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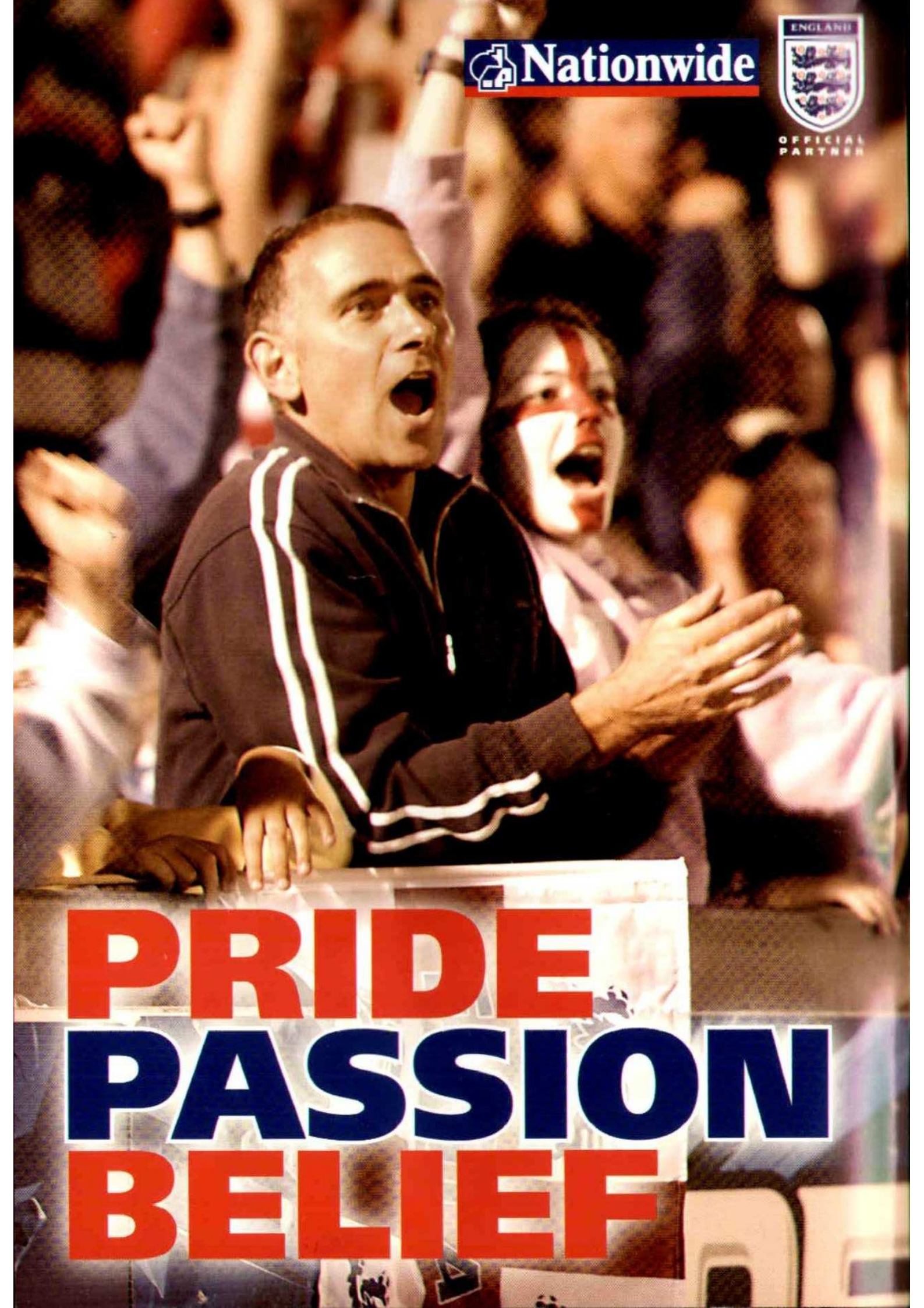




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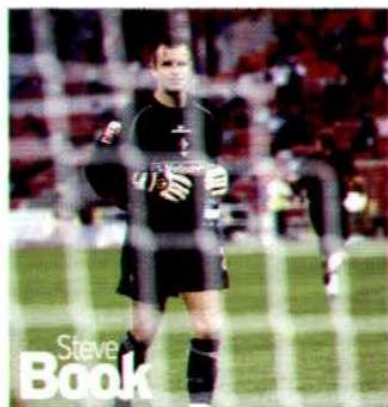


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EditorsNotes

Here we are back in more familiar surroundings after last weekend's trip to Victoria Park.

The 241 of you who made the trip North will no doubt acknowledge that had we scored early on, the outcome may have been a little different. Let's hope we can repeat our scoring efforts from a few weeks back, when we hit four past

Wrexham, this afternoon.

Don't forget that the first place to read a full match report and reaction from Manager Andy King after the match is at Swindontownfc.co.uk. Your comments, ideas and suggestions are always welcome so please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Latest News

Harford moves to Rotherham... New Scoreboard arrives... Slabber calls Shots... Taylor joins Newport... STFC Quiz night...

Mick on his way

Mick Harford left Swindon Town this week to join Rotherham United as their new Manager.

The former Luton Town Director of Football left The County Ground after just six weeks with Swindon. He was introduced to the Rotherham fans at a press conference on

Thursday, after signing a two-year contract with The Millers.

Having been relegated from the Coca-Cola Championship, it looks as though Harford will be back at Swindon next season, albeit in the opposition dugout.

Rotherham moved to fill the void since Ronnie Moore's departure and

after being relegated have appointed Harford as the man to lift them back into the Championship.

Harford will be assisted by Alan Knill who is to stay on as First Team Coach with Mark Robins becoming youth team coach.

New Scoreboard

The STFC Supporters Club have paid for a new scoreboard for The County Ground.

Subject to a clean installation during the week the new facility was due to be switched on for today's game with Walsall.

The new scoreboard will no doubt bring enhanced communications and news service to fans during matches and also give a long overdue and unique opportunity for businesses to advertise their products and services in a very different way. Individual supporters too, will also have the opportunity to get their own messages, for special occasions broadcast on the screen.

Roger Bunce, Chairman of the Supporters Club said: "Many supporters

have mentioned to us their desire to see a scoreboard back at the County Ground and we have worked hard to achieve this. This has only been possible because the support we receive for each of our fund raising initiatives, enabling us to bring our donations to the Football Club this season to around £20,000 and we are now closing in on £100,000 of support, since our formation."

"We would like to put on record our thanks to each one of our members and also every other fan that have supported those fund raising initiatives."

Slabber Moves On

Striker Jamie Slabber has now officially left Swindon Town, with the youngster joining Aldershot Town until the end of the season.

Slabber signed for Swindon on a long-term loan from Spurs as part of an agreement in the deal which took defender Leigh Mills to Spurs. However, Manager Andy King decided to allow Slabber the opportunity to speak to other clubs

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Following the disappointing day at Hartlepool United there were at least no major injury problems that will give the Manager a full squad from which to select a starting line-up today.

Those who travelled last weekend may have wondered about the absence of Steve Jenkins from the team only minutes before the kick-off. Steve complained of nausea and feeling generally unwell and was unable to even jog without being sick. The Doctor confirmed there was no serious problem, but he was in no condition to start the game. Thankfully 'Jenks' has trained all week with no further symptoms.

Youth teamer Justyn McKay has undergone a hernia repair and will miss the remaining games of the season. He will however have made a complete recovery for the coming pre-season schedule.



Captain's Column Matt Hewlett



Hello and welcome to this afternoon's game with Walsall.

Last week's defeat at Hartlepool was a disappointment for everyone. As with our game at MK Dons, we created chances but just couldn't find the back of the net. Sammy Igoe hit the bar as did **Sean O'Hanlon** and we came close on a number of occasions.

Hartlepool on the other hand took their opportunities and although they were a strong side, I didn't feel we were outplayed. I would like to thank those of you who made the trip up to the North East. It was a long trip and I know the lads appreciated your support.

Enjoy the game,



We'll meet again...

after informing him that he would not be part of the Manager's plans for next season.

The 20-year old joins Aldershot, who currently looking a good bet for promotion this season.

Taylor On Loan

Swindon Town midfielder Chris Taylor has joined Newport County on 'work experience' until the end of the season.

After joining the Centre of

Excellence, Taylor made his full first team debut in the 1-0 win at Crewe Alexandra in April 2003.

Taylor was named Man of the Match in his first game for his new club, where he also hit the bar in a 1-1 home draw with Havant & Waterlooville.

Other 'names' in the Newport County squad are Jeff Eckhardt (ex-Stockport), Jason Bowen (ex-Birmingham), Jamie Moralee (ex-Watford) and Roger Freesone (ex-Swansea) in goal.

STFC Quiz Night

Swindon Town will be hosting a quiz night on Thursday 5th May 2005. The evening will take place at The County Ground with entry at just £5 per person with a maximum of six persons per team.

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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...

I don't know about you but I have not given up on a 'Play-Off' place just yet. I admit that it is a tall order but you know STFC as well as I do, we never do things the easy way.

A win today and three points in the big derby against Bristol City next Wednesday will have us right back in contention again.

For the umpteenth time this season I have to thank the faithful who travelled to Hartlepool last week. Your away support is never under estimated, just a shame the team did not grab the points. Cruel game football, we hit the woodwork on a number

of occasions but alas nothing tangible to show for our efforts.

Off the field our Marketing Team of Mike Sullivan, Chris Abrook, Sarah Mildenhall and not forgetting Clive Harper the Chef are doing a truly marvellous job. The Elton John Concert is selling really well and promises to be the Wiltshire event of the summer.

A number of other interesting events are planned so as they say 'watch this space' or using more modern jargon log onto Swindontownfc.co.uk for more details.

I am please to announce the overdue Annual

Accounts will be 'Signed Off' by the Board next week and we plan to hold an Extra Ordinary General Meeting in late May or early June.

Finally I understand from an online forum that a certain ex-Chief Executive has been moaning about the players not being paid and blaming that on their recent lack of form. I would like to point out that, and I think I speak for all the players, that they are true professionals and their desire to win is not distracted by the delay in the payment of their monthly salaries. They, like anyone with a degree of common sense, realise that the postponement of the Bristol game severely disrupted our already fragile cash flow and that has been the sole reason for the problem.

My I remind our erstwhile CEO that while he was off sick holidaying in Australia the Clubs very existence was under threat.

Now that is Leadership.

Enjoy the game,
Bob Holt

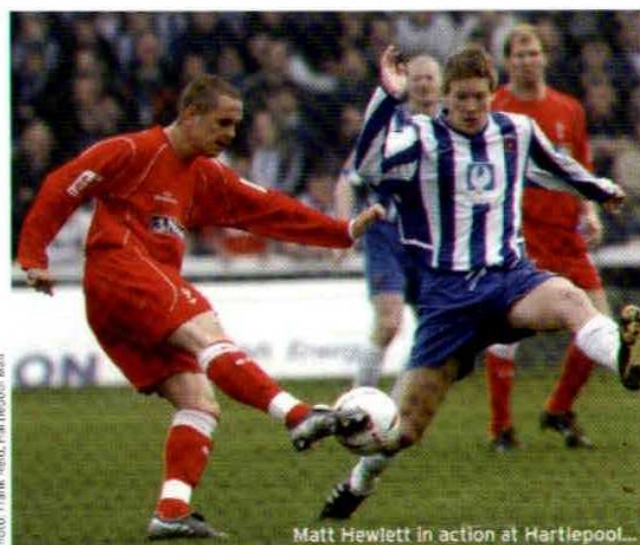


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Matt Hewlett in action at Hartlepool...



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MatchReport

Hartlepool 3 • Swindon 0

Saturday 2nd April 2005 • Kick-Off 3.00pm
Coca-Cola League One • Victoria Park

Swindon suffered defeat in the North East seven days ago which ensured Hartlepool kept Town at arms length going into the final chapter of the season.

Steve Jenkins dropped out of the starting line-up after being taken ill, with Jerel Ifil making a return to first team action at right back.

Christian Roberts could have opened the scoring inside the half hour having been put through by Sammy Igoe, but Jim Provett was equal to the challenge and palmed Roberts' effort to safety.

The Pools took the lead thanks to a Joel Porter effort (31) before Thomas Butler doubled the scoreline (49) and Ritchie Humphreys (83) fired home from the edge of the area to seal victory.

Sean O'Hanlon and Sammy Igoe both hit the crossbar on the day with Rory Fallon also having a chance, but Town could not convert their chances with Hartlepool taking the vital points.

Match Action pictures from this game will appear in Wednesday nights programme vs Bristol City.

Andy King

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



I must start by thanking those of you who travelled to Hartlepool last weekend. Your support was fantastic and could I also thank you in anticipation of your support in the games we have ahead.

Losing at Victoria Park was certainly a major setback and results have started to turn against us. I felt if we had scored some of the early opportunities the pattern of the game may have changed. The disappointing thing for me was that despite various chances we couldn't convert them into goals. Next season I will be making increased demands on the strikers to score more - that is their job and for me it is no good talking about link play or crosses because strikers are judged on goals. If you look at Sam Parkin, he has improved since he has been here since signing from Chelsea and has scored over twenty goals in the last three seasons. He has taken the advice given to him and that is something

that has to be taken on by all the strikers.

I went to watch Bristol City play in midweek against Bournemouth and that result in itself may have had a significant impact on the League One promotion race. Bournemouth have put themselves into a strong position going into the final part of the

I know it is a difficult task but there is still hope for us. The one thing I won't allow is a lack of effort in these remaining games.

season, whilst for our own part all we can do is to keep winning games and hope that the results go in our favour. I now think we need to win five of our last six fixtures to be in with a chance, but I am also a realist and know that it will be a tough ask.

Walsall arrive in Wiltshire having had an indifferent

season to date. I have a lot of respect for Paul Merson and having watched his side in action a few weeks ago, it was a pleasure to see him out on a football field. It is not an easy League to manage in, but to do it from the position of player manager must be even more difficult. Walsall have been drawn into a relegation battle and they will come here looking for a result to keep their status in this division. My players know we need a result today ahead of next Wednesday's derby with Bristol City. Whilst Merson himself may cause us problems, we will also have to keep a close eye on Leitao and Joao, who could be a threat.

We need a result this afternoon and the aim has to be to get a run going in the last six games. I know it is a difficult task but there is still hope for us. The one thing I won't allow is a lack of effort in these remaining games.

Enjoy the game,

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Coca-Cola League One

Friday 25th March 2005
National Hockey Stadium, 3:00pm

MK Dons (1) **1**

Swindon (1) **1**

Attendance: 7,019

Milton Keynes



(white shirts, white shorts)

- 25. Matt Baker
- 3. Dean Lewington
- 6. Ben Harding
- 8. Wade Small **1**
- 13. Gareth Edds
- 14. Shola Oyedele
- 18. Steve Palmer
- 20. Leon Crooks
- 23. Izale McLeod
- 27. Clive Platt
- 31. Michel Pensee-Bilong
- Subs Used
- 7. Malvin Kamara (20)
- 26. Trent McClenahan (14)
- Subs Not Used
- 10. Gary Smith
- 15. Laurent Herve
- 22. Nicholas Rizzo

Swindon



(blue shirts, blue shorts)

- 1. Rhys Evans
- 2. Sean O'Hanlon
- 3. Grant Smith **1**
- 4. Matt Hewlett
- 6. Steve Jenkins
- 7. Sammy Igoe
- 9. Sam Parkin
- 10. Stef Miglioranzi
- 11. David Duke
- 14. Christian Roberts
- 19. Matt Heywood
- Subs Used
- 17. Brian Howard (14)
- 12. Jerel Ifil (10)
- Subs Not Used
- 20. Steve Book
- 8. Rory Fallon
- 24. Andy Caton

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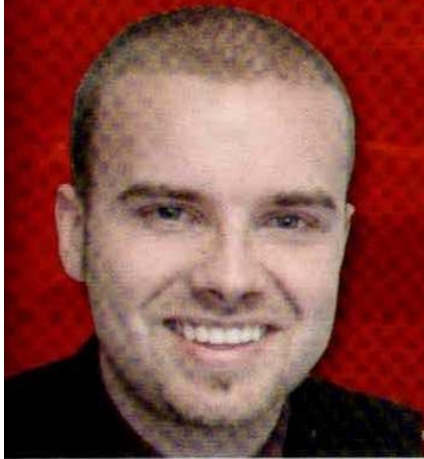


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MediaComment

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

I trust victory against Paul Merson's mob today will prevent Matt Hewlett and Stefani Miglioranzi from knocking seven bells out of each other?

I'm not suggesting they would come to blows for a minute but midfielders do seem to get a bit hot under the collar these days.

Messrs Bowyer and Dyer at Newcastle United heaped shame on football with their antics and you wonder what depths there are left for football to sink to?

I'm sure kids across playgrounds all over the country are already swearing like Rooney so I'd imagine the next step is to clobber your mate on the same team.



Newcastle's 'bad boys' face the media...

As for matters closer to home, we are all in need of a lift and let's hope the lads can generate some smiles with a great win this afternoon.

Six points from the next

way to go and it seems even longer coming back after a 3-0 defeat. There's no way the lads were three goals poorer than that lot but it's all about taking your chances I suppose.

win at the Bescott back in August. It looked like a stroll in the park when Brian Howard (a rare header) and Darius Henderson gave us a 2-0 lead. Back came Walsall and the day ended in tears as they grabbed a late winner.

Anyway, that's about it for today. Get behind the lads and hopefully the three points will set us up nicely for the visit of that lot from Ashton Gate. Hat-trick anyone?

Cheers

Jon

I'm sure kids across playgrounds all over the country are already swearing like Rooney so I'd imagine the next step is to clobber your mate on the same team.

You do wonder if some players have the brain capacity to actually realise that wealth and fame also brings a degree of responsibility.

Actually, don't bother answering that question!

two home games would hopefully keep the flickering play-off flame alive. Anything less and we really can start focusing all thoughts on next season.

Hartlepool is a long

Walsall arrive here with little to play for after a very patchy season. They look to be safe but that doesn't mean they'll just roll over.

We owe them one though after their 3-2

Bescot Battlers

Walsall

Last weekend's home draw with Torquay United ended a run of five straight defeats for the Saddlers, who go into this afternoon's game hovering just above the relegation battle zone. Manager Paul Merson and his squad arrive to face a Swindon side hoping for three points after a defeat at Victoria Park seven days ago...





NICKNAME:.....The Saddlers
GROUND:.....Bescot Stadium
MANAGER:.....Paul Merson
YEAR FORMED:.....1888

Division 2 Play-Off Winners: 2000/01
Division 3 Runners-Up: 1994/95, 1960/61
Division 4 Champions: 1959/60
Division 4 Runners-Up: 1979/80

Biggest Win: 10-0 v. Darwen, 1899
Biggest Defeat: 12-0 v. Birmingham, 1892
Record Attendance: 11,037 v. Wolves, 2003

Most Appearances: 530, Colin Harrison, 1964-82
Top Goalscorer: Colin Taylor, 181, 1958-73
Goals in a season: 40, Gilbert Alsop, 1934/35
Most Capped Player: Mick Kearns, 15, Rep. of Eire

Biggest Transfer Fee Paid:
 £175,000, Alan Buckley from Birmingham, 1979
Biggest Transfer Fee Received:
 £600,000, David Kelly to West Ham United, 1998

The Saddlers' Squad

Despite an opening day victory over Port Vale, things have not exactly gone to plan for Paul Merson's men so far this season.

The Saddlers registered just two victories in their first ten League One encounters, with their second win coming at Town's expense as goals from Henderson and Howard were not enough to earn a draw at The Bescot Stadium back in August 2004.

At home Walsall have proved to be a hard team to beat as their nine home wins and seven draws would suggest. However, it is their away form that is perhaps the contributing factor to their lowly league position. With just two away wins to their name all season, Paul Merson will be looking for a show of solidarity from his team if the 'away wins' statistic is to be improved upon.

Away from the League, Cup competitions have hardly proved a distraction with first round exits to Sheffield Wednesday (Carling Cup) and a shock defeat at Slough Town in the FA Cup show.

Last weekend's home draw with Torquay United ended the Saddlers run of five straight defeats. An 80th minute strike from Matty Fryatt was enough to secure a point for Merson's side, who are in 19th place going into today's game.

1 Andy Oakes

A tall and agile shot-stopper, Oakes signed until the end of the season on March 18th 2005 in a deal that runs until the end of the 2005/2006 season. Previously with Derby County.



2 Anthony Gerrard

A 19-year-old former Republic of Ireland U18 International, he joined on loan from Everton in March and is the cousin of Liverpool's Steve Gerrard. A calm and assured central defender who is strong in the tackle.



3 David Perpetuini

A deadline day signing, Perpetuini joined from Gillingham where his chances had been limited this season. Signed for The Gills for £100,000 in August 2001 from Watford, for whom he made 13 Premiership appearances.



4 Simon Osborn

A hard-working midfield battler who kicked off his career at Crystal Palace before going on to give service to Reading, QPR (whom he joined for £1.1million), Wolves, Tranmere Rovers (loan), Port Vale and Gillingham.



5 Neil Emblen

The 32-year-old has played in defence, midfield, attack and even briefly in goal for The Saddlers. 'Embo' was awarded the captain's armband when Paul Merson took charge, and agreed a new one-year-deal last summer.



6 Ian Roper

After working his way up through the ranks to sign professional forms in 1995, Roper has served Walsall well. Dominant in the air and strong in the challenge, he overcame injury to return to action in February.



7 Michael Standing

Paul Merson's first signing as manager, Standing signed from Bradford City in May 2004. Started his career with Brighton & Hove Albion before making the switch to Villa Park along with Gareth Barry.



8 Craig Peard

The 23-year-old is a former England Youth International who is on loan from Midlands neighbours Coventry. A dynamic and lively player, the Bromsgrove-born defender is also comfortable in a central midfield role.



9 Jorge Leitao

Gave up his studies for a Sports Science Degree to come to Walsall in a £150,000 deal from SC Farense in his native Portugal back in August 2000. Scorer of 11 goals so far this campaign.



11 Darren Wrack

One of Ray Graydon's first signings for Walsall, Wrack is an exciting wide player and a popular figure on and off the pitch. Previously with Derby County, Grimsby Town and Shrewsbury Town.



12 Matt Fryatt

An 18-year-old front-man who enjoyed a prolific couple of seasons at youth level, before breaking into the first-team last season. Has enough pace and sharpness to keep the Town backline on their toes today.



14 Mark Wright


A promising young player who has come through the ranks. Equally adept in both a midfield role and at full back, he is son of former Saddlers player, Evran Wright. Previously on loan at Nuneaton Borough.



23 Andrew Surman

An 18-year old left-footed midfielder who is on loan from Premiership Southampton until the end of the season. Born in Johannesburg, he made his reserve team debut for the Saints aged just 15.





Date: 26th August 2000
Competition: Division Two
Half-Time Score: 1-2
Full-Time Score: 1-4
Swindon Goalscorer:
 Invincible, 17
Walsall Goalscorers: Wrack, 5;
 Keates, 38; Byfield, 62; Leitao, 75
Attendance: 5,492
Swindon Final League Position: 20th
Walsall Final League Position: 4th (Play-Off Winners)

33 OnetoWatch Julian Joachim

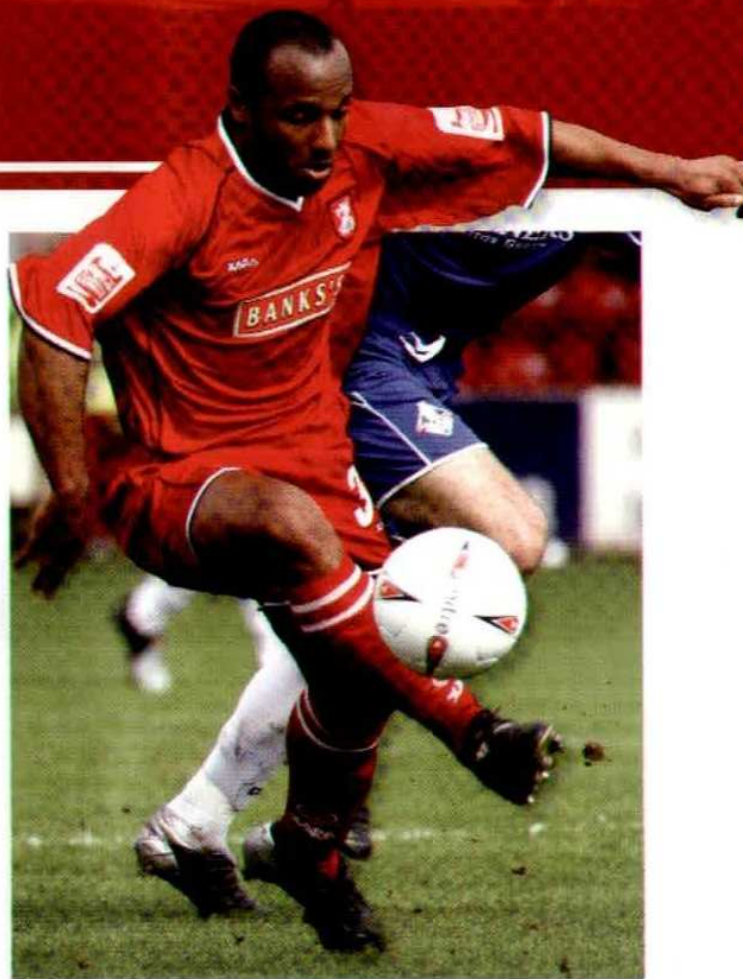
A player well-known to those in the Midlands, Joachim signed for Walsall on loan on from Leeds United on deadline day.

The former England Under-21 International first burst onto the scene at Leicester City where he was a key player in what was a successful time for the East Midlands outfit.

His performances earned him a £1.5million move to Aston Villa in February 1996 where he

went on to score 45 goals in a total of 173 appearances for Villa. A livewire player who possesses undoubted skill and ability, his next move took him to Coventry City in readiness for the start of the 2001/2002 season as part of the deal that saw Mustapha Hadji move in the opposite direction.

Despite making 61 appearances for the Sky Blues and ending last season in good form, he suffered his fair share of injury problems during his time at Highfield Road and last summer joined Kevin Blackwell's Leeds United.



thegaffer Paul Merson

A former England International with 21 caps to his name, Merson took charge at The Bescot Stadium on a permanent basis during the summer of 2003 from Portsmouth.

One of the English games most popular figures, Merson burst onto the scene at Arsenal, signing professional forms in December 1985 and going on to win two League Championships, the FA Cup, League Cup and European Cup Winners Cup during 12 successful years at Highbury.

He then joined Middlesbrough for £4.5million for whom his displays prompted Aston Villa to pay out £6.75million to secure his services in September 1998 and he went on to achieve legendary status at Villa Park before joining Pompey.

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Elton John Update

Over the last two weeks both Sarah Mildenhall, our Sales & Marketing Administrator and myself, have aged considerably. The reason for this is down to ELTONJOHNITUS. The response for tickets and Corporate Hospitality packages has been unbelievable.

I have been asked many times as to how many tickets have so far been sold for the 19th June concert. As we are only the venue, and not the Promoter, we have been asked by Marshall Arts not to disclose any current ticket sales figures for public knowledge. Whilst at first I found this a little strange, on talking to them I now understand as to why we can't. Basically, Marshall Arts have invested a high amount of money on a local radio and newspaper campaign leading up to the date of the Elton John Concert. They are concerned that if sales of tickets are known, it may have an adverse effect on them. I understand that this normal practice with Event Promoters and I am therefore quite happy to fit into their plans.

Having said that, I can report that the ticket sales for the **FIRST TWO DAYS ON SALE** were an staggering and unbelievable, 10,000 tickets sold. We have also had a similar story on the Platinum and Gold Hospitality Packages promoted by the Marketing Department here at the Club. I am pleased to say that the **PLATINUM Packages** are all **SOLD OUT** and we have a **VERY LIMITED** amount of **GOLD Packages** still available. If you are interested in booking any of our remaining **GOLD Packages**, then don't delay and ring Sarah in the Marketing Department straight away on **01793 333719**. The **GOLD** package include the following:

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I will be writing a questions and answers article on the forthcoming Elton John Concert in the next home programme v Bristol City on Wednesday. This will give more of the details, as to how the Club managed to get Elton to come to the County Ground, behind the scenes preparations, and the build up to the big event itself.

As we expect traffic for this event to be heavy, there will be a number of official Elton John car park places available. These will be situated very close to The County Ground and will be sold in advance of the night, on a first come first served basis. These reserved spaces are available at £12 per car and payment must be paid by credit card in advance.

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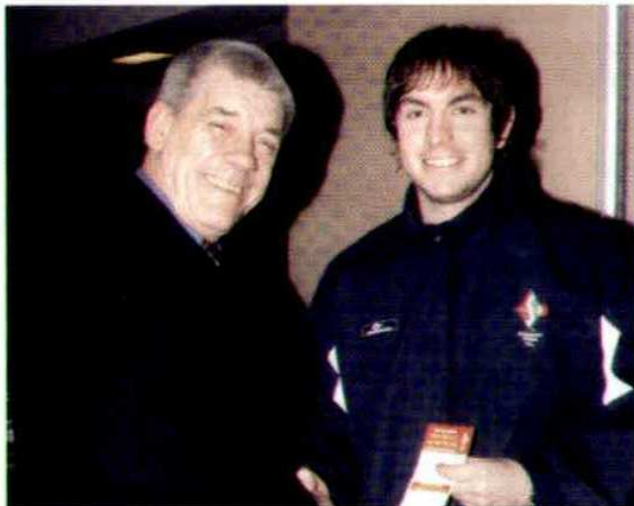
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Roger Bunce, Supporters Club Chairman comments:

"Many supporters have mentioned to us their desire to see a scoreboard back at the County Ground and we have worked hard to achieve this. It has only been possible because of support from our members and all other fans in our fundraising.

"Our donations to the Football Club this season already amount to around £20,000, with almost half for youth development and we are now getting close to raising £100,000 since our formation."

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Dreaming Of Don

Secondary School students attending after school study support sessions are challenged to make a short movie on a topic of their choice. Paul Furness, Jason Curtis, Callum Batsford, and Tony Pike from Churchfields School produced a short film titled 'Don's Boots'.

The film imagines a young Don Rogers who is not very good at football until he meets a mysterious old man who presents him with a pair of magic boots and tells him that one day, Don will play for Swindon Town and beat the mighty Arsenal.

Don kindly agreed to come in and be interviewed by the boys.

Jason Curtis put the questions to the great man himself...

Out of the two goals you scored against Arsenal what was your best one and why?

"Easily the 2nd goal,

Easily the 2nd goal, its something you dream about, running half the length of the pitch, then beating the goalkeeper. It doesn't happen very often, especially in a Cup Final at Wembley!

its something you dream about, running half the length of the pitch, then beating the goalkeeper. It doesn't happen very often, especially in a Cup Final at Wembley!"

Who was the player you most admired in your

football career?

"George Best for me. He had everything - he could dribble, shoot, head a ball and was good in the tackle. He was the complete footballer."

Tony Pike asked: "What

The boys movie has clips of Don playing in the famous 1969 League Cup victory over Arsenal and highlights of Don scoring for Crystal Palace when they beat Manchester United 5-0 with Rogers scoring twice.

is the worst injury you have ever suffered?"

"During my career I was extremely lucky with injuries and never had a serious injury. However, subsequently I have had 3 hip operations which are all the result of my footballing career."

All of the movies produced by the students from Churchfields School were shown to an audience of parent's relatives and teachers at the presentation evening.

Martin Turnbull
STFC Study Centre



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 3-1
Tue 15	Yeovil H 3-4
Tue 22	Plymouth A 0-2
Wed 30	Yeovil A 2-3
April	
Mon 25	Bristol Rov A 14:00
May	
Wed 4	Pontin's Holidays Cup Final
TBC	Swansea A
TBC	Cardiff City A

Next Away Match

Monday 25th April 2005

Bristol Rovers v Swindon

As the Reserve season draws to a close Town's three remaining games are all away from home. Monday 25th April sees Alan Reeves' men travel to Bristol Rovers who beat us 2-1 at the beginning of the season.

Wales & West Division Table 30.03.05

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Plymouth	11	7	2	2	27	9	23
Cardiff	12	7	1	4	24	18	22
Cheltenham	13	5	5	3	22	18	20
Yeovil	12	6	1	5	23	23	19
Bristol C	12	6	0	6	25	23	18
Swindon	13	4	2	7	25	23	14
Swansea	11	4	1	6	17	37	13
Bristol R	10	3	2	5	17	21	11
B'mouth	12	3	2	7	14	22	11

Bluebirds Soar To Shield Success

Chippenham Town won the Wiltshire Premier Shield on Tuesday night after ten goals in the final which included four goals for James Constable.

Alan Reeves started the game as one of only three players to have played for the first team this season, with Michael Pook the most recent of those having featured as a late substitute in the defeat at Hartlepool.

The game began brightly with visitors Chippenham setting their stall out. Lee Davidson could have opened the scoring inside the first five minutes when he blazed over from 16-yards after good work from Constable on the right. Scott Walker then saw his left foot rasper fly just wide of Matty Bulman's right hand post on 12 minutes.

The scoring was opened when **Ashan Holgate** headed home a cross from Michael Pook to put his side into the lead from well inside the box. On 36 minutes Swindon made it 2-0 when a neat inside ball from Lewis found **Andy Caton** 12-yards out, who produced

a clinical finish to double the lead with a left foot effort. Four minutes before the break it was 3-0 when Andy Caton charged up the left hand wing, clipped a neat ball into the path of Lewis who crossed the ball across the face of the six-yard box. His centre found the onrushing **Chris Allen** who smashed the ball into the roof of the net to ensure his side went into the break firmly in the driving seat.

Chippenham started the second half the better side and they soon got a goal back when **James Constable** poked the ball past Matty Bulman on 51 minutes. Sam Allison then had a chance for a second but he could only blast the ball over the bar after cutting inside.



Ashan Holgate

Dave Gilroy appeared as a substitute replacing Lee Davidson and the replacement was soon into the thick of the action. He scored a spectacular second for his side after 73 minutes, a left foot strike from just inside the box which flew past Bulman.

The equaliser came seven minutes before time when a deep cross from the lively Constable found **Gilroy** who scored his second of the game to take the final into extra time.

Chippenham celebrate victory...



Full-Time: Swindon 3
Chippenham 3

Alan Reeves headed his side into the lead just a few minutes into extra-time to make it 4-3 before **James Constable**, or 'Beano' as his is known to the Bluebirds fans, drew level fifteen minutes in, latching onto a through pass to clip the ball past the advancing Bulman.

Constable then added another to make it 5-4

with a well-taken strike from 14-yards before completing the scoring (his fourth of the night) minutes before the end to seal the Wiltshire Premier Shield for his side.

Final Score: Swindon 4
Chippenham 6 (aet)

Swindon Town: Matty Bulman, Sam Morris (withdrawn), Kyle Lapham, Michael Pook, Alan Reeves, Scott Doe, Chris Allen (off injured), Ben Wells, Ashan

Holgate, Lance Lewis, Andy Caton

Chippenham Town: Mark Hervin, Rene Regis, Simon Charity, Nick Bunyard, Sam Bailey, Gary Horgan, Ellis Wilmot, Lee Davidson, Sam Allison, James Constable, Scott Walker
Subs: Dean Evans, David Gilroy, Ian Herring, Ben Kirk, Gary Thorne

Attendance: 500 (approx.)

Referee: Mr S A Hooper

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	P-P
Mar 12	Wycombe (Cup)	2-1
Mar 19	Cambridge	2-2
Mar 25	Q.P.R.	0-5
Apr 2	Luton Town	3-0
Apr 9	Bournemouth	A
Apr 16	Q.P.R. (Cup SF)	H

Scholars Unveiled



There were mixed fortunes result-wise for our teams in the Centre of Excellence this week, with results tending to favour the home teams.

The home fixture against our neighbours resulted in wins for the under 10's (2-1), under 14's (4-1) and under 15's (2-1). The under 9's were unfortunate losers 2-3 as were the away sides losing 2-3, 3-5 and 1-5 at under 11,12 and 13 level. However the results are always secondary to individual and group development and all across the age groups, the coaches continue to do an excellent job with the boys. Even in the relatively short space of time I've been in the post, it's gratifying to see the development of the boys and we continue to hold out high hopes for many of them.

To that end I would bring to your attention that before the Bristol City game on Wednesday, the five

boys we're taking on as full-time Scholars for next year will be unveiled and signing on the pitch. This is a nice occasion for the boys and their parents and allows the Swindon public to get an early glimpse of players who may one day break into the First Team here. At the time of writing, there may well be two or three names to be added but presently; Chris Allen (midfielder), Scott Doe (defender), Lukas Jutkiewicz (striker), Jonathan Stewart (goalkeeper) and James Walker (midfielder) will definitely be with us next year. Chris, Scott and Lukas particularly have been with the Centre of Excellence for several years now and having played for the under 18's for most of this season and continued to thrive, theirs is a further testament to all the hard work from everyone involved.

Enjoy the game,

Iffy Onuora.

Next Home Match

Saturday 16th April 2005

Swindon v Q.P.R.

Town's Youths face possibly their toughest test of the season when they meet league leaders QPR in the Alliance Cup Semi-Final next weekend at the Wanborough training ground. Kick-Off 11:00am.

Merit Division One South Table 02.04.05

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Q.P.R.	6	4	0	2	13	6	12
Cambridge4	3	1	0	10	7	10	
B'mouth	6	3	1	2	12	10	10
Swindon	6	3	1	2	9	10	10
L. Orient	5	2	1	2	9	9	7
Brentford	6	2	1	3	9	12	7
W.B.A.	5	1	2	2	7	8	5
Exeter	4	0	3	1	4	5	3
Luton	6	0	2	4	8	14	2

Ian Woan



AMERICA... what did you like and dislike about playing Stateside?

Tailgate parties and cheerleaders. Dislikes? Playing on Astroturf.

BOOK... what would you call your autobiography?

"Better to have one great one than two average ones."

CALL... what phone do you have?

A Motorola.

DRAW... can you draw a teammate?



SORRY MICK !!!

ENTERTAINING... most entertaining game you have ever witnessed?

Liverpool 3 St. Etienne 1.



European Cup Quarter Final 1977. 1-0 down from the 1st leg going into the game. Dave "The Bionic Carrot" Fairclough scores the winner.

FOREST... will we be playing your former club next season? Only in the Championship! I hope.

GOLF... what's your handicap? 7.

HOLIDAY... where is your favorite destination? Hawaii, Kanapali and Maui.

IFFY... can you sum the man up in three words? Really bad driver.

JOKE... best practical joke you have ever seen? Telling Stuart Pearce the Christmas Party was fancy dress with pyjamas the theme! We all met in a boozier down Town in jeans etc. I was later two footed by a man in slippers and gingham check pj's!

KIDS... have you been pleased with the progress made by the youth team since your arrival? I inherited a good squad and by the results it

BEST GOAL EVER SCORED ?

"My Dad always said every goal is a good one, it's the hardest thing in football to do! The ones against Newcastle and Spurs were my favourites..."

seems as though they are going in the right direction. Ultimately youth coaches are judged by how many players get into the first team. Time will tell on that one...

LAUGHABLE... funniest thing you have ever seen in football? Not that it was funny at the time, but Brian Laws tearing his cruciate when kicking the ball from a penalty having kicked the ground.

MENTOR... who was yours as a youngster? My Father Alan, an ex-pro who played for Norwich, Aldershot, Northampton and Crystal Palace.

NEVER... who would you never have played for?

I was never good enough to have that luxury! Although I don't like Manchester United much.

OFF SEASON... how do you spend your summers?

My in-laws live in Las Vegas, so most of our time is spent there.

PROFESSION... if you hadn't been a footballer, what would you have been?

An architect. I was just starting a degree in building and civil engineering when I signed for Forest.

QUICK... who is the fastest member of the youth squad?

Andy Caton with David Stroud close.

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

At home with my daughter Maddy...oh and with the Wife, Kelly!

SCORE... best goal of your career?

My Dad always said every goal is a good one, it's the hardest thing in football to do! The ones against Newcastle

and Spurs were my favourites...

TOUGHEST.. pre-season you ever did? Bolton Wanderers with Big Sam.

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

My Wife was born in Anchorage, Alaska in the USA.

VOCAL... who is the loudest in the youth team?

Michael Pook.

WILDCARD... who will win the FA Cup this season?

Arsenal.

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YELLOW... what scares you?

Slight dog left right to left with a breeze off the left and a driver in my hand.

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A another season drawing to a close - Play-Offs... or holidays after May 7th??

Rather than speculate on the range of results possible over the next month, I've decided (not for the first time this season) to "borrow" from another page of this matchday magazine.

I now accept I'll never be included as a footballer in the A-Z, so I'll invite myself to compile my own list, centred on radio station and STFC, with apologies for not coming up with a sketch of a member of staff here - they'd probably have been offended or unrecognisable anyway!!!

A Acidity/alkalinity - there was too much of one or the other in the pitch this term.

B BBC Radio Swindon, 103.6 FM, DAB Digital Radio and bbc.co.uk/wiltshire - there has to be a plug somewhere!

C Colourful character - The Gaffer - we're grateful for his time and numerous on-air contributions.

D Don Rogers, the BBC's Cult Hero here.

E England under-19 international Lee Holmes, another shrewd loan signing.



F Father's Day - don't forget Elton John, Lulu et al.

G Geoff Barker, Early Show presenter and matchday man on the mic at Bournemouth.

H Hospitality packages available - see "F"

I Ian Woan & Iffy Onuora, familiar faces back to coach the kids.

J Jimmy Davis Memorial Cup - where it all began, in Redditch, when we eventually found the ground!



K Know your legal terminology - what are "best endeavours"?!

L "Long-serving" manager Andy King - only Fry, O'Driscoll and Smith have currently spent more time in charge of a League One club.

M Middlesbrough, so near and yet so far in the FA Cup.



N Nil-Nil - how long since we were involved in a goalless game?

O Out of contract players - the squad could be decimated.

P Penalty - eventually - but who should take them?

Q Question of Swindon Sport, planned for the summer of 2005.

R Record-breaker - Super Sammy, 20 goals for a third successive season.

S Shelley Keen, still talking about her recent interview with Big Mick - she did discover he was an Elton John fan!

T Text on the Town - 07786 203 303 - see "B"

U UEFA ruling on the transfer window - it'll now open and close at the County Ground.

V Various formations 4-4-2, 3-5-2, 4-5-1, 4-3-3, 3-4-3.

W Wages - not always in full or on time around these parts.

X X-rated - Bowyer & Dyer - remember Leitch & Robinson - I think.

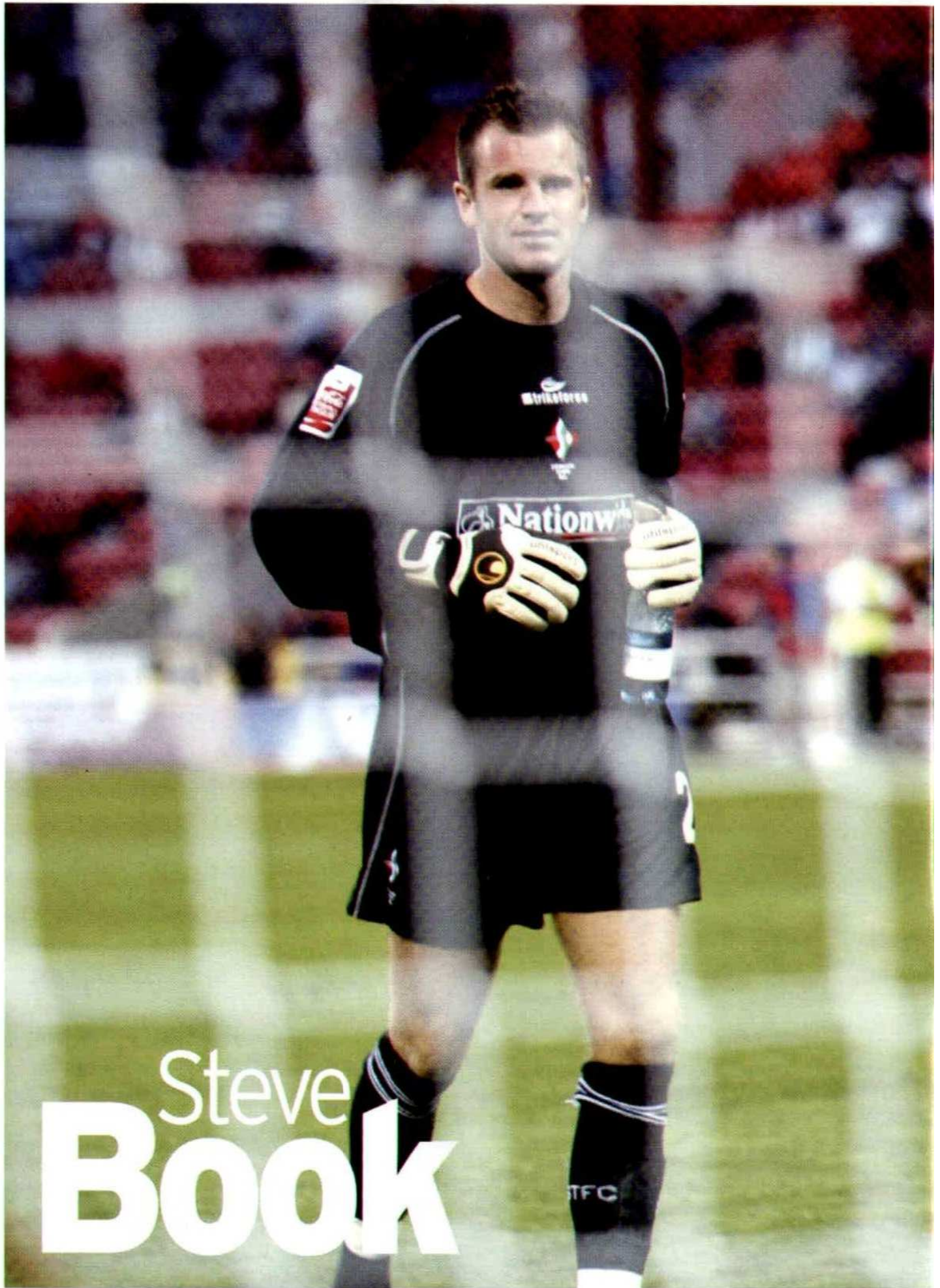
Y Youth - Caton, Pook, Garrard - ones to watch!



Z Zurich - would they switch sponsorship money from rugby to local football club?

20 Steve Book





Steve
Book



Swindon Town's experienced custodian on 'doing a Delia', Bobby Gould and playing Sunday League football...

Words: Nick Judd
Pictures: Chris Adams
& Action Images

Football is a team game. And while our resident number nine will grab the headlines 20 times or so over the course of a season, the whole squad plays its part at some stage or another.

Take Steve Book for example. Playing second fiddle to Rhys Evans for most of the season,

the former Cheltenham stopper has come in five times and has played his part in four Town wins. Not bad for someone who likes to impersonate Delia Smith...

Born in 1969, I suppose you're too young to remember our infamous League Cup win?

I remember seeing it on

TV. Bobby Gould was on the losing side – I remember that much!

Did you know that we'd won four of the five games you've played in this season?

It is good to be involved, although frustrating not to have been involved in a run of games, but that's the manager's decision.

It has been a little hard. I want to play games and as a goalkeeper if you are not involved you're unlikely to come off the bench.



And when you came on against Bournemouth the fans took to you immediately...

I tried to do a bit of a Delia when I came on in that game. The fans are incredibly important to any football club so I always try to my best to get on with them.

Are you a Bournemouth fan, you were born there weren't you?

I was yes. It was the first time I had played against them a few weeks back and I always look out for their results.

You were a regular at Cheltenham, playing 200 odd games - it must be frustrating not to play on a regular basis here?

It has been a little hard. I want to play games and as a goalkeeper if you are not involved you're unlikely to come off the bench.

What is your friendship like with Rhys?

We get on well and learn off each other. I look at his game and technique, while there are also a few tips that I have been able to pass on to him - we help each other out.

The highlight must have been the Bristol City victory in the LDV...

It was, yes. It was a great experience as the only LDV Vans Trophy game I had previously been involved in was in front of about 250 people! It was a hell of a buzz and gets you going when you run out of the tunnel.

With Luke Garrard coming in as well, it was a fantastic team effort to keep a clean sheet...

Luke did very well that night, as did the rest of the side. It was a team performance and it is promising for the future as well. It shows the strength in depth which we have here.

Is it difficult keeping yourself motivated in training when you know Rhys is likely to be first choice?

I love playing football full stop. If I wasn't involved at Swindon I would be involved somewhere - I'd play Sunday morning football just because I just love the game. If it's on the telly I'll watch it. Just football mad really!

What part has Fraser Digby played in your

own development?

We didn't have a goalkeeping coach as such, although Jim Barron used to come in for some sessions. Coming to Swindon and getting specialist coaching from Fraser twice a week has been magnificent. It has benefited me and I'm usually one of the last off the training pitch now!

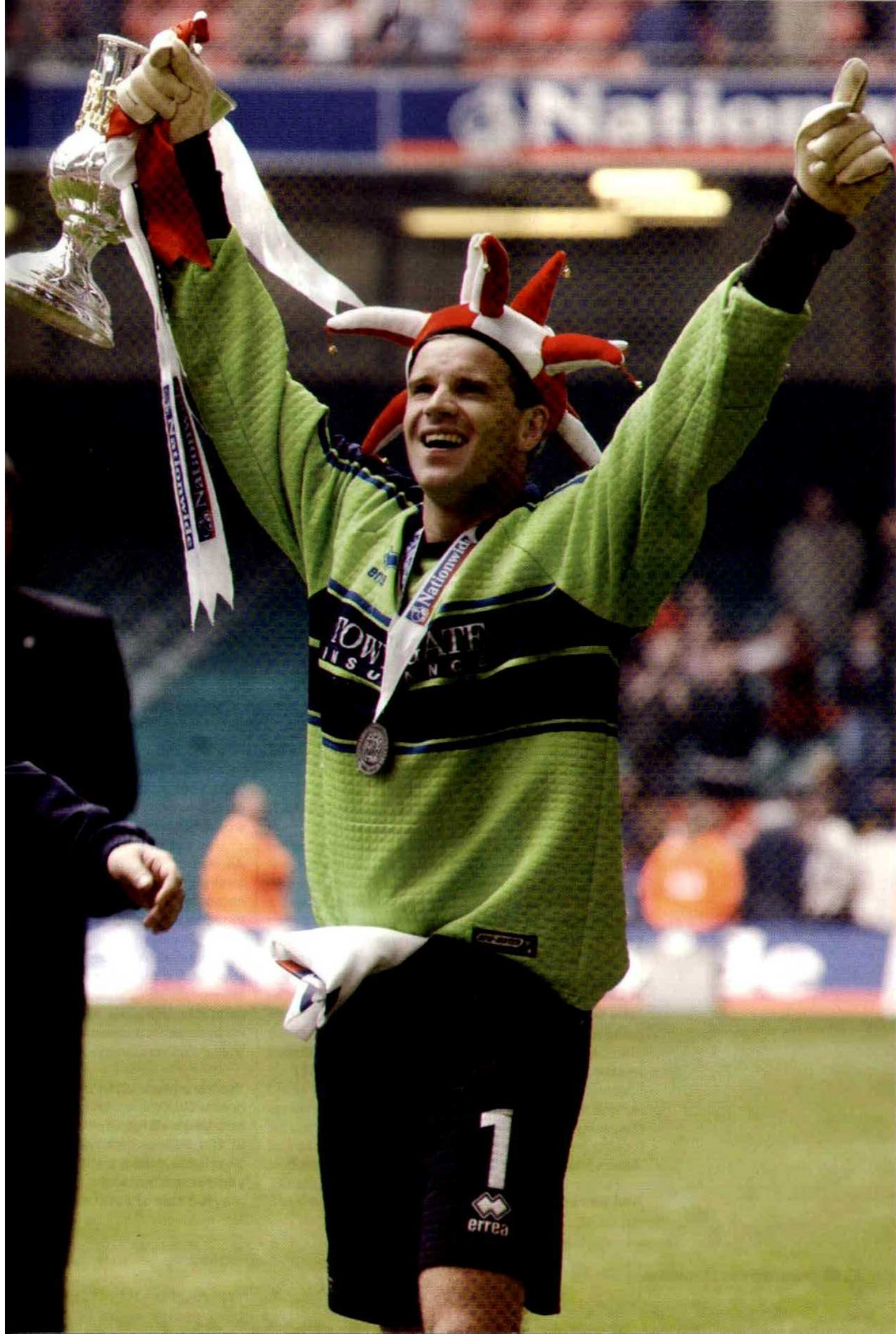
You witnessed both Town's atrocious performances against Cheltenham two seasons ago; you guys must have thought we were terrible!

I only played in one of those games, but a club like Swindon has good players so I knew it was just one result.

Bobby Gould - what was he like to play under? He's not that popular in these parts...

Interesting! I think he tried to change things too quickly. He had his own ideas. We played Bristol City one game and lost by three goals or so. He came in the following Monday and said he was leaving me out of the team. I think that next game was against Swindon now I think of it. Two weeks earlier we







had drawn 0-0 at Wigan and he said I put in a 'world class performance!' Baffling really.

What was the appeal when Andy King came calling this summer?

I had just left the office at Cheltenham where John Ward said he wasn't going to keep me on. My phone then rang twenty minutes later from my Uncle Tony, who gets on well with Andy. He then said that Andy was looking for a 'keeper and it went from there.

And we're local too,

you're living in Bristol?

I was living in Bath when I got promoted with Cheltenham, but getting out of Bath in the morning to get to the motorway became a bit of a nightmare to be honest with the traffic. I then moved to Bristol halfway through that season.

Are you sharing lifts with Matty Hewlett?

That's right, I come in every day with Matty. I have to put the headphones on when I get in the car, though! He only lives a few hundred

yards up the road so it works out well.

As we enter the business period of the campaign, what's the mood in the camp?

The atmosphere is very good. A few weeks ago none of the sides around us could win a game and it's been an inconsistent league this year.

You're a man with promotion experience and you've also played at the Millennium Stadium... what do you remember of playing there?

It was a great experience as the only LDV Vans Trophy games I had previously been involved in were in front of about 250 people! It was a hell of a buzz and gets you going when you run out of the tunnel.

It was unbelievable especially coming from the non-league scene. When I played at Wembley with Cheltenham in FA Trophy it went so quickly, so I made a conscience effort to take it all in when we went to Cardiff. We went down to the ground the day before and had a good walk around. I took my camera and the whole day was brilliant. I had to pinch myself. A few seasons earlier I was playing for Forest Green and suddenly I was playing at Cardiff!

We have gone from playing a side near the top of the league to one near the bottom; will our approach to the game differ?

There is no great difference in terms of the build-up because at this stage of the season everything is about getting a result. We need to go out there and get the points on the board, no matter who the opposition.

You're related to old Manchester City full-back, Tony Book. He played at weekends while earning a living as a bricklayer during the week - was that

something he drummed into you? You're a skilled carpenter too aren't you?

My Dad was a brickie so I went straight from school onto a building site. That is something I try and tell some of the kids here, because they have to listen and take their chance while the opportunity is there. Having been on top of scaffolding in the middle of a cold December, I know what it's like!

Is it too easy for the kids now then, do you think?

It's not necessarily too easy, I just don't think they realise what is on the 'other side'. If it were up to me I would get them out in the working environment as well to make them realise the chance they have.

Your Uncle picked up pretty much every winners medal with the club before going into management. Does coaching interest you?

I have been trying to get my coaching badges for the last few years and have continued to study for it with Guy Whittingham, who comes into the club to take the



sessions. At the moment I am on level two, which is the old UEFA Two, so it's going well and I'm trying to work my way up.

So what next for you then, this season and beyond...

A former team-mate of mine at Cheltenham, Clive Walker, used to say 'you never know what's round the corner' and I have always remembered what he said. I'll just have to wait and see what happens, that's football for you isn't it?



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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	1-6
Mar 20	Launton	5-1
Apr 3	Plymouth	H
Midweek	Oxford City	H&A

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

Next Home Match

Sunday 10th April 2005

Swindon Res v W.Bassett Res

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

Girls Show Top Form

The Town Ladies have picked up maximum points from their last two fixtures in the South West Combination League.

The Town entertained Oxford City in a midweek floodlight game at the Highworth Town ground. The Town took the lead just before half time when Claire Moreton crossed from the left and Michelle Rich volleyed the ball in from the edge of the area. The visitors made a good start to the second half and drew level in the 62nd minute. Their lead was short lived as within a minute Carly Smith had forced

the Town ahead again. Seven minutes later the Town got a third when Carly Smith and Michelle Brown set up the opening for Catherine Reid to score.

The Town then travelled to Oxfordshire to face Launton. The Town were in control from the start and when Kim Reeves' shot was parried Holly Burton followed up to knock the ball into the net. Michelle Rich doubled the advantage before Claire Moreton got number three Claire Moreton then created the open for Michelle Rich to put the Town four up at the break. The Town scored a fifth

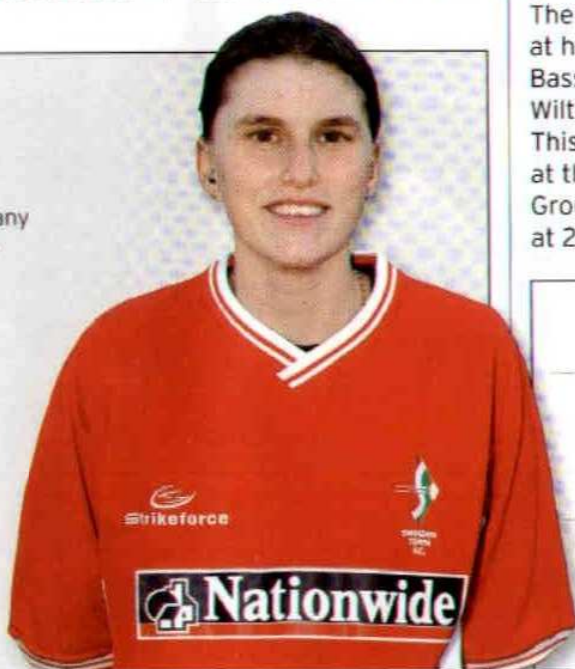
through Laura Morgan before Launton pulled a goal back.

The Town Reserves were too strong for Devizes Town and beat them by eleven goals to nil in the Wiltshire County League. April Poulton found the net five times and there were goals for Pam Ashman, Carly Smith, Lisa Coe, Chantelle Lovell, Cara Costello and Louise Corcoran.

Tomorrow the Town travel to face Oxford City in a South West Combination League fixture. The Town beat the Oxford by three goals to one in the home game a few weeks ago. The Town Reserves play at home to Wootton Bassett Town in the Wiltshire County League. This game will be played at the Aldbourne FC Ground and will Kick Off at 2-00 pm.

one2one Sarah Moore

Age: 19
Home Town: Munster, Germany
Occupation: Food Operative
Position: Defender
Previous Teams: None
How did you start playing football?
 "I used to kick about with my Brother in the garden."
Favourite Team: Reading
Favourite Player: Dave Kitson
Favourite TV Program: Neighbours
Favourite Film: Silence of the Lambs
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We would like to say a big thank you to all of the above for supporting this project and making it such a success. Let's hope you come back again next season.

This week our second of the Easter Holiday Courses has seen us coach over 200 children at the club and on Monday we were back on our travels. We paid a visit to Stanley Park in Chippenham where we coached around 100 children. Over this holiday period we have coached nearly 550 children and would like to express our thanks to all our coaches and also to Matty Heywood, Stefani Miglioranzi and Super Sammy Parkin for making this Easter period the best on record - in our nine years in the role.

Enjoy the game,
Clive and Jon.



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Party Package Two

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MatchAction



Coca-Cola League One

Saturday 19th March 2005
County Ground, 3:00pm

Swindon (1) **4**
Wrexham (2) **2**

Attendance: 5,123

Swindon



(red shirts, white shorts)

- 20. Steve Book
- 2. Sean O'Hanlon
- 3. Grant Smith **1**
- 6. Steve Jenkins
- 7. Sammy Igoe
- 9. Sam Parkin **3 (1P)**
- 10. Stef Miglioranzi
- 11. David Duke
- 14. Christian Roberts
- 19. Matt Heywood
- 21. Lee Holmes

Subs Used

- 12. Jerel Ifil (11)
- 17. Brian Howard (7)
- 24. Andy Caton (14)

Subs Not Used

- 1. Rhys Evans
- 4. Matt Hewlett

Wrexham



(black shirts, black shorts)

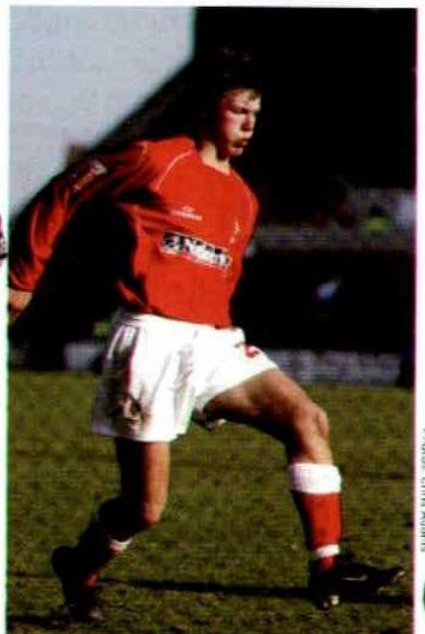
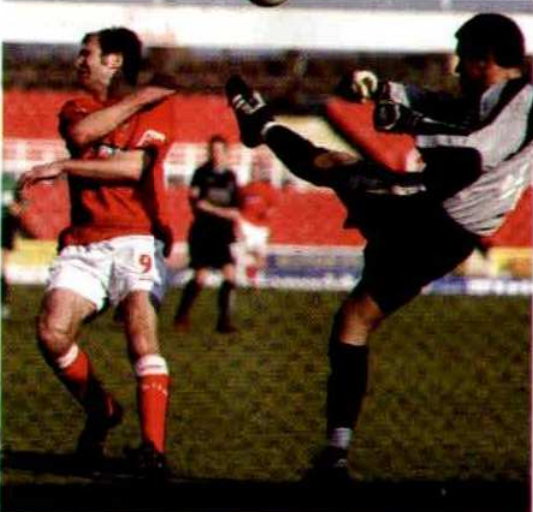
- 33. Ben Foster
- 6. Dennis Lawrence
- 7. Carlos Edwards
- 11. Chris Llewellyn
- 15. Craig Morgan
- 16. Matt Crowell
- 18. Shaun Pejic
- 19. Andrew Holt
- 23. Hector Sam **1**
- 30. Juan Ugarte **1**
- 32. Scott Green

Subs Used

- 9. Chris Armstrong (30)
- 21. Levi Mackin (32)

Subs Not Used

- 1. Andy Dibble
- 20. Simon Spender
- 25. Kieran Quinn



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League Review

02.04.05




Stockport became the first English club to be relegated this season following a 2-1 defeat at home to Brentford...

 The Bees took the lead on 57 minutes through Scott Fitzgerald before Adam Le Fondre levelled matters with ten minutes left with a penalty, but Stockport's fate was sealed when Sam Sodje struck with four minutes remaining to give Brentford victory.

 At the other end of the table, Luton Town remain on course for promotion after Steve Howard's goal on the quarter hour mark gave Mike Newell's side 1-0 home win over Blackpool.


 Hull City's kept pace with a 2-1 home win over Yorkshire rivals Barnsley, with Leon Cort putting The Tigers in front after four minutes. Daniel Nardiello levelled in the second half for The Tykes, but Craig Fagan earned Hull the

victory with a winner on 69 minutes.

 In the battle for the play-offs, Tranmere Rovers came from a goal down to defeat Sheffield Wednesday 2-1 at Hillsborough.

The Owls took the lead just after the half hour mark through a Chris Brunt penalty before Michael Jackson levelled matters just before the break.


Wednesday were then reduced to ten men after Zigor Aranalde was sent off for serious foul play on 54 minutes. Six minutes later, Canadian international Iain Hume won the match for Brian Little's side with his strike for the Wirral-based club.

 Bournemouth stay in the play-off places after a 2-1 victory

at struggling Wrexham.

Goals by Stephen Purches (58) and Wade Elliott (67) gave The Cherries success in North Wales, as veteran striker Chris Armstrong replied for The Dragons.

 Bristol City registered a 2-0 home win over Port Vale with Leroy Lita (14) and Paul Heffernan (68) on the scoresheet for Brian Tinnion's side.

 Bradford City lost ground on the top six after a goalless draw at Chesterfield while Huddersfield Town piled more misery on Peterborough United with a 2-1 win.


Chris Brandon (21) and Danny Schofield (84) gave The Terriers the win at London Road, as Wayne Purser (45) replied



Gareth Edds

for Barry Fry's side.

 Milton Keynes Dons and Oldham Athletic had to settle for a 1-1 draw at The National Hockey Stadium. Oldham's on-loan striker Luke Beckett gave The Latics the lead five minutes in, but Gareth Edds scored again to earn a point with six minutes left for MK Dons.

 Today's opponents Walsall needed a late Matt Fryatt goal to earn a 1-1 home draw with Torquay United.

The Gulls had taken the lead through Adebayo Akinfenwa just before the hour mark, but The Saddlers earned a point with Fryatt's leveller with ten minutes remaining.



Stockport players show disappointment after Sam Sodje's late strike...

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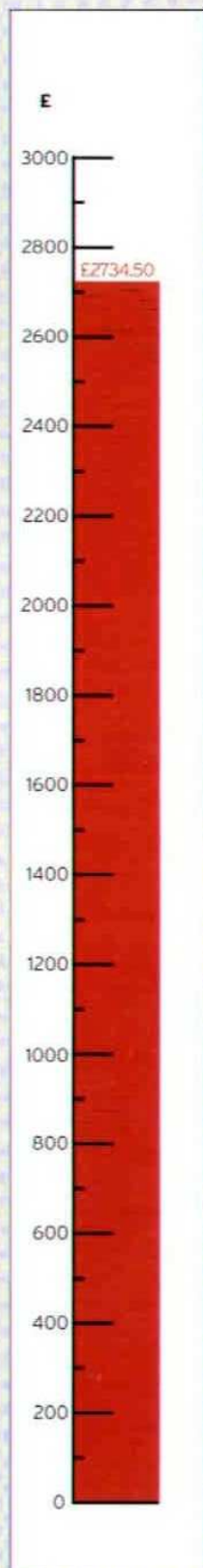
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There will be opportunities for advertising for businesses as well as opportunities for fans to have there own personal announcements. Further details can be obtained

from Nigel Bennett on 07891 422905.

Half-Time Draw

The winner from the Wrexham match was Gregory Taylor of Swindon who won £356 with ticket number 303.

Player of the Year

We are planning to hold our end of season Player of the Season dinner at the County Ground for the 4th May.

Voting forms have been recently sent to our members and they should be returned to us by 29th April latest.

The 29th April is also the date for Supporters Club members to confirm attendance at the end of season presentation dinner.

Non members are also welcome at this event and if they wish to attend, could they please contact Ann Alder of the Away travel organisation, or any committee member for further details including, pricing and availability.

Where are they now?

—1993/94 part two—

Following on from our look at the Championship winning team of '96, we now look at the members of the only ever Town squad to play in the top flight...

Ross MacLaren

Signed from Derby County in August 1988, MacLaren went on to make over 200 appearances for Swindon, with his last coming in November 1994. He then became Reserve Team Boss but was sacked under Steve McMahon in 1998. Now working as the Head of Youth at League Two side Southend United.



Wayne O'Sullivan

Joined the Town in 1992 as a youngster and made his debut in the 1994-5 season in Division One. Left the club with 65 league starts to his name. Later appeared for Cardiff & Plymouth.



John Moncur

A skillful play-making midfielder, 'Moncs' joined Town from Spurs in 1992. After making over sixty appearances he left for West Ham in the summer of 1994 for £1million. Now Head of Recruitment at Spurs, he lives in Loughton, Essex, with his wife and their three sons.



Micky Hazard

The midfielder arrived at Swindon in September 1990 after previous spells with Chelsea and Tottenham. After beginning the 1993/4 Premiership season at Swindon, he then returned to White Hart Lane in November 1993 and is now a taxi driver in London.



John Trollope

Wroughton-born John went on to make a record number of 770 league appearances for Town which still stands as the most appearances for one club in Football League history. After hanging up his boots he took on the role of assistant manager and youth team manager before being dismissed by Steve McMahon after 37 years of tremendous service to STFC.



JanAageFjortoft

Signed by John Gorman in the summer of 1993, Jan joined from Rapid Vienna in a £500,000 move. He then had spells with Premiership Middlesbrough, Sheffield Utd and Barnsley before departing for Eintracht Frankfurt in November 1998. The Norway international striker spent almost three seasons with the German outfit before heading home in 2001 to join Stabaek. In May 2002, he made one final switch to his former club Lillestrom, ending his playing career one month later. Now 37, Fjortoft became general manager at Lillestrom in December 2004.

NickyHammond

A wrist injury meant an end to 'Hammo's' career whilst at First Division Reading. From there, he joined the Academy Coaching Staff at The Madejski Stadium where he has now progressed to Director of Football.

AndyThomson

After joining Town as a trainee, Andy shared a house in Freshbrook with his then teammates Chris Hamon, Stuart James and Marcus Phillips during much of his time with the club. He left Town for Portsmouth in 1995 for £75,000, making 85 appearances for Pompey. He then spent three years at Bristol Rovers before signing for Wycombe in March 2002. He left The Choirboys in July 2004 and is now at Forest Green Rovers.

KeithScott (not pictured)

A veteran of no less than sixteen clubs, Scott left Swindon for Stoke City in December 1994 in a £300,000 move before playing for a host of other clubs. Scott scored both goals for his current club Windsor & Eton in their 2-1 win over Staines Town on Saturday 19th March, after coming off the bench.

BrianKilcline (not pictured)

Joined Swindon from Newcastle in January 1994, signaling the launch of 'Killer' Kilcline wigs in the STFC Club Shop! He now resides in the quaint village of Holmfirth with his wife Lynn and is still actively involved in the soccer scene, on a local and national basis, through coaching and media work.

AdiViveash

Having started and finished his playing career with Swindon, 'Adi' also had successful spells at Reading and Walsall where he was Captain. After leaving Town towards the end of 2004, he made six appearances for Aldershot and is now playing under Brian Hughes at Cirencester Town.

AndyRowland

Originally signed from Bury for £85,000 in 1978, Rowland was a potent member of the Town strikeforce before becoming Reserve Team Manager here at Town. After a spell as Assistant Manager and then Manager (temporary) he is now landlord of the Plough Inn at Old Town.

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Today's Mascots



Harry Holder

Harry Holder, aged 11 on Monday 28th March is a Robin out of town. He attends Hadlow Primary School, Kent and is mad about Swindon Town. Harry is top scorer for his side Tonbridge Juniors just like his favourite player Sammy Parkin. He says he hopes to put a few past Rhys Evans in the warm up!

Ossie says Hi

Long time and keen Swindon fan Podge Rogers enjoys visiting amateur games when the Robins are on their travels. He recently ventured to Welwyn Garden City and was surprised to find a Pablo Ardiles playing for the home side.

After a few enquiries it was confirmed that Pablo IS the son of a famous father and was told that "Dad" was in the ground watching. Never one to be shy, Podge approached our famous ex-manager who was keen to hear how his old team is faring.

He said he enjoyed his time at Swindon, asking Podge to pass on his best wishes and thanks to all at the people at Swindon, wishing the team success for the future. He spoke enthusiastically about his former club.

Ossie, now 51, told Podge that he has been coaching Tokyo Verdy in Japan for about a year, but manages to get to his UK home from time to time.

Pablo is 28 and joined the Spartan South Midlands League club from Hoddesden Town

at the start of the season. A 'midfield general', he is extremely fit and is reported to make some clever runs and creates openings with accurate passes. (Worth a look Andy?)

There were also Swindon links on the bench as the home countries played in the World Cup preliminaries recently. Roy Evans as assistant to John Toshack and of course ex-Town player Laurie Sanchez managing the Northern Ireland team.

Mike Judd



STFC Photo Gallery



Golden Celebration!

Pictured left are John and June Durston who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary today. Both are avid Town fans and follow the team whatever the weather. Congratulations from everyone at Swindon Town FC and we hope you can celebrate your special day with three points!



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JUNIOR ROBINS



Sadly we are nearing the end of our current campaign. I've thoroughly enjoyed my first season as Junior Robins Co-Ordinator and have lots more exciting things lined up for season 2005/06.

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a mascot? You will meet the players in the dressing room, have a kick around on the pitch and lead the team out before the game.

At our 'Meet the players Night' in February, Adam Devine won a mascot package for the Port Vale game, and I am giving Junior Robins a chance to be a mascot at our last home game of the season, which is Chesterfield on May 7th.

Hidden in the grid below are some goalkeepers

who have visited the County Ground this season, one of the listed players is not in the grid. Identify who this is, write your answer, name, address and telephone number on a piece of paper and send in to me at the County Ground.

One of you will be leading the teams out against Chesterfield!

Enjoy the game,

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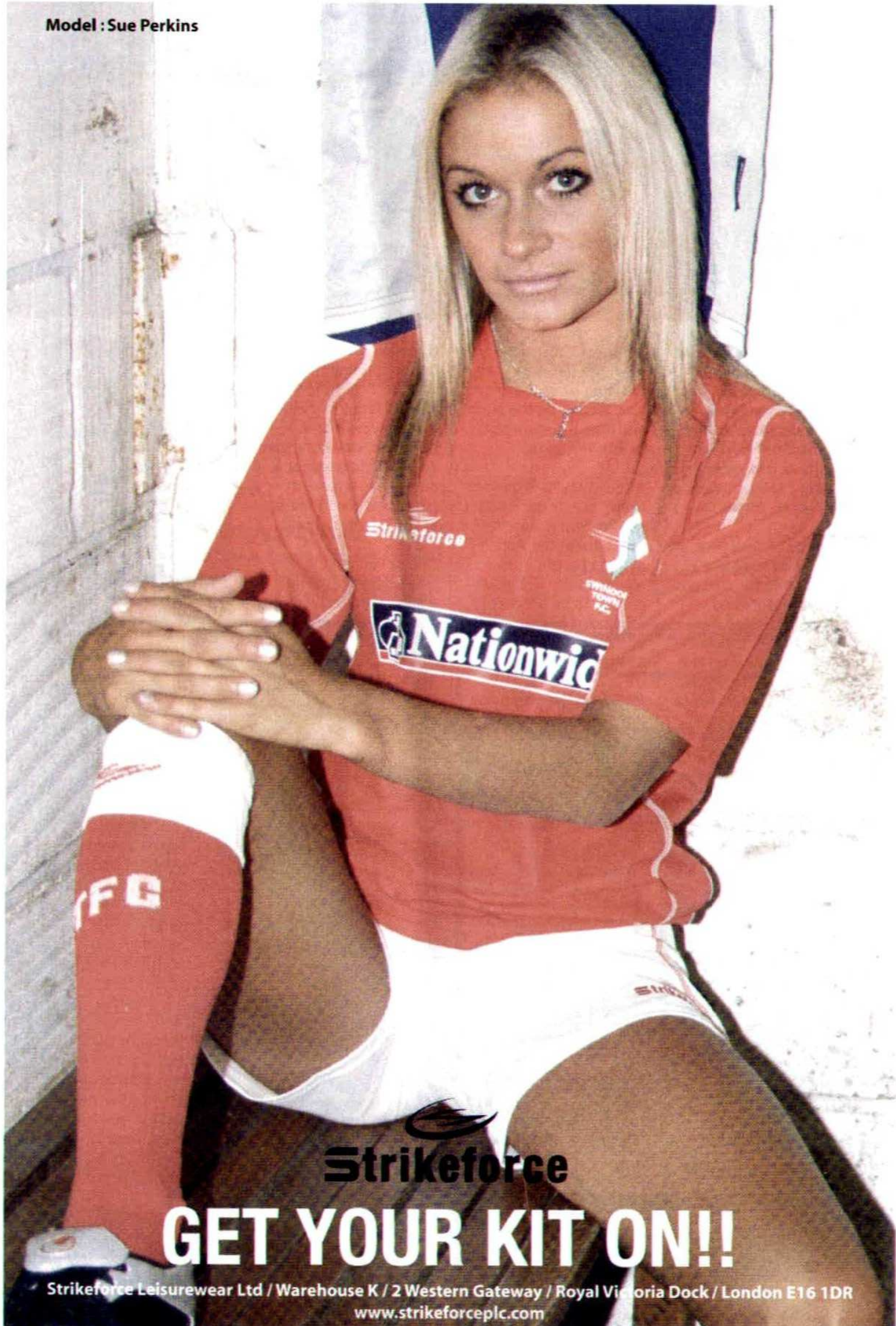
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Oh What Fun it is to see Swindon win Away...

... at Hull City, Saturday 16th April, K.C. Stadium

Words: Richard Keast

Like most of you, this will be my first trip to the KC Stadium so once again I have to thank www.footballgroundguide.co.uk for the info provided. Here's what it says:

Getting there:

By car: Leave the M62 at Junction 38 and join the A63, towards Hull. Stay on the A63 and the stadium is clearly signposted (KC Stadium) as you approach Hull. About one mile from the centre of Hull leave the A63 (also signposted for the Hull Royal Infirmary) and take the 2nd exit at the roundabout. Turn left at the lights and then over the flyover, right at the next lights and the ground is down on the right.

Pubs:

There are a number of pubs within a few

minutes walk of the stadium, but these are all designated as being for home supporters only. Most local fans still seem to be heading for pubs situated around Boothferry Park. These are best avoided by away fans particularly the Silver Cod and 'Admiral of the Humber' pubs. Alcohol is served within the ground (£2.50 a pint), otherwise you can head for the nearby City Centre, where there are plenty of pubs to be found. David Jenkin a visiting Exeter fan recommends; the **Sandringham** pub, near to Hull main station, in the City Centre.

Ground:

The stadium is totally enclosed, with the West Stand being around twice the size of the

other three sides. The roof rises up and curves around the West Stand, giving the stadium an interesting look. Inside the curves continue as each of the stands slightly bow around the playing area, drawing the eye to sweep panoramically around them. Each stand is single tiered, apart from the two tiered West Stand. This stand also has a row of executive boxes running across its middle. There is an electric scoreboard at the North End of the stadium, where the Police Control Box is also situated. The pitch looked in excellent condition on my visit in January, plus it has had under soil heating installed. The p.a. system within the stadium is also excellent. All told this a stadium that would not look out of place in the Premiership.

Fave Game:

This would have to be the one at Boothferry Park on the first day of the 95-96 Championship season when we won 1-0 thanks to a Steve Finney diving header right in front of the away fans. I knew then that we would have a good season and that's just how it turned out.



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at The County Ground

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



STFC vs. Huddersfield Town

Saturday 30th April, KO 3:00pm

at Galpharm Stadium

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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 13th April 2005
KickOff 7.45pm

One of the most keenly awaited fixtures of the season takes place next at the County Ground with the visit of Bristol City on 13th April, and the tension has been allowed to build even more since it's postponement from the original date of Easter Bank holiday Monday.

Both Town and City suffered at the hands of Brighton in last year's play offs and this season started with each club's sets of supporters hoping for another top six finish.

City's disappointment in defeat at the Millennium Stadium hastened the departure of City manager Danny Wilson, and it was a popular decision that brought midfielder maestro



Brian Tinnion to the manager's office.

This term Tinnion has been finding his feet and City, like Town, have been a little inconsistent. At the time of the originally scheduled fixture, Swindon held superiority in the League One table, but after last weekend's results City held the upper hand by a two-point margin.

In the City camp, Leroy Lita is one of the few League One strikers who have outscored Sam Parkin. He tops the City goal-scoring chart with 27 so far, a haul that makes him joint top scorer in the division.

Town skipper Matt Hewlett will look forward to facing his ex-employers, but Christian Roberts will be ineligible due a clause inserted in his transfer details when he left Ashton Gate. Plainly, City are well aware how dangerous he would be.

It won't be just local kudos at stake. There is still a chance that one team could enhance their own play-off chances at the expense of the other, and Town have already taken three points off their neighbours through a 2-1 victory earlier in the season.

At the beginning of the week City were lying

8th with Town 11th, but Tuesday saw the Bristol club play their game in hand with a home match with Bournemouth. Victory for City would have brought the top six tantalisingly closer.

While Town's destiny might not be entirely in our own hands, whichever flavour Robins are triumphant at the end of the day could enter the last few games of the season with the play-off's not out of the question.

Who can forget Rory Fallon's spectacular strike in the same fixture last year? Can anyone produce a repeat? 13th April promises to be one not to miss.

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