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Welcome to Edgeley Park

FROM COUNTY DIRECTOR DAVE JOLLEY



warm welcome back to Edgeley Park for tonight's fixture against Swindon Town who arrive in Stockport on the back of some very encouraging performances.

As you may have read in the local press it has been a momentous week for the club off the field with our plans for the next phase of development here at Edgeley Park being put to the local council for outline planning permission.

Our plans for the Railway End are indeed ambitious and include a 90 bed hotel, a banqueting suite for 600 people, a leisure complex, swimming pool, a pub - not forgetting of course the 5,500 seats for our supporters.

Whilst our on field activities will always take preference, no one can run a football club on turnstile receipts alone. You can only do it by having other activities that are cash generators.

The project will be an imposing gateway type building which will make an impact on the town. It will be of benefit to the Edgeley area and the

economy of the borough, but we clearly can't do it on our own. We need goodwill and help, principally, from the local Authority and our neighbours.

We are trying to mix with the big boys like Sunderland whose facilities are incredible, the best I've seen and they must be generating a huge amount of money. We too work hard to create a profit at

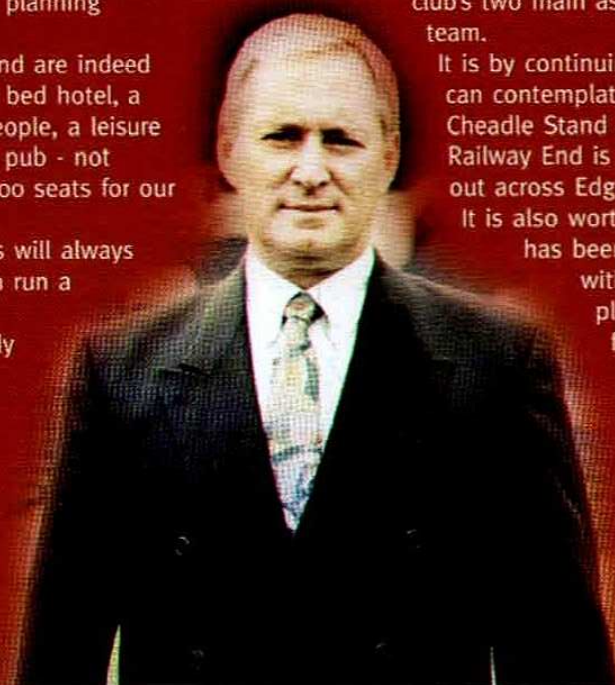
Stockport County and we then reinvest it into the club's two main assets - the stadium and the team.

It is by continuing to make profits that we can contemplate schemes such as the Cheadle Stand and projects like this. The Railway End is ideal for the hotel with views out across Edgeley Park and Alexandra Park.

It is also worth noting the contribution that has been made by the Bowling Club - without their co-operation the plans would not have got this far.

These are exciting times for the club but as ever we will need your support - starting tonight for this important match against Swindon. Enjoy it and have a safe journey home."

Dave Jolley



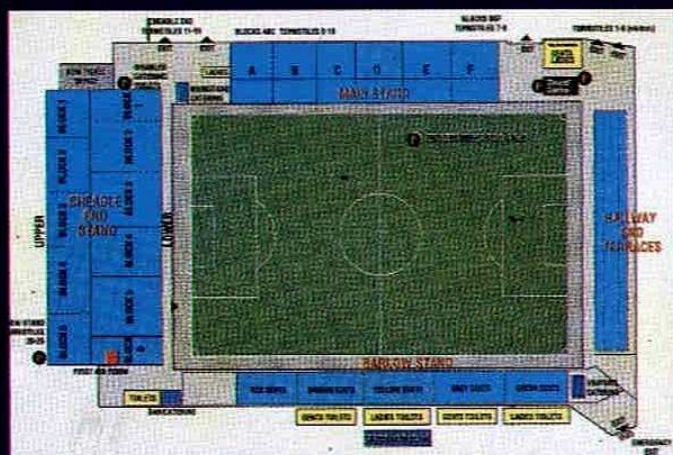
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We hope you thoroughly enjoy your visit to Edgeley Park if for any reason you don't, no matter how small please write to:

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A Terrific Sight for all our Travelling Supporters

Gary Megson



After a marvellous February which saw us take ten points from a possible twelve and not concede a goal we found ourselves travelling full of confidence to

The Hawthorns. However, we began the game poorly and fell away and all the good work from the previous month seemed to be forgotten as every goal was down to our own defensive failings.

We then went to another team with a terrific home record, Huddersfield Town and having made three changes to the team, performed in a much more acceptable manner - but again, due to a penalty and two poor defensive mistakes we came away with a 3-0 defeat.

All these goals came in an eight minute spell which flattered them to a great degree but still had the same outcome which was - we got 'nowt.

If the penalty that was awarded at Huddersfield was in fact a correct decision we can look forward to at least fifteen being given in tonight's game.

Tonights match sees us play a team around the same position as ourselves and in the next four fixtures, three of those will also be against teams who are in the same reaches of the Division, and

whilst the term 'six pointer' is something of a misnomer, it is imperative that we take points off other clubs in the lower half of the Division.

Finally, I'm sure it was a terrific sight for all our travelling supporters to see Tom Bennett take to the field as a second half substitute on Saturday and this twenty minute spell should be seen, hopefully, as the last stage of Tom's rehabilitation.

It is a great testimony to the lad that he came back looking as good as he did. It is just a matter of time before we see him actually starting a first team game and as I said it was a gladdening sight to see.

Gary Megson



Tony Dinning . . . suspended last Saturday

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County Shorts

Chapel House boss Mike Smith with two more lucky winners

Rub Shoulders at the Shoulder

Supporters will get the opportunity to once again rub shoulders with the players next week when the 'Robbies Roadshow' arrives in Chapel en le Fifth at the Shoulder of Mutton - who coincidentally are tonight's matchball sponsors. Our resident DJ Vinnie will be on hand to spin the discs and give away all the usual goodies alongside some of the players. It all starts at 8.00pm.



Chapel House Hero

The brand new nissan micra remains 'unwon' after our last prize game against QPR. One lucky young supporter got the chance to try his luck - but once again the task was too great. Thanks again to Mike Smith and all at Chapel House Garage



Main Man Mannion

Seventeen year old Sean Mannion became the latest youngster to make his first team debut last week when he came on as a second half sub at the Hawthorns. Congratulations Sean - hopefully it will be the first of many.

Mothers Day Magic

Bookings are still being taken for our special Mothers Day lunch in the Firstec Restaurant here at Edgeley Park. For further details Contact Bob Whittaker on 0161 286 8746

Vernon on the Box!

Our very own super mascot Vernon Bear was in action at the Hawthorns in a specially arranged five a side mascot match. Vernon joined mascots from Nottingham Forest



Vernon lines up to defend a free kick

Stoke, Mansfield, Villa, Notts County and Coventry as well as the home magpie mascots in a thrilling encounter. The match is to be featured on

Central Television on Friday night. Apparently Vernon was the M.O.T.M (mascot of the match).

Return for Byrne

Youth team player Des Byrne who made his first team debut earlier this season has returned to Ireland. The seventeen year old full back has had his contract terminated following a serious breach of club discipline.



She's a Winner



Our gorgeous leading lady - Victoria Shoesmith picket out our latest 50-50 draw winner at half time against QPR. Miss Stockport County picked out ticket number 37795 earning the holder £422. If you fancy going home with a nice fat cheque - then spend a pound at the ground today. The full list of winners for our last match was as follows:

1st Prize	£422	(37795)
2nd Prize	An executive Day out for two	(37501)
3rd Prize	A pair of County tickets	(38679)
4th Prize	A case of Robinsons Best Bitter	(78673)

winning ticket numbers in brackets.
Remember if you're not in it you can't win it!

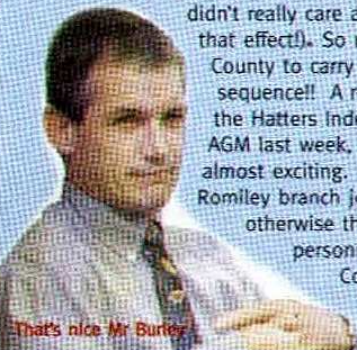
Des Byrne ... contract terminated

Watching teletext "in vision" football scores last Tuesday night - I turned on just at the point when Kilbane scored for West Brom I groaned and flicked through the main football menu in search of happier news.

There it was ... that nice Mr Burley from Ipswich Town has pipped Gary Megson for February's Division One Manager of the Month Award. Apparently he got three wins and a draw too.

Now everyone knows that these awards are a curse to County, and even Gary told Signal Radio that he didn't really care about them (or words to that effect!). So now I confidently expect County to carry on their unbeaten sequence!! A record crowd turned up for the Hatters Independent Supporters Club AGM last week, and the meeting was almost exciting. Billy Byrne of Bredbury & Romiley branch joins the committee, but otherwise there's no change in personnel.

Coming up soon is another 5 a side night,



That's nice Mr Burley

Hatters Matters

with HSC Secretary Mark Stanley

set for 19 March, and we're hopeful of another Giant Footy Quiz Night at County in early April. Details will be available for the Tranmere game.

Watch out for branch meetings at The Greyhound, The Fingerpost (23 March) and the Disabled Supporters Club (30 March) and don't forget that all Hatters members, whatever your branch, can attend any meeting.

A lot of work is now going into producing a colour supporters year book for next season. We need your help - any articles or photos you would like including should be sent to Mark Stanley or left at County for me to collect.

Teletext has just flicked up the latest score from The Hawthorns, and it's two nil to the baggies, so much for my confident prediction 10 minutes ago ...



One Vision

CHRIS PEEL'S LOOK AT OUR RIVALS IN DIVISION ONE

David Sheepshanks ... seeking compensation

A

broken leg for Ipswich star Keiron Dyer overshadowed the East Anglian's hard-fought 3-2 victory over Watford last Tuesday evening. Dyer was carried off 10 minutes after scoring Ipswich's opener after 26 minutes, and his injury is a massive blow to Town's promotion hopes. He actually played on at first, not knowing the full extent of the injury. Goals from Dyer, Mark Venus and David Johnson (his first for 4 months) had appeared to put Ipswich in complete control, but Tommy Mooney and Tommy Smith both struck late for the



Hornets to ensure a nervous finale for the Portman Road faithful. Off the field, Ipswich have unveiled John Gorman as their new assistant manager, following the shock departure of Stewart Houston who is resuming his partnership with George Graham and Spurs at White Hart Lane. The appointment of Gorman represents something of a coup for the Portman Road club, who were unhappy at the way Spurs handled their approach for

Houston. As a result, chairman David Sheepshanks is actively seeking compensation.

Sheffield United needed a Lee Morris goal in injury time to rescue a point from a 1-1 draw at home to crisis club Crystal Palace, who anguish at losing 2 points so late in the game paled into insignificance the following day when Chairman



Mark Goldberg brought in the Administrators to run the cash strapped club. At Bramall Lane, Gordon Petric had given the visitors a ninth-minute lead with a fierce shot and Palace looked good value for their lead as they made a mockery of the tricky conditions with some controlled neat football. However, Morris fired home a late free kick and Palace then had Steve Thompson sent off in the dying seconds for a second yellow card.

Peter Reid's Sunderland cruised ever-nearer the promised land of the Premiership as they defeated struggling Portsmouth in a one-sided Stadium of Light affair. Daniele Diczio settled any early nerves on Wearside with a fine header from Allan Johnson's cross and Kevin Phillips made it two on the hour when stealing in unmarked to head home. Portsmouth battled manfully to get back in the game but Sunderland were too strong and only wayward finishing kept the scoreline as it was.

Meanwhile Sunderland have announced an interim profit of almost £2 million for this year. Turnover has increased by

23% to £9,852,000 from £8,009,000 at the same point last year, though it is not enough to provide for a set of gates at the Stadium of Light, as chairman Bob Murray has had to step in to sponsor the clubs' two pairs of new gates for the north and south ends of the West Stand at the ground.

Well, it could well be the end of an era, as film star Vinnie Jones has been handed a free transfer by QPR. Jones has been absent from Loftus Road for the last five months after failing to land the manager's job with the club. Aston Villa striker Alan Lee has joined First Division strugglers Port Vale on loan until the end of the season. The 20-year old Republic of Ireland U21 international will make his debut for Vale against Grimsby on Tuesday. He has already had a successful loan spell with Torquay United this season. Vale boss Brian Horton was desperate to find a new striker ahead of the game after Peter Beadle was sold to Notts County last month.

Steve Bull made his comeback for Wolves in last Wednesday's reserve match against Bolton Wanderers at Molineux. Bull has not played since the match at Crewe on October 3, having undergone two operations on his left knee. Being the cult hero he is at Wolves, there was no surprise the match attracted a 10,000 crowd.



Vinnie Jones ... on a free

TONIGHT'S FIRST DIVISION FIXTURE

Bolton Wanderers v Barnsley
Bradford City v Sunderland
Bristol City v Bury
Crystal Palace v Ipswich Town
Grimsby Town v Queens Park Rangers
Norwich City v Port Vale
Oxford United v Huddersfield Town
Portsmouth v Sheffield Utd
Tranmere Rovers v Birmingham City
Watford v West Bromwich Albion
Wolves v Crewe Alexandra



COUNTY'S BASHFUL BIDDY MYRTLE MORRIS PROVIDES US WITH ANOTHER PERFECT MYRTLE MEAL RECIPE ESPECIALLY FOR COUNTY FANS.

A Meal With Myrtle

Tonight my bingo buddy Brenda Posslethwaite treats us to one of her specials.

QUICK CHICKEN WITH WHITE WINE & MUSHROOMS

What you need:-
8 boneless chicken thighs
100mls chicken stock

110g quartered chestnut mushrooms
1 tin of Co-op condensed mushroom soup with garlic
100mls white wine
Black pepper to season
Parsley sprigs - to decorate

How to make it:

1. Place the chicken in a heavy based casserole with 4 tablespoons of stock, cover and cook for 8 minutes
2. Add the mushrooms and remaining stock. Cook for a further 4 minutes until almost baking.
3. Turn down the heat and add the soup. Stir, cover and cook for 5 minutes
4. Add the wine, stir and season with pepper. Cook uncovered for 3 minutes and serve decorated with fresh parsley.

Serve with a selection of fresh vegetables and a bottle of chilled Frascati - or Co-op medium dry.





Rocking Robbins



George Ndah

Swindon enter this 'six pointer' at Edgeley Park on the back of some useful results which have enabled them to drag themselves away from the relegation zone and into the relative safety of lower mid-table. However, they will be aware that the job is not yet complete and they are still some way short of being absolutely safe from the threat of relegation. Despite replacing the lacklustre Steve McMahon with the promising managerial talent of Jimmy Quinn, the Robins still find themselves struggling to retain their First Division status, yet there are still optimistic vibes emanating from within the County ground, as many of the supporters feel that if the club can remain in the First Division and build on the foundations which Jimmy Quinn and his staff are laying, then maybe next season could just be one for Swindon to look forward to.

OPTIMISTIC

Certainly one player to be optimistic about is the talented CHRIS HAY who is back amongst the goals at Swindon following a spell out of form. The pacy young striker set the First Division alight in the first half of last season with 13 goals in 20 appearances before Christmas but a barren spell was to follow and Hay found himself in and out of the first-team. The arrival of Jimmy Quinn though has helped the former Celtic striker and he is once again showing the sort of form, and scoring the sort of goals, which persuaded McMahon to pay £330,000 a week before the 97/98 season was most definitely IFFY ONUORA'S gain. The big striker was brought in to boost Swindon's fire power and he certainly managed that heading the winning goal on his debut against

Q.P.R. The former Mansfield, Huddersfield and Gillingham striker is really starting to blossom towards the end of his career and has been a revelation during the current campaign, scoring an impressive 17 goals making a laughing stock of the £100,000 fee which Swindon paid for him 12 months ago.

FLAIR

Providing the flair and guile just behind the front two is the highly skillful MARK WALTERS, a former England international who was snapped up following his release from Southampton. Walters has been a huge hit at every club he's played for, rarely leaving the top echelons of the game both north and south of the border. The Birmingham born midfielder suffered a serious knee injury which threatened to cut short his career at the end of last season but he has bounced back to produce the same sort of form which made him such a hit at Aston Villa, Rangers, Liverpool and Southampton.

Manager Quinn allows Walters a free role because he knows he has the insurance of an anchor man in SCOTT LEITCH. Leitch is a former Motherwell, Dunfermline and Hearts player who plays with enormous determination in every game. He was picked up for a bargain £15,000 in the summer of 1996 following a loan spell at Swindon.

EXPERIENCE

BRIAN BORROWS brings a great deal of experience to the Swindon defence and can play comfortably in a flat back four or as a sweeper. The Liverpool born defender lists Everton, Bolton and Coventry as his former clubs and he even managed to pick up an F.A. Cup winners medal during his time at Highfield Road. He generally plays along side another player with top flight experience in





former 'crazy gang' member ALAN REEVES. The imposing 30 year old left Wimbledon in search of first-team football and he has been in excellent form at the heart of Swindon's defence. The former Rochdale centre-half also provides a considerable threat with his height at set pieces.

SOLID

Proving a solid last line of defence is the ever reliable FRANK TALIA who was originally spotted playing for the Australian under 21 international team. He was snapped up by Blackburn Rovers but failed to make the first-team appearance at Ewood Park

competition. Gooden was signed by former boss John Gorman in 1993 having been released by Wycombe Wanderers. He went on to make over 30 appearances in Swindon's Second Division Championship season but then struggled with injuries the following two terms. He has regained both his fitness and form to good effects this season. Gooden is often put under pressure for his place by the promising young SOL DAVIS who turned professional last summer and can be deployed in a slightly deeper left-sided role. On the other flank the experienced DAVID KERSLAKE can do a similar job on the right hand side,

Quinn Brought in to Steady the Ship

and eventually signed for Swindon following a successful loan spell. He is given competition for his place by the injury plagued JIMMY GLASS and young STEVE MILDENHALL.

DEPARTURE

Following the departure of big Wayne Allison to Huddersfield last season, former manager Steve McMahon wasted no time in splashing out £500,000 on GEORGE NDAH as a replacement. NDAH is a big, pacy striker who isn't afraid to shoot from range and as a result scores some spectacular goals. The former Palace forward has represented England at Youth level and is a favourite with the Swindon supporters. He can play either up front or down the left which provides the usual left-sided player TY GOODEN with some serious

although former Chelsea and Sunderland star GARATH HALL can also play in the right-back position.

TERRIERS

Young midfield player LEE COLLINS and BOBBY HOWE are both terriers in the middle of the park. Collins is another bargain buy for Scottish football whose arrival in 1995 from Albion Rovers for £15,000. Bobby Howe is an attacking midfield player whose arrival last January from Nottingham Forest where his first-team opportunities had dried up. He made 17 appearances at the City ground and has also had loan spells at Ipswich Town and in non-league with Kettering Town. Also in contention this evening are PHILIPPE CUERVO, STEVE COWE and former record signing MARK ROBINSON.



Jimmy's a Quinner ...

Jimmy Quinn



Swindon Town boss Jimmy Quinn was an enormously popular appointment when he was named as the Robins' new manager in early October. He took charge of Swindon with the club lying dangerously close to the foot of the table but has successfully steered them to a position of relative safety in the few months he's been at the

club.

Quinn, of course, was a popular player with

Robins boss looking for a repeat of playing success

Swindon Town in the eighties, making 86 appearances and scoring an impressive tally of 43 goals. He was a member of Lou Macari's team which took the old Fourth Division by storm, winning the Championship in 1986 with a record 102 points. Quinn also enjoyed successful spells at Blackburn Rovers, Leicester City and West Ham United as well as taking charge of Reading on a player/manager basis, where he managed 94 goals. The likeable forward was also capped 48 times for Northern Ireland and scored several goals for his country in a long and successful career.

Quinn is determined that the success he enjoyed as a player will follow him into management at Swindon and he will be able to keep them in Division One this term and build on the foundations to take Swindon forward.

He is ably assisted at the County Ground by the vastly experienced and well respected Mike Walsh who works as Quinn's assistant.

Last Time Out... (but not this season)

Stockport County 4

Swindon Town 2

Division 1

Saturday 15th November 1997

The bigger they are the harder they fall, or using football terminology, the higher up the table they are the bigger the incentive to

whoop their bottoms!!!!

This is exactly what County did against top of the table Swindon Town last season with two goals from Armstrong, one from McIntosh, and an absolute peach from Cook to start the match. For Swindon the consolation goals came from Hay and Leitch. Cast your mind back to the incident of Hay being flattened by Eric Nixon, and Stockport being awarded a goal kick!!!

Not a Lot of People Know That!!

Steve Bellis

MARK LAMARR

Greasy haired fifties throwback comedian Mark Lamarr is a Swindon lad. He originally made his name as a standup comedian but now is most famous for appearing in comedy quiz shows "Shooting Stars" and "Never Mind the Buzzcocks".

JULIAN CLARY

Britain's campiest star of light entertainment Julian Clary hails from Swindon. Since he has reached the giddy heights of stardom he has split from his canine partner Fanny the Wonderdog.

GILBERT O'SULLIVAN

The frizzy haired singer song writer comes from Swindon. Gilbert had a stream of hits in the 70s with songs such as "Clare", "Get Down" and "Alone Again Naturally". It appeared his success would never end but fortunately for us it did.

BILLIE

Teenage pop sensation Billie made a big impact on the music scene last year, releasing two smash hit singles and an album. The Swindon born singer has started so young it means that she may have a comeback tour before she is twenty one.

XTC

One of the most English of bands XTC come from Swindon. The band have never been commercially successful and stopped touring years ago. XTC still have a very loyal following. The band produced some wonderful singles such as "This Is Pop", "Sgt Rock Is Going To Help Me" and "No Thugs In Our House".

THE MAGIC ROUNDABOUT

One of the most famous features in Swindon is the Magic Roundabout. This is not a TV series featuring Dougal, Florence and Zebedee but part of the road system. There is a massive roundabout in the middle with what seems like twenty mini roundabouts around the edge of it. People have been known to suffer from nausea after missing their turnoff and being unable to get off.

WILLIE CARSON

Willie Carson is one of the greatest flat jockeys of the post war era. He won many horseracing classics and the odd round on a Question of Sport. Squeaky voiced Carson was born in Stirling but his favourite team is Swindon Town.



The Team in Town

The Robins Form Guide



This evening we welcome Swindon Town to Edgeley Park for a match which in all probability should be more exciting than the last home fixture against Queens Park Rangers. Swindon are certainly one of the divisions' teams to follow if you want to see goals, last Wednesday 3-2 defeat at the hands of Tranmere Rovers taking the amount of goals scored in league games involving the Wiltshire outfit to over 100.

At home Swindon have a won six, drawn seven, lost four record going in to Saturday's tussle with Bolton Wanderers and have managed to score at least one goal in every league game played at the County Ground. The four teams who have left Swindon with maximum points have been Watford (4-1), our very own Stockport County (3-2), Bradford City (4-1) and as mentioned above Tranmere Rovers in a game which saw Alan Reeves score his first ever league goals for Swindon to put them 2-1 up only for Tranmere to take the spoils with late strikes from Kelly and Koumas. The brunt of the goal scoring has fallen at the feet, and head, of Ify Onuora who has hit 17 league goals for The Robins, although noticeably only two of these goals have come since Boxing Day.

Away from home Town are having a little more success of late. A

chronic start to the campaign on their travels saw only one point picked up in their first seven away league matches, this coming with a 0-0 draw at Tranmere Rovers. Since then however Swindon have improved on the road and their overall record now reads four wins, two draws and ten defeats. The victories have come at Crewe Alexandra (2-0), Barnsley (2-1), Port Vale (1-0) and a 1-0 success at Vicarage Road Watford in their last away fixture where a Howe goal on the stroke of half time was to prove to be decisive.

The Cup competitions have given Swindon fans scant little excitement this season. In the Worthington Cup goals from Reeves and Ndah gave Town a 2-1 first leg home success over Wycombe Wanderers. However, Wycombe rectified matters with a 2-0 home success to send Swindon out. In the FA Cup Swindon also fell at the first hurdle. A 0-0 stalemate at home to Barnsley saw the tie go to a replay which the Tykes won 3-1 at Oakwell to progress.

This season's scorers:-

Onuora 17, Ndah 10, Walters 9, Hay, Reeves, OG 3, Bullock, Godden, Hall, Howe 1

Scouts Report

Welcome to another Scouts report.

To be honest there isn't a great deal to report upon. The Scout meetings have been going ahead as usual in the church hall on a Thursday night and we've been concentrating on

working towards gaining some badges so we can show them off at all the other Scout groups when we go on Scout Camp in the summer.

I've been working towards my 'sportsmans badge' and also my 'cooking badge' to go with my 'First

Aid' badge which I managed to get before Christmas. For my sportsmans badge I had to take part in a number of sporting activities over a period of time and also take on an active role in the running of a Sports Club.

I really enjoyed trying out a lot of new sports and quite a few of the other Scouts enjoyed this part too. We played Lacrosse a lot which is a game I've never played before but I found it to be great fun. It was the Lacrosse club that I got involved with on an administrative basis too and this proved to be a very worthwhile and eye-opening experience.

Next time, in the Tranmere programme, find out more from the Scouts

Sean Blunts the Blades!

Sheffield United were the visitors to Ewen Fields on 17 February for a Pontins Central League match. Ian Gray returned after injury, Dessie Byrne, Sean Mannion, Lee Evans (for his reserve team debut) and James Flood replaced David Fish, Glynn Hancock, Paul Hughes, Aaron Wilbraham (who was ill) and the injured Steve Grant.

In the first half there was a lot of midfield possession without many chances being created and Ian Gray only had to deal with a few crosses and long balls into the area. County had three chances before half time with Flood running on to a through ball from Ben Johnson but shooting past the advancing Simon Tracey into a side netting. Lee Evan broke from the half way line and hit a shot from 25 yards which Tracey saved and then Evans sent Flood through and Tracey made a brave save at Flood's feet. The first half also saw three bookings Dessie Byrne for County and for the Blades Jon Cullen and Nick Henry as it finished goalless at half time.

The second half was the same as the first and County scored the only goal of the game after 65 minutes from the penalty spot when James Flood was upended by Kevin Davies. Sean Connolly hit the spot kick straight down the middle past a diving Leigh Walker who had come on for Tracey at half time. Connolly was substituted two minutes later being replaced by Franny Vaughan. County's only other proper chance was an effort from Simon Travis which Walker dropped and Jacobsen cleared upfield. The Blades brought on Steve Spencer for Richard Follett near the end and the Blades had further players booked in the second half in Follett and Jon O'Connor as County won 1-0.

Teams

County: Gray, Connolly (sub Vaughan), D Byrne, Bennett, Turkington, Johnson, Phillips, Mannion, Evans, Flood, Travis

Subs not used: Fish, McConnell, Hancock, Wright

Blades: Tracey (sub Walker), Follett (sub Spencer), Davies, Henry, Jacobsen, O'Connor, Bettney, Ford, Twiss, Cullen, Duane.

Subs not used: Burke, Cryan

The following week 23 February County were visitors to Millmoor and suffered their first league defeat of 1999 against Rotherham United. Paul Cook (after suspension), Aaron Wilbraham and Steve Grant replaced Sean Connolly, Wayne Phillips and Lee Evans. County had an early corner and Flood had a shot blocked on the line by Andy Roscoe.

The Millers took the lead after 12 minutes when a cross from Gary Scott found Kris Trevor in space and he picked his spot to give Ian Gray no chance. It was all pressure from the home side with Gray saving a shot on the run from Trevor and Trevor then put Martindale through and Gray saved at his feet.

Gray then made another brave save this time at Tracey's feet. Just before the break County had a couple of chances when Cook found Grant in the area and Paul Pettinger blocked Grant's shot and Roscoe cleared off the line. Cook then tested Pettinger who dropped his shot but Pettinger recovered the ball before it crossed the line and the Millers went into the break with their one goal advantage.

The second half started with Ian Gray making a brilliant one handed save from James Ingledow pushing the ball out after it had gone past him. As County began to press Travis sent Wilbraham through and Wilbraham shot across the face of the goal past the advancing Pettinger. The equaliser came after 59 minutes when Flood found Dessie Byrne in the penalty area and he was brought down by Gary Scott and Roscoe was booked for disputing the decision. Paul Cook took the spot kick putting the ball into the bottom corner of the net.

Bennett and Grant combined to set up Wilbraham and he shot across the face of goal again as Pettinger closed down the angle. Rotherham came back at County and Gray saved from Martindale. Both sides made substitutions with Jon Daly replacing James Flood for County and Gary Murgatroyd coming on for James Ingledow for the Millers. Murgatroyd was soon in the action having a shot saved by Gray. Dessie Byrne found his way into the referees notebook for a late challenge on Tracey. The Millers scored the winner after 79 minutes when Trevor headed a cross down from Tracey to Martindale in space and he blasted the ball past Ian Gray giving Gray no chance. Pettinger saved a Daly header from a Travis cross and in the closing stages Gray made a good save from Danny Hudson as the Millers ran out winners 2-1.

Teams:

County: Gray, Travis, D Byrne, Bennett, Turkington,

Johnson, Mannion, Cook, Wilbraham, Grant, Flood (sub Daly).

Subs not used Vaughan, Fish, Briggs, McConnell

Millers: Pettinger, Scott, Roscoe, Hudson, Clark, Beech, Ingledow (sub Murgatroyd), Kotylo, Tracey, Martindale, Trevor

Subs not used: Kangley, Shelton, Nixon, Roden

Dave Moss was pleased with the result against Sheffield United but was disappointed with the performance at Rotherham as he thought we were second best allowing the Millers to pass the ball and not closing them down quick enough.

Tomorrow night 10 March Blackpool are the visitors to Ewen Fields for a 7pm kick off in a game rearranged from last Wednesday.

Sean Connolly ...35 yard cracker

Sean Mannion ... back to face the Blades



PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE 1998/99

Date	Opponents	Venue	Score	Scorers
17/08/98	Newcastle United	Away	1-5	Grant
26/08/98	Notts County	Home	3-1	McIntosh, Grant, Wilbraham
02/09/98	Lincoln City (Kick Off 2pm)	Away	3-2	Dinning, Flood, Alsaker
16/09/98	Rotherham United	Home	2-2	Flood 2
22/09/98	Sheffield United	Away	2-2	Grant, Alsaker
30/09/98	Wrexham	Away	0-3	
07/10/98	Blackpool	Away	6-0	Daly 2, Upper, Flood, Mannion
28/10/98	Shrewsbury Town	Home	0-2	
03/11/98	Bradford City (Kick Off 7pm)	Away	1-1	McIntosh
12/11/98	York City	Home	2-0	Branch, Grant
25/11/98	Huddersfield Town	Away	0-2	
02/12/98	Scarborough	Home	1-1	Lillis
09/12/98	York City	Away	0-0	
16/12/98	Newcastle United	Home	0-2	
22/12/98	Oldham Athletic (Cup)	Away	3-1	Grant, Mannion, Flood
13/01/99	Bury (Cup)	Home	1-2	Cook
25/01/99	Stoke City (Cup)	Away	1-1	Wilbraham, Upper, Grant, Mannion
03/02/99	Wrexham	Home	2-0	Connolly, Grant
17/02/99	Sheffield United	Home	1-0	Connolly (Pen)
23/02/99	Rotherham United	Away	1-2	Cook (Pen)
03/03/99	Blackpool	Home		
24/03/99	Bradford City	Home		
24/03/99	Shrewsbury Town	Away		
14/04/99	Huddersfield Town	Home		
21/04/99	Lincoln City	Home		
28/04/99	Scarborough (Kick Off 2pm)	Away		
TBA	Notts County	Away		
TBA	York City (Cup)	Home		

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE APPEARANCES TO 12 NOVEMBER 1998

	App	Sub	Goals
P. Alsaker	18	0	0
T. Bennett	6	1	0
G. Branch	6	1	1
K. Briggs	6	2	0
D. Byrne	38	1	0
S. Connolly	4	0	2
P. Cook	7	0	2
K. Cooper	1	0	0
J. Daly	6	6	2
T. Dinning	3	0	1
L. Evans	1	0	0
D. Fish	2	1	0
J. Flood	11	1	5
J. Gannon	6	0	0
S. Grant	16	0	7
I. Gray	18	0	0
I. Hancock	4	1	0
M. Henningsen	0	1	0
D. Hooper	0	1	0
P. Hughes	2	0	0
R. Johnson	1	2	0
A. Johnson	14	1	1
A. Lillis	3	2	1
D. McConnell	2	0	0
M. McIntosh	2	0	2
S. Mannion	18	2	3
R. Matthews	1	0	0
W. Moore	1	0	0
M. Phillips	2	0	0
A. Salmons	2	0	0
D. Smythe	0	1	0
S. Travis	17	0	0
F. Turkington	19	0	0
J. Vaughan	13	2	1
A. Wilbraham	12	0	0
C. Woodthorpe	1	0	0
	220	41	34

PONTINS LEAGUE as at 17/2/99

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle Utd	17	12	3	2	36	10	39
Huddersfield T.	16	8	3	5	30	18	27
Rotherham Utd	18	8	2	8	29	32	26
York City	16	6	6	4	25	19	24
Bradford City	15	7	3	5	33	29	24
COUNTY	17	6	5	6	25	24	23
Scarborough	18	6	4	8	22	31	22
Wrexham	16	6	3	7	26	26	21
Notts County	15	6	3	6	24	28	21
Shrewsbury T.	14	4	6	4	16	18	18
Sheffield Utd	15	4	4	7	17	23	16
Blackpool	16	2	8	6	18	30	14
Lincoln City	15	3	2	10	15	28	11
	208	78	52	78	316	316	286

Maddo's Men Settle For Second

County drew 3-3 with Bury on 24 February to complete their fixtures in the North West Conference and finished second in the table although three teams did not complete all of their fixtures by the deadline date due to the weather. County's first game in the Merit Division on 27 February saw a 3-1 home defeat to Walsall who came second in the Midland Conference.

In the Bury game that County needed to win to finish top, the youngsters got off to a good start scoring after 2 minutes when the Shakers keeper dropped Darren McConnell's cross and Michael Hennessey was on hand to tap the ball home. The Shakers started to get into the game and scored twice in a minute when Lee Connell scored with a header after 27 minutes and Marc Ridley got the second with another header. A minute before the interval Gary Messer scored the Shakers third with a further headed goal. The second half started the same as the first with County scoring after two minutes when the keeper dropped a cross from Ben Smythe and Glynn Hancock was on hand to blast the ball home from six yards. County had several chances to equalise without any luck until they scored from the penalty spot after Gary Hoggerth had handled Jon Daly effort. Ben Johnson made no mistake with the spot kick sending the keeper the wrong way after 81 minutes. Both teams had chances to win the game in the last ten minutes but the game ended all square and Bury finished top two points clear of County.

Team: Abel, Briggs, Smythe, Hooper, Hancock, Johnson, Hennessey, Wright, Daly, McConnell, D Byrne. Subs not used: Mudd, Croxton. In the Walsall match County started brightly but the Saddlers took control and scored after 17 minutes through Paul Gossard. Three minutes later Karl Hawley got the second for the visitors to give them a 2-0 half time lead. County started to create chances in the second half and hit the woodwork twice but it was the Saddlers who scored again when Gossard shot hit the post and Hawley tapped in the rebound after 78 minutes. Three minutes later County pulled a goal back when Darren McConnell's short free kick was hit by Ben Johnson and the ball fell to Jon Daly to shoot home from six yards. County had chances to add to there one goal but finished up losing 3-1.

Team: Abel, Briggs, Smythe, Hooper (sub Wilde), Hancock, Johnson, Hennessey (sub Evans), Wright (sub Mudd), Daly, McConnell, Croxton. Subs not used: Andrews, McClachan. This week's youngster to be introduced is first year Michael Hennessey. Michael is from Dublin and came across twice in the 1997/98 season for trials and played 4 games in the Lancashire League before signing YT forms in the summer of 1998.

Michael has represented his country at under 16's level and also Dublin schoolboys. A right sided midfielder he played for Stella Martis in Dublin and has scored 2 goals in 16 appearances for the youth team this season. Michael has also made one substitute appearance for the reserves against York City last October. **GEOFF THOMAS**



Michael Hennessey ... Dublin Boy

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE 1998/99

Date	Opponents	Venue	Score
15/08/98	Rochdale	Away	2-0
22/08/98	Carlisle United	Home	2-0
29/08/98	Preston North End	Away	0-0
12/09/98	Wrexham	Home	3-0
19/09/98	Tranmere Rovers	Home	2-0
26/09/98	Wigan Athletic	Away	1-0
03/10/98	Chester City	Home	1-0
10/10/98	Bury	Away	0-2
17/10/98	Oldham Athletic	Home	3-0
07/10/98	Carlisle United	Away	0-0
14/10/98	Rochdale	Home	0-0
18/10/98	Burnley	Home	2-0
24/10/98	Preston North End	Home	1-1
24/11/98	Blackpool	Away	0-3
28/11/98	Wrexham	Away	3-1
05/12/98	Tranmere Rovers	Away	2-1
08/12/98	West Ham (Cup)	Home	2-3
02/01/99	Chester City	Away	3-3
16/01/99	Wigan Athletic	Home	2-1
23/01/99	Oldham Athletic	Away	0-0
30/01/99	Burnley	Away	1-3
13/02/99	Blackpool	Home	0-0
24/02/99	Bury	Home	3-3
27/02/99	Walsall	Home	1-3

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE NORTH WEST CONFERENCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bury	21	12	7	2	51	17	43
COUNTY	22	11	8	3	31	17	41
Preston N.E.	20	12	4	4	40	14	40
Rochdale	22	10	4	8	37	26	34
Chester City	21	10	4	7	30	23	34
Oldham Ath.	22	10	3	9	31	37	33
Blackpool	22	8	7	7	35	25	31
Tranmere R.	22	9	4	9	40	41	31
Carlisle Utd.	22	8	3	11	24	44	27
Wigan Ath.	22	5	5	12	32	41	20
Burnley	22	4	3	15	22	60	15
Wrexham	22	4	2	16	28	55	14
	260	103	54	103	401	401	363

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE

Appearances as at 13.2.99	APP	SUB	GOALS
G Abel	20	0	0
T Bennett	2	0	0
K Briggs	15	2	0
D Byrne	6	0	0
P Cook	1	0	1
L Croxton	10	1	0
I Daly	19	2	6
L Evans	6	8	0
D Fish	3	0	0
J Flood	3	0	0
G Hancock	20	1	2
M Hennessey	12	4	2
D Hooper	10	1	1
R Hussain	13	5	0
B Johnson	21	0	4
A Lillis	17	3	8
D McConnell	16	5	1
S Mannion	1	0	0
L Mudd	2	4	0
W Phillips	1	0	0
P Rowley	0	1	0
A Salmons	13	0	3
B Smythe	14	0	0
A Thomas	2	2	0
M Thomas	4	3	3
M Torino	1	0	0
F Vaughan	1	0	0
P Wilde	0	5	0
M Woolley	2	3	0
P Wright	18	2	1
	253	52	32

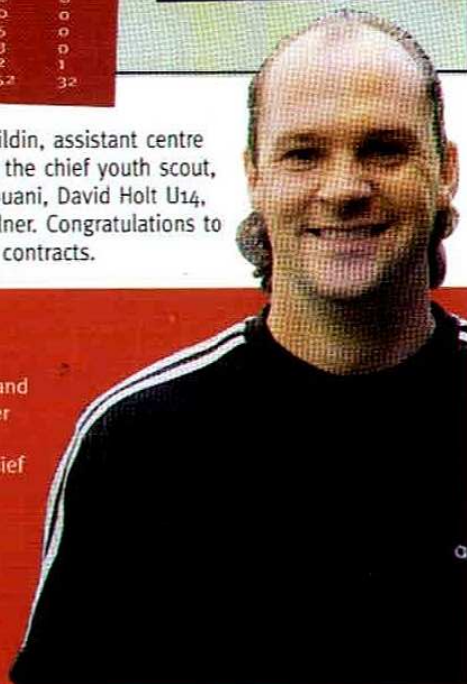
Pictured, (From left to right), is Mick Wildin, assistant centre of excellence director, Alan Walkinshaw the chief youth scout, Lee Robertson U12 captain, Andy Umebuani, David Holt U14, Nigel Deeley U14 manager and Andy Kilner. Congratulations to all the above after signing their 4 year contracts.

EXCELLENCE LATEST

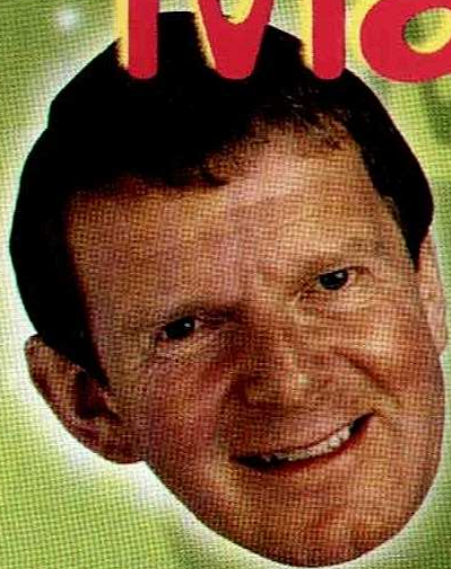
A warm welcome back to Edgeley Park for tonight's game against Swindon Town. At our recent home match against Birmingham you may have noticed a number of smartly dressed youngsters entering the pitch at half time. The lads were all members of our Centre of Excellence and each has signed a four year contract with the club. The four are Lee Robertson (under 12's captain), Andy

Umebuani, David Holt and Chris Williams (all under 14's).

The players were paraded by Chief Youth Scout Alan Walkinshaw, assistant Centre of Excellence Director Mick Wildin, under 14's manager Nigel Deeley and myself. Congratulations to the four players on their future at Edgeley Park.



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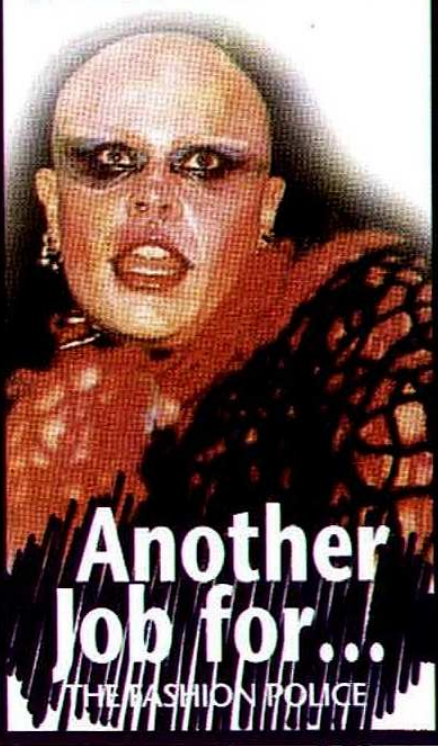


Bullocks...

AND I DON'T MEAN THE COACH FIRM

I don't care how famous this guy is - he looks a right plonker - what with his paper clips up his nose and fishing net over his arm. Thank you to John Stephens for sending this pic in - you've won yourself an autographed ball.

We desperately need to rid our society of such tasteless fashion so please send in your pictures of any offenders to The Fashion Police, c/o Steve Bellis, Stockport County FC, Edgeley Park, Hardcastle Rd, Edgeley, Stockport SK3 9DD. All photos will be returned or ceremoniously burned.



After another truly kak Tuesday night in the Midlands I was really looking forward to Saturday's trip to Huddersfield. Huddersfield is a funny sort of place and my longstanding memory of this Yorkshire town is of washing lines in peoples front gardens - honest - the A62 is full of them. Indeed the old stone terraced housing that seems to dominate is in complete contrast to the McAlpine Stadium. You can't help but be impressed by its design - it really does look as though a giant spaceship has landed in the middle of the set of 'Heartbeat'. However, despite the impressive facilities, the welcome and hospitality that awaits in the guest rooms are about as warm as a night on Saddleworth Moors. Having left Edgeley before lunch we were starving by the time we reached Huddersfield and we were dribbling with excitement at the prospect of a few sarnies in the Directors guest lounge. To our horror, it seemed that the Terriers had employed the same catering company as Crewe. There wasn't a buttie in sight - and the packet of non-chocolate Hobnobs that arrived at half time disappeared faster than a mouse in a cattery. As far as the game - well I thought we were solid in the first half and were by far the better side in the second until the referee awarded a penalty of the dodgiest proportions. This decision turned the game on

its head and turned my stomach inside out as I began to dream about the half time dim sums at Tranmere and the steak and kidney pie at West Brom. Before we knew it we were three down and it was all over - a result that truly flattered the home side whose first half ineptitude had irritated the home following. We trudged back to the guest lounge and sent a search party out for something edible. Our evergenerous hosts had stretched to another packet of Hobnobs (not chocolate ones of course) - and being first in the queue he greedily took three each to stave off starvation. To put the lid on a bloody awful day, I had to share my car parking space with the emissions of the local police horses which had surrounded my vehicle with the remains of their lunch. Strangely, it looked like the horses had had to make do with Hobnobs too (not chocolate ones thank God!).



I couldn't bear to watch!

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Stuck in a rut...

BAD MEMORY NO.18 - RICHARD HARNWELL REVIEWS THE RUTTER YEARS

From the beginning of this season, as part of my rehabilitation and therapy programme, I have, as you know, been encouraged to wend my weary way down Memory Lane in an attempt to highlight the dramatic differences between being a County fan today, when most people have at least heard of Stockport County, to the days when I was a lad - when only the few who had been born and raised within the shadow of Stepping Hill hospital actually knew that there was a football ground near the ressie'. Up until this point in my ramblings, the differences have all been for the better, but now that all changes!! 'WHAT!!!!!!?' I hear you exclaim loudly, 'How can this be????????' I hear you add in astonishment. Oh yes my friend in the immortal words of the '60s icon Mary Hopkins:
*'Those were the days my friend,
we thought they'd never end
we'd park our car wherever we damn pleased!!!'*

Way back then, you could take the missus shopping to Fine Fare in the morning with ne'er a backward glance at the clock. You could also notch up the extra brownie points by putting it all away when you got home! You could even have your dinner with perfect ease, washing up afterwards. Then after playing a quick game of Snakes and Ladders with the bin-lids, you changed into the traditional garb, adding your scarf for that extra touch. You gently ruffled the children's heads and tenderly kissed the wife goodbye and off you went to.....THE PUB!

The next hour or so was spent in the jovial company of your pals sinking one or two pints of the frothy stuff, before the designated driver for the day transported you to the door - quite literally! At full time, you trudged back towards the car, generally in a non-speaking and pretty pissed off frame of mind, and back home to the bosom of your family.

Nowadays, you have to set the alarm for half an hour before you normally get up for work, leap out of bed, bolt down a quick cuppa and a slice of Warbies thick sliced. Then leaving a trail of devastation, crying kids and an irate wife in your wake you run the gauntlet with the Cheshire Constabulary, equalling land speed records to, secure one of the extremely scarce car parking spaces by the park at the end of Hardcastle Road. Then you

wander aimlessly around the shops on Edgeley waiting for the pub to open. The next task is remember that this is Saturday dinner time not Friday night and adjust your consumption accordingly over the next 3 and a half hours whilst waiting for the chaps and chapesses to arrive to switch the lights and the kettles on before opening up the turnstiles.

Going home is a shocker! You have the choice of either leaving a couple of minutes into the second half to avoid the bottleneck on to the main road, or take a couple of puzzle books and a daily paper to pass an hour or two, waiting until the very end. Either way your wife thinks your having it off, because you're home either much too early and can't possibly have been to the match because you've missed three goals on the way home!!! OR the match finished hours ago and where have you been until now!!!!

Now I grant you, a few more actually attend County home games now, but the roadside parking is awful. In fact it's worse than that - it's NON EXISTENT. The residents, God bless their little cotton wotsits, have parking permits to park outside their own front doors, and a curfew is in operation on match days that if they haven't parked up by three days before kick-off they can't show their bumpers in Hardcastle Road for a fortnight (or something like that!) There are one or two alternative I have thought up for your perusal

- 1) Invest in roller blades
 - 2) Offer the wife obscene amounts of money to give you a lift and pick you up again
 - 3) Buy a taxi firm and be driven to each match by one of your drivers (probably cheaper than no. 2)
 - 4) Park on Asda's car park and hitch-hike the rest of the way
 - 5) Take up hot air ballooning and bale out over the centre circle
 - 6) Buy one of the houses on Hardcastle Road and flog the car, because you'd never want to go anywhere else anyway, and as a side line you can set up a B&B for other County fans who are in the same boat vis a vis the parking
- Come to think of it, that isn't a bad idea! Anyone got a phone number of Reeds Rains

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Will the real Yogi Bear please stand up

by Dave Johnson

A retired baseball star whose main claim to fame in Britain stems from the fact that Yogi Bear was named after him has become the unlikely subject of one of last year's fastest-selling books in America.

Yogi Berra's inadvertent one-liners (or boo boo's) - "When you come to a fork in the road, take it" he once advised a friend seeking directions - have already made him America's most quoted figure, ousting Churchill as the politicians favourite, according to the *New Yorker* magazine.

His off-the-cuff observations, including his opinion that the "nickel ain't worth a dime anymore" and his dismissal of a popular resort because "nobody goes there any more - it's too crowded", have now become the subject of *The Yogi Book*.

"Stuff just pops out, and I don't even know what I said," says the 73-year old former New York Yankees catcher. His family, though, jot down the unexpected pearls - such as when the waitress asked into how many pieces he would like his pizza sliced "Four," he replied "I don't think I can eat eight."

Baseball - a game Berra reckons is "90 per cent mental; the other half is physical" - has been the main source of Yogi-isms, including the oft-quoted "It ain't over till it's over" and "It's *deja vu* all over again."

Television producers named the cartoon bear after the

baseball legend because he was such a favourite with American children. Now facing his twilight years, Berra, of New Jersey, was recently asked by his wife where he would like to be buried. "I don't know," he replied absently "Why don't you surprise me?"

However, other cartoon characters have had equally striking inspirations.

Bugs Bunny was created by Warner Brothers in the image of the formidable vaudeville wit Groucho Marx - the perpetual carrot representing Marx's love for cigars, while Disney's Donald Duck is thought by many to have been based on the cantankerous comic genius of WC Fields.

In 1957 Reg Smythe inadvertently created the flat-capped layabout Andy Capp. Asked by the *Daily Mirror* to create a character, he said that, unable to think of anything clever, he eventually decided simply to draw a man with a flat cap: "Just a fellow like me - just like they are in Hartlepool." Smythe's mother, Florence provided the inspiration for Andy's long-suffering wife, Flo.

Cartoon folklore has it that a young Walter Elias Disney was inspired to create Mickey Mouse after a mouse took to sitting on his drawing board while he worked. It all makes you wonder where the inspiration for the Teenage Mutant Hero Ninja Turtles came from doesn't it?

Dave Johnson

Andy Capp ... Inadvertently created



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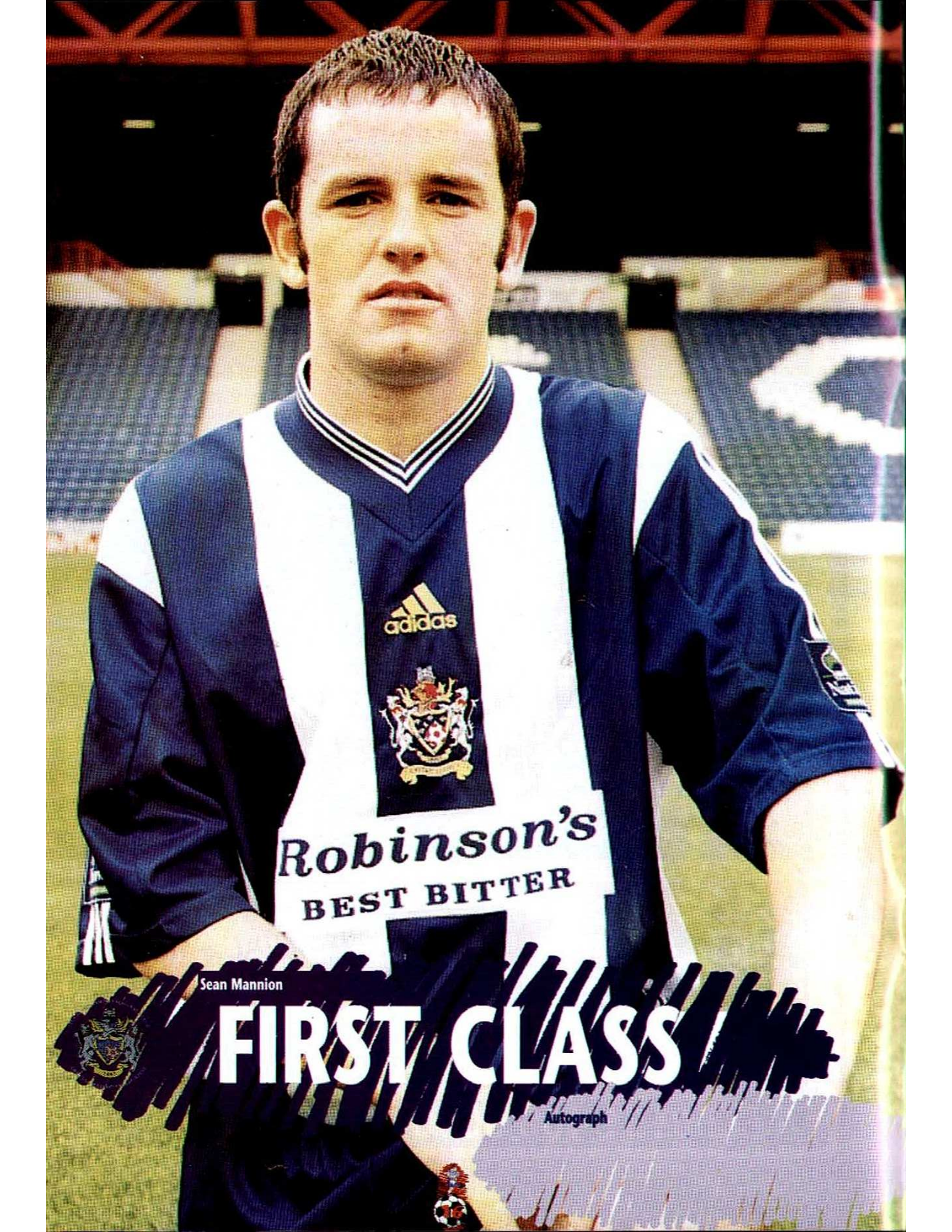
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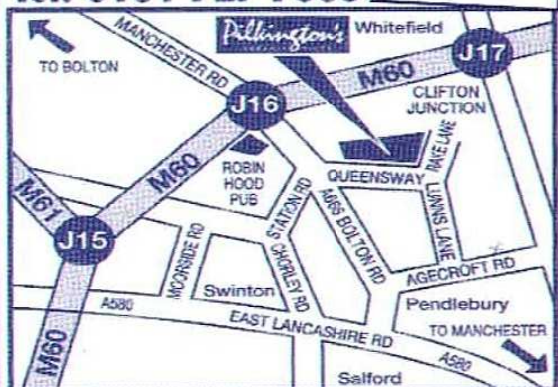
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REFEREES - DISCIPLINE AND MURDER

What about this for a headline - "Referee Shoots Player Dead". It's true, honestly. (You know I wouldn't lie to you! I even owned up to being a Grimsby Town fan didn't I? You can't be more sincere and open than that!)

Yes, the aforementioned headline appeared in a recent issue of the Daily Telegraph and it naturally caught my attention. The tragedy occurred in a South African football game. Evidently, a player disputing an opponents goal suddenly produced a knife (goodness knows where he'd hidden it) and lunged at the referee. The referee responded by calmly drawing a gun (presumably a pistol, but even so, where had he hidden that?) and proceeded to reinforce his decision in the most emphatic manner known to man. He shot the player dead. Now I know we all have the occasional problems with referees and I know that some players don't always take kindly or respond in a civilised manner to some referee's decisions. But isn't this taking things a little too far? Can you imagine it taking



place in this country? Actually, so can I! Imagine this little scenario at Stamford Bridge. "I'm sorry Mr Wise. That is my decision. Are you objecting to it?" Whereupon Mr Wise responds in a rather aggressive manner only to be slain by the equally aggressive referee. Crikey, it would certainly liven up the game, wouldn't it? Talk about giving your all and shedding blood for the team!

once the referee has made a decision
- that decision is final!

On a more serious note, though, I wonder if the problem of on-field discipline has been properly addressed. We can all remember incidents like the DiCanio incident earlier this season when the ex-Sheffield Wednesday player pushed a referee to the ground. but what about the incidents that occur during virtually every game we watch (and no doubt there will be at least one such incident today?) How many times do players object vociferously to lawful (ie within the laws of the game) decisions made the referee, the man entrusted with upholding the laws of the game. How many times are players needlessly booked for dissent or sent off to the severe disadvantage of their team? Players know (and if they don't it should be drilled in to them by their managers) that once the referee has made a decision that decision is final and no matter how they rant and rave and throw their toys out of the pram the decision will stand. Yet, they go on, mouthing off, giving the referee abuse until he has no choice but to reach for the yellow or red card. Are they stupid?



John England

Maybe referees should be given further powers. Perhaps, in a situation where a player shows clear dissent (as opposed to raising a simple query as to why the referee has reached the particular decision, and I appreciate it is a fine line) the referee should award a free kick to the opposition ten yards nearer the offending player's goal. If it happens in the penalty area then a penalty should be awarded. This would be in addition to the offending playing being booked or sent off. Can you imagine how that would shut the mouths and bring about a marked improvement in team discipline. In fact, what a great idea. How about it FIFA?

There was a phenomenal amount of coverage of last year's World Cup in France. The media was full of it at the time. In months after the event we are having a steady stream of books about the subject.

Ward published his first book 'Steaming In' almost ten years ago. It was his story of being a hooligan and an Arsenal fan. It was certainly not 'Fever Pitch' but in its way it was as influential as Nick Hornby's book. Go into any decent sized book shop and see how many books have been 'written' by hooligans. Ward has written other books since then and quite a number of articles on the same subject. This book goes from the qualifiers of the World Cup through to the point that England got knocked out against Argentina. Ward watched the matches, he watched the fans and he watched the press doing their job. Ward accuses the press of causing trouble for England fans. Their

coverage highlights the trouble caused by England fans, ignoring the trouble caused by the

opposition supporters and the good behaviour of the England fans. This is more than a bit rich coming from Ward who to make a living writing books on football hooligans.

This is a very tedious book. There is nothing funny, entertaining or informative in it. It's not even worth picking it up off the shelf in the bookshop to have a browse through. A total waste of time.

In Review...

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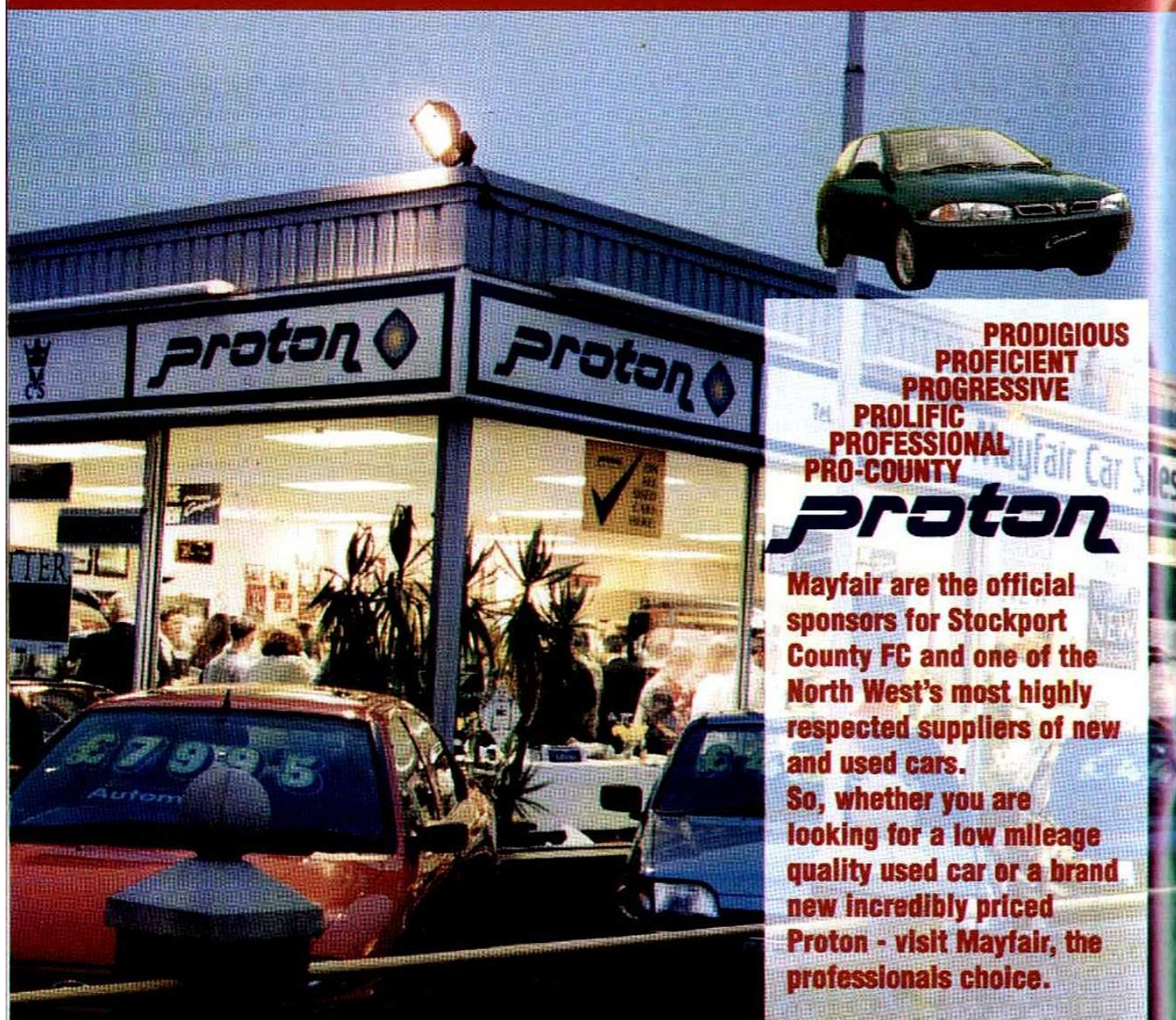
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Our trusted team of tasters didn't have far to travel when they visited their latest eatery. In fact they didn't even need their cars because today's recommended restaurant is in fact the closest restaurant to Edgeley Park. Situated on Castle Street, at the Shaw Heath end to be precise, lies a quaint little Italian Restaurant called Giovanni's. This attractive little eatery was opened a little over three

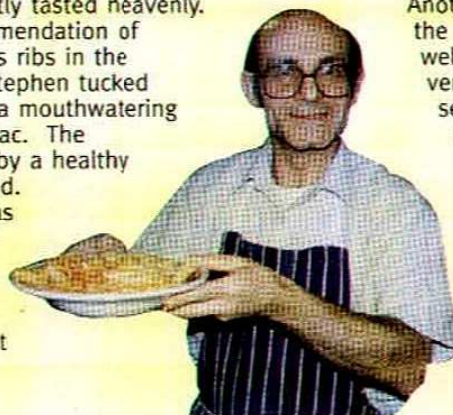
The closest restaurant to Edgeley Park



years ago by, surprisingly enough, Giovanni who proudly boasts that he "cooks for his customers as if he was cooking for himself".

Martin McIntosh, Stephen Grant and Simon Travis went to check out Giovanni's proud claims. The decor is warm and welcoming and the host equally so. Giovanni's has always been a popular haunt for the players - attracted by the comprehensive pasta selection and the equally important 'non-smoking' areas.

The lads chose three different starters. Martin went for the Gamberoni Piccanti - succulent fried King Prawns in tomato sauce, garlic, chilli and white wine. It looked and apparently tasted heavenly. Simon took the chef's recommendation of Costolette di Maiale (delicious ribs in the chef's secret sauce), whilst Stephen tucked into the Zuppa di Aragosta - a mouthwatering lobster soup laced with Cognac. The starters were complemented by a healthy serving of crunchy garlic bread. The main course selection was equally varied and impressive. The 'Pollo Alla Siciliana' was as Indian as it was Italian - a delicious combination of chicken breast smothered in Masala wine curry, fresh cream, sultanas and pineapple.



The perfect host... Giovanni

Next to arrive was the Salmone alla Diavola - fresh salmon steak, perfectly grilled and served in a garlic, mixed herb and pepper sauce. It was amazing. Finally one of the trio took up the recommendation of



The decor... warm and welcoming

the boss. Giovanni has always maintained that "if you want a real pizza you go to an Italian restaurant like mine - You don't go anywhere else". So there was great expectation when the fishy Pizza Marinara arrived. It was worth the wait - a delicious pizza combining the flavours of fresh tuna, prawns, mussels and anchovies. A seafood lover's delight. All the main courses were served with an array of fresh vegetables, with a choice of potatoes or rice. The portions were such that no one could manage a dessert, despite the tempting selection. Amazingly the bill - which included an assortment of soft drinks - came to just £39.75. Great value for three people. Giovanni's also offer a three course special for just £9.45 and are open seven nights a week from 6pm to 11pm. They are also open from 12-2pm Tuesday to Saturday serving lunch.

Another impressive feature of Giovanni's is the fact that they go out of their way to welcome children, making it a great family venue. Gio's also boasts one of the finest selections of wines in the area. The house reds include Corvo di Salaparuta, Lambrusco, Chianti Classico, Amerone Classico and Valpolicella, or for the white lovers what about a nice dry Frascati, the Orvietto Secco, the Verdicchio or the popular Pinot Grigio. Giovanni's is a lovely friendly restaurant - and an ideal post match venue for a quality meal.

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... decent weather for football?

We were getting very fed up of washing muddy kits. In fact make that extremely muddy kits. When we are we going to have some decent weather for football?

As if we have not had enough problems with cancellations with pitches so far this season things were made even worse last weekend when major problems with the drainage system at Georgians meant that we were unable to use the pitch for the reserve home game.

Fortunately we were able to switch the game to our opponents pitch at Urmston which whilst very heavy and in what appeared to be a farm field was at least playable. The reserves played their best game for a long time and were well on top in the first half taking a 3-0 lead with goals from Rachel Brindley (2) and Emma Clinton.

As conditions deteriorated during the second half - it was very windy, very cold and very wet stood on the touchline - the County girls remained well

on top but were unable to add to their goal tally. They controlled the game so well that keeper Carol Plant was almost a spectator. She was just as cold as the rest of us anyway!

The first team meanwhile were cruising their way to a victory in the quarter finals of the Cheshire County

Cup. They beat their opponents Warrington Grange 9-1 and were never in any trouble going 2-0 up after only 8 minutes. Inevitably the Jane Fox and Sue Walsh were the main scorers with Foxy bagging 5 and Walshy getting 2 despite being taken off at half time to rest a slight injury.

Walshy's first goal was another of her absolute screamers from about 25 yards right into the far top corner. The other scorers were Cath Eastman and Fran Cunliffe. Sam Williams did really well on making her debut in the second half.

Kick off in this game was delayed for forty minutes because the ground had not been roped off as per the requirements of the cup. The whole situation became rather farcical as the home club attempted to ensure that they bought the correct diameter rope from the local DIY store. Eventually they were able to acquire the correct rope and get the game underway.

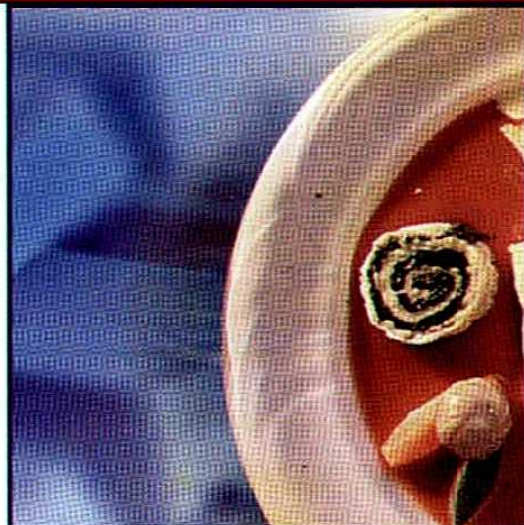
The first team now face all three of their promotion rivals over the next three weeks. On Sunday they play Chorley who are one place below them in third. The following week they face fourth placed Phoenix and one week later they play Mond who currently top the table. It will be a tough few weeks with the girls aiming to take maximum points to strengthen their promotion bid.



Two for Rachel



Foxy bagged five



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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE Crewe v County 2

Whenver the County following fell silent it would have been possible to hear a penny drop at the far end of the ground. Only the wavering voice of the sole member of the Glasgow branch of the Alex Supporters Club could be heard. "We're all doomed" he whined before scuttling off in search of that penny. Second from bottom is the highest position Crewe have reached since the beginning of October and their performance on the day was dire. Not a lot to shout about there but even our Cheshire neighbours deserve some sort of support from their own fans. The opening 20 minutes of the game were pretty. Crewe were on top for this period, creating a couple of half chances but generally their passing game floundered on a solid defence of Flynn, Gannon, Connelly and Dinning. Not that they deserve all the credit. A hardworking midfield, surprisingly not containing Paul Cook, supported both in defence and attack to snub out the occasional threat and to get at Crewe whenever possible. After the initial scrappy spell, Crewe looked to run out of ideas and County got a grip of the game.

Within just five minutes of first half pressure County could have had the game won. The home sides defensive frailties were exposed five times within this short period and, but for the woodwork and a fantastic save, the competition would have been over. Tony Ellis had the first of these chance after getting in behind the back four. He looked to have held on to a ball for too long as he ignored the positions taken up by Angell and Phillips in the box. However, Ellis went for goal himself and curled a fine shot that had the 'keeper well beaten but bounced to safety off the far post. Within a minute of this Connelly was also denied by the woodwork after overlapping a good run by Matthews. The ball was slipped into the path of Connelly just inside the box, a single touch was followed by a fierce thump that again had the 'keeper well beaten. Within a minute a Brett Angell header managed to beat both 'keeper and woodwork but a defender was well placed to clear off the line.

Luck was not on our side in this spell but for a split second that appeared to change. Matthews took a free kick awarded just outside the box, this deflected off the wall and looked to have caught the 'keeper off his line. We were out of our seats for a

moment but a tremendous save from Kearnton choked the cheers in our throats. The resulting corner was headed back across goal by Gannon but Angell again had his shot blocked by a defender. I could not believe our luck and, as the first half appeared to be ending in stalemate, I began to think it was going to be one of those games. This thought was just creeping into the back of my mind as a run by Matthews was illegally halted just outside the box. This time the wall was one of the proportions of that Great one in China but, undaunted, Smith and Matthews set the ball up for Woodthorpe to strike. His shot was hard and low and disappeared from my view through a nice gap in the wall. I saw the net bulge and County players throw their arms in the air. Woo-hoo. 1-0

The second half, although lacking in some of the excitement, was much like the first. County scored, Crewe didn't. Again County created some decent openings but it was not until just 15 minutes remained that one of these found the back of the net. A clearance following a County corner fell to Woodthorpe and he leathered in a shot that the 'keeper could only parry. The rebound fell at the feet of Ellis and he crashed the ball into the roof of the net.

With the County goal looking secure, the points and the bhajis looked as though they were in the bag. Crewe didn't come close to securing the lifeline of a goal while County almost increased their lead. Angell was again denied by a defender on the line and this time the follow up shot from Ellis was saved at the foot of a post.

Although Crewe are rock bottom of the division, anyone who follows County on a regular basis will know all about the tendency to lose these "easy" games. However, a great team performance was rewarded with another clean sheet and three more points towards securing another season in Division One. We left the ground proudly wearing our Cheshire Cat grins, the home fans, resigned to the drop, left heads bowed and mumbling "If we can't even beat Stockport..." It will be a sad day when this wonderful passing team are relegated Mr Welsby.....not.



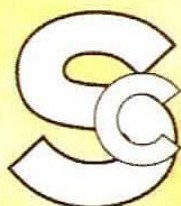
ell of a goal ... Tony wheels away in delight



Wayne Phillips ... surprise recall



Brett ... in the thick of things



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WITH MIKE SMITH, ASSISTANT COMMUNITY OFFICER

Good evening all, this makes a change - an evening kick off at home. Well what's been going on here in the Community Office? Read on...

STAFF

As we now have established a good relationship with the F.I.T.C. Scheme down at Queens Park Rangers we arranged a game at the Armitage Centre in Fallowfield prior to the league game a week last Saturday. After a slow start by ourselves things started to click and there was no looking back after. The final score was - SCFC 4 QPR 2, our goalscorers were Ian "Velcro" Cosier, Gary Williamson and Dave Wardle (2). Well done to all the lads who played for getting my managerial career off to a flyer. Gary Williamson must be singled out for praise being awarded man of the match. Excellent skills, awareness, great motivation and leadership qualities (is that enough Gaz?). Many thanks to QPR's Community Officer Andy Evans and all his team, we look forward to the return trip next season. After that success we have a taste for more, the next

game could possibly be versus Bury FC, watch this space.
PRESS GANG COMPETITION
Stockport County FITC's winning entry for the above came from Sarah

Hallworth who attends Broadstone Hall Primary. Sarah's winning entry was as follows:-

A Poor Football Game

Adam, Joe, Paul, Tom and Steve,
All playing football against McGreaves,
Adam tries to head the ball,
Misses it and bangs into Paul,
Joe got kicked, Tom felt sick and,
Steve wasn't playing very well,
So the substitutes go on,
The scores are still 6-1,
Then all of a sudden Steve gets the ball,
Dribbles upfield past them all,
He shoots for goal,
It's in the net,
But he went the wrong way,
His team's upset,
The whistle's gone,
Their's hopes are smashed,
They lost 7-1 and
got well thrashed.

Sarah's question to the Prime Minister was:- *If you were to become a famous sportsman which sport would it be and why?*

As you can see Sarah has put a lot of effort into her entry and was along way in front of runner up. Well

done. Many thanks must go to Wagon Wheels for launching another great competition.

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AND FINALLY

Well that's it for now in the notes v Tranmere I will let you know how Banks Lane got on in the Predator Cup Finals. Details of next terms coaching programme etc.

See you soon

Yours on behalf of F.I.T.C.

Mike Smith

Assistant Community Officer.



Gary Williamson, Carlo Nash, and myself along with our autographed ball winners from the soccer course and Sarah Hallworth our press gang competition winner



Scott Hattons (1st left) 8th Birthday pictured with sister Jessica and friends from Norbury Hall School.



The game v QPR saw Mountfield Rovers F.C. taking part in a sponsored penalty shoot-out for comic relief - sponsored by The Unique Pub Co. Ltd.



Mark Frankland working hard (this year)

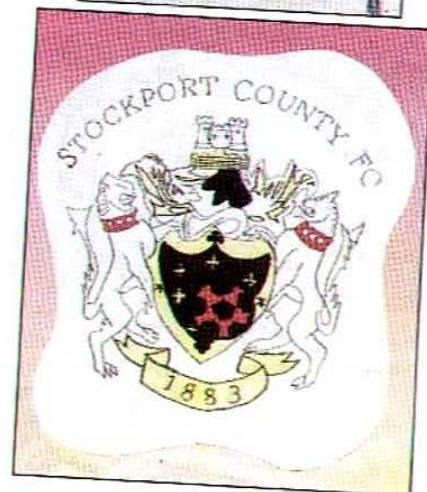
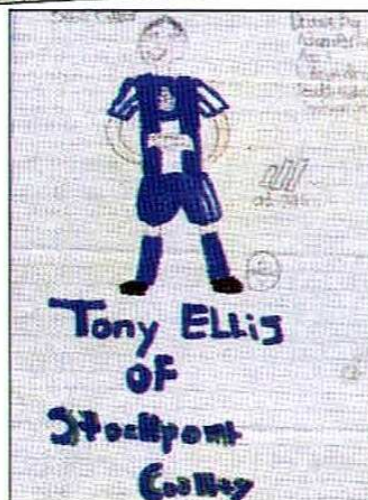


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ello again and welcome back to Edgeley Park for this evenings match against Swindon. A warm welcome to all Junior Members who have taken up the offer of free tickets for tonight as part of our junior package. We hope you enjoy the match and cheer on the lads to 3 points.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our trips to Huddersfield to play football against the juniors before lunch and after the game. If you want to join us on the four remaining trips of the season why not give Brenda a ring - details of trips elsewhere.

Well that's all for tonight

See you all next Sunday

Ian Butterworth

County Juniors

Away Travel

Our next travel will be on Saturday next for the trip to Port Vale where again we will be guests of Vale Juniors. There are still a few seats available on the coach so please contact Brenda ASAP after tonight's game on 0161-487-2766 if you want to book your seats.

Remaining Trips:-

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Oxford 9th May

Meetings

Next Junior meeting -

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months meeting Sunday

11th April.

20 Questions for Wayne Phillips

- 1 Where were you born?
Bangor - N Wales
- 2 Which school did you attend?
Syr Hugh Owen Caernarfon
- 3 Which football team do you support? Man Utd
- 4 Who has been the biggest influence on your career? Brian Flynn and Joey Jones
- 5 What was your first club?
Wrexham
- 6 What is your favourite film? The Full Monty
- 7 What is your favourite TV show? Any game shows
- 8 Who is your favourite actor/actress? None in particular
- 9 Who is your favourite pop group? Oasis/U2
- 10 What is your favourite food? Pasta
- 11 What is your favourite drink? Coke
- 12 Where is your favourite holiday resort? Florida
- 13 What sort of car do you drive? Ford Escort
- 14 Do you want to stay in football after you stop playing?
Yes
- 15 If you weren't a footballer what would you be? PE teacher
- 16 Who is the best player you have played against? Ryan Giggs
- 17 Who is your current favourite player? Beckham
- 18 Who is your boyhood hero? Bryan Robson
- 19 What are your wife and children called? Cheryl and Jake
- 20 What would you do if you won the lottery? Retire



Wayne Phillips ... Game show fan

One To One

First tonight is from Robert Johnson for Tom Bennett:

Q What will it feel like to play for the 1st team on your return from injury?

A Tom - I'll be a little bit nervous but I can't wait to play again.

Secondly to Carlo Nash from Stacey Dalton

Q Who is the best striker you have played against?

Without a doubt Tore Andre Flo

Carlo ... flo fan

Mascots

TOM WILLIAMS



Tom is 8 today, Happy Birthday!! He attends Woodley Junior School and enjoys swimming,

playing football, piano and of course supporting County. His favourite players are Brett Angell, Carlo Nash and Ian Moore.

DOMINIC WATERS



Dominic is 9 years old and attends Gt Moor School. His hobbies include

football, rugby, swimming and fencing. His favourite player is Carlo Nash

JAMES MIDDLEHURST



James is 8 years old and he attends Linden Road Junior School, Denton.

His hobbies include football, rollerblading and boxing. His favourite player is Carlo Nash



KEY goal scorer in **BOLD** type D - debut O - own goal

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08 Aug Sat	Bradford City	A	2-1	N/A	14,360	1,341
11 Aug Tues	Hull City <small>League Cup, 1st leg</small>	H	2-2	N/A	3,134	337
15 Aug Sat	Norwich City	H	0-2	12	6,538	588
18 Aug Tues	Hull City <small>League Cup, 2nd leg</small>	A	0-0	N/A	3,480	331
21 Aug Fri	Barnsley <small>Live on Sky TV 7.45pm</small>	A	1-1	10	16,377	621
29 Aug Sat	Crystal Palace	H	1-1	11	7,739	1,006
31 Aug Mon	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	2-2	15	22,217	721
05 Sep Sat	Grimsby Town	H	2-0	8	6,199	578
08 Sep Tues	Birmingham City	A	0-2	10	16,429	304
12 Sep Sat	Crewe Alexandra	H	1-1	11	7,302	976
19 Sep Sat	Queens Park Rangers	A	0-2	15	8,205	344
26 Sep Sat	West Bromwich Albion	H	2-2	16	8,804	1,450
29 Sep Tues	Huddersfield Town	H	1-1	18	8,023	1,386
03 Oct Sat	Swindon Town	A	3-2	15	7,693	307
17 Oct Sat	Bury	A	1-1	17	5,732	1,658
20 Oct Tues	Sheffield United	A	1-1	17	12,657	732
24 Oct Sat	Ipswich Town	H	0-1	19	7,432	743
31 Oct Sat	Tranmere Rovers	A	1-1	18	6,597	852
08 Nov Sun	Port Vale <small>Live on Sky TV 1.00pm</small>	H	4-2	14	7,612	588
14 Nov Sat	Watford	H	1-1	14	8,019	970
21 Nov Sat	Bristol City	A	1-1	17	11,032	440
24 Nov Tues	Bolton Wanderers 7.45pm	H	0-1	17	8,520	2,079
28 Nov Sat	Portsmouth	H	2-0	15	7,504	545
05 Dec Sat	Sunderland	A	0-1	16	36,040	651
12 Dec Sat	Watford	A	2-4	16	9,250	348
19 Dec Sat	Oxford United	H	2-0	15	6,590	292
26 Dec Sat	Barnsley 1.00pm	H	0-1	17	10,263	2,914
28 Dec Mon	Grimsby Town	A	0-1	17	8,058	508
02 Jan Sat	Bury <small>FA Cup 3rd round</small>	A	3-0	n/a	5,325	2,135
09 Jan Sat	Bradford City	H	1-2	18	8,975	2,104
16 Jan Sat	Crystal Palace	A	2-2	18	15,519	351
23 Jan Sat	Sheffield Wed (FAC 4)	A	0-2	n/a	20,984	4,197
30 Jan Sat	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	1-2	19	8,654	2,020
06 Feb Sat	Norwich City	A	2-0	17	14,675	277
13 Feb Sat	Birmingham City	H	1-0	16	9,056	2,362
20 Feb Sat	Crewe Alexandra	A	2-0	15	5,427	981
27 Feb Sat	Queens Park Rangers	H	0-0	15	7,694	573
02 Mar Tues	West Bromwich Albion	A	1-3	16	11,819	384
06 Mar Sat	Huddersfield Town	A	0-3	16	11,914	856
09 Mar Tues	Swindon Town	H				
13 Mar Sat	Port Vale	A				
20 Mar Sat	Tranmere Rovers	H				
27 Mar Sat	Ipswich Town	A				
03 Apr Sat	Bury	H				
05 Apr Mon	Bolton Wanderers	A				
10 Apr Sat	Sheffield United	H				
17 Apr Sat	Bristol City	H				
24 Apr Sat	Portsmouth	A				
01 May Sat	Sunderland	H				
09 May Sun	Oxford	A				
22 May Sat	FA Cup Final					

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I'm in no rush to leave

THE VIEWS OF COUNTY SKIPPER MIKE FLYNN

The lads were full of confidence before the QPR game, having got three wins on the trot and the big boost of an away win the week before. QPR are a team full of Premiership players who are surprisingly struggling near the bottom and at the end of the game we all agreed that it had been instantly forgettable. There were no real goal attempts and it resembled an end of season game with no bearing on the result which is a bit strange when you consider we are both fighting off the threat of relegation. QPR set their stall out not to get beat and it worked a treat. They did a man to man on Brett which nullified our goal threat - because if Brett doesn't score - no one else seems to. Despite the home draw we remained full of confidence for the trip to West Brom, having not conceded a goal in the whole of February. West Brom are an up and down team who have blown hot and cold but they possess the most prolific goalscorer in English Football, however we still thought we could get something out of the game. So - what went wrong? Well we started sloppily and eventually got worse. The only highlight of the evening

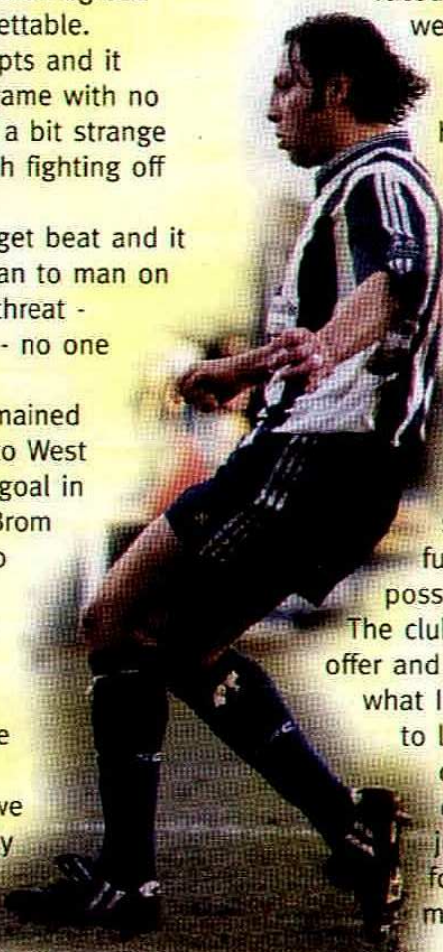
was the second half arrival of Kevin Cooper who has recovered from his knee op. He looked very sharp indeed.

The manager couldn't put his finger on what went wrong. Maybe, we had fallen into the comfort zone after a good February but

Tuesdays defeat made us realise we have a lot of hard work ahead.

On a personal note I have had some external pressures to handle. Thankfully, I'm more experienced than a lot of the players and I know that if you believe everything you read and hear - you wouldn't be able to concentrate. All of my previous moves have come right out of the blue so I don't get too wrapped up in speculation but I do want my future sorting out as soon as possible.

The club have made me a revised offer and although it is still not quite what I'm looking for I'm in no rush to leave. If I start throwing dolls out of the pram it doesn't benefit anyone. I just need to keep performing for the benefit of the club and myself."



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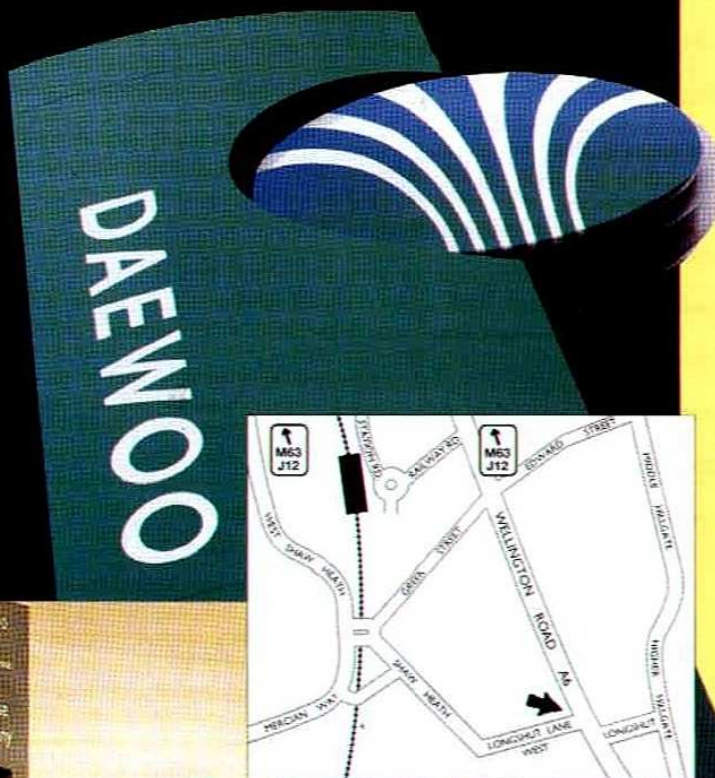
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Did you see the Monica Lewinsky interview on Channel 4 on Thursday? Is she a good actress or an innocent young girl caught up in a right wing conspiracy against the President? All the women who phoned up said they didn't find Bill in the least bit attractive, however all the guy's without exception said they wouldn't mind smoking the odd cigar with Monica! Mike from Stockport even said he liked her so much he'd splash out on a new dress for her! Keep it Signal all this week after 7.00 to play 'Nag or Gag' and win free beer and tickets to the races and don't forget the Signal FM Daily Telegraph news quiz continues after 8.00 - we have huge prizes to win - make sure you don't miss out!

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**Signal
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With Ed James**

THERE'S a saying about chickens, counting and hatch. It sprung to mind exactly a week ago when we were losing 3-1 at West Brom who were NOT a good 'side. February had been so good for us that the words "Play Offs" were even being mentioned by some supporters! But last week was a reminder that we cannot take anything for granted. The only high spot was the introduction of Kevin Cooper on a night which is best forgotten. Coops has made a miraculously speedy recovery from his cartilage operation and showed flashes of the form we know he can produce.

February was a fabulous time to be a County fan, of course: three straight wins and a draw against QPR. What I cannot understand is how Gary Megson missed out on the Manager of the Month award, with the panel giving it to Ipswich's George Burley instead. Ipswich had an identical record last month but surely there has to be some

allowance made for clubs with limited resources.

Maybe the judges had heard Gary's comments on Signal when he told me: "I couldn't care less about the Manager of the Month award. I think all managers should get an award just for being in this game. Sometimes you go through a month when your backs are against the wall and you might only pick up two points. But for some clubs that could be a great achievement, depending on their circumstances at the time."

Finally, just a word about the plans for the Railway End which were unveiled on Signal this week. The ten million pound package includes proposals for a five-storey 90-bedroom hotel, another restaurant and a health club. Oh, and five thousand new seats as well! It's a massive investment for this club but let's hope there'll still be some investment ON the pitch as well as off it.

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- ✓ You will breathe more easily.
- ✓ You will have fresher smelling breath, hair and clothes.

For many people, deciding to stop smoking is a very hard decision to stick to. A great amount of will power is needed firstly to make the decision and secondly to stick to it.

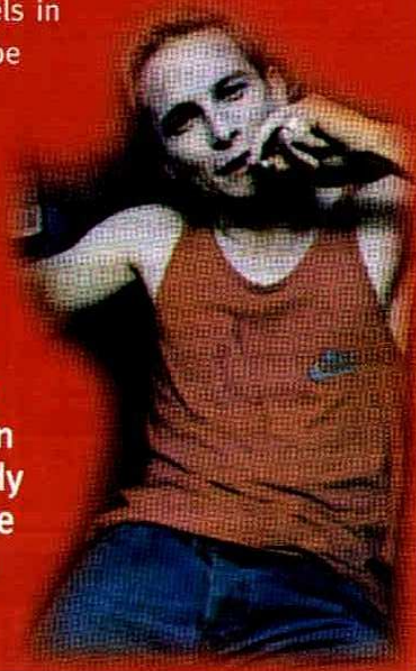
To boost your will power you could start off by looking at the reasons why you smoke and reasons why you could stop.

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Kick the chance of having a stroke into touch by giving up smoking in 1999 - ready to enjoy the Millennium



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Chorley need Daltons Steele

CHRIS DAVIES NON LEAGUE ROUND UP

Dalton Steele's shock exit from Winsford United can be explained. Within days of leaving the Barton Stadium highflyers Steele was installed as manager of struggling Chorley and it might just be a coincidence that the two are linked. As Unibond standards go, Chorley are a big club but they have been in the doldrums for years. Steele has done well with very limited resources at Winsford and now maybe he can show his pedigree at a 'bigger' club. Certainly there was a massive impact in his first game as he took no fewer than seven players with him to Victory Park from Winsford. Although they only managed a 2-2 draw in their first game, it was against a half decent side in Gateshead and it will be worth watching whether Chorley can lift themselves out of the relegation places.

Gary Birtles found out the realities of non league football when he was sacked by Gresley Rovers last week. The expensive misfit who struggled to make it at the top level too will need to ponder his football future as ambitious Gresley look elsewhere to further their fortunes. Altrincham came a cropper at Boston in the F.A. Trophy and it is left with Northwich Victoria to carry the flag for the North West. They have another home draw in the 6th round and although Kingstonian will be a tough nut to crack, they have a great chance

of reaching the semis. Tie of the round will surely be at Little Emley who entertain Nationwide Conference favourites Cheltenham. Emley had a great F.A. Cup run last season when they went out eventually in the Third Round at West Ham.

Cheltenham won't fancy their tiny ground on top of the Yorkshire moors where the wind blows extra, extra strong.

Another team with a ground in the outer reaches is Mossley and after years in the doldrums it looks as though at last they are going to get a bit of success. They were a Unibond side a couple of seasons ago but they dropped into the North Western Trains League and after struggling last season, appear to be recovering to the point that they now top the First Division. Local Stockport lad Bennie Phillips is in charge and he is doing a good job. The team got good support, although let's face it, there isn't much else to do up

there, but they have Staffordshire sides Newcastle Town and Kidsgrove as their closest rivals. Mossley is one of John Sainty's former clubs before he found fame at a certain other club just down the hill.



Gary Birtles ... shown the door by Gresley

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Dear Gladys

GOT A POINT TO MAKE? - THEN MAKE IT TO GLADYS NUTTER!

Dear Gladys
Would you pass on
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at Stockport County,
especially the
supporters who
travelled to Gresty

Road last Saturday.

Before the game some of your
disabled supporters met with ours
in the Social Club and enjoyed
some good football talk.

The behaviour of all your
supporters was a credit to not
only themselves and Stockport
County but to football in general. If all supporters matched County's
last Saturday, what a difference it would make at stadiums.

One again good wishes to you all and we hope you will be back at
Gresty Road in the future.

Regards

Cliff Simpson, Stadium Manager

Crewe Alexandra

*Gladys: Ooh I was on edge there Cliff but thanks for a lovely letter -
it's always nice to hear good things about our supporters.*

Dear Gladys

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Oliver Hambly

*Gladys: No problem Olly - sounds like a great day - I must dry clean
my anorak!*

Dear Gladys

I'm a young man aged 21 and a stunning fan of Stockport County
Football Club. I have been following the club for the past seven
years now and have been trying to get in touch with you but for no
avail. Maybe its because I was in possession of the wrong address.
I was very thrilled to see that my favourite team is doing quite well



in the tougher First Division.

My favourite players are Paul Alsaker and Paul Cook. I was
especially thrilled with them after I saw them on my friend's video
of Stockport County.

I wish if you could introduce me to the other Stockport supporters
so that I might have someone to write me telling me about all
what will be happening at the club. Your patronage will be very
much appreciated.

Yours stunning fan in Zimbabwe

Innocent Ngundu

HSE No 6135

Nketh 9

P.O. Nkulumane

Bulawayo

Zimbabwe

Gladys: Well - stunning and Innocent - you'll do for me.

Dear Gladys

I have just read about the clubs development plans in the Stockport
Express Advertiser. I think the club and the chairman in particular
should be congratulated on their forward thinking. I remember
people scoffing at the plans for the Cheadle End a few years ago -
and now it is the most popular area of the ground. I only hope that
the club gets the backing of the council because it would definitely
be a major boost for the town.

Well done - keep up the good work

Mr M Saddler

Prestwich

*Gladys: Thank you sir - it's very exciting isn't it and some of those
people who scoffed at the Cheadle End - now regularly scoff in the
restaurant within it.*

Agony Ant!

Ever since Tuesday nights trip to the Hawthorns I
can't stop singing the theme tune to that blasted
magpie programme that was on in the late 70s. I
keep waking up in the middle of the night in a hot
sweat with images of Susan Stranks in my mind.
How can I get it out of my mind.

Mrs B Bird

Sparrowpit Lane

*Ant: At least there are two magpies at West Brom now, which means
joy - so what the hell happened on Tuesday? I'm not sure
about Susan*

*though -
didn't she
used to
shove her
hands inside
Itsy and
Bitsy.*



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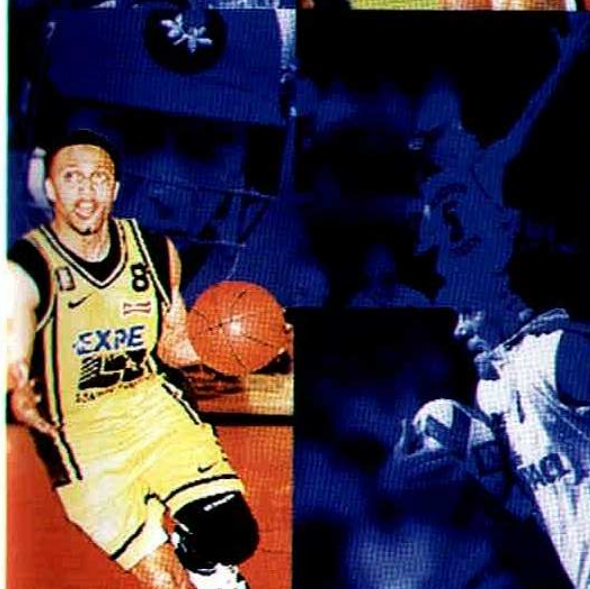
room had wooed the fans with his tireless performances and admits to enjoying life at his new club.



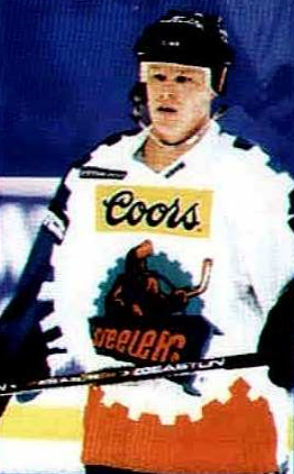
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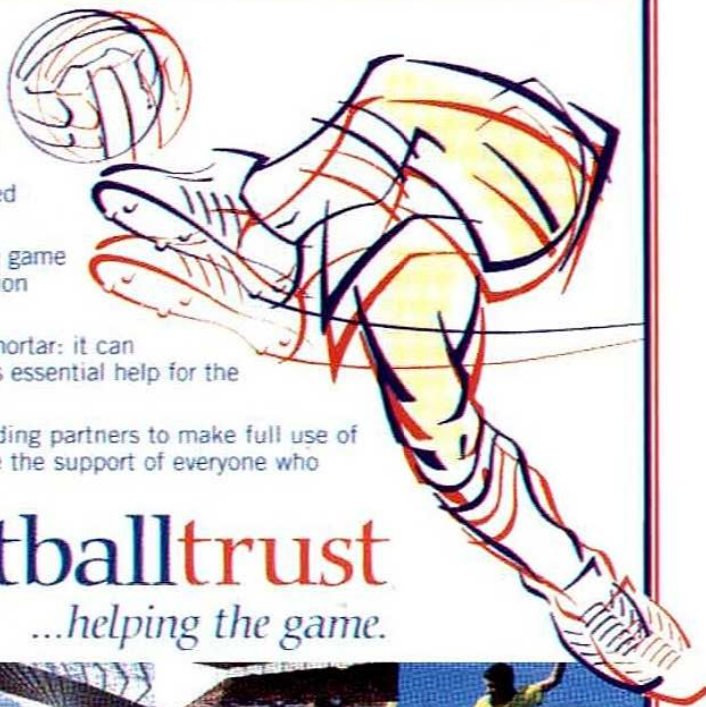
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We should thank Mr.Crank

As a press officer for the Supporters Club in the mid to late eighties I remember feeling very honoured to be invited on to the executive committee. Known as the Executive Association this body was formed to try to raise funds to pay the players wages and provide essential safety equipment to keep Edgeley Park open to the public. The key member of the Association was a quiet spoken gentleman by the name of Russell Crank. A professional man with County in his blood, Russell was a founder member of the 'County Revival Association' who arranged public meetings and supporters leaflet circulation. The actions of the Revival Association encouraged a swell of public support for the club and challenged the actions of those people who were allowing the club to effectively die. The club responded to the proposals of that Association and Russell went on to form the Executive Association. It was the 'exec' that raised significant sums of money to help keep Stockport County alive

and without its actions I dread to think where the club may have ended up. Russell and everyone connected with the exec - gave the club a crucial lifeline and helped to keep Stockport County alive until the current Chairman and Board of Directors started to perform the 'miracle' in 1989.

Russell is 70 today and will celebrate with a meal here at Edgeley Park with his family and friends who have all been educated the County way. It is far too easy to forget people like Russell - but we should not forget such unsung heroes.

Russell will be here with his wife Hilda, their sons David and Paul and their grandchildren Simon, Martin and Russell (and friends). Enjoy your special day Russell - you deserve it!

Steve Bellis

(with thanks to David Crank)



My hatred of motorway travel or M-WAY MADNESS as Mike Cochrane in the Cheadle Stand believes all Manchester Evening News journalists call it increases with every County away game.

It's not so much that the M6 is the Highway to Hell, which anyone who crawled through the roadworks around Stoke last Tuesday night will testify.

My problem is that I have become obsessed with a passage in the novel Soft by Rupert Thomson.

The book is actually about the marketing of a new, soft drink, but the bit that captured my attention was about an ex-bouncer travelling to London on a Video Rapide coach. While travelling mile after mile of dreary road the former thug comes to the conclusion that if you travelled on motorways every day of your life you simply wouldn't have any memories.

Now each journey I try and create memories for myself, which is actually a lot easier when you are held up in traffic.

Otherwise I end up playing tapes of the late-night Radio 1 show Blue Jam to scare myself into some form of consciousness.

Anyone who has heard Chris Morris's curious and unnerving mix of mood music and incredibly sick sketches will know

Nelson's Column

that will certainly keep you awake - and will do so long into the night when you get home as well.

But there can be beneficial effects of motorway memory loss. I really can't remember what went on at The Hawthorns. Or maybe I'm just blocking it out.

If you can remember, do me a favour and keep it to yourself.



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IN REVIEW

EVIL DEAD 2: DEAD BY DAWN

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They've only gone and done it again. They've re-re-re-released "Evil Dead 2", and presumably they'll keep on re-re-re-releasing it until everybody in the country, and possibly the world has got their own copy. And why not? This video is an epoch-making, mould-breaking icon of a movie. Whenever I feel that I'm getting in touch with my sensitive side, I just whack this on the video and I feel evil enough to carry on with my mad, evil, human genetic mutation experiments in Chorlton (don't be scared, kids I'm only joking, it's actually Stretford). The story behind the film is that director Sam Raimi made a film called "Evil Dead". The trouble is, he had to cut a few corners because he had a budget of about 45p. When that was a rip-roaring success, he got some proper money behind him and retold the same story the way he really wanted it told. This became Evil Dead 2. The plot is nothing special. A young man and woman go up to a secluded log-cabin for the weekend, probably to revise for some important exams or something, and find a creepy-looking book called "The Book Of The Dead". I would have left it alone, but they open it, D'oh! The ensuing mayhem is hilarious and often genuinely scary, but the 18 certificate which is still attached to Raimi's meisterwork is the biggest joke of all. Teenagers today, who laugh in the face of horror and tweak the nose of evil would find it all a bit tame. But it keeps old duffers like me happy and that's the main thing. For me, anyway. "Total Film" magazine makes "Evil Dead 2" it's video of the month, and who am I to argue? The best thing of all is that you can buy it for less than a fiver. What else can you get for a fiver these days? 2 copies of "Loaded" or "FHM" OK bad examples but you get the idea. Or, if you're really daring, shell out £12.99 for the box set of "Evil Dead: The 45p version", "Evil Dead 2" and "Medieval Dead: Army of Darkness." Go on, treat yourself to a good old fashioned horror movie this weekend. I double dare you.



WULDO YOUR HEAD IN

First the answer to last week's teaser
How were the apples sold?

The boys began selling three apples for a penny.

The first sold ten pence worth, the second eight pence worth and the third seven pence worth - so the first had three apples left, the second five and the third six.

Now for tonight's teaser.

Heads and Tails

Arrange eight coins in a line - and put the first four tails up, and the last four heads up. Imagine two empty spaces at the end of the line like so:-

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Now the task is to move any pair of neighbouring coins into the empty spaces (9 10) then any pair of neighbouring coins into the empty spaces left by the first pair and so on; but the final result is to get the coins in a line with heads and tails alternatively upwards like so:-

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Tony Ellis on life at Edgeley Park

To most County fans Tony Ellis was always one of those irritating opponents who would regularly score against us. Born in Salford Tony began his career with Northwich Victoria before being snapped up by Oldham Athletic.

After eight appearances for the Latics Tony moved to Deepdale and scored 26 goals in 88 appearances - enough to earn him a move to Stoke. Nineteen goals and 77

appearances later and 'Elvis' returned to Preston where he confirmed his reputation as a Lancashire legend. This turned out to be Tony's most prolific spell scoring an amazing 48 goals in just 72 appearances.

In July 1994 Blackpool paid £165,000 to take Tony to Bloomfield Road where his prolific goalscoring continued. Then it was off to Gigg Lane where finally the popular striker was allowed to leave despite maintaining his impressive strike tally.

DIFFICULT

So how did the move come about? "Neil Warnock brought me in on the Tuesday and told me that Stockport were interested. I was delighted. I found it difficult to get on with the Bury manager and I just wanted to get out of the club and play again." Surprisingly, considering Bury's goalscoring record this season - Tony was only picked for a handful of games - despite scoring two in four.

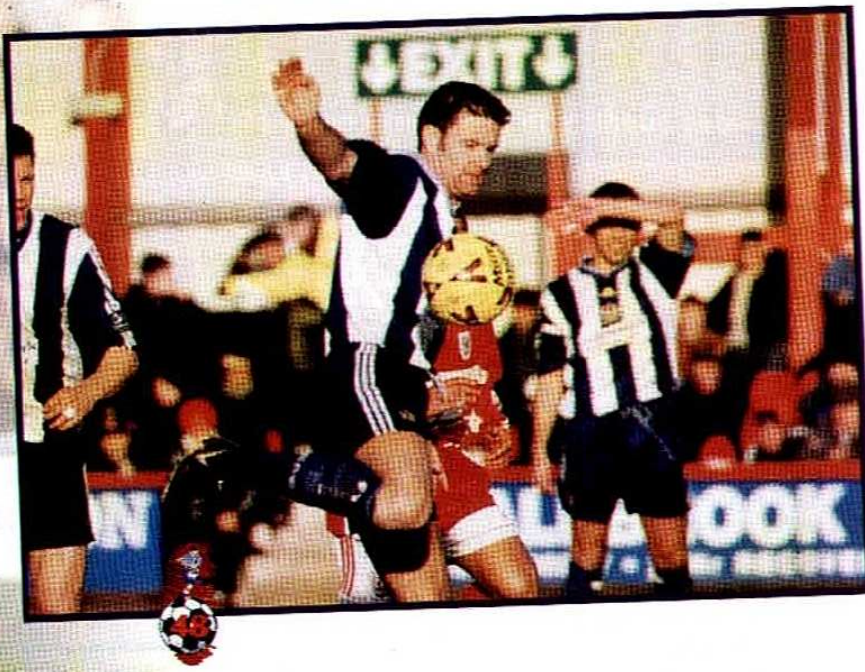
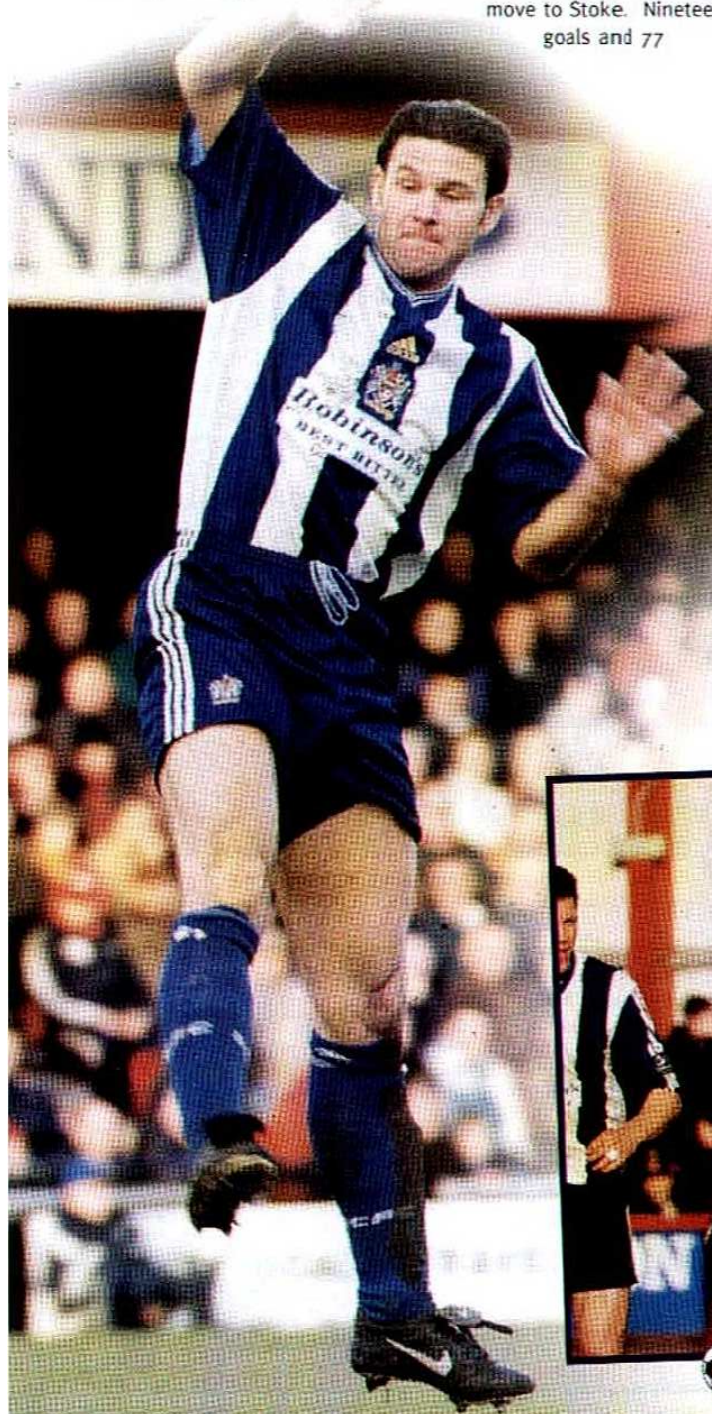
Ellis had been linked to County 18 months earlier but nothing came of it. So Tony was a little surprised when the move was resurrected.

The move to Edgeley meant pairing up with his old team mate and good friend Mike Flynn as Tony explained "I used to travel in with Flynnie when we were at Oldham and then Preston. He is a good mate of mine and it helps you to settle when you go to a new club. Mind you I know a lot of the lads anyway - having played against them at some stage."

PRESSURE

Tony noticed some similarities on his arrival too "You could see that there was a bit of pressure on the lads - but in such circumstances all the team needs is to get a win under their belt and you can build from there."

That first win didn't take too long to arrive - it was in the next game at Norwich where Tony made his debut alongside David Smith. It was



a Signing

a great start and particularly pleasing for Tony "To be honest I was just pleased to play. It was my first game for about three months and of course I was delighted that we won."

The win marked the start of a hat trick of victories - the third of which came at Gresty Road where Tony scored his first goal for the club. As well as making a difference on the pitch Tony has been a major asset in the dressing room - with his team mates describing him as 'mad'.

DIFFERENT

Tony was quick to point out though that the club is very different than the one that he just left "The whole set up is different and it seems that at every level things are run much better."

Much of that of course is down to the manager and Tony admitted that Gary Megson was a major factor in him choosing to join the club. He said "Having played under the gaffer at Blackpool I knew what to expect. His coaching methods are good and he is always honest with me. You can't ask for much more than that."

Tony has signed a contract that will keep him at Edgeley until the end of the 1999/2000 season and he is looking forward to the challenge that lies ahead "We have just got to consolidate and take it from there, and of course, I want to score as many goals as possible. Every goal means a lot but it is always nice to score early for a new club so I was particularly pleased to be on the scoresheet at Crewe."

The fans too have been quick to warm to their new striker and Tony admits to being pleased by their reaction. He said "The supporters have given me a good reception and I can't ask for much more than that. Hopefully I can repay them in the best way possible - goals."

So - was it a good move for Tony Ellis "Of course it was" smiled Tony.



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HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Tickets at Port Vale are priced at £15.00 for adults and £11.00 for juniors/OAP's, which allows entry to the Hamill End of the Ground. This provides a seated 'behind the goal' view of the game and is accessed via turnstiles 1-8. All tickets will be available on the

day of the game from Vale Park.

WHAT'S THE PROGRAMME LIKE?

To be frank, not brilliant. Port Vale's programmes have never been shining examples to other clubs and this season's effort is no exception. Priced at £1.80, Vale's programme is primarily geared towards the Vale supporter and although it is reasonably interesting it isn't going to keep you occupied for long.

HOW ELSE CAN I GET THERE?

Port Vale has two Railway Stations within relatively close proximity, Stoke Station and Longport Station. Stoke station in particular is provided with regular services from the Manchester region, although it does lie a full 3 miles from the ground, which represents a £5/£6 taxi fare. Longport Station is no more than 1.3 miles away but will involve more than one connection. Please check with British Rail for full timetable details.

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?

This is a game that County need to get something from. Port Vale are right down there but have a couple of games in hand over the Hatters due to recent postponements, and they're enjoying something of a honeymoon period under Brian Horton. County, having gone on a decent run of unbeaten away games, have capitulated in the last two fixtures. However, if they show enough resolve they should have enough quality to get a result at Vale Park.

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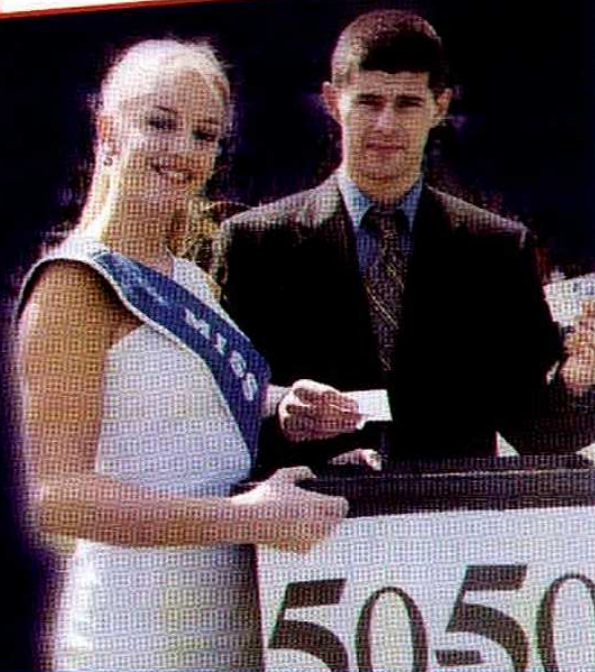
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YET MORE BIRMINGHAM BLUES, I'M AFFRAID!

I have the great misfortune to work with a number of Bolton fans which has left me with the monotonous tones of 1-0 to the Wanderers ringing in my ears since October. Well at least until Easter Monday when of course County will restore parity by soundly beating the Trotters in the Reebok Stadium. However, I was more than a little interested to pick up a copy of Birmingham v Bolton programme that was lying around the office, since it contained the Brummie reaction from their defeat at Edgeley Park last month.

Now at the risk of returning to an old theme, Trevor Francis' notes were predictably rubbish. He continued to bemoan his ill luck (three years as a FAILURE at Birmingham and still in a job, I'd have thought he should have been counting his blessings!) and even had the audacity to claim some sort of credit and relieve the pressure on himself by stating he'd predicted that Sunderland and Bolton would win automatic promotion at the start of the season! Talk about trying to pull the wool over the fans' eyes! Anyway, whilst his

ramblings were both funny and annoying in a sort of sadistic way, some of the comments later on in the programme made me wish that Miss Brady, was there to eat their damn programme.

Now whilst accepting that football programmes are generally propaganda tools and, without exception report on things in an extremely bias way, I could not believe what I was reading. Birmingham City Football Club at the direction of Miss Brady acted quite incorrectly and irresponsibly prior to their fixture at Edgeley Park by refusing to pre-sell tickets to their supporters, yet they chose in their programme to somehow shift the blame for the situation onto County in a column written by a supporter. He came out in full support for Brady and whilst understanding that many Blues fans didn't agree with him, Miss Brady could, and should be, trusted since she is working for the greater good of Birmingham City.

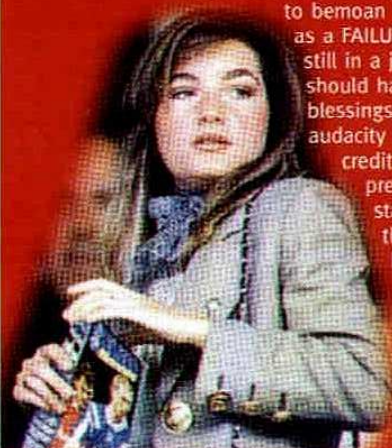
Nonsense! He has been swept along by the David Sullivan publicity machine of which Brady is, in herself, the biggest part. The author went for County all guns blazing in an attack which made you wonder whether Brady had penned the piece herself.

He even said "Hopefully, we won't have to deal with the likes of Stockport County on a regular basis for some years to come!"

Oh really? Well carry on with the likes of Francis' and Brady running our club and you won't have to because it'll be Second Division football and the Autowindcreens shield back at St. Andrews.

Martin Turner.

Brady...Booking feel!!



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NET NEWS

Last week the Mad Hatters entertained the Motley Crew in front of the Granada cameras. And in a couple of weeks time, the Hatters will feature on the weekly slot Team of the Week on Elton Wellbiaseds show Soccer Sunday. The County boys were really up for it and certainly looked the part, in a kit kindly supplied by the club (Many thanks!) it was a real hum-dinger of a match - If you don't want to know the score and watch it in a few weeks time without knowing the score please look away now Crewe 2 County 4. Countys goals coming from Chris Sarginson, Dave Marchbank-Smith (pen) and a brace for a certain Stuart Brennan! A game was arranged for this morning against QPR. Listen out for the result at half time.

LOOKALIKE

Some might say that making fun of Nwankwo Kanu is an unsporting gesture. But he'd know all about that, wouldn't he? Send your suggestions to stockdave@mpc.co.uk. A number of the Mad Hatters now have their very own lookalikes: see website for details.

AND FINALLY THIS JUST IN FROM BRAZIL

Santos used to be famous as Pele's team. These days, they are infamous. In the first leg of last month's Conmebol Cup final against Rosario Central, the Brazilians had two players plus coach Emerson Leao sent off and club officials hammered furiously on the referee's dressing room door at half-time making threats.

Two weeks ago, play in the first leg of the three-match Brazilian championship quarter-final against Sport Recife was held up for 18 minutes as the Santos players and their manager brawled with touchline radio reporters, photographers and truncheon-wielding riot police after a controversial penalty was awarded against them. In the second leg, Santos celebrated a 'goal' after the ball had clearly gone through the

side-netting and swarmed around ref Jorge Travassos protesting bitterly when he, quite correctly, changed his original decision and ruled it out. Eduardo Marques, who hit the controversial shot, admitted he celebrated the goal knowing the ball hadn't entered the net legally!

Santos players later accused Travassos of disallowing the goal after a touchline reporter told one of the linesmen that it

passed through a hole in the side-netting. "It was the worst refereeing I have seen in my career," claimed goalkeeper Zetti. "He disallowed the goal because the TV people told him it didn't go in."

Sport Recife director Adelson Wanderley said, "Santos are not prepared for a defeat, it is as if this possibility doesn't exist for them. And when a team thinks it has to win by any means, it's very bad."



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- Book the Manchester United player for diving. This isn't correct or constructive but anything which gets up the nose of Alex Ferguson is worth the entrance fee (or in the case of most Man Utd fans the Sky Card fee) alone.
- Seize the opportunity with both hands, flashing a yellow card, shortly followed by a red at the Chelsea player in a stupidly theatrical way. Of course.



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John Lennon of The Beatles created a storm in America this year, when comments he had made earlier at a press conference in Britain, to the effect that The Beatles were at present more popular than Jesus Christ, came belatedly to the attention of many U.S. religious groups, and also gave cause to some people who hid behind religion to conceal their bigotry, most notably the Ku Klux Klan, who began having 'Beatle Record' bonfires whilst proclaiming Lennon as 'The Devil's Emissary'. With the current tour under threat Lennon held a press conference in Chicago to publicly apologise for his comments, which he admitted had been 'expressed poorly' giving mistaken impressions and that he would be more 'guarded' in future.



"TO BOLDLY GO..."

A science fiction TV show that was aired on NBC for the first time in September of this year, and never made the top fifty in the TV rankings in its three year run, was to become one of the longest running shows in TV/Film history thanks mainly to the cult status it achieved via its fan base. "Trekkies" as the fans are known helped to make "Star Trek" and its characters world famous, the show featured the "Starship Enterprise" who's mission "to boldly go where no man has gone before" along with its crew including Captain James T Kirk, Dr 'Bones' McCoy and a half human/half vulcan Mr Spock as well as a multi racial supporting cast, the show in its current format is still being shown on TV and in cinemas around the world.

CENSORS WORKING OVERTIME . . . Lennon wasn't the only act to cause controversy during the year as several acts to reach the top ten in the UK were to fall foul of the censorship rules of other countries, in America many radio stations banned the single by Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich 'Bend It' for being 'too suggestive', in Australia the Troggs latest

single 'I Can't Control Myself' is to be the first pop record to be completely banned whilst the single by Napoleon XIV "They're Coming To Take Me Away Ha-Haaa!" which takes a comic look at mental illness is banned by radio stations on both sides of the Atlantic.

WORLD NEWS

Indira Ghandi is elected Prime Minister of India - massive floods in Northern Italy cause over one billion pounds worth of damage to arts and treasures in Florence - GPO introduce post codes - President Verwoerd of South Africa is assassinated - In Britain a loaf of bread is 3d whilst a pint of beer is 15/8d - Russian spacecraft 'Luna 9' lands 'softly' on the moon - Freddie Laker launches his self titled airline - 144 people, mainly schoolchildren, are killed in landslide in Aberfan, Wales - Britain and France agree plans for 'Chunnel' - Black Panther organisation is founded in U.S.A. - President Nkrumah of Ghana is overthrown.



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In June of this year in the Supreme Court of America issued a ruling that "The Miranda Rights" ("You have the right to remain silent... etc") become part of standard arrest procedure, therefore giving those who are ignorant of the Law or unable to seek legal advice the same legal footing as those who have the knowledge or access

THE BIZ

Frank Sinatra marries Mia Farrow - Walt Disney dies aged 65 - New films in the UK this year include 'Alfie', 'Born Free', 'The Blue Max', 'Georgy Girl', 'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly', 'A Man For All Seasons', for which Paul Scofield won 'Best Actor', Elizabeth Taylor 'Best Actress' for 'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf' - Actor Montgomery Clift dies - Actress Laura Dern and model/actress Cindy Crawford are born -

George Harrison of The Beatles marries actress/model Patti Boyd - Actor Peter Sellers and designer Mary Quant receive 'O.B.E.' from The Queen - New on TV this year 'Til Death Us Do Part' which receives a record number of complaints from the viewing public - Comedians Lenny Bruce and Buster Keaton die - Last showing of 'Ready, Steady, Go' on British TV - First showing of 'The Monkees' and 'Mission: Impossible' on U.S. TV.



MUSIC NEWS

Denny Laine, lead singer with 'The Moody Blues' quits the group - Johnny Kidd, of 'Shakin' All Over' fame dies in a car crash on a way to a gig - Elvis Presley is reportedly having 'weight' problems - Tom Jones is considering an offer to become Tamla Motown's first white British artist - The Beatles have a good year in the charts on both sides of the Atlantic with the singles 'We Can Work It Out' 'Paperback Writer' and the albums 'Rubber Soul' and 'Revolver' all making the number one spot - The Rolling Stones 'Paint It Black', Nancy Sinatra 'These Boots Were Made For Walking', The Beach Boys 'Good Vibrations' and Frank Sinatra 'Strangers In The Night' all made number one in both singles charts - The Troggs reach number one in UK with 'With A Girl Like You' and in the U.S. with 'Wild Thing' in the same week - The Supremes become the first all female group to top the U.S. album charts - 'Smokey Robinson and the Miracles' score the first UK hit single with 'Going To A Go Go'.



SPORT

Hosts England win World Cup beating West Germany (4-2 aet) at Wembley Stadium - Real Madrid win European Cup for the sixth time - Italian ski legend Alberto Tomba is born - Boston Celtics win NBA basketball title - Everton beat Sheffield Wednesday (3-2) to lift F.A. Cup - Youngest heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson is born - West Bromwich Albion win the last two legged league cup final (5-3 aggregate) against West Ham United - Baltimore Orioles win baseball world series - Barcelona win Inter Cities Fairs Cup - Tennis star Stefan Edberg is born - Celtic win league title and Scottish League Cup Double - Liverpool win league championship - Bobby Moore is voted British Sports Personality of the Year - Borussia Dortmund beat Liverpool (2-1 aet) to win European Cup Winners Cup - Rangers win Scottish Cup.



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Slick, Mick ... Just the Trick!

Skipper Mike Flynn can't keep out of the headlines at the moment with our old friends Birmingham creating the usual speculation. It hasn't affected Flynny on the pitch though - there he continues to produce heroic performances. This picture shows just why Mr Francis was so interested in our very own captain: courageous

Stats all folks ...

FIRST DIVISION ATTENDANCES AND LEADING LEAGUE GOALSCORERS 1998/99 SEASON

	TOTAL ATT	HIGHEST ATT	AVERAGE ATT	1997/98 AVERAGE	LEADING LEAGUE GOALSCORER
Barnsley	275674	18114	16216	18842	Ward 12
Birmingham City	326998	26051	19235	18751	Furlong 12
Bolton Wanderers	310908	24625	18289	24352	Gunnlaugsson 13
Bradford City	242162	15887	14245	15564	Mills 19
Bristol City	222979	16257	13116	11846	Akinbiyi 13
Bury	79764	7659	4985	6179	D'Jaffo 7
Crewe Alexandra	83564	5759	5223	5243	Jack 8
Crystal Palace	288572	20370	16974	21982	Jensen 7
Grimsby Town	110276	8674	6892	5270	Groves 12
Huddersfield Town	219876	20741	12933	12145	Stewart 17
Ipswich Town	273582	22079	16093	14893	Johnson, Scowcroft 10
Norwich City	253434	19255	15840	14445	Bellamy 14
Oxford Utd	119675	9434	7040	7488	Windass 15
Portsmouth	195990	17022	11529	11149	Aloisi 14
Port Vale	112024	10465	7002	8432	Foye 8
Q.P.R.	194497	17444	11441	13082	Sheron 8
Sheffield Utd	274562	25229	16150	17936	Marcelo 9
STOCKPORT COUNTY	134834	10263	7931	8323	Angell 16
Sunderland	645602	41433	37976	34312	Quinn 14
Swindon Town	148443	11718	8731	9506	Onuora 17
Tranmere Rovers	110120	14248	6478	8000	Irons 10
Watford	204996	20188	11389	11168	Noel-Williams 10
W.B.A.	258389	22682	15199	16636	Hughes 30
Wolves	369300	26816	21724	23253	Keane 11

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1998/99

	League Apps	GLs	Cup Apps	GLs	County League Apps	GLs
Paul Alsaker	1	-	1	-	1	-
Brett Angell	30	16	4	1	165(14)	77
Tom Bennett	-	-	-	-	94	5
Graham Branch	10(4)	3	1	-	10(4)	3
Chris Byrne	11	2	2	1	32(5)	9
Dés Byrne	2	-	-	-	2	-
Sean Connolly	26(1)	1	3	-	232(6)	3
Paul Cook	23(1)	-	2(1)	-	48(1)	3
Kevin Cooper	16(10)	1	1(1)	-	57(19)	12
Tony Dinning	26(4)	5	4	-	101(28)	13
Tony Ellis	5	1	-	-	5	1
Mike Flynn	34	1	4	-	258(1)	13
James Cannon	17(10)	-	2(2)	-	319(24)	52
Stephen Grant	1(12)	1	0(1)	-	10(19)	4
Ian Gray	-	-	-	-	3	-
Paul Hughes	7	-	-	-	7	-
Derek McInnes	13	-	2	-	13	-
Martin McIntosh	30	2	3	-	68	5
Sean Mannion	0(1)	-	-	-	0(1)	-
Rob Matthews	16(1)	1	1(1)	-	16(1)	1
Ian Moore	26	3	4	1	26	3
Carlo Nash	34	-	4	-	34	-
Eric Nixon	-	-	-	-	43	-
Wayne Phillips	7(2)	-	2	-	14(8)	-
David Smith	5	-	-	-	5	-
Simon Travis	1(7)	-	0(2)	-	4(17)	2
Aaron Wilbraham	8(15)	-	0(1)	-	14(16)	1
Colin Woodthorpe	25	1	4	1	54(3)	2
Own Goals	-	1	-	1	-	-

1998/99 SEASON DIVISION ONE DATABASE

Largest Win: HOME 7-0 Sunderland v Oxford Utd (19/9)
 AWAY 7-1 Birmingham City at Oxford United (12/12)
 Highest Crowd: 41,433 Sunderland v Crewe Alexandra (28/12)
 Lowest Crowd: 3,436 Bury v Oxford United (20/10)
 Penalty Scores:
 S - Dinning (County), Hughes (W.B.A.) 4 - Six players, 3 - Five players, 2 - Ten players, 1 - Nine players
 Total successful penalties: 78 (Home Team 53, Away Team 25)

FIRST DIVISION HOTSHOTS 1998/99 SEASON

	League	Cup	Total
Hughes (W.B.A.)	30	1	31
Stewart (Huddersfield)	17	4	21
Mills (Bradford)	19	1	20
Windass (Oxford)	15	3	18
Akinbiyi (Bristol City)	13	4	17
Angell (Stockport)	16	1	17
Onuora (Swindon)	17	0	17
Quinn (Sunderland)	14	3	17
Roberts (Norwich)	13	4	17

COUNTY GOAL TIMINGS (League) 1998/99

Minutes	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	Total
Goals Scored	3	3	10	8	6	10	40
Goals Conceded	5	8	8	7	10	4	42

TONIGHT'S VISITORS (League) 1998/99... SWINDON TOWN

Minutes	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	Total
Goals Scored	12	6	9	6	6	7	46
Goals Conceded	5	10	8	11	10	12	56

Nationwide Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GS	Pts
Sunderland	35	15	2	1	40	8	7	8	2	28	14	68	76
Ipswich	35	12	1	5	25	11	8	6	3	23	11	48	67
Bradford	34	12	3	2	37	14	7	4	6	22	20	59	64
Birmingham	35	9	7	2	25	12	8	3	6	28	18	53	61
Bolton	34	10	4	3	34	18	6	8	3	28	25	62	60
W.B.A.	36	11	2	5	38	24	4	6	8	23	30	61	53
Watford	36	8	7	3	23	17	6	4	8	28	33	51	53
Huddersfield	35	11	6	1	35	18	3	4	10	16	36	51	52
Wolves	34	8	8	1	26	15	6	2	9	21	20	47	52
Sheffield United	34	9	5	4	32	25	4	6	6	22	26	54	50
Grimsby	32	9	4	3	22	13	5	3	8	12	21	34	49
Norwich	34	6	8	2	25	18	6	4	8	21	25	46	48
Tranmere	35	6	5	6	26	22	4	10	4	22	25	48	45
Crystal Palace	35	8	8	1	33	19	2	4	12	12	36	45	42
Swindon	35	6	8	4	36	32	4	2	11	13	27	49	40
Stockport	35	5	6	6	19	17	4	7	7	21	28	40	40
Barnsley	34	5	7	5	25	20	4	6	7	14	20	39	40
Portsmouth	35	8	4	5	28	18	1	7	10	19	38	47	38
Q.P.R.	35	6	6	6	20	17	3	4	10	16	28	36	37
Oxford	35	6	5	6	22	23	2	4	12	12	34	34	33
Bury	34	7	5	5	19	19	0	6	11	9	31	28	32
Port Vale	33	7	1	8	15	23	2	3	12	18	37	33	31
Bristol City	33	4	7	6	24	29	1	6	9	18	32	42	28
Crewe	33	4	3	9	20	32	2	5	10	18	34	38	26

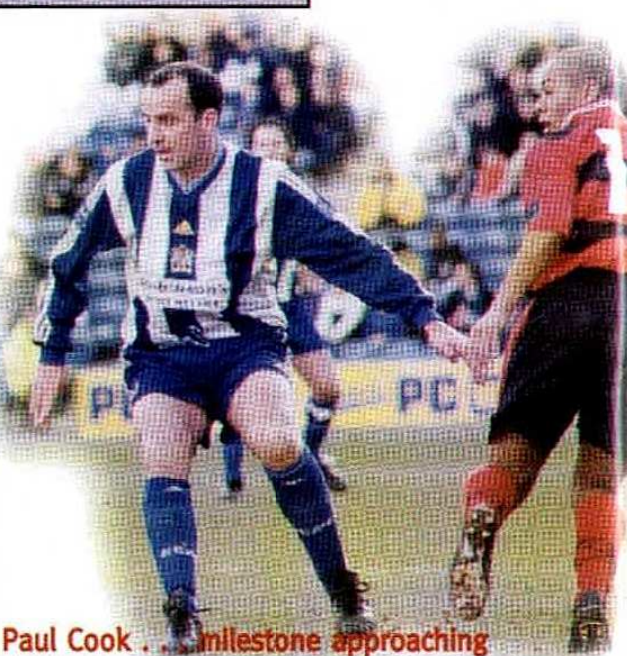
EDGELEY PARK GOAL SUMMARY

(League & Cup) 1998/99

	CHEADLE END	RAILWAY END
FOR	13	8
AGAINST	12	7

STATISTICAL SHORTS

- Gary Megson was tipped to the February Division One manager of the month award by George Burley of Ipswich Town. Despite both County and Ipswich having played a three draw one record in the month the judges must have been swayed by the fact that Ipswich played three of their four games on away soil.
- County midfield dynamo Paul Cook is a player approaching an appearance milestone. His appearance in the 3-1 defeat at West Bromwich Albion was his 49th league appearance in County colours.



Paul Cook ... milestone approaching

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With him tonight will be Danny Sullivan who is a director of Alloy Transport and Anglo European and Derek Flaherty a director of Express Metals. The lounge will be made even more lively by the presence of Peter's sons

who jointly help run the three companies. Paul Chris, Richard, Matthew and David Sullivan have become virtual ever presents at Edgeley Park and are not afraid of having a good time.

Collectively the Sullivan family have become an integral part of our corporate community and we are delighted to have them back with us tonight as our main match sponsors. If you require any further information on any of the above companies then feel free to contact them.

We thank Peter and his congregation for their support and we sincerely hope that they have an enjoyable evening with us.

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Mr Brandwood commenced refereeing in 1970 for the Lancashire F.A. from which he moved onto the West Midlands Leagueline (1980-81) and the Middle (1982-3). He joined the Football League line in 1985, became a Panel Referee in 1986 and finally in 1991 became a Football League referee. He has officiated in a number of high profile fixtures including the 1989 F.A. Cup

Semi Final Liverpool v Nottingham Forest as a lineman and in 1992 a match between England U18's and Switzerland U18's as a referee.

John, a 44 year old teacher is married to wife Sue and has 2 children, Jason aged 13 and Alex aged 9.

In his spare time he enjoys watching and participating in most sports and reading. He is also a qualified F.A. Sports Coach. We hope that he enjoys his evening at

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