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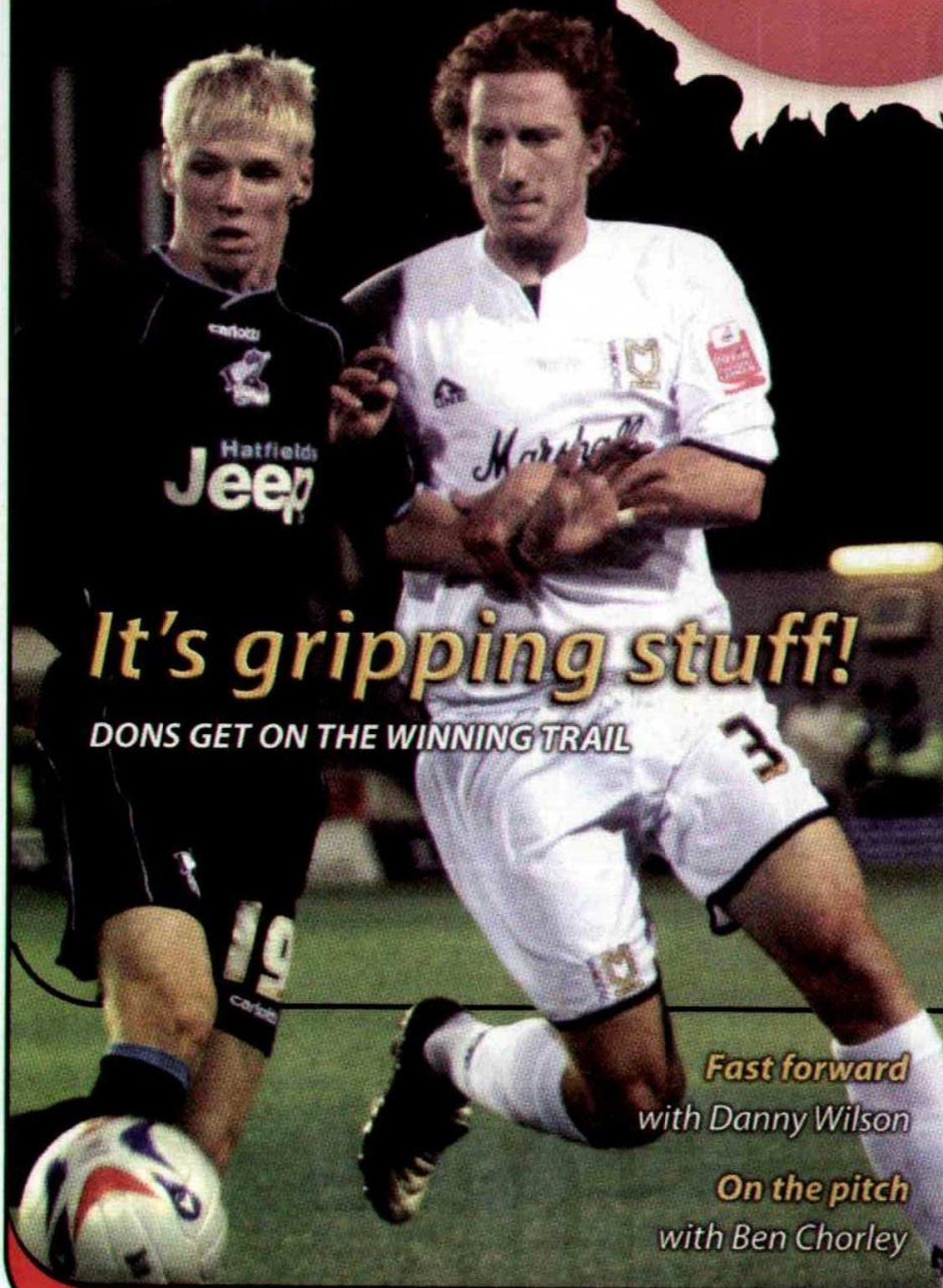
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On the record...

with Pete Winkelman

Things seem so much brighter...



Welcome to the supporters, players and directors of Swindon Town this afternoon for another exciting league game in MK.

Everyone at the club is on a high after we registered a brilliant win over Scunthorpe United on Tuesday night. We have been in great form this season but have not got the victories our performances have deserved.

We should not forget that Scunthorpe have had a tremendous start to the season and beaten the likes of Nottingham Forest away from home, so it was certainly not an easy opponent to beat. The players showed all the battling qualities we've come to expect from Danny Wilson's teams and we have finally got that first win.

The hope now is that we can take the confidence gained from Tuesday and make The National Hockey Stadium the fortress it became under Danny last season. Remember we've only been beaten once here this season in the league and we all know that the atmosphere has been terrific in our home games.

Away from the first team scene our reserve and academy sides continue to show that the club is moving in the right direction. The reserves are currently top of the league, and with our under-18s beating Watford at the weekend, they are third in the FA Premier Academy League, above the likes of Aston Villa and Tottenham Hotspur.

There are also big things happening at the training ground, and this week has seen a third generation AstroTurf pitch laid at the state of the art indoor facility at Woughton, which will be the base for our young players and a new asset for the Milton Keynes community. If you turn to page six you can see the progress in pictures as well as the latest on the new stadium project in Denbigh North.

There were plenty of smiles around the place on Tuesday night and it would be wonderful to see more of them at 5pm today. I know we will give the players our full backing as we aim to put some more distance between ourselves and the wrong end of the league table. Funny how things seem so much brighter, both on and off the pitch!

Enjoy the game today, and come on you MK Dons.

Pete Winkelman

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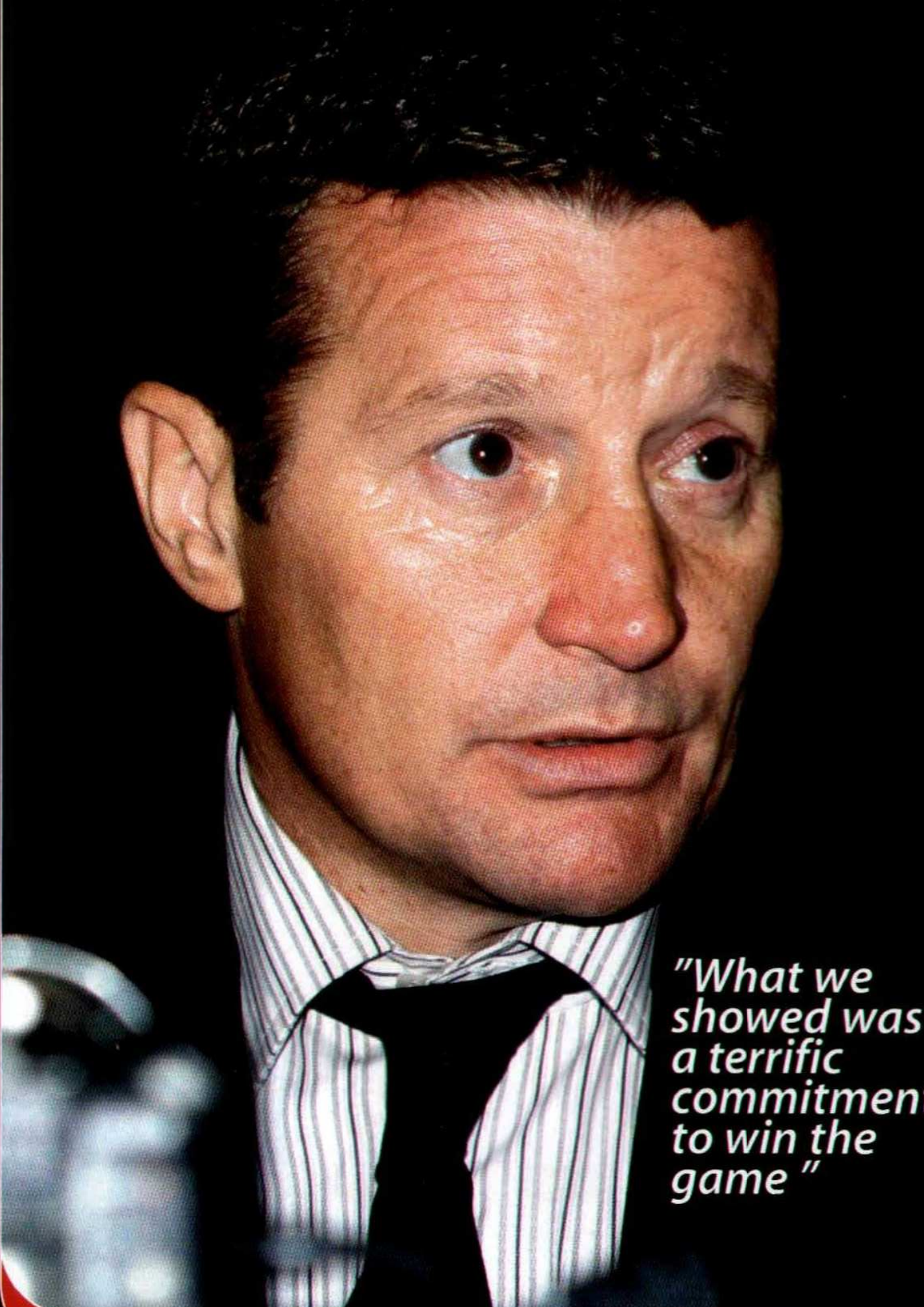
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"What we showed was a terrific commitment to win the game"

Fast forward

with Danny Wilson

Tuesday night was a big relief, there's no getting away from that, especially after having played so well at Blackpool and got nothing. Scunthorpe was a massive game for us, and quite honestly I didn't think we played half as well as we did at Bloomfield Road.

But what we showed was a terrific commitment to win the game. I like to think we've learned from our mistakes of earlier in the season when we failed to close games down and ended up allowing teams back into games that should have already been won.

We got the deserved three points at the end of it. It was a tough match, scrappy at times but we scrapped when we needed to and matched them in all areas. You need that side, it's no use being skilful at all the games and not having that toughness to grind out wins.

We've said many times that set plays are an integral part of football nowadays. If you can put the right ball in with quality, you have the likes of Clive Platt who can head the ball and will create problems. Thankfully it was a perfect ball from Nicky Rizzo and Platt's nodded it in. It was a nice tonic just before half-time.

Stephen Quinn got the man of the match award and it was justly deserved. He is only a young lad, and sometimes people think because of the age they won't have a massive impact. But he is terrific to have around the club, in training he is bright and breezy and his enthusiasm has rubbed off on the rest of the lads. We've seen what he can do in two games and at such a young age he can only get better.

But everyone worked well and I was also pleased with the two boys who came in on the right, Malvin Kamara and Gareth Edds. It's difficult when you have to make changes all the time and we haven't had a settled side this year with suspensions and injuries to different personnel.



We've tried to be consistent with team selection, but it's been unsettled the whole time and hopefully we can get a good stretch of games with a regular side and see what it brings.

At the back we've had a couple of clean sheets at home on the bounce and I think that home form is going to be tremendously important again this season. We've only lost one league game and with three matches here this month we need to establish that as the norm. If we win at home and perform well on the road we'll soon be out of this position and looking back wondering what the worry was all about.

Defenders are as pleased with clean sheets as strikers are about scoring and they had every right to be pleased with themselves on Tuesday because they defended properly. I can't remember many chances for Scunthorpe and that's a side who are in the play-off positions.

If we had defended like that at Blackpool we'd have won the game and I hope the defence take heed from Tuesday and take that confidence into Swindon today.

If you can win back to back games it gives an even bigger boost and it would be great to do that today. They are having a bit of an uneasy time at the moment, with And King leaving them this week as well.

So there is a bit of uncertainty among the ranks at Swindon and we have to take advantage of that. If you're down the bottom people kick you and it's our turn to do that today.

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News & Views

around the Club

The latest pic from the new stadium



Just one image to show today, taken before last Tuesday's game, but it's one that clearly shows the progress being made regarding the steelwork and terracing at the new Denbigh North stadium.

Donny and Mooie in good form at the Mascot Grand National



Donny and Mooie both posted superb debut performances in last Sunday's Mascot Grand National at Huntingdon Racecourse.

The duo were part of a 75-strong line-up for the big race (spot them towards the right of our picture kindly supplied by The Sun) which was won by the Sun Squirrel, with Sammy Saint from Southampton second and Mr Posh from Peterborough United third. Mooie came home in 10th spot, with Donny not too far behind in 24th. Not bad at all considering their previous form had been on the firm, lush pastures of the National Hockey Stadium.

Today's mascots

We have no fewer than five mascots for this afternoon's game, and all of them fine young gentlemen.



First up is seven-year-old Thomas James, but only for two days more as he celebrates his eighth birthday this coming Monday.

Thomas goes to St Marys & St Giles School, enjoys Tae Kwan Do and his favourite player is Ben Harding.

Second in line is Luke Rooney, who just happens to be celebrating his 11th birthday today. He goes to Falconhurst School, enjoys swimming, judo and football, his favourite players are Gary Smith and Ben Harding and he has been to every home game since the Dons moved to MK.



Ten-year-old Ben Bashford is our third mascot, and he goes to South Green Juniors School, Billericay, Essex. He plays in goal for Billericay Youth Colts, enjoys most sports, particularly cricket and basketball, and his favourite player is Matt Baker.

Adam Rolfe is another of our mascots who has a birthday this coming Monday, when he'll celebrate getting to nine years old. He goes to Holne Chase School, plays football for Bletchley Youth FC, enjoys basketball, Playstation2, music, sports, reading and cubs, and his favourite player is Dean Lewington.



Last but by no means least we welcome William Good, who celebrated his 10th birthday yesterday. He goes to Swanbourne House School, likes football, tennis, golf reading and chess, and his favourite player is Izale McLeod.



Reserves at home next Tuesday

The lack of a recent reserve game means that there is a lack of a page devoted to Adie Shaw's unbeaten second string in today's programme.

But although they may be temporarily gone, they are certainly not forgotten, as we remind our supporters that the reserves will be in action this coming Tuesday 4th October, when they entertain Southend United in a Pontin's Holiday Combination League game.

Admission is free to all season ticket holders, otherwise it's a fiver for Adults or a pound for Concessions/Juniors, and the game kicks off at 2.00pm.

Not watching the grass grow



There's no chance of that here, as work on laying the third-generation astroturf surface for the Academy training bubble is now progressing well ahead of an expected opening date sometime in October.

50/50 draw - Jackie gets the cash



Supporter Jackie Taylor won last Tuesday's first prize of £200 for the 50/50 draw, and was clearly delighted to receive her winnings from on-loan midfielder Stephen Quinn after the game.

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Blade Stephen checks in

Stephen Quinn admits he jumped at the chance of joining the MK Dons as he looks to make a name for himself in a loan move from South Yorkshire outfit Sheffield United.

With the Blades setting the pace at the top of the Championship, the talented Irish midfielder knew it would be tough to break into the first team scene at Bramall Lane.

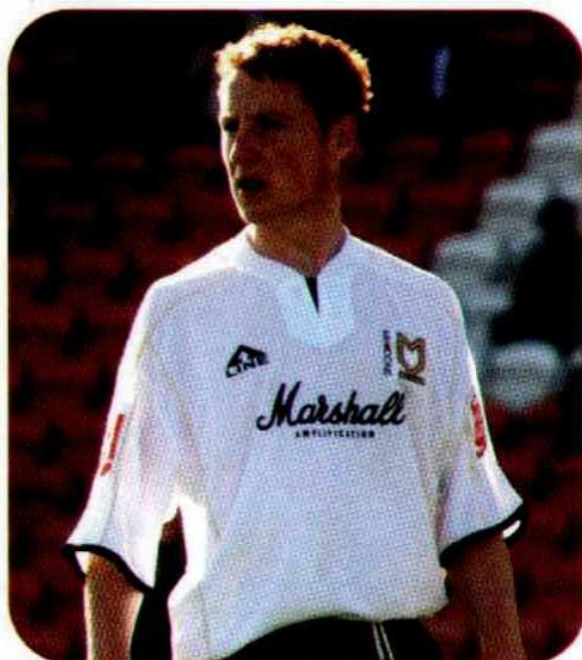
So when boss Neil Warnock took him to one side just 24 hours after his impressive Blades debut in the Carling Cup victory over Shrewsbury Town, he was ready to accept the challenge of a spell in League One.

He said: "It's a great chance for me to gain some experience and play some competitive football. Neil Warnock said to me in a training session last week that Danny Wilson was looking for me to come down here.

"I was really grateful for that chance and grabbed it with both hands. In the space of a week I've made my first team debut for Sheffield United and now a league debut for MK Dons at Blackpool so it's a big thing for me and I'm really excited about this loan.

"I trained with the boys on the Friday before the Blackpool game and got to know them with a bit of a friendly five a side. It's a great bunch of lads and it was a pity I couldn't help them to a win on my debut. We had more of the chances, we just couldn't take them. I'm sure if we get similar in the coming weeks we will start picking up the points."

It's been a whirlwind last week or so for the teenager. Brother of fellow Blades midfielder Alan, Stephen made his Blades debut on Tuesday night in front of a watching Danny Wilson. He then teamed up with his new Dons team-mates on Thursday before a trip up to the North West.



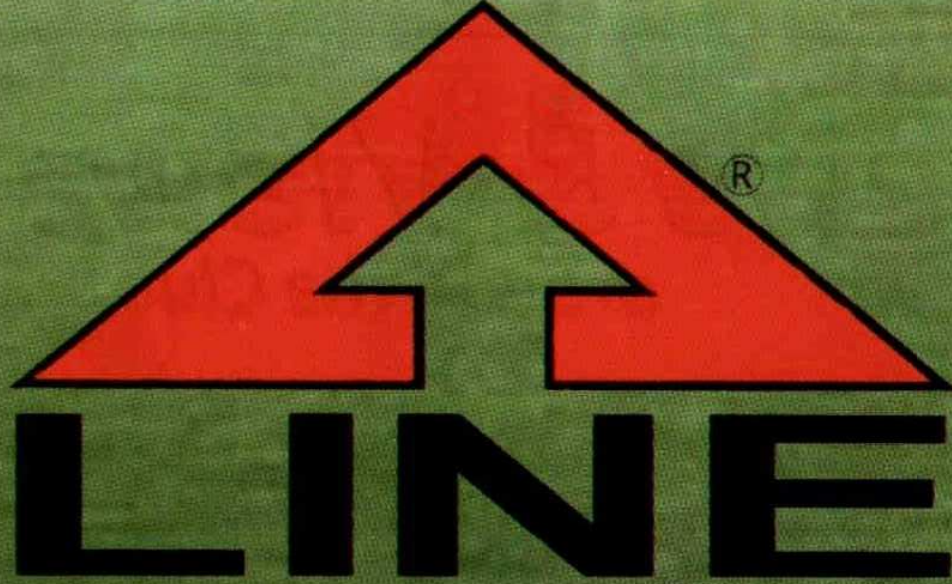
He added: "During last week I had my first run out for Sheffield United in the Carling Cup at Shrewsbury. That game went to extra-time and penalties, so it was a bit of a tiring week all in all.

"But I had a good rest before the trip to Blackpool and was really looking forward to the game. Personally I thought it went quite well, but that doesn't mean anything really when we don't get the three points we deserved.

"We did get the three against Scunthorpe though and it was great. We needed that first win, and hopefully we can just kick on from now on.

"There are some tough games coming up and Swindon on Saturday will be another big one for both teams. Another win under our belts will change everything, everyone will be buzzing and we can move onwards and upwards.

"I'm going to do my level best to help Danny Wilson and the boys, play some good football and eventually take it back to Sheffield United to see what opportunities arise for me there."



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On the pitch

with Ben Chorley

Tuesday night was an improvement and it was a must-win game. It was a case of not being concerned about the performance but ensuring we got the points. It's ironic that the win came on a night like Scunthorpe, who are near the top of the table.

We've played a lot better than that and won this season, and it's the sign of a good team that can win games when they're not at their best. I don't care how we play at the moment, as long as we win, that's the motto and I've been saying it to the boys.

It was also good that the first win came at home. We've got that advantage again today and Swindon won't relish coming here off the back of six defeats that they've had.

It was nice to get the win in front of the fans, because they have been important for us. So hopefully they'll be in good spirits today and help the boys onto another win.

Let's not forget that the hard work has only just begun. It's no use

having the euphoria of Tuesday without backing it up today. So it needs to be quickly forgotten and the concentration shifts to Swindon.

It's a surprise to see them struggling this season. They were tough opponents last year and I thought their former manager Andy King had done well in taking Tony Thorpe and Jamie Cureton to the club. But they have struggled so far and there's been a few examples of that this season.

Bristol City, Nottingham Forest and Doncaster Rovers were all down there a few weeks ago and it shows that the reputations count for nothing in football.

Swindon are certainly no mugs, they have good players who will all be wanting to improve their performances for a new manager and we have to be on our guard against that.

Things haven't moved as quickly as I would have liked with my injury. It was a bad tear and the doctors originally told me it could be eight weeks, although I hoped it could be quicker.

But it looks as though that is around the right length of time because it's been five and a half

weeks now and I'm still a bit away. It will take a couple more to get it totally strengthened so that I'm ready for the first team again.

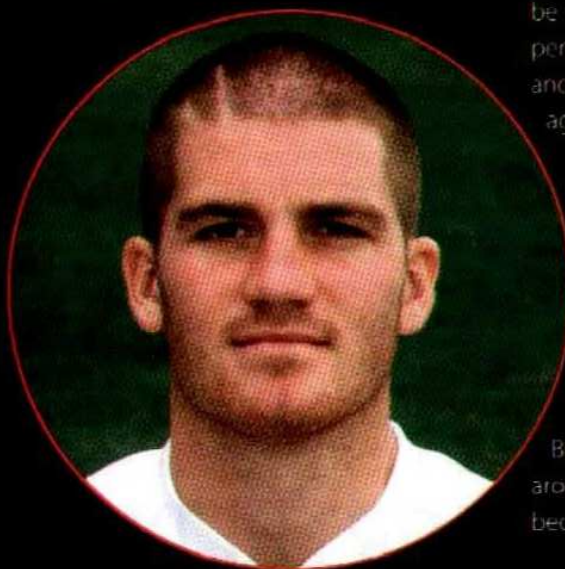
I want to get there as quickly as possible because there's nothing more frustrating than sitting on the sidelines while the boys are struggling at the wrong end of the table.

But I'm still getting in amongst the players and trying to gee them up as a skipper from the sidelines. They know I'm there for them and I'm in the dressing room giving them encouragement. Hopefully Tuesday night is the start of a run of form which can help us climb the league.

Cheers

Ben

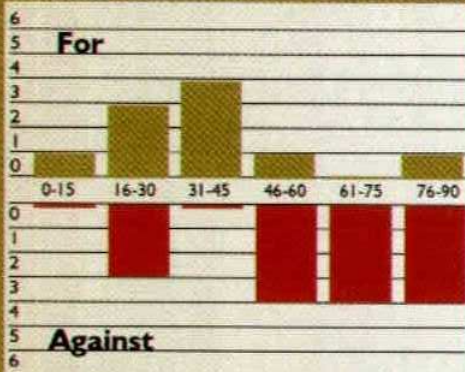
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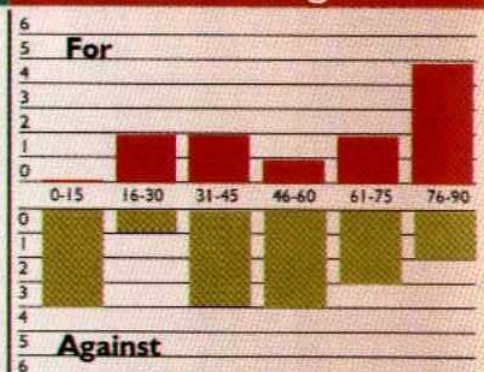
When for & against



Where & how scored

4	Close range	5
6	Inside 18yd box	7
0	Outside 18yd box	0
5	Shots	6
2	Headers	4
2	Volleys	1
1	Penalties	0
0	Free Kicks	0
0	Own Goals	1

When for & against



Last 6 results

Opponents	H/A	Score
Scunthorpe	H	1-0
Blackpool	A	2-3
Barnsley	H	0-0
Swansea	H	1-3
Brentford	A	0-1
Port Vale	H	0-0

Swings

Won when Behind	0
Drawn when Behind	1
Drawn when Ahead	3
Lost when Ahead	1

Discipline

Fouls committed	156
Average per game	14.18
Yellow cards	18
Red cards	1

Set piece goals

Scored from free kick	0
Conc from free kick	0
Scored from corner	1
Conc from corner	2

Strike ratio

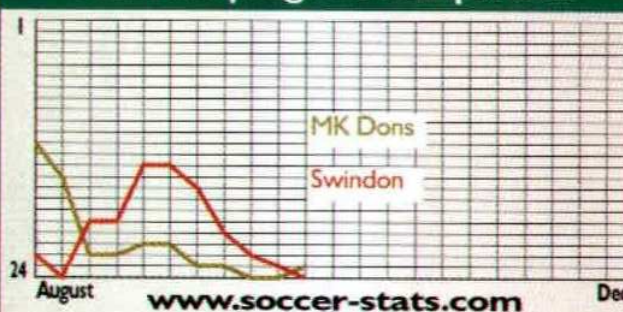
Shots on target	57
Goals scored	10
% shots scored	17.5
Divisional rating	19

Top scorer

Clive Platt (Joint)

Goals Scored	3
Games Played	7
Points Won	3

Seasonal progress comparison



Best winning sequence	0	Best winning sequence	0
Worst losing sequence	2	Worst losing sequence	6

Last 6 results

Opponents	H/A	Score
Doncaster	A	0-1
Bradford	H	2-3
Bournemouth	A	1-2
Southend	H	1-2
Walsall	A	0-1
Tranmere	A	0-1

Swings

Won when Behind	1
Drawn when Behind	0
Drawn when Ahead	0
Lost when Ahead	1

Discipline

Fouls committed	134
Average per game	12.18
Yellow cards	17
Red cards	2

Set piece goals

Scored from free kick	0
Conc from free kick	5
Scored from corner	1
Conc from corner	1

Strike ratio

Shots on target	55
Goals scored	12
% shots scored	21.8
Divisional rating	14

Top scorer

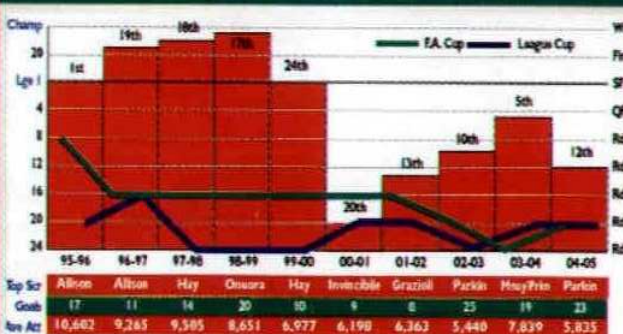
Rory Fallon

Goals Scored	5
Games Played	9
Points Won	2

Last meeting at MK Dons 25/3/05

1-1	
Small 14	Smith 43
Attendance 7,019	Referee Taylor
Baker, Crooks (Kamara), Lewington, Edds, Palmer, Oyedele (McClenahan), Pensee-Bilong, Harding, Small, McLeod, Platt	Evans, Heywood, Jenkins, O'Hanlon, Igoe, Hewlett, Duke, Miglioranzi (Ifi), Smith, Roberts (Howard), Parkin
Booked McLeod, Small Sent Off none	Booked O'Hanlon, Smith Sent Off none

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Swindon Town

Five successive League One defeats meant the end of the road for Andy King last Monday as Swindon Town manager, with reserve team boss Iffy Onuara stepping into the breach.

The very experienced former Town (amongst many others) striker temporarily took charge of the team for last Tuesday evening's game at Doncaster, but a first-half goal from Jonathan Forte extended the visitors losing run to six, and to make matters worse central defender Jerel Ifil



was sent-off near the final whistle for receiving two yellow cards.

Town's defeat sent them to the foot of the table, and after the game Onuara was only too aware of that fact when he said: "The only way is up now because the MK Dons have won - that's a massive game for us on Saturday. I told the lads its a real six-pointer - we need to go there and get something from it. If the lads play like they did today with a little bit more quality in the final ball, then I think we'll be alright."

Whether that was for the short-term or further afield wasn't made clear, but the fact remains that Swindon clearly seem to be

missing the goals that were regularly supplied by striker Sam Parkin, sold to Ipswich Town for £750,000 during the summer in advance of his contract running out. The former Chelsea youngster scored 67 goals during his three seasons at the County Ground, and not only that, he was always a willing target to aim the clearing ball at.

King recruited the experienced duo of Tony Thorpe and Jamie Cureton to help fill the gap, along with a handful of loan signings, but so far it's been a tough knit together, and Onuara will be hoping that he'll be able to find a winning pattern very soon.

The Players

Rhys Evans

goalkeeper

b: Swindon 27.1.82

previous clubs: Chelsea, Bristol R (L), QPR (L), Leyton Orient (L)

Rhys is a former England under-21 international keeper who joined Town on a free transfer in July 2003 after failing to get a first-team chance at Stamford Bridge. He is an excellent shot-stopper who missed just the one game last season, but he has been missing recently due to an early season injury.

2005/06 League stats:

4 games, 0 goals

Steve Jenkins

defender

b: Merthyr Tydfil 16.7.72

previous clubs: Swansea City, Huddersfield Town, Birmingham City (L), Cardiff City, Notts County, Peterborough United

A very experienced former Welsh international defender, Steve joined Town on a free transfer just under a year ago, and since then has slotted into the right-back slot. He had previously made 258 League appearances for the Terriers after joining them for a £275,000 fee in November 1995.

2005/06 League stats:

2+2 games, 1 goal

Jerel Ifil

defender

b: Wembley 27.6.82

previous clubs: Watford, Huddersfield Town (L), Swindon Town (Lx3)

A quick-tackling and pacy central defender, Jerel joined Town for £70,000 in the summer of 2004 after three previous loan spells at the County Ground. He made his League debut whilst on loan with the Terriers in March 2002, and played eleven games for the Hornets prior to his move.

2005/06 League stats:

11 games, 0 goals

Focus on... Swindon Town



Sean O'Hanlon

defender

b: Southport 2.1.83

previous club: Everton

Sean is a tall and strong right-sided central defender who can also play on the flank when required. After failing to get an opportunity at Goodison Park he joined Town for £150,000 in January 2004 after a previous spell on loan.

2005/06 League stats:

7 games, 1 goal

Andrew Nicholas

defender

b: Liverpool 10.10.83

previous clubs: Liverpool, Chester City (L)

Andrew is a tall, left-sided defender who failed to get a first-team opportunity at Anfield before joining Town on a free transfer in the summer of 2003. After a solid first season at the County Ground he fell down the pecking order last campaign, spending a spell on loan at the Deva Stadium towards the end of the season.

2005/06 League stats:

2 games, 0 goals

Jack Smith

defender

b: Hemel Hempstead 14.10.83

previous club: Watford

Jack is a versatile young defender equally at home in either of the full-back slots as well as occasionally filling into the central position. He joined Town on a free transfer this past summer after having made 25 League appearances for the Hornets.

2005/06 League stats:

11 games, 0 goals

Nicky Nicolau

defender

b: St Pancras 12.10.83

previous clubs: Arsenal, Southend United

One of several signings made this past summer, Nicky is an attacking left back who failed to get a first-team opportunity at Highbury before joining the Blues on a free transfer in the summer of 2004 after a previous spell on loan. He made a total of 31 League appearances for the Roots Hall outfit, being often in and out of the starting line-up last season.

2005/06 League stats:

3+1 games, 0 goals

Gareth Whalley

midfielder

b: Manchester 19.12.73

previous clubs: Crewe Alexandra, Bradford City, Crewe Alexandra (L),

Cardiff City,

Wigan

Athletic

A very experienced ball-playing

central

midfielder,

Gareth made

180 League

appearances

for the Alex

before joining

the Bantams

for £600,000 in

July 1998. He was a regular at

Valley Parade during the

Premiership days, and joined

Town this past summer after

being released by the Latics.

2005/06 League stats:

10 games, 0 goals

Michael Pook

midfielder (below)

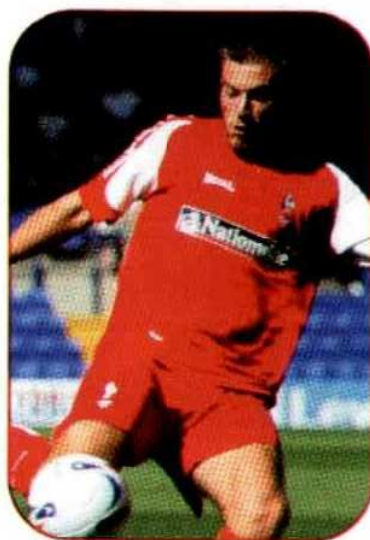
b: Swindon 22.10.85

previous club: trainee

Michael is a hard-running young midfielder who has established himself as a first-team regular this season. He made his League debut last December at Bournemouth, and played four more games before the season's end.

2005/06 League stats:

11 games, 0 goals



Stefani Miglioranzi

midfielder

b: Pocos de Calidas, Brazil 20.9.77

previous clubs: St John's

University NY, Portsmouth

Stefani is a hard-working and skilful central midfielder who has

now played over 100 League games for Town since arriving on

a free transfer in August 2002,

despite a series of injuries

restricting his appearances last

season. He had previously joined

Pompey in March 1999 from

American college soccer.

2005/06 League stats:

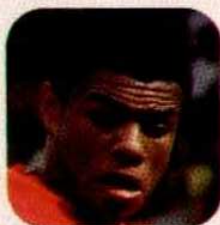
5+1 games, 0 goals



July 1998. He was a regular at Valley Parade during the Premiership days, and joined Town this past summer after being released by the Latics.

2005/06 League stats:

10 games, 0 goals

**Ricky Shakes**

forward

b: Brixton 26.1.85

previous clubs: Bolton Wanderers, Bristol Rovers (L), Bury (L)

Ricky made his first-team debut for the Trotters in a Carling Cup game at Yeovil last season, then had spells on loan with the Pirates and the Shakers before linking up with Town this past summer. He is a speedy attacker who netted his first League goals during his seven-game spell at Gigg Lane.

*2005/06 League stats:**5+4 games, 0 goals***Tony Thorpe**

forward

b: Leicester 10.4.74

previous clubs: Leicester City, Luton Town, Fulham, Bristol City, Reading (L), Luton T (Lx2), Luton T, QPR, Rotherham United (L)

Another of Town's summer signings, and a frequent scorer throughout his career, Tony joined the Cottagers for £800,000 in February 1998, then scored 50 goals from 128 League games after joining City a year later for £1million. After rejoining the Hatters he then moved to Loftus Road in August 2003, where he helped them to promotion before struggling with injuries last season.

*2005/06 League stats:**5+1 games, 1 goal***Christian Roberts**

forward

b: Cardiff 27.10.79

previous clubs: Cardiff City, Exeter City, Bristol City, Swindon Town

A pacy striker who joined Town for £20,000 in October 2004,

Christian struggled with injuries last season and has generally been used off the bench so far this campaign. He is a former Welsh under-21 international who has made over 200 League appearances since making his debut for the Bluebirds in September 1997.

*2005/06 League stats:**1+10 games, 2 goals***Rory Fallon**

forward

b: Gisbourne, NZ 20.3.82

previous clubs: Barnsley, Shrewsbury Town (L), Swindon Town, Yeovil Town (L)

Rory is a tall, strong target striker who scored 11 goals from 51 League appearances for the Reds before moving to the County Ground for £60,000 in November 2003. After struggling to make an impact last season he spent a good spell on loan with the Glovers last February, and since returning to Town has carried on his improved form into the current campaign.

*2005/06 League stats:**9 games, 5 goals***Jamie Cureton**

forward

b: Bristol 28.8.75

previous clubs: Norwich City, Bournemouth (L), Bristol Rovers, Reading, Busan Icons, QPR

An experienced striker who can also play in central midfield, Jamie joined Town during the past summer after an in and out campaign for Rangers last season. He has been a frequent scorer throughout his career, netting 72 goals from 174 League games whilst with the

Pirates and 50 goals from 108 League games whilst with the Royals.

*2005/06 League stats:**6+3 games, 0 goals***On-loan players****Tom Heaton**

goalkeeper

b: Chester 15.4.86

previous club: Manchester United

*2005/06 League stats:**7 games, 0 goals***Patrick Collins**

defender

b: Newcastle 4.2.85

previous clubs: Sunderland, Sheffield Wednesday

*2005/06 League stats:**11 games, 0 goals***Andy Gurney**

defender

b: Bristol 25.1.74

previous clubs: Bristol Rovers, Torquay United, Reading, Swindon Town, Swansea City

*2005/06 League stats:**4+1 games, 0 goals***Neale McDermott**

midfielder

b: Newcastle 8.3.85

previous clubs: Newcastle United, Fulham

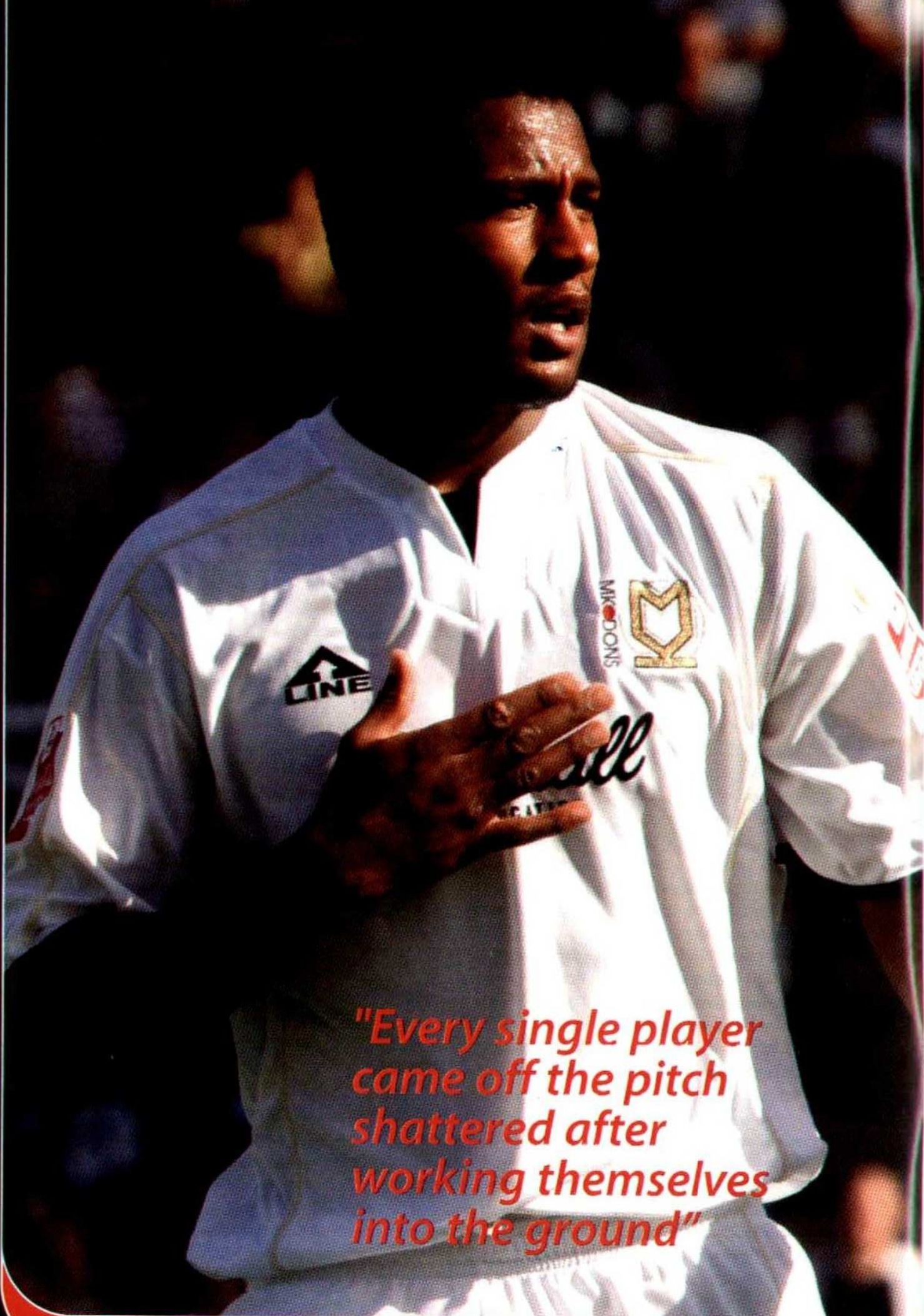
*2005/06 League stats:**1+2 games, 0 goals***Colin Heath**

forward

b: Matlock 31.12.83

previous clubs: Manchester United, Cambridge United (L)

*2005/06 League stats:**5+2 games, 1 goal*



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Clive Platt...

featured player

Clive Platt is gunning for his biggest goal haul of his career this season.

The 28-year-old has a wealth of experience, having played league football for Walsall, Rochdale, Notts County, Peterborough United and the Dons since his debut for the Saddlers back in 1996.

But despite being a regular first-teamer wherever he has played, the 6ft 4ins hitman has never bagged more than 10 goals in a season, his total for Rochdale in 2000 and 2001.

This term he is already on three from just seven starts, and looks well on target to set a new personal best.

With two goals early on in the recent 2-2 draw at Bristol City, he notched the all important strike just before half-time against Scunthorpe United, the goal which ended up being the winner which ended the Dons run of 11 games without a victory in 2005/06.

So all in all, Clive was a happy camper after the game on Tuesday. He admits the victory was long overdue and is confident that it can be the springboard to help the Dons start their belated climb up the League One table.

He said: "I was pleased with my performance on Tuesday night. We came into training on Monday morning and everyone's mind was focused on the game after the recent run of results.

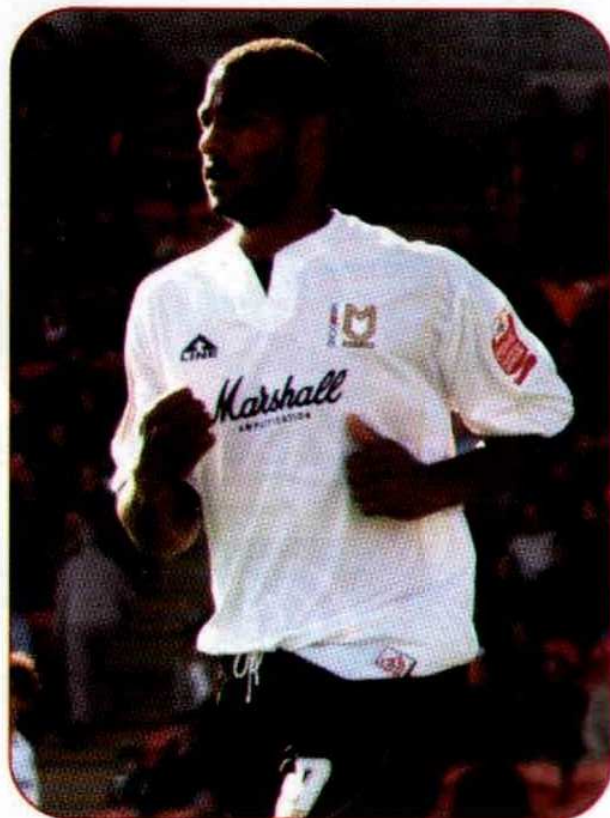
"We were all so up for the game, everyone was ready to fight for everything and grind out a win. I think that showed and every single player came off the pitch shattered after working themselves into the ground.

"This win can see us now push on and start picking up the wins we've deserved this season. There's no way in the world it should have taken us so long to get that first one, our performances have deserved so many more points than what we've got. But now the first one is there in the bag there is a real belief we can get on a roll.

"The lack of a win was becoming to be a burden, there's no doubt about that. We've been playing well in games and not getting the wins. And against Scunthorpe we were the better side against a team who were in the play-off positions.

"We will look to do the same thing today, hopefully creating some more chances and finishing a few along the way. If we

"We're looking to turn this win into a run. If we can look five games down the track and have a bit of an unbeaten run it will do us the world of good. Swindon will come here this weekend seeing that we've won midweek. We've gone above them in the league table and they're bottom now. That will give them a bit of extra bite and they certainly won't come and lie down for us. So we have to match that and outplay them as we did Scunthorpe."



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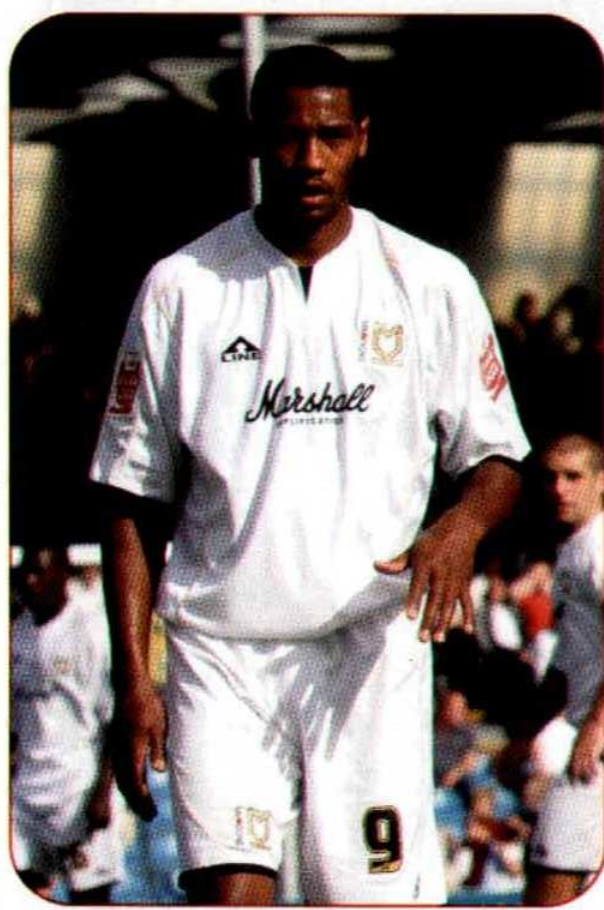
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Clive Platt



go out and work as a team like we did against Scunthorpe – kick, head and fight our way through to 90 minutes then we can pick up another three points."

Clive was especially pleased with the close range header which put the Dons ahead at home to the Iron. He admits the Dons have not been a threat from set-pieces for much of this season, and says that the hard work on the training ground paid off on Tuesday.

He added: "We've been working on set pieces lately, because we've not scored from them lately. Nicky Rizzo put in a perfect ball and for once it hit the back of the net so that was a big relief, especially to get the goal at an important time just before half-time.

"We all know we can play good football and have attacking players who can hurt teams. When we get things together we can beat anyone in this league and there's no reason why we should be worried about the league position at this stage, the luck just hasn't been with us."

Clive has also given his strike partner Izale McLeod the vote of confidence to re-find his goalscoring touch. And he also feels that the rest of the team are starting to help share the goals around and ease the burden of goalscoring responsibility on McLeod's shoulders.

He added: "I think the whole team needs to shoulder the responsibility of scoring goals and not leave it down to Izale. Wade and Nicky got the goals at Blackpool on Saturday and I've scored against Scunthorpe, so we're starting to share them around.

"Izale will soon be back to scoring form and I'm sure he will hit around the 20 mark this season. He was brilliant before the injury and everyone was talking about him.

He's found it a bit tougher since he came back, but he's still got that blistering pace and causes defenders all sorts of problems.

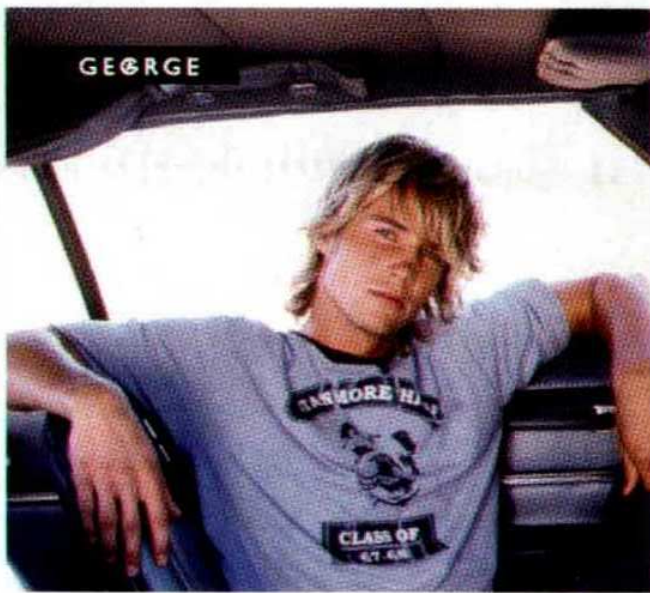
"The goals will come for him, and we can make things easier by sharing them around rather than keeping the pressure on him to score every game.

"I've got three goals in seven games this season, which is almost prolific

for me! Let's hope I can keep that ratio between now and the end of the season and we'll be alright.

"It doesn't matter who puts the ball in the back of the net, whether it's me, Izale, Eddy or one of the defenders, it's the scoreline that's the important thing."





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Radio Active Man...

Luke Ashmead

BBC Three Counties

MK Dons broadcaster Luke Ashmead feels he can now face the world again after last Tuesday's win over the Iron.

I don't know about you guys, but life sure was a lot more tolerable in the Ashmead household last Wednesday morning. The Dons had finally got the winless monkey off their backs, had climbed off the foot of the table as a result, and in one fell swoop the whole of the world looked a million times better.

The late Bill Shankly said that football was much more important than life or death, and whilst that's clearly not the case, it's not difficult to see where he was coming from in uttering that immortal quote.

Life has been rough in and around this neighbourhood since the start of the season. OK, the team has by and large been performing well enough. But it's points on the board that ultimately count, and I'm very pleased to say that the Dons now have three more than they had at the start of the week.

Not that I was panicking, of course. Seeing is believing, and having seen most of the games this season it's been clear that Lady Luck has often been conspicuous by her absence. That and of course some finishing that Danny Wilson compared to that of the Dog and Duck last weekend. I wonder what league they are in.

Whatever it is, they could have given Scunthorpe a decent game last Tuesday night.

How they are fifth in the table beats me, but one thing is perfectly clear and that is if they can be as high as they are, and the Dons have only really been outplayed once this season, then there's no reason why our favourites can't start marching quickly away from their current placing in the table.

I've said it before and I'll keep on saying it. This year League One is not a vintage edition. Brentford are currently fourth, and the Dons should have won there. Scunthorpe can only be heading downwards after their showing here, and all the other teams in and around that mark in the table seem to regularly be turning each other over.

Also bear in mind that the likes of Bristol City, Forest and Doncaster have all started to pick up after slow starts, so from my point of view things seem to be very wide open and the League One table



could look a whole different in a couple of month's time than it does at the moment.

Before I sign off today I must say a few words about the new ginger ninja we have in the team.

Sheffield United sure must have a decent team if they're prepared to let players of Stephen Quinn's ability to go out on loan. Superb at Blackpool last Saturday, he was an obvious choice for the man of the match award for last Tuesday's game.

Then I looked at the Championship table, and saw the Blades have won ten out of eleven so far this season. That seems to indicate they do indeed have a decent team, and long may it continue I say,

Tickets...

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Saturday 8th October 2005

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Saturday 22nd October 2005

Hartlepool United

Kick-off 3.00pm

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Booking forms are available from the Club Shop - or telephone 01908 310230 for seat availability.

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Saturday 29th October 2005

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Gimme five...

with club historian Reg Davis

Izale McLeod to Rory Fallon



IZALE McLEOD made his League debut for Derby County as a 17-year-old at Ipswich Town on 28th September 2002. He scored four goals from 39 League appearances for the Rams, and also played seven games on loan at Sheffield United

towards the end of the 2003/04 season, before signing for the MK Dons just prior to the start of last season.

WARREN BARTON was a member of the Derby team that won at Portman Road. A former non-League player with Leytonstone, he joined Maidstone United for £10,000 in



July 1989 and made 42 League appearances before moving to Wimbledon for £300,000 in June 1990. He immediately became a big crowd favourite with his all-action style, and scored ten goals from 199 League appearances, and picked up an England cap against the Republic of Ireland in February 1995, before moving to Newcastle United for

£4.5million in that following summer. After another 164 League appearances for the Magpies he moved to Derby in February 2002, playing 53 League games for the Rams before being freed to join QPR in October 2003. He then rejoined Wimbledon in February 2004,

playing in five straight goalless defeats against Watford, Nottm Forest, West Ham, Walsall and Millwall before retiring just before that season's end.



JERMAINE DARLINGTON was a member of the Wimbledon team that played in the first of those games at Watford. A very

versatile player who could play full back or wide midfield on either flank, he played a couple of games for Charlton Athletic before drifting into non-league football with first Dover Athletic and then Aylesbury before joining QPR at the age of 24 for £25,000 in March 1999. After 71 League games at Loftus Road he joined Wimbledon for £200,000 in the summer of 2001, making his debut against Birmingham City in August 2001 and during his three years with the club he three goals from 105 League appearances before being released at the end of the 2003/04 season. He subsequently linked up with his former manager Terry Burton at Watford, where he played 25 League games last season before once again linking up with Burton this past summer at Cardiff City.

NEIL SHIPPERLEY also made his debut for Wimbledon in the match against Birmingham City, the teams lining up for the match at Selhurst Park as follows:
Wimbledon - Davis, Darlington, Williams, Willmott, Kimble, Ardley, Roberts, Andersen (Nielsen), Cooper (Jupp), Connolly, Shipperley (Agyemang). Birmingham - Vaesen, Gill (Hughes), Purse, Michael Johnson, Grainger (Holdsworth), Lazaridis, O'Connor, Sonner, Eaden, Horsfield (Furlong), Mooney



Previously featured in this series, and likely to be so again in view of the number of clubs he has played for, 'Shipp's' had joined the Dons that summer for £750,000

from Barnsley, for whom he had scored 27 goals in 78 League appearances for the Oakwell outfit. In amongst those games being a match at home to Preston on 16th April 2001, the day current Swindon striker RORY FALLON made his League debut alongside him in attack for the Reds.



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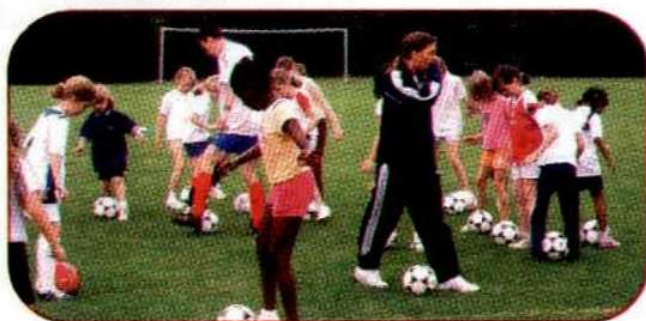
Girls coaching sessions

The Milton Keynes Dons FC Football in the Community Scheme have been busy going into schools in Milton Keynes giving free coaching sessions to girls.

The main aim of the programme is for young girls to participate in football throughout MK. The project is initiated in stages in order to enrol and keep the girls interested and provide opportunities for them all to progress to a certain level.

We recently visited Simpson Combined School where over 30 girls participated in the training which was delivered over a lunch time period. All the girls received a gift pack and ticket voucher to one of the MK Dons first team matches.

Milton Keynes Dons FC Football in the Community would like to thank coaches Heather McDonnell, and Football Development Officer Chris McGuane for delivering the sessions.



Any school wishing to get involved please contact the community scheme on 01908 209442.



Donny and Mooie visit schools



Donny and Mooie are now reaching celebrity status in Milton Keynes as club mascots. They have been busy visiting schools over the past month and proved to be a big hit with children at Oldbrook First School where they were introduced by Football in the Community Staff.

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The school assembly was delivered by community coach John Dewick who also demonstrated coaching skills with the help of the mascots.

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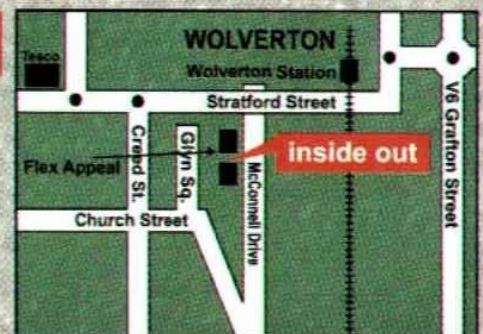
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We would like to say bon voyage to two MK Dons supporters, Mark Horwood (son of Helen Horwood from the Chamber of Commerce) and his girlfriend Tammy Stopps, as they fly off on a 12 month visit to Australia. We're sure they will wear their replica shirts with pride in Oz!!!

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Scunthorpe presentations



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League update

The three top teams continue on their merry way and it doesn't look like they'll drop points today. Keep an eye on Forest and Bristol City though, both now going in the right direction.

Barnsley v Oldham

The Reds went down to the resurgent Bristol City last Tuesday evening, and are slowly slipping down the table. Midfielder Richard Kell will soon be back after missing the season so far, but after having two sent-off last Saturday Andy Ritchie's team might be short on numbers for a toughish-looking game against the Latics.

Brentford v Rotherham

After two successive defeats the Bees got a good point at Walsall last Tuesday evening. The Millers also had a goalless draw, this one at Hartlepool, and more than a couple of goals at Griffin Park this afternoon is a very unlikely scenario.

Bristol C v Hartlepool

City scored three again last Tuesday evening, Marcus Stewart getting two more as new boss Gary Johnson scored an immediate hit with the sometimes hard-to-please home fans. Another home win looks on the cards today, as Pools are poor at the moment and look to be heading in a downwards direction.

Colchester v Chesterfield

This will be a grim one as both teams look to improve their mid-table positions. Greg Halford netted from 25 yards in the U's draw at Gillingham last Tuesday evening and he's definitely a player worth keeping an eye on.

Doncaster v Bradford City

Not before time, Rovers have woken up and they climbed into the middle of the table after last Tuesday evening's win over today's visitors. The Bantams had Dutch winger Bobby Petta to thank for their late home point against the U's, but they'll do well to get anything from this game.

Gillingham v Southend

Defender Brent Sancho scored the Gills' very late winner over Chesterfield last Tuesday evening, and if you're wondering who he is, he's a Trinidadian who played 48



games for Dundee and before that had a spell with the gloriously named Joe Public in his home land. He'll need to be on his game to stop the Blues, who have won six in a row, Wayne Gray (pictured) scoring again in their 4-1 win over Yeovil last Tuesday evening

Huddersfield v Bournemouth

The Terriers are another team on a roll. They needed just one from Danny Schofield to beat Tranmere last Tuesday evening and are keeping pace with the front-runners. The Cherries couldn't handle Lee Trundle last Tuesday evening, but there's no disgrace in that.

Nottm Forest v Tranmere

A late header from skipper Ian Breckin gave Forest a home point against Blackpool last Tuesday evening, so bearing in mind how average the Seasiders were against the Dons that then looks like two dropped. Rovers had their chance last season and couldn't take it. This season it's all looking much harder.

Port Vale v Walsall

Vale are solid at home and solid away and have got middle of the table written all over them. The Saddlers had on-loan Everton keeper John Ruddy to thank for their point at home to Brentford, and player-boss Paul Merson went off early with a groin strain that will hopefully keep him out of next Saturday's game against the Dons.

Scunthorpe v Yeovil

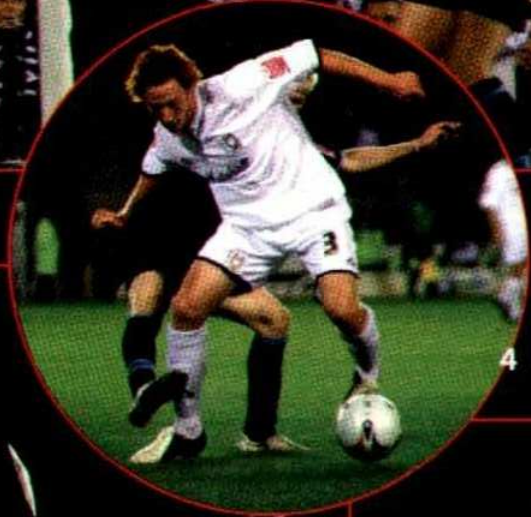
The Iron didn't look like a top five team here last Tuesday evening, but that's what they still are. The Glovers took a good beating at Roots Hall last Tuesday evening, and now that Gary Johnson has gone things will look a whole lot different from now on for the Somerset outfit.

Swansea v Blackpool

The Swans still lead going into today's games and will probably still be leading coming out of today's games. They over 18,000 in for their last home game, and that backing alone will be enough for them to see off the Seasiders.

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After plenty of close shaves the MK Dons finally got off the mark for the season with a well-earned win over the Iron.

Craig Morgan was solid in defence and went forward for set-pieces (1), whilst Stephen Quinn looked up to Clive Platt after the striker's winning goal (2). Gareth Edds had a good game at right back (3), as did Dean Lewington on the left (4). Malvin Kamara worked hard (5), Quinn showed classy touches throughout (6) and Pablo Mills was always in command at the back (7).



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Scored & conceded in last 15 mins

FOR	76-90	Total	%	AGAINST	76-90	Total	%
Swindon	5	12	41.7	Rotherham	7	11	63.6
Rotherham	5	13	38.5	Oldham	5	13	38.5
Forest	6	16	37.5	Gillingham	5	15	33.3
Southend	8	24	33.3	Blackpool	5	16	31.3
Gillingham	3	9	33.3	Chesterfield	5	18	27.8
Tranmere	4	14	28.6	MK Dons	4	15	26.7
Huddersfield	5	19	26.3	Bradford	3	12	25.0
Hartlepool	3	12	25.0	Colchester	3	12	25.0
Bournemouth	2	9	22.2	Yeovil	4	17	23.5
Bradford	3	15	20.0	Swansea	3	14	21.4
Yeovil	2	10	20.0	Bristol City	4	20	20.0
Brentford	3	16	18.8	Forest	3	15	20.0
Barnsley	2	11	18.2	Brentford	2	11	18.2
Chesterfield	3	17	17.6	Walsall	3	17	17.6
Blackpool	2	12	16.7	Barnsley	2	12	16.7
Doncaster	2	12	16.7	Huddersfield	2	13	15.4
Swansea	4	27	14.8	Tranmere	2	13	15.4
Bristol City	2	15	13.3	Scunthorpe	2	15	13.3
Scunthorpe	2	16	12.5	Swindon	2	18	11.1
Port Vale	1	9	11.1	Port Vale	1	9	11.1
MK Dons	1	10	10.0	Bournemouth	1	11	9.1
Colchester	1	11	9.1	Doncaster	1	12	8.3
Oldham	1	12	8.3	Southend	1	13	7.7
Walsall	1	17	5.9	Hartlepool	1	16	6.3

Margins of victory & defeat

Won by	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4+ gls	Lost by	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4+ gls
Huddersfield	5	1	1	0	Swindon	7	1	0	0
Southend	2	4	1	0	Chesterfield	2	3	1	0
Swansea	3	2	1	1	Barnsley	2	2	1	0
Brentford	2	3	0	0	Doncaster	4	1	0	0
Chesterfield	1	3	1	0	Forest	4	1	0	0
Oldham	3	1	1	0	Yeovil	1	3	1	0
Scunthorpe	3	1	1	0	Bournemouth	3	0	1	0
Barnsley	1	2	1	0	Bristol City	1	2	0	1
Bradford	1	3	0	0	Gillingham	1	1	2	0
Doncaster	2	2	0	0	Hartlepool	2	2	0	0
Forest	1	3	0	0	Oldham	2	0	1	1
Port Vale	2	2	0	0	Port Vale	2	2	0	0
Rotherham	2	0	1	1	Rotherham	1	3	0	0
Walsall	3	1	0	0	Scunthorpe	1	3	0	0
Bournemouth	2	1	0	0	Tranmere	2	2	0	0
Blackpool	3	0	0	0	MK Dons	2	2	0	0
Bristol City	1	1	1	0	Blackpool	1	1	0	1
Colchester	3	0	0	0	Bradford	2	1	0	0
Gillingham	3	0	0	0	Brentford	3	0	0	0
Tranmere	1	1	0	1	Colchester	2	1	0	0
Yeovil	3	0	0	0	Walsall	2	0	1	0
Hartlepool	2	0	0	0	Huddersfield	1	0	1	0
Swindon	1	1	0	0	Southend	2	0	0	0
MK Dons	1	0	0	0	Swansea	1	1	0	0

Headers

Most headed goals scored

Player	Club	Goals
Gray	Southend	3
Keogh	Scunthorpe	3
Allott	Chesterfield	2
Booth	Huddersfield	2
Fallon	Swindon	2
Hayter	Bournemouth	2
Jackson	Tranmere	2
Skiverton	Yeovil	2
Sweeney	Hartlepool	2
Warne	Oldham	2
Windass	Bradford	2



Head boys: Scunthorpe's Andrew Keogh (above) and Southend's Wayne Gray (below).



Penalties

Most scored from the spot

Player	Club	Goals
Fryatt	Walsall	4
Abbott	Huddersfield	2
Burton	Rotherham	2
Hayter	Bournemouth	2
Lester	Forest	2
Liddell	Oldham	2
McIndoe	Doncaster	2
Trundle	Swansea	2



On the spot: Walsall's Matty Fryatt has netted 4 penalty kicks this season, the most by any player in League One.

Goalkeeping & goalscoring

Best goalkeeping ratio

Total goals conceded	13
Opposition shots on target	83
Percentage of shots saved	84.3

Southend



Best strike ratio

Total goals scored	24
Shots on target	53
Percentage of shots scored	45.3

Southend



Worst goalkeeping ratio

Total goals conceded	15
Opposition shots on target	46
Percentage of shots saved	67.4

Forest



Worst strike ratio

Total goals scored	9
Shots on target	71
Percentage of shots scored	12.7

Bournemouth



Comebacks & throwaways

WON FROM	-3	-2	-1	TOTAL	LOST FROM	+3	+2	+1	TOTAL
Chesterfield	0	1	3	4	Yeovil	0	0	3	3
Bournemouth	0	0	1	1	Walsall	0	1	1	2
Blackpool	0	0	0	0	Blackpool	0	0	2	2
Bradford	0	0	0	0	Barnsley	0	0	1	1
Doncaster	0	0	0	0	Bradford	0	0	1	1
Gillingham	0	0	0	0	Brentford	0	0	1	1
Hartlepool	0	0	0	0	Bristol City	0	0	1	1
Huddersfield	0	0	0	0	Colchester	0	0	1	1
Forest	0	0	0	0	Hartlepool	0	0	1	1
Scunthorpe	0	0	0	0	Forest	0	0	1	1
Southend	0	0	0	0	Swansea	0	0	1	1
Swindon	0	0	0	0	Swindon	0	0	1	1
Walsall	0	0	0	0	MK Dons	0	0	1	1
Yeovil	0	0	0	0					
DRAWN FROM	-3	-2	-1	TOTAL	DRAWN FROM	+3	+2	+1	TOTAL
Hartlepool	0	1	2	3	MK Dons	0	2	1	3
Bradford	0	0	1	1	Hartlepool	0	0	1	1
Bournemouth	0	1	1	2	Blackpool	0	0	2	2
Blackpool	0	0	1	1	Colchester	0	0	2	2
Brentford	0	0	1	1	Gillingham	0	0	2	2
Huddersfield	0	0	1	1	Southend	0	0	2	2
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Date	Opponents	F-A
Sat 20 Aug	Manchester United	0-2
Sat 27 Aug	Sheffield United	0-1
Sat 3 Sep	Fulham	3-1
Sat 10 Sep	Crystal Palace	3-2
Sat 17 Sep	Chelsea	0-0
Sat 24 Sep	Watford	2-0
Sat 1 Oct	Leicester City	H
Sat 8 Oct	Cardiff City	A
Sat 15 Oct	Birmingham City	H
Sat 22 Oct	Aston Villa	H
Sat 5 Nov	Bristol City	A
Sat 12 Nov	Tottenham Hotspur	H
Sat 19 Nov	Coventry City	A
Sat 3 Dec	Reading	A
Sat 10 Dec	Watford	H
Sat 7 Jan	Cardiff City	H
Sat 14 Jan	Birmingham City	A
Sat 21 Jan	Aston Villa	A
Sat 4 Feb	Bristol City	H
Sat 11 Feb	Tottenham Hotspur	A
Sat 18 Feb	Coventry City	H
Sat 25 Feb	Reading	H
Sat 4 Mar	Leicester City	A
Sat 11 Mar	Charlton Athletic	A
Sat 18 Mar	Southampton	H
Sat 1 Apr	Norwich City	A
Sat 8 Apr	Millwall	H
Sat 22 Apr	Arsenal	A

Home games in red

The MK Dons under-18s kept up their good run of form with a deserved win over the Hornets.

Watford, managed by former Dons academy coach Gary Smith, topped the FA Premier Academy league table going into the game, but were outplayed by their visitors for long periods.

Both sides started brightly, but it was the Dons that had the better chances in the first half. Ross Morley's driven cross failed to find a team-mate as it flew across the face of goal on 10 minutes, and Jamie England fired wide on 13 minutes.



The deadlock was broken on 25 minutes when Sam Baldock ran at the defence and laid the ball into the path of Dean Lovegrove (pictured), whose shot was deflected past the keeper by a home defender.

Watford made a whole host of tactical changes to try and gain the upper hand after the break, but it was the Dons who continued to boss the match in the opening stages of the second half.

The visitors had the ball in the net on 61 minutes as Ross Morley's

free-kick was nodded back by Sam Page for an easy close range finish, but the goal was ruled out for offside.

Watford then had a good 10 minute spell without managing to grab the equaliser, and the Dons hit back with a chance of their own on 69 minutes, Lovegrove playing in Baldock, whose effort was well saved.

The lead was doubled two minutes later though, Joe Howe overlapping down the left and winning a corner which Adam Moriarty sent over, England (pictured) finishing off at the far post with a header.



Watford upped the tempo in the closing stages as some added bite crept into the game, but the Dons held on to register their third win of the season.

Team: Webb, Howe, Murphy, Page (capt), Collins, Battams, Lovegrove (Day), Moriarty, Morley, England, Baldock.
Substitutes not used: Flood, Kent, McComick.

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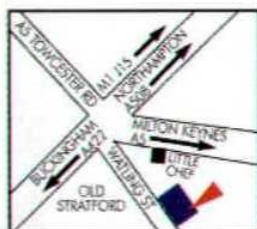
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Coming soon...

next up for the Dons

Next Saturday the MK Dons head up the M6 to the Bescot Stadium of Walsall for a game that kicks-off at 1.00pm in advance of England's match later that afternoon.

The Saddlers have had a more than acceptable start to the current campaign, currently within comfortable distance of the play-off places, and player-manager Paul Merson has done well to turn around a team that for long stretches of last season flirted much too closely to the relegation places.



Last March's transfer deadline day was a key reason as to why Walsall's fortunes have improved. Merson brought in several players on that day to halt the slide, the most well-known being former Leicester

and Villa striker Julian Joachim. But it was a couple of young Everton loanees who really made a difference, central defender Anthony Gerrard (cousin of Steven) in particular turning in a string of composed performances that earned him a full-time deal at the Bescot Stadium during the past summer.

The experienced Hartlepool stopper Chris Westwood was another arrival during the summer, and he has quickly formed a strong partnership at the back with his younger colleague and also given the Saddlers some extra mobility that they have sometimes been lacking in recent seasons.

With the Portuguese striker Jorge Leitao still very much part and parcel of the Bescot scenery, and with young England under-19 striker Matty Fryatt getting better and better as each month goes along, the Saddlers got off to a good start this season, topping the table after a couple of early wins.

Since then though they've suffered a major blow when the very talented and versatile Darren Wrack recently suffered a serious knee injury, and then this past Tuesday the player-boss himself was carried out of the action in the game against Brentford with a suspected torn groin muscle.

Still a very influential figure in the middle of the park, it's not known at the time of writing how long he will be out for, but the early diagnosis is that a betting man wouldn't want to put too much money on him being available for action for the Dons game.

In his and Wrack's likely long-term absences, it will fall to the former Palace player Simon Osborn to hold things together in midfield, and it's also likely that the very, very experienced Steve Staunton, another of the club's summer signings, will get some more regular action after sitting out some of the recent games.

Though they have progressed, it's unlikely that the Saddlers will be good enough to be automatic promotion contenders this season, though they might be good enough to hang around the periphery of the play-off places. They do have a good recent record at home to the Dons though, so it's sure to be a tough game for Danny Wilson's team.

The following Saturday the MK Dons entertain Chesterfield, a team the Dons manager will remember fondly from his very successful days there as a player back in the early eighties.

On the face of it, Roy McFarland's team wouldn't look to be one of the strongest in the division, and that's putting it as politely as possible. But they to be capable of winning as many matches as they lose, and as long as they keep that up they'll be able to stay out of trouble this season. The very tricky Paul Hall and the very robust Wayne Allison add plenty of experience to their attack, and behind them the likes of Derek Niven and Shane Nicholson know what the higher levels are all about.

Certainly not one of the most glamorous teams in League One, Chesterfield nevertheless continue to hang on in there, but the forthcoming visit of the Spireites is one the MK Dons would be looking to win, and win well.

The season ahead



TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Swansea	11	7	2	2	27	14	23
Southend	11	7	2	2	24	13	23
Huddersfield	11	7	2	2	19	13	23
Brentford	11	5	3	3	16	11	18
Scunthorpe	11	5	2	4	16	15	17
Bradford C	11	4	4	3	15	12	16
Walsall	11	4	4	3	17	17	16
Oldham	10	5	1	4	12	13	16
Rotherham	11	4	3	4	13	11	15
Chesterfield	11	5	0	6	17	18	15
Nottm Forest	11	4	2	5	16	15	14
Doncaster	11	4	2	5	12	12	14
Port Vale	10	4	2	4	9	9	14
Barnsley	11	4	2	5	11	12	14
Colchester	11	3	5	3	11	12	14
Blackpool	11	3	5	3	12	16	14
Tranmere	11	3	4	4	14	13	13
Bournemouth	11	3	4	4	9	11	13
Bristol C	11	3	4	4	15	20	13
Gillingham	11	3	4	4	9	15	13
Yeovil	11	3	3	5	10	17	12
Hartlepool	11	2	5	4	12	16	11
MK DONS	11	1	6	4	10	15	9
Swindon	11	2	1	8	12	18	7

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Please note that all fixtures are provisional and subject to change. Any amendments will be reflected at the earliest opportunity.

First team appearances

played (sub) goals	League	FACup	Carling Cup	LDV
Baker	11 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0
Carrilho	1 (2) 0	0 0 0	0 (1) 0	0 0 0
Chorley	3 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0
Crooks	7 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Edds	7 (2) 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0
Harding	0 (1) 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Kamara	3 (5) 0	0 0 0	0 (1) 0	0 0 0
Lewington	10 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0
McClenahan	7 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0
McKoy	5 (5) 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0
McLeod	8 0 3	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0
Mills	5 0 1	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Mitchell	8 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Morgan	11 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0
Oyedele	2 (1) 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Palmer	1 (1) 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Platt	7 0 3	0 0 0	0 (1) 0	0 0 0
Puncheon	1 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0
Quinn	2 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Rizzo	3 (2) 1	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Small	8 0 1	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0
Smith	4 (3) 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Wilbraham	8 (3) 1	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0

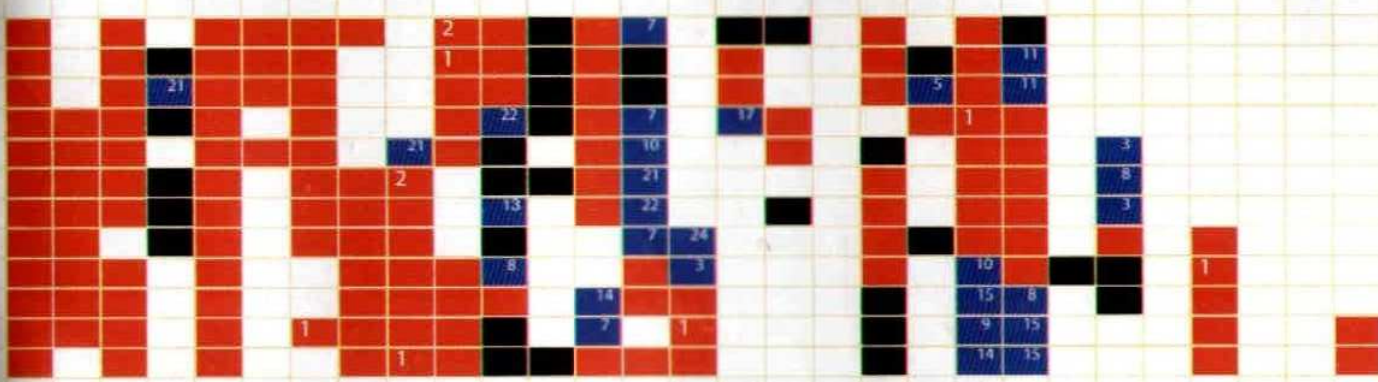
HOME GAMES IN RED

			F-A	ATT	PT/POS
August	Sat 6	AFC Bournemouth	2-2	5163	1/12
	Tue 9	Doncaster Rovers	1-1	5232	2/15
	Sat 13	Bradford City	0-2	7315	2/22
	Sat 20	Colchester United	1-1	4423	3/22
	Tue 23	Norwich City (LC1)	0-1	4777	N/A
	Sat 27	Bristol City	2-2	10011	4/21
	Mon 29	Port Vale	0-0	4592	5/21
September	Sat 10	Brentford	0-1	5862	5/23
	Tue 13	Swansea City	1-3	4798	5/23
	Sat 17	Barnsley	0-0	4620	6/24
	Sat 24	Blackpool	2-3	4723	6/24
	Tue 27	Scunthorpe United	1-0	4682	9/23
October	Sat 1	Swindon Town			
	Sat 8	Walsall			
	Sat 15	Chesterfield			
	Tue 18	Exeter City (LDV1)			
	Sat 22	Hartlepool United			
	Sat 29	Rotherham United			
November	Sat 5	(FA Cup 1)			
	Sat 12	Tranmere Rovers			
	Sat 19	Walsall			
	Sat 26	AFC Bournemouth			
December	Sat 3	(FA Cup 2)			
	Tue 6	Huddersfield Town			
	Sat 10	Doncaster Rovers			
	Sat 17	Colchester United			
	Mon 26	Southend United			
	Wed 28	Nottingham Forest			
January 06	Sat 31	Gillingham			
	Mon 2	Oldham Athletic			
	Sat 7	Swansea City (FA Cup 3)			
	Sat 14	Yeovil Town			
	Sat 21	Barnsley			
	Sat 28	Brentford (FA Cup 4)			
February	Sat 4	Scunthorpe United			
	Sat 11	Blackpool			
	Tue 14	Yeovil Town			
	Sat 18	Huddersfield Town (FA Cup 5)			
	Sat 25	Bradford City			
March	Sat 4	Port Vale			
	Sat 11	Bristol City (FA Cup 6)			
	Sat 18	Southend United			
	Sat 25	Nottingham Forest			
April	Sat 1	Gillingham			
	Sat 8	Oldham Athletic			
	Sat 15	Swindon Town (FA Cup 5F)			
	Mon 17	Hartlepool United			
	Sat 22	Chesterfield			
	Sat 29	Tranmere Rovers			
May	Sat 6	Rotherham United			
	Sat 13	(FA Cup Final)			

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■ 2 No. of goals scored
■ unused sub
 * own goal

Team players

the squads



MK Dons FC

Manager: Danny Wilson

- 1 Matt Baker ○
- 2 Trent McClenahan ○
- 3 Dean Lewington ○
- 4 Ben Harding ○
- 5 Craig Morgan ○
- 6 Ben Chorley ○
- 7 Wade Small ○
- 8 Paul Mitchell ○
- 9 Clive Platt ○
- 10 Izale McLeod ○
- 11 Gary Smith ○
- 12 David Martin ○
- 13 Gareth Edds ○
- 14 Malvin Kamara ○
- 15 Nicky Rizzo ○
- 16 Shola Oyedele ○
- 17 Jason Puncheon ○
- 18 Nathan Koo-Boothe ○
- 19 Leon Crooks ○
- 21 Aaron Wilbraham ○
- 22 Nick McKoy ○
- 23 Serge Makofu ○
- 24 Mirano Carrilho ○
- 25 Alex Tapp ○
- 26 Pablo Mills ○
- 27 Scott Bevan ○
- 28 Julien Hornuss ○
- 29 Stephen Quinn ○



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- 1 Rhys Evans ○
- 2 Sean O'Hanlon ○
- 3 Jack Smith ○
- 4 Nicky Nicolau ○
- 5 Jerel Ifil ○
- 6 Steve Jenkins ○
- 7 Gareth Whalley ○
- 8 Rory Fallon ○
- 9 Tony Thorpe ○
- 10 Stefani Miglioranzi ○
- 11 Jamie Cureton ○
- 12 Ricky Shakes ○
- 13 Matthew Bulman ○
- 14 Alan Reeves ○
- 15 Andrew Nicholas ○
- 16 Kyle Lapham ○
- 17 Charlie Comyn-Platt ○
- 18 Christian Roberts ○
- 19 Michael Pook ○
- 20 Patrick Collins ○
- 21 Ben Wells ○
- 23 Neale McDermott ○
- 25 Colin Heath ○
- 26 Tom Heaton ○
- 27 Andy Gurney ○

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Jamail Singh

Assistant Referees
Richard Beevor
Glenn Hambling

Fourth Official

Graham Horwood

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