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# MARTIN ALLEN

PLAYING IN THE SUPPORTERS GAME. THE JOY AND HAPPINESS ON THEIR FACES AFTER THE GAME AND THE FEAR AND TENSION WHEN THEY ARRIVED WAS SOMETHING THAT IS DIFFICULT TO PUT INTO WORDS.

Good afternoon and welcome back to Griffin Park. We've had a couple of away games and managed to pick up some points and get through to the next round of the FA Cup.

That day out in the Cup, for me, is right up there with the best. The efforts and determination in the first half and the quality of play in the second half got us through. It's great to still be in the competition especially when teams like Liverpool and Aston Villa have been knocked out.

Last week several players played with knocks, bumps and bruises and we had enough chances in the first half and a couple at the start of the second to have won comfortably. But these chances have to be taken and in the last twenty minutes it was backs to the wall. But each and every man stuck to his job and defended with guts and determination and we managed to put three points on to our total towards our 51 points target.

We've all had a big boost with the return to fitness of Edward Hutchinson. He's still not fully fit but he's getting there and it was great to hear the supporters singing his name over the past few games. Edward will get better and better and he will play a big part in getting us to the 51 point mark. Last week I had to play Michael Dobson even though he was short of match fitness. Forty five minutes in a friendly at Basingstoke on the Wednesday night is nowhere near enough to be at full match speed. But Dobbo played sensibly, he was controlled and just managed to get through the game which was admirable and again it's like having another new signing.

In between these games I must say I had a great night watching and playing in the Supporters game. The joy and happiness on their faces after the game and the fear and tension when they arrived was

something that is difficult to put into words. All the supporters that played were an absolute credit to themselves and their families and I have received several letters telling me what a great night they'd had. Can you imagine what it is like for me to be able to give so many people so much pleasure? Once again it makes me very proud and I hope in the future we will do this game again so that more people can enjoy this unique experience of being a professional player. On top of all that Peter Gilham and his team put in a tremendous effort to organise it with fine detail, and we managed to raise almost five grand.

I have this week had to attend the Football Association's Disciplinary hearing in Soho. Unfortunately the trip to Soho has cost me £500 but I'm hoping the F.A. put this in writing as my wife is starting to question such an expensive trip to London, for obvious reasons! I was treated fairly but I will have to improve my conduct, as this is not a good example to the players, the supporters, nor my family.

Before finishing these notes, although



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you may well have already heard, Alex Rhodes has picked up a very serious knee injury. Due to his good form before picking up the injury, I've offered him a new one year contract with an option of a further year. Over the past six weeks he has forced his way into the team and played with great confidence, pace and quality. It is a big, big blow to lose him and I never had any hesitation in offering a new contract. One day he will repay me.

The team we are playing against today, spanked us 3-0 recently and were in last season's Play Offs. But after two good wins away from home all the players are determined to continue the good work at Griffin Park, especially after the let down over the Christmas period. We set up ourselves once and failed, but this time we know what lies ahead and we know that now is the time to stand up, be counted and deliver.

**Best wishes** 

Martin Allen



AROUND THE HIVE

Welcome back to Griffin Park for this the first of FOUR consecutive home matches. Welcome also to fans of Swindon Town who we meet for the second time in less than four weeks.

In the FA Cup 4th Round, we have been drawn at home to Hartlepool United. The match will take place on Saturday 29th January (kick off 3pm). Should a replay be required to decide the tie that will take place on Tuesday 8th February, kick off 7.45pm.

Please note that the home League match originally scheduled for Saturday 8th January against Barnsley, has now been rescheduled for next Tuesday 25th January, kick off 7.45pm.

Since our last home game we are delighted to announce that Sam Sodje has signed a new contract which expires at the end of June 2007 while we have extended the loan of Ben May from Millwall for a further month until 7th February Meanwhile Steve Claridge has joined League Two side Wycombe Wanderers on Ioan.

On Sunday 6th March we are pleased to announce that we are staging the FA Nationwide Women's Premier League Cup Final between Arsenal and Charlton Athletic. The match kicks off at 12.15pm. Full details will be available in Tuesday night's programme versus Barnsley.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the matchday collection at the Walsall match. A sum of £2,470 was raised in aid of The Tsunami Earthquake Appeal.

The Centenary Draw will take place at half time this afternoon.

With the away match at Hartlepool one calendar month today, don't forget about the Bees fans who are walking there to raise funds for Bees United. Full details will be available in Tuesday's programme but in the interim full details can be found at www. beeswalk.com

The second meeting of The City Bees will take place at St George's Hotel, Langham Place, London W1 on Monday 31st January starting at 6.30pm. Please confirm with Matt Davies on 020 8380 9903 if you would like to be in attendance. Details of the guest speaker are still to be announced.



We welcome four Mascots this afternoon, Conor Collins, Ryan Gaffney, Connor Lynott & Taylor Morgan-Pitt. Conor is 8 years old and lives in Ashford (Middx). He attends Our Lady of the Rosary School in Staines and enjoys playing football, particularly in goal. His favourite Bee is John Salako. Ryan is six and lives in Fulham. He goes to Sir John Lillie Primary School and lists Thai boxing among his hobbies. Jay Tabb is his favourite Bee. Connor, who is eight years old, attends New Haw Junior School in his hometown. He enjoys football and golf and says that Kevin O'Connor is his favourite player. Last but by no means least is 7-year-old Taylor. He lives in Isleworth and attends Grange Primary School. Playing football is high on his list of hobbies while Stuart Nelson gets the nod as his favourite Bee. Have a great days lads.

There was a very proud dad in the Club Offices last weekend when the Great Britain team won gold in the Deaflympics football competition in Melbourne, Australia. One of the team members was Ben Lampert son of Club Accountant Bob Lampert. GB beat Iran in front of over 18,000 fans in the Final having beaten the favourites Germany in the semis.

The 3rd Annual Thome in the Side Football Quiz took place in Stripes last week. Congratulations to Whitton Athletic who just pipped The Usual Suspects to the title, and well done to Nick and Rich Hester whose efforts raised over £1,700.



#### **GREETINGS TO:**

- Kayleigh May Short aged just over five weeks, one of our most recent Junior Bees, and congratulations to her dad, New Roader Andrew Short
- Chris Cleveland who was 21 on 3rd January. Apologies Chris for the oversight in the Walsall programme.
- Happy Birthday to Thomas Rints, who is here today with some of his friends celebrating his 8th Birthday, with love from his Murn, Dad and all who know him.
- Happy Birthday to David Keen for last Thursday, his 69th Birthday, from his wife Pat, Martin, Stuart, Mary, grandson Owen and all his friends.
- Birthday greetings to Tony Medway from Pinner on his 70th Birthday two days ago. These greetings come specifically from David Ohl.
- Many Happy Returns to Peter Coney from Oxford on his 81st Birthday today. Best wishes from all the family.
- Happy Birthday to Matthew Foran who celebrated his 15th Birthday yesterday, Love from Murn, Dad and Amy.
- Birthday greetings to Patricia Bank's dad (name unknown!) who celebrated his 80th Birthday last Saturday.
- Happy Birthday to Jay Tabb fan Thomas Smith (of Sandgate FC) who was 9 last Sunday and to his dad who was a little bit older three days earlier.
- Stephen Hollidge celebrated his 29th Birthday last Sunday. Best wishes from Dad Peter

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If you are interested in joining the Griffin Gold Lottery, please contact Tracey Studds in the Commercial Department on O2O 8380 9903.

(The results are published on the website on Friday afternoon after the draw is made or are available from the Club by request.)

# ORMATION



**BRENTFORD V BARNSLEY** Coca-Cola League One. Griffin Park. Tuesday, 25th January 2005. Kick-off: 7.45pm.

This match is NOT all-ticket. Tickets can be purchased at www.beestickets.com.

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**BRENTFORD V HARTLEPOOL UNITED** F.A. Cup Fourth Round Proper Griffin Park. Saturday, 29th January 2005. Kick-off: 3pm.

This match is NOT all-ticket. Tickets can be purchased at www.beestickets.com. Season Ticket holders have until after today's game to purchase their Season Ticket seat.

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**BRENTFORD V MK DONS** Coca-Cola League One. Griffin Park. Saturday, 5th February 2005. Kick-off: 3pm.

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Hatters: Beresford, Foley, Coyne, Davies, Davis, Underwood, Nicholls, Robinson (Showunmi 88), Brkovic (Andrew 82), Vine, Howard.

Subs not used: Perrett, Seremet & Holmes.



# BEES 2

Bees: Nelson, Lawrence (Tabb 81), Fitzgerald, Turner, Frampton, Rankin (Salako 89), Hutchinson, Talbot, Hargreaves, May, Burton.

Sups not used: Julian, Myers & Lee. Scorers: Hargreaves 71, Tabb 89.

Attendance: 6,861 (Bees fans 1,669)

feree: A Marriner.



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# MATCH ACTION TheFA & CUP



### TABBY POISED TO MAKE IT TWO

Goals from Chris Hargreaves and Jay Tabb gave Brentford a superb 2-0 win at Kenilworth Road and booked them a place in the FA Cup Fourth Round.

Brentford made three changes from the team that defeated Walsall five days previously. Sam Sodje was suspended, Alex Rhodes injured and Jay Tabb started the game on the bench. Brentford were able to welcome back Stewart Talbot into the starting line-up, Ben May and Scott Fitzgerald also came back into the team. The first half was not a great spectacle. Both teams were anxious to win the midfield battle and neither was able to do so. Brentford played three central midfielders to nullify Luton's attacking potential and they did that to good effect. Deon Burton playing as a lone front man had the game's first shot on 5 minutes but it was off target and at the other end Steve Howard had a left footed shot that was off target.

The Luton front man had another shot blocked by Fitzgerald and headed wide as he showed just why he has scored so many goals this season. It was ex-Brentford striker Rowan Vine who came closest to breaking the first half deadlock in the 23rd minute; he wriggled free inside the area and shot across Stuart Nelson, who turned the ball past the post. From the resulting corner Howard had the ball in the net, but referee Mariner deemed that he had fouled ...AND HE OBVIOUSLY SUCCEEDED

Chris Hargreaves and disallowed the goal. Much of the rest of the half was contested in the middle third with neither team able to create any clear-cut chances.

The second half started in a similar vein with neither team able to dominate the other. Steve Robinson fired in a shot that dipped just over the bar and Burton had a shot saved by Marlon Beresford. Brentford took the lead in the 71st minute. Luton defender Curtis Davies slipped and presented the ball to Isaiah Rankin, he danced around Chris Coyne and got in a shot that was saved by Beresford. Ben May was first to react and he knocked it to Hargreaves who drilled it into the top corner. Talbot almost added a second when Beresford came rushing from his goal and punched only as far as the Bees captain. His shot was off target with the goal gaping. Luton came close to an equaliser two minutes later when Ahmet Brkovic cannoned a shot off the cross bar, but it was Brentford who got the game's second goal with a minute left of the ninety. Ben May controlled a long clearance and turned Coyne. His through ball found Tabb (who had come on for the injured Jamie Lawrence eight minutes earlier) clear and he made room before shooting low past Beresford to send the Bees into Round Four.

**Chris Wickham** 



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THE GOALSCORERS



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STUART GATHERS SAFELY

EDDIE GETS HIS FOOT IN FIRST





FRASER DIGBY



COLIN CALDERWOOD



SHAUN TAYLOR



**GLEN HODDLE** 

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS selects a postwar 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 playermanager as Swindon Town reached the Premiership in 1992-93. Signing professional for Tottenham Hotspur in April 1975, he starred as they won promotion in 1977-78, then won the FA Cup in two consecutive seasons and the UEFA Cup in 1984. He moved to Monaco in July 1987 and helped win the French title in 1987-88, becoming Swindon's player-boss in August 1991. Scoring once in 64 League games, he left to take charge of Chelsea after the 1992-93 play-off final triumph and has since managed England, Southampton, Spurs and now Wolves.

#### **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.



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SHAUN TAYLOR: Influential central defender who was ever-present alongside Colin Calderwood as Swindon Town reached the Premiership in 1992-93. He impressed with Bideford before moving to Exeter City in December 1986 and starred in their 1989-90 Fourth Division title triumph. Joining Swindon in July 1991, he was the sole ever-present player in their 1993-94 Premiership campaign and also featured in the 1995-96 Second Division title triumph. He netted 30 goals in 212 League games while at the County Ground before moving to Bristol City in September 1996 where he has become development coach.

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

**ERNIE HUNT: England** U-23 international striker who was Swindon Town's leading marksman in four successive seasons including their 1962-63 promotion triumph. Born

locally, he signed professional at the County Ground in March 1960 and netted 82 goals in 214 League games for Swindon prior to joining Wolverhampton Wanderers in September 1965. He was top scorer as they regained top-flight status in 1966-67 and subsequently played for Everton, Coventry City, Doncaster Rovers and Bristol City, featuring in their 1973-74 FA Cup run. He ran the Full Pitcher pub in Ledbury and then became a window cleaner.

PAUL RIDEOUT: England U-21 international striker who was Swindon Town's leading goalscorer in two consecutive seasons. He was Swindon's voungest 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 everpresent 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. ROD THOMAS



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# GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNICATION

Apart from my love of the Club the main reason I stood for election to the BU Board was my concern about; how the Board managed its relationship with the Football Club Board (governance), the visibility supporters had of what BU was doing (transparency) and how information was being passed to supporters (communication).

Prior to my election I had been speaking to BU Board Members about my concerns (as had a number of other supporters) and upon appointment to the Board I was please to discover effort had been directed into all three areas.

The purpose of the article is to give you an update on where BU has got to with these issues.

On the governance front the situation is not straightforward. Despite BU having the majority vote on the Football Club Board and executive control, BU does not have the majority ownership and therefore absolute control of the Club. This means that BU has to work with the majority shareholder (Altonwood) and other significant shareholders in a collaborative way.

A governance document has been produced and agreed that sets out guidelines about how the relationship should work between both the BU and Football Club Boards. This document was published on 28 December 2004 and is available to view on the BU website (http://www.beesunited.org. uk/news/2004/guidelines.html).

This type of governance document is probably the first time that anything of this nature has been documented by a supporters' trust and the board of a football club. It is in this spirit that we recognise that there will be room for improvement in the document. It is also recognised that the document will also evolve as circumstances change. The key to the success of the document will be that the content is used and updated to make sure that it continues to deliver a structure which enables the Club to be accountable to all its supporters. The next formal review of the document will be in March 2005.

Transparency is about openness and as a supporters' group the BU Board recognise the need to be open. There are areas however that need to remain confidential, like for example commercial discussions regarding the new stadium development, but these areas should be the exception not the rule.

To improve transparency the agendas and a summary of Board Meetings have been made available on the BU website (http://www.beesunited.org. uk/aboutbu.html) together with the policy on publishing these documents (http:// www.beesunited.org.uk/news/2004/ buboardmeetings.html).

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The same issues already outlined above concerning governance complicate communication. The BU Board have asked me, and I have agreed, to investigate how communication can be improved. Both clarifying the governance structure and the BU strategy will allow a formal communication strategy to be produced. The work on the governance structure is well underway and a formal strategy review is planned for 6 February 2005. Whilst this work is taking place I'm looking to make some short-term improvements not least being that BU information is released to all supporters quickly and effectively.

In conclusion the BU Board recognise that there is a need to improve governance, transparency and communication and have commenced work on improving all three areas. We plan to keep you informed of progress and as we improve these areas you should see the results for yourself!

If you want to discuss these issues, or any others, any Board Member will be happy to discuss them with you. If you want to contact me you can do so either care of the Club or via emails at jon. gosling@beesunited.org.uk.

**Jon Gosling** 



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Wrexham have failed in their appeal to overturn their 10-point penalty for going into administration. The club could not convince an independent panel that their financial problems were down to unavoidable or unforeseeable circumstances and the punishment will stand.



#### WREXHAM

The Welsh outfit were the first League side to suffer the penalty, although Conference side Northwich were punished for a similar reason earlier this season, and had hoped it would be halved or taken away altogether.

Club secretary Geraint Parry told BBC Wales Sport: "We were in unchartered territory, but we had to try to get the points back. It could make the difference between us staying up and going down." Wrexham managed to stage their appeal thanks to businessmen and supporters who agreed to cover the £20,000 costs. The club suffered a further blow when rugby union side Llanelli Scarlets scrapped plans to play a Celtic League match at the Racecourse Ground in March on the same weekend as Wales play Ireland in the Six Nations. And their fortunes have also slumped on the pitch. Last Saturday they suffered their second 5-1 home defeat in four home games and fifth loss in their last eight matches to leave them four points adrift of safety.



DANNY ALLSOPP

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By contrast, Hull have been flying high at the other end of the table and went top on January 3 after winning 3-1 at Stockport - their eighth consecutive victory. They have slightly wobbled since, going out of the FA Cup 2-0 at home to Colchester and then only drawing 2-2 with Peterborough last Saturday to slip back down to second. One of the key figures in Hull's run has been Northern Ireland international midfielder Stuart Elliott who has hit 21 League goals this season and two in the Cups. However he is currently sidelined with a fractured cheekbone suffered on New Year's Day against Huddersfield and could be out for between four and eight weeks.



KEM IZZET

Elliott and our own Alex Rhodes are not the only League One players to have suffered serious injuries in recent weeks as Colchester midfielder Kem Izzet, brother of Birmingham's Muzzy, will miss the rest of the season because he needs another operation on a persistent ankle injury. Hull have also been in the news for other reasons with manager Peter Taylor revealing that the Football Association want him to run the England under-21 side full-time.

Taylor signed a contract extension with The Tigers last month and wanted to continue his international role on a part-time basis. He told the Hull Daily Mail: "Trevor would like me there full-time. He thinks I'm decent at under-21 level. "It's up to him to talk to the international committee to see if they are happy. They need to have a meeting but I'm hoping they will sort things out."

Meanwhile, Tuesday's visitors Barnsley have undergone changes in the boardroom with chairman Peter Ridsdale and chief executive David Walker resigning as directors of the club. Ridsdale, who only took charge at Oakwell in October 2003, has been replaced at the helm by director Gordon Shepherd.

More boardroom news in Yorkshire has seen Julian Rhodes becoming chairman and chief executive of Bradford after his takeover of the club last month.

Finally Colchester's hopes of moving into a new stadium have improved after deputy Prime Minister John Prescott decided not to call in the planning application for a stadium at Cuckoo Farm, according to BBC Essex. The club have been hoping to build a ground there for six years and will now need Colchester Borough Council to approve the plans for building work to begin.

#### IAN WESTBROOK





# MATCH-DAY HOSPITALITY - FA CUP 4th ROUND AT GRIFFIN PARK

The FA Cup remains the World's most prestigious domestic cup competition, and following our fantastic win at Luton Town, we find ourselves at home in the 4th Round to Hartlepool United. Our Match-Day Hospitality packages are proving to be more popular than ever, and it's not surprising when you consider the value for money our hospitality packages offer. If you're looking to entertain clients, treat your staff to a day out or simply looking to celebrate a family occasion in style then please call us in the Commercial Department now.

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Man of the match against Walsall was Deon Burton, who becomes the first player to win the award three times. Deon has also been runner-up twice. He can be seen here receiving his award from Slephen Smith.

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# PROGRAMME COLLECTORS CLUB

# SEASON 1946-47 PART 14

25 January 1947 FA Cup 4th Round Brentford (0) 0 v Leicester City (0) 0 Attendance: 32,112

Brentford: Crozier, Gorman, Munro, Macaulay, Smith G, Paterson, Hopkins, Scott. Townsend, Wilkins, Smith A

Leicester City: Calvert, Frame, Harrison J, Harrison W, Grogan, King, Griffiths, Revie, Dewis, Smith, Adam

Another sandy coloured cover for this F.A. Cup match. "Notes From The Hive" has glowing reports from recent wins, especially against league leaders Wolves. "Jottings From The Board Room" has snippets of club news, which include progress reports on the injured Stewart and McDonald. It also asked adults not to use the "Pen" behind the Ealing Road goal as it is for youngsters!! One of the "Do You Know?" questions asks, which is the only time in history has a player been sent off in two successive matches? The answer: James Turnbull of Manchester United in 1909, against Aston Villa and Sheffield United

The headlines were:- DRAW A FAIR RESULT OF CUP GAME – Brentford Forwards Lost Their Feet, But Defence Held – GORMAN AVERTS DISASTER –

Hopkins and Paterson Injured, But Should Be Fit Tomorrow.

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cup-tie at home to Leicester City, a 0-0 draw, was a fair reflection of play. A frozen pitch, covered with a thin, treacherously slippery layer of snow, made good football impossible. It was a game in which almost anything might have happened, and since it gives two fine teams the hope of being able to try conclusions against each other under better conditions tomorrow, the result is most satisfactory. The game was really a test of which side could keep its feet better on an extremely slippery ground, and in this it must be said that Leicester were the superior. This is not surprising, for balance and body control are not the best features of Brentford forwards' play. Alan Smith found his shortness of stature a great advantage and was in fact the steadiest of Brentford's forwards. Under better conditions, two splendid centres of his in the second half would almost certainly have been converted, but

each time Townsend lost his feet. and was unable to finish well enough to beat Calvert, in goal for Leicester. Brentford on the whole had rather more lucky escapes than Leicester. In the first half there were three occasions when Crozier was down and a Leicester forward past him with the ball. On the first two, danger was averted by Gorman's magnificent ability to deal with an emergency, and on the third, Macaulay's clear headed calmness saved his side. Overall the game could not be anything but poor and generally unexciting. There was none of the kind of enthusiasm, which was inspired by the two previous games against Cardiff and Wolves. One highly satisfactory feature, however, was the



TOWNSEND CHALLENGES CALVERT FOR THE BALL





sportsmanlike atmosphere in which it was played. There was very little unfair tackling, and the referee had a fairly easy time. Both sides, by their forbearance and respect for the risk of causing injury, earned the right to try again. Brentford, unluckily, suffered the greater number of casualties, but these were caused by falls for which Leicester players were not to blame.

30 January 1947 FA Cup 4th Round Replay Leicester City (0) 0 v Brentford (0) 0 Attendance: 20,339 (After Extra Time)

Receipts £2,230

Brentford: Crozier, Gorman, Munro, Macaulay, Smith G, Paterson, Hopkins, Scott, Townsend, Wilkins, Smith A

Leicester City: Calvert, Frame, Harrison J, Harrison W, Grogan, King, Griffiths, Revie, Dewis, Smith A, Adam

Measuring 8 3/4in x 5 11/16in, this dark sandy coloured programme contains only 4 pages. The front page has "Official Programme of the Leicester City" Football Club Company, Limited, at the top followed by a list of club Directors and details of the next match at Filbert Street. Page 2 has "Notes" which has an

#### GORMAN TAKES CONTROL OF THE BALL

extensive report on the first match at Griffin Park. Page 3 has team line-ups followed by "City Goal Scorers". Finally page 4 has Fixtures/ results for the 1st/ Combination teams. Printed by H. Gamble, Printer, Flint Street, Leicester. Price 2d.

#### The headlines were:- 'KEEPERS ARE THE STARS –

If either side had won the Cup replay on the Filbert Street football rink - and that's what the icy coating made the pitch yesterday, it would have been a travesty of Soccer justice. It was a match that should never have been played, and for that reason I am glad Leicester City and Brentford, after 210 minutes' play, are back where they started. They will continue the marathon on the Villa Park ground on Monday at 2.15 for the right to visit Newcastle in the Fifth Round. It was clear from the time the teams filed onto the field and Hopkins slid almost from one touchline to the other, practically into his right wing position, that the better sliders, not the most skilful team, would have the advantage. Both sides made great efforts to master the impossible conditions and keep their feet. They never quite succeeded doing either, but their wholehearted



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# **SEASON 1996-97** PART 14

11 January 1997 York City (1) 2 v Brentford (2) 4 Pepper pen 45, Asaba 7, 40, Pouton 80 Forster 53, 73 Attendance: 3.085

Brentford: Dearden, Hurdle, Anderson, Ashby, Bates, McGhee, Asaba, Smith, Forster, Omigie, Taylor Subs. Statham, Fernandes, Omigie (?)

York City: Clarke, McMillan, Atkinson, Pepper, Tutill, Barras, Murty, Pouton, Tolson, Bull, Stephenson Subs Himsworthy, Cresswell, n/k

Bournemouth	1-1	Rotherham
Bristol City	2-1	Burnley
Chesterfield	1-0	Bristol Rovers
Millwall	3-2	P.N.E
Plymouth	1-0	Crewe
Wrexham	3-3	Notts Co

Measuring 245mm x 165mm, multicoloured and containing 32 pages. The front page of the "York City" official match programme has an action shot. Page 3 has news & views of manager Alan Little along with a list of club



officials. Pages 4 & 5 have pen pictures of Brentford plus write-ups of previous meetings. Page 6 has "Recollections" which highlights old York City programmes. Page 9 has details of Yorks next match and details of the match sponsors. Page 10 has "Past times" which features season 1939-40. Page 13 has travel details. Page 14 has "In the wings" which has news from the reserves & intermediates team. Across pages 16 & 17 are action shots from the match against Wrexham. Page 19 has a

feature about York City left-wingers. Page 20 has "Second Glance" which has a list of the days fixtures & a league table. Page 22 has "Sponsor a Player" with "Junior Reds" on page 24. Page 27 has supporters' club news. Across pages 28 & 29 are facts & figures plus a guiz. There are more comments from Alan Little on page 30. Finally page 32 has team line-ups. The remaining 12 pages are made up of adverts. Designed and printed by maxiprint, York. Price £1.50p.

The headlines were:- Different Class - Brentford show they are ready to try their luck in a higher division - Forster and Asaba crush York.

Second Division leaders Brentford reached the 50 point mark as they chalked up an eighth away win. Carl Asaba scored his 17th of the season following Gus Hurdle's seventh minute ball into the area. He then doubled the lead on 40 minutes when he capitalised on good work from Robert Taylor to slide the ball home from just inside the box. However, just before half time



CRASH: Forster slides in to nip the ball past the advancing Bristol City goalkeeper Stuart Naylor.





BANC: Forster goes fiying as Naylor collides with defender Louis Carey, who ends up in hospital.



WALLOP: The ball slides past the post, leaving Forster to wonder what might have been

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down Alan Pouton to give Nigel Pepper the opportunity to score from the penalty spot. Despite the home side's positive start to the second half, the Bees wrapped up the match through two strikes – one from 30 yards – by Nick Forster. Pouton grabbed a late consolation goal but delighted Dave Webb said "It was the perfect result after an impressive team performance, although we defended sloppily towards the end to let them back into the game".

#### 18 January 1997 Brentford (0) 0 v Bristol City (0) 0 Attendance: 7,606

Brentford: Dearden, Hurdle, Anderson, Ashby, Bates, McGhee, Asaba, Smith, Forster, Statham, Taylor Subs. MacPherson, Fernandes, Omigie

Bristol City: Naylor, Owers, Barnard, Allen, Taylor, Hewlett, Bent, Carey, Agostino, Goater, Tinnion Subs Nugent, Paterson n/k

"David Webb Writes" highlights the frustrations of postponed matches at the last minute. "Two's Company" features recent sackings and activity in the transfer market. Martin Lange's "The easy chair" gives his views on the subject of nursery clubs. The Michael Wale interview features Marcus Bent. "Where are they now?" features Johnny Rainford.

#### The headlines were:- It's a stalemate – Title contenders draw a blank at Griffin Park - Bees show resilience.

Brentford demonstrated determined resilience to hold onto their 13 month unbeaten home record and stay top of the division against more skilful and experienced visitors. Bristol City buoyed by 2,000 noisy supporters, were clearly on a roll. Their neater attacks down both wings were continually thwarted by a Brentford side for whom Jamie Bates and Barry Ashby were outstanding. They covered for Gus Hurdle who suffered a nightmare game at right back, and helped out ljah Anderson as well as launching attacks – of the long ball variety – from the back. This has been part of Brentford's style of play for several seasons, with manager David Webb deciding that playmakers do not fit into the blend vital for success in the rough and tumble second division.

#### 21 January 1997 Brentford (0) 0 v Bristol Rovers(0) 0 Attendance: 4,191

Brentford: Dearden, Hurdle, Anderson, Ashby, Bates, McGhee, Asaba, Smith, Forster, MacPherson, Taylor Subs. Statham, Fernandes, Omigie

Bristol Rovers: Collett, Pritchard, Lockwood, Browning, White, Tilson, Miller, Skinner, Cureton, Archer, Beadle Subs n/k

"Two's Company" features the appointment of Sam Allardyce as the new Notts. County manager plus cup exploits of Division Two teams. Martin Lange's "The easy chair" discusses recent proposals in changes to the League Management structure. "Where are they now?" features Denny Mundee.

#### The headlines were:- Forster fails to break deadlock - What's happened to Jekyll and Hyde Bees?

Brentford were booed off the pitch after Bristol Rovers put a spanner in the wheels of their promotion push, holding them to their second goalless home draw in four days. Brentford failed to muster more

than a handful of chances against lan Holloway's side and left Griffin Park in a despondent mood as did 4,000 fans. Skipper Jamie Bates revealed " Everyone is really disappointed. The crowd got impatient which didn't help us. I think they got like they did because they are as desperate to get promotion as we are." Later, Webb said "We have oot to take our chances. If one of our shots had gone in it might have been a different story. In the second half we went into our shell. Nervousness came from the pitch and back onto the terraces and built up and we thought it was easier to boot the ball. The only thing we created after that was hostility from the crowd."

Burnley	3-1	Bury
18 January		
Blackpool	1-2	Crewe
Bristol Rovers	1-1	York
Luton	0-0	Wrexham
Notts Co	1-1	Gillingham
Peterborough	0-0	Plymouth
P.N.E	1-1	Watford
Rotherham	2-1	Wycombe
Shrewsbury	2-0	Chesterfield
Stockport	5-1	Millwall
Waisail	2-1	Bournemouth



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The review of the 1946-1947 and 1996-1997 season has been brought to you by the Programme Collectors Club. For more information about the Club please contact the secretary Dick Rattray, 6 The Sycamores Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstoad Herts HP3 0LN or call in and see Steve Hearne in the programme shop in Braemar Road.

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# KICK OFF AGAIN AT GPLZ

This week has seen a new intake of learning apprentices start at the GPLZ. We are pleased to welcome Year 7 apprentices from Brentford School For Girls and Hounslow Manor. Apprentices form Gunnersbury Catholic School will be attending for a further 10 weeks.

As part of their first session at the GPLZ they were asked why they wanted to be part of our exciting project and what they expected to gain from coming here. Here is a selection of their comments and we hope they are a fair reflection of the learning zone!

'To have more knowledge about computers and to walk out a happy person' Georgia, Brentford School For Girls

'To become a better reader and to be more brighter' Frankie, Brentford School For Girls

'I am looking forward to having my ID badge and the press conference, meeting the players and the ground tour'

Sophie, Brentford School For Girls

'To gain more confidence' Becky, Brentford School For Girls 'I am looking forward to meeting the players and working on the computers' Lucy, Hounslow Manor

'To have fun and enjoy. To learn new things and meet new friends. To learn how to use things like the video camera and making the lanyard.' Probjot, Hounslow Manor

'To have fun and meet some players. To go on the Internet, use the video recorders and digital cameras. To make new friends' Frankie, Hounslow Manor

During their first session the learning apprentices also designed and created an ID badge for them to wear during their time at GPLZ. They were initially designed and created on the p.c. with the finished work laminated and attached to our GPLZ lanyard. Some learning apprentices have been spotted wearing these at Brentford matches!

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learning zone

Here are two excellent examples of the I.D. badges from Apprentices from Hounslow Manor

The next few weeks will see our Learning Apprentices create new songs based on football and rugby, hold a press conference with representatives from the London Bronco's R.L.F.C. and Brentford F.C and learn how to a video camera.

As you can expect we are looking look forward to 5 more weeks of fun and learning with our new Learning Apprentices!

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# MATCH ACTIO



# BEES I

Bees: Nelson, Lawrence, Turner, Sodje, Frampton, Tabb, Hutchinson, Hargreaves, Rhodes (May 69), Rankin, Burton. Subs not used: Julian, Claridge, Fitzgerald &Salako. Scorer: Tabb 24



Saddlers: Murphy, Wright, Emblen, Bennett, Aranalde, Standing (McShane 42), D Taylor (Herivelto 76), Kinsella, Broad, Merson, Leitao (Robinson 76). Subs not used: Osborn & Wrack

Attendance: 5,084

Referee: S Tanner.

A Jay Tabb goal direct from a corner gave Brentford their first win of the Christmas and New Year period as Walsall were beaten 1-0 at Griffin Park. The score line could have been greater as Brentford created numerous chances and played some great football, especially in the first half.

Brentford attacked with vigour and purpose in the opening twenty minutes, with Eddie Hutchinson and Deon Burton at the centre of most of the Bees good work. Hutchinson shot wide after two minutes and later he and Burton combined to release Rhodes behind the Walsall back line, but goalkeeper Joe Murphy rushed from his line to smother at his feet.

Hutchinson headed wide on eight minutes, Burton headed straight at Murphy, Rhodes had a shot superbly saved by the Saddlers keeper and Frampton had an effort cleared off the line as Brentford dominated the early stages. Chris Hargreaves dragged a shot wide in the 22nd minute and Burton hit the foot of the post with a left footed shot a minute later after turning Neil Emblen inside out when Hutchinson played him in. Brentford's goal had to come and it did, in the 24th minute. Tabb swung in a corner from the right with his left foot, Hargreaves missed an attempted header and Murphy couldn't keep it out giving Tabb his second goal of the season and his first since August. The Bees continued to pour forward, Hutchinson had a shot saved by Murphy at the near post after Rhodes lay-off and Rhodes himself shot over from



THERE'S ONLY ONE WINNER HERE

ten yards after Burton had headed into his path. Hutchinson also headed over from a Rhodes cross as the half drew to a close with Brentford ahead.

Walsall offered little in the first half and it was Tabb who came closest to scoring for them, a clearing header was arrowing inside the post before Stuart Nelson dived full length to keep it out. Nelson also produced a fine save to deny Jorge Leitao after he raced on to a Mark Kinsella through ball.

The second half was a more even affair, but Brentford still could have added to their goal. Rhodes dragged a shot wide after Burton had put him through and had another shot from distance, which was off target. Michael Turner came close to his first Brentford goal when he headed over from a Jay Tabb corner.

Walsall had chances too, Mark Wright pulled a shot wide of goal after Leitao headed into his path and Sodje had to make a good tackle to prevent Daryl Taylor getting a shot on target. The closest the visitors came to snatching a point was in the 89th minute. Substitute Marvin Robinson worked some space for Zigor Aranalde but Nelson was equal to his shot and kept his side ahead. Harg-reaves and Burton had shots off target but a second goal wouldn't come and Brentford had to settle for a 1-0 win.

**Chris Wickham** 

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# The FA 😰 CUP

A lot has happened in the competition since our last column and full marks to both Yeading and Exeter City in the third round and also of course to the Perryman family, who had connections in both camps.

From a local point of view, the bulk of the publicity went to Yeading, who outplayed the mighty Newcastle in the first half of their tie at QPR. Two goals in the second half winning it for the (relieved) Geordies. This was apparently Newcastle's first win at the first attempt against non-league opposition, the previous ties going to replays. A ten thousand crowd though would surely have created a better atmosphere at GP! A lot has been written about the switching of this tie away from "The Warren". Having read up on this I do

not think Yeading had any choice but to switch the tie due to crowd safety reasons. This has of course led to a rethink at FA headquarters about the suitability of clubs having the facilities to stage big ties. It has been said that clubs will have to sign confirmations that they would be able to handle arrangements, should they draw a "top" club. How many clubs would be able to make such guarantees? How many clubs would expect to get that far? The most that many of our local sides, perhaps at the level of Hanwell or North Greenford, would expect would be the visit of the likes of Yeading, Wealdstone or AFC Wimbledon, or maybe the visit of a Conference side. To be honest this is a ridiculous thought by the FA which shows their shortsightedness and their willingness to pander to the needs of the Premiership, who would no doubt

wish all clubs outside their elite band be expelled from the competition!

Now Exeter and what a great result for the Grecians. It would have served Mr F right if the boys from Devon had sneaked a winner. If they had scored though, following recent events at Old Trafford, the officials would have found some reason to disallow the goal! I read somewhere that the linesman for the Spurs game had been labelled "visually challenged" by the Association of Optometrists. It is a shame that some of the presenters haven't got a clue what they are talking about. One I heard said that the replay was going to be in Newcastle! (failed GCSE Geography or just pure confusion over the ground name St James Park, home of Exeter and Newcastle).



MANCHESTER UTD V EXETER CITY

#### **FA TROPHY**

Last Saturday it was back to reality, where a non-league side is guaranteed to make the final. Yeading lost out in the last round to Billericay, who in the third round met Exeter (small world). Exeter again managed a draw (in Essex), but this time had to come back from 2-0 down to Justin Edinburgh's side. Little action from a local perspective. Hayes earned a draw away to Yate Town, but Hendon lost 4-3 at one of this seasons FA Cup giantkillers, Slough. Woking beat Stevenage in the Conference tie of the round, whilst Sutton lost to Grays.

#### AROUND AND ABOUT

Great result for Barrow who beat another former league side Scarborough, Aylesbury did well, winning at Conference side Forest Green. Recent winners Canvey Island strolled through at Bath City (3-0), biggest win was for Tamworth, 5-0 over Gresley, top Saturday crowd was 2,139 for Woking v Stevenage whilst the smallest was 84 at Leyton v Cheshunt. Due to flooding Carlisle were unable to play their game at home, but fortunately, near neighbours Workington were able to loan their ground and



Carlisle were able to knock out Redditch. Former Bee, Dean Holdsworth scored Havant and Waterloos winner at St Albans.

#### **BROTHERS IN ARMS**

Former Hayes brothers, Paul, Peter and Lee Holsgrove all scored for Windsor & Eton in their 3-3 draw with Heybridge Swifts. The Guinness book of records are investigating.

More non-league action next time!

Mark Harfield

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Swindon have had an average season so far and have bobbed along in mid-table for most of it. Although they were in the bottom six at the start of the season and briefly reached the play-off zone in September, the rest of the time has been spent a couple of places below the top six or around the halfway mark. This has been reflected in their results so far as, apart from a run of three consecutive wins in August and two together over Christmas, the second of which was against us, they have not won more than once in a row in the League at any other stage of the campaign.

Their most impressive result so far was a 4-2 defeat of Hull at the end of November, which was the last time The Tigers were beaten in the League. Almost inevitably Sam Parkin was on target twice in that match as the former Chelsea striker is far and away the club's leading scorer this season with 14 goals – another two of which came in last Saturday's 2-2 home draw with Blackpool. Swindon have won four times on the road this season, twice in their last three away matches. They picked up a 2-1 victory at M4 rivals Bristol City, triumphed 1-0 at Colchester, won 2-0 at Peterborough and 2-1 at Bradford. They have had mixed fortunes in the three Cup competitions. On Tuesday they travel to Southend in the southern semi-finals of the LDV Vans Trophy after winning 2-1 at Exeter and beating Bristol City 1-0 in earlier rounds and being given a bye in round one. They are the only League One side left in the southern section.

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Their FA Cup campaign started brightly with a 4-1 hammering of Sheffield Wednesday but they then could only draw 1-1 at home to Notts County before losing the replay to the League Two club 2-0. They hit a last-minute winner at Rushden in the Carling Cup first round before losing 1-0 at Leeds in round two. This is Swindon's fifth consecutive season in this Division after an eventful time in the 1990s during which they had one year in the Premiership.

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### THE MANAGER

Andy King is the fourth longestserving manager in League One (behind Peterborough's Barry Fry, Bournemouth's Sean O'Driscoll and Denis Smith of Wrexham) and 18th longest-serving in England, after replacing Roy Evans in December 2001 for his second spell in charge of the club. King was a coach at the County Ground while Colin Todd was in charge and took over from him as manager when he left in October 2000 and was at the helm until August 2001. He had started his managerial career with a three-year spell at Mansfield. He enjoyed a playing career as a striker at Luton (two spells), Everton (two spells), QPR, West Brom, SC Cambuur, Wolves and Aldershot.

### THE PLAYERS

(Squad numbers in brackets) Former England under-21 keeper Rhys Evans (1) (ex-Bristol Rovers, Chelsea, QPR, Leyton Orient) was in goal last Saturday with Steve Book (20) (ex-Forest Green and Cheltenham), who helped the Whaddon Road side reach the League, on the bench.

The back four consisted of youngster Luke Garrard (23) at right-back, versatile ex-trainee David Duke (11) on the other flank, with Matthew Heywood (19) (ex-Burnley) and reserve team coach Alan Reeves (18) (ex-Norwich, Chester, Rochdale and Wimbledon), twin brother of striker David, in the centre, although Jerel Ifil (12) (ex-Watford), is available today after suspension and could come in. Sean Hanlon (2) (ex-Everton) and Andrew Nicholas (15) (ex-Everton) are also both in the squad.

Last Saturday's midfield comprised Sammy Igoe (7) (ex-Portsmouth and Reading) on the right, on loan Derby player Lee Holmes (21) on the left and Welsh international Steve Jenkins (6) (ex-Swansea, Huddersfield, Cardiff, Notts County and Peterborough), who is usually a defender, and Grant Smith (3) (ex-Wycombe, Reading, Clyde, Sheffield United, Halifax and Livingston) in the middle. Steve Robinson (16) (ex-Birmingham), Brazilian-born American Stefani Miglioranzi (10) (ex-Portsmouth) and Brian Howard (17) (ex-Southampton) were all among the substitutes. Other midfielders at the club are captain Matthew Hewlett (4) (ex-Bristol City), who has been out with a neck problem, and youngsters

Michael Pook (22), Andy Caton (24) and Ben Wells (25).

Up front, Sam Parkin (9) (ex-Cheisea) partnered New Zealander Rory Fallon (8) (ex-Barnsley) with recent arrival Jamie Slabber (5), on loan from Tottenham for the rest of the season, on the bench. Christian Roberts (14) (ex-Cardiff, Exeter and Bristol City) is out following a hernia operation.









#### LAST TIME

This is our second meeting in a month with Swindon following our 3-0 defeat on Boxing Day in which Matthew Hewlett, Brian Howard and Sam Parkin scored. They were last here on the Saturday before Christmas in 2003 and returned home with all three points courtesy of second half goals from Howard and Parkin. They climbed to 11th in the table while we slumped to 18th. Their previous visit on August Bank Holiday Monday 2002

provided one of the high points of our season as we beat them 3-1 to go top of the table. Rowan Vine put us 2-0 up inside 14 minutes with his first goals at Griffin Park and Mark McCammon made sure of the victory 12 minutes from time. Swindon's goal came in the 17th minute from on loan Manchester United winger Jimmy Davis, who was so tragically killed in a car crash at the start of last season while on loan at Watford. The defeat dropped Swindon down five places in the table to 10th.


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## YOUTH REVIEW

### Saturday 8th January Portsmouth 1 BEES 2

With only nine players available to play against Portsmouth, it was again time to bring in the schoolboys to play and back up the full timers. None of the third year scholars were available and Ryan Peters was nursing an injury.

To look at the lads performing you wouldn't have guessed it. We took the game to Pompey and things were going well until a mistake led to a break away and they took the lead. Undaunted, we pressed on and deservedly equalised just before half time from a Ryan Watts corner which went straight in, with, it has to be said, several players all stretching to try and get the final touch.

Tactically we made a few changes during the break to change the game plan and in the second half we looked comfortable. Another goal from Ryan Watts proved to be enough but one or two more goals would not have flattered us.

Bees: Masters, Howell, Charles, Osborne, Steele, Weight, Moleski, Montague, C Muldowney, Ide, Watts. Subs unused: Brooks, Moore & Carder. Scorer: Watts 2





as at 21st January	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Leyton Orient	15	9	3	3	22	11	11	30
2 Queens Park Rangers	15	8	4	3	27	16	11	28
3 BEES	15	6	8	1	26	19	7	26
4 Portsmouth	14	6	3	5	26	23	3	21
5 Brighton & Hove Albion	15	5	4	6	26	21	5	19
6 Colchester United	16	5	4	7	19	20	-1	19
7 Gillingham	15	4	5	6	25	36	-11	17
8 Southend United	14	3	4	7	18	29	-11	13
9 Wycombe Wanderers	15	1	5	9	15	29	-14	8

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DATE	TEAM	H/A	RESULT
Sat Aug 14	Gillingham	A	2-2
Sat Sep 4	Brighton and Hove Albion	A	3-2
Sat Sep 11	Portsmouth	H	1-1
Sat Sep 18	Southend United	A	1-1
Sat Sep 25	Leyton Orient	H	2-0
Sat Oct 2	Queens Park Rangers Cup R1	A	1-2
Sat Oct 9	Queens Park Rangers	A	3-3
Sat Oct 16	Wycombe Wanderers	A	0-0
Sat Oct 23	Colchester United	H	1-1
Sat Nov 6	Southend United	H	4-1
Sat Nov 13	Leyton Orient	A	0-3
Sat Nov 20	Queens Park Rangers	Harris	2-1
Sat Dec 4	Wycombe Wanderers	H	3-1
Sat Dec 11	Colchester United	A	1-1
Sat Dec 18	Gillingham	H	1-1
Sat Jan 8	Portsmouth	A	2-1
Sat Jan 22	Brighton and Hove Albion	States -	

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### CENTRE UPDATE

While the Centre boys have been having their mid season break work has not stopped for the staff, especially Richard Dobson and myself. Planning and preparation has continued and the paperwork doesn't go away because the matches temporarily come to a halt. Because we are not allowed to play games during this break we take the opportunity to get the coaching staff together for 'in-house, in-service training'. Not just because it is a requirement of the Football Association's Charter for Quality, but because we genuinely believe in it. One of the few times in a season when all the full and part-time coaches and volunteers can get together to

discuss things and have an active part in shaping what we do. It's rare that we can all be together as obviously the staff train at different times and some are home while the others are away etc.

This time it was a bit special as the Gaffer and Adrian Whitbread gave up their Sunday to join us. When I told them about what we were doing and why, they didn't hesitate in agreeing to come in and take part despite the previous couple of weeks being hectic and of course having played and beaten Luton in the FA Cup the previous day. The morning session was done by Martin and Whit to show the Centre coaches some of the daily routines the pro's use and give them some ideas and provoke thought on what they the coaches do. We brought our 15's squad in to be coached so they got a good workout as well. Martin and Adi were very open taking and asking questions at length after the practical work. We then had a working lunch together which makes it more social. I led the monitoring and review section of the season so far and we had an open discussion on the changes I personally have found from coaching Centres players, to now coaching full time players as well. Some of the things that occur have helped me develop ideas and practices for the younger ones and as we always say, if you've done it before can you do it better next time.

Barry Quin



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# VALIANTS O

Valiants: Brain, Walsh (Birchall 63), Pilkington, Collins, Brown, Abbey, Reid, Hulbert (Widdrington 76), Smith, Paynter, Eldershaw (Lowndes 63) Subs not used: Anyon & Hanson.



BEES I

Bees: Nelson, Dobson, Sodje, Turner, Myers (Salako 45), Rankin, Hargreaves, Hutchinson, Talbot (Tabb 60), May, Burton. Subs not used: Julian, Fitzgerald & Lee. Scorer: Hutchinson 29.

Attendance: 4,230 (Bees fans 251)

#### Referee: C Oliver.

Eddie Hutchinson's first goal of the season gave Brentford a great away win at Vale Park. It was the Bees first win at Port Vale since the 1966/67 season and meant they extended their winning run to three games, without conceding a goal.

The visitors could have been ahead after only three minutes. Isaiah Rankin, reveiling in his new role, took on Ryan Brown and drilled in a shot which slipped just past the far post, evading the onrushing Ben May by inches. Port Vale also caused early problems, George Abbey curled in a sixth minute free kick which slipped just wide of the far post. The same player forced Stuart Nelson into a save in the ninth minute with a ferocious right footed shot from 25 yards, and a minute later Levi Reid had a shot deflected narrowly over. Slowly but surely Brentford began to take control, May blasted over from only 5 yards in the 19th minute after Burton had turned Stewart Talbot's free kick back across goal, and Hutchinson headed wide from a Myers cross.

Brentford took the lead in the 29th minute; Dobson floated a free kick to the far post, May headed down and the ball dropped to Hutchinson 10 yards from goal. He fired low past Jon Brain in the Port Vale goal for his first goal of the season. The Bees could have been two up when Sodje failed to make good contact with a Talbot corner when unmarked, and Rankin had another good effort which slipped narrowly wide of the far post after he had run from the half way line. Port Vale stepped up a gear as half time approached, captain Sam Collins had a couple of good headers from corners which were off target but their best chance fell to Billy Paynter. He



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controlled a long ball in the 39th minute, and his first touch took it around Nelson but his goal bound effort was deflected for a corner by Sodje. Brentford could have had a second early in the second half, Rankin again the danger man. He did excellently down the right, slipping past Brown and firing in a shot which eluded everyone. Rankin went even closer in the 55th minute. Half time substitute John Salako went on a weaving run into the Port Vale half, his lay off was smacked against the cross bar with Brain well beaten.

It was the home side who had the majority of the play after the break, with Paynter an influential figure. A good run down the right got him clear of the Bees backline; he cut it back to Jeff Smith who blazed the ball over the bar from only seven yards. Nelson denied Robin Hulbert an equaliser in the 56th minute. Paynter laid the ball to him on the edge of the box and his curling effort looked destined for the bottom corner before Nelson intervened. Smith had another shot saved by Nelson in the 73rd minute as he made space in the penalty area. Vale's best chance came in the 77th minute when a corner was only half cleared. George Pilkington headed back into the danger zone and Paynter swivelled and volleyed from only four yards, but Nelson was there yet again for The Bees.

Nelson saved his best until last, Paynter cut inside and curled a shot that looked destined for the top corner, but the Brentford keeper was again there to keep Port Vale at bay. That was as close as the home side came to getting an equaliser as Brentford defended well and claimed the points.

Chris Wickham

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## CHARLIE MULDOWNEY

Age: 17 Position: Striker Previous Clubs: Kingstonian Colts

When did you first play football? When I was nine for Kingstonian Colts

What was your best footballing experience so far? Scoring two goals in the FA Youth Cup

What do you think is your best attribute? Scoring goals

Who has been the biggest influence on your career so far? My parents

Which player do you most like to watch? Wayne Rooney

Which other sports do you enjoy? Just football

Which is the last CD you bought? I bought a Nelly CD for my Mum

Which was the last film you saw? Underworld

What's your favourite TV programme? Little Britain

What is your ambition? To play for my country and get a pro contract

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### BARRY QUIN ON CHARLIE

Charlie is a first year apprentice but has a lot of experience at this level as he did extended work experience with us last season. He plays up front and loves any chance at all to shoot and of course score a goal. He can play in mid-field and as a schoolboy often played as a centre half for me during his years at the Centre of Excellence. Charlie lives in Isleworth and started training with us at an early age even before he could play for us. Just like his older cousin Luke, he has always shown a desire to play at the highest level and I have watched him develop and channel his energy and natural aggression towards that aim. He is a lively trainer and is always in the middle of things when we are working on the training pitches. He has a good sense of humour but can sometimes be hard on himself if he makes a mistake. Charlie, like the rest of the lads will often go back out on his own or with a couple of team mates and practice, I like that. No matter what we do he wants to win, I like that too. It's just his choice in hats I struggle with.





# MANAGERS (continued)



### JOHN DOCHERTY January 1975 - September 1976

Ρ	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
69	23	20	26	82	81	66

John is the only person to sign a Brentford contract on five separate occasions, three as a player, one as a manager and a fifth as assistant manager. He arrived from Glasgow Juniors side St. Rochs, one of the many young Scots to join Brentford in the late 1950's when Malcolm McDonald was manager. A small, nippy winger, he had just 17 league appearances under his belt when Sheffield United tempted with a

> £17,000 transfer fee to take him north to Bramall Lane, at the time a new Club record. Less than four years later he made his first re-entry and following a brief stay at Reading was back at Griffin Park to complete almost 300 senior appearances for the Bees before joining QPR as a coach in July 1974. At the time of his appointment as manager of Brentford early the following vear, the Club's fortunes were at their lowest ebb for 50 years. The team was floundering at the wrong end of Division Four and with money tight there was little prospect of the situation improving. But, in a taster of

things to come, the Bees beat local rivals Reading 1-0 in his first game and by virtue of just three defeats in 19, made up lost ground to finish 8th. The good work continued into the next season, and by Christmas promotion was a very real prospect. Sadly, it all then went wrong and Brentford slithered out of contention. Seven games into the 1976-77 campaign and without a win to their name, Docherty threw in the towel and resigned. He was not out of work long as he joined Ron Atkinson's Cambridge United as assistant manager, helping them to successive promotions to Division Two. Atkinson left to manager West Bromwich Albion, and John moved up a peg and kept them in Division Two for five seasons, a tremendous feat considering their poor gates. He left the Abbey stadium in December 1983 and a few months later was back at Griffin Park as assistant manager to Frank McLintock, It didn't really work out and in a role reversal the pair moved to Millwall in the summer of 1986. The following season he took Millwall into the top flight for the first time in their history, finishing a respectable ninth at the first time of asking. John left Millwall, now back in Division Two in March 1990, and subsequently managed Bradford City, Slough in the Conference and in 1997 briefly returned to Millwall, by then based at the New Den.

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### BILL DODGIN (JUNIOR) September 1976-April 1980

Ρ	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
172	70	37	65	26	6239	177

Bill was beyond doubt one of the best. and most under rated manager/ coaches of his era, a football purist who beavered away behind the scenes and let his teams do the talking out on the pitch. Since joining the league in 1920 Brentford have had 27 different managers, few of whom, apart from Bill, achieved much elsewhere. The young Dodgin, whose father preceded him at Griffin Park between 1953-57, arrived in the autumn of 1976 boasting a CV second to none. Following a playing career that had seen him make almost 300 league appearances at centre half. He played for Fulham (104) and Arsenal (191) and played for England at under-23 level, Bill joined Millwall as coach under future Bees manager Billy Gray, achieving promotion from the Third Division in his first year, 1966. Twelve months later it was QPR who saluted Bill's know-how as a coach as our near neighbours became the first Third Division side to win at Wembley when they came from two down to beat West Bromwich Albion 3-2 in the final of the League Cup.

For good measure Rangers finished at the top of the Third Division as well, and continued to capture the headlines by strolling straight through to the

top-flight twelve months later. The triumphs continued in the seventies as Fulham were promoted to Division Two in 1971 and Northampton were elevated from Division Four in 1976 taking his sequence of promotions to five in 11 years, an unparalleled run of success at the time. Bill did not remain at the County Ground to savour the fruits of his hard work and instead chose to take on struggling Brentford. The Club was almost submerged in apathy and just weeks before his appointment Griffin Park had its lowest ever opening day league attendance (3,903). It took time to turnaround the Club's fortunes and by the middle of February the side was in dire straights. 7 points adrift of the safety line at the foot of Division Four. A number of astute dealings in the transfer market turned things around and after emulating Harry Houdini, a revitalised Bees won promotion in the season which followed. The manner in which it was achieved had fans flocking back to Griffin Park and the average gate of 8,578 has not

been beaten since. Bill resigned in April 1980 and had further spells in management at Northampton and Woking before joining Brighton as chief scout under former Brentford player Barry Lloyd. Altogether he spent the best part of 45 years in the game before calling it a day.

#### **GRAHAM HAYNES**



BILL DODGIN (JUNIOR)

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"Aimhigher is a project that encourages the aspirations and talent of local youngsters and we supported the work of Brentford Football in the Community as they share our aim," said Jan Parnell from Aimhigher.

Following the Talent ID coached session; individuals will then be invited to attend a new 'Brentford FitC Aimhigher Training Programme'

starting on the 27th January held at Featherstone Sports Centre. The programme will develop school to club based activity, and build on the fastest growing sport in the country. Thanks must go to Jonathan Kirby from Active Ealing, Jan Parnell and the FITC coaching staff for all there help and support in the establishment of this programme.

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# CHERRIES 3

Cherries: Moss, Young, Broad and Maher, O (Purches 85), Spicer (Rodrigues and Stock, E (Browning 67), Fletcher. Subs not used: Stewart & Holmes Scorers: Fletcher 5, 35, 58.

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Bees: Nelson, Sodje, Turner, Fitzgerald (Claridge 85), Fram Rankin, Hutchinson, Hargreaves, Salako (Tabb 45), May, Bur (Rhodes 45). Subs not used: Julian & Lawrence.

Scorer: Rankin 50,65.

Attendance: 8,072 (Bees fans 954)

Referee: J Ross





### BEN'S SOMEWHAT HAMPERED

A valiant second half fight back was not quite enough for Brentford as a Steve Fletcher hat-trick gave AFC Bournemouth a 3-2 victory. Two goals from Isaiah Rankin gave Brentford hope but they couldn't find an equaliser.

Brentford found themselves behind before the game had a chance to settle down. Wade Elliott got past Andrew Frampton and drilled in a shot, Stuart Nelson could only party it into the path of Fletcher who had the easiest of tasks to give Bournemouth a 5th minute lead. Fletcher got the second in the 35th minute. Elliott was again the creator, floating a beautiful cross to the back post where Fletcher rose and powered a header into the bottom corner. John Spicer forced Nelson into a low save, and Warren Cummins fired over the bar after a long run from left back as Bournemouth pushed forward. Nell Young missed a golden chance to put the game beyond Brentford when Fletcher got in behind the Brentford defence and squared to him, but he dragged the ball wide of the gaping goal. A long range shot from Deon Burton which was off target and one from John Salako which was straight at Nell Moss in the home goal was all Brentford could muster in the first half.

The second half was a completely different story, with Brentford playing the sort of football Martin Allen would have wanted. The Bees boss changed things at half time, bringing on Jay Tabb and ISAIAH'S OVERHEAD KICK DESTINED FOR THE NET

Alex Rhodes and moving Rankin up front to partner Ben May. Rankin repaid his manager in the 50th with a goal out of nothing. A long thrown from Frampton fell to him and he managed to loop the ball over Moss and into the far corner with an overhead effort. Bournemouth seemed to be rattled by the goal and with The Bees huge second half improvement when Fletcher completed his hat trick with a 58th minute goal, it was against the run of play. Connell picked up a loose ball on the right after a corner and his cross was headed home by Fletcher at the far post. But Brentford refused to be beaten and came forward again looking for a way back into the game. Sodje headed narrowly wide from a Hargreaves cross in the 62nd minute and three minutes later Rankin scored his second.

Rhodes knocked the ball into May who's lay off evaded Hutchinson but fell to Rankin who curled it into the top corner from 25 yards. Bournemouth came close to extending their lead in the games later stages. Spicer forced Nelson into a good save and then blasted the re-bound over and Elliott also tested Nelson from distance. At the other end Brentford tried to fashion their third goal, and threw Steve Claridge on in an attempt to get it. Rhodes almost latched on to a loose ball in the penalty area. Hutchinson volleyed over and May had the ball taken off his foot inside the area but the goal would not come.

**Chris Wickham** 

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**BRENTFORD:** Stuart Nelson, Michael Dobson, Scott Fitzgerald, Stewart Turner, Andy Myers, Andy Frampton, Jay Tabb, Sam Sodje, Deon Burton, Isaiah Rankin, John Salako, Alan Julian, Stephen Hunt, Matt Harrold, San Lee, George Moleski, Karleigh Osborne.

Attendance: 600 (away fans 0)

#### Referee: Dermot Gallagher



A "fifteen goal fest" was the fare for the 600 who attended last weeks Real Brentford vs Brentford match at Griffin Park.

An idea launched by manager Martin Allen a couple of months ago, and which, due to rearranged fixtures, had to be postponed twice, eventually manifested itself at Griffin Park on Tuesday of last week.

Thirty supporters had paid for the privilege of pitching their footballing talents against those who they stand and admire week in week out. They did so under the guise of Real Brentford with Martin Allen as their manager, while regular First Team Coach, Adrian Whitbread, managed the Brentford side. Prior to the kick off each of the Brentford players tried their luck in the glare of the Soccer AM cameras to hit the woodwork cleanly from the half way line. In the "Crossbar Challenge" only Scott Fitzgerald managed to hit the bar, but only after the ball had taken a bounce. A few of the others went close while Sam Sodje would have excelled had the competition been called "As many bounces as possible before the ball crosses the byeline competition".

The unique match, which also attracted Sky Sports coverage, was officiated by Dermot Gallagher. Brentford led 4-0 at the break with Deon Burton and Isaiah Rankin sharing the goals equally. The fact that Real Brentford played a 5-5-4 system (yes, with the keeper that does add up to 15), and made fifteen substitutions during the opening half, they still failed to make their numbers count.

Before a half hour had elapsed in the second half the new scoreboards were tested as the operator, up to that point, had been unsure whether there was a double figure option in the goals scored column. When the figures 1 and 0 appeared side by side on the screen he had his answer. The additional six goals had come courtesy of a Ben May hat trick, a Matt Harrold brace and a single strike by Stephen Hunt. But in the remaining ten minutes the game took a turn.



FITZGERALD CALLOUSLY SCYTHES DOWN MARTIN ALLEN

Brentford who by now had decreased their team to nine, added to their goal tally through a brace from John Salako who was lucky not to get yellow carded for his over zealous goal celebration in front of the away end. Had there been anyone there it could easily have caused a problem. But while Brentford scored two, Martin Allen's charges found the back of the net on three occasions. Thomas Sanders took the initial plaudits when he pulled a goal back to reduce the deficit. Then the inclusion of the Player/Manager resulted in a penalty when he was callously scythed down in the area. Young Dale Wood stepped up to blast the ball high into the top right hand corner.

Real Brentford's final goal, which meant that they had in effect won the final stage of the game 3-2, was scored by Ricky Simons who went on to collect the Man of the Match award from Martin Allen. Martin Allen's last throw of the dice was to introduce all of his substitutes for the final two minutes. However the disparity between the size of the two teams failed to reduce the goal deficit, and the final score remained at 3-12... the first time such a score line has been witnessed at Griffin Park.

Two other post match awards were presented by Martin Allen. Goalkeeper Daniel Taylor was offered the opportunity of one day's training with the First Team while one of his teammates collected the "Worst Performance of the Night" award. To protect his reputation we have decided not to mention Phillip's sumame (Editor's note: in this paragraph).

In the short term the supporters played their part in the ongoing return to match fitness of both Michael Dobson and Stephen Hunt. In the long term, no doubt the evening will remain in the supporters' memories for what it was...a Very Special Night.

Peter Gilham

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Keen Scouter Ron Cooper is well aware of the Scouts' motto - Be Prepared.

So when the call went out for Brentford fans to do what they could to help save the Bees, Ron was ready to do whatever he could.

And it was then that his activities with the Scouts came to the fore - and the Spare Change for Brentford idea came about. "I used to see the collectors with their buckets on match days, and I noticed that when they stood in the ground forecourts asking for donations it was obviously the adults who were the main contributors," he explains.

"But I thought that young supporters might also like to help - although they couldn't put much into the buckets, I reckoned that if they had a tin to use at home or at school they could put their loose change in it and build it up. I reckoned they could even ask their grandparents and other relations, who may still have an affinity to the Bees but can't now get to games, to help.

"The youngsters responded - and surprisingly, along with them many adults have now also taken up the tin challenge magnificently."

The result is that although still in its infancy, the Spare Change for Brentford fund raising scheme that Ron organised for Bees United has now had 155 tins opened and provided the Club with much-needed funds -over  $\pounds 2,150$  in just half a season. Amounts found in a tin ranged from  $\pounds 3$  to  $\pounds 54$ 

Ron is very proud of the contribution the youngsters, in particular, are making – especially as he has himself supported Brentford since his own early days. "My Patrol Leader in the Scouts kept on about the Bees, and as a result my first interest was to look for the team's results in the newspapers," he explains.

His first match was Brentford's first game in the old Division Four - and the Bees lost. They also lost the next match - the first two home games that season - but then only lost one more and went up as champions. Ron was really hooked.

"In those days I would cycle from Greenford and park my bike in someone's garden for sixpence," he recalls.

Things have changed since then. Ron now lives in High Wycombe, and his involvement with the Scout Movement now covers over 40 years - during which he produced the High Wycombe Gang Show for 17 years and is currently organising the Scout Centenary celebration for Buckinghamshire in 2007.

On a personal note, he is married to Val ("who accepts my passion for Brentford") and has three sons – Andrew, a keen Bees supporter who prior to this season commentated for the blind on match days as well as writing for the Beesotted fan magazine. He still keeps up with all the Griffin Park news although he currently lives in Hong Kong. Ian, for some unaccountable reason, supports Wycombe; while Neil supports no one.

Ron also has two brothers who both support Brentford - Peter, who now lives in America started



a supporters football team, Brentford Generals, who counted Peter Gilham amongst its players with Bees' legend Tom Higginson taking them for training, and another brother Steve who still comes along to Griffin Park occasionally.

Ron is himself the Housing Advisor for the University in High Wycombe, and has been a magistrate for 18 years. He got his first taste helping Brentford in the first crisis in 1967, when the Club he has supported since boyhood was almost taken over by a certain near neighbour.

"That year, I spent my summer evenings along with my brother painting the dressing rooms and crash barriers," he recalls. "It was a task that I repeated during the last close season. Maybe a crisis brings out the painter in me!"

He is a keen member of Bees United, the Supporters' Trust, and stood in both elections to the Club board and the Trust last year, not expecting to win but to add a little competition to the proceedings. "I feel the right people, Graham Hall and Jon Gosling, were elected," he adds.

Most importantly, though, he now runs the Spare Change for Brentford scheme. Originally, he estimated that the small change youngsters could put in a tin would amount to seven pound - and on this basis Bees United agreed to buy 500 tins. Ron found a supplier for the tins, Paul Stedman produced the labels, and Ron then spent a couple of evenings sticking them on the tins. "We first distributed the tins at the Wycombe and Bournemouth home games last season," he goes on.

"Now, people can take a tin from the Club Shop or information point outside the Griffin pub on match days, and once full can return them to the Club Shop or information point, collect another tin and start all over again. The beauty of the scheme is that it is on-going and can generate a steady income.

"I collect the tins after every home game and take them home. Once opened, the name of the collector goes on a spreadsheet along with the amount. I then pay the money into a local bank in amounts that do not upset the cashiers. The amount that each individual collects is passed to Bees United and posted on their website so people can see how much they have collected. "It is time consuming, but made worthwhile by the terrific response we have had. Our original estimate of £3,500 looks set to be beaten. It is proposed to offer a small prize to an adult and young supporter at the end of the season."

Best of all, it is encouraging young supporters in particular to get involved with the Club.

"I would like to do more for the Club, who have been so much part of my life," Ron sums it all up. "We all want what is best for Brentford and I feel confident that we will survive and move forward in all areas especially with Martin Allen's infectious personality coursing its way through the Club."

\*Ron plans to present Bees United chairman Brian Burgess with a cheque at this afternoon's game and give the people who have tins a reminder to fill them and return them.

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#### CRICKET

Great to see England back in winning action against the South Africans. A sensational turnaround earlier in the week put the smiles back on everybody's faces. However one of the biggest cricket stories in the last few weeks was the toppling of the tree at Kent's Canterbury ground during the recent storms.

#### SUPERSTARS

Back on the box, this year's competition is now in full swing with Cyrille Regis's cousin John, winning the Masters' event, nice one. Last years event included future Bee to be Steve Claridge. I won't mention my favourite Superstars moment (Kevin Keegan falling off his bike), but if anyone else would like to let us know their classic moment (perhaps Bees related), then send it to me.

### SCHOTTS SPORTING GAMING AND IDLING MISCELLANY

Got a copy of this excellent little publication in my Christmas stocking this year. This is a fascinating little book and ideal for reading on the toilet. perhaps the best time to read. If you ever need to know the rules of Shove ha'penny or the typology of competitive Boomerang throwing then this is the book for you.



From the book, here are the vehicles from the classic cartoon series the Wacky Races, but can you name the drivers?

The Mean Machine, The Bouldermobile The Creepy Coupe, The Ring a ding convert a car, The Crimson Haybailer, The Compact Pussycat, The Army Surplus Special, The Bullet Proof Bomb, The Arkansas Chug A Bug. The Turbo Terrific. The Buzzwagon

Bear, Peter Perfect, Ruhus, Ruthout and Sawtooth.

### THIS WEEK'S WINTER SPORT

### **ICE SKATING**

Ice skating is one of the few Winter sports that you can easily participate in, even in the Summer. Perhaps inspired by David Seaman's victory in the Christmas Ice Dancing special on the Beeb, the Harfield family booked tickets for the open-air rink at Hampton Court. To be honest I am not a regular participant and had not skated for a year (since last January's visit to be precise) and it took me a while to get in my stride. In the shadow of the magnificent Palace, I was able to skate around the rink, without holding on within half an hour. It then got a bit boring simply going round and round and round with only the occasional fall to break the monotony. To be honest one hour Ice Skating is enough for anyone. Fortunately Mrs H was unable to participate so Torville and Dean still have nothing to worry about!

Ice skating entertainment value 7/10, however 10/10 watching others fall over.



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Hull City	27	11	2	1	29	10	7	1	5	26	25	57	+20
Tranmere	28	9	3	2	27	14	6	4	4	20	21	52	+12
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Hartlepool	27	11	2	0	31	12	3	2	9	16	26	46	+9
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Bournemouth	26	7	5	2	28	17	5	2	5	16	16	43	+11
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Bradford	27	5	4	4	22	19	7	2	5	14	16	42	+1
Doncaster	28	7	6	1	22	13	3	4	7	15	26	40	-2
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Barnsley	27	5	5	4	23	19	4	5	4	18	15	37	+7
Chesterfield	27	7	5	1	20	10	2	4	8	12	23	36	-1
Huddersfield	28	5	4	5	20	18	4	4	6	22	23	35	+1
Walsall	27	8	3	3	25	18	1	5	7	14	24	35	-3
Oidham	27	7	3	4	30	22	2	3	8	10	20	33	-2
Port Vale	28	7	1	6	19	18	3	1	10	11	23	32	-11
Colchester	26	4	2	6	14	15	4	5	5	21	17	31	+3
Torquay	28	3	3	8	14	22	3	6	5	18	25	27	-15
Blackpool	27	2	5	6	15	22	4	3	7	18	19	26	-8
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Peterborough	28	4	5	5	20	15	1	4	9	13	25	24	-7
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## **BEES PLAYER APPEARANCES 2004/05**

PLAYER NAME			LEAGUE CUP APPS GOAL	APPS GOAL	
D BURTON	23 (1) 6	3	1		27 (1) 6
S CLARIDGE	3(1)				3(1) 0
M DOBSON	7 1		1		8 1
S FITZGERALD	8	1	1	1	12 C
A FRAMPTON	22 (1)	4 1	1		27 (1) 1
C HARGREAVES	25 2	5 1	1		31 3
M HARROLD	2 (9)	1 (2)		1	4(11) 0
SHILLIER				1	1 0
S HUNT	7 (1)			1	8(1) 0
E HUTCHINSON	3 1	1 (1)			4(1) 1
A JULIAN				1	1 0
J LAWRENCE	7 (6)	3 (1)		1	11(7) 0
J LENNIE				(1)	0 (1)
B MAY	4 (3) 1	3			7 (3) 1
J MORRISON					1
L MULDOWNEY				(1)	(1) 0
A MYERS	5 (2)	1	1	1	8(2) 0
S NELSON	27	5	1		33 0
K O CONNOR	18 (5) 2	4	1		23 (5) 2
R PACQUETTE	1				1 0
J PALMER				1	1 0
R PETERS	(3)		1	1	2 (3) 0
I RANKIN	22 (4) 6	4 (1)	(1)		26 (6) 6
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M SOMNER	1 (1)				1 (1) 0
J TABB	16 (6) 2	2 (3) 1	(1)	T	19 (10) 3
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### MASCOTS

Conor Collins, Ryan Gaffney, **Connor Lynott &** Taylor Morgan-Pitt.

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