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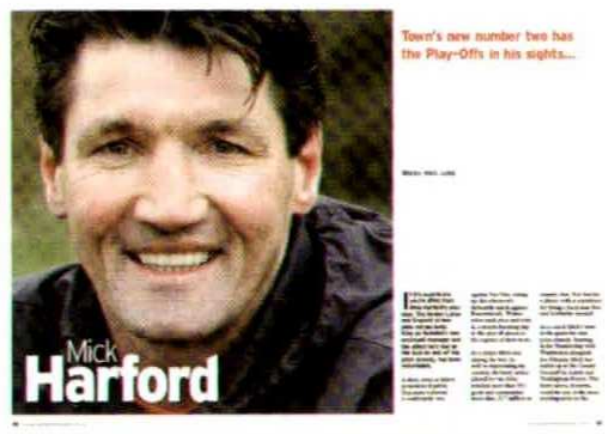
Another month has flown by at SN1 and what a busy February it was.

Changes were aplenty with the Mick Harford replacing Mike Walsh as Assistant Manager. There was also movement on the loan front with Michael Proctor making a goal-scoring debut against Port Vale and Lee Holmes extending

his deal for a third and final month.

Life is never dull being a Swindon fan and so it has once again been proved this season. Today we find ourselves taking on Bournemouth this afternoon what should be another exciting chapter in the battle for the play-offs.

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Latest News

King named Manager of the Month... Coughlan nets 3000th goal in £1million chase... Fagan moves to Hull... Newell angry after Luton lose out...

King Tops Vote

Swindon Town Manager Andy King has been awarded February's Coca-Cola Manager of the Month Award in Coca-Cola League 1.

The award, presented by Coca-Cola, is to recognise excellence in performance by managers throughout the Football League.

The Robins went unbeaten during the month recording three wins and two draws and King now has his side nicely positioned just one point outside of the Play Off zone.

Also short-listed for the February award were Mike Newell of Luton Town, Neale Cooper of Hartlepool United and Blackpool's Colin Hendry.

Chris Kamara, chairman of the Coca-Cola Manager of the Month Awards panel, said:

"Following last season's semi final play-off drama and an inconsistent start to this season, there has been some pressure on Andy but his side are enjoying great form at the moment."

The decision to present the Coca-Cola League 1 Manager of the Month award was made by the Coca-Cola Awards panel headed by Coca-Cola Ambassador and Sky Sports pundit Chris Kamara, former World Cup referee Jack Taylor and John Barnwell, Chief Executive, League Managers Association.

huge milestone in the Coca-Cola £1 million Goal Chase, which was launched at the beginning of the season, asking fans to encourage their club to raise their game this season to score a total of 4,500 or more goals.

If the 72 Football League Clubs score 4,500 or more goals this season they will each win a share of the Coca-Cola £1 million prize fund to spend on an apprentice or a young, up-and-coming player.

Fagan Switch

Striker Craig Fagan completed a move from Colchester United to Hull City in midweek, a switch that could see him face the Robins for the third time this season.

Fagan agreed a two-and-a-half year deal with the League One promotion chaser in a move involving a "significant six-figure fee". The 22-year old has faced Town on two occasions already this season in September at Layer Road and at The County Ground in January. Swindon make the trip to The KC Stadium on 16th

3000th Goal!

Former Town loanee Graham Coughlan, Plymouth Argyle's Irish born defender, scored the 3000th goal in the Coca-Cola £1 Million Goal Chase when he scored after just 140 seconds in Plymouth's home game against Sheffield Utd on 22nd February. The goal helped The Pilgrims on their way to a 3-0 win.

The 3000th goal is a

PhysioRoom Dick Mackey

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Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's game with AFC Bournemouth.

With the exception of two sore backs belonging to Stefani Miglioranzi and Matt Hewlett the weekend's fixture at Doncaster Rovers produced no serious problems. I don't expect either of the above not being available for today's fixture.

Christian Roberts has enjoyed a demanding week with sessions of running and footballing drills of increasing demand. This fellow was expected to train ahead of today's game with a view of possible participation in the reserve game on Tuesday against Plymouth.

I will be delighted to see Christian back in action in our bid to attain a play-off place.



Captain's Column Matt Hewlett

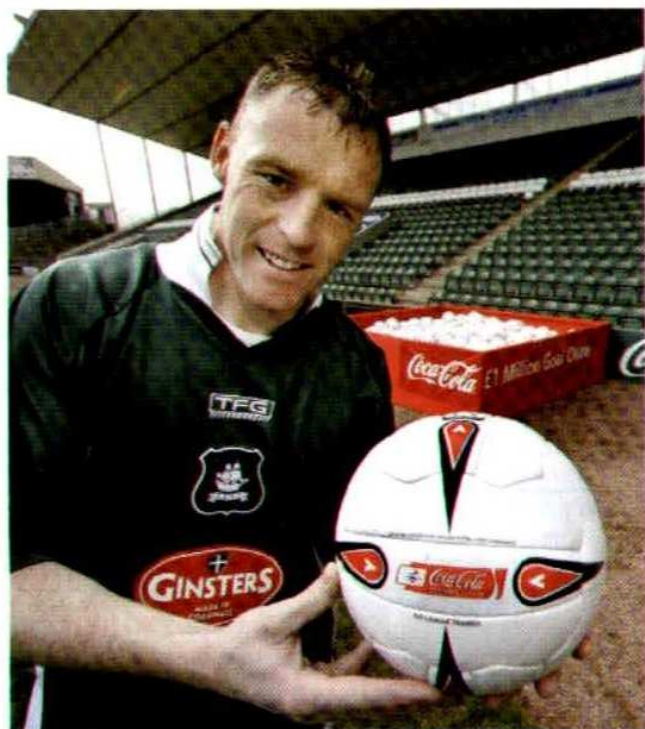
Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's game with AFC Bournemouth.

Over the last ten days we have taken four points from two games with Port Vale and Doncaster respectively. The win over Vale was pleasing and we were all delighted for 'Procs' to score on his debut.

Last weekend we travelled to a wintry Doncaster where we came away with a point from what was a tight game. **Lee Holmes** put us in the driving seat early on but unfortunately we couldn't hold onto the lead, but a point has done us no harm at all.

Today will be another close game with Bournemouth up there amongst the play-off contenders. We just have to make sure we come away with a result to keep our own promotion aspirations alive.

Keep up the support...



April where they could come up against the 14-goal striker once again.

"Craig is a player with good movement, good pace and good intelligence - he's the one I've wanted all along," boss Peter Taylor told Hull City's website.

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Newell Angry

Town's next opponents Luton Town saw their 14-game unbeaten run come to an end last weekend with Hatters Boss labelling their showing 'probably the

worst performance of the season.'

Newell, who was at Swindon ten days ago to watch Port Vale in action, blasted his side after their 3-1 defeat by the Valiants.

"The run didn't have to end but it has ended. I would have to say that was. It wasn't just our passing that was sloppy. We didn't really compete.

"The result is a reminder to the players and everyone that we won't roll teams over. There is no such thing

as an easy game.

"The unbeaten run has come to an end and now we have to start a new one, as soon as possible."

For ticket details ahead of Town's visit to Kenilworth Road just turn to page 62 or for an 'Oh What Fun' preview turn to page 61.

In Memorium

Our smiley little angel lived for as many minutes as in today's game. Cherish the excitement and roar on the Town. Belief is everything.

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BoardroomTalk

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

Some months come and go and others, like February, should never end.

Eleven valuable points, unbeaten in five games, ten goals scored (with only four conceded) plus a new loan player who scores on his debut. Then on top of all that we secured the services of Mick Harford to assist Andy and the squad as we push towards the play-offs. A passable month you might say and a quantum change, both on and off the pitch, compared with the dramas of January.

Now for the reality check. Today's match

against Bournemouth is going to be tough. The 'Cherries' have performed well so far this campaign and are currently just one point above us. James Hayter has scored eighteen times this season just one more than our own 'Super Sammy'. However, I suspect Messers Evans, Heywood, Duke and company are in for a hard afternoon at the office. While at the other end of the likes of Parkin and new man Proctor will be trying to do the business for the Town.

May I take this opportunity to thank the 1100 plus supporters who travelled to Torquay.

Now I know a day at the seaside has more attraction than say a trip to The Earth Stadium at Doncaster but the vocal support for the Town from behind the goal was at times deafening. The lads explained to me after the match it really lifted them through several periods of sustained pressure from the home side. Good on you! Let's be vocal again this afternoon - you know it makes sense.

February was fabulous, let's have a momentous March!

Enjoy the match,

Bob Holt



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Town fans at Torquay...



MatchReport

Doncaster 1 • Swindon 1

Saturday 26th February 2005 • Kick-Off 3.00pm
Coca-Cola League One • Earth Stadium

On a tempestuous afternoon in Yorkshire, Swindon Town came away with a point to keep their Play-Off ambitions very much alive.

Town stuck with the same eleven that had defeated Port Vale just three days earlier and wasted little time in taking the advantage. A through ball from Sammy Igoe was chased down by 'Super' Sam on the left hand edge of the area, and after escaping the attentions of the home keeper, Parkin rolled the ball into the path of Lee Holmes who made no mistake from six yards out to give his side the lead after just five minutes.

For their part Doncaster battled well and did force a first half equaliser from Neil Roberts, who controlled a cross from James Coppinger to fire home past Evans.

Swindon rallied after the break and Grant Smith's left foot pile-driver was denied only by the woodwork. Rhys Evans was also found to be on top of his game once again, pulling off a number of fine stops to keep his side in the contest.

Coca-Cola

Andy King

Good afternoon and welcome to the Management, Directors, Players and Supporters of Bournemouth...



This is a particularly important time for the football club now as we try to put ourselves into a challenging position for the play-offs.

It is also the start of a very difficult run of games which sees us face several of the teams around us in the next few weeks.

Last week at Doncaster we had to get something out of the game to keep them below us, and the same will be true today. We have to win the game to go above Bournemouth and the games are almost six pointers at the moment. That I feel may be a benefit to this side and at the moment I think we have the confidence to give ourselves a chance of achieving something.

At the moment I am still looking to add to the squad as I think that now is the time to progress. If I can improve the squad then I will as it will give us added competition for places which is only a positive thing. This is also the time when clubs are deciding on contracts ahead of next season, something that I will be sitting down with the Board to discuss next week. The situation

has changed because in the old days players were told perhaps a week before the end of the season or they would have to wait outside the Managers office on a Monday morning after the last game. Now it is much easier for the players as they know their 'fate' early and can go on trial at other clubs. The pain of being released is still the same for the players, but there are more opportunities for them. There are players that I am looking at and one player at Manchester United has caught my eye as well as a lad at a London Premiership club. I will be in a strong market for both players and one of them is on trial at a Championship club at the moment.

The interest is there and I hear from the ticket office this week that things have been a little more brisk. I think the belief is there amongst the fans and with your help we can achieve together. The support at Torquay as I have said previously was fantastic, but I must also thank those of you who made the trip to Doncaster. Let's hope we can generate a positive atmosphere to get behind the team this afternoon.

On the injury front Christian Roberts is now back in full training and it has been good to have him back involved. We are targeting a reserve game next week for his comeback which will give us more competition up front. We have a few niggling injuries and Steve Robinson has had a scan this week, but we are waiting for the results of that.

I must also give a mention to Ian, Iffy and the kids. The youth team are doing well in the Merit League beating West Brom 2-1 last weekend. These games are testing for the players and it is a great achievement to be facing Premiership opposition. I hope they continue to progress and we could see a few of the side forming the backbone of the squad in future years.

Bournemouth arrive today for what is a game although not titled a local derby but it is certainly a rivalry. Sean O'Driscoll has done a good job and with Steve Fletcher back, they will be a threat.

Enjoy what should be a good game of football here this afternoon.

AK.

MatchAction



Coca-Cola League One

Saturday 26th February 2005
Earth Stadium, 3:00pm

Doncaster (1) 1

Swindon (1) 1

Attendance: 7,696

Doncaster



(red & white shirts, red shorts)

- 1. Andy Warrington
- 3. Tim Ryan
- 5. John Doolan
- 8. Gregg Blundell
- 15. Nick Fenton
- 20. Paul Green
- 21. Michael McIndoe
- 23. Stephen Foster
- 26. James Coppinger
- 30. Dave Mulligan
- 33. Neil Roberts **1**

Subs Used

- 11. Jermaine McSparran (30)

Subs Not Used

- 32. Ross Flitney
- 10. Adriano Rigoglioso
- 19. Ricky Ravenhill
- 25. Nicholas Priet

Swindon



(blue shirts, blue shorts)

- 1. Rhys Evans
- 2. Sean O'Hanlon
- 3. Grant Smith
- 4. Matt Hewlett
- 6. Steve Jenkins
- 7. Sammy Igoe
- 9. Sam Parkin
- 11. David Duke
- 19. Matt Heywood
- 21. Lee Holmes **1**
- 26. Michael Proctor

Subs Used

- 5. Jamie Slabber (26)
- 17. Brian Howard (21)
- 12. Jerel Ifil (7)

Subs Not Used

- 20. Steve Book
- 10. Stef Miglioranza



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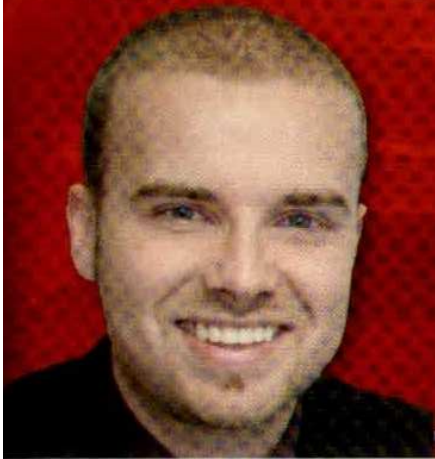
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MediaComment

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

Today's match is teed up quite beautifully and what an incentive for both teams to secure all three points.

A Town win would lift the lads into that coveted sixth spot and dump the Cherries below the dotted line.

Sadly, a Bournemouth win would leave Sean O'Driscoll's men four points clear with a game in hand.

Still, I'm just glad we're still talking about nail-biting excitement at this stage. Aside from being doomed to the drop I don't think there's anything worse than

buzz when there's nothing at stake.

Victory today would lift us into the top six for the first time since early September and that would hopefully see the smiles spread even further and hopefully see a few more fans coming through the turnstiles.

Whoever wins today (as long as it's Town) I doubt very much whether we'll see the victorious manager walking in front of the opposing fans and putting his finger to his lips.

What was old Jose thinking? It was a bizarre way of making a point to the English press and

Victory today will set us up nicely for the trip to Luton next Saturday, a match Messrs King and Harford are both looking forward to with a certain degree of relish...

seeing your season dead in the water by February (or early March as we are now).

Players say all the right things about playing for pride, contracts, the supporters etc but there is no disguising that matches lack a certain

you can understand the Liverpool fans getting annoyed.

If a player made such a gesture after scoring a goal then he'd be strung up by the football authorities.

Still, it's all a question of



adapting to the British culture according to the Chelsea boss. I think he's a breath of fresh air but there is a thin line between having supreme confidence in yourself and a dismissive attitude towards others.

He has to be careful, not that he probably cares what other people think of him.

Talking of bizarre actions, what was Delia Smith doing at half-time the other night? Ranting things like 'where are you'

doesn't strike me as being a particularly sensible way of treating paying customers. Was she on about the lack of noise or the lack of punters?

Anyway, get behind the lads as ever and hopefully victory today will set us up nicely for the trip to Luton next Saturday, a match Messrs King and Harford are both looking forward to with a certain degree of relish I imagine.

Cheers for now,
Jon

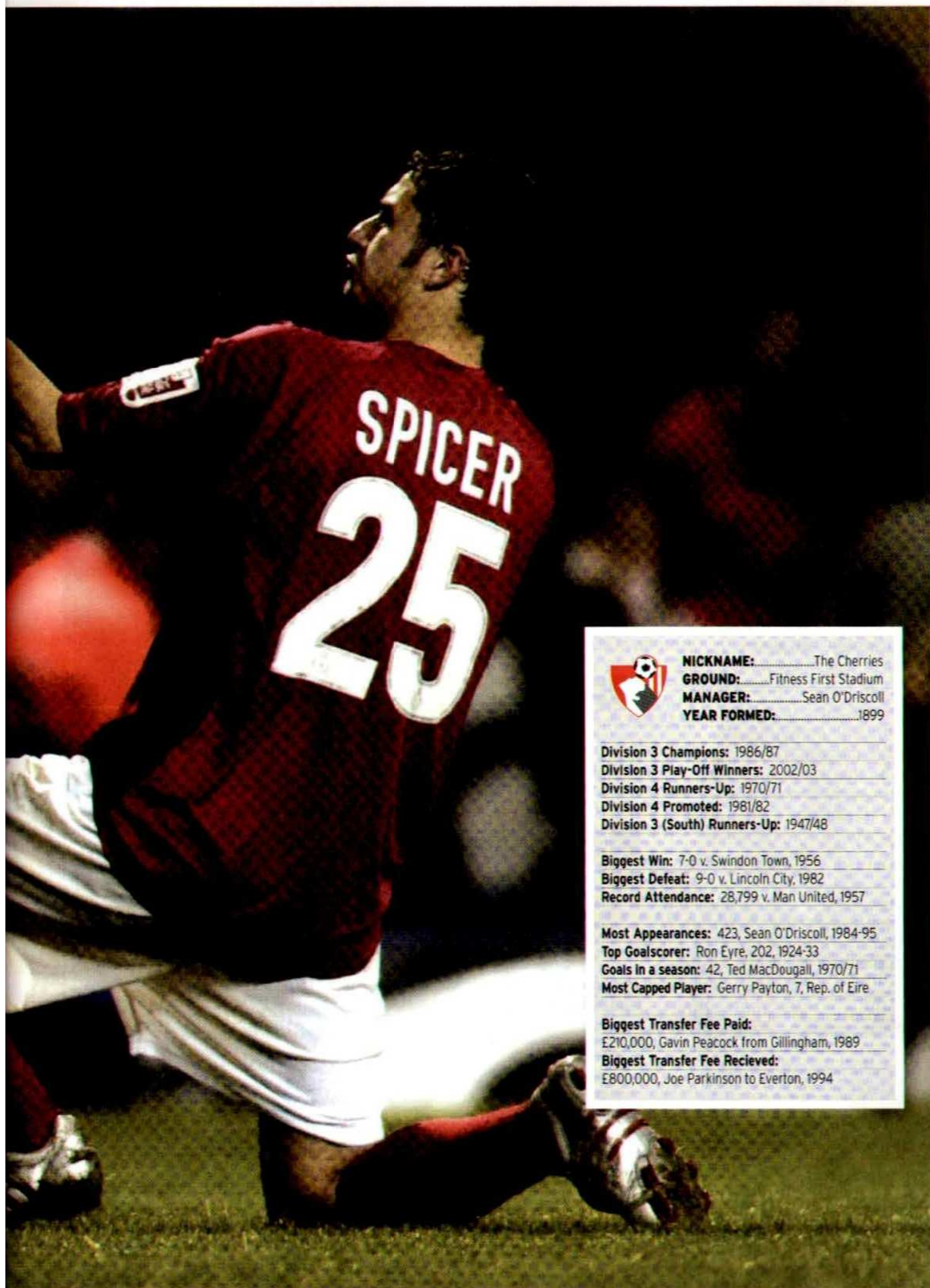


Gunning For Glory

Bournemouth

Ex-Gunner John Spicer and his Cherries team-mates will be looking to fire Bournemouth towards a place in the play-offs, as two in-form sides come face-to-face in a promotion six-point shoot out. Sean O'Driscoll's south coast side arrive at the County Ground on the crest of a wave following two wins and a draw in their last three outings, leaving them proudly coveting their place in the division's top six.

Words: Simon Coy



NICKNAME:.....The Cherries
GROUND:.....Fitness First Stadium
MANAGER:.....Sean O'Driscoll
YEAR FORMED:.....1899

Division 3 Champions: 1986/87
Division 3 Play-Off Winners: 2002/03
Division 4 Runners-Up: 1970/71
Division 4 Promoted: 1981/82
Division 3 (South) Runners-Up: 1947/48

Biggest Win: 7-0 v. Swindon Town, 1956
Biggest Defeat: 9-0 v. Lincoln City, 1982
Record Attendance: 28,799 v. Man United, 1957

Most Appearances: 423, Sean O'Driscoll, 1984-95
Top Goalscorer: Ron Eyre, 202, 1924-33
Goals in a season: 42, Ted MacDougall, 1970/71
Most Capped Player: Gerry Payton, 7, Rep. of Eire

Biggest Transfer Fee Paid:
 £210,000, Gavin Peacock from Gillingham, 1989
Biggest Transfer Fee Received:
 £800,000, Joe Parkinson to Everton, 1994

The Cherries' Squad

After a roller coaster couple of years when current boss Sean O'Driscoll first took charge, the Cherries are now making upward progress towards their ultimate goal of promotion into the Championship.

Since bouncing straight back into League One via the play-offs in 2002/03, the only way has been up at the Fitness First Stadium. Cherries fans saw their side finish in a healthy 9th place last season and this campaign will be hoping to finish in at least the sixth place they currently occupy.

The clubs home form this term has helped them reap the benefits with only 2 defeats, whilst 15 different players have been on the scoresheet during the campaign. The goals of James Hayter with 14 in the league and Garreth O'Connor with 10 have also contributed to the overall success.

The season began well after an opening day defeat at Hull, as the Cherries then went 5 games undefeated before consecutive defeats to Luton, Brentford and Colchester. October saw the good form continue with 1 draw and 4 wins and in December they beat Town 2-1 at the Fitness First Stadium.

A 1-1 draw with Tranmere last weekend followed on from successive victories over Torquay and Barnsley achieved without conceding a goal.

1 Neil Moss

Experienced keeper who began his career at Bournemouth before a move along the coast to Southampton where he made 24 appearance in the Premiership. Returned to the Cherries in 2003.



4 Marcus Browning

Much travelled midfielder who has played over 475 games for Bristol Rovers, Hereford, Huddersfield, Gillingham and Bournemouth. Has only found the net once this season in the cup at Leyton Orient.



6 Shaun Maher

Tough central defender in his 4th season with the Cherries. Has made over 100 appearances for Bournemouth since signing from Irish side Bohemians. Scored against Torquay recently.



8 Brian Stock

Winchester born midfielder who began his Cherries career as a youth trainee. A regular feature in the side he has now made over 130 appearances for Bournemouth. Scored 6 times this season.



9 Dani Rodrigues

Portuguese forward signed in the summer from Ionikos. Spent a period at Southampton where he only played twice as a substitute. Also had loan spells at Bristol City and Yeovil where he scored 4 times in 4 games.



10 Steve Fletcher

Veteran striker in his 13th season at Bournemouth. He has scored 94 times in just under 500 appearances for the Cherries. Scored a hat-trick against Brentford earlier this season. Club Captain.



11 Wade Elliott

Great favourite with the fans and wonderful servant to Bournemouth since arriving from Bashley in 2000. Approaching 250 appearances and has netted 35 times along the way. Yet to be booked this season.



12 Garreth O'Connor

Experienced Irish midfield man signed in summer 2000 from Bohemians. Has made almost 200 appearances for the Cherries scoring 25 goals along the way. Has netted 6 times in the last 7 games.



17 Alan Connell

Young striker who was a product of the Ipswich Town academy. Joined Bournemouth in the summer of 2002 but has been hampered by injury. Mainly used as a substitute this season and has scored 4 times.



22 Matthew Mills

Swindon-born defender signed on loan from Southampton. Went straight into the side against both Torquay and Tranmere scoring last weekend against the Merseyside club. Previously on loan at Coventry.



25 John Spicer

Arsenal trainee who first joined Bournemouth on loan last September spending 3 months at the club before making the move permanent. Has since made an impact scoring 4 times as a Cherries player.



28 Warren Cummings

Scottish defender who began his career as a trainee at Chelsea where he gained experience via a series of loan spells. Joined the Cherries following one of these spells in April 2003.



31 James O'Connor

Young Irish defender on loan from Aston Villa. Previously spent a 3 month loan spell at Port Vale earlier this season where he appeared against Swindon in the defeat at Vale Park.



Last Time
at the County Ground



Date: Sat 3rd January 2004

Competition: Division Two

Half-Time Score: 1-1

Full-Time Score: 2-1

Swindon Goalscorers:

Mooney, 15, 80

Bournemouth Goalscorers:

Hayter, 5

Attendance: 7,158

Swindon Final League

Position: 5th

Bournemouth Final League

Position: 9th

14 OnetoWatch James Hayter



A product of the Cherries youth system, Hayter made headlines across the footballing world when, just over a year ago,

he fired the fastest hat-trick in Football League history.

The Cherries were already 3-0 up at

home to Wrexham when Hayter came on with only 6 minutes remaining. He scored his first after 86 minutes and in an incredible spell netted three goals in a record 2 minutes and 20 seconds.

However, he certainly isn't just a one game wonder as the Newport, Isle Of Wight born striker has scored 70 times during his 9 seasons with the Cherries in almost 300 appearances.

He made his debut at the end of the 1996/97 season at Peterborough when he appeared as a late substitute and went on to appear in one other game in

that campaign without scoring. He failed to open his account the following season appearing only 6 times, all as a substitute.

His first goal came for the Cherries came in February 1999 in the victory over Stoke and since opening his account he has gradually increased his tally each campaign. This season he is the clubs leading scorer having found the net 17 times in all competitions.



thegaffer Sean O'Driscoll

Sean O'Driscoll took over as Cherries boss in August 2000 and during his spell in charge has suffered relegation as well as celebrated promotion at Cardiff via the play-offs in a memorable 5-2 victory over Lincoln City.

As a player he began his career at Fulham where he spent 5 years before moving to Bournemouth. He went on to make 511 appearances for the Cherries and also earned 3 caps for the Republic Of Ireland.

He has also served the club as both physio and youth team coach during his time on the South Coast and he will be hoping that his charges can finish well and make another trip to the Millennium Stadium at the end of May.

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Michael Proctor

Having signed on a month's loan from Rotherham United, striker Michael Proctor wasted no time in making an impression for his new club by scoring the winner against Port Vale.

His 25th minute strike secured Town all three points on the night and lifted them into seventh place, something that pleased just one or two supporters that night.

All of those involved in the Red Army Fund were delighted to see all the hard work, and fans' generous donations, finally bear fruit in the fund being used to help pay for the loan signing of Michael Proctor. And what a first signing! While it's still early days as yet, you can't get a much better start for the fund's first signing than scoring the winner on his debut!

Michael's signing is precisely the scenario envisaged when the Red Army Fund was set up - to have a sum of money available to the manager late in the season when normal funds were low, but we needed that crucial extra signing to sustain

a play-off or promotion push. The Red Army Fund was launched last season by TrustSTFC in conjunction with the Supporters' Club, as a way of enabling Town fans to directly contribute to the team we see on the pitch.

The fund has grown steadily since then to an impressive total of over £8,300.

Proctor himself has seen first hand just how much an important part supporters play in football having previously plied his trade at Championship side Sunderland - whose fans are often labeled as one of the best in the country.

"It hasn't been the easiest of seasons for me playing in a side that is struggling at the wrong end of the table in the Coca Cola Championship, but it is always nice to get off to fresh start and with a goal already maybe I can give everyone something to smile about.

"I think the scheme itself is a great idea and it keeps the supporters involved in the club. Hopefully I can give the fans and the manager

an immediate return on their investment by scoring a few more goals in my time here and help get Swindon into the play-off places."

So if you haven't yet chipped into the Red Army Fund, now's your chance to make a real difference to Town's play-off push - whether by chucking some cash into the bucket collections, or becoming a regular donor via standing order (and getting your name on the "Wall of Fame" on the Red Army Fund website and in the concourses). And if you run a local company, large or small, why not investigate the business sponsor's packages we

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Who knows, you too could be leaving a game soon with a broader grin than usual, thinking to yourself "I helped buy that goal!"

For more information just visit the Trust STFC on the web at www.truststfc.co.uk/redarmy/ or the STFC Supporters Club at www.stfc.ndo.co.uk/suppclub/



▲ Pictured before the Port Vale match (l-r) are: Paul Wardell (Red Army Fund coordinator), Peter Hennell, QA Contractors - Red Army Fund sponsor, Michael Proctor, Ian Ratcliffe (Disabled Supporters Group/STFC Supporters Club), Mark Keenan, Divorce Online - Red Army Fund sponsor.



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A warm welcome to today's Match Sponsors Greenham, AA Drainaway and George Wimpey Homes and to our Matchball Sponsors The Swindon Gazette & Herald

Dinner Success

Last Thursday we witnessed one of the best Sporting Dinners held at The County Ground for a long time. Our guest speakers were 1966 England World Cup hero, ALAN BALL and Comedian AARON JAMES.

Alan spoke of the great influence and backbone, his father, Alan Ball Snr. had been during his own footballing career and then proceeded to give an in-depth personal account leading up to

that great day in July 1966 when England were crowned Champions of the World. The comedy on the night was provided by Aaron James who gave us 35 minutes of pure clean funnies and impersonations. Amongst the impressions he did were Eric Cantona, Sven Goran Eriksson, Rolf Harris, Chris Eubank, Frank Bruno and a host of other sportsmen. A great night was enjoyed by everyone as well as over £6,000 being raised for the Club. A full review can be seen on page 54 of this programme.

Our next Sporting Dinners are to be held in May, when our guest speakers will be from the World of Rugby Union and International Cricket. GARETH CHILCOTT and SIR GARY SOBERS will be the guest speakers on the nights. I say nights because, we expect the demand for tickets to be so great, that we are holding two dinners, back to back. The dates are WEDNESDAY 25th and THURSDAY 26th MAY.

Ticket prices are £525 plus vat for a table of ten, £575 plus vat

for a table of twelve, with individual places being available at £59 plus vat per head. Cost includes a three course Dinner, coffee and mints, and a great nights entertainment with two world respected legends. If you would like to book your places, then please ring Sarah Mildenhall on 01793 333718 now.

And finally, I hope that all of today's VIP Guests, STFC Kit Sponsors and Special Mums enjoying themselves in the Platinum Lounge all have a great day with us.



▲ A representative from Thistle Hotel receive their Match Sponsors trophy after the Port Vale game last week.



▲ A representative from Clarion receive their Match Sponsors trophy from Man of the Match Lee Holmes.

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▲ Match sponsors line-up with team captains, officials and mascots before kick-off last Wednesday.



▲ Lee Holmes presents Match Sponsors ICP Commercial with their commemorative trophy.

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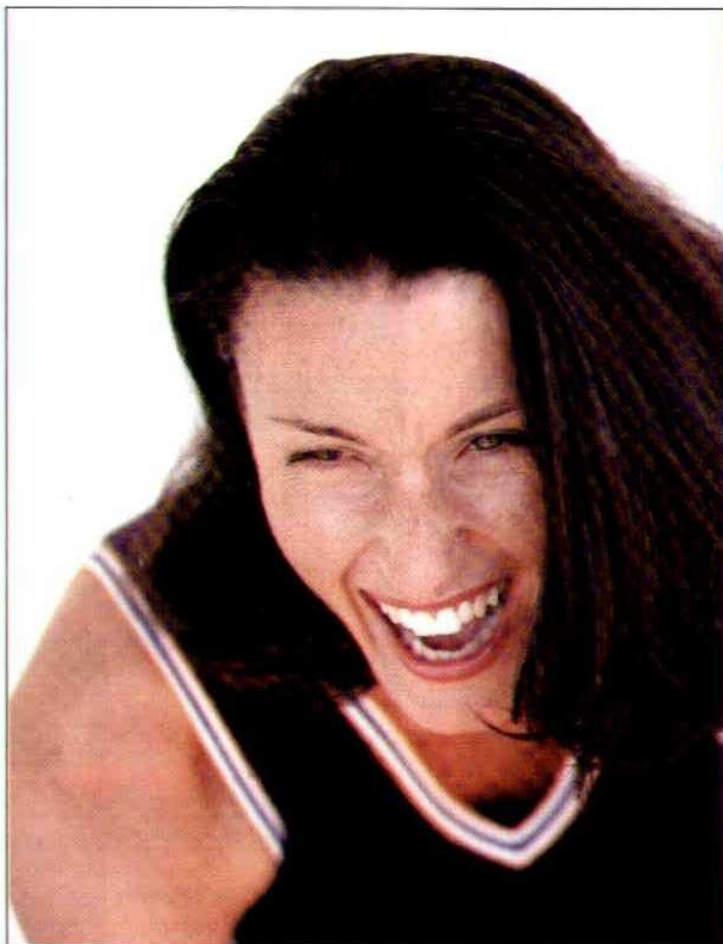


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Grant Smith

'Smudger' brings you the latest from The County Ground with a behind the scenes view of life in SN1...

Hello and welcome to today's game, it seems like ages since my last column but I'm sure you would agree it has been a welcomed break.

Today is a massive game for us all at the club and with games running out it is imperative that we take points off those clubs around us.

There seems to be a real optimism around the club right now and that is shown by the fans too, with the great support we've been getting, especially at Torquay which helped us to get a point we would probably have thrown away earlier in the season.

Another big change at the club in the last couple of weeks

reflected on our game performances. Everyone has taken quickly to Mick and at this stage of the season that is an important boost, when a good run can push you into the play-offs just in time. From a personal point of view it has been good to be involved in the run we are having and hopefully we can continue it for a while. Although I haven't scored in a few games it is more important that the team have been picking up points but with a bit of luck we can win today and I can get back on the score sheet and catch up with 'Super Sams' goal tally. I think I only need just over a goal a game until the end of the season, so fingers crossed eh!

A big talking point over

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has come from Mick Harford's arrival. 'Big Mick' has been taking most of the training and there is a real intensity to the sessions which I'm sure has been

the last week has been the Champions League, with everyone having their own point of view on the subject. Last weeks fixture of games was of an incredible



standard and it is hard to pick a winner from some of the clubs left. In the end I decided to stick a couple of quid on Inter Milan at 11-1 and if they get through the next round against Porto I'm sure they will have a great chance. I went to the final a few years ago in Glasgow and it was a great occasion but in the end luck is a major factor in these finals, mind you the way my lucks been going with the away trip poker games I think I might have given them the kiss of death.

Finally the "Nugget of the Week" this week doesn't go to a person, but to an object. The award also goes from the two people that were hit by this object and not really me as in all honesty I found it quite funny (don't tell them though). The object in

question is a ball and the two victims were Rhys and the Gaffer. Rhys seems to be hit every day in the face with a ball but when we trained last Friday he tried to stop a Brian Howard shot and took it straight in the face. It was so bad we had to finish the session, thankfully Rhys was ok but no one could stop laughing. The other victim was the Gaffer, yet again in training. I didn't see it hit but seemingly Sammy Igoe knocked the ball off his head and his tooth came straight out. It wasn't just the fact he lost the tooth but the next nights team talk was delivered with a lisp. I think Sammy has to pay the dentists bill so watch out for the Gaffers new gold tooth!

Enjoy the game!

'Smithy'

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	1-1
March		
Wed 2	Bristol City A	0-1
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 is set to field a strong side when second placed Plymouth Argyle visit the County Ground on Tuesday afternoon. Why not come and see them in action, entrance is FREE!

Wales & West Division Table 23.02.05

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	10	7	0	3	20	13	21
Plymouth	8	6	1	1	24	6	19
Chelt'ham	11	4	4	3	20	17	16
Swansea	8	4	0	4	13	25	12
Swindon	8	3	2	3	18	13	11
Bristol R	10	3	2	5	17	21	11
Bristol C	8	3	0	5	14	19	9
Yeovil	8	2	1	5	12	17	7
B'mouth	7	1	2	4	7	14	5

Town go down at rivals City



Marc Goodfellow's 18th minute strike gave Bristol City Reserves a 1-0 win over Alan Reeves' counterparts at Ashton Gate on Wednesday afternoon.



Town named a strong line-up for the game which saw Jerel Ifil, Andy Nicholas, Brian Howard and Alan Reeves all start. For the home side new recruit Jonathan Gould started in between the sticks with Bradley Orr and Paul Heffernan also starting.

An entertaining Pontin's Holidays Combination clash was settled when Goodfellow, playing in a central midfield role, lashed home a rasping shot from 20 yards.

Seconds earlier goalkeeper Jonathan Gould, making his City debut, had deflected a shot from Swindon striker Ashan Holgate onto a post. For their part Town went close several times in contributing fully to an open contest, watched by both managers.

Ashan Holgate hit the woodwork for the second time in the afternoon when he saw his header come back off the crossbar as Swindon threatened on the break.

Youth Triumph at WBA

Last weekend saw us travel up to Premiership outfit West Bromich Albion which saw us triumph 2-1 in a game that was a marvelous feather in the cap for the Swindon Town Youth Department.

We went up there with a strong side which included first-teamer Luke Garrard, playing in an unfamiliar midfield role. Starting with an attack-minded 4-3-3 formation, we passed the ball excellently on the day and it was from a training ground set-piece that we took the lead. A short corner to Luke Garrard saw him get his shot away, which bounced back off the upright for **Andy Caton**, who made no mistake from close range.

Chris Allen put us 2-0 up after a slick passing move which involved five Town players, with Holgate eventually squaring the ball for Allen to hit home. At 2-0 up we had numerous chances to put the game beyond doubt and hit the woodwork twice before the home side grabbed a late consolation goal.



Overall, we thoroughly deserved the win and puts us back in the hunt for the Merit League Championship. The next test is a home encounter with Exeter City at the training ground this morning (Saturday 5th March).

All the best.

'Woany'.



Photos: Joe Meredith

City substitute Elliot Benyon looked certain to add to the score in the closing stages, but saw his close range shot blocked on the line.

Both teams kept

attacking to the final whistle, by which time heavy rain was making a bitterly cold afternoon even more unpleasant.

The next outing for the Town reserves on Tuesday 8th March when they Plymouth Argyle are the visitors.

Bristol City: Gould, Skuse, Fortune, Hart, Golbourne, Orr (Lamb 80), Murray, Goodfellow, Anyinsah (Lamb 73), Wilson (Benyon 65), Heffernan. Subs not used: Taylor, Grubb.

Swindon: Book, Garrard, Reeves (Henry 70), Ifil, Nicholas, Howard, Pook, Lapham, Taylor (McKay 63), Holgate, Caton. Subs not used: Bulman, Lewis.



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	1-0
Feb 19	Brentford	1-2
Feb 26	West Brom	2-1
Mar 5	Exeter City	H
Mar 19	Cambridge	H
Mar 26	Q.P.R.	A
Apr 2	Luton Town	H
Apr 9	Bournemouth	A

Iffy's Upbeat



It's been another fruitful week within the Centre of Excellence. With the fixtures at the Zurich training ground called off due to the snow, attention turned to our games away from home.

The u11's beat Pompey 1-0, the u12's lost 1-5 and the u13's drew 0-0. I must say well done to the U18's who had a great result last weekend beating WBA 2-1. It even elicited praise from our counterparts at W.B.A. who declared us the "best side they'd seen in two years". Great credit to the lads and coach, Ian Woan as they've now risen to the top of the Merit league.

With an eye on next years intake I travelled down to Portsmouth with an u16 squad made up of mostly trialists and u15's. The result wasn't paramount but it was

still refreshing to see the players gel together very quickly and win-out again against Premiership opposition 6-2. At least three of the trialists impressed and we would look to see them again and equally pleasing was the performances of the u15's which augured well for next season.

I'm hoping to complete the number of full time scholars over the next week or so and the plan is for the boys to sign scholar forms on the pitch prior to the home game against Bristol City on Monday March 28th.

Iffy Onuora.



Next Home Match

Saturday 19th March 2005

Swindon v Cambridge

Town's Youths take a weekend off before they face Cambridge United at home on 19th March. The U's finished 3rd behind West Brom and Luton in the South Central Division. Kick-Off 11:00am.

Merit Division One South Table 27.02.05

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Q.P.R.	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
Swindon	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Brentford	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
W.B.A.	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Cambridge 1	1	0	0	3	2	3	
L. Orient	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Exeter	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
B'mouth	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Luton	2	0	0	2	3	5	0

Sam Parkin



AUTOBIOGRAPHY... what would you call yours?
'Parklife'.

BREAKFAST... on a match day, what do you eat?
Scrambled eggs and bacon if I'm up in time.

CHELSEA... how will the Blues fair in the return leg with Barca?
Win 1-0. John Terry header.

DRAW... can you draw a teammate?

I WONDER
IF PARK'S
WAS ROPED
OFF LAST NIGHT!!



ENTERTAINING... would you rather eat in and cook or go to a restaurant?
You can't beat a nice restaurant with a group of friends can you?



FORWARD... is there anything you dislike about playing up front? No, apart from when Christian is playing!

GROUND... most impressive you have ever played at? Tough choice, but I really enjoyed the Elland Road experience last season.

HOLIDAY... where is your favorite destination? The South of France, but I went to a lovely hotel – 'St Nicholas Bay' in Crete last summer.

IMAGINE... where will we finish at the end of the season? Sixth, the same as last year will do us nicely.

JOKE... best practical joke you have ever seen? Not really a practical joke, but the funniest thing I have seen was Warren Cummings running round the training ground at Chelsea, naked! There was a Supporters Club open day upstairs in the canteen as well. (Sorry Waz!)

KEEPER... best save you have ever seen from your own shot? Steve Robinson always pulls off some good saves in training when

TELL US SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU ?

"I am a proud owner of a Blue Peter badge after appearing in full Chelsea kit reviewing computer games..."

he dons the gloves.

LUTON... how will we get on against The Hatters next weekend? 1-0. Parkin.

MENTOR... who was yours as a kid? Harrison Ford and Tony the Cheeseburger (one of my first coaches at Barnes).

NOVICE... which sport would you like to learn? Kabadi. I'm good at holding my breath.

OFF SEASON... how do you spend your summers? Landscape painting with watercolours and rambling.

PROFESSION... if you hadn't been a footballer,

what would you have done? Probably have been snapped up by a modeling agency I imagine.

QUICK... who is the fastest member of the squad? There are a few of them who are really quick up to the pre-match meal each week.

RESTAURANT.. what is your favourite? Waga Mama, a Japanese chain restaurant in London. And a little Italian called Pappa Ciccias in Putney.

STYLE... can you name your favourite designer label? Maharishi for casual and John Smedley (stylish classics) for the evening.

TENDER.. what is your worst memory in football? The County Cup final Under 12's. William Salthouse gave away a free-kick from which they scored. I have never forgiven him for that. And also the Play-off's last season for obvious reasons.

UNKNOWN... tell us something we don't know about you? I am a proud owner of

a Blue Peter badge after appearing in full Chelsea kit reviewing computer games in the build-up to the FA Cup final in 1994.

VOCAL... who is the loudest in the dressing room? Christian Roberts, although no-one listens most of the time.

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

X... sign here please

YEN... which country would you most like to visit? I have been learning Italian this season so would be good to test that out on the local women.

ZOO... what's your favourite magazine? Four Four Two. Especially this month.

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So now we know! **Victory over Bournemouth today will take us above the visitors into the play-off places for the first time since September, whatever happens elsewhere.**

That was quite an easy calculation but for much of this Statto-esque article, I'm indebted to Paul Plowman and Dick Mattick, both familiar faces around the club, who've checked out some interesting facts and figures for me

The last time we went through an entire campaign without scoring a single spot-kick was 1973/74, which culminated in relegation...

to use on BBC Radio Swindon recently.

Can you think of our last penalty?? This was first brought into sharp focus by my colleague Vic Morgan joking about their non-existence for the Town this term - a far cry from the early days of Eric Sabin! It turns out the last time we went through an entire campaign without scoring a single spot-kick was 1973/74, which culminated in relegation

to our current level, the third tier, or whatever it was called in those days. An amazing fact which may, of course, change with eleven games to go and possibly more! Who would take one? "Super Sammy" presumably.

The Parkin' meter has now clocked up 19 this time around. A 20th goal for a third successive season for Swindon would elevate him into a small but distinguished group of players in the club's Football League history. Harry Morris

pre-war, Don Rogers and Duncan Shearer are the only others to have achieved that feat.

In our last home fixture, Michael Proctor (here on a temporary transfer thanks to the Red Army Fund) netted on his debut. Listener Gillian Westcott tells me he's the 61st player overall to strike at the first time of asking, the fifth since Andy Caton at Wrexham on the opening day. In between times: loanees

Darius Henderson & Jamie McMaster and Christian Roberts. Hopefully he's back soon

although we're enjoying his company in the commentary-box at present. That quintet beats the previous best of four in 2001/02: Kuffour, Ruddock, Carlisle and Foley!!!

And another thing!!! - it's now 76 games since a 0-0 draw - it was goalless against Port Vale on October 25th 2003 but not in any subsequent first-team outing.

Now back to my anorak and flask, not before congratulating the Youths on the notable scalp of West Bromwich Albion in the Merit League last weekend. Let's hope they enjoyed more success against Exeter this morning and the Cherries are given the pip this afternoon!!!

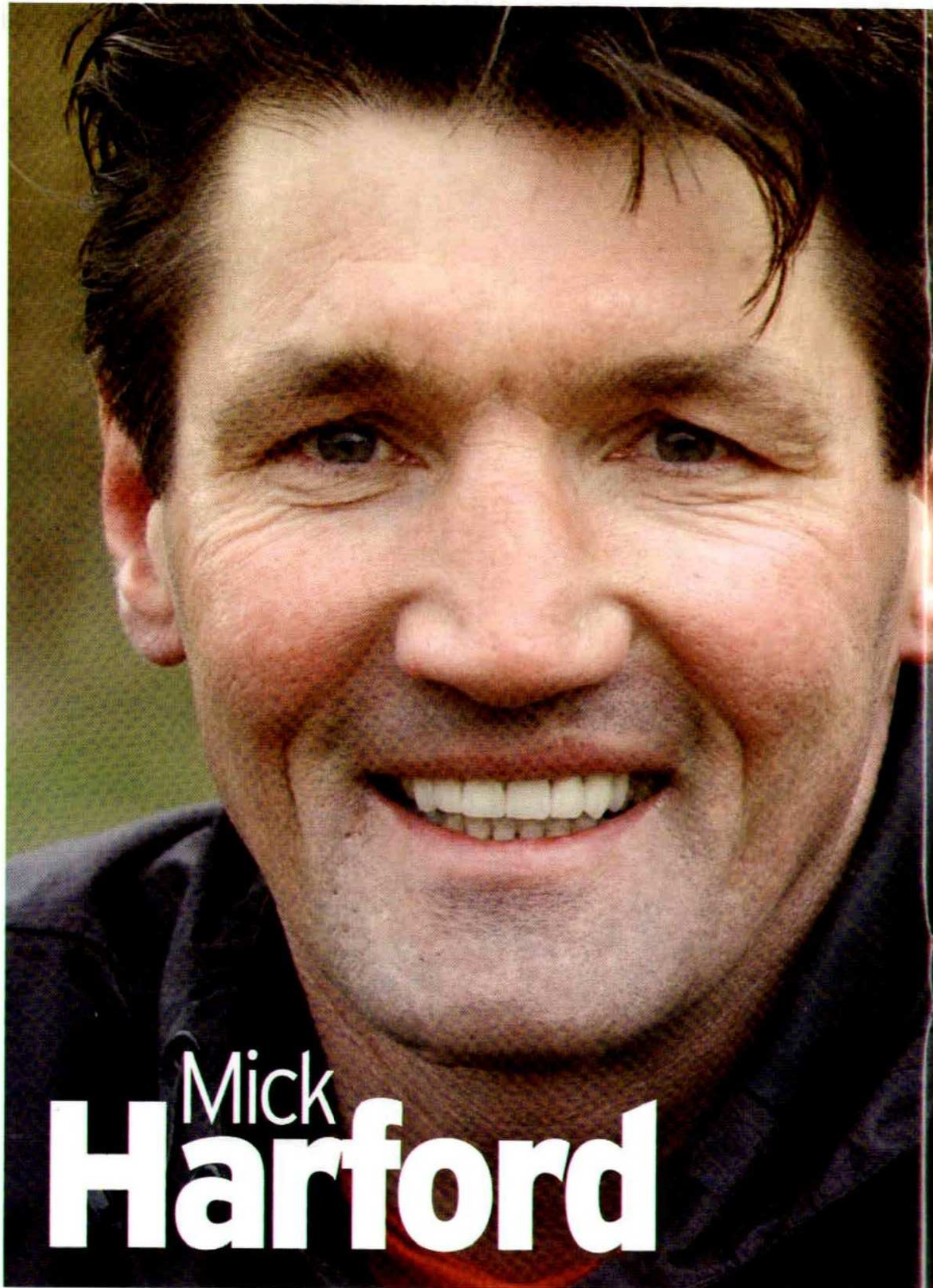


Eric Sabin



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Town's new number two has the Play-Offs in his sights...

Words: Nick Judd

If it's experience you're after, then Mick Harford's your man. The former Luton and England striker joins old pal Andy King as Swindon's new assistant manager and the affect he's had on the club on and off the pitch already, has been remarkable.

A draw away at fellow promotion hopefuls Doncaster followed a comfortable win

against Port Vale, setting up this afternoon's delectable match against Bournemouth. Winner takes sixth place and with it, a morale-boosting trip to the play-off places at the expense of their rivals.

As a player Mick was among the best. As well as representing his country, the burly striker played for ten clubs, notched more than 185 goals and commanded more than £1.7 million in

transfer fees. Not bad for a player with a reputation for being a hard man first and footballer second!

As a coach Mick's been in the game for nine years already. Starting in the Premiership with Wimbledon alongside Joe Kinnear, Mick has ended up at the County Ground via Luton and Nottingham Forest. This latest move, however, could be one of the most exciting posts so far...

The squad has been superb in the last week; they've shown a fantastic attitude and worked really hard...



Welcome to the club, Mick, how's life as Swindon Town's number two been treating you?

I've been here just short of two weeks and I've been made to feel very welcome by all staff and sundry. Andy is a good friend of mine and so I've followed the club in the past while he's been there, I know a bit about Swindon Town.

Your name was brandished about in the press weeks before your eventual arrival, some national newspapers even suggesting you'd take over as manager. Tell us exactly what happened from when Andy contacted you to the moment you arrived at SN1.

That is pretty much it, to be honest. When I finished at Forest I decided to take a week's holiday with my son. After Andy approached me I told him that I wanted to take a week away before coming here and that's what happened, that's why it took a bit of time.

You already knew one or two of the players here, you'd worked with Sammy Igoe

before - but how much did you know about the squad in general before you arrived?

I've worked against Swindon a few times as coach and I've watched the side a lot because of Andy's involvement. I went to both of last year's play-off semi-finals against Brighton. The squad has been superb in the last week; they've shown a fantastic attitude and worked really hard.

And not a bad couple of results for us either since your arrival, firstly the win against Port Vale and then last week's draw at Doncaster...

Good performances too. The first half against Port Vale was very good; we could have been three up at half time. They've come back a bit in the second half, but we've defended very well - it was the same at Doncaster. We battled away and ground out a result after a strong start.

The league table tells us how important today's game is against Bournemouth, have the lads looked confident in training this week?

These are the games we all want to be involved in - there'll be no fear or trepidation. The players are confident and are keen to better last year's efforts.

As someone that has coached at this level as well as the Championship, how do you assess Swindon's chances of making the play-offs this year?

It tends to depend on injuries and suspensions. If you can avoid them, avoid being stretched then you have every chance. At the moment we're doing okay and we're on a good run. If we can win our home games then that should be enough, but we need to repeat the kind of form that we saw in the first half against Port Vale. We've been defending well and at the end of the day it's down to us, we have to be positive.

Your addition to the backroom staff comes at a good time. Along with the signing of Michael Proctor, do you think it could help galvanise us into that top six?

It's nice of you to say that, but I'd just be delighted for Andy if we managed it. We're always on the





look out for players that can strengthen the squad, with Michael Proctor being a prime example.

A number of the players have admitted that you've brought something different to training - what do you think you've brought to the club and how has

training changed in the last week or two?

Well I've only been here a week, but I do what I believe is right. Andy and I plan training ahead of the sessions and we have different ideas. If the players respond, which they have so far, then that's great.

You've experienced some ups and downs already in your coaching career. Starting at Wimbledon, moving on to Luton and Forest - it's been an excellent learning curve for you?

I started with Wimbledon's reserves



and was lucky enough to be given the opportunity to work with the first team too. I worked with Joe Kinnear in the Premiership for four years and then followed him to Luton, and then Forest. I'm 46 and I've been coaching for eight or nine years, I've really enjoyed it. It's good to get up in the morning, there's a buzz.

You and Andy go way back, tell us how you met...

We've known each other far too long! We played together at Luton in the 80s and we've stayed friends ever since, even when he left the club.

I've always followed his career, firstly at Mansfield and now here. He was a character as a player, and that was among other characters such as Les Sealey and Steve Foster, and he's kept that character in management. We share the same attitude towards football.

Was it true that, as a player, you were the only one not to have to do an initiation at Wimbledon because everyone else was scared of you?

That's what I like everyone else to believe! No, I never had to do one, but I was 35 years old at the time, I think

it was out of respect. I'd played with Vinnie Jones at Chelsea and I think he put everyone straight. My room was still trashed though...

There must be some tales to tell from those days...

None that I'd talk about in public. Every day something happened there, it was the most interesting place to play. But what people didn't realise was that it was run like an army camp in terms of discipline. Sam Hamann was a genius, it was a well-oiled ship and I learned a lot from the organisation and discipline of the club.

I do what I believe is right. Andy and I plan training ahead of the sessions and we have different ideas. If the players respond, which they have so far, then that's great.

A number of players described you as the hardest player that they played against back in the day. Do you get annoyed by that tag? After all you had an excellent strike rate too...

I always thought I did okay as a player, I played for England after all. But I had that reputation. I didn't like it, but it's hard to shift.

To be fair, my usual sources in the team refused to give me any information on you for fear of being beaten up...

(laughs) It's something I'll always be tagged with, I just enjoyed playing football.

You were a folk hero at most clubs you played at, especially Luton. Is that where your fondest memories are?

Yeah, that's where I enjoyed most success. We won a few trophies, finished seventh in the Premiership – their highest position. I played with some great players too.

That plastic pitch must have been a bit rough on the old ankles though?

I loved it, we all did. And we used it to our advantage too, there was never a problem with training on it and it improved our technique. Luton had a certain way of playing on it, we used to go out all guns blazing for 20 minutes; other teams didn't fancy it at all.

You played for England, in several cup finals and semis - what were the highlights of your playing career?

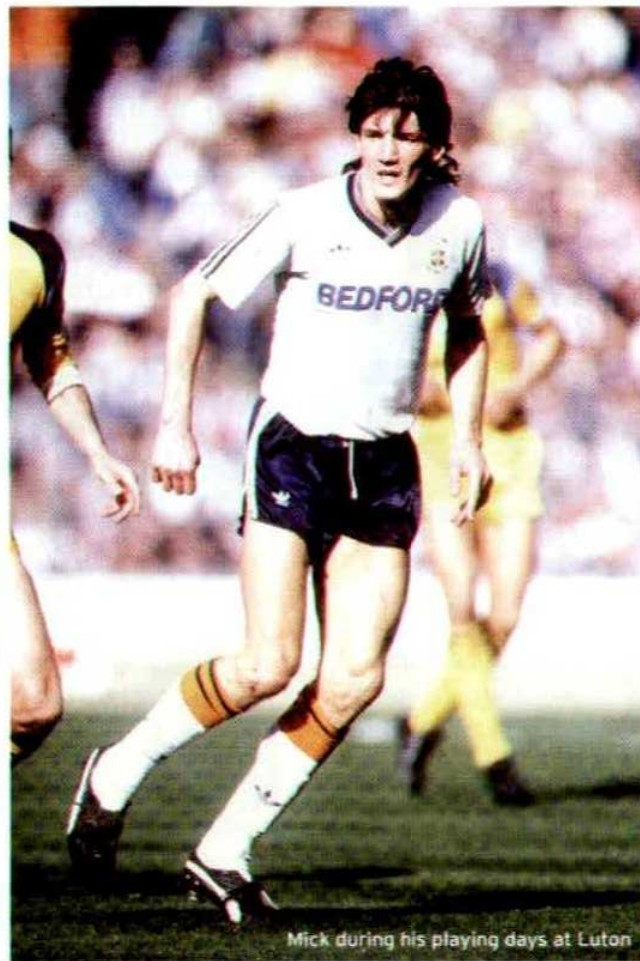
Kicking off at Wembley, playing for England alongside Peter Beardsley – I didn't think it got much better than that.

Andy joked that he was tempted to throw you on up front against Port Vale, fancy a game up front?

If my knees would let me!

So you're here until the end of the season, then what happens for Mick Harford?

I've come in until the end of the season. Until then my job is to help Andy and take this club into the play-offs, we'll sit down after that and see where we are.



Mick during his playing days at Luton

Finally please, a prediction for today's game if you will...

Tough game. Bournemouth are creative, they're full of ideas. Sean has a well-organised side, well drilled. They've good players in certain positions, but we're full of confidence. There's no reason why we shouldn't believe in victory.



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Ladies Fixtures 04/05

Sep 5	Clevedon	2-1
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	3-3
Feb 20	Chesham	1-4
Feb 27	Keynsham	1-3
Mar 6	Cardiff City	H
Mar 13	League Cup SF	
Apr 3	Plymouth	H
Apr 24	Launton	A
Midweek	Oxford City	H&A

All games played on Sundays unless stated. Kick off 2:00pm

Next Home Match

Sunday 6th March 2005

Swindon v Cardiff

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

Town Ten Called For Wiltshire



The Town Ladies suffered their second consecutive defeat in the South West Combination League but still kept seventh place.

The Town entertained Keynsham Town and lost by three goals to one in an entertaining game. The Town took the lead early in the game when Claire Moreton hooked Diane George's through ball into the net. Almost on the strike of half time the sides were level when Keynsham were awarded a penalty. The visitors took the lead within three minutes of the

restart and got a third, minutes from time. A disappointing result for the Town but a better all round performance nonetheless.

The Town Under Fourteen "A" side played Trowbridge Town in their final Wiltshire County League and by two goals to one in a close encounter. Stephanie Lewis and Jade Reynolds got the goals. The Town have now won their section and play in the "play-off" league against the top three sides from the two sections.

The Town have ten youngsters selected for

the Wiltshire County Under Eighteen squad to face Gloucestershire. They are: Claire Moreton, Michelle Brown, Lisa Coe, Tasha Chapman, Alicia Hazzard, Leanne Hunter, Tara Lofts, Catherine Reid, Jodie Seenaart and Sarah-Jayne Thomas have been called up. The match, in the South West Counties Championship, will be played at Almondsbury on Thursday 10th March.

Tomorrow the Town play host to Cardiff City in a South West Combination league fixture. The Welsh side beat the Town with three late goals when the two sides met earlier in the season. The game will be played at the Aldbourne FC Ground and will Kick Off at 2-00 pm.

The Town Reserves are without a fixture.

one2one Sarah-Jayne Thomas

Age: 16
Home Town: Marlborough
Occupation: Student
Position: Midfield
Previous Teams: Wootton Bassett

How did you start playing football?

"I went along to a Swindon Town Soccer School and then got involved with school football."

Favourite Team: Swindon Town
Favourite Player: Thierry Henry
Favourite TV Program: Friends
Favourite Film: Rush Hour
Favourite Food: Curry
Favourite Holiday Destination: Canada

Today's prediction:

Swindon Town 2 - 1 Bournemouth



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Oasis Success

Hello and good afternoon to this afternoon's game with AFC Bournemouth at The County Ground.

Firstly I would like to say thank you to all the children who attended our recent home game against Barnsley. It was fantastic to see so many of you from our Soccer Centres attend the game.

We have just opened another new Soccer Centre at the Oasis for children aged 5 - 7 years old that has proved to be a great success. We had 35 children in total which was great to see, but it is also a credit to the coaching at the centre.

Many thanks to the coaches Tony Dyer, Lorraine Kutcha, Alex Turner and Martin Stratford. The photo below is of the Oasis Soccer Centre raising a big cheer for Swindon Town!

A reminder now that the mini-Soccer Centre at Dorcan which starts on April 13th is getting busier by the day so make sure to get your name on the waiting list. For more information or to book your place just speak to either myself or Kevin Halliday on 01793 617718.

Enjoy the game,

Shane Hewlett



Link Centre (Swindon Borough)

Monday:	4.30-5.30	5-6yrs
	5.30-6.30	8-11yrs
Thursday:	4.30-5.30	5 yrs
	5.30-6.30	7-8yrs

Oasis (Swindon Borough)

Monday:	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs
Monday:	4.30-5.30	5-8yrs
Saturday:	10.00-11.00	5-8yrs

Highworth (Swindon Borough)

Tuesday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	7-8yrs
Thursday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs

Haydon Centre (Swindon Borough)

Thursday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	7-8yrs
	6.00-7.00	9-11yrs

Stratton

Monday:	3.30-4.30	6-7yrs
	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

Croft

Saturday	9.00-10.00	5-7yrs
Saturday	10.00-11.00	5-7yrs

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Well Done Greenmeadow

Today we welcome our special Saturday Team Club guests who are Ian Ferguson with Wroughton JFC and Richard Chetty with Highworth Juniors Under 10's.

We hope everybody has had an enjoyable morning with coaching, a ground tour and the traditional football lunch. Let's hope the icing is put on the cake with three points this afternoon.

On Tuesday 1st March Jon and I accompanied Greenmeadow Primary School who were our representatives here at STFC in this year's Kelloggs Frosties Cup

competition, which was staged at the Beeches in Bristol. The boys represented us in the area finals and were up against tough opposition in their group, with local rivals Oxford, Reading, Bristol City, Swansea City and last but not least Cardiff City represented. The Greenmeadow lads did us proud and did extremely well to get to this stage, beating off 42 local schools from Swindon and Chippenham. Within the group the boys played some good football and chalked up two victories and three defeats. Unfortunately this was not quite enough to take them through to the



next stage. They donned the famous colours of STFC and showed great passion and pride and we would like to thank them for their efforts in this year's tournament.

Easter is fast approaching and this will possibly be our last announcement before we are full for the two courses over the Easter period. Course 1 is the 29th, 30th and 31st March with Course 2 taking place on 5th, 6th and 7th April. If you haven't signed up already you need to submit your application as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment.

Finally, we would like

to give you an update on our Tiny Tots Football where we have a magnificent 45 three and four year old youngsters participating in three sessions on a weekly basis. The children are adapting well to these structured sessions and the feedback we have had so far from both parents and guardians has been very encouraging. If you have any budding stars of tomorrow who would benefit from these sessions give us a call and we can give you further details.

Enjoy the game,
Clive and Jon
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Wroughton



Wroughton UB's



Highworth U10's

MatchAction



Coca-Cola League One

Wednesday 23rd February 05
County Ground, 7:45pm

Swindon (1) **1**

Port Vale (0) **0**

Attendance: 4,724

Swindon



(red shirts, white shorts)

1. Rhys Evans
2. Sean O'Hanlon
3. Grant Smith
4. Matt Hewlett
6. Steve Jenkins
7. Sammy Igoe
9. Sam Parkin
11. David Duke
19. Matt Heywood
21. Lee Holmes
26. Michael Proctor **1**

Subs Used

5. Jamie Slabber (26)
10. Stef Miglioranzi (21)

Subs Not Used

20. Steve Book
12. Jerel Ifil
17. Brian Howard

Port Vale



(yellow shirts, yellow shorts)

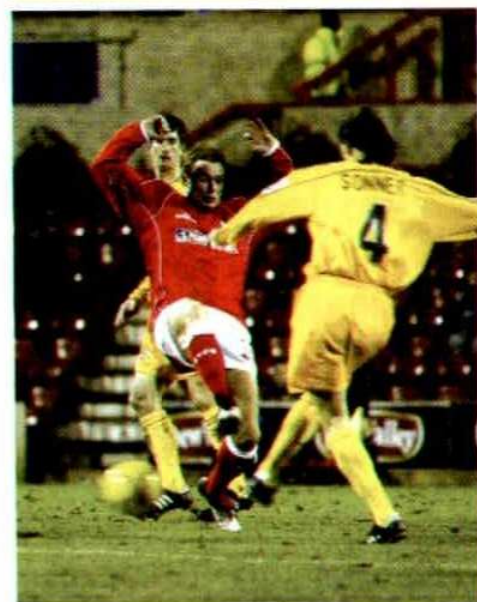
1. Mark Goodlad
2. George Pilkington
3. Craig James
4. Danny Sonner
5. Michael Walsh
6. Sam Collins
8. Michael Cummins
10. Billy Paynter
19. Simon Eldershaw
22. George Abbey
28. Tommy Widdrington

Subs Used

11. Jeff Smith (3)
17. Chris Birchall (28)
21. Dave Hibbert (19)

Subs Not Used

23. Joe Anyon
13. Levi Reid



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League 1 Stats

League 1 attendances

Club	Aggregate	Highest	Lowest	Average
Barnsley	183,667	19,659	7,466	10,204
Blackpool	94,732	8,774	4,179	5,921
Bournemouth	116,896	8,847	5,578	6,876
Bradford	142,481	13,717	6,409	8,381
Brentford	97,347	8,323	4,643	5,726
Bristol City	209,743	14,852	9,007	11,652
Chesterfield	90,894	7,831	3,715	5,050
Colchester	59,248	4,309	2,616	3,485
Doncaster	123,459	10,161	5,209	6,859
Hartlepool	81,461	6,520	4,206	5,091
Huddersfield	208,080	17,281	9,194	11,560
Hull	295,949	24,117	14,317	17,409
Luton	132,459	9,500	6,603	7,792
MK Dons	78,336	7,620	3,015	4,608
Oldham	96,202	8,389	5,066	6,013
Peterborough	77,241	7,662	3,048	4,544
Port Vale	88,017	8,671	3,872	5,177
Sheff Wed	385,458	28,701	18,465	22,674
Stockport	92,297	7,473	3,850	5,128
Swindon	97,717	6,972	4,724	5,748
Torquay	57,005	5,005	2,384	3,353
Tranmere	150,943	11,519	7,613	8,879
Walsall	107,329	8,225	4,966	5,963
Wrexham	83,154	7,833	2,391	4,620

Attendance and Cards stats are ordered alphabetically

Cards

Yellow	Red
54	5
53	0
23	3
63	4
46	4
65	2
48	6
42	2
47	4
40	1
48	3
33	4
51	2
53	1
59	1
46	2
39	3
39	1
53	1
45	4
52	2
48	3
43	2
47	3

Last 6 form guide

Club	W	D	L	For	Agt	Pts	GI Diff	Sequence
Swindon	4	2	0	11	5	14	6	WWWWDW
Blackpool	4	1	1	7	3	13	4	WWWLWD
Luton	4	1	1	8	6	13	2	DWWWLW
Hartlepool	4	0	2	9	6	12	3	WWLWWL
Brentford	3	2	1	9	8	11	1	WWDWLD
Bournemouth	3	1	2	11	6	10	5	LWLWWD
Tranmere	2	4	0	9	5	10	4	WDDWDW
Hull	2	3	1	7	5	9	2	DDLWDW
MK Dons	2	3	1	7	4	9	3	LWWDDD
Port Vale	3	0	3	7	6	9	1	LWWLLW
Sheff Wed	2	3	1	11	9	9	2	DDLWWD
Walsall	2	3	1	8	7	9	1	WDWDL
Bristol City	2	2	2	11	7	8	4	LDLWWD
Doncaster	2	2	2	8	4	8	4	DLLWWD
Torquay	2	2	2	8	12	8	-4	WDWDL
Chesterfield	2	1	3	6	9	7	-3	DLWLWL
Huddersfield	2	1	3	8	11	7	-3	LDLWLW
Stockport	2	1	3	8	9	7	-1	DLLWLW
Peterborough	2	0	4	8	10	6	-2	LWLLLW
Barnsley	1	2	3	7	10	5	-3	DDLLLW
Bradford	1	2	3	6	10	5	-4	DLWLLD
Colchester	1	2	3	6	9	5	-3	LDWLDL
Wrexham	0	5	1	6	7	5	-1	DDDLDD
Oldham	0	0	6	4	17	0	-13	LLLLLL

Form Guide stats are ordered by points gained over last 6 games.

Football League 1 top scorers

Scorer	Club	Lge	CC	FA	LDV	Tot	Gms	Ave	Scorer	Club	Lge	CC	FA	LDV	Tot	Gms	Ave
Stuart Elliott	Hull	21	0	1	1	23	30	0.77	Steve Howard	Luton	14	0	4	0	18	33	0.55
Leroy Lita	Bristol City	18	2	1	2	23	42	0.55	James Hayter	Bournemouth	14	3	0	0	17	34	0.50
Pawel Abbott	Huddersfield	20	0	1	0	21	36	0.58	Steve Brooker	Bristol City	17	0	0	0	17	35	0.49
Adam Boyd	Hartlepool	15	1	3	1	20	42	0.48	Izale McLeod	MK Dons	13	2	0	0	15	39	0.38
Steve MacLean	Sheff Wed	18	0	0	1	19	39	0.49	Craig Fagan	Colchester	8	2	4	0	14	34	0.41
Sam Parkin	Swindon	18	0	0	1	19	40	0.48	Iain Hume	Tranmere	13	0	0	1	14	37	0.38
Dean Windass	Bradford	17	1	0	0	18	32	0.56									

Football League 1 results grid

	Bournemouth	Barnsley	Blackpool	Bradford	Brentford	Bristol City	Chesterfield	Colchester	Doncaster	Hartlepool	Huddersfield	Hull	Luton	Oldham	Peterborough	Port Vale	Sheff Wed	Stockport	Swindon	Torquay	Tranmere	Walsall	MK Dons	Wrexham	
Bournemouth	1-3	8.3	2-0	3-2	2-2	0-0	1-3	5-0	7.4	2-2	19.3	9.4	4-0	23.4	4-0	1-1	2-1	3-0	1-1	2-2	26.3	1-0	2-2	26.3	1-0
Barnsley	0-1	1-0	2-2	0-0	2-1	1-0	30.4	1-3	0-0	4-2	1-2	3-4	16.4	4-0	1-2	0-0	3-3	2-2	4-1	0-0	28.3	19.3	9.4	2-1	2-1
Blackpool	3-3	7.4	2-1	2-1	tba	1-1	23.4	1-1	19.3	28.3	1-1	0-2	1-3	2-0	0-2	1-2	0-4	1-0	4-0	0-1	5.3	1-0	2-1	2-1	2-1
Bradford	30.4	1-0	2-1	16.4	4-1	2-3	2-2	2-0	19.3	5.3	10.4	0-1	1-3	2-2	0-2	3-1	28.3	1-2	2-2	1-1	1-1	1-4	1-1	1-1	1-1
Brentford	2-1	1-1	0-3	1-2	9.4	19.3	1-0	4-3	2-1	23.4	7.4	2-0	2-0	28.3	1-0	3-3	3-0	2-1	1-3	tba	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0
Bristol City	26.3	12.3	1-1	0-0	4-1	2-3	0-0	30.4	0-0	3-3	3-1	1-2	5-1	2-0	2.4	1-4	5-0	1-2	1-1	4-0	0-1	4-1	16.4	16.4	
Chesterfield	16.4	2-2	1-0	2.4	3-1	2-2	2-1	0-0	0-1	12.3	1-1	0-1	30.4	1-3	1-0	1-3	4-0	1-0	1-1	26.3	1-0	2-2	2-4	2-4	
Colchester	3-1	0-2	0-1	23.4	5.3	0-2	28.3	4-1	9.4	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-1	19.3	3-2	0-1	7.4	1-2	5-0	0-1	1-2	1-2	
Doncaster	1-1	4-0	2-0	26.3	12.3	1-1	0-1	1.4	23.4	2-1	1-0	7.4	1-1	2-1	2-0	0-4	3-1	1-1	2-2	0-0	3-1	3-0	0-0	0-0	
Hartlepool	3-2	1-1	1-1	2-1	3-1	2-1	3-2	2-1	2-1	26.3	2-0	2-3	2-1	tba	1-0	15.4	3-1	2.4	4-1	12.3	30.4	5-0	5.3	5.3	
Huddersfield	3-2	0-2	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-2	0-0	16.4	9.4	0-2	4-0	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	29.3	19.3	30.4	1-1	1-3	3-1	3-1	1-2	1-2	
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Port Vale	2-1	23.4	0-3	0-1	0-1	3-0	9.4	8.3	2-0	0-1	0-3	3-2	3-1	3-1	7.4	0-2	0-0	1-0	1-2	3-1	19.3	3-2	29.3	29.3	
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Swindon	5.3	2-1	2-2	1-0	3-0	28.3	7.4	0-3	1-1	3-0	1-2	4-2	2-3	1-0	0-1	1-0	3-2	3-0	3-3	23.4	9.4	2-1	19.3	19.3	
Torquay	1-2	0-1	30.4	0-0	2-2	19.3	5.3	1-3	2-1	1-2	2-1	0-3	28.3	2-0	2-1	16.4	2-4	1-2	2-2	1-2	0-0	9.4	1-0	1-0	
Tranmere	2-0	1-1	16.4	4-5	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	28.3	2-1	3-0	5.3	1-1	2-0	18.3	29.4	4-2	8.4	2-1	4-1	2-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	
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Luton Town slipped to a surprising 3-1 defeat at Port Vale which saw them lose ground at the top of the table...

 Kevin Foley gave the visitors an early lead after just six minutes but Dave Hibbert scored the first of his brace three minutes before the break to make it 1-1.

Hibbert then scored the eventual winner just before the hour mark and the three points were taken by the Potteries club when Lee Matthews scored Vale's third goal nine minutes from time.

 Hull City took a 2-0 home win over Colchester United at the KC Stadium, a ground which Town still have to visit. Goals from Leon Cort and Nicky Barmby gave The Tigers a 2-0 victory.

 Tranmere Rovers failed to keep pace with Hull after being held to a 1-1 draw at Bournemouth. Paul Hall gave Rovers the lead midway through the opening half before Swindonian Matthew Mills, on loan from Southampton, earned a point for The Cherries two minutes before half time.


 Brentford scored two goals in the final eight minutes to earn a 3-3 draw with Sheffield Wednesday at


Griffin Park. The Owls looked on course for a victory in South West London when a Lee Peacock brace (4, 41) gave the visitors a two-goal lead.

Ex-Town loanee Deon Burton pulled a goal back for The Bees three minutes before the break before Wednesday restored their two-goal advantage on 49 minutes through Lee Bullen. Ryan Peters had made it 3-2 on 82 minutes, before Stephen Hunt delighted the home crowd by equalising in the dying stages.


 Stockport County took a 1-0 home win over Hartlepool United with a solitary strike from Warren Feeney's in the first half enough to give Chris Turner's side three valuable points at Edgeley Park.

 Bristol City missed the chance to move into the play-off places after being held to a 1-1 draw by Blackpool at Ashton Gate. Stephen Brooker gave the home side the lead midway through the first half before Richie Wellens earned The Seaside a point with an equaliser on the hour mark.

 Walsall came from a goal down to earn a 1-1 draw with Bradford City at The Bescot Stadium. Steven Schumacher gave The Bantams a half time lead before Neil Emblen levelled matters in the second half for a share of the spoils in the Black Country.

 Peterborough United earned a vital 3-1 victory at Chesterfield as they continue to battle against the drop. Richard Logan gave The Posh the lead after 12 minutes before Wayne Purser doubled their advantage two minutes later.

Gareth Davies pulled a goal back on 24 minutes for The Spireites, but the visitors made sure of the win at Saltergate when Purser got his second goal just after the hour mark. Chesterfield finished the match with ten men after Caleb Folan was sent off for violent conduct on 64 minutes.

 Huddersfield Town heaped more misery on Oldham Athletic with a 2-1 win at The Galpharm Stadium.

A first half brace from top marksmen Pawel



Lee Peacock

Abbott gave The Terriers all three points, despite recent signing Guy Branston's second half reply for The Latics.

 Torquay United were thrashed 4-1 at Barnsley with first half strikes from Stephen McPhail (24), Michael Chopra (27) and Paul Reid (29). Michael Boulding made it four on 64 minutes before The Gulls got a late consolation through Martin Phillips.

 Milton Keynes Dons, who Town face on Friday March 25, failed to take advantage of the Oldham and Torquay defeats following a goalless draw at fellow relegation candidates Wrexham.

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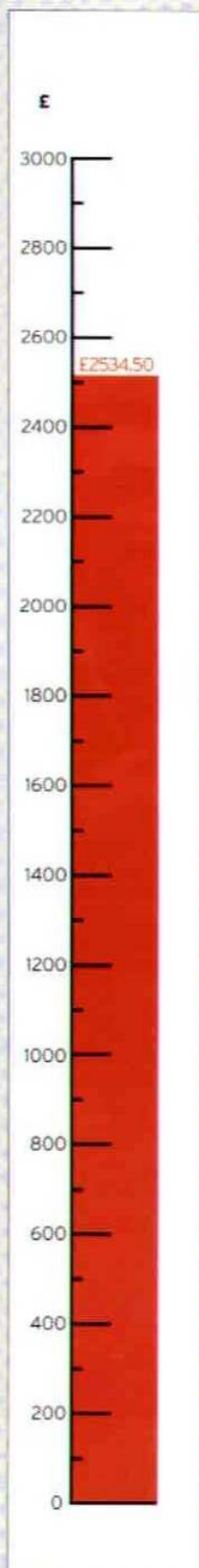
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Half-Time Draw

Latest winner was Steve Thatcher from Swindon who with ticket number 761 won the prize of £ 295 for his £1 stake at the Port Vale game.

Red Army fund

We were as delighted as any fan, that recent loan signing Michael Procter scored in his first match for Swindon following his loan signing from Rotherham. The Red Army fund facilitated this short term transfer and we all should be grateful to the fans and businesses who made contributions to the fund, allowing this to happen.

Don't forget, one signing was not our aim, we would like to be able to help with further incursions in the area of signings, but it cannot be done without Fans support.

Both the Supporters Club and our partner in administering the fund, TrustSTFC, welcome further contributions from fans, however small. Further details may be found on each of our websites.

Luton next week

Don't forget this game is now all ticket to Swindon fans. Our Away travel organisation SAS Travel are running coaches to this game, departing the County Ground at 10.30am, the fare is £12.

They are also running to Milton Keynes on Good Friday departing 10.45am. The fare for this is £11.50.

Supporters Club members receive a discount on these prices provided they show their Supporters Club membership card when booking.



Match Sponsorship

We are sponsoring the match against Walsall and 12 lucky fans will enjoy a special day out at the County Ground, from a lucky draw. We will be contacting those fans shortly and will confirm the names, once formalities have been completed.



Alan Ball

STFC Sporting Dinner

England 1966 World Cup Winner Alan Ball was in Town for a Sporting Dinner held in the Winners Lounge on Thursday 17th February.

As you can see the evening was another great success - here are a selection of photo's from the night.

Our next Sporting Dinners at The County Ground will be on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th May 2005. See the opposite page for details...



PICTURES

1. "And England's third goal was clearly four foot over the line!"
2. Guests of Dunwoody Sports Marketing win a signed shirt.
3. Three football legends line-up...
4. The lucky winners of the Irish Bingo with England 1966 World Cup Winner Alan Ball.
5. A great night was had by everyone.
6. Even Eric Cantona came along for the evening...
7. Comedian Aaron James, or should it be Sven Goran Eriksson?
8. Club Patron Mike Spearman is presented with a whiskey decanter by Chairman Willie Carson, Alan Ball and Manager Andy King.





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Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th May 2005

Guest speakers at our next Sporting Dinners will be:

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The Comperes for the evenings will be the ever popular **Barry Williams** and new to Swindon Town Sporting Dinners **Mr. Jed Stone**.

The price of each ticket includes a three course dinner plus coffee and mints.

We expect both these evenings to be 'sell outs' and tickets to go fast.

We are now taking bookings for both nights. Tables of ten are **£525 plus VAT**, Tables of twelve are **£575 plus VAT** and individual tickets are available at **£59 plus VAT**.



If you would like to book your places now, please call Sarah Mildenhall on **01793 333718** or email **mike@swindontownfc.co.uk**

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Today's Mascots



Harrison Painter

The first of today's mascot's is 8-year old Harrison Painter who lives in Stratton. He plays for Shaw FC Under 9's and his favourite Town player is Brian Howard. Harrison attended his first Swindon match when he was just four months old!



Charlie Kent

Charlie is 6-years old and he attends The Golden Valley School in Nailsea. His number one Town player is none other than number one Rhys Evans. Aside from football, Charlie's hobbies are cricket, golf and computer games.



Conor Flanagan

Conor is 8 years old today and goes to Holy Family Primary School. He has supported Swindon Town FC for 3 years and goes to every home match with his sister Shannon, who has been going since she was 3, and Nanny Jenny and Grampy Tony. His favourite players are Rhys Evans, Sam Parkin and Sammy Igoe. He is completely football mad but also like playing pool and riding his bike.



Harry Knight

Today's visiting mascot is 11-year old Harry Knight, whose Grandad is a Swindon season ticket holder! Harry plays football for Ferndown Middle School and also plays for Cannon Colts.

STFC Photo Gallery

The Eighteen

Jamie Maudsley pictured here in his Swindon Town kit who will be 18 on 8th March 2005.



Red, White & Blue

Pictured here is Town End regular Steve Forsberg on a recent skiing trip (back home) to Oregon, USA. Also a warm welcome to Steve's Father who is attending his first Town game this afternoon.



Welcome Wildcats

Swindon Town Football Club are pleased to welcome to The County Ground this afternoon representatives of the Swindon N/Power Ice Hockey Team.

Mascot 'Willie Wildcat' along with coach Daryl Lipsey and several of the players are here as guests of the club after the side successfully reached a cup final recently.

Next Saturday evening, at The Link Centre (Swindon), the Wildcats line-up against the Romford Raiders in the first leg of the English League Cup Final.

If you are not going to Luton next weekend to support the Town why not pop along to the Link Centre and lend a voice as the Wildcats try to take a healthy lead to Essex for the return leg 24 hours later.

This is the first link between the two clubs and Town midfielder Stefani Miglioranza has already been to a game to present the 'Man of the Match' awards.

Good luck Wildcats! We will bring you details of the cup final in the next edition of STFC Magazine vs Wrexham on Saturday March 19th.



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JUNIOR ROBINS



On Monday 14th February a crowd of Junior Robins gathered in The County Ground car park ready to head for the St. Mary's Southampton and Beaulieu Motor Museum.

Michael Stent and Bethany Russell were winners of the raffle and competition which passed the time until the coach rolled into Southampton at 11am. After being met by our tour guides, Herbie and Jim, we were given a tour of the impressive ground.

Jim pointed out the transparent panels over one end of the ground to allow the sun to shine through and promote grass



growth! We went on to see the hospitality suites, the golden boot of Bobby Stokes and the beautiful Boardroom with a view of Southampton docks and a table made from Canadian maple, which was one huge piece of wood costing £3,500.

Our tour continued into the executive suites and out to the stands where there was a view of

the steeple of St Mary's church, the grounds namesake.

Our guide then showed us the changing rooms of the home and away teams and explained the toilets in the away dressing room had mirrors on the backs of the doors - supposed to be a psychological disadvantage! We then went back pitchside and took our seats in

the dugouts before taking in the police cells before heading back onto the coach.

The next stop saw us spend around 2 hours at Beaulieu. We split as a group with members enjoying the James Bond experience, the monorail, an exhibition of cars, the simulator and the Playstation zone. After watching 'Scooby Doo - Monsters Unleashed' on the way home we arrived back at a chilly County Ground at 6:30pm.

It was a very enjoyable, informative day and I look forward to seeing some of you again on the next trip.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Charlie Archer
Sean Wood
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... at Luton Town, Sat 12th March, Kenilworth Road

Words: Richard Keast

Getting there:

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Pubs:

Luton is, frankly, a bit of a desert for pubs, certainly around the ground. The only one

I've come across is the **Bedfordshire Yeoman** on Dallow Road. To get to this pub, continue down Oak Road towards the official car park and then bear left following the road that goes behind the Main Stand. Continue to follow the road away from this stand and over a little bridge. On the left hand side you will see a chip shop and over on the right you will see an alleyway. Go down this alleyway to the end and as you come out of it the pub is on your right. Home and away fans mix in there and it's as good as you will get.

Ground:

I'm sure even the most ardent Hatters fan would agree that Kenilworth

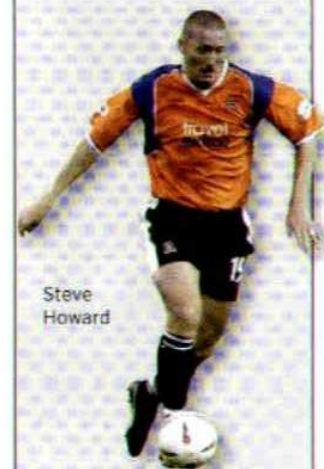
Road is not the greatest ground in the world. The entrance to the away end is right in the middle of a terraced street and you feel like you are going into someone's house! The away end is covered and consists of seats bolted on to terracing. At least you can make some noise and we should take a few up there.

Fave game:

Simod Cup Semi-Final, 1988. We had beaten (old) first division sides Chelsea (4-0!) Derby (2-1) and Norwich (2-0) en route to the semis where we faced a Luton side also flying high at that time in the first division. We gave them one hell of a game before going down 2-1.



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at Kenilworth Road

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STFC vs. Wrexham

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at The County Ground

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at National Hockey Stadium

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

Prices

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STFC vs. Bristol City

Monday 28th March, KO 3:00pm

at The County Ground

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UpNext...

Gazette & Herald

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



Darren Ferguson & Juan Ugarte...

 **Coca-Cola LEAGUE 1**

Saturday 19th March 2005
KickOff 3.00pm

There's a great deal of sympathy for the fortunes of our next visitors at the County Ground.

Wrexham became the first Coca Cola League club to suffer the penalty of a ten-point deduction when they slipped into administration last year. As a result, the Red Dragons find themselves second from bottom and fighting relegation, when the addition of those missing points would see the club comfortably above the drop zone.

Manager Denis Smith is now in his fourth season at the club and has his work cut out to overcome the disadvantage.

Currently with 35 games gone and six points adrift from safety, time is running out if a successful bid is to be mounted to avoid relegation.

Top man in front of goal is Spanish striker Juan Ugarte who was once on the books of Real Sociedad and has six goals in the last ten League games. He will need careful watching. His total for the season stands at 18 so far, but that includes six

recorded at Dorchester Town before he made the move to Wrexham.

Back on the opening day of the season Town travelled to north Wales and were on the end of a 2-1 defeat, so there's a balance to redress, although the County Ground fixture last season produced a 1-0 win for Town through an Andy Gurney strike 11 minutes from time.

Last weekend, a 0-0

draw for Wrexham at home to MK Dons did neither club too many favours, both in need of a three-point haul. Away from home, The Dragons have a respectable four victories, and the eight they have lost is the same number as Town.

Wrexham are no mugs outside of Wales and visit the County Ground on 19th March for a match that could have important consequences for both teams.



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STFC PREVIOUS LINE-UP

Doncaster Rovers 1-1 Swindon Town
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AFCB PREVIOUS LINE-UP

Bournemouth 1-1 Tranmere Rovers
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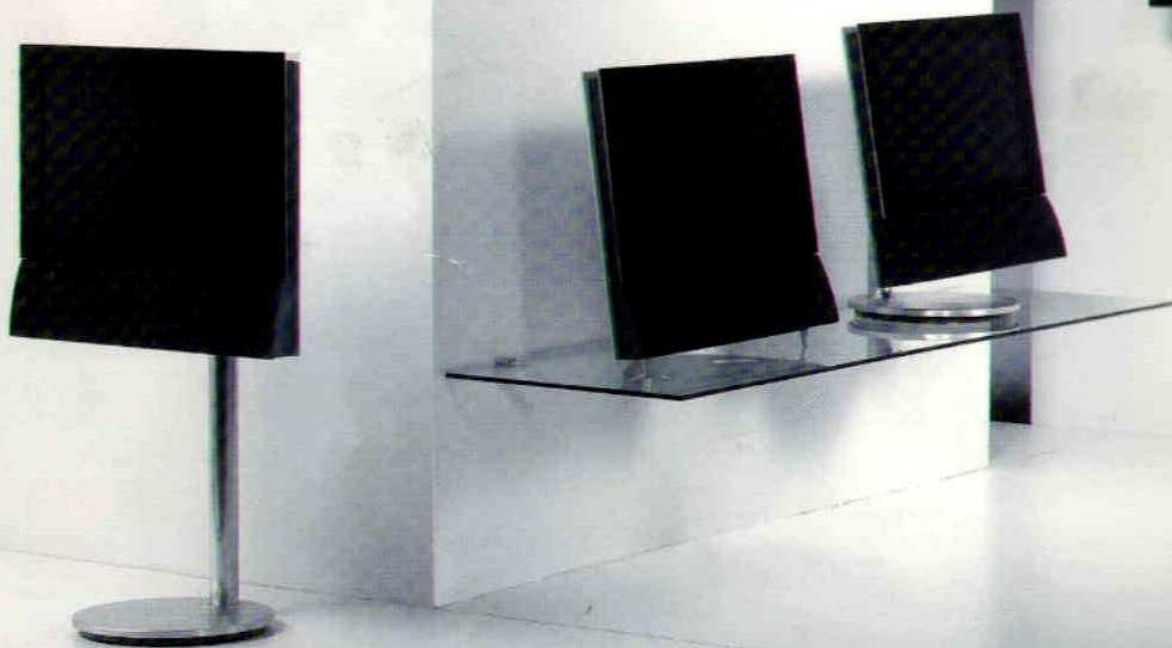
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