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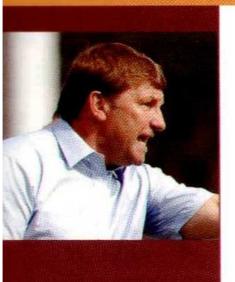
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Colin Todd



Welcome to our first home game of the New Year.

Let's hope 2005 brings us a lot of happiness and success at this football club.

To get this far has been tremendous given all that has happened in the past 12 months.

We're there on merit and we have to make sure we stay there on merit.

That's what we want and I know Julian Rhodes, who has put so much work into this club, deserves nothing less. He should get a huge pat on the back from everyone for all his tremendous efforts behind the scenes.

Let's hope we can make the progress Julian and all of us are aiming for. And we will be looking to get 2005 off with a bang.

It will be a tough start for us because Swindon are a very good side. We saw that earlier in the season down there when we came under tremendous pressure in the second half before eventually being beaten by a long-range free-kick with three minutes to go.

There is going to be a hell of a scrap for Play-Off positions this season because the league is so tight and I would expect them to be in the thick of it.

I was down at Swindon for a spell a few years ago and took Andy King there as my assistant. He is now manager and has done well.

They got in the Play-Offs last year and I thought they were the best side left and would win promotion.

But unfortunately they lost to Bristol City - that's football.

At this time of year as well as looking ahead, you also tend to look back on what has happened and what you have achieved in the previous 12 months.



Obviously there were some very difficult times for everybody connected with the club and fears that we might not be here to talk about it today.

But from July onwards, when we realised that there was still a club to play for and support, there have been some good moments.

In general we've been going in the right direction.

The highlights for me have been results where we've hit back after poor performances.

Brentford away was one, Tranmere was another and the Bristol City home game where we've had little hiccups but then come back strongly and shown a great appetite and commitment to put things right again.

There have also been some decent performances without getting results at times and obviously there have been ones where we've been very lethargic, in particular in one or two cup ties.

But as I've said, on the whole

we have moving the right way and there have been far more positives to come out of this club in recent months than negatives.

I would just ask everybody to keep getting behind us and help us achieve what we are trying to do. We all have our part to play. Enjoy the game.











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Bantams Update

WELCOME ROBINS

Good afternoon and welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Swindon Town Football Club to Valley Parade for today's Coca-Cola Football League 1 fixture.



COCA-COLA FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Our next game in the Coca-Cola Football League is not until Saturday 15 January when we travel to face another Robins' side to meet Bristol City at Ashton Gate, kicking off at 3.00pm.

Our next home game is on Saturday 22 January when we entertain Torquay United here at Valley Parade less than a month after we had to endure the trip to Devon last week.

Home and away match ticket information is on pages 16 and 17 of this afternoon's programme.

BARNSLEY

Please note that our game with Barnsley in the Coca-Cola Football League 1 at Oakwell Stadium scheduled to have been played on Saturday 29 January has been put back to Monday 31 January with a 7.45pm kick off and will be shown live on Sky Sports.

MILTON KEYNES DONS

Due to their continued involvement in the FA Cup, our home game with Milton Keyes Dons in the Coca-Cola Football League 1 scheduled for Saturday 8 January 2005 will now be played on Tuesday 8 February 2005, kicking off at 7.45pm.

RESERVES

The Reserves are now without a game until Tuesday 11 January when they entertain Sheffield United at Valley Parade in the Pontin's Holidays League kicking off at 2.00pm.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE

The Youth Team are also in the middle of their holiday break and return to action on Saturday 15 January when they face Darlington at Apperley Bridge in the Football League Youth Alliance kicking off at 11.00am.

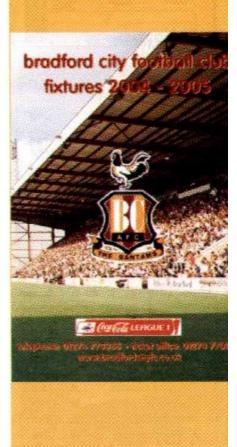
CAR PARK

We have a limited number of car park spaces available for the remainder of the season on the Midland Road Nursery School car park in Bateman Street opposite the Carlsberg Stand. Cost for the remainder of the season is £50. Please contact the Ticket Office for further information.

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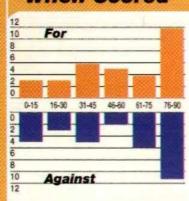
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When Scored

How & Where Goals Scored

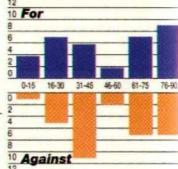
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Shots on Target Goals Scored

% of Shots Scored

33 Goals Scored 30.6 % of Shots Scored

35 28.9

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Discipline

Top Scorers in each Category

Discipline

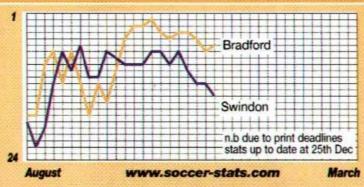
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Red Cards	3
Yellow Cards	36
Fouls Committed	285
Average per Game	12.95
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Fouls Suffered	277
Average per Game	12.59
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Caught Offside	64
Average per Game	2.91

Wetherall	4	Headed goals	Parkin	5
Summerbee	2	Long range shots	Howard, Igoe	2
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Windass	3	Volleyed shots	Parkin	2
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Windass	5	Scored 1st Goal in match	Parkin	3
Wetherall	3	Most goals in last 10	Roberts, Parkin	2
Windass	9.1	Points gained from goals	Parkin 9.3	33

Red Cards	3
Yellow Cards	30
Fouls Committed	301
Average per Game	13.68
Conceded from Free Ki	ck 3
Fouls Suffered	256
Average per Game	11.64
Scored from Free Kick	5
Caught Offside	52
Average per Game	2.36

Seasonal Progress Comparison Last 6 & Swings Last 6 & Swings

Opponents	MA	Score
Huddersfield	A	1-0
Walsall	H	1-1
Bournemouth	A	0-2
Oldham	H	1-3
Brentford	A	2-1
Colchester	H	2-2
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Drawn when Behi	nd:	3
Drawn when Ahea	id:	1
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Swindon's Last 10 Years

Games Played	570
Won	185
Drawn	156
Lost	229
Goals Scored	700
Goals Conceded	843
Points Total	711
Biggest Win	
6-0 Huddersfield	96/97
Heaviest Defeat	

0-7 Bolton 96/97



	Top Score	ers
١	Sam Parkin	53
1	Wayne Allison	31
5	Chris Hay	30
4	Jan-Aage Fjortoft	27
3	Peter Thorne	27
,	Paul Bodin	26
.1	Shaun Taylor	26
	Iffy Onuora	25
8	Mark Walters	25
ğ	Andy Gurney	22
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Swindon Town

The Boss ANDY KING by Colin Benson

A friend and former colleague of our own manager, Colin Todd, Andy King was brought to the County Ground by Todd in 2000 as his assistant. The partnership did not last for long as when a vacancy at Pride Park became available the former Derby County midfield legend moved back to his Derbyshire roots to take on the managerial role with the Rams.

It left Swindon Town with a problem but Andy slipped smoothly into the vacant managerial chair although once more it was a short apprenticeship. For after just 37 games in charge of the Robins a change of chairman at the County Ground heralded a managerial upheaval, with King forced to vacate the nest to make way for former Liverpool boss Ray Evans.

The managerial merry-go-round hadn't stopped spinning however and in December 2001 Andy King was reappointed following the departure of Evans and this time he was allowed to steady the ship and set sail for what has been a steady improvement on very limited resources.

King, who steered skint Swindon out of administration with a skeleton squad last season proved an able wheeler-dealer introducing several new signings that improved the quality of the team and better results accordingly, followed.

Swindon finished fifth in the Nationwide Football League Division Two table last May and were so, so close to making the Play-Off Final. Alas, they went out to the eventual winners Brighton in a semi-final penalty shoot-out!

A hard working determined player himself when younger it is not surprising that Andy's team reflects this quality and the blend of youthful potential and mature experience that he has assembled does credit to his judgement as a manager.

Now 48, Andy King started his playing career way back in the 1970s serving his apprenticeship with his hometown club Luton Town with whom he made his Football League debut in 1975.

A speedy forward he hit nine goals in 30(2) appearances in the season of 1975-76 showing great form that persuaded Everton to pay out, what was then quite a princely sum of £35,000, for his transfer in March 1976.

Andy soon established himself in the Toffee's League side his best return of 12 goals in 40 games coming in the campaign of 1978-79.

Whilst at Goodison Park he also won two caps for the England under-21 side but in 1980 he was transferred to Queens Park Rangers, manager Terry Venables negotiating a £425,000 fee.

Nine goals in 28 (2) games was what Rangers got out of Andy who at the beginning of the 1981-82 season moved on to West Bromwich Albion for £400,000. However, he stayed at the Hawthorns only a year scoring four times in 21 (4) appearances before returning to Goodison Park in the summer of 1982.

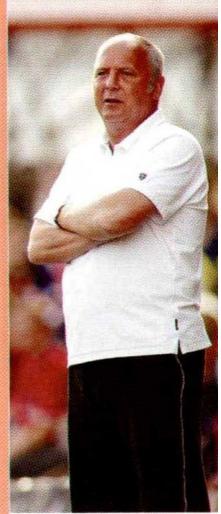
This latter move was part of an exchange deal that took Peter Eastoe from Everton to West Brom but Andy was to make no further League appearances for the Toffee's and continued his travels returning to the Black Country to link up with Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1984.

A return to Kenilworth Road provided the next chapter of King's eventful playing career, which eventually ended with Aldershot.

Andy's assistant is Mike Walsh who formed a friendship when they were together at Everton. Mike too has had a distinguished playing career for besides Everton he has served Bolton Wanderers, Fort Lauderdale in the USA; Manchester City and Blackpool as well as loan spells with Norwich City and Burnley.

Mike, who has had several previous connections with Swindon Town, joined up with Andy King after Malcolm Crosby departed to take up a position at Middlesbrough and brought with him previous managerial experience gained with Bury and Southport.





Swindon Town

Swindon Town crashed to their sixth away defeat of the season when they went down 2-1 at Bournemouth on the Saturday before Christmas.

With just three wins in 12 League games the Robins were left short on points and short on form and left manager Andy King very disappointed.

The Boss said: "We made two schoolboy errors, one from a corner and another when one of my defenders got caught with his back to goal. The problem we have is that if Sam Parkin doesn't score, we're not going to get any goals."

The season had opened with two straight defeats by Wrexham and Luton Town but then the Robins rocked off three straight victories in the league as well as defeating Rushden & Diamonds 1-0 in the Carling Cup to put home fans on cloud nine.

The MK Dons were beaten 2-1 at The County Ground, it was the same score at Bristol City, and Hartlepool was comfortably dispatched 3-0.

The run was broken at Walsall where they lost by a single goal in a five-goal thriller, Howard and Henderson having given Town a 2-0 lead.

Seven points out of a possible 12 was the return for September the highlights being a 1-0 win at then high flying Colchester United and a 1-0 win over us.

Swindon was down to 10-men when Sammy Igoe's late free-kick winner burst our bubble. It was his first goal of the season and Colin Todd had more than that to worry about.

He said: "We did not have any fluency or continuity and that's not us. When we had the ball we did not hurt them enough. We just had no end result.

"I have no excuses. We were not able to withstand a lot of pressure in the second-half."

Two wins out of six in October against Oldham and Sheffield Wednesday was supplemented

by drawn matches with Stockport, Barnsley and Torquay while the only League win in November was at home to Hull City.

And going into Boxing Day the Robins were



seeking their first win of December away at Peterborough United. Beaten at home by Huddersfield and held to a draw by Doncaster that defeat at Bournemouth ended a disappointing week in which Swindon had also been knocked out of the FA Cup in a replay at Notts County.

The Squad:

RHYS EVANS - Goalkeeper

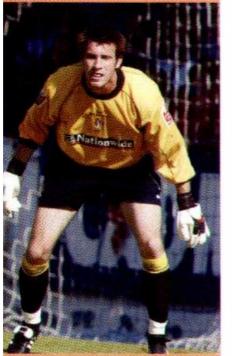
The promising young 'keeper joined Leyton Orient on a three-month loan in August 2002 and proved to be an excellent shot stopper showing good command of his area. Rhys was unfortunate to pick up a leg injury, which cut short his period at Brisbane Road and saw him return to Chelsea. Later in that season he made his debut for the England Under 21 side against Serbia, but was eventually released by Chelsea in the summer of 2003. Snapped up by Swindon he replaced Bart Griemink and has been a regular between the posts for Town ever since turning in many match saving performances. While at The Bridge Rhys also had loan spells with Bristol Rovers and QPR.

SEAN O'HANLON - Central Defender

Signed in March 2004 from Everton following a loan spell. Graduated through the youth ranks at Goodison Park. Was a rock in the centre of the Swindon defence and has been inspirational once again this term and has captained the side on a number of occasions.

GRANT SMITH - Defender

Made just one start in 2002-03 for Sheffield United, appearing as a striker against Wimbledon and in March joined Plymouth Argyle on loan making five appearances in midfield. He joined Swindon in the summer of 2003; 'Smithy' made his first League start in the second-leg of the Play-Offs at Brighton slotting in admirably at left-back. Began this season in the starting line-up



RHYS EVANS

at Wrexham before being relegated to the bench.

SAMMY IGOE - Midfield

After making his way up through the ranks at Portsmouth, Sammy went on to make 160 League appearances for the Fratton Park club, scoring 11 goals. He moved to Reading in a £100,000 deal in March 2000 but found it difficult to break into the first team and spent much of his time on the substitutes bench. Last term the diminutive midfielder had something of a disappointing season at the Royals, being restricted to just a handful of starts and eventually joined Luton on loan on transfer deadline day. No longer in then manager Alan Pardew's plans, Sammy joined Swindon in the summer of 2003.

RORY FALLON - Striker

A recent signing from Barnsley, the big striker had made quite an impression against Town in the past two seasons, scoring on many occasions and catching the eye of Andy King. Developed through Barnsley's junior ranks he scored his first ever League goal in a 2-0 win at Blackpool on August 25, 2003 and finished last season with four goals having been sidelined with a stress fracture of his foot at the end of February.

SAM PARKIN - Striker

Young and very promising forward Sam joined Town from Chelsea in 2002. The transfer followed a mass of speculation, with Andy King, a huge fan of the player, tracking him for several months. At Stamford Bridge his development was hindered by a glut of international stars. Loaned out to gain experience Sam built up a reputation with a good strike rate. Made his Football League debut for the Lions in a 5-0 demolition of Oxford United. He then went on loan to Wycombe Wanderers in November 2000 after having a trial with Queens Park Rangers. Scored twice in 13 games for the Chairboys, and eventually went on loan once again to Oldham Athletic before joining Northampton, on a season's loan, in 2001.

'Super Sammy Parkin' more than repaid Andy King's faith in his ability by netting 26 goals during the 2002-03 campaign, including a devastating hat-trick against Barnsley on the opening day of the season. Strong on the ball and devastating in the box, he then went on to finish third in the Division's goal charts. Understandably he romped away with the majority of trophies when the clubs 'Player of the Year' awards were handed out last season after

finishing with 26 goals - 19 in 40 League games. Blotted his copy book against us in September when sent off after clashing with goalkeeper Paul Henderson.

STEFANI MIGLIORANZI - Midfield

The product of the American College football system in which the most promising players are drafted into Major League Soccer, Stefani helped St John's University win the 1996 NCAA Division I Championship and played for MLS team Chicago Fire before joining Everton on trial. They did not sign him but Portsmouth did. Stefani, 22, is a Brazilian born American but holds an Italian passport. He can play in defence or central midfield where he has impressed since joining the club in July 2003 and last season was third in the POY awards.

DAVID DUKE - Defender/Midfield

'Dukey' will feel slightly aggrieved with the tag of 'Most Improved Player' last season — but he hardly missed a game and rarely put a foot wrong on the left side of Town's midfield. The Scot arrived on a free transfer from Sunderland in 2000 having never managed a start for the Black Cat's. David appeared regularly in his first season with the Robins and he has now amassed over 160 League starts for Swindon in a variety of positions.

JEREL IFILL Defender

Powerful defender signed in the summer of 2004 after enjoying three loan spells with Town during which he endeared himself to the fans. Has established himself alongside Sean O'Hanlon as the first choice centre half pairing.

CHRISTIAN ROBERTS - Striker

Cardiff-born, Christian joined Town on October 14, 2004 in a £50,000 switch from local rivals Bristol City. An aggressive runner he injects pace into the Swindon frontline. Formerly with Exeter City where he scored 18 goals in 67 League starts. Made a scoring debut for Town with the winner against Oldham and he has continued to score goals alongside Sam Parkin.

ANDREW NICHOLAS Defender

A regular member of Liverpool's under-19 winning team in 2003 Andrew won plaudits with his consistent performances at left back, resulting in a flattering comparison to Anfield legend Sami Hyypia. At the time, his first team prospects at Anfield were nil so in the summer of 2003 he signed for Swindon. A left-sided player he has height, terrific pace and recovery





STEFANI MEGLIORANZI

Swindon Town



PHOTOS COURTESY: ACTION IMAGES and made the left back slot his own during the last campaign. He also delivers a Dave Challinor-style long throw, which he claims to be one of the longest in the division.

STEVE ROBINSON - Midfield

Tough-tackling and energetic right-footed midfield terrier signed from Birmingham City for £50,000 in February 2001, he was an automatic choice for the Robins for the remainder of that season and more recently, signed a two-year extension to his contract. A former Birmingham trainee, Steve broke into the Blues team under Barry Fry but has constantly been dogged by injuries that have limited his first team chances. He made over 50 League starts for the Blues, then was set to join Sheffield United in 1999 but failed the medical. Involved at the start of the 2000-01 season, he was transfer-listed by Trevor Francis in the November after failing to hold down a regular place in the first team squad. He duly left for Wiltshire in the hope of first team football and has proved to be a shrewd signing for the club.

Steve's non-stop application and one hundred per cent work rate for the team has proved to be an outstanding asset. Having missed the latter part of last season with a fractured leg sustained at Blackpool in January 2004, he has worked extremely hard over the summer and is now very much part of the squad once again.

BRIAN HOWARD - Midfield

youngster joined Town Southampton in 2003 having played for the Saints reserves for two years. A leftsided midfielder he wisely turned down a late move to go to Chelsea, choosing instead to opt for some first team football under Andy King. Brian has been a regular member of the England youth set up and was unlucky to not be included in the Under 20's side that went to the FIFA World Youth Championships. He proved to be a revelation on the flanks last season and having moved into the middle of the park this term, he is proving to be perhaps Town's most creative player and has also scored several important goals.

MATTHEW HEYWOOD - Defender

It has been another consistent year for Town's most effective defender and after a slow start, he returned to the kind of form that saw him clean up in the 2002 Player of the Year Awards.

Having failed to break through at Burnley's Turf Moor and, after being alerted as to his availability



by former scout Shaun Reid, Andy King snapped him up on a free transfer. Matthew was an ever-present in the latter half of 2000-01 and has missed just eight League games in the past three seasons.

The tall defender strong in the tackle and good in the air, he has proved to be a great asset to the team. It is no coincidence that Town's defensive record improved dramatically following his arrival and whilst Matthew may not have scored as many goals as he would have liked, he can prove effective wen sent forward to support the attack in the box. Having overcome knee surgery in the early part of the season,he has returned to the first team reckoning and has become a rock at the heart of the 3-5-2 formation.

STEVE BOOK - Goalkeeper

Signed at the start of August 2004 from Cheltenham Town as a replacement for the departed Bart Griemink, who left to join Southend United. Steve is an agile 'keeper, and played an important role in Cheltenham Town's meteoric rise to the Football League making over 200 appearances for the Whaddon Road side. He joined them from Forest Green Rovers in 1997. Steve has made three starts this season, all coming in cup competitions at Rushden & Diamonds and Exeter City respectively along with a clean sheet in the LDV Vans Trophy win over Bristol City.

BRIAN

HOWARD

MEN OF EXPERIENCE by Colin Benson

YES this is a young men's game but every successful side needs a backbone of experienced professionals and Swindon Town has two admirable contributors to their cause in the seasoned veteran Alan Reeves and skipper Matthew Paul Hewlett.

Matthew of course is far from being on the verge of drawing his football pension for he will be only 29 next month. But he has a wealth of experience to fall back on as he approaches his 300th appearance in the Football League.

A native of Bristol he became a trainee at Ashton Gate earning himself full professional status in August 1993. And at the age of 17 he was thrown straight into the Bristol City first team by manager Russell Osman, wearing the number six shirt in his Football League debut on the opening day of the 1993-94 season at Molineux, where Bristol City were beaten 3-1.

The teenager made a further 11 League appearances that season finishing with a flourish with ten of those games in the final run-in to the close of the campaign.

However, Matt had not yet arrived for he only had one game the following year but in the campaign of 1995-96 he really established himself as a regular in the Bristol City side.

Having made an excellent start to the 1996-97 campaign Matt was rewarded in February '97 with a call-up to the England under-21 squad for the international against Italy at Ashton Gate. Unluckily the former England youth international did not get into the side but it was still good experience.

A midfield player with bags of skill and creative ability it was said at the time that he would probably develop into a more attacking player once fully grown.

He certainly impressed a good many shrewd judges although his final figures with Bristol City of just nine goals in 127 League games does not suggest he was a potent force in front of goal.

Sidelined for much of the 1999-2000 programme with injury problems Matt was unable to do his exceptional talents full justice the following year making only sporadic appearances in the City first team as he became something of an enigma. Some observers suggested that Matt seemed to have lost the confidence to really impose himself and Bristol City released him in the summer of 2000.

It was inevitable that a player of his calibre, a skilful technician who at his best could exploit great vision with creative running off the ball, would not be on the shelf for long. Colin Todd, then manager of Swindon Town, certainly appreciated his qualities and Matt virtually flew out of one Robins' nest into another when he was offered a contract by our current manager.

A regular in Colin Todd's selection until knocked out by injury again he came back to establish himself the following season and has been a virtual ever-present ever since taking on the captain's armband last year.

Birkenhead born ALAN REEVES comes with a wealth of experience having first joined Norwich City from Heswall in September 1988. He never quite made the Canaries first eleven but while at Carrow Road took his first steps into League football while on loan to Gillingham, making 18 League appearances for the Kent club.

A £10,000 transfer took him to Chester City in August 1989 but after 31 League appearances in two years the Blues gave him away to Rochdale where he became a real hero. Alan, a stylish defender, played in 121 League games for 'Dale' where he has gone down in history as one of the best players to ever represent the Lancashire mill town club.

Appreciation of his quality stretched down to London and to Wimbledon who pinched him for £300,000 in September 1994. Alan was four years a Don, the first two being his most successful, trying to fill the boots of legend John Scales.

He made 52 (5) Premiership appearances before moving to Swindon on a free in June '98 where again he has been a tremendous servant. Alan's uncompromising and committed displays were unable to prevent relegation to the Second Division in 2000 but he has been a corner stone in the Robins change of fortune.

His sheer presence in the centre of the defence and willingness to throw himself in where angels fear to tread stimulates those around him. And, although this season, at the age of 37, Alan is only providing cover after being given a player-coaching contract last term his influence on the club is still infectious.

Indeed, when injury ruled out Ifil on August 7, Alan filled the breach to make his 200th League appearance for Swindon Town. He has added six further games to his record this season – four of them in cup games – to take his figures to a career total of 438 League games. Now that's impressive!









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From the Boardroom

Welcome again to Valley Parade, I hope the Christmas festivities went well and the holiday was all you hoped it to be. On the football front, this match today is our fourth game of the period, and at the time of writing these notes our results are unknown. Although they are difficult games on paper I would hope that we have a reasonable points haul to add to our already impressive total. We will have over the period strengthened our squad considerably. Whilst we are still obviously under the cosh financially it is important to get the balance right and ensure that we can challenge at the top end of the table.

A number of people have raised the issue with me that the away performances out strip the home ones. In my opinion there are a number of factors at home, which make it more difficult for our team, namely:

- a. The weight of expectation is heavy. The home games have tended to come on the back of good away performances, and we all expect to win. This means that you the crowd are sometimes subdued to start with.
- b. The size of our stadium and the spread of the spectators when it is only a third full means that it is very difficult to create an atmosphere. One suggestion has been to put home fans in the away end, and move the away fans, particularly when the game has a low away support. I feel this idea has merit and we will investigate it further.
- c. Away teams visiting Valley Parade tend to be a little more cautious than we ourselves have been away from home and they try to keep men

behind the ball to make it difficult for ourselves. I know that it is up to ourselves to counter, but it does mean that on the break we do not have the space and time we sometimes have on our travels.

These are purely my observations and I would welcome your comments on this particular issue.

I have recently received the latest issue of City Gent. It's a magazine I have followed and kept since its launch twenty or so years ago. There was an opinion in the Gent that we did not make the most of our programme, and that my own column was a little short on inches which was compensated by enlarging the print!! Last year I received a number of comments about the print being too small, and being difficult to read. It's a balance we are trying to achieve to make sure our publication is readable. I can assure you that in programme competitions it is always highly regarded.

On the question of our proposed magazine, BD8, this publication is aimed at our fans who cannot for any reason attend the game or indeed have access to our website. It is meant to compliment the programme in a number of ways yet still be topical. We expect to publish it, all being well, all year round.

Enjoy the game.

Yours in sport

S J Brown
Chairman
Bradford City Steering Committee



Ticket Office



Bookings can be made by the following methods:

Personal application to the Ticket Office which is open Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm, Matchday Saturdays 9.00am – kick off and for 15 minutes after the final whistle and on non-matchday Saturdays 9.00am – 12.00 noon. For midweek First Team games the Ticket Office will remain open until kick off.

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Those supporters who book by Credit Card are advised that the card used for the booking has to be produced at the time of collection. On matchdays pre-paid tickets are available for collection from Ticket Office 'B' from 2 hours before the kick off.

Please note: In the Family Sections, adult tickets are only available when purchased with a junior ticket while junior tickets are only available when purchased with either adult or senior citizen tickets.

All online bookings made in the 96 hours prior to a game will be available for collection from the Ticket Office and will not be posted beforehand. The Credit Card used for booking the tickets has to be produced on collection.

In the event that the tickets ordered in your price range are not available, the club will substitute with the best tickets available.

This information applies to home games in the Coca-Cola Football League only. Separate information will be given for home ties in the FA Cup, Carling Cup, LDV Trophy ties and any friendly fixtures.

The club now operate a membership scheme for non season ticket holders who attend fixtures at Valley Parade.

The membership scheme will offer supporters 2nd tier priority to season ticket holders in the event of all ticket fixtures, away games and cup ties.

Application forms for free membership are available from the ticket office.

You will receive a personalised membership card, which will entitle you to buy 4 tickets for any HOME League fixture at the members rate, which is shown below, as long as they are purchased at least 3 hours before kick off.

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FAMILY SECTION	£13	£15	£10	£12	£13	£15	£3	£5	

All purchases in the Family Section must include at least 1 Junior, however, the club reserves the right to insist that each ADULT TICKET purchased is accompanied by a Junior sale.

Students can purchase tickets at the ADULT rate for the Bantams Bar if they are over 18 years of age.

Definitions:

Adult Those over the age of 18 but under 60 as at 31/07/2004
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Those under the age of 16 as at 31/07/2004
Student Those over the age of 16 but under 18 as at 31/07/2004



City on the Road

Saturday 15 January 2005 **Bristol City vs Bradford City**



Kick Off: 3.00pm At Ashton Gate

There is NO advance booking for this game. Please pay at the turnstiles at Ashton Gate.

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Unreserved seating £16.00 adults, £13.00 senior citizens and £10.00 iuveniles

Directions to Ashton Gate

From Bradford take the M62 eastbound and exit at 29 to join M1 southbound

Exit M1 at j23a to join A42 then M42 southbound

Join M5 southbound at end of M42

Stay on M5 and exit at i16

Follow A38 to Bristol City centre (signs Taunton)

Cross swing bridge and after 11/4 miles bear left into Winterstoke Road for stadium

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Monday 31 January 2005 **Barnsley vs Bradford City** Kick Off: 7.45pm At Oakwell Stadium



Match ticket information will be announced in the New Year

Directions to Oakwell Stadium:

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Exit M1 at j37 and follow signs for Barnsley FC/Football Ground (for 2 miles)

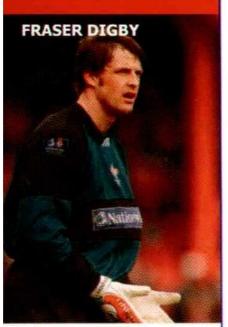
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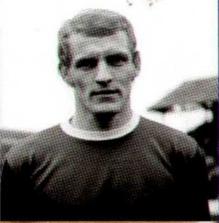




Dream Team









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

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

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

JOHN TROLLOPE: Long-serving left-back who holds Swindon Town's appearance record. Signing professional at the County Ground in July 1960, he made his League debut in Swindon's 1-1 draw at home to Halifax Town a month later and was ever-present in seven consecutive seasons including the 1962-63 promotion success. He featured in

Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' campaign as well as their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. Scoring 21 goals in 770 League games for Swindon, he was coach before managing them between November 1980 and March 1983, then their youth-team boss.

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

COLIN CALDERWOOD:

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

shaun taylor: Influential central defender who was everpresent alongside Colin Calderwood as Swindon Town reached the Premiership in 1992-93. He impressed with Bideford before moving to Exeter City in December 1986 and starred in

Dream Team

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

MIKE SUMMERBEE: Brilliant winger who was capped eight times by England after leaving Swindon Town. Initially with Cheltenham Town, he moved to the County Ground in March 1960 and was an important figure in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion success. He netted 39 goals in 218 League games prior to joining Manchester City in August 1965, amassing a vast collection of domestic and European honours under the Joe Mercer/Malcolm Allison partnership at Maine Road. Subsequently with Burnley, Blackpool and Stockport County, he is a successful businessman and his son Nicky also starred for Swindon Town.

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

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

PETER NOBLE: Versatile favourite who was ever-present in Swindon Town's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' triumph. Initially with Consett, he joined Newcastle United in November 1964 and played top-flight football before moving to Swindon in January 1968. He scored twice in their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final success and netted 62 goals in 216 League outings prior to joining Burnley in June 1973. An FA Cup semi-finalist in 1973-74, he was twice ever-present for the Clarets and leading marksman in 1978-79. He subsequently played for Blackpool and has since run a sportswear business in Burnley.

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



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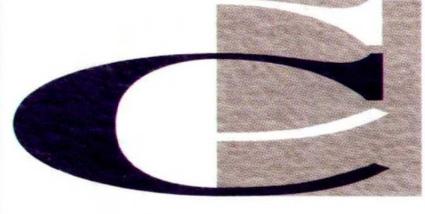




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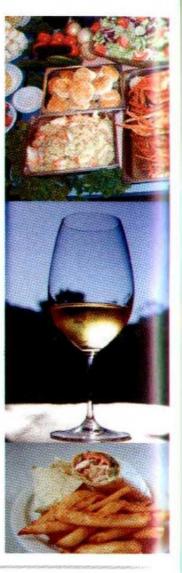


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CENTRES REPORT

The first half of the season has past us by already and to Jon Pepper and myself it seems like only yesterday that we were sitting down discussing our plans for this season and what we were intending to achieve with the introduction of Development Centres and a more active Scouting network across the local areas.

The work we have put in (along with the very long hours!) we feel has been a huge success with already three centres up and running every week providing quality coaching for in excess of 200 boys between the ages of 6 and 11 All the very best for 2005.

These Centres currently operate at Keighley (Marley),

Bingley (Bingley Grammar School

Yeadon (On-The-Ball Soccer Centre

They are designed to bring young players the opportunity of coming in to an environment that is directly associated with the Football Club, where they can obtain Coaching built around a syllabus that Jon Pepper has developed to link in to the Centre Of Excellence.

The boys will be assessed over a six-week cycle by the coaches and feedback given to their parents on the progress we hope they will have made.

The Centres <u>are not</u> designed to guarantee that every boy will progress

through to the Centre Of Excellence but they offer an opportunity for young budding players to receive a level of coaching and a route that could see them get there.

It's brilliant to see the sons of two Bradford City legends attending one of our centres In Craig McCall and Luke & Jordan Hendrie.

In the New Year we have already earmarked another development centre we are going to open and we will keep you posted as to its whereabouts at a later date.

New signings to the Centre Of Excellence since the last programme are:

Ben Lamb (U-13) Kane Scott (U-13) Tom Scaife (U-12) Christian Robinson (U-11)

Well Done Lads!

I'd like to end by thanking all the scouts and coaches for their efforts throughout the past year and we hope 2005 can see us progress even further with our youth development.

All the best to everyone for 2005 from all the Youth Development staff!

Peter Horne Youth Recruitment Officer.



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Draw - Swindon Town	10/1
Swindon Town - Bradford City-	25/1
Swindon Town - Draw	16/1
Swindon Town - Swindon Town-	17/2

Goalscorers

Player	First	Last	Anytime
Michael Symes	9/2	9/2	5/4
Zema Abbey	11/2	11/2	6/4
Danny Forrest	8/1	8/1	9/4
Steven Schumacher	10/1	10/1	11/4
Ben Muirhead	16/1	16/1	9/2
Tom Penford	16/1	16/1	9/2
Tom Kearney	20/1	20/1	5/1
Nicky Summerbee	20/1	20/1	5/1
Mark Bower	33/1	33/1	9/1
Lee Crooks	33/1	33/1	9/1
Darren Holloway	33/1	33/1	9/1
David Wetherall	33/1	33/1	9/1
Peter Atherton	40/1	40/1	12/1
Jason Gavin	40/1	40/1	12/1
Wayne Jacobs	40/1	40/1	12/1
Lewis Emanuel	50/1	50/1	14/1
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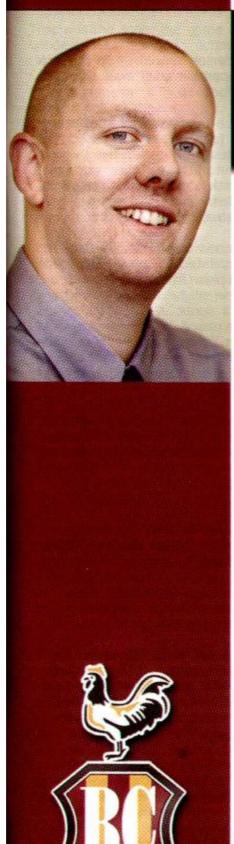
No Half Measures - Bradford City To Win Both Halves 10/3
Robins Can't Reply - Bradford City To Win To Nil 6/4
3 Star Bantams - Bradford City To Score 3 Or More 5/2
4 Star Bantams - Bradford City To Score 4 Or More 8/1
Resurrection - Bradford City To Win From Behind 13/2
No Way Through - Bradford City To Keep A Clean Sheet 1/1
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Goals 9/2
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Parklife by Simon Parker

New Year is all about making lists and predictions.

Stuff that. How can you possibly forecast where City will be and what will happen over the next 12 months?

If last year is anything to go by, then fortune-tellers around this area must be a redundant bunch.

When I first took over the job of covering Bradford City for the T&A, my predecessor David Markham told me they were always a "newsy" club. There was always something going on even at the quietest of times.

Having reported on the fortunes of other sides, I'd heard that before. After all, isn't there something happening at every football club?

But the Bantams are different. David, of course, was right.

There is never a dull moment at this place.

As a journalist, I'm thankful for that. It keeps me in stories.

But wouldn't it be nice just occasionally for a little lull in proceedings. Fears over the club's future every other week is not good for the nerves - and must be a hundred times worse for the loyal fans.

Who would have thought this time last year that within a week the chairman would be gone, a month later City would be back in administration, and by June within minutes of closing altogether.

So let's appreciate what has happened in the final six months of 2004 when Colin Todd - surely the unofficial manager of the year - and what was left of the dressing room have forged a tremendous team spirit and camaraderie. Fed up with being constantly written off and mocked by the rest of the football world, this bunch have shown what they are made of.

It's a cliché but City are as good as any side on their day and, barring that 4-0 thumping at Luton, pretty much better than most.

The size of the squad has not helped. Todd has had to work within a League-imposed strait jacket while he was not allowed to bolster numbers.

But thanks to Julian Rhodes, that pressure has now eased to give the manager the rare "luxury" of being able to look at possible recruits again.

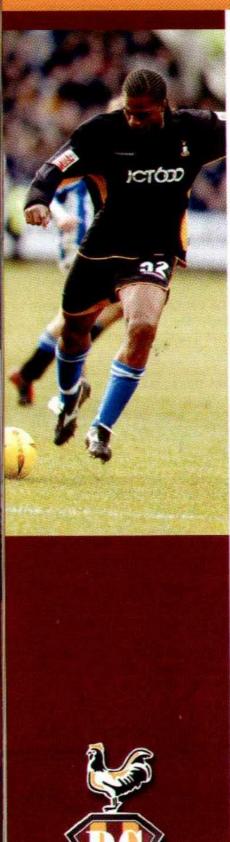
Let's hope the dark, dark days of last summer are consigned to the past.

City cannot afford to drop back into administration again - it would surely be a case of three strikes and you're out.

Instead it's upward and onward as Todd frequently says. He has remained positive through all of this and so have his players.

Everyone around this club should feel the same. Then we can have plenty of good news to report.

Match Report @ Coulou LEAGUE 1



Saturday 18 December 2004
Coca-Cola Football League 1
Huddersfield Town 0
Bradford City 1
Kick Off: 12.00 noon
at the Galpharm Stadium
Mum's the word. City have a lucky charm over Christmas.

Almost 4,000 fans made the short hop along the M606 to cheer on away win number six at the Galpharm.

But some came from further afield - like 12,000 miles.

Jean Henderson and her son Anthony flew in from Australia to see how her other little boy, Paul, is doing.

And the presence of the Sydney clan in the Huddersfield crowd inspired Henderson and the Bantams back four to their first clean sheet since October 2.

More importantly, they also witnessed City claiming West Yorkshire bragging rights with the three points which lifts them back into the top six for Christmas.

"They must be my good luck charm," said Henderson. "They flew across during the week and hopefully they'll stay over a bit longer than they want to!

"But they're here for a month and plan to go to more games so maybe that will mean a few more clean sheets. I'm not too sure if they'll make it to Torquay but they want to go down to London so I'll say it's on the way."

Henderson earned his corn with a blinding save from Terriers dangerman Chris Brandon as City clung precariously to their lead.

The one-time Park Avenue midfielder always looked the most likely scorer against his boyhood idols. And when Pawel Abbott's flick set him free with seven minutes left, the net was beckoning.

But Henderson proved up to the task as he superbly turned away the goalbound effort.

"It was at a good height for a goalkeeper so I was fortunate in that respect," he said modestly. "The main thing was to get the win and a clean sheet was a nice bonus. Back home the most you get for a local derby is 5-6,000 so to play in such an atmosphere was great.

"It was good to have 4,000 City fans right behind us and I hope we've made a few people's Christmas."

Without a doubt. All week supporters may have played down the Huddersfield game as "their cup final" but the reaction from players and fans alike at the final whistle betrayed the depth of local feeling.

City fans will be wearing smiles from ear-to-ear at work today. And Saturday's victory has also re-ignited the belief that their team are capable of sustaining a challenge at the top end of the table.

Radio phone-ins after the game were flooded with happy Bradford voices talking about finishing in the top half, the top eight or even the play-offs themselves. Any team that has won six times on their travels by halfway has got to be taken seriously.

As maintained since day one, City's first-choice line-up is a force to match anyone. And with the likes of Dean Windass, Zema Abbey, Darren Holloway and new hero Owen Morrison back on board, Huddersfield quickly found that out.

For the first half-hour there was nothing to choose between them. Then again, there was nothing really going on.

The start was 100mph, stopped only by the frequent whistling of referee Phil Joslin.

Abbott dipped a shot over the City bar but the real fun did not begin until the half-hour, when Rob Edwards evaded the sliding Lee Crooks to tee up Brandon for a drive which smashed the inside of the post and rebounded straight along the goalline and out.

That was the spark the game needed. Windass was fouled outside the Huddersfield box and Mark Bower outjumped the City top-scorer to reach Nicky Summerbee's free-kick first and power it against the bar.

Peter Jackson and Terry Yorath sprang angrily from the bench to protest at a Windass foul as the temperature continued to shoot up. Then Town skipper Jon Worthington nearly cut Steve Schumacher in half.

Worthington could have seen red for that but City almost made his team pay from the free-kick which Windass bent over the wall and against the near post.

City were in the ascendancy with Summerbee on the right flank and Morrison on the left pulling the home team everywhere.

Summerbee found Windass again round the back of Efe Sodje and City should have had a penalty as David Mirfin leaned all over him to usher the ball out of play.

Lewis Emanuel fired a delicious ball across the goalmouth which was begging to be finished off before City's pressure got its reward in stunning fashion. Summerbee was the architect by pinging a crossfield ball 40 yards to the feet of Morrison, who did the rest, cutting inside Andy Holdsworth and drilling home from just outside the box.

Bower flicked over from a corner and Paul Rachubka foiled Morrison after a neat interchange with Abbey. The half-time whistle couldn't come quickly enough for those in blue and white.

Jackson responded to the battering byreshaping for the second half, abandoning the unsuccessful three centre halves policy to match City's 4-4-2. The arrival of Danny Schofield in midfield gave Brandon the room to roam.

Brandon, Abbott and Schofield all hadchances as City dropped deep. Then Holloway produced a great header at the back post to nick the ball away from Junior Mendes - the City right back, rather than the ball, ending up in the net. Bower scuffed a great chance which arrived unexpectedly at his feet but that miss was nothing compared with Abbott's 20 minutes from time.

The Coca-Cola Football League One's leading scorer was all alone on the end of a Worthington cross as City screamed for an offside flag which never came. Abbott took deliberate aim but only managed to nod against the post - and Huddersfield's humiliation was complete as Mendes rammed the rebound into the jeering away fans behind.

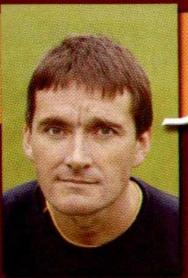
By then the flag had belatedly gone up. For offside or a goal kick, who knows - or cares.

It was all hands to the pump, typified by Summerbee's timely interception off Akpo Sodje's toe inside the six-yard area.

Making another desperate clearance, David Wetherall and Steve Schumacher cracked heads. But City still managed to keep theirs for three priceless points. Bradford City: Henderson, Wetherall, Bower, Summerbee, Holloway, Emanuel, Windass, Schumacher, Morrison, Crooks, Abbey.
Subs: Ricketts, Swift, Symes, Gavin, Muirhead.







Hitness First

With Steve Redmond

We finish our hectic Christmas and New Year schedule this afternoon with the visit of Swindon Town to Valley Parade.

I wish to take this opportunity today to thank the combined medical staff who professionally look after all the players at Bradford City Football Club.

Firstly most thank go to Dr. Vince Cavaliere who is our club G.P. and attends every home game, both first team and reserves, together with the day-to-day care of our playing staff. Vince's partner at the Ridge Medical Practice, Dr. John Connelly is another who is in attendance here on matchdays, acting as the crowd doctor ready for duty on the rare occasion that supporters are taken ill.

Club Surgeon Steve Bollen has thankfully this year been relatively quiet. Whilst he has had to deal with a couple of ankle fractures, his surgical techniques have only been called into practice once with Wayne Jacobs having knee surgery earlier this season.

One of Mr. Bollen's colleagues, Mr. Ernest Schilders has been called into duty this year as his specialities which are shoulder and groin problems are a different area than Steve's.

Russell Churchill-Kenningham, the club podiatrist has been busy throughout the year with general chiropody care and also some surgical work together with biomechanical assessments to help in the prevention of injuries.

With us having to go into administration last season, many thanks must go to the staff who are no longer with us. John Roe, our Fitness Coach worked extremely hard and his cooperation with Leeds Metropolitan University which includes John O'Hara and his staff, I felt to keep the players in top condition even though the season obviously turned into a disappointing one.

On the Youth front many thanks must go to Gary Williams who looks after the Centre of Excellence both in training oversees the medical care for their matches on a Sunday.

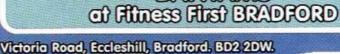
Thanks to the many staff at St. John Ambulance and WEYMSS who are here on matchdays attending to supporters who need their services.

Finally our thoughts, especially at this time of year are still with Youth Team Physio Steve Swallow and his wife who recently lost their son James in tragic circumstances.

Happy New Year.



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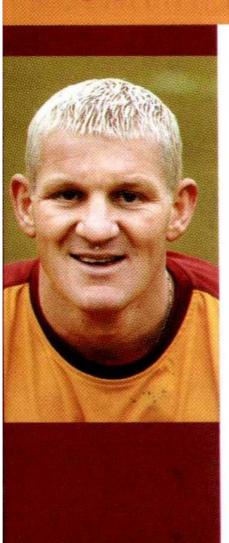






OUT NOW

Dean Windass



Dean Windass is loving it in the Coca-Cola Football League One.

City's top scorer has vindicated his decision to ignore a lucrative summer offer from Darlington and stay at Valley Parade.

He is among the pack of the division's top hitmen - and is proving well worth the flutter for any fans who jumped on the generous 25-1 odds offered by the bookies in preseason.

Windass is also playing a major role in City's determination to show the pundits they were spouting nonsense when the club were dismissed as relegation fodder because of all the problems off the field.

Windass never lacks for confidence and his attitude sums up the steely determination within the dressing room.

He said: "This season is not like going to places like West Ham, Wigan or Reading and being happy if you can come away with a draw.

No disrespect to anyone in

this league but we can go anywhere and win. With the confidence we are playing with and team we've got, we know we're good enough to beat anybody.

"We've got that real belief in our own ability. Whether we're playing home or away, we've got that winning mentality." Windass underlined his commitment to the cause by penning a new contract tying him to the club until the end of next season.

He will be 36 in April but boss Colin Todd has no fears that his form will start to wane.

Todd said: "Deano is a fit lad and has looked after himself. I think he can still go on for another couple of years. "I think he has been magnificent. He'll always score goals, he'll miss too, but he's always in there to get you goals.

"He knows what his job's about. For me, he's always been best for us as an attacking outlet. You can hit balls at him and he'll withstand people coming through him.

"Defenders don't like playing

against him, he'll rattle them and he'll get goals. That's the hallmark of a proper centre forward.

"He's hungry like all the players at this football club.

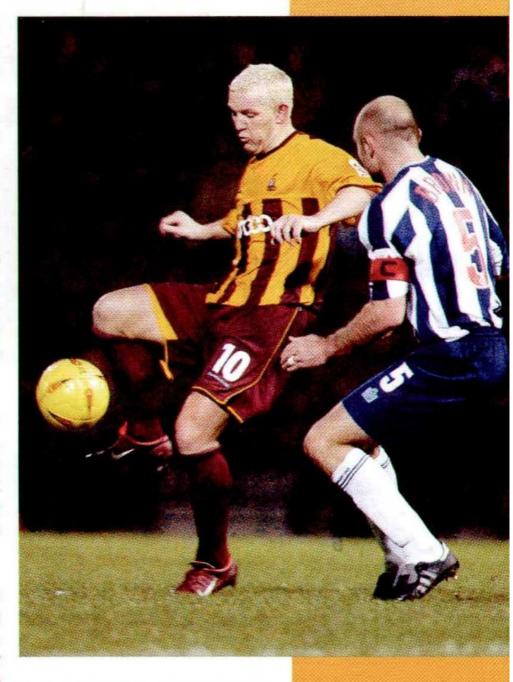
"With what has gone on here, we all have that appetite and we're driving each other. Deano just sums that up." Windass added: "It wasn't a problem to sign on for another year. Colin wanted me to stay and I'm more than happy to do so.

"Because I turned down a twoyear contract from Darlington, the gaffer was keen on me signing for another season. It was a nice bit of loyalty on the part of Colin, Julian Rhodes and Jim Brown.

"Hopefully I can pay those three back now by continuing to play my best for Bradford. I'm really pleased with the way things are going both for me personally and the team.

"It's just important now that we can stay consistent."

Windass refused to set himself a goal target before a ball was kicked. But having hit double figures for the first time since City's first season in the Premiership, he will surely have an eye on making it to 20.

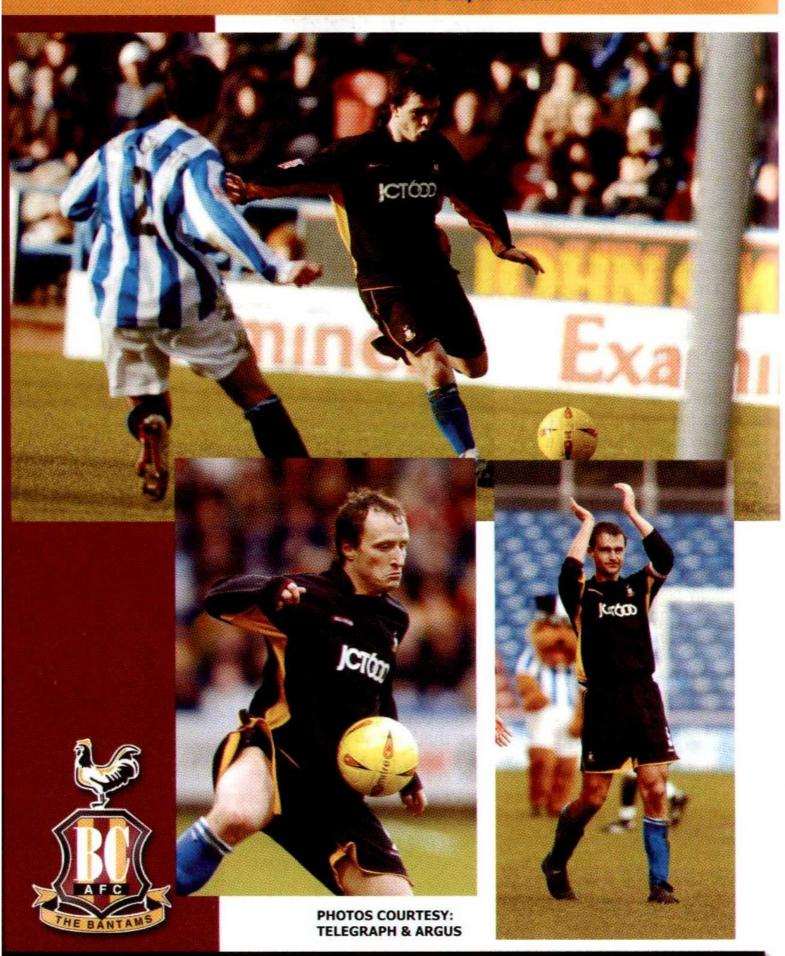


And nobody has achieved that in a claret and amber shirt since Lee Mills netted 23 six years ago. The Bantams went up that season, of course. Let's hope that's an omen.



Action Extra

Coca-Cola Football League 1
Saturday 18th December 2004
Bradford City 1 Huddersfield Town 0
at the Galpharm Stadium



The Real League @ COUCOU LEAGUE 1)



SEASON TO DATE

AUGUST

The first Coca-Cola Manager of the Month award went to Wigan boss PAUL JEWELL, who told how ice baths after matches were the secret to his side's electrifying start to the season. They took 14 points from 18 in August.

Luton's MIKE NEWELL took the award in the Coca-Cola Football League 1 as his side led the way at the top. Scunthorpe's BRIAN LAWS claimed the League 2 prize.

Stoke hitman Ade Akinbiyi became the first Powerade Player of the Month after shooting the Potters up the Championship table. Luton's Steve Howard took the award in League 1. Macclesfield's Jon Parkin won it in League 2.

SEPTEMBER

IAN HOLLOWAY picked up the Coca-Cola Championship Manager of the Month award - then released a rap CD! The QPR boss led his side to five wins out of five. His single reached No 53.

Brentford's MARTIN ALLEN scooped the League 1 award after the Bees won three and drew one. Ten points out of 12 were enough to give Yeovil Town's GARY JOHNSON the award in League 2.

The Powerade Player of the Month was Reading's Steve Sidwell - who only found out he'd won when he was watching televison. Luton's Rowan Vine took the award in League 1 while Yeovil's Phil Jevons won it for League

OCTOBER

The PAUL JEWELL 'dual effect' kicked in as he scooped his SECOND Coca-Cola Championship Manager of the Month award. Wigan took maximum points from five games to keep them top.

Bradford City's COLIN TODD won the League 1 award. Liverpool legend IAN RUSH took the League 2 prize weeks after taking over at Chester.

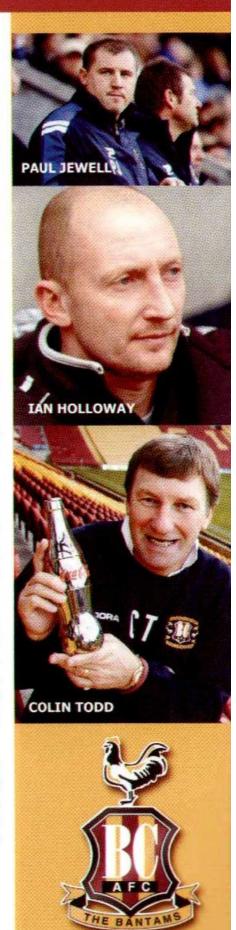
Horlock Ipswich's Kevin was November's Powerade Player of the Month as his driving displays for the Tractor Boys were recognised. A sackful of goals helped AFC Bournemouth's James Hayter win the League 1 award. Leyton Orient's Lee Steele won the League 2 award. Chairman Barry Hearn backed him to reach 20 goals by Christmas.

NOVEMBER

Ipswich Town boss JOE ROYLE was the Coca-Cola Championship Manager of the Month. His side racked up four wins out of five as they ploughed up the table.

Sheffield Wednesday's PAUL STURROCK took the League 1 award three months after he was shown the door at Southampton. Lincoln boss KEITH ALEXANDER proved another comeback king by winning the award for League 2.

The Powerade Player of the Month was Burnley's Robbie Blake - now 28 - but getting better with age. Luton's Curtis Davies took the award in League 1 with Scunthorpe's Paul Hayes winning the League 2 prize.



Reserves



Pontin's Holidays League Premier Division Season 2004/2005 as at 22 Dec. 2004

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Rotherham United	10	5	4	1	22	13	19
2 Sheffield Wednesday	10	6	1	3	20	13	19
3 Barnsley	10	5	3	2	19	12	18
4 Hull City	8	5	3	0	18	11	18
5 Preston North End	10	5	1	4	16	21	16
6 Hartlepool United	10	4	3	3	16	11	15
7 Walsall	10	4	1	5	24	20	13
8 Tranmere Rovers	10	4	1	5	10	11	13
9 Stoke City	10	3	2	5	11	14	11
10 Sheffield United	10	3	2	5	17	24	11
11 Wigan Athletic	11	2	2	7	8	17	8
12 Bradford City	11	1	3	7	10	24	6

PONTIN'S HOLIDAYS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION FIXTURES 2004/2005

Date	vs	H/A	Kick Off	Venue
			Score	Scorers
Tue Aug 17	Barnsley	Н	0-1	
Wed Sep 1	Walsall	A	0-4	
Tue Sep 7	Sheffield Wednesday	H	1-4	Sanasy
Wed Sep 15	Sheffield United	A	2-1	Colbeck, Bentham
Wed Sep 22	Lincoln City (LC)	H	0-2	•
Tue Oct 5	Preston North End	Н	2-3	Crooks, Wright
Tue Oct 12	Hull City	Н	0-1	
Wed Oct 27	Hartlepool United	A	0-0	
Mon Nov 15	Stoke City	A	0-4	
Tue Nov 23	Rotherham United	A	2-2	Symes, Sanasy
Tue Nov 30	Wigan Athletic	H	0-0	
Mon Dec 13	Preston North End	A	3-4	Sanasy 2, Bentham
Tue Jan 11	Sheffield United	H	2.00	Valley Parade
Wed Jan 19	Sheffield United (LC)	A	2.00	Chesterfield FC
Tue Jan 25	Hartlepool United	H	2.00	Valley Parade
Wed Feb 2	Hull City	A	7.00	North Ferriby United FC
Wed Feb 9	Rotherham United	H	2.00	Valley Parade
Wed Feb 16	Tranmere Rovers	A	2.00	Vauxhall Motors FC
Tue Mar 1	Stoke City	H	2.00	Valley Parade
Wed Mar 9	Wigan Athletic	A	2.00	Robin Park Arena
Tue Mar 15	Tranmere Rovers	H	2.00	Valley Parade
Wed Mar 30	Barnsley	A	2.00	Oakwell
Tue Apr 12	Walsall	H	2.00	Valley Parade
Wed Apr 27	Sheffield Wednesday	A	2.00	Stocksbridge Park Steels FC



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Fun-packed holidays for every family



Tuesday 30 November 2004
Pontin's Holiday League
Premier Division
Bradford City 0
Wigan Athletic 0
Kick Off: 2.00pm
at Valley Parade

There was very little to warm the crowd in freezing conditions as Bradford City settled for a share of the points, drawing 0-0 in a basement battle in the Pontin's Holidays League Premier Division in which Wayne Jacobs packed in another 90 minutes on his comeback from injury.

Donovan Ricketts, playing for the first time at Valley Parade, had little to do in a quiet opening against a Wigan Athletic side including former Bantams Gary Walsh & Gareth Whalley.

With Paul Jewell and Chris Hutchings watching from the Sunwin Stand, there was a large City connection but other than spotting their faces there was little to excite the chilly crowd.

The first chance of any note came after 12 minutes when Michael Symes tried to sneak a ball through to his strike partner Kevin Sanasy. The ball came off Emerson Thome and fell nicely for Sanasy who whipped a shot wide from 20 yards.

City were playing some nice football without really threatening. But they had another chance in the 25th minute after Craig Bentham was chopped down by Steve McMillan 5-yards outside the penalty area but trialist Dean Gorré bent the freekick harmlessly into the T L Dallas Stand.

Three minutes later the Dutchman triggered the best move of the match. His pass to Symes was over hit but the youngster did well to

keep the ball in and cross to the far post.

Sanasy was there to meet it and an opening goal was certain but Walsh somehow denied his former club mate with a reaction save.

Wigan's first proper effort after half an hour saw Thome loop a header over Ricketts' bar.

Ricketts made a routine save from Sam Litchfield 5 minutes before half time and then David Roberts shot over the bar when well placed.

But there remained few incidents at either end with both sides effectively cancelling each other out.

Wigan made two changes at half time bringing on Greg Traynor and Nathan Sullivan for Whalley and Thome.

Sanasy continued to have the bulk of City's opportunities but again drove wide of the mark but he did finally get the ball into the back of the net after 83 minutes while latching on to a fine flick-on but his celebrations were cut short by an offside flag.

Ricketts saved the best till last with a tremendous save in stoppage time to keep out a goalbound free-kick from Paul Mitchell.

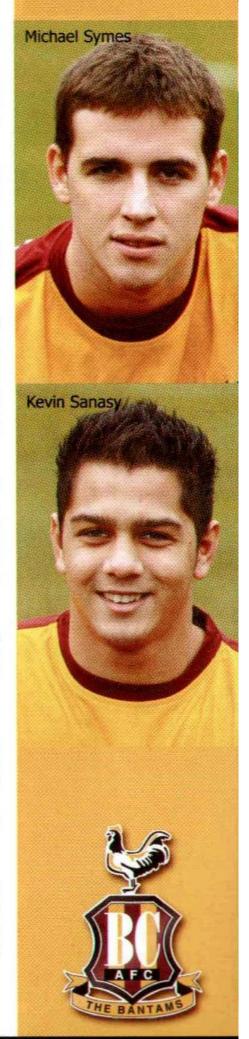
Bradford City:

Ricketts, Richardson, Jacobs, Swift, Gavin (Denton), Wright J, Bentham (Doherty), Gorré, Sanasy, Symes, Flynn L. Subs: Thackeray, Colbeck, Mitchell S.

Wigan Athletic:

Walsh, Joyce, McMillan, Thomen (Traynor), Wright D, Mitchell P, Flynn M, Whalley (Sullivan), Litchfield (Willams), Roberts, Waterhouse.

Subs: Stephan, Salisbury.



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with Chris Cooper

A New Year, and hope springs eternal for all of us in life. For football though we're halfway through the year, and with the exception of Crystal Palace's monumental rise up the table a year ago and promotion, we've all got a pretty good idea as to who's going to finish where. Rounding off this season in Cardiff in May would be a fantastic achievement for Colin Todd and his small squad. On a wider scale, what can we expect to see this year, in comparison with what we would like to see?



For a start, a winter break in the Premiership. This would undoubtedly help the national team, but it should be restricted to the Premiership. The bigger than usual crowds over the Christmas and New Year period certainly help the finances of the Football League clubs more so than the elite, and cash flow from a three week break could become a problem. Crowds could even increase in the League over the holiday period, with more fans of Premiership clubs wanting their "fix" elsewhere.

Staying with the Premiership, next month Arsenal and Manchester United meet each other again, and the tabloid build up will be even more intense than last time around given what happened on and off the field at Old Trafford. Without actually having a mutual love-in, it would be good to hear more positive noises from both clubs about the other. The supposed mind games between them have reached a new physical level, and I suspect a number of referees are privately hoping they won't get the call for it, following the pilloring of Mike Riley in November. Jose Maurinho must be laughing his socks off at the way the two of them go at each other, seemingly oblivious to the fact that they're only in a battle for runners up spot. When, rather than if, Chelsea win the title, no doubt United and Arsenal will still be claiming that they've bought the title and that they're not as big a club.

That's something else I want to see the end of. "We're bigger than you" is often heard by fans of all manner of different clubs. So what? Bigger doesn't necessarily equate to giving more enjoyment or excitement. If the size of football club was the be all and end all then we might as well all give up now. I recall a post-match phone-in I did on The Pulse back in the 1990s, which ended up with City and Huddersfield fans baiting each other with the "we're bigger than you" claim. Both claimed victory, over league position, crowds, money spent etc. I think it was about five minutes before the end before someone who wanted to actually comment on a game managed to get through!

I am all for rivalry at all levels of the game, as that's what makes it. But whilst recently we've been hoping for peace on earth and goodwill to all men, can we actually try and remember that in football too? How about some respect for the opposition; I do find it amusing the choreographed pre-match handshakes between the players, who minutes later go round trying to kick lumps out of each other. Football's disciplinary procedures have been radically overhauled in the last 12 months; hopefully they won't be needed as often.

One other matter that needs looking at is the compilation of the fixtures. Well done to the City supporters who went down to Bournemouth and or Torquay for midweek games last month; surely such travelling is a nonsense for December, and commonsense should see them at least on Saturdays, and preferably not in the depths of winter.

I'll look back in 12 months time, and see if any of my wish list have been granted.

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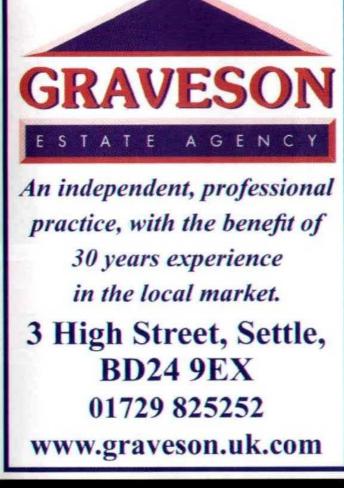
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Famous Programmes

From Classic Games

A series by the Editor of Programme Monthly & Football Collectable magazine in which famous matches are remembered by their programmes, which remain popular with modern collectors.

Wales 1 (Curtis) England 2 (Kennedy, Taylor) FA of Wales Centenary Match, Racecourse Ground, Wrexham, 24th March 1976

Wales - Lloyd (Wrexham); Page (Birmingham), Jones (Liverpool), Yorath (Leeds), Phillips (Aston Villa), Evans (Crystal Palace), Harris (Leeds), Flynn (Burnley), Curtis (Swansea), J. Roberts (Birmingham), Griffiths (Wrexham)

England - Clemence (Liverpool), Cherry (Leeds) (sub Clement (QPR)), Mills (Ipswich), Neal (Liverpool), Thompson (Liverpool), Doyle (Manchester City), Keegan (Liverpool), Channon (Southampton) (sub Taylor (Crystal Palace)), Boyer (Boyer), Brooking (West Ham), Kennedy (Liverpool)

Referee - Ian Foote, Scotland Attendance - 20,927

The Match

Just as they had been asked to visit Hampden three years earlier, the English International team were invited to Wrexham to celebrate the centenary of the FA of Wales in 1976.

At that time, trips to the Principality were still bi-annual for the England team, as the Home International Championships were showing no signs of the abrupt demise which ended a long tradition of International competition, less than a decade later.

England had enjoyed a two year unbeaten run under Don Revie, but had lost a vital game in Bratislava which, combined with a goal-less draw against Portugal at Wembley, saw Czechoslovakia top the group and qualify for the 1976 European Championship Finals. Confidence was not high for the visitors as they lined up on a filthy night in Wrexham. Wales, however, were enjoying a good spell under Mike Smith, and had reasonable expectation of a morale-boosting victory over their next-door-neighbours, prior to a vital European Championship tie against Yuqoslavia in May.

The might of England prevailed, with goals from Ray Kennedy and Peter Taylor outweighing Wales' solitary counter from Alan Curtis. It was an encouraging performance from a depleted England team, as no fewer than eight players (including the substitutes) won their first caps. Indeed Crystal Palace's Taylor, who scored on his debut, became the first Third Division player to be selected for England since Johnny Byrne - also a Palace

player - fifteen years earlier.

The programme

The marvellous Wrexham programmes of the 1990's were some years distant from this rather modest sixteen page issue, printed black on white glossy paper, with red added to the outside cover pages.

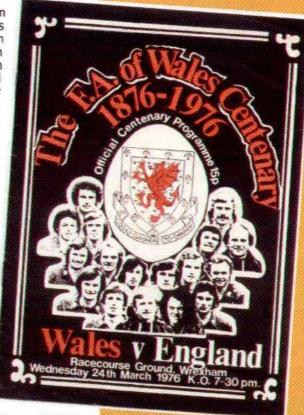
Page 2 contained a list of Welsh officials, and a welcome from the President of the Association, along with a small advert for a Centenary Book. "Introducing Wales" described the home players and both pages were supplemented by photos of John Toshack and Brian Lloyd, the latter playing on his club's ground.

Peter Corrigan wrote a full page article on "A Fondly Remembered Past" and the centre fold contained captioned photographs of the current Welsh squad, and that which played England in a Red Cross International at the Racecourse Ground in November 1939.

Some paragraphs from "100 Years of Welsh Soccer" filled another page, followed by two pages of details on the England players. Photographed were Malcolm McDonald, who did not play, and Don Revie's caretaker predecessor Joe Mercer. The non advert pages concluded with details of forthcoming international matches in Wales, Pre-Match entertainment, and the match officials.

Advertising was largely of a local nature, with four pages containing nothing larger than a half page advert, and two quarter page adverts joining the team selections on the back page - for the Denbighshire Travel Agency, and Border Ales. The programme is one of the more difficult to obtain international issues of the last thirty years, but can be purchased from dealers' catalogue for around £5.

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NOW FOR 2005 by Derm Tanner

Will Bradford City fans shed a tear for 2004? I think not. It is best forgotten as a bad dream which resulted in a second term of administration, another manager change and more player exits.

The positive factor from the year must be the fact that the club survived back in July when it came within twenty minutes of slipping away. Luckily too many were determined that the life support wasn't turned off, and so the club survived it's closest shave.

I will not forget that day of drama on July 1st. The story kept changing almost minute by minute. The day before I had spoken to members of staff who were holed up in the now defunct café. They were desperate to help the club they loved and wanted to let people know that Bradford City was in real danger. I told them that the next day the media would be swarming all over the place, and so it proved to be.

TV crews, reporters and quite a number of fans took up positions early on. Information was at a premium. The administrators KROLLS were, as usual, saying very little. Snippets of detail were dripping out every now and then. I was broadcasting live updates every thirty minutes and all who were there could sense that the club would not fold. The patient had come

through another life threatening examination, but being the tough old girl that she is, Bradford City made a recovery.



That took us into the start of the season and Bradford City was on many people's list of relegation fodder. Colin Todd and his team had a rather different slant on that. I think what City have achieved in the league this season has been every bit as remarkable as Paul Jewell's promotion winning run. Perhaps in some respects even more so.

2004 may have been dominated by failure both on and off the pitch but at least the prospects for 2005 have never looked better. This time last year City were in the early days of the Bryan Robson tenancy. Two wins in seven games didn't bode well and another FA Cup game was to pour more troubled waters on the club. Twelve months on, the annual dabble with the Cup is a long distant memory and the league is the target in everyone's sight.

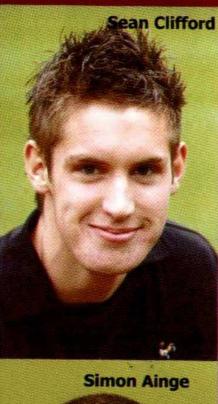
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Youth Team





Saturday 20 November 2004 Football League Youth Alliance **Grimsby Town 2 Bradford City 0**

In a game that we dominated almost from start to finish, we once again came away empty handed.

Sean Clifford made the home goalkeeper make a great save after 10 minutes. Unfortunately, 10 minutes later he sustained an ankle injury that was to force him out of the game at half

Then we conceded a goal just on half time when the Assistant Referee failed to raise his flag and the Grimsby right-winger went on to round the goalkeeper to score. Clearly the goal was offside and an unfair reflection on the game.

However, we went about the 2nd half in similar fashion to the first half and Ryan McCallion was causing havoc down the right with some good runs - another product of our Centre of Excellence.

We had numerous chances to score but through poor finishing and fantastic goalkeeping by the Grimsby keeper, the score stayed at 1 - 0 until 2 minutes from time when Grimsby had their only worthwhile attempt on goal to score from a re-bound to give them an undeserved 2 - 0 win.

Once again, in a game that we dominated from the off, we came away empty handed.

Bradford City:

Williams, Aujla, O'Brien, Ainge, Denvers, Liburd, Brown, Mitchell S, Clifford, Mitchell G, Littlefair.

Subs: Thornton, Convey, McAllion

Saturday 4 December 2004 Football League Youth Alliance York City 0 Bradford City 1 (Ekoku)

We started the game very brightly with Gareth Mitchell and Danny Ekoku going very close with snap-shots that forced the goalkeeper to make good saves.

On 25 minutes, Inderjeet Aujla won a great tackle and released Simon Ainge who put Danny Ekoku through, he rounded two players and the goalkeeper to score a great goal.

We continued to dominate the game for long periods, restricting York to long-range efforts.

Paul Denvers and new signing Patrice Liburd were commanders at the back along with Indhi Singh and due to this superiority; we had complete control of the game.

We had numerous opportunities to score but failed to take them, which obviously made for a tense finish. However, we finished the game strongly to secure a well-deserved win with everyone giving an encouraging performance.

Bradford City:

Thackeray, Aujla, O'Brien, Ainge, Denvers, Liburd, Colbeck, McGuire, Ekoku, Mitchell G, Doherty.

Subs: Thornton, Convey, Littlefair, McCallion.

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1 Darlington	14	11	2	1	28	11	35
2 Scunthorpe United	16	9	4	3	37	23	31
3 Hartlepool United	16	9	2	5	56	35	29
4 Doncaster Rovers	16	8	5	3	39	26	29
5 Grimsby Town	16	9	2	5	31	25	29
6 Hull City	15	5	4	6	27	28	19
7 York City	15	5	2	8	19	21	17
8 Lincoln City	16	3	5	8	20	34	14
9 Bradford City	16	3	2	11	19	37	11
10 Boston United	16	1	2	13	18	54	5

ONE FOR THE FUTURE

FULL NAME: INDERJEET SINGH AUJLA

DATE OF BIRTH: 25 OCTOBER 1987
PLACE OF BIRTH: BRADFORD
PLAYING POSITION:RIGHT FULL BACK

WHAT SCHOOL DID YOU ATTEND?

Thornton Grammar School

WHAT TEAM DO YOU SUPPORT OTHER THAN BRADFORD CITY?

Manchester United

WHICH CURRENT PLAYER DO YOU MOST ADMIRE AND WHY?

Roy Keane - I like his style of play

WHO HAS HAD THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR CAREER?

Dad

WHAT HAS BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR CAREER TO DATE?

Playing in the FA Youth Cup at Valley Parade WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES IN FOOTBALL?
To play in Premiership

WHAT HOBBIES HAVE YOU GOT? Going to gym

WHAT IS YOUR USUAL PRE-MATCH MEAL?

Chicken and pasta

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MEAL?

Lasagna and potatoes

AND FAVOURITE DRINK?

Strawberry Nurishment

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TELEVISION PROGRAMME?

Match of the Day

WHAT WAS THE LAST FILM YOU SAW AT THE CINEMA?

Layer Cake

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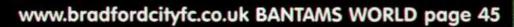
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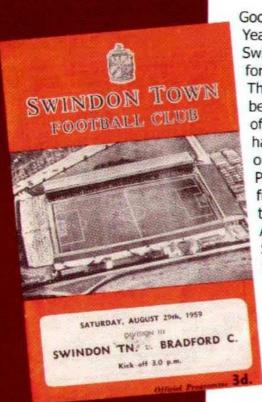
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Previous Encounters



Good afternoon and a Happy New Year. This afternoon we welcome Swindon Town back to Valley Parade for their first visit since 1999. There have been several links between the two clubs in terms of transfers. A number of players have played for both clubs. One of our most consistent goalkeepers Peter Downsborough was signed from Swindon, having played in their League Cup victory over Arsenal at Wembley in 1969. The Swindon captain that day was the late Stan Harland who had also skippered Bradford City. Other signings from Swindon include halfbacks Tom Hallett and Wilf Shergold plus record goalscorer David Bronco Layne was signed from Swindon in Nicky Summerbee's

father, Mike played for Swindon in that era and it is to the 1959-60 season that I delve for these notes.

Back in 1958-59 City and Swindon had occupied mid table positions. City following a good run which saw them unbeaten in their last nine league games finished 11th, Swindon were a little behind ending up four places and two points behind City. In 1959 we had begun with a 2-0 home success over York City followed by a goalless draw at Mansfield Town. Swindon began with a 2-0 defeat at Queens Park Rangers and followed that with a 1-1 home draw against Barnsley. On Saturday August 29th 1959 City travelled to Swindon hopeful of continuing the good start to the season. At least so long ago they wouldn't have had to traverse around the locally known 'Magic Roundabout' not far from the County Ground. One thing about the match programmes from that era that tickled me were some of the advertisements contained inside. In those days we all

had corner shops doing good trade and several of them advertised in the local team's programme. A priceless one for me appeared in a Southport programme of the early 1960's when a local greengrocer advertising his potatoes asked shoppers to select his 'pancracklers', as they made the best chips anywhere. The best one for me in the Swindon programme was an advert for Strange's Garage of Wootton Bassett, agents for Austin, Standard, Triumph and Vespa. City remained unchanged from the team against Mansfield, I'm not sure manager Peter Jackson would have been as pleased as his opposite number, Bert Head. The game was blessed with plenty of goals. Swindon had Bronco Layne at centre forward but even he failed to score in a match which produced eight goals. Swindon's inside right John Richards scored a hat trick whilst his partner on the left Jimmy Gauld scored a couple. The City outside right Bobby Webb also scored a pair with centre forward Johnny McCole also netting as Swindon ran out winners 5-3. In fact six of the eight goals were scored in a hectic 20-minute spell in the second half. Peter Jackson in his next programme notes said how disappointed they were not have got something from the game, he couldn't understand how the same defence that had conceded only one goal in it's last seven games, had conceded five in one match. That's football I suppose, the teams for the match were as follows:

Swindon Town: Sam Burton, Fred Thompson, Walter Bingley, Jack Fountain, Ken Mellor, Rex Tilley, Bill Stephens, John Richards, David Layne, Jimmy Gauld and Arnold D'Arcy.

Bradford City: Joe Wilkinson,

Previous Encounters

Tom Flockett, Bill Barnes, Peter Jackson, Jim Lawlor, Colin Roberts, Bobby Webb, David Boyle, John McCole, David Jackson and Derek Stokes.

The return fixture was played at Valley Parade on Saturday 2 January 1960, both sides were still mid table teams with Swindon slightly better off in 12th place with 26 points from the same number of games. City were 16th with 24 points from 25 games. Form wise City were unbeaten in eleven league and cup matches, their last defeat was at Barnsley on October 24th. Swindon arrived inconsistent but they had beaten Bournemouth at home 2-0 and lost at Bournemouth 3-1 over the Christmas period. For their part City had beaten promotion contenders Grimsby Town at Blundell Park 3-1 and drawn at Valley Parade 2-2 over the holidays. During their unbeaten run since October, City had beaten Barnsley 2-1 in an F A Cup replay following an amazing 3-3 draw at Oakwell which saw The Tykes miss two out of three penalties awarded to them. City also despatched Rochdale in the same competition in a Valley Parade replay. They had beaten table topping Southampton 2-0 and were awaiting the arrival of Everton to Valley Parade in the third round. Those of us with long memories will recall a 3-0 victory for City and a 4th round victory over Bournemouth before losing to Burnley in a 5th round replay. Getting back to the Swindon match both teams showed several changes to personnel since the earlier meeting in August. Swindon fielded the former City centre forward Willie Marshall alongside Mike Summerbee who was bound for greater things in the future. City had their playmaker John Reid in the team having missed the trip to Swindon due

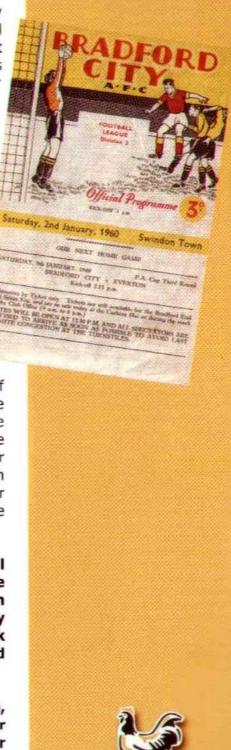
to injury and also included vastly experienced goalkeeper Downie and George Mulholland at left back. No eight-goal thriller this one but a close exciting encounter which eventually went to form. New goalscoring sensation Derek Stokes scored the goal which separated the teams come the final whistle. Stokes had started life as a leftwinger, but when Johnny McCole was transferred to Leeds, Stokes was moved into the centre with devastating effect. He finished the season with 35 league and F A cup goals, scoring ten times in eight cup appearances. He would certainly have broken Johnny McCole's record of 28 league goals in a season had the McCole joined Leeds

during the close season instead of mid September. Once they were knocked out of the cup, City's league form suffered and they finished the season 19th two places and four points proud of relegation. Swindon finished just three places and four points better off. The teams for the Valley Parade encounter were:

Bradford City: Mitchell Downie, Tom Flockett, George Mulholland, Malcolm Devitt, Jim Lawlor, Colin Roberts, Bobby Webb, David Jackson, Derek Stokes, John Reid and David Boyle

Swindon Town: Sam Burton, John Higgins, Walter Bingley, Keith Morgan, Peter Chamberlain, Jack Fountain, Dave Corbett, Willie Marshall, Mike Summerbee, Mike Woolford and Arnold D'Arcy.

MICK LAMB





Football League marksmen have gone over the magical 2,000mark as they go after Coca-Cola's £1million Goal Chase jackpot.

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The Goal Chase has proved a huge hit with players, managers and supporters.

All 72 clubs will share the £1million prize, which is to be spent on an apprentice or up-and-coming young

Wigan striker Jason Roberts, who along with strike partner Nathan Ellington has done more than most to boost the Goal Chase, said: 'It's important for us to get to the 4,500 mark so someone at every club in the League can get a chance." Macclesfield Town boss Brian

whose giant striker Jon Parkin is already in double figures, loves the Goal Chase.

Horton said: 'It's fantastic, and could lead to all 72 league clubs giving a chance to someone who

may not have had one. 'It's great that Coca-Cola have put up money to support clubs. We have a youth policy, and we are

always looking to find more youngsters.

Anything that can help is great." Coca-Cola Sponsorship Manager Steve Cumming told a recent North West media lunch: 'Coca-Cola has always invested in grass roots initiatives, recognising the importance of giving people the

opportunity to shine.
'Fans want to watch an exciting game, and goals are part of that excitement. We want the fans to get behind their teams like never before, inspiring their teams to score more goals than they have

ever scored before, and that's where the £1million Goal Chase

The Goal-O-Meter continues to fill up as the Coca-Cola League hitmen carry on blasting them in.

And the total of 4,500 goals by the end of the season is still achievable.

The key players so far - Crewe's Dean Ashton, Huddersfield's Pawel Abbott, Yeovil's Phil Jevons and Paul Hayes of Scunthorpe - will need to keep the goals flowing, our own Dean Windass is in there going into Christmas with 11 to his name.

Midfielders make the difference in League 1 as Hull's Stuart Elliott and Luton's Ahmet Brkovic have struck from deep. With 1,983 goals after 780 games, the dream of netting 4,500 and scooping the Coca-Cola £1million prize is still on.

The clubs need to average 2.72 goals per game to reach the 4,500

The goalscorers in League 1 are doing brilliantly with 717 goals in 252 games to average 2.8. They are followed by the lads in the Championship with 675 in 276 to average 2.4.

It is in League 2 where strikers are having the hardest job hitting the

The total is 591 goals in 252 games, at an average of 2.3.

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2004 was certainly a very eventful year for the club but I think It's fair to say that we start the new year in much better shape than we were 12 months ago. Although we have dropped down a division, we are now out of administration and Colin Todd is slowly putting together a side that might be capable of taking us back up.

I think we are all thankful that the club is here to witness 2005 and beyond because at one stage it looked as though last year might be our last. Julian Rhodes and his family will take all the plaudits for keeping the club alive and rightly so. Julian is not one to go seeking publicity for himself - his motivation is driven by a desire to bring success to 'his' football club and he has already achieved that to a certain extent just by the fact that we all still have a football club to support.

The target for 2005 is to achieve stability and no doubt that will be helped by success on the field. We are currently in with a shout of getting into the play-offs and that is better than any of us dare hope for back in August.

Hopefully 2005 will be a more settled year for the staff at Valley Parade. They have suffered the administration and those that remain will be hoping that they have seen the last of the dark days they witnessed last year. Many of the staff have had to go beyond the call of duty for the cause and they deserve tremendous credit for this. Jon Pollard is a prime example of this and he has done a fantastic job over the last 12 months. He even made it onto the bench for a reserve game in 2004 and Colin Todd has indicated that Jon might get the call if anything should happen to Paul Henderson and Donovan Ricketts between now and the end of the

Simon Parker from the T & A is another budding goalkeeper, and my spies tell me has been starring in the Bradford veterans league of late. Simon is carrying a few excess pounds around the waist and he certainly fills the goal these days. Derm Tanner from Radio Leeds is also a goalkeeper but unlike Simon he has looked after himself and kept himself in trim shape.

I must give a mention to Ian Ormondroyd for his recent performance at The Pulse Christmas party. Stix spent most of the evening on the dance floor before dominating the karaoke into the early hours of the morning. With the new series of X-Factor coming up in 2005, Stix went down so well that he is already talking about auditioning.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and lets hope we can get our first home win of the New Year on the board this afternoon.



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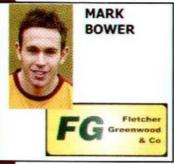
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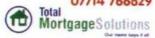
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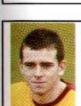
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Good afternoon and I hope that you have all had a Happy Christmas and trust you will have a prosperous New Year.

Today's opponents Swindon Town are on the fringe of the Play-Off positions and no doubt Andy King will be looking for a victory today.

We went into the Christmas period on the back of a fantastic victory over our nearest rivals Huddersfield Town and hopefully will have picked up maximum points in the home game against Wrexham and away at port Vale on New Year's Day.

Get behind the lads today, as a victory will keep us challenging for a Play-Off place ourselves.

Following the sale of Campbells Bar, our Football in the Community office has been moved back into the Sunwin Stand car park and I would like to thank Bobby Ham, a member of the Steering Committee and a big City fan, for his help in moving the cabin to its new location and getting the electricity connected which was gratefully welcome in view of the freezing conditions we endured before Christmas.

This is just another fine example of the hard work members of the Steering Committee have put into the club to help ensure its survival.

Recent Soccer Courses in October and at Christmas have again been a great success with the kids having fun as well as learning new skills.

Several boys have now been fed into our Centre of Excellence and hopefully they will be the next Stuart McCall or Andrew O'Brien and maybe saving the club a fortune by bringing them through our Youth system.

In our current situation it is very important that we recommend children of the required ability from schools and football courses.

Pictured are Jason Gavin and Jake Wright at a recent course at Thornton Grammar School

SATURDAY CLUB

Our Saturday Club at Soccer City at Thornton Grammar School is available every week and is designed for boys and girls of all abilities aged from 5 - 12 years

It offers two hours of football from 10.00am until 12.00 noon and is held on Soccer City's superb polyturf pitches.

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Safety at Valley Parade



At Bradford City Football Club we want every single person, whether a regular or visiting supporter, to safely enjoy their day with us. The following Safety Policy shows how committed we are to ensuring safety within the Stadium:

STADIUM SAFETY POLICY

Safety for spectators attending events at the Stadium is of paramount importance and with this in mind we make public our Safety Policy which is as follows:

- Provide an organisational structure for the implementation of safety on matchdays.
- 2. Provide training for matchday staff.
- Comply fully with the Stadium Safety Certificate.
- Undertake to carry out emergency procedure practices during events.
- Arrange for emergency contingency plans.
- 6. Maintain records of all events held at the Stadium.
- 7. Continually monitor and improve Club Safety Systems.
- Liaise with all other agencies on matters relating to safety and crowd control.
- Positively encourage spectators to communicate safety issues to the Club.
- Ensure that spectators are aware of the Stadium emergency procedures.
- If you have any queries or suggestions regarding any safety issues please do not hesitate to contact the Club's Safety Officer - Chris Patzelt.

GROUND REGULATIONS

Notice: Entry to the Ground is expressly subject to acceptance by the visitor of these Ground Regulations and the rules and regulations of FIFA, UEFA, The Football Association, The FA. Premier League and The Football League in respect of the relevant competition. The Ground Regulations incorporate the Club's Customer Charter (if any). Entry to the Ground shall constitute acceptance of the Ground Regulations.

"Ground" means this football stadium and all locations owned, occupied or utilised by the Club.

"Club" means this football dub.

"Match" means any association football match taking place at the Ground.

1 Permission to enter or to remain within the Ground (notwithstanding possession of any ticket) is at the absolute discretion of the Club, any police officer or authorised steward. On no account will admission be granted to a person who is the subject of a current Banning Order.

2 The Club excludes to the maximum extent permitted by law any liability for loss, injury or damage to persons/property in or around the Ground.

3 No guarantees can be given by the Club that a Match will take place at a particular time or on a particular date and the Club reserves the right to reschedule the Match without notice and without any liability whatsoever.

4 In the event of the postponement or abandonment of the Match, refunds (if any) will be made in accordance with the Club's Customer Charter. The Club will have no further liability whatsoever, including (but not limited to) any indirect or consequential loss or damage, such as (but not limited to) loss of enjoyment or travel costs.

5 All persons seeking entrance to the Ground acknowledge the Club's right to search any person entering the Ground and to refuse entry to or eject from the Ground any person refusing to submit to such a search.

6 The following articles must not be brought within the Ground - knives, fireworks, smoke canisters, air-horns, flares, weapons, dangerous or hazardous items, laser devices, bottles, glass vessels, cans, poles and any article that might be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety. Any person in possession of such items will be refused entry to the Ground.

7 The use of threatening behaviour, foul or abusive language is strictly forbidden and will result in arrest and/or ejection from the Ground. The Club may impose a ban for one or more Matches

7.1 Racial abuse, chanting or harassment is strictly forbidden and will result in arrest and/or ejection from the Ground. The Club may impose a ban for one or more Matches.

7.2 The following acts are arrestable offences under the Football (Offences) Act 1991, as amended: 7.2.1 The throwing of any object within the Ground without lawful authority or excuse.

7.2.2 The chanting of anything of an indecent or racialist nature.

7.2.3 The entry onto the playing area or any adjacent area to which spectators are not generally admitted without lawful authority or excuse.

Conviction may result in a Banning Order being made.

8 All persons entering the Ground may only occupy the seat allocated to them by their ticket and must not move from any one part of the Ground to another without the express permission or instruction of any steward, officer of the Club and/or any police officer.

9 Nobody may stand in any seating area whilst play is in progress. Persistent standing in seated areas whilst play is in progress is strictly forbidden and may result in ejection from the Ground.

10 The obstruction of gangways, access ways, exits and entrances, stainways and like places is strictly forbidden. Nobody entering the Ground shall be permitted to climb any structures within the Ground

10.1 Smoking in No-Smoking areas is strictly forbidden.

11 Mobile telephones are permitted within the Ground, provided that they are used for personal and private use only.

12 Under the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc) Act 1985, the following are offences for which a person can be arrested by a police officer and conviction could result in a Banning Order being made:

12.1 Attempting to enter the Ground or being inside the Ground whilst drunk:

12.2 Being in possession of any intoxicating liquor, or bottle, can or other portable container and which could cause damage or personal injury, when entering the Ground or in a public area of the Ground from which the event can be directly viewed.

13 Any individual who has entered any part of the Ground designated for the use of any group of supporters to which he does not belong may be ejected from the Ground either for the purposes of his own safety or for any other reason.

14 No person (other than a person who holds an appropriate licence) may bring into the Ground or use within the Ground any equipment, which is capable of recording or transmitting (by digital or other means) any audio, visual or audio-visual material or any information or data in relation to the Match or the Ground. Copyright in any unauthorised recording or transmission is assigned (by way of present assignment of future copyright pursuant to section 91 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988) to the Club.

15 No goods (including literature) of any nature may be offered either free or for sale by any person within the Ground without the express written permission of the Club.

15.1 Tickets are not transferable and may not be offered for sale without the prior written permission of the Club. Any tickets offered for sale may be confiscated by any steward, officer of the Club or any police officer.

16 CCTV cameras are in use around and in the Ground and the Club may itself use or pass to the police or any Football Authority, any recordings for use in any proceedings.

17 At all times whilst present in the Ground, persons must comply with any and all instructions of any steward or officer of the Club and/or any police officer. Failure to comply with any instruction may lead to immediate ejection from the Ground.

18 The Club reserves absolutely the right to eject from the Ground any person failing to comply with any of the Ground Regulations or whose presence within the Ground is, or could, reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to any other person. This could lead to further action by the Club including, but not limited to, the withdrawal of any season ticket (without reimbursement) and other benefits.

18.1 Entry to the Ground shall constitute acceptance of the Ground Regulations.

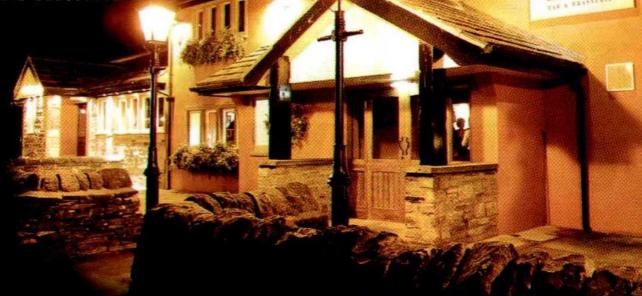
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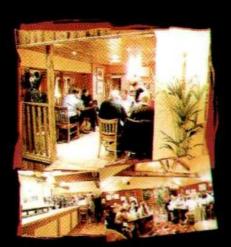
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Main Course

"Posh" Fish 'n' Chips, Heinz Ketchup & Mushy Peas Braised Lamb Shank, Olive & Rosemary Cous Cous, Roast Root Vegetables, Marjoram Jus

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This coming Wednesday Real Madrid will try and complete the final minutes of their Spanish La Liga match against Real Sociedad in the Bernabeu stadium.

As you will recall the game had to be abandoned on December 12 with two-minutes 40 seconds still remaining when a bomb threat hastened the evacuation of a 70,000 plus crowd.

The warning turned out to be a hoax but with the score level at 1-1 and the possibility of one or the other team securing a win the remaining time, plus four-minutes stoppage time, has to be completed.

I have heard commentators in this country express opinions that suggest this is ridiculous, one suggested it was "stupid Spanish rules" yet the same thing has been done here before.

Way back, in November 1898 the Football League game between Sheffield Wednesday and Aston Villa, which had kicked off seven minutes late due to the delayed arrival of referee Aaron Scragg, who did not arrive until half-time, was abandoned for poor light with 10-minutes to play.

The weather was atrocious; the pitch a mudheap, the players barely recognisable in their mud coated kit in the half-light.

Nonetheless Sheffield Wednesday, who were having a lean time results wise, were leading 3-1 when Scragg, now in charge, took heed of a complaint from Villa's Devey, and after consulting a linesman abandoned the match.

Villa demanded a full re-match, claiming that it was Wednesday's fault for arranging such a late start to the game. Wednesday just wanted the two points.

The Football League compromised and ordered the remaining ten-minutes or so to be completed on a future date, which turned out to be 15-weeks later.

There was debate as to how to restart the game. Would referee Scragg remember exactly where the ball was when play was stopped? Would only the players who were then on the pitch be eligible to participate in the re-run?

The League ruled that play would recommence with a traditional kick-off after both captains had tossed for ends; and that any registered player would be free to take part.

When the day eventually came Wednesday were still in the relegation fight, while Villa were by then favourites for the Championship

so both were desperate for the points held in abeyance.

In a rather surreal atmosphere Wednesday scored again to win the game 4-1 but it was not enough to save them. The Sheffield club was relegated — Villa winning the Championship with 50 points, two more than second placed Sheffield United!

This is not the only Football League fixture to be completed at a later date. Stoke once had to travel back to Molineux to play the last five-minutes of a game against Wolves and a match between Walsall and Newton Heath was fulfilled at a second attempt.

However, such was the outcry that the League eventually took another tack leaning on the side of common sense when a team held a substantial lead and where not directing a full replay.

The FA also followed this line, as Dennis Law found to his cost after scoring six-times in 50 minutes for Manchester City against Luton Town. Unfortunately the FA Cup-tie was abandoned after 69-minutes with the score 6-2. A replay was ordered, Luton winning 3-1.

In Spain though they continue to stick to the old system. Real Madrid were involved in a similar situation in 1989 when they had to complete a fixture with Osasuna — a further 47-minutes required on that occasion: and the 1995 Spanish Cup Final between Deportivo La Coruna and Valencia, abandoned in the 79th minute, was completed two days later.

The two Real's on Wednesday can utilise any of their registered players except those who had been substituted in the original game so David Beckham and Michael Owen are set for six-minutes 40 seconds of history.

STAYING with a Spanish theme I see that a Spanish doctor has published an article concluding that match officials can't help getting the offside rule wrong.

The paper examines the way the human eye works and the time it takes to focus on the four players, two from each side, plus the ball, in order apply the offside rule, all this while players are moving at speed.

He says the eye can not process all the information therefore errors are unavoidable.

Well if he had been reading my column over the years it would have saved him the effort, although I refrain from saying 'I told you so.'

It is only common sense.







2004-2005 Statistics

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Tue Aug 10	Peterborough United	Н	2-2	Valley Parade	6,929	TURNSULL	WETHERALL 1	BOWER	SCHUMACHER	SYMES	SUMMERBEE	WINDASS I	Onn
Sat Aug 14	Doncaster Rovers	Н	2-0	Valley Parade	10,444	HENDERSON	WETHERALL	BOWER 1	SCHUMACHER	ADEBOLA	SUMMERBEE	WINDASS	CRIN
Sat Aug 21	Stockport County	A	1-0	Edgeley Park	5,338	HENDERSON	WETHERALL	BOWER	SCHUMACHER	ADEBOLA	SUMMERSEE	WINDASS 1	CRIS
Wed Aug 25	Notts County (Carling Cup 1)	Н	1-2*	Valley Parade	3,517	HENDERSON	GAVZN	BOWER	SCHUMACHER	SYMES	SUMMERBEE	WINDASS 1	CRIE
Sat Aug 28	Chesterfield	Н	2-3	Valley Parade	7,590	HENDERSON	WETHERALL	BOWER	SCHUMACHER	ADEBOLA	KEARNEY	WINDASS 2	3416
Tue Aug 31	Hull City SKY SPORTS	A	1-0	Kingston Communications Stadium	16,865	HENDERSON	WETHERALL	BOWER	CROOKS	ADEBOLA	KEARNEY	WINDASS	24/10
Sat Sep 4	Port Vale	H	0-2	Valley Parade	7,043	HENDERSON	WETHERALL	BOWER	CROOKS	ADEBOLA	KEARNEY	WINDASS	380
Sat Sep 11	Wrexham	A	0-1	Racecourse Ground	3,712	HENDERSON	WETHERALL	BOWER	CROOKS	ADEBOLA	KEARNEY	WINDASS	360
Sat Sep 18	Bristol City	H	4-1	Valley Parade	7,235	HENDERSON	WETHERALL 1	BOWER	SUMMERBEE	ADEBOLA 1	KEARNEY	ROBERTS I	300
Sat Sep 25	Swindon Town	A	0-1	County Ground	5,189	HENDERSON	WETHERALL	BOWER	SUMMERBEE	ADEBOLA	KEARNEY	ROBERTS	2801
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Fri Oct 8	Milton Keynes Dons	A	2-1	National Hockey Stadium	4,532	HENDERSON	WETHERALL	BOWER 1	SUMMERBEE	WINDASS	KEARNEY	ADEBOLA 1	2809
Sat Oct 16	Tranmere Rovers	A	5-4	Prenton Park	8,901	HENDERSON	WETHERALL1	BOWER	SUMMERBEE 1	WINDASS 1	KEARNEY	ADEBOLA	EMI
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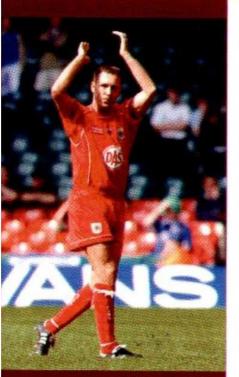
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3	Tranmere Rovers	22	12	5	5	33	29	41
4	Bournemouth	22	11	4	7	37	27	37
5	Brentford	22	11	4	7	27	27	37
6	Bradford City	22	11	3	8	33	32	36
7	Hartlepool United	22	11	2	9	38	36	35
8	Chesterfield	22	9	7	6	28	23	34
9	Sheffield Wednesday	22	9	6	7	38	30	33
10	Bristol City	22	8	8	6	41	32	32
11	Walsall	22	8	7	7	33	35	31
12	Barnsley	22	8	6	8	31	26	30
13	Huddersfield Town	22	8	5	9	32	29	29
14	Swindon Town	22	8	5	9	35	33	29
15	Port Vale	22	9	2	11	27	33	29
16	Doncaster Rovers	22	7	8	7	27	34	29
17	Oldham Athletic	22	8	4	10	34	35	28
18	Colchester United	22	7	5	10	30	28	26
19	Blackpool	22	5	7	10	28	31	22
20	Torquay United	22	5	7	10	25	37	22
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2	PETER ATHERTON	2	(3)	
4	TOM KEARNEY	14		
5	DAVID WETHERALL	23		4
6	MARK BOWER	25		2
7	STEVEN SCHUMACHER	22	(1)	2
8	MICHAEL SYMES	6	(8)	2
9	NICKY SUMMERBEE	16	(2)	2
10	DEAN WINDASS	21	(1)	11
11	OWEN MORRISON	1	(1)	1
12	LEE CROOKS	16	(2)	1
13	PAUL HENDERSON	23		
14	DARREN HOLLOWAY	21		1
15	BEN MUIRHEAD	22	(3)	1
16	LEWIS EMANUEL	18	(3)	
17	JASON GAVIN	3	(1)	
18	TOM PENFORD	0	(5)	
19	DELE ADEBOLA	15	(1)	4
20	KEVIN SANASY	0	(4)	
21	DANNY FORREST	3	(3)	1
22	WAYNE JACOBS	13		
23	NEIL ROBERTS	4		1
24	LIAM FLYNN	0		
25	CRAIG BENTHAM	0		
26	JOHN SWIFT	1	(1)	
27	LUKE RICHARDSON	0		
28	JOE COLBECK	0	(1)	
29	SAM DENTON	1		
30	ROSS TURNBULL	2		
31	PATRICK McGUIRE	0		-
32	ZEMA ABBEY	2		1

...Coming Soon...



BRIAN TINNION



THE players have had a busy period over Christmas and New Year but time now, after the final whistle this afternoon that is, to take their feet off the pedal and refresh those parts most mere mortals have never had the opportunity of testing.

You see, as we have unfortunately been eliminated from the FA Cup we are without a fixture next weekend so the next date on the calendar is Saturday January, 15, when we travel down to the West Country to take on Bristol City at Ashton Gate.

Unfortunately, due to the demanding copy deadlines that required this page to be filed by the end of the August Bank Holiday (well that is stretching it a bit I do confess, well...all right a lot), it is not possible to assess the Robins current form going into this game.

However, before the Christmas schedule of matches Bristol City were handily placed on the ninth rung of the Coca-Cola Football League One ladder having just lost 2-1 at home to league leaders Luton Town.

This was City's third home defeat in the League following a similar result in their derby game against our visitors this afternoon, Swindon Town; while Sheffield Wednesday went down there and trounced them to the tune of 4-1.

But we don't care a hoot about that result suffice to say if we can reproduce the form we have shown at Hull City and more recently Huddersfield Town then we will be in with a shout of another three points at Ashton Gate.

Bristol City player-manager Brian Tinnion was not happy that his team were beaten by a last-minute goal by Luton, declaring: "I don't think there was much between the two sides – but our defending from two crosses was very poor. We didn't deal with them and that cost us two goals."

One man who seems to be enjoying a

very fruitful campaign though is City's 19-year-old striker Leroy Lita. He is their leading marksman and scored against Luton with a spectacular overhead kick to beat the experienced Marlon Beresford for his 17th goal of the season.

The teenage hit-man is most certainly the secret behind Bristol City's impressive goal haul of 27 goals from 11home games. That was by far the best home return in the Division beating Luton's total by five clear goals. Impressive for sure.

Certainly Leroy will be one we have to keep a tight reign on when we go down there assuming he has not been snapped up by one of the Premiership predators that will be trawling the lower divisions for bargains in the January football sales.

So after a week off for you all, a weekend to relax and get your vocal chords in tune, we hope to hear you cheering on the lads at Ashton Gate. **BRISTOL CITY v BRADFORD CITY** – It's the Robins against the Bantams on Saturday January 15, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

We were down at Torquay just after Christmas and next Saturday week we welcome The Gulls to Valley Parade. The week before Christmas the Devonshire side were on course for a first ever win at Chesterfield after Jamie Gosling put them ahead.

Only a brilliant save by the Spireites 'keeper Carl Muggleton prevented Leon Constantine putting Torquay two ahead and two points were lost when former Swindon striker Wayne Allison headed in to level the score.

That point kept the Gulls circling just above the relegation quartet but they have quite a respectable away record for a team in such dire straits with two wins, five draws and only four defeats. It promises to be a cracker **BRADFORD CITY v TORQUAY UNITED** is our next game at Valley Parade on Saturday, January 22, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Colin Benson



































































































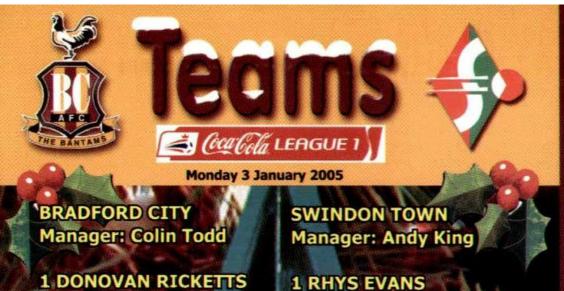












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FORTHCOMING GAMES AT VALLEY PARADE:

Tuesday 11 January 2005 Pontin's Holidays League **Premier Division Bradford City vs Sheffield United** Kick Off: 2.00pm

Monday 22 January 2005 Coca-Cola Football League 1 **Bradford City vs Torquay United** Kick Off: 3.00pm

Coca-Cola Football League 1

Playing today: Blackpool v Port Vale **Bradford City vs Swindon Town Brentford vs Walsall** Chesterfield vs Barnsley Colchester United vs **Oldham Athletic Doncaster Rovers vs AFC Bournemouth** Hartlepool United vs Milton Keyes Dons **Huddersfield Town vs Bristol City** Peterborough United vs **Luton Town** Sheffield Wednesday vs Wrexham Stockport County vs **Hull City** Tranmere Rovers vs **Torquay United**

Referee: G SALISBURY **Assistant Referees:** EJ TARRY (Red/Yellow Flag) RJ WEST (Yellow Flag)

4th Official: P BRAMLEY

