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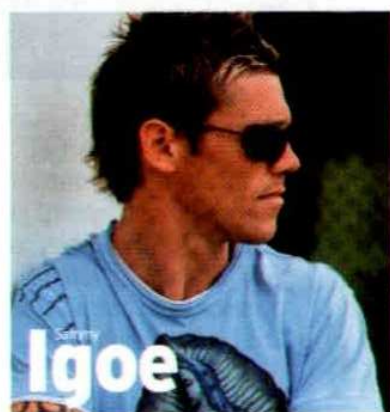
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EditorsNotes

Good evening and welcome back to The County Ground for the first home League One game of the new 2004-5 season.

After Saturday's defeat at Wrexham, although still in the early stages of the new campaign, the importance of getting a result tonight must not be underestimated.

Last season's fixture here against Luton was certainly a lively night with three dismissals and four goals in an entertaining encounter. Let's hope we can go one better than last time against The Hatters with three points this time around.

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Latest News

Meeting Goes To Plan, Viveash joins Harriers, New TV Times, Physio Room, and our regular features...

Following the meeting held in Birmingham last Tuesday 3rd August, Director and Acting Chief Executive Bob Holt was delighted to report that St. Modwen has pledged their continued support of the Football Club in their quest to find a new home.

'St Modwen and the Club thoroughly reviewed the position but now recognise that Shaw Tip may no longer

be an option,' said Holt adding that 'The Council in effect did a U turn last month on Shaw but it was agreed that St Modwen would endeavour to re-open dialogue with the Council to establish if any alternative sites were available'.

When asked what would happen if another site in Swindon could not be found Holt candidly spelt out the Club's options. 'Stay at The County Ground of

course is one option but I suspect that might not be economic or look for a ground share option with a neighbouring football or rugby club. The latter might be the only solution,' said Holt, emphasising that 'the current status at The County Ground could not be maintained for much longer.'

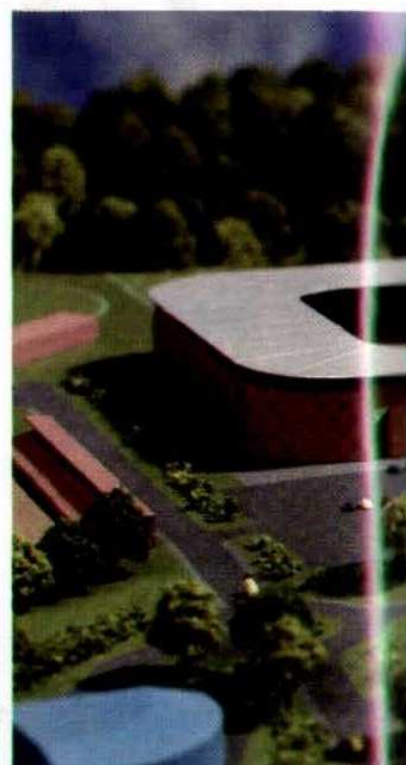
Adi out on Loan

On Friday 6th August Town defender Adi Viveash joined League Two side Kidderminster Harriers on loan for the second time in two seasons.

The former Reading and Walsall centre-half featured in pre-season for Swindon Town but has returned to Aggborough in search of regular first team football following the summer signing of Jerel Ifil.

Town on TV

As many football fans will be aware from articles written in the local press ITV West (formerly HTV West) will this season no longer be showing extended highlights in the Soccer Sunday programme.



The new contract between the Football League and ITV has seen all the regions across the country given a slot at either 11pm or 11.30 on every Thursday night.

This show will be studio based and feature pundits' views of talking points from the week's action, a few highlights (particularly when there are midweek games), features on players and managers, a studio guest plus one or two 'lighter' moments.

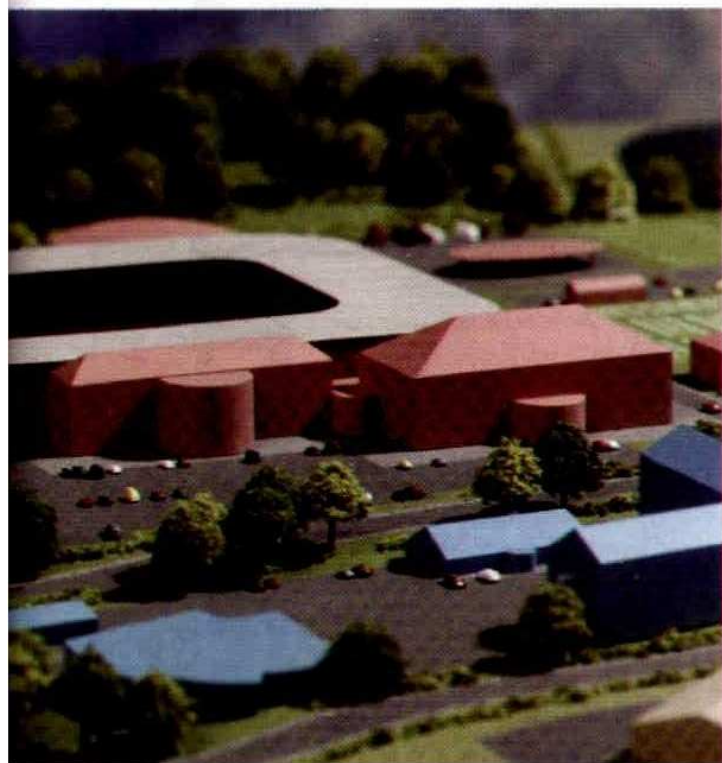
PhysioRoom

Good evening and welcome to tonight's visit of Luton Town.

I am hopeful that Jerel Ifil will be available for this evening's fixture having missed Saturday's opener at Wrexham. His thigh strain has responded well to treatment and should be close to availability.

Lloyd Opara continues to work hard to overcome the hamstring tendon injury sustained at Grays Athletic. Wednesday's game will probably be too soon for him but Saturday's game against MK Dons is a distinct possibility. Andy Nicholas has made a good recovery from his knee surgery and should train with the first team tomorrow. Matty Heywood will be undergoing keyhole surgery in an attempt to clear up a persistent patella tendon condition.





Time for Tee

There are still spaces left for teams to take place in STFC's annual golf day. This year's event will take place at The Wiltshire Golf Course on Thursday 26th August.

The price for a team of four is just £295 + VAT (thats roughly £86 each).

This year's venue is located close to Wootton Bassett and Junction 16 of the M4 motorway and for more details simply contact 01793 333718.

Texting Times

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CaptainsNotes Andy Gurney

Good evening and welcome to this the first home encounter of the new League One campaign.

As I write these notes we are on our way to Wrexham for the season opener and we are looking to get off to a positive start. There is a feeling of optimism amongst the squad and I think playing away from home in the first game of the season could work in our favour.

This evening we face Luton Town and last season's game against Mike Newell's men was full of incident with **Stefani Miglioranza** being sent-off, as well two dismissals for the visitors. However, in the end we emerged with a 2-2 draw thanks to a late strike from substitute Brian Howard who netted his first league goal for us that night. Let's hope we can go one better this time round and take all three points.

Let's hope that after tonight's game we have a solid start to build on as we prepare for Saturday's game against MK Dons.

Enjoy the game...

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Bob Holt

A new season starts off at The County Ground. I am pleased to be back, albeit temporarily, as acting Chief Executive.

We wish Mark Devlin, who did a sterling job for two years, a successful future at his new club QPR - except if they play us at any time in the future!

It has been a turbulent time in the close season with the Council doing a 'U Turn' with regards Shaw Tip and therefore virtually scuppering our plans of a move in the foreseeable future from The County Ground. However, in football we are used to the highs and the lows. Making the 'Play-Offs' and then being beaten in the penalty shoot out was such a bitter disappointment to us all. At least The England National Team and STFC have something in common!! I am sure with the new season ahead, the team with the support of the fans, will bounce back as we have in previous years and put the disappointing end to last season behind us.

The Club has managed to retain a number of the players from last season and attracted some new faces, which I am confident, will add to the excitement of our

football. Inevitably there are some absent names, but these have had to make way for younger talent as we build for the future.

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I am happy to report that the sale of season tickets is up by 40% on this time last year which only

heartens your Board's determination for your Football Club to prosper. It is the valued support of the fans, which the Board does not underestimate, that leads to the success on the pitch.

Our first game was at Wrexham and although not an easy game, I trust the result will have been favourable one. Today we face Luton Town, and this game, as with all games at this stage of the season, is an unknown quantity.

I am sure if you get behind our team, the results and successes of last season can be repeated.

Bob Holt
Acting Chief Executive



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MatchReport

Swindon 1 • Southampton 2

Tuesday 3rd August • Kick-Off 7.45pm
Pre-Season Friendly • The County Ground

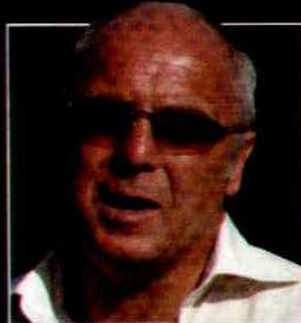
Town lost the final pre-season warm up game 2-1 against Premiership Southampton who came from behind to beat a much changed second half Swindon line-up.

The Robins took a 37th minute lead through Sam Parkin before Andy King made a number of changes for the second period introducing new summer signing Steve Book to replace Rhys Evans in goal, as well as giving youngsters Andy Caton, Luke Garrard, Michael Pook and Ian Oliver a chance to shine.

The Saints striking partnership of Brett Ormerod and Peter Crouch made the most of the new faces by turning the game on its head with two well taken goals.

Andy King

Good evening and welcome to this evening's home encounter with Luton Town.



I would like to welcome the Players, Officials and Supporters who have made the trip from Kenilworth Road.

As you know I have a special affinity with Luton Town as they were my starting football club and is also where my family live. It is also where my golfing partners come from in Mike Newell, Mick Harford and Brian Stein. I should also add a special welcome to Chairman Bill Tomlins who, following my father's death, gave me the opportunity to go to Luton Town as a Sales Consultant in the Commercial Department. After a short period of time he made me Commercial Manager and through that learning period I got into football management via Mansfield, through David Pleat who was at Luton so I will always be grateful to Bill for that opportunity.

Obviously tonight is the first home game of the new season and I hope you share my optimism. My targets for the side have not changed and I believe that the team is good enough to

challenge for honours his season. This game being the first at home is very important and with the backing of the home crowd I hope that we can make The County Ground into a fortress. With the home game coming up on Saturday against MK Dons it is important to get off to a good start tonight.

Young Andy Nicholas

The first game at home is very important and with the backing of the crowd I hope that we can make The County Ground into a fortress

has had his operation and should be available very soon and that will be another major plus. On the downside, it looks as though we will be missing Matt Heywood for several months as he goes in for an operation. He will be a loss to the squad but as we start the season I believe we can be

successful. Although short in numbers, I have the agreement of the Board to bring in a loan player and we also have the Spurs situation to resolve.

May I also take this opportunity to welcome Mike Walsh back to the Club, following the departure of Malcolm Crosby. I have known 'Walshy' for a long-time having played with him at Everton and knew him when he was Manager at Bury. I hope you welcome him tonight as he is certainly going to be a major asset to the football club.

Could I also say a belated thank you to those supporters who sent cards and messages to myself and the players at the end of last season and before the new season. I would like to personally thank you on behalf of the squad. Your support was fantastic last season, please get behind the team and cheer them onto three points.

Enjoy the game.

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MatchAction

Pre-Season Friendly

Saturday 31st July 2004
Memorial Ground, 3:00pm

Bristol Rovers (2) **2**

Swindon (1) **2**

Attendance: 2,583

Bristol Rovers



(blue and white shirts, white shorts)

1. Kevin Miller
2. Ali Gibb
3. Robbie Ryan
4. Craig Hinton
5. Christian Edwards
6. John Anderson
7. Stewart Campbell
8. James Hunt
9. Junior Agogo **1**
10. Paul Trollope
11. Jamie Forrester **1**

Subs Used

12. Simon Ford
14. Liam Burns
15. Lewis Haldane
16. Richard Walker
17. Dave Savage
18. Ryan Williams

Swindon



(red shirts, red shorts)

1. Rhys Evans
2. Sean O'Hanlon
4. Matt Hewlett
6. Andy Gurney
7. Sammy Igoe
8. Rory Fallon
9. Sam Parkin
10. Stefani Miglioranza
11. David Duke
12. Jerel Ifil
17. Brian Howard **1**

Subs Used

20. Steve Book
3. Grant Smith
16. Steve Robinson
18. Alan Reeves
- . Danny Sonner
- . Andy Caton **1**

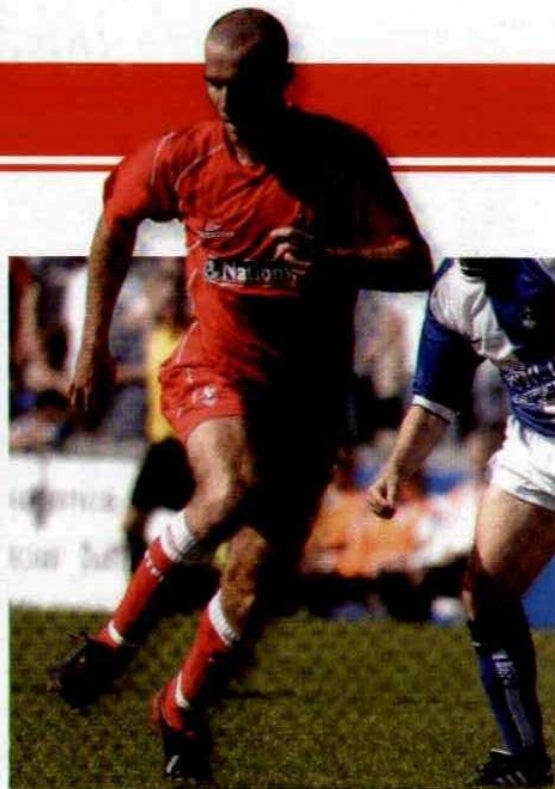
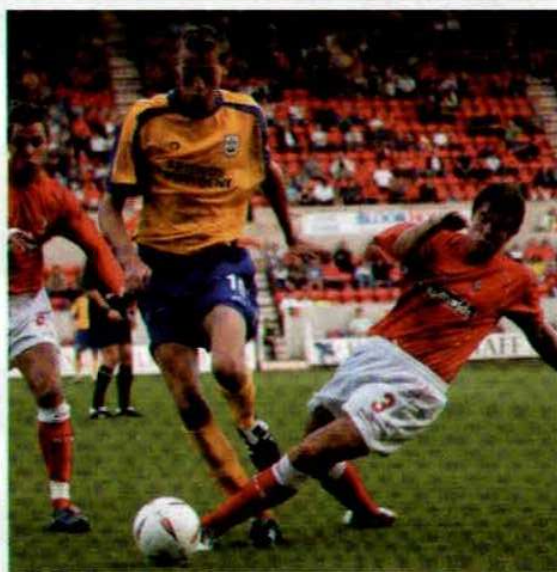
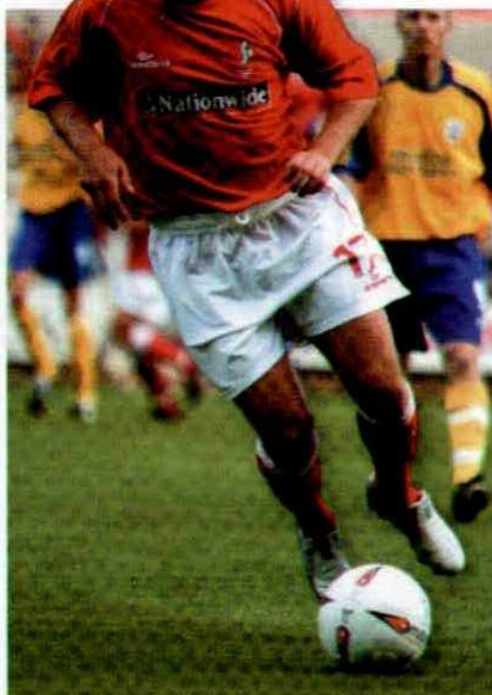


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Pre-Season Friendly

Tuesday 3rd August 2004
The County Ground, 7.45pm

Swindon (1) **1**
Southampton(0) **2**

Attendance: 3,649

Swindon



(red shirts, white shorts)

1. Rhys Evans
2. Sean O'Hanlon
3. Grant Smith
4. Matt Hewlett
6. Andy Gurney
7. Sammy Igoe
8. Rory Fallon
9. Sam Parkin **1**
10. Stef Miglioranzi
11. David Duke
17. Brian Howard

Subs Used

20. Steve Book
5. Adi Viveash
16. Steve Robinson
18. Alan Reeves
- . Danny Sonner
- . Luke Garrard
- . Michael Pook
- . Andy Caton
- . Ian Oliver

Southampton



(yellow and blue shirts, blue shorts)

1. Antti Neimi
2. Jason Dodd
3. Jelle Van Damme
4. Paul Telfer
5. Fitz Hall
6. Darren Kenton
7. Marian Pahars
8. Martin Craine
9. Brett Ormerod **1**
10. Peter Crouch **1**
11. Anders Svensson

Subs Used

12. Leandre Griffith

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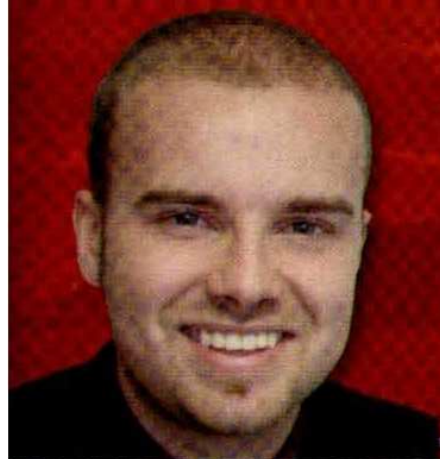


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Jon Ritson

Media Comment

Good evening and a very warm welcome back to the County Ground for tonight's first home game of the season.

My Grandma always said she could tell the football season was around the corner when the stumps made way for posts at Soldier's Field in Leeds.

Although she loves her football, the sight of the goalposts going up always made her shiver. She associated it with winter. Such is the way football is now that I'm sure they scarcely bother to take the posts down. It isn't worth it as they'd only have to stick them again five minutes later.

While my Grandma might be shivering at the thought of football in August, I'm sure the same isn't true for the rest of us.

While it only seems two minutes since we saying it was rain not tears in our eyes at Brighton (admit it) life goes on and we must look forward.

A lot of reporters I've spoken to who cover League One clubs have tipped Swindon for promotion this time

I don't think there's any doubt that things have felt a little flat this pre-season. More goings

than comings and a stadium plan crushed before its even been considered. Hardly an ideal way of whipping supporters up into a frenzy of excitement.

Still, I don't think there's any reason for mass pessimism. Providing we can avoid key players getting injured then there's no reason why we shouldn't have another good stab at it this year.

A lot of reporters I've spoken to who cover League One clubs (League One my a.....) have tipped Swindon for promotion this time, despite the likes of Barnsley and Sheffield Wednesday bringing in truck loads of new faces. Even Chris Kamara thinks we've got a chance! What did you tip us for this time last year Mr Kamara?

Not that it actually

matters what anyone thinks of course. It's down to the manager and the players on the



pitch. From what I've seen during pre-season, they don't appear flat or concerned about the season ahead. These notes are being penned ahead of the Wrexham game so let's hope tonight's match is a chance to make it six points out of six.

The fixture computer has handed us a tough start but then if we can pick up points at this early stage then it has to set us up nicely for the chilly months my Grandma is anxious about.

Anyway, I'm sure you'll all be back again on Saturday as we look forward to taking on errr, Wimbledon, no eerr Milton whoever they are.

Still, that's another issue isn't it? Get behind the lads tonight and hopefully it will be Andy King giving Mike Newell and Mick Harford untold abuse in the coaching room, not the other way round.

Whatever the outcome, I suspect us press boys will be in for a long wait! The floodlights will probably be long switched off by the time we get the respective gaffers' thoughts.

Don't forget to keep up with all the events at the County Ground in your Evening Advertiser and by visiting the official website.

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GROUND:.....Kenilworth Road
MANAGER:.....Mike Newell
YEAR FORMED:.....1885

Div 2 Champions: 1981/82
 Div 2 Runners-Up: 1973/74, 1954/55
 Div 3 Runners-Up: 1969/70
 Div 3 South Champions: 1936/37
 Div 3 South Runners-Up: 1935/36
 Div 4 Champions: 1967/68

League Cup Winners: 1988
 League Cup Runners-Up: 1989
 FA Cup Runners-Up: 1959

Biggest Win: 12-0 v. Bristol Rovers, 1936
 Biggest Defeat: 9-0 v. Birmingham City, 1898
 Biggest Attendance: 30,069 v. Blackpool, 1959

Most Appearances: 494, Bob Morton, 1948-64
 Top Goalscorer: 243, Gordon Turner, 1949-64
 Most Goals in a season: 55, Joe Payne, 1936/37
 Most Capped Player: 58, Mal Donaghy, Nth. Ireland

Biggest Transfer Fee Paid:
 £850,000, Lars Elstrup from OB Odense, 1989
 Biggest Transfer Fee Received:
 £2.5m, John Hartson to Arsenal, 1995

A photograph of Mike Newell, the manager of Luton Town, smiling and wearing a white Luton Town football kit with black and orange accents. The kit features the 'travel extras' logo and the Luton Town crest. The number '19' is visible on his shorts. The background is dark and textured.

Luton

Town

Hatters boss Mike Newell arrives with his squad for the opening home fixture of the new Coca Cola League One. Beginning his 2nd season in charge of the Bedfordshire club, Newell will be looking to improve on a 10th place finish last May, narrowly missing out on the playoffs. Luton's travelling fans will be hoping for three points at the County Ground this evening.

The Hatters Squad

So close, yet so far may be a way to sum up Luton Town's performance last season. After finishing 9th the previous campaign the Hatters looked serious contenders for a play off spot most of the season but stuttered in the final furlong, and with only 3 wins in their final 14 games dropped away during the crucial run in to finish in 10th spot. Town's 3-0 victory over Mike Newell's men at Kenilworth Road during Easter was one of the games that helped to seal their fate.

Pre-season has seen the Bedfordshire side notch up six straight victories against non-league opposition scoring 20 goals in the process before defeat at home to Dutch giants Ajax (0-4) and honours even against Premiership Charlton (1-1).

Manager Mike Newell, sent to the stand in last season's 2-2 home encounter, has introduced three new faces. Experienced keeper Marlon Beresford arrives from Barnsley and will compete for the number one jersey with Slovenian Dino Seremet from Maribor Pivovarna. Finally, 19 year old striker Matthew Blinkhorn who has signed on a three month loan from fellow League One side Blackpool. The departure lounge at Luton saw fans wave goodbye to favourite Emmerson Boyce who will play in the Premiership with newly promoted Crystal Palace. Matthew Spring left for Leeds whilst Adrian Forbes headed to Swansea City.

1 Marlon Beresford

Born in Lincoln. 6 feet 1 inches. An experienced keeper, 31, who has made over 400 league appearances for 10 clubs including Sheff Wed, Middlesbrough, Burnley and Luton Town.



2 Kevin Foley

Young Irish defender, 19, who has made great strides coming through the club youth system. Broke into first team at start of last season and made 32 league appearances.



3 Alan Neilson

Player with Premiership experience via Newcastle, Southampton and Fulham. Alan, 32, signed from Grimsby in 2002 and is a Welsh international having played 5 times for his country.



6 Paul Underwood

Defender signed on a free from Rushden & Diamonds. Only made one start for the Hatters before a season ending injury. Paul, 30, made over 200 appearances for Rushden.



8 Kevin Nicholls

All action midfielder who skipped England at under 18, 19 and 20 levels. Snapped up for £150,000 from Wigan in 2001. Had last season cut short by injury.



11 Steve Robinson

Capped 5 times by Northern Ireland, Steve, 29, adds experience to the Luton midfield. Free scoring player whilst making 286 appearances for Bournemouth. Arrived at Luton via Preston.



12 Chris Coyne

Big, strong Australian centre half. A favourite with the fans, Chris was signed for £50,000 from Dundee in September 2001. Has made 67 league starts for the Hatters.



16 Enoch Showunmi

Nigerian striker who scored 7 goals in 18 league games last season. Called up to Nigerian national squad for Unity Cup. London born Enoch joined from non-league Willesden Constantine.



17 Lee Mansell

Product of the Luton youth system who made 12 league starts last season and will be hoping for more this term. Midfielder Lee, 21, scored on his debut against QPR.



24 Sol Davis

Familiar face to Swindon fans Sol, 24, made nearly 100 league games for the Town. The tough tackling full back is now starting his 3rd season at Luton.



25 Dino Seremet

Slovenian keeper is a summer signing from Maribor. 6 feet 4 inches tall, Dino, 23, impressed on trial and will try to claim the number one jersey from Marlon Beresford.



26 Matthew Blinkhorn

Recent loan signing from Blackpool who made 7 starts for the Tangerines scoring 3 goals. Matthew, 19, came through the Bloomfield Road youth system playing in the U19's regularly.



9 Rowan Vine

Signed on a three month loan this week from Portsmouth, Rowan, 21, scored 10 goals last season on loan at Colchester. Previously spent a season at Brentford scoring 13 times




Last Time
 at the County Ground
 

Date: Wed 1st Oct 2003

Competition: Nationwide League Division 2

Half-Time Score: 1-0

Full-Time Score: 2-2

Swindon Goalscorers:
Milner, 8, Howard, 89

Luton Goalscorers:
McSheffrey, 65 (pen), Forbes, 67

Attendance: 7,595

Swindon Final League Position: 5th

Luton Final League Position: 10th



OnetoWatch Steve Howard

Rarely can £50,000 have been better spent in football than the fee Luton paid Northampton on deadline day in March 2001 to prise the bustling striker away from the Cobblers.

He has been Luton's leading marksman in each of the past two seasons and is a huge favourite at Kenilworth Road - he was the fans player of the year in 2002, and the players' player of the year 12 months later. Howard had cost Northampton a then record fee of £120,000 when they recruited him from Hartlepool two years previously.

They grudgingly accepted a third of their asking price for a player who

would have left for nothing soon afterwards under the Bosman ruling. Howard exploded into action in his first full season with Luton, and his 24 goals made him the Third Division's top league marksman as Luton won promotion.

At Victoria Park Howard had scored 26 goals in 120 league games before his move to Northampton where his goal tally was 18 goals in 67 starts. However his move to Luton has seen his strike rate rise dramatically with 64 goals in 129 league games, a goal every other game.

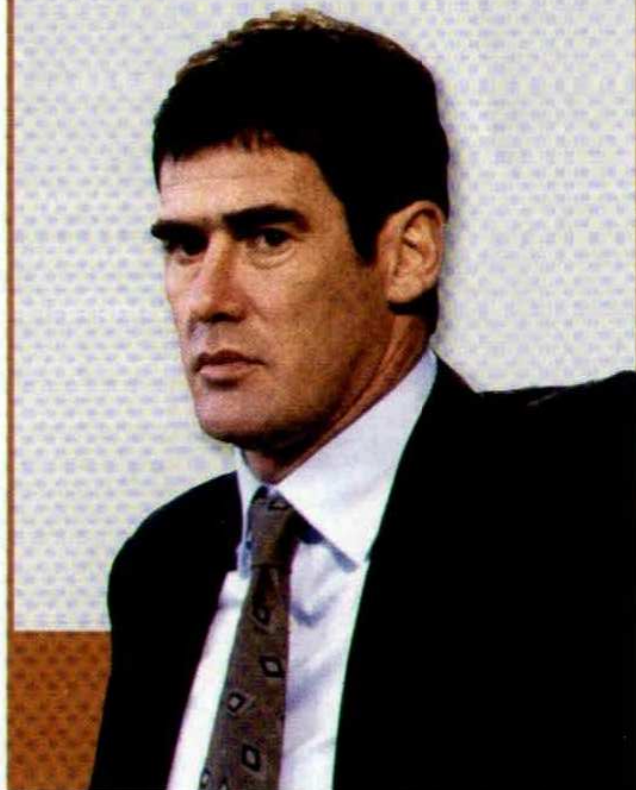
Scored 16 goals last season and would have undoubtedly scored more had he not missed several months out injured.

thegaffer Mike Newell

Mike Newell is one of the new breed of up and coming managers. Like Ian Dowie at Palace, those that know within the game are starting to take notice of Newell as another player who has made a successful switch into management at an early age.

As a player Newell achieved the honour of helping Blackburn Rovers to clinch the Premier League title. Playing over 500 games for 14 clubs, Newell made a name for himself as a hard working, solid professional. Amongst a host of clubs the Liverpoolian plied his trade for Leicester, Everton and the team he now manages, Luton Town.

Hartlepool United first spotted Newell's management potential and he took over the reins at Victoria Park from Chris Turner. Despite guiding the club to promotion from Division Three in May 2003, Newell's contract wasn't renewed. However, you can't keep a good man down and after topping a fans poll was installed as the new manager at Kenilworth Road.



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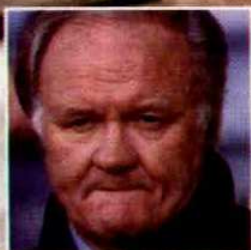
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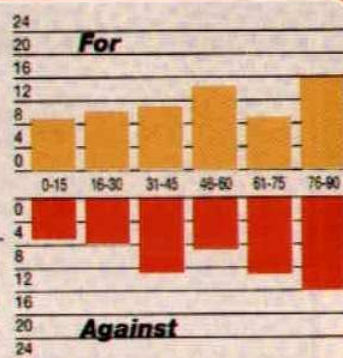
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Scored from Free Kick	12
Caught Offside	216
Average per Game	4.7

Last 6 & Swings

Opponents	H/A	Score
Chesterfield	A	0-1
Sheff Wed	H	3-2
Wrexham	A	1-2
Bournemouth	H	1-1
Bristol City	H	3-2
Swindon	H	0-3
Won when Behind:		4
Drawn when Behind:		6
Drawn when Ahead:		7
Lost when Ahead:		4



Tony Thorpe	70
Steve Howard	64
Phil Gray	40
Dwight Marshall	28
Matthew Spring	26
Scott Oakes	25
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U-16's Fixtures 04/05

Sep 4	Bristol Rov	A
Sep 11	Swansea	H
Sep 18	Plymouth	A
Sep 25	Cheltenham	A
Oct 2	Bournemouth	H
Oct 9	Cirencester	H
Oct 16	Exeter City	A
Oct 23	Bristol Rov	H
Oct 30	Swansea	A
Nov 6	Cheltenham	H
Nov 13	Bournemouth	A
Nov 20	Cirencester	A
Nov 27	Exeter	H
Dec 4	Plymouth	H
Dec 11	Bristol Rov	A
Dec 18	Cheltenham	A
Jan 15	Bournemouth	H
Jan 22	Cirencester	H
Jan 29	Exeter	A
Feb 12	Swansea	H
Feb 19	Plymouth	A

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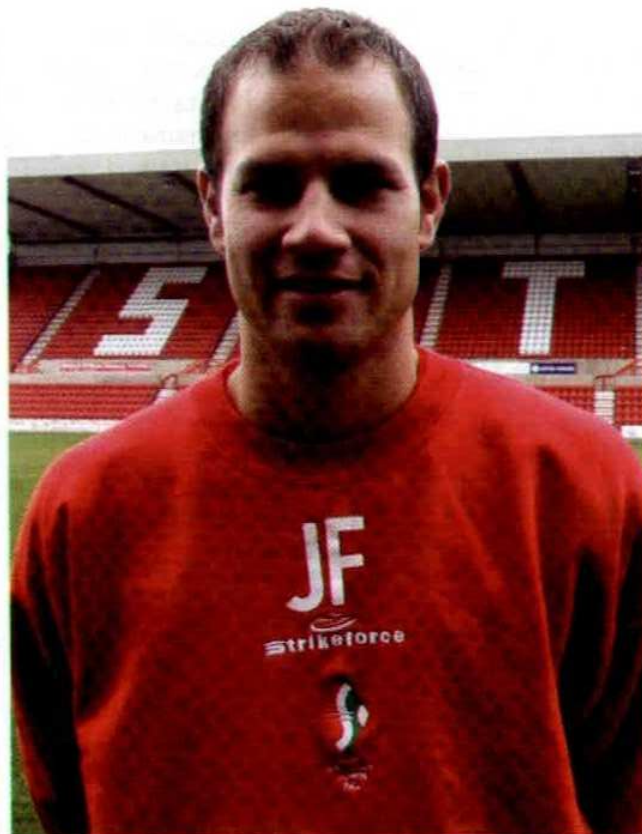
Welcome to this evenings game

Hello and welcome
to this evening's
game with Luton
Town.

I must start by talking
about the Milk Cup
which took place last
month in Ireland. As
you will see we finished
the tournament in
fifth place, having
played five and winning
three games. We also
managed to bring back
the Golden Boot award
with Lukas Jutkiewicz
scoring seven goals in
five games that was a
fantastic achievement
for the lad.

From a coaching point
of view, the tournament
gives us a fantastic
insight into the player's
characters and how
they handle different
situations, for example,
playing in front of
crowds in excess of
800 supporters and
TV cameras. These are
the sort of things that
a tournament such as
this throws up at our
players, being perhaps
the biggest and best
competition that they
could play in.

Hopefully they have
enjoyed the experience.
The players have
gained valuable
knowledge for the



future and we as staff
and the players can
use it to further their
careers.

We must thank
everyone who helped
us make the trip
possible and we will
be publishing a list
of these sponsors in
Saturday's MK Dons
programme. I hope that
these generous people
can support us again
next year when we will
be looking to build on
this year's successful
tournament.

Our pre-season
programme commences
on 16th August which
will take in coaching
sessions and the
Everton festival of
football which sees
five of our age groups
competing against
Premiership teams,
which again is a great
experience.

Enjoy the game,

Jimmy Fraser
Youth Development
Officer.

Reserve Fixtures 04/05

August	
Tue 31	Cardiff City H 14:00
September	
Mon 6	Bristol Rov A 14:00
Tue 14	B'rnmouth H 14:00
October	
Wed 6	Yeovil A 19:00
Wed 13	Pontin's Holidays Cup Group Games
Wed 27	Swansea A 14:00
November	
Tue 9	Cheltenham H 14:00
Tue 23	Bristol City H 14:00
December	
Wed 1	Pontin's Holidays Cup Group Games
Tue 14	Plymouth A 19:00
January	
Tue 11	B'rnmouth A 14:00
Tue 25	Yeovil H 14:00
February	
Tue 1	Swansea H 14:00
Wed 9	Pontin's Holidays Cup Group Games
Tue 15	Cheltenham A 14:00
March	
Wed 2	Bristol City A 14:00
Tue 8	Plymouth H 14:00
Wed 23	Pontin's Holidays Cup Semi-Final
April	
Wed 13	Cardiff City A 14:00
Tue 26	Bristol Rov H 14:00
May	
Wed 4	Pontin's Holidays Cup Final

Next Home Match

Tuesday 31st August 2004

Swindon v Cardiff

The reserves will be looking for a winning start to the campaign when the Bluebirds visit the County Ground. Kick Off 2.00pm..

Success in Ireland for Milk Cup Squad

Swindon Town's Youth Team have had a fantastic Milk Cup tournament in Northern Ireland, being beaten only once by potential competition winners Everton.

After wins over Co. Londonderry and Home Farm, and a loss to Everton, Town were pitted up against Premiership outfit Charlton Athletic in the fifth/sixth place playoff.

A slow start saw the Wiltshire side go down 2-0 with a massive hill to climb in the second half. However, after being rallied by the coaches, the young team turned in a memorable performance coming back to win with



Martin Allen, Roger Reeves, Mark Collier, Lucas Jutkiewicz, Jimmy Fraser and Gerry Kelly

comeback and crowned a best ever finish for Jimmy Fraser and his men. The Youth Development Officer was delighted with the spirit shown.

"We have only been

to make decisions on their futures.

"It was interesting to see them in a different environment, handling new pressures. Although we made some silly mistakes in the first half

It has been a fantastic trip, been great experience for the staff and players and those performances help us to make decisions on their futures



a late winner, fifteen seconds from time.

Lukas Jutkiewicz, and Chris Allen brought the team level and Allen kept his nerve in the last minute to slot home a pressured penalty. It was a classic

beaten once by Everton and they could go on to be the winners, so it is a tremendous effort by our lads. It has been a fantastic trip, been great experience for the staff and players and those performances help us

against Charlton, they showed great character to come back and get a great win.

Lukas Jutkiewicz also picked up the golden boot award for the whole competition after notching seven goals.

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YOUTH ALLIANCE

Monday 19th July 2004

Swindon Town 3
Home Farm 3

Town's youngsters first fixture was on Monday 19th July as they faced Home Farm at University (1), Coleraine.

Swindon Town scored through Robert Hobbs, Chris Allen and Lukas Jutkiewicz while Home Farm replied through Sean Trout and Barry Rose while Joe Fisher scored an unfortunate own goal.

Tuesday 20th July 2004

Co. Londonderry 2
Swindon Town 6

The second game for Jimmy Fraser's men was on Tuesday 20th July as they took on County Londonderry at Anderson Park.

Lukas Jutkiewicz was in great form scoring 4 goals in a overwhelming victory for the visiting side. Co Londonderry scorers included Colin McCay and Ruari Harkin, but all was in vain as Swindon went on to win 2 - 6. Other scorers for Swindon included Adam Jones and Joe Fisher.

Swindon Town's Lukas Jutkiewicz receives his Golden Boot award from Clive Evans, Sports Marketing Manager of Adidas.



Wednesday 21st July 2004

Swindon Town 0
Everton 1

In the Milk Cup Semi-Finals Jimmy Fraser's side were faced with a considerable challenge in the shape of Premiership Everton,

which again took place in Coleraine.

The Evertonians from Merseyside secured their place in the Milk Cup Semi Finals through an early goal from number 3 Stephen Connor.

U-18's Fixtures 04/05

Aug 14	Yeovil Town	H
Aug 21	Swansea City	A
Sep 4	Newport	H
Sep 11	Exeter City	A
Sep 18	Bristol Rovers	H
Sep 25	Bournemouth	H
Oct 2	Cup R1	
Oct 9	Cheltenham	A
Oct 16	Plymouth	H
Oct 30	Exeter City	H
Nov 6	Bristol Rovers	A
Nov 13	Bournemouth	A
Nov 20	Cheltenham	H
Nov 27	Cup R2	
Dec 4	Plymouth	A
Dec 18	Yeovil Town	A
Jan 15	Swansea City	H
Jan 22	Newport	A
Jan 29	Cup R3	
Mar 12	Cup R4	

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Next Home Match

Saturday 14th August 2004

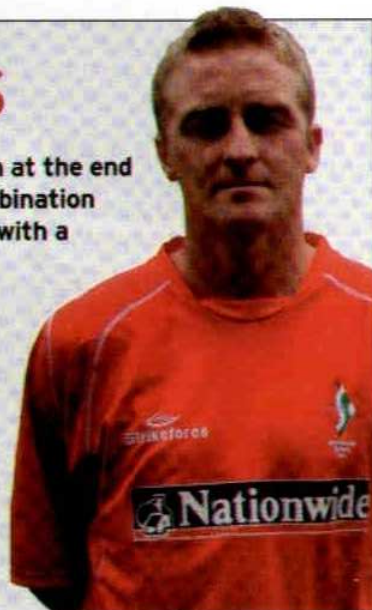
Swindon v Yeovil

Jimmy Fraser's youths will be looking to get off to a flying start against Yeovil, and continue to show the good form seen at the Milk Cup in Ireland.

Reeves' Reserves

Swindon Town's Reserve team are back in action at the end of the month with the new Pontins Holiday Combination Wales and West beginning at the end of August with a home encounter against Cardiff City.

Alan Reeves will once again be in charge of the reserve side this term and following the successful integration of many youth team player into the first team fold in pre-season, It should be an exciting campaign ahead. The side enjoyed a decent pre-season campaign with two wins out of two against local sides AFC Newbury and Cirencester Town, who included former Town player Kevin Halliday in their line-up.



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ANGER... what makes you mad? When kids spend too much time in front of the TV.

BEST... save you have ever made?
From Brett Angell against Port Vale.

CULTURE... what's the last film you saw / book you read / CD you bought?
An Adam Sandler film / FHM / Michael Jackson.

DRAW... can you draw a teammate?



ENTERTAINMENT... what do you do to relax?
Watch football and TV

FANS... funniest encounter with a fan?
I like to get to know the fans at a Club, but there is one guy at Southend United who is a top man.

GOAL... best ever scored?
The one I put past

Reevesy in training the other day. He did well to get out of the way!

HEROES... who are yours?
Peter Shilton

INJURY... worst you have had?
Tearing my medial ligament.

JOKERS... best practical joke ever seen?
I am usually the one playing them but let's just say it involved Julian Alsopp on a trip to Spain.

KEYRING... what's on yours?
Just my car and house keys.

LOCATION... where do you live?
In Bristol.

MEALS... what do you eat pre-match?
Usually cereal followed by beans on toast or eggs.

NEW... three words to describe Swindon Town so far?
Big, ambitious, spirited.

OLD... how will you fill your days when you retire?

PRACTICAL JOKES...

"I am usually the one playing them but let's just say it involved Julian Alsopp on a trip to Spain"



BEST GOAL...

"The one I put past Reevesy in training the other day. He did well to get out of the way!"

Hopefully playing golf and spending money but that isn't going to happen so I will probably go back to work, as I am a skilled carpenter.

PRO... how old were you when you turned professional?
29

QUIET... how long would you last in a sponsored silence?
Not very long...sshh!

RESTAURANT... what's your favourite?
A place down the road from me in Bristol. An Italian called Il Botilino's.

SANDWICH... what would you put in yours?
Anything apart from cheese, so probably chicken or ham and pickle.

TV... top programmes?
Only Fools and Horses and Brookside (for Reevesy).

UNSTOPPABLE... hardest opponent faced?
Greg Goodridge, in training, when he was at Cheltenham. He could hit a ball!

VEHICLE... what car do you drive?
BMW

WHADDON ROAD... most memorable moment at Cheltenham?
There were several. Winning the FA Trophy, victory at The Millennium Stadium and getting promoted from the Conference were all pretty special.

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YELLOW... what scare's you?
Bad drivers.

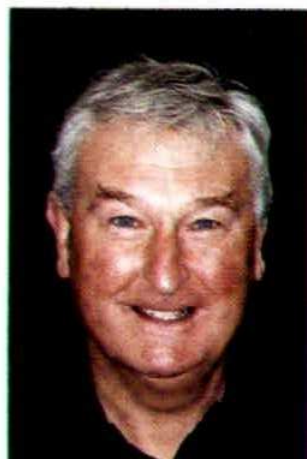
Zzz... what puts you to sleep?
Watching snooker and listening to my Missus!

Ladies Fixtures 04/05

5-Sep	CLEVEDON	H
12-Sep	READING RYL	A
26-Sep	READING	H
3-Oct	LEAGUE CUP BYE	
10-Oct	KEYNSHAM	A
24-Oct	FA CUP - 1	
31-Oct	CARDIFF CITY	H
7-Nov	CHESHAM	H
14-Nov	FA CUP - 2	
28-Nov	PLYMOUTH	A
5-Dec	LEAGUE CUP - 1	
12-Dec	FOREST GRN	H
9-Jan	NEWTON ABT	A
23-Jan	LAUNTON	H
30-Jan	CLEVEDON	A
6-Feb	READING RYL	H
13-Feb	READING	A
27-Feb	KEYNSHAM	A
6-Mar	CARDIFF CITY	A
13-Mar	LEAGUE CUP - SF	
27-Mar	CHESHAM	A
3-Apr	PLYMOUTH	H
10-Apr	FOREST GRN	A
17-Apr	NEWTON ABT	H
24-Apr	LAUNTON	A

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See the girls in
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Town Running 9 Teams

Swindon Town Ladies
are running nine
teams this season;
from Under Eights
through the age ranges
to two senior sides.

The First team will
again play in the South
West Combination
League and will
hoping to improve on
last season's eighth
place. The team will
be managed by Roger
Reeves with Mike Brown
taking over as first
team coach assisted by
Simon Moreton

The Reserves team will
play in the Wiltshire
County League and
John White will take
charge. Neil Ashman
has changed roles
from last season and
will act as coach. The
side will once again
give youngsters and

new players their first
taste of football at
senior level.

The Under Fifteen side
will again be managed
by Kerry Lewis and
will play in the Surrey
Primary Under 15
League. Last season,
playing at Under
Fourteen level, the
side finished as
champions so have
high hopes for a similar
successful season.

The Town are running
two Under Fourteen
sides, "A" and "B", in the
Wiltshire County League.
The "A" side will have
Mike Fisher in charge
and the "B" side will be
run by Dave Hall. They
will do well to emulate
last season's Under
Fourteen team who
completed a League and
Cup double.

In the Wiltshire County
Under Twelve League
the Town will field two
sides. Simon Coe will
manage the "A" team
and Paul Scofield the
"B" side.

The Under Ten's will
play in the newly formed
Wiltshire County Under
Ten League and will be
managed by Lyn Curtis.

At Under Eight level the
Town will field teams in
various mini tournament.
Sarah Maisey will take
control of the Town's
youngest side.

Any girls or women
interested in play
football should contact
Club Secretary John
White. (Tel: Swindon
824470).

Roger Reeves

Ladies South West Combination Final League Table 2003/04

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
CARDIFF CITY	22	22	0	0	114	8	66
READING ROYALS	22	20	0	2	138	21	60
CHESHAM UNITED	22	13	3	6	57	41	42
OXFORD	22	11	2	9	77	62	35
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CLEVEDON TOWN	22	8	6	8	33	39	30
PLYMOUTH	22	8	4	10	48	56	28
SWINDON TOWN	22	7	4	11	40	73	25
READING	22	6	3	13	36	91	21
NEWTON ABBOT	22	5	3	14	33	75	18
EXETER CITY	22	5	1	16	30	76	16
YEOVIL TOWN	22	1	4	17	19	85	7



Shaun Hodgetts

BBC Radio Swindon

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BBC RADIO SWINDON

103.6 FM

*Wooden Bussell
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It's 20 years since I got a job in radio, primarily covering Swindon Town. I may have moved to a different station, changed roles to take on a more managerial responsibility but that's still one of the things I do regularly, keeping out of the shopping, gardening etc on a Saturday and late at work after a midweek fixture.

I well remember my first radio commentary without needing to refer to any reference books! It was August 1995, just a day after joining the corporation, victory at Hull thanks to a Steve Finney goal. Without all the modern technology of today, we'd have to arrive at a ground extra early to set-up the equipment,

starting out as a EPO engineer joining up a couple of pieces of wire to make ourselves heard back home. Whatever happened to Steve Finney? He arrived at The County Ground not as a first choice striker but by Christmas was in our studios to help host a programme reflecting on his prolific scoring rate - we really were walking in a Finney wonderland.

The last opening day trip was to Walsall, a match more memorable personally for being a commentator literally talking to himself. We lost the link to our studios in Old Town, but were unaware of the communications breakdown for several minutes as a youthful volunteer back at

base probably aged considerably in trying to reestablish contact with The Bescot Stadium, hardly the other side of the

Clements several days and numerous calls to track him down - he's a maths teacher in Hillingdon! He quickly recalled his most

A youthful volunteer back at base probably aged considerably in trying to re-establish contact

world! In the interim, I expect the massed ranks of media in the press box may have appreciated our ball-by-ball description of a game many tipped as a "relegation battle!" Nine months later, they were right!

BBC Radio began it's outside broadcasts this summer at Redditch for the Jimmy Davis Memorial Cup, an emotional day which raised more than a thousand pounds. As well as offering full coverage we also interviewed Leigh Barnard, not the Spurs striker, but his namesake who played for Town in the eighties. Whatever happened to Leigh Barnard? That question I can obviously answer! It took my colleague Steven

memorable goal, the one that clinched the old Fourth Division Championship at Mansfield in 1986.

Will this season offer such a dramatic climax? It went down to the wire at Brighton! Let's hope Andy King has lady luck on his side if we're in the same situation again and that he has enough players to cope with injuries and suspensions. Without any major additions since these programme notes had to be written, the squad is looking low on numbers. We all understandably want youth to be given a chance but shouldn't we back the Manager's judgement as to when they're ready for League One, or whatever it's called!



Bescot Stadium... Communications Breakdown!



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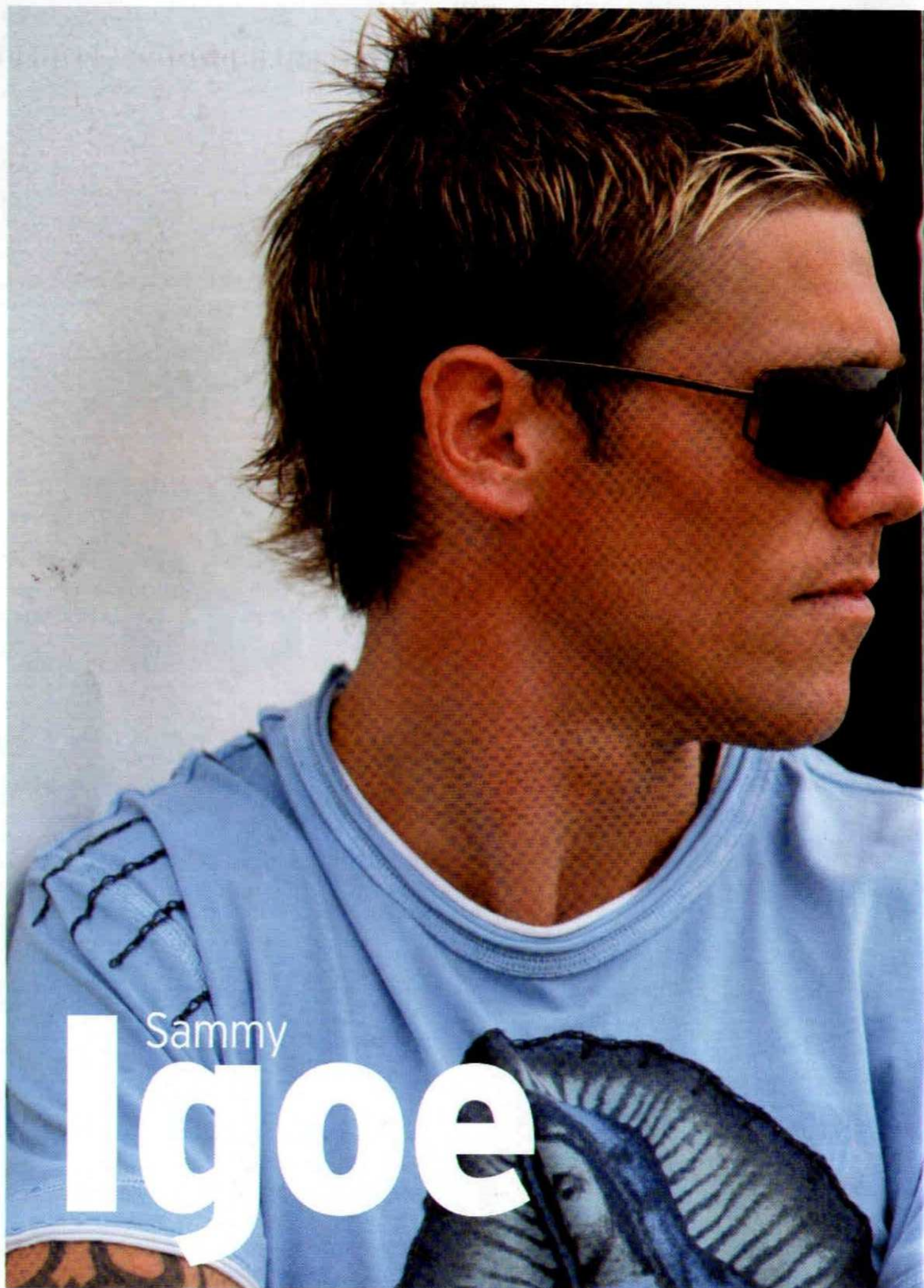
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Middle Row (l-r): David Duke, Sean O'Hanlon, Jerrel Ifil, Stefani Miglioranza, Alan Reeves, Matt Heywood, Adi Viveash, Andy Nicholas

Front Row (l-r): Steve Robinson, Sammy Igoe, Andy Gurney, Dick Mackey (physio), Andy King (manager), Mike Walsh (assistant manager),

Matt Hewlett, Brian Howard, Grant Smith





Sammy
Igoe



'The Showman' reveals all about playing for Luton, changing hair styles and, er, Elvis Presley...

Words: Nick Judd

Phoning footballers for the purpose of magazine interviews such as this can often be a hazardous task. If it's not an answer phone or a change of number, then you're bound to interrupt them doing something, and so it was that when I phone Sammy Igoe on a warm Thursday evening, I catch him about to tee off on the golf course. Begrudging the fact that I'm stuck in an office and not on the course myself, I apologise for putting him off his swing and vow to call back the following day.

When I do catch up with the diminutive midfielder, which turns out to be half an hour into the team's three-hour journey to Wrexham, I'm greeted in the same friendly and relaxed manner as I was the night before. A good round of golf I assume; though when I

learn that his 18 holes was played in memory of his former Pompey team mate, Aaron Flahavan, who passed away at the age of 25 three years ago, it kind of puts the 'pressures' of the impending season into perspective.

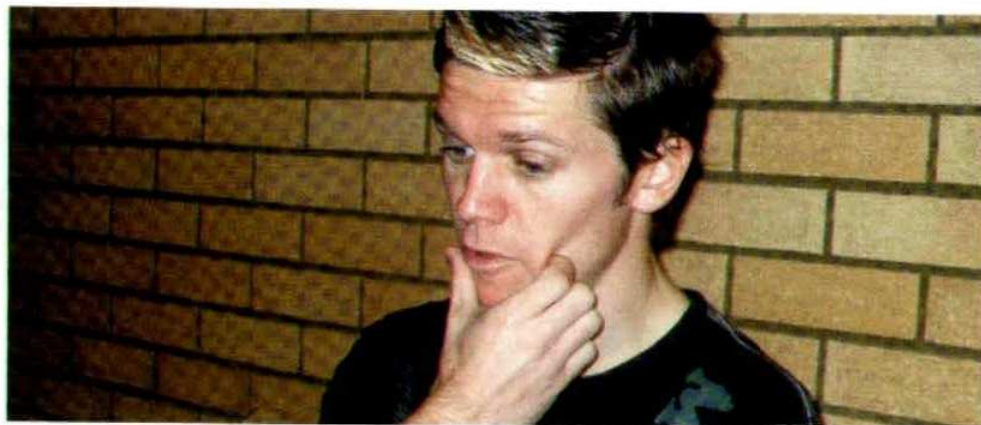
Igoe's six years at Fratton Park put him in good stead for what has been an impressive ten-year career to date. Together Igoe, Flahavan and a number of others including Lee Bradbury, now lining up alongside Mr. Mooney at Oxford, graduated from the club's youth system and our favourite playmaker would go on to make more than 160 appearances, endearing himself to the Fratton Park faithful and even a local band (more on that later)!

A move to Reading in March 2000 followed where he would gain promotion to Division

One in his second season with the Royals ("It'd be nice if that happened again!") before he was shipped out on loan to tonight's visitors having fallen out of favour with Alan Pardew in March 2003. Fortunately for Town (of the Swindon variety, not Luton) Igoe's impending move to Kenilworth Road was quashed with the sacking of Joe Kinnear and the rest, they say, is history.

Five goals, three haircuts and several bizarre injuries later and Sammy 'the Showman' Igoe has become a firm favourite in SN1. Following in the footsteps of such players as Chalkie White and Paul Allen, Igoe had become an instant hit and his display of meandering runs, neat tricks and never-say-die attitude were a welcome addition to the Town artillery. The only thing missing, it seemed, was the end result...

I'll always remember something Alan Pardew said at Reading, "Teams come close and then they make it"



How long did it take you to get over the Brighton defeat last season, and what was the atmosphere like when the players returned to Wanborough for pre-season in July?

To be honest no one's mentioned what happened last year. I think we all acknowledged that we did well, but that we now know we have what it takes to accomplish promotion. Now that we're all a little bit older and wiser, the disappointment may actually help us to go on and achieve what we want this time around.

You couldn't fail to notice the controversy surrounding Brighton's proposed new stadium last year. Are the players aware of the setback regarding plans for Town's new ground?

We hear bits and bobs but don't know the details. The thing is a new stadium is crucial for a club like this. It can help attract new players because they want to play in the best stadiums, and with that new fans come too. It worked for my old club, Reading and while our stadium is by

no means the worst in the league, a new one would be fantastic for everyone involved in the club.

Did you watch the final on TV?

I watched about half an hour. I wasn't really interested after we'd gone out to be honest.

Understandable. But with that behind us we have the new campaign to look forward to. Unfortunately it's not been the best of summers for you has it?

I feel good now, but it has been frustrating, yes. I was ill to start off with, but I shook it off and had a good week's worth of training. I worked hard up until the Notts County game and then I hurt me knee. I recovered in time to play a half at Grays before I injured my ankle! I was frightened to pick up an injury after that and I was often playing at about 60%, not ideal when you want to start getting yourself ready for the season. But I'm old enough now to know that I don't need to make rash challenges when I don't need to.

How about the rest of the squad? There were

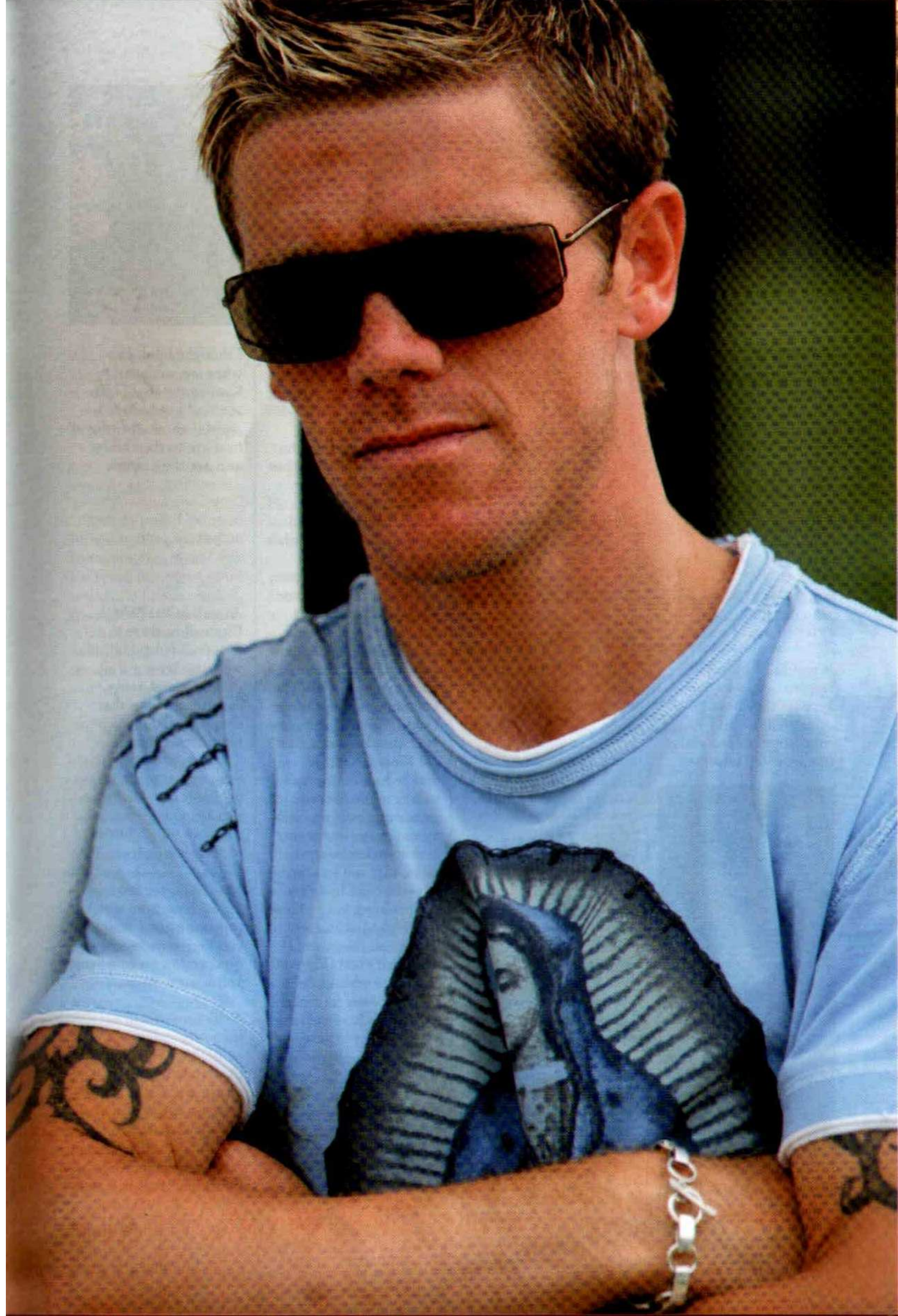
a few injuries during the pre-season campaign and we seemed a bit light on the ground in terms of bodies...

We have got a small squad this season and we have got a few injury worries going into the first few games - so we'll have to be careful. But the Gaffer's not stupid, he knows the situation and while he'll be hoping we all stay injury free, he'll probably have a few loan ideas should the situation arise.

Do you think we have a squad capable of automatic promotion this year? We seem to have stood still compared to some of the other sides, or do you think the continuity will stand us in good stead?

We are definitely capable; we've proved that already. However, new faces are always good, especially at the start of the season because it freshens things up. It keeps the players on their toes, bodes well for competition for places and gives fans fresh optimism. But we mustn't forget that we have added Jerel and Lloyd to the side.

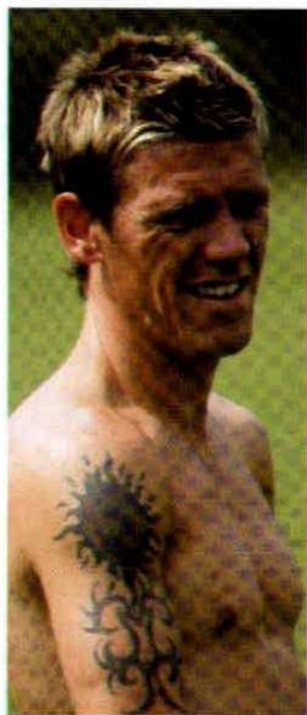




We all know what Jerel can do, he was excellent last season, and Lloyd is keen to prove himself too. If he can put Sam and Rory under pressure then we won't miss Tommy Mooney.

A number of youngsters appear to have sensed that they could get a chance this year such is the size of the squad. Who has impressed you in pre-season?

It would be unfair to single any player out because they have all done well. It can be hard for a youngster to make the next step into the



first team and there's nothing worse than seeing a good young player coming into the first team squad and being overawed by it. But our lads have shown that they can handle it, that they have the potential to make it - it's very encouraging.

How about new coach Mike Walsh - how has he settled in?

He's been good. A few of the lads knew him already and he's slotted straight in. He's worked quite hard with us on set pieces and things and he's a nice bloke.

Playing Luton tonight and facing MK Don's on Saturday, is there a danger of thinking that we shouldn't be playing teams like this, that we should be in Division One?

I think we'd be lying if we weren't still a little peeved that we didn't go up. I played in Division One for six seasons and the standard of football is higher, the stadiums better. But that should spur us on even more, it's where we all want to be.

Talking of tonight's visitors, tell us about your loan spell there at



the end of the 2002/03 season. How did you end up signing for us having played well there?

I was really out of favour at Reading at the time, but then boss Alan Pardew wouldn't let me move in case he needed me to come in. It was a bit unfair because I felt like my career was going nowhere, but he eventually sent me out on loan at Luton. I got on very well straight away, I hit it off with the lads and the fans were good to me and I thought I played well to be fair. Unfortunately I got injured after just two games, but Joe Kinnear had said that he had seen enough to take me on a more permanent basis, we even agreed money and terms. Unfortunately he went on holiday and was fired when he came back! I was disappointed, but a phone call from Mick Harford to the Gaffer later and I had a certain Mr King on the phone - thankfully it all worked out for me. It was nice to have such a respected guy in the game such as Andy phone me in that situation...

What kind of reception can you expect from the visiting fans tonight then, you played well for them after all...

I thought I did, but when we went to Kenilworth Road last season I got booed! I guess it shows how loyal fans are to their clubs and not the players.

I see Chris Kamara has selected Luton as dark horses for promotion on Sky Sports, who do you fancy to be up there?

As well as us? Bristol City will be there I assume. I fancy Hull as well, they've got a bit of money and in my experience teams that come up tend to keep the momentum going.

How important is it to get off to a winning start this season, especially with two home games coming up?

Massively, you have to have a base from which to work on and the more you keep winning the quicker you get to where you want to be.

At 10/1 we're fourth favourites to go up, something we're not used to in recent years! Will it be strange being among the favourites?

It will add a bit of pressure. People will know

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what we're capable of from last season and will want to raise their game, I think this season will be harder than last year...

Let's hope not. Can we expect more goals from 'the Showman' this year?

I hope so. I scored five last season but then I was out for a few weeks. I'd like to think it would have been more if it hadn't been for that and if I can stay fit this season I'm confident I can bag a few more!

What about a new haircut? I know Rory (Fallon) and several fans will be waiting with baited breath for the next style to copy...

It's more than likely I'll do something, but I hope Rory doesn't copy it again! Mind you, I suppose I should take it as a compliment....

There were some interesting haircuts in the Big Brother house, how about one of those?

I'll be honest, I didn't really watch it after the first week. There were one or two fools in it that I just couldn't bare to watch. A lot of the lads have been catching up

with it every night and discussing what's been going on; they're like a bunch of old women!

Perhaps Brian (Howard) could do your hair?

He spends enough time looking in the mirror doing his own hair...

I take it you two will be sharing rooms again this season on away trips?

Yeah, but I end up having to read magazines because he spends so much time in the mirror. Sometimes he brings his Playstation and we'll have a game or two.

One final question, you've achieved promotion with Reading at the second time of asking, can history repeat itself this season with Swindon?

It'd be nice wouldn't it! I'll always remember something Alan Pardew said at Reading, "Teams come close and then they make it."

Let's hope the West Ham boss is right!

Meanwhile, look out for tricks galore and a new hairstyle courtesy of the 'Showman' coming your way soon.



Footballers and singing rarely mix; John Barnes, Paul Gascoigne and the Waddle/Hoddey duet are testament to that. Yet every so often a player makes such an impact at a certain club that fans make up their own songs, which is exactly what a Portsmouth-based band called Echobase, (you can find out more at www.echobaseonline.com) made up of Pompey fans did with our very own Sammy Igoe. The lyrics are included below and yes, it has been recorded and they have performed it live!

Elvis & Sammy Igoe

She said she wants to go home because her boys are ready
She said she wants to go home because she wants to be blue
She said she wants to go home because her father's waiting
But I don't mind, I want to go home
Because her mother is waiting for me
Don't get me wrong, I hate the scum much as anyone
And I know our day will soon come
But until then it's your mum

Elvis & Sammy Igoe are walking hand in hand
Elvis & Sammy Igoe looking for the promised land
Elvis & Sammy Igoe are walking hand in hand
Elvis & Sammy Igoe, soon we'll have the master plan

She says she wants to go home
Because she's really getting bored

Not to be outdone, local footballer and poet Stuart Butler came up with this poem on the diminutive midfielder playmaker.
You can see more of Stuart's work on www.footballpoets.org.

Cartesian Dualism and Sammy Igoe

A Poetic and Philosophical Disputation about the Essence of Swindone's midfield:

If I go how can Sammy?
And if Sammy goes how can I?
Paradox reconciled
By Renee Descartes with a smile,
"Igoe therefore I'm Sam."

Nicky Hammond

Hammo' Time!



PlayerFactfile

Date of birth:

7th September 1967

Period at Swindon:

1987-1995

Nationality:

English

Position:

Goalkeeper

Playing career:

Arsenal,
Bristol Rovers (loan),
Peterborough United (loan),
Aberdeen (loan)
SWINDON TOWN,
Plymouth Argyle,
Reading.

Patience is a virtue, so they say, and Nicky Hammond has proved this to be the case entirely as he tells STFC Magazine.

Nicky Hammond joined Swindon Town in July 1987, joining from Arsenal, where he spent two years as an apprentice. The Wolverhampton-born stopper spent eight years at The County Ground before a move to Plymouth Argyle in 1995. He then made the switch to Berkshire to join Robin's rivals Reading shortly after.

Whilst with the Royals, Hammond picked up a back injury and after making a little over 30 appearances at The Madejski Stadium, took up the post of Director of Reading's Youth Academy in October 2000. Having made a favourable impression in that post, he was then elevated to become the first ever Director of Football at Reading FC in September 2003.

Having recently returned to The County Ground to take in the pre-season friendly

with Southampton last Tuesday, STFC Magazine caught up with the man himself.

Firstly Nicky, how does it feel to be back at The County Ground after nearly ten years away?

I have been back quite a few times and it is good to see a few old faces again. I have come down to watch what should be a good game against Southampton and it

will be good to see how everything shapes up.

You started out at Arsenal, that must have been a great place to start before arriving at The County Ground?

I came through a youth system there that produced what you may call a golden era of Arsenal players. Martin Keown, Tony Adams and Paul Merson all came through the system and they were some fantastic years there.

From there I moved to Swindon and had eight fantastic years here. I made some good friends and I thoroughly enjoyed my time here. It was a great Club then and still is now.

Swindon as a Club is similar to Reading and people who have been involved in football for a long time care about their football club and in that respect they are very similar. It is always nice to come back.

How would you describe your time in the 'top flight' with Swindon and what are your memories?



My abiding memory would be promotion to the Premiership, I think all Town supporters remember that and over that season we actually played very well on a number of occasions. I think we just lacked that little bit of quality needed though and the upshot of that was that the Club struggled for several seasons after that. They are back on their feet now and there are some good people behind the scenes so that is a positive thing. I always keep an eye out for Swindon and hope they have a good season.

Someone else let in the last five to make it 100 goals conceded so I can't blame Fraser (Digby) for that one!

We played in some of the top stadiums in the country during that season and although it was a difficult campaign, it was a wonderful experience. I don't think that there is a Swindon player from that era who would say they had a bad time then.

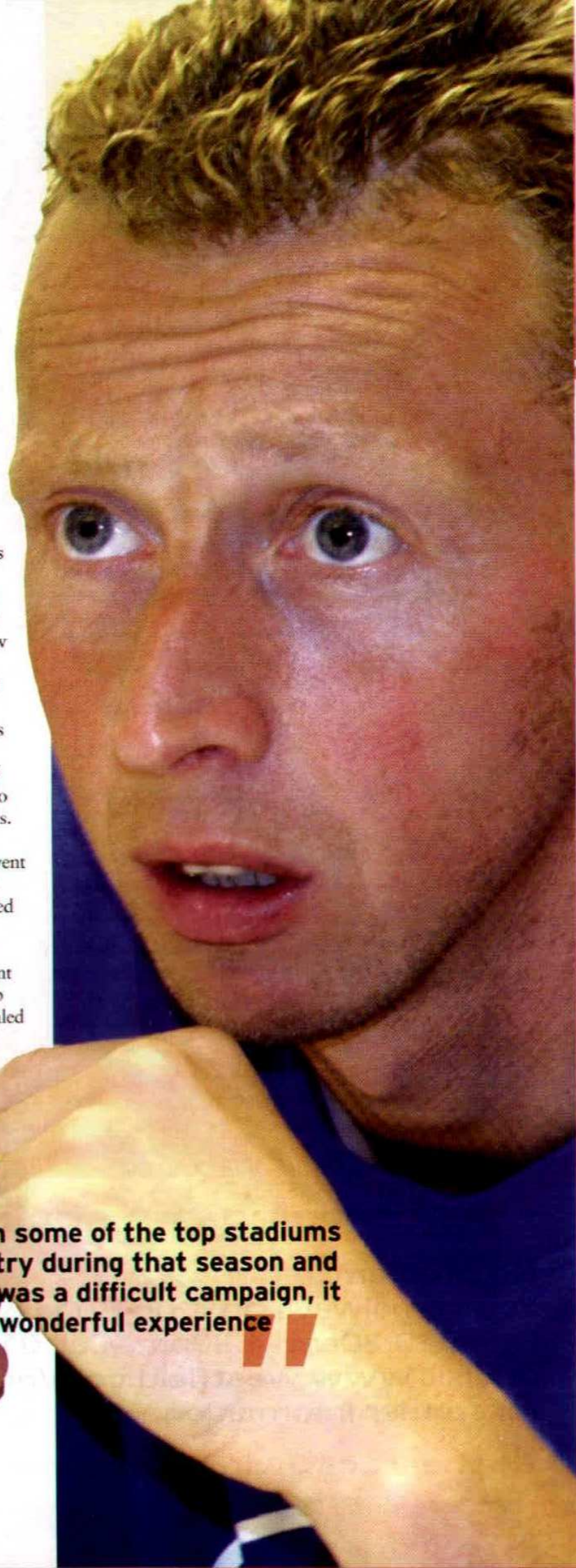
Unfortunately we weren't strong enough to stay up and now it is more difficult to survive in the Premiership than it was then.

It has certainly been a quick rise into 'Management' for you hasn't it?

It was always going to be the way for me. I was fortunate in that I got an early opportunity to move into management early under Alan Pardew and that coincided with a successful period for the Club. We had four years of continuous improvement and progression and a lot of things have been done to build on the foundations.

Obviously when Alan went that was a difficult time for the Club but I decided to stay at Reading and the Board offered me a position that is important to the future of the Club and that certainly appealed to me and I am looking forward to the season ahead now.

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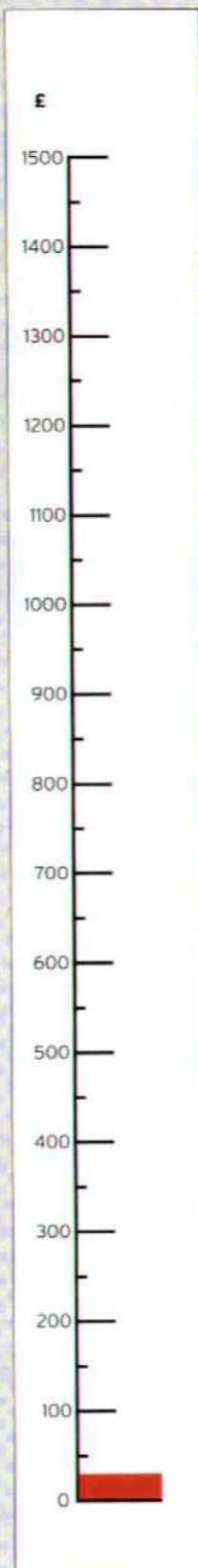
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As we move into another season we cannot look forward without passing comment on events from the summer

The proposed Stadium and sports complex at Shaw...

In the last 15 or so years the various council administrations have:

a) denied improvements at the County Ground, by refusing development of Stratton bank

b) allowed protesters to delay a positive decision on a new site known as the front garden - procrastinating and effectively frustrating that proposal

c) suggested the Shaw site only to do a U-turn and renege on their proposal when faced with a small but vocal protest group

That Shaw protest group, despite a long and vocal campaign could, in terms of their petition, claim to represent less than 2% of the population of the conurbation.

Interestingly, on the

very day that the protest group held their rally in the Town, against the proposal, they mustered apparently around a thousand individuals. Over 3000 Town fans were prepared to travel all the way to London, to see their team play QPR.

Denying the opportunity for public debate, the Council have made their decision, before the full proposal and details had been finalised. How ironic that even the deputy Prime Minister would not judge on Brighton's proposed move to Falmer, without all details being available.

Trust STFC has already announced that it will be organising a petition to requesting a positive approach by the Council to finding a new site. We would urge all supporters to sign to show that we have a cause we care about and also have a voice to be heard in the Town..

This town deserves a very special sports complex and arena to be proud of - let's help make it happen!

League Review



This week we take a look at all the summer ins and outs of League One, with several former Swindon Town players on the move...



BARNSELEY

Ins: Tony Vaughan (Mansfield), Tom Williams (Birmingham), Barry Conlon (Darlington), Matt Carbon (Walsall), Bobby Hassell (Mansfield), Nick Colgan (Hibernian), Stephen McPhail (Leeds), Folawiyo Onibuje (Preston), Daniel Nardiello (Man Utd, loan), David Scarcella (Adelaide United), Paul Reid (Northampton, undisclosed).
Outs: Garry Monk (Swansea), Marlon Beresford (Luton), Isaiah Rankin (Brentford), Alex Neil (Mansfield), Adam Oldham, Tony Gallimore, Brian O'Callaghan, Craig Ireland (Peterborough), Daniel Alcock, Dean Gorre, Griff Jones, Peter Handyside, Steve Hayward.



BLACKPOOL

Ins: Marc McGregor (Burnley), Keigan Parker (St Johnstone), Paul Edwards (Wrexham), Rob Edwards (Preston).
Outs: Steve Davis (York), Tommy Jaszczun (Northampton), Kirk Hilton, Phil Barnes (Sheff Utd), Matthew Blinkhorn (Luton, loan).



BOURNEMOUTH

Ins: Dani Rodrigues (Yeovil).
Out: Warren Feeney (Stockport, tribunal), Fawzi Saadi, Simon Rayner (Lincoln C).



BRADFORD CITY

Ins: Steven Schumacher, Michael Symes (both Everton).
Outs: Mark Paston (Walsall), Michael Standing (Walsall), Paul Heckingbottom (Sheff Wed), Michael Branch (Chester, undisclosed), Robert Wolleaston (Oxford), Danny Cadamarteri (Leeds), Gareth Edds (Milton Keynes Dons), Alan Combe

(Kilmarnock), Peter Folkes (Lincoln).



BRENTFORD

Ins: Scott Fitzgerald (Colchester), Andy Myers (Colchester), Isaiah Rankin (Barnsley), Sam Sodje (Margate), Chris Hargreaves (Northampton), John Salako (Reading), Deon Burton (Portsmouth), San Lee (West Ham).
Outs: Ibrahima Sonko (Reading), Danny Thomas, Dean Wells, Lee Fieldwick, Stephen Evans, Stephen Hughes, Alan Julian, Jay Smith.



BRISTOL CITY

Ins: Stephen Gillespie (Liverpool), Paul Heffernan (Notts County, £125,000), Bradley Orr (Newcastle).
Outs: Lee Matthews (Port Vale), Scott Brown (Cheltenham), Tony Rougier, Matthew Hill, Lee Peacock (Sheff Wed), Joe Burnell (Wycombe), Louis Carey (Coventry), Darren Caskey.



CHESTERFIELD

Ins: Wayne Allison (Sheff Utd), Mark DeBolla (Charlton), Shane Nicholson (Tranmere), Alex Bailey (Arsenal).
Outs: Stuart Howson (Accrington), Chris Brandon (Huddersfield), Glynn Hurst (Notts County), Mark Smith, David Reeves, Jamie Fullarton, Marvin Robinson, Matt O'Halloran (Boston).



COLCHESTER UNITED

Ins: Stephen Hunt (Southampton), Liam Chilvers (Arsenal), George Elokobi (Dulwich), Aidan Davison (Grimsby), Kevin Watson (Reading), Wayne Brown (Watford).
Outs: Scott Fitzgerald (Brentford), Andy Myers (Brentford), Scott McGleish (Northampton), Alan White (Leyton Orient), Simon Brown (Hibernian), Richard McKinney (Walsall), Thomas Pinault (Grimsby).



DONCASTER ROVERS

Ins: Jermaine McSparran (Walsall), James Coppinger



Lee Peacock

(Exeter, undisclosed), Nick Fenton (Notts County), Guy Ipoua, Nicolas Prier (Leicester), Chris Beardsley (Mansfield).
Outs: Steve Burton (Scarborough), Adebayo Akinfenwa (Torquay), Robert Gill (Scarborough), Barry Richardson, Rob O'Brien.



HARTLEPOOL UNITED

Ins: Jack Ross (Clyde).
Outs: Jermaine Easter (Cambridge), Paul Robinson (York), Brian Ross, Mark Robinson, Anthony Williams, Scott Walker, Stephen Carson.



HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

Ins: Junior Mendes (Mansfield), Chris Brandon (Chesterfield).
Outs: Tyrone Thompson (Scarborough), Iffy Onuora (Walsall), Dwayne Mattis (Bury), Jon Newby (Bury), Paul Scott, Ian Hughes.



HULL CITY

Ins: Leon Cort (Southend), Michael Keane (Preston, £50,000), Roland Edge (Hibernian), Delroy Facey (West Brom), Sergio Leite (Charlton), Nick Barmby (Leeds), Aaron Wilbraham (Stockport, £100,000), Junior Lewis (Leicester), Matt Duke (Burton, £60,000).
Outs: Justin Whittle (Grimsby), Paul Musselwhite (Scunthorpe),



Nick Barmby



Leon Constantine

Steve Burton (Kidderminster), Simon Russell (Kidderminster), Jamie Forrester (Bristol Rovers), Alan Fettes (Macclesfield), Andy Holt, Shaun Smith.

LUTON TOWN

Ins: Marlon Beresford (Barnsley), Dino Seremet (Maribor Pivovarna), Matthew Blinkhorn (Blackpool, loan).
Outs: Adrian Forbes (Swansea), Matthew Spring (Leeds), Morten Hylgaard, Emmerson Boyce (Crystal Palace).

MILTON KEYNES DONS

Ins: Gareth Edds (Bradford), Steve Palmer (QPR), Julien Hornuss (Sedan Ardenne), Laurent Herve, Allan Smart (Crewe), Izale McLeod (Derby, undisclosed).
Outs: Wayne Gray (Southend), Peter Hawkins (Rushden), Rob Gier (Rushden), Nico Herzig (SV Wacker Burghausen, undisclosed), Dean Holdsworth (Havant & Waterlooville), Shahed Ahmed (Wycombe), Warren Barton (Dagenham), Lionel Morgan, Darren Holloway, Albert Jarrett, Jermaine Darlington (Watford), Michael Gordon.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Ins: Mark Arber (Peterborough), Rodney Jack (Rushden), Mark Bonner (Cardiff).
Outs: Carlos Roca (Carlisle), Paul Murray (Beira Mar), Steve Corry (Kettering), John Sheridan, Darren Sheridan.

PETERBOROUGH UTD

Ins: Leon Constantine (Southend), Andre Boucard (Reading), Elliott Ward (West Ham, loan), Craig Ireland (Barnsley), Peter Kennedy (Wigan).
Outs: Mark Arber (Oldham), Mathew Gill (Notts County), Tom Williams (Barnsley), Bradley Thomas, Dennis Pearce, Andrew Fotiadis.

PORT VALE

Ins: Lee Matthews (Bristol City), Jeff Smith (Bolton), Dean Smith (Sheff Wed), Robin Hulbert (Telford).

Outs: Steve McPhee (Beira Mar), Marc Bridge-Wilkinson (Stockport), Neil Brisco (Rochdale), Adrian Littlejohn, Dean Delaney, Liam Burns.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Ins: Steven MacLean (Rangers, undisclosed), David Lucas (Preston, £100,000), Paul Heckingbottom (Bradford), Jon-Paul McGovern (Livingston), Lee Bullen (Dunfermline), Lee Peacock (Bristol City), Glenn Whelan (Man City), Guy Branston (Rotherham), Patrick Collins (Sunderland), Chris Marsden (Barnsley Icons).

Outs: Derek Geary (Stockport), Leigh Bromby (Sheff Utd), Alan Quinn (Sheff Utd), Dean Smith (Port Vale), Mark Robins (Burton), Brian Barry-Murphy (Bury), Chris Stringer, Derek Geary, Jon Beswetherick (Bristol Rovers), Kevin Pressman (Leicester), Paul McLaren (Rotherham), Robbie Mustoe, Steven Haslam, Terry Cooke.

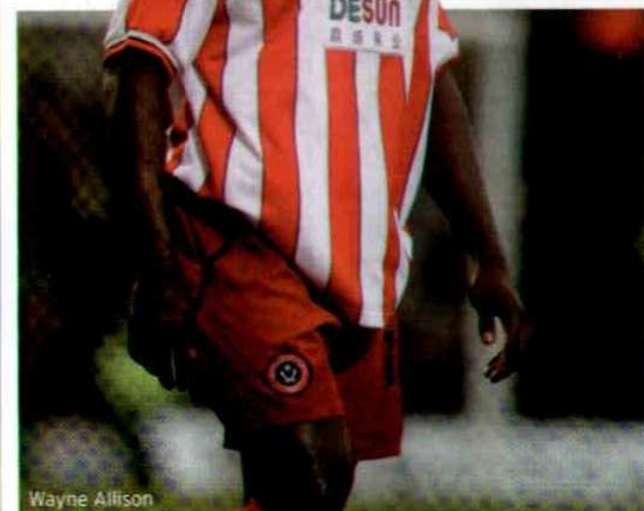
STOCKPORT COUNTY

Ins: Lee Mair (Dundee), Neil Cutler (Stoke), Warren Feeney (Bournemouth, tribunal), Marc Bridge-Wilkinson (Port Vale), Derek Geary (Sheff Wed).

Outs: Dave Challinor (Bury), Aaron Wilbraham (Hull, £100,000), Kevin Ellison, Rob Jones (Grimsby).

TORQUAY UNITED

Ins: Adebayo Akinfenwa



Wayne Allison

(Doncaster), Matt Villis (Plymouth), Gareth Owen (Stoke), Martin Phillips (Plymouth), Richard Bouton (Reading), Bertrand Bossu (Gillingham, loan), Bruno Meirelles.

Outs: David Graham (Wigan, £215,000), David Woosley (Oxford), Reuben Hazell (Kidderminster), Jimmy Benefield, Joseph Broad, Kevin Wills.

TRANMERE ROVERS

Ins: Mark Rankine (Sheff Utd), Calvin Zola (Newcastle), Michael Jackson (Preston), Theodore Whitmore, Jason McAteer (Sunderland).

Outs: Sean Connelly (Rushden), Alex Hay (Rushden), Graham Allen (Rushden), Thomas Rooney (Macclesfield), Jamie McGuire, Shane Nicholson (Chesterfield), Mickey Mellon (Kidderminster).

WALSALL

Ins: Mark Paston (Bradford), Michael Standing (Bradford), Richard McKinney (Colchester), Iffy Onuora (Huddersfield), Mark Kinsella (West Brom), Kofi Dakiniah (Herfølge).

Outs: James Walker (West Ham), Matt Carbon (Barnsley), Lee Bradbury (Oxford), Karl Hawley (Carlisle), Craig Burley, Gavin Caines, Pedro Matias, Mario Lopez-Soler, Andy Petterson, Nick Smith.

WREXHAM

Ins: Danny Williams (Bristol Rovers), Dean Bennett (Kidderminster), Alex Smith (Chester), Andy Holt (Hull), Matt Baker (Hereford).

Outs: Shaun Holmes (Glentoran), Stephen Thomas (Darlington), Paul Edwards (Blackpool), Paul Barrett, Paul Whitfield.



Jason McAteer

Midweek Fixtures

COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP

Tuesday 10th August

Brighton vs Plymouth

Cardiff vs Coventry

Gillingham vs Leeds

Millwall vs Wigan

Rotherham vs Burnley

Sheff. Utd. vs Stoke

Sunderland vs Crewe

West Ham vs Reading

Wednesday 11th August

Derby vs Leicester

Nott'm For. vs Ipswich

Wolves vs Preston

COCA-COLA LEAGUE 1

Tuesday 10th August

Bournemouth vs Walsall

Barnsley vs Bristol City

Blackpool vs Sheff. Wed.

Bradford vs Peterborough

Brentford vs Doncaster

Colchester vs Stockport

Huddersfield vs Chesterfield

Oldham vs Wrexham

Port Vale vs M K Dons

Torquay vs Hull

Tranmere vs Hartlepool

Wednesday 11th August

Swindon vs Luton

COCA-COLA LEAGUE 2

Tuesday 10th August

Bristol Rovers vs Bury

Cambridge vs Leyton Orient

Cheltenham vs Scunthorpe

Chester vs Wycombe

Grimsby vs Boston

Kidderminster vs Notts Co

Lincoln vs Southend

Macclesfield vs Shrewsbury

Northampton vs Rushden & D

Rochdale vs Swansea

Yeovil vs Darlington

Wednesday 11th August

Oxford vs Mansfield



RedArmy

Welcome to a new season. This is YOUR page so if you would like to be featured, just send an email to chris@swindontownfc.co.uk



STFC Photo Gallery

Ape for Effort

Is this Sammy Igoe's new haircut? No, it's season ticket holder Paul Harrison in Gibraltar with a barbary ape on his head!



At the Races

Pictured below is Town fan Peta Seymour who hit the headlines over the summer with this hat which she wore to Ascot Races.



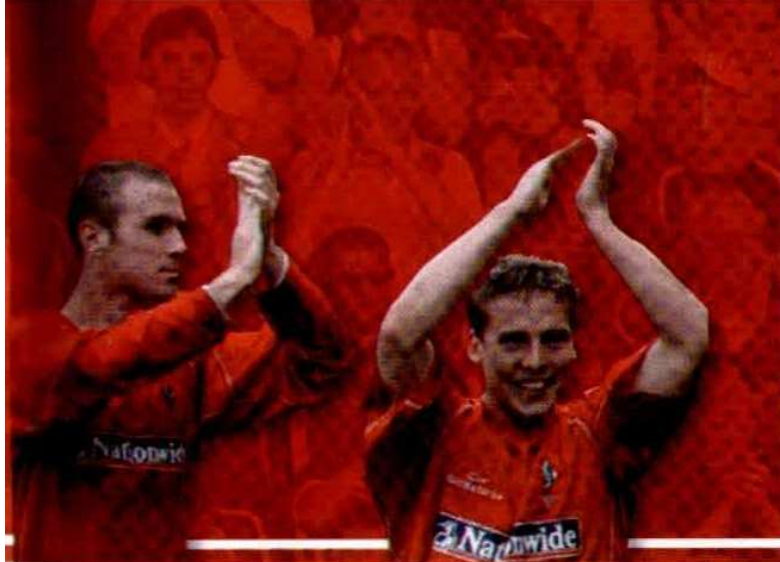
Not only did Peta and her hat make it to the daily national papers but she was in the Mail on Sunday (20th June) and also one of the "People of the Week" in The Times on Sunday (20th June) along with Ex-Spice Girl Geri Haliwell and Radio 1 DJ Chris Moyles!

Texting Times

If you cannot get to the game this Saturday to see Town's home encounter with MK Dons, then help is at hand.

If you subscribe to Town's official SMS Service you will receive team news, goal updates and match quotes direct to your mobile.

To subscribe, just text **CLUB SWIN** to **88442**.



Tesco's Presentation

The STFC Study Support Centre staff were on hand last Tuesday night to receive a cheque from Tesco's.

Pictured above is defender Jerel Ili (far left) and STFC Study Support Centre Manager Martin Turnbull receiving a cheque for the sum of £2,500 from Tesco's at half-time versus Southampton.

TESCO



FansDiary

Travelling away from home to see Town play can be a great day out. Whatever the result there's the chance to visit a new ground or revisit an old one. There's a new town, a new pub and maybe a traffic jam or two for good measure.

We would like to hear about your travel tales in a new section called Fans Diary on the Red Army page. Send us in your away trip story and we can all share your experiences. Perhaps something amusing happened or maybe the trip was memorable for another reason.

Last season's trip to Blackpool was captured in print by Mark Bowler and his merry band of seasoned travellers and this time it could be your turn. Did you go to Wrexham last weekend? How about the pre-season friendlies? We want to hear your stories now! This is your section and for any tales we print this season we will reward you with the matchday programme signed by all the Town players.

Send your 200 word account to chris@swindontown.co.uk as soon as possible and the first Fans Diary will be printed in the Hartlepool programme on 28th August.

TopFive

Have you ever had the chat with other Town fans - who are the Top 5 Swindon strikers, loan signings, away grounds etc...

Now is the time to reveal who fits where as in each home programme we will print your Top 5 in an array of categories. Vote via email or text and we will compile the results to find your favourites.

The first category will be published in the Milton Keynes Dons issue this weekend and the voting begins, with the Top 5 revealed the following home game.



JuniorRobins

Hello and welcome to this evening's game with Luton Town...

Happy Birthdays

On behalf of myself and all at Swindon Town FC Happy Birthday to the following Junior Robins:

August 11th
Miss N Gowlett

August 12th
Ben Baker
James Lloyd
Christopher Langridge
Alexander Pound
Alan Bovin

August 13th
Liam Carter
L J Hayward
Tim Sarnowski

August 14th
Matt Miles
A J Cowley
Daniel Charles

Also a belated Happy Birthday to Glenn Franklin who was 11 years old on Wednesday 4th August.

I am currently in the process of arranging our first Junior Robins trip of the new 2004-2005 season. It will be to Bristol City on August 21st and children will have the opportunity to play football against the Junior Robins from City before the game and they will be providing us with refreshments afterwards. George and Brenda are still very much a big part of the Junior Robins this season and will be organizing the usual competitions, raffle and choosing one lucky mascot to be the Swindon mascot for the game at Ashton Gate.

My children, Billy and Scott, were mascots last Tuesday for the friendly game against Southampton. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience, especially meeting the players in the dressing room before the game and leading them out onto the pitch.

If you would like to arrange one of our mascot packages, we have two different packages available so please contact me on the details at the bottom of the page.

Apologies to those Junior Robins who have not received their birthday card on time.

The cards are being re-designed and a letter is on its way requesting details of your favourite player. When you return the information to me I will ensure a card personally signed by the players will be on its way to you.

For more information on the Junior Robins please do not hesitate to call me on 01793 525619 or send me an email to

andrea.juniorrobins@tiscali.co.uk

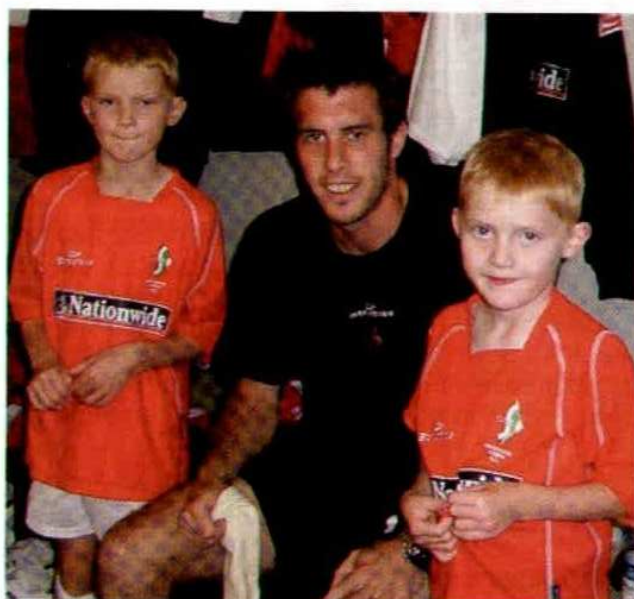


Our first visit of the season is to Bristol City on Saturday 21st August. If you would like to come and haven't already booked on the coach, please fill in this form with a cheque payable to Swindon Town Football Club.

We are leaving The County Ground at 10:45am and we will have a coaching session and lunch, then be taken to our seats to watch the game.

JUNIOR ROBIN _____
ADULT _____
TEL _____

PRICES ARE £8 FOR A JUNIOR ROBIN
AND £15 FOR AN ADULT
Junior Robins are allowed to bring one adult



Football in the Community

Official Partners



Welcome to todays game

Good Evening and welcome to a brand new season. We in the Community Office would like to take this opportunity of wishing the Gaffer and all the lads the very best for the new season.

As you may already be aware this is our busiest time with our Soccer fun-weeks in full flow. We are still able to hold our courses over at St. Josephs School despite only having half of the field to work on due to

ongoing development on the fields. However, this has not affected the children's commitment and enjoyment with us still being able to hold four courses here at the Club and in our penultimate week we are on our travels to Chippenham and Marlborough and our last action of the summer will be August 27th when we go out to Uffington. The whole of the summer will see us coach just under 1000 children. We again would like to say a

big thank you to all our coaches and assistants for their ongoing support.

Our next course will be at the end of October during Half-Term week so if you are interested please contact us as soon as possible to book your place as we cannot guarantee places will be available.

Enjoy the game and let's hope for a successful campaign.

Clive, Jon, Luke (and Kev)



Mitchell McCarthy Sadly Missed

Back in June we were devastated to hear about the premature death of Mitchell McCarthy.

Mitchell was a ten-year old lad who attended our Ability Counts Group on a Wednesday at the Haydon Wick Centre. The group was set-up two years ago to allow children with special needs to participate in a structured coaching session. Mitchell, an avid Aston Villa fan, was an extremely valuable member of this group. Back in February I was deeply honoured

to take the group, including Mitchell, to their first Ability Counts Tournament in Bristol. Mitchell's determination and desire to win shone through and for the past eighteen months had attended along with his sister, our Soccer Funweeks over at St. Josephs School.

Mitchell broke down the barriers of having special needs and became totally accepted and was a valuable participant on all the courses he attended with us here at the Club. In

attending his funeral at St. Mary's Catholic Church it was a fitting tribute to someone who lived and breathed football. This was personified by the amount of people who were in the Church, donning football kits particularly all his teammates from his Club - the Swindon Badgers.

Mitchell will be sadly and greatly missed by us all, particularly all his friends and peers who attend his weekly sessions at the Haydon Wick Centre.



Model : Sue Perkins



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Oh What Fun it is to see Swindon win Away...

... at Bristol City, August 21st, Ashton Gate

Words: Richard Keast

Always one of the games of the season, our near neighbours need little introduction I'm sure to many of you. For the rest, here goes...

Getting there:

By road: Leave the M5 at Junction 18, travel along the Portway (A4) following signs for Bristol Airport/Taunton (A38). Over the swing bridge (Brunel Way), branching left into Winterstoke Road, and you will see the ground on your left. There is some limited parking available directly behind the away end which costs £5, otherwise, street parking.

Train: Loads of trains from Swindon to Temple Meads - Don't walk, it's too far. Get a taxi instead, but allow plenty of time to get to the ground as traffic can be a nightmare!

Pubs:

If you're a big girl's blouse like me you will save your drinking for the victory celebrations back in Swindon afterwards. For the 'bolder' amongst you, you could try the pubs around the waterfront (remember to talk like one of the Wurzels and ask for Ziderrr). Give the pubs around the ground a very wide berth.

Ground:

Not bad I'll grudgingly admit. It's all covered so we always make plenty of noise which is nice, as City's home crowd are notoriously very quiet!

Fave game:

9th May 1987 final league game, 1-1 draw. We were already in the play offs, City had to win to get in them. They got a penalty with 5 minutes to go with the scores at 1-1 and Digby saved it! What a day. We qualified for the play offs and the rest is history. Official crowd, just over 19,000. My estimate? Looked nearer 30!





	in advance	matchday
Nationwide Stand		
Adult	£21.00	£23.00
OAP / Student	£13.00	£15.00
Junior	£7.00	£9.00
Wheelchair Enclosure / Helper	£10.00	£10.00
Arkells Stand		
Adult	£21.00	£23.00
OAP / Student	£13.00	£15.00
Junior	£7.00	£9.00
Wheelchair Enclosure / Helper	£10.00	£10.00
Family Enclosure (Arkells)		
Adult	£19.00	£19.00
OAP & Student	£12.00	£12.00
Junior	£4.00	£4.00
Town End		
Adult	£15.00	£15.00
OAP / Student	£12.00	£12.00
Junior	£9.00	£9.00
Wheelchair Enclosure / Helper	£10.00	£10.00

BookingInfo

Opening Hours

The Box Office is open from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday. Matchday Saturdays from 9am to Half-Time, and Full-Time to 5:30pm. Non matchday Saturdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Midweek matches from 9:00am to 8:30pm and full-time to 10:00pm.

Call - 0870 443 1894

Have your credit or debit card details at the ready.

Fax - 01793 333 780

Please state clearly the game(s) you wish to buy tickets for, the number of tickets you want, what type of ticket (Adult, OAP, Student or Junior) the value and your credit or Debit Card details including your name and address. State if you wish to collect the tickets or have them posted.

Email -

enquiries@swindontownfc.co.uk
Enquiries only.

Payment

Payment can be made by cash, cheque (made payable to Swindon Town Football Club - no later than five days before travel) or by credit/debit card. All bookings must be paid for by 9:00pm on the Thursday prior to the match.

Away Travel - 01793 536 757

SAS Travel organise coach trips for all away games. Their County Ground Booking Office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10:00am & 2:00pm and on Thursday evenings between 7:00pm & 9:00pm and before all Home games until 15 minutes before kick off. The SAS Travel Club 24-hour answer phone info service is 01793-825935.

ComingUp...

STFC vs.Milton Keynes Dons

Saturday 14th August 3:00pm

at The County Ground

Tickets are now on sale from the ticket office...



STFC vs.Bristol City

Saturday 21st August 3:00pm

at Ashton Gate

Tickets are now on general sale...

Advance Prices

Adult £16
OAP £13
Student/U19's £11
Child/Under16's £5

Matchday Prices

Adult £19
OAP £16
Student/U19's £11
Child/Under16's £5



STFC vs.Rushden & Diamonds (Carling Cup Round 1)

Tuesday 24th August 7:45pm

at Nene Park

All prices to be confirmed...



STFC vs.Hartlepool United

Saturday 28th August 3:00pm

at The County Ground

Tickets are now on sale from the ticket office...



UpNext...

Gazette & Herald

Dave Wallis of the Gazette and Herald previews the next visitors to The County Ground...

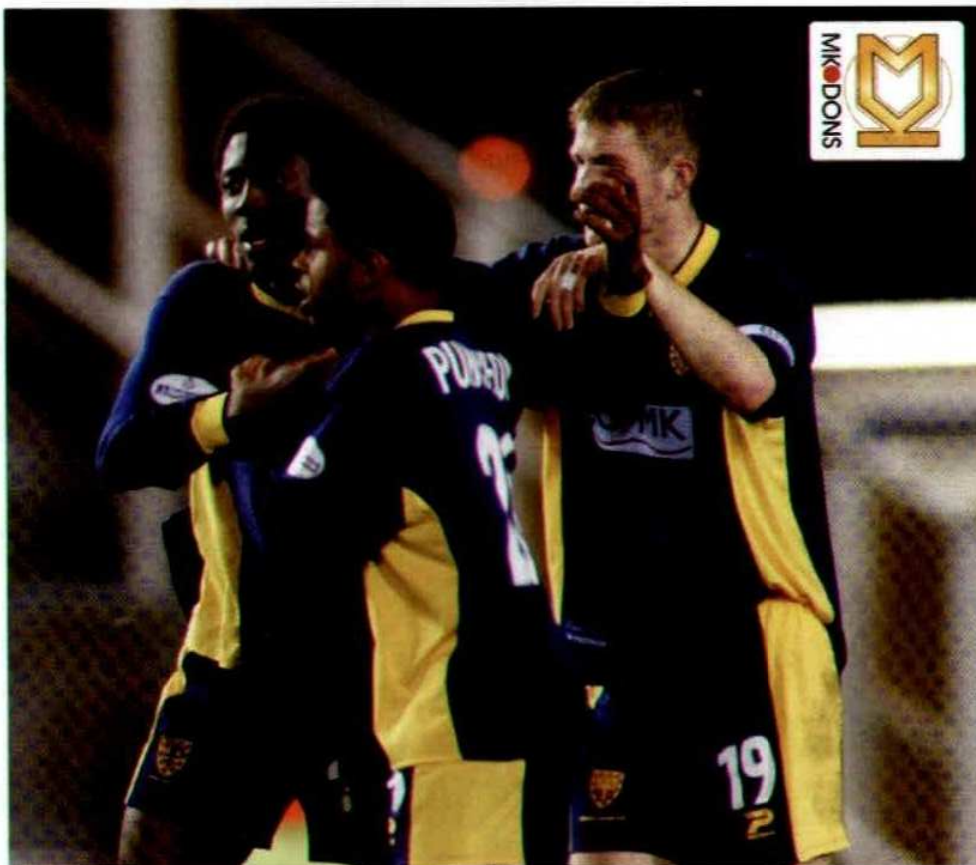


 **Coca-Cola LEAGUE 1**

Saturday 14th August
KickOff 3:00pm

An historic event takes place at the County Ground on Saturday with the first ever visit of Milton Keynes Dons.

The Dons of course started life as Wimbledon and formally changed their name during the summer following last year's move to the National Hockey Stadium at Milton Keynes. Dropping down from what was Division One at the end of last season, Wimbledon finished 22 points below fourth from bottom Gillingham and the new MK Dons will be hoping that the change of name starts to bring a change of fortune.



Manager Stuart Murdoch took charge in June 2002 and he has added several new faces to his squad over the close season. In comes defender Steve Palmer from QPR and Allan Smart has arrived via Crewe.

A face familiar to Swindon supporters is Australian U-23 defender Gareth Edds who joined the Dons from Bradford City. Gareth played 14 League games here at the County Ground after joining Town on a free transfer

from Nottingham Forest in August 2002 and departed for Bradford 12 months later.

A continental flavour has been arrived in Laurent Herve from Beauvais, north west of Paris.

Moving out, a Wimbledon legend left the club in the summer when Dean Holdsworth joined Havant and Waterlooville, and the continuing severing of links with south London will be important to

help establish the new club's own identity.

Coming up through the ranks is highly rated teenager goalkeeper David Martin who joined as a trainee and whom Murdoch believes will be challenging regular keeper Scott Bevan all the way this season.

The match will be Town's second of the season at the County Ground and one which will hopefully offer the chance to build on a successful start.

Date	Fixture	Res	Att	Vis	Pos	1. RHYS EVANS	2. SEAN O'HANLON	3. GRANT SMITH	4. MATT HEWLETT	5. ADI VIVEASH	6. ANDY GURNEY	7. SAMMY IGOE	8. RORY FALLON	9. SAM PARKIN	10. STEF MIGLIORANZI	11. DAVID DUKE	12. JEREL IFIL	13. MATT BULMAN	14. LLOYD OPARA	15. ANDY NICHOLAS	16. STEVE ROBINSON	17. BRIAN HOWARD	18. ALAN REEVES
Sat Aug 7	Wrexham	A	1-2	5,099	-	19th																	
Wed Aug 11	LUTON TOWN	H																					
Sat Aug 14	MILTON KEYNES DONS	H																					
Sat Aug 21	Bristol City	A																					
Tue Aug 24	Rushden & Diamonds (ccf)	A																					
Sat Aug 28	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H																					
Mon Aug 30	Walsall	A																					
Sat Sep 4	Colchester United	A																					
Sat Sep 11	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H																					
Sat Sep 18	Blackpool	A																					
Sat Sep 25	BRADFORD CITY	H																					
Tue Sep 28	(LDV Vans Trophy Round 1)																						
Sat Oct 2	Stockport County	A																					
Sat Oct 9	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H																					
Sat Oct 16	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H																					
Tue Oct 19	Port Vale	A																					
Sat Oct 23	Barnsley	A																					
Sat Oct 30	TORQUAY UNITED	H																					
Sat Nov 6	Tranmere Rovers	A																					
Sat Nov 13	(FA Cup Round One)																						
Sat Nov 20	HULL CITY	H																					
Sat Nov 27	Chesterfield	A																					
Wed Dec 8	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H																					
Sat Dec 11	DONCASTER ROVERS	H																					
Sat Dec 18	Bournemouth	A																					
Sun Dec 26	Peterborough United	A																					
Tue Dec 28	BRENTFORD	H																					
Sat Jan 1	COLCHESTER UNITED	H																					
Mon Jan 3	Bradford City	A																					
Sat Jan 8	Sheffield Wednesday	A																					
Sat Jan 15	BLACKPOOL	H																					
Sat Jan 22	Brentford	A																					
Sat Jan 29	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H																					
Sat Feb 5	Oldham Athletic	A																					
Sat Feb 12	BARNSLEY	H																					
Sat Feb 19	Torquay United	A																					
Wed Feb 23	PORT VALE	H																					
Sat Feb 26	Doncaster Rovers	A																					
Sat Mar 5	BOURNEMOUTH	H																					
Sat Mar 12	Luton Town	A																					
Sat Mar 19	WREXHAM	H																					
Sat Mar 26	Milton Keynes Dons	A																					
Mon Mar 28	BRISTOL CITY	H																					
Sat Apr 2	Hartlepool United	A																					
Sat Apr 9	WALSALL	H																					
Sat Apr 16	Hull City	A																					
Sat Apr 23	TRANMERE ROVERS	H																					
Sat Apr 30	Huddersfield Town	A																					
Sat May 7	CHESTERFIELD	H																					

19. MATT HEYWOOD
20. STEVE BOOK
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22. MICHAEL POOK
23. LUKE GARRARD
24. ANDY CATON
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Half red block & number denotes substitute appearance & player replaced

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League One Table 2004/05



Team	P	HW	HD	HL	HGF	HGA	AW	AD	AL	AGF	AGA	Pts	GD
Colchester	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	+3
Chesterfield	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	+2
Doncaster	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	+2
Huddersfield	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	3	+1
Walsall	1	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	+1
Hartlepool	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	+1
Luton	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	+1
Wrexham	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	+1
Hull City	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	+1
Peterborough	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	+1
Barnsley	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
Bristol C	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Milton Keynes	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Torquay	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
Port Vale	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	-1
Stockport	1	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1
Bradford	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	-1
Oldham	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	-1
Swindon	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	-1
Bournemouth	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	-1
Tranmere	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	-1
Brentford	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	-2
Blackpool	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	-2
Sheff Wed	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3

STFC Player Appearances & Goals 2004/05

Name	league			fa cup			carling cup			ldv vans		
	aps	gls	dis	aps	gls	dis	aps	gls	dis	aps	gls	dis
EVANS, Rhys	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O'HANLON, Sean	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SMITH, Grant	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HEWLETT, Matt	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIVEASH, Adi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GURNEY, Andy	1	0	1/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IGOE, Sammy	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FALLON, Rory	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PARKIN, Sam	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MIGLIORANZI, Stef	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DUKE, David	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BULMAN, Matt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IFIL, Jerel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OPARA, Lloyd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NICHOLAS, Andy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBINSON, Steve	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOWARD, Brian	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REEVES, Alan	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HEYWOOD, Matt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BOOK, Steve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAYLOR, Chris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GARRARD, Luke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CATON, Andy	0(1)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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