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Stopping our run of defeats was vital last Saturday, therefore the point earned against MK Dons was very welcome. They are a big side who like to get high balls into the penalty area as often as possible with their big lads making it very difficult for our defenders.

We knew it would be a tough physical match but when they put their sub on early in the game he took us a little by surprise with his long throws. It was no surprise though to see him then take most of the throws down both sides of the pitch. I began to wonder at what stage the referee might take action for time wasting when on occasions he ran 60-70 yards to take the throw. To keep a cleansheet against the continued ariel bombardment and against the best strike partnership in the League, 35 goals between McLeod and Platt was a testimony to our defensive performance. We also created a number of situations for ourselves going forward, but the final pass or cross let us down. The result against a side third in the table was very acceptable given all the circumstances.

Today we face another challenge against a team now lying third in the table, followed on Monday by going to Walsall who at the time of writing are second.

We will have met three of the biggest Clubs in the Second Division in quick succession each with a good chance of gaining promotion. Generally we have responded well to playing the bigger Club, so we hope that continues today.

The recent four games losing sequence had me looking at the bottom end of the table, trying to work out which Club's fighting against relegation might pick up

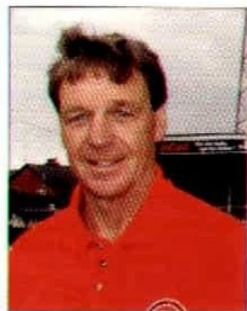
points in which fixture. Probably a waste of time because there are always some strange results at this stage of the season, but if we were a little concerned about being dragged into the mire at the bottom it is some comfort to know that the bottom six Clubs would probably settle for 50 points, our current total. Our target now is a top half of the table finish for that to happen we will have to display plenty of resilience particularly in these two Easter fixtures.

Although I have not been involved in any Club v Country disputes, I was more than a little aggrieved that we were once again missing Trent McClenahan, called up for the second time for the Australian Olympic squad for there qualifying matches. Of course it is an honour to gain International recognition, but for him to fly to Australia and back just to sit on the bench is testing the patience of any Club Manager. Under FIFA regulations if we or the player refuses the call up then that player cannot take part in his Club's matches. We lost Trent's services for nearly two weeks without any recompense to the Club. Luckily he should not miss any more matches for the next call up, that one is practically a home game for him, in Saudi Arabia on the 18th April.

Swindon will have brought with them the biggest following of any Club this season don't let their support outdo ours, get the vocal support going with plenty of encouragement for the players and let's see if we can pull off another outstanding result.

Enjoy the game

Graham



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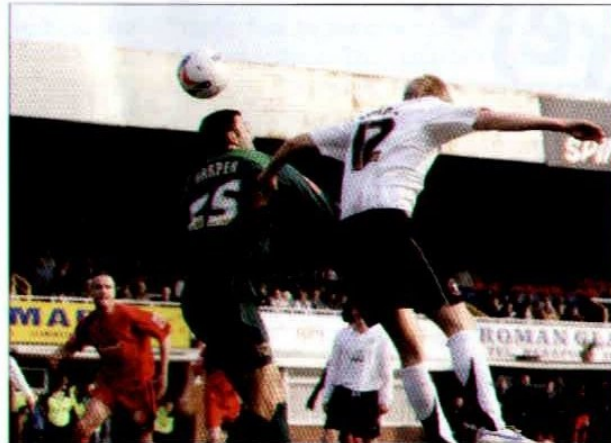
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Coach's Comments

After some of our drawn matches this season we've been disappointed knowing that they were games we should have won and it's been a case of two points dropped rather than one won.

That wasn't the situation last Saturday as our goalless draw with Milton Keynes Dons was a good result for us. Following four defeats we needed to start picking up points again and we couldn't have had much stiffer opposition than MK Dons.

Before our match they had scored 66 league goals this season, a record only bettered by Lincoln City. Thirty-five of them had been bagged by their two strikers Izale McLeod and Clive Platt. We knew if we could contain them, we had a good chance to get something out of the game. As it turned out we did very well defensively, with Tamika and Dean Beckwith in particular snuffing out their threat. In fact, there were few clear cut chances at either end. Wayne Brown made an outstanding save to keep out a shot from their skipper Keith Andrews and their keeper got down well to smother Danny Thomas's free-kick. Otherwise, neither were really extended. It was also a tough, physical battle and in that respect we stood our ground well.

Admittedly, we've gone four matches without scoring but certainly in the three previous ones it hasn't been for lack of chances. What we have to do now is produce a little more accuracy with our crosses and passes into the box and a little more composure in our finishing.

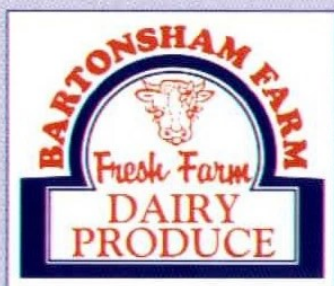
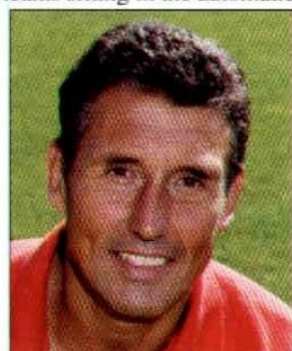
Talking about draws, if the suggestion of a Football League working party came to fruition, after the Milton Keynes match we would have had a penalty shoot-out with the winners being awarded

an extra point. That's something I wouldn't agree with. It's one thing to settle a cup tie by a shoot-out to avoid fixture congestion and too many replays, but why should a side be able to get an extra point by coming off best in a shoot-out lottery? I'm a traditionalist and some of these ideas smack too much of gimmickery as far as I'm concerned.

As I've said a few times over the season if you can keep a clean sheet 20 or more times in a season you will finish well up the table and I see that Bristol Rovers reached last Sunday's Johnstone's Paint Trophy final by not conceding a goal in their previous six ties in the competition. They couldn't do it in the final losing 3-2 to Doncaster Rovers but, with an attendance just short of 60,000, they will receive a sizeable financial boost.

Today against Swindon Town and on Monday at Walsall we have two attractive fixtures against teams sitting in the automatic promotion places. With a lot riding on the games for both teams, we anticipate two really competitive matches. The games will be played in front of sizeable crowds so we are looking forward to the challenge these fixtures will bring. If we can come away from the Easter weekend with three or more points, we'll be delighted.

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Club Captain's View

We would have loved to have followed up our 3-1 win at Milton Keynes in October by completing a double over them last Saturday. Nevertheless, after four defeats, we were glad to have ended that run with a goalless draw.

The point we picked up took our tally to 50 and we will be aiming to collect a few more before the end of the season and move back into the top half of the table. We needed to put in a good performance to get our confidence back and we did that. Conditions were not easy with a deceptive strong breeze, which helped Jude Stirling's prodigious throw-ins, and a hard pitch and it was difficult for both sides to put together a flowing, passing game.

The Dons can play a bit but they are also a strong, big physical side and we had to battle hard to contain them. Their two front men Clive Platt and Izale McLeod have scored 35 league goals between them this season and to have given them hardly a sniff at goal was a great effort by our defence. I also thought we competed much better in midfield than we did at Accrington. What we've got to continue to work on is our finishing as we haven't scored in our last four games. The chances have been there but,

perhaps we've been a little anxious in front of goal and need a bit more composure to put the ball in the net.

We've been fortunate that we're having matches against teams chasing promotion rather than other middle-of-the-table clubs, as we've achieved our best results and performances against some of the top teams, and today again in Swindon Town we take on the side holding third position in the table. Milton Keynes occupied that position last Saturday but Swindon's win over Shrewsbury and our draw with the Dons saw the Robins displace them. We gave one of our best performances of the season when we won 2-1 with two goals from Andy Williams at Swindon in November. Since then they have strengthened their squad so we'll have to carry our confidence from last week's performance into today's match and, hopefully, have things go for us in front of goal. Swindon are expected to bring a big following to the match which will give the game an exciting atmosphere.

On Monday I expect we will take a good army of support when we visit another automatic promotion-chasing club Walsall. We were unlucky to have gone down 1-0 to them at Edgar Street in November when

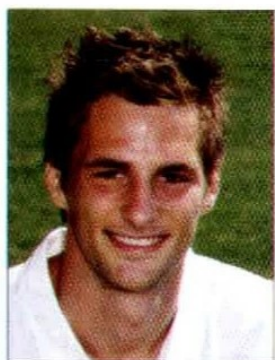
their keeper put in a top class performance. Hopefully, he won't be in such good form this time.

Since my last column Jon Wallis has left us and joined Dover Athletic.

Things have not worked out for him here since he arrived from Gillingham, but he was a popular figure in the dressing room. We wish him the best of good fortune and hope that he achieves his aim of getting back into Football League soccer.

Congratulations to Richard O'Kelly, now assistant manager at Doncaster Rovers, on their winning of the Johnstone's Paints Trophy with a 3-2 extra-time win over Bristol Rovers at Cardiff on Sunday. Richard was a big help to me when he was our coach in my early seasons at Edgar Street.

Rob



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Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Izale McLeod	MK Dons	20	3	23
Jermaine Easter	Wycombe	15	7	22
Andy Bishop	Bury	12	6	18
Jamie Forrester	Lincoln City	17	0	17
Richard Walker	Bristol Rvs	10	7	17
Clive Platt	MK Dons	15	0	15
Mark Stallard	Lincoln City	14	1	15
Jason Lee	Notts County	14	1	15
Paul Mullin	Accrington S	12	2	14

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
London Road Ground	Peterboro	20	73	3.65
The Moss Rose Ground	Macclesfield	19	63	3.32
Field Mill Ground	Mansfield	20	62	3.10
Edgeley Park	Stockport	20	61	3.05
Fraser Eagle Stadium	Accrington S	20	60	3.00
National Hockey Stad	MK Dons	20	59	2.95
Sincil Bank	Lincoln City	20	59	2.95
Underhill Stadium	Barnet	20	57	2.85
Blundell Park	Grimsby	20	56	2.80
Gigg Lane	Bury	20	53	2.65
York Street	Boston Utd	20	53	2.65
Gay Meadow	Shrewsbury	18	46	2.56
Bescot Stadium	Walsall	20	49	2.45
Meadow Lane	Notts County	20	48	2.40
Spotland Stadium	Rochdale	19	44	2.32
96.6 Darlington Arena	Darlington	20	46	2.30
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	20	45	2.25
County Ground	Swindon	20	44	2.20
The Deva Stadium	Chester	20	42	2.10
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	20	38	1.90
Racecourse Ground	Wrexham	20	38	1.90
Plainmoor Ground	Torquay	20	36	1.80
Edgar Street	Hereford	20	36	1.80
Adams Park	Wycombe	20	32	1.60

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..
shots on target 262 Rochdale. **shots off target** 250 Wycombe. **corners** 266 Hartlepool. **hit woodwork** 13 Rochdale. **offsides** 190 Boston Utd. **fouls** 620 Boston Utd. **yellow cards** 86 Accrington Stanley. **red cards** 8 Boston Utd.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..
Shots 103 Tommy Mooney (Wycombe). **Shots on target** 53 Glenn Murray (Rochdale). **Shots off target** 63 Tommy Mooney (Wycombe). **Assists** 11 Jon-Paul McGovern (MK Dons). **Crosses** 151 Matthew Hamshaw (Mansfield). **Offsides** 92 Gregg Blundell (Darlington). **Fouls** 127 Jason Lee (Notts County). **Free-kicks won** 103 Anthony Grant (Wycombe).



2006/07 SEASON

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STATS

GOAL COUNTER 1201

RIGHT FOOT 660 goals

55.0%

LEFT FOOT 292 goals

24.3%

HEADERS 221 goals

18.4%

Own goals 25 (2.1%), Other body part 3 (0.3%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Ben Herd (Shrewsbury vs Macclesfield) 0:19

By a substitute after coming on

Blair Sturrock (Swindon vs Boston Utd) 0:35

DISCIPLINARY



2.7 cards per match

0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match

Kevin Hill (Stockport vs Torquay) 0:24

By a substitute after coming on

Jonathan Hayes (MK Dons vs Peterboro) 1:11

SUB TOTALS

Subs used2235

Offsides3136

Corners5280

Shots Off Target4762

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

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there have been

4909 shots on

target, goals

constitute 24.5%

of all shots

(doesn't include

own goals). The

woodwork has

come to the

rescue of the

defending side

on 203

occasions (the

biggest

beneficiaries

being Stockport

14). There have

been 146

penalties

awarded this

season and of

those 107 have

been scored (a

success rate of

73.3%). MK

Dons have been

awarded most

penalties - 12.

Lincoln City have

given most

penalties away

11. The team to

score the most

penalties is

Macclesfield 9.

Hartlepool

missed 5

penalties in the

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RESULTS

How many times each result has occurred this season - home sides score shown first

0-0	31
0-1	46
0-2	25
0-3	9
0-4	2
0-5	2
0-6	1
1-0	53
1-1	62
1-2	32
1-3	12
1-4	2
1-5	-
2-0	48
2-1	47
2-2	19
2-3	7
2-4	1
2-5	-
2-7	1
3-0	17
3-1	10
3-2	13
3-3	8
3-4	1
3-5	1
4-0	6
4-1	6
4-2	3
4-3	1
4-4	-
4-5	-
5-0	5
5-1	-
5-2	4
5-3	-
7-1	1

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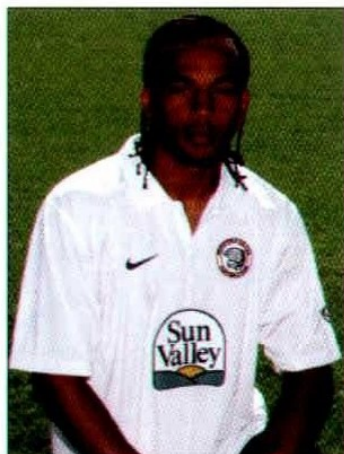


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Tamika, Trent, Richard and Alan recently went to Sainsbury's to help promote the club's cause.

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The supporter who raises the most money will get the chance to go to an away fixture on the team coach and enjoy a pre-match meal with the players before watching the game.

HUFC Youth

Last Saturday the youth team travelled to play today's visitors Swindon Town, who in the previous meeting this season won 6-0 against the youth team.

The youth team welcomed back Craig Jones and Gareth Thomas and gave a debut to Tom Smith who has joined the youth team from Birmingham City. The first half was mainly a midfield battle with neither side having any real chances of breaking the deadlock. The youth team's best chances fell to Steve Smith and Darren Andrews but on both occasions they couldn't get the reward after some fine build-up play.

The second half saw the visitors come more into the game and midway through the half took the lead. After some good work by Bobby Terrett and Darren Andrews, the ball broke to Adam Bendall who scored his fifth goal of the season. After the deadlock had been broken the game became more stretched, but chances were still at a premium and the young bulls looked set for the win, until the 94th minute. The home side played a long ball behind United defender Jimmy Moreton and Lloyd Macklin managed to stab the ball past the on coming 'keeper Daniel Taylor. With the final whistle blown straight after the re-start, it was case of hard justice on the young bulls.

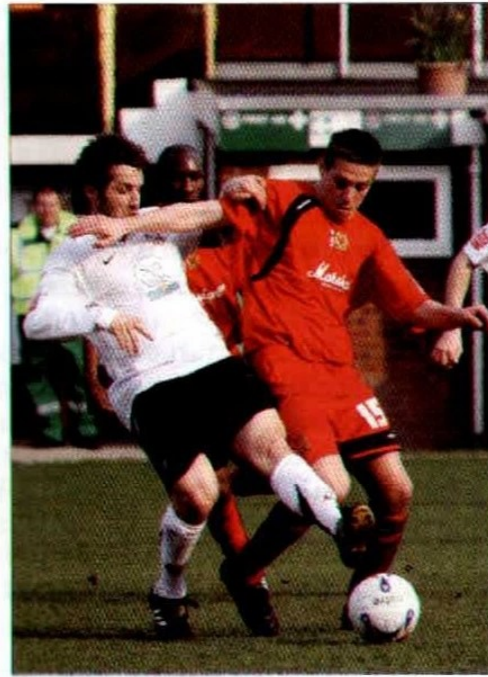
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ROD THOMAS: Welsh international right-back who was capped 30 times while at Swindon Town. Initially with Gloucester City, he moved to the County Ground in July 1964 and was a key figure in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success. He

also starred in their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph and netted five goals in 296 League games prior to joining Derby County in November 1973. Featuring in their 1974-75 League Championship campaign, he moved to Cardiff City in November 1977 and subsequently had spells with Newport County and Gloucester again before becoming a publican.

JOHN TROLLOPE: Long-serving



left-back who holds Swindon Town's appearance record. Signing professional at the County Ground in July 1960, he made his League debut in Swindon's 1-1 draw at home to Halifax Town a month later and was ever-present in seven consecutive seasons including the 1962-63 promotion success. He featured in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' campaign as well as their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. Scoring 21 goals in 770 League games for Swindon, he was coach before managing them between November 1980 and March 1983, then their youth-team boss.

GLENN HODDLE: Former England international midfielder who was player-manager as Swindon Town reached the Premiership in 1992-93. Signing professional for Tottenham Hotspur in April 1975, he starred as they won promotion in 1977-78, then won the FA Cup in two consecutive seasons and the UEFA Cup in 1984. He moved to Monaco



in July 1987 and helped win the French title in 1987-88, becoming Swindon's player-boss in August 1991. Scoring once in 64 League games, he left to take charge of Chelsea after the 1992-93 play-off final triumph and has since managed England, Southampton, Spurs and Wolves.

COLIN CALDERWOOD:



Commanding central defender who was capped 36 times by Scotland after leaving Swindon Town. Signing professional for Mansfield Town in March 1982, he moved to the County Ground in July 1985 and starred as Swindon won the Fourth Division title in 1985-86. He also helped to win promotion in 1986-87, then featured in two further play-off finals including the 1993 Wembley triumph. Scoring 20 times in 330 League games for Swindon, he moved to Tottenham Hotspur in July 1993 and later played for Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest. He has managed Northampton and now Forest.

SHAUN TAYLOR: Influential central defender who was ever-present alongside Colin Calderwood as Swindon Town reached the Premiership in 1992-93. He impressed with Bideford before moving to Exeter City in December 1986 and starred in their 1989-90

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Fourth Division title triumph. Joining Swindon in July 1991, he was the sole ever-present player in their 1993-94 Premiership campaign and also featured in the 1995-96 Second



Division title triumph. He netted 30 goals in 212 League games while at the County Ground before moving to Bristol City in September 1996 where he has become development coach.

MIKE SUMMERBEE:



Brilliant winger who was capped eight times by England after leaving Swindon Town. Initially with Cheltenham Town, he moved to the County Ground in March 1960 and was an important figure in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion success. He netted 39 goals in 218 League games prior to joining Manchester City in August 1965, amassing a vast collection of domestic and European honours under the Joe Mercer/Malcolm Allison partnership at Maine Road. Subsequently with Burnley, Blackpool and Stockport County, he is a successful businessman and his son Nicky also starred for Swindon Town.

ERNIE HUNT: England U-23 international striker who was Swindon Town's leading marksman in four successive seasons including their 1962-63 promotion triumph. Born locally, he signed professional

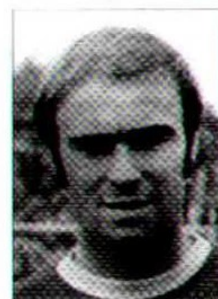
at the County Ground in March



1960 and netted 82 goals in 214 League games for Swindon prior to joining Wolverhampton Wanderers in September 1965. He was top scorer as they regained top-flight status in 1966-67 and subsequently played for Everton, Coventry City, Doncaster Rovers and Bristol City, featuring in their 1973-74 FA Cup run. He ran the Full Pitcher pub in Ledbury and then became a window cleaner.

PAUL RIDEOUT: England U-21 international striker who was Swindon Town's leading goalscorer in two consecutive seasons. He was Swindon's youngest League player at 16 years 107 days against Hull City in November 1980 and netted 38 goals in 95 League games while at the County Ground before joining Aston Villa in June 1983. Moving via Italian club Bari to Southampton in July 1988, he rejoined Swindon on loan in March 1991. He had spells with Notts County and Glasgow Rangers prior to joining Everton in August 1992 and was an FA Cup winner in 1995, then played for several clubs in China and Tranmere Rovers.

PETER NOBLE:



Versatile favourite who was ever-present in Swindon Town's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' triumph. Initially with

Consett, he joined Newcastle United in November 1964 and played top-flight football before moving to Swindon in January 1968. He scored twice in their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final success and netted 62 goals in 216 League outings prior to joining Burnley in June 1973. An FA Cup semi-finalist in 1973-74, he was twice ever-present for the Clarets and leading marksman in 1978-79. He subsequently played for Blackpool and has since run a sportswear business in Burnley.

DON ROGERS:



England U-23 international winger who scored twice in Swindon Town's 1969 League Cup final success. Signing professional at the County Ground in October 1962, he featured in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion campaign and was ever-present in four successive seasons. He starred as Swindon won promotion again in 1968-69 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970, reuniting with Bert Head at Crystal Palace in November 1972. Moving to QPR in September 1974, he rejoined Swindon in March 1976 and netted 148 goals in 412 League games overall for the Robins. He has since run his own sports shop in Swindon.

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Paul Sturrock is the new man in charge of Swindon Town FC following a glittering career as player and promising career as manager.

A member of the successful Dundee United team of the early 80's Sturrock picked up a league winners medal in 1983 and two league cups in 1979 and 1980. 'Luggy' as he was affectionately known also appeared in the Uefa Cup final against Barcelona in 1987 where they were defeated 2-1 on aggregate. Sturrock began his playing career at Tannadice in 1974 as an apprentice.

A Scottish International, Sturrock was an integral part of Jim McClean's sides' success. He scored 171 goals in 576 appearances becoming United's best attacking player of all time and his skills put fear into the opposition but respected nonetheless.

After a short spell as Dundee United manager he began life in the Football League as manager of Plymouth Argyle and led them to the Division Two title. In League One he guided them to 8th place before taking charge of Southampton, but just after 13 games in charge he left the Saints and in September 2004 he was appointed manager of Sheffield Wednesday. The Owls reached the League One play-off final beating Hartlepool United at Cardiff. He teamed up with Swindon as manager in November 2006, following the departure of Denis Wise to Leeds United.

1. PETER BREZOVAN-Goalkeeper

A giant in goal at 6'7, Brezovan signed on a year's loan from Czech club FC Brno in the summer of 2006 and has recently made the move permanent signing a new contract in March 2007.

Brezovan became a fans favourite after performing heroics on his competitive debut against Hartlepool United on the opening debut, saving two penalties from Porter and Humphreys to earn Town all three points.

Unfortunately, he sustained an injury October home encounter with Grimsby Town and is recovering; but he will not feature until the closing stages of the campaign.

2. JACK SMITH-Defender

Signed from Watford in the summer of 2005, Smith added youthful experience to the Town side.

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.

He made 38 league starts for Town last season in a variety of positions including right back, left back and midfield. This term he has been in excellent form back at his preferred right-back position.

3. JAMIE VINCENT-Defender

Jamie Vincent arrived at The County Ground hoping to make the left-back slot his own, and he has now established himself as the first choice.

Vincent began his football career as a trainee at Crystal Palace before making the switch to AFC Bournemouth, where he made over 100 appearances between 1996 and 1999. He then made a £500,000 switch to Huddersfield Town which was followed by an £800,000 deal which saw him move to Portsmouth in 2001. Spells at Derby County and Millwall then followed.

He signed a one-year deal with Town in July 2006, and has put in a number of solid performances as part of a secure backline as well as taking the reins as Captain following the injury to Ady Williams.

4. SOFIENE ZAABOUB-Midfielder

Versatile left-sided player at home in defence or midfield, Zaaboub was new manager Paul Sturrock's first signing as Town boss. Having joined initially on a short-term contract, he has since signed a new deal to keep him at Swindon for another 18 months.

He made his debut as a substitute against Carlisle United in the FA Cup and was a trialist at Sturrock's former club Sheffield Wednesday. Previous clubs include FC Brussels, Modena and St. Etienne.

5. JEREL IFIL-Defender

Powerful defender Jerel Ifil joined Town in the summer of 2004 after enjoying three loan spells with Town previously from 2002-04.

Jerel became a fan's favourite during his brief stays in Wiltshire and signed on a permanent basis in June 2004, he has now exceeded 100 appearances for the club.

6. ADY WILLIAMS-Defender

Named on-field Captain by former manager Dennis Wise in mid-July, Ady Williams brings with him a wealth of footballing experience.

Signed from Coventry City in pre-season, the former Welsh International boasts

successful spells with Wolves and Reading on his CV and has just the credentials that could set Town on their way to League Two success this term.

A knee injury sustained against Hartlepool United in February developed into a serious setback, which has now seen the skipper undergo surgery which will rule him out for the rest of the campaign.

7. GARETH WHALLEY-Midfielder

Signed for Swindon Town in July 2005 from Wigan Athletic on a free transfer.

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.

During his first season at Swindon, Whalley settled into the side and made 27 appearances during the 2005-6 campaign.

8. AARON BROWN-Midfielder

Aaron Brown is now fully focussed on his Town career after a difficult start to the 2006-7 campaign.

Brown requested a transfer away from SN1 in the summer following the club's relegation to League 2, but after interest from Brentford and an unsuccessful trial at Doncaster Rovers, 'Brownie' found himself back at The County Ground and he has now forced his way back into the first team plans.

The left-sided midfielder began his career at Bristol City, where he progressed through the ranks to make a total of 135 starts. After six years at Ashton Gate he made a move to QPR in July 2004 but after just one start for The R's - an initial loan spell at Swindon followed, before he made the move permanent under former Boss Iffy Onuora in January 2006.

9. CHRISTIAN ROBERTS-Midfielder / Striker

Cardiff-born striker who joined Town in 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. Formerly with Exeter City where he scored 18 goals in 67 league starts for the Grecians from 2000 - 2002.

10. LEE PEACOCK-Midfielder / Striker

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Lee Peacock joined Swindon Town on 20th January 2006 on a free transfer from Sheffield Wednesday.

The experienced frontman started his career at Carlisle United as a trainee, but after scoring 11 goals in 52 appearances he made the switch to Mansfield Town in October 1997 for £75,000. It proved to be a productive spell with The Stags with 29 goals in 80 appearances attracting Manchester City who parted with £500,000 for his services. However, his time at Maine Road was not as successful as he would have liked due to injuries.

A £600,000 move to Bristol City in August 2000 heralded the start of a successful four year spell at Ashton Gate. 54 goals in 131 league starts was the result of his stay with the Robins. Next up was Sheffield Wednesday, who he joined on a free transfer in the summer of 2004.

11. BARRY CORR -Striker

Sheffield Wednesday striker Barry Corr joined Swindon Town on loan until the end of the campaign on Monday 19th March 2007.

Corr joined The Owls in April 2005 from Yorkshire rivals Leeds United after an initial trial spell with the Elland Road club.

The 21-year old arrives at Swindon in a deal which will see him remain at The County Ground until the end of the season and Town fans will be hoping Corr is the man to help secure promotion back into League One at the first attempt.

Corr is an industrious front man and with a 6'3 frame certainly offers a physical presence in the strike force. He has also gained youth honours for the Republic of Ireland during his time with Leeds and had a loan spell with Bristol City earlier this season.

12. 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 former manager Andy King during a reserve game for STFC towards the end of the 2004-5 campaign.

A Trinidad & Tobago player, Shakes signed on for STFC in July 2005 and went on to establish himself on the right of the Town midfield, narrowly missing out on a place in the 'Soca Warriors' World Cup squad along the way.

13. JON STEWART-Goalkeeper

Jon is a former Chelsea and Leicester City stopper who arrived at Swindon Town in the summer of 2005.

The 6'3 keeper has been a regular on the teamsheet for the Town's Under 18 side and has also made several reserve team appearances along the way, gaining valuable experience.

Stewart, who has a tremendous physical presence in the box, took his first step towards first team football when he was involved with the matchday squad against Brentford in the Carling Cup and featured on the bench as back-up to Phil Smith against Lincoln City in League Two.

14. DAVE PARTRIDGE-Defender

Westminster-born Partridge is a Welsh International with six caps to his name who will add valuable experience to the Town ranks.

He has also enjoyed a loan spells with Leyton Orient and Brentford earlier this term.

Partridge began his career with West Ham United as a trainee before spells with Dundee United, Motherwell and Bristol City - who he joined for £150,000 in July 2005.

He has started 174 league games and his last competitive appearance for City came in the FA Cup Fourth Round replay at Middlesbrough.

15. ANDY NICHOLAS-Defender

'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.

He was a regular in the Under 19's side at Anfield and won many plaudits with his performances at left back, which prompted Andy King to snap up the youngster.

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 and managed his first senior goal in a 4-2 win at Stockport in February.

Despite making such a positive impression during the 2003-4 season, the 2004-5 campaign saw the defender struggled with injuries and was unable to gain a regular starting berth.

16. PATRICK NOUBISSIE-Defender

Patrick Noubissie signed for Swindon Town on deadline day in January 2007 after impressing manager Paul Sturrock on trial.

Noubissie arrived at Crewe Alexandra on a short-term contract in November 2006 having impressed the coaching staff whilst spending a brief trial spell at the club.

Having previously spent all of his professional career in France, most notable with top flight club Sedan, Noubissie was recommended to Crewe where he signed a deal to stay at Gresty Road until January. However, that deal has now ended with Sturrock adding the player to the Swindon squad until the end of the current campaign.

Noubissie is a right back who possesses pace and a competitive edge and he will provide competition for Jack Smith who has been a regular in

the position throughout the season so far.

18. PAUL EVANS-Midfielder

An experienced campaigner with over 400 league starts and 2 Welsh caps to his name, 'Evo' joined the Town ranks in July 2006 from Nottingham Forest.

His former clubs include Shrewsbury Town, Brentford, Bradford City and Nottingham Forest. He eventually left The City Ground after being frozen out by former Reds Boss Gary Megson, which also saw Evans spend a loan spell with Rotherham United towards the end of the 2005-6 season.

Now with a one-year deal at The County Ground, he opened the season in fantastic form, with a free-kick against Darlington and another excellent strike against Brentford in the cup.

However, after an accidental collision with teammate Curtis Weston at Macclesfield in late December, he underwent surgery to remove bony spurs from his ankle joint and is currently getting back to fitness.

19. MICHAEL POOK-Midfielder

'Pooky' signed a professional contract ahead of the 2005-6 season and was a consistent performer for the youth team and reserves prior to joining the professional ranks.

An energetic 'box-to-box' midfielder, Pook is now very much part of the first team squad and has now made over 50 appearances at senior level.

21. LUKAS JUTKIEWICZ-Striker

'A boy in a man's frame' is how manager Paul Sturrock described the powerful striker, and few would disagree.

Southampton-born, 17-year old Jutkiewicz spent time with The Saints before joining Swindon's Centre of Excellence and won the Golden Boot Award at the Milk Cup in 2004.

He then made his senior debut off the bench at Swansea City towards the end of the 2005-6 season and scored three goals in Town's pre-season campaign and after impressing over the Christmas period alongside Lee Peacock, is now very much part of the first team picture.

Signed a pre-contract agreement with Premiership Everton in mid-March in a deal which will see him join the Goodison Park club in the summer, hopefully after helping Swindon to promotion back into League One at the first attempt.

22. BLAIR STURROCK-Striker

Sturrock junior arrived at The County Ground in November 2006 to join up with Physio Dick Mackey for treatment following an injury which ruled him out of the latter stages of the 2005-6

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campaign, when he was at Rochdale.

The striker joined Dundee United as a trainee before spending time at Brechin on loan. Sturrock then had a three-year spell on the south coast with Plymouth Argyle making most of his appearances as a substitute. In 2004, Sturrock moved to Kidderminster, then onto Rochdale 9 months later where he hit six goals in fifteen starts.

23. CURTIS WESTON-Midfielder
Another summer signing, Weston joined from Millwall where he became the youngest ever FA Cup finalist ever at 17 years and 119 days, coming on to replace Dennis Wise in the 2004 final against Manchester United.

A busy midfielder who likes to get amongst the goals, Weston has impressed with combative central displays, showing pace, aggression in the tackle and awareness.

25. PHIL SMITH-Goalkeeper
Phil Smith joined Swindon in late July 2006 from Crawley Town. He made 74 starts for Crawley Town during a two-year stay, which followed a year's spell at Margate where he made 35 starts. A dependable customer, Smith is now the Town number one following Brezovan's injury.

He has been a revelation between the sticks, gaining confidence with each game. He saved a penalty at MK Dons on New Year's Day and was named the PFA Fans' Player of the Month for December a few days later.

27. BEN WELLS-Midfielder
One of three Centre of Excellence players who were signed on as first year scholars in June 2004.

A midfielder who impressed in the

Under 17's last season. He was rewarded a squad number on Tuesday 30th November 2004 and made the bench against Bristol City in the LDV Vans Trophy.

Now signed on as a professional with a year's contract, the energetic Wells will look to make the most of every opportunity that comes his way.

28. ANDY CATON
-Midfielder / Striker

A versatile player, 'Cates' joined Swindon Town as a first year scholar in June 2004 after spending some time with GLS Hellenic Premier Division side North Leigh where he was a prolific scorer.

The son of the late Manchester City player Tommy, he came off the bench on the opening day of the 2003-4 season against Wrexham and scored to mark a fairytale start to his Swindon Town career.

Since then he has continued his progression with the Under 18's side and reserves, as well as a number of first team appearances both as a left-winger and striker. Currently recovering from an ankle operation and won't appear again this term.

34. MICHAEL TIMLIN-Midfielder
Classy midfielder who made his Swindon debut against Bury at the end of October, after signing on a one-month loan deal.

After impressing during his first stint, his loan deal was extended until the end of the campaign and he opened his goalscoring account for Swindon - his first senior goal - against Notts County at the end of December.

35. KEVIN JAMES-Defender
Kevin James joined Town until the end of the season and will add to the

attacking options for the manager.

The striker started his career with Charlton Athletic as a trainee before joining Gillingham where he hit 4 goals in 18 starts before a move to Nottingham Forest in May 2004.

He has also spent time out on loan at Yeovil Town and Grimsby Town this term and will offer versatility to the squad as he can play either in the front line or wide out in midfield.

36. ASHLEY GRIMES-Striker
Ashley Grimes joined Swindon Town on Thursday 22nd March in a loan deal which will see him remain at The County Ground for at least one month.

Grimes joined the club from Premiership side Manchester City, where he has hit seven goals for City's reserves this term.

A nippy striker, Grimes has bags of potential and will be hoping to impress during his time in Wiltshire, gaining valuable Football League experience.

37. CLAUDE GNAPKA-Defender
French defender Claude Gnafka joined Town on Thursday 22nd March 2007 and arrives in England having had previous experience in Spain with Alaves and Racing Santander.

Claude has signed for Swindon on a free transfer until the end of the season. He was named on the bench for the first time three days after signing for the club, which came at Lincoln City on Sunday 25th March.



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COCA COLA LEAGUE 2 (UP TO 4/04/07)

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Hartlepool United	40	24	9	7	60	33	27	81
2	Walsall	40	21	13	6	59	30	29	76
3	Swindon Town	40	22	8	10	52	35	17	74
4	Mk Dons	40	21	9	10	66	52	14	72
5	Lincoln City	40	20	7	13	67	55	12	67
6	Stockport County	40	19	6	15	57	50	7	63
7	Wycombe Wanderers	40	16	12	12	46	36	10	60
8	Shrewsbury Town	39	15	14	10	60	40	20	59
9	Darlington	40	15	12	13	46	46	0	57
10	Peterborough United	40	16	8	16	58	53	5	56
11	Bristol Rovers	39	15	10	14	41	40	1	55
12	Notts County	40	14	12	14	49	48	1	54
13	Rochdale	40	14	11	15	57	44	13	53
14	Mansfield Town	40	13	11	16	54	54	0	50
15	Chester City	40	13	11	16	38	41	-3	50
16	Hereford United	40	13	11	16	42	48	-6	50
17	Grimsby Town	40	15	5	20	45	64	-19	50
18	Barnet	40	13	10	17	47	60	-13	49
19	Bury	40	12	9	19	44	56	-12	45
20	Accrington Stanley	40	10	11	19	58	70	-12	41
21	Macclesfield Town	39	10	11	18	47	63	-16	41
22	Wrexham	39	9	12	18	35	60	-25	39
23	Boston United	40	10	9	21	44	70	-26	39
24	Torquay United	40	7	11	22	32	56	-24	32



Today's Fixtures

Saturday 7th April 2007

Kick Off 3:00pm

**Accrington Stanley
v. Peterborough United**

Barnet v. Hartlepool United

Bury v. Rochdale

Hereford United v. Swindon Town

Lincoln City v. Stockport County

Macclesfield Town v. Wrexham

Mansfield Town v. Bristol Rovers

Milton Keynes Dons v. Grimsby Town

Notts. County v. Boston United

Torquay United v. Walsall

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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Graham Turner

Played 510 Won 210 Drawn 140 Lost 160 For 727 Against 575
Av Pts/game 1.51

Biggest Win(s) Dag & Red 0 Hereford 9 (27/02/2004). **Biggest Loss(es)** Scunthorpe 5 Hereford 1 (18/01/1997).

Paul Sturrock

Played 22 Won 13 Drawn 3 Lost 6 For 29 Against 21
Av Pts/game 1.91

Biggest Win(s) Lincoln City 2 Swindon 3 (25/03/2007). **Biggest Loss(es)** Stockport 3 Swindon 0 (03/03/2007).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played: 0 | Graham Turner 0 | Paul Sturrock 0
Draws: 0 | Goals 0 | Goals 0

Player with the most...

shots

Alan
Connell 68

shots on target

Alan
Connell 33

shots off target

Alan
Connell 35

assists

Simon
Travis 5

crosses

Robert
Purdie 75

fouls

Dean
Beckwith 26

free-kicks-won

Alan
Connell 55



Player with the most...

shots

Christian
Roberts 67

shots on target

Christian
Roberts 36

shots off target

Lee
Peacock 33

assists

Lee
Peacock 5

crosses

Jack
Smith 22

fouls

Lee
Peacock 80

free-kicks-won

Lee
Peacock 66

GAMES SINCE

7	a win	0
3	a home win	0
4	an away win	0
1	a defeat	2
1	a home defeat	4
0	an away defeat	1
5	a score draw	7
0	a no score draw	46
1	conceding a goal	0
4	scoring a goal	0
1	conceding > 1	1
4	scoring > 1	0
0	keeping a clean sheet	3
0	failing to score	2
7	back to back wins	0
1	back to back defeats	25
0	gaining a point	0
0	losing a point	2
7	win by > one	3
1	loss by > one	4

SHARP SHOOTERS

Hereford	CCFL Cup	Tot	Swindon	CCFL Cup	Tot		
Alan Connell	8	1	9	Christian Roberts	10	3	13
Robert Purdie	6	3	9	Lee Peacock	10	0	10
Andrew Williams	7	1	8	Paul Evans	3	1	4

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played: 15 | Hereford wins: 7 | Swindon wins: 7
Draws: 1 | Goals 19 (1.3 per game) | Goals 19 (1.3 per game)
0-0's: 0 | Times failed to score: 5 | Times failed to score: 3

Biggest League win at Hereford for each team:

24/08/1985 Hereford 4-1 Swindon
17/04/1985 Hereford 0-3 Swindon



2006/07 LEAGUE STATS



16	Position	3
40	Played	39
13	Won	22
11	Drawn	7
16	Lost	10
42	Goals For	52
48	Goals Against	35
50	Points	73



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
7	5	8	7	11	5	4	1

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
6	6	8	20	11	2	6	7

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
11	2	1	14	15	4	2	7

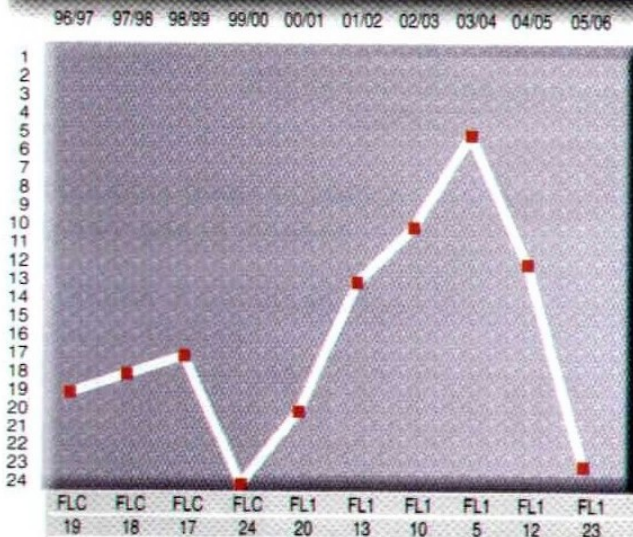
Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	4	15	10	7	3	8	1

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[4], 2-0[4], 2-1[1], 3-1[2], 3-2[1], 4-1[1]. Losses: 0-1[4], 0-2[2], 0-3[3], 1-2[4], 1-3[1], 1-4[1], 2-3[1]. Draws: 0-0[5], 1-1[5], 2-2[1].
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Bulls on

Easter Monday sees us make the short trip to table topping Walsall, kick off is at 3:00pm. Walsall came to Edgar Street back in November and went away with a narrow win and have been in contention all season. They currently lie 2nd in the table and last week won 3-2 against Accrington, who were 2-0 up.

Subject to availability, supporters who wish to travel on the supporter's coaches can book in Legends today.

WALSALL - MONDAY 2nd APRIL 2007

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Ground Information:

Ticket prices/Information:

Visiting Supporters: Adults - £18.00 (matchday price).

Concessions (juniors under the age of 16 and senior citizens over the age of 60 at the time of purchase. Proof of age may be required.) - £12.00 (matchday price).

Away Supporters' Facilities: Visiting supporters are allocated 1,914 seats behind the goal and further seats in the Banks' Stand if necessary. They have access to two catering kiosks, matchday betting facilities, a programme shop stocking old and new items including a section devoted to the specific visiting club, access to the Saddlers club as numbers allow before & after games for hot and cold drinks and snacks.

How To Get There:

By Road: Exit M6 at junction 9 (signposted Wednesbury). At roundabout take third exit, the A461 towards Walsall. As road divides turn right into Wallows Lane, then in right-hand lane across set of traffic lights and turn right at the next set. Bescot Stadium is on the left behind retail park.

By Rail: Bescot Stadium station is adjacent to the ground, with trains running every 15 minutes at peak times. The station forms part of the Birmingham New Street to Stafford route.

By Taxi: Walsall town centre is one-and-a-half miles from Bescot Stadium and a taxi fare of £3.00 is to be expected.

Parking: There is plenty of car parking space at the ground just behind the away stand. Street parking is also available, but parking at the nearby retail park and Morrisons supermarket is NOT allowed.

In The Ground: The two catering kiosks available for away supporters stock a wide-range of products. Did you know that Walsall Football Club were the first club to sell chicken balti pies? Why not try one of these famous pies at the ground where they first went on sale?! For all you pie lovers out there, we also stock chicken & mushroom, steak & kidney and meat & potato. Cornish Pasties and cheese & onion pasties are also available as well as cheeseburgers, beefburgers, sausage rolls and veggie burgers. There's something for everyone! We serve the usual array of hot drinks such as tea, coffee, hot chocolate and bovril as well as a wide-range of cold drinks. Sweets, crisps and chocolate are also available.

Around The Ground: The Saddlers Club will allow admission to away fans before and after the match where drinks and snacks are available at reasonable prices. A nominal admission fee will be charged as numbers allow. The nearest pub is the King George V on Wallows Lane which is a ten-minute walk, whilst there is a retail park next door.

the Road

TORQUAY UNITED v HEREFORD UNITED

Our final fixture of the season at Torquay on May 5th has been made all ticket for away supporters. Supporters can purchase tickets from the main office throughout the week and before the Boston home game next week.



There will no tickets available on the day, so anyone wishing to travel must purchase a ticket before Wednesday 2nd May. Away fans will not be allowed in on the day without a ticket. Supporters who are unable to purchase tickets from the main office can send postal applications in. Please include a self addressed envelope and the last day for postal applications will be Friday 27th April. Hereford United will take no responsibility for postal orders that are lost or delivered late. Subject to availability tickets will be available on-line at www.herefordunited.co.uk from Monday until Friday 27th April.

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Next week we will be holding our final course of the Easter holidays at Hereford Leisure Centre.

Details can be found below and all those attending just need to bring full football kit, wet weather clothes, packed lunch and drink, boots and trainers.

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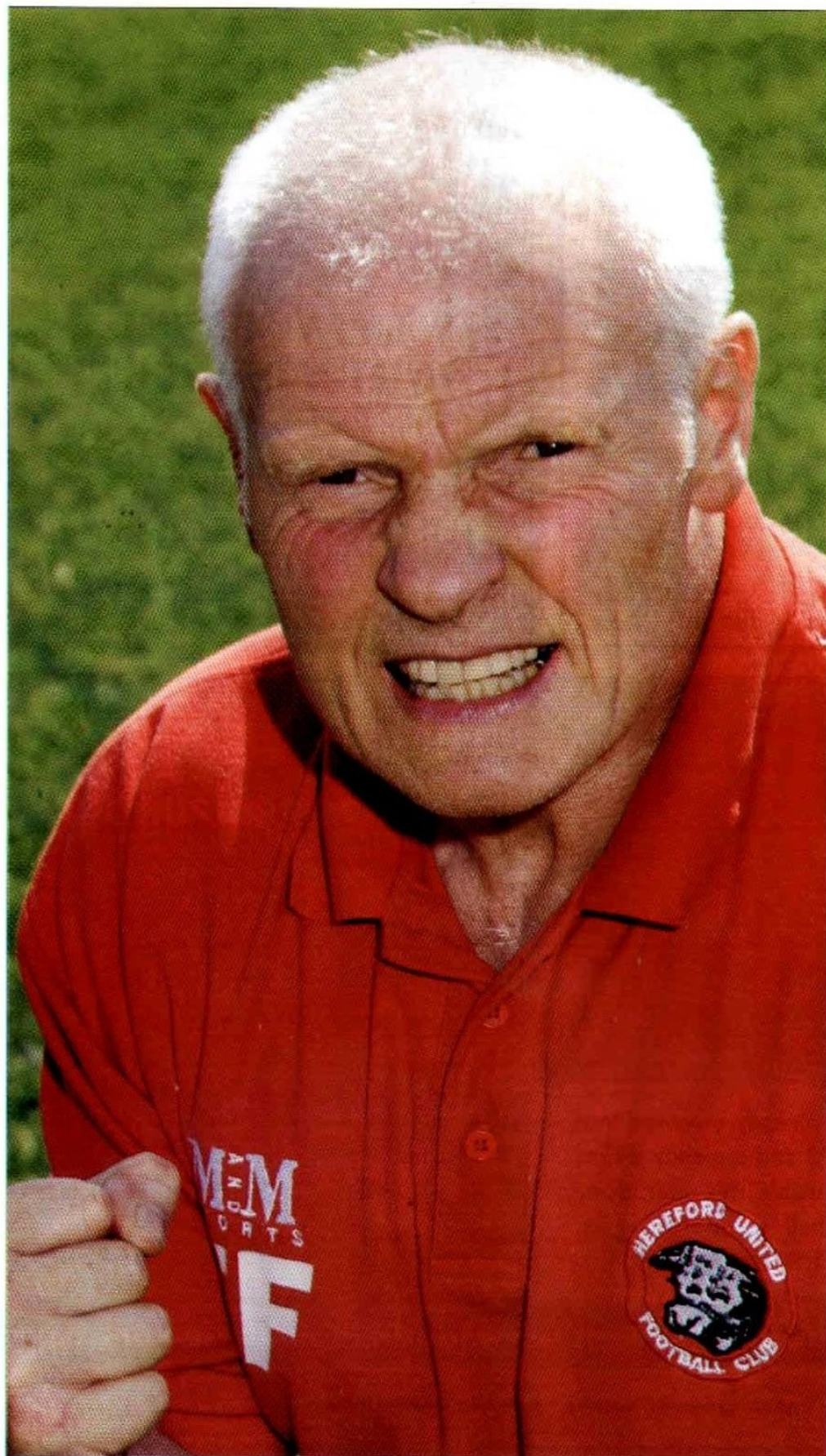
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The Bulls fitness coach Tony Ford is approaching his 10th year at Edgar Street but the only time most supporters see him on the pitch is during the players warm-up sessions before matches.

Behind the scenes, however, Tony plays a vital role in ensuring the Bulls players are as fit as possible when they put their soccer skills to the test in the battle for league points or cup competition success.

Weight-training is an integral part of training and, as well as assisting in the players' pre-match preparation, he supervises weight work two mornings a week.

There can be few, if any, better qualified to instruct in this direction than Tony. He lifted in both light-heavyweight and middleweight categories and held the British championship title for eight years. He won a Commonwealth Games gold medal in New Zealand in 1974 after taking part in the Munich Olympic games two years earlier.

He first came into contact with Bulls boss Graham Turner when Graham was manager of Aston Villa and Tony recalls: "Graham first came to see me at a Birmingham gym where I was involved with him before he took over as Hereford manager."

Some clubs have been using weight-lifting in training for many years - Bulls coach John Trewick says they had sessions when he was playing at West Bromwich Albion in the early 1970s - but it has been in recent years that it has been in widespread use.

Tony says: "Weight training in football has become fashionable these days - everybody's doing it down to Conference level. But it's a massive subject to get right if players are to benefit from it. It's not a gimmick. It's something you have to plan properly and do week-in, week-out. You do exercises on one day for physical presence, on another day we will do exercises to get explosive power. It's a case of building up the whole of the upper body to achieve power and pace and the mental benefits in preparing for that.

"You have to have some deep knowledge of what you are doing. Not only the exercises but the physical

techniques and the mental techniques. How much you do. You do something and improve, you do something else and improve more. An example of three players who we have worked with us during their time here, have gained in strength and have gone on to have careers at a higher level are Gavin Mahon, Chris Hargreaves and Paul

Parry. The player has got to want to do what we are telling them though. Attitude is so important. In sport today weight-training is an absolutely essential part of the player or athletes kit.

"Each player is different and need different programmes. At this stage of the season, for instance, on hard grounds goalkeepers take more upper body pounding than outfield players' so this has to be taken into consideration and sometimes nurse them through weights."

Tony is keen to impress that his work has to be integrated with the overall training schedule saying: "I'm here to assist our coach John Trewick and Graham Turner. Without their enthusiastic support it wouldn't work. Before each day's training we meet together to plan the day's programme, where everything fits in. An example of Graham's support is that I can tell you that even the likes of Chelsea or Arsenal have not got better weight-training equipment than we have."

If players are to retain optimum fitness, however, all their work with weights is nullified if they don't pay attention to their nutrition.

"It's important they pay attention to their diet, their fluid intake and their general lifestyle," Tony says. "I give them advice in this direction. Some take it aboard more than others, but it's geared to helping them to maximise their performances. Before a game it's important players are mentally as well as physically prepared. Some need a word or two to give them a lift - others it's best not to say anything. We all need to know-the more you put in, the more you get out. Do it properly!"

"We've had our highs and lows since I've been at Edgar Street. When we get everything right we've proved we can beat Division 2's best teams. I believe we will go from strength to strength."

Away from sport Tony runs fitness classes and he says age is no excuse for not keeping fit. "I work with clients aged 16 to 80. One of the biggest problems these days is obesity, it's appalling in this country. Junk food has almost become epidemic. The computer is also a lot to blame. People spend many hours sat in front of them, whereas in the past they would probably engaged in more physical activity."

As an Olympian Tony is looking forward to being involved in the Olympic games when it comes to London. He says: "There will be a lot of problems, mainly regarding cost. It could have been done a lot cheaper if it had been sited in Birmingham. But when it arrives I think it will have a big effect on the nation's attitude to sport."

Tony

talks to Laurie Teague

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The winner of the draw shall receive 20% of the total amount paid into the lottery the previous month (For example - £1000 paid into Lottery = £200 for the winner of the draw). All profits made on this scheme will go straight to Hereford United Football Club via an account specifically set up for the purpose of helping Hereford United financially with day to day running of the club or to help pay unexpected bills.

A list of entrants for any given month will be made available in the club office; this facility is for entrants to check that they are entered if they should wish to (ID required).

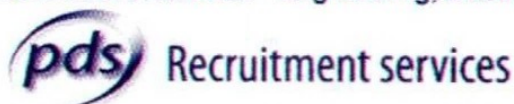
Winners will be announced over the loudspeakers directly after the draw at the home game in question, in the following match programme, on the Back The Bulls Lottery web page on the official website and in the local press.

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For more information visit the official website at www.herefordunited.co.uk

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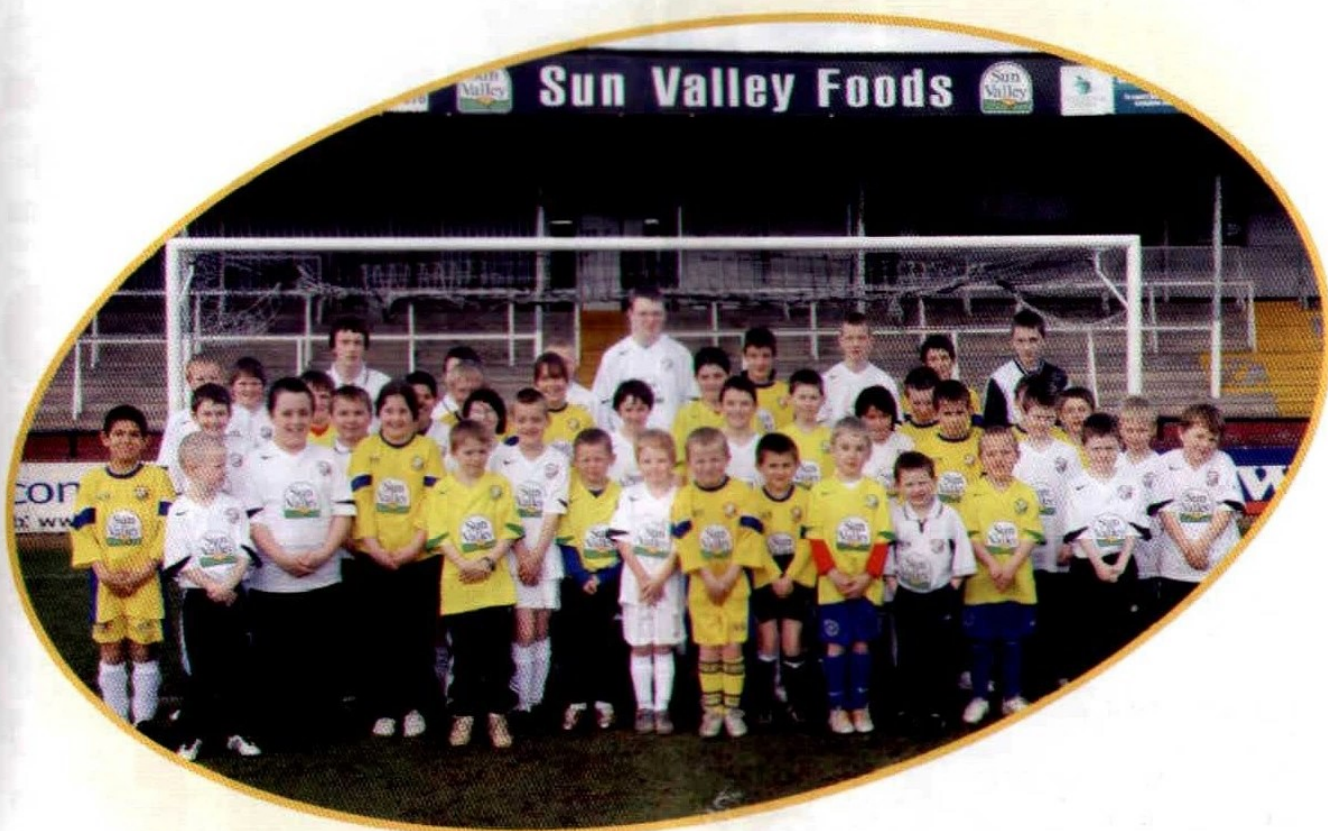
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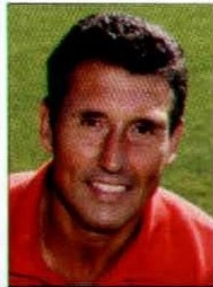
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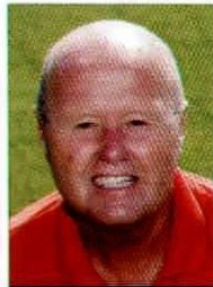
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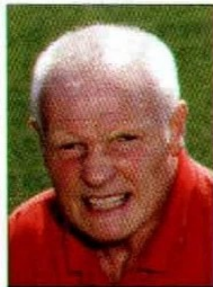
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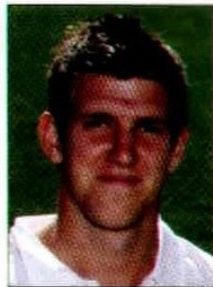
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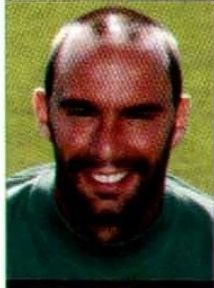
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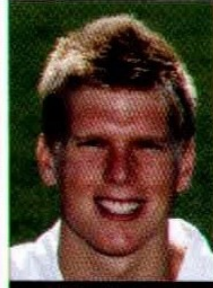
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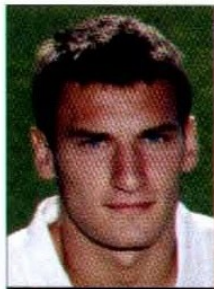
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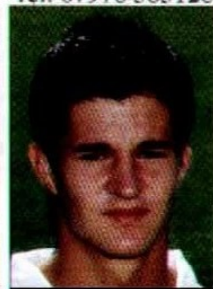
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FALLING CROWDS - LOWER BUDGET

Cheltenham Town won promotion to Division 1 last season but their average gate of just over 4,000 has been the lowest in that section this season.

The Robins, who are in a battle to avoid immediate relegation, have launched a two for three standing tickets for their three remaining home games.

Club chairman Paul Baker said: "We have some important home games coming up and if we win them we will have every chance of staying up. Clearly the gate receipts dictate the amount of our wage budget. We are looking to budget on an average gate of 3,500 next season and, if that isn't available we may as well go home. What that does mean is that if we do budget on that size of gate then the playing budget has to be reduced."

CITY TURN DOWN ROVERS

Bristol City have rejected a proposal by close neighbours Bristol Rovers to share their Aston Gate ground next season. Rovers will have to vacate The Memorial Ground after next Christmas so that an 18-month, £30million redevelopment can take place.

City chairman Steve Lansdown said: "Although it is fair to say the financial aspects of the arrangement would be useful for the club, their proposal for the use of Ashton Gate does not sit comfortably with us.

Rovers other three options are to ground share with Cheltenham Town, Swindon Town or Bath City. Team Bath have a deal to ground share with Bath City until 2009, however.

COCA-COLA SIGN NEW DEAL

Soft drinks company Coca-Cola have signed a new sponsorship deal with the Football League which will run until 2009-10.

The financial details have not

been revealed but League chairman Lord Mawhinney said: "It is hard to convey how important this new contract is for the Football League. It is probable that about 16 million fans will go through the turnstiles at our grounds this season."

MANSFIELD FOR SALE

Mansfield Town have been put up for sale and the Stags chairman James Derry, said: "I look forward to receiving expressions of genuine interest and in the meantime my immediate responsibilities remain Mansfield players and staff and their continued financial security at the club."

Derry confirmed that manager 63-year-old Billy Dearden, who was appointed last December until the end of the season, will be offered an extension to his contract.

BENJAMIN JOINS WALSALL

Out-of-favour Peterborough United striker Trevor Benjamin has joined Walsall on loan until the end of the season. Benjamin has fallen behind Craig Mackail-Smith, George Boyd and Danny Crow for the front positions at Peterborough and has recently been on loan with Boston United.

SCANDINAVIAN LINK-UP

Peterborough United have linked up with Norwegian club Kvisnesdal 11 and Kalmar, of Sweden, so that the Posh's youngsters can have the experience of playing abroad.

The Posh's manager Darren Ferguson has taken Notts County captain Alan White on loan as defensive cover until the end of the season. White said he had fallen out with a small section of County's fans and, "a move was possibly the best thing."

YOUNGSTERS GET CHANCE

Cardiff City manager Dave Jones

will not be reticent in promoting some of his younger players into the first team during the remainder of the season.

Teenagers Chris Gunter and Darey Blake have recently been drafted into the first team squad and Jones said: "I won't hesitate to put young players in if needs be. That's how I was given my first chance at 17 and if I feel they are ready, then they will go in."

The Bluebirds have signed Northern Ireland international striker Warren Feeney on loan from Luton Town for the rest of the season after which he is expected to sign a three-year contract. But Michael Chopra, who has scored 21 goals this season, is likely to be out of action for four matches through injury.

DONCASTER LIFT TROPHY

Former Hereford United coach Richard O'Kelly, now assistant to Sean O'Driscoll at Doncaster Rovers, saw his club lift the Johnstone's Paint Trophy with a 3-2 win over Bristol Rovers before a crowd of 59,024 at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff on Sunday.

Doncaster made an explosive start, scoring twice in the first five minutes through Jonathan Forte and Paul Heffernan but the Pirates fought back to draw level with second-half goals from Richard Walker (penalty) and Sammy Igoe. But Graeme Lee snapped up Doncaster's winner in the second period of extra time.

Bristol had kept clean sheets in their six games to reach the final and their chief Lennie Lawrence said: "We put in enough effort to win two cup finals, let alone one. By their own admission we battered them in the second half. It was a shame we couldn't get the third goal, but we would have won it easily had we not conceded those two daft goals early on."

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Date	Location	Score	Att	Pos
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8th Aug	Lincoln City	H	1-2	4405
12th Aug	Chester City	H	2-0	3834
19th Aug	Barnet	A	0-3	1945
22nd Aug	Coventry City CCI	H	3-1	3404
26th Aug	Hartlepool United	H	3-1	3156
2nd Sept	Rochdale	A	1-1	2146
9th Sept	Mansfield Town	A	1-4	3242
12th Sept	Wycombe Wanderers	H	1-2	2585
16th Sept	Bury	H	1-0	2885
19th Sept	Leicester City CC	H	1-3	4073
24th Sept	Wrexham	A	0-1	4705
27th Sept	Bristol Rovers	A	1-2	4975
30th Sept	Placitfield Town	H	1-0	2705
8th Oct	Grimby Town	A	1-2	4147
14th Oct	Darlington	H	1-0	2838
17th Oct	Shrewsbury Town IPTI	H	1-2	2007
21st Oct	Milton Keynes Dons	A	3-1	5609
28th Oct	Accrington Stanley	H	1-0	3391
4th Nov	Swindon Town	A	2-1	6910
11th Nov	Shrewsbury Town FACI	A	0-0	5574
18th Nov	Walsall	H	0-1	4462
21st Nov	Shrewsbury Town FACI	H	2-0	4224
25th Nov	Boston United	A	1-1	1731
2nd Dec	Port Vale FA CUP 2	H	4-0	4076
5th Dec	Peterborough United	H	0-0	2309
9th Dec	Torquay United	H	1-1	3078
16th Dec	Shrewsbury Town	A	0-3	4177
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26th Dec	Bristol Rovers	H	0-0	5201
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13th Jan	Mansfield Town	H	1-3	3048
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27th Jan	Notts County	H	3-2	3280
30th Jan	Bury	A	2-2	1775
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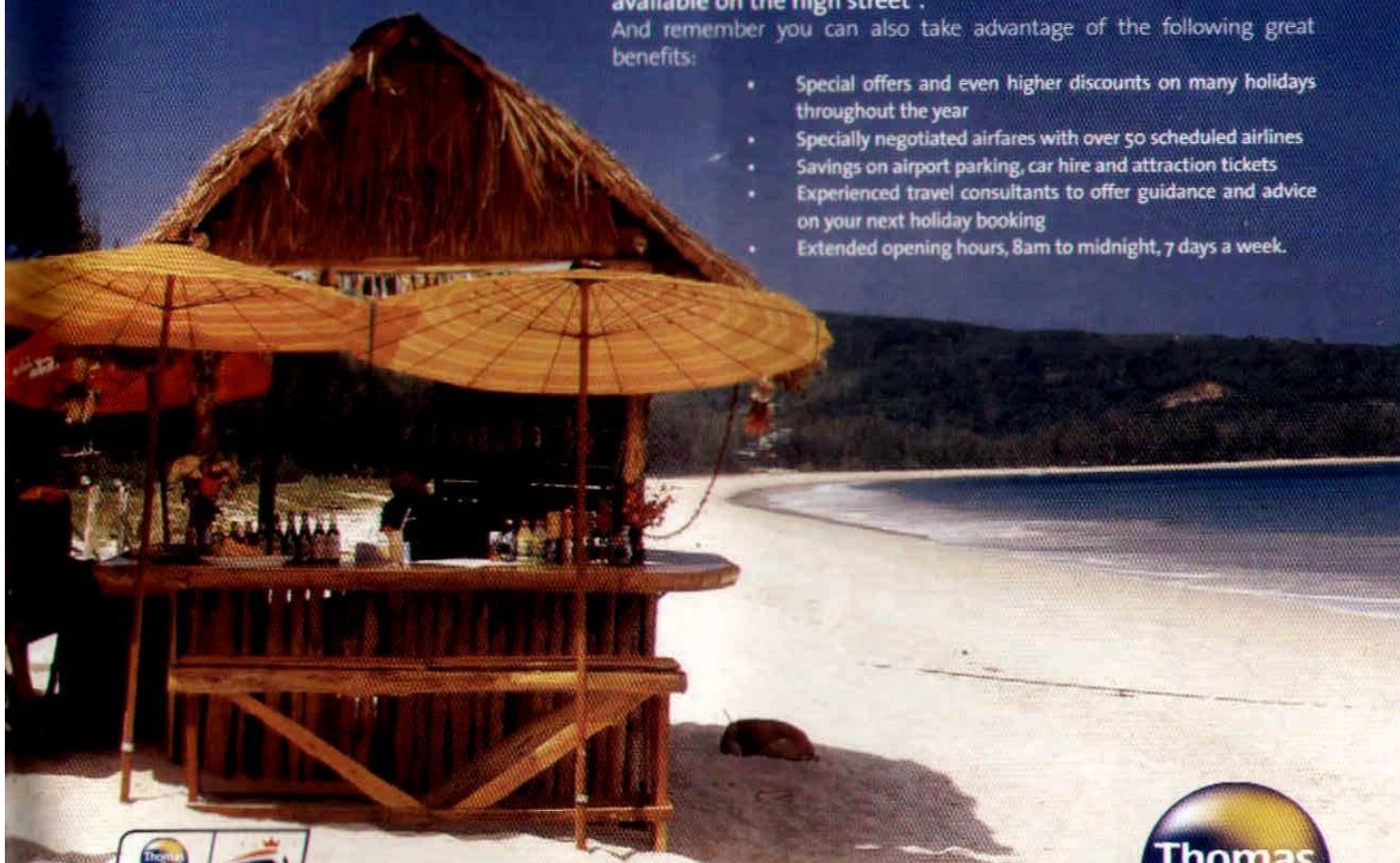
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| 3 Danny Thomas | 19 Marcus Palmer |
| 4 Richard Rose | 20 Alex Jeannin |
| 5 Tamika Mkandawire | 21 Luke Webb |
| 6 Rob Purdie | 22 Jordan Fitzpatrick |
| 8 Andy Ferrell | 23 Phil Gulliver |
| 9 Tim Sills | 24 Steve Guinan |
| 10 Stuart Fleetwood | 25 Ben Smith |
| 12 Alan Connell | 28 Dean Beckwith |
| 14 Glyn Thompson | 31 Steven Jennings |
| 15 Sam Gwynne | |
| 16 Andrew Williams | |

Match Officials

Referee: Mr P Melin

Assistant Referees: Mr M Dexter (red/yellow flag)

Mr A Horton (yellow flag)

Fourth Official: Mr J Cox

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| 2 Jack Smith | 22 Blair Sturrock |
| 3 Jamie Vincent | 23 Curtis Weston |
| 4 Sofiene Zaaboub | 25 Phil Smith |
| 5 Jerel Ifil | 27 Ben Wells |
| 6 Ady Williams | 28 Andy Caton |
| 7 Gareth Whalley | 29 Ashley Westwood |
| 8 Aaron Brown | 30 Luke Hopper |
| 9 Christian Roberts | 34 Michael Timlin |
| 10 Lee Peacock | 35 Kevin James |
| 11 Barry Corr | 36 Ashley Grimes |
| 12 Ricky Shakes | 37 Claude Gnapke |
| 13 Jon Stewart | |
| 14 Dave Partridge | |
| 15 Andy Nicholas | |
| 16 Patrick Noubissie | |
| 18 Paul Evans | |
| 19 Michael Pook | |

Next at Home

Next Saturday, Boston United visit Edgar Street, kick off is at 3:00pm. Steve Evans' side last played at Edgar Street in December 2004 when we met the Lincolnshire outfit in the second round of the FA Cup. They went away with a 3-2 away win. Tamika Mkandawire and Craig Stanley scored United's goals. This season Boston have been struggling at the bottom of the table and currently lie 23rd.

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Today we welcome Ron Davies and friends as our match sponsors.

Match Mascots

Today we welcome Jade Chamberlain and Benjamin Wild as our match mascots. Jade is 12 years old and attends Whitecross Sports College. Her hobbies include trampolining, gymnastics and swimming. Jade's favourite Hereford United players are Andrew Ferrell and Steve Guinan.

Benjamin is 3 years old and attends Riverside Nursery. He likes playing football with his friends and his favourite Hereford United players are Wayne Brown and Tamika Mkandawire.



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