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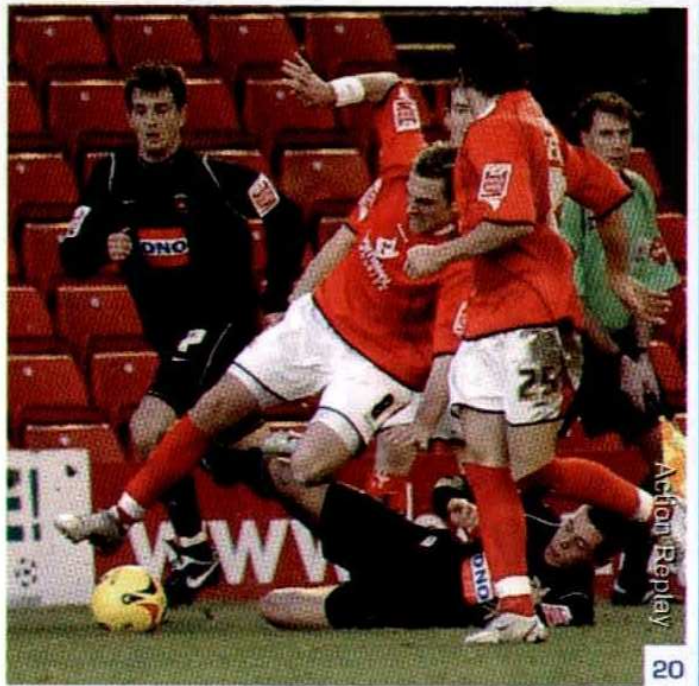
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Martin Scott

...THE POOLS BOSS SHARES HIS VIEWS



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The **Pools boss** is hoping to get the New Year off to a flying start with a good performance here against Swindon Town.

Good afternoon and welcome back to Victoria Park for this afternoon's game with Swindon Town. I would like to offer a warm welcome to Iffy Onoura and his team to The Vic and wish them all a safe journey home afterwards.

Happy New Year to all of you today also. I hope you've had good time during the Christmas holiday and are now looking forward to this afternoon's match.

I've been delighted with the way the lads have gone about the plans and preparations during our hectic Christmas

focussed even when everyone around is concentrating on

Recent years in this Club's history have transformed



That was a massive achievement for this Football Club and I am sure we all enjoyed that day...



having a good time – they've been first class.

what people think of Hartlepool United and hopefully we can continue that progress in to 2006.

They've never grumbled at any of the work that we needed to do – and at times it has been very hard for them. Their attitude and commitment is something I can never question and they are a credit to themselves and the Club. Looking back on 2005 is

The major highlight of course was reaching the Play-Off Final. That was a massive achievement for this Football Club and I am sure we all enjoyed that day, even though the result wasn't all we would have wanted.



Steve and myself are doing everything we can to ensure that we continue to taste success at Victoria Park.



schedule. The players' professionalism has ensured that they have stayed

something that we will all do with a great deal of satisfaction.

To take part in a showpiece final like that one showed how far things had come and the potential there is at the Club. Now, Steve and myself are doing everything we can to ensure that we continue to taste success at Victoria Park. I am delighted that 2005 gave me my first





opportunity at being a Manager too. It's been a great experience for me; I am learning all the time but I think I have been lucky in that I get to start my managerial career with such a talented group of players.

I am thankful to Ken Hodcroft and IOR for giving me the chance to

step up to the top job and hopefully I can repay that faith by being a success here in 2006.

Other highlights from 2005 were the games at Bournemouth on the last day when we got the point needed to get in to the play-offs. Then of course, the semi-final against

Tranmere which produced two cracking games.

A lot of people maybe thought that we would let our heads drop when Rovers took the tie in to extra time but the lads showed their character again and to win on penalties in such dramatic fashion is something that

will live long in the memory. I hope that together we can be looking back at some even better memories come this time next year. With your support, we can make 2006 another year to savour at Victoria Park.

Happy New Year and enjoy the game.



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Pools' Captain

...WITH MICKY BARRON



Micky
barron

The skipper would like to wish you all a very **Happy New Year** and all the best for 2006.

Good afternoon and welcome to Victoria Park for the first game of what will hopefully be another successful year for the Club

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and New Year and celebrated

BB ...We have enjoyed another roller-coaster ride of a year during 2005 – one thing is for certain, it's never dull following Hartlepool United.

in style! Of course, while many of you will have been out partying for the turn of the year, as players we were all preparing ourselves for

the game today.

At Christmas, you have to be professional and the set-up we have at the Club these days certainly helps with that and you can guarantee that the lads are fully ready when kick-off comes this afternoon.

BB We have enjoyed another roller-coaster ride of a year during 2005 – one thing is for certain, it's never dull following Hartlepool United.

2005 was an up and down year for me. On the injury front I struggled a lot of the time which was frustrating but I am looking forward with optimism to a more lucky year in 2006. Certainly playing in the

BB I struggled a lot of the time which was frustrating but I am looking forward with optimism to a more lucky year in 2006

BB Play-Off Final will remain a highlight for me – if only we could have gone on and got the result we deserved!

This afternoon we are looking to kick off the New Year in fine style but we know that it will

be a difficult game with Swindon Town scrapping for everything near the bottom of the league.

They have some dangerous players in their ranks too – the likes

of Rory Fallon is clearly a threat and one which we will be aware of this afternoon.

Happy New Year to all supporters. Hopefully we can help you begin it with a smile by picking up the points here today.



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Skipper's Hope



2005 was a mixed twelve months for Captain **Micky Barron** but he is now looking forward to 2006 with the hope it can prove just as memorable.

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2005 was a year of mixed emotions for Club skipper Micky Barron.

While he suffered a number of injuries, missing out on almost seven months of football, he also had the honour of leading Pools out at The Millennium Stadium for the Play-Off Final.

BB

...but the Tranmere game was so tense and nervous and then the celebrations at the final whistle were so enjoyable.

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Now in his tenth season with the Club, Barron

has experienced his fair share of highlights and, while admitting that the Cardiff Final was a big high, there was another game that stuck out in the memory for the former Middlesbrough man,

"Obviously the Play-Off Final was a massive occasion but I think one of the bigger memories was

the Semi Final at Tranmere – just the elation and smiles

on everybody's faces with the result and knowing we had got through the Play-Off games.

"Cardiff was such a good day and everyone will say that was the highlight but the Tranmere game was so tense and nervous and then the celebrations at the final whistle were so enjoyable."

Having been involved in four previous Play-Off campaigns without a victory, Barron admits he was delighted to get the win at Prenton Park,

"I was starting to think that if I didn't play, then we might get through but we did it and it was nice

to finally get past the semi finals.

"Cardiff was the main highlight but the elation and emotion of that night at Tranmere were just great."

To make sure he remembers every second of the trip to Cardiff, Barron recorded his own video diary over the weekend, including footage of the players both before and after the Final,

"I wanted something that no-one else had – behind the scenes stuff that was a little bit quirky and special to me and the lads. It was nice to get something that was a one-off and not just footage from the day of the game."



The game against Sheffield Wednesday was one of the few that Barron featured in last year after a series of injury problems but he is now looking forward to a good run of games,

"The last eighteen months have been very, very



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difficult for me and my family because it has been hard being out for so long but I have just got to try and put it behind me now.

My main objective now is to play as many games as I can."

And that will be good news for Manager Martin Scott, who will be delighted to have his skipper back on board. Pools' success so far this

season is a much-debated topic but Barron insists things are still on track.

"It depends on who you

talk to – the optimists or the pessimists.

"There is nothing in it at the moment – we have done well away from home this season while we struggled last season and when you look at the players we have and those who are coming back from injury, there is a lot to look forward to.

"The lads talk about it all the time and we are just waiting to go on a run, we believe we can win six or seven games in a row – the belief is in the squad."

Looking at this afternoon's game and Barron admits the final fixture of the

2003/04 season in which both sides needed a point to make the Play-Offs, is a game he will remember for a long time,

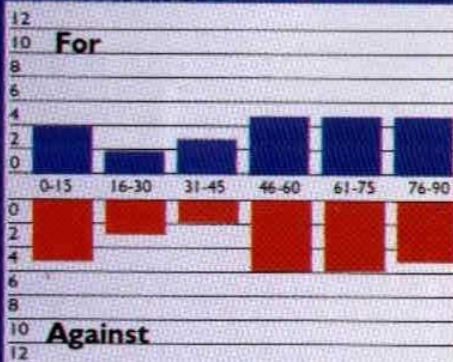
"That was a strange game – the last twenty minutes were just surreal with no one really attacking or defending, it was just played out in the middle.

"They have lost a few players and had a change in Manager but they will come to Hartlepool knowing that we haven't won as many as we should and they will be looking for the result. But it is a good chance for us to look to get another three points."

Hartlepool United v. Swindon Town



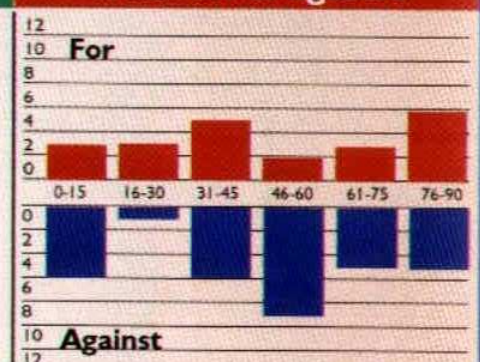
When for & against



Where & how scored

| | | |
|----|------------------|----|
| 9 | Close range | 9 |
| 10 | Inside 18yd box | 13 |
| 5 | Outside 18yd box | 0 |
| 11 | Shots | 12 |
| 7 | Headers | 6 |
| 3 | Volleys | 1 |
| 1 | Penalties | 2 |
| 1 | Free Kicks | 0 |
| 1 | Own Goals | 1 |

When for & against



Last 6 results

| Opponents | H/A | Score |
|-------------|-----|-------|
| Walsall | A | 0-1 |
| Bournemouth | H | 2-1 |
| Colchester | H | 0-1 |
| Bradford | A | 1-0 |
| Gillingham | A | 0-1 |
| Brentford | H | 1-2 |

Swings

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Won when Behind | 2 |
| Drawn when Behind | 3 |
| Drawn when Ahead | 3 |
| Lost when Ahead | 1 |

Discipline

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Fouls committed | 301 |
| Average per game | 13.68 |
| Yellow cards | 38 |
| Red cards | 3 |

Set piece goals

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|-----------------------|---|
| Scored from free kick | 3 |
| Conc from free kick | 1 |
| Scored from corner | 4 |
| Conc from corner | 2 |

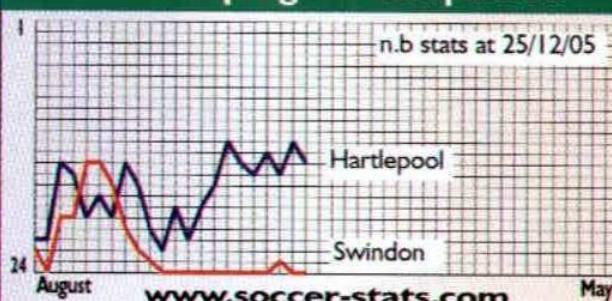
Strike ratio

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|-------------------|------|
| Shots on target | 123 |
| Goals scored | 24 |
| % shots scored | 19.5 |
| Divisional rating | 20 |

Top scorer

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|-----------------------|----|
| Antony Sweeney | |
| Goals Scored | 5 |
| Games Played | 22 |
| Points Won | 4 |

Seasonal progress comparison



| | | | |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| Best winning sequence | 3 | Best winning sequence | 0 |
| Worst losing sequence | 2 | Worst losing sequence | 8 |

Last 6 results

| Opponents | H/A | Score |
|--------------|-----|-------|
| Blackpool | H | 0-0 |
| Oldham | A | 2-2 |
| Rotherham | A | 1-0 |
| Barnsley | H | 0-3 |
| Port Vale | A | 1-1 |
| Bristol City | H | 2-1 |

Swings

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Won when Behind | 2 |
| Drawn when Behind | 1 |
| Drawn when Ahead | 3 |
| Lost when Ahead | 3 |

Discipline

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Fouls committed | 275 |
| Average per game | 12.5 |
| Yellow cards | 40 |
| Red cards | 4 |

Set piece goals

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Scored from free kick | 1 |
| Conc from free kick | 7 |
| Scored from corner | 4 |
| Conc from corner | 2 |

Strike ratio

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Shots on target | 92 |
| Goals scored | 22 |
| % shots scored | 23.9 |
| Divisional rating | 11 |

Top scorer

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Rory Fallon | |
| Goals Scored | 9 |
| Games Played | 19 |
| Points Won | 6 |

Last meeting at Victoria Park on 2/4/05

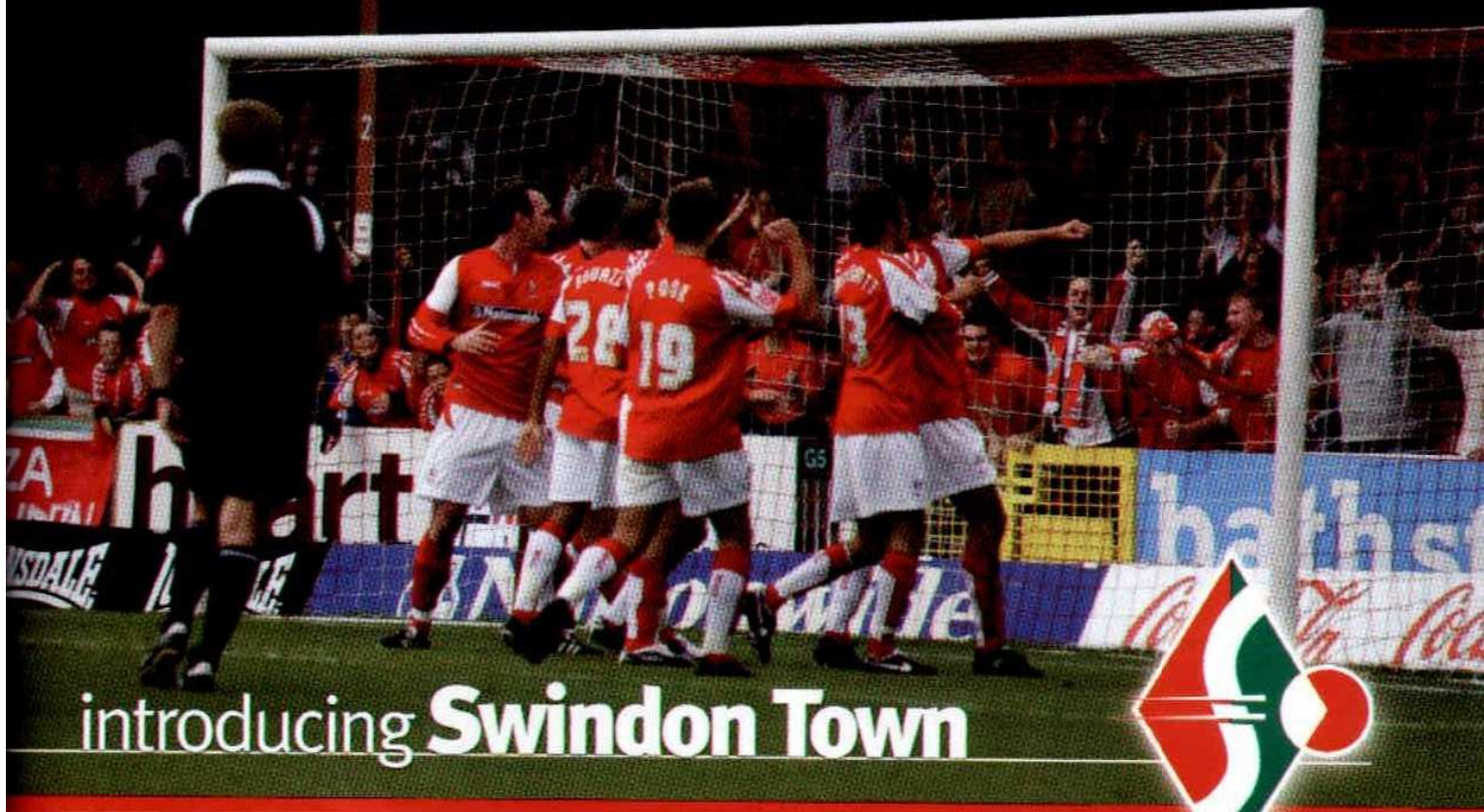
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| 3-0 | |
| Porter 31 | |
| Butler 49 | |
| Humphreys 83 | |
| Attendance 4,936 | Referee Atkinson |
| Provett, Craddock, Nelson, Clark, Westwood, Robson, Butler (Daly 72), Sweeney, Humphreys, Boyd, Porter (Robertson 88) | Evans, Ifil, Heywood, O'Hanlon, Igoe, Hewlett (Howard 68), Duke (Pook 84), Miglioranzi, Smith, Roberts (Fallon 55), Parkin |
| Booked none | Booked Smith |
| Sent Off none | Sent Off none |

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Swindon Town arrive at Victoria Park hoping to improve their fortunes as they head in to the New Year.

Just two seasons ago, Swindon Town were helping Pools to celebrate qualification for the play-offs on a memorable afternoon at The County Ground.

Both sides earned a point and clinched their place inside the top six, with both looking to have bright futures ahead of them.

But The Robins could only managed a 13th place finish at the end of last term and had a disastrous start to the new term from which they have struggled to recover.

Iffy Onoura took the helm in the wake of Andy King's departure from the Wiltshire outfit in September and he is overseeing a battle at The County Ground which looks capable of pulling them out of relegation trouble.

A run of eight straight defeats during late August and September left The Robins rock-bottom of the pile, but they've rallied of late and are starting to show signs of moving up the league.

Glasgow-born Onoura moved to The County Ground in October 2004 to take up a role as Head of Youth Development but his rise up the ranks has been a swift one after instantly making an impression.

A bustling striker during his playing days, Onoura bagged an impressive 116 goals in 351 league outings, most notably for Gillingham but also for Swindon in between two spells with The Gills.

And it seems as if the former front man has taken all his desire and determination in to the Manager's role as he looks to lift the gloom besting the former Premier League outfit.

Games between Pools and Swindon Town have a

habit of producing exciting football. Taking away that dramatic season finale at The County Ground two seasons ago and you are still left with decent helpings and good football and entertaining fare.

A 3-0 defeat for Pools in Wiltshire last season was quickly forgotten when the scoreline was reversed as The Robins visited The Vic in early April.

A year earlier and Jack Wilkinson was lighting up Victoria Park – the young striker's second goal for the Club in the closing stages of the home game tied up the points at 2-0 after Gavin Strachan's first half penalty.

The main threat this season from The Robins has been posed by front man Rory Fallon who has been banging in the goals despite the lowly league position. His presence this afternoon could be crucial if Swindon are to win at The Vic for the first time since March 1984.

The Visitors

Nickname
The Robins

Ground
The County Ground

Manager
Iffy Onoura

Biggest League Victory
9 - 2: vs Newport County
05/09/1936 Division 3S

Most Goals Scored in a Season
Harris Morris: 47 1926/27
Division 3S

Most Appearances
John Trollope: 770 1960/8

Record Transfer Fee Received
£1,500,000: Kevin Horlock Manchester City
January 1997

Record Transfer Fee Paid
£800,000: Joey Beauchamp West Ham United August 1994



Swindon Town



RHYS EVANS

GOALKEEPER

Town manager Andy King swooped for the young stopper in 2003 to give first choice keeper Bart Griemink more competition for the number one shirt at Swindon Town. Since then Evans has been a regular between the posts for Town and has turned in many match saving performances. He enjoyed a successful first season back at The County Ground in 2003/4, making 43 first team appearances and has now established himself as number one once again. His preparations for the new 2005-6 campaign were hindered by a knee injury and after a recent operation and spell at Lilleshall, he is back on the road to recovery and made his comeback at Port Vale on 19th November.

SEAN O'HANLON

DEFENDER

After impressing during an

eight-game loan spell last season, Liverpool-born Sean O'Hanlon signed for Swindon Town in March 2004 on a permanent basis from Everton. Having come up through the youth ranks at Goodison Park, O'Hanlon left Merseyside in search of first team football and was a rock in the centre of defence towards the end of the 2003-04 season and is surely one of Town's brightest prospects.

JACK SMITH

DEFENDER/ MIDFIELDER

Signed from Watford in the summer of 2005, Smith adds youthful experience to the Town side and arrives with a point to prove. Due to the departure of Paul Robinson to West Bromwich Albion he was thrust into the first-team spotlight at Watford and coped admirably, registering two goals - the first of which a 'Goal of the Season' contender at Sheffield United

in front of the Sky Sports cameras. Having made his debut towards the end of the 2002/03 campaign, the 21-year-old younger brother of ex-Hornet Tommy made another eight further appearances last term.

NICKY NICOLAU

DEFENDER/ MIDFIELDER

Former Arsenal player who is equally at home in defence or in midfield. Signed from Southend United in the summer of 2005. Spent eight years at Highbury after joining the club as a 12-year old. Progressed up through the ranks with the likes of David Bentley and Jermaine Pennant. After two seasons in the reserves at Arsenal, made a loan switch to Southend United in April 2004 before making the switch permanent. After making appearances for Southend United and playing in the League Two Play-Off Final, Nicolau made the switch to

The County Ground as one of Andy King's summer signings in 2005.

JEREL IFIL

DEFENDER

Powerful defender Jerel Ifil joined Town in the summer of 2004 after enjoying three loan spells with Town previously from 02-04. Jerel became a fan's favourite during his brief stays in Wiltshire and signed on a permanent basis in June 2004 and put in some solid performances during the following season. Following Matt Heywood's summer defection to Bristol City, Ifil has now pinned down a regular first team berth in the Town backline.

STEVE JENKINS

DEFENDER

Capped by Wales on 16 occasions, 'Jenks' was signed at the end of November 2004 and has provided added experience

to the Town backline. After beginning his career at Swansea, he has also been with Huddersfield, Birmingham, Cardiff, Notts County and Peterborough. After falling out of favour at London Road under Barry Fry, Town Boss Andy King moved quickly to sign the player after impressing during his four game loan spell. A reliable performer who made the right back slot his own during the latter part of 2004/5 and he has made a solid start to the new campaign.

GARETH WHALLEY

MIDFIELDER

Originally a trainee at Crewe, Gareth made over 200 first-team appearances for them before signing for Bradford City in July 1998 for £600,000. Gareth was a regular during their two-season spell in the top flight and in March 2002 went back to Crewe on loan for a few months. Injury kept him out from early-November 2002 until mid-April 2003 but he returned to play a significant role in the Club's promotion through the Play-Offs. Left Cardiff in September 2004 and joined Wigan Athletic and subsequently made nine appearances for The Latics in the march to promotion to the Premiership.

RORY FALLON

FORWARD

Signed from Barnsley, the big striker made quite an impression against Town in the past, scoring on many occasions and catching the eye of Town boss Andy King in doing so. He joined Barnsley as a professional in 1999 after moving up through their trainee programme. Last season saw him score his first ever league goal against Blackpool and he quickly followed that up the following week in a game

at Stockport. King had become a keen admirer of the striker by that point and Town eventually agreed a disclosed fee with Barnsley to bring him down to Wiltshire. Having waited patiently for his chance, has scored a number of goals including a brilliant overhead kick from the edge of the box to secure a point against Bristol City in early April 2004 – one of the best goals ever seen at The County Ground. Fallon spent a one-month loan spell at Yeovil Town in February, scoring once in six appearances. He returns to Swindon after a strenuous summer spent training in his native New Zealand in preparation for the new season.

TONY THORPE

FORWARD

Striker Tony Thorpe made the switch along the M4 from Loftus Road in the



...he arrives with an impressive overall goalscoring record of 134 strikes in 274 league starts...



summer of 2005, signing a 1-year deal. Having started as a junior at his hometown club Leicester City, Thorpe then moved to Kenilworth Road where he established himself as potent finisher, scoring 50 League goals in 120 appearances, before attracting a £800,000 transfer move to Fulham. A short spell at Craven Cottage was followed by a move to Bristol City, with the 'Thorpedo' now attracting a £1 million for his signature. Again the striker proved a valuable buy, scoring 51 League goals in 128 appearances for the Robins. QPR paid Luton Town £50,000 for his

services in August 2003 and he went on to score 10 goals in 26 league starts for Rangers before making his switch to Wiltshire on Thursday 30th June 2005. 31-year old Thorpe's overall goalscoring record stands at 136 strikes in 277 starts and he also scored one goal in five appearances for Rotherham United during a loan period at the end of last season.

STEFANI MIGLIORANZI

MIDFIELDER

Miglioranzi is the product of the American College football system in which the most promising players are drafted into Major League Soccer. A Brazilian born American who holds an Italian passport. As a footballer the genes don't come much better. What's more, Miglioranzi is versatile; he can play in defence or as a central midfielder and since

JAMIE CURETON

MIDFIELDER

Jamie Cureton joins up from QPR where he scored 6 goals in 20 league starts and he arrives with an impressive overall goalscoring record of 134 strikes in 274 league starts. A frontman with plenty of pace, Cureton lists his previous clubs as Norwich, Bournemouth, Bristol Rovers and Pusan Icons. Cureton, who has earned a reputation as sharp-shooter, after completing his traineeship with Norwich City, returned to his home town of Bristol, to team up with then Rovers manager, Ian Holloway, banging in 78 goals in four seasons. After joining QPR February 2004, Cureton turned out in the majority of the games until the end of the 2003-4 season. He then found himself in favour at the start of this season, partnering Paul Furlong up front. However, after making 46 appearances for Rangers, 29-year old Cureton joined Swindon Town in July 2005 on a two-year deal and he will no doubt become an important player for The Robins.

RICKY SHAKES

MIDFIELDER

A tricky winger with plenty of pace, Shakes signed from Bolton Wanderers in a deal which also saw Charlie Comyn-Platt join the club. Shakes spent time on loan with Bristol Rovers and Bury during the 2004-5 season and impressed Manager Andy King during a reserve game for STFC towards the end of the 2004-5 campaign. He signed on for STFC in July 2005 and will be out to prove what he can do in League One.

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ANDY NICHOLAS**MIDFIELDER**

'Nicho' joined Town in the close season of 2003 following his decision to leave Liverpool, where he came through the youth system but struggled to break into the first team. After working his way into the manager's starting line up with some hard work in training, Andrew seized his chance to become a regular member of the side throughout the 2003/04 season. Despite making such a positive impression during the 2003-4 season, the 2004-5 campaign saw the defender struggle with injuries and was unable to gain a regular starting berth. However, having arrived refreshed for the new season -- 'Nicho' is now back in the squad under new Manager Iffy Onuora and has made a handful of appearances this term as he approaches 50 appearances for Swindon Town.

KYLE LAPHAM**DEFENDER**

A tough-tackling former Centre of Excellence player, local-based Kyle progressed through the ranks and has made a number of appearances for the reserve team last season before signing a professional one-year deal in the summer. Sustained a knee injury at Cirencester Town in pre-season but is now back to fitness and eager for first team action.

CHARLIE COMYN-PLATT**MIDFIELDER**

Charlie Comyn-Platt joined the Bolton Academy in the summer of 2002 after a long association with the club. The assured defender was called into the first team for the first time in September 2003, and he was handed his debut

when replacing Bruno N'Gotty for the final nine minutes of the 3-1 Carling Cup win over Walsall. After being released by Bolton in the summer of 2005 he made the switch to The County Ground on a one-year contract. Having come on as a late substitute against Boston United in the FA Cup, he scored a late equaliser after taking his place as an emergency striker!

CHRISTIAN ROBERTS**FORWARD**

Cardiff-born striker who joined Town on Thursday 14th October 2004 in a £50,000 switch from local rivals Bristol City. He is an aggressive runner and will add much needed pace to the Swindon frontline. Made a tremendous start to his Town career, scoring the winner on his debut against Oldham Athletic but was then ruled out with a hernia operation.

MICHAEL POOK**MIDFIELDER**

Third year scholar who has seen first team action on a number of occasions including the LDV Vans Trophy game at Boston United in 2003. An energetic 'box-to-box' midfielder. 'Pooky' signed a professional contract ahead of the 2005-6 season and was a consistent performer for the youth team and reserves last term. Scored his first senior goal in the home defeat by Wycombe Wanderers and has played in every first team game so far this season.

PATRICK COLLINS**DEFENDER**

Arrived on loan from Sheffield Wednesday in the week before the opening day of the season

and has been involved in the first few games of the campaign. Collins signed a two-year deal at Hillsborough in July 2004 after impressing during a trial spell at S6 towards the end of the 2003-04 campaign. The former Sunderland defender gained plenty of experience in his first season at senior level, amassing a total of 33 appearances and operating both at right back and centre half. The athletic north-easterner found appearances more thin on the ground after the turn of the year, but he returned to the fold late on to help the Owls' bid for promotion and made a crucial contribution after coming on as a substitute in the play-off final

NEALE MCDERMOTT**MIDFIELDER**

An energetic midfielder who signed for Town in August 2005 at the close of the transfer window from Fulham. McDermott, son of former England midfielder Terry, has joined Town to get some football league experience and he made his debut for Town in the reserves 7-0 win over Bournemouth at the start of September. Opened his goalscoring account with a fabulous strike during the recent win over Bristol City at The County Ground -- his first goal in league football.

COLIN HEATH**MIDFIELDER / DEFENDER**

Colin Heath can operate up front or out wide on the right and played in 15(3) 4 goals, in the Barclays, and 7(2) 6 in the Pontin's league for Manchester United's reserve team last season. Joined Town in August on a six month loan deal and made his debut for the club at Blackpool on August 20th.

TOM HEATON**GOALKEEPER**

England U20 International goalkeeper Tom Heaton played in 17 Barclays and 12 Pontin's games last season for Manchester United and joined Town on a six month loan in August. Tom was also in the side that defeated Charlton Athletic at The Valley to become the first official National Reserve League champions. Heaton has made the number one shirt his own with a string of impressive performances so far and could look to extend his stay in Wiltshire beyond January 2006.

ANDY GURNEY**MIDFIELDER / DEFENDER**

'Gurns' rejoined Swindon Town on loan in the early part of the 2005-6 season after failing to pin down a regular place in the Swans' starting line-up. A versatile player, he can operate anywhere along the backline or in centre of midfield and likes a shot on goal and is not afraid to have a go from any distance. He joined Swansea City from Swindon Town on a free transfer in September 2004 and lists his other clubs as Torquay United, Bristol Rovers and Reading. He has now made over 385 senior starts and has scored 45 goals.

HAMEUR BOUAZZA**MIDFIELDER / FORWARD**

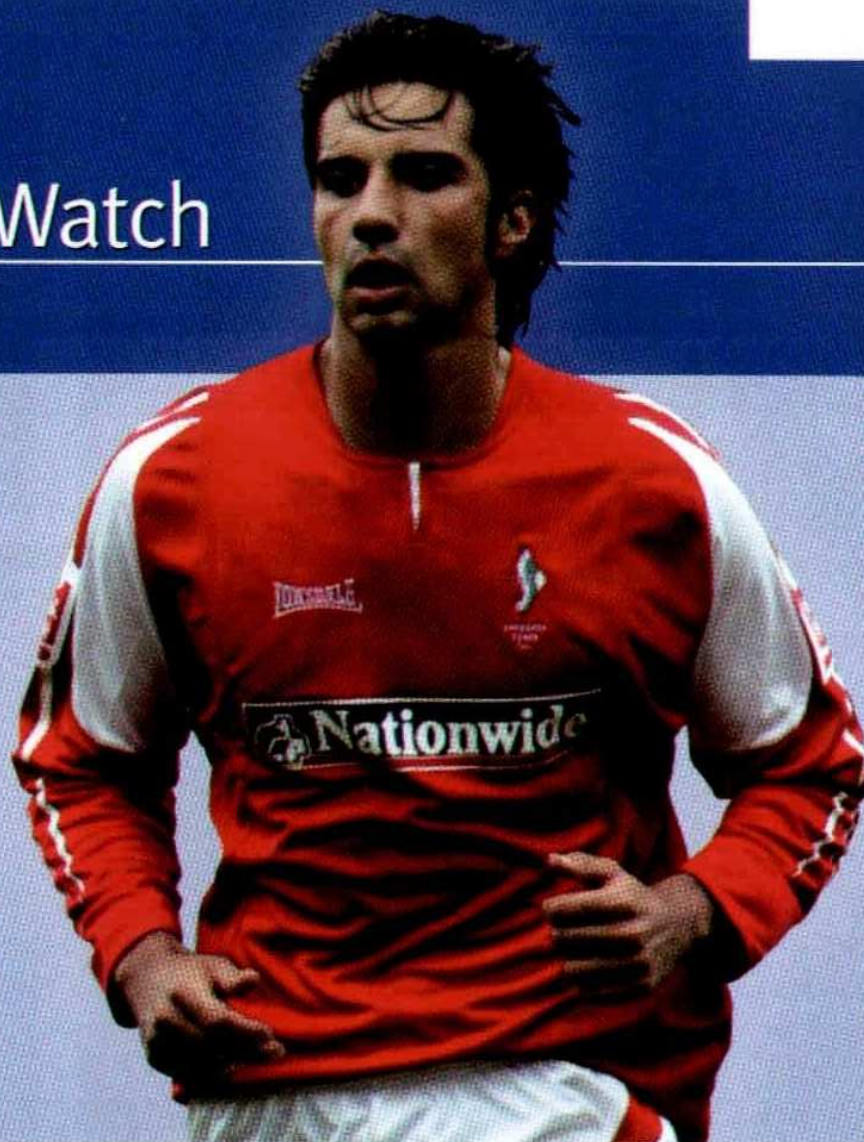
Pacey Frenchman who joined Town as Iffy Onuora's first signing since taking over as Manager at The County Ground on a one month loan. Bouazza made his first start for Swindon against Port Vale and notched his first goal in the LDV Vans Trophy win over Stevenage Borough.

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One To Watch



Rory Fallon

With nine goals to his name this season Rory Fallon has been proving a bit of a handful for League One defences in recent months.

A native of New Zealand, Fallon spent the summer in his homeland working

hard ahead of the new season in a bid to reach peak fitness.

He sat out the first two games of the current campaign but has been in a rich vein of form since and finding the net on a regular basis. His goals have been

a bright spot in an otherwise disappointing campaign so far for The Robins but the former Barnsley striker will be hoping his goals can prove enough to move the struggling outfit off the foot of the table. Fallon was loaned out to Yeovil Town early last year,

returning after one month and six appearances with The Glovers which reaped one goal.

If Pools can keep the 23-year-old quiet at The Vic this afternoon then chances of victory would certainly be increased for Martin Scott's men.

Action Replay

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Subs: Provett, Strachan, Maidens, Clarke, Daly.



Star Man:

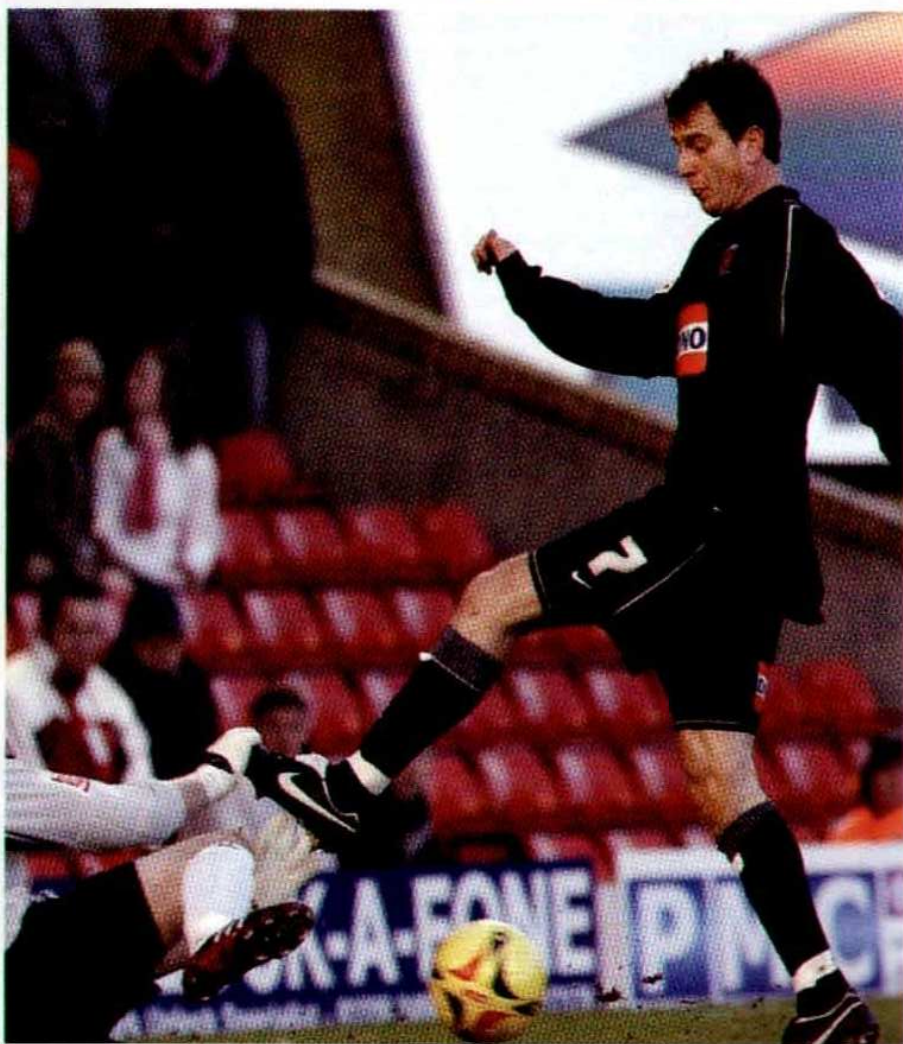
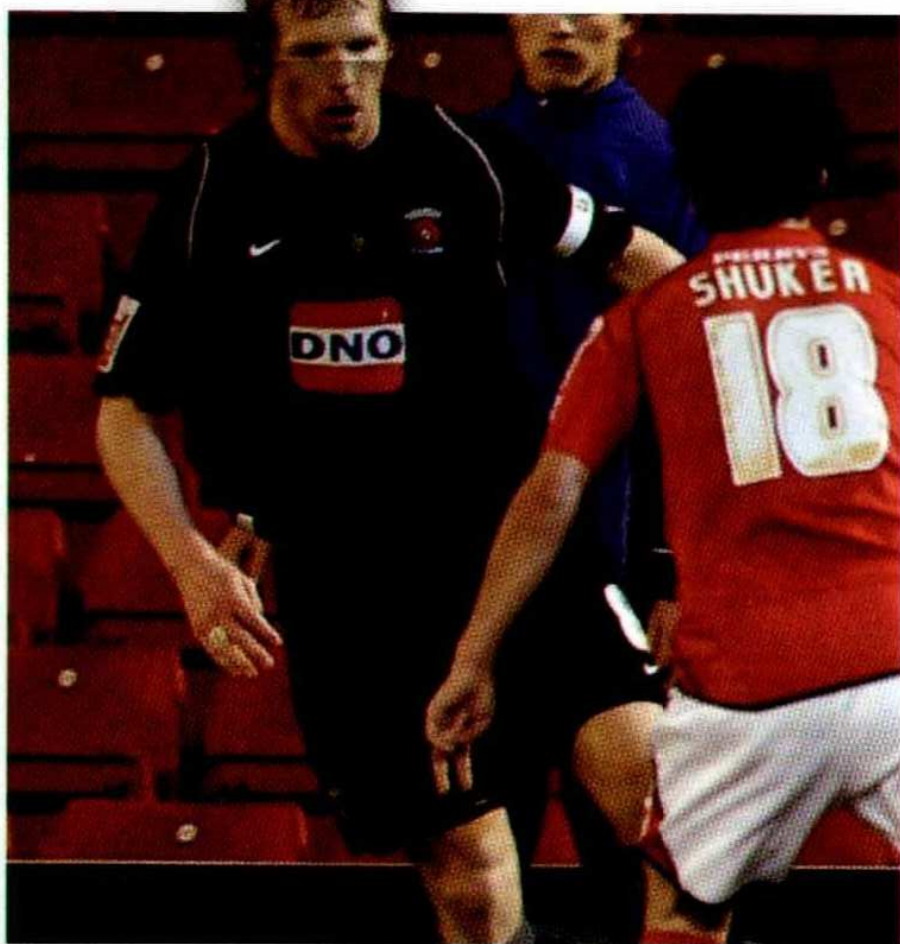
Chris Llewellyn

Chris Llewellyn is getting better with every game and was a constant source of torment for the Barnsley defenders on Boxing Day. His intelligent running and eye for a pass was a big factor as Pools came from behind to claim a share of the spoils at Oakwell. Along with Thomas Butler on the flank, Llewellyn helped Pools create a number of decent chances in an improved second half performance and on another day Martin Scott's men may have clinched all three points.

Scott's Comment:

When you go to places like Barnsley you know you are going to come under a period of pressure. They are a good side who are riding high in the league but I thought the lads handled what they threw at us very well. I think there were things about the first half that we had to improve on but we still probably had the two best chances. We had a chat about things during half time and the lads responded superbly and deserved to get something from the game; we could even have had all three points but the draw was a good result for us.





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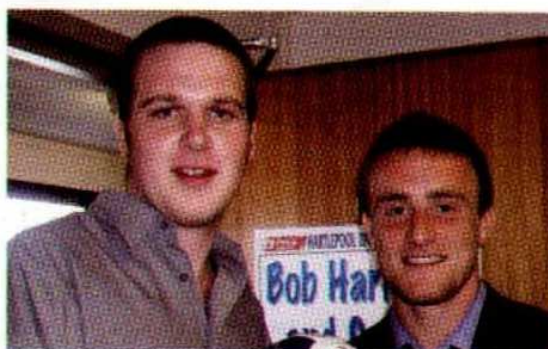
Also welcome to the directors, guests, players and supporters of Swindon Town who have made the long journey today.

Firstly I would like to say Happy New Year to you all. Hope you had a good one! Christmas has been and gone and we are now concentrating on climbing up the league table to what we hope will be a successful end to the season.

We still have availability in our CKs Carvery Restaurant so why not start the New Year in style and entertain yourself, friends, family or clients with a day out at Victoria Park. Relax for the afternoon in our CKs Restaurant and enjoy the afternoon watching Pools in action. To book a place in the Restaurant, contact the Commercial Department on 01429 272584 or visit our website for other packages that are available at hartlepoolunited.co.uk.

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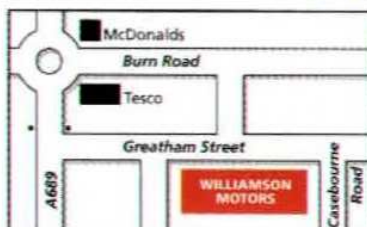
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Right now on the Official Website we're giving you the chance to vote on what you think was the best moment of 2005. There were some real belters so here's quick reminder to help you out...

Adam Boyd's Chipped Goal

When you're fighting for a place in the play-offs a victory over one of your rivals feels so sweet. But it's even better when your star striker nabs a hat-trick! And what about his third of the night – it won Goal of the Season at the North East Football Awards – an no wonder, it was a beauty!



Last Day Drama... again!

You simply couldn't have scripted drama like the last day visit to Bournemouth last season. Pools needed a point, The Cherries had to win as the two rivals went head to head for the final place in the play-offs. Jon Daly's first goal for the Club arrived at the best possible time and Antony Sweeney also got on the scoresheet to make the long journey home a great one!

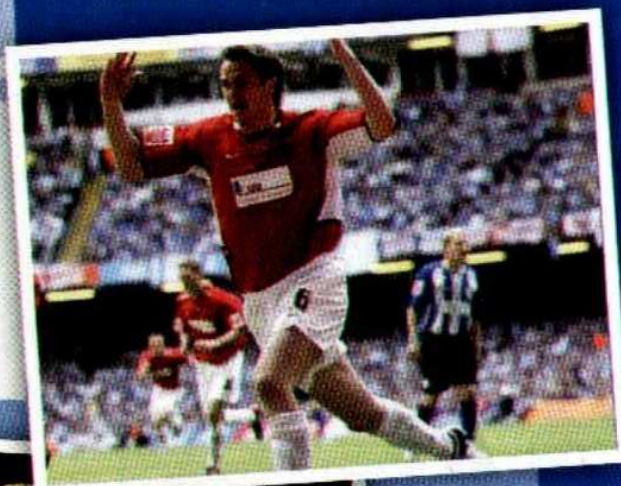




Ritchie Humphreys' Penalty

After missing the crucial spot-kick against Cheltenham in a play-off semi-final in 2002, Ritchie Humphreys probably thought he'd never have to go through the tension of stepping up again. How wrong he was and what a moment when he hit the net and sent Pools to Cardiff!

but just to remind ourselves how good victory feels The Quakers were disposed of in the Carling Cup. It was a great night and one for the fans to savour – Michael Proctor enjoyed himself too!

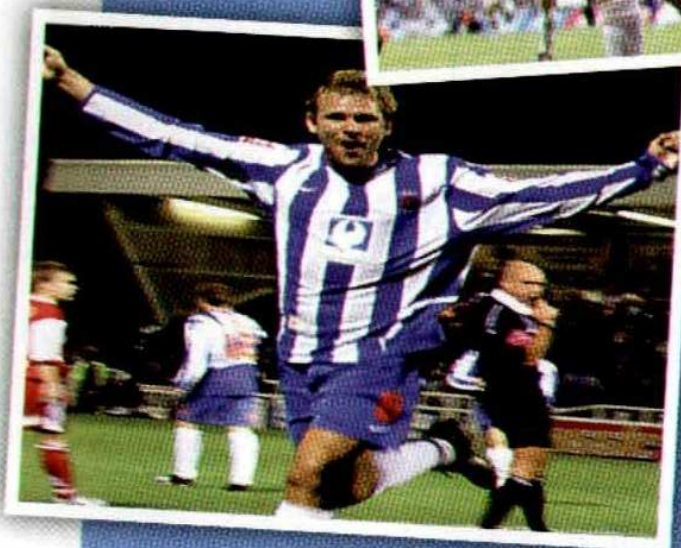


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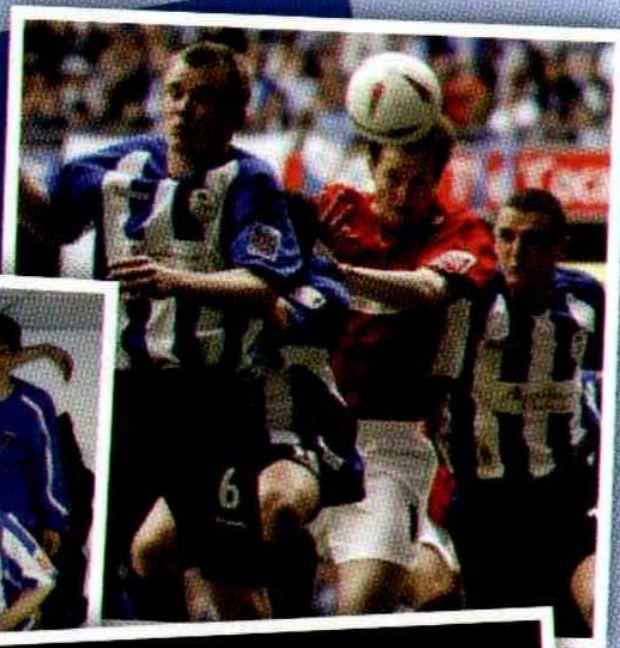
What a moment this was. As the ball hit the net, 15,000 Poolies punched the air and promotion to the Championship was within sight. We all know what happened after that but what a feeling!

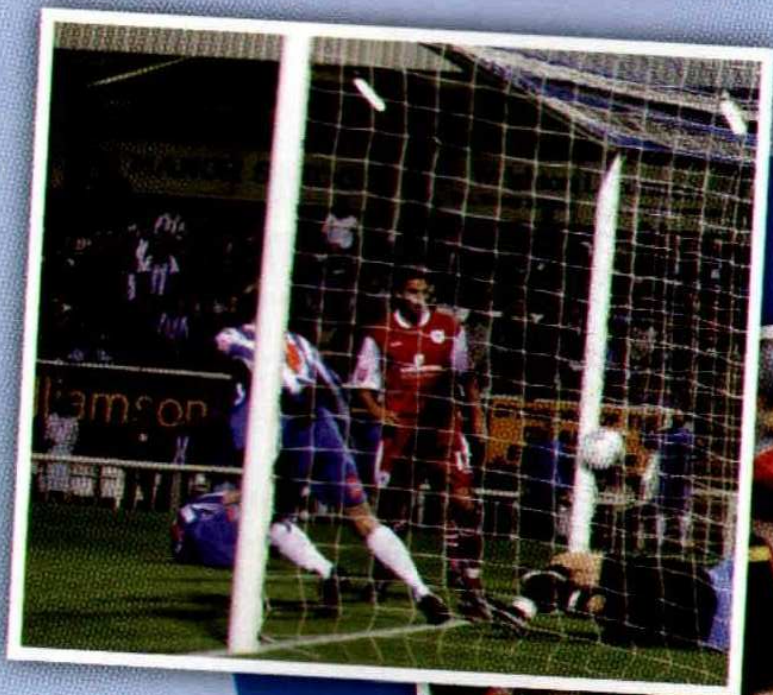
Victory Over Darlington

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...THE MAYOR'S VIEW



The **Mayor** gives us his New Year thoughts ahead of the kick-off here today.

Good afternoon and a Happy New Year and welcome to The Vic for our first game of 2006 against The Robins of Swindon.

I am writing these notes on the 21st of December due to printing deadlines so, as I write we still have to embark on our busy festive period of games

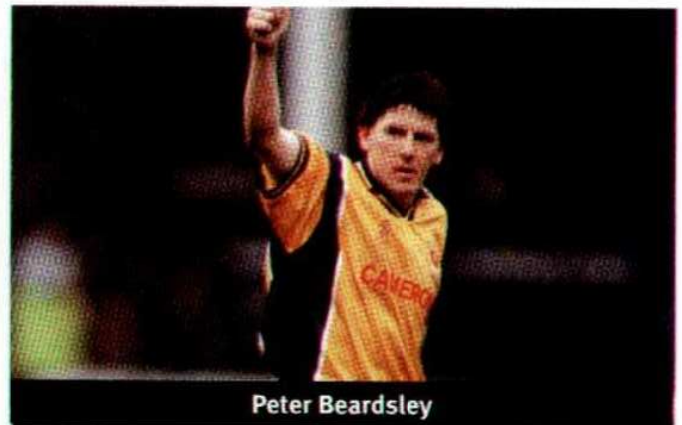
of course, New Year's Day is usually the traditional date, but at least it gives us all an extra day to recover from any hangovers. In fact, the last time we played on this date was in 1999 at home to Cambridge and it was the debut of a certain Mr. Peter Beardsley who marked his first game in a blue and white shirt with a 30 yard screamer. If you think about it, we haven't looked back since.

☺ ...it was the debut of a certain Mr. Peter Beardsley who marked his first game in a blue and white shirt with a 30 yard screamer... ☺

and of course this is the fourth game in eight days. It is always said that a good spell over Christmas stands teams in good stead for the rest of the season. At the time of writing, there is still everything to play for in the league and you could throw a blanket over about 15 teams. I'm sure the league will have opened up a bit by now and I hope we are in the mix still fighting for a play-off position.

It is not very often we play on the 2nd of January as,

We also played on this day in 1993 in what turned out to be, at the time, one of the best results for Pools in our history. I'm talking about the 1-0 victory over Crystal Palace which was dubbed as the shock of the round on Match of the Day. Nicky Southall, now at Notts Forest, bagged the winner from the penalty spot after being chopped down in the area by Richard Shaw - well maybe it was a bit of a dive. The referee that day was Dermot Gallagher and he has



Peter Beardsley

been a favourite of Pools' fans ever since.

It's this time of year when we all make resolutions and wishes for the year ahead. By today, most of us have already broken them but we will all still harbour ambitions for

few years so anything less would be a huge disappointment. It would also be nice to see Joel Porter coming back better than ever and grabbing a place in the Australian World Cup squad in the summer. Just imagine a Hartlepool United player

☺ My ultimate dream for 2006 would be to see us go one better than last year and win at Cardiff... ☺

Pools, starting with a win today. My ultimate dream for 2006 would be to see us go one better than last year and win at Cardiff but I'd be happy with just reaching the play-offs. We've almost come to expect a play-off place following the last

lining up against the mighty Brazil on football's biggest stage.

Anyway, let's get behind the lads today and start the year as we mean to go on, with a win.

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Top Ten (Pools V Swindon games)

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1) 1968-69 (Away)

This match was played in front of an incredible crowd of almost 20,000, the largest Pools had played in front of throughout the 60's. I THINK Don Rogers had something to do with that!

2) 1968-69 (Home)

A nil-nil draw, which wasn't surprising as Pools drew an incredible amount of games in that Third Division season, and subsequently went down because of it.

3) 1982-83 (Away)

The Daily Mirror ran a feature on this game, with photos, primarily because the total travelling Pools support numbered THREE! Was it YOU?

4) 1983-84 (Away)

The one and only game for Pools of a certain Mr Phil Ray, who signed from Burnley. Scored on his debut then gave up the game!..

5) 1984-85 (Home)

A cracking two-all draw, in which the referee was so wound up about awarding Swindon a dodgy pen, that he played on for 4 minutes injury time until John Brownlie equalised for Pools.

6) 1985-86 (Home)

Our 1-0 win came very early in the season that promised so much, a Paul Dobson penalty being the difference. I can almost guarantee you that he won it himself, via a "trip" in the box!

7) 2001-02 (Away)

The next time we met them was 15 years later, in the FA Cup, when Pools put up a great showing belying the 3-1 reverse scoreline, with Darrell Clarke notching.

8) 2003-04 (Home)

Our 2-0 victory was capped off by a SUPERB lobbed goal from teenage Striker Jack Wilkinson after Gavin Strachan's early penalty.

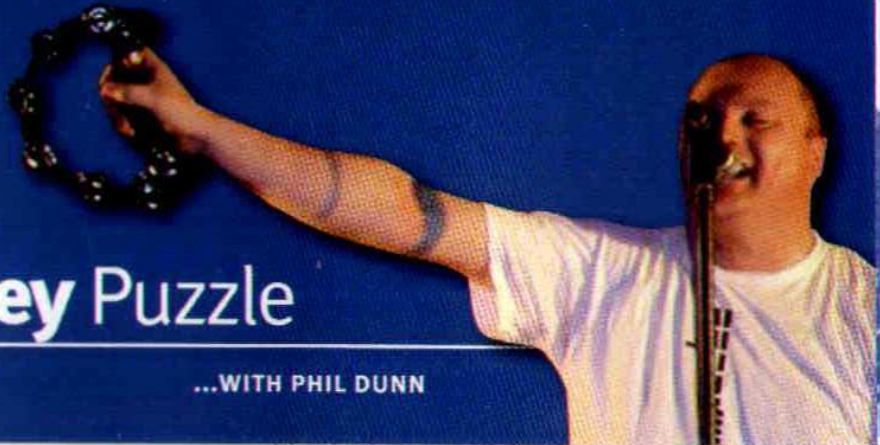
9) 2003-04 (Away)

Oh, what a day! All both sides had to do was draw to ensure that both made the play-offs. Pools just left it a BIT late, that's all!

10) 2004-05 (Home)

A resounding 3-0 win with goals from Joel Porter, Thomas Butler and Ritchie Humphreys in probably our most impressive Home game of last season.





Monkey Puzzle

...WITH PHIL DUNN

Phil Dunn is back to give us his festive take on all things Pools.

Happy New Year!

Good Afternoon Poolies and Robins, and a Happy New Year to you all! Hopefully the extra day's

to Doncaster Rovers for their epic League Cup run which ended a few days before Xmas at home to Arsenal. Thanks



Thanks to Sky TV I watched all of their games live, and I can tell you they did our division proud.



break this season has been beneficial to our hungover supporters and that the Swindon fans managed to negotiate the 270-odd mile journey in safety. Of course Pools fans have that abiding memory of Boydy's equaliser at The County Ground two seasons ago that secured our play-off place - it's just about our ONLY success over The

to Sky TV I watched all of their games live, and I can tell you they did our division proud. One player that stood out for me was ex-Hartlepool player James Coppinger who is occupying the right midfield slot for Rovers. Now I always rated Coppinger when he was at The Vic, as we've discussed before our fans



...but none have gone into as much depth regarding the formative years of the Club, and I can heartily recommend it....



Robins in recent years so let's hope we can put that one to bed today. I know it probably seems like ages ago, but I must send out congratulations (or should it be commiserations?!)

like to see players giving 110%, which is precisely what he offers. I noticed also that Donny are moving to a new stadium next year, which is long overdue. Good luck to them.

The Early Years

Again just prior to the Xmas holidays a book landed on my doormat that I've scarcely put down since. "Hartlepool United In The Beginning" by Colin Foster is a real labour of love, and is a fascinating detailed history of the Club's very early days culminating in Hartlepool United Football Club joining the Football



Then the incredible Poolie Pride project which culminated in a Top Thirty hit single...



League in 1921. There have been a few HUFC History Books written over the years, but none have gone into as much depth regarding the formative years of the Club, and I can heartily recommend it to Pools fans young and old. With the Centenary of the Club's formation rapidly approaching (1908-2008!) I wonder if we are going to see an updated Official History published? It's been almost 20 years since Ed Law's excellent book, and

nearly ten since Gordon Small's Stats Guide was printed - wouldn't it be great to see the whole story in one volume? Here's hoping...

The Past and The Future

So into 2006 we go. The last year has seen Hartlepool United go further than ever before in our history, and 2005 will be a year that lives long

in Pools fans memories - especially the month of May. The two semi-finals against Tranmere, Ritchie Humphreys penalty, Cardiff and all that went with it, Jon Daly's header, the terrible injustice of the late penalty. Then the incredible Poolie Pride project which culminated in a Top Thirty hit single and more national exposure for the Club and its fans. Aye, it's been a canny year!

Enjoy The Game.

POOLS' SATURDAY YANKEE

CONGRATULATIONS

Pools Saturday Yankee is going strong as more and more people sign up to this great new lottery venture.

We had our first big winner recently when Mr J Gillies won £1,250!

Make sure you are in with a chance of getting your hands on some big cash prizes by signing up to Pools' Saturday Yankee.

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Meal for 4 at Burger King**

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The Saturday Yankee is fully supported by the players at staff at Hartlepool United, who have all signed up to become members.

Still not a member? Well, what are you waiting for?

Contact Andy or Kath at the Club on 01429 272584 for more details or to become a member for only £1 per week.

Youth Team

...WITH PAUL STEPHENSON



The **Youth Team Coach** took his players out for a day of fun just before Christmas

HUDSONS TAXIS

Williamson



I took the players for a treat to UK Superbowl in Hartlepool just before Christmas and we all had a fantastic time. I would like to thank those at UK Superbowl for their generosity and hospitality - the players thoroughly enjoyed the day.

We were in teams of four so we made it a competitive, fun day going on the Quasar Laser and playing ten-pin bowling.

It was the most senior player on the day who came out Top Gun in Quasar Laser (a certain Youth Team Coach!!) and, being a competitive day, I was pleased to be involved in the winning team along

with Graham Low, Damen Mullen and Kyle Anderson when we had a ten-pin bowling competition.

It was a great day for team-building and team spirit. All the players thanked me for a great time and it was pleasing to know they had all enjoyed it. It would be nice to fit similar days in throughout the season and, if time permits it, we will.

I would like to thank all of the players for their hard work and dedication so far this season and hopefully they can show that they are developing individually and as a team in the second half of the season.



HARTLEPOOL UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|---|-------|
| Sat 13th Aug 2005 | Rotherham United | H | 2 - 4 | Sat 3rd Dec 2005 | Darlington | H | P-P |
| Sat 20th Aug 2005 | Boston United | A | 1 - 3 | Sat 10th Dec 2005 | Grimsby Town | H | 2 - 0 |
| Fri 2nd Sept 2005 | Mansfield Town | H | 4 - 0 | Sat 17th Dec 2005 | Notts County | A | 3 - 2 |
| Sat 10th Sept 2005 | Hull City | H | 1 - 3 | Sat 7th Jan 2006 | Scunthorpe United | A | 12pm |
| Sat 17th Sept 2005 | Chesterfield | A | 0 - 0 | Sat 14th Jan 2006 | York City | H | 11am |
| Sat 24th Sept 2005 | Mansfield | A | 4 - 3 | Sat 21st Jan 2006 | Bradford City | A | 11am |
| Sat 1st Oct 2005 | Grimsby Town | A | 0 - 3 | Sat 4th Feb 2006 | Doncaster Rovers | H | 12pm |
| Sat 8th Oct 2005 | Notts County | H | 2 - 0 | Sat 18th Feb 2006 | Darlington | A | 11am |
| Sat 15th Oct 2005 | York City | A | 3 - 0 | Sat 25th Feb 2006 | Lincoln City | H | 11am |
| Sat 22nd Oct 2005 | Oldham Athletic (YAC - Round 2) | H | 1 - 7 | Sat 11th Mar 2006 | Rotherham United | A | 12pm |
| Sat 29th Oct 2005 | Scunthorpe United | H | 1 - 3 | Sat 18th Mar 2006 | Boston United | H | 1pm |
| Fri 4th Nov 2005 | Bradford City | H | 1 - 3 | Sat 25th Mar 2006 | Mansfield Town | A | 11am |
| Mon 7th Nov 2005 | Chester City (Vic Park)H | 1 - 2 | | Sat 8th Apr 2006 | Hull City | A | 12pm |
| Sat 12th Nov 2005 | Doncaster Rovers | A | 0 - 5 | Sat 15th Apr 2006 | Chesterfield | H | 12pm |
| Sat 26th Nov 2005 | Lincoln City | A | 1 - 2 | | | | |

FOR MORE ON POOLS' CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE GO TO
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Centre of Excellence

...TERRY MITCHELL BRINGS US THE LATEST FROM THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



Hello, welcome and a Happy New Year to everyone for this afternoon's game with Swindon Town. Let's hope for a great start to the New Year with an entertaining game and a Hartlepool victory.

On Saturday 17th December half of our Centre of Excellence boys - Under 9s and 10s broke off from their Christmas break to travel down to Hull to take part in an 8v8 festival against teams from Lincoln City, Rotherham United, and Hull City.

Our Under 9s were beaten

3-2 in their first game against Lincoln, then they went on to beat Rotherham 2-1 and Hull City 3-1.

The 10s beat Hull 1-0, drew the next game 1-1 against Lincoln and lost the last game 3-2 against Rotherham.

Not a lot of you may know that we run Development Centres for Under 8s which offer quality coaching to talented youngsters from around the area. The programme is now in its second season. The aim of the Development Centres is to prepare the pick of the

local talent ready to sign for our Centre of Excellence. The fruits of the previous season's success are seen by the number of graduates into our current Centre of Excellence Under 9s

At the Centres the boys are coached the basic techniques in a fun and positive learning environment in ten-week terms. At the end of the boys' time in the Development Centres (whether they enter the Centre of Excellence or not) we hope they have had a lot of fun and they develop confidents both on and off

the football pitch.

In January we hope to start a Development Centre in the Billingham area. If you know of any talented boys who would like to join any of our Centres please ring the Youth Development Department on 01429 727584 extension 7

Finally a reminder to all players/parents in the programme, we start back training next week on 9th January on your normal training nights and venues.

Enjoy the game.

HARTLEPOOL UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE SPONSORS

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Eliot Beddow
Matthew Wilkinson
Paul Braithwaite
Liam Gallagher
Joshua Ford
Max Brooks
Josh Clark
Callum McNicholas
Paul Moore
Connor Moffatt
Thomas Skirving
Joseph Loughran
Harry Bulmer
Liam Jordan
Marcus Liddle
Alex Belshaw
Jason Blackburn
Michael McGee
Anthony Stout
Lewis Gate
Kane Gallagher
Callum Williams

U10's

Jack Dalton
Harrison Smith
Evan McEvoy
Joseph Hamblin
Jordan Robertson
Matthew Davison
Lewis Turner
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Playing for Success

...PFS HELD THEIR END-OF-TERM CELEBRATION EVENINGS RECENTLY



Playing for Success



The Pfs programme for the Autumn term has now come to a close. It has been a rewarding, enthralling 6 weeks which has seen a great deal of hard work and enjoyment from the pupils of six of our local schools.

To conclude the programme special events were held for each school in the Victoria Lounge to celebrate the pupil's achievements. Parents, teachers and Headteachers were invited from each school, along with some rather special guests.

The Y5 and Y6 pupils from Hart, Kingsley and St

Aidan's Primary Schools were thrilled to receive their wards from our No 1, Dimi Konstantopoulos. Dimi presented each pupil with a Pools certificate, pen, pencil, rubber and ruler and a limited edition poster of the HUFC team reading. He also had individual rewards for Jessica McKenna and Amy Young from St Aidan's, Olivia Steel and Sarah Stephenson from Hart Primary and Christopher Stubbs and Kieren Ferguson from Kingsley.

The following night the Year 8 students were also presented with their awards, this time by the Manager himself, Martin Scott. Martin

was pleased to reward Amy Comb and Nathan Barnett from Brierton, Nicole Liddle and Alicia Darby from Manor College and Claire Armitage and Chelsea Briggs from St. Hild's School for their outstanding Literacy and ICT work. Thank you to all the pupils and parents for the huge turn out on each evening. Thanks to Dimi and Martin for their part in making the events even more memorable for our pupils.

Pfs will start again with eight new schools later this month and we are looking forward to a great 2006. Happy New Year and enjoy the game.



Disabled Supporter's Association

Hello and a warm welcome to everyone attending today's game with Swindon Town, especially those who have made the long journey up from Wiltshire.

. It does amaze me that teams have to travel such long distances at this time of year, in the good old days of non-computerised fixtures many local derbies were at Christmas and Easter and this ensured a bumper gate. Surely it can't be much fun travelling hundreds of miles to see your team play at a time of year when travelling in possible appalling weather is no fun at all. I

personally think it is about time that holiday fixtures were seriously looked at and more localised ones were put into place. Well that's my rant over and that makes me feel better.

Let us hope that 2006 will turn into another wonderful year and maybe we can get the points on the table to have another shot at the playoffs. It is a new start and hopefully we can get our long-term injury problems cleared up and we can go from strength to strength and have a really strong run from now until the end

Neil Appleyard updates us on the latest from HUDSA

of the season - let's think positive and move on.

For HUDSA, 2006 is a very important year as it will be our 5th anniversary in November and we are planning a celebration to coincide with this quite similar to Newcastle United's DSA one. They had a number of celebrities including Malcolm McDonald and one or two others who came along to help their celebrations. It is early days yet but I shall be posting news when this had been organised. As well as this we will be organising a number of events later

in the year, so it should be another interesting time once again.

As an Association we are always actively looking to give good value for membership money and this year is no different, if anyone would like to offer help to the group or wish to sponsor us or even offer a discount to our members, we can be contacted at hudsacommitee@yahoo.co.uk or by calling on 07815192754, any help would be gratefully received.

Enjoy the game. All the best, Neil.



Treatment Room

...WITH GORDON ELLIS



Gordon Ellis brings us the latest on the injury front

Things have gone quite well for us in the Treatment Room over the Christmas period. The games came along thick and fast but we made it through with few problems and are now looking ahead to the New Year.

With both **Joel Porter** and **Adam Boyd** continuing to progress well, I will hopefully be seeing the back of them sooner rather

than later. With both of them being out for so long together, they have kept each other going and provided some good support for one another, which has been important for them both. And, with Adam continuing with his jogging and working on his fitness and Joel working on his muscle strength, the signs are looking positive for both of them.

Similarly **James Brown** has been out for some time now and has shown a great attitude. James has also started jogging outdoors now and we're working on a programme to strengthen his knee joint.

Micky Barron returned to the Treatment Room briefly after picking up a back injury in the game at Walsall, but he has shown improvement on

a daily basis and should be looking to be back in contention for this afternoon's fixture.

Mark Tinkler and **Hugh Robertson** were both struggling at the end of the year with calf and knee problems respectively but by the time you read these notes, we will hopefully know how long both of them can be expected to be on the sidelines.



Fitness Report



Dan Lewis tells us more about the players' preparations over the holiday period.

The Christmas period has been hectic for all concerned. Obviously the First Team have faced a schedule of four games in eight days.

Fortunately the two away games in that time have been relatively local so the travel time has not been too great.

The days in between games have been spent recovering as much as possible, trying to ensure their energy

systems have recovered as much as possible. It will not have been possible to have fully recovered faced with a schedule such as this, but the other teams have faced similar numbers of fixtures, and therefore we should benefit from the work we have done previously, and the professional way the players approach recovery sessions.

The Reserves have had to work hard as well. Injuries

and suspensions are inevitable at this stage, and therefore it's important that the players on the fringes of the squad are ready to step into the first team if needed. This makes their training a balancing act. It is important that they train hard enough to ensure they are sharp enough to be called upon, but not too hard that they would be fatigued. Fortunately the coaching staff are experienced enough to be able to monitor and gauge

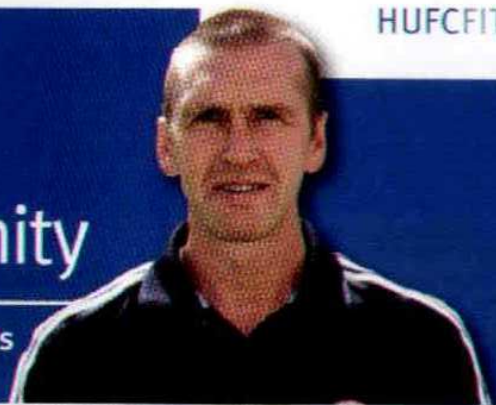
this, and hopefully ensure everyone is at the right level.

A number of the longer term injured players are now nearing the end of their rehab programmes, meaning I am seeing more of them. It is important they complete this functional endurance work prior to resuming full training as it is the final hurdle they have to overcome, and it illustrates that they are ready to join back in with the rest of the First Team.

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Football in the Community

...WITH KEITH NOBBS



Keith Nobbs brings us the latest from FITC



FITC would like to take this opportunity to wish all the supporters a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I hope you've had an excellent Christmas and are looking forward to an exciting New Year's football programme. Like me I'm sure one or two will be getting their running shoes out of the cupboard, dusting down the dumb bells and buying some new scales (the other ones can't be correct!), helping you to get motivated and get back into peak condition.

All the Best, Keith

Home Office: Purposeful Activities

FITC recognize the importance of community cohesion and social integration in today's Britain, we also recognise the importance of sport in achieving this goal. The North East is an area in which Asylum Seekers are starting to be dispersed to.

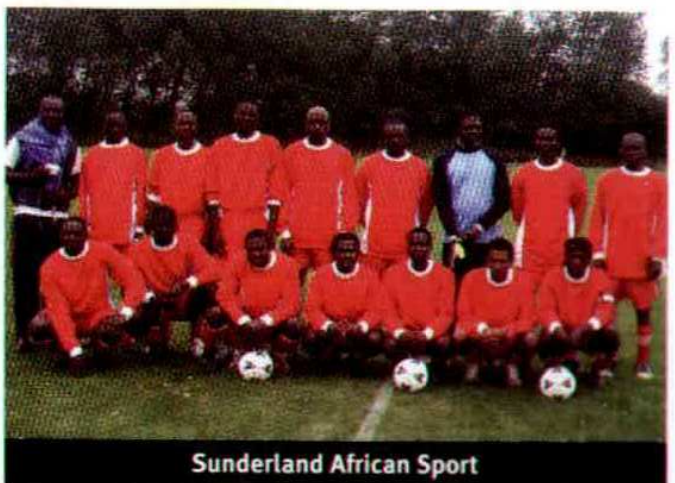
We believe that it is important to foster good relationships between these diverse communities from the start and propose to do this through the medium of sport.

FITC has achieved this by creating an Asylum Seeker

Team-Sunderland African Sport, which train once a week and have recently entered a Newcastle League and play regular matches every two weeks.

The team has gradually grown in confidence and are one point behind the leaders and are in the

quarter finals of a local cup. The programme has helped to develop peoples confidence, communication skills, assertiveness, time management, teamwork and other transferable skills which has allowed them to integrate into the wider community network.



Sunderland African Sport

Director For A Day

Do you fancy being treated to some of the finest matchday hospitality on offer at The Vic?

Pools have once again teamed up with local company Camerons to give fans the chance to enjoy a very special day at Victoria Park.

Every visitor to Camerons' Visitor's Centre who purchases a drink will be entered into a prize draw to win a Director's Day with the Club as well as a signed Pools' gift.

The draw will be made on Friday February 17th 2006, with the winner attending the fixture against Barnsley at The Vic on Saturday 18th March*

The competition has been launched to promote the continued relationship between Hartlepool United and Camerons.

*Subject to availability



John Brackstone and Chris Llewellyn with Christopher Soley, Director and General Manager, Camerons

New Year's Resolutions

At this time, it's traditional to set New Year's Resolutions as we head for 2006.

We thought we'd find out what some of the Pools' squad will be hoping to do in the New Year and here is what they said:



Adam Boyd

"To stay injury-free for the rest of the season would be nice and then to score as many goals as possible to push us up the table."

Michael Maidens

"To try and get in the squad as much as possible and more often. And hopefully for me to do well in the team too."



Martin Scott

"I would just like for everyone to stay focused, keep picking points up and keep believing."

Ben Clark

"I'll be maybe trying to get a goal - that would be nice. Or even a shot! I hit the post against Bournemouth once but that's no good, I need a goal."



Steven Istead

"Just to try and stay in the team. I usually say I will try and lose weight but I am looking alright at the moment so I can give that miss!"

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Champions League Quiz

Round Two Draw

Well, with Round One firmly behind us the draw for Round Two was made in a secret location inside Victoria Park.

And it's certainly thrown up some interesting-looking ties so we will see who can emerge in to the quarter-finals and put themselves within touching distance of glory.

Who's your money on?!



Antony Sweeney
v
John Brackstone



Mark Tinkler
v
Peter Darke



Steve Agnew
v
Darren Craddock



Tommy Miller
v
Micky Barron



Darrell Clarke
v
Hugh Robertson



Ritchie Humphreys
v
Michael Nelson



Gavin Strachan
v
Eifion Williams



Russ Green
v
Matty Robson



Champions League Quiz

Round Two

As the Second Round kicks off we're asking the lads how much they remember about 2005. It's Antony Sweeney taking on John Brackstone first of all – who will get through?



Antony Sweeney

1. _____ X
2. BRENTFORD
3. HE PUSHED THE REFEREE
4. MIKAEL SILVESTERE AND PAUL SCHOLES X
5. JOHN ARNE RIISE
6. VALENCIA
7. £22 MILLION X
8. FREDDIE KANOUTE
9. DAVID HEALY
10. WAYNE ROONEY X
11. BOSTON UNITED
12. RORY FALLON

8



John Brackstone

1. DONCASTER X
2. _____ X
3. HE PUSHED REFEREE
4. MIKAEL SILVESTRE AND GARY NEVILLE X
5. JOHN ARNE RIISE
6. VALENCIA
7. £21 MILLION
8. FREDDIE KANOUTE
9. DAVID HEALY
10. FRANK LAMPARD
11. _____ X
12. _____ X

7

Well, it was a close encounter to get us going but Antony Sweeney edges through courtesy of a single point! Unlucky for John but Sweeny marches on to the next round.

1. Oldham Athletic 2. Brentford 3. He pushed the referee 4. Gary Neville and Paul Scholes 5. John Arne Riise 6. Valencia 7. £21 million 8. Freddie Kanoute 9. David Healy 10. Frank Lampard 11. Boston United 12. Rory Fallon

Champions League Quiz

Round Two

Next up today is Kit Man Peter Darke challenging midfielder Mark Tinkler. How much do these two competitors remember about the last twelve months?

Questions

1. Which giant-killing outfit knocked Manchester City out of the FA Cup in January?
2. Who were the only team below the Championship to reach the fifth round of the FA Cup in February?
3. Why was Southampton's David Prutton banned for ten matches in March?
4. Which two Manchester United players were sent off in their fixture at Everton in April?
5. Which Liverpool player missed a penalty in the shoot-out in May's Champions League final?
6. Newcastle United striker Patrick Kluivert left to join which Club in June?
7. How much did Chelsea pay Manchester City for Shaun Wright-Phillips in July?
8. Which striker left Spurs in August to join Seville for £4.4million?
9. Who scored Northern Ireland's goal when they beat England 1-0 in September?
10. Who scored the winner for England in their game against Poland in October?
11. Which League Two side knocked Swindon Town out of the FA Cup in November?
12. Who scored Swindon Town's winner when they faced Colchester on Boxing Day?

Well, Peter Darke put up a valiant effort but it's Mark Tinkler who goes through to the Second Round – congratulations to him and good luck in the next phase.



Mark Tinkler

1.
2. BRENTFORD
3. HE PUSHED REFEREE ALAN WILEY IN THEIR FIXTURE V ARSENAL
4. ALAN SMITH AND PAUL SCHOLES
5. HAMANN
6. VALENCIA
7. £21 MILLION
8. FREDDIE KANOUTE
9. DAVID HEALY
10. FRANK LAMPARD
11. MACCLESFIELD TOWN
12. RORY FALLON

8



Peter Darke

1. OLDHAM ATHLETIC
2. BRENTFORD
3. HE PUSHED REFEREE
4. WAYNE ROONEY AND WES BROWN
5. ALONSO
6. VALENCIA
7. £21 MILLION
8.
9. DAVID HEALY
10. MICHAEL OWEN
11. NOTTS COUNTY
12. RORY FALLON

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1. Oldham Athletic 2. Brentford 3. He pushed the referee 4. Gary Neville and Paul Scholes 5. John Arne Riise 6. Valencia 7. £21 million 8. Freddie Kanoute 9. David Healy 10. Frank Lampard 11. Boston United 12. Rory Fallon

Junior Poolies

HUFC – SUPPORTING OUR YOUNG SUPPORTERS.



Good afternoon Junior Poolies and welcome today's League game against **Swindon**. I wish you all a Happy New Year!!! Get behind the lads today, they need your support!!!

Half-Time Teaser

Have a go at the word search during the 15 minute interval. Can you find 9 teams that Pools have beaten this season???

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Birthday Poolies

Ashleigh Wilcox celebrated becoming a teenager on the 1st of the New Year. Ashleigh loves all the Pools players.

Adam Goffton celebrates his 8th Birthday tomorrow. Adam's favourite player is Adam Boyd.

Andrew Bell celebrates his 17th Birthday on the 4th of the month. Andrew is Chairman of the Manor College '250 Club'. His favourite player is Jim Provett.

January Prize Give-Away.

Q. Which Pools player opened the scoring against Bournemouth last month???

To win the chance to get your hands on an autographed ball signed by all the Hartlepool players, simply complete the question and email your answer to:

juniormpoolies@hartlepoolunited.co.uk. Subject: January Prize Give Away.

Or alternatively send them into: **Junior Poolies, Hartlepool United, Victoria Park, Clarence Road, Hartlepool, TS24 8BZ.** Answers to be in no later than 31st January.

Remember, you can visit Junior Poolies on the web hartlepoolunited.co.uk click on Club and then Junior Poolies. If you have any pictures, drawings or Poolies stories then email them to - juniormpoolies@hartlepoolunited.co.uk or post them to Junior Poolies

Don't forget to renew your Junior Poolies Memberships!!!!



Annual Membership Application

0-14

Return to: Junior Poolies, Hartlepool United Football Club, Victoria Park, Clarence Road, Hartlepool TS24 8BZ Tel: 01429 272584 ex.3 Fax: 01429 863007 Website: hartlepoolunited.co.uk

Master/Miss.....Forename/s..... Surname:

Date of Birth: My secret password (12 digits max)

Favourite Player School Attending (if applicable).....

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Post Code:..... Telephone:

e-mail address:

• Please enclose one passport size photograph for Membership card.

Signature (parent or guardian): Date:

Please tick the appropriate box.

Have any of the applicants been members before? Yes. No.

Payment Details Junior Poolies

(Photocopies accepted)

Annual Membership Fee £15 (+ £2.50 post & packaging of membership pack)

Junior Poolies Club, 3 year membership (0-3) £40 (+p&p)

Please allow 21 days for delivery.

Method of Payment

- Credit Card.
 Cheque (enclosed).
 Alternatively you can pay cash by calling in at the club shop.

Please make cheque payable to Hartlepool United Football Club. Ensure that you include your cheque guarantee card number on reverse of cheque along with applicant/s name.

Payment by Credit Card (75p Handling Fee)

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Card Number:

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Cardholders Signature: Amount: £ + 0.75p

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Yeovil Town



Yeovil Town, Huish Park Stadium, Saturday 7th January 2006, Kick Off 3pm

General Info:

Yeovil Town
Huish Park Stadium,
Lufton Way,
Yeovil,
Somerset,
BA22 8YF

Numbers:

Main Telephone 01935 423662
Ticket Office Telephone
Number - 01935 847888
Tickets can be pre booked
over the telephone this is
highly recommended
Ticket Prices/Information
Number

**Ticket Prices/
Information:**

Yeovil College Stand: Adults
£18, Seniors £15, Under 16's £7
Copse Road Terrace: Adults
£16, Concessions £11,
Under 16's £7

Away Supporters'**Facilities:**

Away fans are situated in the
Copse Road open terrace at
one end of the ground.

How To Get There:

Exit at the A3088 Cartgate
roundabout. Follow the road
approximately 8-9 miles until
you reach a roundabout on the
outskirts of Yeovil Take the first
exit left here and go straight
on when you reach the next
roundabout. You will reach yet
another roundabout Take the
first exit left here and follow
the road around until you
reach Huish Park.

From the East:

Exit the A303 at the A37
turnoff. Take the second exit
at the first roundabout you

come to. Follow the road
for 4-5 miles until you reach
another roundabout and
turn right (the 3rd exit) Take
the second exit at the nex
roundabout to another
mini-roundabout. Keep going
straight on for approximately
a quarter of a mile and take
the next left turn then the
next right. The stadium is on
the left.

By Rail:

Yeovil has two railway
stations, Both are on the
opposite side of town to
the ground. From both
stations it is advised to get
a taxi to the stadium.

Parking:

There is a fair sized car
park at the ground.,

Around The Ground:

There are three pubs
within about 10-15 minutes
walk of the ground, 'The
Bell', 'The Arrow' and
'Brewsters'. The best place
to eat is probably at the
ground itself, where there
are numerous food outlets
that serve hot and cold
food and drink. If you are
not familiar with this part of
the world then the Pasties at
Yeovil Town are a must.

Find your way to
the game using **AA
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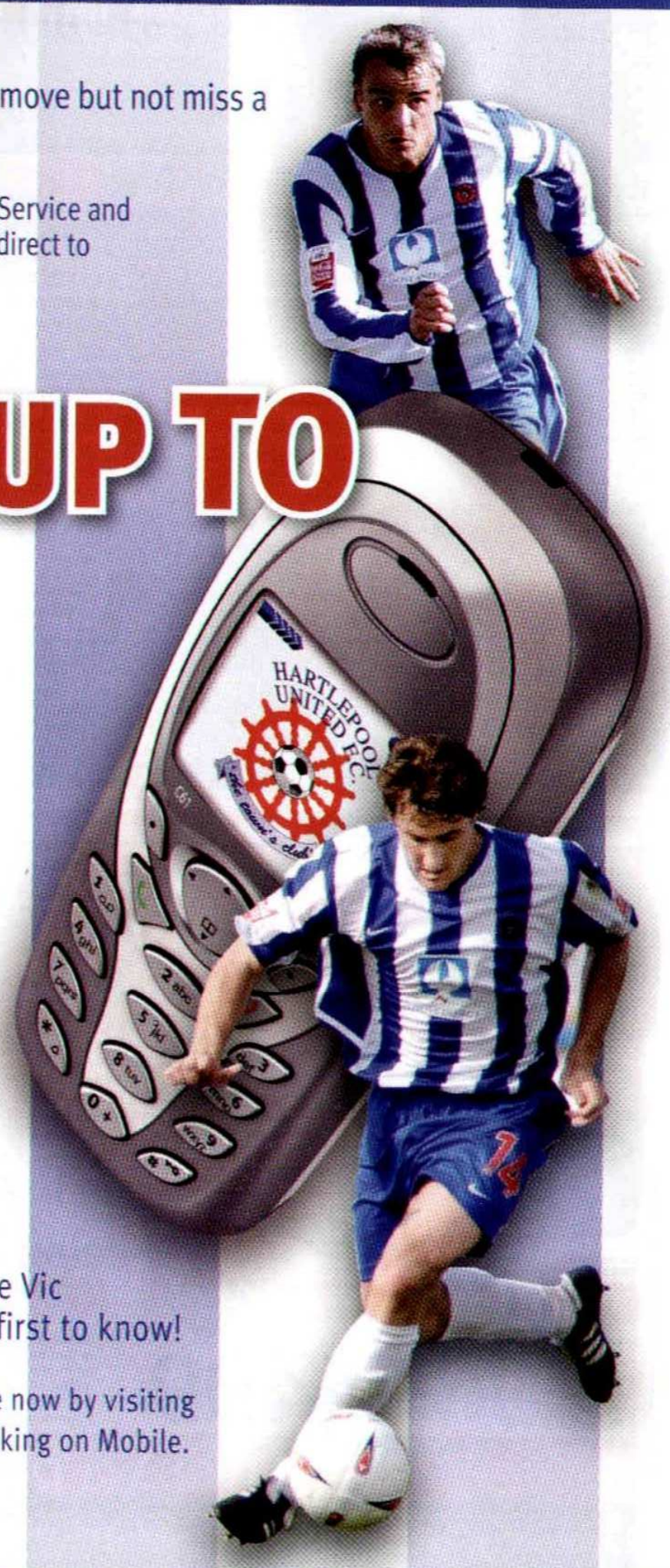
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Big Vic

ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER COLLECTION OF TOP CLASS BETTING HINTS FROM OUR RESIDENT TIPSTER

Happy New Year to you all this afternoon – with my help hopefully you can add some more festive cheer today with some winning bets on the footy!

Swindon Town arrive at The Vic struggling at the wrong end of the table but that's not to say that they won't be fancying their chances of picking something up.

Football is a funny old game as they say and Town are fighting for their lives near the bottom of League One.

We've recently seen Chris Llewellyn turning in some fine performances in the blue and white – his display at Barnsley was excellent and he is sure to be rewarded with a goal soon.

His odds are always quite tempting too so why not have a cheeky wager on the Welshman to open the scoring here today?

Now, if backing the strikers seems all too easy then why not put a couple of quid on big Michael Nelson to find the net. There's certainly some money to be made if this bet comes in – just ask those who had him to score at any time against Dagenham!

He weighs in at odds of around 22/1 to score first or last this afternoon, but you could also back him at 6/1 to find the net at any time.

For scorecast fans you could do worse than go for Eifion Williams

to score first and Pools to win 2-0 – it'll be on offer at around the 50/1 mark so well worth a punt.

As usual you can bet over the phone or online on all the biggest sporting events – just check below to see how you can get started.

And remember, every bet you place helps the Club so keep checking my regular articles on the Official Website for more betting ideas in 2006.

How To Place A Bet

Online:

Simply find a computer, visit www.hartlepoolbet.co.uk, fill in the short registration form, make a debit and you're ready to start betting! It really couldn't be easier so why not give it a try and have a look around the site at our vast array of odds on a variety of sporting and non-sporting odds?

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and you can access your account over the phone. So what are you waiting for? Give it a go!



“ His odds are always quite tempting too so why not have a cheeky wager on the Welshman to open the scoring here today? ”

When Saturday Comes



Ben Clark is enjoying his weekend's more at the moment, as he told The Northern Echo's **Nick Loughlin** recently.

Saturday at 3pm may not mean a game of football to everyone, just ask **Ben Clark**.

Middlesbrough may play at every time bar the time-honoured slot and the Hartlepool United midfielder has been in the same boat.

Beginning the season in the team has never proved a problem for the former England under-19 skipper, staying in it has.

He started the two of the first three games of Sunderland's 2003 campaign and kicked



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off the next season in the side at Coventry but made just eight starts on

Wearside before moving to Pools. Even at Victoria Park, he's found a regular slot hard to come by.

But, with Mark Tinkler injured and forced out of the game with Bournemouth, Clark started. While the main



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role may be stopping opposition attacks, Clark took it on himself to start his fair share of Pools moves to boot.

"I just want a run in the

Tinks was injured so I got a chance," he said.

"I've had a bit of bad luck this year when I have played - I was sent off at Scunthorpe, which was harsh, and missed three games.

"We've a big squad here and you have to be patient. Players are still injured - we've still got 50 goals on the sidelines - so we need to get those back and Tommy Butler as well and things will be better.

"As a team, we've been up and down all season and we need to find that consistency now."



team, it's hard to get in with Tinks and Sweens playing well together, but

He added: "I think that's the first time I've played

at 3 o'clock on a Saturday since the opening day of the season, so I've had to wait for a chance.

"But the gaffer just told me go take it and hopefully I've done enough to stay in there. Obviously I haven't played too many games this season and I was shattered towards the end, so I had to come off."

But as one departed to applause, another arrived to a raucous cheer from the Victoria Park crowd. Enter Darrell Clarke, back from over a year on the sidelines with a knee injury.

"Darrell Clarke and Darren Williams came on at the time for me and Icy and Darrell deserved the reaction he got from the crowd because he's had a hard couple of years. "He's worked so hard in training to get back in the squad and he's a favourite on the terraces



and in the dressing room as well.

"We knew before that Bournemouth are a good team and we stopped them playing in the first-half, perhaps they got a rollicking at half-time and they came back out looking a better team.

"They like to play football and try and pass you out of games, but the back four was tremendous in keeping them out.

"We played well against Colchester but didn't get anything out of it, but we took our chances this time. Dean was very

unlucky not to score the other night, but got a great one next time.

"Dean deserved his goal and now hopefully Chris Llewellyn can get one as well, because he deserves it. Once again he's worked his socks off up front."

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FAC - FA CUP
CC - CARLING CUP

PLAYER IN BLUE
DENOTES RED CARD

KICK OFF TIMES ARE 3.00PM AT WEEKEND FIXTURES AND
7.45PM FOR MID-WEEK FIXTURES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



| date | opponents | result | att | pos | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| SAT 6 AUG | BRADFORD CITY | H 0-2 | 6,271 | 21 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | CLARK | D WILLIAMS | BUTLER (Sc) | SWEENEY | BULLOCK (Sc) | LEWELLYN | | |
| TUE 9 AUG | BOURNEMOUTH | A 1-1 | 5,406 | 20 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | D WILLIAMS | CLARK | BUTLER (Sc) | SWEENEY | BULLOCK | EWILLIAMS | | |
| SAT 13 AUG | DONCASTER | A 0-1 | 5,061 | 14 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | COLLINS | D WILLIAMS | BUTLER | SWEENEY | BULLOCK | EWILLIAMS | | |
| SAT 20 AUG | WALSALL | H 1-1 | 3,260 | 15 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | COLLINS | D WILLIAMS | BUTLER | SWEENEY | BULLOCK (Sc) | EWILLIAMS | | |
| TUE 23 AUG | DARLINGTON (CC) | H 3-1 | 6,163 | - | DMI | ROBSON | NELSON | COLLINS | D WILLIAMS | BUTLER | SWEENEY | STRACHAN | HUMPHREYS | | |
| SAT 27 AUG | HUDDERSFIELD | A 2-1 | 11,741 | 19 | DMI | ROBSON | NELSON | COLLINS | D WILLIAMS | BUTLER | SWEENEY | STRACHAN (Sc) | HUMPHREYS | | |
| MON 29 AUG | SCUNTHORPE (K-O 3.00pm) | H 3-3 | 5,444 | 17 | DMI | ROBSON | NELSON | COLLINS | D WILLIAMS | LEWELLYN (Sc) | SWEENEY | BULLOCK (Sc) | HUMPHREYS | | |
| SAT 3 SEPT | YEOMIL TOWN (K-O 12.00pm) | H 0-1 | 4,571 | 19 | DMI | ROBSON | NELSON | JONES | D WILLIAMS | BUTLER (Sc) | SWEENEY | CLARK | HUMPHREYS | | |
| SAT 10 SEPT | BLACKPOOL | A 1-2 | 5,494 | 14 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | COLLINS | D WILLIAMS | BUTLER | SWEENEY | TINKLER (Sc) | MADELEY (Sc) | | |
| SAT 17 SEPT | SWANSEA CITY | H 2-2 | 6,713 | 16 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | COLLINS | D WILLIAMS | BUTLER | SWEENEY | TINKLER (Sc) | MADELEY (Sc) | | |
| SAT 20 SEPT | CHARLTON (CC) | A 3-1 | 11,328 | - | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | COLLINS | D WILLIAMS | BUTLER | SWEENEY | TINKLER (Sc) | ESTLID (Sc) | | |
| SAT 24 SEPT | CHESTERFIELD | A 3-1 | 4,118 | 20 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | COLLINS | D WILLIAMS | BUTLER | SWEENEY | TINKLER (Sc) | MADELEY (Sc) | | |
| TUE 27 SEPT | ROTHERHAM | H 0-0 | 4,399 | 22 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | COLLINS | D WILLIAMS | BUTLER | SWEENEY | TINKLER (Sc) | LEWELLYN | | |
| SAT 01 OCT | BRISTOL CITY | A 0-1 | 11,396 | 18 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | COLLINS | D WILLIAMS | LEWELLYN | SWEENEY (Sc) | STURNBULL | BULLOCK | | |
| SAT 15 OCT | NOTTM FOREST | A 2-0 | 17,586 | 21 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | COLLINS | D WILLIAMS | LEWELLYN (Sc) | SWEENEY | STURNBULL (Sc) | BULLOCK | | |
| TUE 18 OCT | SCUNTHORPE (LDM) | A 1-0 | 2,128 | - | DMI | BRACKSTONE | CRADDOCK | COLLINS | JONES (Sc) | BUTLER | SWEENEY | TINKLER (Sc) | LEWELLYN | | |
| SAT 22 OCT | MK DONS | H 2-1 | 4,111 | 18 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | D WILLIAMS | COLLINS | CRADDOCK | BUTLER | SWEENEY | STURNBULL (Sc) | LEWELLYN | | |
| SAT 29 OCT | PORT VALE | A 1-2 | 4,551 | 16 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | D WILLIAMS | COLLINS | CRADDOCK | BUTLER | SWEENEY | BULLOCK (Sc) | LEWELLYN | | |
| TUE 1 NOV | GILLINGHAM | H 3-1 | 4,522 | 12 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | COLLINS | D WILLIAMS | BUTLER | SWEENEY | BULLOCK (Sc) | LEWELLYN | | |
| SAT 5 NOV | DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE | H (FAC) | 3,465 | - | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | D WILLIAMS | CRADDOCK | BUTLER | SWEENEY | BULLOCK (Sc) | MADELEY (Sc) | | |
| SAT 12 NOV | BRENTFORD | H 1-2 | 4,811 | 14 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | COLLINS | D WILLIAMS | BUTLER | SWEENEY | TINKLER | PROCTOR (Sc) | | |
| SAT 19 NOV | GILLINGHAM | A 1-0 | 6,094 | 15 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | COLLINS | D WILLIAMS | BUTLER | SWEENEY | TINKLER (Sc) | MADELEY (Sc) | | |
| SAT 26 NOV | BRADFORD CITY | A 1-0 | 7,409 | 13 | DMI | BRACKSTONE | NELSON | COLLINS | D WILLIAMS | HUMPHREYS (Sc) | SWEENEY | TINKLER | EWILLIAMS | | |
| SAT 3 DEC | TAMWORTH (FA CUP R2) | H 1-2 | 3,784 | - | DMI | BRACKSTONE | NELSON (Sc) | CRADDOCK | D WILLIAMS | HUMPHREYS | SWEENEY | TINKLER (Sc) | BUTLER | | |
| TUE 06 DEC | COLCHESTER | H 0-1 | 3,375 | 15 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | COLLINS | BARRON (Sc) | BUTLER (Sc) | SWEENEY | TINKLER (Sc) | EWILLIAMS | | |
| SAT 10 DEC | BOURNEMOUTH | H 2-1 | 3,755 | 12 | DMI | ROBERTSON | NELSON | COLLINS | BARRON | HUMPHREYS | SWEENEY | CLARK (Sc) | ESTLID (Sc) | | |
| SAT 17 DEC | WALSALL | A 0-1 | 4,391 | 14 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | COLLINS | BARRON (Sc) | BUTLER | SWEENEY | CLARK | ESTLID (Sc) | | |
| MON 26 DEC | BARNSELY (K-O 3.00pm) | A 1-1 | 9,715 | 13 | DMI | HUMPHREYS | NELSON | COLLINS | CRADDOCK | BUTLER | SWEENEY | CLARK | ESTLID (Sc) | | |
| WED 28 DEC | SOUTHEND | H - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 31 DEC | OLDHAM | A - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MON 2 JAN | SWINDON (K-O 3.00pm) | H - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 7 JAN | YEovil TOWN | A - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 14 JAN | TRANMERE | H - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 21 JAN | SWANSEA CITY | A - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 28 JAN | BLACKPOOL | H - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 4 FEB | ROTHERHAM | A - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FRI 10 FEB | CHESTERFIELD | H - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TUE 14 FEB | TRANMERE | A - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 18 FEB | COLCHESTER | A - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 25 FEB | DONCASTER | H - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 4 MAR | SCUNTHORPE | A - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FRI 10 MAR | HUDDERSFIELD | H - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 18 MAR | BARNSELY | H - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 25 MAR | SOUTHEND | A - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FRI 31 MAR | OLDHAM | H - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 8 APR | SWINDON TOWN | A - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 15 APR | BRISTOL CITY | H - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MON 17 APR | MK DONS (K-O 3.00pm) | A - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 22 APR | NOTTM FOREST | H - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 29 APR | BRENTFORD | A - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 6 MAY | PORT VALE | H - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| MICHAEL PROCTOR | 05 | HARTLEPOOL V BRADFORD | 6,271 | OLDHAM | (A) | - |
| ANTONY SWEENEY | 05 | HARTLEPOOL V DARLINGTON | 6,163 | SOUTHEND | (H) | - |
| JON DALY | 04 | HARTLEPOOL V WALSALL | 5,060 | BARNSELY | (A) | 1-1 |
| EIFION WILLIAMS | 03 | HARTLEPOOL V SCUNTHORPE | 5,044 | WALSALL | (A) | 0-1 |

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| BOYD | PROCTOR | PROVETT | E WILLIAMS | STRACHAN | DAY | CRADDOCK |
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| DAY (5a) | BOYD (5a) | PROVETT | PROCTOR (2) | BULLOCK | LLEWELLYN | CLARK |
| DAY (5a) | PROCTOR | PROVETT | BOYD | BULLOCK | LLEWELLYN | CLARK |
| BOYD | PROCTOR | PROVETT | E WILLIAMS | STRACHAN | DAY | CLARK |
| BOYD (2) | PROCTOR | PROVETT | E WILLIAMS (5a) | BULLOCK | DAY | TINKLER |
| DAY | PROCTOR (5a) | PROVETT | FOLEY | STURNBULL | ISTEAD | JONES |
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| DAY (5a) | PROCTOR (5a) | PROVETT | E WILLIAMS | TINKLER | MAIDENS | JONES |
| DAY | PROCTOR (5a) | PROVETT | E WILLIAMS | TINKLER | BUTLER | JONES |
| BULLOCK | E WILLIAMS | PROVETT | MAIDENS | CLARK | ISTEAD | JONES |
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| DAY | E WILLIAMS (5a) | PROVETT | MCDONALD | CLARK | ISTEAD | BRACKSTONE |
| LLEWELLYN | MCDONALD (5a) | PROVETT | DAY | CLARK | ISTEAD | BARRON |
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| TEAM | PLD | HW | HD | HL | HGF | HGA | AW | AD | AL | AGF | AGA | PTS |
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| BRENTFORD | 23 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 19 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 18 | 10 | 43 |
| SWANSEA | 23 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 26 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 22 | 19 | 42 |
| HUDDERSFIELD | 23 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 19 | 13 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 16 | 41 |
| BARNSELY | 23 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 23 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 12 | 37 |
| SOUTHEND | 23 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 18 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 13 | 37 |
| COLCHESTER | 23 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 37 |
| CHESTERFIELD | 23 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 20 | 22 | 36 |
| NOTTM FOREST | 23 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 21 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 19 | 34 |
| BOURNEMOUTH | 23 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 16 | 18 | 34 |
| DONCASTER | 23 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 16 | 33 |
| OLDHAM | 23 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 17 | 14 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 15 | 22 | 33 |
| WALSALL | 23 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 18 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 14 | 18 | 31 |
| HARTLEPOOL | 23 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 15 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 13 | 30 |
| BRADFORD | 23 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 14 | 12 | 29 |
| SCUNTHORPE | 23 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 23 | 21 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 16 | 23 | 29 |
| YEOVIL | 23 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 15 | 24 | 29 |
| PORT VALE | 23 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 16 | 28 |
| GILLINGHAM | 23 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 20 | 27 |
| BLACKPOOL | 23 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 15 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 16 | 21 | 25 |
| ROTHERHAM | 23 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 16 | 16 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 23 |
| TRANMERE | 23 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 15 | 16 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 13 | 23 |
| MILTON KEYNES | 23 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 14 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 17 | 23 |
| BRISTOL C | 23 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 11 | 27 | 23 |
| SWINDON | 23 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 18 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 14 | 22 |

playerappearances 2005/2006

| player name: | League | League Cup | FA Cup | LDV | Total Games | Total Goals |
|--------------|--------|------------|--------|-----|-------------|-------------|
| DIMI | 23 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 28 | - |
| BARRON | 3 | - | - | - | 3 | - |
| ROBERTSON | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| TINKLER | 8 (3) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 (2) | 1 |
| NELSON | 21 | 2 | 2 | - | 25 | 1 |
| PROCTOR | 14 (3) | 1 (1) | (1) | - | 15 (5) | 5 |
| LLEWELLYN | 13 (4) | (1) | 1 | 1 | 15 (5) | 1 |
| HUMPHREYS | 23 | 2 | 2 | - | 27 | 1 |
| PORTER | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| BOYD | 3 (4) | 1 | - | - | 4 (4) | 2 |
| E WILLIAMS | 11 (5) | - | 1 (1) | 1 | 13 (6) | 3 |
| STRACHAN | 1 (2) | 1 | - | - | 2 (2) | - |
| DALY | 13 (8) | 2 | 1 | - | 16 (8) | 4 |
| SWEENEY | 23 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 28 | 5 |
| CLARK | 6 (3) | - | (1) | (1) | 6 (5) | - |
| CLARKE | (3) | - | - | - | (3) | - |
| ROBSON | 3 | 1 | - | - | 4 | - |
| BRACKSTONE | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 3 | - |
| CRADDOCK | 3 | - | 2 | 1 | 6 | - |
| PROVETT | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| BULLOCK | 12 (3) | (1) | 1 | 1 | 14 (4) | 3 |
| D WILLIAMS | 19 (2) | 2 | 2 | - | 23 (2) | - |
| BUTLER | 17 (1) | 2 | 2 | 1 | 22 (1) | 2 |
| ISTEAD | 3 (4) | 1 | (2) | (1) | 4 (6) | 2 |
| APPLEBY | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| J WILKINSON | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| BROWN | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| JONES | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 | - |
| N WILKINSON | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WINTER | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| COLLINS | 20 | 2 | - | 1 | 23 | - |
| FOLEY | (4) | (1) | - | - | (5) | - |
| MAIDENS | 4 (6) | - | 1 | (1) | 5 (7) | - |
| STURNBULL | 3 (5) | (1) | - | - | 3 (6) | - |



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- ✦ Young Player of the Year
- ✦ Top Apprentice Award
- ✦ Goal of the Year
- ✦ Most Admired Club
- ✦ Community Club of the Year
- ✦ Fan of the Year
- ✦ Best Club Sponsorship
- ✦ Best Club Marketing Campaign
- ✦ Best Kit Design
- ✦ Matchday Programme of the Year
- ✦ Best Club Website
- ✦ Best Away Ground - voted for by fans
- ✦ Contribution to Football



For more information on The Football League Awards contact nicky.lusignani@haynet.com

Tonight's Squads

TODAY'S REFEREE: ND Swarbrick, Lancashire | ASSISTANT REFEREES: D Foster, Tyne and Wear - D McCallum, Tyne and Wear
FOURTH OFFICIAL: SAJ Duncan, Tyne and Wear

MANAGER - MARTIN SCOTT

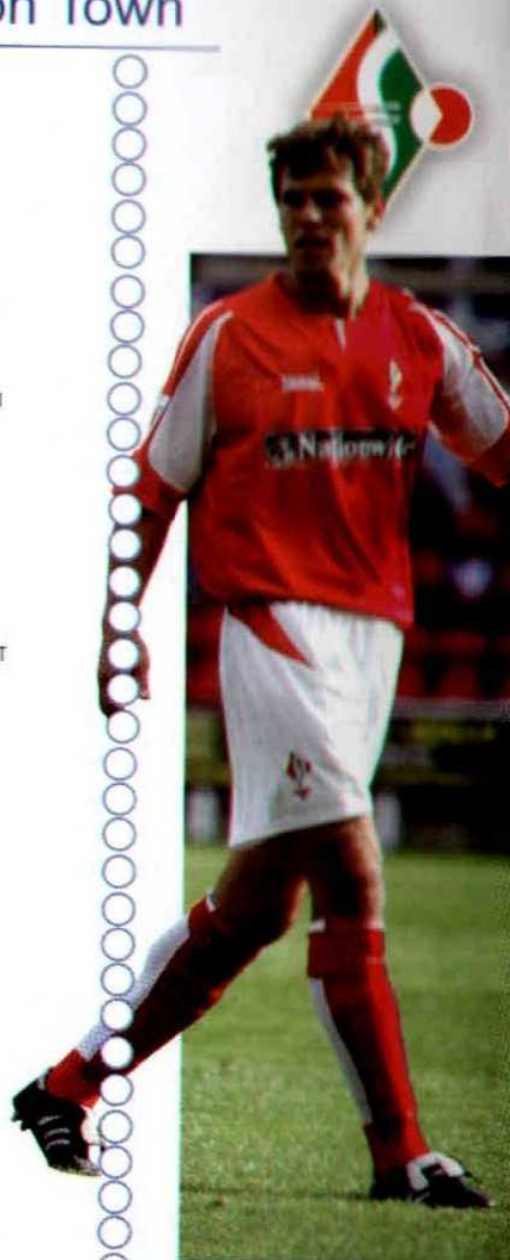
MANAGER - JEFFY ONUORA

Hartlepool United vs Swindon Town



Chris Llewellyn 7

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| DIMI KONSTANTOPOULOS (GK) — 1 | RHYS EVANS |
| MICKY BARRON — 2 | SEAN O'HANLON |
| HUGH ROBERTSON — 3 | JACK SMITH |
| MARK TINKLER — 4 | NICKY NICOLAU |
| MICHAEL NELSON — 5 | JEREL IFIL |
| MICHAEL PROCTOR — 6 | STEVE JENKINS |
| CHRIS LLEWELLYN — 7 | GARETH WHALLEY |
| RITCHIE HUMPHREYS — 8 | RORY FALLON |
| JOEL PORTER — 9 | TONY THORPE |
| ADAM BOYD — 10 | STEFANI MIGLIORANZI |
| EIFION WILLIAMS — 11 | |
| GAVIN STRACHAN — 12 | RICKY SHAKES |
| | MATTHEW BULMAN |
| JON DALY — 14 | ALAN REEVES |
| ANTONY SWEENEY — 15 | ANDREW NICHOLAS |
| BEN CLARK — 16 | KYLE LAPHAM |
| DARRELL CLARKE — 17 | CHARLIE COMYN-PLATT |
| MATTY ROBSON — 18 | CHRISTIAN ROBERTS |
| JOHN BRACKSTONE — 19 | MICHAEL POOK |
| DARREN CRADDOCK — 20 | |
| JIM PROVETT (GK) — 21 | BEN WELLS |
| LEE BULLOCK — 22 | |
| DARREN WILLIAMS — 23 | |
| THOMAS BUTLER — 24 | ANDY CATON |
| STEVEN ISTEAD — 25 | |
| ANDREW APPLEBY — 26 | |
| JACK WILKINSON — 27 | |
| JAMES BROWN — 28 | |
| CARL JONES — 29 | DAVID STROUD |
| NEIL WILKINSON — 30 | ASHAN HOLGATE |
| JAMES WINTER (GK) — 31 | LEIGH HENRY |
| NEILL COLLINS — 32 | |
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