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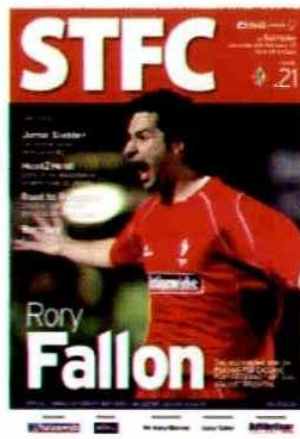
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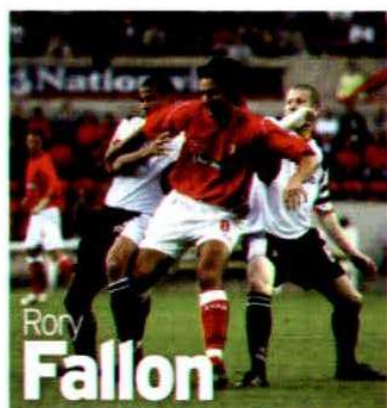


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EditorsNotes

Last weekend's result at Boundary Park was a great lift for everyone connected with the club.

After a difficult previous week, the journey South from Oldham was made somewhat easier having taken all three points.

Barnsley arrive here undefeated since 20th November 2004 when they lost 3-2, ironically, at our last opponents Oldham Athletic. The

Tykes have put together a solid unbeaten run - something we will have to put a stop to if we are to further our play-off ambitions.

Don't forget that after today's game the first place to read a full match report and reaction from Manager Andy King is at Swindontownfc.co.uk with highlights on STFC World from Monday morning.

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**Football League Transfer Window Update...
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Transfer Window

The Football League has written to its member clubs confirming that it has been unable to secure any further concessions from FIFA over the future implementation of transfer windows in its league competition.

Despite campaigning strongly against FIFA's

transfer regulations for the last three seasons, The League has now been notified by the world governing body that its dispensation from transfer windows will not continue beyond the end of the season.

League officers have met with FIFA officials on a number of occasions and have argued that the introduction of transfer

windows would place additional financial pressures on clubs that have traditionally traded players to enable them to continue in business.

Football League Head of Communications John Nagle said: "For some time we have been seeking to persuade FIFA to continue our dispensation to trade amongst ourselves on a year-round basis and to allow us to trade, on the same basis, with Premier League clubs.

the next meeting of all clubs in March.

Walsh Departs

Swindon Town Assistant Manager Mike Walsh has left the club by mutual consent.

Walsh rejoined Swindon Town last summer but after holding talks with Manager Andy King a week ago it was decided that his association with the club should come to an end.

At this stage King has stated that Alan Reeves and Ian Woan will step up into an advanced coaching role for the immediate future.

"It has been decided that Mike will leave the club and at this moment in time the choice is that we are moving on. Unfortunately under the circumstances a decision has been made and he will not be continuing in the role of Assistant Manager and he has left the club."

Winning: The Pools

Hartlepool United have taken a double award in the monthly honours after Adam Boyd followed

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Hello, good afternoon and welcome to The County Ground for the visit of Barnsley.

The Oldham Athletic game was a good result from two points of view. Firstly a welcome three points came our way and secondly the size of our squad, which enabled us to have a very strong bench for the first time in several months.

The only problem I have at the time of writing is Christian Roberts. His progress has been hampered by firstly infection and swelling underneath the wound which required aspiration. I am hopeful that the coming weeks will be much more straight forward and I look forward to an ever increasing workload in an attempt to get Christian available again.



"Disappointingly we have been unable to secure any further concessions and FIFA have now confirmed that revised rules governing the Status and Transfer of Players were recently approved by their Executive Committee, with the intention that these should be applied universally next season."

In response The League has established a working party of experienced club officials to consider the potential implications of these developments and formulate recommendations which will be considered by clubs.

The matter will be discussed with clubs at



Captain's Column Matt Hewlett



Good afternoon and today we welcome Barnsley to The County Ground for another important League One encounter.

I was extremely pleased with our win at Boundary Park last weekend. It is never an easy place to go - but having won the game last season we seem to have got a taste for victory there now! Sam (Parkin) and **Grant (Smith)** both got on the scoresheet and with his goal record at present, surely 'Smith must score' this afternoon.

The game up at Oakwell was something of a topsy-turvy affair. After Sammy Igoe had put us into the driving seat we went behind 2-1 until Christian Roberts came up with a goal to make sure we returned to Wiltshire with a point. It was an entertaining afternoon's football for the near 9,000 present that day. I hope we can go one better with a win today over The Tykes.

Enjoy the game and keep up the tremendous support...



Manager Neale Cooper (Manager of Month) by picking up the Powerade Player of The Month award for January.

Lively striker Boyd scored five times during January, taking his Coca-Cola League One tally to 15 and helping Pools maintain their promotion challenge.

Cardiff City defender Danny Gabbidon won the award for the Coca-Cola Championship after a series of impressive displays at the heart of the Bluebirds defence which helped them move away from the relegation zone.

Lee Trundle has continued his excellent form for Swansea City in Coca-Cola League 2 and he scored five goals during January as well as creating countless opportunities

for his teammates.

Sol Signs Again

Luton Town have extended the contract of defender Sol Davis.

The former Swindon Town player has penned a new one-year deal with The Hatters after initially agreeing to an extension with the League One leaders.

The 25-year-old's decision to extend his Kenilworth Road contract will delight Hatters boss Mike Newell, with the Bedfordshire outfit on course for automatic promotion to The Championship this term.

The defender has made 112 appearances for Luton since arriving for £60,000 from Swindon in the summer of 2002.

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BoardroomTalk

Director Bob Holt talks about recent behind the scenes activity and gives us his thoughts ahead of today's game...

The loyal support of our true fan base never ceases to amaze me. Two hundred and sixty one of you traveled to Boundary Park for a match even the most ardent devotees at best could only hope for a draw.

Well the Lads did it again and we won against all odds with a particularly fine display in the second half and took all the much-needed points from Oldham.

Today our guests Barnsley are not in a dissimilar position to ourselves, in as much as they only need two or three wins to have them right up there in contention for the 'Play-Offs'. Let's get behind the team this afternoon and help 'Kingly's' men to

make it nine points out of three games.

On the question of loyalty let me put the record straight. Despite rumours and media speculation Andy King's position as Manager of Swindon Town Football Club was never, I repeat never, in jeopardy. The Board recognise that some of the Club's supporters have, shall we say, not been admirers of his style but in truth his record speaks for its self.

After the departure of Roy Evans in late 2001, Andy King rejoined the Club as Manager in December that same year. At the time we were firmly rooted in the basement section of the Division but he managed to stabilise the situation

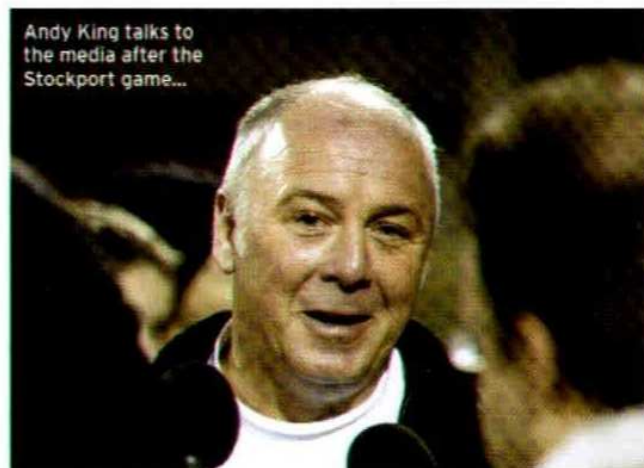
and we avoided the drop. During the next season he consolidated the situation by finishing mid table. Last year, after only two and half seasons under his stewardship, we narrowly missed out on a place in the Play-Off Final in Cardiff.

Now as far as the Board is concerned and with the limited resources available Andy has done a sterling job. Injuries to several key players at various stages of the season have not helped, but despite these setbacks, it is to both Andy's and the team's credit that we find ourselves in our current spot. But let's face it - with a result today we are back up there with the Play-Off contenders.

So despite 'Kingly's' peccadilloes he is the 'Gaffer' that both the players and the Board feel can do the job.

It is your support that the team needs this afternoon if we are to secure the points and continue our progress towards the top six.

Enjoy today's game,
Bob Holt



Andy King talks to the media after the Stockport game...



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MatchReport

Oldham 1 • Swindon 2

Saturday 5th February 2005 • Kick-Off 3.00pm
Coca-Cola League One • Boundary Park

Swindon Town sealed all three points at Boundary Park last Saturday as they came back from a goal down with a battling display.

Goals from Sam Parkin and Grant Smith were enough to make it a profitable afternoon for Andy King's side.

Manager Andy King made two changes to his line-up from the side that defeated Stockport County last weekend. Sammy Igoe and Lee Holmes dropped out of the line-up with Town operating a 3-5-2 formation with Jenkins and Duke performing the wing-back duties. Matt Hewlett, Grant Smith and Stefani Miglioranzi made up the trio in midfield.

In reply to a 14th minute opener from Kenny Cooper, Town levelled with a header from Sam Parkin after the hour. Grant Smith then scored what proved to be the winner on 69 minutes, with the Scotsman following up his volley to bury the ball into the back of the net.

Photo Credit: Dave Evans, Evening Advertiser

Andy King

Good afternoon and welcome to the Management, Directors, Players and Supporters of Barnsley Football Club...



I would like to welcome Paul Hart who although I don't like to admit it publicly, is actually quite a nice fella!

Obviously this week's game has taken on added importance following the victories against Stockport County and Oldham Athletic. I was pleased with our efforts against Stockport in our last home game here. Once we got the first goal I felt there would be a deluge of goals and we eventually scored three good goals. For their part, Stockport didn't really make Rhys work and didn't have a chance until late in the game. We got the element of luck we have been looking for and I am not sure even now whether Matty Heywood meant to score! That started the run of goals and I was pleased to see O'Hanlon and Smith get on the scoresheet.

From there we travelled up to Oldham last weekend and knew that a win would keep us in a challenging position. The Oldham goal came from a stroke of luck, Jerel Ifil went in for a tackle and the ball broke to them and of course they scored from that opportunity. We changed

things slightly at the break and thankfully it worked for us.

Barnsley have had a solid time of it of late and have been a hard side to beat. They have had too many draws to maintain a challenging position, but they will be a test for us this afternoon. If we could get a third victory on the spin this weekend it would be something of an achievement, given Barnsley's unbeaten run. If we can put the run together with three wins then that would show signs of the consistency that we have been looking for.

Jamie Slabber performed well last weekend at Oldham and as with all strikers, he needs a goal to cement his performances. He has played particularly well in recent weeks and held the ball up well in the last home game here. Rory Fallon came on at Boundary Park last weekend and had a chance at the end to score but couldn't quite convert it. He too needs that goal to give himself that little bit of extra confidence. Sam Parkin has continued to score however and with all natural strikers, you know that the barren

spells will be few and far between.

It was lovely to see Lee Holmes take his place in the England Under 19's squad this week to face Belgium. I was asked by the local press earlier in the week to comment on the international involvement of players at Swindon. However, they seem to have short memories and may I take this opportunity to correct Ed Hadwin! It was not so long ago that we had Rhys Evans and Brian Howard involved with the England set-up. At one stage last season I mentioned that perhaps Andy Nicholas should have been looked at. Having watched a lot of the England games at junior level this week on TV, I am convinced that there are a lot of players in the lower leagues who are denied a chance to represent their country because of their club's status.

Once again this week I will ask you to support the team - as you did at Oldham last week. Let's all get behind the side and be united together for the benefit of Swindon Town FC.

Enjoy the game,
AK.

MatchAction



Coca-Cola League One

Saturday 5th February 2005
Boundary Park, 3:00pm

Oldham (1) **1**

Swindon (0) **2**

Attendance: 5,810

Oldham



(blue shirts, blue shorts)

- 1. Les Pogliacomi
- 3. Adam Griffin
- 14. Alex Bruce
- 15. Daniel Hall
- 16. Kenny Cooper **1**
- 22. Lee Croft
- 23. Kevin Betsy
- 24. Mark Hughes
- 25. Neil Kilkenny
- 28. David Eyres
- 32. Kelvin Lomax

Subs Used

- 10. John Eyre (22)

Subs Not Used

- 13. Steve Mildenhall
- 4. Mark Bonner
- 7. Matty Appleby
- 37. Chris Lever

Swindon



(red shirts, white shorts)

- 1. Rhys Evans
- 2. Sean O'Hanlon
- 3. Grant Smith **1**
- 4. Matt Hewlett
- 5. Jamie Slabber
- 6. Steve Jenkins
- 9. Sam Parkin **1**
- 10. Stef Miglioranzi
- 11. David Duke
- 12. Jerel Ifil
- 19. Matt Heywood

Subs Used

- 7. Sammy Igoe (10)
- 17. Brian Howard (3)
- 8. Rory Fallon (5)

Subs Not Used

- 20. Steve Book
- 18. Alan Reeves



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MediaComment

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

Should we make the play-offs by a single point this season then I think we'll have to raise a glass to Barnsley's keeper at some stage.

I can still see Sammy Igoe's hopeful thump somehow squirming through his grasp and taking at least 10 years to cross the line at Oakwell back in October.

The Adver picture archive features the keeper in question lying flat on the floor with his face in his hands. No words were necessary for the caption.

It can't be too long before that goal pops up on another tedious goalkeeping gaffes DVD.

They do say you have to be mad to be a keeper and you can see why to

some extent. It seems a thankless task.

Just think of those gaffes DVDs I've just mentioned. Goalkeepers seem to dominate them.

Midfielders seem to get off scot-free. You don't tend to see the 100 greatest misplaced passes hoofed into touch for example do you?

Midfielders seem to get off scot-free. You don't tend to see the 100 greatest misplaced passes hoofed into touch for example do you?

And when keepers do get something right, it seems people are just waiting for the next calamity. David James immediately springs to mind. A fantastic display for Manchester City at Chelsea but you know

the next shaky cross or the next tame effort to squeeze past him will lead to howls of derision.

Also, keepers, by their very location on a

football pitch, seem to be open to more abuse than other players. I'm sure Rhys Evans isn't the only keeper in the country to put up with rival fans just inches behind the goalnetting making all sorts of unpleasant comments.

Hopefully Barnsley's keeper today (whoever it may be) won't suffer the same fate. I'd much rather he headed home

with a clear conscience, knowing that he was powerless to have stopped the five goals that flew past him!

Two wins on the bounce seem to have lifted spirits around the place and hopefully those smiles will widen even further if we can make it three on the bounce today.

Sam Parkin hasn't bagged a hat-trick yet this season. Could today be the day? I dearly hope so as I know my colleague Owen is dying to dust down the 'Super Sammy's Triple Whammy' headline.

Anyway that's about it. I've got to dash off now to a secret hotel for talks with a rival organisation. It seems they want to quadruple my wages. Just don't tell the News of the World!



Tykes Test



Barnsley

Barnsley boss Paul Hart and his men arrive at the County Ground today undefeated for 13 games. A 0-0 stalemate at home to Yorkshire rivals Sheffield Wednesday last weekend added an eighth draw in the last nine games for the Tykes. Hart will be hoping to start converting draws into wins if his side are to challenge for the playoffs between now and the end of May.

Words: Simon Coy



NICKNAME:.....The Tykes
GROUND:.....Oakwell
MANAGER:.....Paul Hart
YEAR FORMED:.....1887

Division 1 Runners-Up: 1996/97
Division 3 Runners-Up: 1980/81
Division 3(N) Champions: 1954/55, 1938/39, 1933/34
Division 4 Runners-Up: 1967/68

FA Cup Winners: 1912
FA Cup Runners-Up: 1910

Biggest Win: 9-0 v. Loughborough Town, 1899
Biggest Defeat: 9-0 v. Notts County, 1927
Record Attendance: 40,255 v. Stoke City, 1936

Most Appearances: 514, Barry Murphy, 1962-78
Top Goalscorer: Ernest Hine, 123, 1921-38
Goals in a season: 33, Cecil McCormack, 1950/51
Most Capped Player: Gerry Taggart, 35, N. Ireland

Biggest Transfer Fee Paid:
 £1.5m, Georgei Hristov from Partizan Belgrade, 1997
Biggest Transfer Fee Received:
 £4.5m, Ashley Ward to Blackburn Rovers, 1998

The Tykes Squad

Fans of the Tykes must be wondering why their team are not nestled comfortably in a play-off position. Paul Hart's men are currently undefeated since late November yet still only occupy 12th place in the league table.

The run began with four consecutive wins over Blackpool, Colchester, Torquay and Peterborough, which were all achieved without conceding a single goal. However the next nine games brought only one win and nine draws. Although undefeated, this gave the Tykes only 11 points out of a possible 27. Overall Barnsley have drawn 14 games this season, more than any other League One club, whilst only the top four sides in the division have lost less games.

Last season Barnsley finished in mid table with again a large number of draws at home hindering their progression in terms of league position. Paul Hart will be aware that, although very difficult to beat, his side must begin winning more games. The fans will be hoping that the goals of Michael Boulding and Michael Chopra will help to stem the flow of draws and move the Tykes into a play-off position by the end of the season.

The form of on loan Chopra has been a major plus point at Oakwell this season, with the 7-1 defeat by Manchester City in the Worthington Cup the low point.

25 Ross Turnbull

Young keeper on second loan spell from Middlesbrough. First arrived at the end of last season, returned in October for a lengthy spell and is now first choice. England U20 international.



2 Bobby Hassell

Summer signing from Mansfield. Made 181 appearances for the Stags. An attacking right sided defender who has been a regular part of the Tykes line-up this season. Yet to score for Barnsley.



3 Tom Williams

Left back who was another summer signing by Paul Hart in late May 2004 from Birmingham City. Tom, 23, joined the Blues from West Ham for £350,000 back in 2001.



4 Paul Reid

Midfield man who arrived in July 2004 from Northampton Town. Began his career at Carlisle before a big money move to Rangers. Scored this season against Swindon in the 2-2 draw at Oakwell.



5 Matt Carbon

Another summer signing from Walsall. Matt, 28, began as a trainee with Lincoln City before moving to Derby County in 1996. Joined West Bromwich Albion in 1998. An experienced defender.



6 Tony Vaughan

Very experienced defender who has made almost 300 appearances for eight different clubs since 1994. Signed from Mansfield Town in July 2004. Sent off at Hartlepool earlier this season.



7 Jacob Burns

Australian international midfielder. Joined Barnsley from Leeds United where he played in both the Premier League and in Europe. Sent off in the Tykes home game with Doncaster earlier this season.



9 Barry Conlon

Joined the Tykes in July 2004 from Darlington. Experienced striker who scored 42 times for the Quakers in 125 appearances. Barnsley beat a number of other clubs to his signature.



10 Stephen McPhail

Irish international midfielder who began his career at Leeds United making over a hundred appearances for the Elland Road club. Picked up his fifth yellow cards of the season last weekend.



11 Michael Boulding

Striker who joined Barnsley from Grimsby Town in February 2004 after scoring 17 goals in 42 appearances. Previously on the books of Aston Villa, Sheffield United and Mansfield. Nine goals so far this season.



15 Antony Kay

Popular young player who has come through the youth ranks at Oakwell. Can play in either defence or midfield. Has scored five goals and picked up eight yellow cards so far this season.



17 Nicky Wroe

Promising young player who broke into the first-team in May 2003. Only made 2 appearances last season but this campaign has broken into the side more regularly. Was booked against Town this season at Oakwell.



18 Chris Shuker

Paul Hart's first signing has Barnsley boss in March 2004. Has Premiership experience with Manchester city and also spent time on loan at Hartlepool, Rochdale, Walsall and Macclesfield. Was sent off against Swindon.



Last Time
at the County Ground



Date: Sat 27th March 2004

Competition: Division Two

Half-Time Score: 1-1

Full-Time Score: 1-1

Swindon Goalscorers:

Parkin, 8

Barnsley Goalscorers:

Nardiello, 34 (pen)

Attendance: 7,305

Swindon Final League

Position: 5th

Barnsley Final League

Position: 12th

OnetoWatch 8 Michael Chopra



Tykes boss Paul Hart is obviously a fan of Newcastle striker Michael Chopra, and judging by the frontman's goal

tally this season, quite rightly so.

Last season whilst boss at Nottingham Forest, Hart took Chopra on loan

to the City Ground for a month, although during his 5 appearances he failed to score.

Chopra began his career at St James Park in January 2002 as a trainee before making his debut for The Toon in a 3-3 draw with Everton in the League Cup. His second appearance was as a late substitute against the mighty Barcelona in the Nou Camp.

In March 2003 Sir Bobby Robson decided that some first team experience would benefit the young striker and Chopra was loaned to Watford where he scored 5 times in 6 appearances including 4 goals in

an amazing 7-4 defeat of Burnley at Turf Moor.

Chopra gained more experience of the Premiership last season as he made a handful of substitute appearances for Newcastle including 18 minutes against Manchester United.

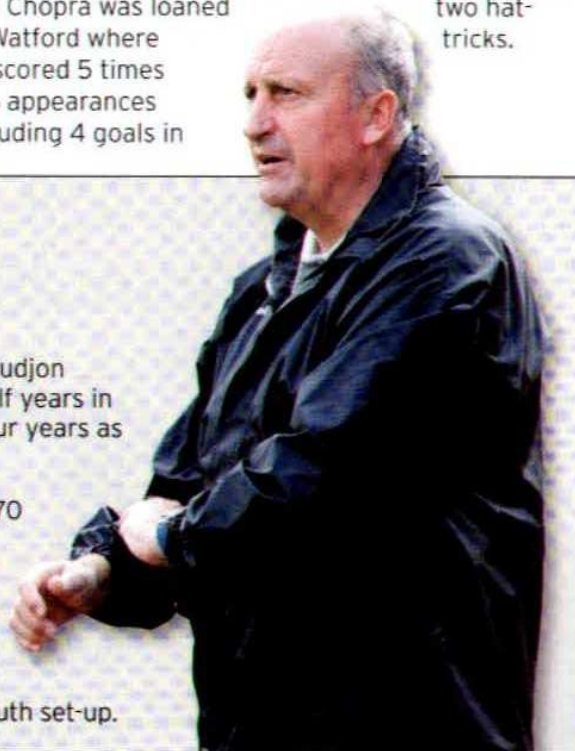
However, his real chance to prove what he can do has come this season as Paul Hart brought him to Oakwell on a season long loan. It wasn't long before he repaid the faith shown in him as he has scored 12 goals this term including two hat-tricks.

thegaffer Paul Hart

Paul Hart took over as boss at Oakwell in succession to Gudjon Thordarson in March last year having spent two and a half years in charge of Nottingham Forest. Previously he had spent four years as director of Forest's youth academy.

As a player Hart made his debut at 17 for Stockport in 1970 going onto make 87 appearances before moving to Blackpool. From there he went to Leeds where he spent 6 seasons playing 191 times.

His first job in management came at Saltergate where he was in charge of Chesterfield for just over 2 year before working for both Forest and Leeds United in the youth set-up.



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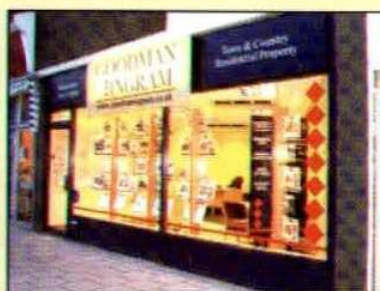
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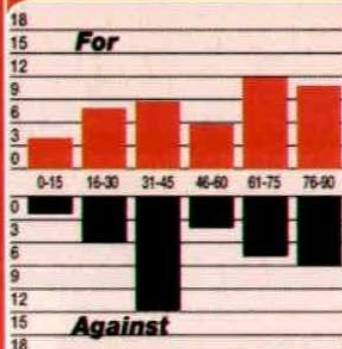
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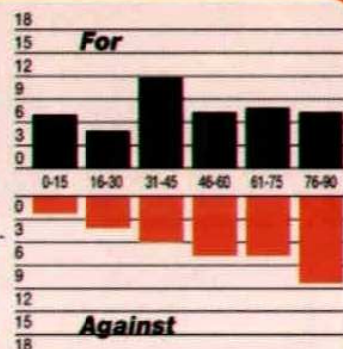
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When Scored



Discipline

Red Cards	4
Yellow Cards	40
Fouls Committed	408
Average per Game	13.16
Conceded from Free Kick	3
Fouls Suffered	361
Average per Game	11.65
Scored from Free Kick	5
Caught Offside	77
Average per Game	2.48

Top Scorers in each Category

Red Cards	4
Yellow Cards	48
Fouls Committed	461
Average per Game	14.87
Conceded from Free Kick	6
Fouls Suffered	366
Average per Game	11.81
Scored from Free Kick	4
Caught Offside	137
Average per Game	4.42

Discipline

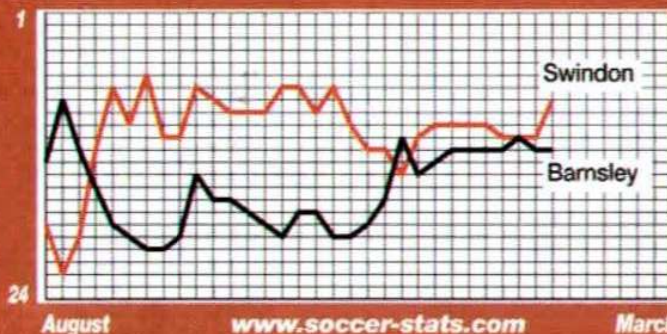
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Last 6 & Swings

Opponents	H/A	Score
Oldham	A	2-1
Stockport	H	3-0
Brentford	A	1-2
Blackpool	H	2-2
Sheff Wed	A	0-2
Bradford	A	2-1

Won when Behind: 2
 Drawn when Behind: 5
 Drawn when Ahead: 4
 Lost when Ahead: 2

Seasonal Progress Comparison



Last 6 & Swings

Opponents	H/A	Score
Sheff Wed	H	0-0
Bradford	H	2-2
Brentford	A	1-1
Stockport	A	2-2
Huddersfield	H	4-2
Chesterfield	A	2-2

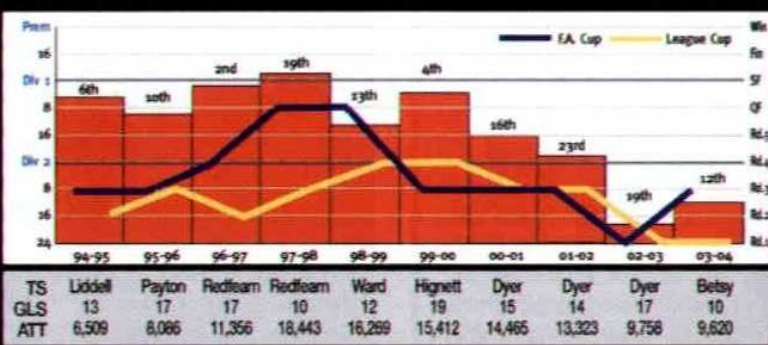
Won when Behind: 0
 Drawn when Behind: 4
 Drawn when Ahead: 8
 Lost when Ahead: 4

Barnsley's Last 10 Years

Games Played	575
Won	200
Drawn	160
Lost	215
Goals Scored	748
Goals Conceded	816
Points Total	760
Biggest Win	

7-1 Huddersfield 98/99
 Heaviest Defeat

0-7 Man Utd 97/98
 n.b. stats from 92-93 to present



Top Scorers

Neil Redfearn	67
Bruce Dyer	59
Andy Payton	41
Andy Liddell	34
Mike Sheron	33
Craig Hignett	28
Neil Shipperley	27
Andy Rammell	24
Darren Barnard	21
Ashley Ward	20

n.b. scorers from 92-93 to present

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As we all know, Rockin' Robin is a loveable character. On a matchday he is one of the highlights in our Corporate areas as well getting up to all his as sporting antics on the pitch. Well just how much does he love the Club? Enough to jump from the top of a stand or floodlight!!!!!!

At the last home game against Stockport County, I asked Rockin' if he fancied doing an abseil from the Nationwide Stand to help raise much needed funds for the Club. With a budgie type nod of approval Rockin' was up for it. Off he went winging his way around trying to jump from the small wall in front of the Arkells Stand just to get the feel of it. So, at our forthcoming home game on the 5th March vs Bournemouth, there is a possibility that Rockin' Robin may do an abseil from the top of the Nationwide stand or



one of the floodlights at the Stratton Bank end of the ground.

At the time of writing we are waiting for confirmation from the Royal Marines Gymnast team, who have been contacted by the Club to see if they could provide pre-match and half-time entertainment at the game. As part of that entertainment, they have offered to help train Rockin' with some abseiling practice before the big day. As stated, the idea of it is to raise funds for the Club. We are asking all local Companies and Supporters to pledge their support to Rockin' Robin and the Club by sponsoring him on his abseil. Donations can start from a £1 and there is no upper limit to the size of your donation.

I will keep you informed as to whether we will be allowed to go ahead with Rockin's great act of courage. But, if it's a green light, then please send your donations to myself here at the Club with cheques being made out to Swindon

Town Football Club. Already we have had bids from Gary Barnes of £500 and Keith Mayo of Greenbridge MOT for £100. So we have got the ball rolling already so watch this space.

Sporting Dinner

On Thursday 17th February, a member of the 1966 England World Cup winning team is coming along to the County Ground. The little auburn haired winger who played for England, on that never to be forgotten sunny July day, ALAN BALL is the guest speaker at the Club's next Sporting Dinner. Rated as certainly in the top three after dinner speakers on today's circuit, Alan will tell various stories about his father, Alan Ball Snr, England Manager Alf Ramsey and the events leading up to the day that England beat West Germany at Wembley Stadium by 4-2.

Top comedian AARON JAMES will provide the comedy on the night and, our the dinner will be hosted by our resident compere, BARRY WILLIAMS.



If you fancy coming along and being part of this great evening, there are still some places left. Tables of ten are £495 plus vat, or individual places are £55 plus vat each.

Bookings are being taken in the Club's Marketing Department now and you just need to ring Sarah on 01793 333718 to confirm your places. A three course dinner with coffee and mints are included in the price of each ticket. There will also be the normal raffles and bingo competitions on the night as well as the opportunity of being able to bid for some great auction items.

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→ Match sponsor Gary Barnes presents Man of the Match Lee Holmes with a bottle of champagne.

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Mr. Gary Barnes

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Matchball Sponsors

Daniel Cater

The Matchball has been sponsored as a surprise for Daniel Cater to celebrate his 10th birthday, which was on the 8th February 2005.

There are three generations of supporters with him today as he is accompanied by his Dad, Grampy and his younger brother Sam.

Daniel is a very keen Swindon Town Supporter and his favourite player is 'Super' Sammy Parkin. He also supports Manchester United (but we won't talk about that today!). Daniel loves playing football, is a very keen swimmer and is a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Daniel's greatest ambition is to be a professional goalkeeper.

His Mum, Dad, brother and Grandparents hope he has had a 10th birthday to remember.

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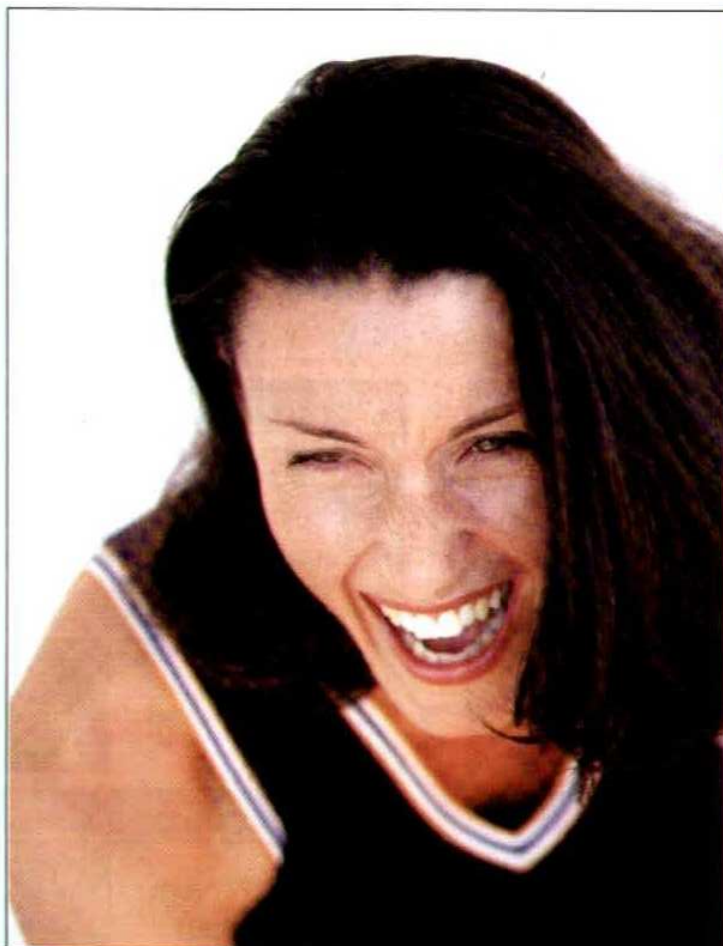


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HEAD 2 HEAD



Steve Jenkins

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What is the name of the National Anthem of Wales?	(singing) Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau...	Land Of My Fathers
Was the roof open or closed for last weekends Wales vs England Six Nations game?	Closed	Closed
Which well-known soprano hails from Cardiff?	Charlotte Church	The Voice of an Angel - Charlotte Church.
Mark Hughes moved from Manchester United to which club in 1986?	Barcelona	Barcelona
Can you name the saying synonymous with Audi Cars?	Vorsprung durch Technik	Not sure, I can picture the adverts but can't remember the saying.
Where was Welsh goalscoring legend Ivor Allchurch born?	Swansea	Cardiff
Who was Wales' top goalscorer in the 1994 World Cup qualifying campaign?	Ian Rush	Ian Rush
Can you name the former Swindon left back who played for Wales during the nineties?	Paul Bodin	Paul Bodin
Where was current International goalkeeper Paul Jones born?	Welshpool	Hereford
What is the capacity of the Millennium Stadium?	72,500	78,000

Final Scores



9/10

6/10

Verdict: An impressive nine out of ten for the former Welsh international 'Jenks', who emerges victorious on his 'Head 2 Head' debut.

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

Previous winners: Sam Parkin, Luke Garrard, David Duke, Brian Howard, Steve Robinson, Steve Book, Christian Roberts.

Reserve Fixtures 04/05

August	
Tue 17	Bristol City H 5-0
September	
Tue 7	Bristol Rov H 1-2
Tue 14	B'rnemouth H 2-1
October	
Wed 13	Pontin's Holidays Cup Group Games
November	
Tue 16	Cardiff City H 2-3
December	
Wed 1	Pontin's Holidays Cup Group Games
January	
Tue 11	B'rnemouth A 1-2
Tue 18	Cheltenham H 3-3
February	
Tue 1	Swansea H 3-1
Wed 9	Pontin's Holidays Cup Group Games
Tue 15	Cheltenham A 14:00
March	
Wed 2	Bristol City A 14:00
Tue 8	Plymouth H 14:00
Tue 15	Yeovil H 14:00
Wed 23	Pontin's Holidays Cup Semi-Final
Wed 30	Yeovil A 14:00
April	
Wed 13	Cardiff City A 14:00
Tue 26	Bristol Rov A 14:00
May	
Wed 4	Pontin's Holidays Cup Final
TBC	Swansea A
TBC	Plymouth A

Next Home Match

Tuesday 8th March 2005

Swindon v Plymouth

Alan Reeves' Reserves have a long wait until the next home game where they will face Plymouth Argyle. Come on down to the County Ground and see them in action! Entrance is FREE!

Wales & West Division Table 02.02.05

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	9	6	0	3	19	13	18
Plymouth	7	5	1	1	21	15	16
Chelt'ham	10	4	3	3	19	16	15
Swansea	8	4	0	4	13	25	12
Bristol R	9	3	2	4	17	20	11
Swindon	7	3	1	3	17	12	10
Bristol C	8	3	0	5	14	19	9
Yeovil	8	2	1	5	12	17	7
B'mouth	6	1	2	3	7	11	5

Ashan Seals Three Points

Swindon Town's reserve team claimed all three points with a 3-1 home win over Swansea City in the Pontins Wales & West Division. Goals from Ashan Holgate (2) and Andy Caton sealed the victory.

After chances for both sides in the early stages, it was Alan Reeves' side who took the lead after 27 minutes. A ball from David Stroud sent Andy Caton on his way inside the box but he was fouled by visiting keeper Murphy, denying the young striker a chance to get his shot away. The referee pointed to the spot and Ashan Holgate stepped up to slot the ball into the back of the net to make it 1-0.

Town did not have to wait long to double their advantage. A cross from the left from Chris Taylor was met by Ben Wells, who hit a first time shot at the keeper from 12 yards. Andy Caton was on hand in predatory fashion as he tapped the ball home from only a few yards out to make it 2-0 going into the break.

Steve Book had to be on his guard in the 72nd minute when he

denied Gary Roberts at close range. Kyle Lapham was caught in possession and Roberts' neat footwork and fierce shot was pushed over by Book as the Swans pushed for a goal.

The inevitable happened with fifteen minutes remaining when Ian Woan replaced Ben Wells at the heart of Town's midfield to add some experience as Town looked to hold out for the win.

Shortly after that, Woan supplied the killer ball to ensure all three points stayed at the County Ground. A pinpoint cross from the former Nottingham Forest star found Ashan Holgate at the far post and his well taken header flew past the goalkeeper via the inside of the right hand post.



Ashan Holgate



Swansea scored a consolation when a fantastic half volley from Gareth Roberts flew past Steve Book into the top right hand corner to make it 3-1 entering the final stages.

After the game Alan Reeves spoke to STFC World and commented on the game as well as a few words of praise for young striker Ashan Holgate who hit two goals in the game.

"I thought both Ashan (Holgate) and Andy (Caton) did well. We have seen what Ashan can do in fits and starts but today he was that little bit more aggressive which is what he needs to add to his game if he is going to make his way. He has another year and if he plays like that every week the Manager has a chance of getting involved in the first team set-up before the end of the season."

Swindon Town: Steve Book, Kyle Lapham, David Stroud, Michael Pook, Alan Reeves, Leigh Henry, Ben Wells (Ian Woan), Steve Robinson, Ashan Holgate (Iffy Onuora), Andy Caton (Lance Lewis), Chris Taylor

Subs: Matt Bulman, Lance Lewis, Ian Woan, Iffy Onuora



Youth Development

It has been a busy few weeks on the youth development side. Post Christmas I've had to perform the difficult task of releasing those under 16 players we are not going to take as 2 year YTS scholars from this July.

It's never an easy task particularly as to a lad the U16's this year have been a credit to themselves and the club and the fact that some of those we have released have been with the Centre of Excellence from an early age. However it's a necessary job to do at this point in time and I'm confident that the lads we have retained plus the extra two or three we will bring in, will further improve the U18's for next season. We very much expect them to continue their development with the long term goal of

signing professional terms with the club. When all the names and players have been finalised I'm hoping the boys will sign terms on the pitch prior to the Bristol City home game on the 28th of March.

The U18's have been in good form of late too winning their final game to finish top of the Youth Alliance group. This is a great achievement and all credit must go to the lads themselves and Ian Woan as coach. This has reflected their overall improvement in performance and attitude over the last few months. It's fair to say that myself and Ian felt those qualities were lacking when we inherited our posts back in October so credit the lads for the turnaround since then whilst being mindful that they must continue in this vein from here on

in. Particularly pleasing has been the form of U16's such as Lukas Jutkiewicz, Scott Doe and Chris Allen who have played for the U18's and thrived.

The future looks healthy below the U18's too. The releasing of the U16's has meant that many of the U15's have moved up an age group too and more than held their own, and similarly with the age groups behind them. This too reflects great credit on all the coaches at the Centre of Excellence and the hard work they put in. And a word too for all the parents too whose commitment to the boys and the Centre in general has been unstinting.

It's nice to know that the clubs future is in such good hands.

Iffy Onuora



U-18's Fixtures 04/05

Aug 14	Yeovil Town	8-0
Aug 21	Swansea City	5-2
Sep 4	Newport	7-2
Sep 11	Exeter City	0-1
Sep 18	Bristol Rovers	4-0
Sep 25	Bournemouth	3-4
Tue 6	Grimsby (Cup)	2-4
Oct 9	Cheltenham	2-1
Oct 16	Plymouth	1-0
Oct 30	Exeter City	1-1
Nov 6	Bristol Rovers	2-4
Nov 9	Yeovil Town (Cup)	0-2
Nov 13	Bournemouth	1-5
Nov 20	Cheltenham	3-3
Nov 27	Luton (Cup)	7-0
Dec 4	Plymouth	1-1
Jan 15	Swansea City	4-2
Jan 29	Exeter (Cup)	5-3
Jan 31	Newport	4-2
Feb 5	Yeovil Town	7-0

Merit League...

Feb 12	Leyton Orient	A
Feb 19	Brentford	H
Feb 26	West Brom	A
Mar 5	Exeter City	H
Mar 19	Cambridge	H
Mar 26	Q.P.R.	A
Apr 2	Luton Town	H
Apr 9	Bournemouth	A

Next Home Match

Saturday 19th February 2005

Swindon v Brentford

In Town's first home game of the Merit League they will face Brentford, who finished 3rd in the South East Conference behind Leyton Orient and Q.P.R. Kick-Off 11:00am.

South West Conference Table 05.02.05

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
B'mouth	16	10	1	5	43	33	31
Exeter	16	9	4	3	34	25	31
Swindon	15	9	3	3	53	22	30
Plymouth	16	8	2	6	30	26	26
Bristol R	16	8	0	8	26	35	24
Yeovil	16	6	3	7	28	35	21
Swansea	15	4	3	8	26	37	15
Chelt'ham	15	4	1	10	21	28	13
Newport	15	3	1	11	20	40	10

Jamie Slabber

AMBITIONS... what are yours?

My ambition is to hopefully get a contract at Spurs. If not, then I would like to get a good contract somewhere else, playing good football and try to get back into the England set up.

BOOTS... whose boots did you clean when you were in the youth team?

I cleaned quite a few actually. I have done Teddy Sheringham's, Sergei Rebrov's and Les Ferdinand's.

CALL... what phone do you have?

I'm not sure. I think it is a Nokia 6650 or 6600.

DRAW... can you draw a teammate?



EXCITING... most skilful player at Spurs?
It has to be Robbie Keane.

FORWARD... best piece of advice you have ever received?

Teddy Sheringham told me to keep focused, work hard, and then you will always get noticed.

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

This is a tough one. I would like to say White Hart Lane. Brondby have a nice ground though.

HOLIDAY... where is your favorite destination?
South of Spain.

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

Hopefully in the Play-Offs.

JOKER... who is the joker in the pack?
Steve Robinson likes to have a laugh. Sam Parkin has been known to pull a few pranks though.

KALEIDOSCOPE... who is the worst dresser at STFC?

I have not been here long enough to answer that. I don't want to offend



BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU HAVE EVER BEEN GIVEN?

"Teddy Sheringham told me to keep focused, work hard, and then you will always get noticed."

anyone so I will have to pass on that.

LET OFF... worst miss you have ever seen?
Ryan Giggs when he went around the goalkeeper against Arsenal and put it over the bar.

MOTOR... what's your dream car?

I have a Mercedes at the moment. My dream car has to be an Aston Martin DB9.

NEVER... who would you never play for?
Arsenal!

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

Hopefully I will have enough money to go and live abroad somewhere.

PROFESSIONAL... how old were you when you turned pro?

I was 15 when they told me I had a contract, but I didn't sign it professionally until I was 16.

QUALITY... what is your best?

Probably having the ball at my feet.

RETREAT... where do you like to spend time away from the Club?

I spend a bit of time at the Leisure Centre in the Sauna or Spa.

STRIKE... best goal of your career?

I remember scoring a good goal against Portsmouth in the Youth Cup. We won 4-1 and I scored a nice goal when I dummied the goalkeeper and buried the ball in the back of the net.

TOTTENHAM... who is the hardest trainer at Spurs?

Probably Ledley King, he is always out on the pitch training hard and staying on afterwards. Robbie Keane likes to practice a lot of things as well.

UNKNOWN... tell us something we don't know about you?

I like to use the sunbed.

VOCAL... who is the loudest in the dressing room?

Either Alan Reeves or Christian Roberts.

WILDCARD... who is your outside bet to win the FA Cup this season?

It's most likely to be Chelsea but that isn't really a wild card. Bolton are still in it and stand a good chance. From the lower divisions I would have to say Sheffield United who got to the semi final not long ago.

X... sign here please

YEARBOOK... which member of the squad would be your 'most improved' tag so far this season?

At Spurs it would be Dean Marney. It's difficult to say here at Swindon because I haven't been here that long. I have heard good things about Luke Garrard though.

ZERO-TOLERANCE... what is your pet hate?

People who wear sunglasses when it isn't even sunny.

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We're at the end of another international week. England played Holland. The Dutch "total football" team of the mid-70s is still easy enough to recall, without recourse to reference books!!!

Jongbloed, Suurbier, Krol, Rijsbergen, Haan, Jansen, Van Hanegem, Neeskens, Rep, Rensenbrink and, of course, Cruyff. There was a formation of sorts, but everybody could really play everywhere. I remember most the 1974 World Cup when they were unlucky to lose the final to West Germany, 2-1, despite having a first-minute penalty awarded by English referee Jack Taylor.

...There are already a handful with junior caps and the potential to appear at a higher level. "Three Lions" recognition would be a great honour for individual and club...

"Our own" Lee Holmes, on-loan from Derby, was with the under-19s in Belgium. It was the final friendly before qualifying for the UEFA European Championships next month. Other members of the squad

included Southampton trio Dexter Blackstock, Martin Cranie and Matthew Mills who was born in Swindon. There's already been talk of the Town's current wing-wizard operating on the left flank for the senior side in the future.

One step at a time!
- He has to force his way back into the starting line-up this afternoon, after being rested in the 2-1 triumph at Oldham. Brave, bold move by Andy King, but credit where credit's due for the manager who secured back-to-back victories in League One for only the third time this term.

Another international on our books is Steve Jenkins. I read in the

matchday magazine earlier this season how he once marked Rivaldo when Wales played Brazil. As a full-back for the principality, he's following in the footsteps of Paul Bodin and Rod Thomas.



Alan McLoughlin and Ossie Ardiles celebrate at Wembley in 1990...

I think the first full international call-up from the County Ground I reported on was midfielder Alan McLoughlin's selection, at the eleventh-hour, for Italia '90. He was on the plane straight after scoring the only goal of the play-off final win against Sunderland at Wembley and became something a regular for the Republic of Ireland in those days, as an attacking midfielder. Near-misses I covered included Iffy Onuora and Chris Hay, both touted as prospective Scotland strikers ahead of France '98.

Amongst the current crop of players, there are already a handful with junior caps and the potential to appear at a higher level. "Three Lions" recognition would be a great honour for individual and club.

"And finally", keep reading and stay tuned for details of Red Nose plans at the County Ground. We're hoping to mark Comic Relief here at the beginning of March. BBC Radio Swindon is on 103.6FM, DAB Digital Radio and now, at the click of a mouse, available on the internet at www.bbc.co.uk/wiltshire.

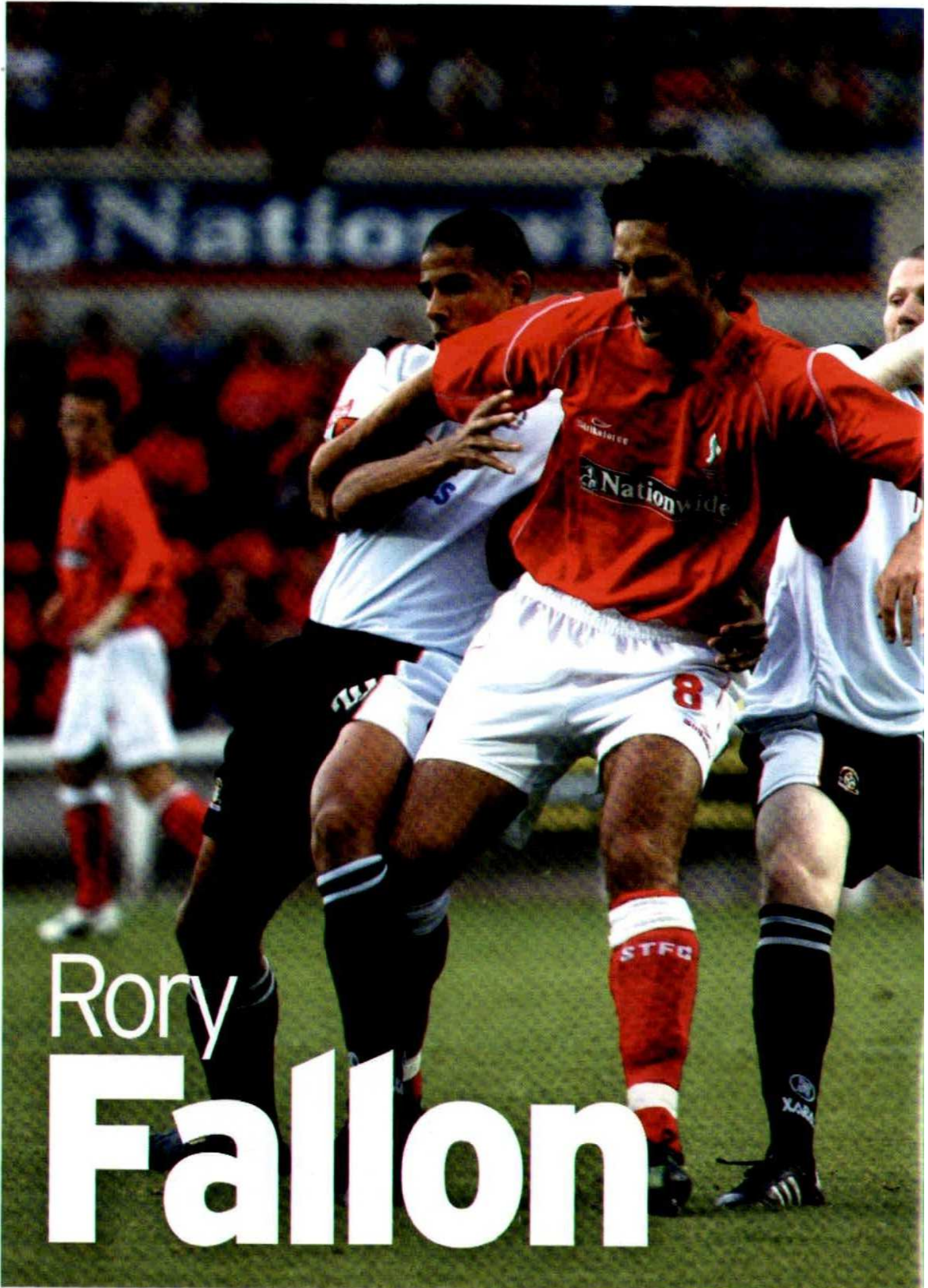


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The all-singing Kiwi on playing for England, play-offs and THAT goal against Brighton...

Words: Nick Judd
& Chris Tanner

Rory Fallon was three minutes away from becoming a folk hero in SN1.

The tall Kiwi bundled the ball over Brighton's advancing Ben Roberts after 97 minutes to send the visiting Reds into raptures at a sodden Withdean Stadium last May. Unfortunately, well... you don't need reminding what

happened next!

Rory's goal in the play-offs capped an impressive run-in for the Darius Danesh look-a-like last season. Six goals, including one of the greatest overhead kicks ever seen at the County Ground against Bristol City, saw him rise to prominence alongside Super Sammy Parkin, Fallon's presence troubling many a League

One defence.

This year, despite Tommy Mooney's defection to the dark side Rory hasn't quite scored as many goals as he'd like. Yet with four goals to his name, including crucial winners against Sheffield Wednesday and Exeter, the 22-year-old tells STFC Magazine that he has his sights on a similarly impressive finale this time around...

I am ok! I always do my dishes when I use the plates and try to keep things in check to prevent 'Stef' from getting upset...



It's been a frustrating season for Rory Fallon. Like the fans you must have been expecting a regular start and a lot more goals this season?

Yes, I did think that but with the players that have come in things haven't quite worked out. I didn't think I came back as fit as I could if I was to be totally honest with myself. I usually return to New Zealand for two weeks in the summer and train hard for two weeks. I didn't go back there last summer and maybe that hindered my form a little bit. I don't think I performed as well as I could when I was given my chance at the start of the season. All I can do now is work hard and be patient.

When you scored two against Stockport, your first goals of the season, you must have thought that was the kick-start you needed?

It was good to score those goals and get off the mark, but overall it has been a tough season. All I can do is keep my chin up and keep going.

From New Zealand to Swindon via Barnsley, it has been quite a journey hasn't it?

It has been a journey that's for sure. I was sixteen when I left and at the time I was playing school football and loving it. I was in the national league playing every Saturday even at that age. It was a bit too easy to be honest – I always knew I was going to come to England. I joined Barnsley on a three year YTS contract and that gave me the best chance to settle.

Was it easy to settle?

The weather is a little bit different! It was a bit of a culture shock when I first arrived here in England. My first point of contact was Barnsley really and it sure was cold up there, if you know what I mean! Then I came to Swindon and had the magic roundabout to deal with...

What were your first impressions of Swindon as a team and as a place?

I found it difficult to build-up a rapport with the managers at Barnsley because they changed so frequently. I had eight managers in about five years and as a youth team player that is the last thing you want. It has been a nice change

to have just one manager throughout my time here.

What felt better, the overhead-kick against Bristol City or the goal against Brighton in the play-offs?

The goal at Brighton.

And the fans were singing your name - that must have been a great feeling?

You cannot describe the feeling – I just cannot put it into words. You could do a bungee jump and not get the same feeling. The situation that those goals were in just made them extra special.

There's a great picture of you on today's cover celebrating that goal against Brighton, it summed up just what the goal meant to the team at the time.

It was a great moment when we got that goal. It was a great ball through and I managed to finish it off. One of my main dreams was to play at Wembley, but with the venue now changed to Cardiff it would have been a great day out for everyone.

And the following few





minutes the worst. Had we not conceded late on you would have become a folk legend...

It was a rollercoaster that game because there were so many emotions involved.

Do you look at Brighton's results in the Championship now and think, 'that

should be us'?

Never. It's not my style to worry about what other people or other teams are doing. If you can't influence the outcome then why worry about it? All I try and do is worry about my own game.

The last two results have been pretty good, how important is it to keep

the momentum going now that we're back in sight of the top six?

Very important. We are still only a few points off the play-off zone and if we can get three points over Barnsley then that will put us right back on track. If we can go on a run from there then we will give ourselves a chance.



Rory celebrates possibly *THE* best goal ever seen at The County Ground against Bristol City last season...

Do you think last year's play-off berth has helped or hindered us this year?

Maybe it hindered us a little bit because people now expect us to be at the top, but football doesn't work like that.

You'd like to think that we're capable of winning the next three games before we play the sides at the top...

Definitely. We need to get hold of as many points as we can because at this stage of the season every game is crucial. If we can win our home games and pick up draws and sneak wins here and there away from home then the signs are good.

As an expert on our opponents today, what can we expect?

They are a tough side, a

fighting team. The typical Barnsley spirit is to keep going right until the end of the game. That is part of my attitude too – never give in.

Can you give us a prediction? Bear in mind when we last interviewed you for the A to Z you were one goal out (Rory predicted a 2-1 Town win)...

I'll go for 3-1 to Swindon.

My first point of contact was Barnsley really and it sure was cold up there, if you know what I mean! Then I came to Swindon and had the magic roundabout to deal with...

You played in the 2-2 draw at Oakwell, are you surprised that Barnsley have slipped away from the top half since then?

It was not a big surprise because that is the way the league has gone this season. You need that bit of magic to provide a spark to get you going and that is what we are searching for at the moment. If we can get the whole place buzzing then we can get up the league ourselves.

Away from football you're living with Stef at the moment?

He is quiet and it suits because we never get in each other's way. I am grateful to him for letting me stay with him and it works well.

We imagine him to be quite tidy, and we hear that you're right up there with 'Robbo' in the tidiness stakes! How does that work?

I am ok! I always do my dishes when I use the plates and try to keep things in check to prevent 'Stef' from getting upset...

Does he complain

about the music when you play on the guitar?

Not really because he is usually the one strumming away. He is always upstairs playing his music so I sit downstairs and just chill out. It is a very relaxed atmosphere, especially after a hard days' training.

Or you laughing, we hear you have a ridiculous laugh...

(laughs) The lads keep telling me that but I don't care.

Stef's gone for a minimalist hair look, will you be following in his footsteps?

I have some plans if we get into the play-offs, I will say that much. I have to keep it under wraps until that moment because I don't want to let the cat out of the bag.

So you're still enjoying the Darius look for now then...

(laughs) Who told you that! I am going for the mullet at the moment. It needs a chop so I'll have to do something with it soon.

Finally - could you



clear something up for us? We've managed to dig out a picture of you playing for England - surely you're a Kiwi?!

I am a Kiwi but I didn't really want to play for New Zealand because of the travelling. An international career would hinder my club career and I took the decision. Once a year would be fine but to go back and forth would not do me any favours. England came calling when I was younger and I took the opportunity. It's certainly a little bit closer!



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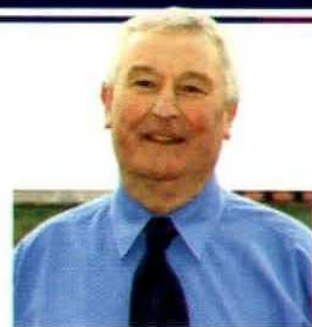
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Sep 12	Reading Royals	0-2
Sep 19	Forest Green	3-2
Sep 26	Reading	6-3
Oct 3	Newton Abbot	3-0
Oct 10	Keynsham	3-5
Oct 31	Bath City FAC1	4-0
Nov 7	Chesham	2-3
Nov 14	Clevedon FAC2	2-1
Nov 28	Plymouth	P-P
Dec 5	Langford FAC3	1-2
Dec 12	Forest Green	1-2
Jan 9	Newton Abbot	P-P
Jan 16	Cardiff City	0-3
Jan 23	Launton	7-1
Jan 30	Clevedon	0-4
Feb 6	Reading Royals	1-3
Feb 13	Reading	A
Feb 27	Keynsham	H
Mar 6	Cardiff City	H
Mar 13	League Cup SF	
Mar 27	Chesham	A
Apr 3	Plymouth	H
Apr 24	Launton	A
Midweek	Oxford City	H&A

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Sunday 27th February 2005

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Double Defeat

The Town Ladies have suffered two defeats but have still kept sixth place in the South West Combination League.

The Town visited Clevedon Town and after a poor first half performance were three goals to nil down at the break. A better second half restricted the Somerset side to one more goal but the Town were unable to find the net.

The Town then entertained high flying local rivals Reading Royals and were beaten by three goals to one. Laura Morgan put the

Town ahead after fifteen minutes but early in the second half the Royals drew level. Then followed what became the turning point in the game when central defender Sam Quinn was dismissed follow in incident with a Royals player. The Royals player was shown the yellow card.

Despite a spirited fight the Town were unable to keep the Royals from taking advantage of their extra player and conceded two further goals. The Town came close to getting a goal back but Claire Moreton's shot rebounded to safety off the cross bar with the keeper beaten.

The Town Reserves have kept their good run in the Wiltshire County League going with two victories. They played host to Swindon Spitfires and a goal from Carly Smith was enough to give the Town the points. They then visited Devizes Town and won by fifteen goals to nil. Louise Corcoran scored four, Sarah-Jane Thompson and Carly Smith both scored hat tricks, Cara Costello got two and there were goals for Pam Ashman, Freya Keene and Julia Burson.

Tomorrow the Town travel to face Reading Ladies in a South West Combination League fixture. The Town won the high scoring home game by six goals to three. Reading are currently in one of the relegations spots so will keen to pick up points whereas the Town are sixth.

The Town Reserves also play away and visit Clevedon Town Reserves.

one2one Lorraine Kuchta

Age: 25
Home Town: Nottingham
Occupation: Teaching Assistant
Position: Centre Midfield
Previous Teams: Doncaster Belles, Ilkeston Town, Mansfield Town

How did you start playing football?

Played at primary school when I was 7.

Favourite Team: Nott'm Forest

Favourite Player: Thierry Henry

Favourite TV Program: Dream Team

Favourite Film: The Green Mile

Favourite Food: Chinese

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Today's prediction:

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Saturday Team Club

Today we would like to say a big hello to our Saturday Team Club visitors who are Siddington Youth, here with Sharon Jehu, AFC Chippenham U10's who have been organized by Phillip Trudgeon and last but not least Shaw FC UB's and U10's who are here under the guidance of Andy Phillips.

A big thank you to all of the above for supporting us again this season for our ever popular Saturday Team Club. Next week our first

Soccer Funweek of the year commences on Tuesday 15th February where we will have 200 up and coming superstars being put through their paces by our dedicated team of coaches. The course has been sold-out for nearly two weeks that is a credit to everyone involved on our holiday course programme. Fingers crossed for some clement and decent weather.

On Tuesday 1st February Jon and I joined Andy



King, Stefani Miglioranzi and Sam Parkin at the funeral of the late David Busby, who sadly passed away on 24th January. It was a deeply touching occasion as David was an avid supporter of Swindon Town FC. He and his family have supported us for many years and David can only be described as a wonderful young man. He was an inspiration and never complained during his long illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with his Mum, Dad and sister who

showed great dignity during the service.

Enjoy the game this afternoon,

Clive and Jon.



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To book your place on one of the Soccer Centres, you will have to pay, in full, to your chosen leisure centre before the course begins. The cost of the course is £3.00 per session. (Non-borough council centre prices may vary so please

check with your centre). Please book early to avoid disappointment.

2005 has been a really busy year so far and we have had more and more children enrolling on our ten Soccer Centres around Wiltshire.

We are starting a new session at the Oasis Leisure Centre on Monday 21st February 2005 at 4.30 - 5.30 pm which is for children aged 5-7 yrs. We then have an older group that starts at 5pm and this session will last for one hour. The ages for that session are 8-11yrs.

Also we are starting a new Mini Soccer Centre that kicks off in April which is for children aged 4-5 years. This session will run at the Dorcan Sports Centre. Also at Dorcan, we will also be running a session for children aged 11-13 as we currently do not have a course for children after 11 yrs of age.

For more information on any of these courses you can ring me at the Swindon Town Community Office on 01793 617718.

Shane Hewlett
Soccer Centres
Co-Ordinator

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	5.30-6.30	7-8yrs

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Saturday:	10.00-11.00	5-8yrs

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Tuesday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
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Thursday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs

Haydon Centre (Swindon Borough)

Thursday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
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	6.00-7.00	9-11yrs

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	4.30-5.30	9-11yrs
Tuesday:	3.30-4.30	5-6yrs
	4.30-5.30	9-10yrs
Wednesday:	3.30-4.30	7-8yrs
	4.30-5.30	8-9yrs
Friday:	3.30-4.30	5-6yrs

Marlborough

Wednesday:	3.30-4.00	5-7yrs
	4.00-5.00	7-9yrs
	5.00-6.00	9-11yrs

Ridgeway

Wednesday:	5.00-6.00	5-7yrs
	6.00-7.00	8-11yrs

Bampton

Friday:	5.00-6.00	7-9yrs
	6.00-7.00	10-11yrs

Tidworth

Friday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	7-8yrs

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- 21. Lee Holmes

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- 10. Stef Miglioranzi (7)
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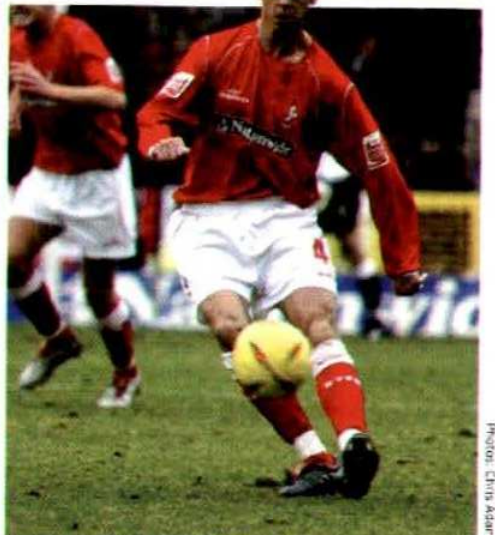
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- 22. Chris Williams
- 23. Danny Jackman

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- 1. Neil Cutler
- 25. Michael Raynes



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League Review

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Luton Town failed to extend their lead at the top of League One after being held to a 1-1 draw at Huddersfield Town...

 Ahmet Brkovic gave The Hatters a half time lead but on-loan striker Luke Beckett earned Peter Jackson's side a point with a last-gasp strike in West Yorkshire.

 However, Hull City couldn't close the gap at the top of the table as they were also held to a 1-1 draw at home to Bristol City.


Nicky Barmby broke the deadlock at The KC Stadium, but Leroy Lita, with a recent Under-21 call up to his name, earned Brian Tinnion's side a point with an equaliser just 15 minutes from time.


 Tranmere Rovers also struggled to make up any ground on the top two when they struggled to see off a resilient Bradford City at Valley Parade.

Brian Little's side got off to a great start when hotshot striker Iain Hume gave the visitors a 1-0 lead early on.

The Bantams, however, earned a point when Dean Windass scored with just over 10 minutes remaining to level matters. Things went from bad to worse in the dying moments for

Rovers as they finished the match with ten men after Gareth Roberts was sent off for serious foul play.


 Sheffield Wednesday also fell foul of the glut of draws being handed out in the top six as they failed to strengthen their play-off position following a goalless draw with Yorkshire rivals Barnsley.

 Hartlepool United were one of only two teams in the playoff spots to take maximum spoils from their weekend fixture. After a goalless first half against Chesterfield, things opened up more in the second half when the home side were reduced to ten men with Jordan Fowler being given his marching orders for a second bookable offence.


Recently crowned Powerade Player Of The Month Adam Boyd then took the points for Pools with his winning strike on 55 minutes.

 Brentford were the only other side to register a win thanks to a Stephen Hunt penalty with 12 minutes remaining, giving the Bees a 1-0 win over struggling Milton Keynes


Dons at Griffin Park.

 Swindon Town came from a goal down to defeat Oldham Athletic 2-1 at Boundary Park to register a vital win that keeps them in the play-off hunt.

Manchester United loanee Kenny Cooper gave The Latics the lead before the break, but a nine minute spell in the second half saw Sam Parkin and Grant Smith give Andy King's side the win in Greater Manchester.


 Bournemouth suffered a disappointing 2-1 defeat to Port Vale and lost further ground on the play-off places.

Garreth O'Connor gave The Cherries the lead on the quarter hour mark before Billy Paynter levelled just four minutes later. Chris Birchall netted the winner 11 minutes before the break to help ease Vale's position in the lower half of the table.


 Torquay United boosted hopes of survival in League One survival with a desperate 2-1 victory over Doncaster Rovers at Plainmoor. Leon

Constantine and Adebayo Akinfenwa gave The Gulls a two-goal lead at the break.

On loan Simon Johnson scored late in the second half to set up a frantic flourish towards the end but they failed to find an equaliser in South Devon.

 Walsall and Wrexham played out an entertaining 2-2 draw at The Bescot Stadium.

Darren Wrack and Jorge Leitao struck for The Saddlers while Denis Smith's side replied through Darren Ferguson and Chris Llewellyn, as the points were shared in the Black Country.

 Simon Grayson's late strike gave Blackpool a 1-0 win at Colchester United and boosted their chances of avoiding relegation.

 Finally, Peterborough United also notched a win at the foot of the table with a 2-1 win over struggling Stockport County.

Calum Willock and Richard Logan scored the goals for Barry Fry's side while Danny Jackman earned a consolation for The Hatters.

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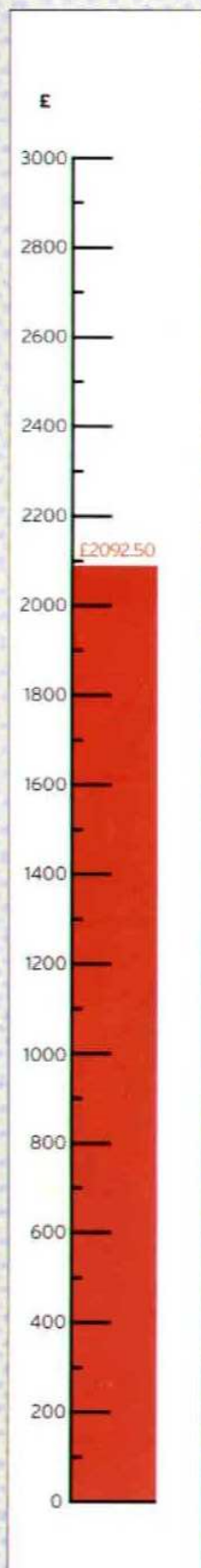
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Half-Time Draw

The winner at the Stockport match a fortnight ago was Mr K. Wilmer from Swindon, who won £350 with his ticket numbered 575.

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*Don't also forget the weekend trip taking in our game at Hartlepool, departing Friday 1st April and returning on the Sunday. Further details from the Away travel office.



Road To Recovery

Christian Roberts has been a frustrated individual over the past few weeks. Having undergone a hernia repair operation on Friday January 14th, the striker has been unable to kick a ball in anger since.

However, there is now light at the end of the tunnel and having seen the specialist once again this week, Cardiff-born Christian is now on the road to recovery. On Tuesday morning STFC Magazine caught up with the 25-year old and got the latest on his progress.

Your last game for Town was away at Peterborough United on Boxing Day, that must seem a long time ago now?

"Yes it does. It feels like a hell of a long time to be honest. As you said the Peterborough United game was over the Christmas period and it has been pretty frustrating for me since then. It is the longest period I have been out injured in my career and every day feels like a double day for me at the moment. However, it is one of those things and I just have to get on with it."

Having had the operation in early January, how is the recovery going?

"We hit a little stumbling block recently, the area became infected and I also had the wound aspirated. This has now subsided, enabling me to crack on. Hopefully I can

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get going now and get back into some sort of football action before the end of March."

What targets has Dick Mackey set you?

"The primary target, as simple as it sounds, is to get fit as soon as possible. That in itself is going to take time as it has to be done with the correct rehabilitation. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks we can really start making some progress. It still seems a long time

away but the challenge is there for me."

You have stated before that like many footballers, you are not a good watcher of games...

"That's right - especially when it's your own team and you know you could be out there playing if it weren't for injury. It has not been easy that's for sure. Injuries are part and parcel of football aren't they? It was just unfortunate to pick up the injury and to be out for so long."

Your old Club Exeter City have been doing well - to hold Manchester United at Old Trafford takes some doing doesn't it?

"It was an outstanding achievement. To go all the way up there, play against a United team and to come away with something was really good."

"Even in the replay they did themselves proud and it was great to see. In addition to that - they made a lot of money



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from their cup run and that will go a long way to securing their long-term future I am sure. I was over the moon for them."

The rugby result in Cardiff last weekend must have been a big boost for Welsh sport...

"I haven't seen a lot of the highlights from the match but from what I have heard it was a fantastic achievement.

The spirit the Welsh boys showed was tremendous and it has been a real boost.

"Wales has always been a rugby nation, but the football is picking up a little bit now. The atmosphere in Cardiff recently has been outstanding. The important thing now is for Welsh sport - in whatever game - to perform with as much fight and courage as the rugby team showed against

England last Saturday."

Welsh sport is certainly undergoing something of a resurgence - how big a part do you think the Millennium Stadium has played in that?

"It has played a massive part. When you have a fantastic stadium such as the Millennium with 60,000 or 70,000 people supporting you then that in itself has a tremendous effect and that is what it has done.

"I have been fortunate enough to play there on two occasions with Bristol City and the atmosphere there then was outstanding."

Barnsley visit The County Ground today. Having scored up at Oakwell, what type of contest are you expecting this afternoon?

"They are a decent team and have some quality players. Going to Barnsley is not an easy task, but facing them at home with the two results we have had then we should have nothing to fear.

"I watched the Stockport County game and thought we played well and got the result we deserved. Having taken the points at Oldham last Saturday then a win against Barnsley would put us right back in there."

Can we have your predictions for the rest of today's games?

Bournemouth	1
Oldham Athletic	1

Doncaster Rovers	2
Chesterfield	0

Luton Town	1
Hull City	1

Milton Keynes	1
Huddersfield	2

Sheffield Wed	3
Bradford City	1

Stockport County	0
Port Vale	1

Swindon Town	3
(Parkin, Hewlett and Jenkins)	
Barnsley	0

Tranmere	0
Colchester	1
(Fagan)	

Wrexham	2
Torquay United	2

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Today's Mascots



Samuel Cheesley

Sam is 6-years old and attends Westrop Primary School in Highworth. He plays football for the Under 7's at Highworth Town FC and supports Swindon Town. His favourite Town players are Sammy Igoe and 'Super' Sam Parkin.



Daniel Watt

Dan is celebrating his 8th Birthday and attends Tregoze school. He enjoys Swimming and Tennis but his favourite sport is football, where he is captain of Westbrook Under8's, who remain unbeaten in their league this season. His favourite players are Sam Parkin and David Duke.



Max Parker

Max turned 7 on 4th February and he goes to school at Brookfields in West Swindon and plays football for Shaw under 7's. He has been a season ticket holder at STFC for 3 years and his favourite player is Sam Parkin (no suprise there!!)

Football Away Trips

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Filming started at the end of January and continues until late March 2005 and we want to know what away trips you have planned? Are you missing your anniversary to watch your team or maybe you're taking your partner with you for the first time to show them what all the fuss is about? Are you going to a ground you've never been to before, or possibly



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JUNIOR ROBINS



Good afternoon to all the Junior Robins here today, I hope you have all received your newsletters regarding the two exciting events that are planned for you this coming half term week.

Hopefully on Monday we will be taking a coach to St Mary's in Southampton and then following on to Beaulieu. At the time of writing I had spaces left and was optimistic about selling the remainder for the trip to be able to take place.

Also on Wednesday

16th we have our first Junior Robins 'Meet the Players evening'. Please return your slip to me, if you would like to attend so I have an estimation of the numbers that we expect to show. This should be a really fun evening and you will have the opportunity to ask questions of some of the playing squad and other guests and collect some autographs.

I will be running a quiz with the winning entry winning a signed Swindon Town football. You will have the opportunity to meet some other Junior Robins and give me some suggestions of future

trips you may like to see organised. Photographs of both events will be in future programmes.

I have received a number of telephone calls with regard to reciprocal trips for Junior Robins and sadly it would seem that Bristol City and Stockport County may be the only two this season. This is partly due to the amount of evening games with teams that we may have visited. (Sheffield Weds, Luton and Huddersfield).

I am keen to run a trip to Chelsea in May half term and a sightseeing



trip of London I would be grateful for any feedback on this from you.

Enjoy the game today and I look forward to meeting lots of you on Wednesday night.

Andrea Garrett
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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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Words: Richard Keast

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By car: At the end of the M5 follow the A38 and then turn left onto the A380. On reaching Kingskerwell, take the first exit at the large roundabout (where is a McDonalds & Sainsburys on one side) onto the A3022 towards Torquay. After one mile turn left towards Babbacombe (signposted Babbacombe (A379)). After 1 mile turn left into Westhill Road for Warbro Road. Torquay United is signposted on nearing the ground.

Mainly street parking.

By train: The ground is over two miles away from the main Torquay railway station and so a taxi (around £4) may well be in order.

Where to stay:

I imagine a lot of you, like me will be making weekend of it in 'sunny' Devon. For those who are, the Tourist Net UK website is worth a look: <http://www.touristnetuk.com/Hotels/sw/torquay.htm>

Ground:

In May 1985, Plainmoor was virtually destroyed by firing, and was not rebuilt for several years. This resulted in very poor facilities, for both fans and players. For several years the changing rooms were a couple of Portacabins, located behind one of the stands! Things have changed though, as there has been much redevelopment during the late 1980s and early 1990s. A all-seater Family Stand, replaced the old Mini Stand. This new Family Stand also includes the club shop, a pub, a restaurant (Boots and Laces), and the 200 Club bar.

Fave game:

I'm struggling with this one. We've not played Torquay much in the last 20 years. I would say the 6-0 away victory in the League Cup in 1992, except I didn't go! I will have to say then, the 1989 Sherpa Van Trophy Final between Torquay and Bolton at Wembley. A few of us went up to support a Torquay side containing several ex-Town players, such as Kenny Allen, David Cole and Charlie Henry. Sadly, the Gulls got hammered 4-1!



Tony Bedeau

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

ComingUp...

STFC vs. Torquay United

Saturday 19th February, KO 3:00pm

at Plainmoor

All tickets are pay on the day...

Prices

Adult £14
OAP/Student £12
Under 16's £5



STFC vs. Port Vale

Wednesday 23rd February, KO 7:45pm

at The County Ground

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



STFC vs. Doncaster Rovers

Saturday 26th February, KO 3:00pm

at Belle Vue

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STFC vs. Bournemouth

Saturday 5th March, KO 3:00pm

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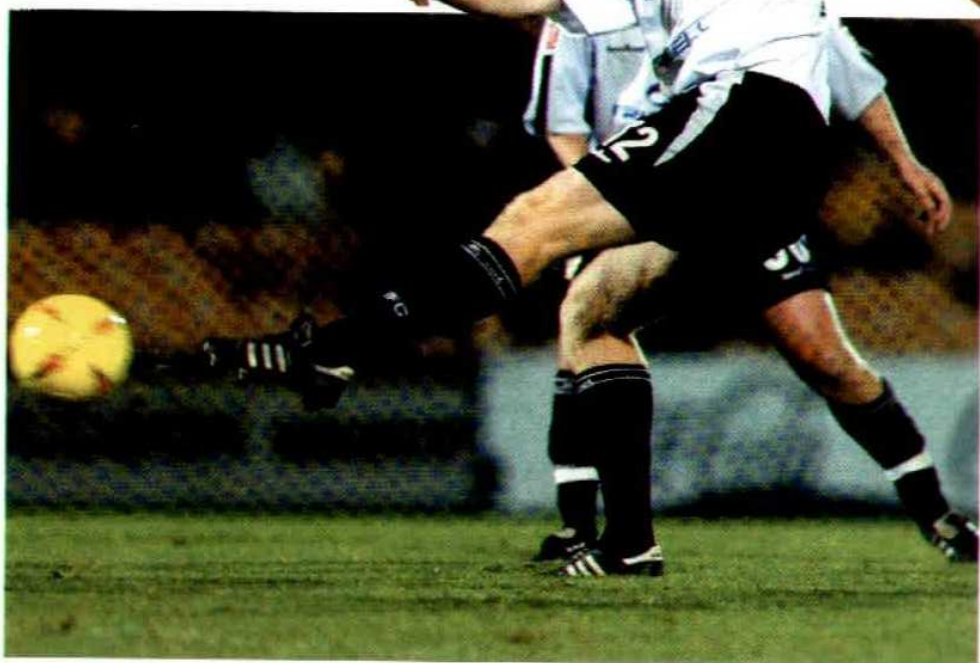
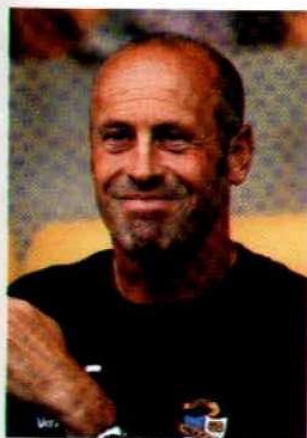
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Gazette & Herald

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



 **Coca-Cola LEAGUE 1**

Wednesday 23rd February
KickOff 7.45pm

You have to look all the way back to the beginning of December to find the last time Town had a home League match on a Wednesday, but on 23rd February, Port Vale travel down from the Potteries for a League One clash.

Currently lying 18th in the table, manager Martin Foyle faced criticism from fans prior to last weekend's 2-1 home win over Bournemouth, the Valiants' second win in eight matches. Vale's top two scorers were on the mark that day as Vale overturned an early Cherries lead when Billy Paynter's goal total was increased to 10 and Chris

Birchall's strike took his tally to six.

Away from home, Vale's record of 11 defeats in 15 matches is only 'bettered' by the 12 of MK Dons, but wins at Barnsley, Blackpool and Bradford paint a slightly more optimistic picture and strike fear in the hearts of any team whose name begins with the letter 'B'.

One to look out for in midfield is Robin Hulbert

who will be making a return to the ground where his professional career began. He moved on to Bristol City and after a loan spell at Shrewsbury joined Telford whose financial turmoil made him a free agent last summer. A two-year contract at Vale followed during the summer.

Back in October, Port Vale grabbed a 1-0 win over Town at Vale Park, but while once placed 3rd in the table,

Vale's season threatens to degenerate into a relegation dog-fight.

Town and Vale are casting glances at different ends of the table, but both sides need the points. Alert Swindon supporters will know that Town have now gone 61 games since a no-score draw, but at the start of this week Vale had also gone 26 since a score draw. Looks likely that someone will be claiming all three points.



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STFC PREVIOUS LINE-UP

Oldham Athletic 1-2 Swindon Town
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BFC PREVIOUS LINE-UP

Barnsley 0-0 Sheffield Wednesday
Coca-Cola League One • 05.02.05



Today's LEAGUE ONE Fixtures

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Doncaster vs Chesterfield
Luton vs Hull City
Milton Keynes vs Huddersfield
Sheff Wed vs Bradford
Stockport vs Port Vale
Swindon vs Barnsley
Tranmere vs Colchester
Wrexham vs Torquay

Barnsley



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