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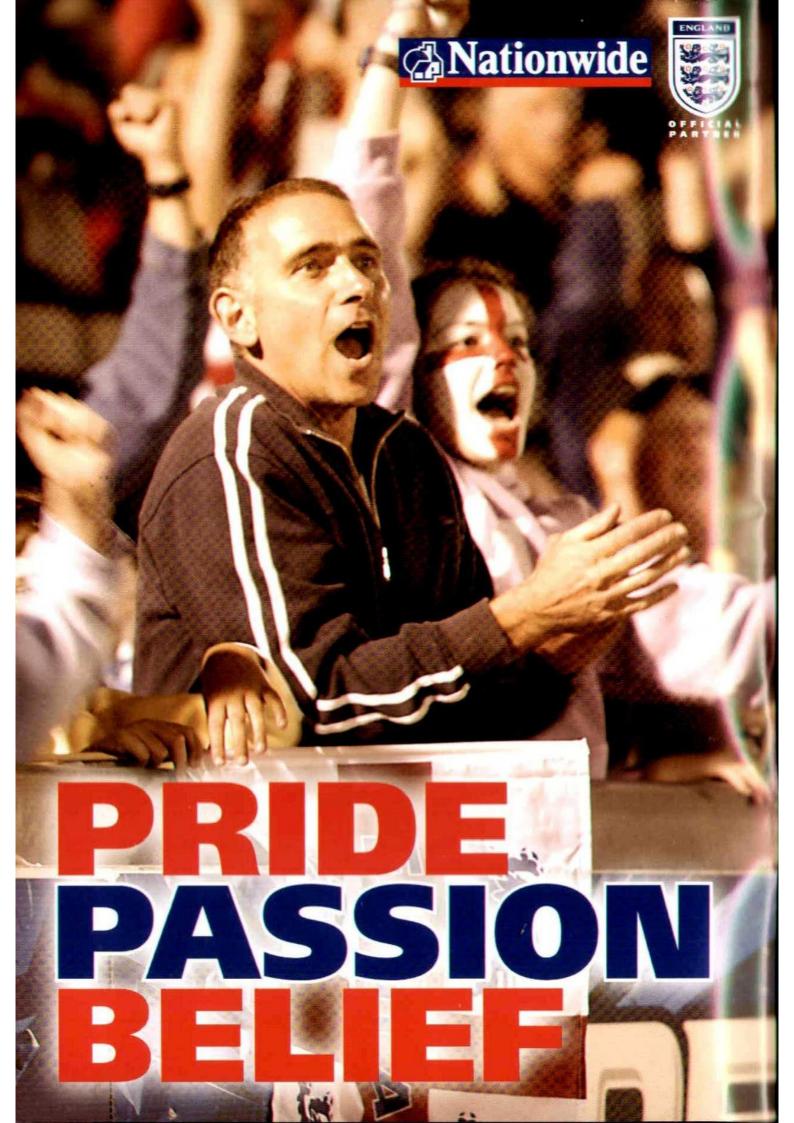
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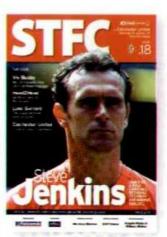


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EditorsNotes

A New Year begins with the visit of Colchester United, a game which we hope will end in a successful start to the 'second half' of the campaign.

Following the wins over Peterborough United and Brentford, spirits are high and I hope we can follow this up by making it a treble against Phil Parkinson's side today. In this the first edition of 2005, we speak to former Town midfielder Kevin Watson as well as an interview with defender Steve Jenkins, who of course enjoyed a winning return to London Road on Boxing Day. We also catch up with former Youth Team Manager Viv Busby who is now in charge at York City.

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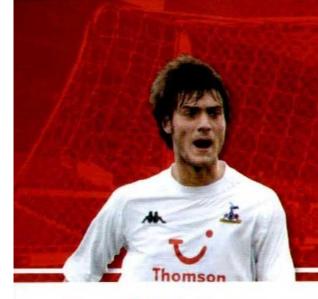
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DickMackey

ood afternoon and welcome to 2005 Gwith the visit of Colchester United to The County Ground.

We were without the services of several players for the midweek win over Brentford. Matty Heywood missed the game with an infected toe whilst Sean O'Hanlon had a hamstring strain.

Christian Roberts had a groin strain with all of these individuals back in for intensive training and treatment in an effort to get them right for today's game with Colchester.

Dick Mackey.



A former loanee at both Colchester United and Swindon Town, Johnnie Jackson has joined Watford on month-long loan deal.

Watford boss Ray Lewington told the club's website: "Johnnie's had a taste of life in the Premiership and is a young lad who will be looking to impress."

Jackson made 17 appearances for Town during a three-month

loan spell at the end of 2002 and also spent a loan period with Coca-Cola Championship side Coventry City.

Meanwhile, elsewhere in League One, Oldham Athletic have signed Alex Bruce, son of Birmingham City Boss Steve Bruce. The defender has joined on a one month loan deal.

Walsall have signed Manchester United defender Paul McShane on a similar deal.

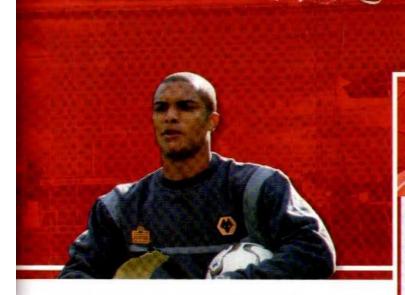
It's a Dann deal

Today's visitors Colchester have completed the signing of Blackburn midfielder Neil Danns for a nominal fee.

Danns, 22, spent two months on loan at Laver Road earlier in the season, scoring four goals in 13 games, and has signed an 18month contract.

"I am so glad to be back hopefully I can start where I left off," Danns told Colchester's website.

"I have come back more confident - I know my own ability, and proved to myself I can do it in





the League."

Keen on Ikeme

Town travel to Hillsborough next weekend with The Owls chasing a new keeper.

Sheffield Wednesday boss Paul Sturrock is keen to tie up a loan deal for 18-year-old Wolves keeper Carl lkeme following a successful trial spell. Sturrock wants Ikeme, who recently signed a four-year deal at Molineux, to act as cover for first choice keeper David Lucas.

Sturrock told Wednesday's official website: "He looks very good. I've generally been very pleased with him.

Dozen for Sam

Striker Sam Parkin hit

Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's New Year contest with Colchester United.

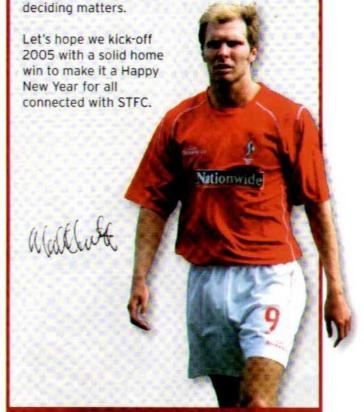
Boxing Day saw us notch a satisfying 2-0 victory over Peterborough United. It was our

first win at London Road since March 1996.
Sammy Igoe scored a cracker with **Sam Parkin**hitting the second late on to secure the points.

Captain's Column

MattHewlett

Today's match will be tough despite Colchester's position in the league. The reverse fixture at Layer Road earlier in the season was a close-fought game with a single goal



his twelfth goal of the season during Tuesday's win over Brentford.

The former Chelsea striker operated as a lone striker at Peterborough and against Brentford but still found the back of the net on both occasions.

Swindon Town leading goalscorers 2004-5: Parkin (12), Howard (6), Fallon, Igoe, Roberts (all 4).

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BoardroomTalk

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

What a finish to both the month and the year! Three valuable festive season points at London Road against Peterborough and three more on Tuesday as we beat Brentford 3-O at the County Ground to move to within striking distance of the Play-Off places.

Although Town found it difficult earlier in the month Andy has got the lads back up there with two workmen like performances to end the year on a high. Lets really get behind the Robins today against Colchester and for the rest of this season as we make our assault on the top six.

Strangely, despite the lack of points in early December, we are virtually in the same position as we were this time last season and if we can replicate the form of early last year... well let's not speculate but enjoy today's game and trust we can continue in 2005 as we finished 2004.

Yesterday the Club held the Annual General Meeting and the Board explained in detail the Club's financial condition to the shareholders. In summary, whilst every effort has been made to reduce expenditure, the short fall in cash flow has resulted in a substantial deficit. Consequently before the Accounts could be presented to the members additional funds will have to be provided to ensure the Club is a 'Going Concern'.

The Board further explained that, for the last three years, the Club had been dependent on the Wills Family and they had, by way of loans, provided the essential financial support each year to bridge the deficit and keep the Club going. However this year it had taken a little longer to finalise with the Wills Family in detail how this would be managed. As a result the Annual Accounts would now be presented to the shareholders at an Extraordinary General Meeting schedule for early 2005.

The Board apologised for this delay and went on to described the measures introduced to minimise expenditure and the significant improvements made on previous years but stressed that the lower than expected attendance at home matches this season has compound the Club's trading problems.

The Board responded to the issue of match day ticket prices by stating that without the current pricing policy the Club would not exist today adding that the growth in season ticket sales had grown year on year and the yield per seat was encouraging. However this was still insufficient to achieve a breakeven point for the Club and the continual subsidy would be necessary until this was achieved.

The meeting concluded by the Board expressing their concern but simultaneously emphasising that, with the knowledge that a re-development of the County Ground was becoming a real possibility, a solution to the immediate financial issues would be found expeditiously.

Bob Holt Acting Chief Executive



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arketing MatchReport Swindon 3 · Brentford 0 Tuesday 28th December '04 • Kick-Off 3.00pm Coca-Cola League One • The County Ground Town's started the game against Brentford with several changes from the side that faced Peterborough United on Boxing Day. Christian Roberts and Sean O'Hanlon missed the game through injury being replaced by Luke Garrard and Brian Howard; who returned after a one game suspension, Loan signing Luke Holmes made his home debut as Town lined up against familiar festive season opponents Brentford. Matt Hewlett opened the scoring after 42 minutes with a low dipping shot which flew in off the post to send Town in ahead at the break. After the interval Brian Howard doubled the lead with a back post header from Igoe's cross in the 67th minute. Sam Parkin then hit the final goal eight minutes later as he connected with a pinpoint ball in from Steve Jenkins to secure the points and end 2004 on a high for STFC. ■ 8 www.swindontownfc.co.uk

AndyKing

Good afternoon and welcome to today's home encounter with Colchester United...



would like to
welcome the visiting
Management, Directors,
Players and Supporters
who have made the trip
from Layer Road and I
hope you have all had a
pleasant Christmas.

Up until now it has been a very good Christmas for us with our recent results going our way. The two games against Peterborough and Brentford have put us back into a challenging position which is where we wanted to be. What has been most pleasing for me is that ten days before we put in the most disappointing performance that I ad ever witnessed as Swindon Town Manager. For the players to turn themselves around and produce three performances of such quality, just shows the commitment and endeavor that is there. It s a credit to the players and they have got their wards for the hard work that has been put in.

Today's game is very important and a win would make it three in a row, which is what I asked the players for. We have put ourselves in a position amongst the chasing pack and our targets are still in place. It just proves

that what going on a run can do, in any division, it makes such a difference and it has taken us up to the top half of the table once again.

Colchester United are a very strong side and managed to get a very good point at Luton Town on Tuesday. As long as we approach the game in the right frame of mind, then we will give ourselves every chance of success this afternoon.

By now you will of course have had the chance to see young Lee Holmes in action. He is a man in a boy's body and has shown us that if you are good enough - there is no age limit to quality. He has brought shape to our game and has also added competition to the squad.

I have to use my column this week to make an apology. On Tuesday, Mike Spearman introduced me to a young man whilst I was preparing my notes in the dugout before kick-off. Unfortunately I am a one-man music fan (Elvis Presley) and was unaware of who I was being introduced to. After the game I was watching television at home and noticed that on screen was none other than Jamie Cullum, who I had been

introduced to earlier in the day! I must apologise to him for my lack of music knowledge. It was lovely to see him at the game and what a pleasant young man he was.

Another entertaining moment came just before Christmas when Gillingham were using the training ground ahead of their match at Cardiff. Prior to their arrival, I played out another of my favourites - 'White Christmas' by Bing Crosby - over the stereo to ensure they were given a traditional festive welcome!

With the New Year in my thoughts, I would like to wish everyone connected with STFC a Happy New Year and may all your wishes, both personal and for the club, come true. And finally to something that has been close to my heart, my thoughts go out to the Busby family and to a young man of 16-years of age. He is Swindon mad and I have got to know him very well over the past few years. He has suffered with illness and has been too ill to attend recent games but I hope the New Year brings happiness into the lives of the Busby family.

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Swindon

Attendance: 6,875

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Swindon



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(red shirts, white shorts)

- 1. Rhys Evans
- 4. Matt Hewlett
- 6. Steve Jenkins
- 7. Sammy Igoe
- 9. Sam Parkin
- 11. David Duke
- 12. Jerel Ifil
- 17. Brian Howard
- 18. Alan Reeves
- 21. Lee Holmes
- 23. Luke Garrard

Subs Used

- 8. Rory Fallon (9)
- Subs Not Used
- 20.Steve Book
- 15. Andy Nicholas
- 16. Steve Robinson
- 22. Michael Pook

Brentford



(blue & yellow shirts, blue shorts)

- 1. Stuart Nelson
- 4. Stewart Talbot
- 5. Michael Turner
- 8. Jay Tabb
- 9. Isaiah Rankin
- 11. Chris Hargreaves
- 12. Andy Frampton
- 17. Sam Sodje
- 18. Deon Burton
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- 29. Steve Claridge

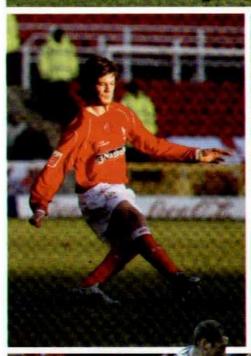
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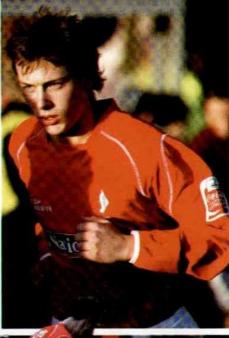
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- 27.Ben May (29)

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- 31. Alan Julian
- 3. Andy Myers
- 26. John Salako











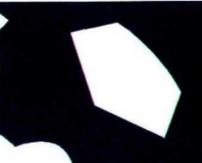


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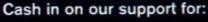


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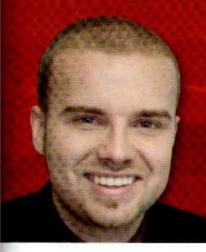


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Media Comment

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

appy New Year to you all and let's hope that the lads start 2005 as they mean to go on - by handing out a thumping to the opposition.

Deadlines mean these notes are being hurriedly thrown together on the morning of the Brentford game and I'm hoping that we'll be looking to make it three wins in a row by the time you're reading this.

There is a real sense of deia vu at the moment. You can't escape the fact that we were in a very similar position at this stage last season - not setting the league alight but with the potential there to do better.

going to storm their way to the two automatic promotion slots but the four play-off places are very firmly up for grabs.

Hopefully the lads can start stringing a decent run of results together, force their way into the top six and stay there.

After the 1-1 draw at Sheffield Wednesday last season we didn't drop out of the top six again all season. That has to be the aim again in the coming weeks and months.

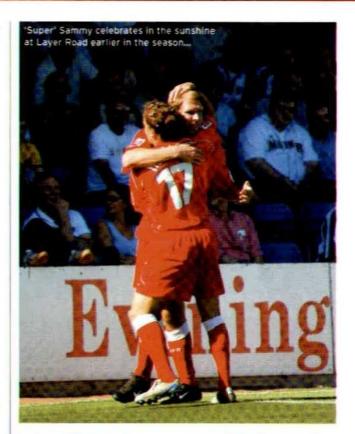
Today's clash with Colchester United is the third of four matches in nine days. Quite frankly I think it's ridiculous. How can you expect players

Today's clash is the third of four matches in nine days... How can you expect players to perform to the best when such demands are being made on them.

So it is again. The latter part of 2004 hasn't been great but every team goes through a bad patch at some stage. Hopefully that's ours out of the way and it's onwards and upwards. The top two look as though they are

to perform to the best when such demands are being made on them. I know even more fixtures were crammed into the festive programme in times gone by but that's not really the issue.

Supporters too are



being stretched at an already expensive time of year, I imagine there's a lot of you who have already forked out a considerable sum for the Peterborough, Brentford and Colchester games. On top of that you've the small matter of a trip to Bradford on Monday. Hardly a local derby is it? As I've already said. someone needs to look at how the fixtures are worked out.

Anyway, first thing's first. I seem to recall the trip to Colchester on a sweltering day in early September as a triumph. An early goal from Super Sammy and a very solid, professional away performance.

After a good start Colchester have faded from the scene but they shouldn't be underestimated. Get behind the lads today. bellow that hangover out of your system and let's complete our first double of the campaign.

Cheers. Jon.

United Challenge

Colchester United

Phil Parkinson's new look Colchester side made the early running in League One before their results took a U turn. A drop in form has seen United slip from top to the bottom half since October. The fixture computer was short on festive spirit as the U's faced a tough Christmas programme. They arrive at the County Ground having already played Bournemouth and Luton before taking on Town today.

Words: Simon Coy



Aidan Davison

Very experienced keeper who joined the U's in the summer from Grimsby. Has played for a host of clubs including Bolton and Bradford in the Premiership. Also involved with coaching youngster Dean Gerken.



GregHalford

Tall, young right back who has made a real impact this season. Has also scored 8 goals so far this season including a hat-trick in the FA Cup win over Rushden



3 Joey Keith

A regular for a number of years in the U's side, Joey, 26, has made almost 240 appearances for the Essex club, Scored a stunner last season to win the game against Sheffield Wednesday,



4 Gavin Johnson

Experienced defender who has been at the club for over 5 years making over 140 appearances. Also spent time at Ipswich and Wigan where he made 158 and 109 appearances respectively.



t all seemed to be going so well for Colchester United for the first two months of the season. The Essex club left the starting blocks like a top class sprinter as they raced to the top of the table. Five wins in the first 6 games made other teams in the division sit up and take note of Phil Parkinson and his side.

Perhaps the most noticeable result on the opening day was the U's 3-0 defeat of Sheffield Wednesday. Confidence high, they followed this with wins over Stockport and Peterborough giving them the perfect start. Defeat at Chesterfield preceded a convincing win over Doncaster.

United's first home defeat was to Swindon as the Robin's claimed an excellent 1-0 victory thanks to Sam Parkin's strike.

Unfortunately, United suffered a barren spell for two months from the end of September during which time they only managed one league win in nine games picking up 8 points out of a possible 27. Although this included points for some well earned draws, this wasn't enough to halt the slide down the league table.

Going into their tough Christmas programme the U's had suffered three straight defeats to Barnsley, Hull and Brentford and fans will be hoping their club turn the corner going into 2005 by snatching all three points today.

Wayne**Brown**

Defender who joined the U' during the summer from Watford following on from a three-month loan spell at the end of last season. Started as a frainge at Ipswich where he made 50 appearances.



KevinWatson

A familiar face to Town fans as Kevin spent 3 years at the County Ground making 74 appearances in the Swindon midfield. Joined the U's in the summer from Reading



GarethWilliams

in the summer as part of the deal that took Wayne Andrews to Palace. Had previously already made 15 appearances at Layer Road in two loan spells.



Jamie Cade

Quick young striker who has been mostly used as a substitute. Joined in November 2003 from Middlesbrough shortly after returning from a loan spell at Chesterfield. Yet to score this season.



PatBaldwin

Former trainee Chelsea defender who joined United in August 2002. Previously only made limited appearances but this season has already featured in most games. Recently reached 5 yellow cards.



Bobby **Bowry**

Midfielder in his 4th season at Colchester, Signed in the summer of 2001 from Millwall where he made 160 appearances for the Lions, Had moved to the New Den from Palace for E220,000



LiamChilvers

to Layer Road in the summer from Premiership champions Arsenal after a lengthy loan spell. Was also loaned to Notts County and Northampton by the Gunners.



Last Time



Date: Sat 17th January 2004 Competition: Division Two

Half-Time Score: 1-0 Full-Time Score: 2-0 Swindon Goalscorers:

Parkin, 15; Mooney, 46

Colchester Goalscorers:

none

Attendance: 6,014 Swindon Final League

Position: 5th

Colchester Final League

Position: 11th

Devon born full back signed on

a free two years ago following a successful loan spell from Oxford. Spent almost 5 years at Barnet making over 200 appearances for the London club.

Sam Stockley



Richard Garcia

Young Australian striker signed in September from West Ham where he made 22 appearances without scoring. Made his debut in the 1-0 defeat to Swindon at Layer Road earlier this season.





urrently leading the clubs goalscoring chart, Craig, 22, is a striker feared by many a defender in League One due to his electrifying pace.

He began his career as a trainee at Birmingham City but found opportunities to appear in the first team at St Andrews very limited. During his 18 month spell at the club he only made 4 substitute appearances for the Blues, and spent a large amount of time out on loan.

His first spell away was at Ashton

Gate from January to May 2003 when he made 7 appearances and scored 1 goal for Bristol City. In the summer of 2003 he secured a lengthy loan spell with Colchester and in March 2004 the deal was made a permanent one.

Last season he ended with 10 goals from 48 appearances but also picked up 12 yellow and 2 red cards during the course of the campaign. The resulting suspensions meant he missed out on a number of potential appearances and perhaps goals.

His tally this season is already 11 goals from only 23 games so he is on target to double



his tally. However, once again this may be affected by suspensions as he has already notched up 7 yellows and 1 red card.



Phil Parkinson took charge of Colchester United in February 2003 after a long and successful playing career. He made the move to Layer Road after spending over 10 years playing in midfield for Reading. He notched up 425 appearances for the Royals and scored 24 goals. He also played 169 times for Bury over a 4 year period prior to joining Reading.

He has now been in charge of the U's for over 100 games and has made a number of changes during his summer transfer dealings, Ex-Town midfield man Kevin Watson one such signing as Parkinson went back to Reading to sign the man he used to play alongside.



Watson

familiar face makes a welcome return to The County Ground this afternoon. Kevin Watson spent three years with The Robins after signing from Spurs in the summer of 1996.

The Hackney-born midfielder made over seventy appearances for Swindon during a threevear stay in Wiltshire. Known as a cultured player, he made his first appearance in a Town shirt coming on as a late substitute for Kevin Horlock in a 2-0 defeat against Norwich City at Carrow Road.

Nine years later and Watson is back in Wiltshire with his Colchester United side. STFC Magazine caught up with the man himself ahead of the game...

You started your career with Tottenham Hotspur, tell us about your White Hart Lane experience?

I signed originally as an apprentice before turning professional and spent about eight years there in total. I had a good time there and learnt my trade under some very good Managers.

What do you make of their fortunes at the moment...

They have always been a bit of an up and down club really. Even when I was there they were in mid-table and were a cup side really. That has always been the trend for them over the years. Nothing has really changed in that sense but they are a great club to play for. To be there both as a kid and as a professional was fantastic.

As a player, what do you think the differences are between performing in the Premiership and say League One?

As the years have gone on, even from when I was there as an eighteen year old, there has been a shift in emphasis.

You now need both pace and power to play at the highest level and the game has moved on demanding more of players and their physical attributes. Players now are generally powerful young athletes.

Then you signed for Town in

July 1996, how did the move come about?

I came to the end of my four-year contract at Spurs which I signed under Terry Venables. He was sacked just a year into the deal and I really just sat out the remainder of my contract after that.

After being released three clubs came in for me - Ipswich, Crewe and Swindon, I came down to Swindon with my wife and we were very impressed with what we saw. Steve McMahon spoke well and I signed there and then.

What are your memories of your time with Swindon?

It was very different from where I had been before and there were a lot of changes to take in. It was my first move away and was a bit of a culture shock but we adjusted.

They were a great bunch of lads and we lived in Wootton Bassett Road in Rushey Platt. We really enjoyed it.

Do you still keep in contact with any of vour former Town teammates?

I still speak to Wayne Allison and gave Frank Talia a call the other night. Mark Walters is coaching the kids at Aston Villa and doing some corporate work at Rangers. I speak to him about once a week now.

You then went on to Millmoor where you played over 100 games and experienced promotion there didn't you?

After being released by Swindon I spoke to Ronnie Moore, who said he had me marked off for about two years.

It was quite far North but I didn't have a lot of choice in the matter but it was a great move. After signing I experienced two promotions with them, Captained the side and only missed about two games so it was very enjoyable on a personal and professional level. I don't think my time at Rotherham could have gone any better.

Via Reading, you seemed to have settled in well at Colchester?

Reading was a bit of a mixed time for me as I had a very bad injury towards the end of the season. Initially I pulled a calf but that turned into an achilles tendon problem that kept me out for four months, which may have cost me a new contract.

There were no sour grapes and Steve Coppell was very good. He spoke very highly of me to other clubs and I then signed for Phil Parkinson, who I of course knew from Reading.

Are you looking forward to playing at The County Ground again?

Very much so. I
went back once with
Rotherham in the old
Division Two but we lost
that one! I still know a
few of the Town players
– Sammy Igoe and Alan
Reeves – so it will be
good to see them as well.





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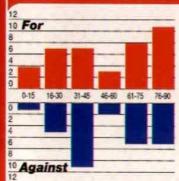
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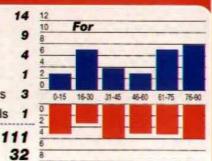
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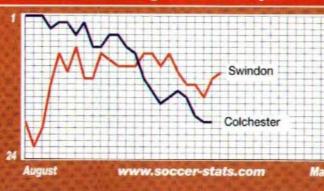
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Fouls Committed	322
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Caught Offside	63
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Fouls Suffered	292
Average per Game	12.7
Scored from Free Kick	5
Caught Offside	80
Average per Game	3.48

Last 6 & Swings Seasonal Progress Comparison Last 6 & Swings





Opponents	H/A	Score
Luton	A	2-2
Brentford	A	0-1
Hull	H	1-2
Barnsley	H	0-2
Torquay	A	3-1
Huddersfield	H	0-0
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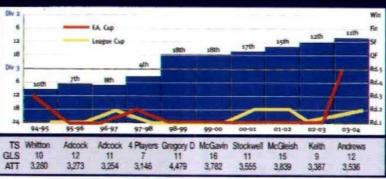
Colchester's Last 10 Years

Games Played	562
Won	197
Drawn	155
Lost	210
Goals Scored	739
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First of all, A Happy New Year for 2005 and also a warm welcome to our Match Sponsors Gary Barnes and ESP Colour. We also welcome today's Matchball Sponsors Anglea Wyles and William Walker.

Forthcoming Events

With the 2004 Christmas period now gone, and the New Year of 2005 with us, now is the time to start finalising details for all the events the Marketing Department have planned from now until the end of May.

Following on from the success of the last Sporting Dinner with Tommy Docherty in December, I am pleased to announce details of our first Sporting Dinner for 2005 and also our first Sporting Luncheon, On Thursday 17th February our quest speaker will be ex Everton and Blackpool England International, Alan Ball, Also a member of the winning 1966 England World Cup team, I personally believe that Alan is the best after dinner speaker on the circuit today. He talks about his early career and the influence his father had on directing him along the right path in life, right up to that never to be

the 30th July 1966 when England were crowned World Champions. The comedy on the night will be provided by one of the funniest comedians I have seen for a long time, the much sought after Aaron James. As usual, the evening will be compered by the popular Barry Williams. The cost of a table of ten is £495 plus vat and individual places are £55 plus VAT. The price includes a three-course dinner and also includes all the entertainment of the evening. The dinner is to a mixed audience and the bar opens at 6.30pm with the evening starting at 7.30pm and finishing approximately 11.30 - 11.45pm.

Our first Sporting Luncheon will be held on Thursday 10th March. when our lunchtime quest speaker is ex-Swindon and now the National Team Manager of Northern Ireland, Lawrie Sanchez, A career that

has seen him score the winning goal in the 1988 FA Cup Final and also take a Division Two side to a FA Cup semi final, Lawrie will be telling stories of his 'crazy gang days' and also how Northern Ireland will be preparing

themselves for

their forthcoming

Cup qualifying encounters with England. The Luncheon is to a mixed audience with the bar open from 11.45am.

2008 World

The guestion and answer luncheon will start at 12.30pm and finish at approximately 2.45pm in the afternoon. The price includes a twocourse luncheon and will be compered by Barry Williams. The cost of a table of ten is £250 plus VAT and individual places are £27 plus VAT each.

If you would like to know more details of both the Sporting Luncheon or Sporting Dinner, or would like to book your places, then please give Sarah a call now on 01793 333718.



 Match Sponsor Gary Barnes receives a signed shirt from Man of the Match Luke Garrard after the Doncaster game.

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▲ Man of the Match Luke Garrard presents Ekins & Co. with their matchday sponsorship trophy.

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Mr. Gary Barnes

Our first Match Sponsors for 2005 are Mr. Gary Barnes and his family. They were also the Match Sponsors for our game against Brentford, At a time when local Companies find it hard to invite any Corporate guests along to the Platinum Lounge on a Matchday, Gary is always prepared to step in at the last moment, and help the Club out with his support and sponsorship. The Club would like to say how grateful we are to Gary and hope that he, and all of his guests today enjoy themselves.

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Angela Wyles & William Walker

We have two staunch Swindon Town fans saying their goodbye's to us all today. Mr. Bill Walker and Ms. Angela Wyles, who hail from Hythe, are jetting off to the southern coast of Spain later this month to set up a new life. Bill, who repairs fisherman's nets for a living, has already started getting into the ways of the Spanish Customs, by buying a brand new matador's outfit complete with a Swindon Town red cloak. He now struts around the living room as the matador, whilst his partner Angela, who used to be a model and pose for art students, pretends to be the bull and chases him with two empty ice cream cones on her head(as the horns). Seriously though, all at the Club wish both Angela and Bill a happy and healthy life

Swindon Town F.C. would also like to thank the local branch of TESCOS who recently donated a mountain of sweets that Father Christmas gave out before the game on Tuesday when we played Brentford.

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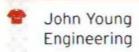




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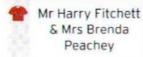


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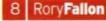
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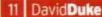
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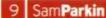
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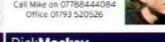
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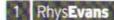






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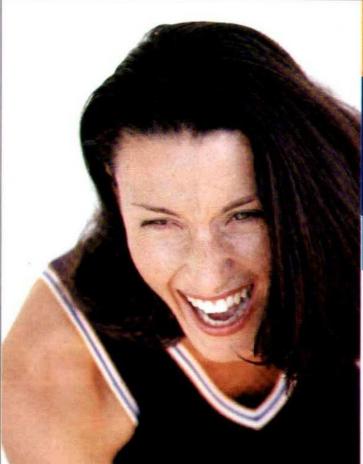




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	Iffy Onuora	lan Woan
Who is currently number one in the charts?	Not sure.	Band Aid 20
How many goals did lan Woan / Iffy Onuora score for Swindon?	10?	Not enough, but I'll have a guess at 22? (closest wins)
Who was recently named runner-up in the BBC Sports Personality of the Year Awards?	Matthew Pinsent	Matthew Pinsent
Can you name two clubs that Mike Walsh has previously managed?	Bury, Southport	Bury and Southport
Which team plays their home games at Layer Road?	Colchester	Colchester
Bradford City play their home games at Valley Parade, but who is their Manager?	Colin Todd	Colin Todd
Who won the 'Young Player of the Year' award 2003/04?	Michael Pook	Luke Garrard
Name the kit manufacturer this season?	Strikeforce	Strikeforce
What is the postcode of The County Ground?	SN1 2ED	I don't get any fan mail, so I'm not sure!
How many miles is it from Glasgow to Nottingham?	350 (closest answer wins)	210 miles

Final Scores

7/10

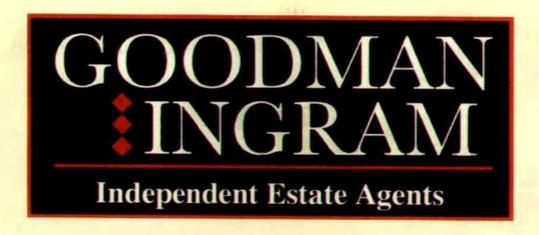
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Previous winners: David Duke, Brian Howard, Steve Robinson, Steve Book, Christian Roberts.

Verdict: A close encounter between the two former Town players, meaning that the youth department enter 2005 on amicable terms!

Who would you like to be featured in the next Head2Head? Or, if there is a question you would like to be featured, then just send them in to chris@swindontownfc.co.uk



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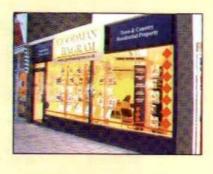
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Aug 14	Yeovil Town	8-0
Aug 21	Swansea City	5-2
Sep 4	Newport	7-2
Septi	Exeter City	0.1
Sep 18	Bristol Rovers	4-0
Sep 25	Bournemouth	3-4
Tue 6	Grimsby (Cup)	2-4
Oct 9	Cheltenham	2-1
Oct 16	Plymouth	1-0
Oct 30	Exeter City	1-1
Nov 6	Bristol Rovers	2-4
Nov 9	Yeovil Town (Cup	0.0-2
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	P-P
Jan 15	Swansea City	Н
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 II:00am

South West Conference Table 18.12.04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Exeter	14	8	4	2	31	18	28
B'mouth	13	9	0	4	37	29	27
Swindon	13	7	3	3	42	20	24
Bristol R	14	7	0	7	23	29	21
Plymouth	13	6	2	5	23	21	20
Yeovil	13	5	2	6	23	26	17
Swansea	13	4	2	7	24	33	14
Chelt'ham	13	4	1	8	21	24	13
Newport	10	1	0	9	10	34	3



Ciren sounds for Swindon

Swindon Town side largely made up of youth team players were defeated in a friendly at Cirencester Town just before Christmas, with Iffy Onuora and Ian Woan playing their part.

Stefani Miglioranzi was unable to take part in the game as he was still recovering from an abductor strain, which meant late call-ups for youth team coaches lan Woan and Iffy Onuora.

Played at the Corinium Stadium, the home side took the lead on 12 minutes when former Fairford Town striker Phil Corcoran hit the opener as he tapped in a corner from the right.

Swindon went close with a free-kick from Woan and another effort from Ben Wells. Steve Book was then tested minutes later with a low drive from former Cheltenham Town teammate Michael Jackson.

Half-Time:

Cirencester Town 1 Swindon Town O

After the interval Swindon came out looking for the equalizer and didn't have to wait long for it to arrive. After missing an earlier chance, striker Andy Caton brought his side level with a header after 54 minutes.

However, after having an appeal for a penalty waved away, Cirencester surged forward and went ahead once again with a ball from Scott Griffin found youngster Daniel Bishop who finished well.

Andy Caton was on hand to make matters all-square ten minutes from time as he scored from close range after a good run from substitute Lance Lewis, who went on to hit the post.

The night belonged



to The Centurions as the home side grabbed the win on 85 minutes when Alan Bird headed home the winner.

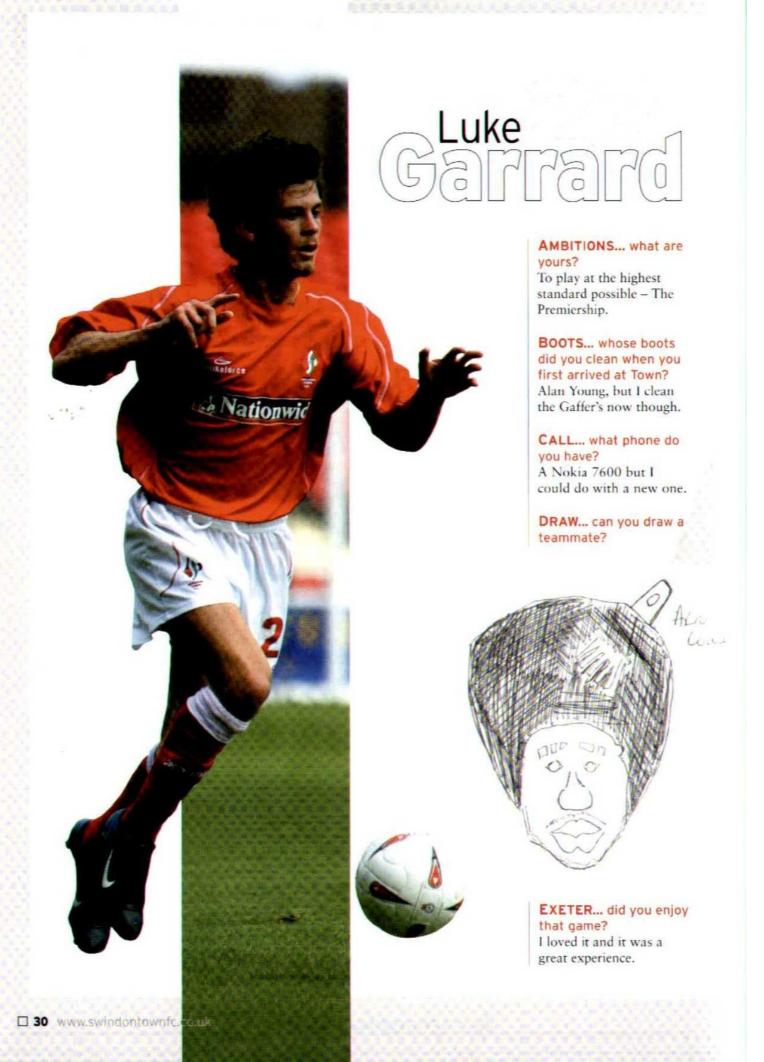
Final score:

Cirencester Town 3 Swindon Town 2

Town Line-Up: Steve Book, Kyle Lapham, Chris Taylor. Iffy Onuora, Leigh Henry,









FRIENDS... anyone you want to give a 'hello' to? My boys at home -Walnut, Champ and Seany. Not forgetting Macca.

GROUND... most impressive you have ever played at?

The Parc Des Princes which is the home ground of Paris St. Germain. I played there for the Arsenal Youth Team when we were on tour.

HOLIDAY... where is your favorite destination?

I would say Ibiza, although my Missus wouldn't be happy!

IMAGINE... where will we finish at the end of the season?

Hopefully the top two, but I would say the Play-Offs.

JOKER... who is the joker in the pack? Christian Roberts but Reeves can pull a few.

KING, THE ... what music do you like? R'n'B - I like Usher.

LABEL... what is your favourite designer label? Louis Vuitton, although I am a bit of a H&M and Zara man really...

WHAT WOULD YOU BE IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER?

"If I was a hairdresser I could sort out Jerel's afro!"



WHAT'S THE **BEST GROUND** YOU'VE EVER PLAYED AT?

"The Parc Des Princes with the Arsenal Youth Team when we were on tour."

MENTOR... who is vours? Paul Davis - I loved his coaching style.

NEW BOY ... how are you finding regular first team involvement?

Everytime I am involved it is great and I enjoy it.

OLD... what will you do when you retire? (long way off though!) Hopefully go into coaching.

POWER... who is the strongest player at Town?

Stef and Jerel, but I would probably say Stef out of those two.

QUALITY... what is vour best? Good range of passing.

RETREAT... where do you like to spend time away from the Club? I like the cinema and spending time with my girlfriend.

SPURS... best memory at White Hart Lane? Working with Mickey Hazard, Pete Suddaby and Patsy Holland.

THE U'S ... what type of game are you expecting today?

It will be a tough encounter but we should win.

UNKNOWN... who is the quickest player in the vouth team?

Andy Caton - but David Stroud is just as fast.

VOCATION... what would you be if you were not a footballer? I couldn't honestly say, but if I was a hairdresser I could sort out lerel's afro!

WELL DONE ... how much did you enjoy the Bristol City win?

Very much - it is always good to beat your rivals.

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YELLOW... what scares vou? Heights.

Z00... who is the least tidy player at the Club? Jerel Ifil - you should see his car!

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appy New Year - bring on 2005 after our six points out of six over Christmas.

I spent the holiday period pondering on the possibilities for the next 12 months. How likely are any of the following scenarios? I would quickly add my disclaimer before you carry on reading! I compiled them with my nephews (so it's collective responsibility!) and sometimes we had our tongues in our cheeks!!!

David Duke is voted Fans' Player of the Year.

Town End supporters sit down for the whole match.



"Super" Sammy Parkin returns to Chelsea in a multi-million pound deal, after making his Northern Ireland debut.

Andy King appoints Bobby Gould to his coaching staff.

Sammy Igoe leaves his hair its natural colour turns out he's a ginger.

Swindon Town take a free-kick which doesn't hit the defensive wall.

Martin Ling returns to

extension to his contract and unearths another gem, with a loan signing (from Tottenham Hotspur!) to follow in the footsteps of the likes of Davis, Milner and Holmes,

Jerel Ifill man-marks James Beattie out of the game - Brian Howard scores direct from a corner as well as heading the winner against his former club.

Fitness allows Stefani Miglioranzi to be everpresent.



- the Town are above the Rams in the table.

The Great Crested Newt becomes the new STFC mascot.

Steve Jenkins is recalled by Wales to play in midfield (late addition after the 3-0 victory over Brentford!)

They may not quite be of Old Moore's Almanack standard, but hopefully prompt discussion. Your additions, amendments, observations are welcome by texting 07786 203 303 or emailing me via the BBC website for Wiltshire, bbc.co.uk/wiltshire.

Plans are approved for the redevelopment of the County Ground - the athletics and cricket clubs will now be sited on Shaw Tip.

the County Ground, on a recce for the LDV Vans Trophy final.

Swindon Town win a live television game.

Shareholders are given up-to-date accounts at the Annual General Meeting.

Sean O'Hanlon establishes himself in the England under-21 international set-up.

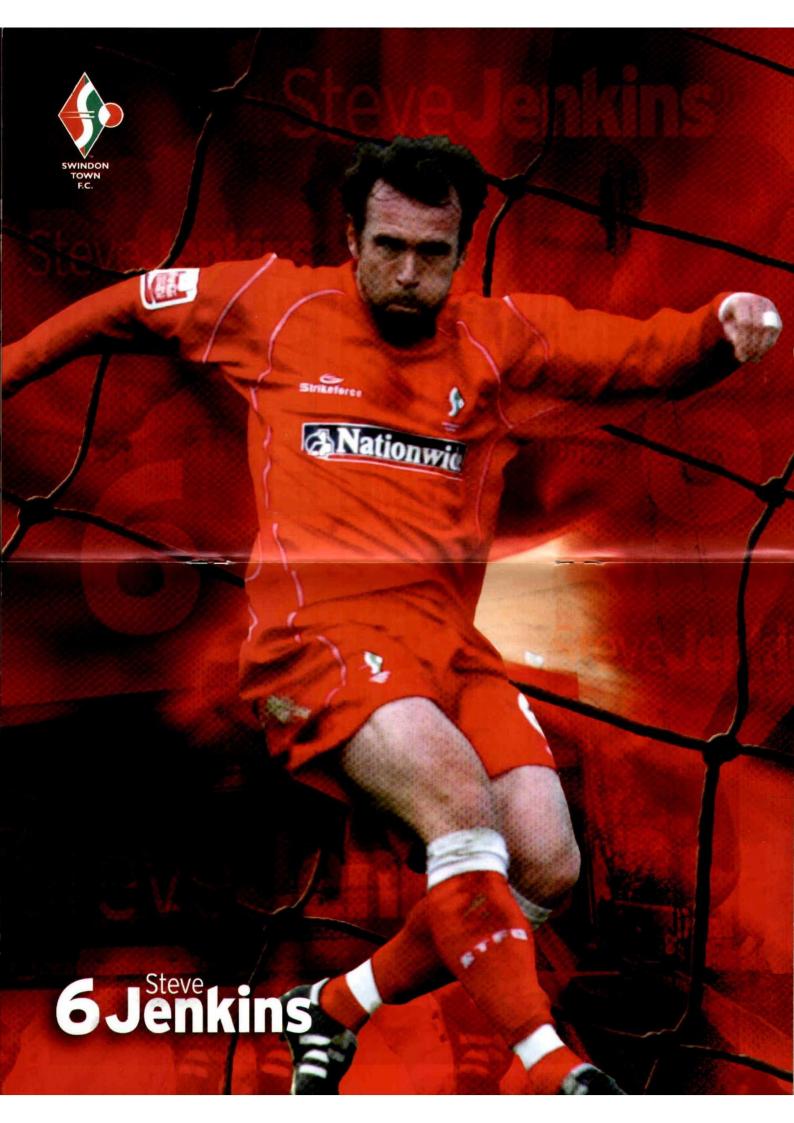
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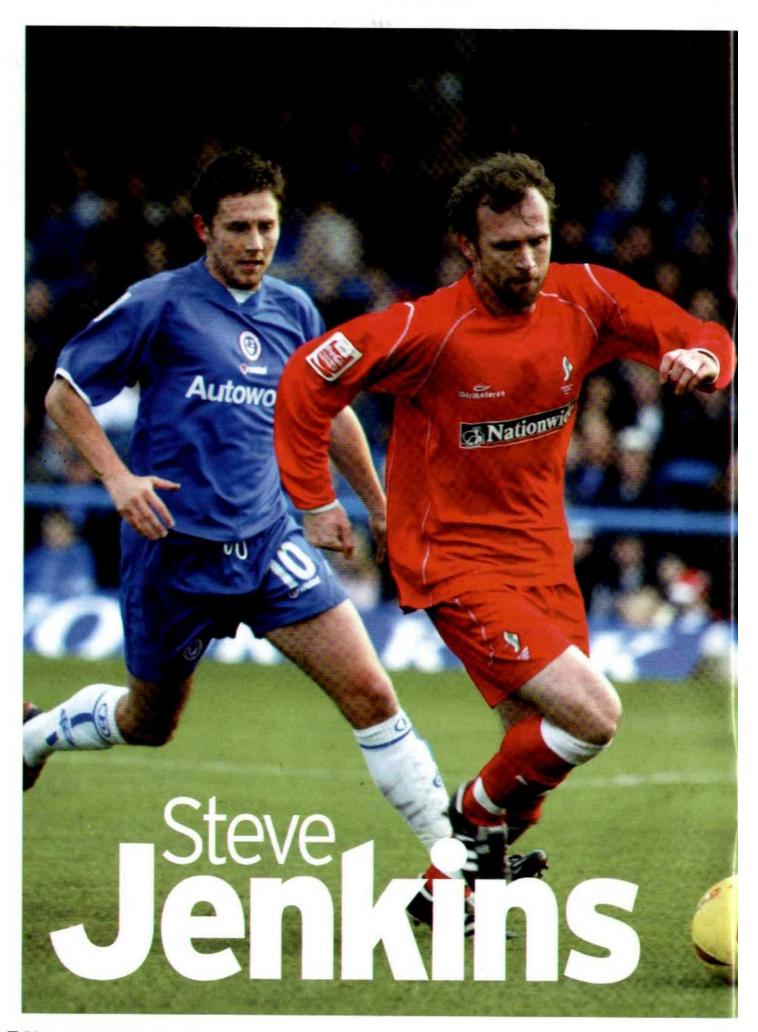
Swindon Town kick off, without the ball going straight into touch for a throw.

Bob Holt completes a year as "acting" Chief-Executive.

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Lee Holmes chooses Swindon ahead of Derby







'Jenks' on a Posh Christmas, returning to Cardiff and marking Rivaldo...

Words: Nick Judd & Chris Tanner

hen Steve fired home the winning goal for Peterborough during their 1-0 shock victory at the County Ground in September, few fans would have expected the 32-year-old to be playing in red and white three months later.

Still, that's exactly what happened, and when he

fired another spectacular effort past Sheffield Wednesday's 'keeper in Town's 4-1 FA Cup romp at the County Ground, he was embraced with open arms as part of the family.

A Welsh international that's had the enviable job of marking Rivaldo for his country, 'Jenks' (or 'Jenko') visits Wiltshire on the seventh stop of his football career. Starting life at Swansea, the Merthyr Tydfil-born defender has played for Huddersfield Town, Birmingham City, Cardiff City, Notts County and Peterborough United. On the way he's experienced some ups and downs, but having retuned to the side following a viral infection, Jenkins is looking to add a few more of the latter to his CV...

Living out of a suitcase in hotels is not ideal. It does get boring and it's certainly not a glamorous lifestyle...



You've been out for a couple of weeks, what was the exact nature of the injury?

It was a viral infection. I wasn't feeling well the day before the Doncaster game - I had a pretty bad headache. After seeing Dick (club physio) I went back to the hotel for a rest and something to eat. I still felt terrible after that and after going to the Doctor's on the morning of the game, they did some tests and confirmed I had a virus, I was in bed for two days after that.

Sounds Nasty. And you missed out on a trip back to Meadow Lane to play against your former club, Notts County...

It would have been great to go back there, especially as it was the FA Cup and with a tie against Middlesbrough to play for. But these things happen in football and you have to take them on the chin and get on with it.

You couldn't even watch the game, is that right??

Yep. I only had about

five channels in my hotel room so I didn't see any of the game!

That might not be a bad thing...

It may have been bad - but it is in the past now and we have to look forward.

Concentrate on the league, I get you... How have you settled in now that you're a full-time Swindonian and all?

Very well, thank you. The lads are a great bunch and everyone has made me feel welcome. Swindon is a very friendly club and I am sure any new player coming in would find it easy to settle because of the nature of the team. The Manager has been great and there is also a great spirit here. It was easy to settle right from day one.

It must be perfect for you geographically; you're not far from Wales either are you?

I have driven it a few times and it is about 90 miles from where I am so it's not too far.

Have you managed to find a place yet or are you still living out of a bag in a hotel?

I haven't found a place vet unfortunately. I'll be stepping up my search for a new place in the New Year, I have had a drive round and will be looking at the schools and surrounding areas to see what's is about. Living out of a suitcase is not ideal and I did it for a few weeks from the Monday to Friday. It does get boring and it's not a glamorous lifestyle

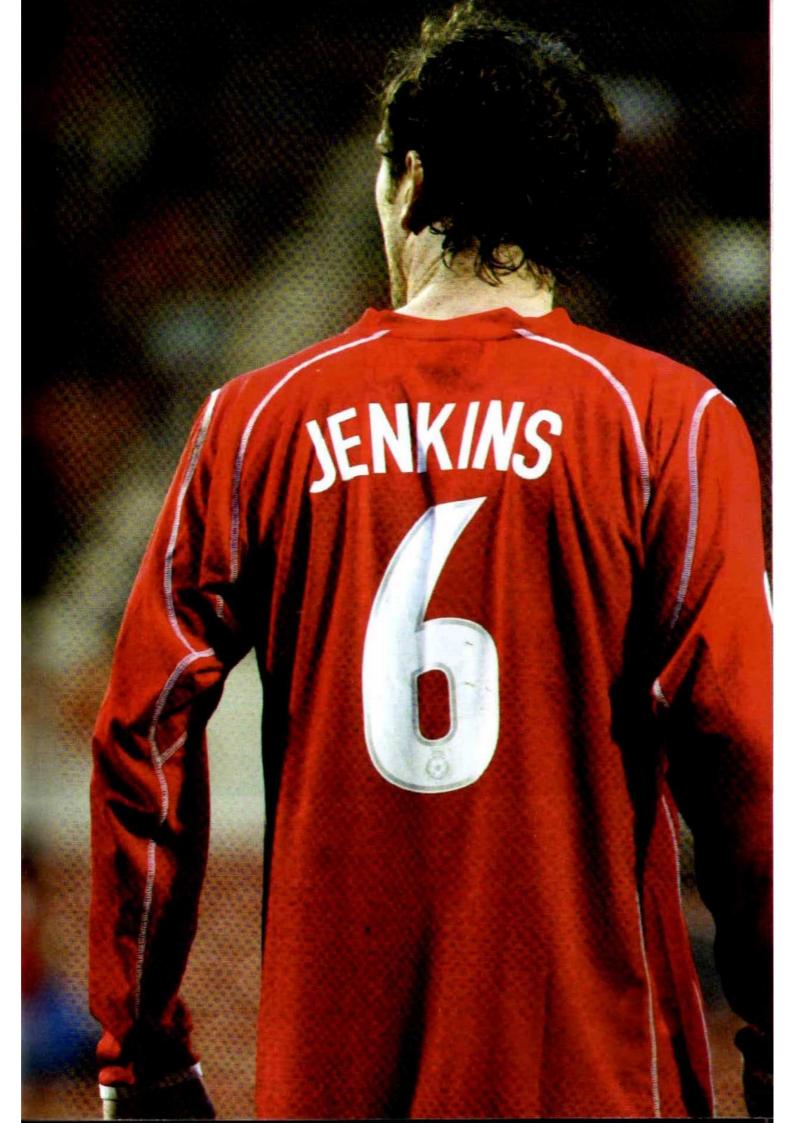
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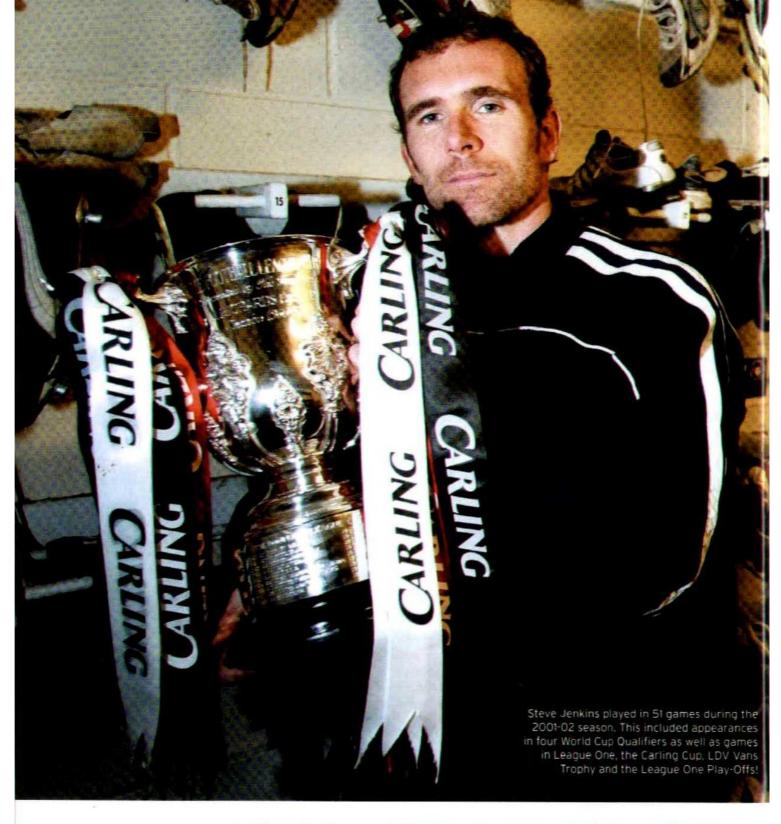
There was nothing to do! After lunch I normally had a little siesta until about 5pm before getting something for dinner. That was it, doing the same thing every day.

As an experienced right-back, what have you made of young Luke Garrard who's deputised for you in recent weeks?

I didn't know too much about him before I came to be fair. I then







saw him train a few times and he did quite well in the LDV Vans Trophy game at Exeter. He is not shy that's for sure. Sometimes you get talented youngsters coming through but they don't express themselves. Young lads can tend to close up on the pitch but Luke is vocal and very sure of himself.

Peterborough away on Boxing Day, nice to see some old friends?

It will have been good to go back again, they are another nice bunch of lads. They are struggling a bit at the bottom, but hopefully we will have taken the points off them by the time you read this!

I bet you never thought you'd be playing here when you scored the winner for them earlier in the season?

That's right. These things always have a bit of a twist to them and so it has proved. If I had known that I was coming to Swindon I may have put my shot wide!

When you're growing up one of your ambitions is to play for your country and I had seven or eight years in the Welsh squad, which were brilliant times...

Admit it, you (Posh) were very lucky that day...

I think I hit the bar as well that day, but it wasn't the best of games and Peterborough nicked a 1-0 win.

You've scored a few goals as a defender, what's the best you can remember?

The best I have ever scored would be a 40vard effort for Swansca City. I remember it well; it was an FA Cup game against Exeter City and I cut inside and smashed it into the top corner.

Your effort against Tranmere would have been a contender had it gone in?

Yeah, I hit that one well but unfortunately it hit the post. If that one had gone in I think we would have gone on to take all three points up there.

When I was looking your name up on the internet it threw me up an author, a computer hacker, cheese maker and a musician - could you do any of these??

Funny you should mention that. My wife's Uncle is an author who writes detective stories based in the 1800's. There is still time for me to write a book though. As for being a computer hacker - I have never really got into computers, although my little girl knows how to work them. Cheese maker - not sure about that! Mind you, musically speaking, coming from the valleys I have a great singing voice with the old male voice choir and all that!

But you have played against Rivaldo, that's not a bad claim to fame! Had him in your back pocket didn't you?

He scored twice but they were both from 25-yard free-kicks (into the top corner) so there was not a lot I could do about them. He was on a different level but it was an enjoyable experience. We played at about 12 O'Clock at night and the pitch was awful, but it didn't stop them playing awesome passing football!

Many lads in League One don't get to represent their country, what's it like?

Great. When you're growing up it is one of your ambitions and I had seven or eight years in the squad - I had some brilliant times.

Would it be a dream for you to take Swindon into the play-off final in Cardiff?

Playing at the Millennium Stadium with Swindon Town would be magnificent. I have a lot of family and friends just up the road from the ground so to win the game there would be something special.

Can Swindon get there this season?

I think we can go as far as we want really. Obviously the Christmas period is going to be important and a few wins could put us right back in the picture again.

Do you think we need to win games at Christmas to make the top six, or can we still do it if we struggle to pick up points?

It is a crucial time of the season and with so many games in such a short space of time - if we can pick up the points then it can be a great bonus heading into the New Year period.





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Town go down to Forest Green

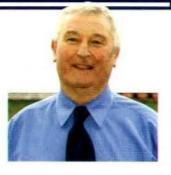
he Town Ladies are mid table in the South West Combination League half way through the season with twelve points from eight games.

The Town faced Forest Green Rovers in their last game before the Christmas break and the Gloucestershire side aot their revenge for the defeat earlier in the season by winning by two goals to one. Rovers took the lead in the 23rd minute but Claire Moreton took advantage of a mix up in the visitors defence to put the sides level at the break. Although the Town had the better of the play in the second

half a late Rover's goal gave them the points.

The Reserves game at Devizes Town in the Wiltshire County League was postponed because of the weather. The following week they entertained Clevedon Town Reserves and won by two goals to nil with April Poulden getting both goals. The Reserves are currently in top spot in the league

The Under 16 side faced Reading in a keenly contested Surrey Primary League fixture and won by two goals to one. Samantha Master



put the Town ahead but Reading levelled the score. In the dvina minutes of the game Samantha Masters got the all important winner for the Town.

The Under 14 "A" team beat Westfield by twelve goals to nil in the Wiltshire County League, Jade Reynolds and Stephanie Lewis both got hat tricks, Amber Egerton and Chloe Bryant each scored twice and there were goals for Katey Smith and Emma Skinner, The "B" side were without a fixture.

The Town restart their South West Combination League programme on the 9th January with a visit to Newton Abbot. The Town Reserves are also away and play Bradford on Avon in the Wiltshire County League.

Jodi Steenaart

Home Town: Occupation: Position:

Previous Teams:

Student Goalkeeper Wootton Bassett

Swindon

How did you start playing football?

"I played with my Dad in the garden and then joined Westlea Wanderers boys team"

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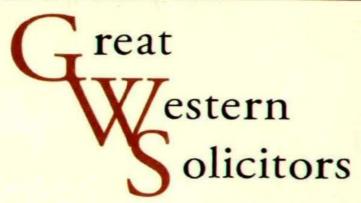


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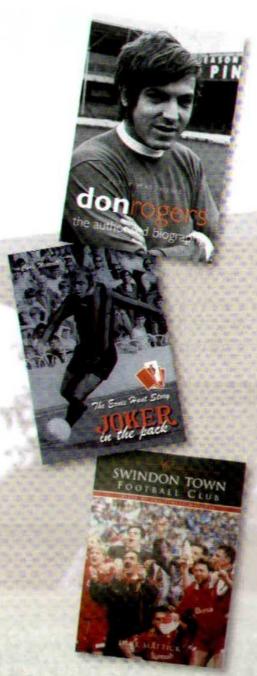






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Football in the Community

New Year New Ideas

hope you have all had a very Merry Christmas and we in the Community Office would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Last year was one of our biggest years since being in the job. We have now expanded as a department to six members of staff and would like to offer a warm welcome to Shane Hewlett, who has now taken over the running of the Soccer Centres. Shane is a well-known part-time coach with us and we would like to wish him all the very

best in his new role.

You may have read in recent programme notes that we are expanding in the area of 'Tiny Tots Football' which Adam Greaney and Kevin Halliday will be taking on. Jon and I would also like to thank Adam for all his hard work with the Soccer Centres prior to making a permanent appointment.

Last year we saw bumper attendances on our courses, with over 130 attending our football festival at Devizes for young disabled children in



October, Our summer challenge project was again a huge success and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Martin Turnbull and his staff for all their support and hope that we can build on the success of last year as we enter 2005.

We experienced a tragedy in 2004 with the loss of Mitchell McCarthy. His memory will now live on with us as we have named the Wednesday Ability Counts group in his name. This session at the Haydon Centre is now named the Mitchell McCarthy Soccer

Centre. This we feel is a fine tribute to a lovely young boy who is sadly and sorely missed by everybody.

In 2005 we are looking to expand in various areas such as Secondary Schools where we hope to offer lunchtime club activities for children aged 11-16 years. This we hope to do later on in the year.

We are very excited about the twelve months ahead and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Clive and Jon.















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Smiles

Players and staff from Swindon Town took time out to visit patients on the children's ward of the Great Western Hospital just before Christmas.

Football flags, T-shirts and books were among the gifts which were donated by Swindon Town's club sponsor Nationwide Building Society to help cheer up children spending this Christmas in hospital.

Steve Jenkins, Christian Roberts, Matt Hewlett and Brian Howard were all there to give out the presents that made it a memorable afternoon for the children. After the visit, defender Steve Jenkins gave his thoughts on the visit when speaking to STFC World.

"It was good to put a smile on the kids faces and I think the lads enjoyed it. Spending Christmas in hospital is never good, but we were only too pleased to help out."

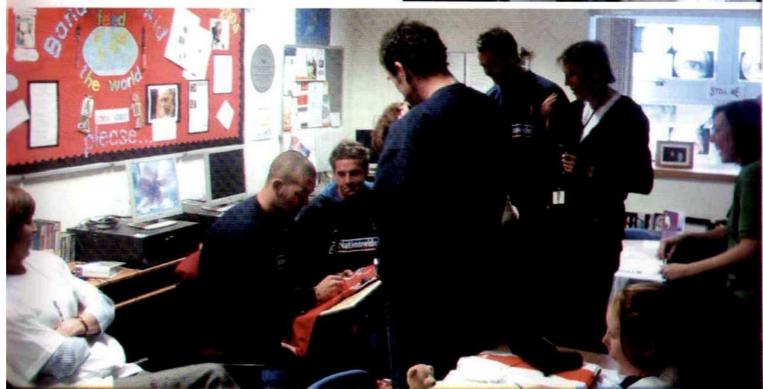
Brian Howard echoed the thoughts of Jenkins.

"Last year we did a similar thing and I know everyone involved relishes taking part. It is something different from training and it is another enjoyable aspect of the job."









Review



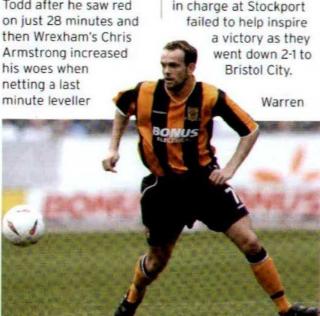
On the day of Town's 2-0 triumph at Peterborough United, we take a look other results on a busy Boxing Day afternoon...

Hull continued their march to a possible second successive promotion when they were dominant on their travels to record an impressive 2-0 success at Bloomfield Road.

Stuart Elliott, who has reportedly attracted attention from several other clubs this term, is a man in form and he netted a double salvo at Blackpool.

League leaders Luton had Enoch Showunmi to thank for a 1-0 win on their travels to Chesterfield.

Dean Windass will not have pleased Bradford boss Colin Todd after he saw red on just 28 minutes and then Wrexham's Chris Armstrong increased



from the penalty spot.

In-form midfielder Steven Schumacher had handed The Bantams a second half lead before Armstrong's late intervention.

Former Peterborough striker Leon Constantine was in prolific form as Torquay claimed a superb 3-1 win at Brentford - who had taken a 26th minute lead through Sam Sodie. Constantine netted a second half treble to send the travelling Gulls faithful home happy on Boxing Day.

Chris Turner's first official game in charge at Stockport

> Paul Merson's travellers responded through Marvin Robinson and on-loan Manchester United youngster Paul

> > McShane.

Oldham's recent good form was halted at Hartlepool, as the home side raced to a two-goal advantage thanks to a brace from Adam Boyd - including a penalty.

Feeney had cancelled out Tony Butler's opener but Paul Heffernan found a second half winner for The Robins.

Tranmere failed to beat Barnsley at Prenton Park after Antony Kay found a 90th minute leveller for The Tykes. Talented Canadian international lain Hulme had opened the scoring with just over 15 minutes remaining.

Sheffield Wednesday came away from a five-goal thriller with maximum spoils after they beat Walsall 3-2.

Wednesday's goals came from Kenwyne Jones, an own goal from Walsall's Mark Wright and a penalty from the prolific Steve MacLean.



Brian Talbot saw his side claim a consolation thanks to captain Dean Holden just past the hour mark.

Huddersfield continue their excellent form with a 2-1 victory on home soil against Port Vale. Two goals in eight minutes from Danny Schofield and Pawel Abbott gave Huddersfield an early advantage - with Port Vale responding through Simon Eldershaw.

An own goal from Town old-boy Gareth Edds and a Simon Johnson brace was enough to condemn MK Dons to a 3-0 defeat at Doncaster.



A round-up of all the action from Tuesday's League One programme, which saw Town register a 3-0 home win against Brentford...

Elsewhere leaders Luton Town had to be content with a point at home despite twice taking the lead against Colchester. Talented hit-man Rowan Vine netted a brace but saw his efforts pegged backed by Richard Garcia and Greg Halford respectively.

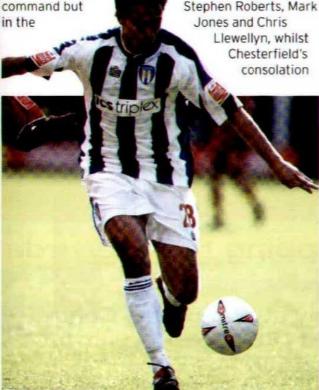
Barnsley squandered a three-goal lead to draw 3-3 with lowly Stockport. An unlikely brace from Tony Vaughan and one from the diminutive Chris Shuker put Barnsley in

last half hour goals from Warren Feeney, Stuart Barlow and Richard Lambert secured a spirited point for Chris Turner's new boys.

Jason McAteer and Ryan Taylor proved the difference at The Bescot Stadium as Tranmere beat Walsall 2-0.

Wrexham were too strong for Wayne Allison's Chesterfield at home as they claimed an impressive 3-1 success.

The Racecourse Ground celebrated goals from Stephen Roberts, Mark Jones and Chris Llewellyn, whilst Chesterfield's consolation



came from Mark Stallard.

Bristol City's faltering push for a play-off place continues after a 0-0 stalemate at home to Hartlepool.

Former Arsenal youngster John Spicer twice gave Bournemouth the lead but they had to settle for a point against Huddersfield, with John McAlisky and David Mirfin winning a point for Peter Jackson's promotion chasers.

Danny Wilson continues impressive early work at MK Dons with a 3-1 with over Blackpool.

Goals from Izale McLeod and Stuart Palmer put MK Dons in the ascendancy before Scott Taylor prompted palpitations with a penalty on 81.

However, experienced striker Allan Smart secured the points just a minute later when he netted MK Dons' third.

Oldham put two away defeats behind them when they beat Peterborough 2-1 at Boundary Park.

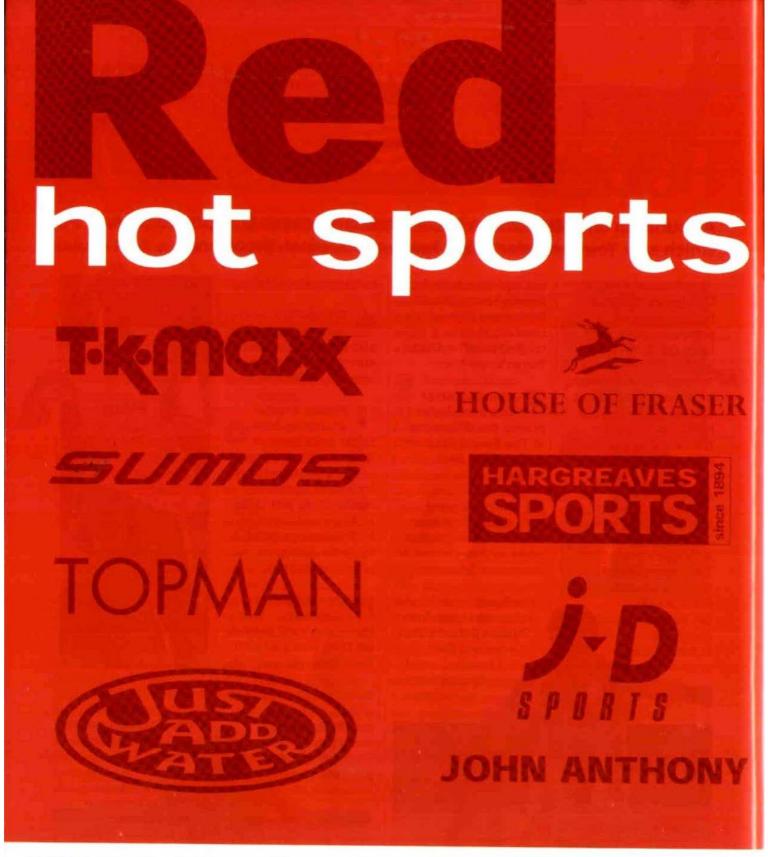
Richard Logan had



cancelled out Scott Vernon's opener for Oldham but on-loan star Neil Kilkenny netted a winner on 54.

Goals from inform Kenmyne Jones and John-Paul McGovern gave Sheffield Wednesday maximum spoils in their 2-0 win at Port Vale.

After Saturday's 3-1 win at Brentford, Torquay's improved form continued with a creditable 0-0 draw with Bradford City.



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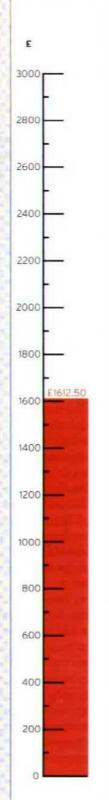
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Roger Bunce Chairman of the Supporters Club and its lottery promoter says:

"Adding the scratch cards to our existing fund raising initiatives will give us a great opportunity to further develop our aims of financial support for both the Football Club and its Centre of Excellence in the coming months.

"We are delighted that the Football Club hold our previous fund raising efforts, with sufficient regard. to trust us with total control of this scheme.

"I am lucky to have an existing number of hardworking and enthusiastic agents who are an inspiration in supporting the football club and who are also able to sell the tickets with amazing speed.

Like all of these things, I am sure there are others out there who would like to help and I would be pleased to hear from other supporters or organisations who would like to get involved. You can contact me on 01865 820499 or see me in Winners Lounge before home matches. for further details.

"At present our agents are able to claim 10% commission on all sales as well as 10 % commission on all prize winning tickets where the prize is £10 or more and I am pleased to say this will continue.

"I see no conflict with the present half time draw, pounds for points sponsorship or indeed the transfer fund operated jointly with Trust STFC, as the purchasers of scratch cards will often be, not just those who attend the County Ground, but also those who may share work or social contact with our fans.

"This is a great opportunity for the Supporters Club and fans to do a little more to help. I can assure you that every little bit, does really help, I hope you can,"

Buzzing

t's Saturday November 27. Swindon are playing away at Chesterfield and having decided that a trip to Saltergate wasn't a good idea (we always lose up there, after all), I find myself in the away end at Craven Cottage at 3.00pm.

Why, I hear you cry? Well, judging by the poor standard of football that follows, that's a very good question. Yes, it's Premiership footie, but it's not the same without 'Kingy' and his whistling on the touchline. Anyway, as I look around the ground and towards the River Thames in particular, I spot a strangely familiar named burger van.

The brilliantly named Busby's Bar, as I learn from the steward, is named after an old Swindonian. The locals tell me, rather excitedly in fact, that it's named after the one and only Viv Busby, Fulham legend and, up until this year, Youth Team Coach at Swindon Town.

Some 350 miles away up't north, on the very same afternoon, Busby is overseeing a 2-1 win

against Carlisle United. Yep, 'Buzzer' is back in the game, as caretaker manager at the club he helped to promotion in the 80s as a player and coach. looking to repeat the same feat 21 years later.

For those unaware of Buzzer's footballing pedigree, he started life as a bearded and

Cup. An FA Cup final appearance in 1975 for Fulham was followed by promotion with Stoke City and Busby enjoyed brief spells at Sheffield United and Blackburn before he finally hung up his boots at York's Bootham Crescent.

And it's at York's ground

that we catch up with

The Board talk about play-offs and the fans want to be back in the Football League, but we have to get away from the bottom first...

talented attacking player at Wycombe Wanderers. After four years playing semi-professionally Busby was elevated into the professional game at Luton's Kenilworth Road before he joined a star-studded line-up at Fulham (including Alan Mullery and Bobby Moore) via Newcastle. where he played with Malcolm McDonald and was a victim of THAT Ronnie

Radford

goal in the FA

Busby to discuss life after SN1

"It's been good," he enthuses. "It's been hard, though. We've not really got any money to spend, the budget's gone and we're making do with a small squad and a lot of kids. In fact, against Carlisle the other week nine of our 16-man squad were under the age of 19! It's tough because the fans want you to bring

in new faces, but you just have to get on with what you've got."

Sound familiar? York's form since Busby took charge (as a favour to former Manager, Chris Brass) has been inconsistent. A 3-0 reverse against Northwich Victoria prompted Busby to haul his players into training the following day. However, wins against high-flyers Crawley Town and Carlisle United, not to mention a large number of draws against strong opposition, suggest that his side can climb away from the bottom half of the table, "The Board talk about play-offs and the fans want to be back in the Football League, but we have to get away from the bottom first. The thing is, and we had the same problem at Swindon, players lose confidence and losing becomes a habit. Not only that but because we've only just come down the fans are expecting immediate promotion and it creates a bit of pressure. As soon as we turn that around then we can move forward, and recently we've proved we've got what it takes."

I'm delighted to see them doing well down there. Luke in particular, I picked him up at a trial and he looked useful...

Thankfully for York, in Busby they have a coach well qualified to develop young talent. The likes of Luke Garrard, Andy Caton and Michael Pook that have featured in Town's first team in recent weeks, were all nurtured under Busby's (and Jim Fraser) watchful eye. "It's pleasing to see them coming through, it shows that the system's working. It's hard for clubs like Swindon and York to get young players because they these lads only want to sign for the top clubs, we simply can't compete. But I'm delighted to see them doing well down there. Luke in particular, I picked him up at an Under 16 trial at Bisham Abbey and he looked like he could be useful."

To hear Busby enjoying the news that some of his old charges are making the grade pretty much sums him up. A genuine bloke who's passionate about the game he excelled in as a player, not to mention those he works with, Buzzer deserves every success in his new post. We wish him all the best...

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Mascots



Hannah Parsons

Hannah is celebrating her third birthday today and will be starting playschool on Friday. She loves Winnie the Pooh and her favourite Town players are Rory Fallon and Sam Parkin.

Joseph Maskelyne

Joseph is 4-years old and attends Grange Infants School. He enjoys playing football and as a Swindon fan, has his own season ticket. His favourite players are Rhys Evans and Stefani Miglioranzi.



Jade Woodhouse

Jade is 14-years old and is pictured here before the Play-Off game with Brighton. She is a season ticket holder and has been following the Town for eight years. Her favourite player is Jerel Ifil and she also plays in defence for Churchfields School.

Send Pics!

As we enter the New Year, why not get featured on this page in 2005?

This is your page so if you are heading away on holiday then take your camera and Town shirt and camera and send us your photo's to the editor's address. Or if you have recently been to an away game and would like to write a short account of your trip or simply say 'Happy Birthday' to a member of your family or a friends, then send your details in on email to: chris@swindontownfc.co.uk



Lauren Cook

Lauren is 13-years old and her hobbies include playing netball and tennis. She plays tennis for her county and was last years South West Regional Winner. Her prize for winning was a day at Wimbledon playing tennis with Tim Henman. Her favourite Town player is Sam Parkin.



Liam Keen

Liam is 8-years old and he attends St. Michaels School in Aldbourne, He plays for Ramsbury Under 9's and supports Swindon and Liverpool. He lists Rory Fallon, Sammy Igoe and Milan Baros as his favourites.

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warm welcome to all Junior Robins here this afternoon and a Happy New Year to you all.

I have a number of exciting things for you during the second half of this season hopefully finishing with a trip (or two!) to the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.

To all of you disappointed by the cancellation of the Christmas Party this year I apologise to you. We will however be holding our first 'Meet The Players' night. This is scheduled for the half-term holidays in February. You will have



the chance to put your questions to the playing and management, with refreshments provided with competitions and prizes as well.

After our successful trip to White Hart Lane in October, I will also

be running another trip during half-term, either to Stamford Bridge (Chelsea) or to The St. Mary's Stadium (Southampton).

Further details of both events will be in the post to you soon.

We had a mascot at the Doncaster game who was omitted from the programme. Stuart Caldwell (above) was 18 on the 13th December and he attends the National Star Centre College in Cheltenham. He is a member of the Disabled Supporters Group and also a season ticket holder. His favourite players are 'Super' Sam Parkin, Grant Smith and Rhys Evans.

Enjoy the game today,



Andrea Langham 01793 525619 andrea.juniorrobins@fiscall.co.sak

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

... at Sheffield Wednesday, Sat 8th January 2005, Hillsborough

Getting there:

By car: Leave the M1 at Junction 36 and follow the A61 into Sheffield. Continue along the A61 for approximately eight miles. You will see Hillsborough Stadium on your right. This is not the shortest route to the ground, but this is definitely the easiest and avoids Sheffield City Centre. There is some street parking to be had if you arrive early. otherwise there are some unofficial car parks along the A61 that charge in the region of £2-£3.

By train: Sheffield Railway Station is situated in the town centre, two miles from the ground. Either get a taxi to the ground or Leaving the station on a blue tram, you can either change to a yellow one in the city centre, which takes you to Leppings

Lane which is the away end of the ground.

The Wadsley Jack comes highly recommended. This pub is located on Rural Lane, which is about a ten minute walk from the ground. To find this pub, head from the Leppings lane end, and head away from the town centre. Alternatively, you could try the Horse and Jockey on Wadsley Lane (leads up hill from the Leppings Lane end) which does hot pies and a good pint and just off Halifax Road (A61) before the railway bridge is The Pheasant which has a top notch chippy over the road. Both welcome away supporters openly asking only for you to respect the place in return.

For those of who have never been, this is a



very impressive, big, 'old school' type ground although these days looks slightly dated. That said, this is still an excellent ground, and well worth a visit. The ground boasts four individual two tiered stands, which are covered and offer all seating, with the largest & most impressive being the South stand. Three of the corners are still open, with only the West and North Stands being connected.

Fave game:

Without doubt, the 1-0 Milk Cup (as it was then called) victory at the CG in 1985 when Wednesday were third in the old division 1. For you younger fans, that achievement would today be equivalent to, say, Scunthorpe beating a full strength Man Utd side today! My personal favourite game at Hillsbrough was between Denmark and Croatia in Euro '96 when Davor Suker scored once of the goals of the tournament against Peter Schmeichel right in front of us in the Leppings Lane end. That team has to be one of the best I have ever seen.





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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. Bradford City

Monday 3rd January, KO 3:00pm

at Valley Parade

All tickets are pay on the day ...

Prices

Adult EI8 OAP £12 Child E10 (No Student Discount)

STFC vs. Sheffield Wednesday

Saturday 8th January, KO 3:00pm

at Hillsborough

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

Advance Prices

Adult £17 OAP/Child £10 (No Student Discount)

Matchday Prices

Adult £18 OAP/Child E11 (No Student Discount)



STFC vs. Blackpool

Saturday 15th January, KO 3:00pm

at The County Ground

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



STFC vs. Brentford

Saturday 22nd January, KO 3:00pm

at Griffin Park

Prices are currently waiting to be confirmed. Check out www.swindontownfc.co.uk for future details...



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Gazette & Herald

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



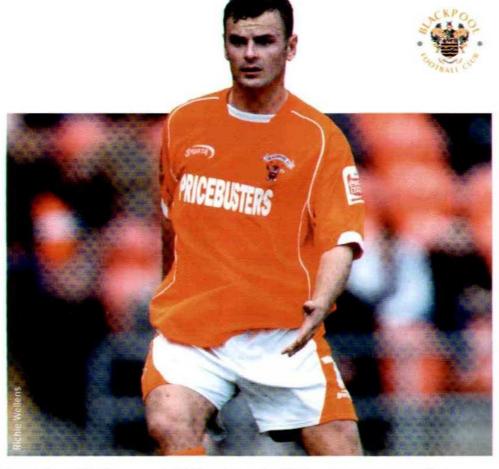


Saturday 15th January '05 KickOff 3.00pm

Cadly, we don't have a Sqame at the County Ground next weekend, although Notts County will face Middlesbrough in the FA Cup at Meadow Lane, Instead, the next home encounter will be on 15th January when Blackpool are the visitors to Wiltshire.

Colin Hendry replaced Steve McMahon at the helm in June of 2004 and he hasn't seen the sort of introduction to management that he might have liked. The first eight games of the season yielded just three points and as Christmas Day loomed. just goal difference kept the Seasiders out of the relegation zone.

It's mostly Blackpool's



home form that is responsible for their League position as an away record which includes three wins and a couple of draws compares favourably with most of the teams involved at the foot of the table.

Scott Taylor had notched 13 goals in 26 starts. He scored 16 League goals last term and remains the man to watch. Last season's player of the year midfielder Richie

Wellens has submitted four transfer requests in a year but remains on the playing roster.

Central defender Peter Clarke is on loan from Everton and has u-20 England caps to his name, and keeper Brad Jones holds similar honours for Australia and has progressed to the U-23 side.

Ex-Town winger Paul Edwards joined Blackpool in the

summer on a free transfer from Wrexham.

Last season, Blackpool won the LDV Vans Trophy for the second time in three seasons and that's something that Town might be able to learn from come April.

Back in September Town were held to a 1-1 draw at Bloomfield Road. A repeat performance coupled with a clean sheet for Rhys would help 2005 start well.

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