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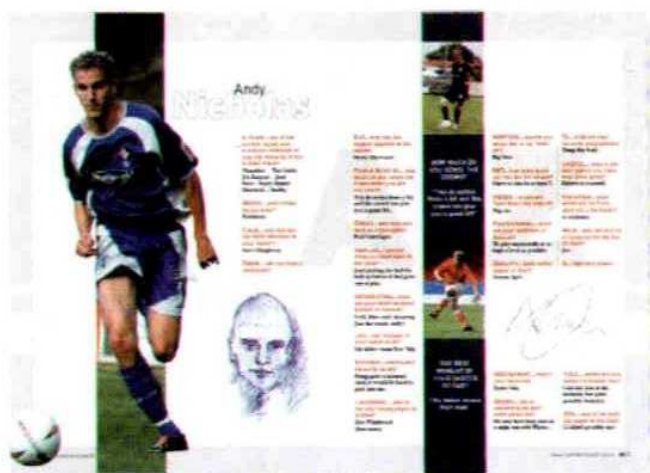
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The midfielder on his quest to lift some silverware next May...

By Matt Cole

It's a long time since we've had a player who has been so successful in the FA Cup. Matt Hewlett has been a consistent performer in the competition, and his goal-scoring record is a testament to his quality. In this exclusive interview, Matt talks about his journey through the cup, the challenges he has faced, and his hopes for the future. He also discusses his role in the team and how he has adapted to the pressure of the competition. Matt's determination and hard work have been key to his success, and he is confident that he can continue to perform at the highest level.

EditorsNotes

It has certainly been a busy few weeks at The County Ground and things are showing no signs of slowing down.

The Third Round draw was made on Sunday with a home tie against Middlesbrough awaiting the winners, a match which could see Malcom Crosby return to

Wiltshire should we be successful at Meadow Lane next week.

There are two all-important league games to come before the FA Cup replay and I am sure six league points would be a festive bonus in the run up to Christmas.

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LDV Trophy Draw

Swindon Town will travel to Southend United for the Semi-Finals of the LDV Vans Trophy.

The tie will be played at Roots Hall during the week commencing January 24th. The draw means that Town will come up against former keeper Bart Griemink, who of course left The

County Ground at the end of the 2003-4 season.

Former Town trialist Freddy Eastwood also plays for The Shrimpers in what could be an interesting tie as Andy King's side look to progress further in the competition.

Swindon's last game at Roots Hall was in August 2003, a Carling Cup

3-2 victory. Elsewhere, Leyton Orient entertain Bristol Rovers.

No Cash for Mildy

Former Town keeper Steve Mildenhall completed a move from Notts County to Oldham Athletic last week, rendering Town's sell-on clause worthless as there was no fee involved in the move.

Mildenhall made over 30 appearances for Swindon Town before a switch to Notts County in June 2001. However, with his Notts County contract due to expire in June 2005, the former St. Joseph's School pupil found himself out of favour at County and opted for a move to Boundary Park.

Swindon Town are due to play at Oldham Athletic on Saturday 5th February 2005

Viveash Calls Shots

Aldershot Town have signed defender Adi Viveash following his departure from The County Ground.

The 35-year-old, 6'2"



Roots Hall is the venue for the LDV semi final...

left sided centre half has more than 400 league and cup appearances for Swindon, Walsall, Reading and more recently a loan spell at Kidderminster.

Aldershot Manager Terry Brown said: "With Ray Warburton currently out injured and Mark Peters struggling, Adi is an excellent signing for us. He is a big, experienced footballing centre half who is good in the air and he is just what we need at this moment in time."

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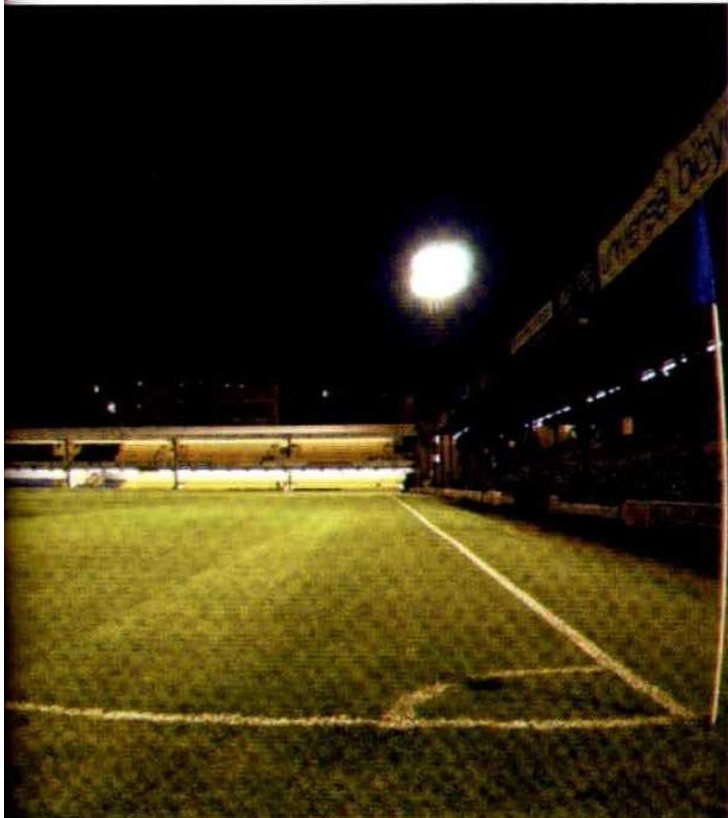
Hello and welcome to this League One encounter with Huddersfield Town.

Following on from the draw with Notts County on Saturday we have a few injury doubts ahead of this evening's game.

Sammy Igoe injured his back after slipping on the turf on Saturday and will be a doubt, whilst Matt Hewlett has rejoined training. He has been doing quite a lot of work but tonight's game will have come too soon for him to make a return to action.

Christian Roberts is still suffering from the after effects of his car accident last Tuesday, but as I write these notes on Monday it is too early to assess his fitness.





On The Move

GLS Hellenic Premier Division side Didcot Town have signed former Swindon Town and Oxford player Joey Beauchamp from Ryman League Division Two neighbours Abingdon Town.

Beauchamp, aged 33, scored more than 75 goals in a ten-year career and had initially turned down Didcot's offer but had a change of mind over

the weekend about joining the Hellenic Premier Division title chasing club and links up again with former Oxford team-mate Paul Powell, who returned to Didcot last month from Southern League Division One West side Brackley Town.

Elsewhere Wootton Bassett Town have snapped up former Town youth team player Harry Hambidge to their playing squad. Hambidge lists Southern League

Captain's Column Matt Hewlett

Good evening and welcome to this League One encounter with Huddersfield Town.

After a draw against Notts County here on Saturday, Middlesbrough now await the winners of the replay at Meadow Lane, a game that is also due to be televised which will give the lads an added incentive, as if they need one!

My own fitness is progressing and I did some running last week and hope to return to full training ahead of Saturday's game. There is still some stiffness in my neck after exercise but that will probably stay with me for a while.

The games are coming thick and fast now and Huddersfield will be no pushovers this evening. They have a good young squad and there could be some interesting match-ups out there tonight.

Enjoy the game and thanks for your continued support.

Matt Hewlett



Swindon Supermarine as his previous club.

February 2005.

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BoardroomTalk

Acting Chief Executive Bob Holt gives us his thoughts ahead of tonight's game...

Good evening and welcome to this evening's league game with Huddersfield Town.

I would like to start by expressing the concerns we have over the issue of standing in the Town End. We are getting a lot of pressure from the Safety Advisory Group that if the standing persists, then they will have no choice but to close the Town End. A leaflet has been issued through the STFC Supporters Club and Trust STFC and we

would ask our fans to at least acknowledge the warning.

We do of course play in an all-seater stadium and it is likely that the stand will be closed if the problem persists. The Club is asking those supporters who use the Town End stand to acknowledge the warning and also to keep the aisles in the stand clear.

Should the threat be carried out and if the Town End were to close, then we would lose

one of the most vocal areas of the ground. The noise generated from that area is fantastic so please adhere to the warning, or we may be forced to face the consequences.

On the pitch, we received some great news this week with the replay against Notts County due to be televised live on Sky Sports and broadcast live on BBC Radio Five. It is a while since we have been on TV and I am sure the players are looking forward to performing on a national stage.

The draw at home to Notts County has in effect it has presented us with a very lucrative extra round of the competition. A win at Meadow Lane next Wednesday would mean that Premiership heavyweights Middlesbrough would be coming to The County Ground at the start of January.

Let's hope we can pick up some further league points before returning to the magic of the FA Cup.

Bob Holt
Acting Chief Executive



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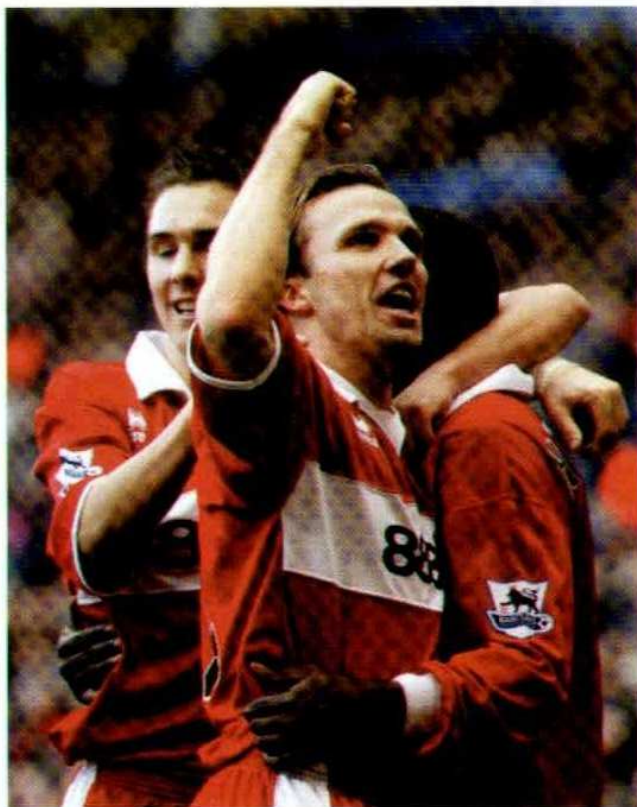
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MatchReport

Swindon 1 • Notts County 1

Saturday 4th December '04 • Kick-Off 3.00pm
FA Cup Second Round • The County Ground

Swindon paid the penalty for a lacklustre second half, which was dominated by the visitors, forcing a replay at Meadow Lane.

Town lined up with several changes as David Duke, Steve Jenkins, Rory Fallon and captain Sean O'Hanlon were in the starting line-up after last Tuesday's defeat of Bristol City. Andy Nicholas and Luke Garrard dropped down to the substitutes bench and Christian Roberts was rested following his car crash last Tuesday.

Sean O'Hanlon headed in a corner after 18 minutes to give Town the lead but visitors Notts County earned themselves a replay with a late, late equalizer from Stefan Oakes.

Don't forget you can read full match report and reaction first at Swindontownfc.co.uk

Andy King

Good evening and welcome to this home league encounter with Huddersfield Town...



I would like to welcome the Players, Officials and Supporters from Huddersfield who have made the trip down to Wiltshire.

It has been quite an interesting weekend for all those associated with Swindon Town. There were two draws made over the weekend in the LDV Vans Trophy and FA Cup respectively. We are now down to the last four in the Southern area of the LDV and whilst I believe that every game is there to be won, the problems associated with a small squad may well be highlighted over the coming month.

The Third Round draw was fascinating viewing and any side who pulls out a Premiership team must have been happy. Middlesbrough have a number of top quality players and they are doing well this year. They have one of the best coaches in Europe in Steve McLaren and it would be nice to pit my wits against him. The same applies to my players, who I am sure will be looking forward to playing against a Premiership team. Malcolm Crosby is also

at Boro' and that was my first thought when the draw was made. We have also received news that the replay will be televised. The prospect of facing Middlesbrough should be enough but I am sure we will be looking to put on a good performance for what will now be a national audience.

Whilst watching the Brentford game, I also

The prospect of facing Middlesbrough should be enough but I am sure we will be looking to put on a good performance...

saw some highlights of the other FA Cup games from Saturday and noticed Adi Viveash playing for Aldershot. I was pleased to see him involved and Aldershot have come back from the depths of despair to get themselves on the verge of a league place.

Any season is judged on league position and with the visit

of Huddersfield this evening there are three important league points on offer. With two consecutive home games we must try and continue our good form at home and keep ourselves amongst the chasing pack.

Huddersfield are a club with ambition and are quite similar to ourselves. They are challenging and in Peter Jackson and Terry Yorath they have a very experienced management team. It will be a very difficult game and my reports on them tell me that they have been performing well and they also have a good goalscorer in Pawel Abbott who we will have to watch carefully.

Your support has been fantastic recently and let me assure you I do not take it lightly. In the run-up to Christmas, your support against Notts County was tremendous and with two more home games this week, I can only ask you to support as best you can. I thank you on behalf of myself and the players.

Enjoy the game...
AK.

MatchAction

The FA CUP

FA Cup Second Round

Saturday 4th December 2004
The County Ground, 3:00pm

Swindon (1) **1**

Notts County (0) **1**

Attendance: 5,768

Swindon



(red shirts, white shorts)

1. Rhys Evans
2. Sean O'Hanlon **1**
6. Steve Jenkins
7. Sammy Igoe
8. Rory Fallon
9. Sam Parkin
11. David Duke
12. Jerel Ifil
16. Steve Robinson
17. Brian Howard
19. Matt Heywood

Subs Used

23. Luke Garrard (7)
3. Grant Smith (8)

Subs Not Used

20. Steve Book
15. Andy Nicholas
18. Alan Reeves

Notts County



(black & white shirts, black shorts)

1. Saul Deeney
2. David Pipe
5. Mike Whitlow
6. Stefan Oakes **1**
7. Matthew Gill
8. Julien Baudet
9. Gavin Gordon
12. Chris Palmer
15. Matthew Williams
20. Kelvin Wilson
23. Shane McFaul

Subs Used

11. Tony Scully (15)
29. Chris O'Grady (8)

Subs Not Used

26. Andy Petterson
18. Shaun Harrad
25. Foharudin Kuduzovic



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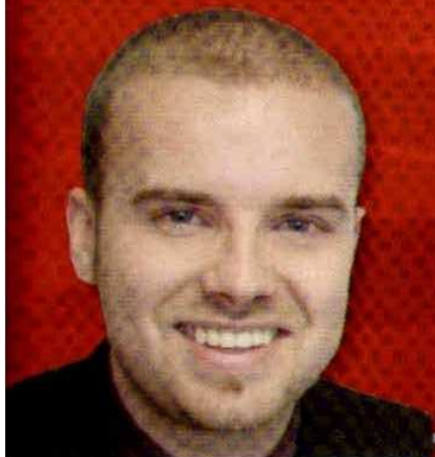
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MediaComment

The Evening Advertiser's Chief Sports Writer Jon Ritson brings you his latest column for STFC Magazine...

The visit of Huddersfield Town tonight brings back memories of a 'night of terror' in Yorkshire and a narrow escape from the clutches of a baying mob.

It was a couple of years ago and the Terriers were struggling under then boss Mick Wadsworth. Things began to look even bleaker for the under fire boss when David Duke fired Town in front after just 40 seconds.

Further goals from Andy Gurney and Super Sammy secured a 3-2 away win and boy did the natives become restless.

Angry fans gathered outside the main entrance to the McAlpine

Angry fans gathered outside the main entrance to the McAlpine and getting out of the ground became a military-style operation

and getting out of the ground became a military-style operation.

As Dave the photographer and I sought to leave through the main doors we were

stopped by a steward. 'Christ, don't go out that way lads' he said (or words to that effect). I'll take you out 'the other way'. He made it sound like one of those secret passageways that you see politicians using in films to get from A to B without detection.

Thankfully we emerged unscathed, Wadsworth wasn't torn to pieces and the Yorkshire club gained revenge with a 1-0 win at the County Ground later that season.

Tonight we welcome a Terriers side which is coping quite happily with life back in League One after a brief spell in the basement.

The Terriers could yet be one of those involved in

the play-off shake-up at the end of the campaign.

Peter Jackson has done a great job at Huddersfield but we must hope he endures something of a blip tonight.



They can be angry too!

The lads have been very, very strong at home this season, Andy King citing good vocal support as an important factor in that run.

I'm sure the players are delighted with four home matches in a row - of which this is the third - although it is probably not quite so good for the fans who are being asked to dig deep at an already expensive time of year.

A warm welcome to the press lads from Huddersfield tonight by the way. I have to say they are Premiership class in the banter stakes. Just as long as they are left to make the long journey home without

any points. Sorry lads.

Anyway, once tonight's match is out of the way, we look forward to the visit of Doncaster Rovers - another promoted side who don't seem to have found the step up a struggle.

Oh, and if you're wondering why I haven't mentioned cup draws, it's due to deadlines. Hopefully we're celebrating a trip to Highbury or Old Trafford by the time you're reading this! If not, there's always next year.

Get behind the lads, and see you next time.

Jon.



The. Terriers

Huddersfield Town

Huddersfield Town and their manager Peter Jackson arrive at the County Ground today in a respectable mid-table position, following their last gasp promotion via the play-offs. Denied an automatic rise on the last day of the regular season the Terriers nerve held during the spot kicks and secured higher-grade football with the final kick of the entire 2003/04 season.

Words: Simon Coy



NICKNAME:.....The Terriers
GROUND:.....Galpharm Stadium
MANAGER:.....Peter Jackson
YEAR FORMED:.....1908

Division 1 Champions: 1925/26, 1924/25, 1923/24
Division 1 Runners-Up: 1933/34, 1927/28, 1927/28
Division 2 Champions: 1969/70
Division 2 Runners-Up: 1952/53, 1919/20
Division 2 Play-Off Winners: 1994/95
Division 3 Play-Off Winners: 2003/04
Division 4 Champions: 1979/80

FA Cup Winners: 1922
FA Cup Runners-Up: 1938, 1930, 1928, 1920

Biggest Win: 10-1 v. Blackpool, 1930
Biggest Defeat: 10-1 v. Manchester City, 1987
Record Attendance: 67,037 v. Arsenal, 1932

Most Appearances: 520, Billy Smith, 1914-34
Top Goalscorer: Jimmy Glazzard, 142, 1946-56
Most Goals in a season: 35, George Brown, 1925/26
Most Capped Player: Jimmy Nicholson, 31, N. Ireland

Biggest Transfer Fee Paid:
 £1.2m, Marcus Stewart from Bristol Rovers, 1996
Biggest Transfer Fee Received:
 £2.7m, Andy Booth to Sheffield Wednesday, 1996

The Terriers' Squad

Football can be a cruel game and for Huddersfield Town this season could have been so different.

With three games remaining last campaign the Terriers looked a certainty for automatic promotion, but with the finishing line in sight they stumbled. Gaining only 1 point out of the final 9 they were pipped at the post by Torquay United who managed a crucial 7 points over the same period.

Peter Jackson's men found themselves facing a battle in the play-offs to win the promotion they surely felt was rightfully theirs. To pick themselves up after the bitter disappointment would take steel and determination and luckily they had this in abundance.

An excellent 2-1 win at Lincoln in the first leg of the play-off semi final set them on their way with Swindon Town Youth Coach Iffy Onoura scoring the first. But the Red Imps surged back scoring twice in the first half of the second leg. However the Terriers fighting spirit saw them through to the final with two second half strikes.

The final in Cardiff ended scoreless after 120 minutes so the dreaded penalties came into play. The Terriers were clinical however with everyone netting successfully in a 4-1 win to secure League One football this term.

26 Paul Rachubka

American keeper who signed a 2 1/2 year contract on Monday from Charlton Athletic. Has previously had loan spells this season at Milton Keynes and Northampton.



2 Andy Holdsworth

Right wing back who, once again, came through via the club's youth academy. Has yet to score in the league, his only goal coming in last season's Carling Cup win at Sunderland.



5 Steve Yates

Very experienced player who joined Huddersfield in July 2003. Began at Bristol Rovers where he played over 200 games before spells at QPR and Tranmere playing over 100 times for each club.



6 Nathan Clarke

Another product of the Terriers youth academy system. Central defender who suffered a serious injury in 2002/03 that meant he only played in 2 games. Very highly rated by his club.



7 Chris Brandon

A summer signing. This tricky midfield man joined on a free from Chesterfield after making 88 appearances and scoring 16 goals for the Spireites. Has scored twice for the Terriers since his move.



8 Tony Carrs

Well travelled midfielder who has played for Darlington, Cardiff, Carlisle, Chesterfield and Oldham before joining Town in July 2003. Scored on the opening day of the season at Stockport.



10 Junior Mendes

Peter Jackson's other summer signing from last season's rivals Mansfield Town. Has also played in Scotland for St Mirren and Dunfermline. Recently scored 6 goals in 6 games.



11 Danny Schofield

Signed from non-league side Brodsworth for £2,000 six years ago. Was sent off in FA Cup win over Morecambe and scored in the Terriers last game as they lost 2-1 to Wrexham.



14 Rob Edwards

Experienced club captain converted by Jackson from a striker into a defender. Joined from Crève before heading to Chesterfield for a spell. Returned to Town in July 2003.



16 Efetobore Sodje

Familiar and hard working defender, Efe, 32, is a Nigerian international famous for his "Against All Odds" headgear and battling, no-nonsense approach. His brother Akpo is also a striker at the club.



17 David Mirfin

Big central defender, still only 19, who graduated from the academy. Establishing himself as a regular face in the first team set-up. Scored at York last season playing up front.



18 Jonathan Worthington

Yet another product of the youth academy. Never afraid of making a tackle and managed to pick up 6 yellow cards in the first 14 games he played in this season.



27 Nat Brown

Versatile player who began as a striker, switched to a defender and has now switched back again. Has found opportunities hard to come by this season and is yet to score.



Last Time
at the County Ground



Date: Saturday 12th April 2003

Competition: Division Two

Half-Time Score: 0-0

Full-Time Score: 0-1

Swindon Goalscorers:
n/a

Huddersfield Goalscorers:
Martin Smith, 87

Attendance: 4,760

Swindon Final League

Position: 10th

Huddersfield Final League

Position: 22nd (relegated)

OnetoWatch
Pawel Abbott



Perhaps not a household name yet, but Pawel Abbott is making fans in League One across the country sit up and take note.

He is currently enjoying the best season of his career having netted 13 times already. This record puts him in second place to Hull's Stuart Elliott in the League One goalscoring charts at present.

Its perhaps more remarkable that his 12 league goals have come in only 15 starts this season with 4 more appearances

being as a substitute.

The Polish U21 international joined the Terriers in March this year following a successful loan spell from Preston North End, when he scored 4 goals in 6 appearances. He had previously had a spell at Bury while on the books at Deepdale but had not made the same impression as at Huddersfield.

Pawel is a real favourite with the fans at the Galpharm Stadium and the 23 year old is a hard working player with a keen eye for goal. Although 6' 1" and 11 st. 7 he is deceptively pacey and has quick feet for a big man.



Rhys Evans beware, Pawel is hungry for goals and has the Midas

touch as he strives for the top spot in the goalscoring charts.



thegaffer
Peter Jackson

Peter Jackson is a young manager with a growing reputation. Currently in his second spell as Terriers boss, Jackson first took over from Brian Horton in October 1997 bringing his current assistant Terry Yorath in with him. However, in May 1999 he was replaced by Steve Bruce. In June 2003 Town decided it was time to replace Mick Wadsworth and the door re-opened for Jackson who, along with Yorath as assistant, returned as manager.

As a player Jackson made well over 300 appearances for neighbours Bradford as well as playing 60 times for Newcastle United amongst as number of clubs. A solid defender he finally hung up his boots in April 1998 to concentrate on management.

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Iffy Onuora

With Huddersfield Town visiting The County Ground this evening, STFC Magazine caught up former Terrier Iffy Onuora who is now of course a member of the Town's coaching staff.

Iffy Onuora has made over 200 appearances for Huddersfield Town during two separate spells including a Play-Off Semi-Final appearance last term.

Onuora is not the only former player with connections to Huddersfield. Steve Jenkins and Jerel Ifil are now both members of the Town squad, having previously spent time with tonight's visitors.

You played in the Play-Off Semi-Final for Huddersfield last season, how did that move come about?

"I was at Tranmere Rovers at the time and knew it would be my final season as a full-time player. I was on the bench and it was quite an unsettled period. The thinking was that I was just going to see out the season at Prenton Park but then Peter Jackson phoned me out of the blue and asked me to

come on board.

"He said they had quite a young side and would I like to join in the play-off push. That was on deadline day and I signed for them."

Didn't you start your career with them after leaving University?

"Yes, that's right. The club holds a lot of memories for me and it was great to be part of their play-off involvement as well last season. I managed to get a goal in the process!"

You have had a few clubs since then, what is your best memory of your playing career?

"I played at Wembley the summer before it was demolished with Gillingham and that was a great experience. We managed to get promotion there and that was a special memory for me."

And what are your memories of your playing career here at The County Ground?

"All good ones really. Steve McMahon signed me after my first spell at Gillingham and my

family were settled in the area, as they still are, so I have fond memories of those days. We had a decent team and scored a few goals in my time here.

Huddersfield are in Town this evening, what type of game do you expect it to be?

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Which cabinet Minister is currently in trouble over his love life?	David Blunkett	David Blunkett
When did Matt Heywood / Steve Robinson last score?	1983!	Bournemouth away last season?
Who has just been appointed Manager of Wycombe?	John Gorman	John Gorman
Which team do we play on January 15th?	Bradford?	Luton away?
Can you name the three teams left in the Southern Area LDV Vans Trophy Semi-Finals?	Bristol Rovers, Leyton Orient and Southend United	Bristol Rovers, Leyton Orient and Southend
In July 2002 Swindon signed a midfielder from Buckingham Town, but what was his name?	Daren Dykes	Daren Dykes
Which hole at St Andrews is called the 'road hole'?	17th	17th
Who portayed Henry Hill in Goodfellas?	Ray Liotta	Ray Liotta
Which food would you associate with Eccles?	Cakes	Cakes
How many miles is it from Birmingham City FC to Burnley FC?	125 miles (closest answer wins)	105 miles

Final Scores



8/10

7/10

Verdict: Both players know their golf and their LDV Vans Trophy opponents, but it came down to the wire again this week. Congratulations to 'Turbo' who takes the win with a last gasp effort.

If you have a question you would like to test the players with in the next Head2Head, just send an email to chris@swindontownfc.co.uk

Youth On Their Side



Luke Garrard

Having been released from Tottenham

Hotspur as a scholar, Garrard moved swiftly through the Youth set-up at Swindon Town and was awarded his full first team debut in April 2003 at Oldham Athletic.

He has captained the youth team and Under 19's on a number of occasions and is an influential figure, operating at right back or in the heart of defence. Made quite an impression when he started the recent derby against Bristol City and managed to contain Luke Wilkshire with some style. One for the present, as well as the future.



Following the dual appointment of Ian Woan and Iffy Onuora, the Town's youth system has received a fair amount of press coverage over recent weeks. Now you know who is in charge, we take a look at the youth team themselves with profiles of the side.

Kyle Lapham



A former Centre of Excellence player, local-based Kyle progressed through the ranks and has made a number of appearances for the reserve team.

Ian Oliver

Left-back who after making a number of reserve team appearances in the 2003-4 season, made his first senior appearance in July 2004, coming off the bench against Coca-Cola Championship side Millwall in a pre-season friendly, replacing Grant Smith.

Leigh Henry



Son of Town striking legend Charlie, Leigh began life joining the Centre of Excellence and recently made an appearance alongside Alan Reeves in the heart of defence in the 1-0 win over Swindon Supermarine in the Wiltshire Shield.

Ashan Holgate



Tall, gangly figure who can operate as a striker or on the right of midfield. Scored on his senior debut against Millwall in pre-season 2004, after coming on as a substitute.

Ben Wells



One of three Centre of Excellence players who

signed on as first year scholars in June 2004. An energetic midfielder, who impressed in the Under 17's during season 2003-4.

He was awarded a squad number on Tuesday 30th November and made the bench against Bristol City in the LDV Vans Trophy.



Chris Taylor

After joining the Centre of Excellence, Taylor made his full first team debut in the 1-0 win at Crewe Alexandra in April 2003, replacing David Duke in a 1-0 win. Since then he has continued in the reserves and has also trained with the first team on numerous occasions.

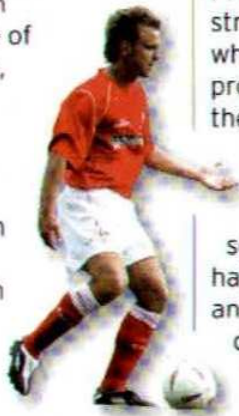
David Stroud



'Stroudy' is another of Town's youth team with County Ground connections, with his Father Kenny starring for Swindon. A skilful winger, he joined the Centre of Excellence before signing scholarship forms.

Justyn McKay

Stratton-born McKay joined Town as a 15 year old and having worked his way up through the Centre of Excellence, appeared for the first team on the pre-season tour to Bideford in August 2004 in midfield.



Matty Bulman

Talented young keeper who has progressed up through the Centre of Excellence and made numerous reserve team appearances during the 2003-4 season. Made his first team 'debut' during the pre-season friendly at Bideford in July 2004.



Lance Lewis

Prolific striker who has progressed throughout the Youth system, Lance was a scorer in every round of the FA Youth cup run last season, including a hat-trick along the way and continues to score on a regular basis for the youth team.



Michael Pook

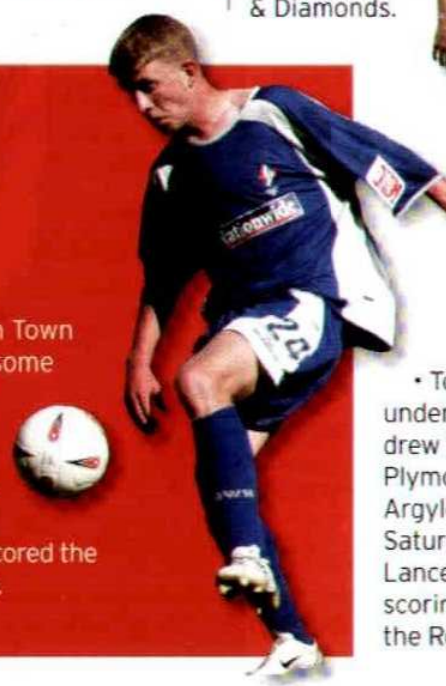
A promising midfielder, 'Pooky' has progressed through the youth system and made an appearance in the LDV Vans Trophy last season at Boston United. He has also appeared in the LDV Vans Trophy squad this season at Rushden & Diamonds.



Andy Caton

A powerful striker, Andy joined Swindon Town as a first year scholar in June 2004 after spending some time with GLS Hellenic Premier Division side North Leigh last season where he was a prolific scorer.

Came off the bench on the opening day of the season scoring against Wrexham and has made subsequent appearances for the first team against Luton Town and Stockport County. He scored the winner in the Wiltshire Premier Shield at Hunts Copse recently.



• Town's under 18's drew 1-1 at Plymouth Argyle on Saturday, with Lance Lewis scoring for the Robins.

15 Andy Nicholas



A-TEAM... out of the current squad, who would you nominate to play the following in the A-Team movie?

Hannibal – The Gaffer
BA Baracus – Jerel
Face – Super Sammy
Murdock – Smithy.

BOOTS... which make do you wear?
Predators.

CALM... who has had the most influence on your career?
Steve Heighway.

DRAW... can you draw a teammate?





EAT... who has the biggest appetite in the squad?

Matty Heywood.

FOOLS RUSH IN... how much do you sense the crowd when you are out there?

You do notice them a lot and the crowd can give you a great lift.

GREAT... who was your hero as a youngster?

Paul Gascoigne.

HOWLER... funniest thing you have seen on the pitch?

Jerel picking the ball the ball up before it had gone out of play.

INTERESTING... what are your other interests outside of football?

Golf, films and shopping. Just the usuals really!

JOY... best moment of your career so far?

My debut versus Port Vale.

KITCHEN... what's your favourite recipe?

Being quite a talented chef, it would be hard to pick just one.

LIVERPOOL... who is the best young player at Anfield?

Zak Whitbread (best mate).

HOW MUCH DO YOU SENSE THE CROWD?

"You do notice them a lot and the crowd can give you a great lift"



THE BEST MOMENT OF YOUR CAREER SO FAR?

"My debut versus Port Vale"

MENTION... anyone you would like to say 'hello' to!?

Big Stan.

NET... how many goals can you get this season?

I have to aim for at least 5.

ORDER... where will Town finish this season?

Top six.

PROFESSIONAL... what are your ambitions in football?

To play successfully at as high a level as possible.

QUALITY... most skilful player at Town?

Sammy Igoe.

TV... what are your favourite programmes?

'Pimp My Ride'.

USEFUL... what's the best advice you have ever been given?

Believe in yourself.

VOCATION... what would you be if you were not a footballer?

A cricketer.

WILD... who will win I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here?

Joe.

X... sign here please

RESTAURANT... what's your favourite?

Dolce Vita.

SEANO... tell us something we don't know about him?

He may have been seen on a night out with Wayne...

YULE... where will you spend Christmas Day?

I am not sure at the moment, but quite possibly Swindon.

ZOO... who is the least tidy player at the Club?

Couldn't possibly say!

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Forgive me if this series of FA Cup memories seems out of sequence, but I obviously didn't want to miss the opportunity last Saturday of writing about that LDV Vans Trophy local derby victory over Bristol City!

By now, we know the opponents who stand between us and a place in the two-legged southern section final. I hope we're also into the third round of the most famous knockout competition in the world!!

I grew up with the tournament in the seventies and have vivid memories of every final. It'll come as no surprise anyway if I write again that I don't have reference books to hand, but please believe me

...after a 3-0 demolition of Newcastle with Bill Shankly's famous side-to-side hand movements which he once later said meant absolutely nothing at all!

when I say I'm recalling these stories off the top of the head.

In 1970, I was allowed to stay up especially late to watch the first-ever replay of a Wembley final.

Chelsea beat Leeds (who knocked out the Town en-route to the twin towers) thanks to Dave Webb's last-gasp header.

Next, it was Arsenal's double-year and Charlie George's flat-on-his-back goal celebration. Confusion reigned initially over who scored the winner: George Graham or Eddie Kelly, to whom it was later credited. The Gunners were back again the following season, losing 1-0 to Leeds thanks to Alan Clarke's diving header. Teammate Mick Jones dislocated his shoulder and by the time he'd got to the top of the 39 steps, somebody else had picked up his medal. The holders then lost to massive underdogs Sunderland - remember Jim Montgomery's

double-save, Ian Porterfield's goal and Bob Stokoe's jig of delight??

Liverpool were next for the victory ribbons, after a 3-0 demolition of Newcastle with Bill



Sunderland's Jim Montgomery saves from Leeds' Peter Lorimer in 1973...

Shankly's famous side-to-side hand movements which he once later said meant absolutely nothing at all!!! Who had heard much of West Ham starlet Alan Taylor before the 1975 final - he bagged a brace in the 2-0 defeat of Fulham.

Southampton favourite Bobby Stokes was next to earn himself a place in the history, scoring the only goal of the game against Manchester United, who were back 12 months later to beat Liverpool, denied a "treble" that summer by a combination of Jimmy Greenhoff and Lou Macari.

In 1978, another "old-boy" David Geddis set up Roger Osborne for the Ipswich winner

against Arsenal, who themselves returned to triumph against Manchester United with all those goals in the last few minutes, including crucially Alan Sunderland sliding in at the far post. His ecstatic celebration remains another abiding memory.

A final thought, whatever happened to "It's a Cup Final Knockout"?! Perhaps a better bet for the BBC ONE schedule is tonight's BBC West Sports Awards programme, after the ten o'clock news. Contributors across the region in 2004 are recognised, including talent here at Swindon Town.

Matt 4 Hewlett





Matt
Hewlett



The midfielder on his quest to lift some silverware next may...

Words: Nick Judd

It's half past five on Sunday, the FA Cup third round draw's been made and, like me, Matty Hewlett is salivating at the prospect of hosting Middlesbrough at the County Ground in the next round of the FA Cup. "It's a good draw isn't it!" he enthuses, before remembering that there's the small job of finishing off Notts County first.

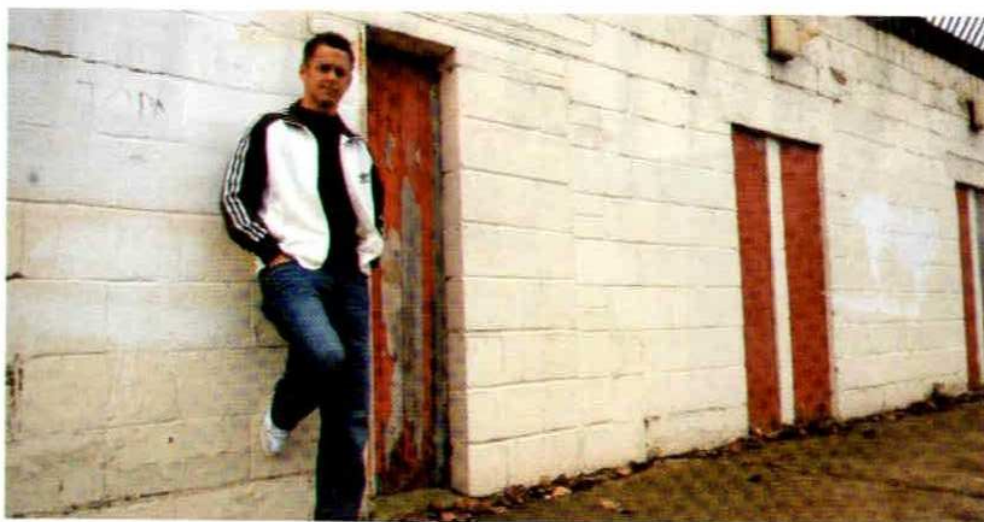
Perhaps the most frustrating thing for Hewlett is he was unable to do anything about

Saturday's disappointing cup performance against the Magpies. Injured ahead of Town's earlier derby clash with former club Bristol City – the 28-year old has had to sit out two cup encounters in the space of five days due to a neck complication – being in the thick of Town's midfield again can't come soon enough...

Starting life on the dark side at Ashton Gate Hewlett finally saw the light and joined the 'best in the west' in the summer of 2000

(after a month-long spell at Burnley, where he bumped into Mr Heywood, and after several appearances for his country at youth level). Four years later, and with several months of captaincy under his belt, the one the rest of the team like to call 'Paula Radcliffe' has once again firmly ensconced himself in Town's midfield, but for his recent neck injury. With points at a premium for Town with two home games in a week, Hewlett is desperate to return and do his bit...

I'm not the best player watching games! The worst thing is not being able to do anything about it; you just want to get fit as quickly as possible...



Middlesbrough at home then? All we've got to do now is beat Notts County at their place...

What a great incentive. It's an excellent draw – but before we can even think about playing them we have a job to do first. It will be a tough game, they gave us a good game last year but we'll still be the favourites. But I know the lads will be thinking about playing against the best, and for the club to play a team like that at home is extremely beneficial financially. What an occasion it would be for everyone, and we'd definitely go into the game with no fear.

Assuming we do see the Magpies off, what would it be like to play against the likes of Zenden, Boateng, Parlour - the list is endless...

They have got some world-class players. Zenden plays in the middle there now, I mean players like that are the ones we all watch on television – so to put yourself against them in a one-off situation is an awesome prospect.

Until the Notts County game, and should we beat them, then until the third round tie - is there a danger that our minds will be elsewhere and not on the task of winning league games?

I don't think so. Games like this are a welcome break from the League for us and so it gives us something to look forward to; something to work towards. The only problem we've got now is the number of games coming up – we've only got a small squad and we can't afford any more injuries...

Talking of injuries - how's the neck coming along?

It's ok. I did some running last week and did some training on the Friday. I should be training normally this week with a view to playing Saturday. It's still a bit sore, a bit stiff – but I think that could be the case for a little while.

It must have been a bit disappointing to miss out on last week's LDV victory, especially as it was against your old team?

It was; I'm not the best player watching games! The worst thing is not being able to do anything about it; you just want to get fit as quickly as possible. But it was a great team performance; the lads were tremendous. Everyone singled out Luke Garrard – and he did play well, but the whole team were brilliant. Normally we rest key players in that competition, but even City played close to a full-strength team and it was just like watching a league game.

You might not have played, but I bet you still enjoyed seeing your former team mates afterwards?!

Yeah – they were really gutted. Both teams wanted to go as far as possible and at the end of the day we've done well to get to this stage.

You played against Everton in the FA Cup while at Bristol City didn't you? What do you remember about that?

I remember hitting the post; it would have levelled the scores! We







played really well and it was a very close game. It was a similar scenario to what it will be like if we beat County. No one will expect us to win, yet we almost turned them over and we have the potential to cause an upset this year. Right up to the final whistle we gave them a run for their money.

The Middlesbrough tie aside, we've got more chance of reaching the LDV final haven't we? Just three games away from the Millennium Stadium...

Yeah we have, but the Southend tie is still going

to be very difficult. With the sides that are left in the tournament now, it is ours to lose because we're the only League One side left now. Our quality should come through, but it would be amazing for them to reach the final too, perhaps even more so, and so they'll be up for it. We know we've got what it takes to get to the final and it would be an amazing day out for everyone, the players, the staff – and what a day out for the fans, I'm sure we'd fill our end.

I remember the last time we played Southend at this stage

of the LDV Trophy three years ago....

I'd just returned from knee surgery and it was just a horrible game. It just goes to show that sometimes league form can count for nothing. Success this time around won't be given to us on a plate – it's going to be really hard work like it always is playing teams from a lower league. But we'll know what to expect and we'll be ready.

Looking back at that team, the likes of Gary Alexander, Antoine Van der Linden, Juan Cobian – we've come

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a long way since then haven't we?

We were really struggling that year. A lot of our new players were young, inexperienced and hadn't had time to gel. It took two or three seasons to settle in and in that time the squad has got better and better. If you think back to that season and then to what we achieved last year – it's a great turn around.

Last year was your second bite at the play-offs, your first a successful promotion with Bristol City in 1998. Having done it before, and after the experience of last year – do you think we have what it takes to go up this year?

The difference between City that season and us last year was the size of the squad. We had great strength in depth whereas now, we don't have the biggest squad. Last year we were lucky in that we didn't have many injuries – there was never a scenario when we had more than one or two key players missing. And to get promotion you need that luck – if we can stay injury free this year we'll

be ok. If it's going to be your year it's going to be your year, you know? Let's face it, Brighton – over the course of those three play-off games – probably didn't deserve to go up, but they had a bit of luck and it must have been their time.

How important are the next two league games – taking into account the fact that they're both at home?

We need two good results. We've reached sixth and seventh place a few times this season, but haven't really kicked on from there. We need that consistency to take us that little bit further and that must come from your home games. We've been fairly good at home in front of our own fans. They've been good to us this year and it would be nice to reward them with at least four points from the two games.

Finally, this week we've seen both Sean O'Hanlon and Brian Howard touted as England under-21 prospects, but it wasn't that long ago when your name was being mentioned in the same light?



There's nothing better than representing your country and I was lucky to play a few games for my country. Sean and Brian are both playing regularly now and there's no reason why they shouldn't be called up. They've played so many games at a good level whereas young players at Premiership clubs still lack match experience – so why not? Despite playing in the lower leagues they've both got great quality – I just hope that as a club we can keep hold of them because if they keep performing as they are, they'll be attracting the services of other clubs soon enough.



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Oct 10	Keynsham	3-5
Oct 31	Bath City FAC1	4-0
Nov 7	Chesham	2-3
Nov 14	Clevedon FAC2	2-1
Nov 28	Plymouth	P-P
Dec 5	Langford FAC3	1-2
Dec 12	Forest Green	H
Jan 9	Newton Abbot	A
Jan 23	Launton	H
Jan 30	Clevedon	A
Feb 6	Reading Royals	H
Feb 13	Reading	A
Feb 27	Keynsham	H
Mar 6	Cardiff City	A
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Sunday 12th December 2004

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CupKnockout



Despite a photoshoot with the trophy ahead of the game, the Town Ladies will not be getting their hands on the Women's FA Cup again this season as they were beaten by Langford in the Third Round.

The Town kicked off and both sides settled quickly but were unable to create goal scoring chances. Catherine Reid was thwarted by the keeper and then the woodwork saved Langford when Kim Reeves' header rebounded off the post. The Town defence held tight with Adelle Taylor and Holly Burton

holding a tight line. The visitors broke the deadlock mid way through the first half when after a good run Shelly Forester shot high into the net. Langford pressed to increase their lead but the Town back line well marshalled by Tara Lofts and Michelle Brown ensured that keeper Jodie Steenaart was rarely troubled.

After the break the Town began to take control and Catherine Reid and Michelle Rich both went close. Eventually the Town were level when Catherine Reid was put clear by Michelle

Rich and she coolly beat the advancing keeper. Fifteen minutes from time Langford regained the lead when Ruth Waghorn scored from the edge of the area. The Town threw everything forward and although Laura Morgan and Claire Moreton went close, the Town were unable to find the net again.

The Town were never outclassed by their opponents from the Southern Division of the FA Women's Premier League, a league above the Town, and were unlucky not to have got something from the game.

On Sunday the Town return to South West Combination League action with a home game against Forest Green Rovers. This game will be played at the Aldbourne FC Ground and will Kick Off at 2:00 pm.



Michelle Rich and Kim Reeves with the Women's FA Cup at The County Ground last Friday...

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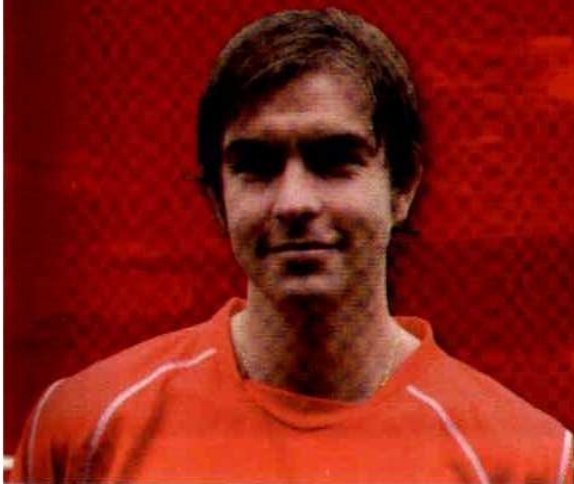
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GrantSmith

'Smudge' brings you the latest from The County Ground with a behind the scenes view of life in SN1...

Hello and welcome to today's game. It seems a while since my last column but this is due to a mixture of cup games, away games and a twelve-page pull out spread of Super Sam in one of the programmes.

I don't mind though, as it is not easy writing an award winning column every home game and with four in a row this month I can do with the time off.

After the Sheffield Wednesday game in the cup it was good to unwind the next day at Cheltenham races. This was a better day for some than it was others. From awful tips to just bad luck the bookies must have been rubbing their hands when the racing was over. Still it was a good day out with one of the highlights being Roger the kit mans jockey impression when his horse was in the final furlong. It was an even bigger surprise when I saw he was driving the bus home as I honestly thought he was drunk while doing his Dettori impressions.

Talking of bad luck though it hasn't been the best of weeks for



two of the boys at the club, as last Tuesday before the LDV game both Stef and Christian suffered car crashes. With Christian you can't tell if he is being serious or not, so when he came in saying he had whip lash no one believed him and gave him a bit of a hard time. It is still troubling him now, so on behalf of the boys we apologise and didn't mean to accuse you of not wanting to play against your old team.

After flicking through the last couple of programmes I don't think I could live with myself if I didn't mention the models

for this season's club catalogue. First of all the word model is a bit unfair to use on a couple of the boys but having modelled myself last year it was never going to be easy shoes to fill. Secondly there's a strong rumour going round that Brian Howard and Sammy Igoe had a little lovers tiff over the pictures. 'Bri' wasn't happy that Sammy looked as if he was getting far to close to Rory in their pictures together; and after seeing them myself I can see his point. Finally, last year Tommy managed to get his kids used in the catalogue to model some of the kids'

clothes and this year was no exception. Just when the photographer was running out of mature models, Steve Robinson came to the rescue. Luckily his two little brothers were at the training ground that day and as you can see from the photo there is a strong family resemblance.

There is no "Nugget of the Week" this week as I've just got room to mention Adi Viveash leaving the club last week. Adi was a quality guy and I'm sure I speak for all the boys when I wish him and his family all the best for the future.



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League Review

The FA CUP

There were few upsets in the FA Cup Second Round at the weekend, but some exciting draws are in prospect for round 3...


 Conference side Exeter City reached the Third Round of the FA Cup after defeating League One opponents Doncaster Rovers 2-1, and duly celebrated the following day as they pulled Manchester United out of the hat for the next round. Steve Flack and self-confessed Man Utd fan Dean Moxey were on the score sheet for Exeter, and Gregg Blundell scored a consolation goal for Rovers, with 4 minutes remaining.

 Non-league Histon's dreams of reaching the Third Round were brought to an abrupt end by League Two high-flyers Yeovil Town after a 3-1 defeat at Bridge Road. After a goalless first half, Phil Jevons registered for The



Histon v Yeovil

Glovers from the penalty spot. Five minutes later Lee Johnson found the net for the Somerset club, to double their lead. Histon replied mid-way through the second half when Neil Kennedy scored for the Southern League Premier Division club, but Yeovil ensured the victory when substitute Yemi Odubade made the final score 3-1 when he ran through to slot home with a late strike.

 Hartlepool United cruised past Aldershot with a 5-1 demolition of the Conference side at Victoria Park.

Two goals each from Chris Westwood and Adam Boyd,

along with a late single strike from Mark Tinkler, made it a very successful day for Neale Cooper's side, as Tim Sills's first half reply was not enough for the Hampshire non-leaguers.


 Hull City made light work of League Two side Macclesfield Town with a 4-0 victory at The Kingston Communications Stadium.

A brace from the sprightly Delroy Facey sent Peter Taylor's Tigers on their way to the Third Round, with Ryan France and the impressive Stuart Elliott adding single markers for the home side.

 Boston United avoided a minor banana skin when they saw off Conference side Hereford United 3-2 at Edgar Street. Hereford took the lead early on through Tamika Mkandawire before the League Two side pulled level on the half hour mark through Jason Lee. Andy Kirk then secured Boston a safe passage into the next round with two late strikes, despite Craig Stanley scoring a late consolation for The Bulls.

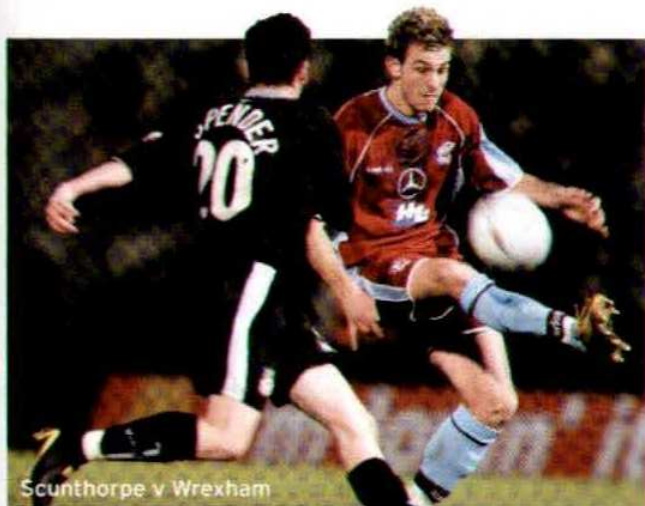


Cambridge City v MK Dons

 Ian Rush's own personal FA Cup record rubbed off on his Chester City side as they went through to the third round with a 3-1 win over Halifax Town. Two goals from Michael Branch - one a penalty - sent Chester on their way while Kevin Rapley added the third after a goalkeeping error. Neil Ross's second half strike was not enough to turn the tie around for The Shaymen.

 Second half strikes from Derek Holmes and Alan Connell gave League One side Bournemouth a 2-1 home win over Conference club Carlisle United. Craig Farrell replied late on for Paul Simpson's Cumbrians, but it proved to be nothing more than a consolation goal.

A late Scott Taylor strike



Scunthorpe v Wrexham

gave Blackpool a 1-0 win over League One rivals Port Vale at Bloomfield Road, to secure their place in the next round.

 Barry Fry's Peterborough United eventually outclassed Bath City and recorded a 2-0 victory, with Calum Willock netting two first half goals at London Road, despite heavy resistance from the Non League side.

Yeading knocked out Slough 3-1 and were handed a Third Round tie with Premiership big guns Newcastle United.

Glen Harris had handed Slough the lead from the penalty spot before Dudley Campbell's double salvo and a goal from Davis Haule secured a Yeading win.


 Greg Halford was Colchester's hero as he netted a hat-trick in Colchester's impressive 5-2 win on their travels to Rushden & Diamonds.

Craig Fagan added a double, with Rushden scoring twice in the final ten minutes from Drewe Broughton and


Stuart Gray.

 Chris Killen is a man in red hot form at present and he notched a treble as one of the country's most in form sides, Oldham, eased past Leyton Orient 4-0.


The former Manchester City striker netted his first from the penalty spot before Lee Croft completed the scoring with five minutes left.


 Scot McGleish atoned for an earlier penalty miss when he converted to hand Northampton a 1-0


success over Bury.

 Grant Holt continued his excellent goalscoring form as his brace secured a 2-0 win for Rochdale at Stevenage.

Stockport and Swansea will have to play again at Vetch Field after a dour 0-0 stalemate.

 A last minute goal from Stefan Oakes earned Notts County a replay against Swindon after Sean O'Hanlon had given Andy King's side the lead in the first fifteen minutes. .

 Steve Howard fired two goals and Kevin Nicholls a single, as League Two outfit Luton Town had too much for Wycombe on their travels to win 3-0.

 Milton Keynes Dons and Scunthorpe United both booked their places in the FA Cup Third Round after wins on Friday evening.

The MK Dons faced a tough looking trip to non-league Cambridge City, but they managed to avoid a giant-killing and disposed of the Nationwide South outfit.

The only goal at Milton Road came after just six minutes when Allan Smart headed home Nicky Rizzo's cross.

 League Two Scunthorpe progressed after a 2-0 victory over financially stricken Wrexham at Glanford Park.

The Red Dragons - who have just gone into administration - were looking for a morale-boosting win, but it was not to be as they succumbed to opposition from a division below.

Lee Ridley opened the scoring after 14 minutes and the second came just before the hour when Matthew Sparrow smashed home the rebound from a Paul Hayes speculative shot.



Sunday's action from Hinckley v Brentford, which ended in a 0-0 draw.

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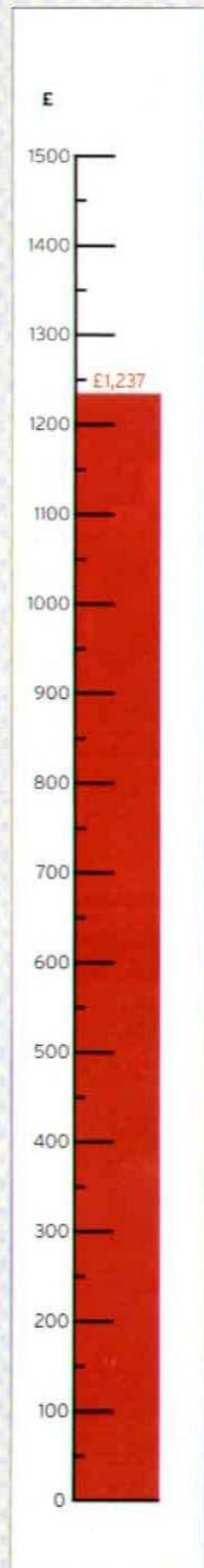
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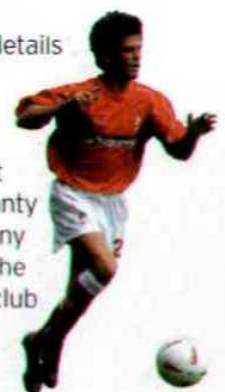
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Where are they now?

part two

Swindon Town won the Second Division Championship in the 1995/96 season. We take a look at what's happened to that squad eight years later...

SteveCowe

Originally signed from Aston Villa in March 1996, Cowe went on to make over 100 appearances before departing for a spell at Hereford United. He has since been with Newport County, Forest Green and is now with Redditch United.



ScottLeitch

After making 124 appearances for Town, Leitch returned North to rejoin former club Motherwell where he continues to impress under Manager Terry Butcher.



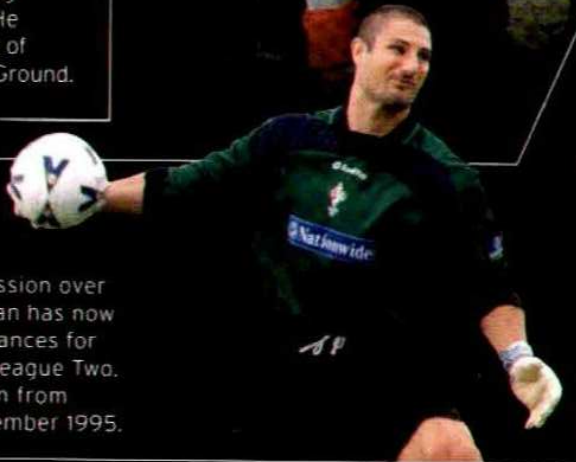
PaulBodin

Having represented his country and won several promotions with The Robins, Bodin left Swindon under Steve McMahon for Reading before finishing his career with Bath City. He now coaches in the Centre of Excellence at The County Ground.



FrankTalia

Despite a slight mishap during a lawn-mowing session over the summer, the Australian has now made over eighty appearances for Wycombe Wanderers in League Two. Originally signed for Town from Blackburn Rovers in November 1995.



EdwinMurray

Best remembered for his spectacular winner at Carlisle United during the Division Two Championship season, Murray left Town in 1997 and drifted out of football. Now working for a recruitment agency.

Steve Finney

After signing from Manchester City, he played 47 times for Town, where he netted 18 times. After leaving Town he had spells with Cambridge, Carlisle, Leyton Orient before having an unsuccessful trial at Exeter City. He then had spells with Barrow and Chester before signing for Altrincham. After finishing as the season's top scorer with 11 goals three years ago, he unexpectedly left the club and is now thought to have set up a school of motoring in the Wigan area.



Mark Robinson

After signing from Newcastle United for £400,000 in the summer of 1994, Robinson made 257 league starts for Town. A back injury ended his career and after leaving The County Ground he started a personal training gym at Minety.

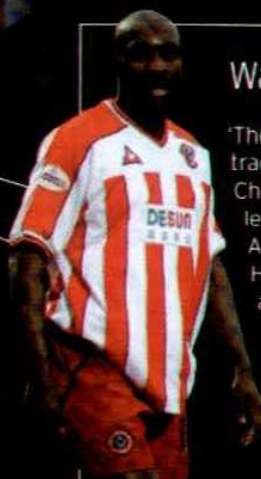


Andy Rowland

Originally signed from Bury in 1978, Rowland was a potent member of the Town strikeforce before becoming Reserve Team Manager here at Town. After a spell as Assistant Manager and then Manager (temporary) he is now landlord of the Plough Inn at Old Town.

Wayne Allison

'The Chief' now plies his trade with League One rivals Chesterfield and continues to lead the line for the Spireites. After departing Swindon for Huddersfield Town, he enjoyed a successful spell with Sheffield United as well as a time at Tranmere Rovers. Scored the winner for Chesterfield against Town a fortnight ago.



Shaun Taylor

Departed The County Ground under Steve McMahon in an £100,000 move to Bristol City and having made over 100 appearances for the 'other' Robins, became Reserve Team Coach where he continues today in that role.

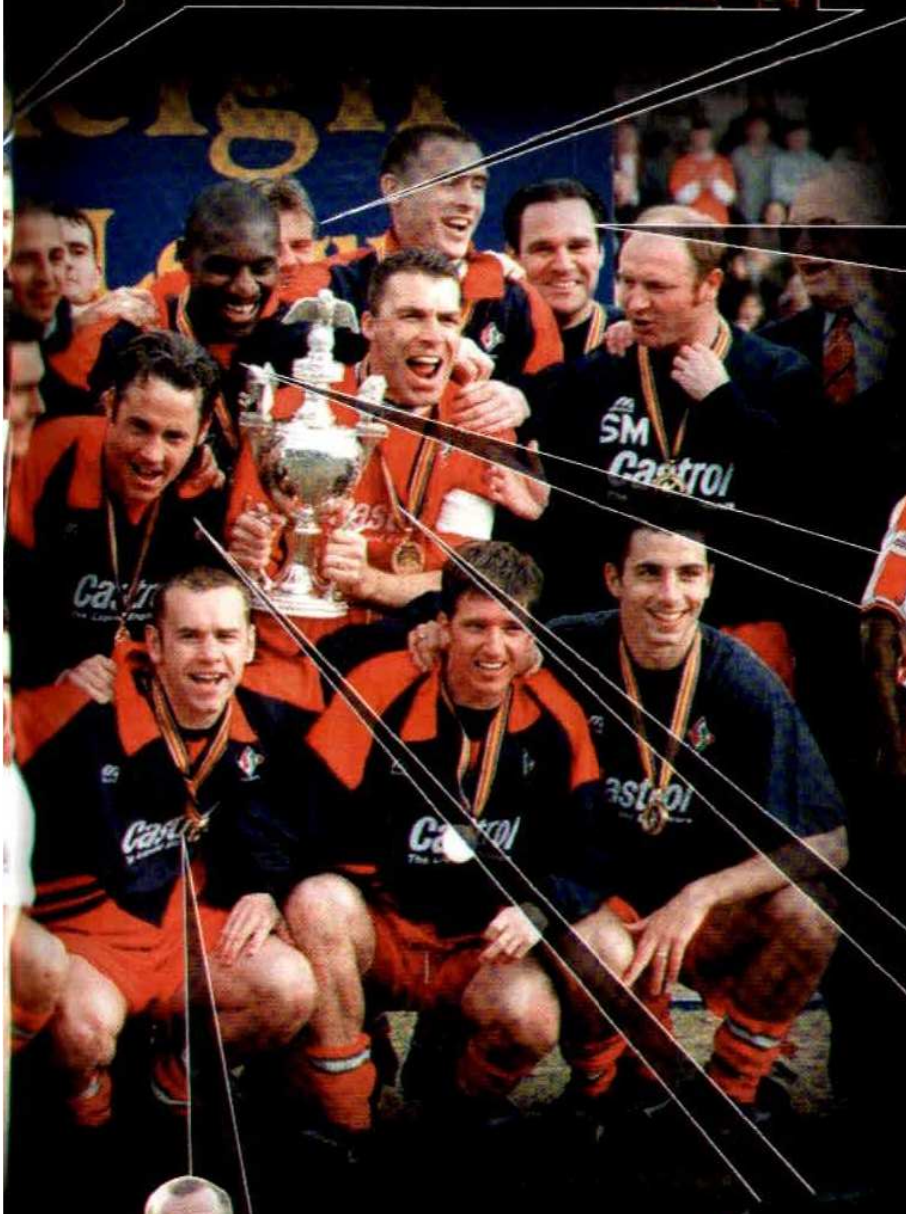


Wayne O'Sullivan

Joined the Town in 1992 as a youngster and made his debut in the 1994-5 season in Division One. Left the club with 65 league starts to his name. Later appeared for Cardiff & Plymouth.

Ian Culverhouse

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Some 40 mums appear (in various states of undress!) in the calendar - they agreed to take part in the fund-raiser, because they all have sons who are currently training with the Centre of Excellence.

The calendar was photographed by a national magazine photographer and has received coverage in The Sun and on BBC Radio 2. As well as the cheeky mums, it also features our very own Sam Parkin!

Please support the up-and-coming young talent in our Centre of Excellence by purchasing a copy. Copies are also on sale at the Swindon Town Supporters Shop or by contacting the Youth Development Administrator on 01793 33706



Background information: The STFC Calendar Mums Calendar was the brainwave of Pam Thompson from Westbury, Wiltshire, whose two sons, Nathan (13) and Louis (9) are both apprentices at Swindon Town's Centre of Excellence. "The Centre always needs more funding than is available and knowing what a fantastic opportunity it is for the youngsters to get real top quality

coaching, I just wanted to find a good idea that would create funds for them - I mentioned it to some of the other mums and it was an instant success - it just took off! Please please support us by buying a copy."

Pam formed a committee with Anne Wilkes of Swindon (who has been in charge of successfully selling sponsorships for the calendar and of spearheading sales) and Jacki Barnwell of Marlborough (who oversaw the photo shoot and worked with national magazine photographer Ian Parry to produce the shots). Both Anne and Jacki have sons at Swindon Town's Centre of Excellence.

Stadium TrustSTFC Report

Fans Forum

Since the Trust's campaign started to get the council to talk to the club about the possibility of redeveloping the County Ground, fans have quite rightly had a number of questions they'd like to ask about how such a scheme could work. Now TrustSTFC have organised a Fans' Forum to give you the chance to ask the men who know in person.

Bob Holt, Acting Chief Executive of STFC, and Justin Tomlinson, lead councillor for Swindon Services (the arm of the council dealing with this proposal) will both be on hand to answer your questions and we also hope a representative of St Modwen, the club's development partners, will be available on the night to answer any questions you may have.

Since the Trust-sponsored motion was successfully passed on November 18th, the club and the council have been in talks about the practicalities of redeveloping the Country Ground. Although there's obviously still a lot of work to do on all the exact details, there should now be some more concrete answers for your questions, plus this represents an ideal chance for fans to have their say on how you'd like to see the County Ground redeveloped direct to the guys who will be making it happen! Don't miss out - come along and make your voice heard on the future of our ground and our club!

The Fans' Forum will take place on **Thursday 13th January 2005** in the Winners' Bar, starting at 7.30 pm prompt. Entrance is free to all Town fans.



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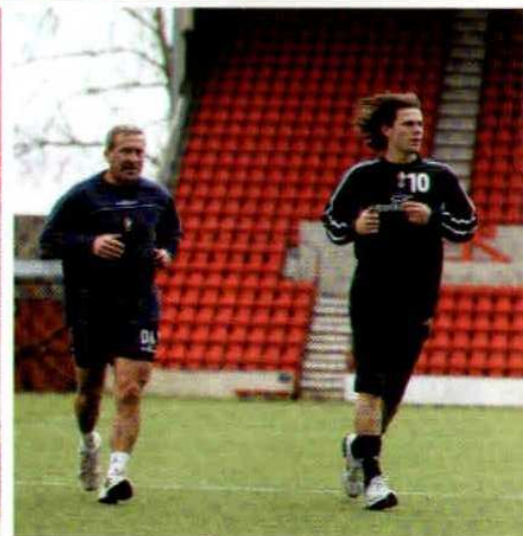
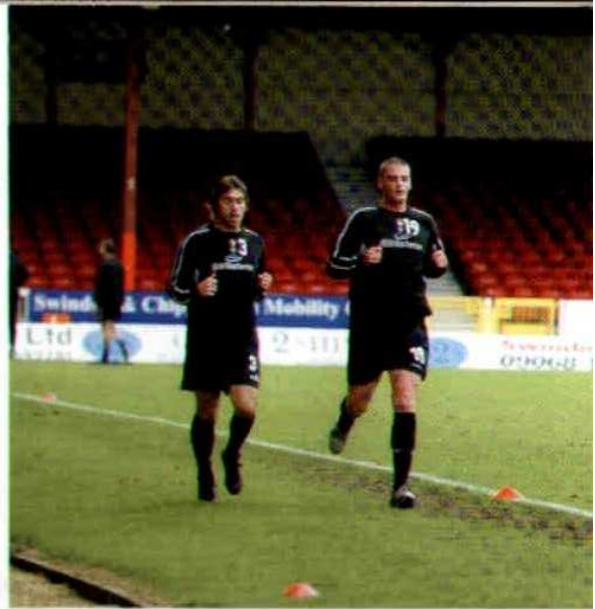
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Training Gallery

With four home games in twelve days you would have thought the squad would have seen enough of The County Ground. However, Official Club Photographer Chris Adams captured the Town enjoying training at HQ recently...

Model : Sue Perkins



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... at Bournemouth, Saturday December 18th, Fitness First Stadium

Getting there:

By car: Follow the A338 towards Bournemouth. The ground is situated on the left of the A338 in the outskirts of Bournemouth. If you keep looking up to the left as you go into Bournemouth you will eventually see the tops of the ground floodlights. There is a massive car park at the ground.

By train: The nearest train station is Pokesdown which is roughly a mile from the ground and is around a 15 minute walk away. However, most trains arrive at Bournemouth Central, which is around a half an hour walk to the ground. Either try to get a train to Pokesdown or grab a cab (£7-£8). If you do arrive at Pokesdown

Station (which is served by trains from London Waterloo), then exit the station (there is only one exit) and turn right down the main Christchurch Road (A35). Proceed for about 400 metres and then turn right into Gloucester Road. Dean Court is located down the bottom of this road.

Pubs:

The Queens Park Hotel. This pub is the closest to the ground (3 mins walk from the ground) and is located on Holdenhurst road. There is a good mix of home and away fans, and rarely any trouble. There is good beer, snacks and rolls on matchday, a big screen TV, and a great atmosphere.

Ground:

To be honest, I have not

been since it was known as Dean Court. It looks quite impressive these days on three sides though. What is it with clubs and three-sided grounds?? Apparently these days away fans are located on one side of the East Stand, at one side of the pitch. The normal allocation for this area is 1,500 fans and is shared with home supporters. The view is good and you can make plenty of noise. Beer is served on the concourse as well as such delights as the allegedly delicious 'Football's Famous Chicken Balti Pie' (£2.20).

Fave game:

I'm going to get a bit obscure on this one and say, 28th January 1987, Freight Rover Trophy Southern Area First Round, 0-0 after 90 minutes, Bournemouth went 2-0 up in extra time but we battled back with two goals from Peter Coyne and won on penalties, would you believe it? We went out of that competition at the area semi-final stage under somewhat controversial circumstances to an Aldershot side which included a certain Mr. Andy King!

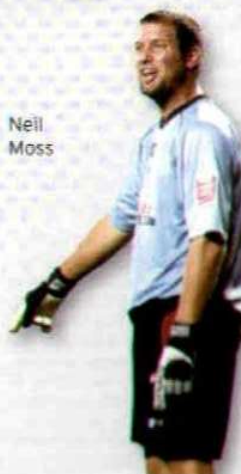
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Away Travel - 01793 536 757

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

ComingUp...

STFC vs. Doncaster Rovers

Saturday 11th December, KO 3:00pm

at The County Ground

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



STFC vs. Notts County

TheFA CUP

Wednesday 15th December, KO 7:45pm

at Meadow Lane

Matchday ticket prices...

Derek Pavis Stand	Kop Stand	Family Stand
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Concessions £7	Concessions £6	Concessions £5
Under16's £2	Under16's £2	Under16's £2



STFC vs. AFC Bournemouth

Saturday 18th December, KO 3:00pm

at Fitness First Stadium

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

Prices

Adult £16
OAP/Student £8*
Child £6

*OAP over 65, student must have valid NUS card.



STFC vs. Peterborough United

Sunday 26th December, KO 3:00pm

at London Road

All tickets are pay on the day...

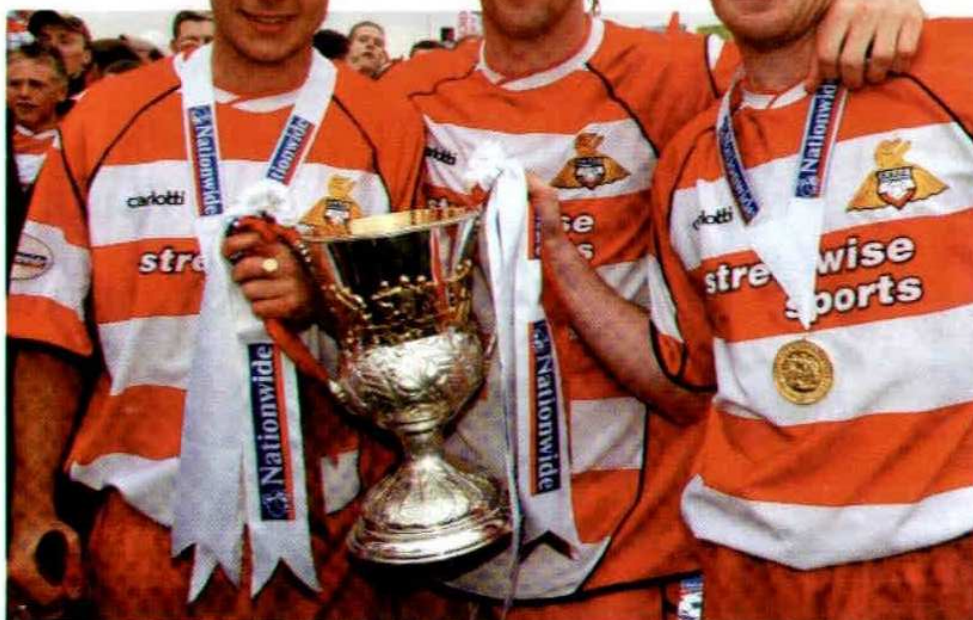
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UpNext...

Gazette & Herald

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



 **Coca-Cola LEAGUE 1**

Saturday 11th Dec 2004
KickOff 3.00pm

The next in a set of four successive home games takes place on Saturday when Doncaster Rovers take the trip down from the north.

Dave Penney has been in charge since March 2002 and what a change he's presided over at Belle Vue. A fourth place finish in the Conference just months after his arrival was followed by 3rd and promotion to the Football League a year later after play-off victory over Dagenham and Redbridge.

Just a season after that, Rovers, stepped up to League One with the Division Three championship, having held top spot since the third week in February.

After such rapid elevation, Doncaster show little signs of being overawed. As Christmas approaches Rovers have their eyes on a play-off place again and top scorer Michael McIndoe is amongst the top strikers in the division.

McIndoe joined the club from Yeovil Town in August 2003 as both teams celebrated promotion from the Conference, and if that seemed like a sideways move, last season he notched ten goals as his

new employers left his old in League Two. The Scotsman also caught the eye of then Scotland manager Bertie Vogts.

At the end of November, Rovers put paid to Luton's run of 16 goals in four home games with a 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road. The point was Doncaster's eight on their travels this term, but that still means six defeats in ten games so Rovers don't appear to travel that well.

Meanwhile, Andy's men

spent November quietly establishing themselves as mean home performers. Successive four-goal tallies against Sheffield Wednesday and Hull were followed by LDV Vans victory over local neighbours Bristol City ahead of the FA Cup action against Notts County four days ago.

So, Saturday 11th December sees the next installment of the Swindon Town extended home-run festival. Be here. You know it's better than Christmas shopping.

STFC2004/05

Kick-Off 3:00pm Saturdays.
7:45pm midweek unless
otherwise stated

Date	Fixture	Res	Att	Vis	Pos	1. RHYS EVANS	2. SEAN O'HANLON	3. GRANT SMITH	4. MATT HEWLETT	5. ADI VIVEASH	6. ANDY GURNEY	7. SAMMY IGOE	8. RORY FALLON	9. SAM PARKIN	10. STEFANI MIGLIORANZI	11. DAVID DUKE	12. JEREL IFIL	13. MATT BULMAN	14. LLOYD OPARA	15. ANDY NICHOLAS	16. STEVE ROBINSON	17. BRIAN HOWARD	18. ALAN PEEVES
Sat Aug 7	Wrexham	A	1-2	5,099	750	19th																	
Wed Aug 11	LUTON TOWN	H	2-3	6,286	675	23rd		SNU						1								SNU	
Sat Aug 14	MILTON KEYNES DONS	H	2-1	5,060	170	19th		17						1					SNU				SNU
Sat Aug 21	Bristol City	A	2-1	13,389	1,826	12th								1									SNU
Tue Aug 24	Rushden & Diamonds (CC1)	A	1-0	1,672	395	→	SNU	23		1						OFF							SNU
Sat Aug 28	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H	3-0+	5,365	198	7th		6						1									SNU
Mon Aug 30	Walsall	A	2-3	5,951	947	10th		17						1									SNU
Sat Sep 4	Colchester United	A	1-0	3,868	360	5th								1									SNU
Sat Sep 11	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H	0-1	5,777	158	11th		17		SNU													SNU
Sat Sep 18	Blackpool	A	1-1	5,229	611	11th																	SNU
Tue Sep 21	Leeds United (CC2)	A	0-1	18,476	980	x																	SNU
Sat Sep 25	BRADFORD CITY	H	1-0	5,189	325	7th			SNU	10													SNU
Sat Oct 2	Stockport County	A	3-3	4,394	368	8th																	SNU
Sat Oct 16	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	1-0	5,522	214	9th																	SNU
Tue Oct 19	Port Vale	A	0-1	3,872	348	9th																	SNU
Sat Oct 23	Barnsley	A	2-2	8,837	377	9th		21															SNU
Wed Oct 27	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H	3-2	6,972	1,173	7th																	SNU
Sat Oct 30	TORQUAY UNITED	H	3-3	6,724	663	7th																	SNU
Tue Nov 2	Exeter City (LDV2)	A	2-1	1,898	tbc	→		SNU															SNU
Sat Nov 6	Tranmere Rovers	A	1-2	8,419	284	9th																	SNU
Sat Nov 13	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (FAC1)	H	4-1	6,160	964	→																	SNU
Sat Nov 20	HULL CITY	H	4-2	6,348	919	7th																	SNU
Sat Nov 27	Chesterfield	A	0-1	4,244	378	10th																	SNU
Tue Nov 30	BRISTOL CITY (LDVQF)	H	1-0	7,571	1,513	→		18															SNU
Sat Dec 4	NOTTS COUNTY (FAC2)	H	1-1	5,768	-	-		8															SNU
Wed Dec 8	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H																					SNU
Sat Dec 11	DONCASTER ROVERS	H																					SNU
Wed Dec 15	Notts County (FAC2)	A																					SNU
Sat Dec 18	Bournemouth	A																					SNU
Sun Dec 26	Peterborough United	A																					SNU
Tue Dec 28	BRENTFORD	H																					SNU
Sat Jan 1	COLCHESTER UNITED	H																					SNU
Mon Jan 3	Bradford City	A																					SNU
Sat Jan 8	Sheffield Wednesday	A																					SNU
Sat Jan 15	BLACKPOOL	H																					SNU
Sat Jan 22	Brentford	A																					SNU
Tue Jan 25	Southend (LDVSR)	A																					SNU
Sat Jan 29	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H																					SNU
Sat Feb 5	Oldham Athletic	A																					SNU
Sat Feb 12	BARNSELY	H																					SNU
Sat Feb 19	Torquay United	A																					SNU
Wed Feb 23	PORT VALE	H																					SNU
Sat Feb 26	Doncaster Rovers	A																					SNU
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Sat Mar 12	Luton Town	A																					SNU
Sat Mar 19	WREXHAM	H																					SNU
Sat Mar 26	Milton Keynes Dons	A																					SNU
Mon Mar 28	BRISTOL CITY	H																					SNU
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Sat Apr 9	WALSALL	H																					SNU
Sat Apr 16	Hull City	A																					SNU
Sat Apr 23	TRANMERE ROVERS	H																					SNU
Sat Apr 30	Huddersfield Town	A																					SNU
Sat May 7	CHESTERFIELD	H																					SNU



Mascots



Today's visiting mascot is **John Cornwell** who attends Oaksey Primary School in Wiltshire. His favourite players are Danny Schofield and Nathan Clarke. His hobbies are football, playing on his playstation 2 and short tennis.



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Swindon Town 1-1 Notts County
 FA Cup Second Round • 04.12.04



HTFC PREVIOUS LINE-UP

Huddersfield Town 1-2 Wrexham
 Coca-Cola League One • 27.11.04



Tonight's Other Fixtures



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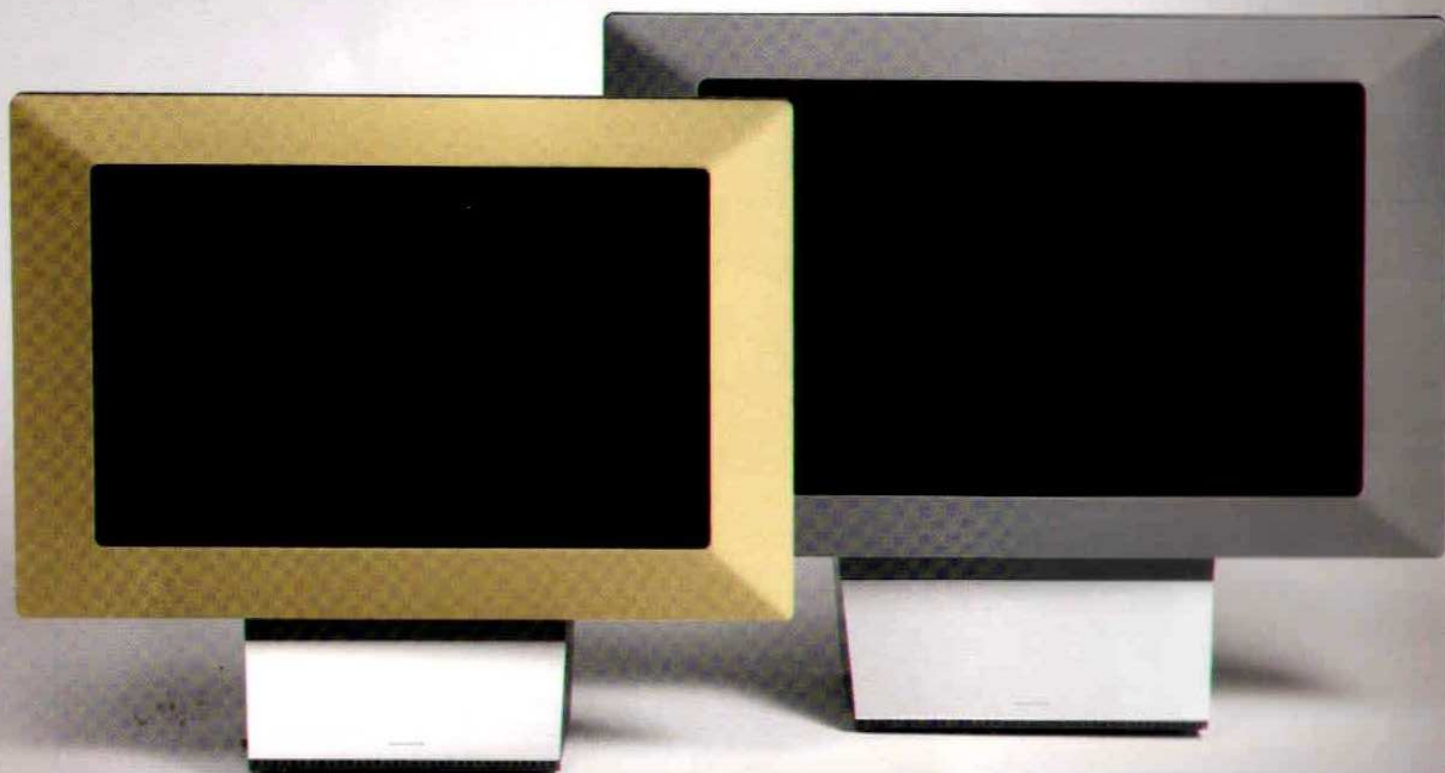
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