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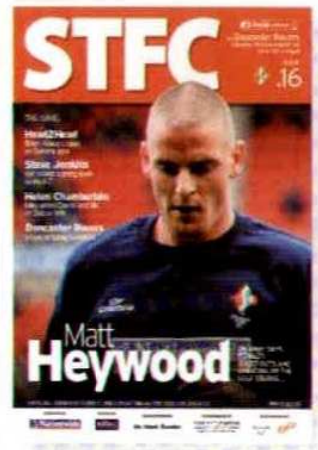


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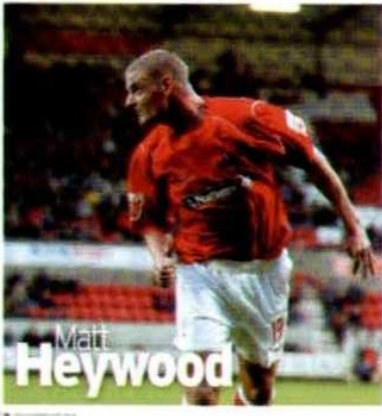
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Matt Heywood

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...talks exclusively to STFC magazine

EditorsNotes

Good afternoon and welcome to The County Ground for the visit of Doncaster Rovers.

After a disappointing defeat in midweek, the attention now turns to the visit of a side who have propelled themselves into League One with successive promotions. They possess a good blend of youth and experience and could prove another tough test for Town today.

A few reminders for you - the STFC Carol Service takes place on Monday December 20th with a 7.00pm start. This year's service take place at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Tovey Road (Pinehurst) so please join the players and officials for the evening. Also, the Winners Lounge will be showing the FA Cup replay with Notts County live next Wednesday, with doors opening at 7.00pm for a 7.45pm kick-off.



Helen Chamberlain

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Latest News

Ifil gets three match ban... Smith disappointed at result... Parkin voted Best in the West... Live FA Cup in Winners Lounge... STFC Carol Service...

Ifil Misses Out

Defender Jerel Ifil is to be suspended for three games following his sending-off against Huddersfield on Wednesday night.

The former Watford player was sent off in the second half on Wednesday night and will now be forced to miss the FA Cup tie at

Notts County, the visit to Bournemouth next Saturday and today's visit of Doncaster.

After the defeat to Huddersfield, Manager Andy King spoke of the dismissal.

"I think he will be the first to admit that he has had a terrible night at the office. He is now out for three games and if

we go and win them then it will probably be the biggest lesson he has ever learnt."

Smith Reflects

Goalscorer Grant Smith spoke after the defeat to Huddersfield and gave his thoughts on the game.

"When we went to ten men I thought we started to play better. Peter Jackson's sides are always very organized and it proved to be as it was a hard game for us. We came out of it and nearly got something late on but it wasn't too be.

"Doncaster will be a hard game and they are a decent footballing side. I know a few of the lads up there and they will be looking to come here and get a result, so Saturday is a must win game for us now."

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Parkin Award

The BBC's Regional Sports Personality of the Year Awards were held in Bristol last Sunday

Grant Smith reflects on Wednesday's defeat...



evening, with Sam Parkin among the award winners.

Sam Parkin walked away with the Footballer of the Year trophy and was delighted to win the award:

"It's a real honour for me and I've had a great time since I joined Swindon three years ago.

"Hopefully we'll go one better this year and get promotion along with City!".

PhysioRoom Dick Mackey

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Good afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground.

There are no fresh injuries to speak of after the midweek game against Huddersfield Town as I write these notes soon after the final whistle on Wednesday evening.

Sammy Igoe continues to work on his back with a bid to get him ready for the weekend's visit of Doncaster whilst it was good to see two of the injured bodies return for the Huddersfield game. Matt Hewlett and Christian Roberts both played and at the time of writing, seem to have come through the game ok.

Let's hope we can return to winning ways with three points this afternoon.





Captain's Column Matt Hewlett

Good afternoon and welcome to The County Ground for today's League One encounter with Doncaster Rovers.

Wednesday's defeat against Huddersfield was extremely disappointing, however, after taking a look at that performance we need to move on and look ahead to the next game. With Leeds striker Simon Johnson and **Neil Roberts** up front, today's visitors certainly pose a potent threat up front so we will need to be on our guard.

Following on from today's game we approach the Christmas period with a couple of away fixtures, including an important FA Cup replay at Notts County next Wednesday.

Let's hope we are not only celebrating a place in Round Three next time you read these notes, but a victory over Doncaster Rovers.



Live in Winners

The FA Cup Second Round replay with Notts County will be shown LIVE in the Winners Lounge.

There are two big screens in the Winner Lounge which will be showing the game with doors opening at 7.00pm at The County Ground, with coverage live on Sky Sports.

Club officials received the news earlier in the week that the

game will be shown live on Sky Sports on the Wednesday evening. Following last Saturday's 1-1 draw, which took the tie to a replay, the winners of the match now face Middlesbrough in Round Three. Kick Off for the game will be 7:45pm.

STFC Carol Service

Don't forget that this year's Swindon Town FC Carol Service will take place at St.Mary's

Catholic Church in Tovey Road, Pinehurst.

The date has been set for next Monday 20th December with a 7.00pm start. All supporters, family and friends and invited

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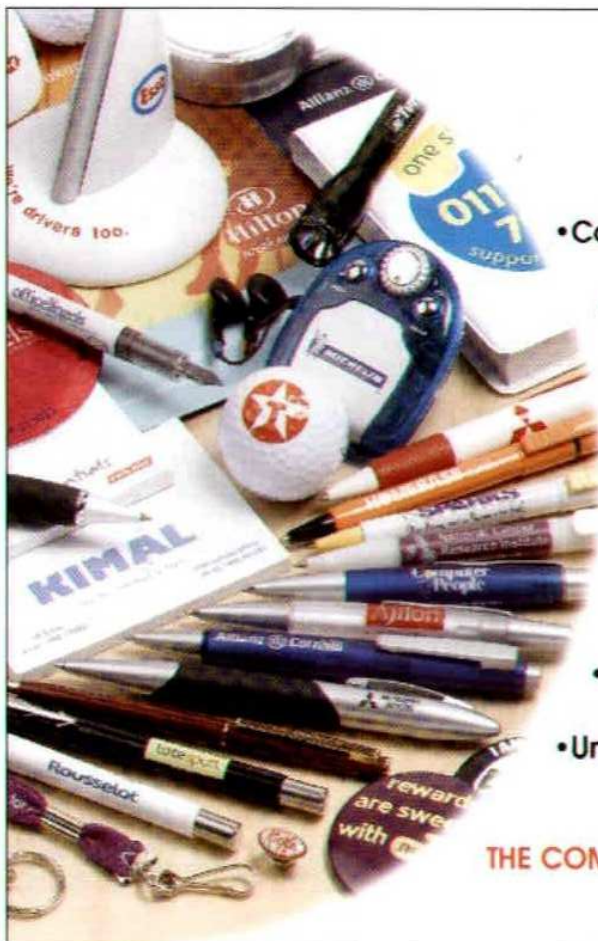


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BoardroomTalk

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

They say every cloud has a silver lining and following the stoppage time equaliser by the Magpies last Saturday I am beginning to believe it.

Obviously the win would have been a better result but the replay at Meadow Lane, re-scheduled for Wednesday 15th, certainly has its financial rewards. The Sky Television and now BBC Radio coverage could, with our share of the gate money, be worth in excess of £110,000 to the Club. This welcome bonus helps address the shortfall in our revenue to-date and will go somewhere to putting the Club

back on course for the season. Plus we have the added incentive of a tie against Middlesbrough here at the County Ground. If we get the result in Nottingham on Wednesday and clip the Magpie's wings it will be something special to look forward to after all that Turkey.

In the meantime we have the AGM scheduled for 31st December where yours truly retires from the Board. Do I hear cheers? If so they are premature because both Mr. Carson and I will be offering ourselves for re-election and if the shareholders see fit to reinstall us then I am afraid you will have to suffer Messers

Holt and Carson for another two years.

I have mentioned this before, the issue of standing at the Town End and the ramifications should this practice continue, well I am afraid that day is upon us. The Safety Advisory Group's patience has run dry and they are recommending that this section of the County Ground be closed, not that I blame them until we can guarantee that standing will not continue. This is not an idle threat; we are now facing the stark reality that a very special section of the fans will be denied access because of the selfish desires of a few. The Supporters Trust and the Supporters Club will be distributing leaflets to encourage fans to remain seated throughout the game. Please take note the Board do not want to be forced into this and in doing so destroying the Town End's unique atmosphere.

Enjoy today's game (Sitting Down Please) and thank you for your valued support during this intense schedule of matches.

Bob Holt
Acting Chief Executive



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MatchReport

Swindon 1 • Huddersfield 2

Wednesday 8th December '04 • Kick-Off 7.45pm
Coca-Cola League One • The County Ground

Town crashed to defeat in another lacklustre display against a resolute Huddersfield side, wrote STFC Sports Reporter Adrian Smith.

Town lined up with Matt Hewlett and Christian Roberts returning to the starting line-up as Rory Fallon dropped down to the substitutes bench.

The game also saw Jerel Ifil sent off in the 51st minute after a clash with Abbott. The visitors travelled back North with all three points after goals from the in-form Abbott after 20th minutes and a Chris Brandon after 33 minutes.

Andy King

Good afternoon and welcome to this home league encounter with Doncaster Rovers...



Good afternoon and I would like to welcome the Players, Officials and Supporters of Doncaster Rovers who have made the journey South to The County Ground.

Obviously Doncaster have done extremely well since winning the Conference and now hold a challenging position within League One which is a compliment to them. The division is extremely open now and the challenge is there for us now to stay amongst the pack. We also need to get back into a manner of playing which is best suited to us.

I travelled up to Doncaster on Tuesday night to watch them play Bristol City and the one thing that was apparent to me was the change in temperature. It was the first time this season that I have seen frost on the pitch and for those that use the term 'southern softies' that certainly came to mind. There was a temperature rise of about seven degrees as we drove back down past Birmingham onto the M5.

When I left Mansfield I had an association with Doncaster myself. Kerry Dixon, who is a good

friend of mine, asked me to help out on a non-contract basis which I did whilst I was sorting out my contractual situation at Mansfield. It was a strange period of time at Doncaster, as they were then in what was the Fourth Division and certainly had a character for a Chairman - Mr. Richardson. It was Kerry's first job in management and whilst I hoped it would work out for him, it didn't quite go as well as we all hoped. That shows you the two sides of football. Many Manager's have come in and tried in the game, but it is a very difficult job. I still keep in contact with Kerry, however this week he was relieved of his job at Hitchin Town.

Today's game is now of vital importance as we need to get back on that winning track. We have a very important game next week in the FA Cup but the league is the priority as I have said before. We need the three points today if we are going to achieve our target of promotion out of League One. I am very aware that we have important games around the corner but we have to start this afternoon.

Also, for you the fan it is

another home game and I applaud your commitment to the club and in the way that you have shown your loyalty in advance of your attendance today. We need to give you entertainment and I will be making the players very aware of that, make no mistake.

I have stressed how thin the squad is and I am hoping that we may see the return of Sammy Igoe to the fold this afternoon. Stefani Miglioranzì has been working hard and could make his comeback against Supermarine on Monday evening in the Second Leg of the Wiltshire Premier Shield here at The County Ground. In my search for competition for places, it will feel like a new signing when he is available again.

Finally, this will be the last opportunity before Christmas to wish you all a very, very Happy Christmas and may all your wishes, personal and for Swindon Town, come true in the New Year. Again I thank you on behalf of everyone at the club for your loyal support through 2004 and I hope 2005 brings us the success we have been hoping for.

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MatchAction



Coca-Cola League One
 Wednesday 8th December 2004
 The County Ground, 7:45pm
Swindon (0) **1**
Huddersfield (2) **2**
 Attendance: 4,828

Swindon



(red shirts, white shorts)

- 1. Rhys Evans
- 2. Sean O'Hanlon
- 4. Matt Hewlett
- 6. Steve Jenkins
- 9. Sam Parkin
- 11. David Duke
- 12. Jerel Ifil S/OFF
- 14. Christian Roberts
- 16. Steve Robinson
- 17. Brian Howard
- 19. Matt Heywood

Subs Used

- 8. Rory Fallon (4)
- 3. Grant Smith (11) **1**

Subs Not Used

- 20. Steve Book
- 15. Andy Nicholas
- 23. Luke Garrard

Huddersfield



(blue & white shirts, blue shorts)

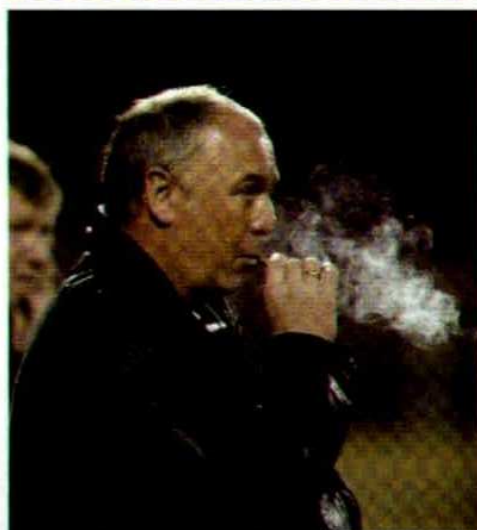
- 26. Paul Rachubka
- 2. Andy Holdsworth
- 4. Lee Fowler S/OFF
- 6. Nathan Clarke
- 7. Chris Brandon **1**
- 8. Anthony Carss
- 9. Pawel Abbott **1**
- 14. Rob Edwards
- 16. Efe Sodje
- 17. David Mirfin
- 18. Jonathan Worthington

Subs Used

none

Subs Not Used

- 22. Phillip Senior
- 3. Anthony Lloyd
- 10. Junior Mendes
- 11. Danny Schofield
- 24. John McCombe



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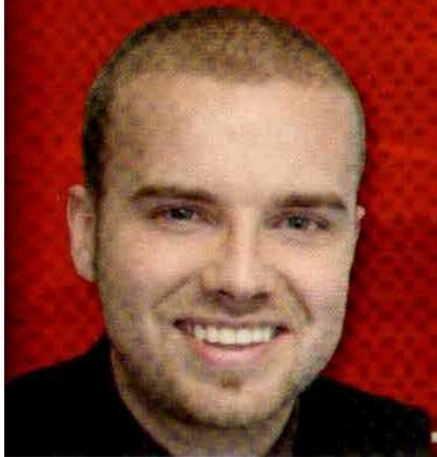


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MediaComment

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

They say that every cloud has a silver lining and maybe the Sky TV money for the Notts County replay in part makes up for Stefan Oakes' last-gasp equaliser - although not much.

For a club like this a pre-Christmas present of £75,000 is not to be sniffed at.

Having said all that, it won't seem quite such a treat if we fail to beat the men from Meadow Lane. Playing some pretty woeful stuff got us oh so close to victory so hopefully a decent performance in Nottingham will be enough to see us through. What an incentive there is for that victory.

I'm sure the likes of Sean and Jerel would love to pit their wits against Messrs Viduka and Hasselbaink... It has the makings of a fantastic day.

I'm sure I'm not the only one whetting my lips at the prospect of seeing Middlesbrough at the County Ground. I'm sure the likes of Sean and Jerel would love to pit their wits against Messrs

Viduka and Hasselbaink. Should he be picked then you might end up with Luke Garrard against Stewart Downing. It has the makings of a fantastic day.

You don't need to be a financial wizard either to see the financial benefits from such a tie. A full house would surely be the result and what good news that would be in a campaign which has seen gates tumble at the County Ground.

Anyway, one step at a time. If we take victory over Notts County for granted then we're more than likely to slip on the old banana skin.

Talking of cups, thanks very much Helen Chamberlain and

whatsisface. Maybe Southend away in the LDV is her revenge after moaning about our ticket prices.

It's tough but not impossible though and

Bring on the 'Boro!



I'm sure Super Sammy and company can find a way past Mr Griemink.

But it's league business that brings us all here today and the quest for another three points.

If Skinner and Baddiel need any Phoenix from the Flames ideas for the future then surely Doncaster Rovers must be worth a punt.

I remember a time when 'Donny' were always to be found scrabbling around in the lower reaches of the old Fourth Division. If asked to name a 'typical' basement club then Doncaster or Halifax both used to spring to mind.

I actually remember going to watch Doncaster (for a reason that now escapes me)

on a cold, wet and miserable night many moons ago. Away fans were caged in on a crumbling terrace. It didn't strike me as a club with much of a future.

But from the despair of relegation to the Conference, they are reborn and will pose a tough test today.

Hopefully we can see them off on this occasion and give ourselves a boost ahead of the trip to Meadow Lane.

As this is the last home game before Santa does his rounds I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of everyone at Adver Towers to wish you a very Happy Christmas.

Cheers,
Jon.

Rovers On The Rise

Doncaster Rovers

Doncaster Rovers moved from the Conference into League One without pausing for breath. Dave Penney and his side had the briefest encounter with League Two before emerging as champions and are now looking to consolidate their position in a new division after a whirlwind couple of years. Rovers will be striving for a valuable away win today in the first league meeting with Town for 17 years.

Words: Simon Coy





NICKNAME:.....Rovers
GROUND:.....Belle Vue
MANAGER:.....Dave Penney
YEAR FORMED:.....1879

Division 3 Champions: 2003/04
Division 3N Champions: 1949/50, 1946/47, 1934/35
Division 4 Champions: 1968/69, 1965/66
Conference Play-Off Winners: 2002/03

Conference Trophy Winners: 1999/00, 1998/99

Biggest Win: 10-0 v. Darlington, 1964
Biggest Defeat: 12-0 v. Birmingham City, 1903
Record Attendance: 37,149 v. Hull City, 1948

Most Appearances: 417, Fred Emery, 1925-36
Top Goalscorer: Tom Keetley, 180, 1923-29
Most Goals in a season: 42, Clattie Jordan, 1946/47
Most Capped Player: Len Graham, 14, N. Ireland

Biggest Transfer Fee Paid:
 £62,500 Darren Moore from Torquay, 1995
Biggest Transfer Fee Received:
 £250,000, Rufus Brevett to QPR, 1991

Rovers' Squad

Rovers surrendered their Football League status in 1998 at the end of a season that everyone associated with the club will want to forget. Only 4 wins in 46 games and a massive 113 goals against tells its own story. However, since that darkest moment, the club has been progressing ever upwards.

Five seasons in the Conference saw the team move up the table year on year. Initially they finished 16th, but this was followed by 12th, 9th and 4th before the introduction of a second promotion place gave them the opportunity to bring league football back to Belle Vue. In 2002/03 they finishing 3rd and entered the newly formed play-offs. Chester were beaten in the semi-final on penalties after two 1-1 draws before a thrilling final at the Britannia Stadium, Stoke, against Dagenham & Redbridge was eventually decided by Fran Tierney's golden goal in the 110th minute.

The progression didn't stop there as Rovers went on to take Division Three by storm being crowned champions at the first attempt. Crowds were up by 50% at Belle Vue as the fans poured back to see their successful team in action.

Dave Penney's ambitious men have made a solid start to the new campaign and approaching Christmas are handily placed in mid-table.

1 Andy Warrington

Joined Doncaster Rovers in the summer of 1999 from York City. Broke a club record last season by keeping 19 clean sheets which was a major contribution to the championship win.



2 Simon Marples

Joined from non-league Stocksbridge Park Steels in September 1999 for £12,000 and has gone on to make over 150 appearances for Doncaster as an attack minded wing back.



3 Tim Ryan

Adaptable defender who has played at both left back and central defence. In his second spell at the club and in total has made over 180 appearances for the Rovers.



5 John Doolan

Experienced Liverpool-born midfielder. An Everton trainee who went on to make over 150 appearances for Mansfield Town with a spell serving under Town manager Andy King.



8 Gregg Blundell

Finished last season as the top scorer with 18 goals. Joined Rovers in March 2003 from Northwich Victoria where he honed his skills under the supervision of ex-Town boss Jimmy Quinn.



11 Jermaine McSparran

Right-sided front man known for his explosive pace. Made 187 appearances for Wycombe in a 6 year spell dogged by injury. Signed for Rovers in the summer on a free.



13 Leo Fortune-West

Big, strong and experienced striker who joined Doncaster from Cardiff in July 2003. Has scored 97 goals in 354 appearances for 7 different clubs including 15 in a Rovers shirt.



15 Nick Fenton

Defender signed in the summer from Notts County. Started his career as a trainee at Man City but only made 15 appearances before his £150,000 move to County.



19 Ricky Ravenhill

Strong tackling midfielder who made most of his appearances last season from the substitutes bench. Began his career as a trainee at Barnsley before his move to Rovers in early 2002.



20 Paul Green

Young, hard working midfielder. Still only 21 but has already notched up over 110 appearances for the club. Scored in the play-off win and was voted Man Of The Match.



26 James Coppinger

Dave Penney finally got his man when James, 23, joined Doncaster on a free from Exeter City in the summer. Has previously had spells in the north east with Newcastle, Darlington and Hartlepool.



31 Simon Johnson

Signed this week on a months loan from Leeds United. Simon, 21, has made 3 appearances this season for the Elland Road club. He has also spent time at Sunderland but has yet to score.



33 Neil Roberts

Welsh international striker who joined Rovers in October after finding first team opportunities limited at Wigan. Began at Wrexham before a £450,000 move to The Latics. Has scored twice for his new club.



Last Time
at the County Ground

Date: 25th April 1987

Competition: Division Three

Half-Time Score: 0-0

Full-Time Score: 1-1

Swindon Goalscorer:
Bryan Wade

Attendance: 8,218

Swindon Final League Position: 3rd - promoted

Doncaster Final League Position: 13th

21 OnetoWatch Michael McIndoe

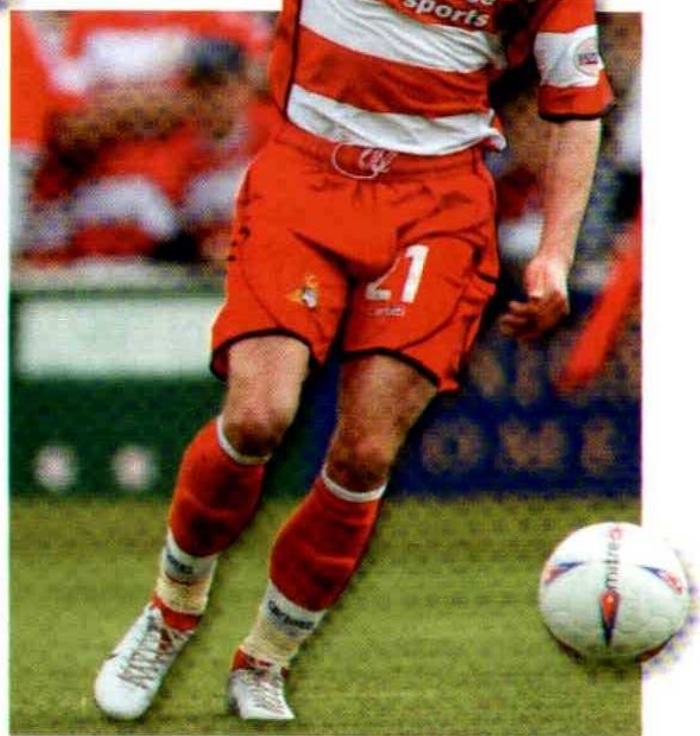
Life in League One has been taken in his stride by free scoring midfielder Michael McIndoe. Currently topping his clubs scoring charts with 9 goals the step up has given the popular Scotsman a chance to prove what he can do.

Michael, who turned 25 just over a week ago, began his career playing league football for Luton Town but unfortunately didn't make the grade failing to score on any of his 47 appearances. The Hatters let him move into the non-league world by joining Hereford United on

a free in July 2000. His 30 appearances and 2 goals prompted Yeovil to move in and pay £25,000 to take him to Huish Park where he made a big impact helping the Somerset club to lift the FA Trophy and win the Conference by a huge margin.

In August last year Doncaster Rovers stepped in and paid £50,000 to take him north following a contractual disagreement with the Glovers. During his time at Yeovil he made a 100 appearances and scored 24 times.

Last season he scored 10 times missing only



one league game all campaign and his good form was recognised

by his country as he appeared for Scotland B in January.



the gaffer Dave Penney

Dave Penney was appointed as manager of Rovers in March 2002 having had a successful spell in charge as caretaker in succession to Steve Wignall. After finding his feet in the job, Penney's first full season as the gaffer saw him lead the team out of the Conference and into Division Three.

The success continued with last year's championship and Penney is now building a reputation as one of the best young managers in the game.

As a player Penney made almost 300 league appearances scoring 43 goals from midfield for Derby, Oxford United, Swansea and Cardiff before he moved into Conference football with Doncaster Rovers.



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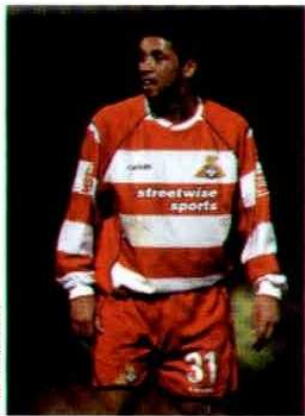


Photo: Howard Rice

Simon Johnson

"Man on a Mission"

Leeds United are a club that Swindon Town know only too well after two encounters with the Elland Road side in as many seasons.

The affiliation continues this afternoon with Doncaster Rovers visiting the County Ground, with Leeds striker Simon Johnson amongst their ranks.

The young reserve team striker made his debut for the Leeds first team at Charlton as a second half substitute during the 6-1 win last season, but has joined Rovers on a one month loan deal in search of regular first team football.

A 5'9 striker, Johnson was last season's top scorer in the Leeds reserves with 15 goals but as yet he is yet to score for the first team. He has also played on loan at Sunderland and Blackpool.

"The loan deal is initially for one month and we will see where it goes from there. I got a call from Doncaster and asked me if I would like to join and I was delighted to sign."

Johnson made two first team starts last

season for Leeds and towards the end of the campaign he came on as an occasional sub and this season has made 5 appearances for Sunderland and 3 for Leeds in the Championship against Portsmouth, Wigan and Burnley.

"Earlier in the season I had a couple of months at Sunderland but now it is a case of getting on with my football and playing a few games.

"A couple of people have questioned my ambition but I was not a regular for Leeds United in the Coca-Cola Championship so the best thing for me is to become a regular starter at Doncaster Rovers and work my way back up."

So what is his background and what sort of threat can Town fans expect this afternoon?

"My strengths as a striker would be my pace and I like to score goals by getting in behind defences."

"I have been at Leeds for seven years now through the Academy and maybe now it's time for a

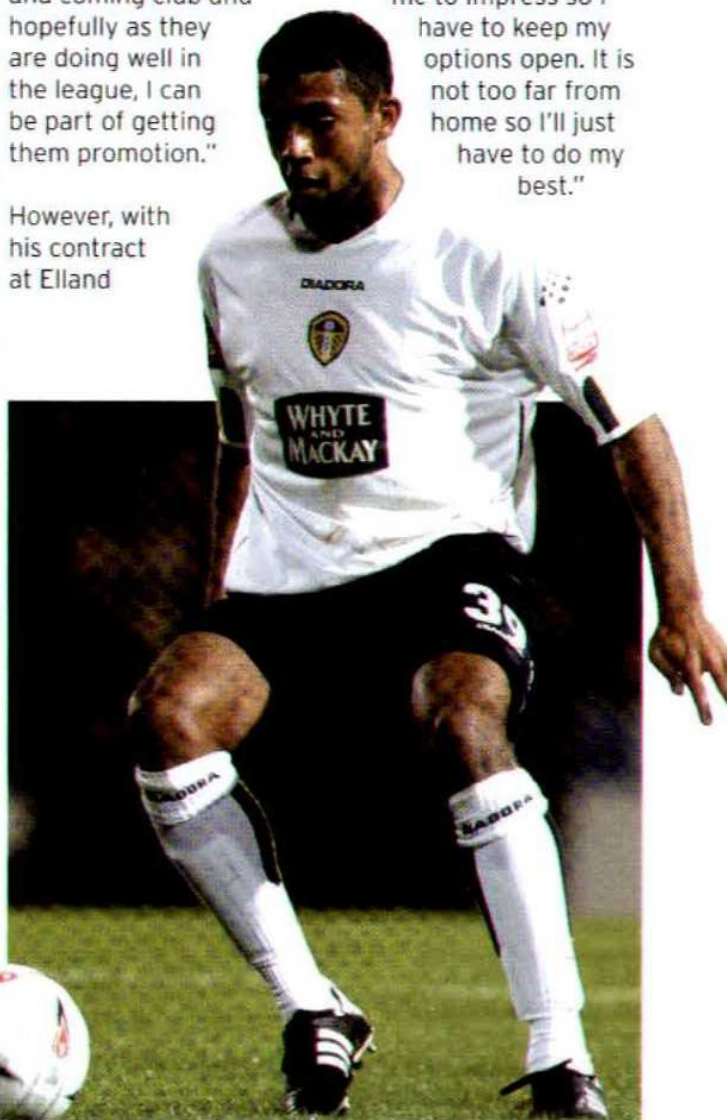
change. I am originally from the Birmingham area but Leeds picked me up and I haven't looked back since.

"The facilities are a little different from Leeds but that's to be expected. Doncaster are an up and coming club and hopefully as they are doing well in the league, I can be part of getting them promotion."

However, with his contract at Elland

Road expiring at the end of the current campaign, Johnson will be looking to impress this afternoon against Swindon.

"My contract at Leeds expires at the end of the season and this is a good opportunity for me to impress so I have to keep my options open. It is not too far from home so I'll just have to do my best."





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Mr. Mark Bowler

Our second Match Sponsor today is the **Nationwide Block 6 Loyal Supporters**. Led by their publicity agency Directors, John and Mark Bowler, this dedicated group of supporters have once again asked to be one of today's Match Sponsors.

John enjoys dressing up and names his heroin as Julie Andrews from the Sound of Music. This theme seems to run through the family as, Mark also likes dressing up as one of the Von Trapp sisters who, ironically appeared with Julie Andrews in the award winning film, The Sound of Music. The other members of their party today are made up of Mark Edwards, Jerry May, David Rogers, Mark Chadwick, Mark Ralph, Robert Ralph, Glyn Cooper and Mark Cooper. Without talking too soon, their track record of success in winning matches is very high, so lets hope that this continues at 4.50pm this afternoon. Incidentally, John Bowler owns a greyhound.

Mr. Gary Barnes

Mr. Gary Barnes is another Match Sponsor this afternoon and is a regular in the Matchday Platinum Lounge. He has been an excellent supporter of both the Club, and the Marketing Department this season. Gary is always prepared to have a 'little flutter' with the bookies on a Matchday, and more often than not, turns out to be financially better off by the end of the day. I hope that he and all our sponsors enjoy their time with us this afternoon.

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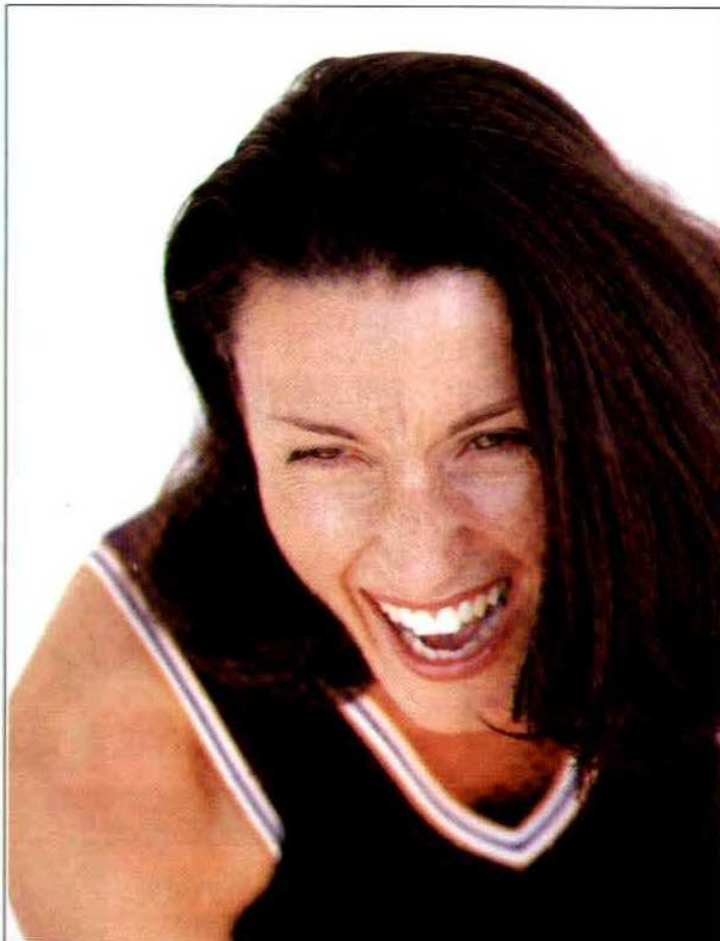


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Brian Howard

Sammy Igoe

Who has just been named the new Manager at Gillingham?	Stan Ternant	Stan Ternant
Which County Cricket Team play at Grace Road?	Leicestershire	Middlesex
In F1 Racing, which colour flag indicates, slippery surface imminent or oil or water on the track?	Yellow and red	Yellow & red stripes
'Cirrus' and 'altocumulus' are types of what?	Rain	Not a clue!
Jerel's younger brother plays for Spurs, but what is his name?	Philip	Ifil!
Who is the only player to have played in three FA Cup finals and lose every one of them?	Paul Gascoigne	Gary Lineker
How many goals has 'Super' Sam scored this season?	9	9
Which fellow midfielder was born in Nottingham?	Steve Robinson	Steve Robinson
A women in a bungalow has all her living room walls yellow, her ceiling yellow and her outside fence yellow. But what colour is the upstairs carpet?	Yellow	Yellow
How many miles is it from Fratton Park to the St.Mary's Stadium?	30 miles	19 miles (closest answer wins)

Final Scores



6/10

5/10

Verdict: A very tough set of questions this one, but they can't all be easy can they? Once again, the winner of the mileage question comes second. Well done to Brian Howard who progresses through to the next round!

Previous winners: Steve Robinson, Steve Book, Christian Roberts.

Reserves & Youth

Reserve Fixtures 04/05

August	
Tue 17 Bristol City H	5-0
September	
Tue 7 Bristol Rov H	1-2
Tue 14 B'rnemouth H	2-1
October	
Wed 13 Pontin's Holidays	Cup Group Games
Wed 27 Swansea A	P-P
November	
Tue 9 Cheltenham H	P-P
Tue 16 Cardiff City H	2-3
December	
Wed 1 Pontin's Holidays	Cup Group Games
Tue 14 Plymouth A	19:00
January	
Tue 11 B'rnemouth A	14:00
Tue 25 Yeovil H	14:00
February	
Tue 1 Swansea H	14:00
Wed 9 Pontin's Holidays	Cup Group Games
Tue 15 Cheltenham A	14:00
March	
Wed 2 Bristol City A	14:00
Tue 8 Plymouth H	14:00
Wed 23 Pontin's Holidays	Cup Semi-Final
Wed 30 Yeovil A	14:00
April	
Wed 13 Cardiff City A	14:00
Tue 26 Bristol Rov A	14:00
May	
Wed 4 Pontin's Holidays	Cup Final

Next Home Match

Monday 13th December 2004
Swindon v Supermarine
 Come on down to the County Ground on Monday to cheer on Alan Reeves' men against Swindon Supermarine in the Wiltshire Premier Shield. Kick Off 7:30pm

Wales & West Division Table 27.11.04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Plymouth	6	4	1	1	17	6	13
Cardiff	7	4	0	3	13	13	12
Bristol R	6	3	1	2	13	12	10
Swansea	5	3	0	2	9	16	9
Chelt'ham	6	2	2	2	10	8	8
Swindon	4	2	0	2	10	6	6
Bristol C	6	2	0	4	10	15	6
Yeovil	5	1	1	3	6	10	4
B'mouth	3	0	1	2	3	5	1

Reds Make Argyle Point

Football League Youth Alliance
 Saturday 4th December 2004

Plymouth Argyle 1
Swindon Town 1

Swindon Town produced their best performance of the season so far at Plymouth last Saturday, as they returned to Wiltshire with a point.

Ian Woan's side were without five regulars, as Luke Garrard and Michael Pook were with the first team matchday squad to face Notts County in the FA Cup. David Stroud, Ashan Holgate and Andy Caton all missed the game through injury.

Three Under 16 players - Scott Doe, Chris Allen and Alex Ridley - were all drafted into the squad and did not disappoint. Chris Allen in particular impressed from midfield producing a defence splitting pass for Lewis' goal.

Swindon were on top for the vast majority of the game but squandered a plethora of good chances, finding the home keeper in fine form. The team's excellent spirit and never-say-die attitude came through. Despite going a goal down in the first half, Town showed great spirit to equalize just before the

end of the game.

On 80 minutes a neat build-up on the right wing saw Chris Allen cut in and play a reverse pass with his left foot through to Lance Lewis. The striker then hit the ball first time low into the corner of the net beyond the Pilgrims keeper.

After the game, Youth Team Coach **Ian Woan** was delighted with the performance of his players.

"The team's desire not to be beaten was evident throughout the game, even after chance after chance went begging.

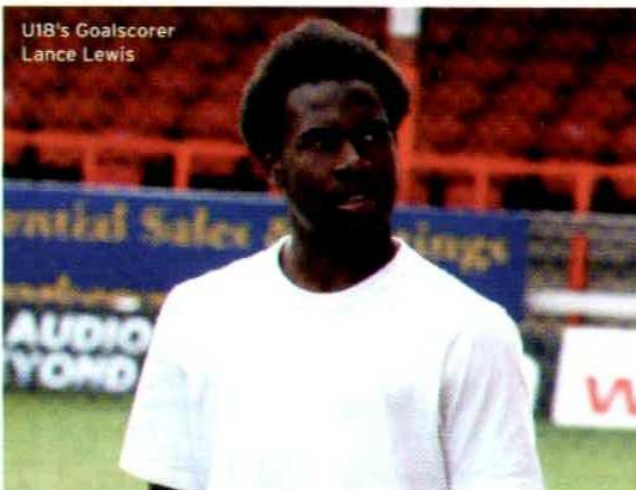
"It was by far our most satisfying performance of the season, considering we only had the bare eleven and three sixteen



year old lads included in the side. It was a fabulous experience for them and they have now got a taster of what the youth team is all about. It is now up to them to keep up that level of performance.

Aside from the Under 18's draw at Plymouth Argyle, there were mixed results elsewhere within the youth section...

The Under 16's won 2-0 with goals coming from Lucas Jutkiewicz and Adam Jones. The Under 12's went down to a defeat whilst the U14's drew 3-3, coming back from behind. A brace from the impressive Fraser Joyce and a superb free-kick from Danny Wallington salvaged a point for Ian Palmer's young charges.



U18's Goalscorer
 Lance Lewis

Marine Up Next

This week the Youth Team have a free weekend before the Wiltshire Premier Shield encounter at The County Ground on Monday evening, Kick-Off 7.30pm.

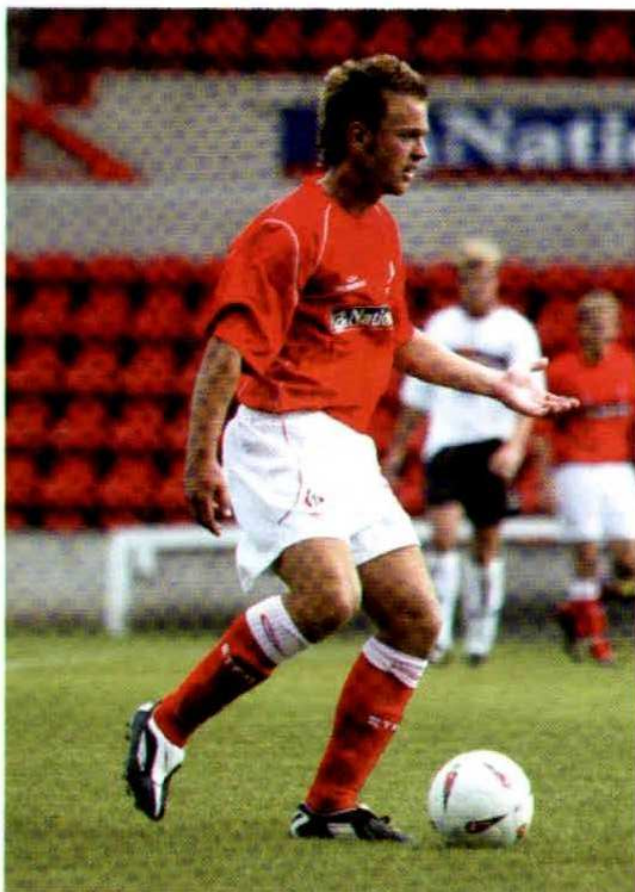
With the FA Cup replay against Notts County now on the Wednesday evening, the Shield date has been moved forward.

A number of youngsters are likely to be included in the Town side, who hold a 1-0 lead from the first leg.

The Semi-Final First Leg game saw youth teamers Matt Bulman, Luke Garrard, Leigh Henry, Justyn McKay (pictured right), David Stroud, Michael Pook, Andy Caton, Ashan Holgate and Ben Wells all start the game with former Town striker Mark Draycott starting up front for Marine.

Entrance is just £5 for adults and £2 for kids, so come along and cheer the lads on!

Swindon Town FC vs Swindon Supermarine
Monday 13th December
 Kick-Off 7.30pm
Adults £5
Children £2



Ben Steps Up



Congratulations to Youth Team midfielder Ben Wells who appeared on the bench versus Bristol City in the LDV Vans Trophy recently. Ben has been awarded squad number 25.

U-18's Fixtures 04/05

Aug 14	Yeovil Town	8-0
Aug 21	Swansea City	5-2
Sep 4	Newport	7-2
Sep 11	Exeter City	0-1
Sep 18	Bristol Rovers	4-0
Sep 25	Bournemouth	3-4
Tue 6	Grimsby (Cup)	2-4
Oct 9	Cheltenham	2-1
Oct 16	Plymouth	1-0
Oct 30	Exeter City	1-1
Nov 6	Bristol Rovers	2-4
Nov 9	Yeovil Town (Cup)	0-2
Nov 13	Bournemouth	1-5
Nov 20	Cheltenham	3-3
Nov 27	Luton (Cup)	7-0
Dec 4	Plymouth	1-1
Dec 18	Yeovil Town	A
Jan 15	Swansea City	H
Jan 22	Newport	A
Jan 29	Cup R3	
Mar 12	Cup R4	



Next Home Match

Saturday 15th January 2005

Swindon v Swansea

The youth side's next home game takes place after the christmas break against Swansea at the Wanborough training ground. Kick-Off 11:00am

South West Conference Table 04.12.04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Exeter	12	7	4	1	25	12	25
Swindon	13	7	3	3	42	20	24
B'mouth	11	7	0	4	29	25	21
Bristol R	13	7	0	6	21	26	21
Plymouth	12	6	2	4	22	17	20
Yeovil	12	4	2	6	21	25	14
Chelt'ham	12	4	1	7	20	22	13
Swansea	12	3	2	7	21	31	11
Newport	9	1	0	8	8	31	3



Steve Jenkins

ADRENALINE... how do you prepare for a game?
With a big breakfast, relax then a walk.

BEST... goal you ever scored?
A 40-yarder for my first club, Swansea City.

CLUB... what were your first impressions of STFC?
Brilliant! Everyone was very welcoming and I got a good vibe straight away.

DRAW... can you draw a teammate?

NO CHANCE!

ENERGY... who would you nominate for fit club?
Steve Robinson from what I have seen so far.

FIRST GAME... do you remember your first professional game?
Cambridge United when I was 18.

GROUND... most impressive you have ever played at?
Being a proud Welshman, without doubt - the Millennium Stadium.



HOPES... for this season?

Promotion!

IMAGE... who spends most time in front of the mirror?

Haven't been here that long so you will have to give me some more time to answer that one.

JOKER... is there a practical joker in the squad?

Sammy Igoe seems to be - he keeps pinging balls at me when I am trying to do sit-ups after training.

KING, THE... what music do you like?

The Stone Roses, Maniacs and the Stereophonics. That sort of thing.

LANGUAGES... can you speak any others?

A little Welsh...

MEADOW LANE... are you looking forward to returning next week?

Yes, as long as we get through.

NICKNAME... what's the strangest nickname you have ever been given?

Throughout my career I have just been called 'Jenks' or 'Jenko' so no strange ones.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF STFC?

"Brilliant! Everyone was very welcoming and I got a good vibe straight away."



WHO'S THE BEST PLAYER YOU HAVE EVER PLAYED AGAINST?

"I was lucky enough to play against Rivaldo in his prime"

OLD... what will you do when you retire?

I will cross that bridge when I come to it but at the moment I just concentrating on playing football.

PETS... do you have any?

Just two goldfish.

QUICK... fastest player at Town?

Probably Jerel Ifil.

ROVERS... what do you think the score will be today?

As long as we win I don't mind what the score is.

SWINDON... do your family regularly watch you play?

Since I have been here some of my family have come up to watch me but it is too far for most of them.

TALENT... who is the best player you have ever played against?

I was lucky enough to have played against Rivaldo in his prime when

I was playing for Wales.

UNKNOWN... which young players have caught your eye at the club?

There are some great young players in the first team but I haven't really had a chance to see the youth team yet.

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

I would work within sport in some capacity.

WALES... best moment playing for Wales?

Making my debut.

X... sign here please

YOUNG... who was your hero when you were growing up?

Ian Rush, but I was a big Ipswich fan so I would say Eric Gates.

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

Me at the moment because I am living out of a suitcase.

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BBC ONE tomorrow night presents its annual review programme Sports Personality of the Year.

Who will follow in the recent footsteps of Sir Steve Redgrave, David Beckham, Paula Radcliffe and Jonny Wilkinson 12 months ago. In 2004, we've enjoyed the Olympics, Ryder Cup and European Football Championships among other major events.

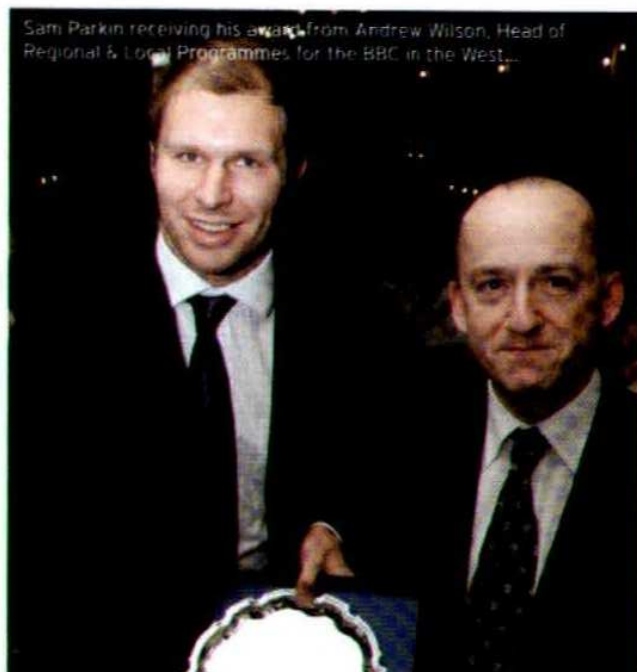
As well as the Blue Riband category, there'll be recognition for the top Team, Coach, Overseas Personality and Young Personality of the Year as well as the Helen Rollason Award for courage in the face of adversity. There's a Lifetime Achievement honour and the selection of a national Unsung Hero. This is a relatively new class for someone who has donated their free time to make an impact on sport in the community - it was first won by a local football volunteer Nobby Woodcock.

The regional equivalent event was staged in Bristol last weekend, with STFC well-represented.

Congratulations to Sam Parkin on winning the Footballer of the Year trophy, on receipt of which from the BBC's Head of Regional & Local Programming in the West Andrew Wilson, he said: "Thanks very much. It's a real honour for me. I've had a great time since I joined Swindon three years ago. Hopefully we'll go one better this year and get promotion...along with City!" Steve Phillips from Ashton Gate and Yeovil's Lee Johnson were also nominated.

Town team-mate Sean O'Hanlon was in the final three for Newcomer of the Year, alongside Bristol Olympic archer Larry Godfrey and Bristol City's Leroy Lita who collected the award. Andy King was a runner-up to Gloucestershire cricketer Mark Alleyne in the Manager/Coach section.

Other champions on the night included former Swindon schoolboy Jon Lewis (Cricketer of the Year), Broome Manor golfer David Howell whose tee-shot on the 17th for Europe against the Americans on the Saturday morning of the Ryder Cup was chosen as "Best Moment" and



Sam Parkin receiving his award from Andrew Wilson, Head of Regional & Local Programmes for the BBC in the West...

another Town fan Eileen Witts for her 45-year-plus contribution to the Lawn Netball Club. Already Wiltshire's Unsung Hero, she collected the regional accolade and now goes on to this weekend's UK-wide final.

We conducted our own search for the Nationwide School Sports Person of the Year - it's 10-year-old George Royle from Malmesbury who was allowed to stay up way past his bedtime to attend the ceremony. For him, it was an autograph-hunters paradise... with the likes of Steve

Borthwick, Georgina Harland and Leon Taylor all putting their signatures on his menu! Debbie Criddle did too - she was voted by Points West viewers to be the West Sports Personality of the Year, after her three gold medals at the Athens Paralympics.

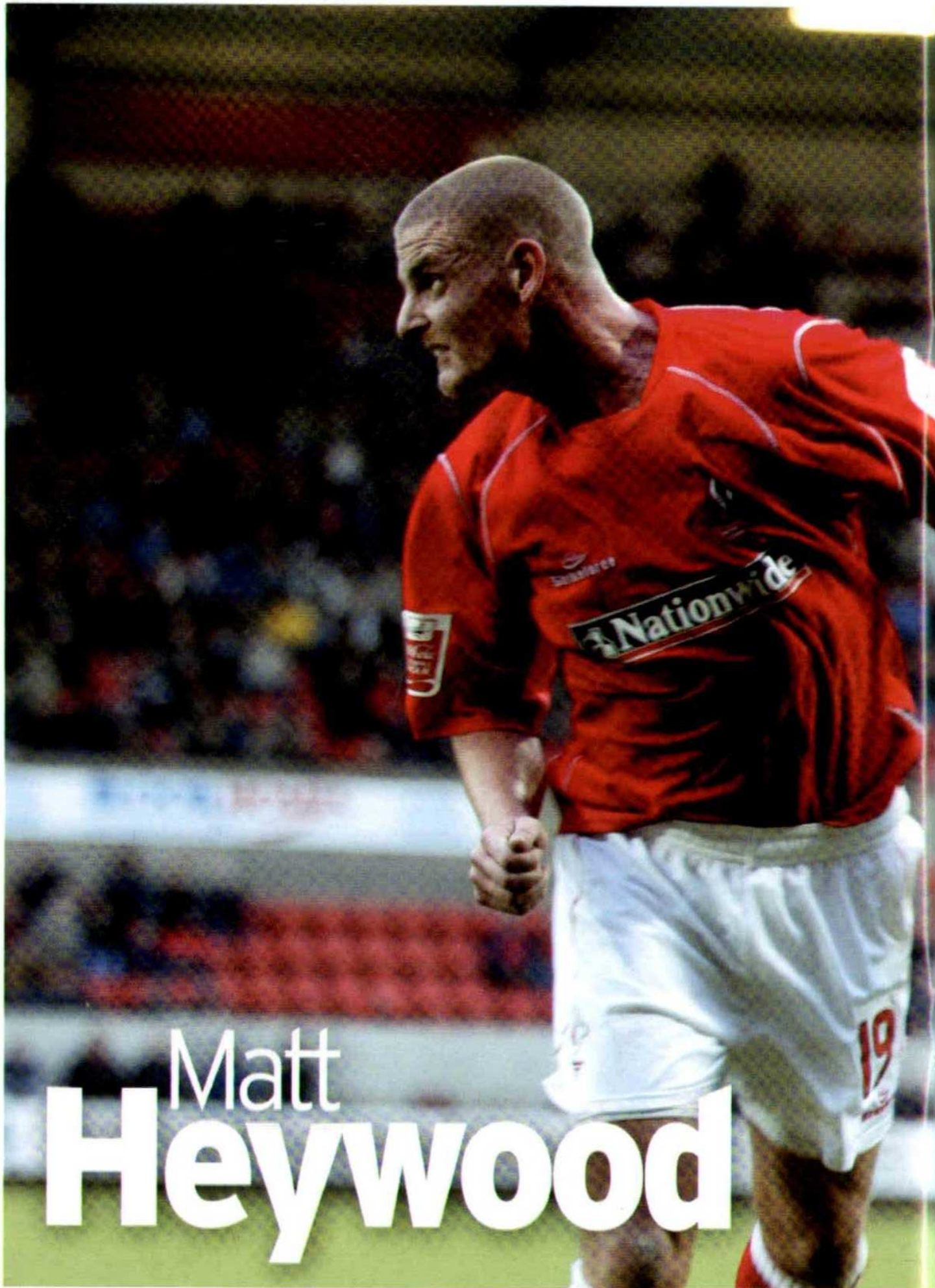
Roll on 2005, which could start here at the County Ground with Colchester in League One and then Middlesbrough in the F.A. Cup, if we get the right result at Meadow Lane on Wednesday. It's live on the television and, of course, right here on the radio!!!




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19
Matt
Heywood



Matt
Heywood



The giant defender on away days, penalty shoot-outs and cheating on the golf course...

Words: Nick Judd
& Chris Tanner

Andy King has pulled off some transfer masterstrokes in his time. Yet the capture of a then unknown centre-back from Burnley during the depths of the 2000/01 season has to be among the best.

Four years, 174 appearances and countless trophies (of the Player of the Year variety later) – Matty Heywood is still going strong. And while the club's playing personnel and fortunes on the field have progressed during his happy stay in Wiltshire,

the Gaffer's behaviour on the golf course is still as outrageous as ever...

It's been a good run for you since you returned to the side at Elland Road...

Yeah, its good to be starting games again. I came on at Leeds and gradually came on more and more before I eventually started games again. It's tough as a substitute, but I'm playing regularly now and it's good to be back.

Nothing like being thrown in at the deep

end, Leeds away...

It was just good to be involved. When you've been out for so long it's just nice to feel as if your part of the team again.

Did you find it hard getting back into the swing of things after such a long lay-off?

It was tough, especially because I missed pre-season. Basically after the Brighton game I was told to rest my knee, so that was six weeks of doing nothing. Then I missed two weeks of pre-season and when I came back I had

I watched the game the other night when Viduka scored two goals and Hasselbaink banged in a free-kick. It would be a little bit daunting as they have internationals over the pitch...



no reserve games for six weeks, so I had to try and do as much as I could in training. But you do need games to get back into it.

You're playing some of your best form now though...

I think I've done ok since I've come in. With every game you get fitter and fitter, and I've still only played seven or eight matches now but I should be starting to catch up with the rest of the lads.

Were you frustrated that you couldn't have the required operation immediately after the Brighton game?

It was basically an injury I had played with for a very long time - over a year in fact. It wasn't getting any worse, but it wasn't getting any better either. Basically the first course of action was to rest for six weeks without an operation: Dick and the doctors thought that this was probably the best way of dealing with it.

I suppose it gave you some time off to play golf?

Yeah, I played golf,

especially when the weather was nice.

Does the Gaffer still cheat?

Yeah, yeah he still cheats if he can. If you can't see him in the bunker, chances are he's throwing it out. I don't know how he hits the ball with a swing like that.

I suppose it's safe just to humour him. What's the handicap at the moment?

I'd say it's about 15. I'm probably playing the best golf at the moment. 'Robbo' and myself usually play together, and I'd say we're usually similar handicaps. I haven't played so much golf in the last few weeks. It's tough to keep playing in the winter, and especially when there are so many games. It's good to play on your day off, so you try and play once a week to keep your eye in.

And cooking, we hear you cooked for Mr Parkin last week - are you a dab hand in the kitchen?

Sam came round for

Sunday lunch, but I didn't cook him anything fancy. I do like cooking though. I do most of the cooking in our house, but its tough because my girlfriend's a vegetarian. I try to do things out of cookbooks - it passes the time.

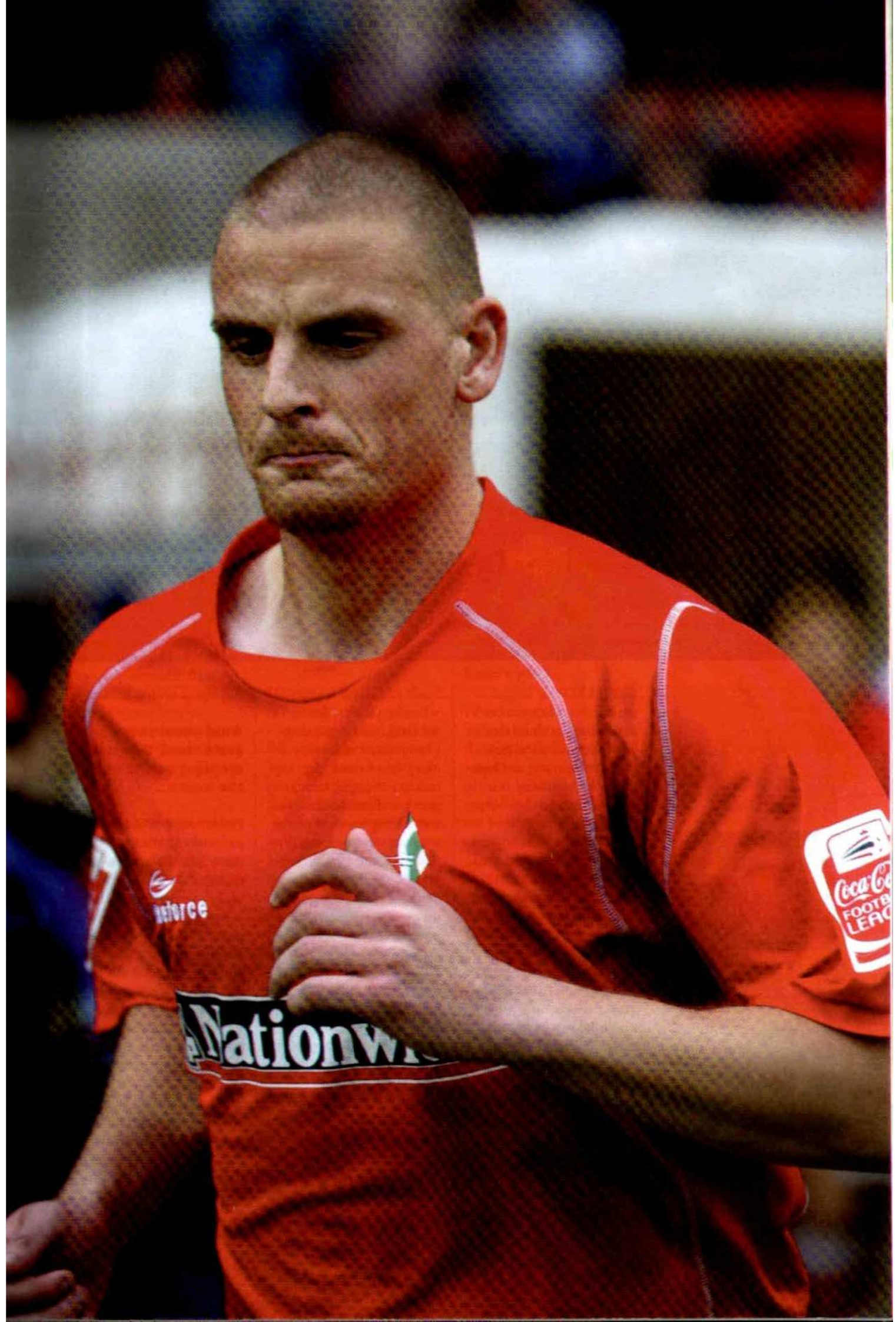
Do you enjoy playing with three at the back?

I think it's worked quite well and we've had some good results. We were unlucky at Chesterfield and it was good to have the clean sheet against Bristol City. Against Notts County, even though it was a terrible game for the fans to watch, we felt as if we weren't going to concede. As a back three I think we looked quite solid.

It didn't work last season, why do you think it's been more fruitful this time around?

I think the major change is personnel. At the start of last season it was Adi, 'Reevesy' and I, and between the three of us there wasn't much pace. But with Jerel I think it's a different blend with us three. I'm the taller one,







and I deal with bigger forwards and the main aerial threats; Jerel deals with the pace, and he's the man-marker, the best in the league. Sean is a good all round defender.

Was there a stage where you thought you wouldn't get back in the side, with Jerel and Sean playing so well at the start of the season?

Yeah, of course there was. When I came back from pre-season I wasn't sure how my knee would react. Knowing the three players that were here, and there was only two spots, you didn't know which way it was going to go. As it worked out I didn't get to play any pre-season matches, so it picked itself. Coming

back you never know whether you are going to get back in. Fortunately I have and I've done okay, but I think the manger thought he was going to have to change something because of the way we were playing. Going to the five in the middle meant we would have more chance going forward, and that is how it's been sorted out.

When I interviewed Jerel a few weeks ago he said that the problem with him and Sean is that they're both quiet players - is that where you come in?

Quite possibly yes. On the pitch I am probably the biggest talker. Jerel and Sean are fairly quiet, but I would say that

improves with age.

What about today's game then? Doncaster are right behind us in the league...

It is a massive game and to look at Doncaster, they have been promoted for two consecutive seasons and have done well. It is our fourth game on the spin and we will be looking to put on another good performance.

Then it's Notts County - can we finally play well in front of the cameras?

Well, we won at Brighton on TV - although we went on to lose on penalties. It does seem that we have a losing run on the TV but we can't

Yeah, yeah he still cheats if he can. If you can't see him in the bunker, chances are he's throwing it out. I don't know how he hits the ball with a swing like that...

play any worse than we did against Notts County in the first game.

I assume you'll be in charge of the entertainment on the way up - it sounds like you have an impressive DVD collection?

I have a lot of DVD's and spend a lot of time watching films. I have hundreds of DVD's and it stops Dick Mackey moaning because he never buys any himself! As a footballer you have quite a bit of spare time to rest and recuperate after matches so I spend a lot of that time watching films or going to the cinema.

And what do you make of the prospect of facing Hasselbaink and Viduka in round three...

It would be fantastic but we have to get past Notts County first. I watched the game the other night when Viduka scored two goals and Hasselbaink banged in a free-kick. It would be a little bit daunting as they have internationals over the pitch.

Were you disappointed the draw didn't hand you a return to Turf Moor?

I would like to play at

Turf Moor again one day. I have a lot of friends in the area but I don't know many of the players there now. I spent five happy years there and it would be good to go back one day.

At least if we hold Middlesbrough to a draw here and take them back to the Riverside it'll be a nice close game for your Dad. He comes down to every game from Leeds doesn't he?

He certainly puts in the miles! It's a 400 mile round-trip from Leeds to Swindon where he lives. The only ones he misses are the ones right on the South coast, although he did go to Bournemouth with my Mum last year. He will be here again this afternoon!

Would Viduka and Hasselbaink be the best players you've faced?

Yes I would say so, at first team level anyway. I have played against the likes of Michael Owen and Steven Gerrard at Youth Team level, but I think facing Middlebrough would be the biggest test.

What about the

Southend semi-final - that's got to be a more realistic chance of silverware hasn't it?

We are the favourites from our section. It will be about the fourth time we will have played them in the cup in my time here and hopefully we can stick a few goals past Bart Griemink.

The last time we played them in a semi - you'd just joined us hadn't you?

I think that was my second or third match at the club. We lost out to a golden goal, had two players sent off and went on to lose the game. Then we beat them 6-1 here, I remember that one.

If it came down to it, would you take another penalty if it went to a shoot-out? It was surprising to see you step up at Brighton...

I definitely would. The one I scored at Brighton was one of the worst I have taken in my life. I take a few in training and whilst I have not had the match experience of taking them, I would definitely take another one.





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Sep 19	Forest Green	3-2
Sep 26	Reading	6-3
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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
Mar 13	League Cup SF	
Mar 27	Chesham	A
Apr 3	Plymouth	H
Apr 24	Launton	A
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Next Home Match

Sunday 12th December 2004

Swindon v Forest Green

See the girls in action on Sunday at Aldbourne FC. Kick Off 2:00pm. For more information call John White on 01793 824470.

County Call-Up Town Under 18's



The Town Ladies return to their South West Combination League on Sunday following their Women's FA Cup action.

The Town will entertain Forest Green Rovers who they beat by three goals to two in a thrilling game at the Lawn, Nailsworth. Rovers are currently in seventh place with seven points from eight games whereas the Town are fifth with twelve points from seven outings.

The Town Reserves were in action last Sunday and drew three goals each with

Swindon Spitfires in the Wiltshire County League. Carly Smith, Lisa Coe and Sarah-Jane Thompson got the Town's goals.

The Town have ten youngsters selected for the Wiltshire County Under 18 squad to face Hampshire at Bemerton Heath, Salisbury in the South West Counties Championship. Claire Moreton, Michelle Brown, Lisa Coe, Catherine Reid, Tash Chapman, Alicia Hazzard, Leanne Hunter, Tara Lofts, Jodi Steenaart and Sarah-Jane Thompson will all join the party.

The Under Twelve "A" team faced Swindon Spitfires in the Wiltshire County League and were beaten by two goals to one. Stacey Long found the net for the Town.

The Under Twelve "B" beat Swindon Badgers by seven goals to nil. Hazel Matthews got a hat trick, Laoise Reape scored twice and Ceri-Anne Pidgeon and Nicola Coe completed the scoring.

There are no fixtures for the Under Twelve's and Fourteen's this week end because they are all playing for the Wiltshire Centre of Excellence against Gloucestershire.

Tomorrow game against Forest Green Rovers will be played at the Aldbourne FC Ground and will Kick Off at 2-00 pm. The Town Reserves visit Devizes Town in the Wiltshire County League.

one2one Carly Smith

Age: 15
Home Town: Swindon
Occupation: Student
Position: Midfield
Previous Teams: None
How did you start playing football?
 "I started training at Coleview Juniors"
Favourite Team: Man. United
Favourite Player: David Beckham
Favourite TV Program: I'm a Celebrity, Get me out of here
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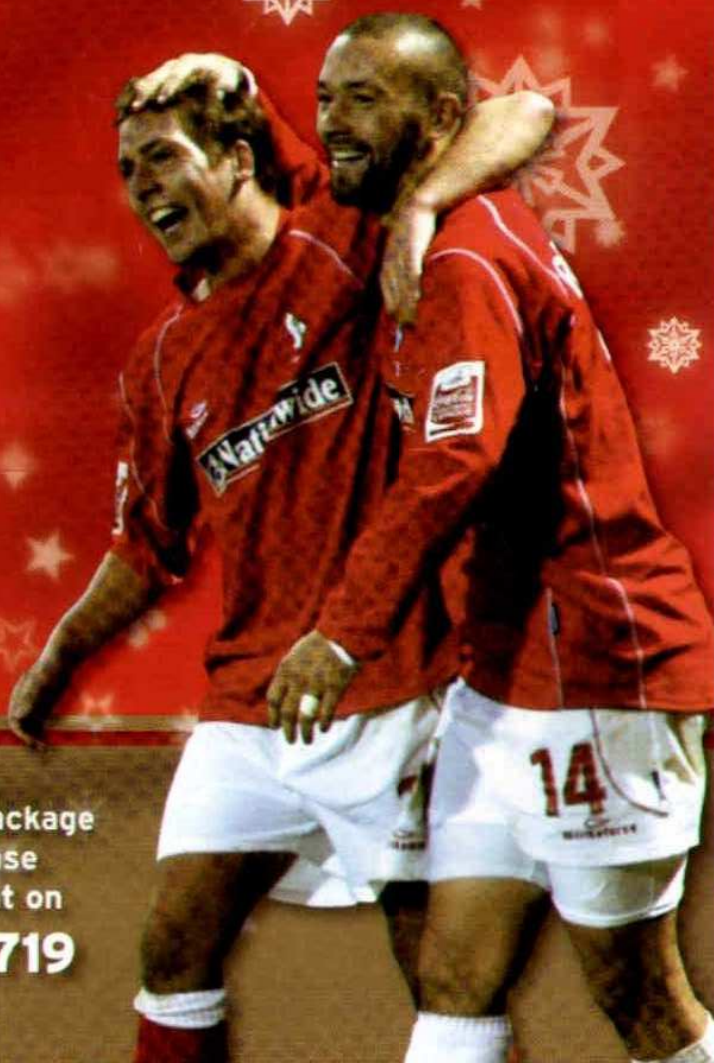


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We here at the Swindon Town In The Community Office would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year.

Today we are delighted

to welcome five teams who are here on our Saturday team club. We extend a warm welcome to Stephanie Coates and her group from Lydiard Youth, Lee Herring and all his children from Wanborough Juniors, Ferndale/ Rodbourne who are here with Paul White, Tracey Shears who is here with her group from Fairford Town Youth and last but not least



Westbrook AFC under 7's and 8's who are here with Barbara Godsell.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the organisers named above for all their hard work in arranging today's trip for all their respected groups.

We have just completed our after school clubs for the year and are looking forward to

working with the schools again from the New Year.

Another note on interest may be our new 4-week Tiny Tots Football course for 3-4 year old boys and girls at Croft Leisure Centre beginning in January 2005. For more information please contact us on 01793 421303.

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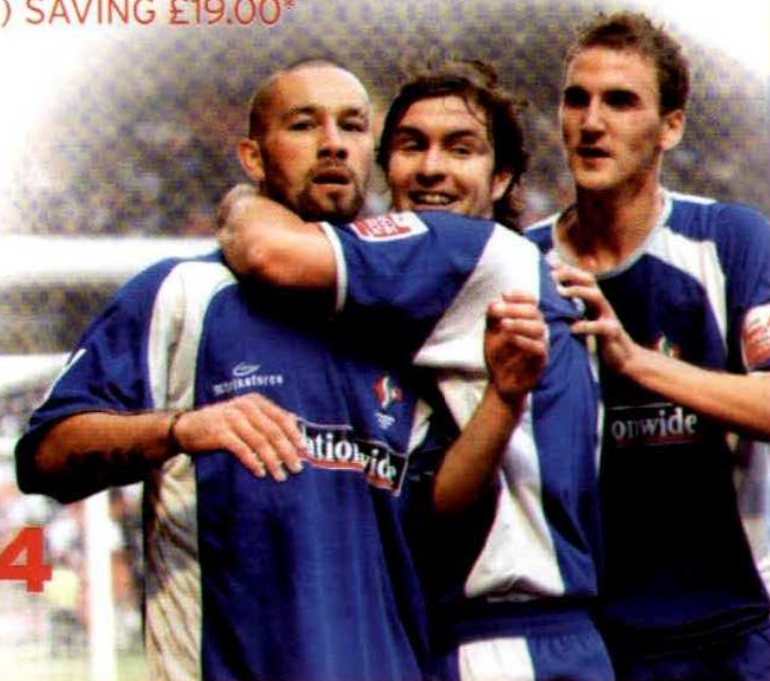
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League Review




After a week of LDV and FA Cup ties, League One action returned to the agenda in midweek with some surprising results...

League leaders Luton Town slipped to a 2-0 defeat at Martin Allen's Brentford while second placed Tranmere Rovers were soundly beaten 3-1 at Port Vale.


 Mike Newell's side have been in buoyant form this season, but Brentford's solid resistance has seen them perform admirably so far this season and Tuesday night's clash was always going to be an interesting affair. The Bees were handed a helping hand in the 18th minute when prolific Luton striker Steve Howard was sent off for violent conduct.


The extra man clearly made the difference for the home side and Deon Burton put Brentford in front just a few minutes before the break. Ben May increased the lead just after the hour mark, as Luton succumbed to a rare defeat, only their fourth of the season.


 Second placed Tranmere failed to take advantage of that Luton defeat after falling to a disappointing 3-1 defeat at Port Vale.

Chris Birchall and Billy Paynter shot the home side into a quick lead in the first twenty minutes.

Birchall added his second seven minutes after the break before Rovers notched only a consolation goal through Michael Jackson.


 Bournemouth were in the mood to capitalise on those results after they posted a confident 2-0 win over Bradford City to close ground on the top teams. First half goals from Karl Broadhurst and Alan Connell gave The Cherries a the win at Dean Court to move into fourth.

 Bristol City had to come from a goal down to earn a 1-1 draw at Doncaster Rovers, Neil Roberts putting Doncaster in front before Stephen Brooker levelled on the stroke of half time.


 Oldham Athletic continue to improve after a 4-1 thrashing of Chesterfield at Boundary Park.

New Zealand international Chris Killen scored a first half brace for The Latics, with Kevin Betsy and Neil Kilkenny adding single strikes after the break. Caleb Folan scored a consolation for the hapless Spireites, who slip to ninth in the table.


 Things for Walsall seem to be turning the corner after Paul Merson's side defeated Hartlepool United 2-1 at the Bescot Stadium. Second half strikes from Matt Fryatt and Jorge Leitao were enough to secure the victory despite Adam Boyd scoring the opener for the visitors.

 Lowly Barnsley earned a vital home win over mid-table Colchester United at Layer Road.


A double from Antony Kay gave The Tykes the much needed three points in Essex, as the home side had Craig Fagan sent off for two bookable offences in injury time.

 New manager Danny Wilson saw his new side, Milton Keynes Dons, earn a 1-1 draw with Barry Fry's Peterborough United at The National Hockey Stadium.

Leon Constantine gave The Posh a one-goal lead at the break, but Wade Small earned a point for MK Dons with a second half equaliser.

 A second half hat-trick from Keigan Parker gave Blackpool a resounding 4-0 win at fellow strugglers

Torquay United. Scott Taylor gave the visitors the lead at Plainmoor, before Craig Taylor was sent off for violent conduct just before half time and Parker ran riot to send the Gulls into the relegation zone.

 Finally, crisis club Wrexham brought smiles to their supporters at The Racecourse Ground with a desperate 2-1 win over bottom club Stockport County.

Marc Bridge-Wilkinson gave Stockport an early lead before Andy Holt equalised just before the break.

Hector Sam earned the North Wales club all three points with a second half strike, as Wrexham's fight to stave off relegation starts on a positive note.



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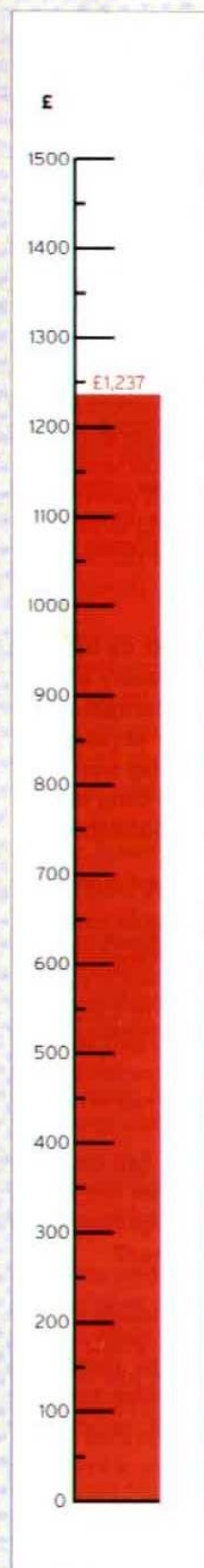
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Helen Chamberlain

Words: Simon Coy

For every football fan Saturday is the perfect day. A lunchtime drink with your friends, eager anticipation, all followed by the big kick-off in the afternoon. But for me it all begins way before that as its up for breakfast nice and early to share the morning with football's favourite lady Helen Chamberlain.

The day wouldn't be complete without Helen, as well as Tim, Fenners, Tubes, Rocket and the rest of the Soccer AM crew, on Sky TV's cult Saturday morning football fest. If you're missing it, you're missing out, as week after week we're treated to 3 hours of football related funnies. How could you go to a game without revelling in the skills in the Showboat, the gaffs in Third Eye or knowing if any of our favourite players were up to the Crossbar Challenge. At the end of a long, hard week it gives you all the bouncebackability you could ever need.

Every man's dream, she is funny, beautiful, kind and above all she really, genuinely adores football with a passion. Without a doubt, in her case it most

certainly IS for girls.

A few weeks ago Helen visited the County Ground with her beloved Torquay United, sitting, as she always does, with the real fans in the away section. At the end of the game I caught up with her to find out more about the Gulls best known supporter.

So how long has Soccer AM been running,

how long have you personally been involved with the show and how did this involvement come about?

"Soccer AM has been going 11 years I think and I joined in its second season, Tim it's third. One of the big Sky bosses saw my presenting on Nickleodeon going on and on... and on about football. Before Soccer AM I was a DJ, then fed sea lions at Chessington World Of Adventures."

Your co-presenter Tim Lovejoy is also one of the producers of

the show. Do you also get involved in the production side or are you purely involved as co-presenter? Secondly, is Tim the boss as he suggests and how is he to work with?

"I'm famous for coming up with two really good ideas a season, so I'd say no, I'm just a presenter! And yes Tim very much is the boss, but he is brilliant to work with...as

amongst football fans?

"No, because there is no other show like it. That sounds conceited but it's true, no one approaches football the way we do. That is all down to Tim. He wanted to make a show like the old FA Cup Final day shows."

You must be impressed by how many of the show's campaigns escalate across the footballing world i.e. Save Chip and Bouncebackability?

"Yeah, it's always funny when people embrace these things. A little girl of about 6 came up to me in a shop yesterday and shouted "bouncebackability" at me, then ran off!"

Can you tell us a little about how the show is put together behind the scenes?

"Its impossible to say, as it takes a whole week to do! There just wouldn't be enough room on your page - and also I just swan in on a Friday when it's all been done!!"

Good point. Are you surprised at how the show's popularity has increased to the cult following it has today

OK, fair enough. So what's been your highlight of working on the show over the

years and what is your favourite part of the show?

“My highlight would be holding the ‘real’ World Cup and my favourite part of the show is any Torquay goal that makes it in (which is quite rare).”

You are well known as being a fan of The Gulls. When did you first become interested in football and why Torquay United. Also, I wondered how many games you manage to dash to after the program finishes on a Saturday and is it possible to get as far as the home games after a show?

“My Mum has always liked football and Torquay is because I lived in Devon. Home games are possible, but I always miss kick off. Rochdale is my cut off point up north as I can’t make it any further than that on a Saturday.”

Away from football and the fast moving world of TV presenting, what else do you enjoy doing?

“I love my animals. I have 4 cats, 2 dogs and some fish, but I’m after chickens. I love chickens. I want a chicken rescue home!”

Careful, you might end up getting sent off if you have more than one fowl. Finally Helen, what are your career ambitions beyond Soccer AM?

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Live in The Winners

The FA Cup Second Round replay with Notts County will take place on Wednesday 15 December 2004, with the game being shown LIVE on Sky Sports in the Winners Lounge.

There are two big screens in the Winner Lounge which will be showing the game with doors opening at 7.00pm at The County Ground ahead of a 7.45pm KO.

Today's Mascots



Today's Town mascot is **Ashley Windle**, who is 12-years old today! He attends Malmesbury School and he loves football and rugby. Ashley attends all home matches and his favourite player is 'Super' Sammy Parkin and he is here today with his parents, grandparents, brother and sister.



The first of today's two visiting mascots is 6-year old **Ben Gerrish**. He goes to Wootton Bassett Infant School and plays striker for Brinkworth Cats and his favourite player is Michael McIndoe.



12-year old **Andrew Roe** plays centreback for his school and also for Hatfield Under 13's. His favourite players are Michael McIndoe and Leo Fortune-West. Andrew also helps out his Dad with the match photography for Rovers.

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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JUNIOR ROBINS



Due to print deadlines I was unable to include a couple of late entries in the Christmas card competition in the Notts County Programme.

So many thanks to Melissa and Megan Edmunds for your super efforts. The winning card designed by Michael Stent (pictured) will be coming through your doors along with your invitation to the Junior Robins Christmas Party. The success of the party is dependant on your attendance, so to make it a really great



night I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. It is my first party as Junior Robins Co-ordinator, and I will be there to talk to you all and listen to your ideas of trips you may like to go on, or how you

think you can improve what we can do for our young supporters.

As I write these notes I am sad to say that I am still waiting to receive delivery of the membership cards from the printers. As soon as I have them they will be sent to those of you who have sent in your photographs.

This is the last home game before Christmas, so on behalf of the management team, players and staff I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope to see lots of you in the



Winners Lounge on Monday 20th December.

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Words: Richard Keast

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By train: Peterborough station is around a mile away from the ground. Turn right out of station and follow the main road, passing an Asda store on your right. At the traffic lights near to Woolworths, turn right. Go over the bridge and you can see the floodlights of London Road, over on your

left. It takes about 20 minutes to walk from the station to the ground.

Pubs:

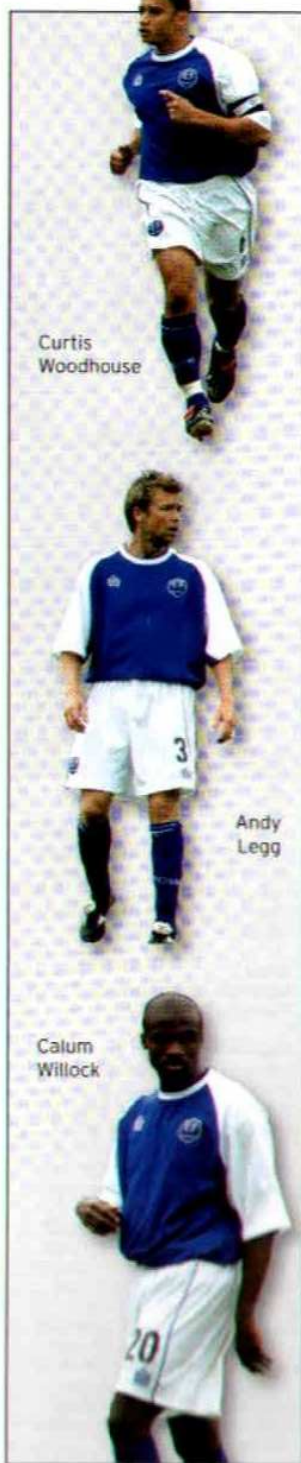
The Cherry Tree pub on Oundle Rd is quite popular with away fans. Although small it is a friendly pub. It costs £2 to park in their car park but you get £2 off a beer if you present the parking ticket at the bar. The Peacock, can be found as you come over the River Nene, then proceed down London Road past the ground on the left and the pub is situated on the right at the traffic lights next to a KFC drive through.

Ground:

No nonsense, big, covered, terraced away end. You don't get wet, you can make some noise. Does what it says on the tin!

Fave game:

Not exactly my favourite but certainly most *memorable* is the 3-3 draw in November '92 when we absolutely murdered them but thanks to a certain Nicky Hammond booting the ball straight to Tony Adcock with no one else within 50 yards of him with 5 minutes to go, we only ended up with one point!



Curtis Woodhouse

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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.

Coming Up...

STFC vs. Notts County

The FA CUP

Wednesday 15th December, KO 7:45pm

at Meadow Lane

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STFC vs. AFC Bournemouth

Saturday 18th December, KO 3:00pm

at Fitness First Stadium

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

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Sunday 26th December, KO 3:00pm

at London Road

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Terrace

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STFC vs. Brentford

Tuesday 28th December, KO 3:00pm

at The County Ground

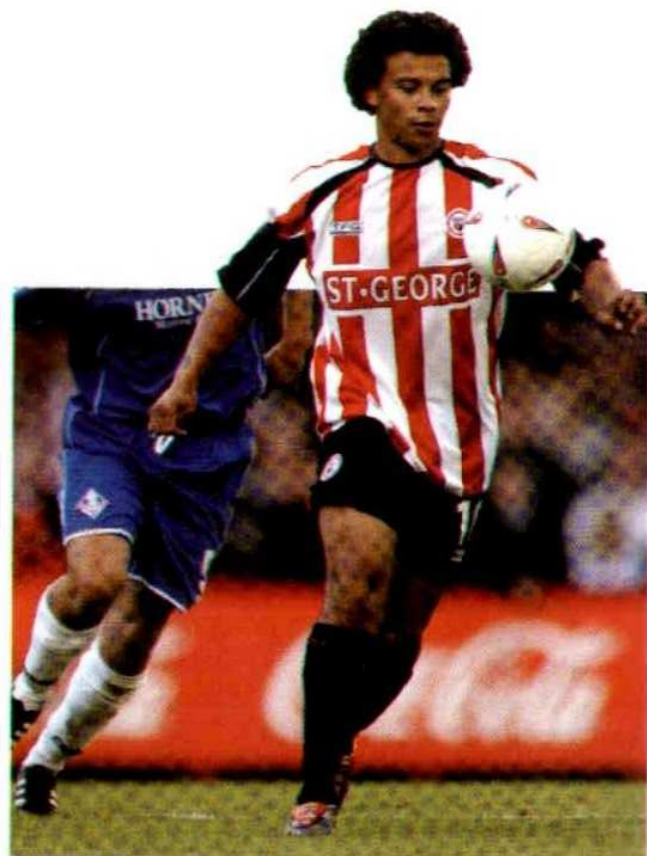
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UpNext...

Gazette & Herald

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



Coca-Cola LEAGUE 1

Tuesday 28th Dec 2004
KickOff 3.00pm

The frenzy of home football action finally slows down with the next match at the County Ground not until 28th December when Brentford travel along the M4 to Wiltshire.

The festive encounter is hardly setting a precedence. Last Christmas, Town recorded a 2-0 win at Griffin Park immediately prior to the holiday season, courtesy of goals from Brian Howard and Sam Parkin.

The year before that and on Boxing Day in Wiltshire, a 2nd minute Andy Gurney strike put Town on the road to victory over the Bees. Once more Sam Parkin completed the scoring

in a 2-1 win, but the first Boxing Day of the present millennium saw goals from Danny Invincibile and Bobby Howe unable to claim a point in a 3-2 home defeat by the team from west London.

This league's campaign sees Town and Brentford neck and neck. As December started, both teams were level on 28 points with Swindon claiming a superior league position due to better goal difference.

Manager Martin Allen has been with the club since March when he left Barnet to replace Wally Downes, and he claims credit for a revival last season which saw the club gain 18 points from their last nine games and claw their way back from second from bottom. He has recently been connected with the managerial vacancy at Gillingham. Top scorer last term was Stephen Hunt on 11 with player-of-the-year Jay Tabb on nine.

Last year's finish left supporters confident

that this term would see Brentford challenging at the other end of the table and the club has occupied league positions as diverse as 2nd and 22nd.

Jamaican international striker Deon Burton (above), finished a three match ban in last weekend's FA Cup draw at Hinckley. He played four times for Town last season while on loan from Portsmouth. Ex-Crystal Palace winger John Solako was another summer recruit, and last month, striker Richard

Pacquette signed on. He was released by QPR in the summer and has already spent time at MK Dons this season.

Recently, yet another striker, Ben May, joined on loan from Millwall. He was on loan at Griffin Park all season last year and scored seven times.

So the traditional Christmas match between the birds (Robins) and Bees has brought chequered results. Three yuletide points for Town would bring further festive cheer.



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9 SAM PARKIN

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11 DAVID DUKE

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25 BEN WELLS



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• Referee



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Swindon Town 1-2 Huddersfield Town
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Doncaster Rovers 1-1 Bristol City
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Torquay vs Barnsley
Tranmere vs Bournemouth

Doncaster Rovers



M DAVE PENNEY

1 ANDY WARRINGTON

played scored

2 SIMON MARPLES

3 TIM RYAN

4 DAVID MORLEY

5 JOHN DOOLAN

6 MARK ALBRIGHTON

7 FRANCIS TIERNEY

8 GREGG BLUNDELL

9 GUY IPOUA

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