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**A warm welcome to manager Andy King, the players, officials and supporters of Swindon Town for what looks like being a hard tussle to maintain our good home form at Saltergate.**

We left it late in our last home game against Blackpool but I thought we deserved the victory. It was important to get something from the game as the visitors always looked dangerous on the break. It was a question of getting the first goal but as the game went on with no goal scored it got frustrating. It also gave Blackpool some impetus to go forward and try and nick a winner in a very open game. It was a toss of the coin who we brought off and who we brought on to change things. We didn't want to bring Tcham N'Toya off but I felt we needed fresh legs and it was a toss up between Caleb Folan and Mark Stallard.

We plumped for Caleb. He went on and was excellent and he could have got a hat-trick in the time he was on the pitch with his pace and strength. He came on at Bradford earlier in the season and won the game for us. He did the same against Blackpool by gambling in the box right at the death. The Chief had said if the keeper comes for it and doesn't get it we could pick up the pieces. This time perhaps the Chief could have put it away but thankfully Caleb, like a good striker, followed the ball and tucked it away for three points. I felt a little sad for Blackpool manager Colin Hendry. We put them under a lot of pressure and ran them ragged at times but they worked very hard and the timing of the goal will be disappointing

for him. I can understand that as I have been in that situation many times myself. As they say, that's football.

We were very disappointed to go out at the first round stage of the FA Cup, again. It wasn't the best cup draw, because it was away from home, and that's our seventh cup tie on the trot, I think. Whilst we are undefeated at home, and we've proved what we can do at Saltergate, the results have not gone for us away, even though their have been some good performances. At Scunthorpe United it was a different story. The second half performance was passionless, and perhaps even clueless. We gave the supporters nothing to cheer about. We gave them a first half performance to offer hope that we might have got back into the game but we didn't do that because we didn't use the ball or take those chances. And in the second half we gave them nothing.

We talked about the Scunthorpe performance all the following week and the lads came up with the perfect answer at Bournemouth. A hard earned point, which we had to work for. The Cherries made us defend and in the last twenty minutes they worked the ball well and stretched the play but we defended tremendously well as a team. Muggs had been feeling a slight groin injury all week but we had nursed him along and he had got through that okay. In the warm up he felt his groin when kicking and, to be fair to him, he came in and said that he would play but I took responsibility and put Andy Richmond in goal. What this

seemed to do was gel the team a little bit. They helped Andy out tremendously, blocking shots and crosses throughout the game and Andy did well when called upon. The players showed their true colours throughout the game. It was a collective thing as we had to get together and play with passion, unlike the previous week at Scunthorpe.

It was also Jamal's last game of his three-month loan spell with the club. We may never get him back but we will continue to keep the door ajar like he wants it to be as he's loved being at Chesterfield. Getting him here again won't be for the want of trying. After the Bournemouth game Jamal returned to Charlton to assess his own future down there. We are keeping in touch as he's made great friends with the players and supporters alike.

A massive thank you to the Chairman and the Board for backing Rico and myself in being able to extend the loans of Sammy Clingan and Mark Stallard for the full three months. I know things are tight financially so I hope that one or two of the business people will continue to chip in and help when these situations arise. The fact that the club has been able to support us in this helps makes the squad stronger, as well as provides cover. We had a few players pick up knocks but the fact that we have these loan players available also improves the overall competitiveness and quality of the squad.

Enjoy today's game.

Kind regards

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## LEAGUE ONE

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■ MARK STALLARD

We welcome Swindon town to Saltergate this afternoon on the back of two convincing home wins for the Robins. Two weeks ago they slung Sheffield Wednesday out of the FA Cup, scoring four goals in the process, and last Saturday brought another four goals, this time against promotion hopefuls Hull City. 6348 watched what must have been a most entertaining game, with four of the goals in the last 15 minutes, and two of those, one for each side in the 90th minute. That result pushed Swindon up into seventh place whilst Hull City remained in third place.

Luton Town overcame their recent blip in form, to add to the woes of Milton Keynes Dons by hammering the team, formerly known as Wimbledon, by 4-1 at the National Hockey Stadium. It was a result that gave the Hatters a 6 point lead at the top whilst managerless Milton Keynes remain second from bottom.

Talking of Wimbledon, AFC Wimbledon, the re-incarnated Dons now playing in the Ryman League have set up a British record for undefeated League matches stretching back over two years. The Dons, of course lead their division, and one can only wonder how long it will be before AFC Wimbledon meet Milton Keynes in a League fixture. My estimation is about three years and it will be in the Conference South!

Despite the disappointment of the FA Cup exit at Scunthorpe the Spireites will be pleased to have taken a point from AFC

Bournemouth at Dean Court, traditionally not a happy hunting ground for Chesterfield. The draw left us in ninth spot, one point behind Swindon and Brentford, who lost 1-2 to Bradford City at Griffin Park. The Blues need to use that cup exit in a positive way, and really put that cliché of 'concentrating on the League' into action! Tranmere's 1-0 win over Blackpool at Bloomfield Road kept them in second place, whilst the Tangerines continue to struggle. Luke Beckett's departure to Sheffield United won't help Stockport County's battle to stay in our division. They remain firmly rooted to the bottom with just 10 points whilst two places above them, Peterborough United have 17 points after last Saturday's 1-2 defeat at Walsall. Torquay, Barnsley and Oldham are the other sides in difficulty at the bottom; with the Latics triumphing 3-2 over the Reds at Boundary Park last Saturday. Torquay managed a surprising 2-1 win over Port Vale at Vale Park, and the Valiants slipped a bit further down the ladder.

There are relegation battles at Oakwell today where Barnsley entertain Blackpool, and Edgeley Park, Stockport where Walsall are the visitors. High flyers Hull and Brentford meet at the KC Stadium, Luton meet Doncaster at Kenilworth Road and it's top v bottom when Tranmere Rovers take on MK Dons at Prenton Park!

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The draw, for this day to remember, is being sponsored by the CFC Groundstaff Committee, which normally raises money for grounds equipment. The winner will be match mascot for the Torquay United game at Saltergate on Saturday 18 December 2004, and the prize includes a full replica kit, four family stand match tickets, photographs and a goody bag. Visit the Club Shop, which is open on Monday from 9.00am to 5.00pm, to ensure you are in the draw.

## THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

Award winning investigative football journalist David Conn of The Independent is coming to Chesterfield on Monday 6 December 2004. He will be talking about his high-rated football investigations, which unfortunately included Chesterfield in the recent past. The evening, which is limited to just 50, will be held in the Executive Club, Saltergate and costs £15 a head, which includes a copy of David Conn's latest book, 'The Beautiful Game?'. CFSS life members and Spireites World subscribers have been offered first chance to attend, with any remaining places now being offered on a first come first served basis. Contact Howard Borrell on 07904 152 743.

## FREE KIDS TICKETS

The club has been allocated 50 free children's tickets under a reciprocal agreement with Oldham Athletic for the away game at Boundary Park on Tuesday 7 December 2004. They will be distributed by the Chesterfield ticket office from next Monday 29 November 2004, on a first come, first served basis.

## SPIREITES CULT HERO

Chesterfield's all-time Cult Hero has been selected this week thanks to a new feature on BBC TV's Football Focus sports programme. After submitting numerous nominations earlier this season, Chesterfield supporters whittled it down to three main contenders.



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**BOB NEWTON** was a bustling striker who scored around 100 goals in around 100 appearances from 1983 to 1985, and again in 1987. He is soon to appear

in a football legends past and present picture for a 2005 local nude calendar to raise money for Becky Measures' breast cancer charity.



**JAMIE HEWITT** is the local boy made good with around 500 appearances for Chesterfield from 1986 to 1998, plus a testimonial against the Owls in 1998. He famously scored the equalising goal in that breathtaking 1997 FA Cup Semi-Final against Middlesborough. He is currently the club's physio.

Chesterfield's Cult Heroes were featured on last Saturday's Football Focus show, including a special item on Jamie Hewitt, and this has been followed by a national vote by text to find Chesterfield's all-time cult hero. The result is being announced this weekend.

## CLINGAN AND STALLARD TO STAY



Chesterfield FC has extended the loan spells of Wolves midfielder Sammy Clingan (*below*) and Barnsley striker Mark Stallard (*above*) by two more months. This means both players will be staying at Saltergate for a full three months, with Mark Stallard here until 28 December 2004 and Sammy Clingan here until 8 January 2005



very grateful that the Board has had faith to sanction these deals despite the financial challenge involved. I am still hopeful that the club will get some financial assistance from local businesses."

Chesterfield manager Roy McFarland said: "I am delighted that both these players will be with us for a further two months as they provide a very useful depth to the strength of the squad. I am

## JAMAL RETURNS TO CHARLTON



Chesterfield fans have been saying their thanks to Jamal Campbell-Ryce after the tricky young winger returned to Charlton Athletic this week. Jamal, who has 'lifted bums off seats' with his exciting unpredictable play, ended his three-

month loan spell following last Saturday's game at AFC Bournemouth. Speaking on his return to The Valley, Jamal said: "I had a great three months at Chesterfield. I developed a great relationship with the players, the manager and the fans." He added: "I know Chesterfield were keen to progress things further and I haven't shut the door. They were good to me throughout the three months and I really enjoyed my time there, but it's been a bit difficult in terms of seeing my family, which has been very tough." Meanwhile manager Roy McFarland said: "We hope it's not his last game for Chesterfield. We will keep the door ajar."

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DEALS

Two special Christmas deals are now available from the ticket office. Half season tickets for 12 home league games starting with the Boxing Day fixture at Saltergate against table-toppers Luton Town. There is also the special five pack money-off deal for the local derbies at home to Barnsley, Hull City, Sheffield Wednesday, Huddersfield Town and Bradford City. Adults can save £10 on these five premium priced games. Both packages come with a special Spireites Christmas card to make it the ideal Christmas gift.





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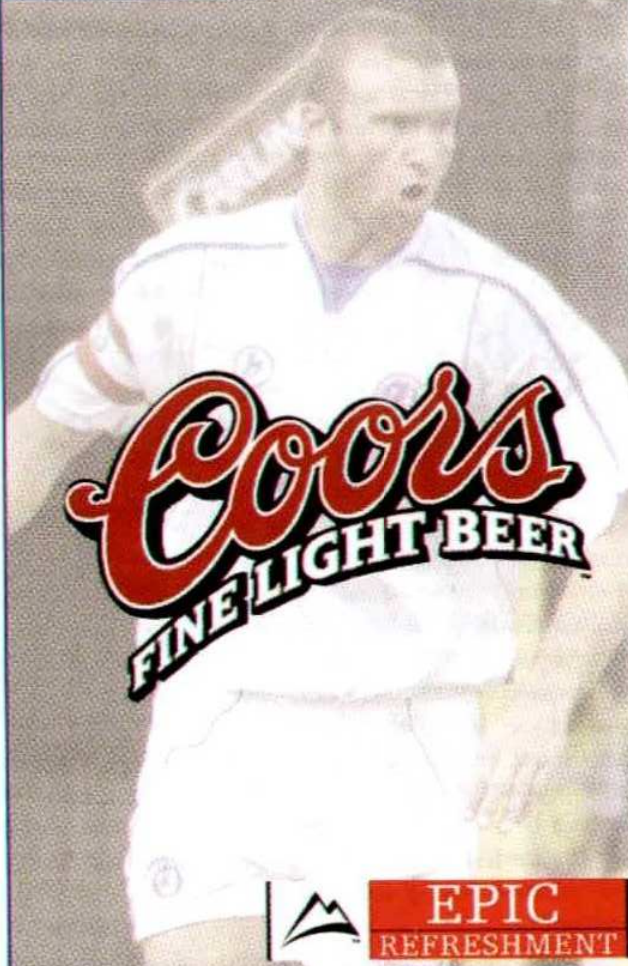


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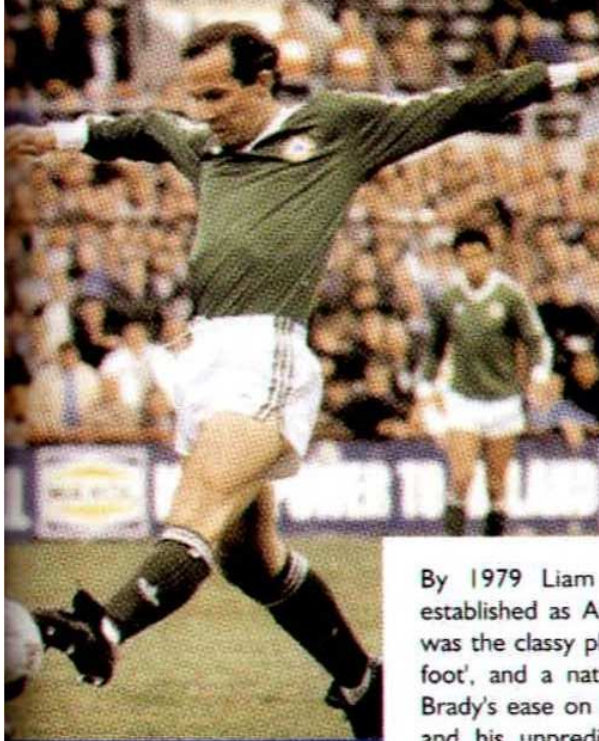


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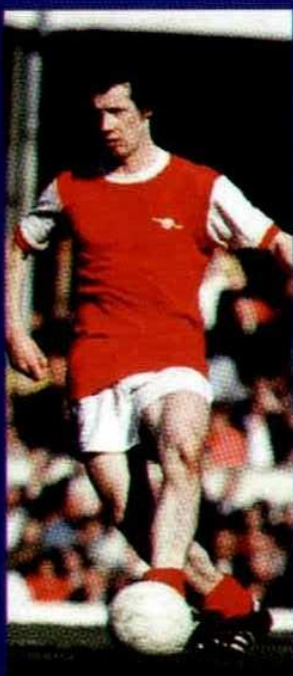


# THE STORY OF THE PFA AWARDS

BY TONY LYNCH

## 1979: LIAM BRADY

### ■ LIAM BRADY



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By 1979 Liam 'Chippy' Brady was well established as Arsenal's midfield general. He was the classy player with the 'educated left-foot', and a natural successor to Alan Ball. Brady's ease on the ball was a joy to behold and his unpredictability kept the Highbury faithful guessing; would he deliver another inch-perfect pass, or would he select something from his dazzling repertoire of skills to beat his man?

Originally spotted as a schoolboy by an Arsenal scout at the start of the Seventies, the Dublin-born Brady was offered a Highbury apprenticeship in 1971. "It was a great place to learn my trade," he recalled. "Arsenal had just done the Double and were the team of the moment."

He made his Gunners debut as a substitute in a 2-0 defeat by Spurs in October 1973 and scored his first Gunners goal against QPR in the last game of the 1972-73 campaign. "Alan Ball had joined by then and several of the double-winning team were still there - Charlie George, Ray Kennedy, Bob Wilson, John Radford, George Armstrong - all smashing players."

Liam's full debut for Ireland came against the USSR in May 1975 and in the course of 72 international appearances he would be recognised everywhere as one of Ireland's finest-ever talents.

In 1977-78 the Gunners were title contenders and FA Cup finalists, but were disappointed in both competitions. Liam's contributions that season had earned him a nomination for the PFA's Young Player of the Year Award, which eventually went to Nottingham Forest's Tony Woodcock.

Brady's 1978-79 season got off to a flying start when he scored twice in Arsenal's 2-2 draw with Leeds. By the turn of the year he was the club's leading scorer with 11 league goals to his name. "I'd had a great run in the previous season, and that continued into '77-78. Those goals obviously helped - you get noticed a lot

more if you're scoring regularly, you're remembered more easily. And it obviously helps if your team is doing well."

Arsenal had booked a table well in advance of the PFA Awards ceremony at the London Hilton on Sunday 18 March, but in the meantime their FA Cup 6th Round meeting with Southampton had been arranged for the next day and they decided not to attend the 'do'. By then Liam knew he was a Player of the Year nominee. "I asked Terry Neill to find out if I'd won. If not, I would have gone to Southampton with the team, but Terry discovered that I was the winner. So, I turned up at the Hilton with my best friend, expecting to be seated at our original table. But because of the cancellations there was only one table available at the back of the room."

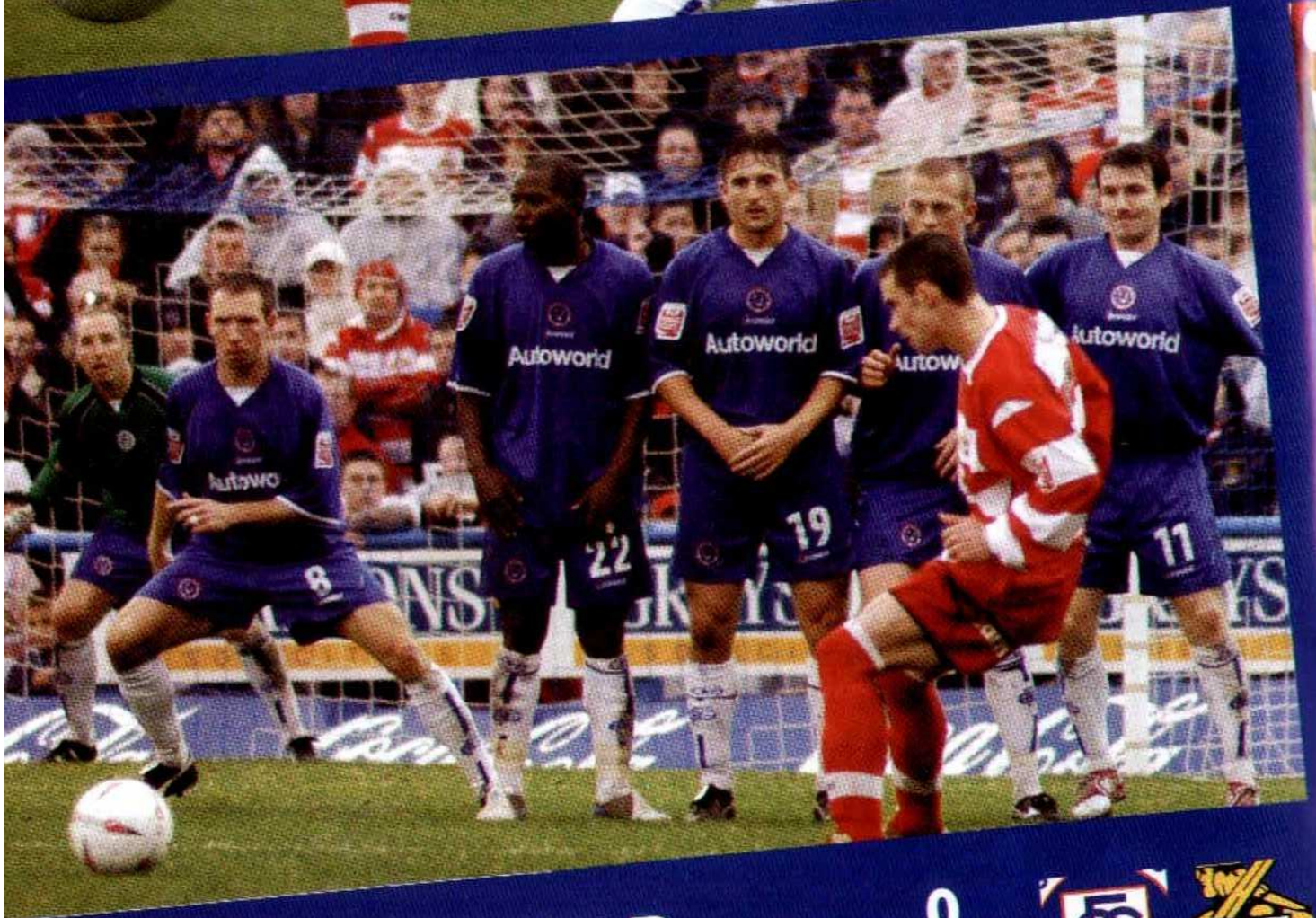
It was a long and winding walk to the stage. When Liam eventually stepped up to receive the trophy from The Rt Hon George Thomas MP, his legendary footwork deserted him and he accidentally nudged the table holding all the Divisional Award medals. "The whole thing was televised and you could clearly see the medals moving behind TV presenter Dickie Davis as he spoke. That little incident raised quite a laugh among my team mates in Southampton."

Still ahead in 1979 was Brady's man of the match performance in the famous 'Five Minute' FA Cup Final. He had a say in both of Arsenal's early goals and, after United dramatically levelled the score with five minutes to go, his quick thinking in the build-up to Alan Sunderland's winning strike helped rescue the result for the Gunners. It was a performance well worthy of his status as the players' own favourite.

West Brom's burly striker Cyrillic Regis won the 1979 PFA Young Player of the Year Award, and the Merit Award was collected by England legend Tom Finney.

NEXT: TERRY McDERMOTT 1980





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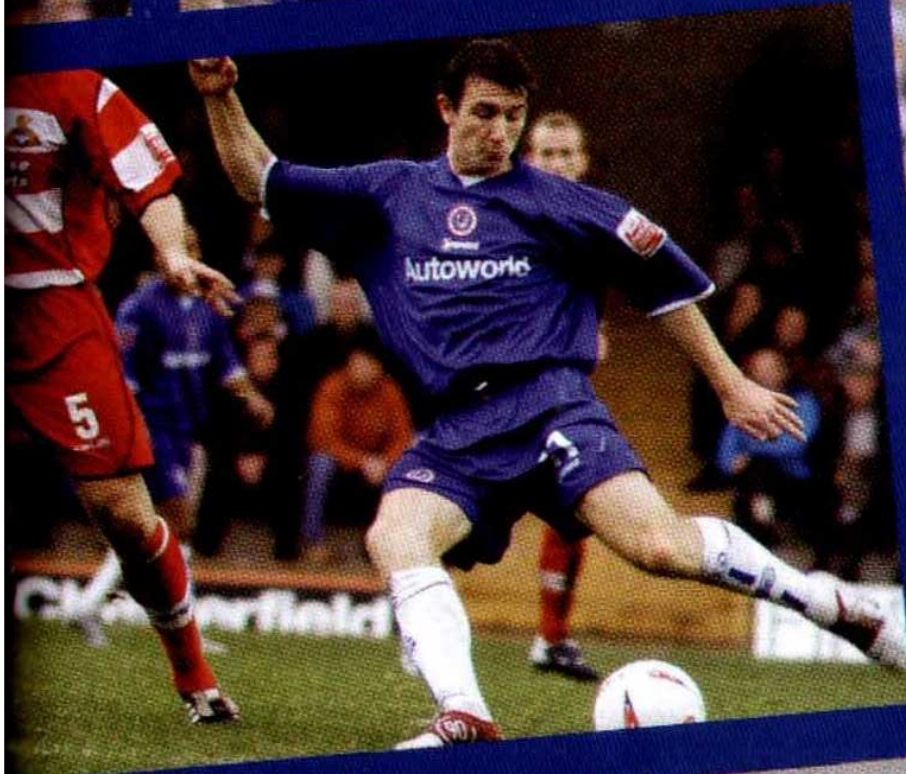
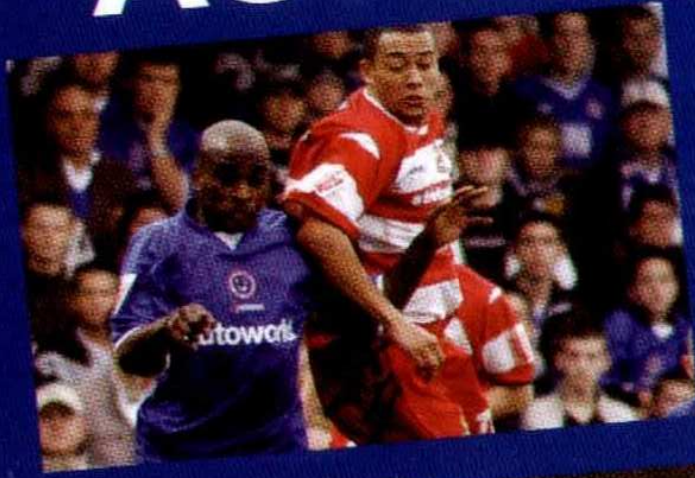
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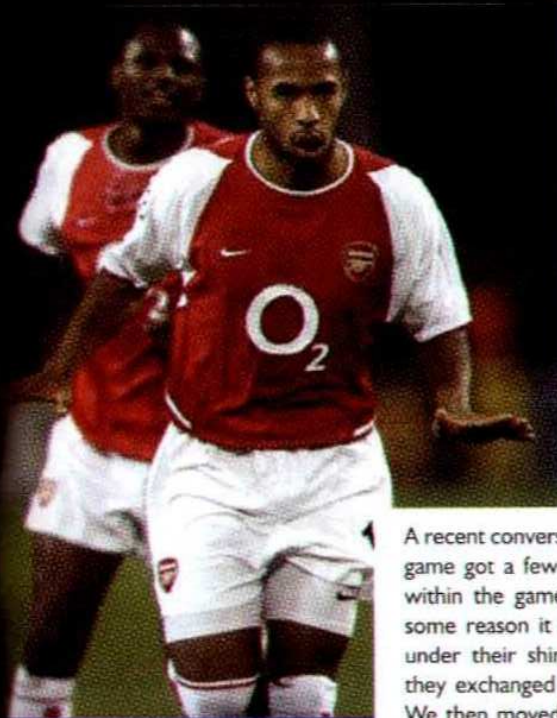
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# FOOTBALL MATTERS

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## THE YEAR OF HIDEOUS NECKS

### ■ THIERRY HENRY

Fashionable with the socks over the knees



### ■ FABIEN BARTHEZ

A recent conversation in a public house after a Town game got a few of us talking about fashion trends within the game—a very serious topic indeed. For some reason it started with Italians wearing vests under their shirts and looking like whimps when they exchanged shirts at the end of internationals. We then moved on to pet likes and dislikes in the ever-changing world of football fashions.

Probably top of my current list of pet hates is this trend over the past 7 years or so of goalkeepers wearing short-sleeved shirts—it just looks wrong and offends the eyesight, particularly with a pair of gloves. Outfield players wearing gloves is another thing that offends, especially with shorts sleeves, and when Marvin Robinson did that last season at Swindon, it had to put an end to his career as a Spireite.

Another one that grates somewhat is the trend of players having their sock tops pulled above the knees in the fashion of Thierry Henry. Now if you're stylish and French and blessed with phenomenal talent, you can just about get away with it, but if you're plying your trade at grounds such as Spotland, Millmoor and Saltergate, it just doesn't go. Down-to-earth manly stuff is what's required here.

That brings me on to alic bands—what's that all about? Middlesbrough keeper Ben Roberts was the first I remember, in our cup semi-final at Old Trafford, to wear one and he's even had a certain England captain also with Old Trafford connections following suit. I know that players who like to sport girly-long locks need to do something so they can keep their hair from their eyes in a game, but couldn't they use something a bit more bloke-like such as a boot lace, like the late Trevor Hockey used to use in his days at Bramall Lane in the early 70s.

Cycle shorts—they're another thing I can't stand on the football pitch, though they did start the trend towards longer playing shorts to hide these offensive articles and I do approve of them. Their forerunners, the very short tight shorts of the 80's were not a top-notch fashion item in my book. In a similar vein, the current Italian-style tight shirts as currently worn by Wales really don't cut the mustard. The theory is fine, that they aren't easy to tug for an opponent, but as a fashion item for the fan, they're a disaster. They just don't disguise the beer-gut, unlike the more prevalent looser-fitting shirts as favoured by most clubs these days. And, let's face it; more beer-gutted chaps wear replica footy shirts than do little kids, unlike the perception

that the media like to perpetuate.

Referees and their sidekicks not wearing black is another fashion of which I don't approve. These people should blend into the background and be anonymous, not high visibility in green or yellow. It's one of the few things I like about the FA Cup—the referees wear black. It doesn't improve their performances, of course, but it does appeal to one's sense of tradition. Tradition leads me onto another piece of fashion nonsense: the yellow ball between November and February. Can any of us ever remember complaints about not being able to see a white ball in the dark winter months? The answer, I'm sure, is a resounding 'no' and I'm convinced that the real reason for their appearance is the hand of commercialism again.

Talking of which, the recent trend of advertising on the back of shorts and shirts is a worry. Though Town's pioneering efforts in this area are tasteful, other clubs' may not be and it's a whole new area of potential degeneration in the fascinating world of football fashion. Not all current trends are bad, however. In recent years kits have improved considerably in the main, since the low days of the 80's when we saw disasters like the Arsenal bird-muck away shirt and Brighton's red and white striped away shorts. Goalie's kits have been the big winner in recent seasons with a return to plainish efforts and this season in particular we've seen many a keeper sporting a plain green jersey. It takes me back to my early days at Saltergate with John Roberts between the posts.

The new-fangled striped socks really aren't the thing though. Our current efforts with one front stripe are tolerable, but overall they're not to be encouraged and I hope they vanish soon. Another aspect to buck the trend of better outfits is the proliferation of hideous necks on shirts in the last year or so. The Manchester United thing with the lop-sided white bit and the Arsenal shirt with no edge at the back of the neck both are examples and look as if the manufacturer ran out of material to finish the shirts off properly. Even worse is the Monaco and Norwich away shirts, both of which have an odd shaped join at one shoulder instead of in the middle. This really is taking things too far! Eufa and FIFA should earn their keep and appoint a taste arbiter, though they almost did when Cameroon were fined for wearing a revolting one-piece thing more suited to Australian track sports than the football pitch.





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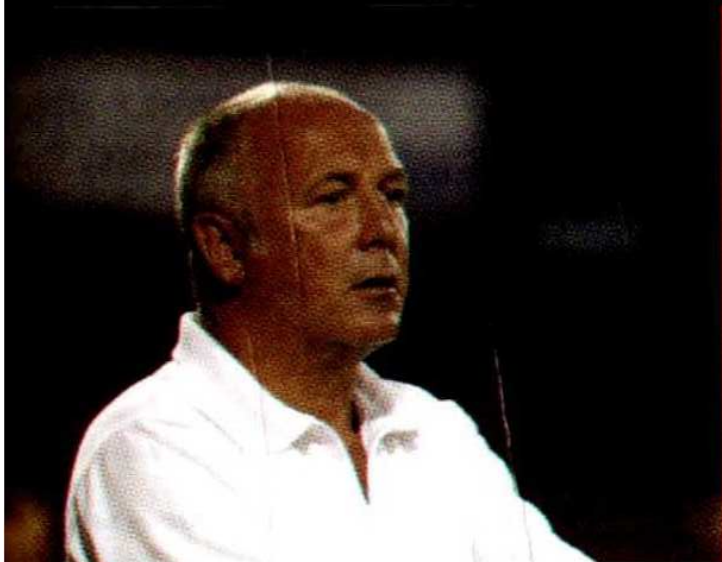


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## ANDY KING

THE ROBIN'S MANAGER

Born in August 1956, in Luton, Andy King made his name as a lively midfielder having joined his home town club in 1974. His next stop was Everton, who he signed for in 1976 for £35,000. He made 150 appearances for The Toffees, scoring an impressive 38 goals in four seasons at Goodison before joining QPR. One season with the Superhoops was followed by another at West Bromwich Albion before a return to Everton for the 1982-83 season, where Andy played a further 43 games and added another 11 goals to his tally for the Toffees. A short period with Dutch side Cambuur followed, before Andy returned to England with Wolves, for whom he played 28 times scoring 10 goals. A very brief spell back at Luton in 1985 (just three appearances) preceded Andy's final move as a player when he joined Aldershot and notched 11 goals in 36 games for the Hampshire side.

Having retired as a player, he turned to coaching, and was given his first managerial appointment at Mansfield Town in 1993 following George Foster's departure. After relegation from Division Two, Mansfield were low on confidence but King managed to steer them to a mid-table finish in his first season at the helm.

The following season saw The Stags in with a chance of promotion back to the Second Division, having finished in 6th place in the table, but they were

beaten in the play-off semi-finals by John Duncan's Chesterfield. Was it 5-2 here in the second leg?

The 1995-96 season saw Mansfield drop down to 19th position in Division Three and Andy was replaced at Field Mill by Steve Parkin. He spent some time out of management but was still involved in the game, and was working with former Everton team-mate Peter Reid at Premiership club Sunderland as a scout when Colin Todd took him to Swindon as his assistant manager in the summer of 2000.

When Todd got the call from Jim Smith to be his assistant at Derby County, King was given the opportunity to impress then chairman Terry Brady, and after four games in charge he was given the job full-time, in November 2000. Swindon struggled to keep themselves out of the relegation zone for most of the season but a win over Peterborough in the penultimate game of their league campaign, coupled with Bristol Rovers loss to Wycombe, ensured their Second Division survival.

The great escape act was not enough to ensure King's survival however. Despite his efforts in keeping The Robins up he was replaced at the County Ground by former Liverpool boss Roy Evans in June 2001. But he was not gone for long. Evans left the club before the end of the year,

after new owners arrived at the County Ground, and Andy King - who had taken legal action against Swindon with regard to his dismissal - was reinstated as manager on in December 2001. King's second spell with Swindon has proved more fruitful. In the following two seasons the manager was able to mould his side into a team capable of challenging for promotion. Built around an enterprising midfield who create plenty of chances for the front men, in 2004, The Robins are enjoying greater success.

With the half a season that Andy King had left in 2001, the manager steered his team to a 13th place finish. In the 2002/2003 season King improved on that to finish 10th. Last season they made the play offs, losing on penalties to Brighton 1 the semi's after The Seagulls had equalised the aggregate scores with a goal in the last minute of injury time at the end of the second leg. Tommy Mooney and Andy Gurney were the two unsuccessful spot kick takers, both players have subsequently moved on!

King was the best performing manager of 2004 from the Premiership and Nationwide League up to March 8th, delivering better results than even Arsene Wenger! He was presented with the League Manager's Association Tissot

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# INTRODUCING

TODAY'S VISITORS SWINDON TOWN

Swindon Town come to Saltersgate today on the crest of a wave and with Manager Andy King's words after their 4-2 victory over high riding Hull City last weekend ringing in the ears of players and fans alike. "This was a fantastic result," King said, "It was a statement about what we can do. It was the best performance of the year because we were up against a very good side. On our day we can match anybody."

Indeed it's now 19 goals in their last 7 matches in League and Cup. The Owls were stuffed 4-1 in the FA Cup seven days before Hull succumbed to the Sam Parkin led strikeforce, the run has brought Cup success and a lofty 7th spot in League One after a slow start to the season.

The Robins lost the first couple of games of the season before on loan Darius Henderson helped to kick start the campaign with 5 goals in 6 League games. Subsequent to his return, King has acquired Christian Roberts from Bristol City and switched to a 3-5-2 formation, the combination of which has seen his side flourish. King calls Parkin, "The best striker in the Division" and sees his partnership with Roberts higher than the Parkin-McKenney show that delivered 43 goals last season. Both players are averaging a goal every two games this term, so his synopsis may well be correct.

This afternoon sees two teams very close together in League One. The Robins are two places but just one point ahead of us, so

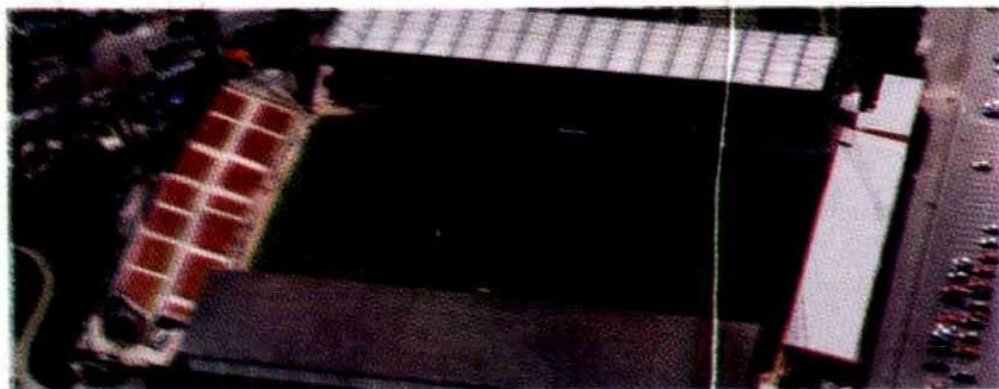
it promises to be a good battle. Games here in recent seasons between the sides have often been memorable, we notched our first League win of the season (3-0) against Swindon in match 14 last term when Marvin Robinson, now with Rushden & Diamonds, grabbing a couple and Jamie Cade, still seeking his first Colchester goal, getting the other. The season before, Swindon easily beat us here, 4-2 in the first home game of the season, and a year earlier we won 4-0 with all the goals coming in the second half. Town have a couple of key players on the treatment table, midfielders Stefani Miglioranza and Matt Hewlett have been missing in recent weeks. Hewlett may be fit to face us this afternoon but King is unlikely to split up his winning formula. Miglioranza's neck problem is less likely to allow him to be available. Despite their success over the last couple of seasons, Swindon have operated with a smallish squad after two visits to the administrators in recent times and a current financial problem as they try to sort out their ground situation for the long term, they're currently working with the Council to try and find a solution that meets everyone's requirements.

However, despite the tight reigns, they have twice found some money in the pot to actually pay transfer fees for players, outside Hull, quite an unusual feature for a League One Club. Big defender Jerrel Mil cost £70,000 in the summer from Watford, he'd had three loan spells with County previously, whilst Roberts cost £20,000 from neighbours Bristol City.

## SAM PARKIN & CHRISTIAN ROBERTS CELEBRATING

League award for the third quarter of the season by Paul Sturrock, who had been the top performer in the Second Quarter. LMA vice-president Lawrie McMenemy, also spokesperson for the Tisoot League, was at the presentation and said: "Andy's done a great job at Swindon taking them back up towards where they belong. He's done it over time with limited resources which just proves again that managers really make a difference but need time to prove it."

King's Assistant is Mike Walsh, a former Everton team mate, he's been Manager at Bury and Southport and the player coach is twin brother of Chesterfield legend David Reeves. Alan Be, Swindon player Fraser Digby, is goalkeeping coach.





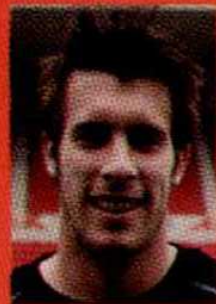
Player	Pos	Age	Previous Clubs	Comments
Rhys <b>EVANS</b>	GK	22	Chelsea, Bristol Rovers (L), QPR (L)	Second season at Swindon from the England U21 keeper who was loaned to Leyton Orient (L U21 keeper who was loaned to the Town
Steve <b>BOOK</b>	GK	35	Brighton & Hove Albion, Lincoln City, Forest Green Rovers, Cheltenham T.	Kept Carl Muggleton on the bench in winter court. Had a season at Cheltenham. England Semi Pro International
Sean <b>O'HANLON</b>	Def	21	Everton	England U20 International in his first full season at Swindon. Tough central defender or full back who scored his first ever goal against Crewe Alexandra
Adrian <b>VIVEASH</b>	Def	35	Swindon Town, Reading (L), Barnsley (L), Walsall, Reading, Oxford Utd (L), Kidderminster H (L)	Experienced centre half who has featured for The Robins this season. Returned from a season on spell at Kidderminster
Steve <b>JENKINS</b>	Def	32	Swansea City, Huddersfield Town,	On loan from Posh, a five times Welsh International full back Birmingham City (L), Cardiff City, or centre half. Has done well at Swindon and the Club wants Notes County, Peterborough Utd to make his move permanent
Jerel <b>IFIL</b>	Def	22	Watford, Huddersfield Town (L), Swindon Town (L)	Three loan spells at Swindon before a £70,000 move in the summer. A tough centre half with a ferocious tackle
Andy <b>NICHOLAS</b>	Def	21	Liverpool	Left sided defender with a long throw and plenty of pace. Made the left back position his own last term but has played infrequently this campaign
Alan <b>REEVES</b>	Def	37	Heswall, Norwich City, Gillingham (L)	Player Coach whose twin brother is Spireites legend David. Chester City, Rochdale, Wimbledon Centre half who is the Club's longest serving player
Matt <b>HEYWOOD</b>	Def	25	Burnley	Superb competitor who's appeared in 40+ League games in his three full seasons with Swindon, though not been a regular this term
Luke <b>GARRARD</b>	Def	19	None	Defender with a couple of League appearances under his belt. Only played in the Carling Cup this term but was a sub last weekend
Grant <b>SMITH</b>	MF	24	Reading, Halifax Town (L), Sheffield Utd, Plymouth Argyle (L)	Used mainly as a sub since joining from The Blades last year. Midfielder who's played as an emergency striker
Matt <b>HEWLETT</b>	MF	28	Bristol City, Burnley (L)	Club Captain, but has been missing recently due to a neck injury. May be fit but if so, is likely to be on the bench
Sammy <b>IGOE</b>	MF	29	Portsmouth, Reading, Luton Town (L)	Right sided runner who can shoot and score. Small and quick, this is his second season at Swindon
Stefani <b>MIGLIORANZI</b>	MF	27	St Johns University (USA), Portsmouth	Brazilian born American with an Italian passport, he's unlikely to play today due to injury, which has plagued him in his time at Swindon
David <b>DUKE</b>	MF	26	Redby CA, Sunderland	Right footed left sided player now in his 5th season at Swindon. Ever present this season
Steve <b>ROBINSON</b>	MF	29	Birmingham City, Peterborough Utd(L)	Tough tackler who cost £50,000 in Feb 2001. Back after breaking a leg last season
Brian <b>HOWARD</b>	MF	21	Southampton	Midfielder who prefers to work left of centre, he's bagged 5 goals this season and is ever present
Michael <b>POOK</b>	MF	18	None	Yet to play in the League, this young player has appeared in the Carling Cup this season
Andy <b>CATON</b>	MF	16	None	Scored on his debut at the start of this season, though he's only started in the LDV competition
Rory <b>FALLON</b>	For	22	Barnsley, Shrewsbury Town (L)	Joined last season and has scored frequently but is often overlooked as Parkin and Roberts mostly get the nod
Sam <b>PARKIN</b>	For	23	Chelsea, Millwall (L), Wycombe W (L), Oldham Ath. (L), Northampton T. (L)	Superb striker with 52 League goals in less than 100 appearances. Scored a hat trick here two seasons ago
Christian <b>ROBERTS</b>	For	25	Cardiff City, Exeter City, Bristol City	Let go by Bristol City last month despite being a regular in his two full seasons there. Tricky and powerful frontman



# THE DANGERMEN

## THE FOUR TO WATCH

### KEEPER RHYS EVANS



The promising young keeper 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 then 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 U21 side against Serbia, though he was subsequently released by Chelsea last year. Town manager Andy King swooped for the young keeper to give then first choice keeper Bart Griemink more competition for the number one shirt at Swindon Town. Since then Evans has been a regular between the posts for Town and has turned in many match saving performances. He made 43 first team appearances last term is ever present this season despite the experienced Steve Book replacing Griemink as his competition.

### HOTSHOT SAM PARKIN



Striker who joined the club from Chelsea in 2002. However, whilst at Stamford Bridge 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 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 after having a trial with Queens Park Rangers. Scored twice in 13 games for the Chairboys, but eventually went on loan to Oldham before joining Northampton, again on loan, in 2001. 'Super Sammy Parkin' more than repaid 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 romped away with the majority of trophies when the clubs 'Player of the Year' awards were handed out in 2002-2003. Parkin enjoyed another good season in front of goal last campaign and will be hoping to continue his excellent scoring ratio for Swindon Town.

### STOPPER MATT HEYWOOD



Last season was another consistent one for Town's most effective defender of recent seasons, 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. The tall defender signed an extension to his contract last season, much to the delight of the fans and he has showed the same strength and commitment during the course of last season. Strong in the tackle and good in the air, Heywood is proving to be a great asset to the club. It is no coincidence that Town's defensive record improved dramatically following his arrival and whilst he may not have scored as many goals as he would have liked, he can prove effective went sent forward as an extra body in the box. Featured rarely early on this season, but King's switch to three centre backs has brought him back to the fore.

### CREATOR SAMMY IGOE



After making his way up through the ranks at Portsmouth, 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. Sammy eventually joined Luton on loan 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. Last season he brought a fresh enthusiasm to the Town side and quickly became a crowd favourite with his quick feet, skills and turn of pace. Capable of chipping in with goals, and making decisive contributions in the middle of the park, he is always a threat to the opposition.



## FORM GUIDE

Swindon have won two travelling League One games this term, at two tricky venues, Bristol City (2-1) in August and they won 1-0 at Colchester United back on 4th September, so road three pointers for close on three months. They have won away Cup games at Rushden & Diamonds (Carling) and Exeter (LDV). They host Notts in the FA Cup 2nd round next week having disposed of Sheffield Wednesday (4-1) a fortnight ago. Goals have been plentiful in recent games, 4,4,1,2,3,3 and 2 have been registered in their last seven games in League & Cup. Hull City were beaten 4-2 at The County Ground last week, prompting Manager King to proclaim it as the best show of the season. Away games recently have seen losses at Tranmere and Port Vale with draws coming at Barnsley, Stockport and Blackpool giving a ten match run of: **WWLWDWDLWD**.

## INS & OUTS

Swindon boss Andy King has had to work under tough financial conditions in the last couple of seasons with his squad size diminishing accordingly, and with loan players supplementing when required. Been and gone on loan this term have been Gillingham's **DARIUS HENDERSON**, Spurs' **MARK YEATES**, **PAUL MITCHELL** from Wigan and The Wizard of Oz himself, **JAMIE McMASTER**. Currently in loan, but hoping to sign permanently is experienced Peterborough defender **STEVE JENKINS**. **ADIE VIVEASH** is back at Swindon after a loan spell at lowly Kidderminster. Several bit part players were freed in the summer, **IAN HERRING**, **SEB RUSTER**, **JON STEVENSON** and **BEN MARTIN** all played in the first team last term, though not much. **LLOYD OPARA** came in and rapidly out again from non league Grays Athletic. However the "main moves" have seen three in and three out. Keeper **STEVE BOOK** (Cheltenham) replaced Southend bound **BART GRIEMINK** as back up to Rhys Evans, **CHRIS ROBERTS** (Bristol City) came in last month to fill the gap left by summer leaver **TOMMY MOONEY** (Oxford) whilst defender **ANDY GURNEY** left to join Swansea to be replaced by **JEREL IFIL** from Watford.



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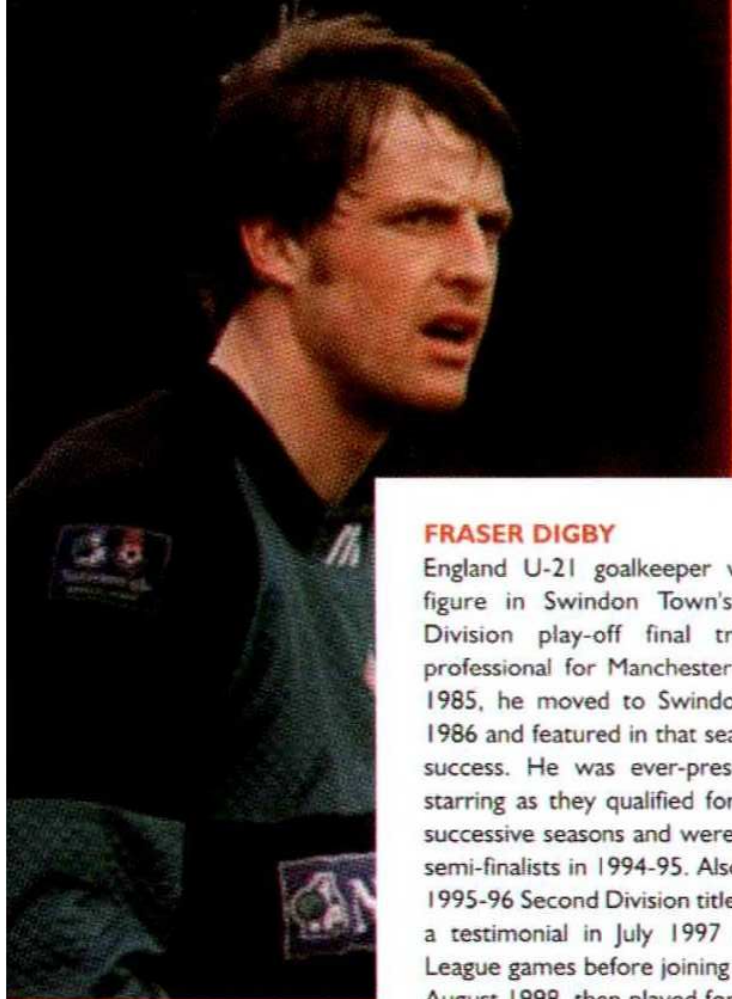
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■ FRASER DIGBY

#### 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.

#### 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





## DREAM TEAM

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

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.

### 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.

### 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

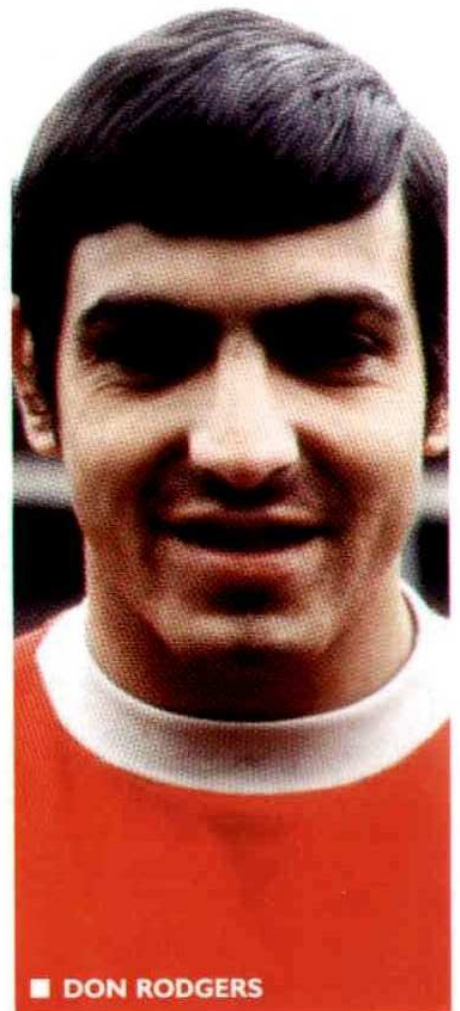
England U-21 international striker who was Swindon Town's leading goalscorer in two consecutive seasons. He was Swindon's youngest League player at 16 years 107 days against Hull City in November 1980 and netted 38 goals in 95 League games while at the County Ground before joining Aston Villa in June 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.



■ DON RODGERS



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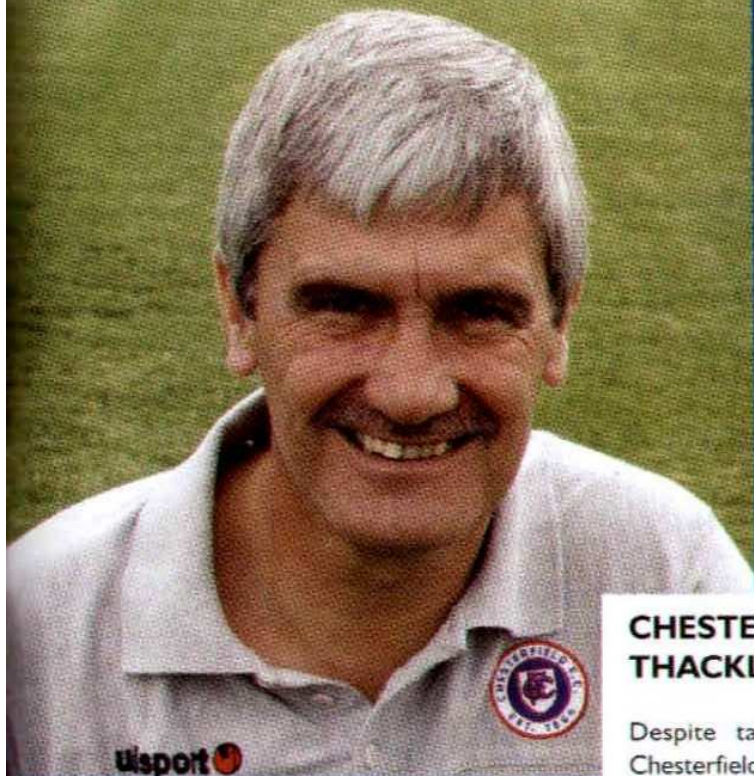
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## YOUTH ALLIANCE FIXTURES

### 2004-2005

#### AUGUST

Sat 14	WREXHAM	3-3
Sat 21	Rotherham Utd	1-2

#### SEPTEMBER

Sat 4	CHESTER CITY	12.00
Wed 8	WEST BROM (MYC)	3-3 (lost 4-3 on penalties)
Sat 11	MACCLESFIELD T.	11.00
Sat 25	MANSFIELD TOWN	11.00

#### OCTOBER

Sat 2	SCUNTHORPE UTD	5-5
	CUP R1 (Won 5-4 Pens)	
Sat 9	Shrewsbury Town	5-0
Sat 16	NOTTS COUNTY	4-4
Sat 23	Port Vale	1-1
Sat 30	Macclesfield Town	3-1

#### NOVEMBER

Mon 8	THACKLEY (FAYC)	1-2
Sat 13	Mansfield Town	0-1
Sat 20	SHREWSBURY T.	11.00
Sat 27	CUP R2	

#### DECEMBER

Sat 4	Notts. County	11.00
Sat 11	PORT VALE	11.00
Sat 18	Wrexham	12.00

#### JANUARY

Sat 15	ROTHERHAM UTD	11.00
Sat 22	Chester City	12.00
Sat 29	CUP R3	

<b>CHESTERFIELD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>CHESTERFIELD</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>THACKLEY</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>MANSFIELD</b>	<b>1</b>

Despite taking a half-time lead, Chesterfield's U18's conceded two late goals to go out of the FA Youth Cup in the first round.

A lively Thackley side may have considered themselves a tad unlucky to go in at the break a goal down after conceding a penalty on the stroke of half-time. Michael Bunn scored for Chesterfield from the penalty spot. Thackley, from near Leeds, were cheered on by a large contingent of travelling supporters who were not disappointed when a deserved equaliser came late in the game.

A shot on goal took a wicked deflection to deceive the Chesterfield goalkeeper and flew into the top corner.† In a ding-dong half Chesterfield had their chances, best from Jamie Donnelly, but the visitors always seemed to have the edge. A breakaway almost on full-time left the goalkeeper fully exposed and the Thackley lad rifled the ball into the net for the winning goal

There were wild celebrations from players and fans alike, which were then repeated minutes later on the final whistle. A good entertaining game at Saltergate with both sides giving it their best†shot.

Thackley now go on to face either Rushden and Diamonds or Port Vale in the second round of the FA Youth Cup.

In our local derby game against Mansfield Town we again put in a very poor performance.

Our work ethic was well under par with far too many individuals under achieving when in possession and not showing enough pride in their own performance. Young Nick Davies has come into the team and shown that he can handle the step up from the under 16 team and has come out of both his games with credit.

Fox was unlucky after only 6 minutes his shot was blocked on line. We failed to get to grips with the game and it became a very scrappy affair: Mansfield created a few chances but failed to capitalise but were always likely to score with our side playing as they were. The game went in the same vein until Mansfield scored on 86 minutes. A very poor performance with lack of passion and pride.

Enjoy the game.  
**DAVE BENTLEY**





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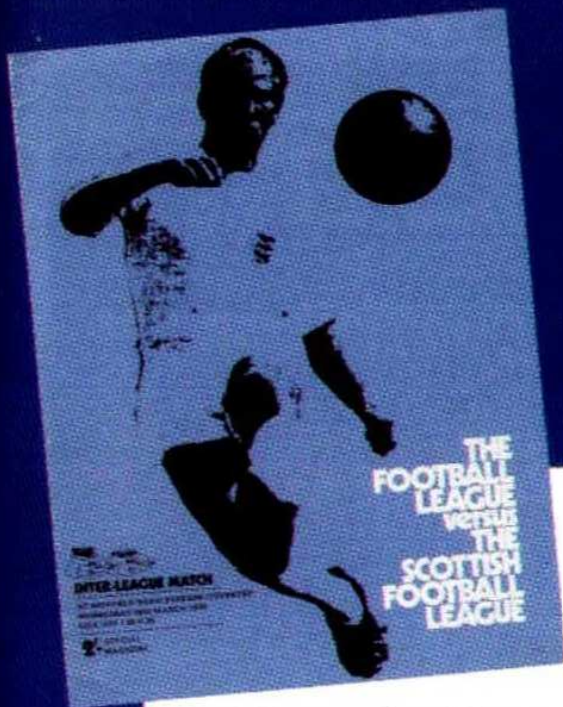
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# PROGRAMME COLLECTING

THE CHANGING SHAPE OF FOOTBALL PROGRAMMES

## IN A DIFFERENT LEAGUE

Dublin) also took part in this round of fixtures, and from a programme point of view the interesting aspect was that the host clubs produced some very individual and idiosyncratic programmes.

When the Football League entertained the Irish League in 1960, the chosen venue was Blackpool's Bloomfield Road. The host club produced the programme, stripping out the usual advertising (thus reducing it to eight pages) but leaving the usual cover design in place. A further concession to the representative fixture was that the programme was printed in green ink.

Most of the time, the International team managers were invited to pick the League selects, and they were used as virtual trial matches for the real thing. At Blackpool in 1960, however, we find a Football League team which included Manchester City's German goalkeeper Bert Trautmann, Scots Dave Mackay and John White of Spurs and Denis Law of Manchester City, Irishman Danny Blanchflower of Spurs and his club team mate, Welshman Cliff Jones.

Not to be out-done, the Irish League included former Liverpool centre half Geoff Twentyman and that very English centre forward, Jackie Milburn, then with Linfield.

Occasionally, matches were arranged outwith the familiar quartet. The Italian Football League played a series of fixtures in

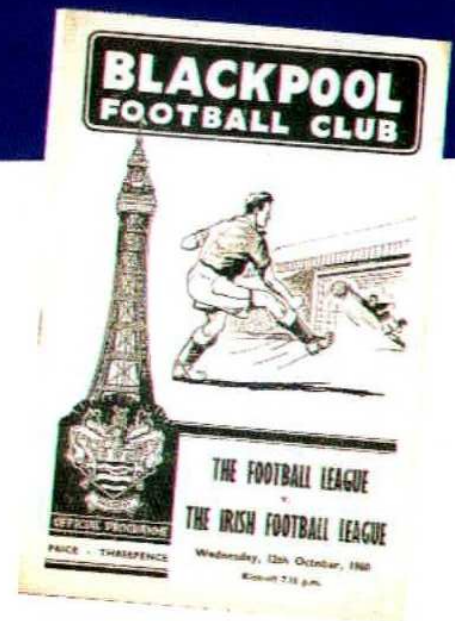
Football League v Scottish League at Coventry 18th March 1970.

International football is still played, in a recognisable form, 132 years after it was launched when Scotland met England at Hamilton Crescent in Glasgow in 1872. In a changing world, new countries have been formed, and compete in UEFA and FIFA competitions; the home international tournament has gone; and the European Championships and the World Cup are now major features in the football calendar. In essence, however, countries still pick the best of their native players, and pit them against the selections of other nations.

Schools football is still played at International level, as are professional youth matches and Under 21 games (although they have evolved from Under 23). The one casualty in the modernisation of representative football has been the Inter League tournament.

This were played on an annual basis, in a mirror image of the Home International tournament. In the season in which England played Scotland at Wembley, the inter-league match would be played in Scotland, and vice versa, although there was a welcome policy of staging the matches at various club grounds throughout England.

The (Northern) Irish League and League of Ireland (headquartered in



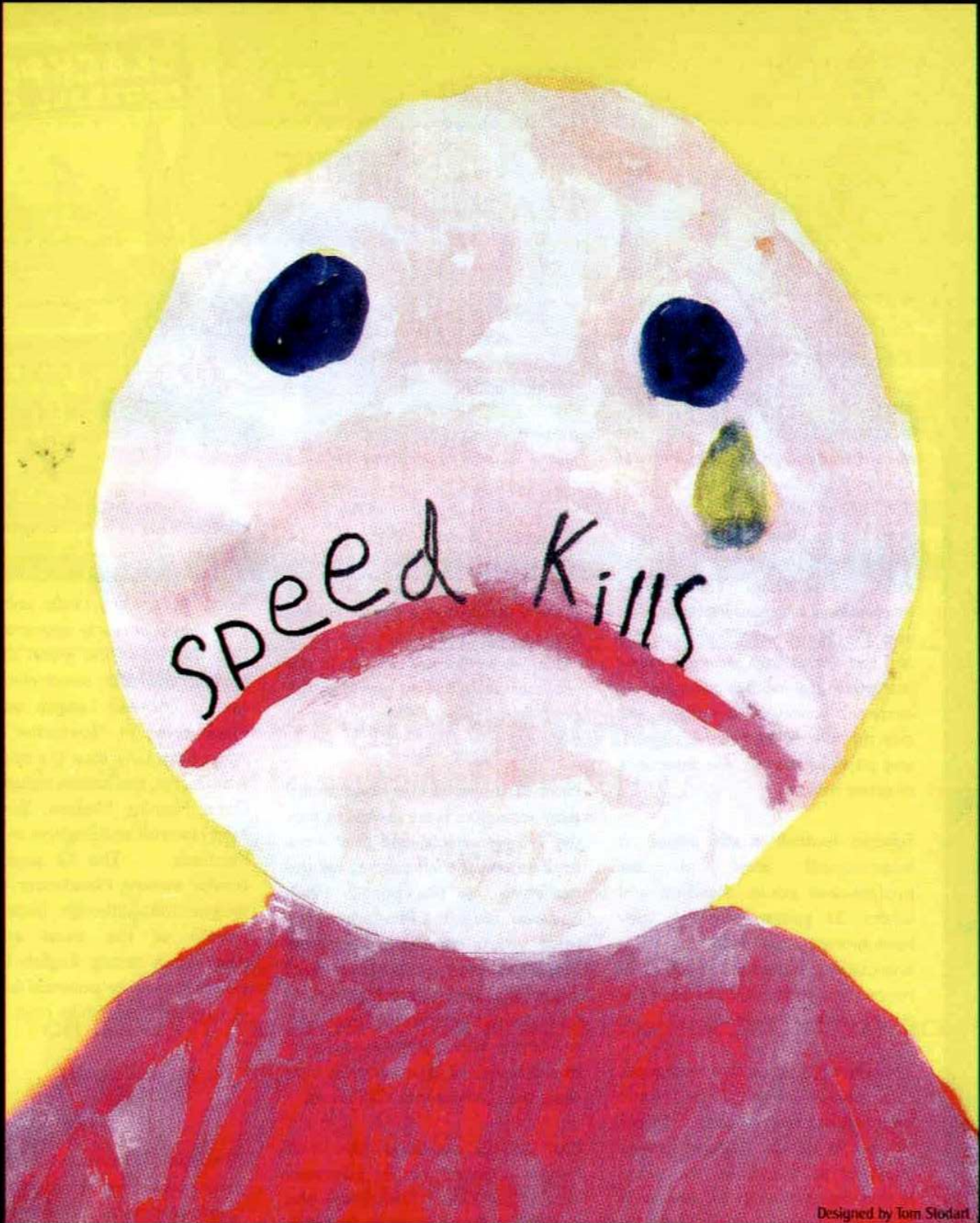
Football League v Irish League at Blackpool 1960

Britain in the early 1960s, and Denis Law made an early appearance at Old Trafford in the green and red shirts of the Italian select when they met a Football League team in Manchester in November 1961. Apart from Law, then in a brief spell with Torino, the Italians included the Dane Fleming Nielsen, Swedens Kurt Hamrun and Englishman Gerry Hitchens. The 12 page, very familiar looking Manchester United programme (although once again devoid of the usual adverts) disclosed a strong English League side of current or potential full caps, all resolutely English by birth.

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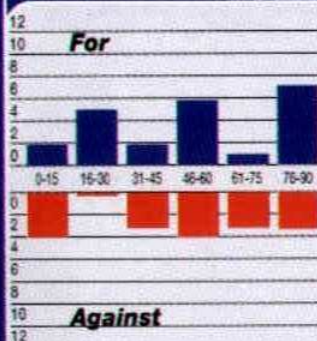




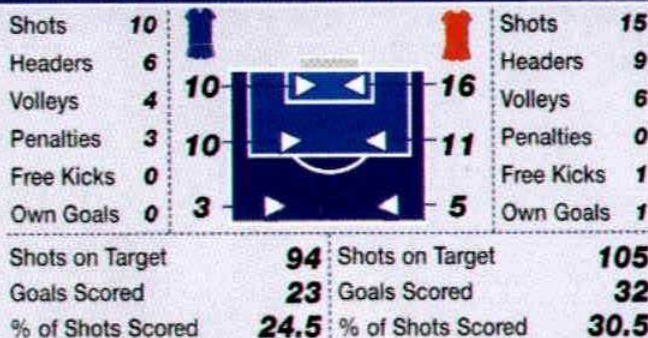
# Chesterfield v Swindon



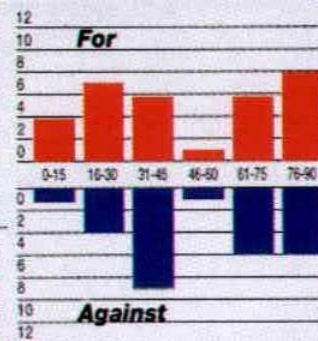
## When Scored



## How & Where Goals Scored



## When Scored



## Discipline

Red Cards	3
Yellow Cards	25
Fouls Committed	243
Average per Game	13.5
Conceded from Free Kick	1
Fouls Suffered	248
Average per Game	13.78
Scored from Free Kick	3
Caught Offside	75
Average per Game	4.17

## Top Scorers in each Category

Blatnick, N'Toya-Zoa	2	Headed goals	Parkin	4
Clingan	2	Long range shots	Howard, Igoe	2
Folan	4	Inside 6 yards	Parkin	3
N'Toya-Zoa	4	Shots from 6-18 yards	Parkin, Roberts	2
4 players	1	Volleyed shots	Parkin	2
Nicholson	3	Penalties	none	
N'Toya-Zoa	3	Scored 1st Goal in match	Parkin	3
Folan	2	Most goals in last 10	Parkin, Roberts	2
N'Toya-Zoa	8.25	Points gained from goals	Parkin	8.33

## Discipline

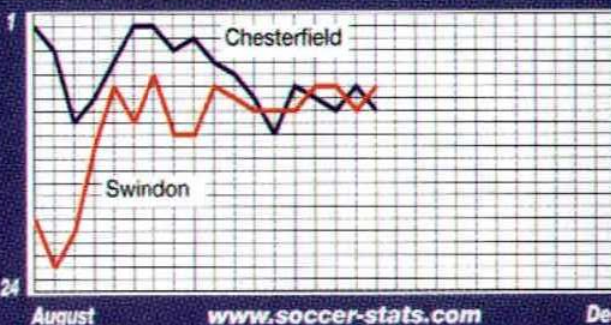
Red Cards	2
Yellow Cards	23
Fouls Committed	235
Average per Game	13.06
Conceded from Free Kick	3
Fouls Suffered	201
Average per Game	11.17
Scored from Free Kick	5
Caught Offside	44
Average per Game	2.44

## Last 6 & Swings

Opponents	H/A	Score
Bournemouth	A	0-0
Blackpool	H	1-0
Sheff Wed	A	2-2
Doncaster	H	0-0
Stockport	H	4-0
Hartlepool	A	2-3

Won when Behind: 1  
 Drawn when Behind: 2  
 Drawn when Ahead: 2  
 Lost when Ahead: 0

## Seasonal Progress Comparison



## Last 6 & Swings

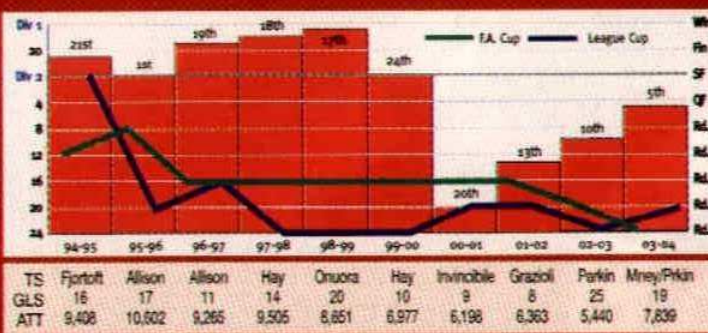
Opponents	H/A	Score
Hull	H	4-2
Tranmere	A	1-2
Torquay	H	3-3
Sheff Wed	H	3-2
Barnsley	A	2-2
Port Vale	A	0-1

Won when Behind: 1  
 Drawn when Behind: 3  
 Drawn when Ahead: 3  
 Lost when Ahead: 1

## Swindon's Last 10 Years

Games Played	566
Won	185
Drawn	155
Lost	226
Goals Scored	697
Goals Conceded	837
Points Total	710
Biggest Win	6-0 Huddersfield 96/97
Heaviest Defeat	0-7 Bolton 96/97

n.b. stats from 92-93 to present



## Top Scorers

Sam Parkin	52
Wayne Allison	31
Chris Hay	30
Jan-Aage Fjortoft	27
Peter Thorne	27
Paul Bodin	26
Shaun Taylor	26
Iffy Onuora	25
Mark Walters	25
Andy Gurney	22

n.b. scorers from 92-93 to present





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# League 1 Stats

## Where, how & when goals scored



## Goals scored in last 15 minutes

FOR	76-90	Total	%	AGAINST	76-90	Total	%
Bradford	11	30	36.7	Bradford	10	26	38.5
Stockport	6	17	35.3	Tranmere	7	20	35.0
Hartlepool	9	26	34.6	Sheff Wed	8	23	34.8
Chesterfield	7	23	30.4	Barnsley	8	26	30.8
Bristol City	11	37	29.7	Hull	8	26	30.8
Colchester	7	26	26.9	Colchester	6	22	27.3
Swindon	8	32	25.0	Bournemouth	5	21	23.8
MK Dons	5	21	23.8	Blackpool	6	26	23.1
Walsall	6	26	23.1	Swindon	6	27	22.2
Oldham	5	24	20.8	Bristol City	5	24	20.8

## Close range goals      Headed goals

Scored from inside 6 yard box			Scored from headers		
Player	Club	Goals	Player	Club	Goals
Howard	Luton	8	Howard	Luton	7
Hayter	Bournemouth	5	McLeod	MK Dons	6
Parkin	Swindon	4	Burton	Brentford	4
Beckett	Stockport	3	Folan	Chesterfield	4
Brkovic	Luton	3	Hayter	Bournemouth	4
Burton	Brentford	3	Henderson	Swindon	4
Clarke A	Peterborough	3	Brkovic	Luton	3
Feeney	Stockport	3	Chopra	Barnsley	3
McLeod	MK Dons	3	Elliott	Hull	3
Murphy	Blackpool	3	MacLean	Sheff Wed	3
Paynter	Port Vale	3	McIndoe	Doncaster	3
Platt	Peterborough	3	Murphy	Blackpool	3
Wetherall	Bradford	3	Parkin	Swindon	3
			Platt	Peterborough	3
			Rankin	Brentford	3

## Goalkeeping and goalscoring

Best goalkeeping ratio Colchester United		Worst goalkeeping ratio Sheffield Wednesday	
	Goals Conceded <b>22</b>		Goals Conceded <b>23</b>
	Opp Shots ON Target <b>132</b>		Opp Shots ON Target <b>68</b>
	% of Shots Saved <b>83.3</b>		% of Shots Saved <b>66.2</b>
Best strike ratio Tranmere Rovers		Worst strike ratio Stockport County	
	Goals Scored <b>27</b>		Goals Scored <b>17</b>
	Shots ON Target <b>79</b>		Shots ON Target <b>93</b>
	% of Shots Scored <b>34.2</b>		% of Shots Scored <b>18.3</b>

## Margins of victory & defeat

WON by	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4+ gls	LOST by	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4+ gls
Luton	7	2	2	2	Stockport	5	3	2	2
Bradford	7	2	1	0	MK Dons	5	2	3	0
Hull	6	2	2	0	Oldham	5	4	0	0
Tranmere	7	3	0	0	Peterborough	9	0	0	0
Bournemouth	6	1	0	2	Port Vale	6	0	2	1
Brentford	6	1	1	0	Barnsley	7	1	0	0
Bristol City	2	2	2	2	Blackpool	5	2	0	1
Hartlepool	5	2	1	0	Hartlepool	3	2	3	0
Swindon	6	1	1	0	Colchester	7	0	0	0
Chesterfield	5	1	0	1	Torquay	4	1	2	0
Doncaster	3	4	0	0	Walsall	3	4	0	0
Huddersfield	3	2	1	1	Bradford	4	1	0	1
Port Vale	4	2	1	0	Brentford	2	1	3	0
Sheff Wed	3	2	2	0	Doncaster	2	2	1	1
Colchester	3	1	2	0	Huddersfield	3	3	0	0
Oldham	3	1	1	0	Hull	2	3	0	1
Walsall	4	1	0	0	Swindon	6	0	0	0
Wrexham	5	0	0	0	Wrexham	3	1	1	1
Barnsley	2	2	0	0	Bournemouth	3	2	0	0
Blackpool	2	0	2	0	Chesterfield	5	0	0	0
Peterborough	2	0	2	0	Sheff Wed	2	2	1	0
Torquay	2	2	0	0	Bristol City	2	0	2	0
MK Dons	2	1	0	0	Luton	1	1	1	0
Stockport	1	0	0	1	Tranmere	2	0	0	1

## Football League 1 records

Highest Gate	26,264	Sheff Wed v Huddersfield
Lowest Gate	2,866	Colchester v Wrexham
Aggregate Attendance	1,629,883	
Average Attendance	7,581	
Biggest Home Win	Bournemouth 5-0 Doncaster	
	Bristol City 5-0 Stockport	
Biggest Away Win	Blackpool 0-4 Stockport	
Biggest Aggregate Score	Tranmere 4-5 Bradford	
Total Games	215	
Home Wins	105 (49%)	
Away Wins	56 (26%)	
Draws	54 (25%)	
1-1 Draws	22 (10%)	
0-0 Draws	16 (7%)	
Consecutive Wins	Luton .....6	
Games Unbeaten	Luton .....12	
Consecutive Defeats	MK Dons, Port Vale .....4	
Games with no win	Stockport .....9	

## Comebacks & throwaways

WON from	-3	-2	-1	Total	LOST from	+3	+2	+1	Total
Walsall	0	1	2	3	Barnsley	0	0	4	4
Hull	0	0	3	3	Hartlepool	0	0	3	3
Luton	0	0	3	3	Oldham	0	0	3	3
Port Vale	0	0	3	3	Peterborough	0	0	3	3
Oldham	0	1	1	2	MK Dons	0	0	3	3
Bournemouth	0	0	2	2	Bradford	0	1	1	2
Blackpool	0	0	2	2	Walsall	0	1	1	2
Brentford	0	0	2	2	Colchester	0	0	2	2
Hartlepool	0	0	2	2	Doncaster	0	0	2	2
DRAWN from	-3	-2	-1	Total	DRAWN from	+3	+2	+1	Total
MK Dons	0	1	3	4	Torquay	0	1	3	4
Bristol City	0	1	2	3	Barnsley	0	0	4	4
Torquay	0	1	2	3	Sheff Wed	0	0	4	4
Swindon	0	0	3	3	Swindon	1	1	1	3
Walsall	0	0	3	3	Blackpool	0	1	2	3
					Wrexham	0	1	2	3
					Bristol City	0	0	3	3
					Peterborough	0	0	3	3



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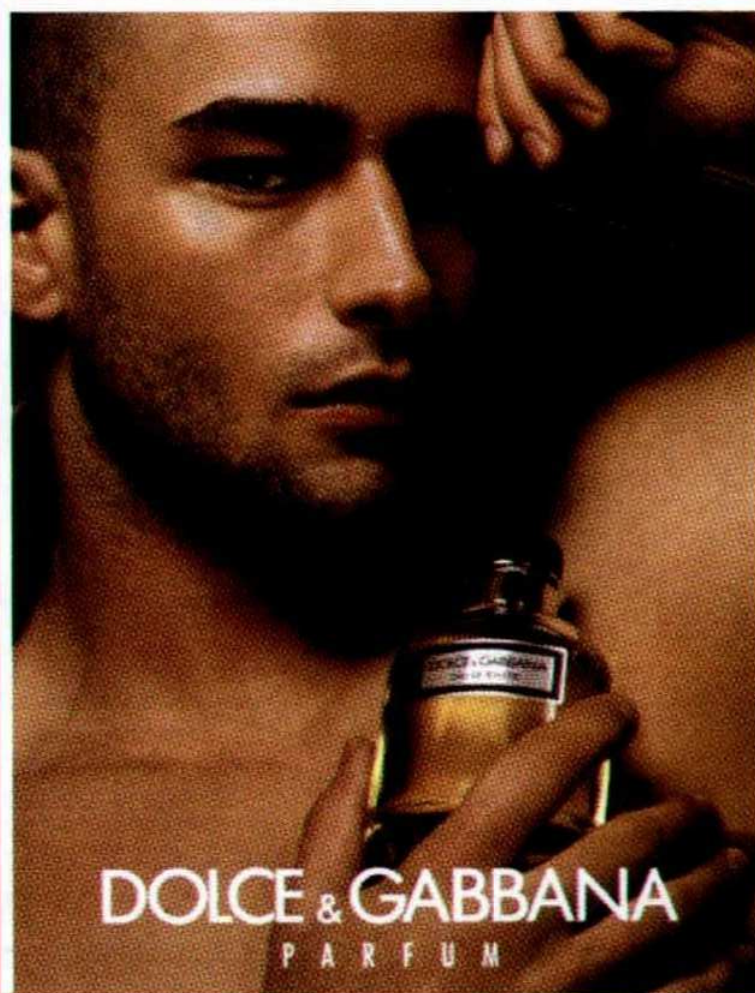
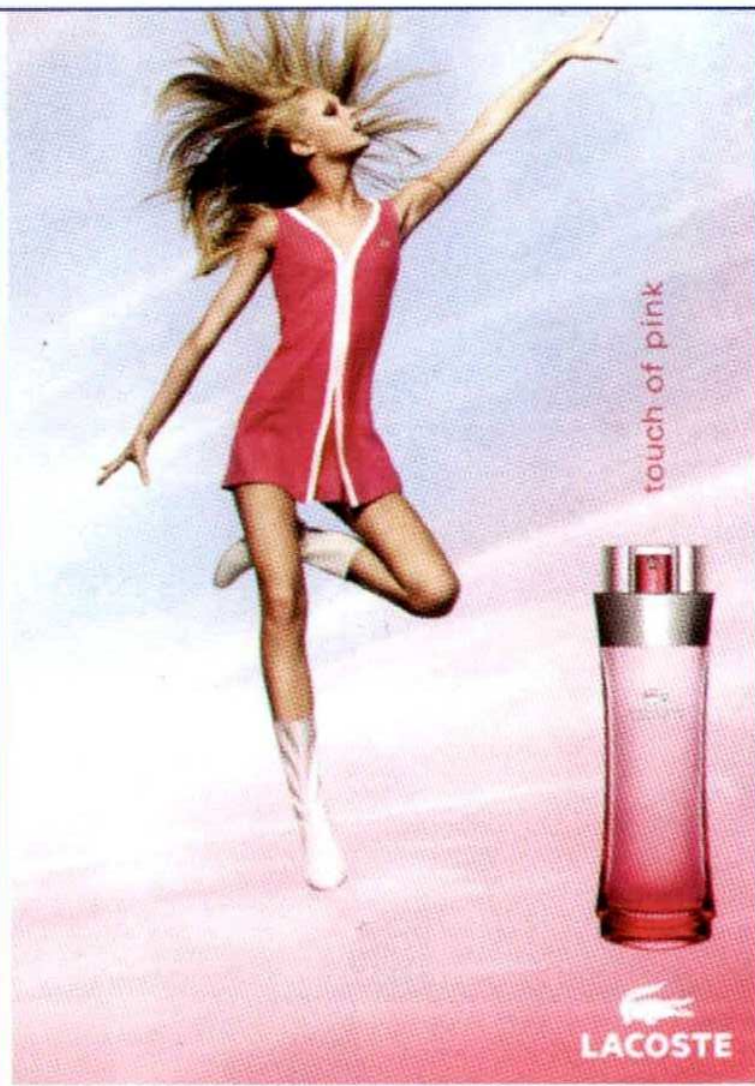


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# CFSS NEWS

WITH PHIL TOOLEY



## CONN MAN AT SALTERGATE

David Conn, the award winning Independent Journalist and Author has agreed to come to Saltergate and talk to supporters on Monday 6th December starting at 8.30pm in the Executive Club. David, who was unable to attend our AGM recently, will no doubt tell us of some horrendous tales with regard to how clubs have been run up and down the Country. Cost of the evening is £15 per person which includes a copy of his latest book, *The Beautiful Game?* Booking in advance is essential as there is a limit of 50 for the event. Either e mail us on [cfssmail@aol.com](mailto:cfssmail@aol.com) or telephone us on 07949 391172 to book.

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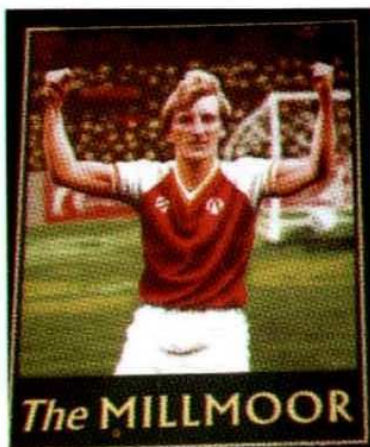
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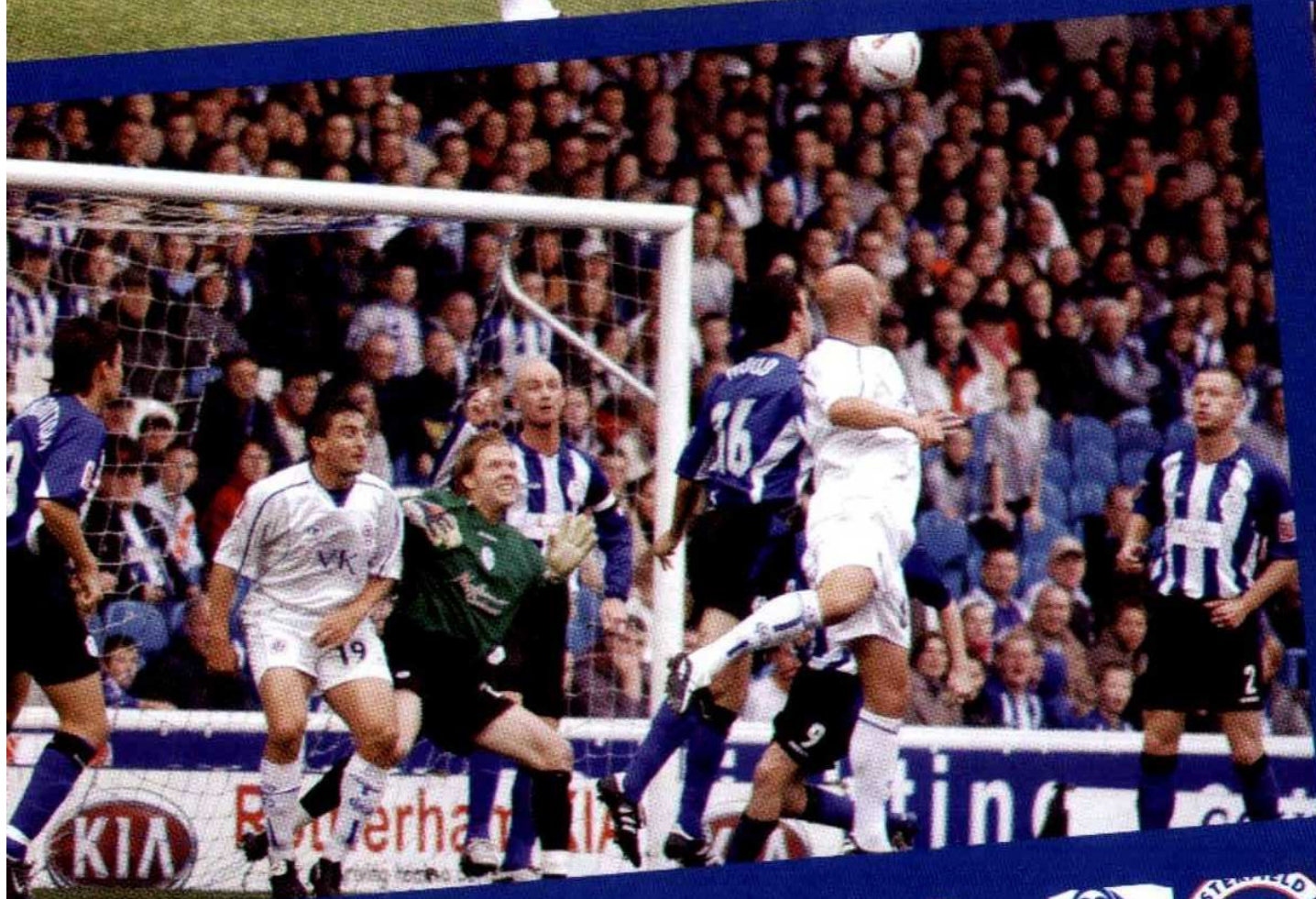


*The new pub sign next door to the Ground hasn't brought any luck (or buyers)*

There are now 122 Trusts like CFSS around Great Britain, Shareholders United have received the most publicity of late as they help Manchester United fend off the unwanted attentions of American tycoon Malcolm Glazer. The Trust controls a significant proportion of shares itself and having seen off Rupert Murdoch a few years ago, they're hoping to repeat the achievement again. Wrexham Supporters Trust is supporting the Club's possible move into administration. Club & Ground owner Alex Hamilton recently resigned from the Board which enabled the two remaining Directors to make the move. Hamilton has issued notice to the Club to quit the Racecourse Ground next summer, though the Trust is confident that there have

been irregularities in the way the ground was transferred from previous owners, Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries to the Club and them immediately on to a Company named Damens Ltd, controlled by Hamilton, so it is confident security of tenure can be achieved. Last weekend fans from all over the Country flocked to Wrexham's game against Bristol City to offer their support to the cause. It is felt by the Trust that administration, despite its 10 point penalty, is the only way for the Club to exit the clutches of an unwelcome owner. RUST, the Rotherham United Supporters Trust, is trying to broker a deal to takeover the Club, believed to be £3m in debt and losing £100,000 per month after a series of failed takeovers. United, still without a League win this season, seem set for a drop into League One next season and with very few players out of contract in the summer, they seem set for hard times. CFU, Cambridge Fans United, recently voted Trust of the Year by Supporters Direct, has its hardest battle ahead. With no huge reserves of cash, the Club needs to find over £500,000 by Christmas to pay wages and a loan, which is reported as being "non-negotiable". A Club Director has offered to buy the ground for around £1.9m and lease it back for 50 years at a rental of £200,000 per annum, a deal the Trust feels doesn't maximise the value of its prize asset. They are busily putting together an alternative strategy, but with an extraordinary general meeting due next week to vote on the sale & leaseback, time is precious. Good luck to all of the Trusts in their quests to ensure good governance and survival at their Clubs.





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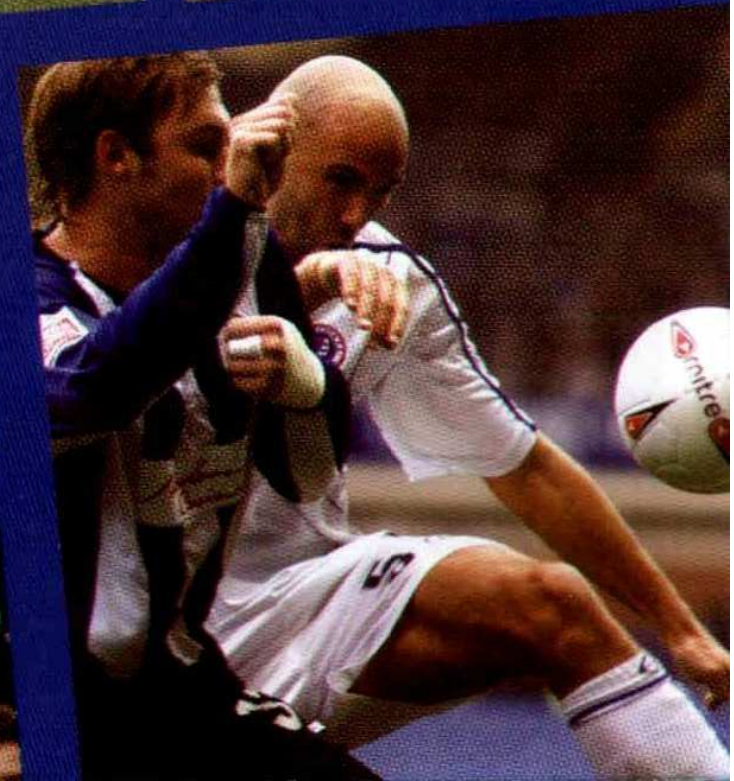
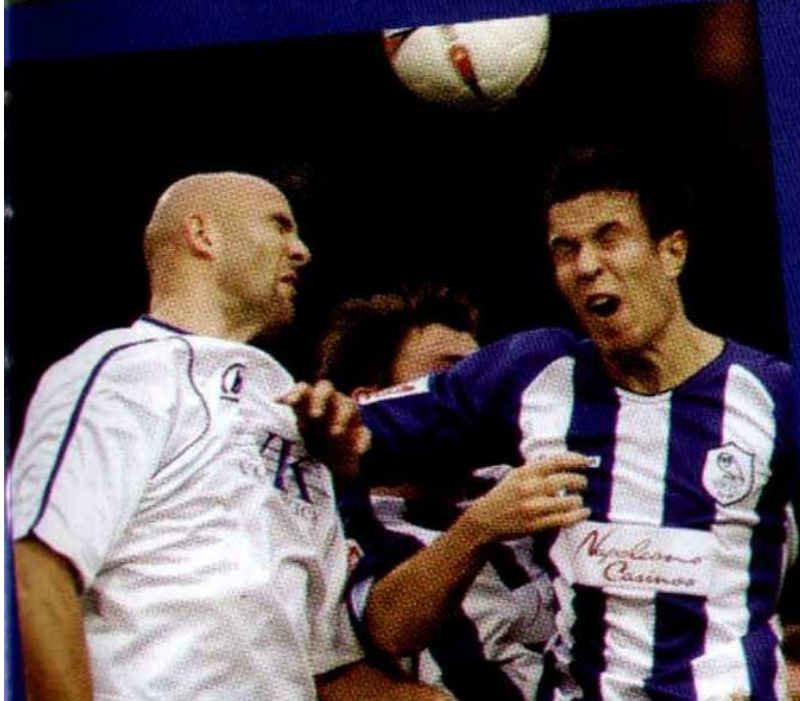
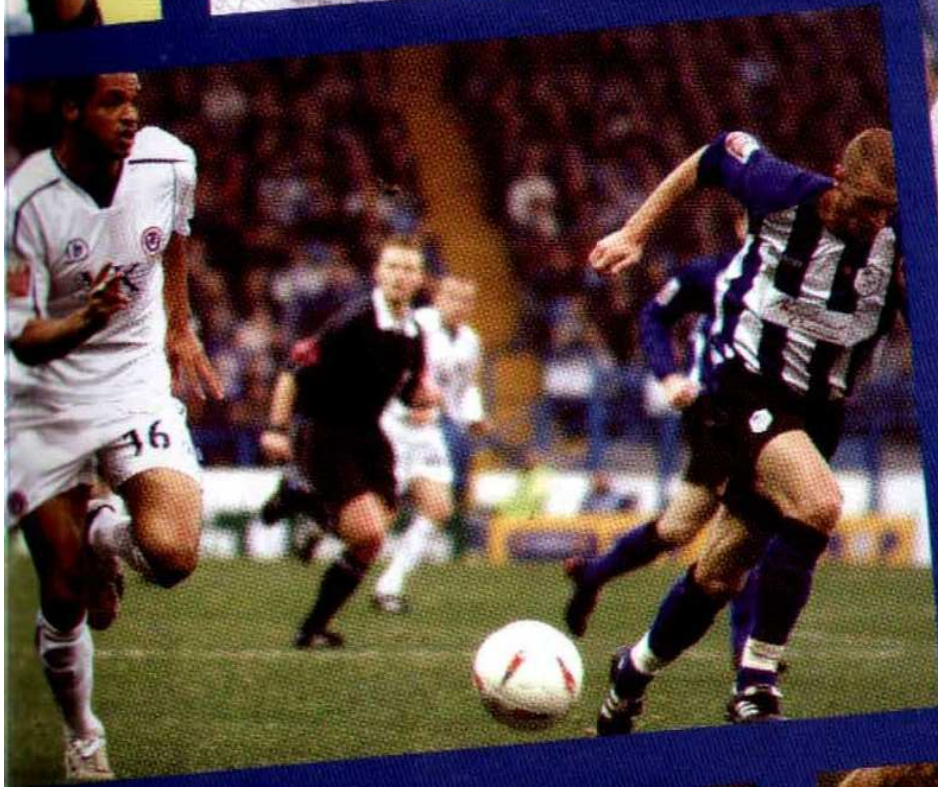
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# BEST OF THE BLUES

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THIS EDITION WE LOOK AT

## ALBERT HOLMES

### ■ ALBERT HOLMES

Apprenticed as a fitter with the East Midlands Gas Board, Albert turned down an offer from Rotherham in order to finish his studies. Having played for a local gas board team, Albert joined the Spireites on a semi-pro basis in 1960 before signing full-time the following year. Blessed with excellent balance, Albert was consistent, hard-working and skilful, with sound positional play, and adopted a no-nonsense attitude to the game.

Off the field, he was well-known for an infectious sense of humour. He made his name as a defender but was sometimes thrust into the forward line when the forwards were suffering a lean spell; he scored a few goals under such circumstances, his best being a twenty-yarder against Cambridge United in 1974. Fans will remember him more for his trademark sliding tackle, though, where he usually came away with the ball, on his feet, ready to launch another attack.

After a long and distinguished career that saw him rise to the status of one of the all-time greats of Saltergate, he was freed by Jim McGuigan in 1974. He went to Scunthorpe for talks, and was offered terms, which he

verbally accepted. Days later, McGuigan left for Rotherham, Chesterfield offered the manager's job to the man who had tempted him to Scunthorpe, Alan Ashman, and offered Albert a deal for the new season. Albert then went on holiday, uncertain of who he might have to play for next season: he returned to find that Ashman was the new manager of Grimsby and that he was clear to re-sign for Chesterfield.

Albert turned down a testimonial in 1976, feeling that, with the club doing indifferently at the time, there was no point in having one: in Albert's estimation, the fans had paid enough to watch him, over the years. He was ever-present in three of his sixteen years at the club, often missing games with niggling injuries: the most curious of these was the F.A. Cup tie with Bradford City in November, 1975. Albert sat the match out after hurting his ankle while parking his car. His son Paul was a professional footballer with Doncaster, Torquay, Birmingham and Everton. After finishing with football Albert returned to his former trade in the gas industry.

### ■ THE 69-70 SIDE

*celebrating in the dressing room after receiving the trophy (Holmes to the right of manager McGuigan who holds the trophy)*



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■ Roly Hutson

# VK SUNDAY LEAGUE

BY ALAN EVILL



## LOOKING BACK

The name Roly Hutson is one that is synonymous with the Chesterfield and District Sunday League for it was he, way back in 1966, who mooted the idea of Sunday football in the area. Prior to then local football was only played on Saturdays but around that time the F A sanctioned Sunday soccer and a phenomenon was born.

The Leagues first committee meeting took place in March 1966 at the Sun Inn, Chesterfield, with Roly Hutson acting as secretary, a role, along with several others, including League President, he held until his death in 1999. He was an avid fan of the game and he was always keen to encourage people to play the game and he is one of the reasons the League has achieved the stature it has today. Roly's memory will live on, his name being given to one of the Leagues cup competitions the Hutson Cup, the current holders being Claycross and Danesmoor Miners Welfare pictured opposite.

Another man who was on the Leagues original committee in those days, giving loyal service to the league for many years was Geoff

Thompson, who of course these days has moved up the soccer ladder somewhat to hold the position of current Chairman of the Football Association.

In the Leagues early days high scoring games were the norm and in the inaugural season New Whittington beat Chesterfield Mace FC 22-0, a record which stood until November the 25th 2001 when B and B Landscapes F C beat CS2 23-1. These days the games played are usually much more closely

contested affairs although the 2004/5 season has seen an upward trend in goal scoring feats with Hartington Wanderers hitting the back of the net on no fewer than twenty occasions as recently as September the 26th as they thrashed Shuttlewood 20-1.

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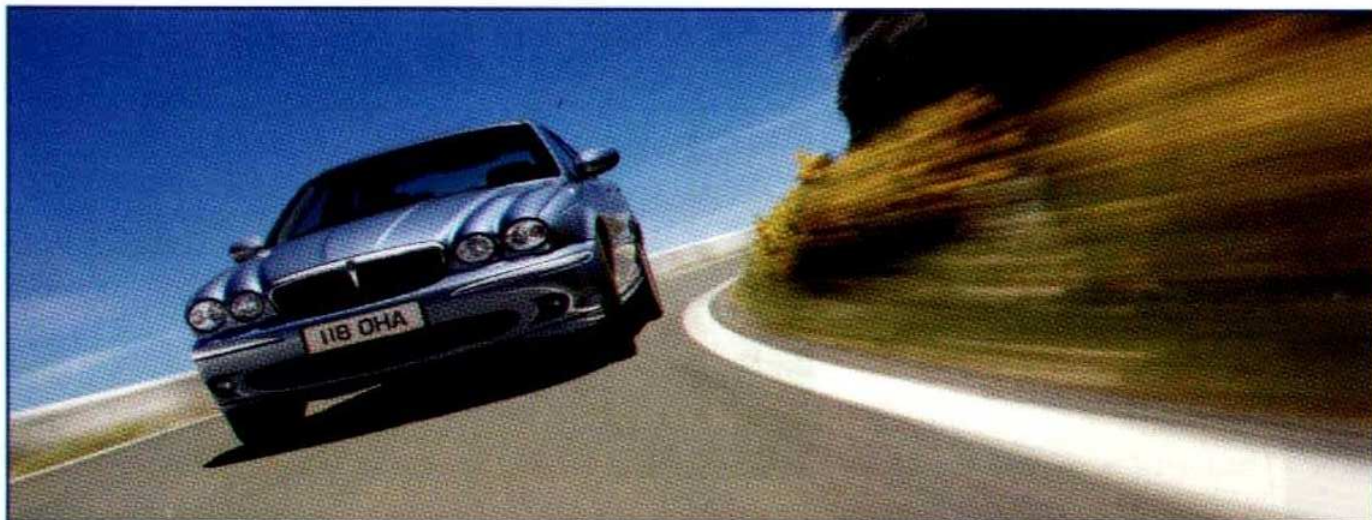


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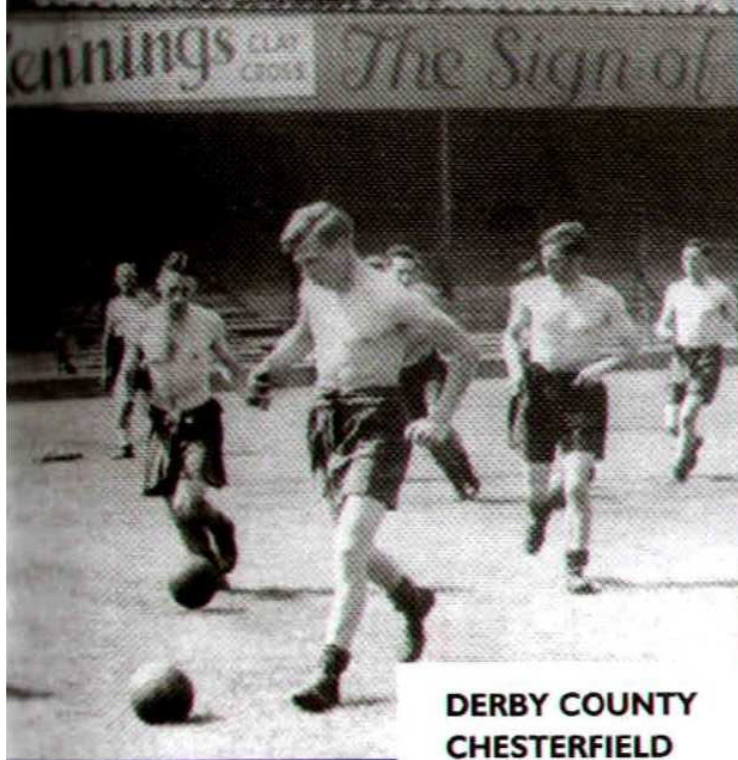
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#### ■ BARRY HUTCHINSON

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### DERBY COUNTY CHESTERFIELD

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April 22nd 1957

Easter Monday on the well watered baseball ground, Derby found their shooting boots having failed to beat the Spireites at Saltergate on Good Friday. The Rams opened the scoring after 23 minutes when Straw was on target. On 27 minutes Straw doubled the Rams lead. After 31 minutes a Woodhead penalty was well saved by Powell. Two minutes later Hutchinson in attempting to clear put the ball into his own net- 3-0 to the Rams. Almost on half time the Spireites scored from a penalty by Hutchinson. On 48 minutes, ex Spireite Woodhead raced through and with a tremendous shot scored Derby's fourth. The eventual League Champions scored yet again when Ryan headed home a Woodhead cross. At 5-1 Derby kept their foot on the pedal and Powell made it six and Straw completed his hat trick and Derby's 7th.

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**ATTENDANCE:** 29,886

### CHESTERFIELD GILLINGHAM

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April 26th 1978

One of Chesterfield's better performance was played in front of their lowest crowd of the season. The Spireites showing a positive attitude attacked strongly, and took the lead when Cottam headed in a Commack right wing corner. Only 1-0 up at half time and deserved more. After 47 minutes Cammack scored from a Burton cross.

On 57 minutes a lovely pass from Fern to set up Dearden to score. The fourth came on the 64 minute when Green left unmarked made no mistake. Price pulled one back for the visitors heading home from a corner on the 67th minute. The Gills reduced the arrears further when Crabbe scored directly from a free kick. With five minutes remaining Fern scored from the spot, to give the Spireites a splendid 5-2 victory.

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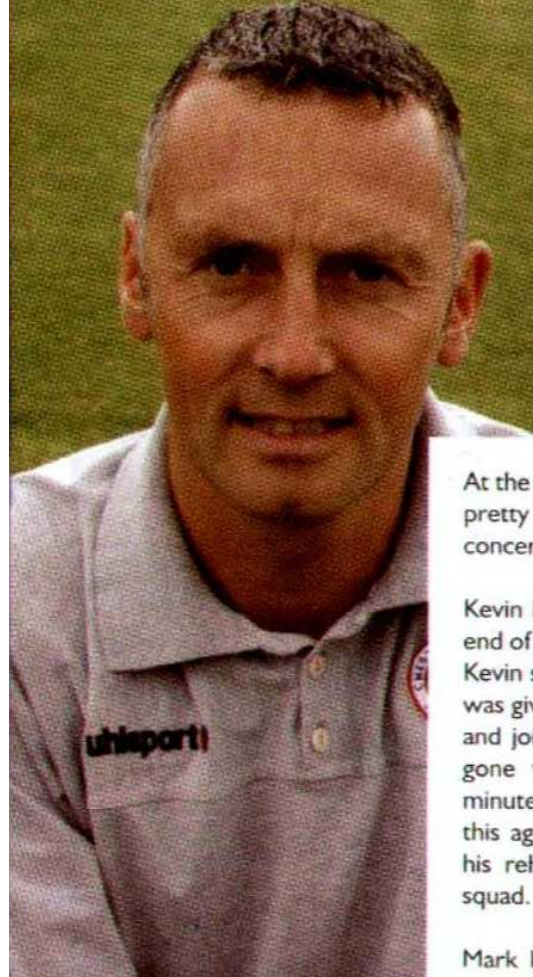
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Kevin Dawson who has been out since the end of pre-season has had some good news. Kevin saw the specialist two weeks ago and was given the all clear to step up his training and join the rest of the squad. This has all gone well and last week he played 80 minutes of a reserve game against Leeds, this again went well and Kev will continue his rehab with the rest of the first team squad.

Mark Innes has resumed training with the rest of the first team after his niggling thigh injury.

The Chief, who missed the cup game against Scunthorpe with a lower back injury, made

good progress and recovered enough to take his place in the starting line up at Bournemouth last Saturday.

The bad news was that Carl Muggleton sustained an injury to his abductor in the warm up. After a long consultation with the Gaffer, Rico and myself, the decision was made not to risk Carl and not to risk any further damage to his injury. As I write these notes Carl is making good progress and will have been assessed later in the week to see if he was 100% fit to take his place in today's game



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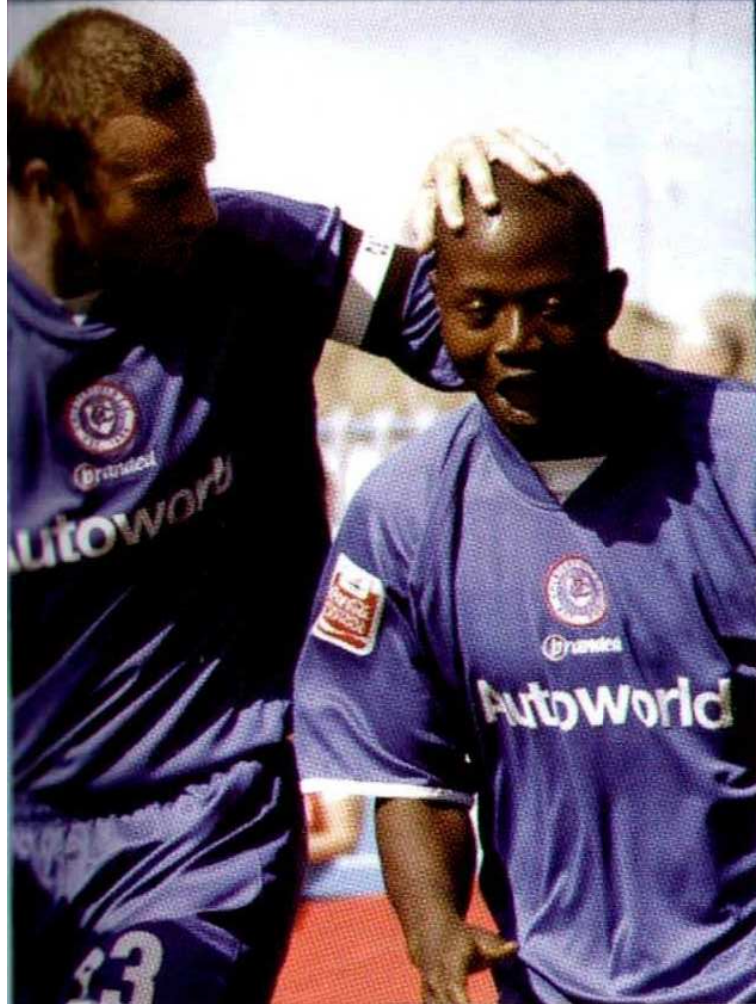
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Luton	18	8	0	1	20	5	5	2	2	18	14	19	41
Tranmere	18	6	2	1	18	11	4	3	2	9	9	7	35
Bradford	18	5	2	2	18	12	5	0	4	12	14	4	32
Hull	18	7	1	1	15	5	3	1	5	15	21	4	32
Bournemouth	18	4	3	2	18	11	5	1	3	13	10	10	31
Bristol City	18	5	3	1	25	9	3	3	3	12	15	13	30
Swindon	18	6	1	2	19	12	2	3	4	13	15	5	28
Brentford	18	7	0	2	16	10	1	4	4	6	14	-2	28
Chesterfield	18	6	3	0	16	6	1	3	5	7	11	6	27
Sheff Wed	18	3	4	2	8	8	4	2	3	19	15	4	27
Huddersfield	18	4	2	3	14	11	3	3	3	14	12	5	26
Doncaster	18	5	4	0	15	7	2	1	6	9	20	-3	26
Hartlepool	18	7	2	0	18	8	1	0	8	8	22	-4	26
Colchester	18	4	1	4	13	11	2	4	3	13	11	4	23
Port Vale	18	5	1	3	13	12	2	1	6	8	14	-5	23
Walsall	18	5	2	2	16	12	0	4	5	10	19	-5	21
Torquay	18	3	2	4	11	14	2	4	3	12	14	-5	21
Wrexham	18	3	4	2	11	13	2	2	5	8	14	-8	21
Oldham	18	4	2	3	19	15	1	2	6	5	14	-5	19
Barnsley	18	2	3	4	11	14	2	3	4	12	12	-3	18
Blackpool	18	1	4	4	10	17	3	2	4	11	9	-5	18
Peterborough	18	3	3	3	11	7	1	2	6	9	14	-1	17
MK Dons	18	2	3	4	10	14	1	2	6	11	21	-14	14
Stockport	18	1	2	6	9	18	1	2	6	8	20	-21	10

Table correct to 24th November 2004

Date	Opponents	Result	Att.
1 SAT AUG 7	BRENTFORD	3-1	4,651
Tue Aug 10	Huddersfield	0-0	11,942
Sat Aug 14	Tranmere	0-1	8,287
2 SAT AUG 21	COLCHESTER	2-1	4,028
Tue Aug 24	Rotherham CCI	1-2	3,845
Sat Aug 28	Bradford City	3-2	7,950
3 TUE AUG 31	PORT VALE	1-0	5,150
4 SAT SEPT 4	MK DONS	2-2	4,537
Sat Sept 11	Luton Town	0-1	7,532
5 SAT SEPT 18	WALSALL	1-0	4,755
Sat Sept 25	Barnsley	0-1	9792
Tue Sept 28	Macclesfield (LDV I)	1-2	813
6 SAT OCT 2	BRISTOL CITY	2-2	4,854
Sun Oct 10	Hull City	0-1	15,500
Sat Oct 16	Hartlepool	2-3	4,617
7 WED OCT 20	STOCKPORT	4-0	4,567
8 SAT OCT 23	DONCASTER	0-0	6,219
Sat Oct 30	Sheffield Wed	2-2	24,271
9 SAT NOV 6	BLACKPOOL	1-0	4,978
Sat Nov 13	Scunthorpe Utd (FAC I)	0-2	4,869
Sat Nov 20	Bournemouth	0-0	6,565
10 SAT NOV 27	SWINDON TOWN		
Tue Dec 7	Oldham		
Sat Dec 11	Peterborough		
11 SAT DEC 18	TORQUAY UNITED		
12 SUN DEC 26	LUTON TOWN		
Tue Dec 28	Wrexham		
Sat Jan 1	MK Dons		
13 MON JAN 3	BARNSLEY		
14 SAT JAN 8	HULL CITY		
Sat Jan 15	Walsall		
15 SAT JAN 22	WREXHAM		
Sat Jan 29	Bristol City		
16 SAT FEB 5	HARTLEPOOL		
Sat Feb 12	Doncaster		
17 SAT FEB 19	SHEFFIELD WED		
Tue Feb 22	Stockport		
18 SAT FEB 26	PETERBOROUGH		
Sat Mar 5	Torquay United		
19 SAT MAR 12	HUDDERSFIELD		
Sat Mar 19	Brentford		
20 SAT MAR 26	TRANMERE		
Mon Mar 28	Colchester		
21 SAT APR 2	BRADFORD CITY		
Sat Apr 9	Port Vale		
22 SAT APR 16	BOURNEMOUTH		
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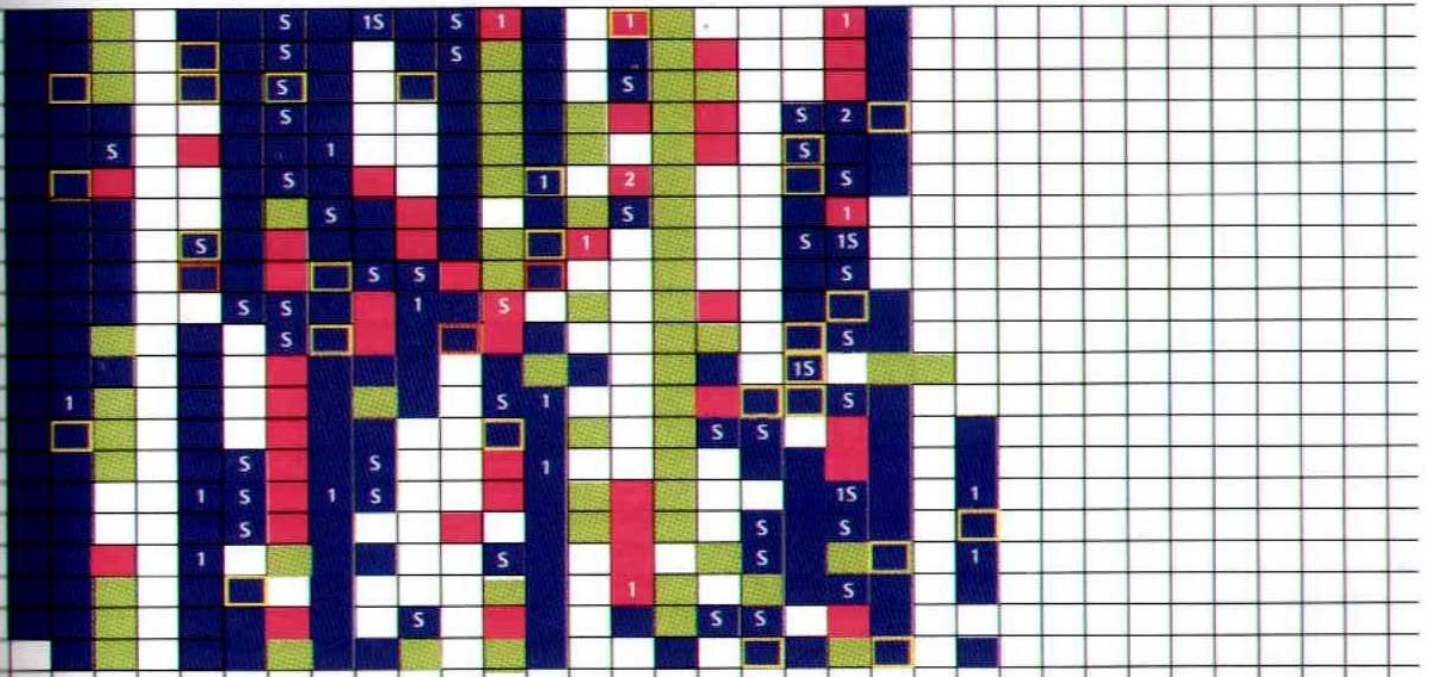
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A close-up portrait of Steve Blatherwick, a bald man with a serious expression, wearing a dark purple t-shirt with the word 'Auto' visible in white. The background is a blurred stadium setting.

## STEVE BLATHERWICK

BY PHIL TOOLEY

Last season, after a dreadful opening run, 13 games without a League win, we began to pick up a few points in October and November, eventually blossoming into an effective points gathering machine pre Christmas. One of the changes that took place in those Autumnal days was the switching of Ian Evatt from midfield to centre back alongside Steve Blatherwick. Previously, our back four had been permed from Gus Uhlenbeek, Kevin Dawson, Steve Payne, Gareth Davies, Alan O'Hare, Stuart Howson and of course, Blathers.

However Payne got injured, Kev's illness and injuries too their toll, Gus appeared more often in midfield and Howson became a back up player meaning that, to fill the centre half berth, Evatt was drafted in, he'd played there many times for Derby, and the Blatherwick-Evatt partnership was born.

There were of course some hairy moments, Plymouth Argyle and Bristol City away spring to mind, but with the new backbone in place, we won or drew around two thirds of our games and edged to safety and a new, solid looking partnership was the cornerstone of our success. Ian bagged the Player of the Year awards, something that's no stranger to Steve in the past, though with Steve out of contract in the summer and offered a deal which was worth significantly less, many of us felt we'd not see the duo in action after the Luton Town thriller.

However, as we all know, Steve signed on the dotted line and was happy to publicly proclaim he'd taken a 50% cut in his wages. So why did he sign under those circumstances? "I don't think that I'm a player that likes change to be honest," says the Nottingham born 31 year old, "I like the Club and I'm happy here. I get on well with the Gaffer, with Rico and I get on well with all of the lads and I'm at a time in my career when

it's not right to move. I'm a home boy, I want to stay in Nottingham and I want to stay at Chesterfield." We're all delighted he made that decision.

So what about his link with Evatt, who endeared himself even more to the faithful by signing extended terms himself earlier this season. "I enjoy playing alongside Ian, he's a great young player and we seem to understand each other now. We know what each of us is going to do and it seems to be working." Four clean sheets in the last five League One games is testimony to that and the title of the Division's most miserly defence of the season to date is another great achievement, the stalemate at Bournemouth last week perhaps the zenith of the rearguard's achievements to date. With young Andy Richmond drafted in for a rare appearance in goal just before the kick off after Carl Muggleton's groin injury and Bournemouth having scored in every home game this season, any shut out was always going to be welcome. "I was really pleased for Andy, he's only played a few games in the last few years and he wants to keep a clean sheet and I'm glad that we helped him do that. Shane Nicholson's been fantastic, he's got an old head, he's very experienced and the balance in the side just seems to be very good."

But why the change this season? After three seasons of struggle, why are we suddenly a feared force in the section, defying the bookies and most experts with a top ten slot? "I think the players the gaffer's brought in are great, he's done very well for us, they've been brilliant. Alex Bailey's a superb young player, Jamal, Tcham and the other new lads are all doing it, everyone's chipping in. We seem to be a little bit more experienced having learned from the last two or three seasons having been in a relegation battle, we seem to be stronger mentally and

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## PLAYER PROFILE



everything's just coming together and we've got a good spirit. Everyone gets on at this Club."

Blathers has now been at the Club for six years, our longest serving player. Having joined us, initially on loan, from Burnley, he's gone on to establish himself, injuries apart, as a first choice pick for almost all of that time, this afternoon will be his 177th League appearance for The Spireites, add in Cup appearances at it means that it's milestone time today, 200 games in Chesterfield colours, so he's in a good position to be able to assess whether the quality of player at this level has improved or not. "Definitely, without a doubt, the quality has improved. There are a lot of players coming down from top flight clubs who've got good pedigree and you also have to be fit these days, the drinking culture's gone out of the game, players are really fit and technically very good. We went to Bournemouth on Saturday and I thought they were a superb footballing side, it was a tough game for us but we got a point. Most teams seem to be able to beat each other on the day and I think that proves that the quality of football is getting better."

And it doesn't get much better that Swindon Town's strike force this afternoon, Sam Parkin, with a goal every other game record, and Christian Roberts, an equally dangerous frontman recently recruited by The Robins. "They'll be a real handful again! There've been some games where we've had a real handful this year, Dele Adebola and Dean Windass at Bradford City were really tricky, Windass, I think, is a great player, Adebola's big, and it's the same with Sam Parkin, he's got great

feet. Roberts is really quick so it's going to be tough but we're one of the best defending sides in the Division, in goals conceded terms, the best which is brilliant, I'm really proud of that fact, so hopefully we can shut them out."

It's 11 unbeaten games at Saltergate now and the crowd, often fickle over the times Steve's been here, are now rock solid in their support for Roy's youngsters and style of football. Steve's view recognises this fact, "The crowd is understanding in that we've got some good young talent at this Club and they're missing out if they don't come, and they are coming. On our day we can play a lot of teams off the park, we did it against Stockport. If you look at our away record, it looks bad, but in the games we've played we've actually played well. Huddersfield should've been three points, Hull should've been three points, we just look a really strong outfit and I think teams are beginning to fear us, no-one's beaten us by more than one goal except, ironically, a lower league Club, Scunthorpe, in the Cup. Any teams that plays us, especially at home, will be more scared of us than we are of them."

So, having played as a youngster for Notts County, moved across the river to Forest, who lent him to Wycombe Wanderers, Hereford United and Reading before, in 1997 moving to Burnley and, a year later, to Chesterfield, does Blathers want to see out the rest of his playing days at Saltergate (or wherever we may play!). "Definitely, yes, without a shadow of a doubt. That's my aim and it's something I'll be working hard to do." There'll be few who don't want that to happen.





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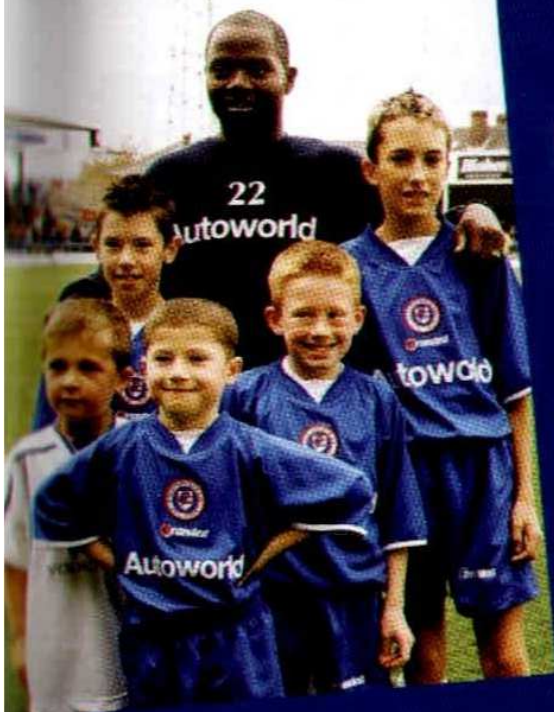
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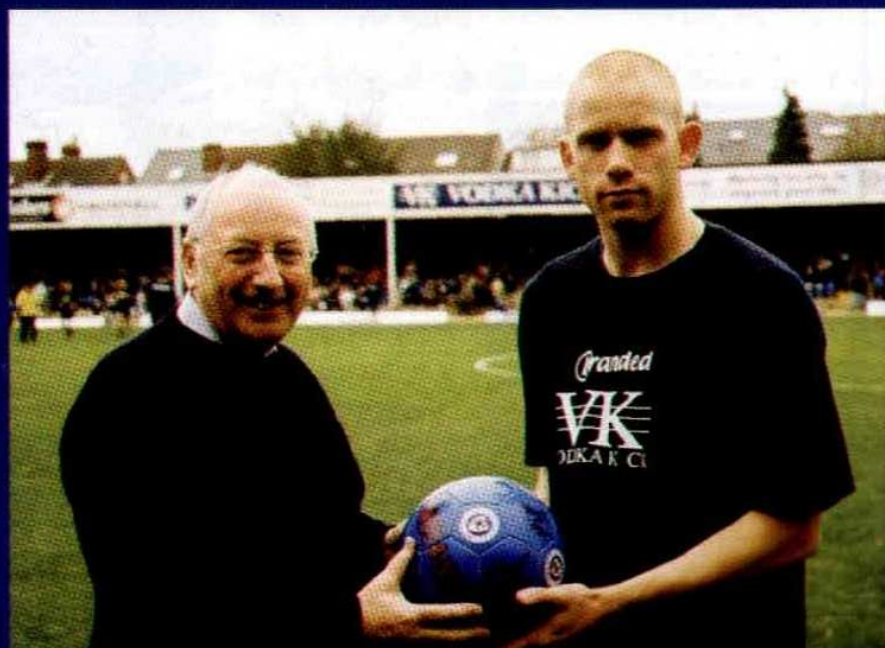
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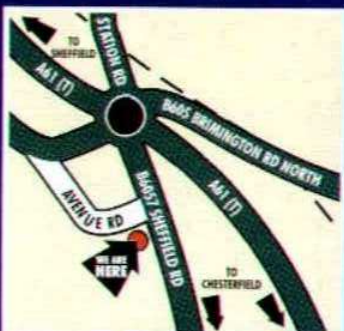
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And it's estimated hundreds more people are unaware of the extra savings they could make - you could be one of them!

So make sure you're not missing out on benefits such as:

- \* Pension Credit
- \* Working Tax Credits
- \* Housing Benefit
- \* Attendance Allowance
- \* Disability Living Allowance
- \* Income Support
- \* Council tax relief

If you think you or someone you know might be missing out on claiming benefits call the special hotline 0845 120 2985 today to get a FREE assessment. All calls are confidential. You might just find that you too could be quids in.



# SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DEALS

Two special Christmas deals are now available from the ticket office and both packages come with a special Spireites Christmas card to make it the ideal Christmas gift.

## HALF SEASON TICKET OFFER

For 12 home league games starting with the attractive Boxing Day fixture against table-toppers Luton Town.

KOP		WING STAND		FAMILY STAND	
Adult	£150.00	Adult	£160.00	Adult	£150.00
Concessions	£80.00	Concessions	£95.00	Concessions	£95.00
Juvenile	£60.00	U/16	£80.00	U/14	£20.00
CENTRE STAND		COMPTON ST			
Adult	£190.00	Adult	£160.00		
Concessions	£120.00	Concessions	£95.00		
		U/16	£80.00		

## MINI SEASON TICKET OFFER FOR LOCAL DERBIES

This five ticket offer is for the five local derbies at home to Barnsley, Hull City, Sheffield Wednesday, Huddersfield Town and Bradford City. Adults can save £10 on these five premium priced games and there are savings for concessions too.

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# FOREVER BLUE

WITH MICK UMNEY

Welcome to Saltergate today to the players, staff and supporters of Swindon Town. The Robins are currently tucked into seventh place, with a point more than the Spireites, who are in ninth. Let us all hope that the positions are similar (or better) when the return fixture is played on May 7th!

The FA Cup first round came and went again, with the name Chesterfield failing to make an entry into the velvet bag for the second round. All that I can say about the day is that we had an off day, and Scunthorpe were better than us. This of course means that we can once again confirm the FA Cup second round day is the official Spireites Christmas shopping day (once again). Since the heady days of the Semi-final cup run in 1997, we have only reached the second round twice. The Semi-final was a mere blip in the Spireites excellent record of avoiding cup glory.



An excellent point was picked up in our last game at Bournemouth. With the hosts having a formidable scoring record, we were slightly worried when our regular keeper, Carl Muggleton pulled

out of the game after the warm up. Andy Richmond (above) came off the bench and did us proud, keeping a clean sheet in an end-to-end game. Well done Andy in helping the Blues to a point in what was always going to be a tricky encounter.

Thanks to all of you that attended the Supporters Club Race Night at the Saltergate Club on Thursday night. Special thanks to all those who

sponsored a horse, and also to Slacks Travel, Martin Bruno Accountants, National Windscreens, Eggys Taxis, The Taylor family, Polar Windows, Malcolm Needham & Co and David C Jones Insurance who each sponsored a race. Events like this help to ensure that the Supporters Club can maintain competitive in the provision of away travel, and help to make the committee members available for discussions with members of the club. If you have any questions regarding the Supporters Club, please speak to one of our committee members, or write to us at; Chesterfield FC Supporters Club, PO Box 1866, Chesterfield S40 3XS.

The Supporters Club Children's Xmas party will be held on the 18th December at the Church Hall on Spencer Street. Access to the hall is also available from Queen Street. Tickets for the party will be available from the Club Shop and are FREE of charge.

The CFC players, Chester the Field Mouse and the Spirettes have been invited. In previous years we have also been lucky enough to see Father Christmas himself! Please remember you WILL need a ticket if you wish to attend.

Voting is open today for the November Player of the Month. Votes can be placed in the Executive Club, in the disabled supporters area, in the away travel ticket office (next to the club shop), via the club website, or by text.

To vote by text and vote for Ian Evatt (for example) text **CHESTF MONTH EVATT** to **88442**. (Messages should cost no more than 25p)

**COME ON SPIREITES**



## SPIREITES

OFFICIAL AWAY TRAVEL



7/12/04 K/O 7.45PM

v OLDHAM ATHLETIC  
BOUNDARY PARK

### ADMISSION PRICES (Seated):

ADULTS £18.00  
CONCESSIONS £9.00

### COACH TRAVEL COST:

ADULTS: £9.00  
CONCESSIONS: £5.50  
LEAVE CROSS STREET 5.00PM



11/12/04 K/O 3.00PM

v PETERBOROUGH UTD  
LONDON ROAD

### ADMISSION PRICES

(STANDING):

ADULTS £11.00  
OAPs & U16s £8.00

(SEATING):

ADULTS £16.00  
OAPs & U16s £8.00

(Students £8 admission to either area on production of i.d.)

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DETAILS WITH THE HOME CLUBS,  
AS THEY MAY BE LIABLE TO  
CHANGE

### COACH TRAVEL COST:

ADULTS: £11.00  
CONCESSIONS: £7.00  
LEAVE CROSS STREET 11.30AM

### SPIREITES OFFICIAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please book your away travel at your earliest convenience to avoid disappointment. Please book through the Club Shop by Wednesday 5pm latest for Saturday matches and Saturday 5pm (if home game on that day) for Tuesday matches. Telephone 01246 209765. On matchdays you can purchase your tickets from the Ticket Office which is next to the Club Shop. For the Saturday matches it will be open from 1.30-2.30pm and for a short time afterwards, on week-day evening matches from 6-7pm. Non-members of the Supporters' Club pay £2 extra. Under no circumstances is alcohol allowed on the coaches.





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# TEAM CHECK

## CHESTERFIELD

ROY McFARLAND

Pld	Goal

1	Carl MUGGLETON		
2	Alex BAILEY		
3	Alan O'HARE		
4	Kevin DAWSON		
5	Steve BLATHERWICK		
6	Derek NIVEN		
7	Mark DE BOLLA		
8	Mark ALLOTT		
9	Wayne ALLISON		
10	Mark HUDSON		
11	Mark INNES		
12	Gareth DAVIES		
14	Shane NICHOLSON		
15	Aaron DOWNES		
16	Caleb FOLAN		
17	Andy RICHMOND		
18	Adam SMITH		
19	Mark STALLARD		
22	Tcham N'TOYA		
23	Ian EVATT		
24	Michael FOX		
30	Sammy CLINGAN		

## SWINDON TOWN

ANDY KING

Pld	Goal

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

# MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: D. Drysdale

ASSISTANTS:

RED/YELLOW: J. R. Hubbard

YELLOW: P. J. Keane

4TH OFFICIAL: R. A. Parker

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