

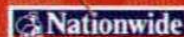
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COMMENT - Chris Tanner

Welcome back to The County Ground for what will be undoubtedly a tense afternoon for all involved.

There should be a great atmosphere inside the stadium once again with Hartlepool expected to bring a large number of supporters down to Wiltshire. From our own point of view, the ticket office has seen huge demand for tickets over the past week and I am sure your support will be as loud as ever this afternoon.

Inside this edition of FC Magazine we have an end of season review from Dave Wallis and a look at stadium developments at Bournemouth, Hull, Reading and Southampton. We also have match reports from Oldham and QPR, a feature on today's mascots and an introduction to 'Wise Men Say'.

Let's enjoy today's game and hopefully we can all relax a little more at 4.45pm with a place in the Play-Offs secured.

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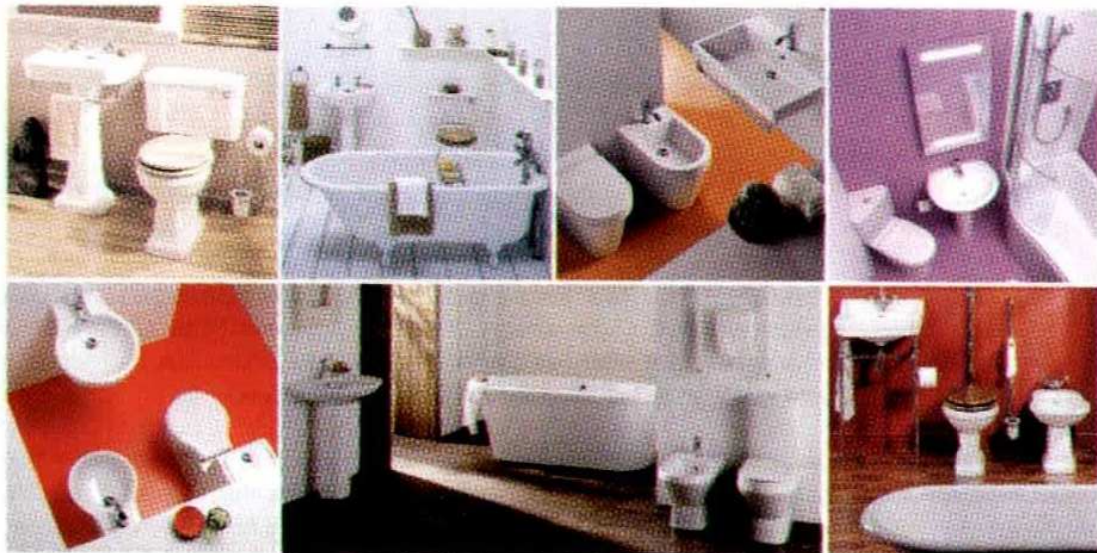
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THE NEWS

COUNTY GROUND DIARY

MONDAY 26TH APRIL PFA AWARDS

There was no mention of a Swindon Town player in the PFA Division Two Team Of The Year awards after the annual awards dinner held in London recently. Despite scoring over twenty-five goals last season Super Sam was left out of the 2002/03 team, as the two striking options went to Rob Earnshaw and Rob Hulse.

This time around, Leon Knight of Brighton and Scott Taylor of Blackpool were adjudged to have performed better throughout the current campaign.

Division Two Team 2003/04:

Steve Phillips, Louis Carey, Graham Coughlan, Danny Cullip, Gino Padula, Carlos Edwards, David Frio, Brian Tinnion, Richie Wellens, Leon Knight, Scott Taylor.

SATURDAY 1ST MAY RANGERS, NOT ALONE!

The attendance on Saturday beat any previous for QPR and was the highest at Loftus Road this season for any games played in the Premiership by Fulham.

So, a well done to all fans who made the trip to West London last weekend. Let's cheer the lads onto three points today to make sure of that place in the Play-Offs.

SATURDAY 8TH MAY WATCH THE ACTION

There is only one place where you can watch all the action from this season online, and that's STFC World. We're offering you the chance to sign up to our premium content video and audio channel - STFC World - for the

remainder of the season all for £4.99.

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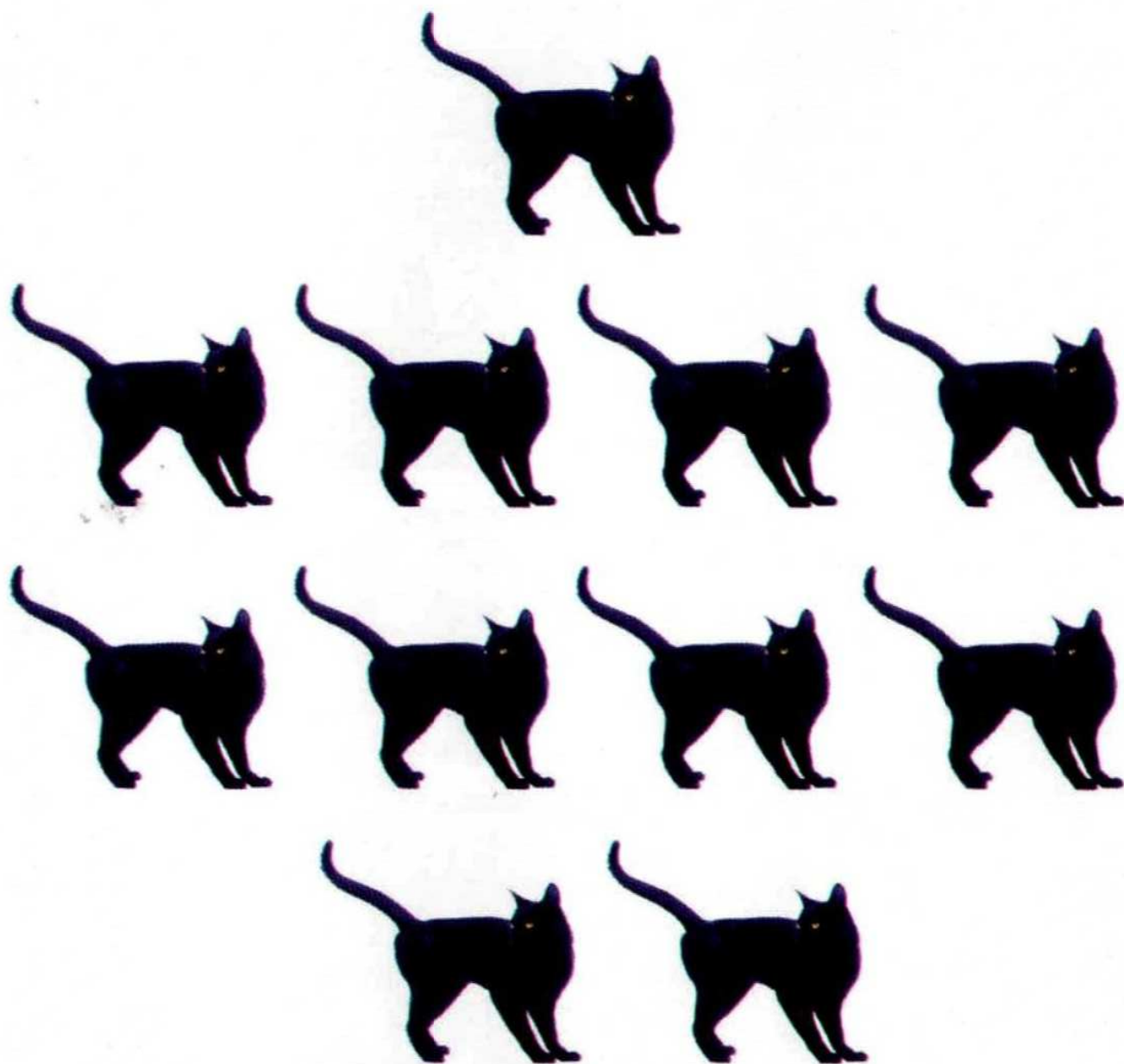
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GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME WITH HARTLEPOOL. I WOULD LIKE TO WISH A WARM WELCOME TO NEALE COOPER, HIS VISITING PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND DIRECTORS AND OF COURSE MARTIN SCOTT TO THE COUNTY GROUND.

Like ourselves, I'm sure that at the start of the season if Hartlepool had been told that they would have been going into the last game of the season away to Swindon with a two-point lead to ensure a playoff spot, then they would have been delighted. In the case of Hartlepool I think it is a tremendous achievement given that they only came up from Division Three last season and are now looking to go straight up to Division One.

In our own case, the achievement would have been progression from the first time I was here when we were fighting of relegation. Having experienced that week with watching Bristol Rovers play two games in four days and losing both, meaning that secured our position in the league; the feelings I have now are not called pressure, they are elated pressure. What is even more important is that on this occasion it is in our own hands whereas back then it was waiting on the results from Bristol Rovers.

I feel very confident that we are capable of achieving it. I realise the difficulties of Hartlepool having a good run of form, they now need the win or at least a point as much as we do depending on the Port Vale result. However, every time I have asked questions of this team they have responded magnificently and I feel that they deserve that play-off spot. In the perfect world and in reflection a draw would be a perfect result for both teams; but that cannot be guaranteed.

It has been the best season in a long time at The County Ground. I would like to give a personal thanks on behalf of myself and the players for your support throughout the season. It has been superb, culminating in the last two away games where the support really has been second to none. I would also like to thank the staff who work so hard behind the scenes and continue to work with a smile.

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GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE ON WHAT THE GAFFER WOULD CALL A 10 CIGAR MATCH AND A NAILBITING END TO A VERY EVENTFUL SEASON.

Matt Heywood, who sustained an ankle injury in training last week, has made good progress and should have trained on Thursday ahead of today's game.

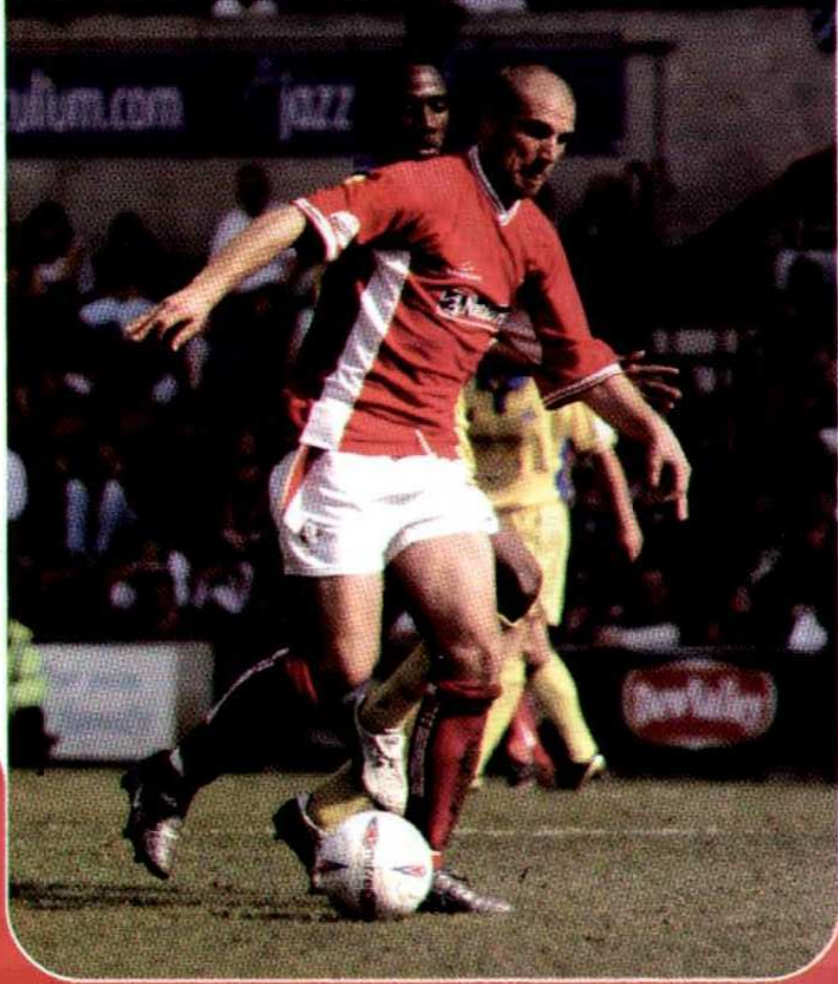
The other major worry is Stefani Miglioranzi who following a heavy tackle at Loftus Road, has a badly sprained ankle. A precautionary X-Ray revealed no bony damage but today's game will probably have arrived too soon for him to be available for selection.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Nicholas and Dr Peter Wiesemann, our Club doctors, and Mr Ivory and Mr Deo our orthopaedic consultants for their sterling work and valuable support.

Enjoy the game.

Dick Mackey
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Andy Bunney



CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO THE COUNTY GROUND FOR THE VISIT OF HARTLEPOOL UNITED.

We did not enjoy the best of trips up north in November when we went down 2-0 at a windy Victoria Park. They know how to play the pitch up there and we struggled to come to terms with it. However, we have progressed immensely and will be ready for them today.

It is a huge game this afternoon and now is the time for the big game players to stand up and be counted.

We have some experienced players in the squad such as Tommy Mooney, Alan Reeves, Adi Viveash and Sammy Igoe that could prove crucial on such an important afternoon.

We have had a good weeks training behind us and we will have to be positive today if we are to get the result we have worked so hard to achieve. Your support has been nothing short of unbelievable this season and I hope we can repay the faith with the right result today.

Enjoy the game, if you can!

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MARK DEVLIN



WELCOME TO YOU ALL FOR TODAY'S VISIT OF HARTLEPOOL UNITED, ONE OF THE BIGGEST MATCHES THE COUNTY GROUND HAS SEEN FOR MANY A YEAR. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CAN I ALSO OFFER A WARM WELCOME TO THE VISITING DIRECTORS, MANAGEMENT, PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS WHO HAVE MADE THE LONG TREK SOUTH.

Hands up anyone who predicted back in August that it would come down to a final day showdown for a place in the play offs. It has been a tremendous season, full of the ups and downs associated with following Swindon (or at least that is what our fans like to tell me). Apart from a blip in form last October, we have been there or thereabouts the play off area for most of the season. We also 'enjoyed' a tremendous night at Elland Road, when we thoroughly deserved to beat Leeds when only penalties and a goalscoring goalkeeper conspired to send us home empty handed. Andy King, his management team and all the players are to be roundly congratulated for getting us so far. However, we are not quite there

yet, but I believe that this group of players have what it takes to secure a play off place. Your support, which has grown both in numbers and volume, has been magnificent throughout the season. I hope and believe that the team will produce a performance which will get us all into the play offs and give you a finale which your support warrants.

There have now been two days of public consultation regarding the new stadium and sports village development. I am very aware, first hand, of some of the local residents concerns and fears and, from a personal point of view, I have learned much from what I have been told. Most of the residents were in favour of the complex and the stadium, but not the location. There was, I'm pleased to say, very little animosity aimed at the club. Increased traffic, light and noise pollution, the perceived 'rowdiness' of football fans and the loss of forest were the key issues. The professionals from St Modwen had already further developed their original plans, allowing, for instance, much more forestation to be kept than was initially planned. There will be further modifications following the comments we

received, before any presentations to the council. Understandably, those who are opposed to the development have already made their feelings clear. What I would ask, and it is important, is that those who are in favour of the stadium and sports village complex, also make their feelings known so that a balanced view can be formed by those who have the responsibility to make decisions on the matter.

With the regular season coming to an end I would like to thank every member of staff for their hard work during the season. We operate pretty much on a skeleton staff compared to a lot of other clubs and the staff have worked long and hard to make sure that this club continues to move forward. To all the match day staff I would also like to say a big thank you, without you we simply couldn't operate on matchdays. I particularly would like to say thanks to Linda Birrell, who acts as secretary to both Andy King and I, as well as dealing with first team football administration.

Thank you all for your support, and I look forward and hope to see you back here for one final match at the County Ground. Enjoy the game.

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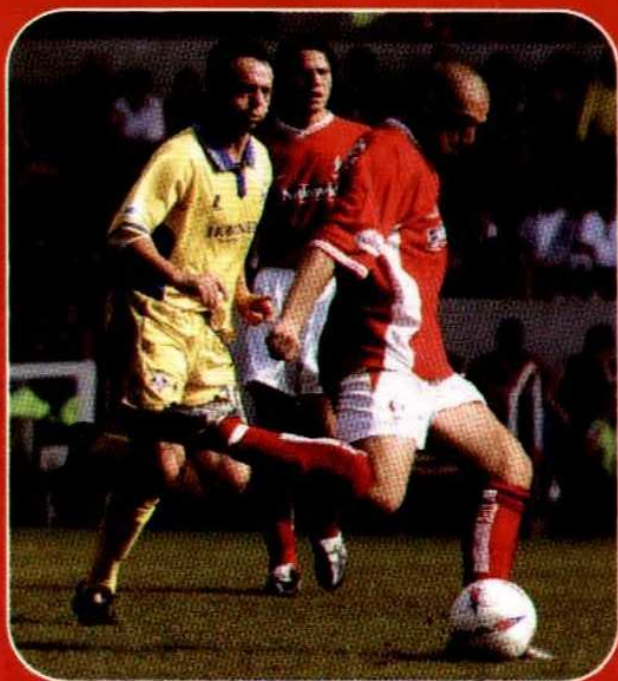
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SATURDAY 24TH APRIL - VENUE: COUNTY GROUND - ATT: 8,506

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A LACKLUSTRE DISPLAY BY TOWN AGAINST OLDHAM SAW A DISAPPOINTING DEFEAT ON A DAY WHICH DEMANDED MUCH MORE WRITES STFC SPORTS REPORTER ADRIAN SMITH.

Sam Parkin was on the bench as Oldham started brightly and they took the lead in the 8th minute when Paul Murray curled a fine shot in from 25 yards giving Rhys Evans no chance.

Town responded with speculative efforts through Tommy Mooney and Rory Fallon but struggled to break down the Oldham defence although the opposing keeper Pogliacomi made a last ditch from Fallon's powerful volley in the 31st minute. Shortly before half-time Mooney blazed a shot over the bar from the angle of the penalty area and there was little other action to report before the break.

After the break the visitors continued to deny Town any clear

cut opportunities until the 53rd minute when Fallon was fouled but Gurney's soft shot was easily saved by Pogliacomi.

Daniel Hall was cautioned for a foul from behind on Howard in the 58th minute and while play was stopped Sam Parkin entered the fray replacing Andy Nicholas. Town stepped up the pressure and had a free-kick taken by Howard which was deflected for a corner and Parkin went close from Howard's outswinging corner but his header flew over the bar. Oldham went further ahead in the 74th minute when Jermaine Johnson outpaced the defence and scored with a curling shot from 18 yards after a Town attack had broken down. Howard was replaced by Sammy Igoe before the match restarted and Town finally got a goal in the 78th minute when Rory Fallon touched the ball home from 2 yards after Gurney had shot from 18 yards.

Town continued to press forward with two corners in added time but

Fallon's header was off target and the visitors held out so Town suffered their first home defeat since December 2003.

SWINDON TOWN:

Rhys Evans, Sean O'Hanlon, Matt Hewlett(Alan Reeves), Andy Gurney, Tommy Mooney, Stefani Miglioranza, David Duke, Andy Nicholas(Sam Parkin), Rory Fallon, Matt Heywood, Brian Howard(Sammy Igoe)

Subs not used: Bart Griemink, Luke Garrard

OLDHAM ATHLETIC:

Les Pogliacomi, Dean Holden, Adam Griffin, Will Haining, Daniel Hall, Darren Sheridan, Mark Bonner, David Eyres (Ernie Cooksey), Jermaine Johnson, John Eyre (Scott Vernon), Paul Murray,

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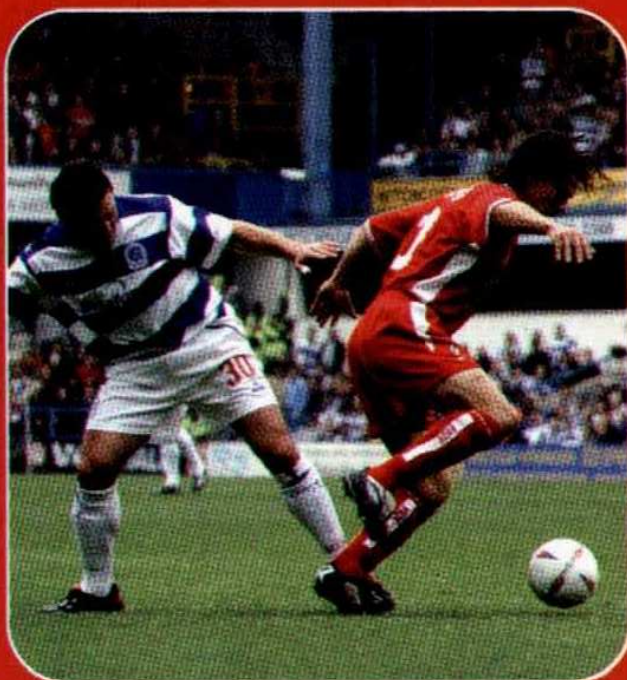
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SATURDAY 1ST MAY - VENUE: LOFTUS ROAD - ATT: 18,396

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TOWN LOST 1-0 TO A VIBRANT QPR AS A LATE PORT VALE WINNER BROUGHT FINAL DAY DRAMA TO THE ROBINS PLAY-OFF DREAM WRITES STFC SPORTS REPORTER SIMON COY

In a pulsating game Martin Rowland broke Town hearts with an early strike that puts the pressure on Swindon to get at least a point from the final game against Hartlepool. With Loftus Road bursting at the seams and magnificent support from both sides the top of the table clash began at a furious pace. However disaster struck for Town after only 75 seconds. Martin Rowland seemed to have acres of space and time to drill home from close range at the far post following an early long throw flicked on by Paul Furlong. Town had an excellent chance to equalise when Igoe slipped Andy Gurney in down the right flank. The Town full back surged to the line and pulled the ball across into the centre towards Stefani Miglioranzi but his shot

looped up and over the bar from the edge of the six yard box. In the 37th minute QPR were a whisker away from a second when an excellent cross by Padula found Gareth Ainsworth on the far post unmarked. He headed back across goal towards an empty net but Andy Nicholas somehow got back to block and Reeves completed the clearance. In the 68th minute Gallen again broke free and this time hit a low shot from the right which went agonisingly wide of the far post with Evans beaten. Moments later the QPR dangerman found himself in space on the right again but this time he tried to cross for Furlong but his ball across the box was too far ahead of his strike partner and was cleared by a relieved Town defence. With seven minutes left a long throw into the QPR box saw Parkin flick on at the near post for the onrushing Matt Hewlett who struck a volley from 8 yards but his effort blazed over with the goal gaping. However the London team held out to claim the three points and the 3000

Town fans jaws dropped when the news came through that Vale had claimed a last minute winner to take the season right to the wire.

QPR:

Lee Camp, Richard Edghill, Gino Padula, Matthew Rose, Clarke Carlisle, Gareth Ainsworth, Marc Bircham, Richard Johnson, Martin Rowlands, Kevin Gallen, Paul Furlong

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SWINDON TOWN:

Rhys Evans, Sean O'Hanlon, Matt Hewlett, Andy Gurney, Sammy Igoe (Tommy Mooney), Sam Parkin, Stefani Miglioranzi (Brian Howard), David Duke, Andy Nicholas (Grant Smith), Rory Fallon, Alan Reeves

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TO PLAYERS, OFFICIALS AND FANS ALIKE A NEW STADIUM IS LIKE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR. CLEAN, SHINY NEW SEATS, SPACIOUS CORRIDORS AND AN UNRESTRICTED VIEW ALL COMBINE TO MAKE THE SATURDAY AFTERNOON FOOTBALLING EXPERIENCE A PLEASURE BEFORE A BALL IS EVEN KICKED

Across the four tiers of English professional football giant structures of concrete and steel rise from the ashes of grounds gone by. Its goodbye to the archaic architecture of Archibald Leith and hello to the majestic Madejski.

Soon to leave the Third Division a distant memory Hull City's Kingston

Communication (KC) Stadium (Above) will grace the higher leagues. 25,000 plus fans enjoy a perfect view from the sleek curves of this graceful venue set in pretty Humberside parkland.

Down by the seaside on the sunny south coast Dean Court disappeared and was replaced as if by magic the Fitness First Stadium rose in its place in a matter of months. Compact and modern, the venue now allows fans of the Second Division club to watch their football from three similar sized stands or from a row of plush executive boxes. Most noticeable to previous visitors (other than the missing fourth side) is that the pitch has been turned a full 90 degrees making the trip to the Fitness First a whole new experience.

Any trip along the M4 will mean a head turning moment to gaze longingly at the magnificent Madejski Stadium (Top Right), home of First Division Reading. Housing over 24,200 supporters this five star venue includes a luxury hotel and conference centre giving great opportunities for improved income away from matchdays.

Totally enclosed with great acoustics the stadium is a shining example of what can be achieved from a medium sized ground. Where previously Reading could attract no more than 5-6,000 fans, their new stadium has helped them to increase their average attendance by more than double, regularly seeing crowds in excess of 20,000.



EXCITEMENT...

Finally, into the Premiership and its back to the south coast for the biggest contrast between old and new. Visitors to The Dell will remember how cramped and unwelcoming the ground was with a corridor at the back of the visiting stand that wouldn't have been out of place down inside a South Wales coalmine. Southampton now ply their trade in the glorious surroundings of the St.Mary's Stadium (Bottom Right) giving over 32,000 fans the chance to view their favourites in style. Like a modern sporting cathedral the impressive glass frontage welcomes visitors to a fabulous arena. Big screens at either end give fans a great view of action and friendly, welcoming staff make a visit to the St.Mary's Stadium a truly twenty first century footballing experience.





▲ Karen Ainscow

A Week In The Life Of... **Karen Ainscow** - Youth Administrator

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Every football club dreams of discovering the next Rooney, Owen or Milner. An efficient, smooth running youth system is needed to help the coaches find the likes of Leigh Mills, and at the County Ground the work of Youth Administrator Karen Ainscow ensures that the coaches can concentrate on the job of spotting the next boy wonder.

Karen is in her second spell at the Club having initially begun in November 1998 before leaving in 2000. After a 10 month absence she returned to her job and works 20 hours a week in her crucial role.

Originally from London Karen has lived in Swindon for 20 years and is married to Steve. The whole family including sons Josh, 11, and Ryan, 6, are all avid Town fans. Josh plays football for Nythe Primary School where Karen holds a key position as a Parent Governor.

Before joining the Robins Karen worked for WHSmith and associated company Info Vision for over 10 years but she describes with real enthusiasm how she got the chance to work in football. "I couldn't believe it. After coming in for the interview I

really wanted the job as I've always loved watching football. I love it and some of the players parents have become really good friends."

During A Recent Week...

Monday -

I complete the U17 and U19 team sheets and refs reports from the weekend and send them to the League Secretary and the Refs Dept at the Football League. I send a fax for next week confirming kick off details, what age groups will play home and away, what colours we will all play in and directions to the Training Ground.

Tuesday -

Type up and copy team sheets for all of the age groups, U9's to U'15's, giving details of the forthcoming Sunday game. I send letters or e-mails to match officials for the Youth Team home fixtures giving details of the match and arrange food with the kitchen for the away team. My role includes dealing with any offer letters to boys that have been on trial at the Centre of Excellence together with the relevant paperwork and forms that will need to be completed.

Wednesday -

I don't work on this day.

Thursday -

I send invites to Youth Team trialists and arrange meetings with the College and at the Zurich Life Training Ground. I organise paperwork for any lads that are going on work experience at another club.

Friday -

We are currently organising a Race Night raising funds for the running costs of the Youth Department and to help cover costs of our U14's / U15's in the Milk Cup Tournament in Ireland in July 2004. I send letters to Swindon businesses looking for donations for the raffle or auction, as well as organise flights for the trip to Ireland. I also send invitations to those lucky lads who are invited to go and letters to the lads who are not so lucky.

To help with funds we have taken individual Centre Of Excellence photo's as well as squad pictures of each age group that we will sell to the parents. I also go to the training ground to help give them out and collect the money.



ROCKIN ROBIN CELEBRITY SHORTS!



Dear Mr. Robin,

What am I to do? Me and Poshy don't know wever to leave Real Madrid and go to Chelsea or Arsenal. The Mrs. is doing her pieces and I just can't decide. I'm homesick and ... and ...and... (blub) waaaaaaaaaaaaah! Everybody's got it in for me!

D. Bekkam.

Davy,

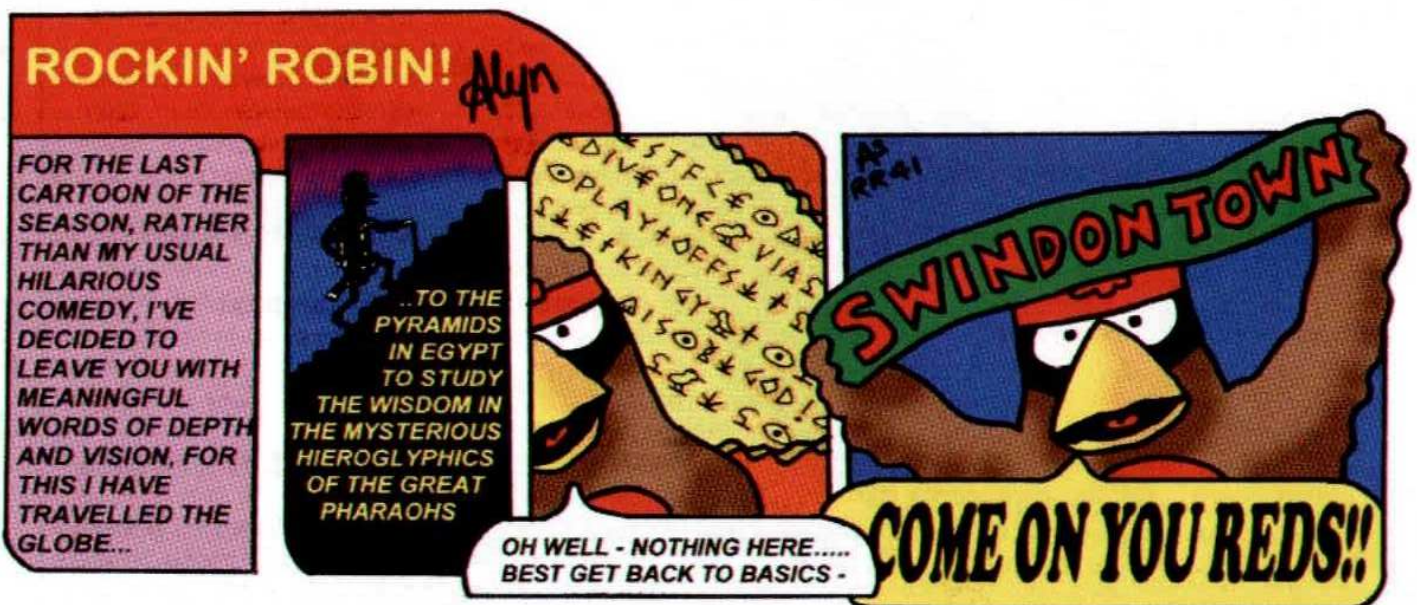
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did somebody say something?

Let's get to real matters.

Today is the day, it's tighter than a tight spot on St. Tight Day up at the Play Off end of Division Two, so the atmos. here at the CG will be electric. I'll be carrying all my lucky charms (one of them didn't bring much luck to the rabbit involved) and cheering on the lads at full volume. It's been a great season and we've been treated to some wonderful games here with some brilliant goals, so whatever happens today let's remember that. It's been the most exciting influx of players here for many years, and some of the wildest hairstyles I've seen in an age! Sometimes walking into the dressing room has been like walking into that TV programme The Salon, all that hair gel and tattoos. So, my message to you is to cheer on the lads to the end of the game today, and if we have two, or hopefully three more matches to play at the end of it, crank it up some more: Come On You Reds!!!!

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THE PICTURE ABOVE SHOWS HARTLEPOOL GOALKEEPER BLACKBURN SAVING FROM BRIAN WADE IN THE SWINDON V HARTLEPOOL MATCH PLAYED ON 25TH MARCH 1986, THE DAY LOU MACARI MANAGED TO OBTAIN THE SIGNING ON LOAN OF FRASER DIGBY WHO WOULD GO ON TO MAKE MORE COMPETITIVE APPEARANCES THAN ANY OTHER SWINDON KEEPER.

The Hartlepool United keeper, Eddie Blackburn already had over a 100 appearances for "The Pool" to his credit. Born at Houghton Le Spring he had spells with Hull City and York City before moving to Victoria Park. During this season along with Tony Smith and Brian Honour he was ever present in the Hartlepool League team. Bryan Wade was nicknamed "the Badger" and had been left out of the Swindon team for a couple of matches for looking sluggish and overweight. The previous match at the County Ground had seen Port Vale

end Town's run of 14 consecutive home wins with a goal less draw so Town were hoping to return to winning ways. The recalled Wade made a quick impact in this match giving Town the lead in the second minute. A long-throw by Paul Roberts was helped on by Charlie Henry and Wade was on it in a flash to drive it into the net. Swindon's lead was to prove short lived as just five minutes later a free kick by Phil Chambers was not cleared and Pool skipper, Tony Smith came up from the back to toe poke it home. After 25 minutes Smith scored again but unfortunately for him this time it was in his own net. A cleverly chipped free kick by Chris Kamara set Wade free down the right and Smith had the misfortune to divert the Trowbridge striker low cross from the right into his own net. Perhaps the most notable thing about the first half was that it produced 35 free kicks and had Clive King in the Adver commenting that Jim Borritt the referee "produced enough whistles for a season of sheepdog trials."

In the second half Blackburn produced a fine save to keep out another effort by Wade that bent round three defenders. The bustling Wade was not to be denied though and on 71 minutes he neatly flicked home a header from a Kamara free kick. Kamara himself might have got on the score sheet later but for a couple of Smart reaction saves by Blackburn while Brian Honour had a shot kicked off the line by Town skipper, Colin Calderwood. The 3-1 victory left Town 8 points clear at the top of the table while Hartlepool were left in 5th spot, trailing Port Vale by three points but with a game in hand. Swindon with Wade and Peter Coyne joint third highest League scorer with 10 behind Charlie Henry (18) and Colin Gordon (17) went on to clinch the Fourth Division Championship.

It was the last season before the play offs were introduced and Hartlepool, for whom Alan Shoulder top scored with 17, finished in 7th position. The other three promotion places went to Chester City, Mansfield Town and, dare I mention Port Vale.

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TODAY'S VISITORS

HARTLEPOOL UNITED



WELL - WE ALL KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS AFTERNOON'S FIXTURE

Back in May 1999 Hartlepool United - our welcome visitors to The County Ground for today's play-off crunch game - finished 22nd in the Third Division, avoiding relegation from the Football League by just three points with only Carlisle United and demoted Scarborough below them.

Now, five years on, the Victoria Park side could be playing in the First Division next season, having climbed out of the Third Division sector as runners-up last term.

A Football League club since 1921, Hartlepool have never played at that level, and during the 1950s were certainly battling at the wrong end of the Third Division (North) table. Indeed, on many occasions they had to apply for re-election. Now it's all change and who knows what might happen in the play-offs that follow soon.

Managed now by the former Glasgow Rangers and Aston Villa midfielder Neale Cooper, Hartlepool have played some excellent football throughout this season, especially away from home where they have

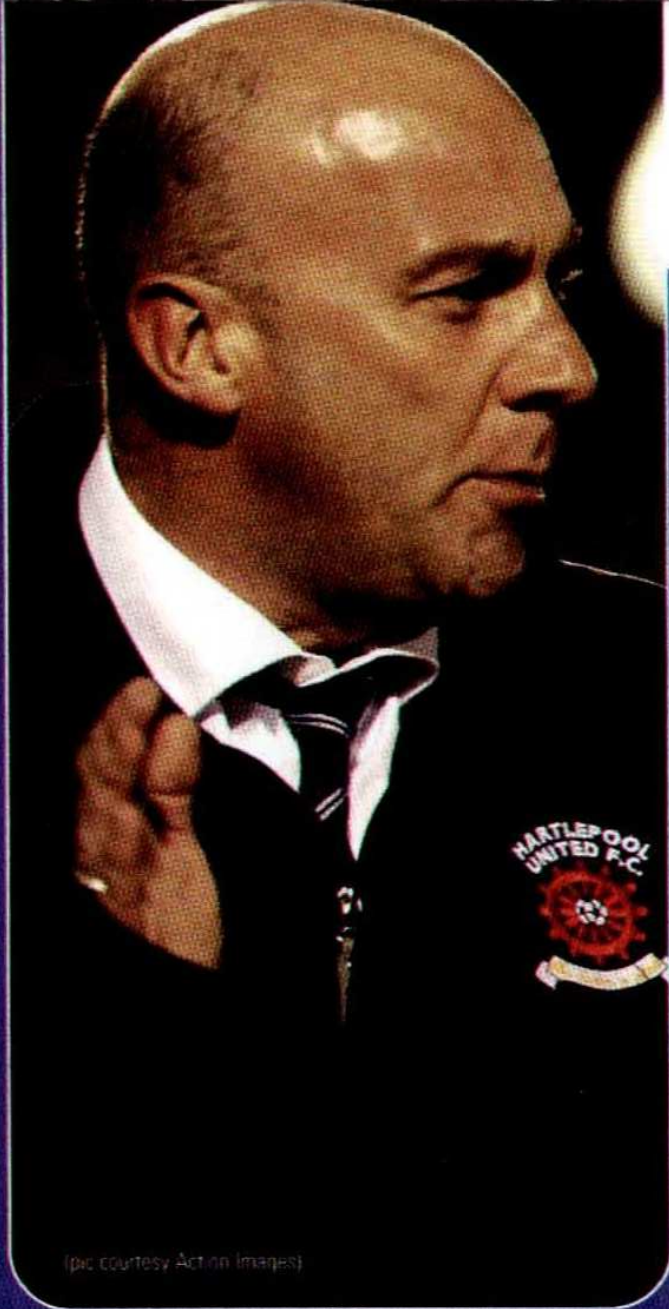
won ten times and drawn four of their 22 matches, collecting 34 points - the best 'on the road' record this season by any club in the Second Division.

Six of those away wins have been as follows: 5-2 at Port Vale, 4-3 at Wycombe and Peterborough United and 2-0 at Grimsby, Oldham and Rushden & Diamonds. Their other four victories have all been accomplished with a 2-1 scoreline.

Cooper admitted some three weeks ago, that his players have performed better as the season has progressed. And after thrashing hapless Notts County 4-0 at home in mid-April he believed there and then that promotion was a distinct possibility, saying: "We are the in-form team at the minute and we are playing with commitment, composure and confidence both at home and away."

Last weekend the 'Pool lost what was to them a crucial home game against the champions Plymouth Argyle and the pressure is now on as they and the Robins fight will fight it out on the pitch. A defeat for either club and a win for Port Vale would be a disaster - not worth thinking about, really!





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THE GAFFER NEALE COOPER

NEALE COOPER was born in Darjeeling, India on 24 November 1963. Initially a defender, he joined Aberdeen in 1979 and turned professional in November 1981. Five years later having switched to midfield, he moved to Aston Villa for 300,000 and later assisted Glasgow Rangers, Reading, Dunfermline Athletic and Ross County, becoming player-coach of the latter club in 1997, and manager two years later. He was appointed boss of Hartlepool United in June 2003.

A Scottish Youth and Under-21 international, he helped Aberdeen win three Premier Division titles, the Scottish Cup on four occasions, the League Cup once, the European Cup-winner's Cup and European Super Cup, netting 10 goals in 245 outings for the 'Dons'. He was injured with Villa and out of the game for virtually a season and a half. He went on to gain another Premiership medal with Rangers and after doing well as manager of Ross County he duly carried on the good work with Hartlepool.

DANGERMAN EIFION WILLIAMS



Welsh 'B' international striker EIFION WILLIAMS was born in Anglesey in November 1975 and played his early football with Barry Town. In March 1999 Torquay United paid £70,000 for his services and he did extremely well with the Devon club over the next three years, scoring 24 goals in a total of 122 first-class matches. A fine target man and front runner, brave and totally committed Williams was signed by previous Hartlepool manager Chris Turner for £30,000 in March 2002 and was top scorer last season with 16 League and Cup goals - despite going eleven matches without finding the net. During that time the team's performances and fortunes slumped dramatically. Positive in everything he does, Williams will certainly be a handful this afternoon and given the chance will have a poke at goal, from any distance or angle and with either foot.

DID YOU KNOW?

- On Good Friday 1951, full-back Joe Willetts scored a hat-trick of penalties for Hartlepool United in a 6-1 home League win over near neighbours Darlington.
- In February 1990 'Pool beat Stockport County 5-0 - this being the first time the team had gone nap for five years, since beating Stockport 5-1 in April 1985.

LAST MEETING HERE

The last League game played at The County Ground between Swindon Town and Hartlepool United was back in March 1986 when a crowd of 6,172 saw the championship-chasing Robins win 3-1 with goals from Wade (2) and Smith (o.g). Earlier in the season 'Pool had won 1-0 at Victoria Park.



Darrell Clarke
(pic courtesy Action Images)

MICHAEL BARRON

Former Middlesbrough and ex-Hartlepool skipper who has now appeared in almost 300 games for the club following his transfer from near neighbours 'Boro in 1997 (after a loan spell).

ADAM BOYD

Talented young striker, signed as a professional in 1999 who has now netted well over 20 goals for the club in almost 100 outings.

DARRELL CLARKE

A 26 year-old midfielder who joined Hartlepool three years ago having made 177 appearances for Mansfield, he's now had over 100 games for his current club.

DARREN CRADDOCK

A promising young defender who has come on in leaps and bounds this season after an impressive debut.

NEIL DANNS

A central midfielder born in Liverpool, who played in the Premiership for Blackburn Rovers before joining Hartlepool this season.

RITCHIE HUMPHREYS

Previously with Sheffield Wednesday, Scunthorpe, Cardiff City and Cambridge, he joined the club in 2001 and has now netted over 40 goals in his career.

STEVEN ISTEAD

Right-winger, who became Hartlepool's youngest-ever player last season when, at the age of 16 years, 187 days, he came off the bench for his debut against Bristol Rovers.

DIMITRIOS KONSTANOPOULOS

A Greek import this season who has been on the subs' bench for practically the whole of the season due to the form of goalkeeper Jim Provett.

MICHAEL NELSON

Centre-back, 6ft 2ins tall who played for Bishop Auckland and then Bury before moving to Hartlepool last year. He made over appearances for the Shakers.

THE HARTLEPOOL UNITED SQUAD

JOEL PORTER

Promising youngster who made his League debut earlier this season.

JIM PROVETT

First choice goalkeeper, aged 21 who made his debut for the club in the LDV Vans encounter with Tranmere Rovers last season. He was born in Stockton and has been with the club for five years.

GAVIN STRACHAN

Son of Gordon, he suffered with a back injury last month, but is now fully fit and able to resume in midfield. Formerly with Coventry, Dundee, Peterborough and Southend, he joined 'Pool last year.

ANTONY SWEENEY

A Scottish Youth international midfielder, 20 years of age, who started this season with just seven senior games under his belt.

MARK TINKLER

Experienced 29 year-old attacking midfielder, formerly of Leeds United, York and Southend who joined 'Pool in 2000. He's netted over 30 goals for the club, was top scorer last term and played for England Schools and Youths as a teenager.

CHRIS WESTWOOD

Aged 27 from Dudley who played six times for Wolves before joining Telford United, moving in 1999 to Hartlepool in 1999 for who he's now made over 200 appearances.



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As of yet, due to possible TV coverage, the Club cannot confirm the exact date as to when the possible play-off game would take place, except that the Play-Off dates are as follows:

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IT'S WEDNESDAY MORNING AS I WRITE THESE NOTES AND THE FEELING IN MY STOMACH IS THE SAME ONE I HAD AS I WAITED FOR MY A-LEVEL RESULTS ON AN AUGUST MORNING BACK IN 1991. I'M SURE MANY OF YOU WILL KNOW WHAT I'M TRYING TO DESCRIBE. IT'S A PECULIAR MIXTURE OF EXCITEMENT, ANTICIPATION, HOPE, FEAR, DESPAIR AND FRUSTRATION ALL MIXED TOGETHER IN A BUBBLING COCKTAIL WHICH YOU WOULDN'T DREAM OF DRINKING.

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Today it's the turn of Swindon Town to face an examination. Until defeats against Oldham and QPR you'd have thought our 'coursework' (or points) throughout the campaign would be enough to get us a pass but the great footballer examiner in the sky has decreed that it all comes down to a final test.

At least we don't need an A+ to pass. A draw will do for both sides and Port Vale most certainly need an A+ at Rushden this afternoon.

Yes, we're nervous but imagine how the players must feel. Back to the exam thing. If you had 10,000 people



roaring you on as you entered the hall to take a test it can only fill you with confidence.

That has to be the way forward today. Drive out the nerves by roaring the lads on from start to finish.

Once again, it just shows what a strange game football is. How many of us would have looked at this game as a play-off decider at the start of the season?

Correction, how many of us would have thought Hartlepool would be in contention? Fair play to them. While they have been decent at home, it is their away record which is astonishing. Clearly the travel

sickness pills are super strength in the north east.

Whatever happens today, there can be no argument that Town have moved forward another step. We have some terrific young players with a bright future and off the pitch a new stadium beckons. Exciting times indeed.

I hope these don't prove to be my final programme notes of the season but should the worst come to the worst, I'd like to wish you a happy summer from all at Adver Towers.

As I said though, I have everything crossed that we'll be meeting up again before the end of the campaign.

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SWINDON TOWN SUPPORTERS IN LONDON



UNTIL A FEW YEARS AGO, THERE WAS AN ACTIVE SUPPORTERS' CLUB FOR SWINDON TOWN FANS BASED IN LONDON - THE SWINDON SUPPORTERS IN LONDON ASSOCIATION (SSILA). IT WAS AN UNOFFICIAL ORGANISATION WITH 70 MEMBERS AT ONE POINT, BUT IT FADED AWAY WHEN THE LEAD ORGANISER MOVED AWAY FROM THE AREA.

A number of SSILA's members have continued to meet, however, and for the last two months have publicised an 'open house' meeting in a Fleet Street pub - and the response has been encouraging. As a result, we have agreed that we would like to get things moving again if you are a Town supporter living in or around London, then this

is your chance to get involved!

The plan, at present, is to keep things very simple. We will be meeting from 6.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at:

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This has already proved a great way for London-based Swindon supporters to meet and share some non-Arsenal/Chelsea football banter. If the take up is good (as we expect it to be), the media guru in our number is also planning to issue a periodic newsletter and hopefully set up a web page as well. There will also be a designated match day train from Paddington that members can arrange to meet on.

So if you would like more information on 'Wise Men Say' then all you have to do is send an email to wisemensay@hotmail.com or just come along to the next meeting at the Old Bank of England which will take place on Thursday, May 13th - hopefully a couple of days before our first play off encounter!

For further details please e-mail Richard Parkin at wisemensay@hotmail.com





END OF SEASON

LAST SUMMER SAW A LARGE CLEAROUT AT THE COUNTY GROUND, AND ANDY KING SPENT MUCH OF HIS TIME BUT LITTLE OF THE CLUB'S MONEY REVAMPING THE SQUAD.

June brought the arrival of ex-Liverpool defender Andy Nicholas, soon followed by striker Jon Stevenson who had spent the previous season knocking in 12 goals in Leicester City's reserve side.

The midfield was boosted with the news that Reading's Sammy Igoe had put pen to paper on 24th, and a week later Swindon born, ex-Madejski team

mate Adi Viveash re-signed for Town after an eight year absence.

Interest from Chelsea in Southampton's Brian Howard didn't prevent the England U-20 midfielder signing on for the Robins in the middle of July and as pre-season friendlies kicked in at the County Ground, 17th July saw the visit of Wolves. The news that Swindonian keeper Rhys Evans had ignored approaches from West Ham United and Bolton to sign on the dotted line allowed him to take to the field for the second half of the 0-0 draw.

At the end of the month, the arrival of Aylesbury defender Ben Martin

meant that he began his Town career marking Portsmouth new-arrival Teddy Sheringham. Some start for the 6ft 7in man.

The summer had also seen the signing of Grant Smith from Sheffield United but perhaps capturing the most headlines was the signature of Tommy Mooney whose early season striking rate threatened to eclipse Super Sam himself.

The season started in blazing sunshine and the visit of newly relegated Sheffield Wednesday, but the 3-2 opening day defeat was put in perspective as news filtered through



REVIEW...

of the tragic death of Manchester United and ex-Town loanee Jimmy Davis.

Jimmy was due to spend 2003/04 at Watford but events transpired to prevent the man who made all of his League appearances at Swindon from fulfilling his huge potential. The result seemed insignificant in comparison.

Concentrating on their football, Town put together a run which indicated their intentions for the season. A win at Colchester and a 4-0 home demolition of Notts County were followed by consecutive 2-2 draws against Bournemouth and Blackpool before

August was out. A Carling Cup victory at Southend put Town through to round two and the campaign was off to a good start.

The third successive 2-2 draw, this time at Brighton as September began, continued the good results against seaside based teams, but before this, important announcements were made on 3rd and 4th of the month.

After spending two months at the County Ground last season, Watford's Jerel Ifil returned on loan and the following day he was joined by Leeds United's James Milner, signed to cover the suspended Sammy Igoe.

The good form continued with wins over Wrexham and Grimsby and after a 2-2 draw at Barnsley, Town travelled to Leeds to take on the club that held Milner's permanent registration in the Carling Cup. With Town 2-0 up and 13 minutes to go, Ian Harte pulled a goal back for United before Town keeper Bart Griemink received a red card.

Leeds' keeper Paul Robinson headed the equaliser from a 94th minute corner and a penalty shoot-out drama finally eliminated Town from the competition after a goalless extra time. Time to bounce back, and a win over Peterborough saw September end with Town still undefeated in the League since that opening day loss.





03/04

SEASON REVIEW

Runs like that have to end, but it's painful when they do so against near neighbours. Defeat at Bristol City at the beginning of October began a month which threatened to unravel the good start. Four defeats on the trot, including elimination from the LDV Vans trophy at Boston, were halted with a 0-0 home draw with Port Vale.

The sequence found Town in 14th place in the table and there were some nervous glances at the teams below.

Ex-Town manager John Gorman was back in town as caretaker manager of Wycombe on November 1st and Swindon showed no favours with a 2-0 win, but when Town took the reverse journey the following week, the Tony Adams bandwagon had rolled into Buckinghamshire. Out we went from the FA Cup as Wanderers turned it on for their new manager and defeat at Oldham in the middle of the month did little to lighten the mood.

Still things didn't improve greatly. A draw with QPR preceded defeats by Hartlepool and Plymouth, so it was a welcome relief when three points were collected at

Brentford prior to Christmas.

The win finally started an upturn and despite a Boxing Day defeat at Rushden and Diamonds, Town gained four wins and two draws from the next six matches to the end of January.

If that was good, February continued in the same vein with consecutive 4-2 wins over Rushden and Diamonds and Stockport County and a home win against Chesterfield bringing maximum points through the month.

Town marched into March with home wins over Tranmere and Brentford until the first defeat of 2004 came at Plymouth, eleven weeks into the year.

Consistency like that reaped its reward in the table and hoisted Town up to fourth, a position consolidated with a win, a loss and two draws to the end of the month. The 30th brought a re-arranged game at Port Vale and having gone 3-0 down in the first half, Town fought back to claim a deserved point.

Among the news in March was the announcement of plans to re-site STFC to the Peatmoor area and public consultation is now underway to consider all aspects of the move.

Back on the pitch, April commenced with the jolt of a 4-2 defeat at Peterborough and then Rory Fallon warmed Town supporters hearts with that overhead strike in the draw with Bristol City. Two away trips

brought 3-0 wins at Luton and Wycombe and just as a play-off place looked ready to be secured, Oldham visited the County Ground and left with the points.

So to last week's match at QPR and the 1-0 defeat coupled with victory for Port Vale means the tension continues. Today's match is important for both Town and Hartlepool, and potentially Port Vale.

It's already been a great season. Tommy (The Gun) Mooney has made a terrific contribution and shared the scoring responsibilities with Super Sam almost goal for goal. The arrival of Rory Fallon in November increased Andy's striking options and claims that Town have the best strike force in the division are surely not far off the mark.

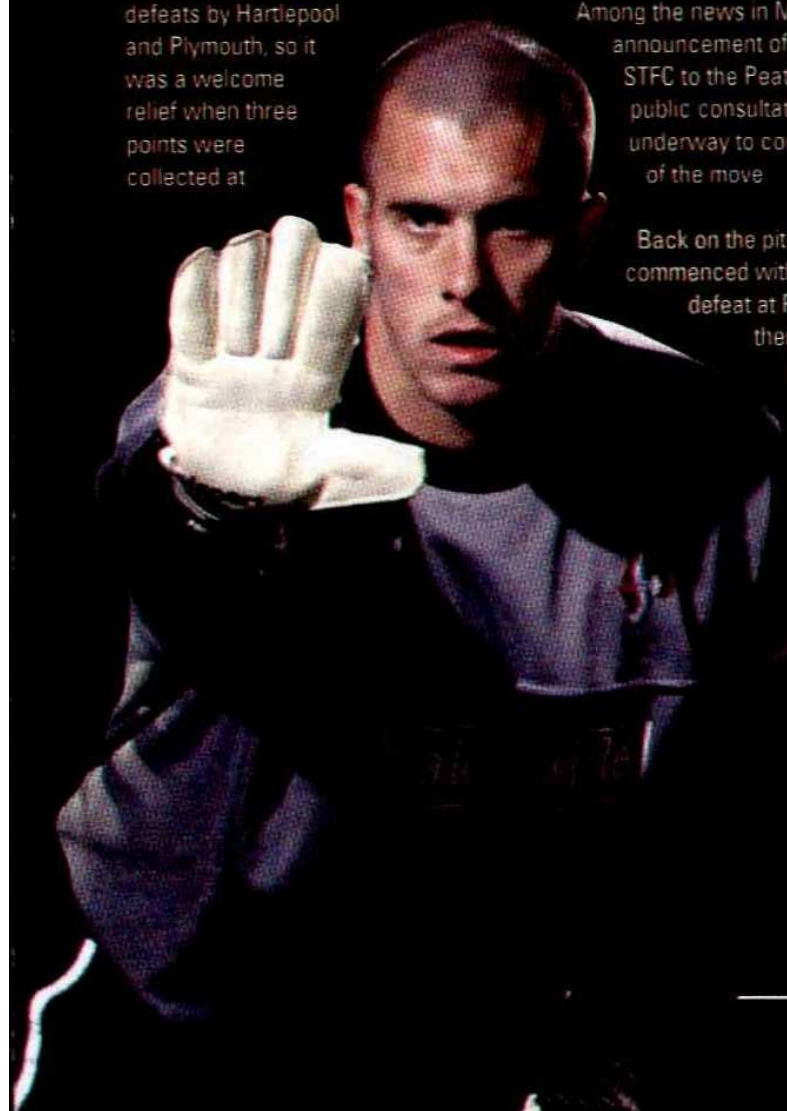
The defence has been completely overhauled with the arrivals of Evans, O'Hanlon and Nicholas and the average age of the entire unit has reduced dramatically. In midfield, Sammy Igoe has added exciting originality and everyone has been impressed with the progress that Brian Howard has made since breaking into the side.

Significant contributions from loan signings Milner and Ifil, who completed three months in total were particularly well timed while others called to the Town's cause included Junior Lewis, Deon Burton and the ultimately truncated transfer of Frenchman Sebastien Ruster.

Heading for the other door as the season progressed were Ian Herring and Alan Young who displayed their skills at Chippenham and Swindon Supermarine respectively as the summer approached.

Now as the regular season draws to a close and we all hope for a three-match extension, the news has broken that Bart Griemink, Jon Stevenson and Ben Martin will be plying their trades on new pastures. Good luck to them and let's hope we send them on their way with the memory of a Town promotion season.

Dave Wallis





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YOUNG GUNS

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The Under 19's season has been a reasonably good one, finishing third in the league with three outstanding games unplayed which was a little unfortunate because we weren't allowed to play them before the Merit League started. If we could have completed the games and won two out of three we would have probably won the league but the rules state that if the postponed games are not played before the first week in February then we cannot play them.

This is the second year on the trot that this has happened so taking away our chance of winning the league. As I have said before it is not all about winning but producing players for the first team, but for the lads involved it is taking away the opportunity of winning something which is obviously what they want to do.

The Under 18's have been very successful reaching the Semi-Final of the Midland Youth Cup, losing at Port Vale which was a fantastic game. Chris Taylor was sent off one minute before half time and we played through the next 45 minutes and 30 minutes extra-time with ten men, only to lose on penalties. The FA Youth Cup is the most important Cup competition in the country for the Under 18 age group in which we did tremendously well. We progressed through to the Quarter Finals for the first time in over 60 years which is a fantastic achievement for Swindon Town FC. On the night at Crewe we seemed to be a little nervous but came in at half-time with a 0-0 scoreline. Crewe scored ten minutes into the second half and then we seemed to relax and play. Sometimes when you are expected to lose, the pressure is taken off when the opposition scores and then you have nothing to lose. This again is a learning process that you need to relax and express yourself and be confident from the first whistle. This was the lesson learnt at Crewe.

Having said that the youth players this year have done very well and the icing on the cake is the inclusion in the first team squad of Michael Pook and Luke Garrard, with several other lads playing consistently in the reserve side.

Well done to everybody, it has been an enjoyable season.

Viv Busby.

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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
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	2-1
Sat 31st Jan	Cirencester	Home	p-p
Sat 21st Feb	Yeovil Town	Away	1-3
Sat 28th Feb	AFC B'mouth	Home	0-0
Sat 20th Mar	Swansea City	Home	p-p

UNDER 19'S

Sat 16th Aug	AFC B'mouth	Home	2-2
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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
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CENTRE EXCELLENCE

HELLO AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME.

As another season draws to a close we'd just like to go through the season with a brief overview of how the Centre of Excellence has achieved.

The season kicked off with our U11's to U15's coming back from their respective tours where Billy Bodin (U11) and Leigh Mills (U15) both won player of the tournament awards.

This brought Leigh Mills and STFC a lot of interest from Premier League Clubs with 12 scouts at one game, including representatives from England present. This situation came to a head with Everton making a substantial offer to take Leigh to their Club. Leigh turned down the offer and as we go to print his situation is still not definite as a couple of clubs are still showing an interest. We look forward to kicking off next season with Leigh playing for STFC. If this is not the case then we wish Leigh and his family all the best. With the recognition the Club gains by traveling to the Milk Cup and the experience our players gain by playing there we look forward to doing so once again in July. This will not be easy as we have to fundraise £10,000 needed to take us there. To help us do this we have arranged our third race and auction night here at the Club. We look forward to seeing our players parents at the evening.

Our schoolboy games programme was much improved this season with Clubs such as Portsmouth, Luton, Bournemouth and Brighton being added. This gave our players a chance to be tested by players from different areas and on the whole we have coped well. We look forward to creating a fixture list as good for next season, so our players can continue their development against different types of players.

I'd like to thank all of our players for their continued hard work and commitment. We are trying to give our players the best coaching and games programme we possibly can at Swindon Town and our players have to make sacrifices to be with us and I must say the way you conduct yourselves both on and off the pitch is first class. You are a credit to your parents, STFC and yourselves. Keep working hard lads, well done!

We'd like to make a few thank you's to our physio's Roger Reeves, Angela Hiller and Dick Mackey as well as our coaches. U9: Jeremy Newton, U10: Adam Collier, U11: Paul Bodin and John Hathaway, U13: Ian Palmer, U14: Mark Collier, U15: Martin Allen, U16: Dave Allen and our goalkeeping coach Sal Bibbo.

I would also like to thank the following people who have worked extremely hard over the last season in differing capacities: Karen

Ainscow, Roger Jones, Eddie Buckley, Clive, Nikki, Brian and Chris in the catering department. Greendown School and Zurich Life have been great with us in providing us with the facilities to train and play on.

Also I must also like to thank our sponsors Bodyline, Wilts Electrical Wholesale, GWR Vehicle Hire and Origin who have all supported us so well this season. The STFC Supporters Club have been perhaps the biggest help to us this season with their Pounds for Points fundraising initiative. This has raised over £3,500 with the first team doing so well so thank you to Mavis Knight, Roger Bunce and Nigel Bennett for their hard work and dedication. We can't thank you enough.

Enjoy the game.

Jimmy Fraser.

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WE MEET AGAIN...

Dave Cunningham

IT'S A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT WHEN TEAMS ARE PICKED IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND, THE BIGGEST KID GOES IN GOAL WHILE THE SMALLEST IS SENT OUT TO ONE OF THE WING POSITIONS.

Dave Cunningham was 5ft 5in when he joined Swindon in June 1977, and it wouldn't need a wise man to deduce that he wasn't signed to understudy keeper Jimmy Allan.

Born in Kirkcaldy in August 1953, Cunningham joined Southend in April 1973 after a spell at Brechin City, a club significantly nearer the Scotsman's home. The Shrimpers were playing their football in Division Three and Cunningham was to make 60 League appearances over a four-year period, but in March 1977 he turned out on loan with today's visitors Hartlepool United.

'Pools were in the process of finishing 90th in the Football League and Dave joined them when they

stood fourth from bottom of Division Four. Coming on as a substitute at home to Scunthorpe, Hartlepool recorded a 3-0 win, but despite 12 games and one goal in a 1-0 away win at Rochdale, Cunningham was only able to assist in dropping his team down two more place before the end of the season.

A month later he was a Town player, signed by Danny Williams, and 23 League appearances and three goals were to follow as Town finished 10th in Division Three. Cunningham was only called upon when Trevor Anderson was unavailable and when Anderson left for Peterborough in December, he still found himself sharing the number eleven shirt with Chic Bates.

By the start of 1978/79, Brian Williams had arrived and claimed the left winger's shirt and then Chris Kamara had a stint. So in December 1978, after failing to hold down a first team spot at Third Division Swindon and having just spent a month on loan at Fourth Division Peterborough,

Cunningham's next move caused many a raised eyebrow.

Aston Villa manager Ron Saunders came in with a £25,000 cheque to take Dave to a team who were about to finish 8th in Division One. It would be an unkind observation to wonder whether Saunders thought he was signing West Bromwich Albion England star winger Laurie Cunningham, but it certainly seemed a strange twist of fate for the journeyman footballer.

So, order was restored in August 1979 when Dave was shipped off to Hereford without making an appearance at Villa Park, and 30 Fourth Division outings produced a couple of goals. A year later, a move to Third Division Newport County failed to yield a game and Dave Cunningham's Football League career was over.

Quite how Aston Villa can be found on Dave Cunningham's CV becomes no less easy to fathom even after 25 years.



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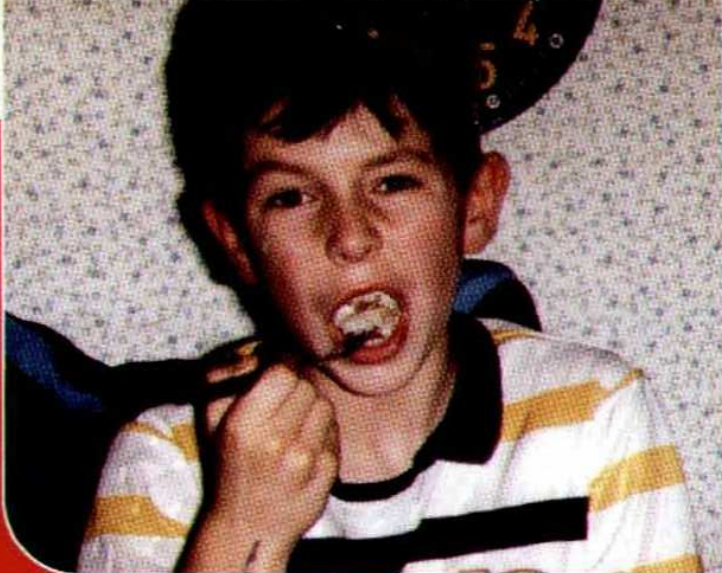
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So what now once the season has finished? What do all the fans find to replace their Saturday afternoons excursion to the County ground? I know the players will take the opportunity to visit relations and friends, take a couple of weeks holiday probably somewhere a little sunny and then more than likely try to reduce their handicap as much as possible. At least this summer has the

European championships to satisfy our football urges, before we know it we will be returning to our first fixture against...could it be Leeds away on the opening day?

In the last programme I left you with a few questions about the players to see how well you knew them. Here are my answers to compare with your own.

- 1. Player who without doubt has spent the most time on a sun bed this year?**
Tommy Mooney (Certainly showed the most obvious unnatural change in skin colour about xmas time)
- 2. Player most likely to be spotted in a MacDonald's or a little chef?**
Grant Smith. (Allegedly likes his food... a lot!!)
- 3. Player most likely to be spotted on a night out with a bottle of J20 (weirdo)?**
John Stevenson. (Cant handle the real stuff)
- 4. Player who has never been seen in a pair of jeans?**
Alan Reeves. (He's in between generations, not comfortable in jeans)
- 5. Player most likely to bump into during a trip to a London show/opera/celeb party?**
Sam Parkin. (At least once a week indulges in the finer aspects of London's social scene.)
- 6. Thickest player in the squad? (no more than three guesses!)**
Can't answer this one with any conviction, too many candidates. Or was it that we were all candidates.
- 7. Best karaoke singer without question?**
Andy Gurney. (A bit of a crooner whenever there is an audience that will listen)
- 8. Which sisters are most likely to be seen in the salon together?**
Miss Igoe and Miss Howard.
- 9. Best snooker player at the club? (Allegedly)**
Big Matty. (Although Sean O'Hanlon didn't agree)
- 10. Worst person to sit next to in the dressing room before a game?**
Alan Reeves. (Too may superstitions)



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Taking a 3-1 first leg lead up to Birkenhead, me and the better half set off from London N10 three days later, almost sick with a mixture of 50% excitement and 50% pure dread. We arrived at Prenton Park with loads of time to spare on a sunny, early summer's evening. We were 3-1 up, what could go wrong. The away end (open terracing) predictably was packed. The game kicked off and it was fast and furious as you would expect. We looked quite tight at the back, and when Moncur put us ahead after about 25 minutes, we looked home and dry. Then, in about the second or third minute of injury time, Mark Proctor snuck in at the far post to equalize on the night. Half time, 1-1, Swindon lead 4-2 on aggregate. It all sounds nice and safe when you say it like that, but for some reason, I was feeling extremely nervous at this stage, as were most people around us. I suppose we knew Tranmere were going to throw everything at us when the second half started, they had proven goal scorers in Aldridge, Nevin and Irons, and that our defence was not exactly renowned for its steadfastness.

Predictably, the second half started off like the siege of the Alamo and Tranmere were the Mexicans. Fraser stopped one on the line from Nevin. Tranmere claimed a goal. If we could keep the two goal advantage for as long as possible we'd be ok. Nevin was not to be denied though, and with a good 30 minutes to go he'd made it 2-1 to Tranmere on the night, 4-3 to us on aggregate, and they were all over us. The minutes ticked ever so slowly by, then with about 10 to go, Maskell suddenly broke into the area to equalize YES! 2-2. Thank God for that. We could all breathe again. But the torture would not end there. With no more than 5 minutes to go, Huddle, of all people, conceded a penalty. When would it all end? Kenny Irons stepped up to take the kick. On the club video, you can see Lingy just over Irons' shoulder

and you can lip read the following: "Kenny!...", Irons ignores him. Again, "Kenny!...", Irons ignores him again. A third time, "Kenny!...", this time Irons turns round, "You're going to miss!" Nice try by Lingy, but sadly, Kenny didn't miss and a further 4 minutes of purgatory had to be endured. The anxiety being felt by all the away fans was not helped by the announcement 10 minutes from time that the Tranmere fans would be allowed on to the pitch at the end of the game. This did not seem a good idea at all. Then all of a sudden, the ref blew for time and we were there. The immense feeling of relief followed by sheer jubilation cannot really be described in words. Then over came the Tranmere fans, and incredibly, they started clapping us. The obvious thing to do was to clap them back, so we did. Opposing fans shook hands, scarves were exchanged and we left the ground singing 'Tranmere, Tranmere'.

That was the most amazing experience I have ever known in over 70 years supporting the Town. It was one of those events that deserved far more publicity than what it got and I will certainly never forget it. Oh yes, and we had an appointment at Wembley on May 31st with Leicester City. Not a bad night really!

Needless to say, the Bank Holiday play off weekend could not come round soon enough, although of course there were the usual travel arrangements to make and all important tickets to buy. Residing as I did at the time, in London N10, a trip to Wembley would only take about 20 minutes round the North Circular, but I wasn't having any of that, oh no! Me and the better half were going to sample the full play off winning experience. We would set out for Wiltshire the day before the game so we could travel back up to Wembley the next morning with a few chums and all the other Town fans. We would then go back to Swindon after the game (if we won - not

winning was unthinkable) lap up the victory celebrations, then drive back to London the same night. Crazy I know, but it had to be done. That's pretty much what did happen, but with oh so much in between, I just don't know where to start. I know, let's start with the game. You hear pundits/ experts/ commentators (call them what you will) talking about the fans 'enjoying their day out at Wembley'. That's a lie! Your whole season, your hopes and dreams, a massive financial and emotional investment are riding on one game of football. The thought of losing is too horrible to contemplate. No real fan enjoys their 'day out at Wembley', this isn't 'Gladiators' or 'Phantom of the Opera', it's far more important than that (to paraphrase the great Bill Shankley).

And so it proved to be. The whole game, to varying degrees, was torture from start to finish. There was little goal mouth action for the first 35 minutes, until the ball was played into Maskell's feet, he back heeled it to Huddle, who passed the ball into the net from 20 yards out. Not a great deal else happened that half, so much so that I remarked at half time that I thought that one goal could be enough. Oh, how wrong can you be! The first 15 minutes of the second half were a dream, and, in truth, this was the only part of the game which wasn't complete torture. Maskell smacked one on off the post for 2-0, then OOH! Shaun stuck his head in where most wouldn't put their feet for the 13th time that season to put us 3-0 up. Queue scenes of delirium, joy, relief, incomprehension, you name it. We'd finally made it to the promised land of the Premiership...er not quite actually. We only had five minutes to bask in our three goal deficit before Joachim pulled one back.

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THE MARK BOWLER APPRECIATION SOCIETY are with us again. This is their fourth visit to the Platinum Lounge as Match Sponsors and have always been behind the Club in terms of supporting, whenever they can. Their party today is made up of MARK BOWLER, JOHN BOWLER, MARK EDWARDS, GLYN COOPER, MARK COOPER, JERRY MAY, MARK RALPH, ROBERT RALPH, DAVID ROGERS, SIMON BARRETT and NEIL

WOOD. It is also a very special day for John Bowler, who will be watching his 1,000 Swindon Town game this afternoon. To Mark, John and all of the Appreciation Society-have a great day and see you next season.

BLOOR HOMES is probably the largest privately owned building company in the country, with one of it's regional offices being based in the town of Swindon. Having been active in the past in the locality, we are currently building on the Haydon Expansion development, and will be very active in the future having just secured the purchase of the old Princess Margaret Hospital. Having had a regional office in Swindon for the past 15 years, Bloor Homes are delighted to support and be associated with their local football club and wish Swindon Town F.C. every success for this year and the future.

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.

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MARK BUNCE is a lifelong Town supporter originally from East Hanney near Wantage. Mark now lives at Cheddington near Aylesbury but still follows the Town whenever he can. He is joined today by his wife Mandy, his Father Frank (who has followed the Town since the early 50's), and longtime friend Charlie Shevlin. Mark and his group are hoping to be watching the Town in the Millennium Stadium at the end of the month.

SWINDON MORTGAGES & FINANCIAL SERVICES was established in April 2002, the main partners are John Anderson & Gavin Wilkie, who have over 20 years experience in the financial services market. After expanding rapidly we now have 4 fulltime mortgage advisers and three dedicated administration staff who will oversee your mortgage through to completion. We specialise in mortgage broking catering for all aspects of applicant requirement, including Buy to Let, Residential, Right To Buy and Remortgages also mortgages for self-employed We have access to a computer sourcing system to enable us to provide the markets best rates and terms available.

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18 months ago and has seen sales rise ever since. Every week we bring our readers the best in news, features and of course sport. There's always plenty to read, including Sam Parkin's column. We'd like to wish Super Sam and the boys all the best today and hopefully all the way to Cardiff.

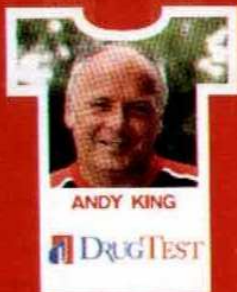
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AND FINALLY...A WORD OF THANKS goes to NATIONWIDE, NON STOP PROMOTIONS, BROWN BROTHERS, WYVERN STAFF AGENCY, DUNWOODY SPORTS MARKETING, GREENHAM, BLOOR HOMES, to all our EXECUTIVE CLUB MEMBERS and LOTTERY AGENTS. Also to all the Companies and Individuals, who have supported the Marketing Department and the Club this season. This includes all of our kit sponsors, ground advertisers, programme and team sheet advertisers, Match, Matchday and Match Magazine Sponsors and those who have attended our Sporting Dinners and events.

A special mention of THANKS must go to Mr.Mike King of GREENHAM, Mr.John Lusty of BLOOR HOMES and Mr. Dave Haydon of PROFILE SHOPFITTING for assisting and supporting the Club with a number of new initiatives this season...AND A FINAL THANKS to Steve Mytton, Alice Wills, Fraser Digby, Marion Childers, Neil Walton, Debbie Pipe and her sister Julie, who have all worked so hard in the Marketing Department and have helped make the 'COUNTY GROUND MATCHDAY EXPERIENCE' so memorable for so many, this season. Have a Good Summer and I look forward to seeing you all again next season(and next week and across the Welsh borders in late May.....hopefully).

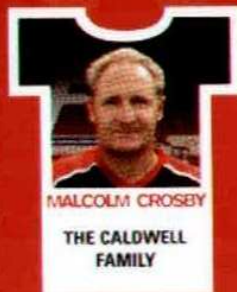
CONGRATULATIONS and GOOD LUCK goes to STEVE MYTTON of the Club's Marketing Department, who will be leaving us directly after today's game to enjoy his pre-marriage stag night in Bournemouth. Steve is due to tie the knot with his fiancée TERESA FLETCHER in Sorrento in Italy on the 1st of June. Because of their honeymoon, they will both miss out on a possible play off Final should the Club reach Cardiff. However, just to make it up to his new wife and to get her used to her new way of life, Steve has promised to take her along to see the local side NAPOLI in action on their wedding night. On behalf of everyone at the Club, our best wishes and good luck go to both Steve and Teresa.



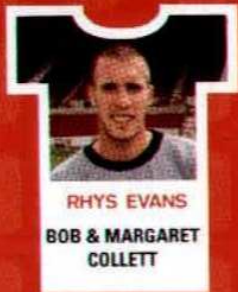
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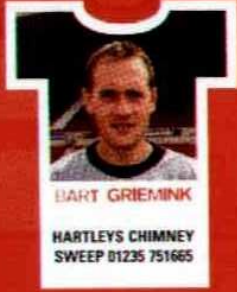
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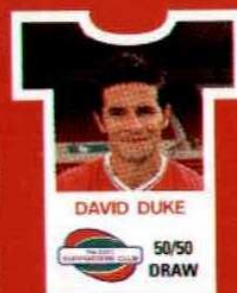
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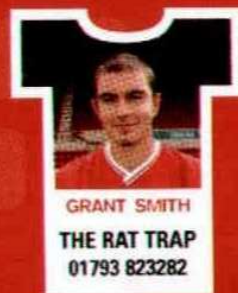
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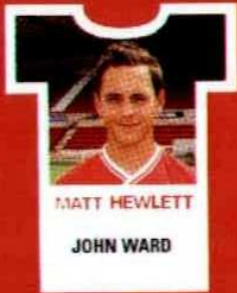
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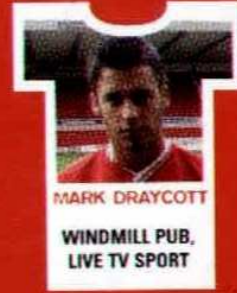
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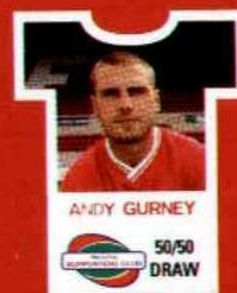
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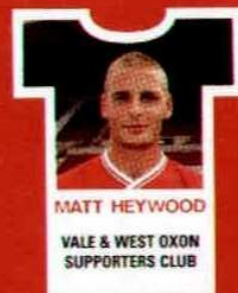
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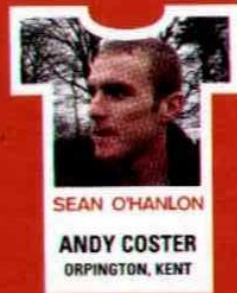
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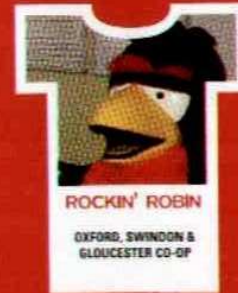
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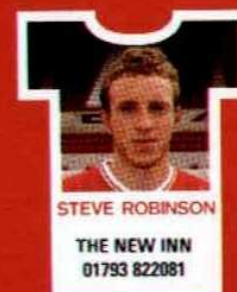
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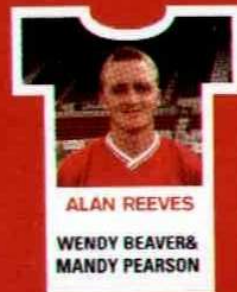
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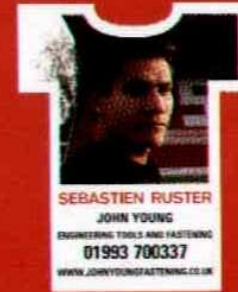
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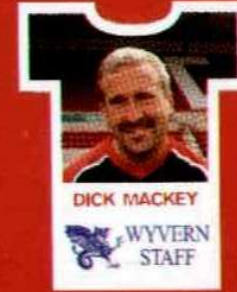
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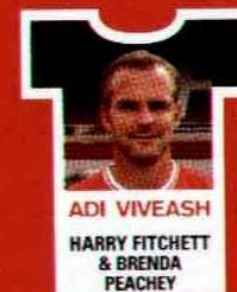
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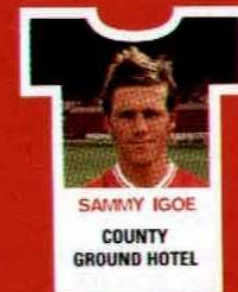
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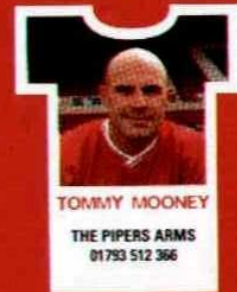
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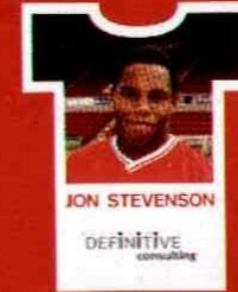
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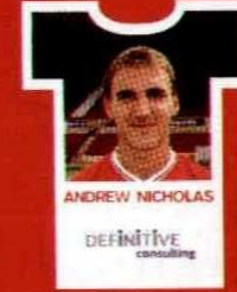
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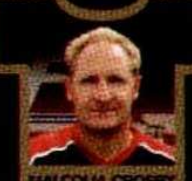
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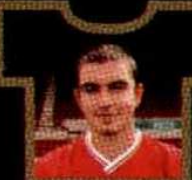
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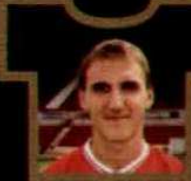
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"AT THE HEART OF EVERY FOOTBALL CLUB ARE THE FANS. SEASON AFTER SEASON, RAIN OR SHINE THESE FAITHFUL FOLK MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE COUNTY GROUND IN THE QUEST FOR GLORY. STFC SPORTS REPORTER SIMON COY MEETS THE PEOPLE WITH TOWN IN THEIR BLOOD".



SWINDON TOWN

FOCUS ON A FAN

NAME: Graham Smith

AGE: 15

SCHOOL: Crypt Grammar School

LIVES: Gloucester



PLAY UP POMPEII

Austin Fisher pictured in Pompeii (on the day Town beat Luton 3-0) with Mount Vesuvius looming behind.



ON A HIGH

Town fan Keith Lewis pictured 3000m up above the city of Caracas. This was taken just before the match between Venezuela and Uruguay.

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 Liverpool player was voted football writers 'Footballer of the Year' on 26th April 1979?
- 2) On 28th a 17 year-old striker scored a hat-trick for QPR against Coventry in Division One. His father had previously managed Swindon Town. Name the pair.
- 3) On 5th May, Stoke won 1-0 at Notts County on their way to promotion to the top division. The goal was scored by a midfielder who played seven games for Swindon at the beginning of 1983/84. A fiendishly tricky question.... Who was he?
- 4) On 8th May and with two games to go, Liverpool clinched the Football League Championship for a record eleventh time. Was their goal difference, a) plus 25, b) plus 35 or c) plus 65?
- 5) The trophy was won on the fortieth anniversary of their manager joining the club. Who was the boss?

A1 Kenny Dalglish A2 The hat-trick hero was Clive Allen who is the son of Les A3 Paul Richardson A4 It was a more than impressive plus 65. A5 Bob Paisley

WHEN DID YOU FIRST COME TO SEE SWINDON TOWN:

My Dad took me to my first game at the County Ground in August 1995, when Town played Cambridge United in a League Cup match. I cannot remember it too well, but the scoreline was 2-0 and I think it was Joey Beauchamp (what happened to him !?) who scored first with Kevin Horlock scoring right at the very end to secure it for us. The same season we played Blackburn in the same competition and I have distinctive memories of Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton scoring against us.

BEST STFC MEMORY: Presenting Sam Parkin with his Goal of the Season award for 2002/03.

HOPES FOR THIS SEASON: To get into the Play-Offs and if we do - we will win them. I was too young to go to the 1990 and 1993 Play-Off Finals but I am sure that we can beat whoever we play in the Final!

YOUR LONG TERM HOPES FOR THE CLUB: I hope that we will continue our high standard of performances and that lots of people keep coming to the County Ground. You can see from our results this season that the more supporters we have, the better we play. I would also like to see Swindon beating Newcastle United, Arsenal, Chelsea, etc in a shiny, brand-spanking new stadium in the near future!

IF MONEY WERE NO OBJECT WHO WOULD YOU WANT TO SEE PLAYING FOR SWINDON: Sign someone who plays at a high level and who is a great team player. I would go for the style and skill of someone like Thierry Henry or the precision passing and shooting as shown by German international Michael Ballack. The majority of players we already have at the club are good!

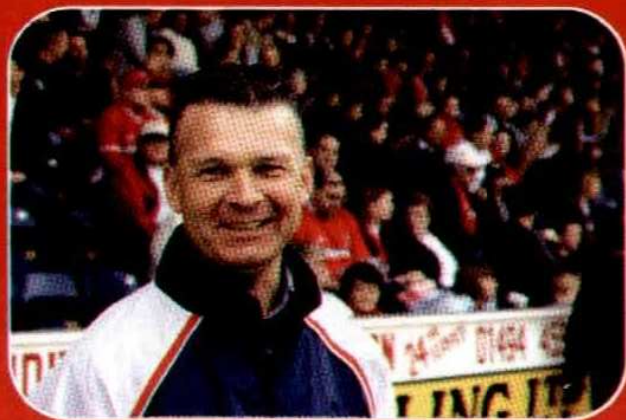
YOUR MESSAGE TO THE FANS: Keep supporting the team and bring as many people as you can so that they can see for themselves the talent we have here and they will want to support the club. Oh yes and keep singing, the players seem to play much more confidently with our support.

YOUR MESSAGE TO THE PLAYERS: You've played excellently this season - keep scoring goals and playing as a team. I liked Sammy Igoe's cool red hair before he shaved it off!



THOSE WERE THE DAYS!

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



NAME: Robert Martin

QUALIFICATIONS:

Rob has been a Swindon fan for over 40 years, since the age of 7, and lives in Southampton. He attends all home games with his 16 year old son James, a supporter for 11 years, and his 12 year old nephew Daniel.

He works for an International IT company in the Card Payments industry.

He says that the high points of being a Town supporter were the Play-Off Finals and promotions under Ardiles and Hoddle which took the Club into the Premier League and also the 1969 League Cup win and promotion.

1. PETER DOWNSBOROUGH: Not the biggest of keepers but had fantastic reflexes. Made memorable saves in the 1969 Cup Final against Arsenal, the promotion winning season of 1969 and in the Anglo-Italian Cup against the top Italian sides.

2. ROD THOMAS: Another of the 1969 Cup winning side, great overlapping full back, big strong, good on the ball. Not many forwards got the better of him - a Welsh international.

3. PAUL BODIN: Good defensively and going forward scored the odd cracking goal and whipped in some great crosses. 'Mr Consistent' as well as being our penalty expert.

4. FRANK BURROWS: Big strong centre half who took no prisoners, Good organiser and reader of the game, always seemed to have his opponent in his pocket.

5. COLIN CALDERWOOD: Good organiser and leader although not the quickest of players was a great reader of the game. 'Mr Reliable', brilliant under pressure, never panicked.



6. JOHN MONCUR: Glenn Hoddle turned him from an average player into a good player during his time with the club. Great in the tackle, good distributor of the ball and played some of his best football at Swindon

7. MICKY HAZARD: Fantastic player, silky skills always made that extra space with his deft turns on the ball.

8. CHRIS KAMARA: Very competitive player. Big, strong, good distribution of the ball - the sort of player you need in the trenches. Great box to box player and totally committed to the cause.

9. DUNCAN SHEARER: Prolific regular scorer who terrorised defences. Had everything - pace, vision and definitely knew where the goal was.

10. GLENN HODDLE: What can you say apart from sheer class on the ball, great technically and helped turn good players into better players. His presence on the pitch put the frighteners up the opposition.

11. DON ROGERS: Has to be the legend of all time for Swindon. Absolutely ripped defences apart, he was the lower league's equivalent of George Best. Who can forget the 2 goals in the 1969 Cup Final when he left the Arsenal players sprawled all over the pitch. Absolutely scared the opposition who always had 2 players on him as soon as he received the ball.

SUBS: Fraser Digby, Shaun Taylor, Alan McLoughlin, Peter Noble, Jimmy Quinn

MANAGER. ANDY KING: Despite all the 'stick' he has taken over the last few seasons he has done a fantastic job at this club. Not many managers could survive without money to spend and Rob doubts that many of the Premier League managers could manage in the Nationwide League with the same resources as King.



TICKET PRICES SEASON 2004/2005

It has been a tremendous season so far for everyone connected with Swindon Town Football Club - and it's not over yet.

Your support, both home and away, has been simply fantastic and the growing number of fans at the County Ground have helped to generate a wonderful atmosphere. Season ticket numbers have grown and are now almost back to the levels of 2000/01.

Our season ticket holders are a very important section of the fan base. They provide the club with funds at a time of the year when cashflow is at its most crucial, and it is provided by them in good faith, in advance of the season when results and performances are totally unknown. Because of that Season Ticket Holders receive the most benefits of any of our supporters. This year that has been crucial when demand for away tickets has been at its highest for many a season and, of course, Season Ticket Holders receive priority for Play Offs including, we all hope, a trip to the Millennium Stadium for the Play Off Final. Existing Season Ticket Holders also receive the best possible prices when renewing as we are very grateful for their continued support and loyalty.

Next season's prices are shown on the opposite page. You

will notice that there has been an increase over last season. This increase reflects the rising costs of operating a professional football club and have been kept to a minimum. We know there will be some supporters who are upset at the increases, but the club must stand on its own two feet, and we cannot afford to run the club at a loss.

We have continued to offer a wide range of family packages, ranging from 1 adult & 1 child to 2 adults & 3 children. There is also the 'Fan Get Fan' incentive, whereby you can save 20% on the price of your season ticket by introducing a new season ticket holder - introduce 5 new fans and receive your season ticket absolutely FREE. You can save a great deal of money by purchasing a season ticket, especially if you buy before 31 May 2004. Season ticket holders also save 10% on purchases in the Clubshop. Supporters can choose to take advantage of the Payment Plan option, and pay for their tickets over a 6 month period. If you pay for your ticket by cash or Cheque, we will give you a £10 voucher to use in the clubshop - so next years' new home or away shirt could cost just £19.99 for an adult, if you choose to use it that way.

Thanks again for your support, it is crucial as we continue to build a stronger future for the club.

SEASON TICKET PRICES

EARLY BIRD (before 31st May)

	ARKELLS/NATIONWIDE		TOWN END		DISABLED
	Renewal	New	Renewal	New	
Adult (£)	360.00	390.00	267.00	282.00	168*
Conc. (£)	190.00	205.00	135.00	147.00	168*
Junior (£)	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	168*

LAST MINUTE (before 30th June)

	ARKELLS/NATIONWIDE		TOWN END		DISABLED
	Renewal	New	Renewal	New	
Adult (£)	413.00		297.00		180*
Conc. (£)	220.00		159.00		180*
Junior (£)	89.00		89.00		180*

REGULAR (after 1st July)

	ARKELLS/NATIONWIDE		TOWN END		DISABLED
	Renewal	New	Renewal	New	
Adult (£)	436.00		312.00		193*
Conc. (£)	235.00		171.00		193*
Junior (£)	98.00		98.00		193*

*Disabled price includes helper

BENEFITS

- Reserved seat for every home league game
- Priority booking for away games, cup-ties and play-offs
- 10% discount in Swindon Town Clubshop
- Greater savings for families, juniors, OAP's and students
- Juniors receive automatic membership to 'Junior Robins'
- Introduce a friend (adults only) and save £££'s
- Pay by cash or cheque and receive £10 STFC Clubshop voucher
- £5 entry to home first round Carling Cup match (dependent on draw)
- Choice of family season ticket options, saving £££'s
- Save £££'s by buying a season ticket compared to purchasing on a match by match basis
- Spread the cost by using the Instalment plan (over six months)
- A monthly season ticket holder draw to win VIP packages

FAN-GET-FAN INCENTIVE

THIS WAS VERY POPULAR WHEN INTRODUCED LAST SEASON. Introduce a friend as a new Season Ticket Holder (not a Season Ticket Holder this season) and get 20% off your own season ticket. If family ticket is introduced this counts as one 20% discount. You can receive 20% discount per new Season Ticket Holder (adult) introduced. Introduce 5 and get your Season Ticket FREE.

FAMILY SEASON TICKETS

1 adult + 1 junior	-	£420.00
1 adult + 2 juniors	-	£480.00
1 adult + 3 juniors	-	£540.00
2 adults + 1 junior	-	£780.00
2 adults + 2 juniors	-	£840.00
2 adults + 3 juniors	-	£900.00

Family tickets available until 31st May 2004, not available in Town End.

JUNIOR ROBINS 2004-2005

If you cannot be a Season Ticket Holder then this is the best way to get involved at the club. Membership costs just £15 and you receive the following benefits -

- Reciprocal visits to certain away games
- Chance to be a mascot at away games
- Souvenir goody pack on joining
- Junior Robins Christmas Party
- Christmas card competition
- Signed birthday card from all the players and acknowledgement in the programme
- Chance to be ball boy/girl
- 10% discount in the STFC Clubshop
- Various competitions and visits through out the season

MATCHDAY PRICES

	ARKELLS/NATIONWIDE		TOWN END	
	Adv.	Matchday	Matchday	
Adult (£)	21.00	23.00	15.00	
Conc. (£)	13.00	15.00	12.00	
Junior (£)	7.00	9.00	9.00	

*Student concessions not available on day of game

FAMILY ENCLOSURE (MATCHDAY PRICES)

(Adult must be accompanied by child)

Adult (£)	19.00
Conc. (£)	12.00
Junior (£)	4.00



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Today is our end of season "super" draw when as well as the cash prize we are also offering a second prize, of a season ticket for next season and a third prize of a new home shirt for the coming season. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we may yet achieve a cash prize today close to £1000, so we hope you have your ticket. A huge thank you to all fans who have supported the draw throughout the season. You have helped us set new records in terms of prizes paid out. The support we will now be able to offer the Football Club, depending of course on today's sales, may well exceed £10,000. We could not do this of course without our dedicated and loyal band of ticket sellers, who stand out in all weathers, so many thanks to our regular sellers, Ann, Iris, Mandy, Natasha, Nigel, Patrick, Pauline, Roger, Sarah, and Wendy. Not forgetting, Theresa for her work behind the scenes, as well as other fans who have helped out during the season, when required. Unless the winner has already come forward from our last home game we would be delighted to see them today. The winning ticket was number 711 and a prize of £493 is waiting to be claimed.

DISABLED GROUP

A thank you here for Eileen Richman, for so ably running, the refreshment kiosk in the Nationwide stand. Don't forget the disabled group holds regular monthly meetings under the Chairmanship of Ian Ratcliffe so keep your eyes open for new meetings.

MARK DAVIES

Just now and then something special happens that deserves recognition. Mark lives in Grange Park and has already seen over 40 games this season. Travelling up to Luton on one of the official away travel coaches, he purchased a scratch card and promptly won £100. He pledged that if the Town won that day he would give the prize as a donation towards the work that needs doing on the Away Travel office roof. After the 3-0 win, true to his word, he promptly handed over the cash, a truly generous gesture. Thank you.

POUNDS FOR POINTS

This has been a real success this season and Mavis Knight's initiative and her own hard work now means that a fund of over £3500 has been built up. A fantastic effort in the first year of the initiative and a big thank you to all contributors. The funds will be really welcomed by the Centre of Excellence.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR.

It perhaps will come as no surprise that with the huge impression Tommy Mooney made when he arrived at the club, he has swept all before him in our player of the year award. We hope that we will have presented Tommy with the deserved award before the game is played today.

Lets hope we still have one further home game to play before the season ends. Come on you Reds!



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STFC LADIES

THE TOWN LADIES FINISHED THEIR SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE PROGRAMME WHEN THEY ENTERTAINED NEWTON ABBOT AND SHARE TWO GOALS AND THE POINTS.



Newton Abbot, who are still in need of points to avoid relegation, took the lead mid way through the first half. The Town, despite a good second half, had to wait until three minutes from time before Michelle Brown scrambled in Michelle Rich's free kick to put the sides level.

The Town visited Clevedon Town in the "Ambassador" South West Combination League Cup. The home side had the advantage of the end to end wind in the first half that they took full advantage of to take a three goal lead at the break. The Town had more of the play in the second half but as they pushed forward were punished three more time to lose by six goals to nil.

The Town Reserves faced Chippenham Town in the final of the Wiltshire County League Cup at Hardenhuish Park. Chippenham, playing down the slope took a four nil first half lead. The young Town side hit back immediately after the restart and two quick goals by Laura Morgan put the Town back in the game. Despite an improved second half performance the Town were unable to add to their two goals and Chippenham grabbed a late fifth. In the Wiltshire County League the Town Reserves entertained Brize Norton and won by ten goals to nil. Laura Allsop got a hat trick, Pam Ashman and Mellisa Sartain both got two each and Megan Brake, Laura Morgan and Sam Quinn took the Town's tally to ten. The Town Reserves then travelled to face Wootton Bassett

Town and won a thrilling game by four goals to three. Laura Morgan scored twice and there were goals for Melissa Sartain and Megan Brakes.

The Under Fourteen "A" beat Keynsham Town by five goals to nil in the final of the Wiltshire County League Cup played at Hardenhuish Park, Chippenham. Sam Masters got two and Polly New, CJ Elliss and Kerrie Keene completed the scoring. The side then dropped their first points in the Wiltshire County League when they were held to a two all draw by Bradford on Avon. The Town's first team have now completed their season's fixture but the Reserves have two outstanding matches; at home to Keynsham Town and away to Wootton Bassett Town.

FIXTURES 2003/04

17-Aug	CLEVEDON TOWN	Home	3-1
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
30-Nov	OXFORD	Away	1-9
14-Dec	CARDIFF CITY	Home	0-4
11-Jan	READING	Away	1-1
18-Jan	OXFORD	Home	1-3
25-Jan	YEOVIL TOWN	Away	3-2
22-Feb	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	Away	1-7
29-Feb	READING ROYALS	Home	0-6
28-Mar	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	Home	2-3
18-Apr	NEWTON ABBOT	Away	3-2
25-Apr	NEWTON ABBOT	Home	1-1
2-May	CLEVEDON TOWN L-CUP	Away	0-6

ONE 2 ONE WITH: LISA COE

AGE: 14

HOME TOWN: SWINDON

OCCUPATION: STUDENT

POSITION: DEFENDER

PREVIOUS CLUBS: NONE

HONOURS: NONE

WHO DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?

SIR ALEX FERGUSON

FAVOURITE CLUB? MAN UTD

FAVOURITE PLAYER?

RUUD VAN NISTELROOY

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SIT NEXT TO ON A PLANE?

ZINEDINE ZIDANE

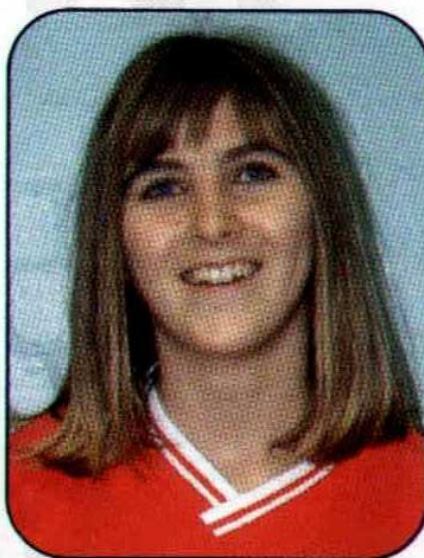


TABLE 2003/04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CARDIFF CITY	19	20	0	0	104	8	60
READING ROYALS	22	20	0	2	138	21	59
CHESHAM UNITED	21	13	3	5	56	38	42
OXFORD	22	11	2	9	77	62	35
CLEVEDON TOWN	20	8	4	8	33	39	28
FOREST GREEN ROVERS	19	8	3	8	64	56	27
SWINDON TOWN	22	7	4	11	40	73	25
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	19	7	2	10	39	52	23
READING	22	6	3	13	36	91	21
EXETER CITY	20	5	1	14	27	61	16
NEWTON ABBOT	20	4	3	13	31	74	15
YEOVIL TOWN	20	1	3	16	19	78	6

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IN THE COMMUNITY



HELLO AND WELCOME BACK TO THE COUNTY GROUND FOR THIS BIG GAME TODAY AGAINST HARTLEPOOL. WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH THE GAFFER AND ALL THE LADS ALL THE BEST FOR TODAY'S GAME AND HOPE WE GET TO THE MILLENNIUM AT THE END OF MAY.

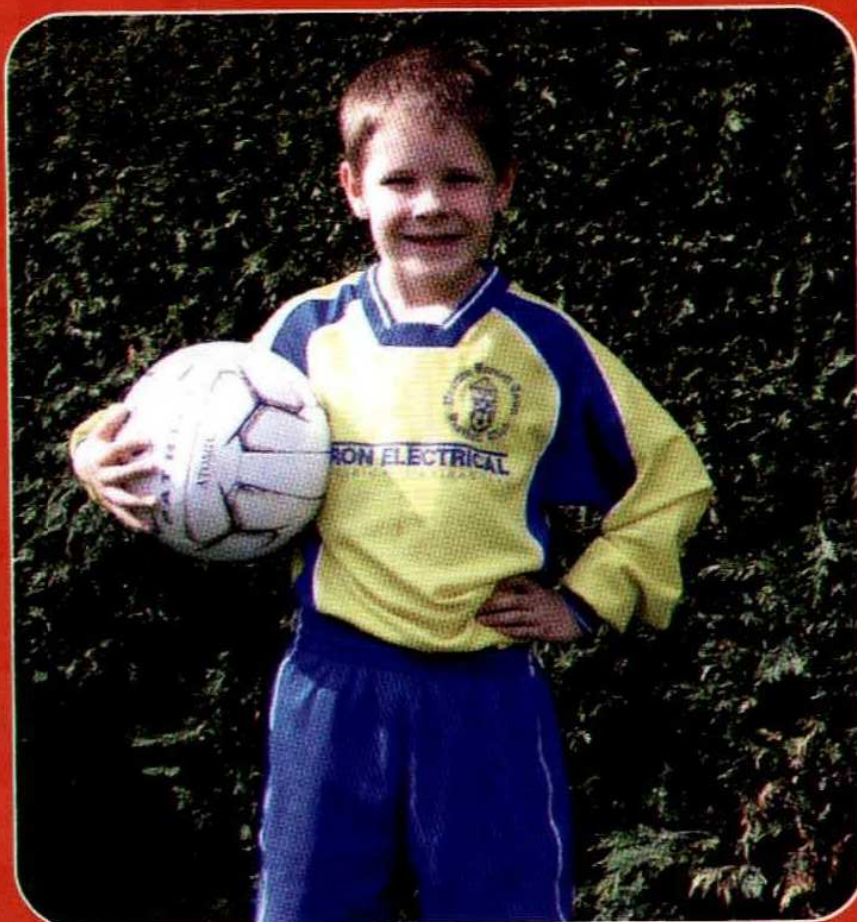
some great days and witnessed some exciting matches during this 2003-2004 season. The support we have received from the Club and indeed our part-time coaches in helping us run this most successful package is very much appreciated by us all at Swindon Town Football in the Community.

Quick reminder that our courses for the summer start at the beginning of June with our every popular Witsun week. So, please get your forms back to us as soon as possible. Don't forget to keep an eye on the official website where you will find the latest course details.

Clive and Jon.

We extend a warm welcome to our Saturday Team Club visitors today who are Nick Boulton from Wootton Bassett Town FC with his Under 7's. We would like to say many happy returns to Tom Topping who is with this group today. Neil Battern is making his annual visit with all his children from Shrivenham. Maria Cullen with Croft Under 8's. Nam Baines has brought along a group of Asian Young Ladies from Churchfields School and finally the six winners from local schools who entered a Design a Poster competition connected to show Racism The Red Card. We would like to say a big thank you to Clayton Gardener who organized the competition and congratulations to all our winners.

Jon and I have been in our roles as Community Officers for the last eight years and this season has clearly been the best for us as a department and the Club during this period. Our Saturday Team Club's have been full up since October and we have had



▲ Tom Topping





▲ Craft U8's



▲ WBFC

SHRIVENHAM & WATCHFIELD ROYALS F.C

"The Royals" were formed in June 2000 following the merger of Shrivenham Boys Football Club and Watchfield Eagles. For the 2004/05 season we will have teams from Under 7's through to Under 14's playing in the North Wilts & District Youth & Minors League.

All the club's coaches are F.A. qualified to at least Junior Team Manager level and the club is awaiting a decision on its application to become F.A. Charter Standard Development Club Status. This includes the necessity to have a qualified Child Protection Officer, a Health & Safety Policy, Codes of Conduct for players, managers and supporters and Development Plan.

Shrivenham F.C., who the "Royals" are affiliated to, have in the past 9 months built new changing rooms, which was funded by a substantial grant from the Football Foundation. This has benefited all the junior teams. Plans for the future are to increase the number of age groups playing as well as introducing more girls teams.

For further information on the Royals please contact either of the club's representatives below or logon to www.sn6royals.co.uk :-

Neil Batten - Youth Development Officer - 07798 563934

Val Clinch - Girls Coach & Child Protection Officer - 07876 694481



▲ Shrivenham Royals



THE JUNIOR ROBINS HAVE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL SEASON WITH NUMBERS EXCEEDING OUR TARGETS AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE CHILDREN AND PARENTS HAS BEEN FANTASTIC.

My thanks must go to George and Brenda for all their hard work, with out them it would not have been the same. They look after the children as if they were they're own and have taught me a lot this year. I must also thank Richard Dunstan for looking after the Ball Boys/Girls for the season.

This season we have done trips to Highbury/ Natural History Museum, Millennium Stadium/Bristol Zoo and Villa Park/Cadburys World. I'm planning to do three more next season so keep your eyes glued to this page for more information.

All Junior Robins should have collected a Souvenir Pack which is exclusive to Junior Robins (not sold in the shop). As well as getting a 10% discount on all items purchased in the Club's Superstore. Every Junior Robin should also have received a signed Birthday card from all the players.

To celebrate Christmas we had a very successful Christmas Disco, this was on Monday 22nd December with over 100 children participating. They played different musical games with Super Sammy Parkin, Rory Fallon, Bart Griemink and Grant Smith between 5pm and 8pm. All Junior Robins received a Christmas card that was designed by our competition winner

Joshua Smith. He won our 'design a STFC Christmas Card competition' out of a large number of entries.

This season Junior Robins have taken a 51 seater coach or more to AFC Bournemouth, Brighton and Hove Albion, Bristol City, Sheffield Wednesday, Notts County, Stockport County, Plymouth Argyle and Queens Park Rangers.

Swindon Town will try to do at least nine Junior Robin trips to away games for the 2004/2005 season. These will be at reduced prices to encourage young fans to travel to away games. The trips are very good fun with various competitions and a raffle on the day. These trips also give one Junior Robin on the coach a chance to

be the official Swindon Town mascot for that game. This means you go down to the changing rooms at the away ground and meet all the players. You can then lead the team out and hopefully be the team's lucky charm!

To become a Junior Robin for next season, please fill in a flyer and return to me. The flyers are in the Club shop and in the Main Office in The Arkells Stand. If you would like any more information on mascots or Junior Robins please do not hesitate to contact me.

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



BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

8th May

Robert Curtis

9th May

James McCarthy

11th May

Matthew Fruci,
Harriet Aspell,
James Hogg &
Graham Griffiths

12th May

Ellie Skittrall

13th May

Nthan Norris

14th May

Phillip Parsons

15th May

Owen Morgan

16th May

James Dreegan, Mark King,
Jessica Spray, Daniel Lowe,
Miss Cook & Ryan Thomas

17th May

Matthew Bradley &
Ryan Brewer

18th May

Liam Collet &
Andrew O'Shea

19th May

Harry Lovelace, Jake
Rackham, Robert Sims &
Liam Short

20th May

Andrew Church &
Aaron Jones

21st May

David Harrison, Kevin
McCarthy & James Hughes

22nd May

Deborah Osborn,
Stephen Watts &
Paul Watts

23rd May

Jamie Hosey &
Jordan Lapham

24th May

Mstr Savory &
Mark Webster

26th May

Hannah Clinch

28th May

Miss Tudgay &
Ben Phelps

29th May

Michael Fitchett

30th May

William Robbins

31st May

James Chrystie &
Marcus Welch

BALL BOYS/GIRLS FOR 2004/2005 SEASON

If you want to be a ball boy/girl for next season, you need to:

- 1) Be a Junior Robin for 2004/2005
- 2) Be between twelve and sixteen on 1st August 2004
- 3) Be able to attend at least 18 home games
- 4) Be able to attend a safety meeting on the morning of the first game of the season. (Details to follow)

This is an exciting opportunity for young Swindon supporters to help their club and be part of the team that make watching Swindon Town more enjoyable.

If you fit into the criteria above please fill in the form below and return to myself at The County Ground. This will be on a first come first serve basis, I need a squad of sixteen Junior Robins. All forms must be returned to me by 1st August 2004.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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TODAY'S MASCOTS



Name: William Middler
Age: 6
Date of Birth: 20/10/97
Favourite Player: Sam Parkin
Hobbies: Football & Swimming
School: South Marston



Name: Alfie Holloway
Age: 6
Date of Birth: 24/10/98
Favourite Player: Tommy Mooney
Hobbies: Football & Skate Boarding
School: Wroughton Infants



Name: Oliver Lavis
Age: 7
Date of Birth: 19/12/96
Favourite Player: Tommy Mooney
Hobbies: Football & Cricket
School: St Marys Infant School, Marlborough



Name: Robson Turner
Age: 9
Date of Birth: 01/06/94
Favourite Player: Tommy Mooney
Hobbies: Football, Golf & eating pizzas
School: Lawn Juniors



Name: Hannah Clinch
Age: 7
Date of Birth: 26/05/96
Favourite Player: Mooney & Parkin
Hobbies: Football, Ballet & Brownies
School: Grange Juniors



Name: James Lavis
Age: 10
Date of Birth: 18/02/94
Favourite Player: Igoe & Parkin
Hobbies: Football & Cricket
School: St Peters, Marlborough



Name: Jamie Turner
Age: 12
Date of Birth: 20/05/91
Favourite Player: Rory Fallon
Hobbies: Football & Food
School: Cokethorpe



Name: Kial Ricks
Age: 11
Date of Birth: 27/04/93
Favourite Player: Mooney & Igoe
Hobbies: Football
School: Holy Rood Junior



Name: Adam Lavis
Age: 9
Date of Birth: 05/04/95
Favourite Player: Parkin & Howard
Hobbies: Football & Cricket
School: St Peters, Marlborough



Name: Jack Bailey
Age: 8
Date of Birth: 28/04/96
Favourite Player: Sam Parkin
Hobbies: Football, Swimming & Trampolining
School: Even Swindon Juniors



Name: Josette Farmer
Age: 52
Date of Birth: 21/12/51
Favourite Player: Brian Howard



TOWN STATISTICS 2003/04

STFC FACT FILE

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

STFC SCORE FIRST

DATE	FIXTURE	VEN	RES	ATT	VIS
Sat 9 Aug	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00 Home	2-3	10,573	3,300
Wed 13 Aug	Southend United LC1	7.45 Away	3-2	3,385	199
Fri 15 Aug	Colchester United	7.45 Away	1-0	3,339	518
Sat 23 Aug	Notts County	3.00 Home	4-0	5,758	206
Mon 25 Aug	AFC Bournemouth	3.00 Away	2-2	6,606	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>(2-1-1)</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	Boston United (LDV)	7.45 Away	1-2	1,514	145
Sat 18 Oct	Chesterfield	3.00 Away	0-3	3,506	423
Tues 21 Oct	Tranmere Rovers	7.45 Away	0-1	6,675	159
Sat 25 Oct	Port Vale	3.00 Home	0-0	5,313	316
Sat 1 Nov	Wycombe Wanderers	3.00 Home	2-0	5,681	428
Sat 8 Nov	Wycombe Wanderers <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	Brentford	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	2-0	6,014	239
Sat 24 Jan	Notts County	3.00 Away	2-1	6,663	830
Sat 31 Jan	Blackpool	3.00 Away	2-2	6,463	607
Sat 7 Feb	Rushden & Diamonds	3.00 Home	4-2	7,023	396
Sat 14 Feb	Stockport County	3.00 Away	4-2	4,833	435
Sat 21 Feb	Chesterfield	3.00 Home	2-0	6,814	270
Wed 3 Mar	Tranmere Rovers	7.45 Home	2-0	6,928	216
Sat 6 Mar	Brentford	3.00 Home	2-1	7,649	348
Sat 13 Mar	Plymouth Argyle	3.00 Away	1-2	16,080	1,758
Wed 17 Mar	Grimsby Town	7.45 Home	2-0	6,954	196
Sat 20 Mar	Wrexham	3.00 Away	2-3	3,384	432
Sat 27 Mar	Barnsley	3.00 Home	1-1	7,305	251
Tue 30 Mar	Port Vale	7.45 Away	3-3	5,702	494
Sat 3 April	Peterborough United	3.00 Away	2-4	4,745	747
Sat 10 April	Bristol City	3.00 Home	1-1	14,540	3,380
Mon 12 April	Luton Town	3.00 Away	3-0	7,008	943
Sat 17 April	Wycombe Wanderers	3.00 Away	3-0	5,769	1,678
Sat 24 April	Oldham Athletic	3.00 Home	1-2	8,506	398
Sat 1 May	Queens Park Rangers	3.00 Away	0-1	18,396	3,186
Sat 8 May	Hartlepool United	3.00 Home			

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

Goalkeeper	Defenders	Defenders	Defenders	Defenders	Defenders	Defenders	Defenders
Griemink	Gurney*	Heywood*	Viveash	Duke	Hewlett	Robinson	Miglioranza
Evans	Heywood	Reeves	Viveash	Robinson	Hewlett*	Howard	Smith*
Griemink	Gurney	Heywood	Viveash	Robinson	Igoe	Miglioranza	Hewlett*
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Evans	Hewlett	Viveash	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranza
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Evans	Gurney	Hewlett	Viveash	Igoe	Mooney	Duke	Heywood
Griemink	Smith	Viveash	Herring	Stevenson	Nicholas	Howard	Rustie
Evans	Hewlett	Viveash	Reeves	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Duke
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Evans	Reeves	Gurney	Ifil	Gaddi	Hewlett	Nicholas	Igoe
Evans	Duke	Nicholas	Heywood	Ifil	Igoe	Hewlett	Howard
Evans	Duke	Reeves	Heywood	Nicholas	Igoe	Robinson	Hewlett
Evans	Gurney	Reeves	Heywood	Nicholas	Robinson	Hewlett	Duke
Evans	O'Hanlon	Nicholas	Heywood	Reeves	Igoe	Hewlett	Gurney
Evans	Gurney	Nicholas	Heywood	O'Hanlon	Duke	Howard	Hewlett
Evans	O'Hanlon	Nicholas	Gurney	Heywood	Igoe	Miglioranza	Hewlett
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Evans	O'Hanlon	Hewlett	Gurney	Mooney	Parkin	Miglioranza	Nicholas
Evans	O'Hanlon	Hewlett	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Nicholas
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Evans	O'Hanlon	Hewlett	Gurney	Igoe	Mooney	Parkin	Duke
Evans	O'Hanlon	Heywood	Reeves	Nicholas	Miglioranza	Howard	Hewlett
Evans	Gurney	Heywood	O'Hanlon	Nicholas	Duke	Hewlett	Parkin
Griemink	O'Hanlon	Heywood	Reeves	Nicholas	Igoe	Gurney	Miglioranza
Evans	O'Hanlon	Nicholas	Heywood	Gurney	Igoe	Miglioranza	Hewlett
Evans	O'Hanlon	Gurney	Nicholas	Duke	Hewlett	Igoe	Miglioranza
Evans	Gurney	Heywood	O'Hanlon	Nicholas	Igoe	Miglioranza	Hewlett
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Evans	Gurney	O'Hanlon	Reeves	Nicholas	Igoe	Miglioranza	Hewlett

CONGRATULATIONS TO SIMON AND NICOLA STEVENETTE ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR FIFTH SON HUGO BENJAMIN RANE STEVENETTE WHO WAS BORN ON SUNDAY 2ND MAY AT 6.05AM.



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TEAM	P	HW	HD	HL	HGF	HGA	AW	AD	AL	AGF	AGA	PTS	GD
PLYMOUTH	45	16	5	1	50	13	9	7	7	33	28	87	+42
QPR	45	16	7	0	47	12	5	10	7	30	32	80	+33
BRISTOL C	45	14	6	2	32	11	8	7	8	24	25	79	+20
BRIGHTON	45	17	4	2	39	11	4	7	11	23	32	74	+19
SWINDON	45	12	6	4	40	22	8	6	9	35	35	72	+18
HARTLEPOOL	45	10	8	5	39	24	10	4	8	36	36	72	+15
PORT VALE	45	15	6	2	45	28	5	4	13	26	35	70	+8
B'MOUTH	45	11	8	4	35	25	6	7	9	21	25	66	+6
LUTON	45	14	6	3	44	27	3	9	10	25	38	66	+4
TRANMERE	45	12	7	3	34	17	4	9	10	23	38	64	+2
COLCHESTER	45	11	8	4	33	23	6	5	11	19	31	64	-2
WREXHAM	45	9	6	7	27	19	8	3	12	23	39	60	-8
BARNLEY	45	7	12	4	25	19	7	5	10	26	37	59	-5
BLACKPOOL	45	9	5	9	31	28	7	6	9	26	35	59	-6
OLDHAM	45	9	8	6	37	25	3	12	7	28	34	56	+6
SHEFF WED	45	7	9	6	24	23	6	5	12	23	38	53	-14
STOCKPORT	45	6	8	8	29	33	5	11	7	31	34	52	-7
P'BORO	45	5	7	10	35	32	7	8	8	22	25	51	0
BRENTFORD	45	8	5	9	33	38	5	6	12	18	31	50	-18
GRIMSBY	45	10	5	8	36	26	3	6	13	18	53	50	-25
RUSHDEN	45	9	5	8	37	32	4	4	15	23	40	48	-12
CHESTERFIELD	45	8	7	7	33	31	3	8	12	15	40	48	-23
NOTTS CO	45	6	8	8	31	26	4	3	16	18	51	41	-28
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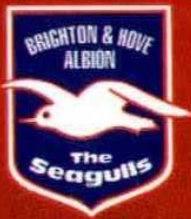
DENOTES SUB

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

APPEARANCES 2003/04

Player name:	LEAGUE			FA CUP			CARLING CUP			LDV VANS		
	apps	goal	bk	apps	goal	bk	apps	goal	bk	apps	goal	bk
BART GRIEMINK	6	0	1r	0	0	0	1	0	1y1r	1	0	0
JEREL IFIL	17	0	6y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANT SMITH	5	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0
MATT HEWLETT	43	3	6y	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
ADI VIVEASH	15	0	1y	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
ANDY GURNEY	41	7	11y1r	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
SAMMY IGOE	36	4	5y1r	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
TOMMY MOONEY	45	19	5y	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
SAM PARKIN	41	19	3y	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
STEF MIGLIORANZI	36	4	1r	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
DAVID DUKE	40	1	5y	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
IAN HERRING	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
JON STEVENSON	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
ANDREW NICHOLAS	31	1	2y	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
JAMES MILNER	6	2	2y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRIAN HOWARD	35	4	3y1r	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
MATT HEYWOOD	41	1	2y1r	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
RHYS EVANS	41	0	3y	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
ALAN REEVES	27	0	4y	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1y
STEVE ROBINSON	22	1	2y1r	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
BEN MARTIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
SEBASTIEN RUSTER	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
MICHAEL POOK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
LUKE GARRARD	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
JUNIOR LEWIS	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEON BURTON	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RORY FALLON	16	6	3y1r	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEAN O'HANLON	19	1	1y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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POSSIBLE PLAY-OFF OPPONENTS

AS THINGS STAND, TODAY'S MATCH COULD BE THE LAST ONE OF SWINDON TOWN'S SEASON. NO-ONE IN WILTSHIRE OF COURSE WANT THAT TO HAPPEN AND ANDY KING'S MEN WILL BE TRYING ALL OUT TO CLAIM THE PLAY-OFF PLACE THAT HAS REMAINED TANTALISINGLY OUT OF REACH FOR TWO WEEKS.

Should Town secure a top six finish, through the use of a calculator and some cunning powers of logic there are already some play-off semi-final fixture possibilities that can be determined.

A fourth place finish, the highest now achievable, could be gained by victory today and defeat for Brighton. That would leave Town facing fifth placed Albion in a play-off semi-final, with the first leg at Brighton.

A draw between Town and Hartlepool would be insufficient for either club to catch Brighton and should mean that seventh placed Port Vale are unable to overtake either club in action here today.

So in that event, Town would again play Brighton, but the fixtures would be reversed. Hartlepool meanwhile would face either Bristol City or QPR.

If both Swindon and Port Vale were to lose, Town would finish sixth and would face either Bristol City or QPR in a play-off semi final.

The worst-case scenario for either team today would be to lose and for Vale to win at Rushden and Diamonds. That would catapult Port Vale into sixth place and drop today's losers at the County Ground out of the play-off zone.

It's a complicated last day of the regular season, but the potential exists for both Swindon and our visitors to be extremely pleased with life at 5pm.

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SWINDON TOWN

Andy King MANAGER



HARTLEPOOL UNITED

MANAGER **Neale Cooper**

BART GRIEMINK	1	100/1	1	ANTHONY WILLIAMS
SEAN O'HANLON	2	20/1	33/1	2 MICHAEL BARRON
GRANT SMITH	3	10/1	20/1	4 MARK TINKLER
MATT HEWLETT	4	8/1	50/1	5 MICHAEL NELSON
ADI VIVEASH	5	20/1	66/1	6 CHRIS WESTWOOD
ANDY GURNEY	6	10/1	16/1	7 DARRELL CLARKE
SAMMY IGOE	7	8/1	14/1	8 RITCHIE HUMPHREYS
TOMMY MOONEY	8	3/1	8/1	9 EIFION WILLIAMS
SAM PARKIN	9	3/1	12	STEPHEN CARSON
STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	10	10/1	16/1	14 NEIL DANNS
DAVID DUKE	11	10/1	7/1	15 ADAM BOYD
JON STEVENSON	14	6/1	14/1	16 HUGH ROBERTSON
ANDREW NICHOLAS	15	20/1	17	JERMAINE EASTER
RORY FALLON	16	4/1	20/1	18 ANTONY SWEENEY
BRIAN HOWARD	17	10/1	19	JIM PROVETT
MATTHEW HEYWOOD	19	12/1	20	JOHN BRACKSTONE
RHYS EVANS	20	100/1	16/1	21 STEVEN ISTEAD
BEN MARTIN	21	7/1	16/1	22 MATTY ROBSON
ALAN REEVES	22	20/1	8/1	23 PAUL ROBINSON
MICHAEL POOK	23	12/1	24	ANDREW JORDAN
LUKE GARRARD	24	20/1	16/1	25 GAVIN STRACHAN
STEVE ROBINSON	25	8/1	27	DAVID FOLEY
DAVID MARSH	69		28	RYAN MCCANN
			29	DARREN CRADDOCK
			30	DIMITRIOS KONSTANTOPOULOS
			31	JACK WILKINSON
			8/1	32 JOEL PORTER
			33	SCOTT WALKER