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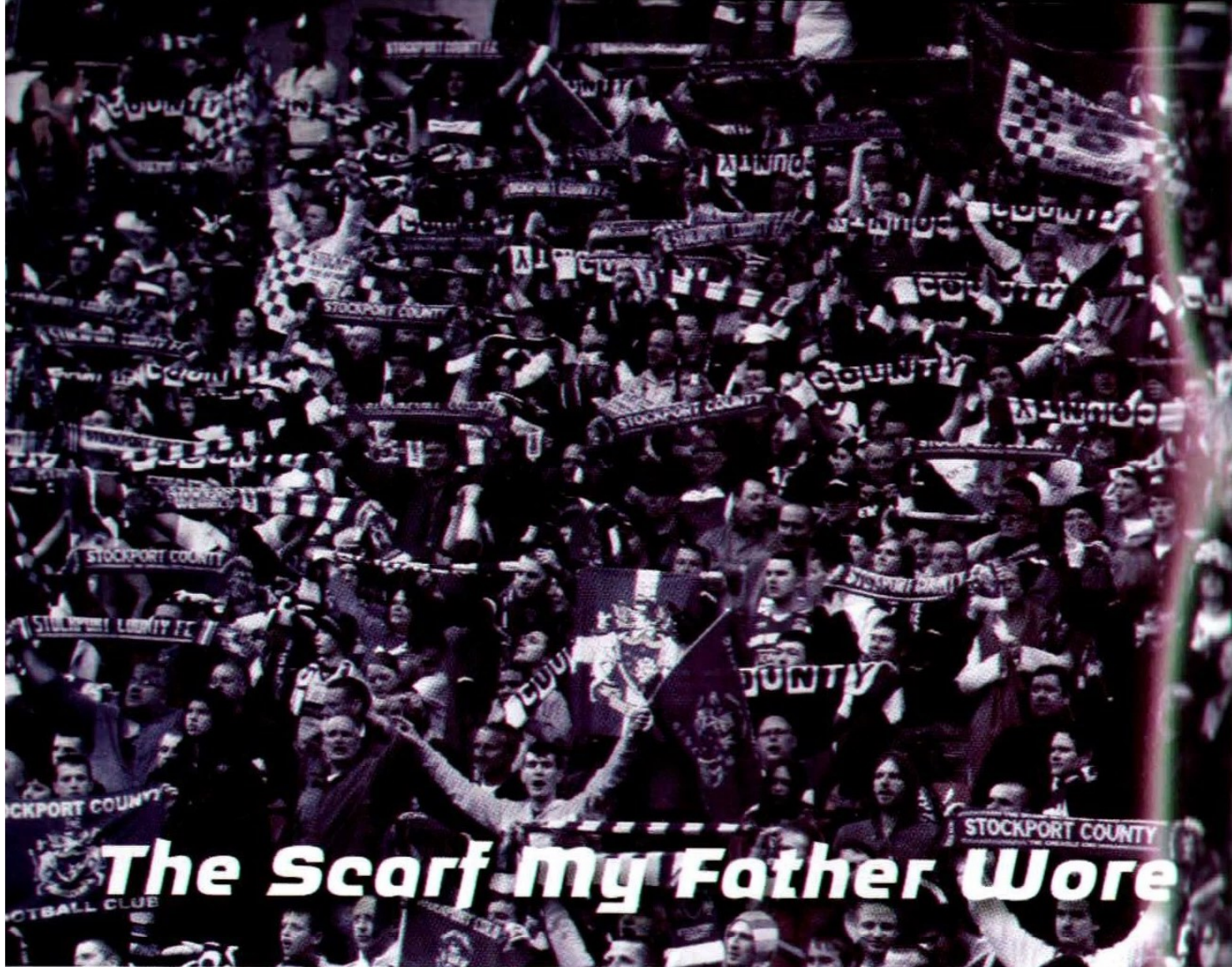
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STOCKPORT COUNTY v SWINDON TOWN

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The Scarf my Father Wore

We are everything in football,
That people say is sad and wrong,
Bu-ut when we go to
Edgeley Park,
We will sing our County song,
We will raise our voice in chor-
orus,
As we did in times before,
And at Edgeley Park our greatest
pride,
Is the scarf my Father wore,

CHORUS

It's forever being beautiful,
And the colours white and blue,
I wore the scarf around my neck,
At Chester-field and Crewe,
My father was a County fan,
Like my Grandfather before,
And at Edgeley Park I love to wear,

The scarf my Father wore!
We will always follow County,
To all games far and near,
And at Edgeley Park we'll sing
those songs,
That my Father loved to hear,
We will raise our pints in mem-
ory,
Of the games he loved to seeeee,
And at Edgeley Park I'll
always wear,
The scarf he left to meeeeeee!

CHORUS

It's passed down the gen-
erations,
Through my fam-ily,
Oh my Granddad gave it
to my dad,
And my dad gave it to me,

And when my time is over,
And when life's long race is run,
I will take the scarf from
'round my neck,
And I'll pass it to my son!

CHORUS

Aaaaas I walked up those
gallows steps,
I looked down at that trap door,
Then he pulled the switch,
He made me twitch,
and I knew I was no more,
And as I swung from to and fro,
My body's now a wreck,
But there was no rope that strung
me up,
'Twas the scarf around my neck!

CHORUS

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH CUP WINNERS 2007

FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORDS

★ **Biggest Win:**
13-0 v Halifax Town, January 6th, 1934
★ **Best Run Of Results:**
Nine consecutive wins without conceding a goal, March 3rd, 2007
★ **Consecutive Away Wins:**
8, April 12, 2008

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The Gaffer

words by **Jim Gannon**

I would like to welcome Maurice Malpas, his players and staff, and the supporters and directors of Swindon Town to Edgeley Park.

It seems like an eternity since our last meeting with Swindon Town back on the March 3rd, 2007. That day was probably my proudest and memorable moment as Stockport County manager. Seeing our team beat promotion-destined Swindon 3-0 to break the Football League record for successive wins with clean sheets. Thinking back now it was an incredible run from our players to achieve nine wins in a row without conceding a single goal! Many of those players have gone on to play at a higher level including all those that are still here at Edgeley Park. I guess that run of performances and results showed the future capabilities of the team here at Edgeley Park.

However, I don't think that everyone truly appreciates what has happened here at EP over the last three seasons and what is developing this season. We have adapted our playing system and the associated tactics. It is still very much a work in progress but performances and results have been very encouraging. Over the last few weeks me and Peter have spoken to many managers, coaches and chief scouts and they consistently admire the manner in which we play the game. Words like 'refreshing' and 'admirable' are common praise for the way the players go about playing the game. Therefore, you may understand why I am aghast that certain elements of our crowd barrack and groan at the way we play football. These people are

not supporters but grumbling 'mockers'. It is likely these are the same people that abused Ashley Williams or didn't rate Liam Dickenson!

The Twelfth Man? I can just imagine an opposition report on our team - 'Stockport are a good young team with plenty of energy. They pass the ball well through midfield and will need to be shut down. If you can frustrate them, certain elements of the crowd will get on their back. When the crowd get a little restless then certain Stockport players force the play with rushed forward passes leading to the breakdown of play or they will shoot from ineffective distances.'

If certain 'mockers' want to see the ball lashed up and down the pitch, constantly in the air, with players crashing into one another, continually scuffling for the ball, and shooting from long distance over the crossbar. Then they need to come along on a different weekend and watch the other team that play at Edgeley Park.

I made a subtle attempt at educating the fans to show more patience in my previous programme notes. However, I feel quotes like 'passion with patience' and 'commitment with control' are lost on a few. Therefore, I guess it remains for me to continue with my message to the players and add a footnote to it - don't let the crowd dictate your

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decision making, remember your education and, despite the pressure, stick to our principles.

Most games are often determined by the first goal as many English teams struggle to get back into games against a well organised defensive team. The losing team fails to draw the opposition defenders out of position, forces play, and eventually their players lose confidence and run out of ideas. On Tuesday night we saw a different way. We showed a willingness to build up play and stretch the opposition defence before unleashing

skilful attackers into threatening areas. This is why we have shown an increasing ability to get back into matches. In my first full season we failed to win any game when we went behind, and when we were behind at half time we might as well have stayed in the changing room! That has changed over the last two seasons and already we have witnessed this ability to get results from losing situations this season.

At the recent European championship Spain, the most successful and most entertaining team, had by far the most complete passes. However, only 40% of their successful passes were forward passes. Which leads us to assume that the majority of their complete passes were sideways and backwards as they maintained possession in the search for successful and effective entries into the attacking third! I think that this point might help emphasis the understated value of rotating the ball across the defence and midfield lines. Patient build up is integral and moving the team up the pitch and placing attacking players in the position to effectively attack. Perhaps our views are sanitised by highlights football shows, were all we see is the final product. One chance after another. I've stopped watching Match of the Day and Premiership matches. I prefer working class football. Honest, hardworking, not lacking in skill and striving to be better. We accept that we are not the complete package and as professionals we are far from the finished articles. To paraphrase Danny B - 'we are not perfect but every now and again we will scratch the surface of perfection'.

We should all step back and admire the young players we have at this club and the way in which they play the game. It is likely and inevitable that they move quickly to a higher level. We should enjoy their football while they are here.

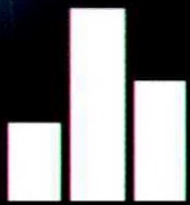
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From The Boardroom

words by **Mark Maguire**

I attended a Football League Conference on Thursday where the main subject was policing costs. After the Wigan Athletic court case costs have gone up across the country, ours have risen 70% and that's with a local force who are more co-operative and flexible than most. Some of the stories from elsewhere in the country were horrific and I believe this will be the next political "hot potato" in football.

At a time when sponsorships are harder and harder to come by with companies affected by the economic climate, any significant increase in the cost of matches threatens the existence of some clubs. One club in our division even raised the possibility that they may, very reluctantly have to consider banning away fans because they couldn't afford the cost of police and stewarding. This would be a dark day for football and I hope that a measured solution is found.

Other topics were the concept of home-grown players and a minimum number in the match day sixteen, the League are looking to be the first in Europe to adopt this principle and I'm sure it will be applauded. Perhaps more significantly there is a suggestion that clubs like ours may be able to protect themselves by offering professional contracts at a younger age to protect against "predator" clubs.

Back at work, preparations continue for Tuesday's Plaza event, it should be a fantastic night. I have seen some of the footage in a sneak preview and don't mind admitting that it had me in tears. To launch the DVD with people like Luis Cavaco, Mike Flynn, Andy Preece, Terry Park, Les Bradd, Alan Ogley and many more, not to mention the current squad and management, will be a very special event. I can't wait! And I recommend you don't miss it.

We finally reached agreement for the Oldham game on the Friday night although I have to say that some of the discussions left a bad taste in the mouth. Sale Sharks, it has to be said, have been very co-operative on this one, but suffice to say I will approach the fixture with even more passion than usual. It should be a great atmosphere under the floodlights and a good local derby.

Finally, we will be welcoming Stockport Olympians today, those who have achieved the highest level in their chosen sport. What greater inspiration can you get than seeing people who've suffered pain, frustration, committed hours and hours of unnoticed effort, been doubted, questioned and criticised along the way but emerged to achieve a glorious achievement which nobody can take away from them. Not only do we celebrate the achievements of Paul Manning, Hannah Whelan and Matthew Walker but we use them as a role model and we compare the job they've done with that of our own, and realise that the rewards are out there if you keep on going and have faith in the ability of yourself and the people around you to get where you want to be.

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Aye, Aye Cap'n

words by **Gareth Owen**

Hello everyone and welcome to today's fixture against Swindon. We were a touch unfortunate on Tuesday night not to come away with all three points against Northampton.

We had the lion's share of possession and played some lovely football but couldn't quite create enough clear-cut chances to give us victory. Once Northampton had scored they got a lot of men behind the ball and were prepared to grind out a win that way. It was up to us then to try and break them down, and although our approach play was good we didn't have enough sharp play and passing around the box. It was a point well-earned, though, and is a sign of how far we have come that we were disappointed with a draw.

I think anyone who has seen us play will admit we try and play the game the right way. Even though we were a goal down on Tuesday we still believed in the principles the gaffer has instilled in us. Our team is not built to play long, high balls forward so we have to build through midfield and try to score goals that way. We have to play to our strengths, regardless of scoreline, opposition or venue. We did this on Tuesday and to come back from a goal down shows not only do we have the ability, but the resilience and belief as well, which will stand us in good stead for the long season ahead.

With the games coming thick-and-fast at the minute it's important you manage yourself well as a footballer. The gaffer will make sure we are well-prepared for the opposition but it's up to us to make sure we are in peak physical condition once the games come along. The squad is a young one and we are still learning in terms of 'managing' ourselves in between games. There are numerous factors in this such as eating the right things,

getting enough rest/sleep, mentally switching on and off and, of course, training. After a fantastic win last Saturday, you have to not only physically recover from that but mentally put up with the long journey to make sure you are ready for the next game in midweek. This all comes with experience and, over time, the younger players will improve and will eventually be in peak condition every single game. This obviously doesn't happen at the top level as players are rested left, right and centre because they have the squads to cover it; but we don't, so we have to learn to manage ourselves properly.

This coming Tuesday sees the film premiere of County's 125-year history. I am looking forward to it, and the first team squad will be there in attendance. It's on occasions like this you realise just what a legacy we are a part of. In my time here I have been lucky enough to make history. The nine-game run, eight-consecutive away wins, winning at Wembley and promotion. All things that will never be forgotten. I'm sure you will have your own memories of particular events of County's history and it will be great to see all these on the big screen. It is our club at the end of the day, so let's be proud of it and celebrate it. I hope to see plenty of you there at the Plaza.

Enjoy today's game.

Park Life

latest news from **Edgeley Park**

THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN

The countdown has begun for Tuesday night's official premiere of The History of Stockport County.

The Bergara family have confirmed their attendance and they will be joined at the Plaza by Jack Connor's sons, Joe and Jimmy, along with a whole host of real County legends including Luis Cavaco, Alan Ogley, Bill Williams, Alun Armstrong, Kevin Cooper, Terry Park, Sean Connelly, Eric Webster and Mike Flynn.

On top of this Jim Gannon and his first-team squad will also be coming along.

More than 300 County fans have already purchased tickets for the unmissable event, but it's not too late to purchase yours.

Tickets, for what is sure to be a wonderful occasion cost £12, and are available at the Plaza or by calling the Booking Hotline 0161 477 7779. You can also book on-line at www.stockportplaza.co.uk and www.countyclubstore.co.uk

However, if you would like to live like a film star and attend the premiere of the Stockport County Story as a VIP now is your opportunity, as a limited number of VIP tickets are available to County fans for the event at the Plaza next week.

You'll get access to the VIP bar, prime seating and a

champagne reception - not forgetting the chance to mix with current stars and legends, of course.

These special tickets are on offer from the Club Store at Edgeley Park, priced £25, and can be picked up on the night.

The Hatters are urging all fans to help turn the Plaza into the Cheadle End by turning up wearing their County shirts and scarves

With Dave Eade and his crew set to decorate the theatre with all their giant flags and banners it promises to be an extra-special atmosphere, especially as the Plaza organist will be playing the tunes of some of our favourite songs and chants!

The evening kicks off at 7.45 with the official welcome then, at 8.00pm, sit back and wallow in a nostalgic 45-minute screening of County's early years.

A 15-minute interval to recharge your glasses precedes Part 2, 'From Despair to Delight'.

At 10pm fans can then join all the County legends attending the evening in the bar until closing time at 12 midnight.

Please help us continue our 125-year celebrations by joining us for this unique evening.

Thank you for your continued support.



CHEADLE END TRIBUTE

Next month Staircase House, on the Market Place, will host a special animation workshop - the Famous Cheadle End Chorus

Grab your County scarf and follow the crowds to this special celebration of our renowned Cheadle End through the generations.

Animate your own puppet self-portrait and get behind the boys in blue to create a living mural of our famous fans.

The workshop takes place at Stockport Story Museum on Monday, October 27th, from 1 till 4pm (drop-in), £1. Suitable for ages 5 and upwards.

COUNTY EXHIBITION

Six days after the film premiere of The History of Stockport County a fantastic County exhibition will be launched at Staircase House on the Market Place. Occupying two floors in the impressive town centre building the exhibition - a must for County fans of all ages - will run for six months.

We are still collecting memorabilia for the exhibition so we would urge all County fans to check their lofts and cellars for anything Hatters-based that fellow fans would find interesting.

Supporters can drop off any memorabilia at Staircase House this Tuesday (Sep 23) from 10am until 7.00pm. Just ask for Joanne Dunne.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Everyone at Edgeley Park would like to offer birthday greetings to one of our young fans, Megan Shandley, who was 8-years old on Wednesday.

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE COMMUNITY CUP

Once again, The Football League is holding the 'Community Cup' for Under-11s and girls Under-13s. The competition is held annually, with each of the 72 Football League Clubs staging the 'Local Phase' of the competition to find a winning school to represent their club in the Area/Divisional Phase.

We are currently planning our competition, putting dates and times together for all the Primary and Secondary Schools to enter two teams in the tournament.

We are aiming for 100 primary and 25 secondary schools to participate in this years Stockport County stage. More details to follow, watch this space!

PAINT THE TOWN BLUE

Don't forget that we have been paired with neighbours Bury in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy second-round. The Blue & White Army have been allocated the South Stand at Gigg Lane (opposite the Main Stand) and prices have been set at £10 (adults) and £5 (OAPs, Under-21s and Disabled).

Family tickets (one adult and one child) are also available for £12.

County Travel are running coaches to Gigg Lane departing from Edgeley Park at 6pm.

The price per seat is just £5 and we are now taking bookings at the EP Ticket Office or by calling the Booking Hotline, 08456 885799.

PICK UP YOUR 125 GIFT

County fans can now pick up a free 125th Anniversary print at the County Club Store.

And what's more, each one is signed by Jim Gannon himself.

Simply present your voucher 'G' from your season ticket books, for supporters who applied by June 13.



COUNTY HALL OF FAME

Brett Angell	Bobby Murray
Bill Atkins	Frank Newton
Danny Bergara	Alan Ogley
Billy Bocking	Trevor Porteous
Joe Butler	Johnny Price
Sean Connelly	Micky Quinn
Jack Connor	John Rutter
Brendan Elwood	Jimmy Stevenson
Mike Flynn	Tommy Sword
Kevin Francis	Andy Thorpe
Jim Fryatt	Lee Todd
Jim Gannon	Len White
Harry Hardy	Eric Webster
Dave Jones	Bill Williams
All Lythgoe	Rodger Wyldie

COUNTY RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Most League Appearances	Andy Thorpe, 489, 1978-86, 1989-92
Most League Goals	Jack Connor, 132, 1951-56
Highest Scorer In A Season	All Lythgoe, 52, 1933-34
Record Transfer Fee Received	£1.6m from Middlesbrough for Alan Armstrong, Feb 98
Record Transfer Fee Paid	£800,000 to Nottingham Forest for Ian Moore, July 98
Youngest League Player	Paul Turnbull, 16 years 97 days v Wrexham, April 30 05
Oldest League Player	Alex Hend, 40 years 47 days v Crewe, Dec. 25 51
Most Capped Player	Jarkko Wiss, 9, Finland

CLUB RECORDS

First League Game	v Leicester Fosse, September 1 1900
First FA Cup Game	v Helliwell Rovers, October 25 1892
First League Cup Game	v Carlisle United, October 10 1960

RECORD RESULTS

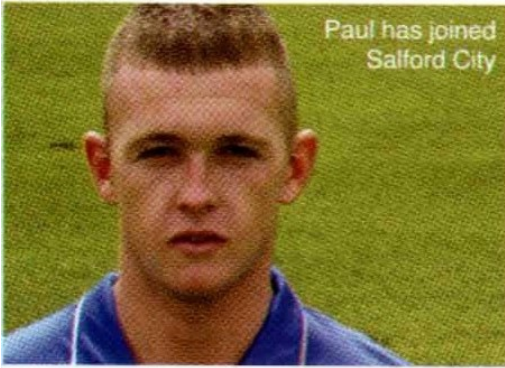
Record League Home Victory	13-0 v Halifax Town, January 6 1934
Record FA Cup Home Victory	5-0 v Lincoln City, November 11 1995
Record League Cup Home Victory	6-3 v Mansfield Town, August 24 1997
Record League Home Defeat	0-6 v Peterborough United, February 2 1961
Record FA Cup Home Defeat	0-5 v West Bromwich Albion, February 16 1935
Record League Cup Home Defeat	0-7 v Sheffield Wednesday, October 6 1986 *
Record League Away Win	7-1 v Bradford City, September 18 1965
Record FA Cup Away Win	7-2 v King's Lynn, December 14 1912
Record League Cup Away Win	5-2 v Sheffield United, September 24 1996
Record League Away Defeat	1-8 v Chesterfield, April 1902
Record FA Cup Away Defeat	1-8 v Bury, October 29 1892
Record League Cup Away Defeat	0-7 v Crystal Palace, September 4 1979

RECORD ATTENDANCES

Record Home League Att	27,304 v Lincoln City, May 1997
Record Home FA Cup Att	27,883 v Liverpool, February 11 1950
Record Home League Cup Att	16,535 v Norwich City, November 1 1972
Lowest Home League Att	1,039 v Southend United, February 15 1985
Lowest Home FA Cup Att	2,781 v Walsall, November 17 1984
Lowest Home League Cup Att	1,476 v Carlisle United, August 18 1987
Record Away League Att	38,992 v Hull City, April 30 1949
Record Away FA Cup Att	51,851 v Liverpool, January 30 1965
Record Away League Cup Att	42,384 v Manchester United, August 30 1978 **
Lowest Away League Att	790 v Hartlepool, May 5 1984
Lowest Away FA Cup Att	1,748 v Caernarfon Town, November 15 1986
Lowest Away League Cup Att	1,433 v Tranmere Rovers, September 2 1986

* Played at Maine Road, Manchester

** Switched to Old Trafford



Paul has joined Salford City

FRIDAY NIGHT IS COUNTY NIGHT

Our mouth-watering clash against near-neighbours Oldham Athletic has been brought forward to Friday, October 3rd, kick off 7.45.

With Latics currently leading League 1 a huge crowd is expected and, under the Edgeley Park floodlights, the atmosphere promises to be sensational.

Older fans will tell you that Oldham is

County's 'real' derby and, looking back at some of the attendances to watch these games, it's difficult to argue against them.

Our visit to Boundary Park in our 1936-37 Division Three (North) championship campaign attracted 23,142 at a time Oldham averaged a little more than 6,000.

And what about the 1951-52 season? 24,473 saw the Edgeley Park clash end goalless whilst a quite incredible 33,450 watched Latics win the return game 1-0 at Boundary Park.

How many County fans travelled to Oldham that afternoon? That's a good question. The Latics previous home gate was 8,000!

Fast forward to the 1970-71 season the two clubs could still attract huge gates, even in the Fourth Division. Almost 21,000 saw two pulsating games that campaign, both end 1-1.

Strangely, though, the two sides wouldn't meet again for more than three decades when battle recommenced in the 2002-03 season.

Back to today, to ease congestion on the night, and to make sure you don't miss any of the action, we would urge fans to purchase tickets in advance.

SALFORD BOUND

County's young midfielder, Paul Ennis, has joined Salford City on a one-month loan deal.

The 18-year-old goes straight into the Salford squad for tomorrow's clash against FC Halifax Town, the club formed in the summer to replace Halifax Town following the demise of the former League team during the summer

Salford, who currently occupy bottom position in the UniBond First Division table, will be hoping Paul can help kick-start their season.

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Kick-Off: 3.00pm

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The Blue & White Army have been allocated 1,100 seats in the Carlsberg Stand at Whaddon Road.

And fans can make significant savings by purchasing tickets in advance as prices will increase by £2 for supporters paying on the day.

The tickets, which are now on sale at Edgeley Park, are priced £18 (adults), £12 (students, over-65s and disabled), and £7 (under-16s).

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Radio Go Go

words by **Pure 107.8 FM's Jon Keighren**

We've gone from famine to feast this week as County's enforced ten-day break has given way to a run of three games in a week, testing Jim Gannon's young squad to its limits.

But so far the players have not been found wanting and a return of four points from our last two games has left us in a very healthy top ten position. The fitness of our squad and the swift recovery of players such as Johnny Mullins is also a tribute to the work of Ben Cooper, John Bishop and Roger Wyld behind the scenes, preparing the players for the rigours of League One football.

The outstanding, free-flowing performance at Orient was replaced by a much more measured and patient display against a determined and resolute Northampton side here at Edgeley Park on Tuesday. Patience really was the watchword against the Cobblers, who took the lead early on and then left Karl Hawley up top on his own to try and sit on that lead until the final whistle.

It was frustrating to watch for long periods of time, and occasionally led to criticism from sections of the crowd as the Hatters had to bide their time to find a way through the packed Northampton defence. But surely a patient build-up is better than hoofing it upfield, giving chase and hoping for the best? We've seen that kind of football under previous managers, and I for one am not keen to see us return to it.

Hopefully, this afternoon will be a better spectacle than the Northampton clash because Swindon Town under Maurice Malpas are a much more open and attacking force than the Cobblers; they're prone to conceding goals, but they score plenty at the other end, so I'm expecting a much better game of football this afternoon. In recent seasons there have been some lively encounters

between the Hatters and the Robins, with no fewer than 30 goals scored in the last seven meetings between these two sides.

County have made an excellent start to their first season back in League One and there are plenty of reasons to be optimistic about the squad and the ability of our management team. Managers up and down the country will tell you that a good start can make all the difference and I'm hopeful we can keep it going here this afternoon. But sometimes perhaps we will all have to be patient, particularly when defensive-minded sides come to Edgeley Park with the sole intent of avoiding defeat - and perhaps the spectators as much as the players will have to learn the values of patience, particularly when we go behind.



AND FINALLY...

... a word on Stephen Gleeson who was outstanding on Tuesday night against Northampton - I'm delighted to see him getting into his stride in the last couple of games as he begins to hit the heights that he reached in his previous two loan spells at Edgeley Park.

Stephen is a player with genuine Premier League potential and if Tuesday night was anything to go by, he's not far away from reaching the pinnacle of English football.



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The County Trust

words by **Supporters Trust Board Member Steve Bedder**

Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to all those who have travelled up from Swindon to support their team today. It's about 18 months ago that Swindon Town were last at Edgeley Park, that day we won 3-0 with two goals from Anthony Elding and one from Liam Dickinson to create our history-making nine consecutive wins without conceding a single goal; let's hope we can get the same result today, albeit with different names on the score sheet.

As you might have read in Tuesday's Programme Notes from my colleague Martin White, the Trust Elections are currently underway and we have a number of strong candidates standing this year. The Trust AGM which is being held on 3rd November at Edgeley Park will announce the results of the election. The AGM will also give the Trust Board an opportunity to give Trust Members an overview of what has been done over the past 12 months, where we are heading and answer questions that members might have.

One question that I'm sure will come up is the one of communication and in particular what is, and isn't communicated. Like many Trust Members and County fans, this is an area that I also feel passionately about and I want to make sure that as a club owned by the fans that we communicate as much as possible to the owners. Since joining the Trust Board 18 months ago, I've come to realise that this

is not as easy as it first seems.

Both the Club and Trust Boards must be careful of what information is released as well as when and how it is released. We would love to have a completely open policy when it comes to communication, but not all communication is received in the way that it is meant.

Press releases, web pages, message boards etc are no substitute for the spoken word. Electronic and print formats (such as this one) don't always convey the emotion and message as it is intended and on a number of occasions I have witnessed people getting a completely different message from the same press release because of the way it was written and interpreted.

We also have to contend with legal and confidentiality issues and ensure that as a professional organisation the information that is released does not lead to legal action. This unfortunately means

that although we want to communicate the whole story, we have to respect the wishes of third-parties and make sure that we are not breaching any legality issues. This is probably the single most common reason why certain information is not as concise as some would like.

The good news though, is that both the Trust and Club Boards are constantly working to improve communication with Trust members and fans. We know that at times it is frustrating because as fans of Stockport County, you want to know what is going on at the club you love. We are working hard to ensure that accurate, legal and timely information is provided as and when required in various mediums to keep the thirst for information quenched.

Thanks for reading, have a great afternoon.

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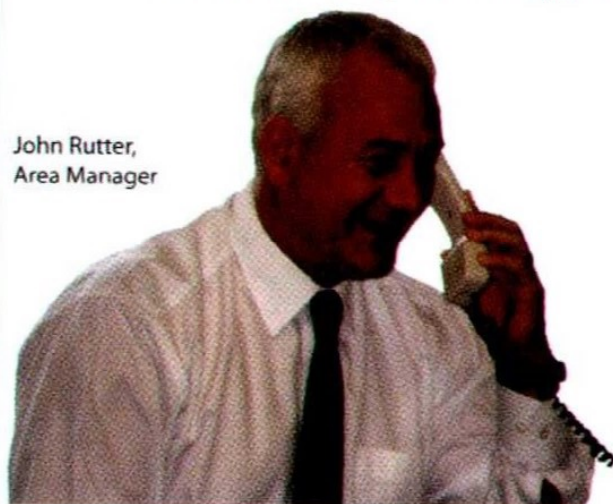
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Express Lines

words by **Express Sports Editor Simon Smedley**

So after the first disappointing defeat of the season the other week against Scunthorpe, County have bounced back really well with a couple of wins and a draw, and conceded just one goal in the process.

It's been a good start to the new season in League One, and to have just suffered that singular defeat so far is not a bad return at all.

Jim spoke briefly about the start to the season the other night and he's clearly encouraged too, but even then there's still room for more improvement.

Tuesday's performance against Northampton wasn't bad, I'd say it was pretty average really, but last weekend at Orient the lads were awesome from front to back, from the first minute to the last.

It does seem strange to me that some of the lads do seem a little apprehensive, even a bit edgy, during home games of late, but they needn't feel that way.

Bar the odd howl of dissent from the stands at EP, you fans are brilliant

and always do a great job trying to lift the team.

A home win here today would give the players a huge and significant lift, and I'm confident that we'll get our first maximum points haul of the season against Swindon.

As I said, overall it's been a very encouraging start to life in League One, and the lads are getting more and more used to the pace and tempo of this division as each game goes by.

I'm by no means a master football tactician, but Jim does appear to be getting that side of things right so far this term.

We can look forward to the rest of the season with confidence. I'm looking forward to each and every game at the moment - County have got a good team who are doing the

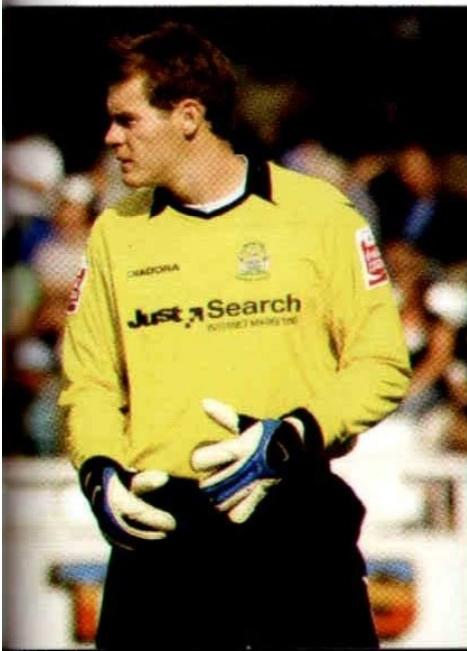
magnificent fans proud.

Some of the younger lads have been doing particularly well of late.

Tommy Rowe has got three great goals and has been sparkling at times, while Leon McSweeney is bang in form at the moment and I was delighted for him to have scored again on Tuesday.

Owain Fon Williams has a safe pair of hands; Michael Raynes has been a tower of strength, while Stevie Gleeson has responded really well these last couple of games after having one or two problems of the field.

Stevie will be okay, we all know what he's capable of from last season. He's getting back to that kind of form now. See you at Cheltenham.



FOUR SHUT-OUTS FOR OWAIN

Owain has quickly endeared himself to the Blue & White Army keeping an impressive four clean sheets in his first seven County games.

He also kept a clean sheet when Wales qualified for the Under-21 European Championships with a 3-0 win in Romania.

The Welsh now face England in a mouth-watering double header next month.

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Action Replay

COUNTY 1-1 NORTHAMTON TOWN, SEPT 16 2008

SHOT OF THE MATCH

Not many shots fired as both sides tended to cancel each other out. Gary Dicker tried a long-distance effort after 25 minutes from fully 30 yards out, but 'keeper Dunn was more than equal to it.

SAVE OF THE MATCH

Dunn was called into action on 51 minutes, when Anthony Pilkington turned and fired a low shot towards the Cobblers goal.

OUR MAN OF THE MATCH

Stephen Gleeson showed touches of the pace & energy, tried to get forward and got in an excellent cross for the goal after smartly beating his marker.

THEIR MAN OF THE MATCH

County improved after the substitution of Luke Guttridge, who until then had been dominant in the Cobblers' midfield.

REF WATCH

A quiet enough game from Mr Swarbrick who, as with most County matches this season, spent more time dealing with the opposition than with our players; 18 fouls to County's 7.

CROWD WATCH

4,974, with a frustrated Cheadle End finding its voice more and more as the match went on, with one rendition of "Jimmy Gannon's Blue & White Army" lasting a good 20 minutes. Just 138 fans travelled from Northamptonshire.

THE BOSSES

Jim Gannon - "Everyone wants to see passion, but you have to have patience. Everyone wants to see commitment but you've got to have control, and we didn't quite find the balance tonight. We had to try and control the game and not force it, and when we did that we looked threatening."

Stuart Gray - "Stockport is a difficult place to come to, but after that I'm feeling like we've thrown two points away. All the lads put a good shift in and I'm pleased with the overall performance, but there is still a feeling of disappointment. Maybe in spells they did keep the ball better than us, but we are capable of playing much better than that."

1989 - 90



Princess Street, Stockport 1968
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A Season In Brief

words by **Bernard Jordan & Leigh Edwards**

County and Swindon Town had two things in common during the 1989-90 season. Result-wise, it ended in frustration as both were denied promotion after experiencing differing fortunes in the play-offs, while each had a South American at the helm.

And in County's case that meant the popular Man from Uruguay, Danny Bergara, had arrived at EP and, in his first full season in charge, had immediately begun to weave his magic.

After 19 seasons of Fourth Division struggles, with at best five mid-table finishes, suddenly there was an air of optimism about the place.

Brett Angell had joined County the previous October, now the likes of Malcolm Brown, David Frain, Chris Beaumont and the experienced central defender, Paul Jones with around 500 games for Bolton Wanderers behind him, all followed Danny from previous club Rochdale.

The County revolution was gathering

momentum and, while the ultimate play-off semi-final may have on the face of it been something of a disappointment, when you consider what had gone on before it was certainly an improvement.

It is County history now that in Danny's successful reign we were to visit Wembley on four occasions and enjoy promotion as runners-up to Darlington in 1991.

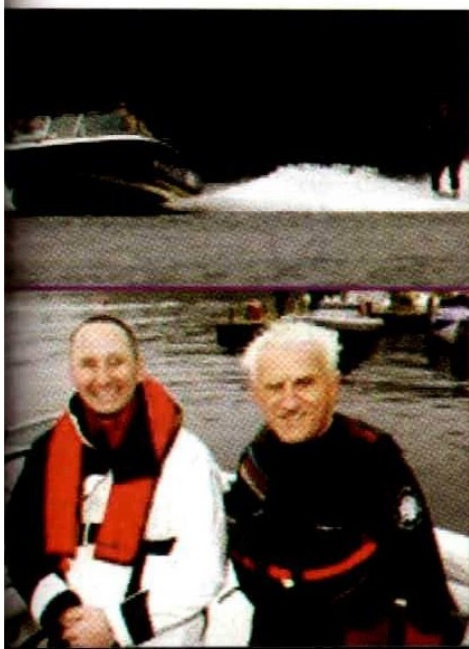
But back 12 months and, after three opening draws, County followed by winning eight of our next 10 games, at the same time as despatching Bury in the Littlewoods Cup before losing so gallantly over two legs to a star-studded QPR.

Included in that run was a 6-0 success

over Hartlepool United, with Brett Angell scoring four goals either side of a half-time break which saw the town's cricketers, led by Bob Cooke with Australian professional Steve Wundke, parade the trophy they won when being crowned Central Lancashire League champions.

Although County lost in an FA Cup replay to Burnley, we immediately bounced back by beating Scunthorpe United 4-2 courtesy of a Brett Angell hat-trick. A pre-Christmas blip was followed by four wins out of five, with Mark Payne scoring twice in 3-1 revenge over Burnley.

County's form thereafter was somewhat inconsistent and cost us automatic promotion, but we did win our final four



STOCKPORT NEWS

A Stockport man became the first ever blind water ski jump champion in 1989. Gerald Price from Heaton Chapel completely lost his sight at the age of 23 but didn't let that stop his love of the sport.

In 1990 a Stockport woman found herself in the media spotlight during the Strangeways riots. As a member of the prison board, Davenport born Mary Stewart spent twenty-five days giving TV crews an eye witness account from inside the jail.

While the summer of 1990 was a scorcher with one August day the hottest in the borough since records began. The temperature topped 33.7 degrees Celsius in parts of the town.

Division Four 1989-90

Team	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Exeter City	46	28	5	13	83	48	89
Grimsby Town	46	22	13	11	70	47	79
Southend Utd	46	22	9	15	61	48	75
Stockport County	46	21	11	14	68	62	74
Maidstone Utd	46	22	7	17	77	61	73
Cambridge Utd	46	21	10	15	76	66	73
Chesterfield	46	19	14	13	63	50	71
Carlisle United	46	21	8	17	61	60	71
Peterborough Utd	46	17	17	12	59	46	68
Lincoln City	46	18	14	14	48	48	68
Scunthorpe Utd	46	17	15	14	69	54	66
Rochdale	46	20	6	20	52	55	66
York City	46	16	16	14	55	53	64
Gillingham	46	17	11	18	46	48	62
Torquay Utd	46	15	12	19	53	66	57
Burnley	46	14	14	18	45	55	56
Hereford Utd	46	15	10	21	56	62	55
Scarborough	46	15	10	21	60	73	55
Hartlepool Utd	46	15	10	21	66	88	55
Doncaster Rovers	46	14	9	23	53	60	51
Wrexham	46	13	12	21	51	67	51
Aldershot	46	12	14	20	49	69	50
Halifax Town	46	12	13	21	57	65	49
Colchester Utd	46	11	10	25	48	75	43

Division Two 1989-90

Team	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds United	46	24	13	9	79	52	85
Sheffield United	46	24	13	9	78	58	85
Newcastle United	46	22	14	10	80	55	80
Swindon Town	46	20	14	12	79	59	74
Blackburn Rovers	46	19	17	10	74	59	74
Sunderland	46	20	14	12	70	64	74
West Ham United	46	20	12	14	80	57	72
Oldham Athletic	46	19	14	13	70	57	71
Ipswich Town	46	19	12	15	67	66	69
Wolves	46	18	13	15	67	60	67
Port Vale	46	15	16	15	62	57	61
Portsmouth	46	15	16	15	62	65	61
Leicester City	46	15	14	17	67	79	59
Hull City	46	14	16	16	58	65	58
Watford	46	14	15	17	58	60	57
Plymouth Argyle	46	14	13	19	58	63	55
Oxford United	46	15	9	22	57	66	54
Brighton & HA	46	15	9	22	56	72	54
Barnsley	46	13	15	18	49	71	54
WBA	46	12	15	19	67	71	51
Middlesbrough	46	13	11	22	52	63	50
Bournemouth	46	12	12	22	57	76	48
Bradford City	46	9	14	23	44	68	41
Stoke City	46	6	19	21	35	63	37

games including a splendid 2-0 victory at Cambridge United and then 3-1 against Chesterfield.

So a fourth-place finish it was behind champions Exeter City, Grimsby Town and Southend United. Unfortunately, County then lost both play-off semi-final legs against Chesterfield who, in turn, went down to Cambridge at Wembley.

Local reporter Stuart Brennan, referring to "an astonishing season" in the programme for the play-off game, quoted the words of BBC's David Coleman - "Quite remarkable!"

Brett Angell finished as top scorer with 23 league goals (plus one in the FA Cup), while Keith Edwards added 10.

Ossie Ardiles, the former Argentinian World Cup winner and Spurs star, was the man who had taken over from Lou Macari in the Swindon hot seat for a season which also saw the team finish fourth, in their case in the Second Division.

Shearer was the Robins' top scorer, not Alan but Duncan, and he hit the target on 20 occasions, and Steve White 18, as Stoke City were beaten 6-0, and Plymouth Argyle (twice), Ipswich Town, Oxford United and Port Vale all 3-0.

Subsequent champions Leeds United were beaten 3-2 at the County Ground, with Alan McLoughlin, Steve Foley and Ross MacLaren scoring, while Shearer (2), Paul Bodin and Foley netted in an exciting 4-3 win at Blackburn Rovers.

Rovers it was, along with North East clubs Newcastle United and Sunderland, who joined Swindon in the play-offs and the Robins twice overcame the Ewood Park side to qualify for the final.

But then, despite a McLoughlin goal carving out a 1-0 win over Sunderland, Swindon were denied promotion due to alleged financial irregularities. Glenn Hoddle guided Town to the Premiership via the play-offs three years later.

Liverpool won the First Division in 1989-90, ahead of Aston Villa and Spurs, and Bristol Rovers won the bragging rights over their City rivals when the two clubs finished first and second in the Third.

Manchester United won the FA Cup in a replay against Crystal Palace. Mark Hughes and Ian Wright both scored twice for their respective sides as the first game was drawn 3-3, then full-back Lee Martin the only goal when the sides met again five days later.

Nigel Jemson scored the only goal which enabled Nottingham Forest to retain the Littlewoods Cup at the expense of Oldham Athletic.

Frank Rijkaard was the scoring hero as AC Milan beat Benfica 1-0 in Vienna in the European Cup final, Sampdoria were 2-0 winners over Anderlecht in the Cup-Winners Cup final and the UEFA Cup went to Naples, with Napoli 5-4 aggregate winners over Stuttgart.

England were preparing for the following June and July's World Cup in Italy, beating Yugoslavia 2-1, Brazil 1-0, Czechoslovakia 4-2 and Denmark 1-0, all at Wembley. Gary Lineker scored in two of the games, while Paul Gascoigne cemented his place in manager Bobby Robson's squad for the summer tournament with a wonderful display against the Czechoslovakians.



BREAK THE GATE

The revival Danny Bergara saw County's average gate increase from 2,792 to 3,899. The best gate was the 6,593 that saw the Hatters hit pole position in Division Four with a 1-0 victory over Southend. The game, on a Monday night incidentally, had to be delayed 15 minutes due to crowd congestion. The best gate to watch County on their travels was, not surprisingly, at Burnley where 6,537 watched a goalless draw. Swindon Town, meanwhile, attracted an average 9,395 fans to their 23 Second Division games at the County Ground; less than half their record figure of 20,075 achieved as a Third Division club in 1969-70.

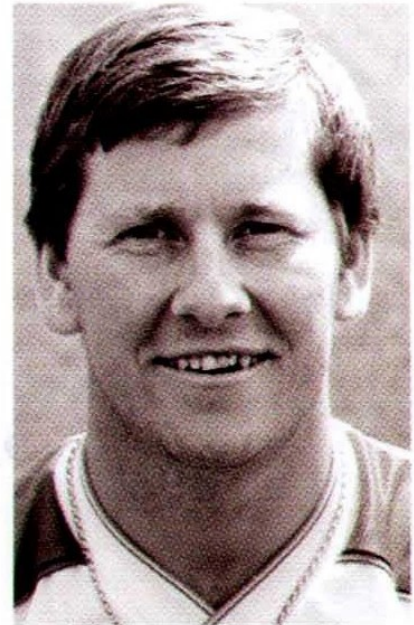


KIT WATCH

To say County's 1989-90 strip wasn't the most popular is an understatement. For a start it had the shoulder flashing in the colour we don't like to mention. And the badge? Well, let's just say it wasn't one of the club's better ideas and, fortunately, it didn't last too long. The shorts and socks were the more traditional blue and white. As for Swindon, they're known as the Robins for good reason and they wore a tastefully designed strip in the colours they first adopted in the 1930s.

WHO ARE YOU

The 1989-90 season saw David Logan make his final County appearance. Signed by Asa Hartford in October 1988 the old-school fullback earned cult status at Edgeley Park and will always be remembered for his goal - a brilliant left-foot volley - and subsequent celebrations, in the 3-1 victory over arch-rivals Burnley in January 1990. He also scored in his last game at EP, a 3-1 victory against Chesterfield in the April. His final County appearance - number 67 - was also against the Spireites; that disastrous 4-0 Play-Off defeat at Saltergate the following month.



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PROGRAMME WATCH

In my last notes I mentioned that to make the play-offs we must pull together to reach our target. Your support in our last two games has been tremendous and I think I can safely say that your vocal encouragement lifts the team. We must keep this in mind as we take on promotion rivals Chesterfield today - the lads out on the Park give 100% from the first to last whistle - and if we all do the same we will reach our target. Our aim has always been to collate as many points as possible and as the season reaches its climax we are in a very good position. Danny Bergara

Jimmy Gannon's



Hatters Independent Supporters Club

words by **Caz Burt**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOMMY ROWE!

As we mentioned in previous programme notes, HISC have sponsored Stockport County rising star Tommy Rowe this season and as he turns 20 next week, we thought it appropriate that we wish him a very happy birthday! The shirt that HISC received as part of this sponsorship deal will be available for auction shortly. This has been kindly signed by the player himself. Details to follow in the coming weeks.

JOINING HISC

Fancy becoming a member of this supporters club? It's really easy to join HISC all you need to do is print off the membership form and complete it. Forms can be downloaded from our website <http://www.scfc-hisc.co.uk> When the form is ready you can pass it to a branch organiser or central committee member. Payment must be made on application. Alternatively post the form and payment to the HISC Membership Secretary at the address on the form with your cheque made payable to HISC.

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STOCKPORT COUNTY YEARBOOK 2008

The Stockport County Yearbook produced by HISC with the backing of County is still available. This year's 64-page publication costs £2.00 and includes the comprehensive Away Travel Guide, First team and Youth team pen-pictures, the Where are they Now former player feature, plus articles from club and media personalities, and more. We have also included a few previously unseen Wembley celebration pictures courtesy of County's Official Photographer Sue Cordon.

To order by post from the UK use the normal contact address and include 50p to cover postage and packing. Some previous editions of the yearbook are still available. Contact us if you need details of which.

HISC MAILING LIST

HISC have set up a mailing list that we want to use to help keep members informed of events and other developments. This is a new feature of HISC membership that was not previously available. It will not be a particularly busy list but we hope it will prove a useful tool to promote upcoming HISC events. Only members of HISC will be allowed to join and it will be moderated so that inappropriate messages will not be distributed. If you would like to join this distribution list, send a blank e-mail message to the following address: HISCnews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com



Blue & White Army



Stockport County Supporters Club

words by **Stuart Crawford**

Last weekend's trip to London made me remember how enjoyable it is to wake up at some ridiculously early time, sit on a coach for the majority of the day and then go and visit one of the most popular capitals in Europe for just 90 minutes.

Most people still call me daft to make these sacrifices on a weekend to support a football club. But when Tommy Rowe sealed the victory at Leyton Orient that was when I knew that it had all been worth the effort.

It certainly makes you feel proud to be a County fan when talking to work colleagues on a Monday morning and informing them of your sacrifices over the weekend. Quite often it even makes supporters of much larger clubs appreciate what it is like to be a proper fan of your local football club.

SWINDON TOWN

Less of my ramblings and back to today's game where Swindon Town fans may well be having similar feelings this morning following their earlier than normal departure to travel to Edgeley Park. I don't know why, but Swindon always conjures up the image of a £20 note. It's probably due to the fact that Swindon seem to have been charging away supporters an exorbitant entrance fee of £20 to get in at the County Ground. I don't know what they charge this season, but a combination of playing in League One and inflation seems to be have affected most of the teams as all the

away games that County have travelled to so far have been charging £20. So if any Swindon Directors are reading this article, then take pity on us County fans next January and don't try increasing the entrance fee - I'm only just getting used to handing over a £20 note everytime I visit a League One ground.

IRWIN WATCH

Apparently due to Irwin Collins' speedy recovery, he has been spotted by keen observers in and around Edgeley Park this past week. Rumour along the grapevine indicates that a sighting of Irwin may happen today in the Supporters Club Bar. Seriously, much has been talked about Irwin's recent absence and it is fantastic news that he is back on his feet again and feeling well enough to visit everyone here at Edgeley Park. It will be even more pleasing to see him back up in the Supporters Club Bar prior to this game this afternoon driving Ian, Matt and myself crazy again and getting people to part with their money through either membership renewals or raffle tickets.

Welcome back Irwin - just take it easy and don't get too stressed, it's only a game...or did Bill Shankly say something different?



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League 1 In Quotes

words by **Chris Peel**

Bottom-club Cheltenham Town have appointed Martin Allen in place of Keith Downing. Allen follows in the footsteps of his late-father, who was in charge at Whaddon Road from 1974 to 1979.

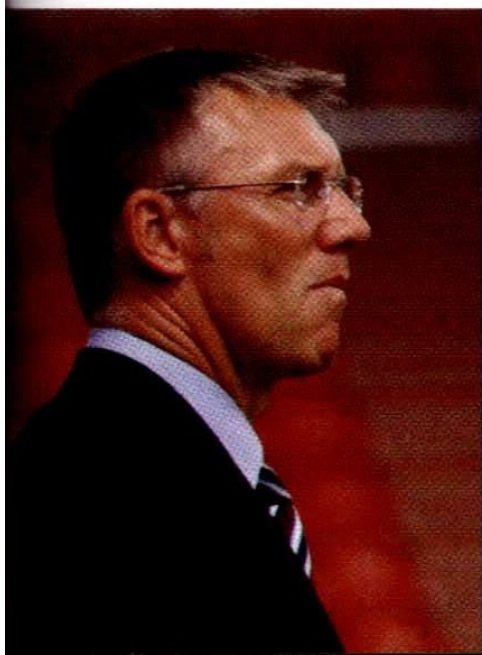
"That was my first experience of management," he said. "I remember the stress and the pressures." As for now, "Hopefully we can get some positive energy into these players. We're bottom of the league and have conceded 18 goals, so we're going to need a little bit of help from amongst ourselves. I've never managed a team to finish lower than seventh. It's going to be a tough task, but we'll have to get them out of that relegation zone as quickly as possible."

The cost of Brighton's new 22,500-seat stadium at Falmer has risen by £10million to the £60million mark, due to rising costs and new legislation since the original application was lodged in 2001.

A club statement revealed: "The club expects the new application to be heard by the council in December or January and is confident it will be approved. It would be totally perverse for the hopes and expectations for the stadium of many thousands in this community to be put in jeopardy yet again."

Oldham Athletic have stretched their unbeaten start to six games to stay top of League One and manager John Sheridan insists they are there on merit. Newly-promoted MK Dons gave the Latics their toughest test to date at Boundary Park on Saturday, but goals from Lee Hughes and Mark Allott sent the fifth-placed visitors home defeated and rueing a first-half missed penalty.

A Sean Gregan handball gave Mark Wright the chance to level from the spot, only to see Mark Crossley save. Sheridan said: "MK Dons are a decent side and made it hard for us at times. They are quick on the break and have a fair bit of pace but we looked solid. We upped the tempo after the break to cause them plenty of problems. Lee Hughes made his goal look easy. It wasn't, but that's what he is all about."



RESILIENT IRON

Scunthorpe manager Nigel Adkins praised his side's resilience after they repelled a Carlisle United comeback in their 2-1 victory. Substitute Matt Sparrow put the Iron in front before Paul Hayes followed up Martyn Woolford's effort to double the lead before Danny Carlton struck late to set up a tense finale. "Carlisle are a good side and we knew it would be a difficult game," said Adkins. "Yes, our keeper pulled off a number of good saves in the first half. But it's goals that can change games and we scored two excellent ones after making a change. It shows that we have plenty of competition for places when our two substitutes can come on and make a real difference."



Carl Baker

words by **Pure 107.8FM's Pete Liggins**

Stockport County's six-figure summer signing has reached Edgeley Park the hard way and is a great example to any young player who suffers a set back in their career.

Carl Baker swapped the Liverpool Schoolboys 'Dream Academy' for the harsh reality of non-League Prescott Cables when the Premiership outfit decided not to take him on. Baker didn't mope but began a journey that would take him from Valerie Park to Edgeley Park, earning awards and international call up's along the way.

The twenty-five-year old admits he's had to keep fighting for his ambition, "I was at Liverpool for six years and obviously it's a kick in the teeth when you get released but I've done well, I've bounced back." Baker has one simple piece of advice for any young player struggling to succeed. "A lot of it's just working hard and believing that you can do it. I've proved that and I'm playing at a good standard now for a great team."

Baker enjoyed his first taste of life as a full time professional at Southport and his (unsuccessful) efforts to keep the club in the Conference National earned him both the Sandgrounders' Player of the Year and North West Non-League Footballer of the Year awards. Carl is justifiably proud of the accolades, "I think it was actually fans who voted for that award so it was really nice to win and know I was appreciated by the Southport fans."

While at Southport the midfielder joined touring side Middlesex Wanderers for a trip to Japan and enjoyed a taste of the facilities and stadiums built for the 2002 World Cup. It wasn't his only experience of playing

abroad with call up's to the England C team (featuring the country's best non-League players) for wins against Italy and Finland. Carl says he still thinks of his time with the Three Lions, "It's one of those things that you treasure. I've got a couple of England caps in my house now and it's always nice to walk past them everyday and look at them. It always brings a smile to my face."

Baker's impressive start to the season for County was cut short after turning his ankle but has been back in full training this week. He's looking forward to the rest of the League One campaign and says improving results at Edgeley Park is the team's next goal. "We've had a couple of good results away from home, hopefully we can turn it around and get the three points at home which I think we deserve as we've been the better team at home."

Carl has settled in well with his team mates and says he couldn't have picked a better club to join. Fit again he's now hoping to open his account and repeat his ten goals tally from last season. "I know I've got a lot more to offer and a lot more to give, I just want to get out there and prove it now. So I'm looking forward to getting my first goal, getting that out of the way and then hopefully they'll come flooding after that."



Carl Baker

Swindon Town

words by **Bernard Jordan**

It is believed Swindon Town were formed in 1881 when founder, the Ref. William Pitt, captain of the Spartans (an offshoot of a cricket club) changed his club's name to Swindon Town before 1883 when the Spartans amalgamated with St Mark's Young Men's Friendly Society.

They certainly began life in the Football League with a bang, for the 9-1 win over Luton Town in their opening fixture on August 28, 1920, remains their biggest League win to this day. Harold Fleming scored four of the goals.

THEIR GREATEST GAME

The year was 1967 and football was on a high following England's World Cup triumph. And three of our heroes that July afternoon at Wembley, Bobby Moore, Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters, were in the West Ham United side which faced Swindon in the FA Cup third round.

The first game was at Upton Park and ended 3-3, with Hurst again cashing in with a hat-trick. Third Division Swindon had done well to force a draw against such opposition.

Nobody could have anticipated the result of the replay.

Willie Penman edged Swindon in front after 18 minutes, then the sell-out County Ground crowd of 25,789 saw the Hammers squander chance after chance to draw level.

Until 12 minutes from time when the visitors heaved a sigh of relief as John Sissons struck.

Extra time beckoned, but Swindon had other ideas and six minutes later John Trollope crossed for Don Rogers to restore the Robins' lead. And with

the final whistle imminent, Ken Sheen struck to make the final score 3-1.

OTHER HONOURS

Another great occasion from Swindon's history was the 1969 League Cup final at Wembley when Swindon beat mighty Arsenal 3-1, this time after extra time.

Roger Smart put Town ahead but, despite complaining about flu in the camp and the poor state of the pitch following the recent Horse of the Year Show, Arsenal equalised in the second half through Bobby Gould.



I'M IN CHARGE

Maurice Malpas, rated one of Scotland's best-ever full-backs with 55 caps to his name, was appointed manager at Swindon Town last January in succession to former Dundee United teammate Paul Sturrock.

After making 617 appearances for the Tannadice club, Mr Malpas held coaching roles with his former club, left to become assistant to Terry Butcher at Motherwell in January, 2005, and was also caretaker with the Scotland Under-21 team.

The added half-hour belonged to Don Rogers. First he cracked the ball past Bob Wilson then, in the closing seconds, he burst out of his own half, carried the ball three-quarters the length of the pitch and swerved past Wilson to clinch one of the greatest footballing shocks of all time.

Swindon jumped through the four divisions in the space of eight seasons, starting with the Fourth Division championship in 1985-85 (with a record 102 points) through to when Glenn Hoddle guided them into the Premiership for the only time in their history via the play-offs in 1992-93. Hoddle himself, Craig Maskell and Shaun Taylor put Town 3-0 up and, although Leicester City fought back to level at 3-3, Paul Bodin's penalty proved decisive.

Second Division champions in 1995-96 - Wayne Allison was top scorer with 17 goals - Swindon were also promoted as Third Division runners-up in 1962-63 and '68-69, also as third-placed team in League Two a couple of seasons ago.

The Anglo-Italian Cup also found its way into the County Ground boardroom cabinet in 1970.

NEAR MISSES

Swindon's best runs in the FA Cup were in 1910 and 1912, when they reached the semi-finals before losing to the eventual winners on each occasion, Newcastle United and Barnsley respectively. Their victims included Spurs, Manchester City, West Ham United and Everton.

SHOOTING STARS

Harry Morris holds both career and seasonal League goalscoring records - 216 between 1926 and '33, along with 47 in 1926-27.

He also hit the target five times in one match on two occasions, former County striker Keith East also



performing the feat against Mansfield Town in 1965.

LEGEND

It was no surprise when Don Rogers was recently voted the Swindon fans' all-time No. 1 Robin.

A marauding left-winger, Don could be relied upon to produce that extra touch of magic usually on the big occasion. Starting his career as an apprentice at Swindon, Don played in 411(1) League games for the Robins and his 148 goals was a healthy return for a winger.

He also played for Crystal Palace and QPR, adding a further 31 goals, and represented England at youth and under-23 level in addition to the Football League against the Scottish League at Coventry in 1970, when he scored to add to Jeff Astle's two in a 3-2 win.

OLD BOYS DONE WELL

Mike Summerbee began his career when making his debut for Swindon, the first of over 200 games in their colours.

Mike was transferred to Manchester City in August, 1965, and there shared in the club's most recent golden era. City fans claim that his combination with Colin Bell and Francis Lee was just as effective as the Best-Law-Charlton trinity across the city.

Mike later enjoyed a spells as a player, then player-manager here at EP in the late 70s.

ROBINS HOME FROM HOME

DURING their early days, a small boy fell into a quarry alongside the field on which they played and forced Swindon to move to Globe Field, then to the Croft, home of Swindon Rangers Rugby Club, in 1884.

A year later they switched to the County Ground and the club was successful enough to move away from the cricket pitch and establish a separate enclosure beyond the boundary. The terraces were laid out and a full-length grandstand built by 1911.

The Shrivenham Road side was first covered in 1932 and in August, 1938, the Town End covered terrace was opened.

During World War II, the County Ground became a POW camp, with huts placed on the pitch.

One of the first clubs to stage a League match under floodlights in February, 1956, there had been a marked improvement since the days five years previously when Town held an exhibition match against Bristol City with just eight lamps behind each goal.

The record crowd which witnessed a game at the County Ground is still the 32,000 when Swindon took on double-winners Arsenal in a cup tie in January, 1973. The capacity has now been reduced to 14,225.

In Town Today

words by **Bernard Jordan**

Swindon Town, having opened the season with a splendid 3-1 home win over Tranmere Rovers, later proved themselves to be dangerous opponents when a last-minute penalty enabled them to win 2-1 when visiting MK Dons.

They also ran QPR to the odd goal in five in the Carling Cup and defeated Aldershot Town in a marathon penalty shoot-out in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

But they arrive at EP this afternoon smarting from a 3-1 home defeat last Saturday at the hands of 10-man Leeds United.

True Blue now takes a brief look at the men looking to return to winning ways.

CLOSE SEASON SIGNINGS

Two interesting signings during the close season have added European flavour to the squad, although veteran

French midfielder LILIAN NALIS, who joined from Plymouth, has been playing in this country for five seasons.

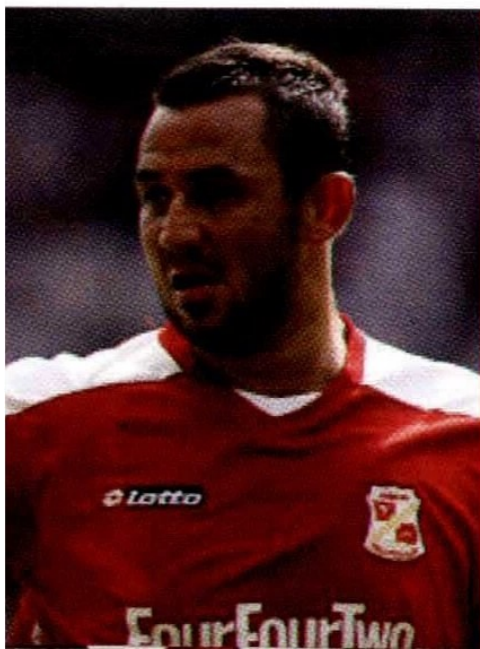
He also played in Italy with Chievo prior to signing for Leicester City and TV viewers will know Nalis is well capable of scoring the odd spectacular goal.

Left-back YINKA CASAL, who missed last week's game through injury, joined after playing for Cambuur Leeuwarden in Holland. His replacement, but playing on the right, was another newcomer in KEVIN AMANKWAH, a former England youth international, Bristol City and Yeovil Town defender who arrived from Swansea City.

Central midfielder MICHAEL TIMLIN came from Fulham, having twice previously been on loan at Swindon, and winger MARK MARSHALL from Blue Square South side Eastleigh.

ALSO ON DUTY TODAY

Likely goalkeeper is former Millwall trainee PHIL SMITH, who returned from a spell in non-League football to help Swindon win promotion two seasons ago. With 6ft 6in Czech giant PETER BREZOVAN, the man who saved two penalties at Hartlepool to help his side to a winning start to that successful season, currently sidelined with a shoulder injury, 17-year-old MARK SCOTT could again be on the bench.



THE SKIPPER

The Robins' captain is Manchester-born central defender HASNEY ALJOFREE, who was a trainee at Bolton Wanderers and played a handful of games in their Division One side.

He then spent two seasons in Scotland playing for Dundee United on the Scottish Premier League.

Former Terror Paul Sturrock was manager at Plymouth Argyle in August, 2002, when he persuaded Aljofree to make the lengthy journey to join a side newly promoted to Division Two.

In his second season at Home Park, he helped Argyle win the championship of that division. Aljofree, who also won youth honours with the Republic of Ireland besides having brief loan spells at Sheffield Wednesday and Oldham Athletic, played over 100 games in the famous green shirt before signing for Swindon last season.

Former Watford scholar JACK SMITH, in his third season at Swindon, is expected to line up in the back four, with JEREL IFIL, who followed the same path a year earlier and now has over 150 Swindon games to his credit, partnering his skipper in the centre.

Teenagers SEAN MORRISON, who joined from hometown Plymouth to make his debut at the end of last season, and CALLUM KENNEDY are other defenders who have been included in the squad this season.

JOHN-PAUL MCGOVERN is a Scottish winger who helped Sheffield Wednesday win promotion to the Championship in 2004-05 - he scored in both the play-off semi-final and final - while on the opposite flank we should find another former Watford man, ANTHONY McNAMEE.

In the engine room, alongside Nalis, CRAIG EASTON is a former Scotland Under-21 international who arrived via Dundee United and Leyton Orient prior to last season.

Both main strikers, BILLY PAYNTER and SIMON COX, have opened their goal account this season. Paynter once spent 5+ seasons at Port Vale, for whom he played over 150 games, while Cox learnt his football with hometown Reading before joining Swindon last season and finishing leading scorer with 15 goals.

The much-travelled LEE PEACOCK (pictured) has scored over 100 goals in his career and, like and former County favourite Adam Proudlock, helped Sheffield Wednesday win promotion to the Championship four seasons ago, while BEN JOYCE is a 19-year-old striker who scored on his first appearance last April when he went on as a substitute and netted the final goal in a 6-0 home win over Port Vale.



ROBINS STAT ATTACK

LAST GOAL AT EP

A Rory Fallon goal after 66 minutes was Swindon's last here at Edgeley Park. The goal, his second of the game, established a 3-0 lead for the visitors and it looked like County were condemned to suffering their 9th defeat in the opening 11 games of the season. But the bottom-of-the-table Hatters rallied and a brace of Luke Beckett goals on 72 and 83 minutes was followed by Stuart Barlow's equaliser three minutes later to claim an unlikely point. Rory, who is now at Plymouth Argyle, had previously scored for Barnsley against the County.

MOST EFFECTIVE OPPONENT

Players must have opposed County four times to qualify

Four Swindon men have 100% records against us, but whilst Kevin Baddeley, Paul Batty and Mike Graham deserve a mention here for 4-out-of-4, the outstanding record is that of Leigh Barnard. Leigh has played against County seven times for this afternoon's visitors, winning every one. The run began on Friday, November 26th, 1982 when Swindon visited EP and won 2-1. The return game in March saw the Robins win 2-0. The sequence then continued over the next three seasons with another win in SK3 followed by three consecutive home wins at the County Ground. Leigh's last game for Swindon against the Hatters saw a 2-0 win for the visitors on this ground in February 1986. In contrast his four other games against County, for Portsmouth and Cardiff, brought no wins.

COMPLETE HOME RECORD

Competition	PL	W	D	L	F	A
Football League	15	8	2	5	30	25

PLAYERS RECORDS VERSUS COUNTY

Example: Hasney Aljofree has won the only previous game he's played against County.

Senior games for all clubs included.

Hasney Aljofree	W 1	Michael Pook	W 1	L 1
Kevin Amankwaah	W 1	Chris Roberts	W 3	D 1 L 2
Peter Brezovan	W 1	Jack Smith	W 1	L 1
Craig Easton	D 2	Phil Smith		L 1
Jerel Ifil	W 1	Blair Sturrock	W 1	L 2
JP McGovern	W 3	Michael Timlin		L 1
Anthony McNamee	W 1	Jamie Vincent	W 3	D 4 L 2
Billy Paynter	W 1			D 4
Lee Peacock	W 5			D 2 L 4

GOALS AGAINST COUNTY

Lee Peacock	3
Chris Roberts	3
Billy Paynter	2
John-Paul McGovern	1

The Robins In Numbers

words by **Andy Gosling**

- 1500000** The record transfer fee received by Swindon Town was the £1,500,000 they trousered off Manchester City when Kevin Horlock was enticed to Maine Road in January 1997. This is the sort of sum kept as petty cash these days at Middle Eastlands!!
- 7170** Last season the Robins were the 9th best supported team in League One, with an average crowd of 7,170. Their highest attendance predictably came for the March visit of Leeds Utd when 13,270 spectators were in attendance. Their lowest crowd came rather bizarrely three days later when just 4,840 speccies were in the County Ground for the visit of more Yorkshire opposition in the form of Huddersfield Town.
- 1980** A goal in the 3-1 home victory against Hull City on 29th November 1980 saw Paul Rideout become the youngest ever Robins goalscorer at the age of 16 years and 107 days. In a much travelled career Rideout's best remembered moment is most probably scoring the winning goal for Everton in the 1995 FA Cup Final.
- 1100** Summer signing Kevin Amankwaah who joined the Robins from Swansea City in June became the 1100th player to pull on the Swindon colours. It is unlikely that many Town fans have had the full name of the left back from Ghana put on their shirts as his full name is Kevin Kwaku Osei-Kuffour Amankwaah.
- 15** Swindon's first win in the Premier League came at the 15th time of asking. The big moment came on November 24th 1993 when they defeated QPR 1-0. In fact they did the double over QPR but these two wins allied to victories over Southampton, Spurs and Coventry were insufficient to stop them finishing rock bottom and getting relegated.
- 10** The Robins had no ever present players last season but did have 10 players who featured in 30 or more games. The most number of starts were the 40 made by Scottish midfielder Craig Easton.
- 9** Swindon Town were our opponents on 3rd March 2007 when County became history makers winning a 9th game in a row without conceding a single goal. Anthony Elding bagged a brace and Dicko put the icing on the cake with a third as the EP faithful went wild when referee Moss blew for full time with Wayne Hennessey's goal still unbreached.



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On 22nd January 2008 Swindon Town became the first club ever, playing in the FA Cup, to miss all four of their penalties in a penalty shoot out, after their replay at Barnet had ended 1-1. If the Underhill PA Announcer was displaying his usual tact and diplomacy he would probably have been handing out Specsavers flyers to the Swindon players!

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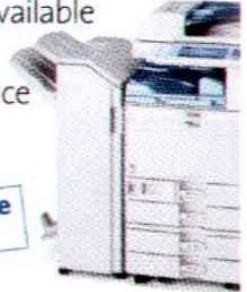
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A Foot In Both Camps

words by **Ian Watts**

Throughout the current campaign True Blue will take a look at some of the players that have worn the colours of both County and our opponents of the day. We now turn the spotlight on the much-travelled, Stuart Elliott, who enjoyed brief loan spells at EP and Swindon, and the popular Australian Mark Robertson who, unfortunately, never fulfilled his potential in SK3 due to a serious knee injury that eventually ended his English career.

STUART ELLIOTT

County (Feb - Apr 2000) 5 (0 goals)

Town (Feb - Mar 1998) 2 (0 goals)

The first former player for both of this afternoon's sides who is still involved in the game is Stuart Elliott. He certainly fits into the 'have boots will travel' category with known appearances for some 23 clubs, two of them twice. Not in this list is Newcastle United where he failed to get a game but where he was loaned out to Swindon Town in February 1998. He made his debut in a 3-1 home defeat by Manchester City then had to wait three weeks before getting on the pitch again when he came on for five minutes of a 2-1 win at QPR. Five loan deals later Stuart came to Edgeley Park, and his debut came when he was selected in place of Jim Gannon in a 1-1 draw at Port Vale; however, Jim was back the following week. The pattern was set for first month of his loan as he would be warming the bench as often as he got a game - when Jim played Stuart didn't. This could have changed when Jim was injured in the 2-2 draw with Manchester City but Stuart was still not considered as first choice as Martin Taylor was brought in from Blackburn. The defender's last game for the club saw the only win he was involved in as a Hatter, 2-0 at Huddersfield on 20 April. He left the Magpies that summer to begin a tour of the country which included amongst others Darlington, Plymouth, Carlisle, Durham, Exeter, Halifax, Harrow, Gateshead and Northwich. This summer he left York after one season to join Grays Athletic. The

31-year-old must still be doing something right as he was a candidate for the Blue Square Premiership goal of the month for August.

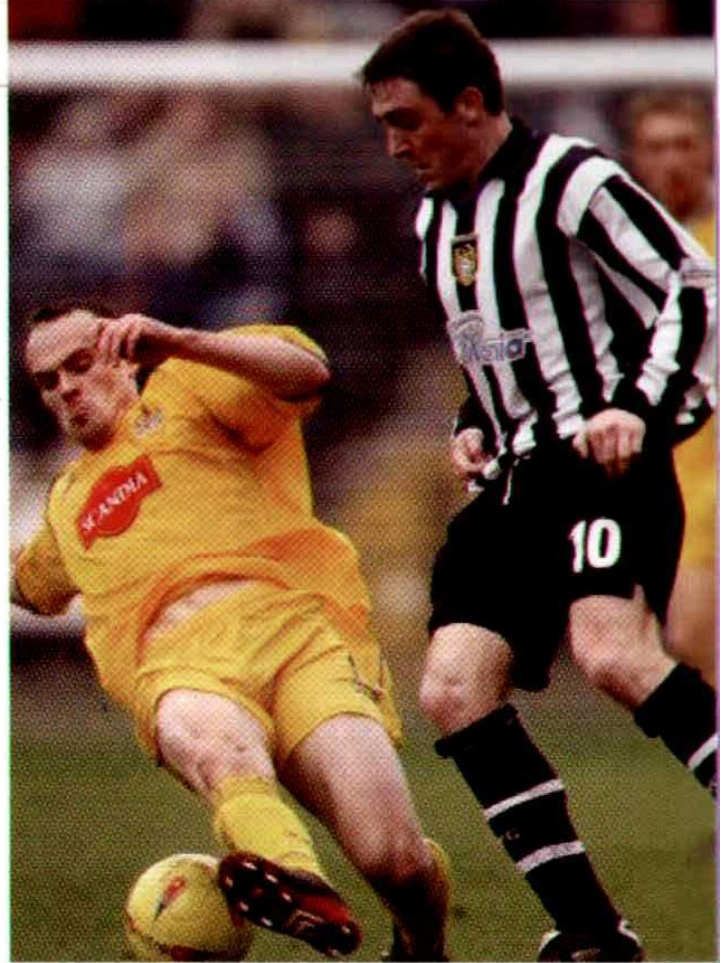
MARK ROBERTSON

County (Jan 2004 - Mar 2005) 36 (1 goal)

Town (Sep - Nov 2000) 13 (1 goal)

To say the Australian International's time at County was hampered by injury is probably an understatement. Despite his worrying knee injury Mark Robertson, a popular figure at Edgeley Park, managed 36 games, but eventually had to end his English career due to the problem. After starting out in Australia with Sydney City and Maroubra United he earned representative honours for New South Wales and Australia Boys. His senior career began in the Australian National League with Marconi Fairfield. Mark's first spell in the UK came when he joined Burnley but in March 2000 he was loaned back to Australian side Wollongong Wolves where he played in one of the best games of football ever witnessed in Australian history. Mark recalls the 2000 Grand Final against Perth Glory saying, "the Subiaco Oval in Perth was packed to the rafters with 45,000 screaming fans. This, I believe was one of my best ever performances as a soccer player which saw me get my hands on the biggest prize in Australian soccer the Grand Finalist winners medal." Wolves came back from 3-0 down at half-time to win on penalties. Back in England Mark's spell at Swindon Town came two months after that final where seven of his 13 games

were as a substitute. He moved to Scotland to play for Dundee and while there was capped for the Soccerroos in front of 70,000 people in Japan. He joined County after finishing his Scottish career with a couple of spells at St Johnstone. Mark was to score just once in County Blue, in a February 2004 2-4 defeat at today's visitors. His contract was cancelled in November 2005, following a valiant seven-month effort to recover from his knee problems, and Mark returned to Australia where he played for Perth Glory and Sydney FC. Released by Sydney at the end of the last A-League season Mark is looking to play part-time and has set up a coaching academy to pass on football skills to young children. He also works full time as a personal trainer. When the True Blue production team contacted him this week he passed on his thanks to the County fans who, he said, "were great with me in hard times."



Follow Your Stars Log

Throughout the season True Blue aims to keep you up-to-date with the comings and goings of former County personnel.

NAME	CLUB	ROLE	DATE	AT COUNTY
Josh Howard	New Mills	Player	Jun 2008	R Aug 00
Adam Legzdins	Crewe Alexandra	Player	Jun 2008	R Aug 0 Jul 07
Gareth McAuley	Ipswich Town	Player	Jun 2008	T Jul 04
Lee Marshall	Shepshed Dynamo	Player	Jun 2008	1 [0] May 95
Phil Melville	Bacup Borough	Player Ass Manager	Jun 2008	R Apr - Jul 01
Amari Morgan-Smith	Ilkeston Town	Player	Jun 2008	1 [0] May 08
Adam Nowland	Notts County	Player	Jun 2008	4 [0] Nov - Dec 07
Damien Reeves	Histon	Player	Jun 2008	R Apr 05
Alex Russell	Cheltenham Town	Player	Jun 2008	R 1993
Damon Searle	Carmarthen Town	Player	Jun 2008	47 [0] Aug 96 - May 98
Simon Travis	Solihull Moors	Player	Jun 2008	26 [2] Sep 97 - Mar 99
Scott Willis	Witton Albion	Player	Jun 2008	R Nov - Dec 03
Chris Adamson	Ilkeston Town	Player	Jul 2008	2 [0] Nov 07
Damien Allen	Altrincham	Trial	Jul 2008	57 [1] Nov 04 - Jan 07
Tony Barras	FC Halifax Town	Player	Jul 2008	127 [5] Sep 90 - Feb 94

AT COUNTY KEY: Highest playing level for the club is shown. Dates indicate time at County unless otherwise indicated. Details for first team players, eg 12 [3] (Aug 06 - Sep 07) = Appearances [Goals] in competitive matches with date of debut and final County game, T = first team trialist, R = reserve team player, Y = youth team player.

County In The Community

words by **Jason Swapp**

Good Afternoon and welcome to Edgeley Park for this afternoon's against Swindon Town.

BALLBOYS

For today's fixture we have Whaley Bridge Juniors Under-12s representing Stockport County here at Edgeley Park.

The club currently plays in the Stockport Metro Junior Football League. The club is over 100 years old, dating back to 1890. They have eight boys' teams ranging from Under-9s to Under-16s and four girls' teams ranging from Under-9s to Under-15s. The junior club as recently joined forces with the senior club, who have two teams playing in the Hope Valley League, thus providing continuity and development from an early age through to the senior level. We are also now actively seeking global charter status with the help of the Derbyshire FA. The clubs website is www.whaleybridgefc.co.uk.

Here is how the Ballboys Line-up

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|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | | | | |
| | | | | 1.
Josh Arnfield |
| | 2.
Ben Losel | 4.
Ben Gally | 5.
James Bennett | 3.
Harry McCafferey |
| | 7.
Daniel Mulholland | 6.
David Hearsum | 8.
Adam Laybourne | 11.
Alex Cripps |
| | | 9.
Ben Naden | 10.
Craig Prior | |
| 12. Will Bailey | | | | |
| 13. Jason Wood | | | | |

Managers: David Mulholland and Alan Burrell

SKILLS CHALLENGE

Also with us as guests today are

winners of the 'Skills Challenge' held at Chinley Primary School in the High Peak, during the last school term prior to the summer holidays. The following pupils gained the highest scores out of their class, winning two tickets for today's game
Year 1 - James Krassowski
150 points



COMMUNITY GUESTS

We are joined this afternoon for Corporate Hospitality, by Mark, Anna, Karen, Lisa and staff from Solutions SK, our partners in the successful 'Design a Meal' competition which we held recently. Due the success of the competition it has been nominated for 'Best Community Initiative' at the North West Football Awards, which will be held in Manchester during November 2008. Again, a really big thank you to Solutions SK, for their overwhelming support in moving the competition from an idea to the end product of County players visiting the winning schools for lunch. Enjoy your Edgeley Park Experience today.

Year 2 - George Howell
140 points
Year 3 - Isabel Glaysher
120 points
Year 4 - Owen Bradley
130 points
Year 5 - Thomas Gilmour
130 points
Year 6 - Henry Wilde
135 points

HALF TIME ENTERTAINMENT

At Half-Time today we have a sponsored penalty-shoot-out competition for a very special cause and that is to raise money for 'CHILDREN with LEUKAEMIA'. This will take place between 2 local Junior Football Teams.

Great Moor County and Reddish Vulcans have joined forces to raise funds for this charity and the motivation for doing so is a fantastic lad called Tom Royle from Stockport. Tom is now 11 years old and was diagnosed with Leukaemia over 2 years ago.

He is always kicking a ball around anyone who meets him is charmed by his manner and positive attitude. Tom will be taking part in the penalty shoot out for Reddish Vulcans on 1 November at half time during the Carlisle match. Here are the Teams with their players who will be taking those crucial Penalties!!

Great Moor County
Reddish Vulcans
Sam Morris
Tom Webb
Liam Ludlaim
Sean Pickford
Lewis Curtis
Josh Ainscough

Tom Parker
Aria Nekooie
Sam Clarke
Zak Haddad

CHILDREN with LEUKAEMIA was set up in 1988 in memory of 14 year-old Paul O'Gorman who was killed by leukaemia the previous year, and his sister Jean who died just nine months after Paul and only days after the family's first fundraising event, also from cancer.

We are funding projects around the world looking at the causes of the disease so that we can understand more about why children develop leukaemia in the first place - and why the incidence of the disease has been increasing.

Anyone wishing to sponsor this event on-line please visit www.bmycharity.com/greatmoorcounty.

And Finally

If you would like to read information about us or any activities that we will be running over the coming months please search www.scfcfoundation.co.uk or contact the Community Office on 0161 286-8888 ext 262.

Enjoy the Game, Love the Football!!



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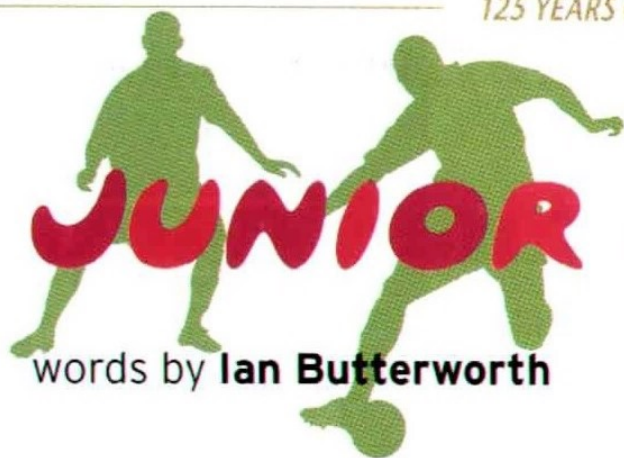
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JUNIOR MATTERS

words by **Ian Butterworth**



Hello again and welcome back to Edgeley Park for our second game this week, this afternoon Swindon Town are our visitors.

We extend a warm welcome to our friends from Swindon Juniors who are today visiting us as our guests.

By the time you read these note we will have played football down at Powerleague before lunch in the Family Lounge ahead of taking our seats for the main event.

We hope our guests enjoy their visit to Edgeley Park, have a safe journey home and we look forward to meeting them again in the New Year.

Well done to the lads for the way they kept plugging away against

a very defensive-minded Northampton side on Tuesday and we grabbed a very well-deserved point thanks to another excellent goal from Leon McSweeney.

The team certainly seem to have got the Scunthorpe result out of their system with two wins and a draw; at the start of the season I think we would all have settled for nine points from our first six games in League 1.

Let's hope we can continue our solid start to the season with another three points this afternoon.

Last Sunday we held our September get-together which, after a slow start, was very well attended.

Our thanks to Jimmy McNulty and Peter Thompson for coming along, especially after a long trip back from Orient the previous day.

As already mentioned, our Family Lounge will be open from 1.00pm until just before kick-off so why not drop into say hello and also meet some of the first-team squad not involved in today's game.

That's all for this week ... enjoy the game.



AWAY TRAVEL

Our next trip will be for the game at Cheltenham Town on September 27th. We leave Great Moor at 10.30pm, picking up from Edgeley Park at 10.45am. We are now taking bookings so please contact Ian, either in the Family Lounge, or on 0161 456 7606 as soon as possible.

We are also planning to run to Southend - a 'new' ground for many County fans - but this will depend on numbers. It is also an international weekend so we will have to wait a while to see if the game goes ahead or whether the kick-off time is changed.

We can confirm, though, that we will definitely be running to Hereford on October 25th.

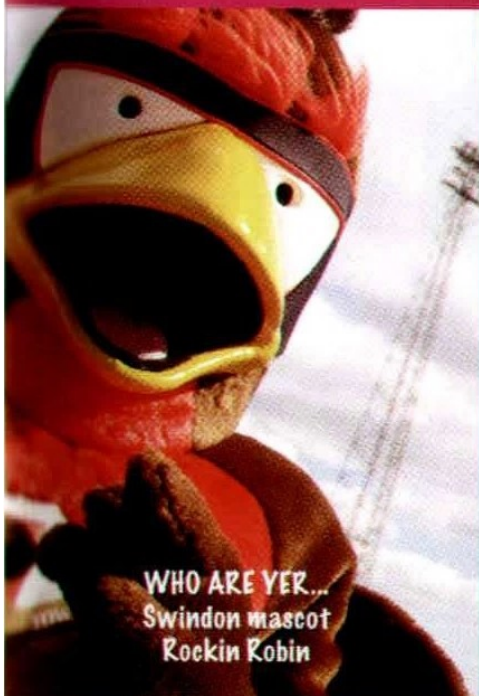
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A very happy birthday from everyone at Edgeley Park to Cameron McEwan who is celebrating his birthday with friends and family here at Edgeley Park.

Cameron, who was 10 last Tuesday, tells us that Anthony Pilkington is his favourite County player.

Our special birthday packages are a fantastic way for any County fan, boy or girl, to celebrate their big day.

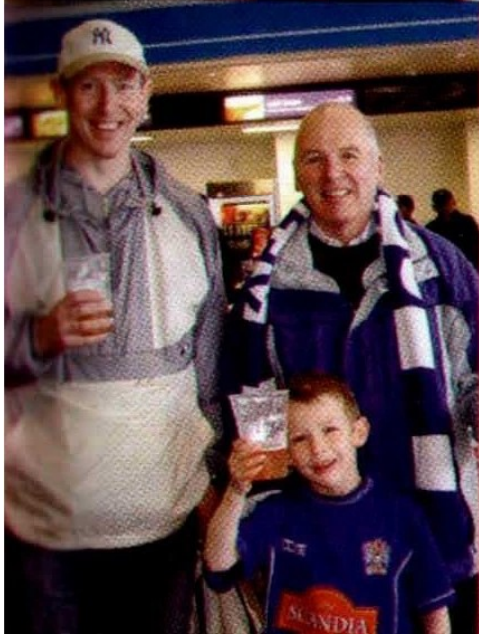
For more information give Grace a call in the County Commercial Department on 0161 286 8903.



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Rockin Robin

GO FOR GOAL! Can you find all the County players?

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BAKER
VINCENT



MASCOT

Name: Jack Cunningham

Age: 8 ... today! Happy Birthday, Jack.

Hobbies: Playing football, watching football, golf and cricket

Favourite County players: Michael Rose, Peter Thompson and Tommy Rowe

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Just For A Laugh

words by **Bernard Jordan**

MORE MASCOT PROBLEMS

Stockport referee Scott Mathieson recently had a bit of cat trouble when he refereed the Morecambe v. Daggers League Two match. The visitors were leading 2-0 when Scott spotted home mascot Christie the Cat having words with Daggers 'keeper Tony Roberts and shooed the animal off the pitch.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Newcastle United's beleaguered owner Mike Ashley was recently in trouble when he downed a pint, and his troubles, during his side's 3-0 defeat at the hands of Arsenal at the Emirates. As with all League and Premiership grounds, drinking within sight of the pitch is strictly prohibited and when his indiscretion was highlighted on TV, Mike pleaded that he didn't know the drink was alcoholic. The lager-coloured liquid and plastic glass must have confused him.

PRETTY STOKE

Pretty is not a word readily associated with Stoke City's style of football - long ball, aggressiveness, Rory Delap's long throws etc. But take a look behind the scenes in the media department for instance. There you will find new recruit, 20-year-old former Miss Stoke-on-Trent Kaylee Miller. Now, not even Des could compete there...

ADVICE FROM ACROSS THE PARK

Liverpool fans should remove feuding American owners Tom Hicks and George Gillett and buy the club themselves. Who says that? Former Kop idols Phil Thompson, John Barnes, John Aldridge ... and Secretary for Culture, Media and Sport Andy Burnham, who happens to be an Everton fan.

NO PIE FOR SKY

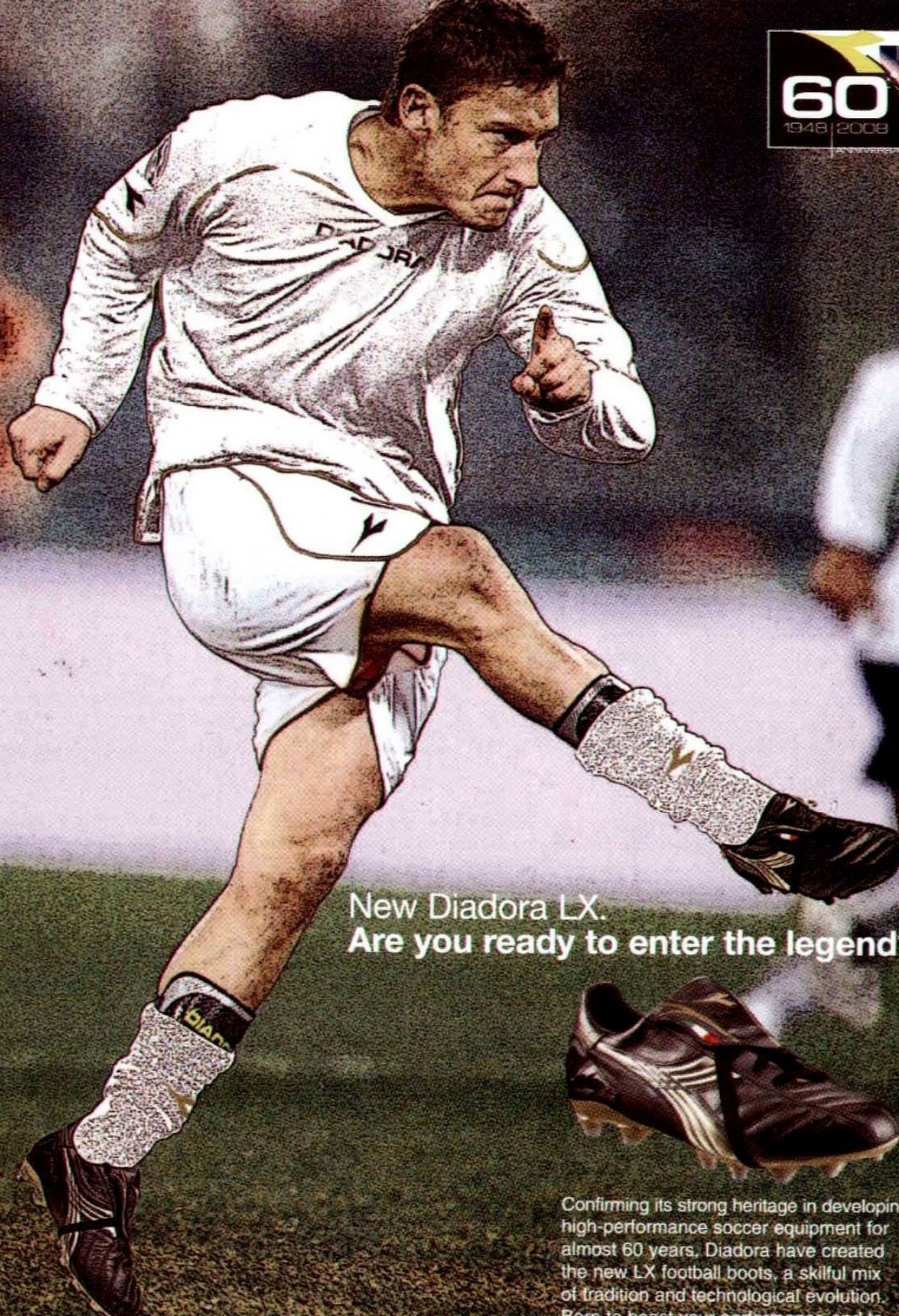
Who ate all the pies? Not the players of Wigan Athletic, despite the fact that club owner Dave Whelan was busy promoting the pie firm he owns on the same day as the Latics were posing for their official squad photo. Some guy from Sky suggested it would be a good idea if a photo could be taken of the players scoffing pies, but that was soon dismissed. The players hardly appeared to have missed the delicacy when a few days later they visited Hull and won 5-0.



SNAPPER RAUL OBLIGES

Di Stewart, Sky Sports' pin-up, was enjoying herself along with a couple of friends aboard a yacht off Monte Carlo over the Monaco Grand Prix weekend when she decided she would like to have a photo of the moment as a souvenir.

So what do you do but ask a handsome gentleman dining with his family at an adjacent table to oblige? What Miss Stewart didn't realise was that the gent in question was, in fact, Real Madrid legend Raul, who thought he was being asked to pose with Miss Stewart, a request to which he readily agreed and, even when identity was realised, Raul was still happy to oblige - no doubt at the double!



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THE EDGELEY PARK
STUDY CENTRE
'HELPING MAKE A DIFFERENCE'



words by **Study Centre Manager Gary Richards**

Tuesday, September 16th saw the Study Centre working in partnership with the Academy of Culinary Arts, and the Chef's Adopt a School scheme.

James Holden, Academy of Culinary Arts, and NW Regional Chef, said: "The aim of the scheme is to educate children and teach them respect for food, food provenance, nutrition, health & hygiene and cooking as a life skill. The sessions are suitable for 5-18 year olds, which integrates well with Key Stages 1 - 4 of the National Schools Curriculum. Although it's great if the school does have cooking facilities, the Adopt a School programme does not rely on a kitchen and an ordinary classroom is quite sufficient. A Resource Pack is provided for the school providing background information, how CAAS works, lesson plans and a CAAS guide for further learning."

16 Year 6 pupils from Cale Green Primary School were given the opportunity to work alongside James to prepare vegetable soup and a chicken and sesame stir fry with noodles. (Mmmm!) Then 14 Year 8 pupils from Cheadle Hulme High School designed a menu and created a

pre-match meal for County players Paul Ennis and Declan Edwards.

'Chef James' went through an interactive question and answer session with the children, informing them about different food groups and the importance of taste and smell. The children particularly enjoyed playing the 'jelly' game and because the jellies had been coloured, very few children guessed correctly! Only Viv guessed that a jelly, black in colour, was actually strawberry in flavour!

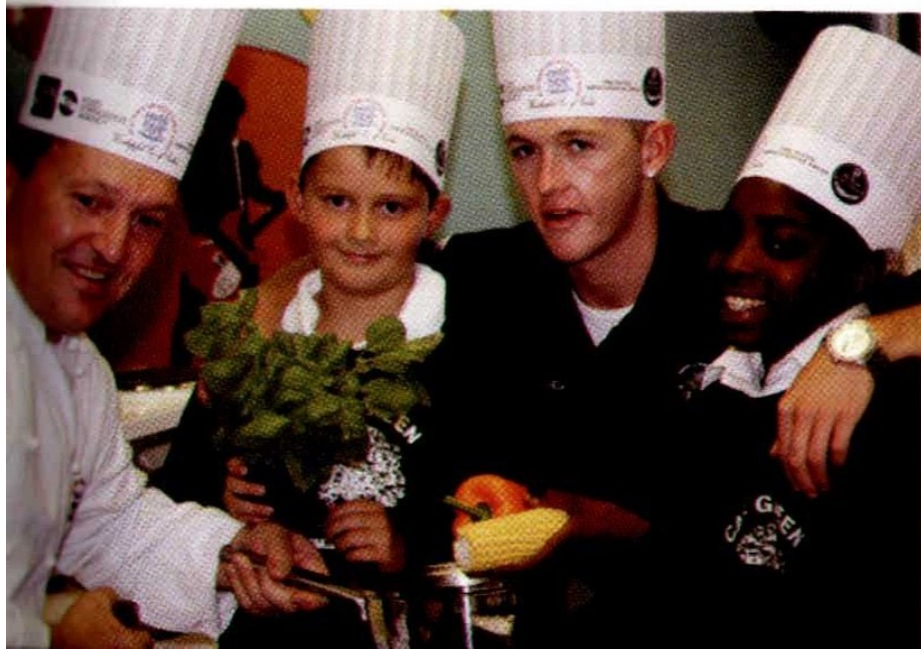
James added: "What a great afternoon, enjoyed by very enthusiastic and eager pupils, teachers and centre staff! It is always rewarding to see children who often say 'I don't like that food; actually enjoy preparing and then tasting the end product. There wasn't a scrap of the chicken and noodle stir fry left, even Michael who said the soup tasted like Pot Noodles ate everything put in front of him!

"I hope that the children can use some of the ideas and skills they have learnt, and transfer them into their home environment!! If parents/carers give children the opportunity to help prepare meals, it will ensure that they try to eat what they have made!

"I look forward to returning to the Stockport County Study Centre in the near future, as the hospitality and friendliness of the team was exceptional and made for a very successful day.

"Cheers Gary!"

During the next few weeks the children will be using the centres fantastic Media facilities to create TV Broadcasts Pod casts and also Healthy Eating DVD's.



TOP CHEF WORKS WITH STUDY CENTRE

Last Tuesday our award-winning Study Centre worked in partnership with the Academy of Culinary Arts and the Chef's Adopt a School Scheme.

And 16 Year-6 pupils from Cale Green Primary School were given the opportunity to work alongside James Holden, Academy of Culinary Arts, and NW Regional Chef, to prepare vegetable soup and a chicken and sesame stir fry with noodles.

For more information on the innovative courses provided by our Study Centre call Gary Richards on 0161 477 2959.

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The Young Ones

words by **Liam Corte**

BURNLEY 7 COUNTY YOUTH 2

Josh Thompson had an eventful first half in East Lancashire on Saturday morning.

The young defender gave County the lead but then equalised for the Clarets with an own goal just before the break.

Burnley took the lead within 20 seconds from the restart and went onto record a comprehensive victory.

Substitute Niall Sheridan was the other Hatters' marksman.

Speaking to True Blue, coach Craig Madden said: "We created plenty of chances but once their second goal went in we lost a little discipline, which was disappointing."

"To be fair Burnley are a good side. They were stronger than us and overrun us in the second half."

County: Astbury; Halls, J Thompson, S Barnes, Jackson; Wilkie, S Hare (Molyneux), Holmes, Kosylo; Holmes (Fisher), Ratcliffe (Sheridan).

Unused subs: L Barnes, Bradley

BURNLEY UNITED 1 MYERSCOUGH 4

County's Youth Development Scholarship squad, playing under the Myerscough College banner, opened their Lancashire Under-18 Floodlit League campaign with an excellent victory at Burnley United.

Under-21 Development Squad manager, Alan Lord, described the performance as, "excellent, and one of the best games I've seen this season."

Steven Murty opened the scoring before the break with the young Hatter adding as second after the break.

Rob Cuff and Sean Williams completed the scoring.

Squad: Luke Bradley, Jason Hill, Jamie Haydock, Tony Lancashire, Sam Egerton, Max Rothwell, Chris Liley, Rob Cuff, Steven Murty, Aaron Smith, Danny Rowe, Scott Harries, Alex Johnson, Sean Williams.

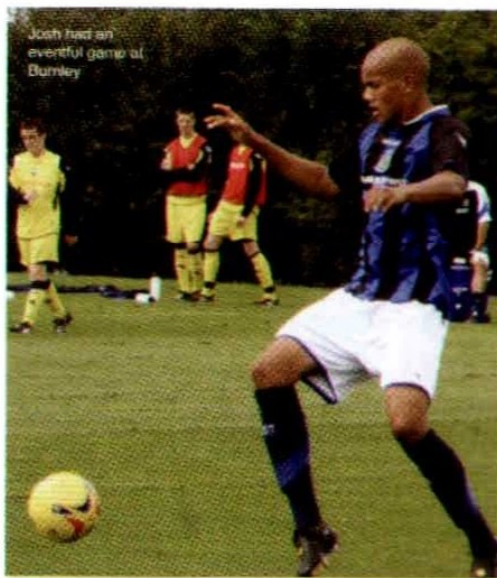
The Youth Development squad are in action again on October 2nd when they entertain Colne FC at the Preston

Arena. Kick-off time is 8.00pm.

MANCHESTER SENIOR CUP

Don't forget that we open our Manchester Senior Cup campaign this Wednesday (Sep 24) when we travel to Oldham Athletic.

Kick-off time at Boundary Park is 7.00pm with prices set at £4 (adults) and £2 (concessions).



Josh had an eventful game at Burnley

PUMA YOUTH ALLIANCE 2008-09

AUGUST

Sat 16 Tranmere	H	1-1
Sat 23 Burnley	H	0-2
Sat 30 Chester	A	3-2

SEPTEMBER

Sat 6 Wigan	H	2-7
Sat 13 Burnley	H	
Sat 20 Shrewsbury	A	
Sat 27 Port Vale	H	

OCTOBER

Sat 4 Walsall	A	
Sat 11 (North Cup R1)		
Sat 18 Macclesfield	A	
Sat 25 Wrexham	H	

NOVEMBER

Sat 1 Shrewsbury	H	
Sat 8 Rochdale	H	
Sat 15 Walsall	H	
Sat 22 (North Cup R2)		
Sat 29 Port Vale	A	

DECEMBER

Sat 6 Wrexham	A	
Sat 13		
Macclesfield	H	

JANUARY

Sat 10 Tranmere	A	
Sat 17 Chester	H	
Sat 24 (North Cup R3)		
Sat 31 Wigan	A	

FEBRUARY

Feb 7 Bury	A	
Feb 14 Burnley	H	
Feb 21 Blackpool	A	
Feb 28 (North Cup R4)		

MARCH

Sat 7 Accrington	H	
Sat 14 Rochdale	A	
Sat 21 Preston	H	
Sat 28 Oldham	A	

APRIL

Sat 4 Carlisle	A	
Sat 18		
Morecambe	H	

County's Gold Bond

words by **Tony Malone**

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Just returned from your holidays? Short of cash? Then why not help the club you support and get paid for doing so. The Gold Bond weekly draw also requires fans to collect on our behalf throughout the Stockport area.

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You can also set up an agency within your own company.

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3rd prize - Bottle of wine - 0020939

None of the above prizes were claimed on Tuesday, so please check to see if you hold the winning ticket.

Girls Aloud

words by **Jacci Cooper**

FIRST TEAM

A spirited team performance gave the first team their third win in a row as they beat Peterlee 2 - 1.

After a goalless first half it was the visitors who struck first following a mistake in the County defence. The Hatters were soon on level terms, though, with Captain Nicola Doig finishing a great move.

This gave the girls fresh impetus and their pressure paid off when they were awarded a penalty for a foul on Katie Sweeney. Nicola Connor made no mistake with the spot kick to secure all three points and an early second position in the league.

SENIORS

The young reserve side lost 11 - 0 to a strong Birmingham City Ladies. The Blues were beaten 5 - 4 by Vauxhall Ladies. The County goals came Tuesday Porritt (2), Cheryl Burns and Rachel Taylor.

A goal from Kelly Allwood gave HNR a 1 - 0 victory away to Oldham Athletic.

JUNIORS

In their first match of the season the Under-15s had an excellent 3 - 2 win over Denton Town with goals from Libbi Nolan (2) and Tíree Vallance. Player of the Match was goalkeeper Rebekka Chetwyn

The Under-14s also had an excellent result beating Fletcher Moss Rangers 3 - 2 with goals from Jodie Moir, Laura Dunn, Kirsty Cooper. Again it was the goalkeeper who was given the Player of the Match award - Hazel Robinson.

The Under-12s came up against a strong Manchester City side and gave a very good account of themselves. The scoreline of 12 - 3 to City did not reflect the match which had a lot of positives from a squad with a number of new players. Bethany Clark, Chloe Ankers and Player of the Match Lydia Henshall scored the County goals.

Unfortunately the Under-11s were unable to follow on from last week's performance when they came up against a very good Delamere Rangers side. Minnie Kenworthy scored the only goal for County in a disappointing 11-1 defeat. Player of the Match was Rebekah Sadgrove.

Picture courtesy of Gary Gomersall



NORTHERN WOMEN'S COMBINATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES 2008-09

AUGUST

Sun 17	Middlesbrough	A	1-1
Sun 24	Salford Sports	H	0-4
Sun 31	Morley Spurs	H	3-2

SEPTEMBER

Sun 7	Blackpool Wrens	H	4-2
Sun 14	Peterlee Town	H	2-1
Sun 21	Rochdale	A	
Sun 28	West Auckland	H	

OCTOBER

Sun 5	Scunthorpe United	A	
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Sun 12	Bradford City	A	
Sun 19	Caernarfon	H	
Sun 26	Leeds City Vixens	A	

NOVEMBER

Sun 2	Middlesbrough	H	
Sun 16	Salford Sports	A	
Sun 30	Morley Spurs	A	

DECEMBER

Sun 7	Blackpool Wrens	H	
Sun 14	Peterlee Town	A	
Sun 21	Rochdale	H	

JANUARY

Sun 4	West Auckland	A	
Sun 11	Scunthorpe United	H	
Sun 18	Bradford City	H	
Sun 25	Caernarfon	A	

FEBRUARY

Sun 1	Leeds City Vixens	H	
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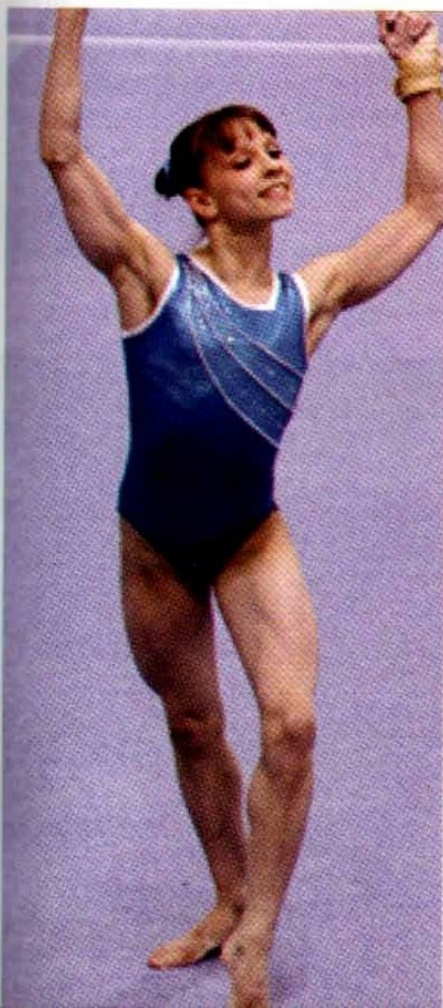
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County would like to welcome two Stockport members of the successful Team GB squad that won an amazing 47 medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics as our special VIP Guests at Edgeley Park this afternoon.



They are Gold medal winning cyclist Paul Manning and gymnast Hannah Whelan.

Paul is a member of the Men's Track Cycling Team Pursuit team that smashed the world record twice during the Games and won Gold in memorable fashion (he also won the same event earlier this year at the World Championships in Manchester).

And Hannah, who at the age of 16, is one of Britain's rising stars in the athletics world. Hannah was appearing in her first international competition as part of the Great Britain team and her impressive floor, beam and vault routines helped secure a top 10 finish.

They will, of course, be appearing on the hallowed turf at Edgeley Park at half time, and will also be in matchday hospitality before the game, hopefully answering a few questions for our guests.

We are hoping to have many more high-profile guests in hospitality this season, so if you'd like to meet them and experience our award-winning hospitality package you can do so for just £60; alternatively to can sample what's on offer by taking up the meal-only option for just £25.

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The company also has a number of vehicles in its fleet available for hire so please support the companies who support County.

We hope Barry Hayton and his guests enjoy today's match and have a great day with us.

Commercial Opportunities

As most County fans are aware, the Trust are the owners of County, who work independently of the club board to be an inclusive democratic organisation that seeks to represent the views of all supporters of the club through open, affordable membership, and consultation and liaison with all supporters and supporters groups, regardless of whether they are members or not.

The Trust are currently working extremely hard on a project centred on County's training ground at Manor Farm in Timperley. The facilities at the

ground have fallen into significant disrepair due to vandalism and a lack of investment over the last ten years, and obligations under the lease mean that unless County can make significant improvements over the coming months they are in danger of losing the facility.

Due to the age of the buildings, weathering and sadly vandalism, the main 'stable' block and on-site house have fallen into an unacceptable state requiring extensive repairs. Our landlord has charged us with the repairs and work that needs to be

done to bring the site back to an acceptable standard by 9th January 2009.

The Trust would like to direct all people who may be able to offer help in the renovation of the training ground to www.stockportcountytrust.com where full details of the Manor Farm project can be found.

FRIDAY NIGHT IS COUNTY NIGHT!

Oldham are flying high at the top of League One at them moment and are set to make the short trip to EP on Friday, October 3rd.

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Club Store

WHAT'S NEW IN THE COUNTY CLUB STORE

County, in association with merchandise partners, Promotions 81, have been working hard to produce new and exciting merchandise for the County Club Store. Here is a sample of what is currently on offer.

COUNTY FLASK

As the nights draw in and the temperature starts to drop, you'll love this stainless steel flask for those cold match nights. With County badge and one serving cup. £11.50

HIGHBALL TUMBLER

Stockport County tumbler engraved with the club crest and Wembley Winners 08, a collector's item to remind all supporters of that wonderful historic day. £9.50

WEMBLEY MOUSE MAT

Mouse Mat - with a patented tracking surface which has been specially developed for use with an optical mouse. Showing the Wembley Winners official photo, this mat has a non-reflective surface. £3.50

OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS TIE

This fantastic, limited edition tie is made from 100% polyester, the official supporters tie for the 2008-09 season. Please note dry clean only. £14.95



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Made from 100% polyester with printed crest, this scarf is the perfect accessory for any discerning female County fan. Use it as a smart addition to your work outfit, and you'll be the envy of the office! Going on a night out with the girls? When you get to the pub your friends will be asking you where you got it from! When they do, tell them "I got it at the County Club Store!" £14.95

COUNTY BABY BOTTLE

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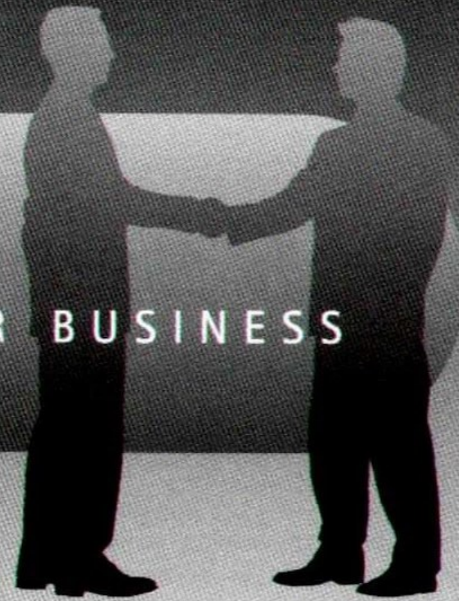
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Matchday Gallery

Pictures from our recent Coca Cola League 1 game against Northampton Town



Representatives from Robins & Day Peugeot, our Match Sponsors, are presented with a signed shirt by Carl Baker to commemorate the occasion



Steve Bedder, representing the County Supporters Trust, our Matchball Sponsor, received a signed, cased matchball by Carl Baker.



Jack Bowker and his daughter, who won our popular pre-match quiz, receive their prize from Carl Baker.



Leon McSweeney won a bottle of Parfetti's champagne for his man-of-the-match performance

If you would like to see your company featured in our Matchday Gallery then why not sponsor a game here at Edgeley Park. For more information call the County Commercial Team on 0161 286 8903



Coca-Cola League 1 2008-09

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Oldham Ath	6	5	1	0	15	5	10	16
2 Carlisle Utd	6	4	1	1	14	8	6	13
3 Scunthorpe Utd	6	4	0	2	12	6	6	12
4 Leeds United	6	3	2	1	13	9	4	11
5 Millwall	6	3	2	1	9	6	3	11
6 Leicester City	5	3	1	1	9	2	7	10
7 Walsall	6	3	1	2	12	9	3	10
8 Hartlepool Utd	6	3	0	3	10	8	2	9
9 MK Dons	6	3	0	3	8	7	1	9
10 Stockport County	6	2	3	1	6	5	1	9
11 Tranmere Rovers	6	3	0	3	9	9	0	9
12 Brighton & HA	6	2	3	1	7	7	0	9
13 Leyton Orient	6	2	2	2	4	7	-3	8
14 Peterborough Utd	6	2	1	3	10	9	1	7
15 Swindon Town	6	2	1	3	8	11	-3	7
16 Southend Utd	6	2	1	3	6	10	-4	7
17 Northampton T	6	1	3	2	7	9	-2	6
18 Crewe Alexandra	6	2	0	4	9	14	-5	6
19 Yeovil Town	6	1	3	2	6	11	-5	6
20 Cheltenham Town	7	2	0	5	8	19	-11	6
21 Bristol Rovers	7	1	2	4	17	17	0	5
22 Colchester Utd	5	1	2	2	7	9	-2	5
23 Huddersfield T	6	1	2	3	6	9	-3	5
24 Hereford Utd	6	1	1	4	6	12	-6	4

Appearances & Goals 2008-09

	LGE		CUP		COUNTY		LGE CAREER
	A	G	A	G	A	G	
Carl Baker	3(1)	0	2	0	3(1)	0	
Dominic Blizzard	4	0	0(1)	0	33(5)	1	
Gary Dicker	6	0	2	0	35(1)	0	
Stephen Gleeson	5(1)	0	1	0	23(3)	2	
Gianluca Havern	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Matty McNeil	0(1)	0	1	0	17(1)	2	
Jim McNulty	6	1	2	0	17	1	
Leon McSweeney	3(1)	1	2	1	8(7)	2	
Matty Mainwaring	0(1)	0	1	0	0(1)	0	
John Mullins	4	0	0(1)	0	4	0	
Gareth Owen	6	0	1(1)	0	80(1)	0	
Anthony Pilkington	5(1)	0	1	0	46(13)	11	
Michael Raynes	6	0	1	0	71(15)	1	
Michael Rose	1(1)	0	1	0	48(7)	6	
Tommy Rowe	5	3	1	0	23(10)	9	
Greg Tansey	0	0	0	0	7(9)	0	
Jason Taylor	0	0	0	0	93(3)	5	
Peter Thompson	4(1)	0	0(1)	0	4(1)	0	
James Tunnicliffe	1(1)	0	1	0	6(7)	0	
Paul Turnbull	1(3)	0	2	0	13(11)	0	
James Vincent	0(3)	0	1	0	0(4)	0	
Owain Fon Williams	6	0	2	0	6	0	
Own Goals				1		0	

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SCORER

DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP	KICK-OFF/SCORE	ATTENDANCE (VISITORS)	PTS	POS	OWN GOALS	REFEREE
AUGUST								
Sat 9	A Huddersfield Town	L1	1-1	15,578 (1,927)	1	12		P Miller
Tue 12	A Leicester City	CC1	0-1	7,386 (459)	-	-		M Russell
Sat 16	H Leicester City	L1	0-0	7,151 (1616)	2	18		A.R. Hill
Sat 23	A Hartlepool United	L1	1-0	3,945 (401)	5	7		G.Salisbury
Sat 30	H Scunthorpe United	L1	0-3	6,348 (567)	5	17		C Boyer
SEPTEMBER								
Tue 2	H Port Vale	JPT1	1-0	2,290 (500)	-	-		C. Oliver
Sat 13	A Leyton Orient	L1	3-0	4,473 (457)	8	12	1	R. Shotton
Tue 16	H Northampton Town	L1	1-1	4,974 (138)	9	10		N Swales
Sat 20	H Swindon Town	L1	15.00					
Sat 27	A Cheltenham	L1	15.00					
OCTOBER								
Fri 3	H Oldham	L1	19.45					
Tue 7	A Bury	JPT2	19.45					
Sat 11	A Southend	L1	15.00					
Sat 18	H Colchester	L1	15.00					
Tue 21	A MK Dons	L1	19.45					
Sat 25	A Hereford	L1	15.00					
Tue 28	H Tranmere	L1	19.45					
NOVEMBER								
Sat 1	H Carlisle	L1	15.00					
Sat 8		FAC1						
Sat 15	A Millwall	L1	15.00					
Sat 22	A Crewe	L1	15.00					
Tue 25	H Brighton	L1	19.45					
DECEMBER								
Sat 6	H Peterborough	L1	15.00					
Sat 13	A Yeovil Town	L1	15.00					
Sat 20	H Bristol Rovers	L1	15.00					
Fri 26	A Walsall	L1	15.00					
Sun 28	H Leeds United	L1	12.00					
JANUARY								
Sat 3	H Cheltenham	L1	15.00					
Sat 10	A Swindon Town	L1	15.00					
Sat 17	H Southend	L1	15.00					
Sat 24	A Oldham	L1	15.00					
Tue 27	A Tranmere	L1	19.45					
Sat 31	H Hereford	L1	15.00					
FEBRUARY								
Tue 3	H MK Dons	L1	19.45					
Sat 7	A Colchester	L1	15.00					
Sat 14	H Millwall	L1	15.00					
Sat 21	A Carlisle	L1	15.00					
Sat 28	H Huddersfield	L1	15.00					
MARCH								
Tue 3	A Leicester City	L1	19.45					
Sat 7	A Scunthorpe	L1	15.00					
Tue 10	H Hartlepool	L1	19.45					
Sat 14	H Leyton Orient	L1	15.00					
Sat 21	A Northampton	L1	15.00					
Sat 28	A Bristol Rovers	L1	15.00					
APRIL								
Sat 4	H Yeovil Town	L1	15.00					
Sat 11	A Leeds United	L1	15.00					
Mon 13	H Walsall	L1	15.00					
Sat 18	A Peterborough	L1	15.00					
Sat 25	H Crewe	L1	15.00					
MAY								
Sat 2	A Brighton	L1	15.00					

County 2008-09

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SUBSTITUTES

McNeil	Baker	Turnbull	McSweeney	Rigby
Blizzard	Mullins	Thompson	Rigby	Rose
Rose	Pilkington	Rigby	Turnbull	McSweeney
McSweeney	Turnbull	Rigby	Thompson	Rose
Mainwaring	Vincent	Tunncliffe	Rigby	Rose
Owen	Rigby	Havern	Tansey	Green
Gleeson	Turnbull	Vincent	Rose	Rigby
Turnbull	Thompson	Vincent	Rose	Rigby



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Stat Attack 2008-09

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LEAGUE ONE ATTENDANCES

	Total Attendance	Highest Attendance	Average Attendance	2007/08 Average	Leading League Scorer
Brighton & Hove Albion	18,414	6,675	6,138	5,937	Forster 4
Bristol Rovers	21,629	9,285	7,210	6,850	Lambert 7
Carlisle United	19,766	6,919	6,589	7,835	Graham 6
Cheltenham Town	18,452	5,344	4,613	4,310	Hayles, Owusu 2
Colchester United	10,048	5,340	5,024	5,509	Gillespie, Yeates 2
Crewe Alexandra	12,227	4,557	4,076	4,932	Pope, Zola 2
Hartlepool United	11,413	3,945	3,804	4,507	Brown 3
Hereford United	10,431	4,061	3,477	3,421	Hudson-Odoi 3
Huddersfield Town	40,895	15,578	13,632	9,391	Dickinson 2
Leeds United	65,730	24,631	21,910	24,720	Beckford 6
Leicester City	60,740	23,351	20,247	23,509	Fryatt 5
Leyton Orient	13,003	4,727	4,334	5,210	Boyd 2
Millwall	22,834	8,114	7,611	8,669	Grabban 3
Milton Keynes Dons	28,883	12,078	9,628	9,444	Leven 3
Northampton Town	15,638	6,520	5,213	5,409	Akinfenwa 2
Oldham Athletic	15,570	5,530	5,190	5,320	Hughes, Taylor 4
Peterborough United	17,247	6,643	5,749	5,995	Mackail-Smith 5
Scunthorpe United	18,220	8,315	6,073	6,434	Hooper 6
Southend United	23,034	8,665	7,678	8,173	Barnard 2
Stockport County	18,473	7,151	6,158	5,643	Rowe 3
Swindon Town	28,007	13,001	9,336	7,170	Cox 4
Tranmere Rovers	17,254	6,802	5,751	6,504	Curran, Savage 2
Walsall	12,843	4,838	4,281	5,620	Demontagnac 3
Yeovil Town	15,549	6,580	5,183	5,468	Tomlin 2

LEAGUE ONE DATABASE

LARGEST HOME WIN:	6-1	Bristol Rovers v Hereford United (23/8)
LARGEST AWAY WIN:	4-0	Leicester City at Cheltenham Town (30/8)
	3-0	County at Leyton Orient (13/9)
HIGHEST CROWD	24,631	Leeds United v Oldham Athletic (16/8)
LOWEST CROWD	2,894	Hereford United v Crewe Alexandra (30/8)
PENALTY SCORERS	2	Akinfenwa (Northampton Town), Boyd (Leyton Orient), Cox (Swindon Town), Forster (Brighton), Graham (Carlisle United)
	1	Eight players
TOTAL SUCCESSFUL	18	(Home Team 11, Away Team 7)
PENALTIES		

GOAL TIMINGS AND SUMMARY

COUNTY LEAGUE GOAL TIMINGS

Minutes	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-74	76-90	Total
scored	1	0	2	0	1	2	6
conceded	1	2	0	2	0	0	5

COBBLERS LEAGUE GOAL TIMINGS

Minutes	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-74	76-90	Total
scored	1	0	3	2	1	1	8
conceded	0	1	2	1	3	4	11

EDGELEY PARK GOAL SUMMARY (LEAGUE & CUP)

	Cheadle End	Railway End
For	2	0
Against	3	1

LEAGUE ONE HOTSHOTS

	League	Cup	Total
Beckford (Leeds United)	6	4	10
Lambert (Bristol Rovers)	7	0	7
Cox (Swindon Town)	4	2	6
Graham (Carlisle United)	6	0	6
Hooper (Scunthorpe United)	6	0	6
Forster (Brighton & Hove Albion)	4	1	5
Fryatt (Leicester City)	5	0	5
Mackail-Smith (Peterborough United)	5	0	5
Akinfenwa (Northampton Town)	2	2	4
Brown (Hartlepool United)	3	1	4
Hughes (Oldham Athletic)	4	0	4

RED & YELLOW CARD INDEX

	Red	Yellow
Matty McNeil	1	0
Michael Raynes	0	2
Jimmy McNulty	0	1

COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE TEAM OF THE WEEK

Anthony Pilkington was rewarded for his efforts in last Saturday's win at Leyton Orient with a place in the current League One Team of the Week. The full team reads: Mark Crossley (Oldham Athletic); Ryan Shotton (Tranmere Rovers), Steve Roberts (Walsall), Zak Whitbread (Millwall), Dan Harding (Southend United); Anthony Pilkington (County), Luke Guttridge (Northampton Town), Fabian Delph (Leeds United), David Martin (Millwall); Jermaine Beckford (Leeds United), Michael Ricketts (Walsall)

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- 2 Johnny MULLINS
- 3 Michael ROSE
- 4 Dominic BLIZZARD
- 5 Gareth OWEN
- 6 Jimmy McNULTY
- 7 Anthony PILKINGTON
- 8 Gary DICKER
- 9 Peter THOMPSON
- 10 Carl BAKER
- 11 Tommy ROWE
- 12 BLUE & WHITE ARMY
- 14 Jason TAYLOR
- 15 Michael RAYNES
- 16 James TUNNICLIFFE
- 17 Stephen GLEESON
- 18 Paul TURNBULL
- 19 Matty McNEIL
- 20 Leon McSWEENEY
- 23 Lloyd RIGBY
- 24 Greg TANSEY
- 25 Gianluca HAVERN
- 26 Matty MAINWARING
- 27 Danny PILKINGTON
- 28 James VINCENT
- 29 Darren GREEN
- 30 Declan EDWARDS
- 31 Paul ENNIS



SWINDON TOWN

- 1 Phil SMITH
- 2 Jack SMITH
- 3 Jamie VINCENT
- 4 Michael TIMLIN
- 5 Jerel IFIL
- 6 Hasney ALJOFREE
- 7 Christian ROBERTS
- 8 Craig EASTON
- 9 Barry CORR
- 10 Jon-Paul McGOVERN
- 11 Anthony McNAMEE
- 12 Peter BREZOVAN
- 14 Patrick KANYUKA
- 15 Kevin AMANKWAAH
- 16 Yinka CASAL
- 17 Lilian NALIS
- 18 Mark MARSHALL
- 19 Michael POOK
- 20 Billy PAYNTER
- 21 Blair STURROCK
- 23 Ben JOYCE
- 24 Chris ALLEN
- 25 Sean MORRISON
- 30 Callum KENNEDY
- 31 Simon COX
- 32 Lee PEACOCK

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: K D Hill
 Assistants: A J Madley & D Naylor
 Fourth Official: D J Roberts

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