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## FROM THE TOP

THE THOUGHTS OF THE GAFFER v SWINDON

I was very disappointed for the supporters who travelled down to Bournemouth at the weekend, but we defended poorly during the game. We had worked on it all week, but it looked as though we hadn't done anything.

It is very hard to take, but we can't keep giving away silly goals. Their second goal changed the game, it was nowhere near in. The Bournemouth lads who were warming up, down in the corner, said it was never in, so

I still can't see why the linesman has flagged. It isn't an excuse, but while it was 1-0 we were still in with a chance.

We seem to be dropping our heads away from home and I am fed up of it, but at least we now have two home games, when we can hopefully get back on track with a few points in the bag to help with confidence.

We have got nine or ten young lads in the squad and it does make it hard for myself, Dean and Mark Grew. It's difficult and at times very frustrating, but we just have to get on with it.

We have to be careful how we handle young players and how we go about giving out rollickings, but for me, good players bounce back and that is what we have to do.

The trouble is, with so many injuries, the side will more or less pick itself and like any other manager, I would much prefer competition for places. Unfortunately, that isn't the situation here because we have such a small squad, so we will just have to get on with things the way they are.

We now face Swindon and Stockport here at Vale Park in the space of five days and we know we will have to roll our sleeves up and try to give supporters something to shout about.

Swindon are a good side, who only just missed out on promotion last season and we saw last time they were here, when they came back from three goals down to take a point, we can expect a very tough game.

But if we are going to pick ourselves up again after our recent disappointments, we need to start tonight, and that is what we will be trying to do. What we do need is the backing of our supporters. They can help us turn things around by encouraging the youngsters in the side and getting behind us all the way.

Everybody at the club is working hard to get things right, both on and off the field, in difficult circumstances and we need the supporters to back us up if we are to be successful. I know they can sometimes get frustrated, just like I do, but if we all pull in the same direction we stand a chance of improving things.

Enjoy tonight's game

Martin Foyle

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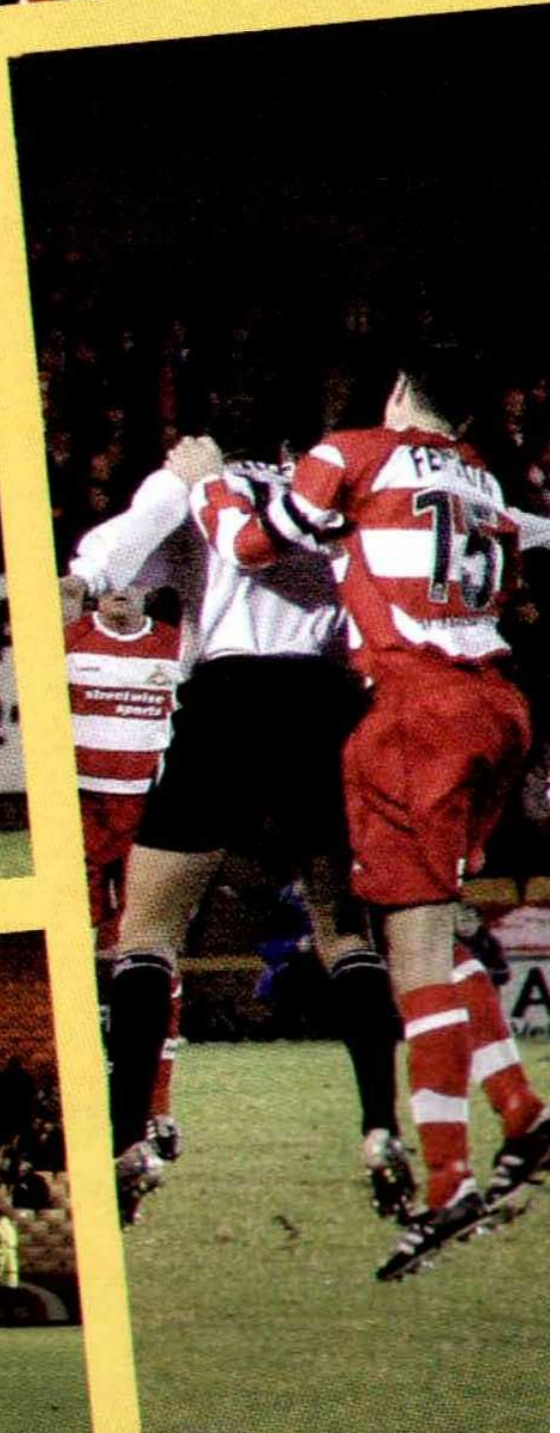
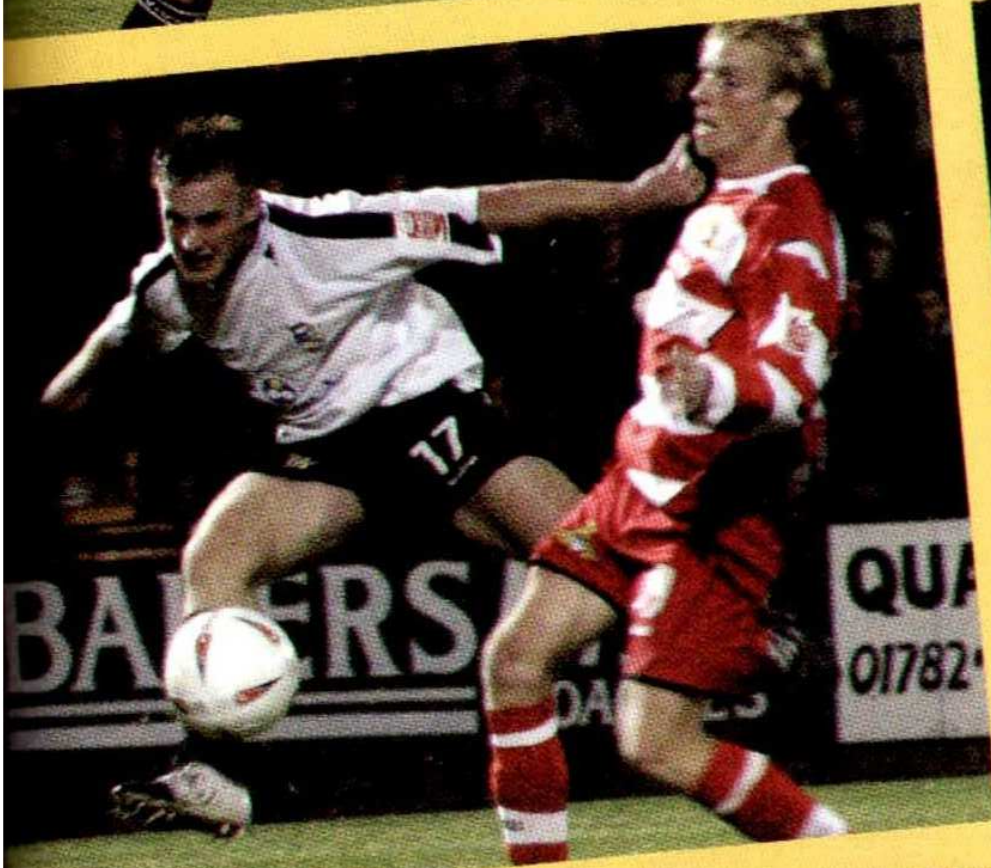
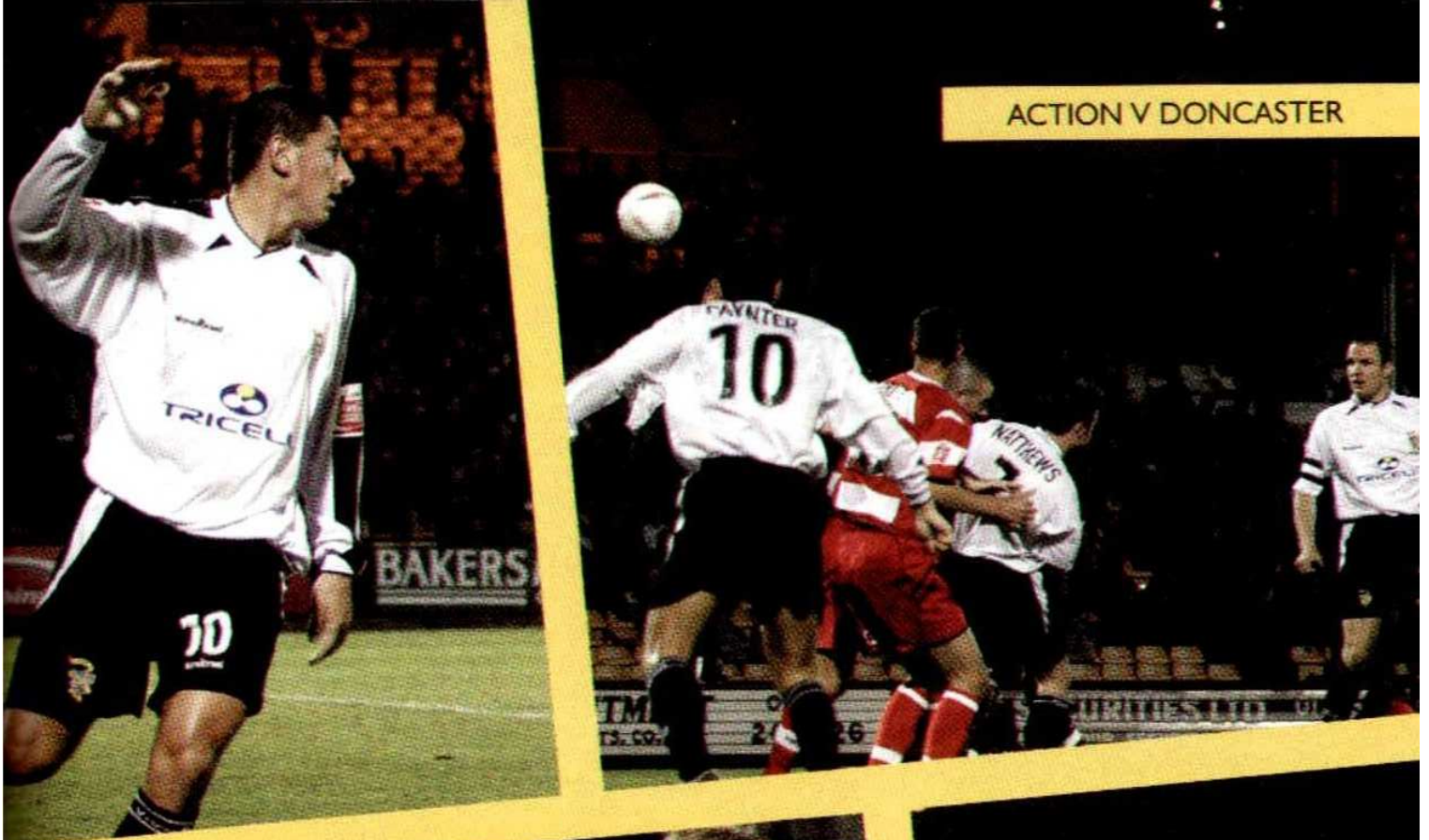
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## IN ONE

A ROUND UP OF ALL LEAGUE ONE NEWS

Wrexham fans have pledged to fight to save their club, which they believe is in serious danger of being wound up by controversial chairman Alex Hamilton.

Reds supporters fear the Cheshire-based property developer will attempt to sell-off the Racecourse Ground for housing or commercial use, possibly at the end of the current season.

And Hamilton, who has done little to quash the speculation, is now attempting to oust Wrexham directors David Bennett and David Griffiths from the board.

Hamilton holds a massive 78% stake in the club, which includes ownership of the Racecourse Ground and the nearby training facilities, and he is also trying to sack managing director John Reames.

Fans have reacted by taking the fight straight to Hamilton, beginning with a peaceful demonstration outside his home at Hale Barns in Cheshire.

Subsequent action has not been so low key, however, with a wrecked car brandishing the words 'Save the

Racecourse' dumped by the property, then a pile of empty cardboard boxes addressed to 'The Asset Stripper' left at his gate.

The Wrexham Supporters Trust (WST) said they held no official position on the latest protests, but spokesman Lindsay Jones did say the subsequent publicity had helped the cause.

He said: "The national media are now taking an interest, with BBC Radio Five Live's 606 programme and the Times both devoting attention to the club's plight.

"Our support is growing all the time and all we want now is some honesty and co-operation from Mr Hamilton so we can save the club from extinction."

Meanwhile, Wrexham manager Denis Smith last week celebrated, if that's the word, three years at the helm of team affairs.

He said: "It has been an interesting three years but very enjoyable. We've had some great moments on the field, but it is fair to say we have had our difficulties off it."

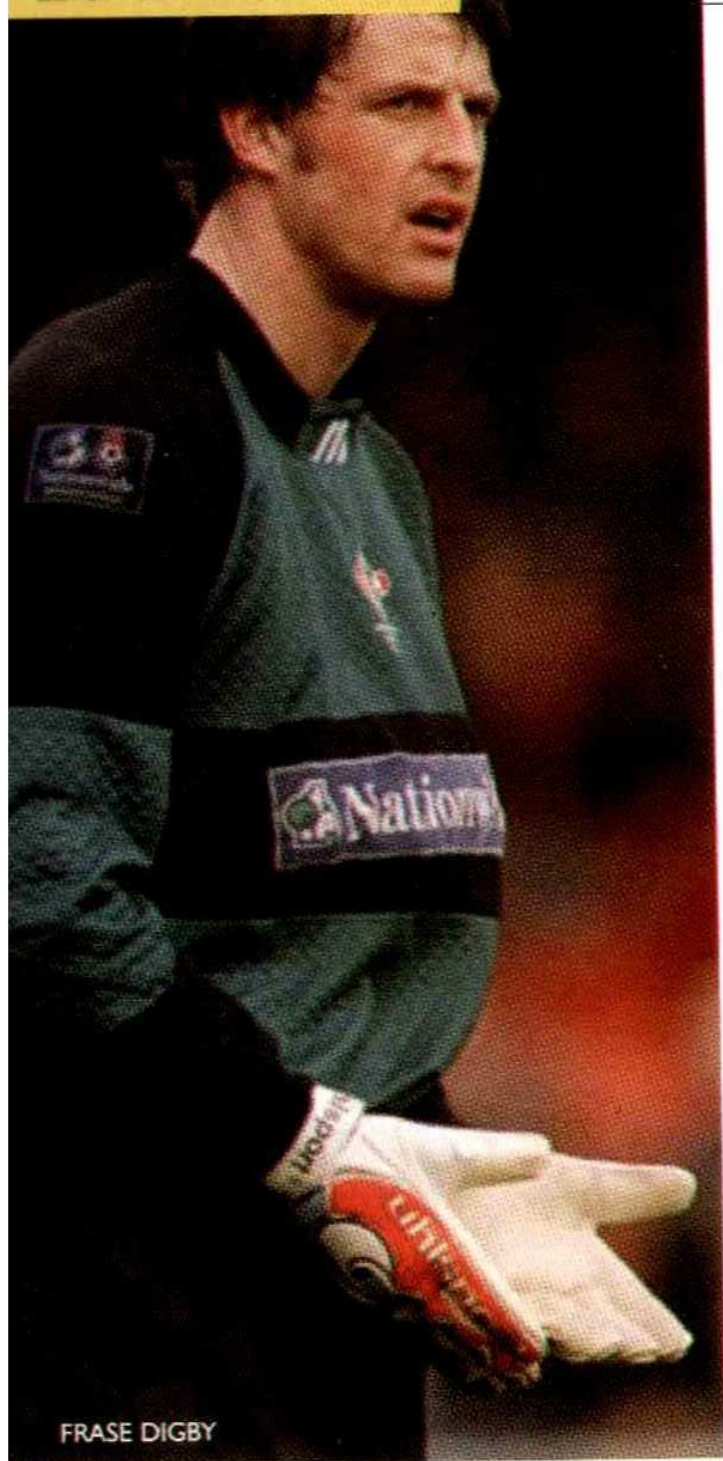


One manager certainly under pressure is Sammy McIlroy at rock bottom Stockport, who had won just one league game all season before Saturday's crunch with Peterborough.

The name of former Vale boss Brian Horton, now at Macclesfield, has been mentioned as a possible replacement if the former Manchester United great fails to spark a drastic improvement.

But McIlroy, who had guided County to just 12 wins in his 51 games in charge before Saturday, insisted: "I won't walk away. I know what is going wrong and I know we can get it right. We are not that far off."





FRASE DIGBY

## DREAM TEAM

A LOOK AT THE ROVER'S POST WAR DREAM TEAM

Football historian **LEIGH EDWARDS** selects a post-war Swindon Town 'Dream Team' with the help of several Swindon supporters and club officials.



### FRASER DIGBY

England U-21 goalkeeper who was a key figure in Swindon Town's 1992-93 First Division play-off final triumph. Signing professional for Manchester United in April 1985, he moved to Swindon in September 1986 and featured in that season's promotion success. He was ever-present in 1988-89, starring as they qualified for the play-offs in successive seasons and were Coca-Cola Cup semi-finalists in 1994-95. Also featuring in the 1995-96 Second Division title triumph, he had a testimonial in July 1997 and played 417 League games before joining Crystal Palace in August 1998, then played for Barry Town.

### ROD THOMAS

Welsh international right-back who was capped 30 times while at Swindon Town. Initially with Gloucester City, he moved to the County Ground in July 1964 and was a key figure in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success. He also starred in their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph and netted five goals in 296 League games prior to joining Derby County in November 1973. Featuring in their 1974-75 League Championship campaign, he moved to Cardiff City in November 1977 and subsequently had spells with Newport County and Gloucester again before becoming a publican.

### JOHN TROLLOPE

Long-serving left-back who holds Swindon Town's appearance record. Signing professional at the County Ground in July 1960, he made his League debut in Swindon's 1-1 draw at home to Halifax Town a month later and was ever-present in seven consecutive seasons including the 1962-63 promotion success. He featured in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' campaign as well as their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. Scoring 21 goals in 770 League games for Swindon, he was coach before managing them between November 1980 and March 1983, then their youth-team boss.

### GLENN HODDLE



Former England international midfielder who was player-manager as Swindon Town reached the Premiership in 1992-93. Signing professional for Tottenham Hotspur in April 1975, he starred as they won promotion in 1977-78, then won the FA Cup in two consecutive seasons and the UEFA Cup in 1984. He moved to Monaco in July 1987 and helped win the French title in 1987-88, becoming Swindon's player-boss in August 1991. Scoring once in 64 League games, he left to take charge of Chelsea after the 1992-93 First Division play-off final triumph and has since



managed England, Southampton and Spurs.

#### COLIN CALDERWOOD

Commanding central defender who was capped 36 times by Scotland after leaving Swindon Town. Signing professional for Mansfield Town in March 1982, he moved to the County Ground in July 1985 and starred as Swindon won the Fourth Division title in 1985-86. He also helped to win promotion in 1986-87, then featured in two further play-off finals including the 1993 Wembley triumph. Scoring 20 times in 330 League games for Swindon, he moved to Tottenham Hotspur in July 1993 and subsequently played for Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest. He is now managing Northampton Town.

#### MIKE SUMMERBEE



Brilliant winger who was capped eight times by England after leaving Swindon Town. Initially with Cheltenham Town, he moved to the County Ground in March 1960 and was an important figure in Swindon's

1962-63 promotion success. He netted 39 goals in 218 League games prior to joining Manchester City in August 1965, amassing a vast collection of domestic and European honours under the Joe Mercer/Malcolm Allison partnership at Maine Road. Subsequently with Burnley, Blackpool and Stockport County, he is a successful businessman and his son Nicky also starred for Swindon Town.

#### SHAUN TAYLOR

Influential central defender who was ever-present alongside Colin Calderwood as Swindon Town reached the Premiership in 1992-93. He

impressed with Bideford before moving to Exeter City in December 1986 and starred in their 1989-90 Fourth Division title triumph. Joining Swindon in July 1991, he was the sole ever-present player in their 1993-94 Premiership campaign and also featured in the 1995-96 Second Division title triumph. He netted 30 goals in 212 League games while at the County Ground before moving to Bristol City in September 1996 where he has become development coach.

#### ERNIE HUNT

England U-23 international striker who was Swindon Town's leading marksman in four successive seasons including their 1962-63 promotion triumph. Born locally, he signed professional at the County Ground in March 1960 and netted 82 goals in 214 League games for Swindon prior to joining Wolverhampton Wanderers in September 1965. He was top scorer as they regained top-flight status in 1966-67 and subsequently played for Everton, Coventry City, Doncaster Rovers and Bristol City, featuring in their 1973-74 FA Cup run. He ran the Full Pitcher pub in Ledbury and then became a window cleaner.

#### PAUL RIDEOUT

England U-21 international striker who was Swindon Town's leading goalscorer in two consecutive seasons. He was Swindon's youngest League player at 16 years 107 days against Hull City in November 1980 and netted 38 goals in 95 League games while at the County Ground before joining Aston Villa in June 1983. Moving via Italian club Bari to Southampton in July 1988, he rejoined Swindon on loan in March 1991. He had spells with Notts County and Glasgow Rangers prior to joining Everton in August 1992 and was an FA Cup winner in 1995, then played for several clubs in China and Tranmere Rovers.

#### PETER NOBLE

Versatile favourite who was ever-present in Swindon Town's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' triumph. Initially with Consett, he joined Newcastle United in November 1964 and played top-flight football

before moving to Swindon in January 1968. He scored twice in their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final success and netted 62 goals in 216 League outings prior to joining Burnley in June 1973. An FA Cup semi-finalist in 1973-74, he was twice ever-present for the Clarets and leading marksman in 1978-79. He subsequently played for Blackpool and has since run a sportswear business in Burnley.

#### DON ROGERS

England U-23 international winger who scored twice in Swindon Town's 1969 League Cup final success. Signing professional at the County Ground in October 1962, he featured in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion campaign and was ever-present in four successive seasons. He starred as Swindon won promotion again in 1968-69 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970, reuniting with Bert Head at Crystal Palace in November 1972. Moving to QPR in September 1974, he rejoined Swindon in March 1976 and netted 148 goals in 412 League games overall for the Robins. He has since run his own sports shop in Swindon.



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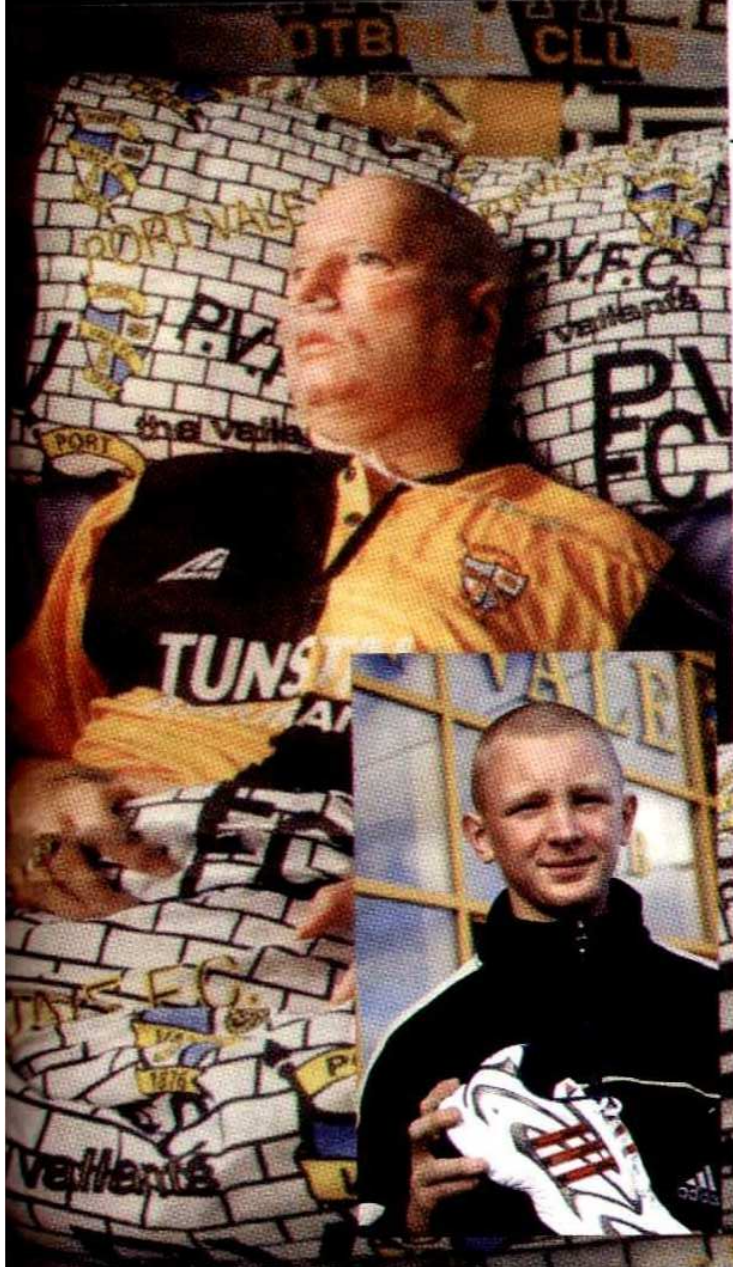
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## VALE FANS

### HELPING VALE FANS GET TO VALE PARK

Russell Evans can truly be described as a Vale fanatic. The 54-year-old has watched the Vale since the age of seven, but in the summer, he was struck down with pneumonia.

He was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy as a child and his condition has now deteriorated so much, he needs a wheelchair to get about.

Although he has a wheelchair, he is unable to get to Vale games as it will cost over £2,000 for an outside wheelchair. When Vale Chairman Bill Bratt heard about Russell's circumstances, he decided to see what he could do to help.

Bill said: "Obviously we can't help every person in need of a wheelchair, but we felt this was a special case. With the help of a couple of local businessmen, we have managed to enable Russell to get to our games.

"Keith Simpson, of Castle Comfort Centre, Wolstanton, and Rod Smith, of North Staffs Housing, are paying for the wheelchair, at a cost of £2,100 plus VAT. This will give us some

time to raise the money, while Russell needn't wait any longer to watch his favourite team play.

"We will be holding several fund-raising events, such as sponsored runs and we can raffle of signed footballs, or shirts - any surplus money raised will be donated to Muscular Dystrophy."

"One of our supporters, John Scarlett, has already come forward with an offer of help and if others can do the same, we will soon get there."

When John read about Russell's plight, he decided to get off his backside and do something about it.

Nothing too remarkable about that you may say, but given the bad name some youngsters have in today's society, what may surprise some is the fact that John is just 17 years old.

A full time student at Newcastle College, John's only source of income is the money he earns as a turnstile operator at Vale Park on match days, so he knew he wouldn't be able to afford to chip in out of his own pockets, but he was more than prepared to do something to help.

John, who is studying Spanish and Advanced Travel & Tourism, contacted Vale Chairman Bill Bratt and told him he would like to help raise some money by taking part in the Majorca Half-Marathon later this year.

"I have always enjoyed running" said John "and have taken it more seriously over the last 18 months.

"I took part in the Potteries Marathon as an unattached runner in 2003, in order to raise funds for a local dance troupe and I managed to raise in the region of £400.

"Unfortunately, I didn't even get a thank-you, but it hasn't put me off and I'd like to see if I can top that figure this time."

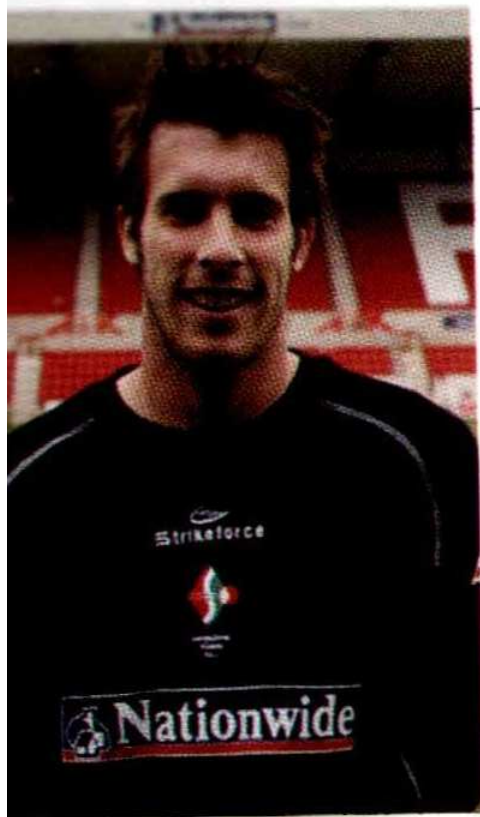
John hopes to eventually land a job abroad, once he has finished his studies and has often thought about running on foreign soil, just for the experience.

"I quite fancy the idea of taking part in a race abroad." He says "I had my eye on a race in Paris, not so long ago, but it was much too expensive, so I had to forget about the idea.

"What I would really love to do is to raise some money for the wheelchair by taking part in the Majorca Half-Marathon in December, that way I could kill two birds with one stone."

Unfortunately, the cost may once again be the stumbling block, but even if he doesn't make it, he has no intentions of kicking everything into touch and says he will take part in a race somewhere nearer to home.

So come on you Vale fans, let's all get together and show everyone what we are made of. If you are able to help John out, or are willing to sponsor him, please contact Bill Bratt at the club. (01782 655800)



# SWINDON TOWN



## INTRODUCING THE ROBINS PLAYERS

A look at the Swindon Town players courtesy of Swindons Media Manager Chris Tanner

### 1. RHYS EVANS GOALKEEPER

The promising young keeper (above) joined Leyton Orient on a three-month loan deal in August 2002. He proved to be an excellent shot stopper and showed good command of his area. Rhys was unfortunate to pick up a leg injury, which cut short his period at Brisbane Road and saw him return to Chelsea.

Later in that season he made his debut for the England Under 21 side against Serbia, but was eventually released by Chelsea last summer.

Town manager Andy King swooped for the young stopper in 2003 to give first choice keeper Bart Griemink more competition for the number one shirt at Swindon Town.

### 2. SEAN O'HANLON DEFENDER

After impressing during an eight-game loan spell last season, Sean O'Hanlon signed for Swindon Town in March 2004 on a permanent basis from Everton.

Having come up through the youth ranks at Goodison Park, O'Hanlon left Merseyside in search of first team

football and was a rock in the centre of defence towards the end of the 2003-04 season and is surely one of Town's brightest prospects.

### 3. GRANT SMITH MIDFIELDER

Grant, although fully involved in Sheffield United's pre season games, made just one start in their 2002-03 campaign, appearing as a striker against Wimbledon when things did not go his way. Occasionally on the bench, he was a regular in the Blades successful reserve side and in March he joined Plymouth Argyle in a loan deal. He made in midfield against Blackpool and went on to add four appearances, scoring at home to Brentford.

### 4. MATTHEW HEWLETT (C) MID

All at Ashton Gate once tipped midfielder Matt for the top. The former Bristol City player was called into the England Under 21 squad, but a number of injuries curtailed his flourishing career. In the end Hewlett made over 100 appearances for City, but left them to join Town on a Bosman in the summer of 2000.

He was a regular for Colin Todd until being hit by injury once again and went on to play just 26 league games.

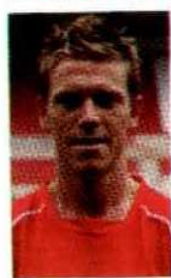
### 5. ADI VIVEASH DEFENDER

Dominant central defender who signed for local rivals Reading at the beginning of July 2000 on a 'Bosman' style free transfer from Walsall. Captain at the Bescott stadium for two seasons and a vital member of the team that won promotion from Division Two in 1998/99.

Two-time player of the year during his time with the Saddlers Viveash started his career here at Swindon and spent two separate brief spells on loan with the Royals in the 1992/3 and 1994/5 seasons.

Joined Reading on a permanent deal in 2000/01 and started as the first choice centre back.

### 7. SAMMY IGOE MIDFIELDER

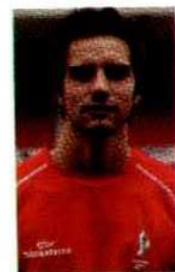


After making his way up through the ranks at Portsmouth, where he began as a trainee, Igoe went on to secure a first team spot at the south coast club and made his mark with some impressive performances.

He moved to Reading in a £100,000 deal but found it difficult to break into the first team and spent much of his time on the substitutes bench. Last term the diminutive midfielder had something of a disappointing season at the Royals, being restricted to just a handful of starts and rarely featured at all at the turn of the year. Sammy eventually joined Luton on loan on transfer deadline day and went straight into their starting line up. However after just two appearances a training ground accident brought his stay to a premature close and he returned to the Madejski Stadium.

After deciding he was no longer in then manager Alan Pardew's future plans, Igoe left to join Swindon in the summer of 2003.

### 8. RORY FALLON STRIKER



A recent signing from Barnsley, the big striker made quite an impression against Town in the past two seasons, scoring on many occasions and catching the eye of Town boss Andy King.

He joined Barnsley as a professional in 1999 after moving up through their trainee programme. Last season saw him score his first ever league goal against Blackpool and he quickly followed that up the following week in a game at Stockport.

He had just begun to cement his place in the first team when he suffered a stress fracture of his foot at the end of February and it was not until the closing stages that he rejoined the first team squad.

### 9. SAM PARKIN STRIKER

Young and very promising forward who joined the club from Chelsea in 2002. The transfer followed a mass of speculation, with Andy King, a huge fan of the player, tracking him for several months.

Parkin joined the club from Stamford Bridge where his development was hindered by a glut of international stars. However, whilst at the club he joined several other clubs on loan and it is with them that he built up a reputation as a lethal striker.

He joined Millwall in September 2000 and made his Football League debut for the Lions in a 5-0 demolition of Oxford United. He then went on loan to



Wycombe Wanderers in November 2000 after having a trial with Queens Park Rangers. Scored twice in 13 games for the Chairboys, but eventually went on loan once again to Oldham Athletic before joining Northampton, again on loan, in 2001.

'Super Sammy Parkin' more than repaid Andy King's faith in his ability by netting 26 goals during the 2002-03 campaign, including a devastating hat-trick against Barnsley on the opening day of the season. Strong on the ball and devastating in the box, he then went on to finish third in the Division's goal charts.

**10. STEFANI MIGLIORANZI**  
MIDFIELDER

Miglioranzi is the product of the American College football system in which the most promising players are drafted into Major League Soccer. Stefani helped St John's University win the 1996 NCAA Division I Championship and played for MLS team Chicago Fire before joining Everton on trial.

They were keen to sign him but no deal came about. Portsmouth then out jumped Liverpool in inviting him for a trial and signed him soon thereafter.

**11. DAVID DUKE** DEF/MID

'Dukey' will feel slightly aggrieved with the tag of 'Most Improved Player' last season - but he hardly missed a game and rarely put a foot wrong on the left hand side of Town's midfield.

The Scotsman arrived on a free transfer from Sunderland in 2000 having never managed a start for the Black Cat's first team. Duke appeared regularly in his first season with the Robins. He combined well with Sol Davis down the Robins' left and is a good crosser of the ball - last year he became more affective beating players and he contributed more to the team with his hard work and endeavour.

**12. JEREL IFIL** DEFENDER



Powerful defender Jerel Ifil joined Town in the summer of 2004 after enjoying three loan spells with Town previously from 02-04. Jerel became a fan's favourite during his brief stays in Wiltshire and having finally signed on the dotted

line, gives Andy King several options at the back with Heywood, O'Hanlon, Viveash and Reeves all able to play in the heart of defence.

**14. CHRISTIAN ROBERTS** STRIKER

Cardiff-born striker who joined Town on Thursday 14th October 2004 in a £50,000 switch from local rivals Bristol City.

He is an aggressive runner and will add much needed pace to the Swindon frontline. Formerly with Exeter City where he scored 18 goals in 67 league starts for the Grecians from 2000 - 2002.

**15. ANDREW NICHOLAS** DEF

Andrew was a regular member of Liverpool's under-19 winning team in 2003 and won plaudits with his consistent performances at left back, resulting in a flattering comparison to Anfield legend Sami Hyypia.

At the time, his path into the first team at Liverpool seemed blocked and upon his decision to leave, King snapped him up in the summer of 2003. After working his way into the manager's starting line up with some hard work in training, the left sided defender has never looked back and has given a number of solid performances so far.

**16. STEVE ROBINSON** MID

Tough-tackling and energetic right-footed midfielder terrier signed from Birmingham City for £50,000 in February 2001, he was an automatic choice for the Robins for the remainder of that season and more recently, signed a two-year extension to his contract.

A former Birmingham trainee, he broke into the Blues team under Barry Fry but has constantly been dogged by injuries that have limited his first team chances. He made over 50 league starts for the Blues, but almost joined Sheffield United in 1999 only to fail the medical. He was involved at the start of the 2000-01 season, but was transfer-listed by Trevor Francis in November after failing to hold down a regular place in the first team squad.

**17. BRIAN HOWARD** MIDFIELDER

The youngster joined Town from Southampton in 2003 having playing for the Saints reserves for two years. The 20-year old left-sided midfielder even turned down a late move to go to Chelsea, choosing instead to opt for

some first team football under Andy King.

He has been a regular member of the England youth set up and was unlucky to not be included in the Under 20's side that went to the FIFA World Youth Championships.

**18. ALAN REEVES** DEFENDER

Before joining Swindon in 1998, he spent four years at Wimbledon, where he had the tough task of replacing John Scales. Reeves has also played for Gillingham, Chester and Rochdale where he is considered to be one of the best players in the club's history.

Town's veteran defender enjoyed another fine season in 2002-03. Although initially not a member of the side, he forced his way into contention as the team hit some poor early season form and his uncompromising and committed displays helped the Robins turn their fortunes around.

**19. MATTHEW HEYWOOD** DEF

It has been another consistent year for Town's most effective defender and after a slow start, he returned to the kind of form that saw him clean up in the 2001/02 Player of the Year Awards.

Originally, Heywood failed to break through at Burnley's Turf Moor and, after being alerted as to his availability by former scout Shaun Reid, Andy King snapped him up on a free transfer.

Was an ever-present in the latter half of 2000/01 and has now missed just four games since. The tall defender signed an extension to his contract, much to the delight of the fans and he has shown the same strength and commitment this season.

**20. STEVE BOOK** GOALKEEPER

Signed at the start of August 2004 from Cheltenham Town as a replacement for the departed Bart Griemink, who left at the end of the 2003-4 campaign to join Southend United.

An agile keeper, Book was part of Cheltenham Town's meteoric rise to the Football League and played over 200 appearances for the Whaddon Road side after signing from Forest Green Rovers in 1997.



# FAST FORWARD

A LOOK AHEAD TO THE NEXT HOME GAME

## STOCKPORT COUNTY

SATURDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2004  
KICK-OFF 3PM VALE PARK

Last season County continued their decline of recent years and at one time seemed likely to plummet to the depths of what is now called League Two. They won only one of their first twelve league games. During this spell they lost the services of ace striker Luke Beckett, accidentally injured in the home game against the Vale.

At the beginning of April they still lay in 22nd place and looked doomed. By this time, however, they had begun a vital unbeaten run of eleven games, losing only on the final day of the season. In the end they finished 19th, two points clear of the relegation positions. Manager Sammy McIlroy took over from the departed Carlton Palmer in October of last season and soon acquired Messiah status for his rescue operation.

In the Summer, County lost Aaron Wilbraham to Hull City for £100,000, Dave Challinor to Bury, Kevin Ellison to Chester, Rob Jones to Grimsby and Robert Clare to Blackpool. Jamie Baguley, David Holt and Alex Lord also left. In have come Neil Cutler from Stoke, Derek Geary from Sheffield Wednesday, Lee Mair from Dundee and Warren Feeney from Bournemouth for £45,000.

One other transfer must be mentioned : that of Marc Bridge-Wilkinson on a free transfer from the Vale. Marc, on his day, showed himself to be an outstanding player with the Vale. He scored numerous memorable goals and scored a highly significant penalty when Vale won the LDV Vans Trophy at the Millennium Stadium in 2001. To date he has found the going tough and has figured in only half of County's games.

If the County fans had high hopes in August, they must be disappointed with progress so far. At home they have drawn



1-1 with Tranmere and 3-3 with Swindon, fighting back from 3-0 down. They lost 2-3 to Huddersfield, 0-1 to Bradford, 0-2 to Torquay and 1-3 to runaway leaders Luton Town. Away they won 4-0 at fellow-strugglers Blackpool, drew 0-0 at Hull and lost 3-2 at Colchester, 3-0 at Brentford, 5-0 at Bristol City and 2-1 at Bournemouth. In the Carling Cup they lost 4-1 at Sheffield United but are through to the next round of the LDV Vans Trophy after beating Bury 3-1.

Ominously for Vale, Luke Beckett is finding the net regularly again, which he has done on several occasions in the past with various clubs. No repeat, thank you, Luke! We have suffered enough at your hands.



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## BIRD BRAIN

JEAN JACKSON & KIRSTY ROLLINGS VOICE THEIR VIEWS

I've just been watching England struggle to beat a country that didn't exist fifteen years ago. It made me long for the days when football wasn't so "professional". I remember a time back in my youth when an England team, when the likes of Charlton and Greaves scored nine against Scotland and eight against Mexico in successive games. Seventeen goals in two games! We're lucky to get that in a dozen games now let alone two!

I'm not sure when it happened, but it was probably round about the 1980s that teams from all corners of the globe suddenly realised that the key to avoiding a good thumping was organisation. Put a European or South American coach in charge of the country ranked 157th in the world and they suddenly discovered that getting everyone to chase the ball and leave nice big gaps was not the way to approach the game. Zonal, or man-to-man marking, and closing down space were the order of the day.

This is all so desperately sad – international football is no longer the great laugh it used to be. World Cup qualification tournaments could always be relied upon to throw up a few ten nil scorelines. Usually this involved a goalkeeper who was a part-time window cleaner. Now all we get is flippin' Liechtenstein coming back from two goals down to get a draw against Portugal.

And we see Azerbaijan having the temerity to give England a game. Previously Azerbaijan's only contribution to world football had been to produce the linesman who watched Geoff Hurst's shot hit the bar at Wembley, bounce down onto the goal line and, thinking to himself "Remember Stalingrad", signal a crucial goal to England!

I suppose we should be pleased that the standard of football in so many of the so-called "smaller" countries has improved beyond all measure in recent



years. It's just that I hanker after one more ten nil stuffing dished out by England before I die. Hang on, pass me that fixture list – have we got a match against the Scots coming up at all?

N.B. The views expressed above are not necessarily the views of Port Vale FC

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# FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

Good evening, may I offer a warm welcome to all the travelling supporters from Swindon Town F.C. I hope you enjoy the game.



## The Kellogg's FROSTIES Cup

St Luke's Primary School in Endon are the winners of this year's local six a side Kellogg's Cup football competition.

In the final, their opponents were St Annes Primary School from Brown Edge. It was a tightly contested game, with just a single goal separating the two teams. Both school teams will receive Adidas football training equipment as a prize for reaching the final.

Kellogg's Frosties, of course, sponsored last season's hugely successful competition, which

attracted over 3,000 school teams. St Luke's Primary School will now represent Port Vale at one of the 8 Area Finals that will take place around the country in January 2005.

The Area Finals will be followed by two Regional Finals that will, in turn, produce the two school teams to take part in the Grand Final, to be held at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff in April 2005 prior to The Football League's LDV Vans Trophy Final match.

Peter Harrison, Kellogg's Frosties Brand Manager says, "It's a great event that enables a large number of children to 'Earn Their Stripes' and develop their skills through active involvement in football".



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St Margaret Ward High School are the winners of this year's local stage of the Adidas Community Cup for under 13's girls. In the last three years, the school has been very successful at this stage of the competition, having reached the final on three occasions and winning it twice.

This year's final was another keenly contested affair, which was only settled after a penalty shootout. Interestingly, Dean Glover's daughter was playing for the defeated Madeley team.

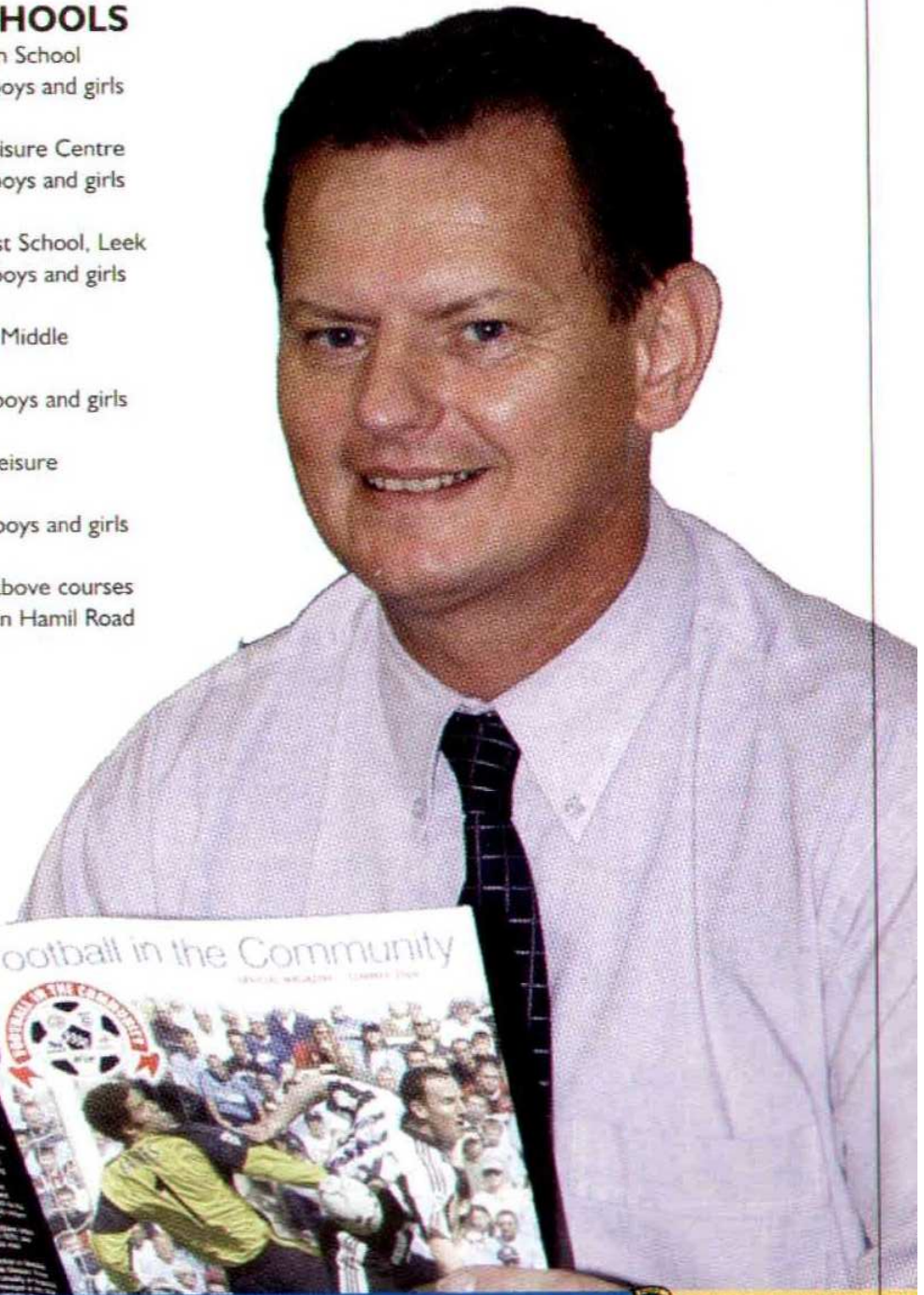
St Margaret Ward High School will now represent Port Vale in one of the Area Finals, which take place early in 2005. Further updates will feature on this page. Good luck to the girls in the next stage.



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Application forms are available for all the above courses from the Club shop or Community office in Hamil Road

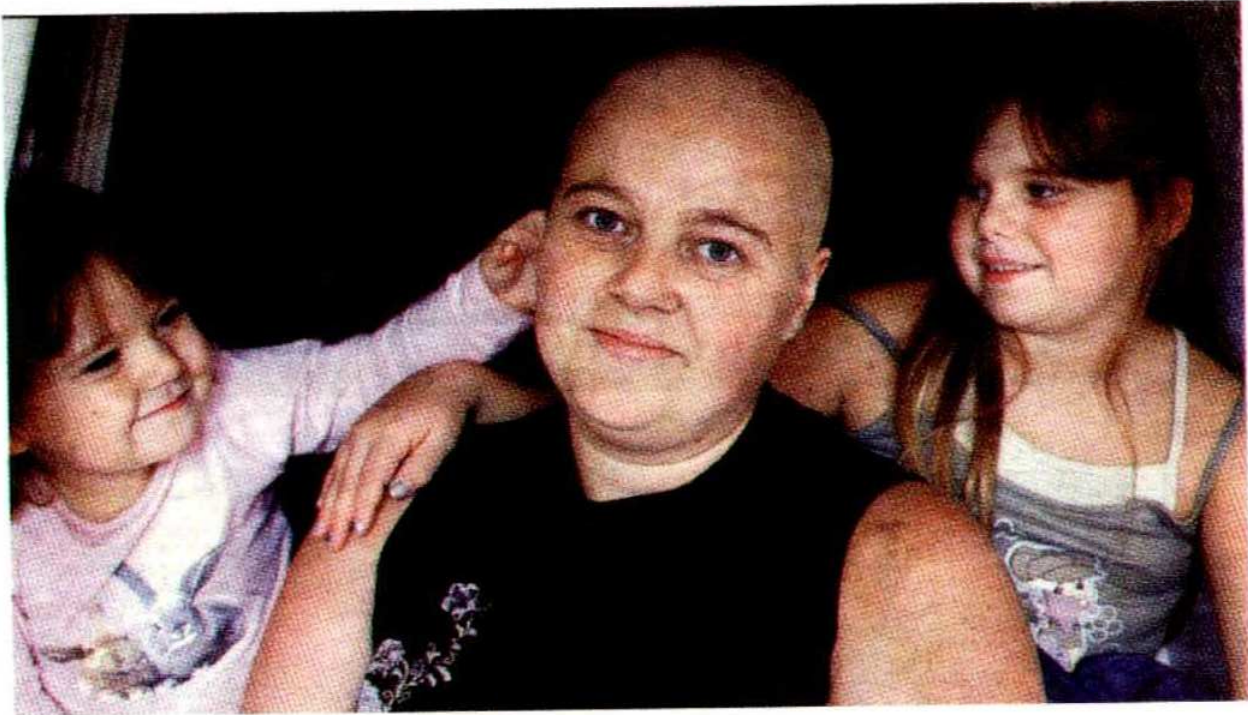




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## THE MATCH

Arsenal were on their way to the first of three successive League Championships ; Walsall were going nowhere in the Third Division South. When the London giants, the pre-eminent force in English football throughout the 1930s, were sent to Fellows Park by the third round draw, it was not a tie that they would have chosen themselves, but it held few fears for a team full of internationalists, and including the greatest player in the World, Alex James.

Fatally, Herbert Chapman rested four of his recognised first team, and of the three young replacements, only Norman Sidey had first team experience. Charlie Walsh was an untried forward, whose over-enthusiasm on the day betrayed his nerves. After missing several chances in the first half, he was switched with David Jack after the interval, whereupon Arsenal enjoyed their best spell of a fitful performance.

On the hour, however, the muscular endeavour of the host team was turned into a goal. Lee crossed from the left and Alsop's header beat Frank Moss in the Arsenal goal. The match turned again ; Walsall were rejuvenated and shortly afterwards, a more enterprising policy drew dividends when the home side were awarded a penalty kick.

Black kicked Alsop in frustration, and once a melee of agitated players had been separated, the referee pointed to the penalty spot. Sheppard was his accustomed cool and accurate self in converting the penalty.

There was no way back for Arsenal. Herbert Chapman said the right things after the match, but he was seething at his side's capitulation – and at the foolish Black, who was transferred to Plymouth within the week. By the end of the season Walsh and Warnes had also been transferred.

In the seven years which followed, Arsenal won the League Championship five times and the FA Cup twice – no wonder the victory of little Walsall went down as one of the greatest giant killing acts in the rich history of the FA Cup.

## THE PROGRAMME

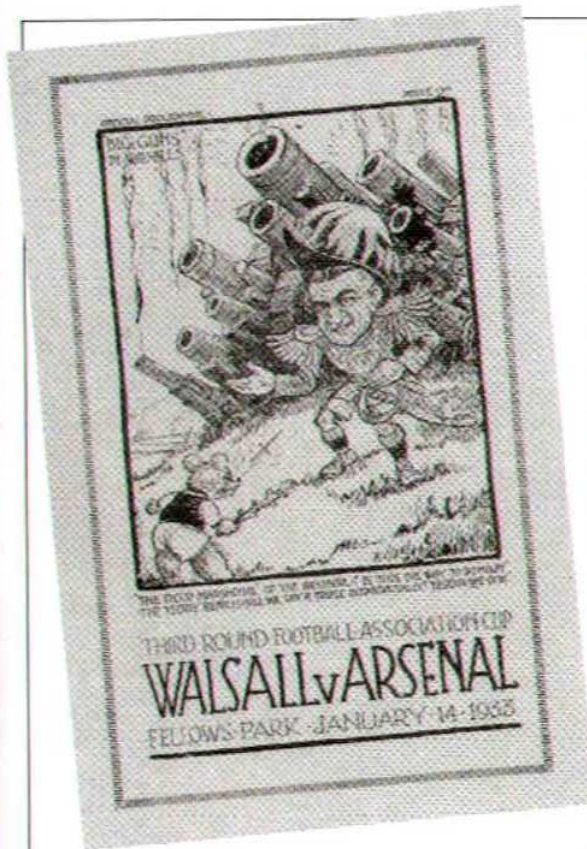
A sixteen page programme was produced, larger than A5 in dimensions, with the internal pages printed black on poor quality white non gloss paper, and the front cover black on grey light card. The front cover was undoubtedly a concession to the special occasion, as were special articles on Arsenal and a full page photograph. Most of the pages, however, looked as if they were typical of the normal Walsall issue of the period.

"Our Led Letter Day" starts on page 3 and is continued onto the next page. "Chairman's Welcome", from H.L. Fellows, is accompanied by a photograph of the gentleman on page 5. Two pages on the history of Arsenal include head and shoulder photos of six of their players. The teams, in 2-3-5 formation and numbered (Walsall 1 to 11, Arsenal 12 to 22) are on the centre pages, surrounded by small adverts.

Half time scoreboards take up half of the next two pages, and "Our Red Letter Day" is concluded on the second of these. The author went under the pen-name of "Linesman". Walsall Players and Directors are the subject of a full page photograph, while FA Cup Facts and Figures and Supporters Club Notes share a full page. Opposite the inside back page are Division Three North and Birmingham League fixtures and results, and the respective League tables.

Most of the pages contain small adverts, while full page adverts fill the other three pages of the cover card. H. Taylor & Son of Bridge Street Walsall sold "His Master's Voice" Table Radio-Gramophone ; The Distinctive Furnishing Stores Ltd of The Arcade had their annual stocktaking furniture sale, and on the back page, the Cambridge and Spring Cottage Hotels both stocked Butler's Ales.

The original copy of this programme will sell for several hundreds of pounds at auction or on an offers list, but an inexpensive modern reproduction is in circulation.



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## A STEP BACK

COLCHESTER V PORT VALE.

The long trip to Colchester seemed to be even longer on the journey back, after we went down to a fourth consecutive league defeat, though the second half performance did give some hope.

Somebody once coined the phrase "It's a game of two halves." That was certainly the case at Layer Road, where the Vale were hit twice in the opening 18 minutes of the game, as the home side threatened to embarrass us.

Steve Brooker's midweek departure to Bristol City paved the way for a return to the starting line-up for Lee Matthews, who returned from injury to line up alongside Billy Paynter in the Vale attack.

Dave Hibbert, who made his full debut in the win over Barnsley in the LDV Vans Trophy a few days earlier, was back on the bench, where he had new signing Daryl McMahon for company, after the former West Ham man signed non-contract terms earlier in the week.

We started brightly enough in the opening few minutes and could have

gone ahead when Billy Paynter latched on to a loose ball, only to fire straight at Aidan Davison in the U's goal.

Moments later, we paid the price for not taking our chances, when Nail Danns – on loan from Blackburn Rovers – bundled the ball over the line from close range to put the home side in the driving seat.

The 21-year-old midfielder punished us again in the 18th minute, wriggling his way into the box and calmly slotting home his and Colchester's second goal, to make sure it was going to be an uphill struggle for the Valiants.

Colchester's shoot-on-sight policy looked like it could cause even more damage, with shots raining in from all over the place, but fortunately for us, few of them were on target.

Things could have been different, had Michael Cummins' right foot volley veered a few inches to the left, but instead, the ball rattled against the upright, ensuring the home side held on



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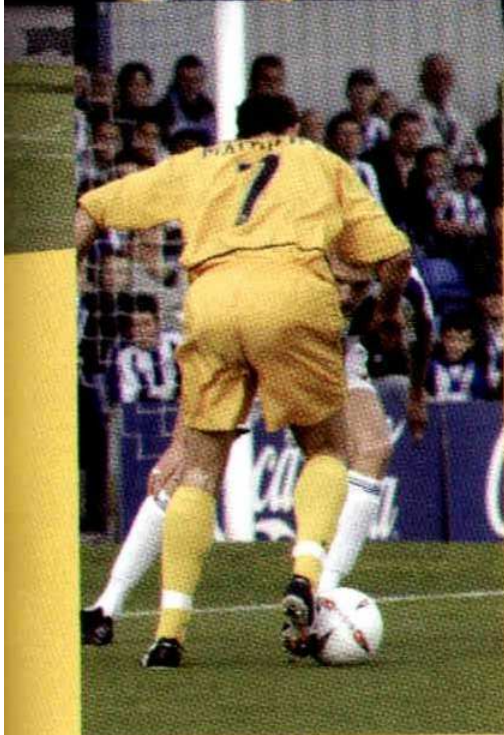
to their two-goal advantage at the interval.

After playing the first half in glorious sunshine, the Vale players were greeted by a downpour as they trotted out for the second half and they were left waiting for several minutes before the home side returned to the field of play.

It wasn't only the weather that had changed. Vale looked a different side from that of the first half and soon had the home defence on the back foot. We hadn't scored in our last three league games, but a goal certainly looked to be on the cards.

We certainly started brightly enough, but were perhaps a little fortunate to survive a short spell when the home side had several shots blocked in the space of thirty seconds.





But then Reid was a trifle unlucky, when he ran through three challenges before being brought down by Johnson, 25 yards from goal. The resulting free kick, hit by James, was blocked, but there were positive signs Vale were beginning to force the issue.

Though we were slightly on top at this stage, it took a fine save by Brain to keep out a 20-yard effort from Watson, when he dived full length to his left to fingertip the ball around the post.

With 20 minutes remaining, Martin Foyle decided to thrust Daryl McMahon into the fray for his Port Vale debut, taking off defender James O'Connor as he decided to throw bodies forward.

McMahon was soon in action, chipping a delightful ball into the box for Paynter,

but the Vale striker couldn't quite stretch enough to force his way past two covering defenders.

Seconds later, McMahon decided to try his luck from all of 30 yards, hitting a dipping left foot shot just inches over the crossbar, with the Vale fans behind the goal willing the ball in.

Vale's frustrations were beginning to show and after arguing the toss with the referee moments earlier, Billy Paynter earned a place in the match official's

notebook in the 78th minute for a foul.

But we were given a glimmer of hope six minutes from time, when Matthews picked the ball up just over the halfway line, ran at the Colchester defence and hit a 20 yard shot past Davison and into the corner of the net.

Although we went all out for a late equaliser, it wasn't to be, but at least we could take heart from our second half showing.

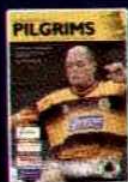
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NAME: Craig James  
 POSITION: Defender HEIGHT: 6ft 0ins  
 D.O.B. 15th Nov 1982 WEIGHT: 11st 6lbs

### FOOTBALL FILE

FORMER CLUBS: Sunderland, Darlington

BEST MATE AT THE CLUB:  
 Lee Matthews

ALTERNATIVE CAREER:  
 Golfer

FOOTBALLING HERO AS A KID:  
 Paul Gascoigne and Stuart Pearce

FAVOURITE 'OTHER' FOOTBALL STADIUM:  
 St. James' Park

HOW YOU SPEND SATURDAY WHEN VALE AREN'T  
 PLAYING?:  
 Watching football and socialising

WORSE THING IN FOOTBALL:  
 Injuries

TIP FOR THE TOP (YOUNG PLAYER):  
 Stewart Downing (Middlesbrough)

TIP FOR LEAGUE ONE CHAMPIONS:  
 Port Vale

TIP FOR PREMIERSHIP CHAMPIONS:  
 Arsenal

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 WOULD IT BE?

I would wish I would become a millionaire

IF YOU COULD TURN BACK THE CLOCK, WHAT  
 WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Nothing

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MEAL?

Sunday roast

WHAT WAS THE BEST PRESENT YOU EVER  
 RECEIVED?

My son

WHAT MAKES YOU LAUGH?

All of my mates

WHAT CD IS PLAYING IN YOUR CAR?

Head Candy

IF YOU COULD INVITE ANYBODY, PAST OR  
 PRESENT TO A DINNER PARTY, WHO WOULD  
 IT BE AND WHY?

Paul Gascoigne, because he is such a  
 character and a party animal

IF YOU COULD LIVE ABROAD WHERE WOULD YOU  
 LIVE AND WHY?

America, where there is a better standard of living

NAME THREE THINGS YOU WOULD TAKE WITH  
 YOU IF YOU KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO BE  
 STRANDED ON A REMOTE ISLAND

My girlfriend, my baby son and a toilet roll

TELL US ONE THING YOU WILL NEVER FORGET?

The birth of my son

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST CAR?

A Corsa

WHAT NEWSPAPER DO YOU READ ON  
 A REGULAR BASIS?

Daily Star

WHO DO YOU REALLY ADMIRE AND WHY?

My girlfriend, especially after seeing the birth of my son

ANY SUPERSTITIONS?

None at all

WHAT WAS THE WORSE THING YOU EVER DID?

150 mph on the motorway



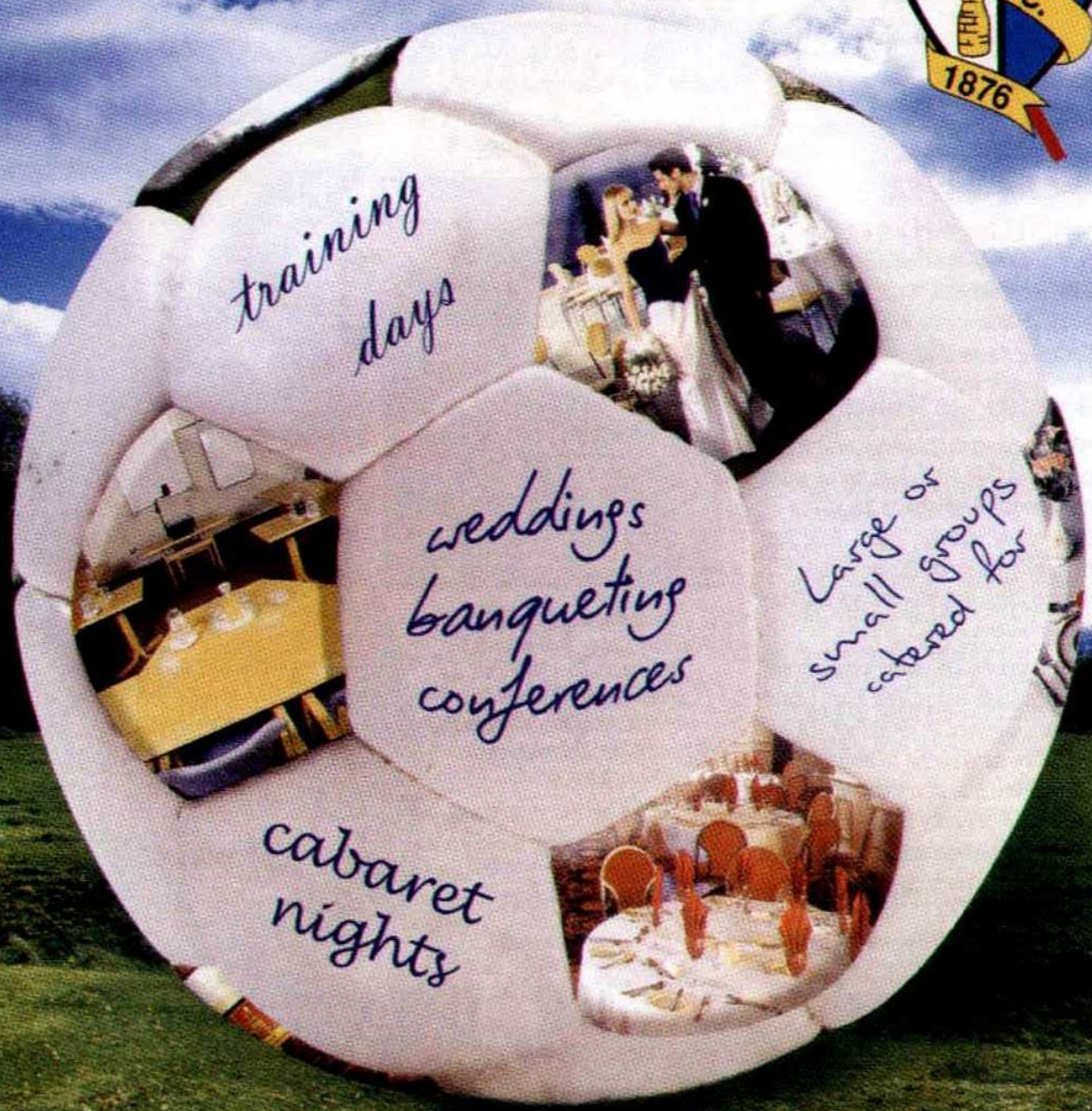
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**MASCOTS**

A LOOK AT TONIGHT'S MASCOTS

A warm welcome to tonight's mascots, in this local derby with Swindon Town.



**NAME:**  
Jordan Walley  
**AGE:**  
9 years old  
**SCHOOL:**  
Newford Primary,  
Smallthorne  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:**  
Billy Paynter & Sam Collins  
**HOBBIES:**  
Playing football for his  
dad's football team  
(Norton Lions U9s)  
**ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION:**  
Playstation-mad



**NAME:**  
Thomas Roberts  
**AGE:**  
7 years old  
**SCHOOL:**  
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**FAVOURITE PLAYER:**  
Mark Goodlad  
**HOBBIES:**  
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mates

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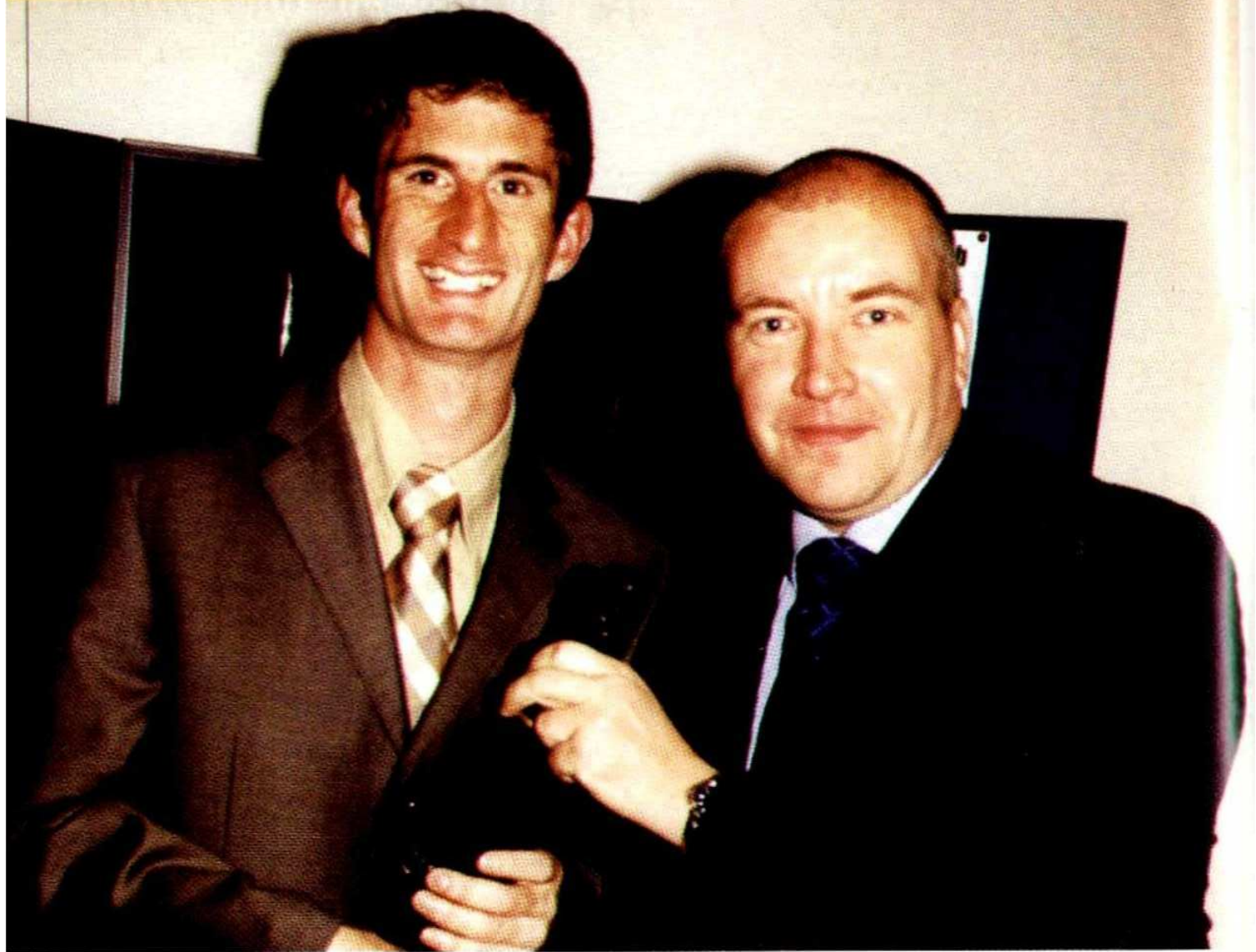


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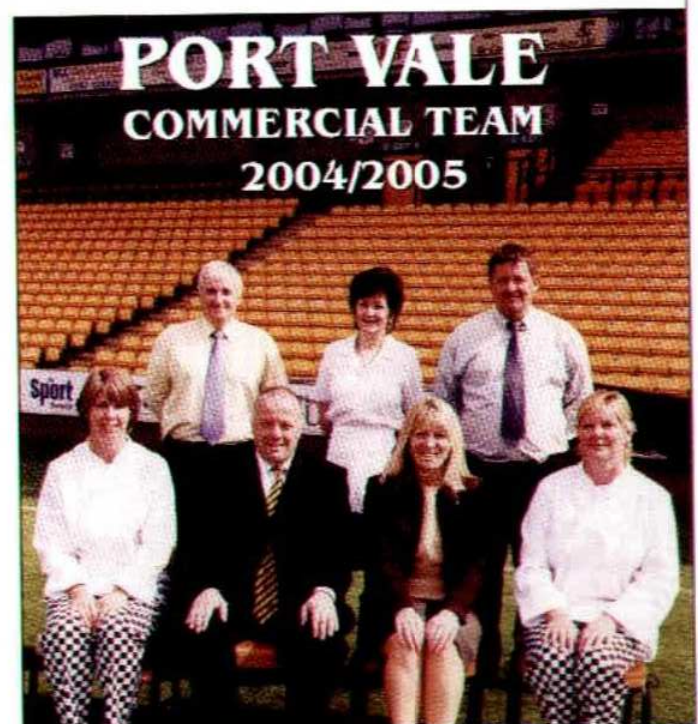
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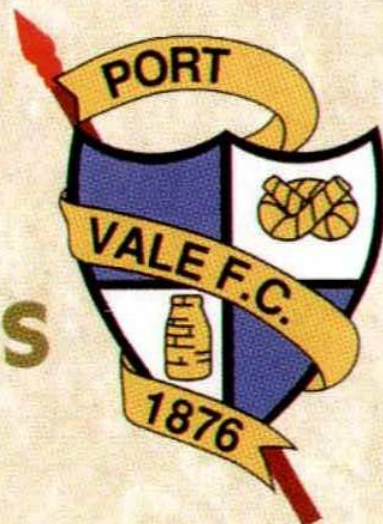
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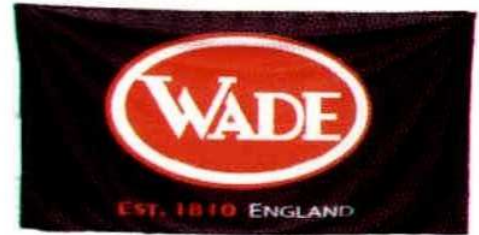
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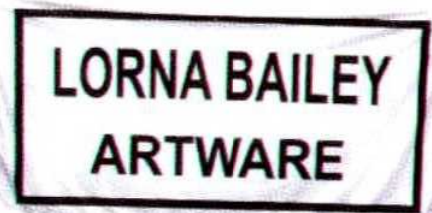
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## AIRWAVES

VIEWS FROM RADIO STOKE'S PHIL BOWERS

Sitting in the car on the way back from Colchester the other week (ahh, the best trip in the League..), myself and the other associated throng of journalists got onto the inevitable subject of Vale's "best ever XI", but rather than indulge in the usual argument, we decided to name Vale best team since the year 2000. And we came up with this (apologies to any players reading this who aren't included, it was touch and go with a few):

(4-4-2): Mark Goodlad; George Pilkington, Michael Walsh, Sam Collins, Peter Clarke; Micky Cummins, Dave Brammer, Marc Bridge-Wilkinson, Alex Smith; Tony Naylor, Steve McPhee.

Subs: Jonny Brain, Matt Carragher, Adrian Littlejohn, Ian Armstrong, Steve Brooker.

So, what do you think? Admittedly the midfield lacks a little steel, but the back four is solid and the strikers can score goals (so we reasoned), but if you have any grievances, let me know on [sport.stoke@bbc.co.uk](mailto:sport.stoke@bbc.co.uk) and you can vent your anger in any way!

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## AWAY FROM IT ALL

GERARD AUSTIN LOOKS AT OUR TRIP TO COLCHESTER

Colchester United is a long way. OK so I make understatement sometimes. I've been watching my back all week to make sure I actually get to this game. A visit to this small club in Essex has always proved elusive, as either work commitments or illness has prevented me from adding Layer Road to my list of grounds. Understand my surprise then that I was actually at the game, leaving me only five grounds to complete my ninety-two as it were.

### GROUND 4/10

Well I didn't have to be there previously to know what to expect. Layer Road is tiny in the extreme. I'm afraid a bit ramshackle too. Martin Foyle was persuaded to sign a petition to disperse the red tape littered around plans to provide some state of the art facilities in this corner of Essex. It can't come too soon. All four sides covered but a disjointed construction with stands that appear less safe than those in Subbuteo.

### SEATING 5/10

Vale fans were housed in a corner of a tiny end stand and judging by a spread of fans in all corners, posts were playing a part - either that or one or two maybe had a curry the previous evening. Most struggled for a view of proceedings.

### STEWARDS 6/10

I've become 'Mr Creosote Man' on this one by sitting on the fence with an average mark. My reasons were tarnished by a few followers from Vale sites on the Internet. If we take my view they were excellent, very friendly and hugely helpful and appreciative. However, I believe that those standing experienced a few problems with the helpful bit.

### PROGRAMME 9/10

You have to be careful when you are judging a publication with so many pages, as it can often be a tome littered with adverts. The U's one not so. Credit to the people concerned, as they have produced a bumper 76 page issue filled with information and stories. It is always difficult for clubs at our level because of the miniscule attempts to provide a quality piece of literature out of no staff, but Colchester must have someone who spends 24 hours a day working on it. For that they must take huge credit.

### FOOD 6/10

I can't say much about the food as I didn't sample some myself, but there were no deaths recorded and the First Aiders had no reported calls by disgruntled fans with food poisoning, so I take it must have been palatable for those indulging.

### PERFORMANCE 4/10

I remembered that we'd buried the away myth when we played Bradford City, so we'd look forward to a few more good results on our travels. Myth destroyed. Vale's ineffective first half showing showed up a lack of Steve Brooker, but as the manager knows, he has to scour the market for mix and match players to bring the side back to some sort of strength. The hardest job of his fledgling managerial career so far, so patience is required. A second half did give cause for some hope for the future, but the immediate need for players is obvious and lets hope by the time this is in print Vale have been able to strengthen. A goal from Lee Matthews was a boost for all and the 20 minute performance from Daryl McMahon was also encouraging.

### AWAY FANS 6/10

A rather surreal situation with away fans, as they were almost treated like lepers, given their location. If you were an away fan who wanted to sit down, you sat at one end of the ground. If you preferred standing you were at the other end. In truth, all it did was make the fans support less effective, as a 200 mile plus journey tempered the size of the following. Nevertheless, encouragement was provided in ample amounts, though the fare on offer was not exactly

conclusive to cheers in the first period at least.

### HOME FANS 7/10

A reasonably friendly lot, who were behind Phil Parkinson's men from the start. No obvious anti-Vale chants on offer, so that marks them down as not needing any criticism at all. Amazingly no chants about the North South divide, which there normally is on these occasions.

### JOURNEY 7/10

What was that programme? - 'Journey to the Centre of the Earth' - or in our case, the ends of the earth. I remember somebody enquiring about the cost of a helicopter some years ago to get him to Layer Road. The price proved prohibitive, so he gave it a miss. The A14, however, did have a helicopter on it, but sadly for the victims of a horrendous looking crash, it was an air ambulance, due to a 40 feet container turning onto its side. I believe a car was underneath. Hopefully, all were OK. Essex is just one of those trips you don't need, but at least we won't have to go there again in a hurry, unless the FA Cup draw is unkind to us. I thought that the only place in England that was four hours plus away was Cornwall, but this is too. Sadly there were no sumptuous beaches to tempt us, only a bijou stadium and good hospitality. We arrived back at 9.40pm after a wait for all the radio and internet reports to be tidied up. Not bad seeing as we didn't leave until 6.00pm

### PRESS FACILITIES 6/10

Not the best of views from the press box, as there was a stanchion in the way of both goals. Our reporter had to stretch his neck one way or another, depending which end of the ground the ball was. It was comfortable enough however, and the welcome we got from the local media has 'upped' the mark a little.

### TOTAL 59/100

## FORTHCOMING AWAY GAMES COACH DETAILS



### HARTLEPOOL UNITED

Saturday 30th October 2004

Victoria Park

Official Coaches leave at 8.30am

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SEATS:

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### DIRECTIONS:

Take the A50 (E) to the A38 (N) to the M1. Follow the M1, A1, A1(M) until junction 60. Take the A689 to Hartlepool. Follow the signs to Town Centre/Marina. Turn left by the "Historic Quayside" and cross over the railway bridge. The ground is on the left in Clarence Road.



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Tuesday 2nd November 2004

Prenton Park

Official Coaches leave at 4.30pm

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### BARNLSLEY

Saturday 6th November 2004

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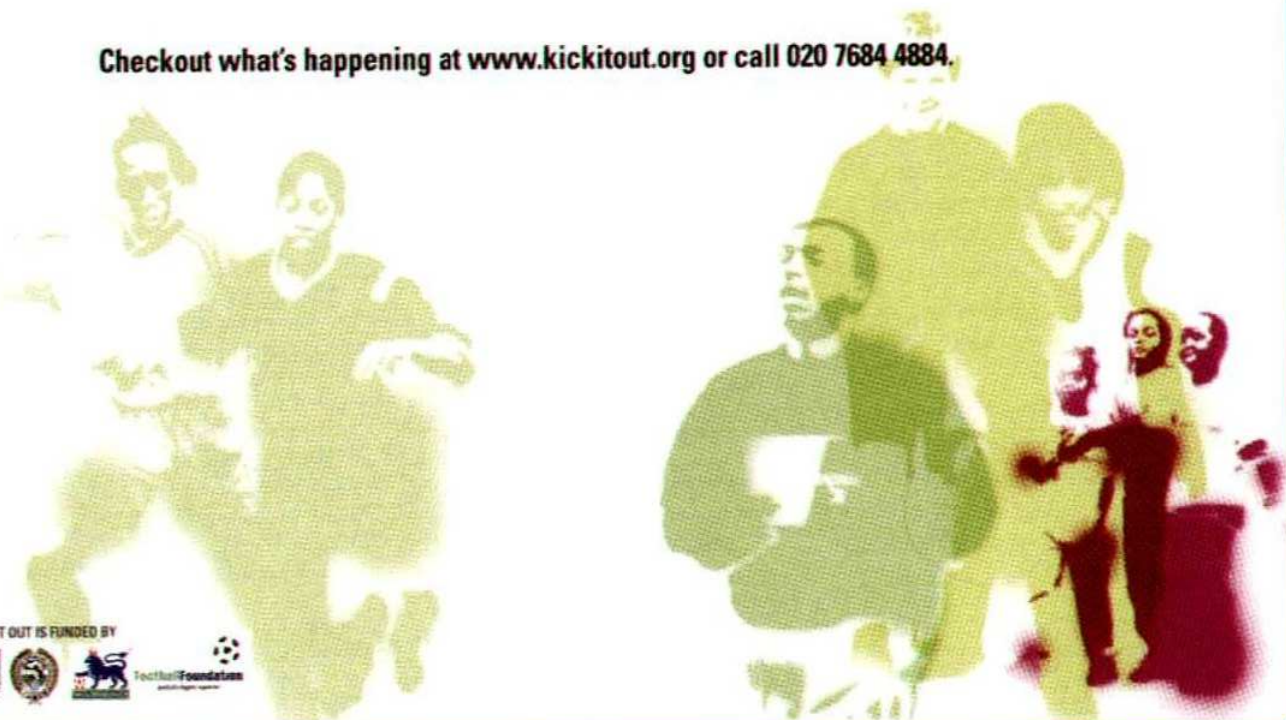
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## FAN SCENE

MATT WALKLETT (mattw007uk@hotmail.com)

[www.onevalefan.co.uk](http://www.onevalefan.co.uk)

Welcome to another home match here at Vale Park and this evening we welcome Swindon Town for what is a very important game in both clubs quest for a spot in the play-offs.

Today I'm going to introduce you to Sergey Tomashevsky, who is 23 years old and lives in the biggest city in the south of Russia – Rostov-on-Don. The population of his home city is more than 1 million.

Despite being born and raised in Russia he is an avid Vale supporter and he keeps in close contact with our results and progress via the internet.

He studied at the Rostov State University and has worked as a sports journalist for 6 years.

His other hobby is Rock music; He likes classic English bands like Deep Purple and Led Zepplin, and modern bands such as Oasis, The Coral and Coldplay. His second hobby is English football programmes, he has about 150 in total (from the 1960's to the present day).

When he was 5 years old, his dad took him to his first football game. It was the local derby in the Russian First Division between Rostselmash FC (now recalled Rostov FC) and SKA Rostov. His father was a fan of SKA and his father decided that he must chose which team to support.

In the end he chose his father's team, SKA Rostov and from that day forward he has been a fan of SKA. He has visited many away grounds to watch SKA play. They were Runners Up of the Soviet Premiership in 1966 and USSR Cup winners in 1981. SKA now play in Second Division but SKA are still his first love.

At the beginning of the 1990's Russian TV started to screen a programme called «Road to Wembley». However, this programme was on after midnight, but Sergey couldn't sleep without watching it.

Sergey says that English football was very important for him at that time. He started to follow the fortunes of both Everton and West Ham. He chose these two teams because he is a huge Beatles fan and Everton are from Liverpool. West Ham was chosen for the fact that they are from London.

With the advent of the internet Sergey got even closer to English football and he was even able to research information on teams in the lower reaches of the English leagues.

He says he's never liked big spending teams, such as Manchester United and Chelsea. He came across Port Vale due to its links with Robbie Williams. When Sergey found this out he wanted to know more about this team called Port Vale.

Other than its name he knew nothing of Port Vale, but after many hours of research through the internet he found the [onevalefan.co.uk](http://onevalefan.co.uk) website and he said he received a warm welcome from the other members. Some even sent him some Port Vale match programmes.

He now calls himself a Port Vale Supporter and follows all our results via the internet, though both the Official Site and Valiant World, as well as [onevalefan.co.uk](http://onevalefan.co.uk).

He is hoping that one day in the future he'll be able to make the long trip from his home town to Burslem to watch the Valiants in action.

To him this would be a dream come true. He would also like to thank every Vale fan who as been in contact with him and made him feel so welcome.

He hopes that when he does come over to watch Vale play in a home game that it will be in The Championship and he thinks that this might come true next season.





## FANS STORY

TODAY WE LOOK AT MARTIN WAIN

### IT'A SOCIAL THING

Martin started watching Vale as long ago as 1961, at the age of 8, when he attended his first match with his Uncle. Prior to that he had followed both Potteries clubs, but since that match against Bradford Park Avenue, Martin has been hooked as a Vale fan.

Over the past 43 years, Martin has seen many fine players at the club and has seen the club come along way, whilst maintaining the atmosphere between players and supporters. The ground and facilities have improved massively over the years, though Martin does remember the days with fondness, when it was possible to move

from one end to the other at half time to stand behind the goal that Vale were attacking. Martin still sees many of the people that he used to come with as a teenager in the Bycars End, but these days he sits with his two sons in the Lorne Street stand.

Martin can virtually recite the team from his first match and his early heroes were Bert Llewellyn, a stocky Centre Forward, goalkeeper Ken Hancock and Terry Miles. Living in Biddulph, it took two bus journeys to get to the ground with his school friends to stand on the Bycars with it's great atmosphere and wonderful tea bar.

In the 70's, Martin's heroes were the late great Tommy McLaren and in his day, Brian Horton. The players of this era were dedicated to the club, but eventually had to be sold to make ends meet. The club went downhill until John McGrath took over as manager.

It was during this time that Martin and his family made their biggest contribution to the club. There was an appeal on Radio Stoke for people prepared to offer digs for Lee Harwood and Tony Sealy, who were staying at the YMCA. Martin asked his Mum if they could have a lodger and Tony Sealy duly moved out to Biddulph.

Loanee Tony stayed for 4 months, after initially being on a month's loan, but Martin's family enjoyed it so much that they offered digs to Terry Armstrong and then Barry Siddall, who was with them for 18 months. Heroes in this era were Andy Jones and local lads, Russ Bromage and Phil Sproson.



Futher highlights have been the Autoglass and Anglo Italian finals and Gareth Ainsworth was Martin's hero in the nineties. Current heroes are Ian Armstrong and Sam Collins and Martin hopes the club can have a good run to give the younger players confidence and predicts a good future for Joe Cardle (bottom).



For Martin, supporting Vale is a social thing. There is a lovely atmosphere with supporters having access to players and having the opportunity to get involved with the club.





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## HAVE WE MET BEFORE

A LOOK BACK AT PAST ENCOUNTERS WITH TONIGHT'S VISITORS

As everybody remembers it was Swindon who pipped us for a play-off place (along with Hartlepool) on goal difference last season and our Vale Park meeting turned out to be quite significant.

It was originally postponed 90 minutes before the scheduled kick-off due to a patch of ice the size of a cockroach's skating rink in one of the goalmouths. When it was played in March, a floodlight problem led to a delayed kick-off but Vale raced out of the traps and led 3-0 by the hour mark thanks to goals from Billy Paynter and Steve McPhee (2) including arguably the latter's goal of the season. Swindon changed their system by bringing on Rory Fallon though, and basically we couldn't cope with the extra forward. Goals from Sam Parkin and Matt Hewlett made us sweat and it was Fallon himself who scored, it had to be said, a deserved equaliser seven minutes from time.

Earlier in the season the two teams drew 0-0 at the County Ground, where we have only lost one of our last four appearances. That was a 2-0 defeat in Sept 2001 when the goals

came from the amazingly named Danny Invincible and Matt Hewlett.

Another goal laden feast took place here eighteen years ago this week, when Swindon ran out 4-3 winners. Robbie Earle, Andy Jones and an own goal from former Stoke striker Dave Bamber were on the mark for us whilst White, Jones, Gilligan and ex-Stoke manager Chris Kamara scored for the Robins.

Our last victory over Swindon here at Vale Park was in August 2000 when two goals from Tony Naylor and one from Alex Smith (now Wrexham) saw us home to the tune of 3-0.

When the two teams met back in April 1960 here Vale were 6-0 up after an hour, thanks to four goals from Harry Oscroft, one from Cliff Portwood and an own goal. We eased up after that and the game finished 6-1. Ernie Hunt, later to find fame with Wolves and Coventry amongst others, was in the Swindon team that day and some years later he hinted in a newspaper article that some players may have taken bribes in that game. Nothing was ever investigated though, perhaps the grapes were smelling a bit sour that

day.

Six months later Swindon got their revenge though, beating us 6-0 at the County Ground.

In April 1975 Vale were in the old Third Division and with three games to go were three points (two for a win) behind the promotion places

(no play-offs in those days). Our next game was at Swindon, but goals from Prohett, Moss (pen) and Anderson saw us go 3-0 down before Dave Harris and Ray Williams pulled it back to 3-2. That's how it stayed and it was goodbye promotion.

TV pundit Robbie Earle made his debut for us at Swindon as a 17 year old back in Aug 1982, a game which we lost 1-0. He went on to be one of our greatest ever players over the next nine years. When we went to Swindon in Jan 1976 Dave Ryan made his one and only appearance in goal for us in our 2-1 defeat. He went on to play for Northwich Vics for many years. The main notable event that afternoon was that it was the only day (so far) that Vale Park has ever staged top flight football. Stoke's Butler Street stand had blown over in the gales and they borrowed our ground to beat Middlesbrough 1-0.

We haven't had too many live TV games of late, but we opened the season with one back in 1994/95. It was at Swindon and Vale lost 2-0, the goals coming from Jan Aage Fjortoft and Keith Scott.

We've only met once in cup competitions, an FA Cup tie in the 5th qualifying round at Swindon in Dec 1906. Vale won 2-1 thanks to goals from Coxon and Dodds and we then beat Irthlingborough 7-1 in the next round. Not a good season though, we had to resign from the league through financial difficulties and actually went bust.

### TOTAL RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
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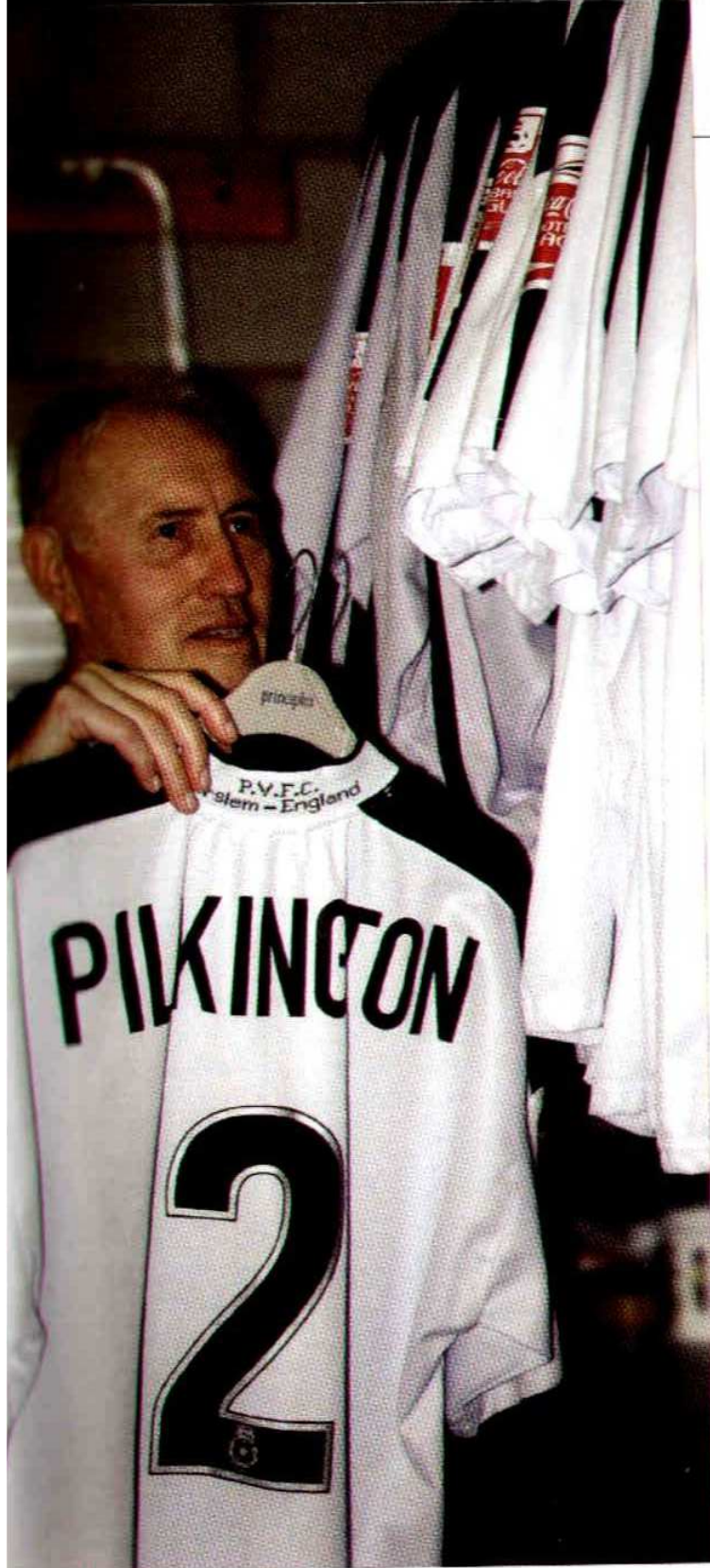
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## BEHIND THE SCENES

JONATHAN OAKES CHECKS OUT WHAT GOES ON BEHIND THE VALE PARK DOORS

## THE KIT MAN STAN NICHOLS

If Stan Nichols had his way, Port Vale would have lost one of their most loyal employees at the end of last season. The 73 year-old wanted to retire as kit man, because the late nights after away games were becoming too much for him. However, Stan has been coaxed into continuing the job on a part-time basis. He still works every day, but he doesn't travel to away games anymore.

Stan's first job at Vale Park was in the refreshment kiosks, before ex-manager John Rudge appointed him as kit man. Stan took the job, thinking to himself, "I'll give it a month". He is still there, 14 years later!

Stan has always had a great relationship with the players, especially Peter Swan, who once picked him up fully-clothed and threw him into the communal bath at Exeter, and Bernie Slaven, who used to share his chocolate with Stan on away trips! Stan christened Martin Foyle and Andy Porter the 'terrible twins' when they were playing for the Vale, because they were always playing pranks on him.

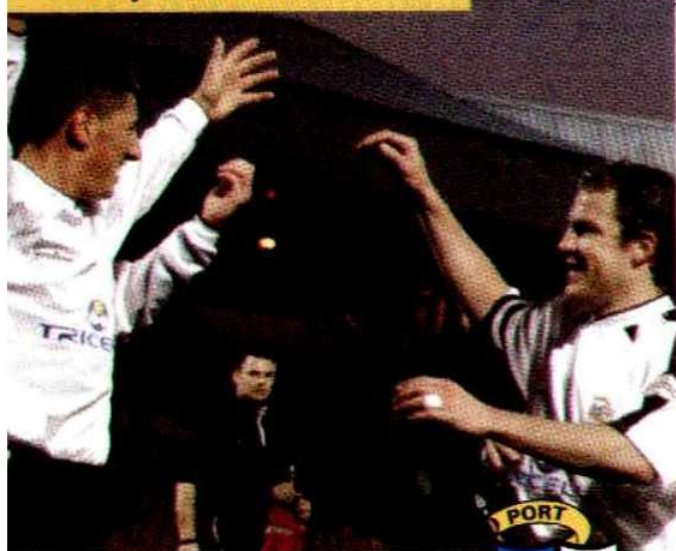
Nowadays, Stan has to keep up with the rituals of the most superstitious player, Ian Armstrong. If Armstrong plays well whilst wearing a short-sleeved shirt, he continues wearing short sleeves until he has a bad game. Stan had a similar problem with Peter Swan, who used to insist on changing his shirt at half-time in every game!

Stan has made only one major mistake with the kit; he forgot to take Paul Musselwhite's goalkeeping jersey to Oldham once and had to ask to borrow one. Fans will not be surprised that Stan was away on holiday for the debacle at Huddersfield in 2002, when Vale had to play in the Terriers' red away kit because of a colour clash. Stan had warned Brian Horton, Mark Grew, Dean Glover and Martin Foyle that they would need the yellow strip, but they only packed white shirts and blamed each other for the mishap! Luckily Grew, Glover and Foyle have learned from the mistake and they now organise kit for away games in Stan's absence.

Stan hasn't decided if he will carry on beyond this season, but when Vale appoint a replacement, he has promised to train them up. This will enable him to take a back seat and watch Vale from the sidelines in his retirement - and spend more time with his wife, Marion.



DAVE JOHNSON



## BETTING BONANZA

PORT VALE v DONCASTER ROVERS



Here we are this evening with only the second mid week league game at home and it's all to play for. Port Vale have now established their place in the mid table and need to use this stability to build on.

Swindon Town have a little bit of an edge on the home team, sitting above them in the table.

## VaST TRUST

PORT VALE SUPPORTERS TRUST NEWS

Welcome to everyone from the Swindon Town Supporters Trust. Swindon Town Trust are a leading trust and have created positive relationships with Youngsters in the Swindon area through football tournaments, and provided new Support for the club.

Trusts have wide ranging objectives including promoting stronger links, between Supporters, clubs and community, creating an effective voice for supporters, gaining Representation on the board of directors, establishing and enhancing a Shareholding in the club, and working with local authorities, voluntary and Community groups.

The combination of all parties who have an interest in Vale Park and its role within the community must be encouraged and supported.

The recent blue bags the Trust handed out for recycling clothes raised 84 pounds

The Cover the Pitch total is now 2525 pounds 25 pence.

Thanks to everyone .

More info [www.valetrust.org](http://www.valetrust.org).  
Gavin Handley VaST secretary

Let's cut to the chase – Port Vale are going to win here today by about a two-goal margin. I am expecting the bookies not to share this view and so I reckon you could get some good prices on ValeBet for some home team scores so...

Look to back a Vale win at 1-0 at 9/2 or better, 2-0 could be a big price into the 20's – take 20/1 or better.

Then the interest will come from first goal scorer – looking at the squad, the stats would look to Billy Paynter or Ian Armstrong for some action here today. So have a go at Paynter at around 8/1 and good value for Armstrong, providing he plays of course, in the mid teens – say 16/1.

Finally, I always like to add some fun to betting, so have a look at some of the Match Specials – No Half Measures – Port Vale to win both halves, 3 Star Vale is for the brave – this is for Vale to score 3 or more. But the one I like for this week is Two Easy for Paynter – Billy Paynter to score at least 2 goals.

There you have it – have a small amount on several bets, it is much better fun and gives you a better chance than putting all your eggs in one basket – above all enjoy the game and get some noise going.



# TESTAMENT OF YOUTH

TOM'S GENERAL VIEW OF FOOTBALL

A midweek visit from Swindon Town fuels memories of the same fixture last season, when Vale fans were treated to the best and worst of their team in what truly was a game of two halves.

The opening hour saw vintage Vale, as they raced into a 3-goal lead in what was a massive game in the race for the play off places. Vale, however, squandered a lead that would have taken them to the dizzy heights of 4th in the table, coming out of the game with just a 3-3 draw.

Had we held on to win this game, it would have been difficult to see us loosening our grip on the play off places.

This, of course, wasn't the first time Vale's supporters have watched their team squander a big lead in recent years. The Division I game against Queens Park Rangers, when Vale led 4-0 at half time only to draw 4-4, will live long in the memory of everyone who saw it.

It is when things like this happen to our club that supporters like you and I begin to feel that things like this only happen to our team. This, of course, isn't true. Ask supporters of Tottenham Hotspur who saw Manchester City turn a cup-tie on its head to win 4-3, having been three goals behind.

I feel that, in truth, all football fans sometimes feel that their team has the unique ability of 'stuffing up' like nobody else can manage. However, the fact that it is fans of all teams that think this way shows that it is not their teams unique tendency to 'stuff up', it is the vagaries of our beautiful game of football.

Public opinion has been very much split over whether England Captain David Beckham was right to pick up an intentional booking in order to serve his suspension and start afresh, whilst nursing an injury that would have kept him out of the game against Azerbaijan anyway.

My opinion is that Beckham was clever to do so, but admitting to this publicly is a complete act of idiocy and one that could land him in trouble. I am very surprised to have heard that FIFA aren't planning to punish Beckham in any way, but the Football Association of England still might.



# FIXTURES & STATS

COCA COLA LEAGUE ONE & CUP FIXTURES & RESULTS '04/05



## KEY:

- STARTED THE GAME
- PLAYING SUB
- NON PLAYING SUB
- BOOKED
- SENT OFF
- SUBBED
- GOALS SCORED

	Home						Away						-/+ Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Luton Town	13	6	0	1	11	4	4	2	0	14	8	13	32
Brentford	13	6	0	0	13	4	1	3	3	5	12	2	24
Bradford City	13	3	1	2	11	8	4	0	3	10	9	4	22
Hull City	13	4	1	1	6	2	3	0	4	11	15	0	22
Bournemouth	13	4	2	1	17	8	2	1	3	8	8	9	21
Colchester	13	4	0	2	11	7	2	2	3	11	9	6	20
Huddersfield	13	3	1	2	9	6	3	1	3	13	11	5	20
Tranmere	12	4	2	1	15	10	1	3	1	3	3	5	20
Swindon Town	12	4	0	2	9	5	2	2	2	10	10	4	20
Hartlepool	13	5	2	0	15	7	1	0	5	7	15	0	20
Sheff Wed	12	2	3	2	4	6	3	1	1	12	8	2	19
Chesterfield	13	4	2	0	11	6	1	1	5	5	9	1	18
Bristol City	12	3	2	1	17	8	1	2	3	7	13	3	16
Wrexham	11	3	2	1	7	7	1	2	2	4	5	-1	16
Port Vale	13	4	0	2	11	10	1	1	5	6	12	-5	16
Doncaster	13	3	4	0	10	5	1	0	5	5	17	-7	16
Barnsley	13	2	2	2	7	7	1	3	3	7	8	-1	14
Walsall	13	3	2	1	11	9	0	3	4	8	15	-5	14
MK Dons	13	2	2	3	8	9	1	2	3	7	11	-5	13
Peterborough	12	2	2	2	7	5	1	1	4	6	11	-3	12
Oldham	13	3	1	2	15	11	0	2	5	3	11	-4	12
Blackpool	12	0	3	3	7	14	2	2	2	7	6	-6	11
Torquay United	13	1	2	3	7	12	1	3	3	7	10	-8	11
Stockport	13	1	2	4	8	16	1	1	4	7	13	-14	9

DATE v KICK OFF/SCORE ATT.

## AUGUST

Sat 07	Walsall	L 3-2	8,225
Tue 10	MK DONS	W 3-2	4,602
Sat 14	HULL CITY	W 3-2	6,736
Sat 21	Wrexham	D 1-1	5,005
Tue 24	Doncaster	L 1-3	3,943
Sat 28	BRISTOL CITY	W 3-0	5,377
Tue 31	Chesterfield	L 0-1	5,150

## SEPTEMBER

Sat 04	Bradford City	W 2-0	7,043
Sat 11	HUDDERSFIELD	L 0-3	6,298
Sat 18	Brentford	L 1-0	5,442
Sat 25	BLACKPOOL	L 0-3	5,347
Tue 28	BARNSELY (LDV 1)	W 1-0	1,970

## OCTOBER

Sat 02	Colchester	L 1-2	3,230
Fri 08	DONCASTER	W 2-0	5,314
Sat 16	Bournemouth	L 0-4	6,119
Tue 19	SWINDON	19:45	
Sat 23	STOCKPORT	15:00	
Sat 30	Hartlepool	15:00	

## NOVEMBER

Tue 02	Tranmere (LDV2)	19:45	
Sat 06	Barnsley	15:00	
Sat 20	TORQUAY	15:00	
Sat 27	Peterborough	15:00	

## DECEMBER

Tue 07	TRANMERE	19:45	
Sat 11	Luton Town	15:00	
Sat 18	OLDHAM	15:00	
Sun 26	Huddersfield	15:00	
Tue 28	SHEFF WED	15:00	

## JANUARY

Sat 01	BRADFORD CITY	15:00	
Mon 03	Blackpool	15:00	
Sat 08	Doncaster	15:00	
Sat 15	BRENTFORD	15:00	
Sat 22	Sheff Wed	15:00	
Sat 29	COLCHESTER	15:00	

## FEBRUARY

Sat 05	BOURNEMOUTH	15:00	
Sat 12	Stockport	15:00	
Sat 19	HARTLEPOOL	15:00	
Wed 23	Swindon Town	15:00	
Sat 26	LUTON TOWN	15:00	

## MARCH

Sat 05	Oldham	15:00	
Sat 12	MK Dons	15:00	
Sat 19	WALSALL	15:00	
Sat 26	Hull City	15:00	
Tue 29	WREXHAM	19:45	

## APRIL

Sat 02	Bristol City	15:00	
Sat 09	CHESTERFIELD	15:00	
Sat 16	Torquay United	15:00	
Sat 23	BARNSELY	15:00	
Fri 29	Tranmere	19:45	

## MAY

Sat 07	PETERBOROUGH	15:00	
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## VALE PARK EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency at Vale Park you will hear a Police message over the public address system providing information and directions to spectators.

We ask all spectators to remain where they are and to listen very carefully to the message. If it affects your area, please comply to instructions immediately.

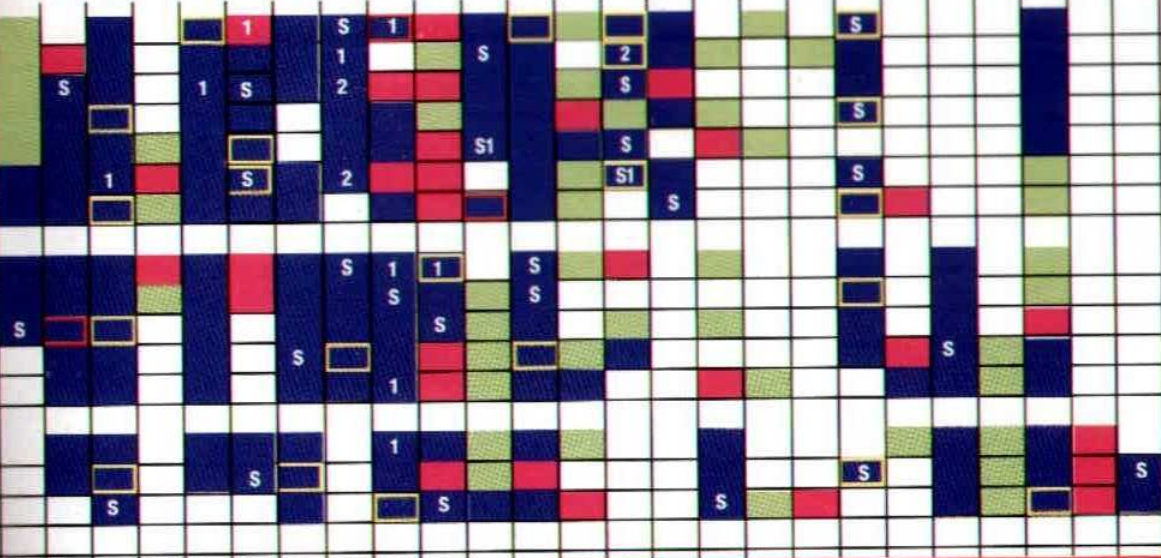
Please do not move unless the area announcement concerns your area.

Stewards, Police Officers and Officials will direct you to safe areas which may be through exit doors/gates or on to the playing area. If you are disabled or feel unsafe in a large crowd, remain where you are until stewards assist you.

Please respond quickly but calmly to ensure a safe evacuation of the stadium.



- 1 Mark GOODLAD
- 2 George PILKINGTON
- 3 Craig JAMES
- 4 Andreas LIPA
- 6 Sam COLLINS
- 7 Lee MATTHEWS
- 8 Michael CUMMINS
- 9 Stephen BROOKER
- 10 Billy PAYNTER
- 11 Jeff SMITH
- 12 Dean SMITH
- 13 Levi REID
- 14 Ryan BROWN
- 15 Ian ARMSTRONG
- 16 Steve ROWLAND
- 17 Christopher BIRCHALL
- 18 Simon ROBINSON
- 19 Simon ELDERSHAW
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- 24 Jonny BRAIN
- 25 Darryl McMAHON
- 26 Marc GOODFELLOW



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# SCORECAST

A COMPETITION FOR PREDICTING THE RESULT OF 4 GAMES EACH WEEK

Before each home game, we will ask a representative from each of the following groups for their scorecast on a selection of games to be played on the same day. Once we get the results of the chosen games, we will award points, according to how successful they have been.

POINTS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

CORRECT RESULT (home, draw, away) 2 points.

CORRECT SCORE 4 points for each team

For example, you forecast Brighton 1 Plymouth 2 and the game finishes Brighton 1 Plymouth 3

You are awarded 2 points for a correct result (a Plymouth win) and an additional 4 points for getting Brighton's score correct.

Total points from that game 6 out of a possible 10

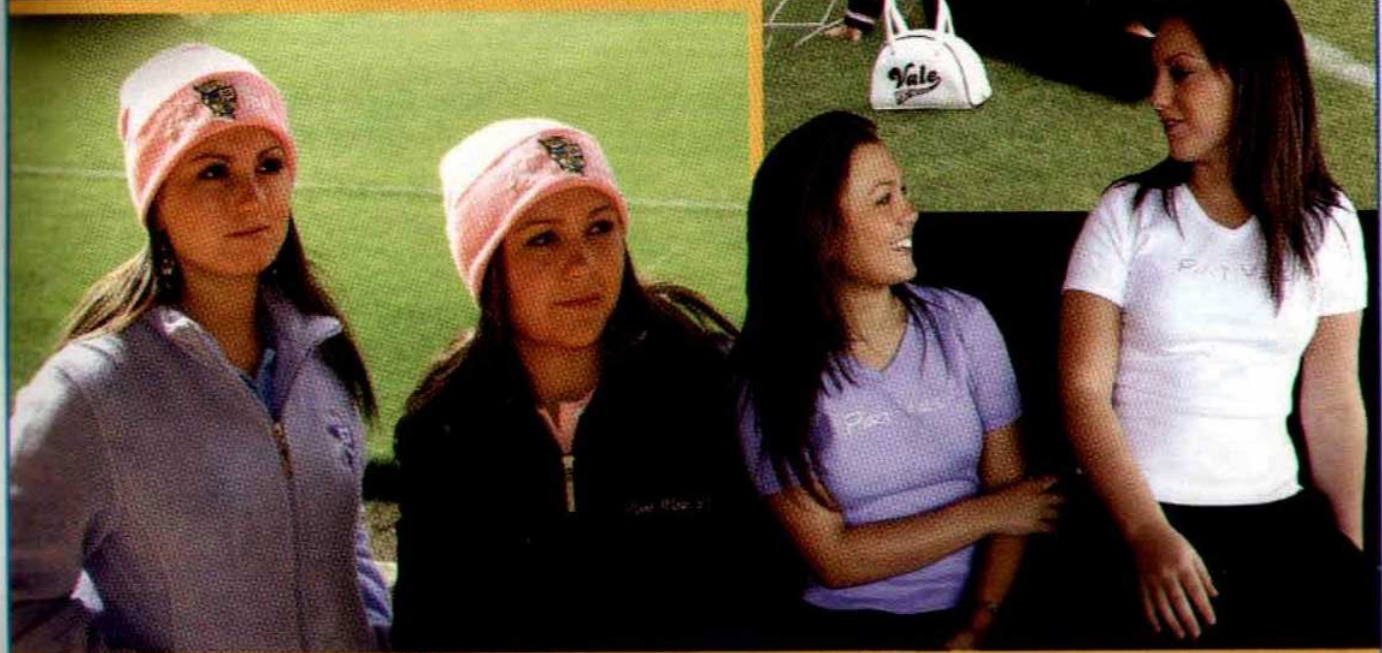
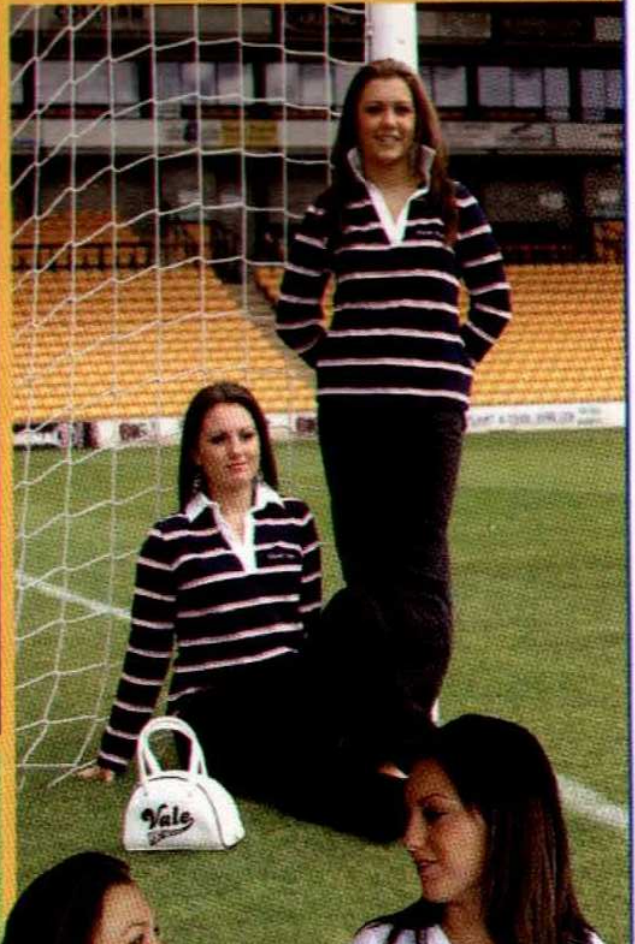
We have included a space for you to pit your wits against the so called 'experts' - see if you can do better!

Team	Pts
Vale Management	84
Vale Board	80
Vale Players	74
Club Staff	74
Local Media	62
Vale Supporters	56

Games	Vale Management	Club Staff	Vale Players	Vale Board	Local Media	Vale Supporters	YOUR FORECAST
Sheffield Utd v Nott'm Forest	1-2	1-1	2-0	0-1	1-1	2-0	
Wigan v Crewe Alex	3-1	2-0	2-1	2-0	2-1	2-0	
Peterboro' Utd v Sheffield Wed	2-1	0-1	1-2	0-2	1-2	1-1	
Wycombe v Rushden	1-1	2-2	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	



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# TEAM CHECK

TONIGHT'S LINEUP AGAINST SWINDON TOWN



## PORT VALE

MANAGER: MARTIN FOYLE

	Pld	Goal
1 Mark GOODLAD		
2 George PILKINGTON		
3 Craig JAMES		
4 Andreas LIPA		
6 Sam COLLINS		
7 Lee MATTHEWS		
8 Michael CUMMINS		
10 Billy PAYNTER		
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25 Darryl McMAHON		
26 Marc GOODFELLOW		



## DONCASTER

MANAGER: ANDY KING

	Pld	Goal
1 Rhys EVANS		
2 Sean O'HANLON		
3 Grant SMITH		
4 Matthew HEWLETT		
5 Adrian VIVEASH		
6 Paul MITCHELL		
7 Sammy IGOE		
8 Rory FALLON		
9 Sam PARKIN		
10 Stefani MIGLIORANZI		
11 David DUKE		
12 Jerel IFIL		
15 Andrew NICHOLAS		
16 Steve ROBINSON		
17 Brian HOWARD		
18 Alan REEVES		
19 Matthew HEYWOOD		
20 Steve BOOK		
21 Jamie McMASTER		
22 Michael POOK		
23 Luke GARRARD		
24 Andy CATON		
25 Mark YEATES		
Christian ROBERTS		

# STATS

ON THE THE ROBINS



Christian Roberts, a recent target for Martin Foyle, joined the Robins and the former Bristol City man is expected to line up against his old team-mate, Marc Goodfellow, for tonight's game.

Last season's game against the Robins here at Vale Park is one to forget, unless of course you are from Swindon, or are completely impartial. Vale were cruising to victory after opening up a three-goal lead, only for the visitors to reply with three goals of their own to earn a point. At the end of the season of course, that made all the difference to which side took part in the play-offs.

After playing out a 1-1 draw against Hartlepool on the last day of the 2003/2004 season, in a game which spoiled our chances of a play-off place, Swindon unfortunately eventually missed out themselves, but were expected to be amongst the front runners this time out.

Founded by Rev. Williams Pitt in 1894 Swindon Town became founder members of the Southern League Division One. It was while they were in the Southern League that they reached two FA Cup Semi-Finals.

Swindon won a play-off final in the 1989/90 season to claim their place in the Premier League, but their celebrations were short-lived and they were relegated by two divisions (later reduced to one division by the FA). Three years later however, they finally reached the 'promised land', where they spent their one and only season in the top flight.

# FACTS

PORT VALE NOTICE BOARD

## TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

<b>REFEREE:</b>	N. S. Miller
<b>ASSISTANT:</b>	R. C. Green
<b>ASSISTANT:</b>	J. A. Sheffield
<b>4TH OFFICIAL:</b>	A. R. Hendley

## TONIGHT'S FIXTURES



Bradford City v Blackpool
Brentford v Hartlepool
Colchester Utd v Wrexham
Huddersfield v Tranmere
Oldham Ath v Bristol City
Peterborough Utd v Sheffield Wed
PORT VALE v Swindon
Torquay Utd v Bournemouth
Walsall v Luton Town

## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES



### PORT VALE v STOCKPORT CO.

Saturday 23rd September 2004  
Kick Off 3.00pm  
Coca Cola League One



### HARTLEPOOL v PORT VALE

Saturday 30th October 2004  
Kick Off 3.00pm  
Victoria Park  
Coca Cola League One



### TRANMERE v PORT VALE

Tuesday 2nd November 2004  
Kick Off 7.45pm  
Prenton Park  
LDV Vans Trophy Round Two