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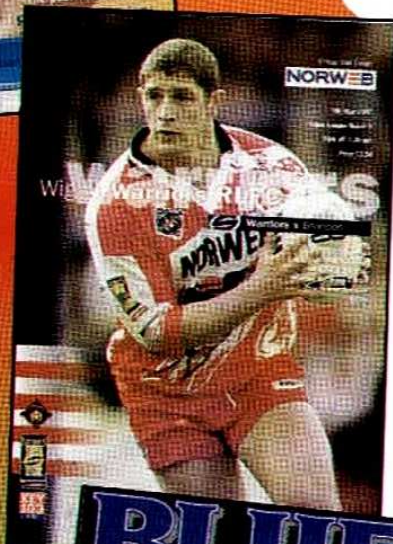
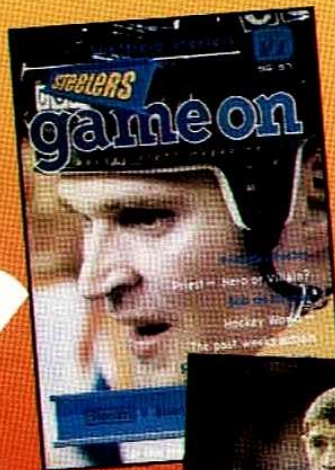


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On average I reckon I get to watch three or four games a week throughout a season. It may be to scout forthcoming opponents, check a player I may be interested in buying or so forth.

As a manager I am more detached in terms of passion and intensity, compared to the supporters who are more involved in what

is going on. And, in order to beat the traffic congestion, I regularly leave 10 minutes before the end.

So, that is why I can sympathise with those of you who have witnessed our last nine games, at home and away, and might have decided to leave before the final whistle! I am sure you have plenty of stories to tell.

I don't think I've ever known anything like this spell during the past two months when so many goals have been scored late on and in stoppage time. The outcome of seven of those nine matches has not been decided until the final few minutes and at Manchester City on Monday Dele Adebola struck in the 90th minute to give us that flicker of hope of getting into the play-offs.

As a manager it does your stress levels no good whatsoever; I have come away from our games absolutely mentally drained. I've never experienced anything like it before.

Why have we had such a phase like this? The longer a game goes on the more tiredness comes into it. Not also do the tired legs help produce extra space which you can exploit, but mental fatigue means that concentration starts to waver, again producing one or two opportunities.

And over the past few months the way the games

have been going, you gamble that little bit more by throwing forward one or two extra players into attacking areas.

Those are some factors but, undoubtedly, one of the biggest reasons from our point of view is the fantastic fitness levels of our team. Of all our League goals scored this season, almost one-third have come between the 76th and 90th minutes. It's not just enough to be fit, that has to be mixed with a desire to never know when you are beaten - and that is what this team has.

Because we are not able to compete with massive salaries and big transfer fees of the clubs at the top of the League, I made the decision at the start of the season that no-one would be more committed than us and have more running power. I think that has been seen.

I do just sense, however, that because of the demands placed on the team with such an emphasis on work rate, over the Easter period there has been a little dip. Players are only human, I do think tiredness has been creeping into our play as the season nears its climax and the pressure starts to build. They have put in a tremendous amount of work throughout, and I am sure you supporters can appreciate that too.

If the statistic about the run of late goals over the past nine games made interesting reading, how about this one: when Dele produced that marvellous finish at Maine Road it kept up a sequence that has seen just three players score our last 15 goals.

Dele, Michael Johnson and Peter Ndlovu are the trio in question and a couple of weeks ago now I christened them our 'Three Degrees'. It's quite extraordinary how they have dominated the goalscoring.

Trevor Francis

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Flying winger Jon McCarthy is hoping that Blues can break the 70 point barrier and reach the Premiership through the back door of the play-offs.

"We're still staying very positive. Being realistic it's down to other teams to have a bit of a slip up but they have games in hand and it's a lot of games to play over a short period of time. The League has proved throughout the season that anybody can beat anybody.

Jon is very happy at St Andrew's since his move from Port Vale last September. "Obviously the team's been doing well and I've been playing every week. The supporters are tremendous. How could I not be enjoying it? We would love to have success and we're quite close to touching a little bit of success at the moment. That would be the ultimate as I've joined the club with the hope of getting a chance of playing Premiership football. On his decision to join Blues, Macca said:

"Birmingham are a big club. Everything that the manager has achieved himself personally as a player, for somebody like that to think that you are a good player and when the club is willing to spend a large amount of money to bring you there it is obviously a massive compliment. Hopefully I can produce the goods for Birmingham City."

The fierce competition for places at Blues doesn't

JON

worry Jon, "It's very strong but I expected that coming to a club the size of Birmingham. The competition is going to get even stronger.

Nobody is shirking away from it. It is a good-sized squad but there is a lot of quality there and if your form dips you know you are going to be under pressure from players and that's the way it has got to be at a club this size," he said.

When asked whether he felt any pressure at being Blues' joint record signing at £1.5m, Jon said: "I think it probably does put a bit of pressure on. It is just a case of how the market is today more than anything. There are an awful lot of players at the club who have done a lot more than me so I don't think that because they've had to pay that much money for me that I'm any better than any of the others.

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"The players keep your feet on the ground. The mickey-taking and everything makes sure that you don't get too big-headed at this club which keeps everybody together. There's great spirit at the club."

Jon describes himself as a direct player who likes to get shots and crosses in but feels that he should get more goals. He says that he is not an out-and-out winger who stands on the touchline waiting for the ball. A big part of his game is to get back and help out defensively as well as attacking.

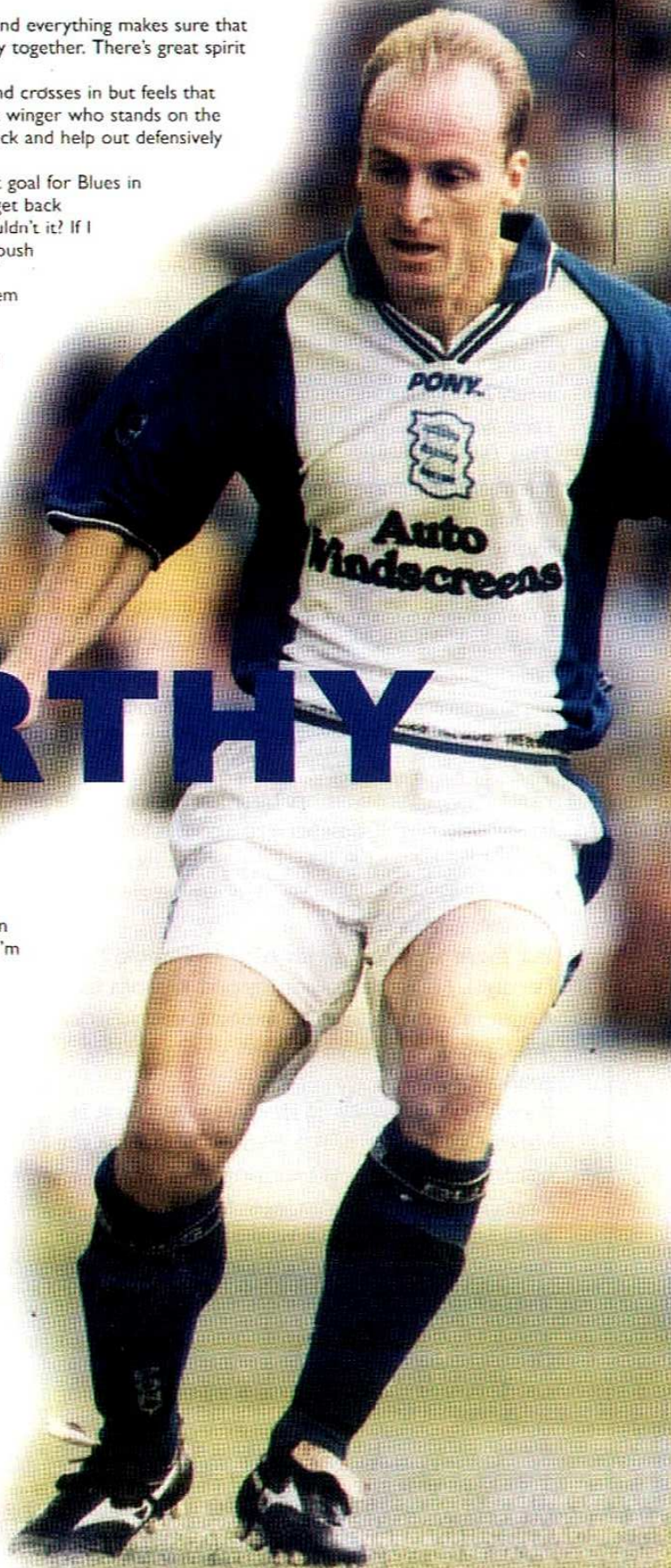
Jon scored four goals in a seven game spell starting with his first goal for Blues in the 1-0 win against Ipswich on Boxing Day and he is hoping to get back amongst the goals soon. "The timing would be perfect now wouldn't it? If I could weigh in with a few goals now it would hopefully help us push towards the play-offs.

"If I do get them now I can turn around and say I was saving them up for the right moment!", quipped Macca.

"To play Premiership football and to do that with Birmingham would be great. I think the whole place would take off. It would just be brilliant to be part of that."

Middlesbrough born Jon said he now feels like an adopted Brummie. "They look after you don't they? Obviously they know their football and expectations are high. If you playing well and putting your work in they take to you. Personally, I will always go out and work hard and I think the fans appreciate that."

Jon is hoping to add to the six caps he has won for Northern Ireland so far. In the last match against Slovakia, Jon claimed his cap despite coming on as a last minute substitute and not even getting a touch. He can appreciate what Howard



MCCARTHY

Forinton felt when he failed to touch the ball on his Blues debut against West Brom last month and Macca offered some words of encouragement to the young striker: "His chance will come. To be involved at this stage of the season proves how much he's come on and he will get his chance and I'm sure he will take it."

Jon hopes that Dele Adebola will eventually decide to choose Northern Ireland over his native Nigeria following the tug-of-war for his services. "He would be a massive asset to Northern Ireland so from a selfish point of view I would love him to come across and play with us. It's a big decision for him so he's done the right thing in taking his time and assessing all his options." On Dele's impact at Blues since his arrival, Jon said: "He's done ever so well since he came. Anybody who comes in and does what he does for the team is going to be popular with the fans and the players so we're delighted to have him with us."

Jon is the brains in the dressing room having gained 2:1 in Sports Science at Nottingham Polytechnic and he said: "I've got that behind me so I was able to get the best of both worlds."

When his career ends, Jon is looking to stay in sport in an administration capacity. His priority for the moment though is helping Blues to the Premiership.

GOLDEN

The Golden Boot is probably the most prestigious individual award a footballer can win. To score more goals than any other player in the greatest tournament on earth is something very special indeed and the boot is considered to be the Holy Grail for strikers.

In the 15 World Cups since 1930 there have been 21 winners of the prize including seven joint winners.

This select band of men have a rare, god-given talent to penetrate the best defences in the World. To be at top form during a month of football that comes around every four years takes some doing.

Winning the Golden Boot is such a difficult feat to achieve that no player has collected the accolade twice. Our own Gary Lineker came closest to owning a pair of Golden Boots in Italy 1990 only to be pipped by Italian scoring sensation Toto Schillaci.

Many of the past winners have been players who have come out of nowhere to score a hatful of goals. Lineker and Schillaci are prime examples of players who 'came good' when it mattered most - in the World Cup.

But there are the legends such as Eusebio for Portugal, Muller for Germany and Kempes for Argentina who fulfilled all expectations to grab the Golden Boot with displays of devastating goalscoring prowess.

If you look at the list of the past winners, it is notable that many of the greatest players in the history of the game are missing. Pele, Cruyff and Maradona are just three legends who many would think would have won a Golden Boot or two in their time but it is then that you realise that there is a distinction between great players and great goalscorers.

Great goalscorers have an instinct and ability which cannot be coached. It is a knack of being in the right place at the time to find the net

against the best defences in the World.

1962 saw the lowest total in history win the Golden Boot. No fewer than six players shared the accolade with four goals each.

The record total scored by an individual in a World Cup is by a Frenchman called Jus Fontaine who bagged 13 in the 1958 tournament. It is a record that will probably never be surpassed.

It is interesting to note that the winners of the the last five Golden Boots have scored six goals to claim the coveted prize. So that will be the aim of all the contenders for the crown in France this summer.

If you look at the players who could win the Golden Boot this time around, then look no further than the brilliant Brazilian Ronaldo. The 21 year-old is already the most expensive player in the World and was a part of the South Americans' squad when they won the USA tournament in 1994. Unfortunately, Ronaldo, who was then 17, did not have the chance to make the same impact as a young Pele did in Sweden 1958.

PFA Player of the Year Dennis Bergkamp is another who could be considered to sparkle this summer. The Dutchman has had a wonderful season in the Premiership with Arsenal and he is the key to Holland's World Cup ambitions. Davor Suker of Croatia was one of the undoubted stars of Euro 96. His sublime skills were a joy to watch two years ago and if he can retain that form he can be a contender for the Golden Boot this summer.

Italy's Alessandro Del Piero has been in scintillating form in the European Champions League this season, scoring a hat-trick against Monaco in the semi-final first leg. If he can translate that sort of form onto the World stage then there is no doubt he has the potential to be a Golden Boot winner.

If Argentina produce vintage form in France then

BOOTS

expect Fiorentina ace Gabriel Batistuta to flourish. He is capable of absolutely anything on his day and is a defenders' worst nightmare. He draws favourable comparisons with 1978 winner Mario Kempes and has the chance to emulate him in France '98.

England's hero Alan Shearer must be worthy of a mention for the prize. If England succeed this summer then the Geordie hero must weigh in with the goals.

The battle for the famous award promises to be very exciting in France. Will we see if there is to be another Lineker for England or whether there will be another surprise package in the mould of Paolo Rossi in the offing. Whatever, the legions of armchair fans can look forward to what Ruud Gullitt would call "sexy football" this summer.

GOLDEN BOOT WINNERS:

- 1930: STABILE (ARGENTINA) - 8
- 1934: NEJEDLY (CZECH) - 5
- 1938: LEONIDAS (BRAZIL) - 8
- 1950: ADEMIR (BRAZIL) - 9
- 1954: KOCSIS (HUNGARY) - 11
- 1958: FONTAINE (FRANCE) - 13
- 1962: GARRINCHA (BRAZIL) - 4
- VAVA (BRAZIL)
- L SANCHEZ (CHILE)
- ALBERT (HUNGARY)
- JERKOVIC (YUGOSLAVIA)
- V IVANOV (USSR)
- 1966: EUSEBIO (PORTUGAL) - 9
- 1970: MULLER (GERMANY) - 9
- 1974: LATO (POLAND) - 7
- 1978: KEMPES (ARGENTINA) - 6
- 1982: ROSSI (ITALY) - 6
- 1986: LINEKER (ENGLAND) - 6
- 1990: SCHILLACI (ITALY) - 6
- 1994: SALENKO (RUSSIA) - 6
- STOICHKOV (BULGARIA)



Ronaldo



Lineker



Rossi

FOCUS ON ONE

ANDREW THOMAS TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT THE LATEST NEWS AROUND THE FIRST DIVISION.

PLAY-OFFS STILL POSSIBLE

Prior to today's matches, Blues require at least four points from their remaining three league games to overtake Sheffield United's current total of 70 points. Four points, however, would only be sufficient if the Blades fail to earn points from any of their five remaining matches. In reality, Blues will probably need to stand a chance of making the play-offs, and, having played one game more than Sheffield United, it could be Ipswich Town, currently on 71 points, who feel the Brummie heat....

REMAINING FIXTURES

BLUES

April 18 - Swindon (H)
April 25 - Oxford (A)
May 3 - Charlton (H)

SHEFFIELD UNITED

April 18 - Bury (H)
April 21 - Crewe (A)
April 25 - WBA (H)
April 28 - Tranmere (A)
May 3 - Stockport (A)

IPSWICH

April 18 - Port Vale (H)
April 25 - Bury (A)
April 28 - Sunderland (H)
May 3 - Crewe (H)

FIVE-YEAR OFFER FOR BALL

Portsmouth manager Alan Ball is set to be offered a new five-year contract at Fratton Park, even if he fails to save the club from relegation to Division Two. Chairman Martin Gregory has asked Ball to attend discussions for a new deal, believed to be worth around £400,000.

Pompey have rallied since 52 year-old Ball was re-appointed as boss 14 matches ago, climbing off the foot of the table.



Alan Ball

ROBINS TURNED DOWN

Swindon Town have had a £1.5 million offer to buy their County Ground stadium refused by the local authority. The club fear they might not meet stricter criteria for stadiums if they cannot redevelop the ground.

ATTENDANCES SOAR

Nationwide League attendances for the season overtook last year's total over Easter, with 118 matches still to play. Total gates for the three divisions currently stand at 12,368,349 compared to the 11,978,401 total for the last campaign.

FIRST FOR HORNETS

Watford joined Bristol City in the First Division next season after gaining automatic promotion from the Second with a 1-1 draw - against Bristol City.

LEADING GOALSCORERS - DIVISION ONE (14TH APRIL)

| | League | Cup | Total |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|
| Pierre Van Hooijdonk (Forest) | 28 | 5 | 33 |
| Kevin Phillips (Sunderland) | 25 | 4 | 29 |
| David Johnson (Ipswich)* | 22 | 5 | 27 |
| Kevin Campbell (Forest) | 23 | 0 | 23 |
| Clive Mendonca (Charlton) | 21 | 2 | 23 |
| Brett Angell (Stockport) | 16 | 5 | 21 |

*Eight goals for Bury

FORINTON -AND OFF!

If Blues gain promotion this season, 22 year-old striker Howard Forinton will no doubt recall his involvement, though small, with some pride.

For now, however, Howard has 'officially' scrapped his debut appearance for Blues against West Brom a few weeks ago, when, having been brought on as a last minute substitute with the score 0-0, he was replaced by Gary Ablett after Michael Johnson's injury-time goal.

Commenting afterwards on his bizarre debut Forinton said: "I'm going to count my next one instead. I didn't touch the ball once."

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1. Which former Blues player scored his first ever League goal for Northampton in April 1998?
2. Which was the first Football League club to be relegated this season?
3. Which was the first Scottish League club to be promoted this season?
4. Which club had three players sent-off in a Premiership match in March 1998?
5. Which club is nicknamed the 'Merry Millers'?
6. What was the name of the recent BBC drame about a ladies' football team?
7. Which First Division club did Arsenal beat on penalties in the third round of this season's FA Cup?
8. Which club signed Peter Beardsley on transfer deadline day this season?
9. Which English referee was in charge of the recent friendly international between Germany and Brazil?

10. Which former Northern Ireland international is now manager of Blackpool?
11. Which Blues defender scored his first goal for the club against Swindon last season?
12. Which former BBC racing commentator is a supporter of Swindon Town?
13. Who knocked Swindon out of this season's FA Cup?
14. Which current Swindon player made one appearance for England, in New Zealand in 1991?
15. Which former Swindon player holds the League record for appearances for one club?

1. Ian Clarkson 2. Doncaster Rovers 3. Dundee 4. Barnsley 5. David Ellery 6. Nigel Worthington 7. Port Vale 8. Fulham 9. Wilson 10. Nigel Worthington 11. Gary Ablett 12. Julian

ANSWERS



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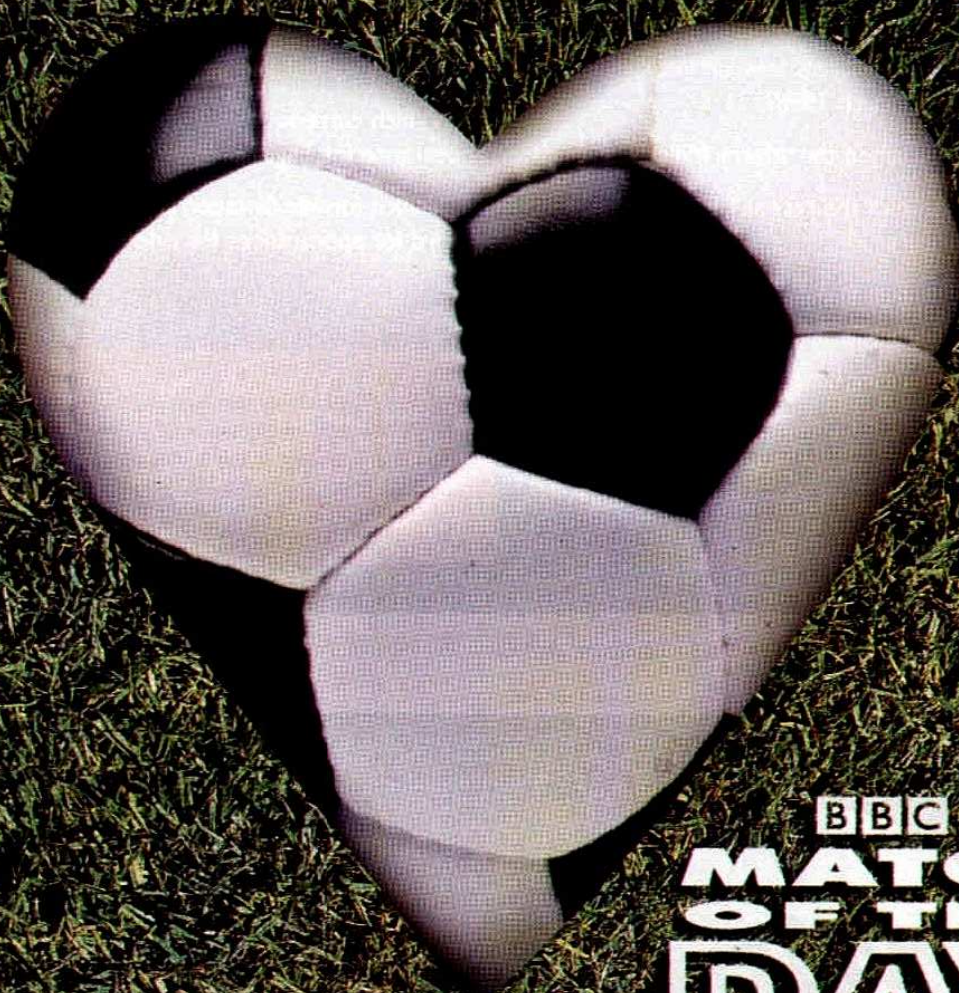
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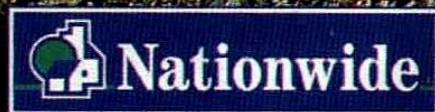
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VIEW FROM THE STANDS

The irony of our win at Maine Road was that for the first time this season the opposition has probably had more of the game than we have. Indeed, we could have been three down inside twenty minutes but for a splendid save from Benno, the woodwork and an appalling miss by Lee Bradbury. Did they really pay £3m for him?

In comparison Dele Adebola, a snip at £1m, displayed Bergkamp-like finishing qualities to win the game. We have struggled to convert chance after chance all season, yet in a game where we created few openings, Dele breaks the Maine Road faithfuls hearts with a clinical finish.

In the first half we never really got started. Fortunately, the defence was at its most mean and in probably its sternest test to date came through with flying colours. The second half was a complete contrast with the dangerous Jamie Pollock shut down we looked more like promotion hopefuls.

Working in the North East I have visited Maine Road a fair few times over the past two seasons. The crowds they get are incredible and intimidate officials and opposition alike. City have a very poor team in my view and were it not for the fans I am sure they would have been down by now. It is

something that we could certainly learn from.

We, by contrast, seem to always expect the worst rather than shout the team on.

Considering the number of times our games are decided in the last few minutes, I am amazed at the amount of people drifting away ten to fifteen minutes before the end. Last week's incredible five minutes would have left most crowds in shock but around me there seemed to be an air of inevitability. It is easy to point to the many years of disappointment but in reality the past has no bearing on the next game.

We are still mathematically in with a chance of a play-off place. Until that chance has gone let's keep the faith.

In contrast, we can be proud of the way the fans greeted Dave Barnett before the Port Vale match. There is a tendency to give stick to old players returning. Some may have left under a cloud but Dave was a fine servant but for his long term injury he would have become a fixture in our side.

Finally, let's wish the Boss a Happy Birthday for tomorrow. At 44 surely not too old to turn out one more time. Even if it's only for Tom Ross's Old Stars or a testimonial it would be a great thrill for young and old alike.

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This afternoon's visitors Swindon Town look to be in a comfortable position in the middle of the table. Their failure to push for a play-off place this season could be attributed to their lack of goals. Steve McMahon has performed wonders at the County Ground on a shoestring budget, but they simply cannot afford to match the financial resources that the likes of Forest, Middlesbrough and Wolves enjoy.

The inspired signing of Chris Hay ensured that the goals were flowing earlier in the season but he has been out of form. Pre-deadline signing Iffy Onuora looked to be the solution to their goalscoring problems but he has now been ruled out for the season with a fractured cheekbone. The Robins average less than a goal a game with 41 from 43 this season.

McMahon will probably use the remaining games to experiment with both his team and his tactics as preparation for a play-off challenge next term. In their last game, Swindon impressively held Sheffield United to a 1-1 draw at the County Ground, being denied a win from Marcello's 81st minute leveller.

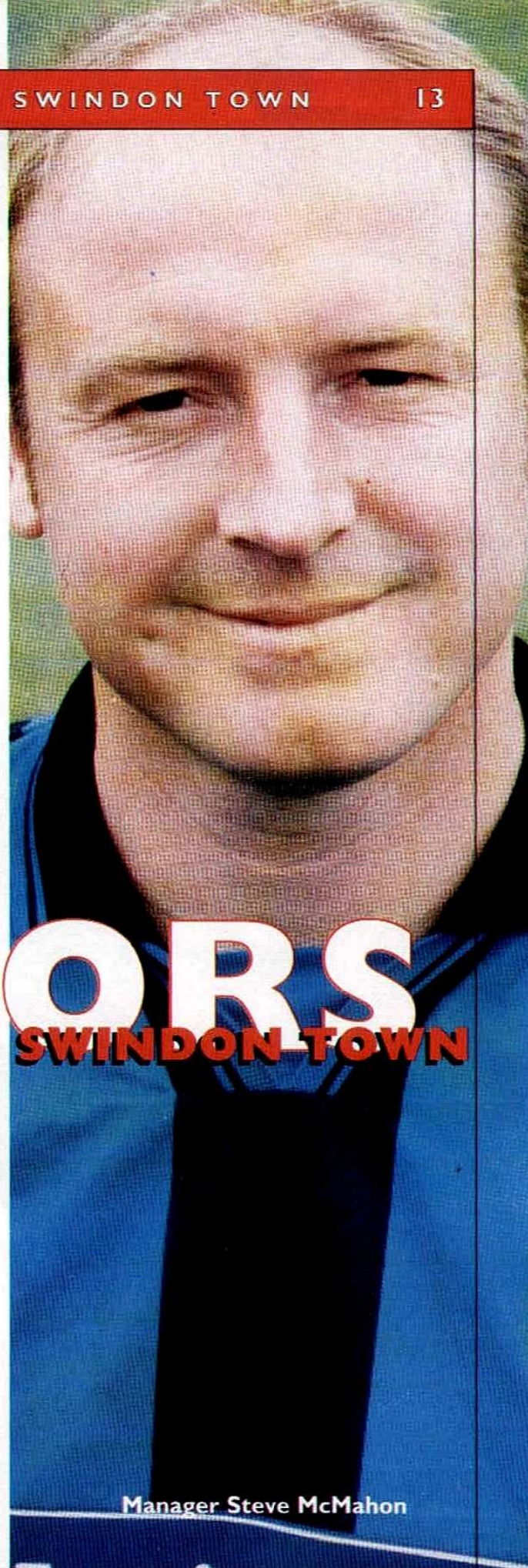
One of the players to watch out for is former Crystal Palace winger George Ndashimiye who has

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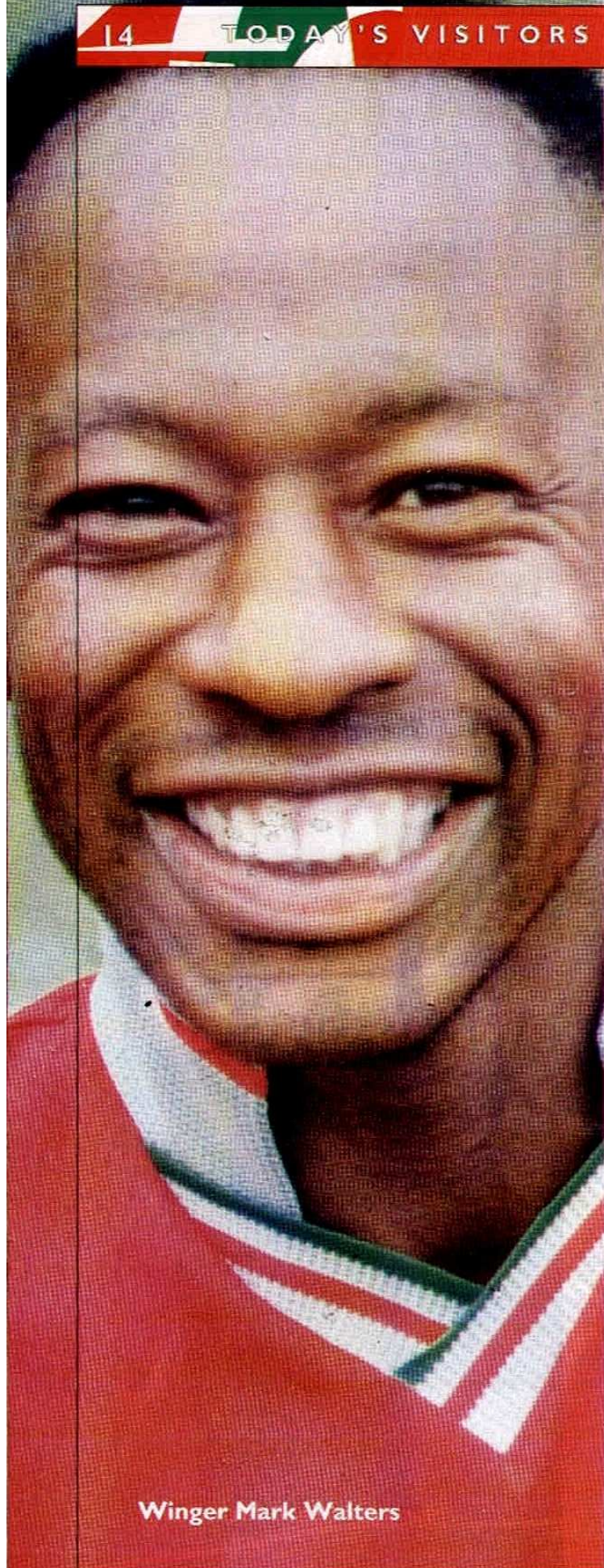
lightening pace and can cause havoc amongst opposition defenders. Also, former Villa winger Mark Walters is the team's chief creator. He is always willing to run at players and the quality of his crossing and passing has not diminished over the years. He scored in last Monday's draw with Sheffield United.

Swindon have twice been thrashed 6-0 on their travels this season at Manchester City and Middlesbrough respectively.

The last meeting between the sides at the County Ground in December ended 1-1 with Nicky Forster scoring for Blues.



Manager Steve McMahon



Winger Mark Walters

Goalkeeper **Fraser Digby** is the club's longest serving player and celebrated his testimonial last season. The Sheffield born 30 year-old joined the Robins for £32,500 after serving his apprenticeship with Manchester United. Australian reserve keeper **Frank Talia** came to England to join Blackburn Rovers in 1992 and after failing to break into the first team joined Swindon in 1995.

Experienced defender **Mark Seagraves** was installed as Club Captain last season. A former Liverpool apprentice, he made his league debut while on loan at Norwich before signing for Manchester City in September 1987. Bolton Wanderers paid £100,000 for his services in 1990 and five years later he moved to the County Ground for the same fee.

Mark Robinson started his career at West Brom and joined Barnsley on a free transfer in 1986. Newcastle United signed him in a £450,000 deal in 1993 but after losing his place through injury he left the north-east for Swindon a year later. The Robins paid a club record £600,000 for the versatile defender but injury has restricted his appearances again this term.

Former Everton, Bolton and Coventry full-back **Brian Borrows** left Highfield Road last November after making over 400 appearances for the Sky Blues. He can play anywhere in defence but has performed well at sweeper.

34 year-old **Alan McDonald** moved to Swindon in a two year deal last summer having spent his entire professional career at Queens Park Rangers. He has won 53 Northern Ireland caps, many as skipper.

Davis Kerslake is now in his third spell at the County Ground. The 31 year-old began his career at Queens Park Rangers and joined Swindon for the first time in 1989 for £110,000. After making his name as a player with pace and a quality crosser of the ball, he moved to Leeds for £500,000 three years later. After just eight appearances, he moved back to the south with Tottenham. After falling out of favour at Spurs he secured a permanent switch to Swindon this season. Aggressive midfielder **Darren Bullock** scored on his debut for the Robins in their 3-1 win over Blues last February. The 29 year-old only joined the full-time game in November 1993 following his £55,000 move from Nuneaton Borough to Huddersfield Town. Tough-tackling Bullock scored 20 goals in 156 games for the Terriers before his £400,000 move to the County Ground.

25 year-old **Ty Gooden** can play as either a wing-back or an attacking midfielder. Signed by John Gorman in 1993 from Wycombe Wanderers, Gooden has established himself as a first team regular this term.

Birmingham born winger **Mark Walters** started his career at Aston Villa before successful spells at Glasgow Rangers and Liverpool. Signed for Swindon in 1996 and his goalmaking and goalscoring abilities have been invaluable to Steve McMahon.

A free transfer signing from Tottenham in 1996, **Kevin Watson** is a skillful midfielder looking to establish himself at the County Ground.

Lee Collins is a tigerish ball winner in a similar vein to Steve McMahon. The 24 year-old Scotsman was signed from Albion Rovers for £15,000 in 1995.

Gifted Frenchman **Phillippe Cuervo** signed on a free transfer from Sochaux after a successful trial period. An injured hip put him out of action after a promising start to the season.

Former Nottingham Forest midfielder **Stephen Howe** prefers to be known as 'Bobby'. He joined Swindon last January following 17 appearances at the City Ground and loan spells at Kettering and Ipswich Town.

Striker **Chris Hay** signed from Celtic for a bargain £330,000 just a week before the start of the current campaign. The 23 year-old Glaswegian has suffered a goal drought since his devastating introduction to English football, scoring 13 goals in 20 games before Christmas.

A series of injuries this season have restricted first team opportunities for **Steve Finney**. He was signed on a free transfer from Manchester City in June 1995.

After signing from Aston Villa in March 1996 for £100,000, **Steve Cowe** scored seven goals in 32 games last season. He is a real livewire and shows great skill and pace when on the ball but has been unable to command a regular place this season.

George Ndah was signed from Palace last November for £500,000. He has a reputation for being one of the quickest players around and he can play in a variety of roles. His middle name is Ehialimolisa!

Signed prior to deadline day, **Iffy Onuora** has been brought in by Steve McMahon to solve the Robins' problems of finding the net. The 6'1" Glasgow born striker has regularly been amongst the goals in the lower divisions at Huddersfield, Mansfield and Gillingham.



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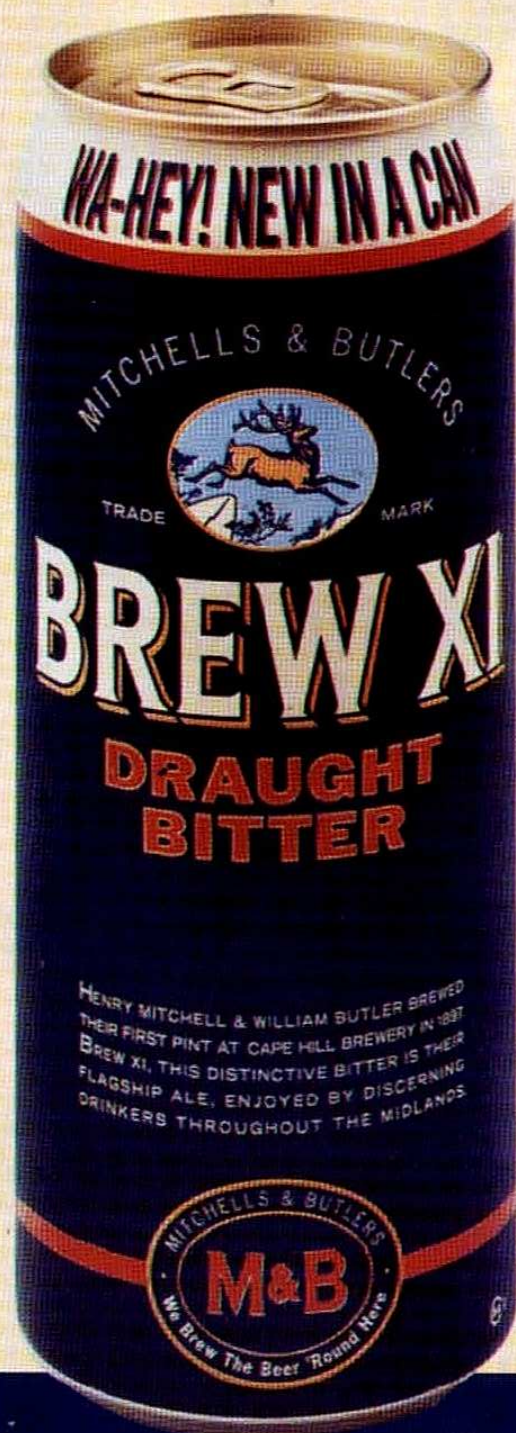


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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Stan Harland

"I was lucky enough to play in three promotion teams and play in sides that won the League Cup and the Anglo-Italian Cup so I had a bit of success. There's a lot of players that go through their careers without being able to say that."

Both Blues and Swindon fans will remember Stan Harland as a reliable centre back throughout the late sixties and early seventies so it comes as something of a surprise to learn that he began his career as an inside forward with quite a respectable goalscoring record. Born in Liverpool, he joined Everton whilst still a teenager. "I was born and bred an Evertonian. The first game I ever saw was Everton reserves against Sunderland reserves back in the 1950s. I remember that Ted Sagar was in goal for Everton and Trevor Ford played for Sunderland. There were about 15,000 people in the ground. Reserve football was much bigger in those days than it is nowadays. If it was the young Harland's ambition to make it at Everton he was to be disappointed.

"Everton had a great set of forwards in those days with Roy Vernon, Bobby Collins and Alex Young in front of me. I was given the opportunity to join Bradford City and moved on to gain first team football."

It was whilst he was at Carlisle that Stan earned his first promotion. "We had a good side that earned our promotion but the money wasn't there to strengthen the squad. After promotion I went into the manager Alan Ashman's office and asked for a £5 rise. Ashman told me that the club couldn't afford it so I asked to be put upon the transfer list. Gillingham and Swindon both came in for me and it was a bit of a toss-up which one I should join. I plumped for Swindon and was lucky enough to gain some success there. I always felt that that Swindon team was underrated. Don Rogers took most of the headlines, as is usual for goalscorers, but I thought that we had some very good players alongside him. It was the same problem as at Carlisle United. We got to fourth place in Division 2 but there was no money available to strengthen the side when it was needed. Indeed we were forced to sell some of the better players such as Rod Thomas."

It was during Blues promotion battle of 1971-72 that Freddie Goodwin stepped in to sign Stan. "I was brought

in to add a steadying influence at the back. When a team finds itself in a struggle, be it promotion or relegation, you need players of character in vital roles. We were lucky at

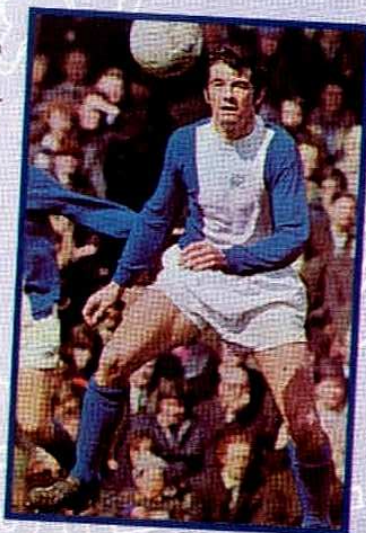
St. Andrews to have some very committed players, men like Ray Martin who gave his club terrific service. "Stan was given the captaincy, a role that he always seemed a natural at. What did he see as the role of the captain. "It was my job to help gee up the players and also help build team spirit although, to be

honest, the more successful the team is, the better the team spirit. I feel that if you have a good blend of committed players and skillful men you can't go wrong. All of my promotion sides contained at least one exceptional player. I think of Willie Carlin at Carlisle, Don Rogers at Swindon and, of course, Trevor at Blues."

First Division football came late to Stan and unfortunately it coincided with his only major injury. "I was a professional for sixteen years and was always free from injury until then. Not long after promotion I injured my Achilles tendon and had to have an operation. I never really came back from it and moved on in 1973 when I was offered the player-manager's job at Yeovil.

Throughout my career I had lived in Liverpool but then I decided to move house down to the West Country and I still live there today. During my spell at Swindon I lived in the town during the week but travelled back to Liverpool at the weekends. At Birmingham it was easier. I would catch a train at Lime Street at ten to eight and be in Birmingham for training."

After a short involvement in management with Gravesend, Stan set up in business. He now has a shop in the village of Huish Episcop in Somerset.



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| Ian Bennett | - another immaculate season |
| Simon Charlton | - fitted in perfectly since his arrival |
| Jon Bass | - made the No. 2 shirt his own |
| Steve Bruce | - a true leader of men |
| Gary Ablett | - a rock in defence |
| Martin O'Connor | - tirelessly reliable in midfield |
| Bryan Hughes | - bags of goals from midfield |
| Chris Marsden | - the cog in the midfield wheel |
| Michael Johnson | - ever reliable and adaptable, crucial goals |
| Jon McCarthy | - a threat to defences all season |
| Paul Furlong | - top goalscorer despite long absence |
| Peter Ndlovu | - brilliant form at start and end of season |
| Dele Adebola | - magnificent start in Blues' shirt |

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3 What is your favourite TV programme?

Only Fools and Horses

4 Who makes you laugh?

Jim Carey

5 What really annoys you?

People who lie

6 What is your favourite ground that you have played on?

Manchester United's Old Trafford

7 Which is the worst ground you have played on?

The old Northampton ground

8 Who is your room mate on away travels?

Darren Purse

9 Which team did you support as a youngster?

Everton

10 Which British footballer do/did you enjoy watching most?

Glenn Hoddle

11 Which foreign import is your favourite player?

Juninho - when he was here

12 If you couldn't play in your own position where would you fancy?

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13 What is the first record you ever bought?

Eye of the tiger by Survivor

14 What was your nickname at school and why?

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15 If you hadn't become a footballer what do you think you'd have been?

A builder

16 Which three people would you invite to dinner if you could have your choice?

Jim Carey, Elle McPherson and Natalie Imbruglia

17 Who is the best player you've ever played against?

Eric Cantona

18 What was the last film you have seen at the cinema?

'I know what you did last summer'

19 What car do you drive now?

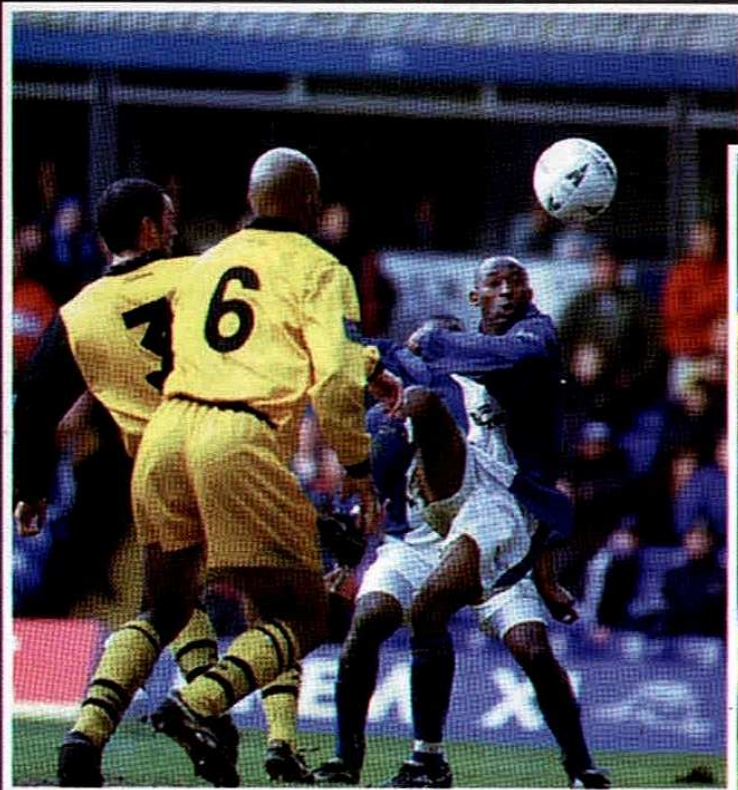
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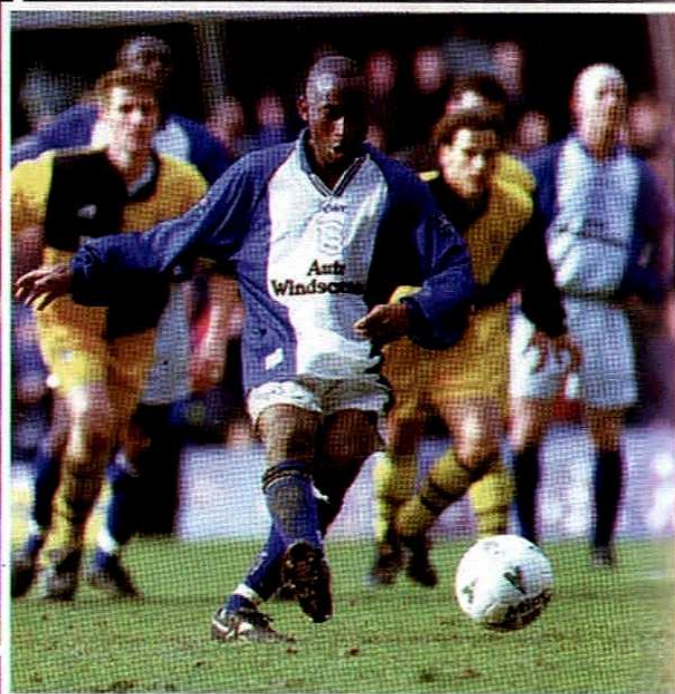
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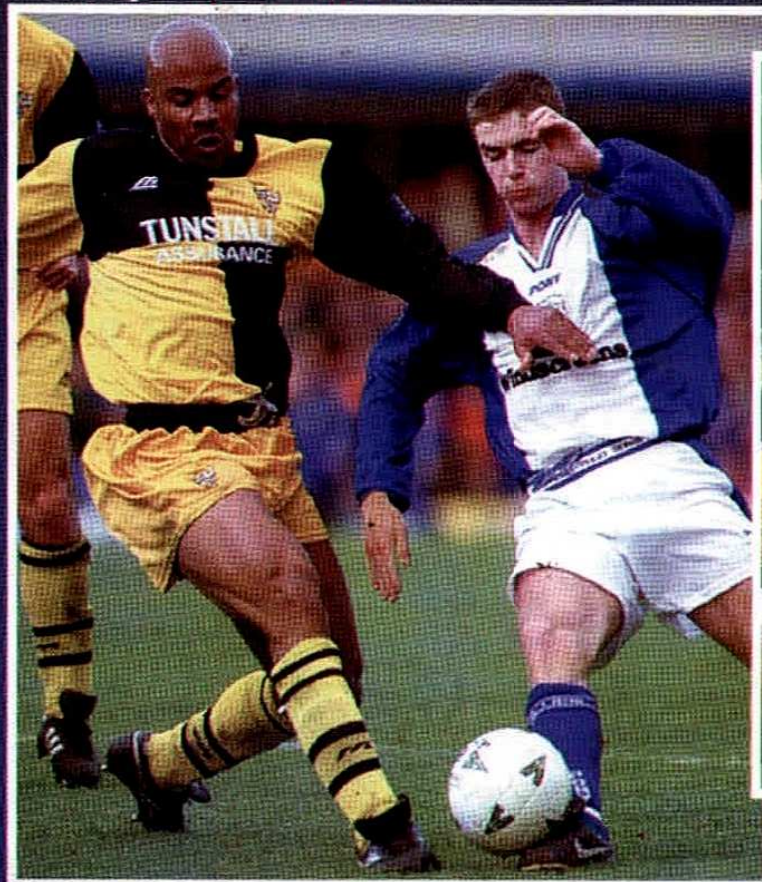
Peter Ndlovu watches as the ball flies into the net for the equaliser.



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Bryan Hughes finds a way past old boy Dave Barnett.



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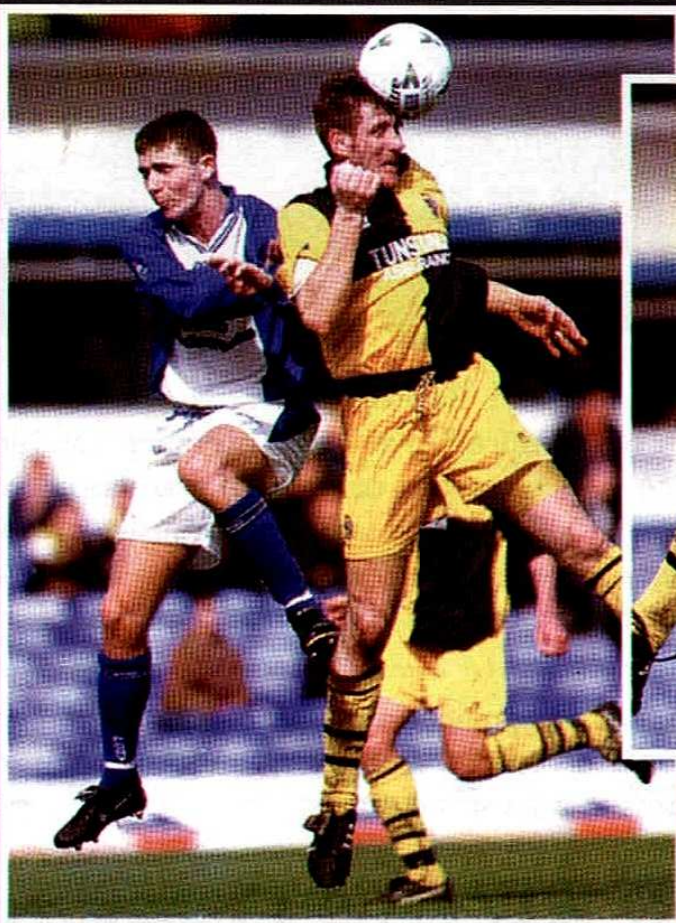


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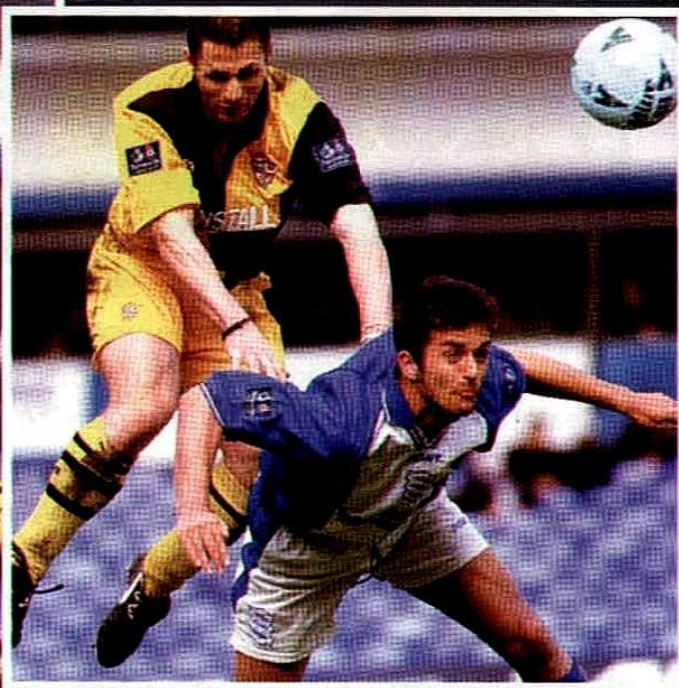
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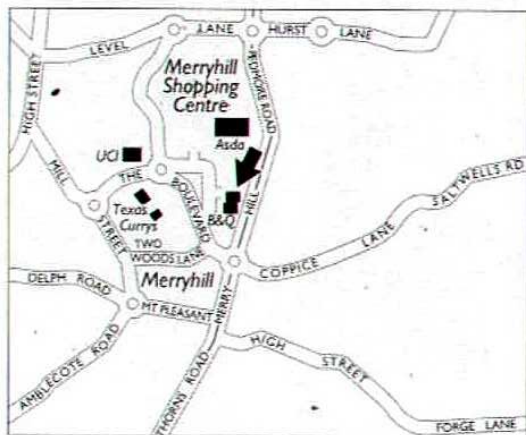
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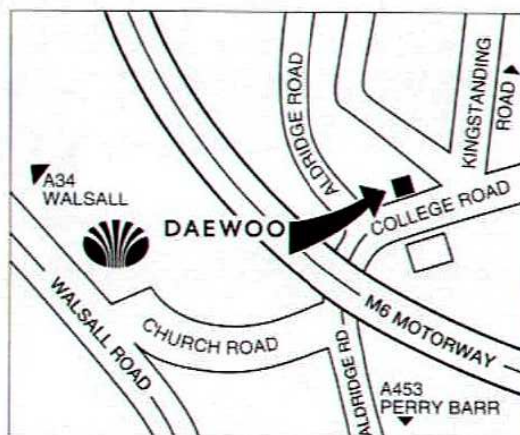
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Dear Editor

G'Day. I'm writing to confirm that Birmingham City fans are and do get everywhere. I have enclosed a photo of my girlfriend Helen and myself on top of Ayres Rock in Australia after we had climbed to the top - with the Blues flag!

We were there at Christmas and it was brilliant. I was also able to see the famous victory over Manchester City on Satellite at about 2am in the morning.



Should any Blues fans go to Cairns, visit the Sports Bar and you will see my Blues scarf there! Wishing you all a good summer and a successful World Cup.

Steve Bodfish
Solihull

Dear Editor

I would like to wish Iain Queen a Happy 13th Birthday. Iain is a member of the Beau Brummie club and a season ticket holder in the Kop. Two days before his last birthday Iain broke his right leg so severely that it needed two operations and a stay in hospital. He has now fully recovered and he is once again playing for his local team Fircroft United.



Good luck and best wishes from Dad, Mom, brothers Simon and Daniel and all the lads from Forge Tavern.

Alan Queen

Dear Editor

I would like to wish my Dad Steve Bowler a very happy birthday for today. We will both be at the ground backing the Blues to a win and hopefully another step to the Premier.

Keep Right On
Katie Bowler
Kingstanding



Dear Editor

Please wish my daughter Tiffany Shanahan a very happy 12th birthday with lots of love, hugs and kisses from Daddy.

K. Shanahan
Fordbridge



Dear Editor

I would like to wish my husband Mark a very happy birthday for the 26th April when he will be 43. He sits in the Tilton Road End and has been a Blues fan now for well over 30 years and has not missed a home or away game for three seasons.

Sandy Stevenson
Bournville

Dear Editor

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Hi folks. Beau Brummie here.

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We started with the toboggan run but Wolfie said it was far too dangerous and went off to fetch some grit to make it safer. Baggy Bird was bragging that he was brilliant at winter sports so I challenged him to take on a ski jump. "No problem," he said, so I led him to the top of the hill. Sure enough he set off down the hill at speed, raced to the top of the jump and just as he took off I shouted "Pull" (I forgot to mention that there was a clay pigeon shoot that day).

As we were on the hill I heard a commotion below and it became clear that someone had fallen through ice on the lake. "Throw me a life buoy" came a shout. I thought it was a bit strange asking for soap at a time like this.

Anyway, three young lads pulled him out and to my amazement it was Hercules the Villa mascot. "You've saved my life," said Hercules, "you can have anything you wish". The first lad said: "I would like a mountain bike". "No problem," replied Hercules. The second lad said he would like a computer. "Done," said Hercules. The third lad said: "I would like a state funeral". "Funeral", said Hercules, "you're a bit young to be thinking of dying". "I know", said the lad, "but my dad's a blue nose and he will kill me when he finds out who I have just pulled out of the lake".

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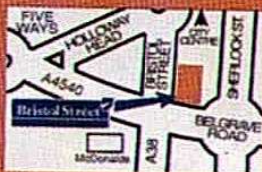
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NEWS AROUND ST. ANDREWS



Katie

TODAY'S MASCOTS

Katie Elizabeth Beards from Kingshurst in Birmingham is ten years-old on the 23rd April. Katie's favourite player is Steve Bruce and her hobbies are football, karate, reading, hockey and playing the guitar. She attends Kingshurst Junior School and plays football for the girls team there.



Connor

Our other mascot today is six year-old Connor Tibbins from Castle Bromwich. Connor never misses a home game and his favourite player

is Ian Bennett. He enjoys swimming and he attends St Mary & St Margarets.

THE COLDSEAL PIGS

Look out for the Coldseal pigs called '22', '11' and '55' who are here to promote the half-time penalty shoot-out between three supporters from both teams. Up for grabs is a week's holiday for a family of four at Disneyland, Paris.

The Final of the shoot-out will be held during the last home game of the season when we play Charlton Athletic on Sunday 3rd May.

MUSEUM

Birmingham Historical and Collectors' Society would be interested to talk to any supporter who may have any interesting items that they would be prepared to donate or loan to the museum.

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CLUB SHOP

Check out the new range of pin badges available now in the club shop. Due to popular demand we now have a crest featuring the St George Cross, small gold crest badge and three other new designs to add to your collection.

MAN OF THE MATCH

Martin O'Connor won a bottle of bubbly for the second successive home match following his performance against Port Vale. Presented by Midland Bank.



SUPPORTER'S CLUB

Phil and Lynn

Allsop-Guest are trying to form a Blues Supporter's Club down under. If you have a relative in Australia ask them to get in touch with Phil and Lynn. Their Fax number is: 0061-292-567777. They are based in Sydney and are both True Blue Premier Club members.

BLUES V CHARLTON, SUNDAY 3RD MAY KICK-OFF 1.30PM JOIN THE PARTY AT THE BLUES

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Peter Warmington

It's a channel hopping year we feature in this issue as we board the time machine yet again to fly back in time to a decade where television went commercial and the phrase 'teenager' was first uttered in anger by an older generation. We're travelling back through the mists of time to the year 1955.

After owning a monopoly on what was broadcast to the nation, the BBC found that it had competition in 1955 as on the 16th September of that year independent television was launched. The first pictures were of course an advertisement and Gibb's SR toothpaste went down in the annals of broadcasting history as the first commercial shown on British television. Schedule wars were born as the beeb tried to counter act this new threat by scripting the death - with the burning of Grace Archer in its legendary radio soap, The Archers. Capitol punishment is once again at the forefront of British politics as the Commons vote by a majority of 31 to keep the death penalty for murder. As a result, in July

RIDING THE TIME

John Newman

on the unlucky thirteenth, Ruth Ellis becomes the last woman hung in Britain for the murder of one David Blakely at Holloway Prison in London.

London becomes a smokeless zone to combat the pea-souper fogs that plague the capital's streets. On those same streets denim jeans imported from America become the latest fashion item.

Teenage gangs and the term 'juvenile delinquent' are heard and seen the length and breadth of the country as the Teddy Boys gather in the dance halls with their Deb's.

In the Lake District at Ullswater, Donald Campbell reaches the incredible speed of 202 miles per hour in his boat Blue Bird and smashes the aquatic record. Sadly, a later attempt to stretch this record will result in him losing control of the boat and losing his life in the accident.

At St Andrew's, Arthur Turner is in the Blues hot-seat. Arriving into the world on April Fool's Day almost half a century before, he was to stay in command of the club for four years until September 1958.

His first season in charge saw him steer the Blues to the Second Division Championship. A great believer in a balanced side that contained both youth and experience, Turner blooded fresh local talent in the first team alongside his more regular and well known established players.

Peter Warminton, a Wythall lad picked up from Redditch United, John Newman from the aptly named St

Geoff Cox

Andrews Athletic, Geoff Cox from Nuneaton Boys, Dennis Hill a black country lad from Burton Albion and Johnny Watts from Saltley Old Boys, all figured in some small way in the Blues' success of the mid-1950s. Although Arthur Turner was a tough tackling reliable centre-half, he liked his teams to play with an attacking spirit coupled with a solid defensive base. Doubtless his love of attacking flair would have been nurtured during his days with Midland neighbours Stoke City where he played alongside the great Sir Stanley Matthews - who many consider was the greatest footballer ever to play the beautiful game.

An average crowd of 21,000 witnessed the Blues knock in an incredible 101 goals in both League and Cup competitions, with threes, fours, fives and even sevens being blasting past the opposition keepers. Eleven players found the net during the season with Spud Murphy claiming the lion-share with 20 strikes to his name, each one coming in the League.



MACHINE...

by **DEREK COX**

The Blues were to stay for some ten seasons in the top division, a success built on the foundations of Turner's promotion-winning team, before succumbing to relegation in the 1964/5 season.

After leaving St Andrew's, Turner guided Oxford into the Football League before taking up a scouting role in the north of England.

Johnny Watts

NEXT VISITORS

BLUES v CHARLTON ATHLETIC

Nationwide League Division One

Sunday 3rd May Kick-Off 1.30pm

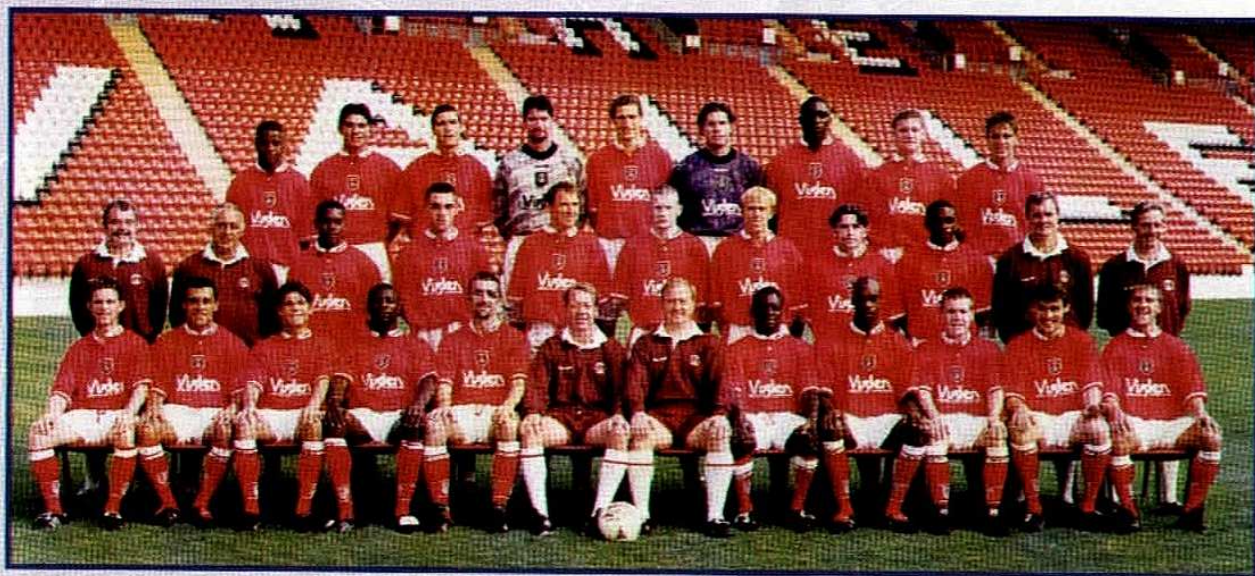
Charlton Athletic are the final visitors to St Andrew's this season. The Valiants are managed by former Blues favourite Alan Curbishley who has done a terrific job on a limited budget.

Charlton are currently pushing for one of the two automatic promotion places and a play-off place is now mathematically certain. They are one of three teams on 81 points with Sunderland and Middlesbrough. The three of them are probably fighting for second place as Nottingham Forest look to be sitting pretty at the top with 89 points and look uncatchable.

The goals of Clive Mendonca have been a vital part of the team's success this season. The former Grimsby hitman has scored 23 so far and last week bagged the winner from the penalty spot in their 1-0 win over Port Vale. Curbishley has an exquisite blend of youth and experience in his side. Young defenders Richard Rufus and Danny Mills have been

outstanding and £550,000 latest signing Eddie Youds looks to be the final piece of the South Londoners' jigsaw.

Other players to watch out for are talented midfielder Shaun Newton and Irish international Mark Kinsella. Welsh midfielder John Robinson was voted into the Nationwide Division One team of the Year but suffered a premature end to his season with a hairline fracture of his leg in March. The key to Charlton's promotion drive this season has been their form at the Valley. They have only lost one game all season in front of the home fans, conceding just 17 goals. Their away form has been patchy - winning nine and losing nine with four draws. The game promises to be a feast of attacking football as both teams could have something to play for come May 3rd. It might even be a dress rehearsal for the play-off final at Wembley!



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**Dele Adebola celebrates his
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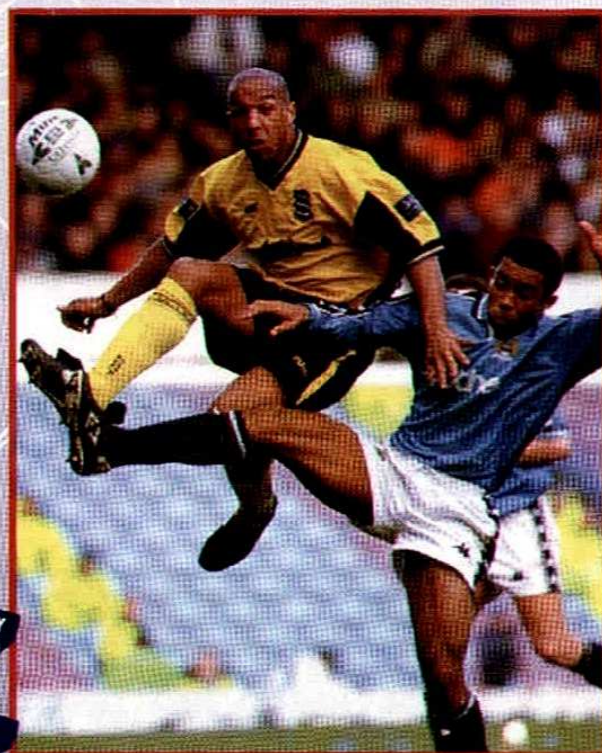
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**Martin O'Connor clears
another City attack**



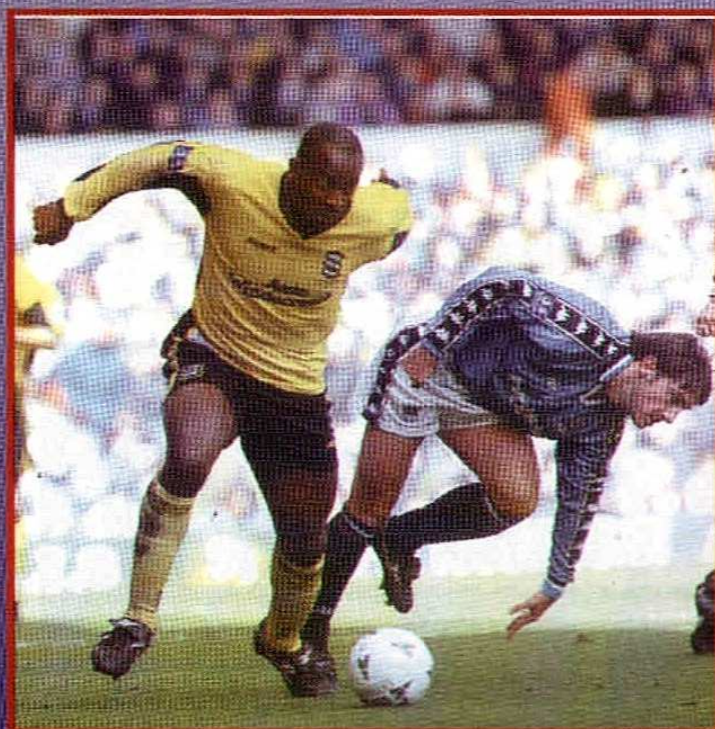
**Martin O'Connor takes
to the skies to win
midfield possession**



**Steve Robinson can't find a
way through a strong City
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**Dele Adebola powers his way
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**Peter Ndlova is sent
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Mick now leads overall 172-147.

TODAY'S OPPONENT

Today's opponent is Jimmy Jackson from Redditch, he has not missed a home match for 10 years and sits on the Tilton.

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| Arsenal v Wimbledon | 2-0 | 2-0 | |
| Barnsley v Spurs | 1-0 | 2-1 | |
| Bolton v Leeds | 1-0 | 1-1 | |
| Chelsea v Sheff Wed | 2-1 | 2-2 | |
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NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE

| | Mick | Jimmy | Half-Time |
|--------------------------|------|-------|-----------|
| Bradford v QPR | 1-1 | 2-0 | |
| Charlton v Portsmouth | 1-1 | 3-1 | |
| Huddersfield v WBA | 2-1 | 1-1 | |
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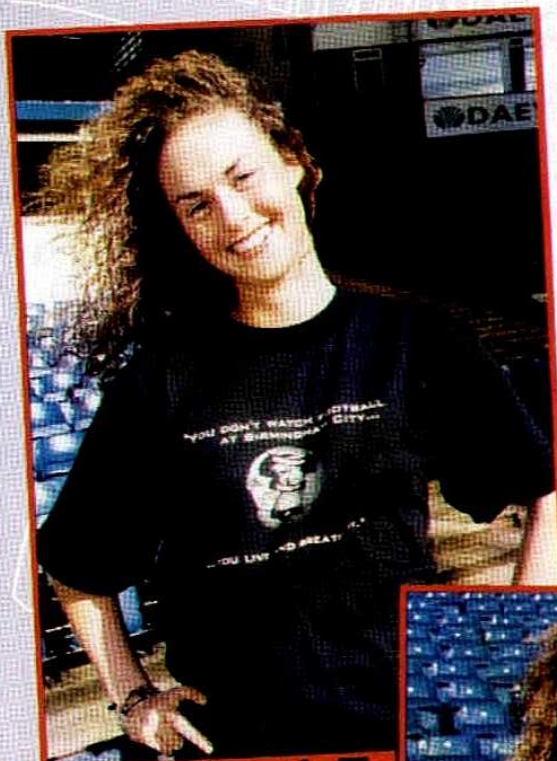
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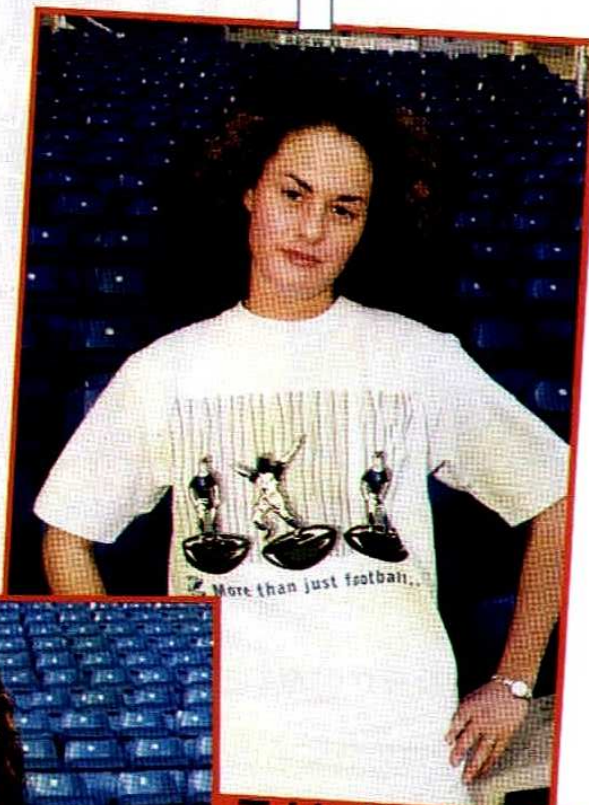


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PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS... SWINDON TOWN

Following the Port Vale game featured in the last programme only two weeks passed before the visit of Swindon. The West Country team had been promoted two seasons earlier with an exciting team that had also won the League Cup at Wembley, beating Arsenal 3-1. As with so many other teams though, they had found Cup form did not necessarily translate into League success following promotion. Most of the Wembley side were still in action for Swindon but the man who lifted the Cup, Stan Harland had been transferred to Blues earlier that season and was now facing his former teammates for the first time. Following the FA Cup win over Port Vale Blues had gone to Vicarage Road and returned with their first away win of the season, Trevor Francis scoring the goal.

Rain over the previous few days left the pitch in a slippery condition leading to some doubts as to whether Blues would be suited to playing on it. In the event the weather had no effect on Blues steamrolling home form. Fielding the strongest side available with only the goalkeeping spot causing difficulties Blues tore Swindon's rearguard apart in a devastating seventeen minute spell around half-time. There was little in the first half-hour to indicate what was to come as both teams battled desperately to come to terms with the slick surface but after 32 minutes Blues made the breakthrough. The goal started as so often with a Roger Hynd free kick on the halfway line. The free kick was met by Bob Latchford's head and flicked on inside the box. In one movement Francis pivoted and shot the ball into the net before Peter Downsborough could react. It was another brilliant goal in the Francis canon and his fifth in the last four games as he overcame a lean spell during November and December. Swindon's tactics up to this point appeared to be purely defensive but the goal seemed to knock the fight from the team. Within nine minutes Blues had doubled the lead and this goal came from a collector's piece. During this period Blues scored hatfuls of goals from Latchford getting his head to crosses from Gordon Taylor, this goal came from exactly the opposite scenario. Latchford's cross was knocked on by Taylor at the near post, leaving Bob Hatton to finish off from close in. On the stroke of half time Blues extended the lead still further. Malcolm Page made a break on the right and his low cross picked out Latchford. The big striker's first effort was blocked by Downsborough but the ball rebounded back to Latchford who made no mistake with his second effort. In truth the scoreline flattered Blues but the forward line's ability to kill off opposition had again been shown. If fans thought that Blues might ease off in the second half with a Cup tie coming up the following week, they were quickly shown otherwise. It took only another four minutes before the

fourth goal went in. The source was a bit more usual this time as Latchford, finding space in the centre of the box slipped home a left foot effort from Taylor's cross. Although that was the end of Blues scoring for the game it was not for want of trying. Francis seemed to have his sights set a bit wide as he bred to efforts into the side netting whilst Latchford, looking for his third hat-trick of the season, volleyed straight at Downsborough from pointblank range and then headed another effort wide. Swindon finally came back into the game in the final quarter of an hour and teenage keeper Paul Cooper showed what a fine prospect he was. Firstly he pulled off a brilliant flying save to turn a long range effort from Terry Hubbard around the post and then he blocked an effort from Wembley hero Roger Smart. With seven minutes left Swindon gained some slight

reward for their efforts. A long ball saw Blues defence caught static appealing for offside. Arthur Horsfield, so often a thorn in Blues side, raced through and lobbed Cooper as he advanced. The goal was a case of too little too late as Blues marched on to another win, extending the unbeaten home run to 28 games and taking the goals tally to 16 in the last four home games. Although it was not the most impressive home performance of the season it was a further indication that Blues were getting things right for the promotion run in. Certainly the *Sunday Mercury* thought so. As their reporters commented, "Clearly Blues are timing their return to form at just the right time and now promotion looks very much on."

21/1/1972 BLUES 4 (Francis, Hatton, Latchford 2) SWINDON 1 (Horsfield)
BLUES Cooper, Carroll, Pendrey, Page, Hynd, Harland, Campbell, Francis, Latchford, Hatton, Taylor. Sub: Martin for Page.
SWINDON Downsborough, Peterson, Trollope, Bunkell, Burrows, Butler, Hubbard, Smart, Horsfield, Noble, Rogers. Sub: Mackay



Paul Cooper - made some fine saves in Blues fine win over Swindon in 1972

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Ref: SJ Kayley (Preston) Attendance: 27,824 Receipts: £6,887.65p

Footnote: The reserve teams of the two clubs met the same day at Swindon. The game finished in a 2-2 draw. A young Joe Gallagher gave Blues the lead but Richard Legg equalised before half time. Phil Summerill put us in front again but a late goal from Chris Dangerfield made things all square again. Don't ask me the attendance though!

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IN RESERVE

MANCHESTER UNITED 2 BIRMINGHAM CITY RESERVES 0

Blues team: Poole, Gardner, Gill, Rea, Ablett, Holland, A. Johnson, Dyson, Furlong (Needham), Forster (Forinton), Dukes (Hinton).

Blues faced a Manchester United line-up consisting of at least £20 million worth of talent in this rearranged fixture at Old Trafford. Stars such as Teddy Sheringham, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, Henning Berg and David May showed too much class in a convincing 2-0 win.

Norwegian Solskjaer opened the scoring after 13 minutes and Philip Mulryne increased the Red Devils' lead after 25 minutes.

Blues were to be denied a comeback when Simon Rea had a penalty saved.

NEXT RESERVE GAME AT ST ANDREW'S

Our next reserve game is the big local derby against Aston Villa on Wednesday 22nd April kick-off 7.15pm.

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RESERVE TEAM STATS 1997/98 (Up to and including 1/4/98)

| | | |
|-------------------|--------|---|
| Thomas Andersson | 2 | 1 |
| Steve Barnes | 7 (6) | 0 |
| Jonathan Bass | 6 | 0 |
| Con Blatts | 2 | 0 |
| Jason Bowen | 6 | 0 |
| Simon Charlton | 1 | 0 |
| Paul Devlin | 5 | 5 |
| James Dyson | 10 (7) | 0 |
| Howard Forinton | 13 (6) | 5 |
| Nicky Forster | 8 | 6 |
| Kevin Francis | 8 | 5 |
| Christer Furjth | 1 | 0 |
| Lee Gardner | 6 (4) | 0 |
| Jerry Gill | 21 | 1 |
| Martin Grainger | 3 | 0 |
| Jimmy Haarhoff | 0 (3) | 0 |
| Paul Hatton | 2 | 0 |
| Tony Hey | 8 | 0 |
| Craig Hinton | 2 (9) | 0 |
| Chris Holland | 16 | 0 |
| Barry Horne | 6 | 1 |
| Bryan Hughes | 1 (1) | 0 |
| Andrew Johnson | 1 (4) | 0 |
| Michael Johnson | 2 | 0 |
| Andy Legg | 12 | 0 |
| Peter Ndlovu | 4 | 2 |
| Martin O'Connor | 3 | 0 |
| Darren Purse | 3 | 1 |
| Mark Patterson | 2 | 0 |
| Kevin Poole | 21 | 0 |
| Simon Rea | 16 (1) | 2 |
| Kalikzny Radoslaw | 1 | 0 |
| Steve Robinson | 11 | 1 |
| Nestor Subiat | 1 | 1 |
| Paul Tait | 8 | 0 |
| Mauricio Wright | 1 | 0 |



PONTINS LEAGUE TABLES

Upto and including Tues 31st Mar 1998

| PREMIER DIVISION | PL | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Blackburn Rovers | 20 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 38 | 22 | 38 |
| Manchester United | 21 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 45 | 29 | 37 |
| Leeds United | 17 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 35 | 20 | 33 |
| Birmingham City | 20 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 31 | 33 | 31 |
| Stoke City | 20 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 31 | 33 | 31 |
| Aston Villa | 20 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 31 | 20 | 30 |
| Preston North End | 20 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 26 | 41 | 27 |
| Everton | 18 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 27 | 21 | 26 |
| Derby County | 18 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 24 | 27 | 24 |
| Liverpool | 20 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 26 | 36 | 23 |
| Nottingham Forest | 19 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 30 | 43 | 20 |
| Sheffield Wednesday | 21 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 22 | 37 | 15 |
| Tranmere Rovers | 20 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 30 | 43 | 14 |

BIRMINGHAM CITY LEAGUE AND CUP STATISTICS 1997-98

| DATE | OPPONENT | VENUE | RES | POS | ATT | GOAL SCORER/TIMES |
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| AUGUST | | | | | | |
| SAT 9 | STOKE CITY | HOME | 2-0 | 1 | 20,608 | Devlin 31, Ndlovu 87 |
| SAT 23 | READING | HOME | 3-0 | 5 | 16,495 | Devlin 31, Bruce 81, Ndlovu 88 |
| FRI 29 | STOCKPORT COUNTY | AWAY | 2-2 | 3 | 6,260 | Devlin 69, France 71 |
| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | |
| TUE 2 | TRANMERE ROVERS | AWAY | 3-0 | 3 | 6,602 | Hughes 11, Furlong 41, Ndlovu 45 |
| TUE 9 | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN | AWAY | 1-0 | 2 | 9,477 | Furlong 48 |
| SUN 14 | SUNDERLAND | HOME | 0-1 | 4 | 17,478 | |
| SAT 20 | MIDDLESBROUGH | AWAY | 1-3 | 7 | 30,125 | Furlong 51 |
| SAT 27 | SHEFFIELD UNITED | AWAY | 0-0 | 7 | 20,553 | |
| OCTOBER | | | | | | |
| SAT 4 | CREWE ALEXANDRA | HOME | 0-1 | 9 | 16,648 | |
| SUN 12 | WOLVES | HOME | 1-0 | 6 | 17,832 | Murphy 8 |
| SAT 18 | BURY | HOME | 1-2 | 9 | 5,700 | Granger 10 |
| WED 22 | CHARLTON ATHLETIC | AWAY | 1-1 | 12 | 10,072 | Devlin 31 |
| SAT 25 | OXFORD UNITED | HOME | 0-0 | 13 | 16,352 | |
| TUE 28 | IPSWICH TOWN | HOME | 1-1 | 11 | 16,786 | Bruce 81 |
| NOVEMBER | | | | | | |
| SAT 1 | Q.P.R. | AWAY | 1-1 | 11 | 12,715 | Furlong 42 |
| TUE 4 | BRADFORD CITY | HOME | 0-0 | 13 | 14,532 | |
| SAT 8 | NORWICH CITY | HOME | 1-2 | 14 | 16,464 | Devlin 27 (pen) |
| SAT 15 | NOTTINGHAM FOREST | AWAY | 0-1 | 14 | 19,610 | |
| SUN 23 | W.B.A. | AWAY | 0-1 | 14 | 18,444 | |
| SAT 29 | PORTSMOUTH | HOME | 2-1 | 14 | 17,387 | Furlong 34, 71 |
| DECEMBER | | | | | | |
| SAT 6 | PORT VALE | AWAY | 1-0 | 11 | 7,509 | Carter 10 |
| SAT 13 | MANCHESTER CITY | HOME | 2-1 | 11 | 21,014 | Furlong 99, O'Leary 96 |
| SAT 20 | SWINDON TOWN | AWAY | 1-1 | 11 | 10,334 | Furlong 24 |
| FRI 26 | IPSWICH TOWN | AWAY | 1-0 | 10 | 12,459 | McCarthy 83 |
| SUN 28 | TRANMERE ROVERS | HOME | 0-0 | 10 | 19,533 | |
| JANUARY | | | | | | |
| SAT 10 | STOKE CITY | AWAY | 7-0 | 8 | 14,240 | Hughes 43, Furlong 29, Furlong 50, 67, 87, McCarthy 56 |
| SAT 17 | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN | HOME | 0-0 | 8 | 17,850 | |
| TUE 27 | STOCKPORT COUNTY | HOME | 4-1 | 7 | 17,118 | Furlong 7, 31, 90, McCarthy 16 |
| SAT 31 | READING | AWAY | 0-2 | 9 | 10,315 | |
| FEBRUARY | | | | | | |
| SAT 7 | MIDDLESBROUGH | HOME | 1-1 | 9 | 20,434 | McCarthy 2 |
| TUE 17 | CREWE ALEXANDRA | AWAY | 2-0 | 9 | 6,334 | Adams 12, Hughes 43 |
| SUN 22 | SHEFFIELD UNITED | HOME | 2-0 | 8 | 17,933 | Granger 31, Johnson 38 |
| WED 25 | BURY | HOME | 1-3 | 8 | 20,021 | Johnson 90 |
| SAT 28 | WOLVES | AWAY | 3-1 | 6 | 25,591 | Ndlovu 15, 17(pen), Adams 71 |
| MARCH | | | | | | |
| WED 4 | NORWICH CITY | AWAY | 3-3 | 8 | 9,819 | Ndlovu 15, 88, Adams 44 |
| SAT 7 | Q.P.R. | HOME | 1-0 | 7 | 18,298 | Adams 15 |
| TUE 10 | SUNDERLAND | AWAY | 1-1 | 6 | 37,602 | Adams 50 |
| SAT 14 | BRADFORD CITY | AWAY | 0-0 | 7 | 16,492 | |
| SAT 21 | NOTTINGHAM FOREST | HOME | 1-2 | 7 | 24,463 | Ndlovu 41 (pen) |
| SAT 28 | W.B.A. | HOME | 1-0 | 7 | 23,260 | Johnson 90 |
| APRIL | | | | | | |
| SAT 4 | PORTSMOUTH | AWAY | 1-1 | 7 | 14,591 | Adams 34 |
| SAT 11 | PORT VALE | HOME | 1-1 | 7 | 17,193 | Ndlovu 87 |
| Mon 13 | MANCHESTER CITY | AWAY | 1-0 | 7 | 29,569 | Adams 34 |
| SAT 18 | SWINDON TOWN | HOME | | | | |
| SAT 25 | OXFORD UNITED | AWAY | | | | |
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| SUN 3 | CHARLTON ATHLETIC | HOME | | | | |

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| 13 | MARK ROBINSON |
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(Yellow) M. Swift (Sheffield)

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