EQUALISED FOLLOWING SAM PARKIN'S OPENER WRITES STFC SPORTS REPORTER ADRIAN SMITH.

Town made a bright start through Sammy Igoe's attacking play but had to withstand early Brighton pressure before going close from an elaborate free-kick involving Tommy Mooney, Andy Gurney and Matt Hewlett. The strong wind blowing towards the Town goal led to Rhys Evans struggling with a Nicholas backpass when the ball bounced over his foot and out for a corner which was cleared.

In the 20th minute Mooney and Parkin get in each other's way in front of goal as Igoe crossed and the ball was cleared. Hewlett made a good

interception in midfield and his pass to Parkin resulted in a corner by Howard, which was cleared, and moments later Nicholas had a shot that went just over the bar.

Nicholas made a timely interception from McPhee and at the other end Howard sent Nicholas clear in the 28th minute with Parkin lurking in the 6-yard box but the ball was cleared for a corner. Igoe had a powerful volley which struck Carpenter for another corner and shortly afterwards Miglioranzi's shot from 20 yards flew just over the bar.

Two minutes before half-time Brighton were awarded a free-kick when Igoe handled but Watson's free-kick struck the defensive wall and Carpenter created a good move for Yeates but his shot flew over.

Sam Parkin warmed up the bitterly cold County Ground when he put Town

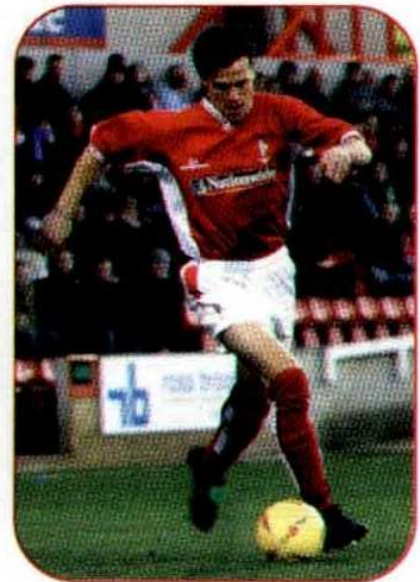
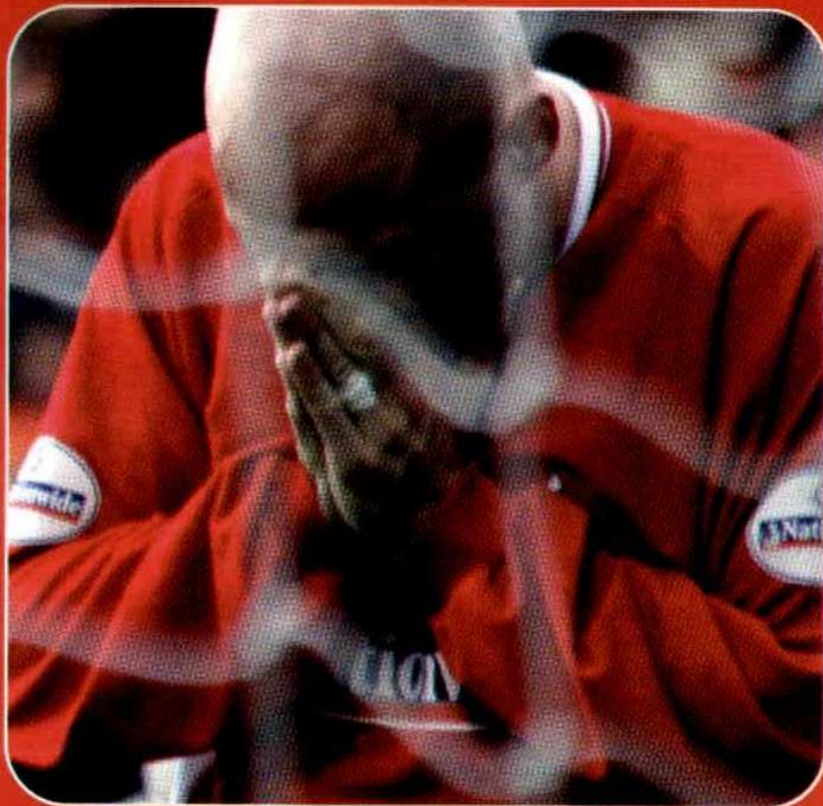
ahead from close range in the 45th minute after Miglioranzi flicked the ball on from Gurney's free-kick and there was no time for the game to restart

Brighton replaced McPhee with Leon Knight at half-time and he almost equalised for the visitors with a curling shot which went just wide and the substitute was involved moments later with a cross which was intercepted by Evans. At the other end a superb ball by Miglioranzi set up Gurney but his shot was high and wide with the goal at his mercy and the captain managed to repeat the feat after a pass from Howard!

Knight had the ball in the net in the 53rd minute after a cross by Mayo but was ruled offside although two minutes later Knight pounced on a header by Butters to score the equaliser and the goalscorer was also cautioned for over-exuberant celebrations as he took his shirt off.



SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER
 VENUE: THE COUNTY GROUND
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Matt Hewlett went close in the 57th minute with a powerful volley after a cheeky backheeled effort by Mooney in front of goal was cleared. It looked like Town had taken a deserved lead when Miglioranzi's close range shot struck the crossbar and bounced on the goal line but the ball was cleared. However there was no doubt about Miglioranzi's next effort when he bundled the ball into the net at the backpost in the 66th minute to lift the volume around the County Ground.

Zesh Renham replaced Piercy in the 69th minute just before Evans made a commanding save from a Brighton free-kick and at the other end Mooney had a shot saved. There were cautions for Gurney following a late challenge in the 74th minute and also Benham who was cautioned for dissent after a free-kick had been awarded against Brighton.

Evans made a superb diving save

from a Benham shot in the 79th minute and moments later Knight was lucky not to see a second yellow card for a late challenge on Gurney.

Mooney set up Igoe and his defence splitting ball sent Parkin clear in front of goal but he took one touch too many and his shot was blocked and Parkin was guilty of a glaring miss in the 82nd minute when a superb ball by Igoe reached Super Sam but his first time shot went wide.

Yeates had a long-range effort in the 83rd minute but his shot went wide and moments later Ifil made a last ditch tackle on Knight to concede a corner. Brighton pressed hard for an equaliser but Town counterattacked strongly through Parkin, Igoe and Mooney but were unable to get a clear shot on goal.

A free-kick in the 90th minute led to a scramble in the Town penalty area

but the ball was cleared by Igoe and in the 2nd minute of added time Brighton were reduced to 10 men when Nathan Jones was sent off for violent conduct after a tackle on Hewlett. Seconds later the Referee Mr S Tanner blew up for full-time as Town ended 2003 on a high note to delight the crowd of 9,269.

SWINDON TOWN:

Rhys Evans, Andy Gurney, Sammy Igoe, Tommy Mooney, Sam Parkin, Stefani Miglioranzi, Andy Nicholas, Brian Howard, Alan Reeves, Jerel Ifil, Matthew Hewlett

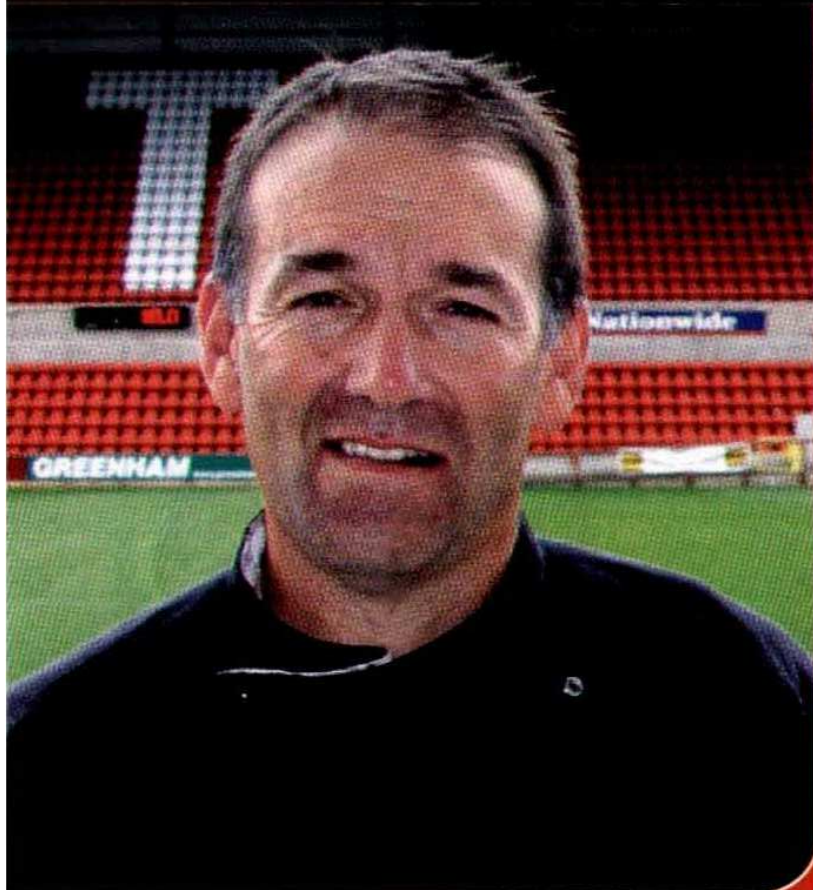
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Married to Pauline, Clive, 51, lives in Stratton and has one son, Keir. He has worked at the Club for 14 years having begun as a contract caterer. His culinary skills were originally honed in the hotel trade before he moved into catering in the health service.

Away from the County Ground he keenly follows his beloved Bath Rugby Club and has recently returned from The Stade Sclery in France where he enjoyed the 32-25 victory over Colomiers in the Parker Pen Cup.

A real outdoor man Clive loves walking and has been involved for seven years with The Mitchemp Trust. Set up by David Hempleman-Adams this outdoor pursuits organisation is a youth development charity working with vulnerable children from the

Wiltshire area who are between the ages of 11 and 14 years. Clive cooks for the children as well as helping them with their activities.

Finally, he is proud to be the only honorary member of his local running club the Swindon Striders having spent many years as a keen long distant runner.

6.30am - 7.30am -

I arrive at the ground and start to work my way through the menu which is prepared in the week before matchday. This season we have decided to do more basic food as the feedback we have had is that people prefer that type of meal.

8.00am -

Nick arrives and we get down to preparing the cold starter and the sweet, which normally takes us a couple of hours. A typical example of our menu would be a good sized braised steak as the main course with perhaps pate as a starter and chocolate gâteau as a sweet.

10.00am -

Caroline, the other chef, arrives and helps us to continue preparing. She

gets involved with sandwiches for the buffet and will also work at the hotplate when the meal is finally served.

10.30am -

Generally, depending upon the type of menu, we start to prepare the hot food at this time.

12.30pm - 2.30pm -

The food service begins to the various guests in the different parts of the hospitality areas. This is now the busiest time of day and we are rushed off our feet as all the courses go out.

3.00pm -

After clearing away as much as possible we then feed the staff whilst all the guests are enjoying the football. This can take most of the first half.

3.45pm - 4.00pm -

The rest of the day is now dependent upon whether there is an evening function. If not we can enjoy some of the game before heading home but if there are more guests due we would then be cooking again and may end up leaving after clearing up at between 10pm and 11pm.

30 Seconds

with midfielder...
SAMMY IGOE



- 1) Best goal for Town so far?
Pre-season against Torquay
- 2) Best friend in football?
Lee Bradbury
- 3) Favourite food?
Indian
- 4) Who did you support as a boy?
Chelsea
- 5) Best ever practical joke seen in football?
Jeans, top, boxers, socks - everything cut to shreds!
- 6) How many tattoos do you have?
Six
- 7) How did you get into football?
Playing kids Sunday football
- 8) Any strange superstitions?
I wear the same boxers on a matchday
- 9) Apart from the missus, who would you like to be stuck on the moon with?
Anyone, apart from 'Smithy' of course
- 10) What else should we know about Sammy Igoe?
My love of motorbikes and cars

Rocky,

What am I to do? Everybody is saying that my Liverpool is not the same as the Liverpool of old. I cannot understand. Ze boys still wear ze red kit, we still play lovely football at Anfield, our fans still sing We Will Never Walk Alone and we still have ze famous scouse sense of humour. And only recently we performed magnificently and brushed aside Yeovil Town 2-0 on TV. Where is ze problem?

Gerard Holier, Liverpool FC

Monsewer,

Crikey! I think you are having problems seeing past Phil Thompson's nose if you think all is well at Liverpool. Where's the quality? You might have Michael Owen (when he's fit) but where are the match winners like Kenny Dalglish or Kev Keegan? Where are the hard men like Jimmy Case or Steve

McMahon? The quality defenders like Hanson or Lawrenson? The sheer craziness of Emlyn Hughes - they didn't call him Crazy Horse for nothing! What a goal celebration he had! And as for that Yeovil match... if the Ref didn't see it, then surely the linesman must have seen Harry Kewell's Oscar winning dive. Oh I remember, the linesman was a life-size cardboard model, the Yeovil players went over to query his decision but he just started crying - "I'm just not cut out for this job".....

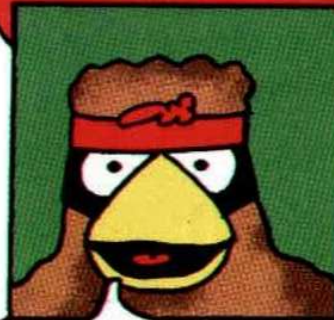
No, Gerard I feel the glory days are over at Liverpool. If I may make an analogy I would say it reminds me of a tragic graveyard scene where a group of grave-diggers carrying a coffin backwards and forwards for over an hour, going round in circles. I'm thinking to myself..... they've lost the plot.

Good luck mon cherie - and merci beaucoup for Andy Nicholas!

Rockin' Robin

ROCKIN' ROBIN

Alyn



I WAS VERY PLEASED TO SEE BRIAN HOWARD BECOME PLAYER OF THE MONTH RECENTLY....



... AND WATCHING HIM DRIVE HOME IN THE NEW CAR AFTER THE MATCH I SPOTTED HIS SECRET FOR THAT 'FLY AWAY' HAIRSTYLE...

MY HEAD IS OUT OF THE WINDOW



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The programme was of a pocket size and contained 32 pages of which thirteen besides the centre pages contained advertisements. Coverage of the visiting team was limited to couple of pages listing the previous club and place of birth of the Colchester squad. A remarkable 8 of 21 listed were Colchester born while a further 5 hailed from Scotland. The programme also contained several pages devoted to Club notes and Supporters Club notes. What really caught my eye in these was the information in the Supporters club notes that the gate for Swindon's home game with Millwall had been higher than any other Third Division gate that day and how they hoped to see regular crowds of 20,000 at the County Ground.

My abiding memory of the match is the dreadful muddy conditions it was played in a contrast to the sunshine of the previous day when Swindon had

lost 3-2 at home to Peterborough. Town made a number of team changes. Colin Huxford who had deputised for right back Owen Dawson was replaced by veteran Maurice Owen while injury to Bobby Woodruff meant a first team debut for Willie Harbour. Another switch was on the left wing where Eric Weaver replaced Cliff Jackson. The changes seemed to be working as after eight minutes Owen started a move that ended with Mike Summerbee holding off the challenge of United's John Fowler, a man who was to play over 400 games for the Essex side, to run through and score. Ten minutes later however United were back on terms Martyn King glancing in a free-kick by Mike Grice who was enjoying a second spell with the visitors. As half-time approach there was little between the sides when a hat-trick that possibly deserves a place in the Guinness Book of Records occurred. The hat-trick was scored by the Town's centre forward, burly John Stevens. Moments from half time a corner by Weaver led to a goalmouth scramble which R C E the Pink reporter reckoned ended with a final touch by Stevens. The second goal came with

Town's first attack of the second half with Summerbee feeding Stevens who defeated the attempts of the mud and two Colchester defenders to drilling a shot into the net. The goal which completed the six minute hat trick came following a Summerbee corner and was a powerful header. Stevens added to United's woes by turning creator when he laid on the pass for Ernie Hunt to score Town's fifth goal. The Essex side battled bravely and put some pressure on Swindon in the closing stages and it was scant reward for their efforts when Hunt added a sixth for Swindon with five minutes remaining. The victory left Town at the top of the table and although by the season's end Northampton Town overhauled them Town completed a double over United, thanks to two Roger Smart goals, and went on to promotion. Colchester had endured a bad start to the season but had battled back into a mid table position. Colchester finished a respectable 12th with 47 points from 46 games. It was a porous defence which conceded 93 goals, more than Brighton and Carlisle who were both relegated, that stopped them launching a promotion challenge.

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THIS AFTERNOON WE HAVE A BATTLE ON OUR HANDS - A REAL SIX-Pointer - AS COLCHESTER UNITED VISIT THE COUNTY GROUND HOPING TO GAIN A RESULT WHICH WOULD KEEP THEM IN CONTENTION FOR A PLAY-OFF PLACE.

Managed now by Phil Parkinson, who took over the reins almost a year ago from Steve Whitton, has assembled a pretty useful squad, one he believes is good enough to challenge for promotion.

Last weekend the 'U's' were held to a 1-1 draw at home by fellow promotion rivals Barnsley and in fact their home record (only two defeats so far) is respectable enough, likewise their form on the road (four wins and two draws).

Those victories away from home have come at Peterborough, Stockport, Wrexham and Wycombe. They have drawn at Hartlepool and Tranmere while their defeats have included heavy reverses at Notts County (0-3) and Rushden & Diamonds (0-4) but they were certainly unlucky to lose a seven-goal thriller (3-4) against Port Vale.

Parkinson is hoping to have almost a full strength squad to choose from this afternoon and there is no doubt whoever he fields will give more than 100 per-cent out on the pitch, all the players eager, of course, to make up for that 1-0 home defeat suffered at the hands of the Robins earlier in the season.

It should be a good game, a real six-pointer in terms of the current League positions of both clubs.



(pic courtesy Action Images)

THE GAFFER PHIL PARKINSON

Still registered as a player - he's only 36 years of age - Phil Parkinson took over as manager at Layer Road in February of last year. Born in Chorley, Lancashire, he played his early football with Southampton and then did well with Bury and Reading, amassing 170 appearances for the Shakers

and over 420 for the Royals. Always playing with fervour and commitment, he was a Second Division championship winner in 1994 with the latter club. He won the Division Two 'Manager of the Month' award after just four weeks in charge at Layer road and duly lifted the Essex club clear of relegation.

DANGERMAN SCOTT FITZGERALD



Defender and team captain Scott Fitzgerald, aged 34, started his career in the top flight with Wimbledon for whom he made 125 appearances between 1989 and 1997. During that time he also assisted, on loan, both Sheffield United and Millwall before signing for the latter club for £50,000. He made 93 appearances for the Lions before his transfer to Layer Road on a 'free' in October 2000. Over the last three years or so he has added another 125 plus appearances top his tally and is one of the most consistent players in the Second Division. Born in the heart of London (near Westminster Bridge/Abbey) he rarely puts a foot wrong, leads by example and is quick, enthusiastic and has already represented the Republic of Ireland in one 'B' and four Under-21 internationals.

DID YOU KNOW?

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LAST MEETING

Last season, the two League games between the clubs ended in a 1-0 win for Colchester at Layer Road and a 2-2 draw here at The County Ground when a crowd of 4,152 saw both Gurney and Sabin score in the space of three second-half minutes, after McGleish and Pinault had put the visitors two up.



Bobby Bowry

(pic courtesy Action Images)

BOBBY BOWRY

32 year-old experienced midfielder with almost 300 senior appearances under his belt, achieved with Crystal Palace, Millwall and Colchester, the latter since 2001.

SIMON BROWN

First choice goalkeeper, 6ft 2ins tall, 27 years of age who joined United from Tottenham Hotspur in 1999 after a loan spell with Lincoln City. He has made over 125 appearances for the 'U's'.

JAMIE CADE

Defender, on loan from Middlesbrough, who made his debut for the Premiership club last season as a 'sub' in the League Cup. He's 20 and comes from Durham.

LIAM CHILVERS

22 year-old defender who signed for Colchester from Arsenal, having previously been on loan the club as well as serving with Northampton and Notts county.

KARL DUGUID

25 year-old striker who has been at Layer Road ten years and a 'pro' since 1996. He has scored over 40 goals for United in almost 300 senior appearances.

CRAIG FAGAN

On-loan striker from Birmingham City, suspended for three matches over Christmas, is 21 years of age and has also been associated with Bristol City.

GREG HALFORD

A 19 year-old from Chelmsford, at 6ft 4in he is one of the tallest defenders in the professional game. He made his debut last season and is now a valid member of the Colchester squad.

KEM IZZET

A tigerish midfielder, fit after injury worries, he is the brother of Muzzy Izzet, the Leicester City midfielder. Aged 22, born in London, he played initially for Charlton before moving to Layer Road in 2001.

Colchester Squad

GAVIN JOHNSON

Aged 33, vastly experienced, plays on the left side of midfield and has some 400 career appearances under his belt, serving, in turn, with Ipswich Town, Wigan, Luton, Dunfermline and Colchester, the latter since 1999.

Joe Keith - A 25 year-old left-sided midfielder from Plaistow who joined United from West ham in 1999. He has 200 first-class appearances in his locker.

SCOTT MCGLEISH

Thirty next month, a striker with 12 years experience behind him who has played for seven different clubs, including two spells with United. He has also played for Charlton Athletic, Leyton Orient, Peterborough and Barnet among others.

RICHARD MCKINNEY

Reserve goalkeeper, aged 24, an Irishman who was signed from the Robins in 2002 having previously assisted Ballymena and Manchester City.

ANDY MYERS

A back injury has sidelined him of late but he could be available for selection. An experienced 30 year-old defender, he gained four England Under-21 caps earlier in his career and has also assisted Chelsea, Bradford City and Portsmouth

THOMAS PINAULT

Suspended recently, he is a 22 year-old French midfielder signed from AS Cannes in 1999 who has now made over 125 appearances for United.

SAM STOCKLEY

A 26 year-old right-back from Tiverton; ex-Southampton, Barnet (207 appearances) and Oxford United who joined Colchester in August 2002.

ROWAN VINE

21 year-old striker, who played for Portsmouth and Brentford before joining Colchester earlier this season. He scored 13 goals for the Bees last season.

ALAN WHITE

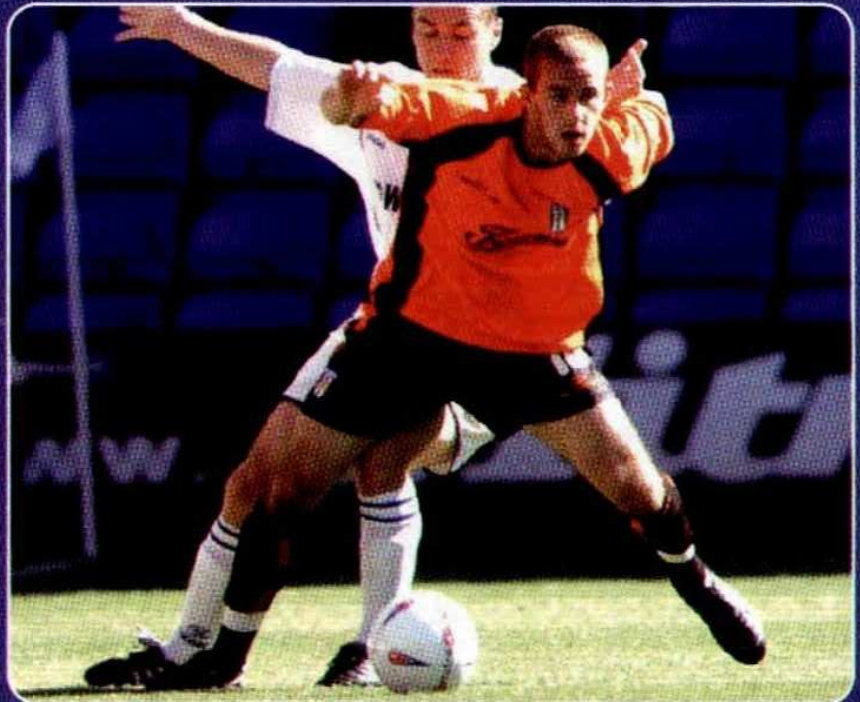
Suspended recently, but available again, is a 27 year-old central defender who played for Middlesbrough and Luton Town before joining United, initially on loan, in 1999. He's now amassed over 220 senior appearances.



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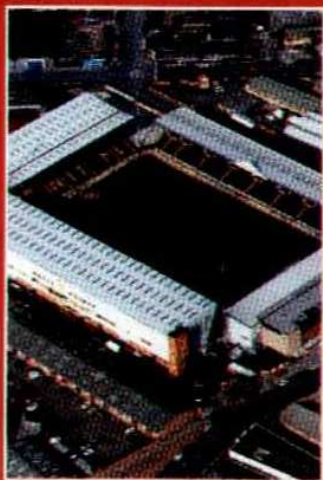
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SADLY I HAVE TO REPORT THAT I HAVE LET MYSELF DOWN IN THE PRESS BOX ONCE AGAIN BUT I POINT THE FINGER OF BLAME FIRMLY AT TOMMY MOONEY.

The scene was Hillsborough on Saturday January 10 and I guess it must have been about seven minutes past four. It was about then that Mr Mooney let fly with a screamer of a finish to give us the lead.

The 'fan' rather than the reporter took hold and I leapt up to roar 'get in. what a jolly good goal' (or words to that effect).

So anyone who thinks we, as reporters, don't get emotionally involved in a game, you couldn't be more wrong.

Sadly the lads weren't able to hang on to all three points and how Andy Gurney failed to score with that late shot, I'll never know.

Those of you who made the trip to Hillsborough were fantastic. A crowd of 23,000 and what stood out was the travelling army's cry of 'Shall We Sing A Song for You?' A draw wasn't a disaster and at the time of writing, only goal difference kept us out of the play off places. Three points today would certainly go a long way to getting us back into the top six. It won't be easy though as Colchester United have enjoyed a decent campaign under Phil Parkinson so far.

Has anyone else noticed that he looks a bit like that bloke in *The Bill*, D S Hunter? A win today would see us complete the double over the U's. Tommy Mooney is spot-on when he says that any team looking for promotion cannot afford to concede six points to any of their rivals.

A hot Friday night at Layer Road back in August saw Mr Mooney strike with a late goal to make sure that Colchester won't have the chance to take more than three points off us. Hopefully they won't take any.

Talking of Colchester, wasn't our old friend Razor Ruddock once linked with the manager's job there? It didn't happen and it now seems our former player-coach may be destined for a fortnight in the jungle on *I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here*.

I imagine he'll be a hit but I have to wonder if he's letting himself in for two weeks of eating bugs and wading through stinking swamps full of snakes in those bush tucker trials.

No doubt there'll be a few people in Swindon who'll be voting like mad to make sure he gets to carry out such gruesome tasks.

Anyway, get behind the lads today. Enjoy Blackpool if you're going and see you all again for the match with Rushden and Diamonds on February 7.

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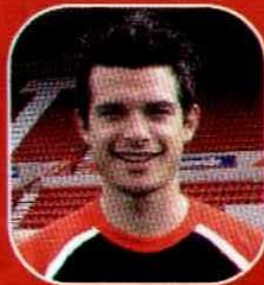
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A VIEW FROM AFAR

CONTINUED...

RICHARD KEAST HAS SUPPORTED THE TOWN FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS OR SO. MUCH OF THAT TIME HAS BEEN SPENT 'IN EXILE' IN NORTH LONDON, AND MORE RECENTLY, IN DEEPEST ESSEX. THIS IS HIS PERSONAL VIEW OF OUR TRIUMPHANT PREMIERSHIP PROMOTION SEASON OF 1992-93.

Next up, for an all ticket affair at the County Ground, were the 'millionaires' of Newcastle, managed by Kevin Keegan, and parading their new 'deadline day' signings of Andy Cole and a certain Mark Robison. Town on the other hand, had been forced to sell one of their best players, David Kerslake, to Leeds for £500,000 to keep the 'wolf from the door'. 17,574 packed into the County Ground, 3,000 Geordies having made the long trip south, and the atmosphere, to coin a cliché, was electric. The first 45 minutes passed in what felt like five, and the half time whistle sounded with Newcastle holding the narrowest of advantages thanks to a David Kelly strike. The second half was played at an equally frantic pace, with Swindon getting more and more into the game. Eventually, Chalky was sent sprawling in the area. A youthful Graham Poll pointed straight to the spot and Zippy stepped up to smash home the penalty. (This was not the last time the White/Bodin combination would prove vital to Town's success!). Town were not finished there though, and with about 15 minutes to go, Calderwood bundled the ball over the line to send the home fans into ecstasy. There was

still time for Kelly to lob inches over the bar in the dying minutes, but Town held on for one of the all time great victories.

After all of that, a wet Tuesday night in Luton was something of a come down (Then again, a wet Tuesday in Luton is a come down, compared to just about anything!) Nonetheless, a very functional and important point was carved out in a 0-0 draw. The next six games saw Town pick up 10 points, which, whilst being respectable, meant that any lingering hopes of automatic promotion pretty much vanished. One result worthy of special mention during this run was a 0-0 draw at Brentford, which saw Chalky and Dave Mitchell both sent off before half time. We still managed to outplay the home side with nine men and no forwards, and came within inches of an unlikely win when Bodin shaved the crossbar late on.

On April 12th 1993 at 3pm, the only place in the world to be was St Andrews, home of Birmingham City. If you, like me, can say "I was there", you will not forget the events of that afternoon in a hurry. Birmingham were struggling near the bottom at the time, so a fairly straightforward point, at worst, seemed on the cards. It came as a bit of a surprise then, to go a goal down, and when OOH! Shaun Taylor was off the pitch receiving stitches to a head wound, we were even more surprised to go two down. Having been sewn up though, big Shaun came straight back on and pulled a goal back (which just about sums the man up really). 2-1 at half time then, everything to play for.



Ten minutes after the restart though, it looked like it was time to pack up and go home, as Birmingham went 4-1 up, including a 25 yard screamer from Andy Saville. Town were knocking it around quite nicely with Hoddle and Hazard playing particularly well, but there didn't seem to be any way back - How could there be? Suddenly, out of nowhere, Maskell pulled one back, 4-2. I looked at the clock at the far end and realised there were a good 25 minutes to go. Hmmmm...a draw perhaps? No, don't be silly! A few minutes later and Mitchell pulled it back to 4-3. Come on Town! That draw's looking good now, we look like scoring with every attack! Sure enough, a few minutes later, Mitchell made it 4-4, sparking scenes of delirium in the away end, forget the draw, we can win this! Five minutes later, Maskell nodded in at the far post 5-4! Dream time - This cannot be happening. But as if to confirm that yes, it definitely was happening, Dave Mitchell rounded the keeper with a minute to go to complete his hat-trick and a 6-4 (Yes, 6-4) victory.

To be continued...



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WHEN 6'3 DEFENDER ANDY NICHOLAS WALKED THROUGH THE REVOLVING COUNTY GROUND DOORS OVER THE SUMMER, THE FIRST THING HE DID WAS OUTLINE HIS HOPES FOR THE COMING SEASON.

"I just want to get started and do as well as I can by putting some pressure onto the first team players. I have to aim high and do my best."

However, the youngster's route from Liverpool to Swindon was not necessarily an straight one, as he explains.

"I came through the youth system at Liverpool, but I actually spent six months on trial at Everton before that! Everton stalled on any decision whereas Liverpool signed me on after two days training with them.

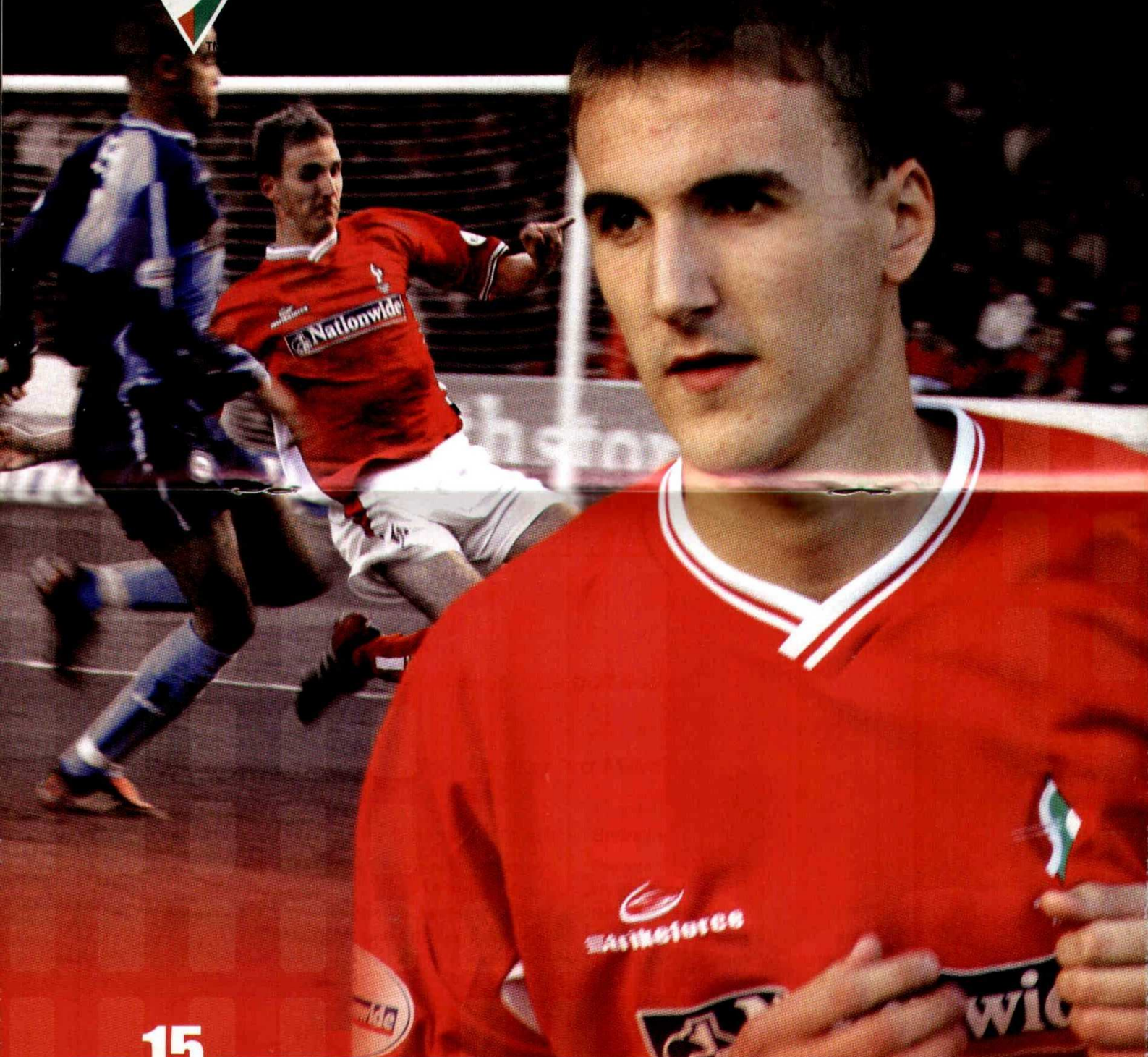
"I got my YTS after completing my GCSE's and got my first game for the Reserves at left back against Manchester City at the end of that year. I also captained

the Under 17 side there as well as playing quite a few games at reserve level."

So despite impressing throughout his career at Anfield, Nicholas was one of the last players to be informed of his release from the Club. Whilst other players in his age were told in January of last year, he was not aware of his transfer availability until May.

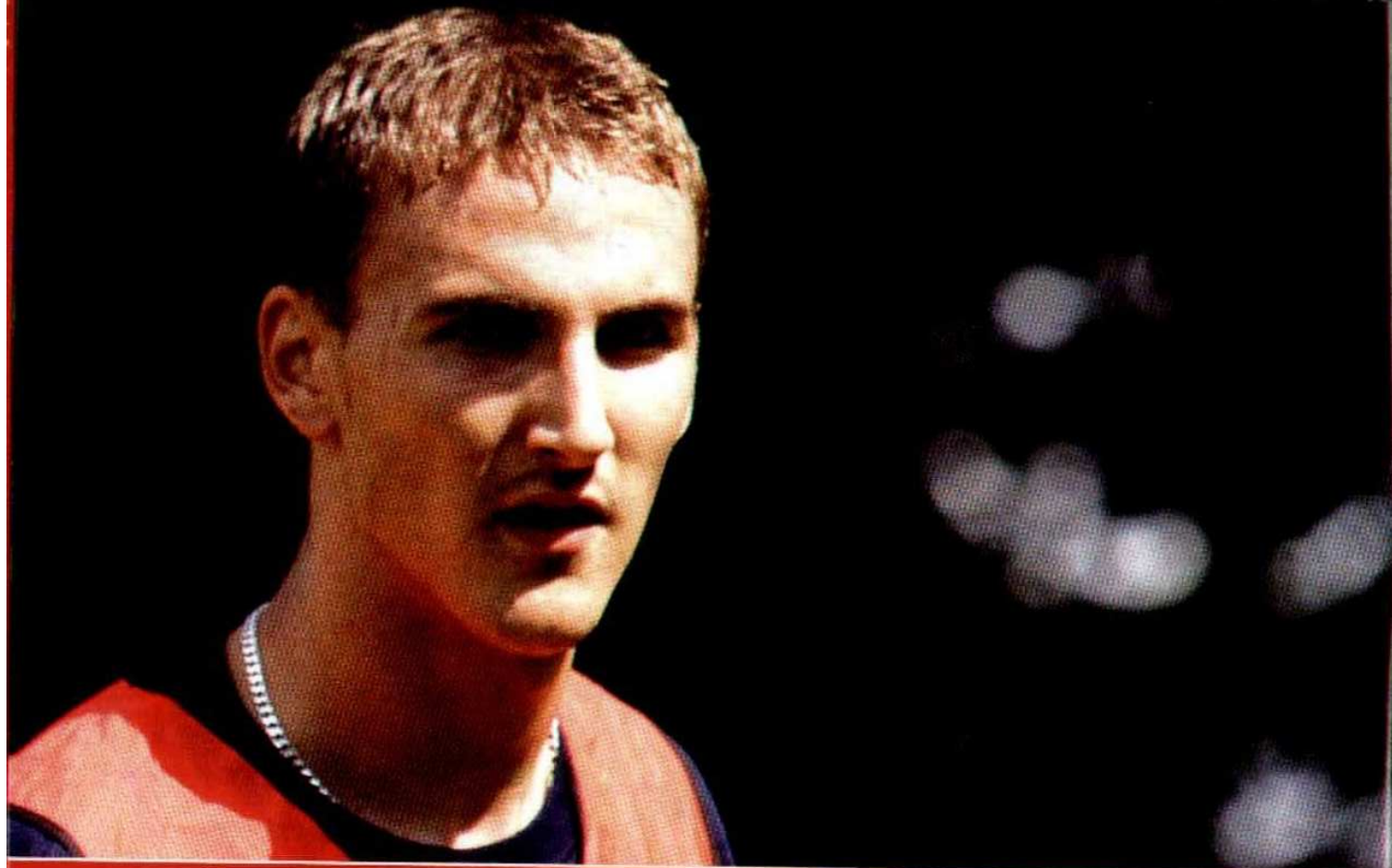
"I was released quite late by Liverpool as they weren't sure whether to keep me on, so then went to the exit trials and there were a few teams who enquired about me. In May, Bristol City, Bradford, QPR and Luton showed some interest but I didn't feel comfortable with them. Having come out of the academy at Liverpool, I suddenly realized that it was a harsher world.

"The Gaffer phoned me and after speaking to Steve Heighway (Academy Director at Liverpool), he then invited me to come down and after a meeting, we sorted out a contract."



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ANDREW NICHOLAS



True to his word upon joining the Club, the 20-year old has not disappointed and has brought a breath of fresh air to the Town back-line. Having made his debut in the LDV Vans at Boston United, he made his first league appearance for Swindon Town at Saltergate against Chesterfield.

"After pre-season I played about ten games in the reserves. I learnt a lot at Liverpool and I knew that if I kept my head down and worked hard then hopefully my chance would come. I made my first league appearance against Chesterfield and that was an unbelievable experience. That was my first 'real' game if you like. Playing in the reserves at Liverpool was competitive but Chesterfield was a totally different level.

"Having had a run of games now, I think I have proved to myself that I can do it. I have become a bit more streetwise as there are some very experienced pro's in this division and I think I have become more ruthless because of that."

So having arrived at The County Ground, how has he adjusted to life as a regular member of the first team squad?

"I have to thank Reevesy and Adi Viveash as they have been a great help to me, they are always talking and that is a great help to a young player such as myself. I always try and take that advice onboard."

Another player who has an association with Merseyside is Dave Challinor, formerly of Tranmere Rovers. The Stockport County defender has perhaps the longest throw throughout the leagues but Nicholas will be looking to contest this when the two come head to head at Edgeley Park on February 14th.

"I have always had a long throw since I was young. I worked on it with the fitness and conditioning coaches there, they used to get me to throw medicine balls which seemed to help. It is just technique rather than strength. Dave Challinor has a massive throw and he used to rocket them in so we will find out who has the longer throw at the Stockport game!"

Thankfully for Town, Nicholas made the move south from Liverpool and he has impressed at both left-back and in the centre of defence so far this season.

"One of the nice things about it is that I now have the chance to prove myself against sides such as Bristol City and Luton, who didn't follow up their initial interest.

"I think these last four games have really pushed us into the thick of it. There are no easy games in this Division but our home form has come on and I would be happy playing anyone at home the way we are performing at the moment."

So as we entertain Colchester United this afternoon, not only is Town's left-back grateful for his chance to be playing at The County Ground, but he is determined to do his utmost to ensure a happy ending to his first season as part of the red army revolution.

"My time so far has been brilliant. It has far exceeded my expectations. I have gained some respect from the players and I have worked hard. When I went on trial at the other clubs, I didn't feel as at home as I do here now."



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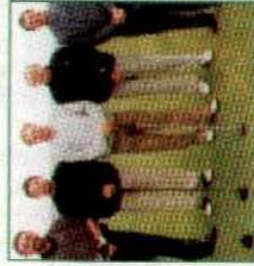
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Bournemouth started the game very well and had us on the back foot for the first fifteen minutes, where we had to defend resiliently and get bodies behind the ball to deny them goal-scoring chances. We did this very well and gradually got ourselves good possession and started putting together some good attacking moves. We created several chances without scoring until Mark Draycott picked the ball up on the edge of the box and struck a shot, which was not one of his best, straight at the keeper who dived and it went over his body and into the back of the net.

If you don't shoot you don't score!!

The second goal was very well made. It came from a throw in near to their corner flag where we work a certain pattern of play with Michael Pook whipping a great ball into the near post. Mark Draycott was attacking the near post as the keeper came out to collect the ball, he got across him and the ball finished up at David Stroud's feet in the middle of the goal to score the second.

The second half was rather scrappy in comparison to the first but we still created three or four great chances with Mark Draycott being unfortunate not to have had a hat trick. But as I tell front players you have to be there to miss them. They scored with about fifteen minutes to go but we continued to work hard and came out 2-1 winners.



FIXTURES 2003/04

UNDER 17'S

Sat 16th Aug	Exeter City	Away	5-1
Sat 23th Aug	Torquay United	Home	1-0
Sat 6th Sep	Cardiff City	Away	0-1
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	1-0
Sat 6th Dec	Exeter City	Home	1-4
Sat 13th Dec	Torquay United	Away	1-2
Sat 10th Jan	Plymouth Argyle	Home	2-4
Sat 17th Jan	Bristol Rovers	Away	
Sat 7th Feb	Cirencester	Away	
Sat 14th Feb	Swansea City	Home	
Sat 28th Feb	AFC B'mouth	Home	
Sat 21st Apr	Yeovil Town	Away	

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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	4-0
Sat 10th Jan	AFC B'mouth	Away	2-1

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CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

WE WELCOMED BACK ALL OF OUR CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE PLAYERS ON MONDAY. WE HAVE NOW COMPLETED TWO COACHING NIGHTS AND HAD A GAME AGAINST OXFORD. BEFORE WE STARTED BACK WE HAD AN IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAY FOR ALL OF OUR COACHING STAFF. DURING THIS WE ASSESSED THE FIRST HALF OF THE SEASON TO SEE WHEN AND HOW WE ARE TO PROGRESS IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON.

Points discussed during the meeting were:

- Formation we are to play
- Standard of trialists that come into the centre
- Discipline within the games programme
- Games record books (a book that collates information about every minute that the players play)
- Half-way assessments

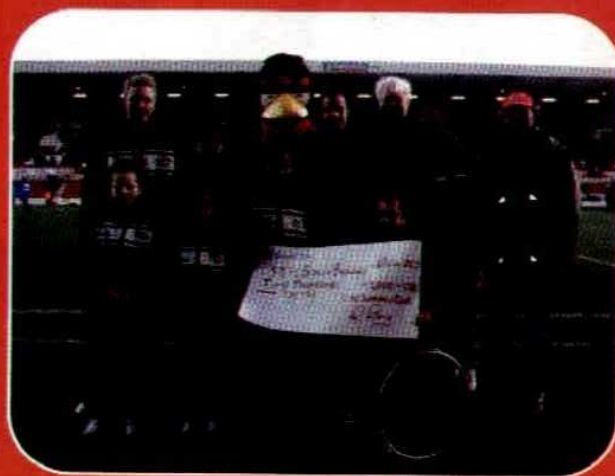
As part of these half-way assessments, firstly players and coaches are given a form to fill out regarding their progress, before handing the completed forms to myself. This assessment looks at every aspect of a players game including technique, attitude, balance, speed, defending and attacking, one vs one play, understanding of the game, desire and consistency.

Self-assessments have been given out and this will form part of the players development for the rest of the season.

The first game of the New Year was against Oxford United where some performances were a bit rusty after a two-week break. Although the majority of results went our way, we are keen to stress that we are looking for both individual and team performances to be of a high standard.

This week we look forward to playing Portsmouth who we always have good games against. Look out for the results in the next programme.

An important date coming up is the decisions regarding the futures of our U16 players. Contractually, the players have to be informed of our decision by 1st March. Meetings have been arranged next Monday with the players and parents to discuss our decisions and future options. This is a very difficult time for both staff and players, who also have exams to think about.



Finally, I would like to once again thank, on behalf of all the coaches, players and parents, the efforts of Roger Bunce and his hard-working committee at the STFC Supporters Club. Your support is greatly appreciated and the £2000 donated before Christmas towards tracksuits for the players was fantastic.

Enjoy the game.

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WE MEET AGAIN...

DAVE WALLIS DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES TO PROVIDE US WITH A PLAYER WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH BOTH CLUBS.

14 Richard McKinney

When Steve Mildenhall left the County Ground for Notts County in the summer of 2001, Andy King looked north to Manchester City in his search for a

replacement. Mildenhall has recently forced his way into the first team at the expense of Bart Griemink and Andy was on the lookout for a young keeper to similarly pressurise Bart's place.

Born in May 1979 in Ballymoney, McKinney's age certainly fitted the bill. The Irishman had signed for City on a free transfer from Ballymena in August 1999, but the presence of Nicky Weaver and Carlo Nash at Maine Road was always likely to make it difficult to make the first team pitch. After two years of understudying the pair and without a first team outing to his name, Richard took the decision to move south to Swindon to accept a fresh challenge in July 2001.

At 6ft 3in, Richard may have got used to being the man asked to change the light bulbs, so it may have come as a surprise to him to find that he was no taller than Bart and actually shorter than the departed Mildenhall.

Unfortunately the free transfer move didn't yield the first team opportunities that he

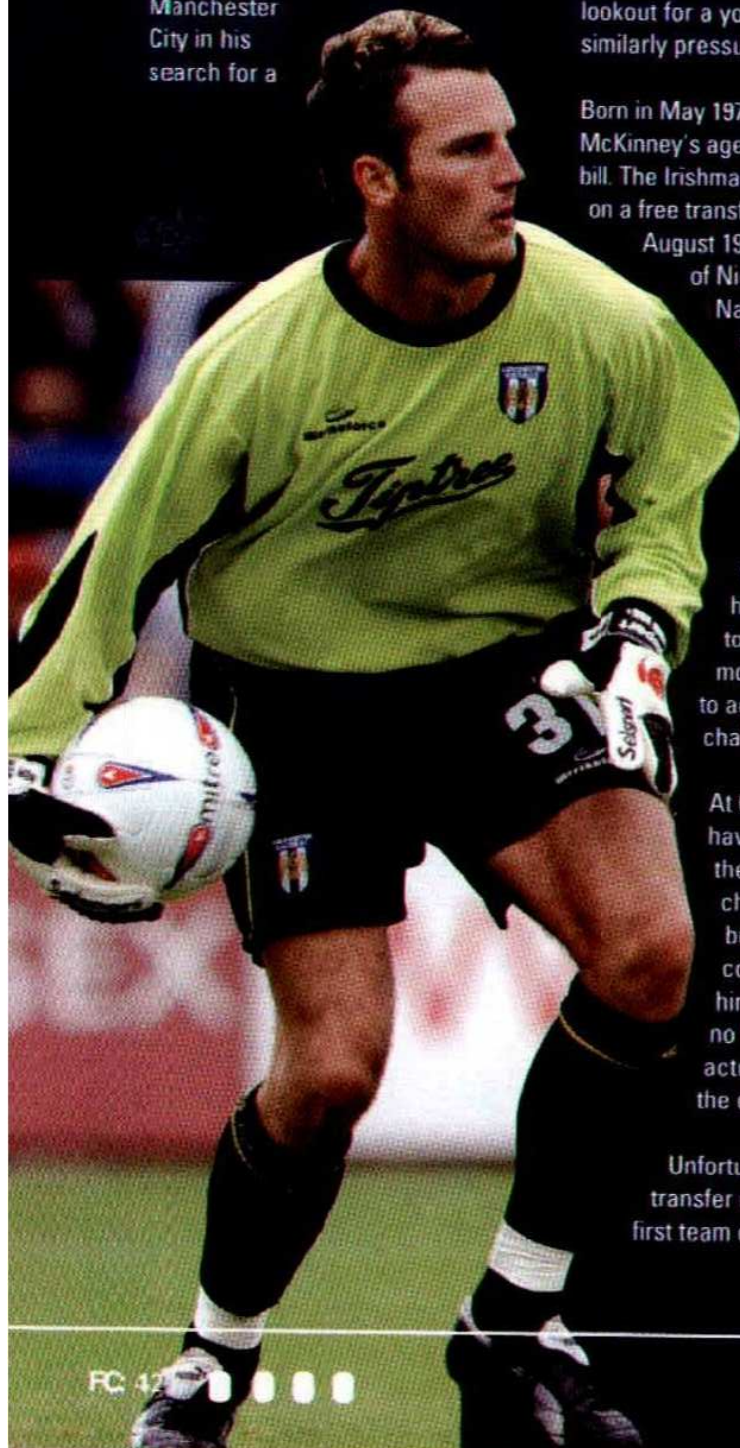
surely hoped for. Restricted to just one League outing at Stoke City, it's perhaps unfair to observe that the game took place on April Fools day and resulted in a 2-0 defeat.

McKinney moved eastwards to today's visitors Colchester United in August 2002 to once more try his hands afresh. For the third time his new club were not required to pay a fee, but the Richard was at last given a more frequent stage to show his talents.

Starting the season as first choice, Richard played the first nine games, producing clean sheets in three, before a 4-1 reversal at Northampton prompted then manager Steve Whitton to shuffle his defence. Simon Brown stepped between the sticks but United lost the next three until a 2-2 draw here at the County Ground produced the first point from 18.

Brown retained his place until March when injury gave McKinney his next chance. Taking over until the end of the season he took his appearance total to 22 for the campaign, making another seven shut-outs which included the 1-0 home win against Town, a game in which he would have been particularly pleased to have been voted man-of-the-match.

This season Simon Brown has again often retained the first team job, but McKinney will be keen to add another man-of-the-match display against his old club if the opportunity arises.





DUKEY'S COLUMN

THIS WEEK KEITH O'HALLORAN MADE THE DIFFICULT DECISION TO RETURN BACK TO HIS NATIVE HOMETOWN OF IRELAND. KEITH HAVING ENDURED THE TOUGHEST THREE YEARS OF HIS FOOTBALLING CAREER DECIDED THAT THE BEST OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIM TO START PLAYING REGULAR COMPETITIVE FOOTBALL AGAIN WOULD BE BACK IN DUBLIN.

Two and a half years ago Keith broke his leg in a game at Dorchester against Bournemouth. From that moment onwards everything that could have gone wrong with his recovery has done. He honestly had the worst luck during a tricky and difficult period for him and his wife. The current football climate made it nearly impossible for Keith to find an English club who were willing to take the chance on him, having been out for so long. Clubs just don't have that luxury anymore.

Keith has decided enough is enough, having placed his life on hold for too long. Dublin is the best opportunity to kick-start his football career and get his life back on track. It is a sad day at the football club, he was well liked and will be missed a lot, we wish him every success!!

On a more positive note, I can reliably inform everyone that Rory Fallon will remain off the roads for at least a little while longer. It seems that Rory must have obliterated all current records by picking up an enormous twenty-four

minor faults!! Wonder if his personality had anything to do with it? (BOOOORING! Maybe she fell asleep) He assures me that he drove perfectly well and that the examiner was simply too strict. Yeah Rory, whatever. Remember I have been in a car with you. It was a deliberate ploy to keep me as your chauffeur a little longer.

Sammy Igloo is throwing a party this weekend to celebrate his little sisters twenty first birthday (Brian Howard). Sammy has gone all out to ensure that it is a day Brian will not forget. A little bird told me that he's fixed it for Brian and himself to enjoy a lavish day at the 'Salon', where Sarah will pamper them in the spa and Paul will refresh their flowing peroxide locks ready for that special night! Great present Sammy! But keep the rest of your special gifts between the two of you, we would rather not know.

Finally I have two special mentions to make before I sign off this week. Firstly, I would like to wish Jerel Ifil all the best before he returns to Watford, again!! He is a quiet lad off the pitch but has had a real impact on the pitch with his tough tackling and great pace at the back. I am sure we will see him here again at the County Ground as he just can't seem to keep away. Secondly, I must thank Stefani Miglioranza for his input into this week's column. 'Stef' has been injured recently and has not had much training to do and was eager to help with the notes this time around, cheers Stef!



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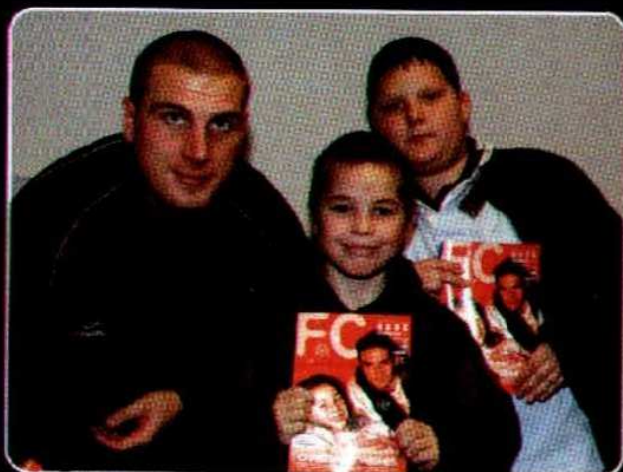
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win for Swindon Town. Father Christmas met them after the game and the children received goody bags and numerous presents. They also met Brian Howard and Andy Gurney who signed their programmes for them.

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COMMERCIAL VIEW

WITH MIKE SULLIVAN

Match Sponsors **GREENHAM** are once again with us on a matchday. They come to a high number of home games, and their party of staff and clients can be regularly seen enjoying themselves in our Sponsors Lounge. They are great supporters of the Club and are always willing to help the Club out in any way they can.

CLARION(GB)LTD, are regular visitors to the County Ground. Swindon based CLARION (GB)LTD are really on the ball when it comes to superb car radios and equipment. As well as being regular match sponsors, they are also in perfect tune with the Club. Clarion supply radio/cd and radio cassette units, car tv's, amplifiers, loudspeakers, cd charges and much more from an award winning line up.

THE STFC SUPPORTERS CLUB are delighted once again to be match day sponsors. Membership is up by a third on this time last year and by the season end will have contributed over £40000 to the football club since formation, much of it invested in youth development within the centre of excellence. Only recently there was a presentation of £2,000 for tracksuit tops.

Our half time draw and the new pounds for points sponsorship receive tremendous support from fans and Roger Bunce, Chairman says "Developing home grown talent from the earliest opportunity has a large part to play in the future of the football club. We are encouraged when we see young players

developing their talents and with a current England under 16 captain with the club, as well as others playing at international level, the future looks bright."

We also further supporters interests, as well as having a number of real fans as our guests today, we recently sponsored improvements to the pre match catering facilities within the winners lounge, which now offers fans a wider variety of pre match meals and snacks. We are keen to look at other projects so please help by joining our growing band of fans.

Further details about the Swindon Town Supporters Club can be obtained from Roger Bunce on 01865 820499 or via our website at www.stfc.ndo.co.uk/supp_club.

MARK BOWLER'S 'NATIONWIDE BLOCK 6 GANG' are, once again with us as Match Sponsors. Mark and the gang, have been great supporters of the Club and can be seen up and down the Country following the Club. Mark describes his greatest moment in football as to the time when he sneaked through the children's turnstile at Notts County without paying and also the time he was caught nude hangliding over Blundell Park, the home of Grimsby Town FC. His party today, is made up of John Bowler, Mark Edwards, Jerry May, David Rogers, Glyn Cooper, Mark Cooper, Mark Ralph, Ian Davies and finally Michael and Stephen Jansen.

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Matchball Sponsors **KIRSTEEN FRASER AND CATHERINE EVANS** both celebrating birthdays in the near future (won't say which one!) here with families today. Kirsteen -watched Swindon for 24 years season ticket holder in the Arkells, teaches far too many Oxford United fans in Abingdon so gets lots of stick when we lose. They still haven't forgotten the FA Cup victory in 2001! Catherine now lives and works in Gloucestershire but gets back to matches when she can. Again her work colleagues watch for our results so a win on a Saturday is vital. Both used to be Junior Robins many years ago.

NATHAN THOMPSON is Sixteen years old, lives in Swindon and attends New College. At weekends he works at the Manor Farm pub in Haydon Wick, and his favourite player is Sam Parkin. The Matchball Sponsorship day was a Christmas present from his parents (Graham and Julie) because Nathan is such a huge fan of the Town. The whole family are Swindonians and would really like to see the team in the play-off's this season.

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STFC DINNER AND BOXING TOURNAMENT

Our newset fundraising evening is the Swindon Town Dinner and Boxing Night which is going to be held on the 20th February at the Langdale Hall in Witney near Oxon. The evening, which will start off with a three course dinner will also include a zonal home counties qualifying round of the ABA's senior national championships. Tables of ten cost £450 plus vat, which includes sponsorship of one of the bouts and a company advert in the programme. Alternatively, if you are not a Company, and are part of a private group you may also book a table of ten for the cheaper price of £375 plus vat. This price does not include any of the advertising benefits. Private individuals may also book their tickets at the special price of £37.50 plus vat per head. The evening hads been kindly sponsored by JAMES-WHITE POOLS AND SPA'S from Theale in Reading. If you would like to book up for this event please ring Steven Mytton on 01793 333718.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR DRAW

By now all of the lucky winners who won a prize in this years draw have been notified by the Club.As a special incentive anyone who sold tickets on behalf of the Club were entered into a special draw to win a V.I.P Day out for two at the Rushden and Diamonds home game on the 7th February.I am pleased to confirm that the following people have won this excellent day out at the Club.

Miss S Ball, Hathaway Road, Upper Stratton, Swindon.

Janet Tudcay, East End, Marshfield, Chippenham, Wilts

G.Woodward, Atlee Crescent, Swindon

Amanda Woodhouse, Calvert Road, Swindon

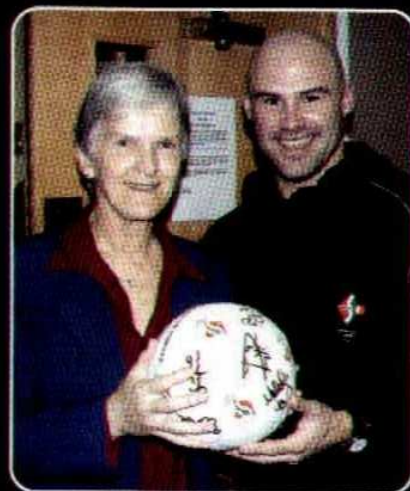
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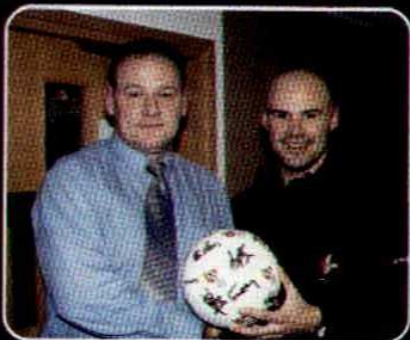
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I would like to thank everyone who bought and sold tickets on behalf of the Club, and would particularly like to thank John Lusty of BLOOR HOMES for helping the Club in sponsoring the draw.

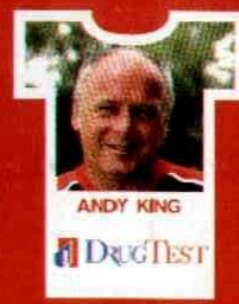


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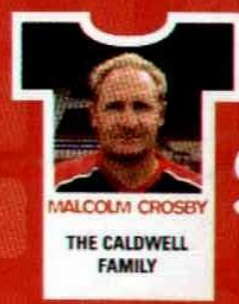


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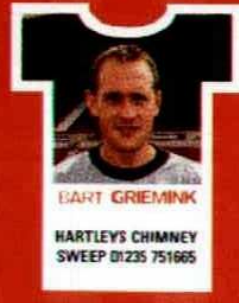
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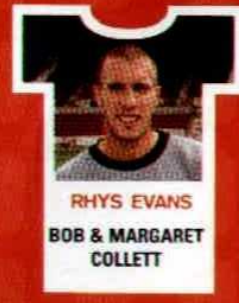
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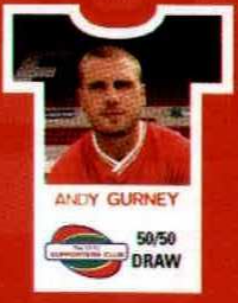
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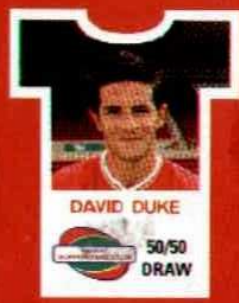
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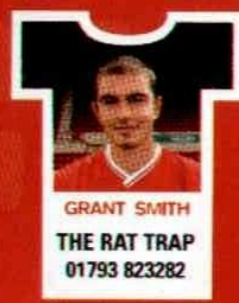
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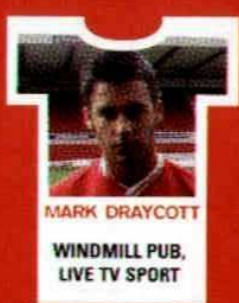
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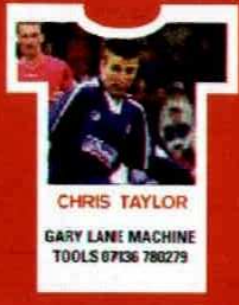
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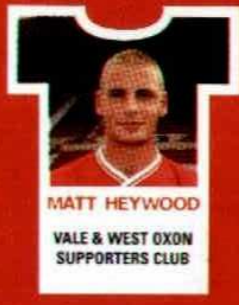
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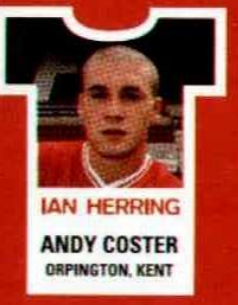
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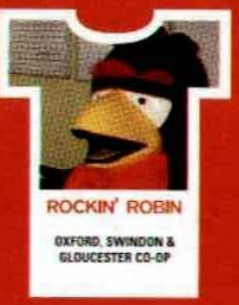
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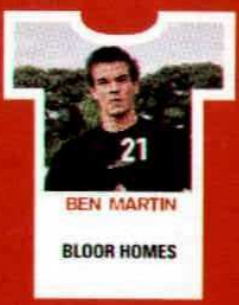
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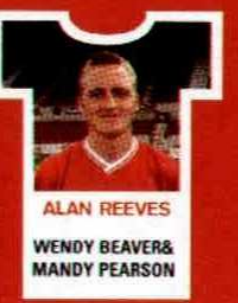
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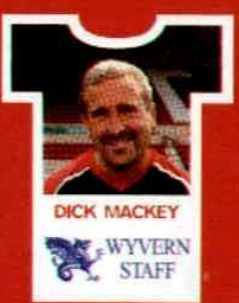
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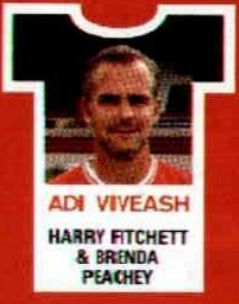
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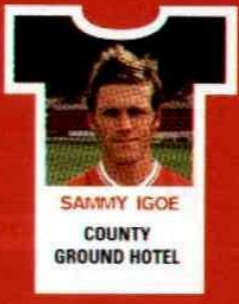
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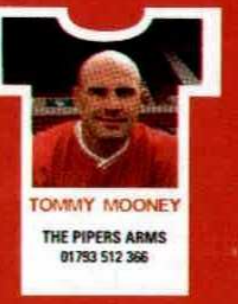
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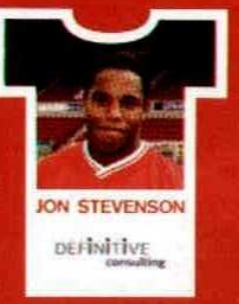
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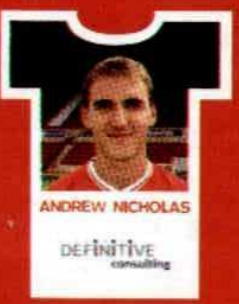
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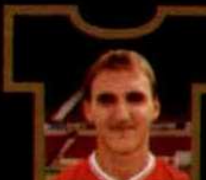
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SWINDON TOWN

FOCUS ON A FAN

NAME: Steve Friend

AGE: 26

OCCUPATION: Insurance Consultant

LIVES: Toothill, Swindon

WHEN DID YOU FIRST COME TO SEE SWINDON TOWN:

The first game I saw was against Port Vale on the opening day of the 1982/83 season. We managed a 1-0 victory. I sat in the North Stand a few rows in front of the press box with my dad, my Uncle Ken and his mate Kaz. From that first game I was addicted to Swindon and haven't looked back.

BEST STFC MEMORY:

As with most other fans, it would have to be the two trips to Wembley that provide the best memories for me. The high of winning against Sunderland was soon turned to despair in the following weeks but we more than made up for that a few years later with Huddle leading the Town to a magnificent Wembley win against Leicester.

HOPES FOR THIS SEASON:

At the beginning of the season I would have said the playoffs is the target but I would settle for a couple of places improvement on last years final position. Now I feel that anything lower than sixth spot would be a disappointment.

YOUR LONG TERM HOPES FOR THE CLUB:

I hope we can get back to our rightful position of being a strong Division 1 team again. I'm pleased to say that I think the 'off the field' staff, in particular Mr Devlin with the support of Sir Seton, are slowly but surely bringing that about.

IF MONEY WERE NO OBJECT WHO WOULD YOU WANT

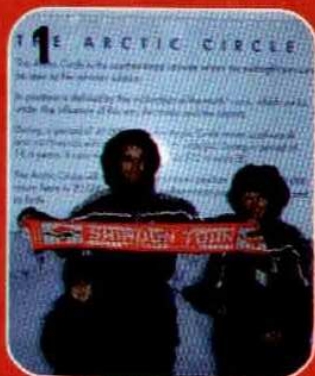
TO SEE PLAYING FOR SWINDON: Thierry Henry. He's a fantastic player with pace, skill and finishing ability. I wouldn't mind seeing a certain J. Ifil become a permanent fixture as well!

YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FANS:

You've been magnificent so far this season so keep it up. We do make a difference!

YOUR MESSAGE TO THE PLAYERS:

Keep going. Stay focused and keep working hard. Remember to keep looking up the table and not down it.



IT'S A HOWLER

Chris & Bernadette Howell with sons Luc and Noah on recent trip to Lapland.



BABY BOWLER

Pictured here is Sam Bowler, son of Mark Bowler who is one of today's Match Sponsors. Sam is four months old and was named after a certain Town striker!

QUIZTIME - 25 YEARS AGO

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

- 1) Which ex-Manchester City coach re-joined the Maine Road club on 5th January 1979 to work with Tony Book?
- 2) And which club did he leave to take up the position?
- 3) On 9th January, two Charlton players were sent off for fighting each other in the 0-0 drawn FA Cup game at home to Maidstone. Name one of the players.
- 4) And then the other one.
- 5) On 11th January, Arsenal signed an Ipswich midfielder for £450,000, then a record fee. The player concerned is now manager of the next visitors to the County Ground. Who was he?

A1 Malcolm Allison A2 Plymouth Argyle A3 Mick Flanagan
A4 Derek Hales A5 Brian Talbot



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: Peter, Michael and Harry Lewis. (3 generations of Nationwide Stand season ticket holders pick their combined team).

QUALIFICATIONS: Peter has watched Swindon since 1946 (aged 13). In 1967 Peter brought his son Mike (aged 7) to his 1st game, standing on the Stratton Bank on an ammunition box. Their 1st away game was to Bristol Rovers Eastville ground.

Mike now lives in Cheltenham and has been to 64 league grounds watching STFC. The best occasions were against Juventus and AS Roma during our Anglo Italian Cup wins and the magnificent crowd of 32,000 for the 1972 Arsenal FA Cup game.

Harry is 11, lives in Peasedown St John attending The Paragon School in Bath. Harry came to his 1st game only 3 years ago with his Granddad Peter and his Uncle Mike and has been a season ticket holder ever since.

1. RHYS EVANS: A local lad. Good shot stopper. Has the potential to be as great a servant as Digby and Downsborough and as good as Flowers and Given.

2. JOHN TROLLOPE: If there ever was a Mr Swindon, then Trollope would get our vote. A record number of league appearances for one club (nearly 850) and then went on to be Manager! Great tackler.

3. ROD THOMAS: A Welsh International Full Back. And as Peter and his Dad were born in Wales, they enjoyed having Swindon's pride and joy in a winning Welsh team over England!

4. MEL NURSE: Another Welsh International, an excellent header of the ball, so strong in the air and the



most wonderful centre half. Was our lynch pin at the back when Mike 1st attended the CG.

5. SHAUN TAYLOR: The heart and soul of Swindon. A set piece specialist whose determination ensured the ball and his head always met - as if by radar! An excellent centre half who scored many goals!

6. GLENN HODDLE: Player-Manager who could pass accurately to anyone, anywhere on the pitch. An England International whose best was seen elsewhere but whose performances got us up into the Premiership.

7. MIKE SUMMERBEE: Another England International who started with us before he went on to great things. An amazing winger with fast pace whose skills would leave the full back for dead and then could deliver the perfect cross.

8. JIMMY DAVIS: An amazing runner with the ball at speed, a tragedy he will not excite the whole Country with his skills. All those present will no doubt never forget the moving tribute his mother gave and we will never forget him! There is only one Jimmy Davis.

9. SAM PARKIN: Harry's number 1 Football Super Hero. Superb strike rate in his 1st season at Swindon that's continuing in his second. He came back from injury against Wycombe and immediately the team performed!

10. MAURICE OWEN: Peter's 1st Swindon hero, also starting his Swindon career in 1946. Was the prolific goalscorer of that era before ending his career at centre half. Another 'Mr Swindon' who became our coach and then groundsman.

11. DON ROGERS: The most skilful Swindon player ever. Fantastic dribbler of the ball, superb crosser and great goalscorer. No one present, will forget his Wembley goal. This was just one of many special goals by a very very special player.



'69 DAVID MARSH



SATURDAY 9TH AUGUST, 2003 AND AS 3.00PM APPROACHES THE TEAMS MAKE THEIR BIG ENTRANCE. IN STIFLING SUMMER HEAT THE RED AND WHITE ARMY CRANE TO CATCH A GLIMPSE OF THE NEW MEN PULLING ON THE COVETED SHIRT FOR THE FIRST TIME. AND FINALLY IN GLORIOUS SUNSHINE THEY ARRIVE TO THE ADULATION OF THE CROWD - IGOE, MOONEY AND MARSH.

Proudly wearing his personally chosen number 69 shirt our tenth summer signing David Marsh had his dream come true when he ran out onto the County Ground pitch for the first time against Sheffield Wednesday at the opening of the current campaign as part of his beloved Swindon Town's squad.

Auction winner David, 43, "signed" for Town from today's opponents Colchester United where he fulfilled a similar role last season, but it had always been his desire to play for the team he has followed since 1966. The club's decision to auction a place in the squad made this dream a reality.

"Marshy" explained how he made the move from Layer Road to the County Ground.

"I'm a Swindon fan through and through and I played professionally but never played for Swindon. I wrote to Willie Carson and enclosed my signing on form for Colchester last season and asked if they had thought about doing this at Swindon

to raise some money. It's the closest you can get to playing for the football club without physically playing."

David went on to describe what he has got for his money and his highlights of the season so far.

"There are two season tickets included and at every home game I can go and do the pre-match warm-ups as well as the half time kick around. I can also go into the dressing room before the game up until Andy does his team talk and I get a days training with the squad. I get a home and away kit and have the number 69 in the squad and on the back of the programme. It's undoubtedly the best season ticket in the club as it's the only one where you get onto the pitch. Its incredible!"

"I get to park in the players car-park now and as you walk across to the ground people are shouting "Oi, Marshy". I've got my own little fan club, which is great. The season so far has been absolutely fantastic. It started off against Sheffield Wednesday when I first got to see what goes on during the day of a game. To be able to step out onto the pitch and not be stopped was brilliant and we had a fair crowd there that day of over 10,000. Going out there to warm up with the players and to look up and see Tommy Mooney kicking the ball back to you was amazing. You have to blink twice to know its real."

Now working as Head Of Strategy & Innovation for a leading telecoms company David tasted life as a professional footballer between 1979 and 1981 as a youth player with today's visitors Colchester United before a bad injury robbed him of a longer career in the game.

"I played for the U's for two and half seasons as a youth player whilst I was working in the Royal Navy based in Colchester. I made 40 appearances as a right winger in the Youth First Team during my time at Layer Road. I always wanted to play at every

ground and I got to 27 with Colchester. Unfortunately I got injured in a Combination game at age 22 and transferred to Weymouth who at the time were in the Alliance League which is now the Conference. I went from there to Yate Town and ended my serious playing days at Solihull Borough.

"Last season an opportunity arose to do a similar thing to this at Colchester. I had been very frustrated at not playing for them properly long term and it was a chance to go back. In theory what we were trying to do was put me on for two minutes so I would become the oldest player to play for them. Unfortunately, the last game was against QPR who needed to win to make the play-offs so I couldn't do it. I'd love to be able to knock on Andy King's door and ask for two minutes as my ambition is to turn out for Swindon"

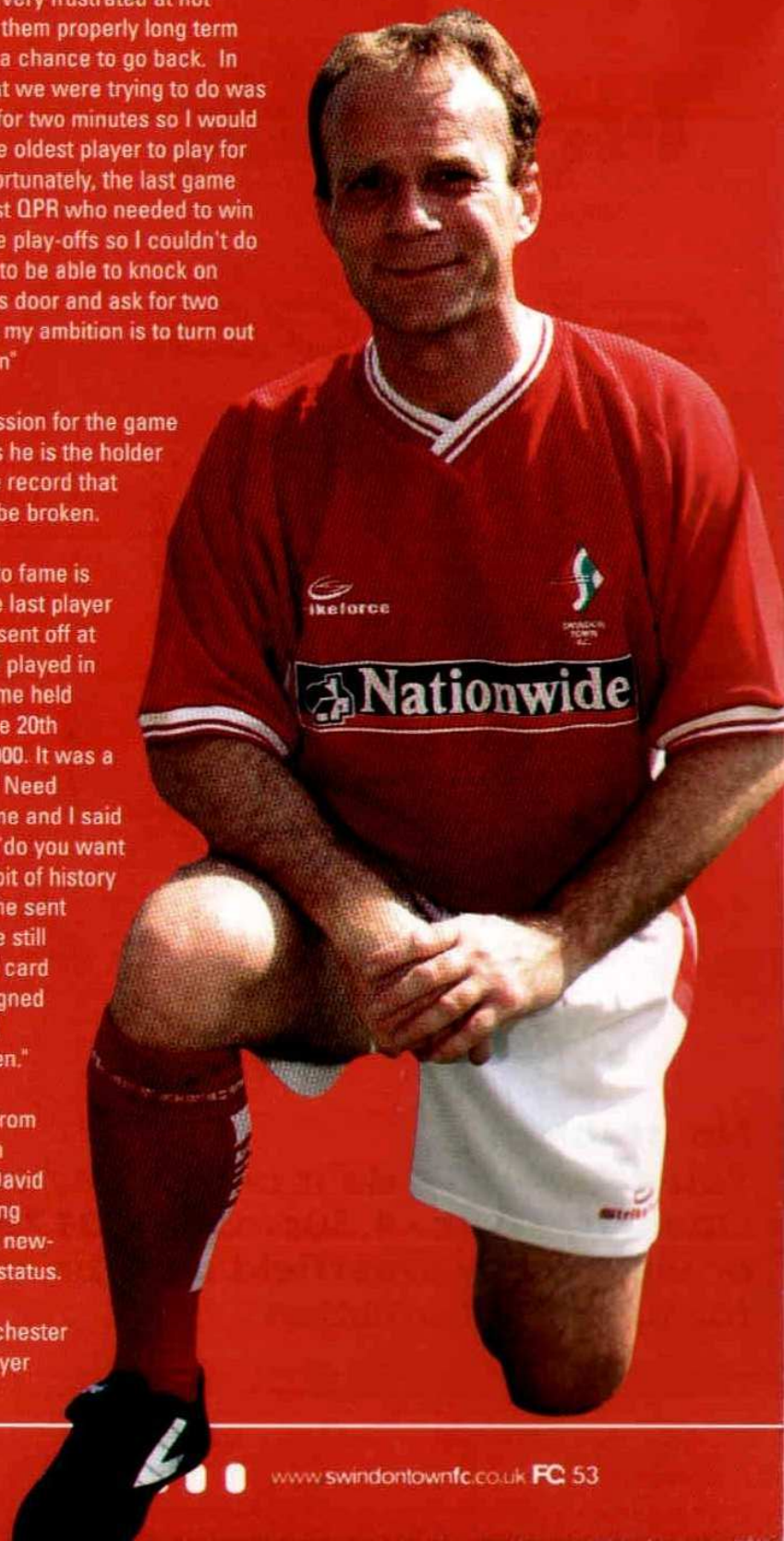
David's passion for the game also means he is the holder of a unique record that can never be broken.

"My claim to fame is that I'm the last player ever to be sent off at Wembley. I played in the last game held there on the 20th October, 2000. It was a Children In Need charity game and I said to the Ref, 'do you want to make a bit of history here?', so he sent me off. I've still got the red card which is signed by him and the linesmen."

Travelling from his home in Cannock, David is still getting used to his new-found star status.

"At the Colchester game at Layer

Road I was at one end signing autographs for the U's fans and then down the other end signing for Swindon fans. It was unbelievable. I've got to say that everybody in the club has just been fantastic. The fans can't see behind the scenes to know how dedicated these people are. They've given me this opportunity which is wonderful and the people and the fans have all been brilliant."



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£1702.50

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"AWAY TRAVEL" SPONSORED HALF TIME DRAW

Time to catch up on recent winners over the Christmas and New Year period and with all the prizes paying more than £400 what a fantastic result.

BOURNEMOUTH : K. Brown from Swindon won £409 with ticket number 1122

BRIGHTON : T. Chamberlain from Wantage won ££435 with ticket number 123

PLYMOUTH : N. Taylor from Plymouth won £427 with ticket number 1117

Thanks to all fans who support the draw so magnificently our aim is to get the prize fund even higher and if you want to help please Ring Roger Bunce on 01865 820499 or make sure you buy your weekly ticket. Don't forget all proceeds from the draw are used to support the football club, particularly youth development.

POUND FOR POINTS SPONSORSHIP

The first team points haul over Christmas and the New Year to the fund to over £1500. Can we hope for at least another 30 points from the first team that will take the fund to over £3000 which will be a tremendous achievement. All proceeds from this are going to the centre of excellence. It costs just 50p per point to become involved.

AWAY TRAVEL

Are now booking for the next two away games:
NOTTS COUNTY. Depart County Ground 10.00 a.m.
Fare Adult £14.

BLACKPOOL. Depart County Ground 7.15 a.m.
Fare Adult £18.50.

Supporters club members discount £2 applies for each trip. Concessions fares and alternative pick up points available on request. Apologies to any fan visiting the away travel web site over Christmas and the New Year period as external technical problems outside of our control prevented updating of the site. This has now been corrected and normal service resumed.

MATCHDAY SPONSORSHIP

We are delighted to once again be match sponsors for today's game and 9 lucky members are having a special day out at the County Ground. Wendy Beaver, Luke Smith, Gary Woodward, Glen Woodward, Susan Dean, Liam Daniels, Charles Pinniger, Kelly Pinniger, Rachel Pinniger and Sandra Pinniger.

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STFC LADIES

THE TOWN LADIES MOVED UP TO FIFTH PLACE IN THE SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE FOLLOWING A ONE ALL DRAW AT READING.

The Town restarted the season after the Christmas break with a short trip up the M4 road face Reading. Both sides took time to settle on the heavy pitch but the home side took the lead after nine minutes. The Town fought back but were unable to open up the Reading defence and create chances. After ten minutes play in the second half the referee stopped the game and took the players off for five minutes because the heavy rain had turned to hail. The enforced break revitalised the Town and within five minutes equalised. Carly Smith crossed from the right, Kim Reeves' header rebounded off the Reading cross bar but Claire Moreton followed up to hit the ball into the corner of the net. Both sides then battled on as conditions worsened but neither side were able to get the elusive winner.

The Town Reserves game against Wootton Bassett Town in the Wiltshire County League was postponed just before the kick off because of the state of the pitch and the Under Fourteen game against Reading in the Surrey Primary League was a similar victim of the weather.

Good news for Laura Morgan, who was injured two years ago playing against Reading, and has just been given the "all clear" to play again. During her time off she has kept involved by helping John White with the Reserve team and managed the Under Fourteen six a side teams in the summer.

The Town got together an Under Seventeen side to face a touring side from Australia. The players from "down under" who were drafted in from all parts of the country were no match for the Town who won by fourteen to goals to nil. Claire Moreton scored four, Melissa Sartain got a hat trick, Laura Stallard, Carly Smith and Tara Loft all scored twice and Lisa Coe netted the other one.

Tomorrow the Town entertain Oxford in a South West Combination League fixture. When the two sides met in November the Town were thumped by nine goals to one so will be keen to avenge that defeat. This game will be played at the Aldbourne FC Ground and will Kick Off at 2-00 pm. The Town Reserves travel to Brize Norton for a game in the Wiltshire County League.

ONE 2 ONE WITH: LAURA MORGAN

AGE: 24
HOME TOWN: SWINDON
OCCUPATION: MARKETING EXECUTIVE
POSITION: MIDFIELD
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NONE
HONOURS: WILTSHIRE SENIOR
WHO DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?
ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS
FAVOURITE CLUB? ARSENAL
FAVOURITE PLAYER? THIERRY HENRY
FAVOURITE TELEVISION PROGRAMME? HOLBY CITY
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SIT NEXT TO ON A PLANE?
DENNIS BERGKAMP
(I HATE FLYING AS WELL)



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 O. 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	0-4
11-Jan	READING	Away	1-1
18-Jan	OXFORD	Home	
25-Jan	YEOVIL TOWN	Away	
1-Feb	READING ROYALS	Home	
22-Feb	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	Away	

TABLE 2003/04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
READING ROYALS	14	13	0	1	91	13	39
CARDIFF CITY	13	13	0	0	69	7	39
CHESHAM UNITED	13	7	2	4	32	27	23
OXFORD	12	6	2	4	50	35	20
SWINDON TOWN	15	5	3	7	29	49	18
CLEVEDON TOWN	14	5	2	7	22	32	17
READING	13	4	3	6	21	41	15
FOREST GREEN ROVERS	12	4	2	6	39	43	14
NEWTON ABBOT	12	4	2	6	23	43	14
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	14	3	2	9	19	40	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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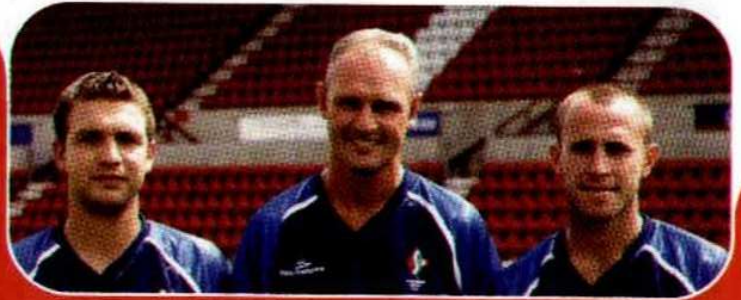


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IN THE COMMUNITY



GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME WITH COLCHESTER UNITED. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE US HAVE AN EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS WITH THE TOWN PICKING UP NINE POINTS OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD.

We in the Community Office would like to wish the Gaffer and the squad all the best for 2004.

Today we are delighted to welcome our Saturday Team Club participants who are Devizes Town U8's, accompanied by Dave Waters, and also Simon O'Neill who is here with his players from Ashton Keynes Youth FC. We hope you have enjoyed your morning so far and I hope we can put the icing in the cake with three more points this afternoon.

The Community Office are up and running again following the

Christmas season and we are fully operational with all our after school clubs in full swing. We are also looking to continue our in-schools coaching programme which we have operated over the last six months or so. Our annual six-a-side finals are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 21st January here on The County Ground pitch, with games starting at 4.00pm. This follows the reserve game with Reading so if you would like to stay on and watch another forth-five minutes entertainment provided by local children, please feel free to do so.

Finally, a quick reminder, for you to return your applications for the February Half-Term courses. Please return these to the Community Office as soon as possible.

Enjoy the game,

Clive, Jonno and Luke.



▲ AKYFC Pups



▲ AKYFC U7's



▲ Devizes Town Youth U8's



▲ AKYFC U9's



▲ AKYFC U10's



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GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL THE JUNIOR ROBINS HERE TODAY.

We took our first Junior Robin's bus of 2004 to Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday 10th January. George and Brenda tell me that everyone behaved well and the atmosphere was great. For those people who didn't go Hillsborough is a fantastic facility for Division Two and it was great to go to such a historic ground. It was an exciting game and both teams had a chance to steel all three points. Our mascot for the day was Thomas McCarthy who was 12 years old on that Saturday.

Our next Junior Robin's bus is to Notts

County on Saturday 24th January, at the time of writing these notes I had six places left, so please call me ASAP if you need an extra space!

There are two more Junior Robin's reciprocal visits left this season, you should of received information about the Stockport County trip, we leave at 7.45am from The County Ground, Adults are £20 and Junior Robins are £10. The children will have a chance to play football against the Stockport Juniors before the game. I still have lots of spaces left on this trip so if you what to go, please book ASAP.

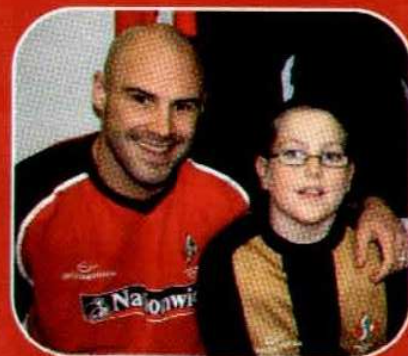
The last Junior Robin reciprocal trip we do this season will be to Plymouth

Argyle on Saturday 13th March. Keep an eye on this page for the next game against Rushden & Diamonds for a booking form!

To book on any away coaches, The Chocolate Trip or if you want any more information on Junior Robins, Mascots or Schools, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

COME ON YOU REDS!

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



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THE CHOCOLATE TRIP MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

- 7.30am - Leave The County Ground
- 10.00am - Arrive at Villa Park for the tour of the ground, go into the changing rooms and sit in the dugouts.
- 12.00pm - Lunch will be served in one of Aston Villa's hospitality rooms
- 1.00pm - Leave Villa Park
- 1.30pm - Arrive at Cadburys World for a fantastical journey through Cadbury Land and other activities.
- 4.30pm - Leave Cadburys World
- 7.00pm - Arrive back at The County Ground, hopefully not feeling too sick from all the chocolate!

Prices for this will be:

Adult	£29.50
Junior Robin	£17.50
Non Junior Robin	£22.50

Included in the price is coach costs, the tour at Villa Park, lunch in one of Aston Villa's hospitality suites and entry and tour at Cadbury's world.

To book please contact Alice Wills on 01793 333733 or alice@swindontownfc.co.uk

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

1st January	Luke Read	11th January	Ross Geddes
3rd January	Matthew Bolton & Hannah Patterson	12th January	Oliver Cload
4th January	Connor Berry	13th January	Marie Saunders, Miss Burnett & Ashley Warriner
5th January	Joshua Byford & Perry Harris	14th January	Ian Smith
6th January	Hollie Lane	15th January	Louis Bouwers & Daniel Hunt
7th January	Michael Finnegan	16th January	Chris King, Miss Weston & Michael Lees
8th January	Lawrence Talbot	17th January	Aaron Compson
9th January	John Blackwell	18th January	Liam Wiltshire
10th January	Zac Howe, Noah Howell, Jemima Letheren, Dan Warriner & Thomas McCarthy	20th January	Simon Crayton, Farrell Copp & Miss Bevan
		22nd January	Niall Walsh, Christopher Ward, Michael Ponzo & Daniella Fiore



SWINDON TOWN CHRISTMAS DRAW

Roger Bunce (STFC Supporters Club), John Lusty (Bloor Homes), Rockin Robin, Matt Heywood and Mike Sullivan (Sales & Marketing Manager) made the draw for the first four prizes. The lucky names out of the hat were:

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(0927769) J. Riley, 17, 16 W. Wroughton

2nd Prize: A weekend for two in Amsterdam
(0927672) J. Ryan, Crowther Road, Pottery, Bristol

3rd Prize: Tea for two at the Ritz
(027839) J. Davall, West Street, Warrage

4th Prize: A VIP Matchday for 4 at STFC
(0249019) A. Bennett, Gloucester

5th Prize: A Bottle of Cinzano
(0027750) M. Miller, Meadbrook, Glos, Herefordshire

6th Prize: A Bottle of Teachers Scotch Whisky
(0039301) S. Pratten, A. & S. Evans Cottage, Witley

7th Prize: A Bottle of Teachers Scotch Whisky
(0071432) M. Phillips, Devon Saville, Ex

8th Prize: A Bottle of Port
(0031432) G. Viner, Colney Rd, Daresbury

9th Prize: A Bottle of Distinction Port 1678
(0011110) A. Straker, Litchfield, 1678, S. Leigh

10th Prize: A Bottle of Distinction Port 1678
(0039919) S. Mason, Brighton, Tisbury, Devon

11th Prize: A Bottle of Baileys
(0022222) J. Barber, The Bramblings, Sheep, Rippe

12th Prize: A Bottle of Baileys
(0045791) L. Ashton, Churchgate Rd, Bournemouth

13th Prize: A Bottle of Baileys
(0036458) P. Fowler, 2, Berners Rd, Dabot, Oxon

14th Prize: A Bottle of Bristol Cream
(0021228) L. Reere, Purchase Way, Sturston, Broom

15th Prize: A Selection of Highland Shortbread
(0034867) S. Lutz, Argyle St, Swindon

16th Prize: A Selection of Highland Shortbread
(0399292) C. Tiley, Bampton, Swindon

17th Prize: A Selection of Highland Shortbread
(0001073) A. Franklin, Barle Mow, Blew, Wilt

18th Prize: A Bottle of Dry London Gin
(0027782) I. Mercer, Ridgeway Rd, Swindon

19th Prize: A Bottle of Champagne
(0047276) John, Hatherley Rd, Nyde, Swindon

20th Prize: A Box of Galaxy Silk Collection
(010051) M. E. O'Leary, Chamfield Rd, Aylesbury

21st Prize: A Box of Galaxy Silk Collection
(0039241) P. Fisher, Elizabeth Way, Cirencester

22nd Prize: A Box of Galaxy Silk Collection
(0045012) J. Trevel, Stamford in the Vale, Oxon

23rd Prize: A Box of Galaxy Silk Collection
(0011110) K. Kelly, Handleydown Close, Wanborough

24th Prize: A Bottle of Courvoisier - Cognac
(0030333) J. LeVie, Coe Spur, Slough

25th Prize: A Bottle of Courvoisier - Cognac
(0012291) S. Dean, Swindon

26th Prize: A Bottle of Dry London Gin
(0036277) S. Warren, Tyco Electronics

27th Prize: A Bottle of Champagne
(0029198) T. Holmes, 10th Floor, The Jubilee

28th Prize: A Bottle of Champagne
(0022222) K. Harman, 28th Floor, The Jubilee

29th Prize: A Bottle of Bristol Cream
(0028277) T. Tiley, Bampton, Swindon

30th Prize: A Bottle of Bristol Cream
(0029292) A. G. U. U., North Rd, Swindon

31st Prize: A Bottle of Cinzano
(0022311) M. Merrick, Potley Lane, Dorham

32nd Prize: A Bottle of Liebfraumilch
(0042222) E. Deacon, St Michaels Cross, Lambourn

33rd Prize: A Bottle of Liebfraumilch
(0042222) P. W. W. W., Swindon

34th Prize: A Bottle of Liebfraumilch
(0022222) D. Garrett, Swindon, Swindon

35th Prize: A Bottle of Liebfraumilch
(0022222) U. Curry, Meadow Rd, Swindon

36th Prize: A Bottle of Liebfraumilch
(0071492) Mrs McDermid, Crickwade Rd, Swindon

37th Prize: A Cuddly Toy
(0036328) G. M. M. M., Wasefield Avenue, Swindon

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DATE	FIXTURE	VEN	RES	ATT	VIS
Sat 9 Aug	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00 Home	2-3	10,573	3,300
Wed 13 Aug	Southend United LC1	7.45 Away	3-2	3,385	199
Fri 15 Aug	Colchester United	7.45 Away	1-0	3,339	518
Sat 23 Aug	Notts County	3.00 Home	4-0	5,758	206
Mon 25 Aug	AFC Bournemouth	3.00 Away	2-2	6,606	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 <small>40min</small>	29,211	2,541
Sat 27 Sept	Peterborough United	3.00 Home	2-0	6,767	206
Wed 1 Oct	Luton Town	7.45 Home	2-2	7,595	408
Sat 4 Oct	Bristol City	3.00 Away	1-2	14,294	2,684
Sat 11 Oct	Stockport County	3.00 Home	1-2	7,086	201
Wed 15 Oct	Beston 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	Wycembe Wanderers	3.00 Home	2-0	5,681	428
Sat 8 Nov	Wycembe Wanderers <small>FA Cup 1</small>	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	2-3	9,374	2,364
Sat 20 Dec	Brenford	3.00 Away	2-0	5,077	792
Fri 26 Dec	Rushden & Diamonds	3.00 Away	0-2	4,845	1,089
Sun 28 Dec	Brighton & H.A.	3.00 Home	2-1	9,269	1,733
Sat 3 Jan	AFC Bournemouth	3.00 Home	2-1	7,158	941
Sat 10 Jan	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00 Away	1-1	22,751	1,084
Sat 17 Jan	Colchester United	3.00 Home			
Sat 24 Jan	Notts County	3.00 Away			
Sat 31 Jan	Blackpool	3.00 Away			
Sat 7 Feb	Rushden & Diamonds	3.00 Home			
Sat 14 Feb	Stockport County	3.00 Away			
Sat 21 Feb	Chesterfield	3.00 Home			
Sat 28 Feb	Port Vale	3.00 Away			
Wed 3 Mar	Tranmere Rovers	7.45 Home			
Sat 6 Mar	Brenford	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	Wycembe 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 **FA C** = FA CUP **WC** = CARLING CUP **DN** DENOTES SCORER

Goalkeeper	Defenders	Defenders	Defenders	Defenders	Defenders	Defenders	Defenders
Griemink	Gurney*	Heywood*	Viveash	Duke	Hewlett	Robinson	Miglioranz
Evans	Heywood	Reeves	Viveash	Robinson	Hewlett*	Howard	Smith*
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Evans	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranz
Evans	Ifil	Howlett	Viveash	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranz
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Griemink**	Smith	Hewlett	Reeves	Gurney	Stevenson	Parkin	Miglioranz
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Evans	Gurney	Hewlett	Viveash	Igoe	Mooney	Duke	Heywood
Griemink	Smith	Viveash	Herring	Stevenson	Nicholas	Howard	Ruston
Evans	Hewlett	Viveash	Reeves	Gurney	Howard	Mooney	Duke
Evans	Hewlett	Lewis	Reeves	Gurney	Howard	Mooney	Duke
Evans	Lewis	Hewlett	Reeves	Mooney	Burton	Miglioranz	Duke
Evans	Lewis	Hewlett	Gurney	Mooney	Miglioranz	Duke	Nicholas
Evans	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranz	Duke	Nicholas	Howard
Evans	Hewlett	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranz	Duke	Heywood
Evans	Hewlett	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranz	Duke	Robinson
Evans	Hewlett	Reeves	Gurney	Mooney	Duke	Robinson	Parkin
Evans	Hewlett	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranz	Duke
Evans	Gurney	Ifil	Heywood	Nicholas	Robinson	Igoe	Miglioranz
Evans	Gurney	Igoe	Parkin	Miglioranz	Nicholas	Fallon	Howard
Evans	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranz	Nicholas	Howard
Evans	Gurney	Nicholas	Reeves	Ifil	Miglioranz	Hewlett	Howard
Evans	Reeves	Gurney	Ifil	Robinson	Hewlett	Nicholas	Igoe

TODAY'S MASCOTS



REBECCA, VICTORIA AND COLLETTE COSTER.

Collette is aged 8 whilst the twins Victoria and Rebecca are both aged 7. All three sister's have the same great taste in favourite team/player - Swindon Town/Tommy Mooney. They also have the same hobbies - swimming, dancing and cross-country running (all 3 recently won medals at Crystal Palace). Rebecca also like's football, she won most improved player at school last term. They all go to Edgebury Primary School in Chislehurst, Kent.

Pictured - left to right Rebecca, Victoria & Collette.



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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 2003/04

TEAM	P	HW	HD	HL	HGF	HGA	AW	AD	AL	AGF	AGA	PTS	GD
PLYMOUTH	26	9	3	1	35	10	6	5	2	24	15	53	+34
QPR	26	10	3	0	29	3	4	6	3	18	17	51	+27
BRISTOL C	25	7	4	1	19	7	4	6	3	14	13	43	+13
BARNSELY	25	5	6	1	15	9	6	2	5	18	20	41	+4
BRIGHTON	25	8	3	2	23	9	3	3	6	14	18	39	+10
PORT VALE	25	8	3	1	23	15	3	3	7	12	18	39	+2
HARTLEPOOL	25	6	6	1	20	6	4	2	6	17	24	38	+7
SWINDON	26	6	4	3	23	15	4	4	5	13	17	38	+4
LUTON	25	8	2	2	23	12	2	6	5	16	25	38	+2
WREXHAM	25	5	4	4	16	11	6	0	6	15	17	37	+3
COLCHESTER	25	6	5	2	16	12	4	2	6	12	20	37	-4
RUSHDEN	26	6	4	3	26	18	4	2	7	17	21	36	+4
B'MOUTH	26	6	5	2	20	15	3	3	7	11	17	35	-1
BLACKPOOL	25	6	0	7	16	15	4	3	5	14	21	33	-6
SHEFF WED	26	2	7	4	14	16	5	4	4	17	18	32	-3
TRANMERE	25	6	4	2	17	11	1	6	6	11	25	31	-8
GRIMSBY	25	4	4	4	18	12	3	5	5	11	23	30	-6
OLDHAM	26	5	3	5	18	17	1	8	4	19	23	29	-3
BRENTFORD	26	5	2	6	19	23	3	3	7	9	17	29	-12
P'BORD	26	2	5	6	21	22	4	4	5	12	15	27	-4
STOCKPORT	25	2	5	6	16	21	3	5	4	16	19	25	-8
CHESTERFIELD	26	4	5	4	16	15	1	4	8	5	23	24	-17
NOTTS CO	26	3	4	6	16	17	2	2	9	9	29	21	-21
WYCOMBE	26	4	2	7	20	21	0	5	8	8	24	19	-17

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

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Evans	Howard	Stevenson	Reeves	Smith		
Duke	Parkin	Mooney	Evans	Smith	Stevenson	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	Reeves		
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		
Heywood	Pook	Robinson	Evans	Duke	Heywood	Martin	Reeves		
Heywood	Burton	Robinson	Griemink	Stevenson	Nicholas	Martin	Ruster		
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Reeves	Heywood	Robinson	Griemink	Howard	Reeves	Parkin	Ruster		
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Heywood	Ifil	Howard	Griemink	Nicholas	Smith	Reeves	Fallon		
Miglioranzi	Nicholas	Ifil	Griemink	Smith	Howard	Ruster	Fallon		
Heywood	Robinson	Ifil	Griemink	Nicholas	Howard	Reeves	Fallon		
Howard	Parkin	Mooney	Griemink	Reeves	Hewlett	Duke	Fallon		
Reeves	Robinson	Ifil	Griemink	Mooney	Hewlett	Heywood	Duke		
Reeves	Ifil	Hewlett	Griemink	Smith	Duke	Stevenson	Fallon		
Igoe	Parkin	Mooney	Griemink	Fallon	Martin	Duke	Robinson		
Howard	Mooney	Parkin	Griemink	Smith	Stevenson	Duke	Heywood		

APPEARANCES 2003/04

Player name:	LEAGUE		FA CUP		CARLING CUP		LDV VANS	
	apps	goal	apps	goal	apps	goal	apps	goal
BART GRIEMINK	5	0	1y	0	0	0	1	0
JEREL IFIL	16	0	5y	0	0	0	0	0
GRANT SMITH	3	0	2y	1	0	0	2	0
MATT HEWLETT	25	1	7y	0	0	0	1	0
ADI VIVEASH	14	0	1y	0	0	0	1	0
ANDY GURNEY	26	3	10y	1	1	0	2	1
SAMMY IGOE	16	1	2y1r	0	0	0	2	0
TOMMY MOONEY	27	11	3y	1	0	0	1	1
SAM PARKIN	20	11	3y	1	0	0	2	3
STEF MIGLIORANZI	23	3	0	1	0	0	2	0
DAVID DUKE	23	0	4y	1	0	0	2	0
IAN HERRING	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
JON STEVENSON	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
ANDREW NICHOLAS	12	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
JAMES MILNER	6	1	2y	0	0	0	0	0
BRIAN HOWARD	20	2	2y	1	0	0	2	0
MATT HEYWOOD	23	0	2y1r	1	0	0	2	0
RHYS EVANS	23	0	1y	1	0	0	2	0
ALAN REEVES	18	0	4y	1	0	0	2	0
STEVE ROBINSON	19	1	2y1r	1	0	0	1	0
BEN MARTIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEBASTIEN RUSTER	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
MICHAEL POOK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LUKE GARRARD	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JUNIOR LEWIS	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEON BURTON	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RORY FALLON	5	1	1r	0	0	0	0	0

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONWIDE SECOND DIVISION

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

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Brian Talbot



UP NEXT

AT THE COUNTY GROUND



WHO: RUSHDEN & DIAMOND
WHEN: SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
KICK OFF: 3PM

THE NEXT HOME GAME IS NOT UNTIL 7TH FEBRUARY WHEN THE FIRST EVER LEAGUE VISIT TO THE COUNTY GROUND OF RUSHDEN AND DIAMONDS TAKES PLACE.

Formed in 1992 with the amalgamation of Irthlingborough Diamonds and Rushden Town, progression has been swift. Ex-Arsenal, Ipswich and England midfielder Brian Talbot took the helm at Nene Park in 1997 and led the club to the Conference Championship four years later. Two seasons more and Diamonds were collecting another Championship, this time that of Division Three, and the first half of 2003/04 has seen the club comfortably establish themselves in Division Two.

The pace of striker Rodney Jack has impressed at the County Ground in the past during his spells with Torquay and Crewe. He joined Diamonds last summer along with Paul Kitson, the veteran who includes Derby, Newcastle and West Ham amongst his previous clubs.

Onandi Lowe was on the score sheet against Town over Christmas when his brace on Boxing Day deprived us of the only points we dropped in 12 over the festive season. Lowe's strike record is formidable with his first 13 goals in all competitions coming in just 16 matches, taking him level with Sam Parkin as the season moved into its second half.

Young midfielder David Bell looked to be Middlesbrough bound when he spent two weeks training with the Riverside based club last season. Talbot secured his continued service with an improved contract during the summer.

On the day that Town were beating Bournemouth, Rushden and Diamonds suffered a 1-0 loss at QPR, a result which dropped the club to 12th position in the table and tipping the positional superiority in Town's favour. Everyone at the County Ground will be hoping to maintain the status quo and avenge the Christmas defeat.

Dave Wallis

Saturday 7th February (3:00pm kick off)

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 Assistant 1: **P J Grove**
 Assistant 2: **D S McDermid**
 4th Official: **G J Chapman**



SWINDON TOWN

Andy King **MANAGER**



COLCHESTER UNITED

MANAGER Phil Parkinson

BART GRIEMINK	1	100/1	1	SIMON BROWN
GRANT SMITH	3	10/1	2	ANDY MYERS
MATT HEWLETT	4	8/1	3	JOE KEITH
ADI VIVEASH	5	20/1	4	GAVIN JOHNSON
ANDY GURNEY	6	10/1	5	SCOTT FITZGERALD
SAMMY IGOE	7	8/1	6	THOMAS PINAULT
TOMMY MOONEY	8	3/1	7	KARL DUGUID
SAM PARKIN	9	3/1	8	WAYNE ANDREWS
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	10	10/1	9	SCOTT MCGLEISH
DAVID DUKE	11	7/1	10	KEM IZZET
JON STEVENSON	14	4/1	11	JAMIE CADE
ANDREW NICHOLAS	15	20/1	12	CRAIG FAGAN
RORY FALLON	16	4/1	13	DEAN GERKEN
BRIAN HOWARD	17	10/1	16	ROWAN VINE
SEBASTIEN RUSTER	18	5/1	17	BOBBY BOWRY
MATTHEW HEYWOOD	19	10/1	18	LIAM CHILVERS
RHYS EVANS	20	100/1	19	ALAN WHITE
BEN MARTIN	21		21	JOHN WHITE
ALAN REEVES	22	16/1	22	GREG HALFORD
MICHAEL POOK	23	20/1	24	PAT BALDWIN
LUKE GARRARD	24		25	SAM STOCKLEY
STEVE ROBINSON	25	8/1	31	RICHARD MCKINNEY
DAVE BAMPTON	27	16/1		
JEREL IFIL	28	16/1		
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