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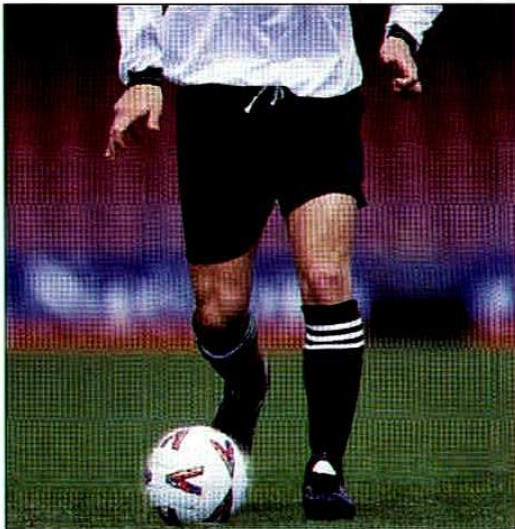


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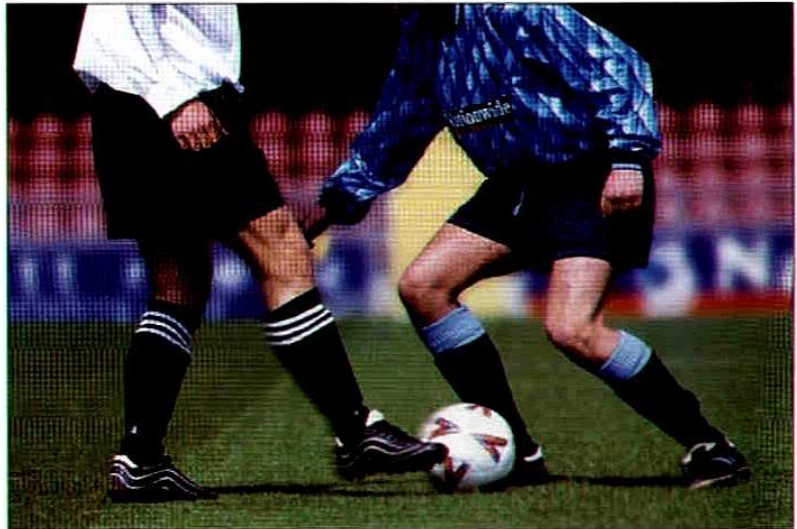
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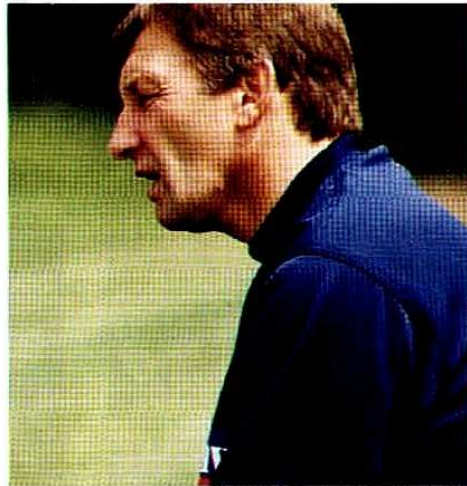
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A Warm Welcome:

Keep Believing!

Despite the disappointing results of the past week the mood at the club has never been better.

We all know it will take time for a what is in effect a completely new team to gel together and the message from Swindon Town this weekend is: Keep Believing.

Because of our TEAM ethos (Together Everyone Achieves More) the spirit both on and off the field is high - we all believe in each other's abilities to turn this club around - and we all know it is not an overnight job.

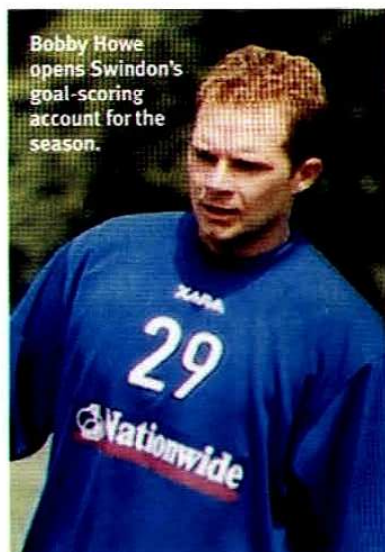
One of the early successes of this campaign has to be the new Evening Advertiser Town Ender scheme.

I was delighted to see nearly 800 fans in the Town End for our opening game against Colchester United and even more delighted to see 1300 in for the Worthington Cup game against Exeter City on Tuesday evening.

Of course the cup game gave us the opportunity to offer a 'special' £5 ticket through the Adver and it was very pleasing to see so many fans take up the offer - Mums, Dads, kids and loyal Town Enders. Thank you for your support of our club.

The relationship we have developed with the evening newspaper through this scheme shows what we can achieve through a solid business 'partnership' and I have to congratulate Editor Simon O'Neill and Sales and Marketing Manager Karen Crockett for joining forces with us to promote the club.

Throughout the season we will attempt to offer more 'special' deals to fans - especially our young fans -



Bobby Howe opens Swindon's goal-scoring account for the season.

because they are the lifeblood of this club.

There are so many 'partnership' opportunities available to all businesses in the Swindon and north Wiltshire region - please give our marketing department a call to discuss your ideas to mutually promote your industry or product.

This afternoon we are back in League action against another team relegated with us last season - Walsall.

I would like to welcome the directors, players, management and supporters of the Saddlers to the County Ground - we hope you enjoy your visit - although today I hope the points will remain in Wiltshire!

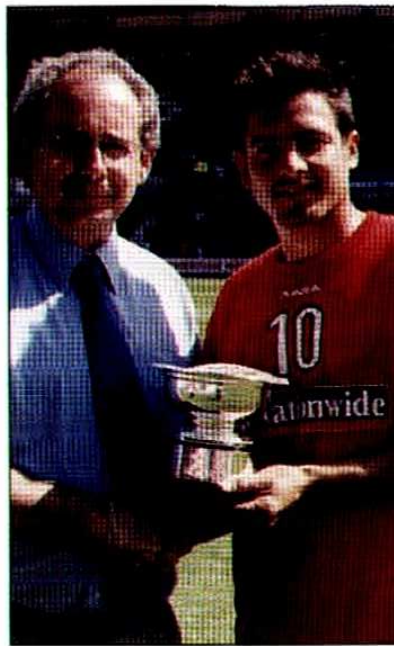
Peter Rowe
Chief Executive

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Graz wins Goal of the season 1999/2000

Pictured here is Non-Stop Promotion's Managing Director, Brian Mathieson, presenting Giuliano Grazioli with the 1999/2000 'Goal of the Season Award' prior to our last home league match against Colchester United. Grazioli now joins previous recipients George Ndah and Mark Walters (twice) as holder of this prestigious award that Non-Stop Promotions have been running for the past few years.



MATCH POSTPONED

Swindon Town's match against Wrexham here at the County Ground on Saturday 2nd September has been postponed.

Brian Flynn's side is set to be depleted by international call-ups with the full Welsh team and under-21 side playing a game against Trinidad and Tobago that weekend.



as soon as we receive confirmation.

People who have already purchased their tickets can use them for the rearranged fixture. If the rearranged date is not convenient then customers need to return their tickets 48 hours before the game for an exchange or refund!"

Commercial Manager Jackie Kent said, "We are working on a new date and will make an announcement



THE 92 CLUB

Michael Squires and his son, David, are currently in the process of visiting the grounds of all 92 Premiership and Nationwide League teams. They have visited 35 to date and hope to complete the 92 by the end of the 2001/2002 season. They are both keen Birmingham City fans so are only able to go on their travels when Birmingham are playing away from home! They would like to be the first father and son members of the 92 club.



International call ups

Two of Town's loan signings last season, Paul Thirlwell of Sunderland and Michael Carrick of West Ham Utd, have been called up to the England under-21 squad. Howard Wilkinson named his 22-man squad for the U21s friendly against Georgia at Middlesbrough included ten uncapped players.

STFC Recruitment

Swindon Town FC has vacancies in a number of areas within the club. If you are interested in Bar work, Stewarding or Operating the turnstiles **please call the Club on 01793 333700 for further details.**

I have seen horses fall and then pick themselves up to win the Grand National.

GOOD afternoon and welcome to the latest installment of this new season at the County Ground.

It is safe to say that things have not gone entirely to plan so far in this fledgling campaign, but it is still early days and I can promise there is better to come. I understand that people have been disappointed with the start of the season, but to use the word crisis is simply ridiculous. If people want to talk to me in 20 or so games, and if the situation is the same, then we can start feeling worried. It was always going to be a learning curve for us.

I have had to bring in a lot of new players here and I feel happy with the players that I have got. We have just got to make sure that they keep



grafting for each other. Things had gone reasonably well in pre-season and I know that have here a bunch of players who are honest, but a couple are probably going to be up and down in terms of consistency. I feel sure, however, they will all come through well for this football club.

We have got to improve, but results are not going to change the way I want them to play. The way we are trying to play is the right way and they know that. At the moment they

are just not doing it to the best of their ability. Why should managers change their playing ethics just because results are not going right after two games? If we did make changes then there would be even more panic going through the squad, so on the training ground we get them to pass and move, pass and move and to get back to moving the ball early.

At the moment we seem a wee bit uptight and I keep talking about the



fact that you have got to be relaxed when you play this game. They can't worry about what the manager is thinking. The manager is there to help them and we are all in it with the one objective of winning football matches. All we need is a bit of a break now and then. The other side to that is that we do need to earn the right to get that break. It is not just going to happen. In football terms you need that little bit of luck and it would be nice to just get our noses in front and take things from

there. One thing that would have helped us is a good result in the Worthington Cup on Tuesday night. It was not a good performance from the lads but the tie is not over yet. It would be nice for everyone if we can get a good cup run going, especially for the fans.

Can I just take this opportunity to say a big thanks to all those supporters who made the trip to Reading last week. You have been superb. To take 3,500 to a match

was tremendous and I understand there is a great expectancy level among you. Our standards are high and we want to meet those expectations.

You have got to keep coming and supporting us, it was disappointing for us all at Reading and I think it was fair to say that we let you down with our performance. However, one indifferent result away from home should not make you lose faith and confidence in us. This is like the marathon or the Grand National. I have seen horses fall and then pick themselves up to win the Grand National, so start placing your bets.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Colin Todd'.

Colin Todd

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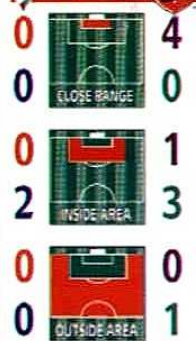
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Goalscoring Head 2 Head

in the graphics below, Robins' figure is to the left with the goals scored indicated in red and conceded in blue, Saddlers' to the right and scored in purple and conceded in green

Stats & Facts

Where



How



Top League Scorers

no scorers as yet
(Swindon Town) vs **Angell/Byfield**
(Walsall)

0 in 2	Team Goals	6 in 2
0 goals	Ratio per Game	3.00 goals
0 in 2	Player's Goals	2 in 2 (per player)
0 goals	Ratio per Game	1.00 goals
0	Games Scored In	1 (per player)
0	Games Scored 1st Goal	1 (Byfield)
0	Games Scored 1 Goal	0
0	Games Scored 2 Goals	1 (both players)
0	Games Scored 3 Goals	0

IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)

0 (0 pts)	Games Won -> Draw	0 (0 pts)
0 (0 pts)	Games Won -> Lost	2 (6 pts)
0 (0 pts)	Games Drawn -> Lost	0 (0 pts)
0	Number of points gained	6

SCORING SEQUENCES

0	Consecutive Games Scored	0
0	2 Games	0
0	3 Games	0
0 games	Maximum Scoring run	1 game

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING

0	2 Games	0
0	3 Games	0
0	4 Games	0
2 games	Maximum Dry Spell	1 game

Robins' Results

SWINDON GOALS								
OPPOSITION GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	1							
1		2						
2			1					
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								

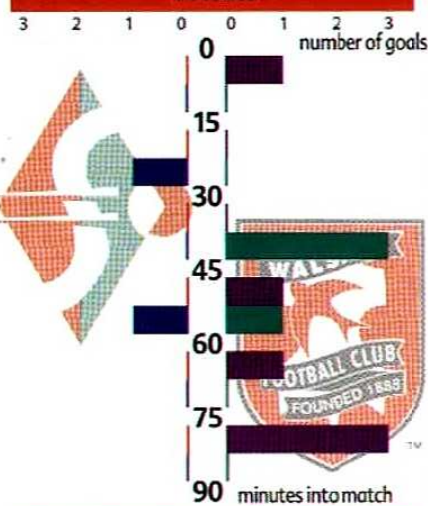
shows the number of results for each aggregate score
eg. Swindon have drawn 1 game 0-0

Saddlers' Results

WALSALL GOALS								
OPPOSITION GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0								
1								
2			2					
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								

eg. Walsall have won 2 games 3-2

When



Face2Face

Last Season:

At County Ground.....1-1

At Bescot Stadium.....0-0

Robins' Season Records:

Home Win.....none

Away Win.....none

Home Defeat.....none

Away Defeat.....0-2 Reading

Consec. Wins.....0

Consec. Defeat.....1

Saddlers' Season Records:

Home Win.....3-2 Oldham

Away Win.....3-2 Rotherham

Home Defeat.....none

Away Defeat.....none

Consec. Wins.....2

Consec. Defeat.....0

Average time of Scoring / Conceding

n/a mins	All Goals for	30 mins
n/a mins	Home Goals For	30 mins
n/a mins	Away Goals For	30 mins
90 mins	All Goals Against	45 mins
n/a mins	Home Goals Against	45 mins
45 mins	Away Goals Against	45 mins

Table shows average time taken for both teams to score and concede goals in home and away games.

Results so far...Form Guide Comparison

Robins : DL F 0 A 2 Pts 1

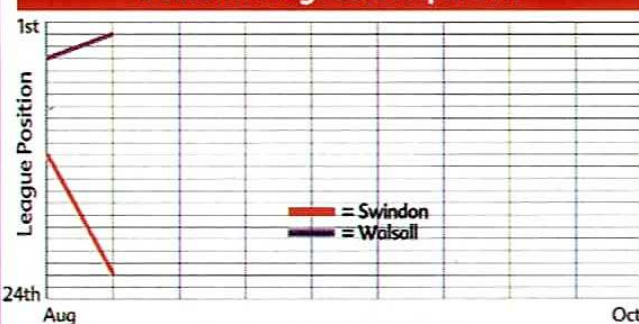
Saddlers : WW F 6 A 4 Pts 6

Form Guide shows results so far. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw. Most recent result to the right

Walsall's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

	DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	4	2	2	Rimmer	13	4,144
91/92	4	1	1	McDonald	18	3,383
92/93	3	1	2	Clarke	21	3,628
93/94	3	2	1	Peer	8	4,233
94/95	3	3	2	Lightbourne	23	4,071
95/96	2	4	1	Lightbourne/Wilson	15	3,982
96/97	2	2	1	Lightbourne	20	3,892
97/98	2	4	4	Boli	12	4,062
98/99	2	2	1	Rammell	18	5,458
99/00	1	3	2	Ricketts	11	6,779

Seasonal Progress Comparison



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Walsall Football Club 2000/2001



(From left to right) Front Row:

Chris Marsh, Dean Keates, Darren Wrack, Jorge Leitao, Ray Graydon (Team Manager), Paul Taylor (Director of Football), Tom Bennett, Paul Hall, Darren Byfield, Alfie Carter

Middle Row: Bill Jones (Youth Liaison Officer), Mick Kearns (Community Liaison Officer), Brett Angell, Andy Tilson, Tony Barras, Dion Scott, Ian Roper, Soggi Eyjolfsson, Pedro Matias, John Kerr (Centre of Excellence Director), Mick Halsall (Youth Team Manager), Duncan Russell (Physio)

Back Row: Ian Brightwell, Matthew Gadsby, Andy Rammell, James Walker, Carl Emberson, Gary Birch, Gabor Bukran.

The Saddlers...

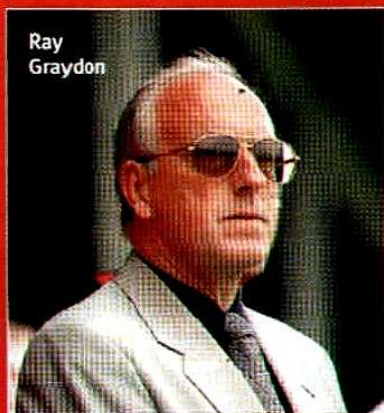
Walsall followed Fulham into the First Division at the start of last season, although the similarities between the two sides ended there. Fulham went on to spend millions and just miss out on promotion while The Saddlers battled bravely in Division One, their first appearance in that division for 10 years, it ended in failure and they were relegated in the third and final place - a harsh blow for Walsall manager Ray Graydon to take. Especially after working miracles to get the unfashionable team there in the first place. Again, The Saddlers have started another season in Division Two, but their ambition to succeed has not diminished. Ray Graydon got rid of some dead wood during the summer and has been able to strengthen his squad, signing some proven quality players. Brett

Angell, Tom Bennett and Paul Hall have added their experience to the team; both signing long-term contracts this summer after impressing during loan spells last season. That experience combined with another summer signing 22-year-old Darren Byfield from Aston Villa, the necessary ingredient of youth mixed with experience is undoubtedly in place. As their opening two results have suggested winning both their opening League matches 3-2, with Byfield already and the score sheet twice. Not much was expected from Walsall but on the evidence so far, the fans at the Bescot Stadium must be viewing the current season with a great deal of optimism.



ClubFACTS...

Name: Walsall
Nickname: Saddlers
Previous name: Walsall Town Swifts
Ground: Bescot Stadium
Capacity: 9,000
Highest League Scorer (season): Gilbert Also, 39, 1933-34



Ray Graydon

Competition for places!

Ray Graydon has admitted that he is facing a selection headache when it comes to picking two out of his three first choice strikers with Brett Angell, Darren Byfield and Jorge Leitao all pushing to start. Graydon said: "They are all different players. Brett has a history of goal scoring and that just doesn't happen by luck. "Darren is very quick and he still has

some things to learn but his two goals against Oldham will have been a big boost to him.

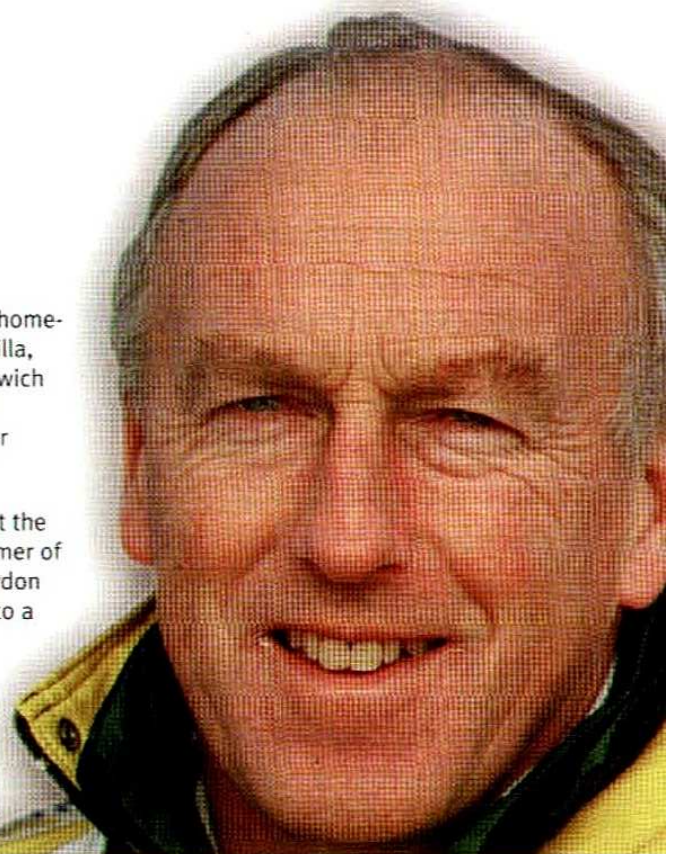
"Jorge, on the other hand, has still to settle into the side. This is hardly surprising coming into a new country, but he is a class player and like the other two will score goals for Walsall."

Ray Graydon

As a talented winger he launched his footballing career with his hometown club Bristol Rovers but really made his mark with Aston Villa, scoring the winning goal in their 1975 League Cup victory over Norwich City. After spells with Coventry City and American side Washington Diplomats he finally brought the curtain down on his playing career down the road at Oxford United.

A strict disciplinarian, Graydon commands total respect throughout the club which has worked wonders since being appointed in the summer of 1998. By sticking to the principles of hard work and discipline Graydon took a collection of locally born players and free transfer signings to a runners-up spot in the Second Division in 1998/99. Last season The Saddlers failed to hold their ground in the First Division and filled the final relegation place a full ten points above the Town.

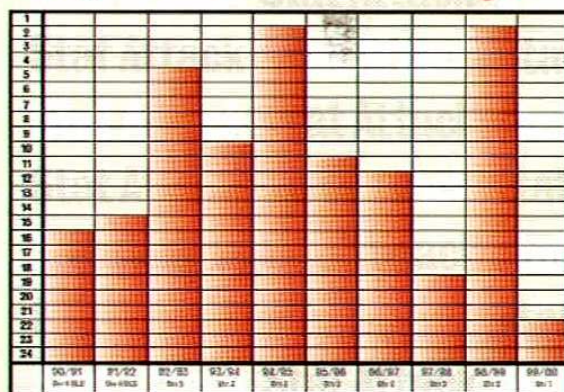
Not many fancied Ray Graydon's men this season but their opening two league matches suggest they will not find goals hard to come by - edging both games 3-2.



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Ten year record...



The last five meetings...

Swindon Town	1-1	Walsall	(DN1)	04-12-1999
Walsall	0-0	Swindon Town	(DN1)	07-08-1999
Swindon Town	1-1	Walsall	(DN2)	09-03-1996
Walsall	0-0	Swindon Town	(DN2)	23-12-1995
Walsall	2-2	Swindon Town	(DN2)	29-04-1989

Walsall...



Full time results...

Walsall	10-0	Darwen	04-03-1889	Record win
Walsall	0-12	Darwen	26-12-1896	Record loss

Club honours...

- Division Two R-up 1998/99
- Division Three R-up 1960/61, 1994/95
- Division Four Champions 1959/60

Next five fixtures...

Fri Aug 8	Walsall	vs	Oxford United	H
Wed Aug 23	Walsall	vs	Wigan	H
Sat Aug 26	Bury	vs	Walsall	A
Sat Aug 29	Luton	vs	Walsall	A
Sat Sept 2	Walsall	vs	Bournemouth	H

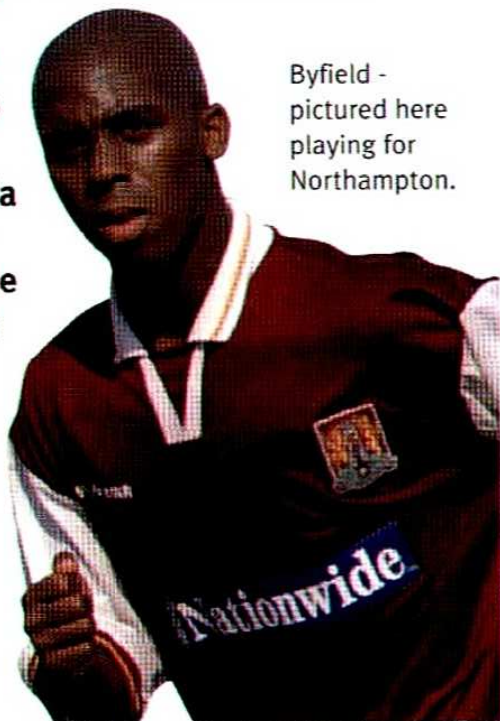
Top goalscorer's ...

Brett Angel	2
Darren Byfield	2
Darren Wrack	1

Darren Byfield young talent!

An exciting and pacy player who linked up with the club from local rivals Aston Villa in the summer after finding his path to the first-team blocked at Villa Park.

Possessing a high level of skill, he relishes the opportunity of gaining regular first-team football and with a point to prove he is sure to cause opposition defences plenty of headaches.

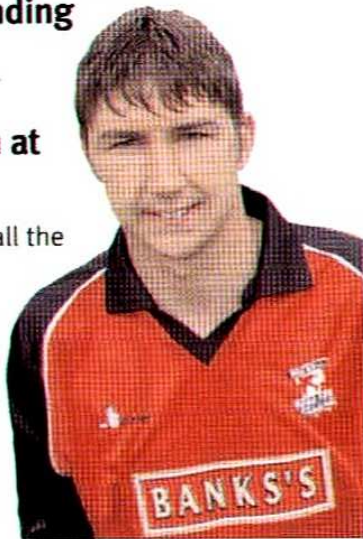


Byfield - pictured here playing for Northampton.

Ian Roper crucial player!

The young defender's outstanding development continued last season as he proved that he could more than hold his own at First Division level.

Growing in stature and confidence all the time he is now one of the most important figures in the side and is sure to get even better in years to come. An honest and dedicated professional who deserves to go far in the game after coming through a decidedly shaky introduction to his career in the game.



1 James Walker



An extremely reliable and confident goalkeeper who has proved to be an outstanding last line of

defence for a number of years, playing with a high level of consistency. What he lacks in height he more than makes up for in ability.

3 Ian Brightwell

After impressing during a spell at the club towards the end of last season the talented full back was duly snapped up on a longer contract this summer. A neat and tidy player, he gained plenty of experience during his time with Manchester City but a move into the top flight with Coventry City failed to work out and so he opted to link up with the Saddlers.

4 Tom Bennett

A midfielder of genuine quality and ability, he was signed on a two-year contract in the summer after impressing in two separate loan spells at the club last season. An influential player with plenty of presence on the field he was immediately installed as captain upon his arrival.



5 Andy Tilson

The tall and imposing defender finally put pen to paper for The Saddlers during the summer of 2000, after the club had sought his services

for years. Solid and dependable he gave fine service to former club Bristol Rovers during an eight-year stay in which he made well over 250 appearances. His experience will be vital to those around him.

7 Darren Wrack

A lively and direct wide-man who possess plenty of talent and has an eye for goal. After bring an ever-present in the side throughout 1998/98 promotion campaign he lost his way slightly last term but nevertheless showed flashes of what he is capable of and it is hoped that he can rediscover this on a consistent basis once more this term.

10 Dean Keates

The pocket-sized midfield battler has been an important cog in the Walsall wheel over the past few seasons and his displays in the middle of the park have attracted the scouts along to the Bescot. Being a local lad means that he is well

respected by the fans and his game has benefited from the Saddler's brief flirtation with Division One last season.

**11** Brett Angel

The big and bustling target-man is a summer arrival from Stockport County where he received cult status from the Edgeley Park faithful. Possessing a keen eye for goal, it is hoped that his vast experience of the game will serve The Saddlers well as they attempt to regain their First Division status.

14 Jorge Leitao

A powerful front man who is comfortable on the ball and knows exactly where the goal is. He left his native Portugal where he was studying his third-year of his Sports Science degree but found the lure of English football and completed a £150,000 deal this summer.

16 Siggı Eyjolfsson

A tall and rangy striker whose, game is improving all the time. He has a special place in the hearts of the Walsall faithful due to his non-stop effort and commitment to the task at hand. An honest and genuine lad, he was sent out on loan last season in a bid to gain some much-needed experience and now with the likes of Andy Rammell and Brett Angell around, his game is sure to come on leaps and bounds.

19 Paul Hall

Another player that put pen to paper on a longer contract with The Saddlers this summer after impressing during a loan spell towards the end of last

season. An exciting talent, whose game is rich in skill and pace, he weighed in with a number of goals during his brief spell at the club last term and it is hoped that the goals will continue to flow this time around.

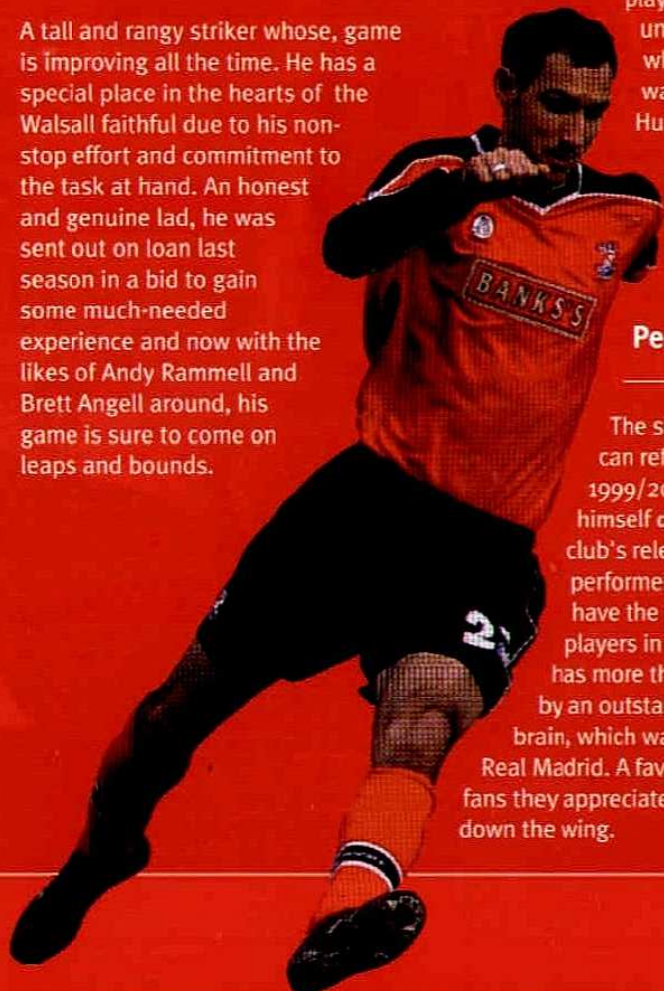
26 Gabor Bukran

A stylish performer in the heart of the side, he lost his way somewhat during the second half of last season, however, hopes are high that will be back to his best in 2000/01. 'Pulling the strings' in the middle of the park, Bukran is a

player of undoubted ability who forced his way into the Hungarian national side at the start of last season.

27**Pedro Matias**

The skilful Spaniard can reflect on a fine 1999/2000 season for himself despite the club's relegation. A tricky performer who may not have the pace of other players in his position but has more than made up for by an outstanding football brain, which was developed at Real Madrid. A favourite with the fans they appreciate his mazy runs down the wing.



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We entertained Oxford United Reserves on Wednesday afternoon and I'm pleased to say that we picked up our first win of the season beating the opposition 3-0.

The whole team worked very hard for each other and thoroughly deserved the convincing 3-0 margin of victory. What made it even more pleasing was the fact that our side was a very young and experienced



Reserve League Fixtures Season 2000/2001

Wed 16th Aug	Wycombe W.	2.00	0-1
Wed 11th Apr	Oxford United	2.00	3-0
Wed 30th Aug	Brighton	2.00	H
Wed 13th Sept	Bournemouth	2.00	A
Wed 20th Sept	Bristol Rovers	2.00	H
Wed 27th Sept	Cheltenham	2.00	H
Tues 3rd Oct	Norwich City	7.30	A
Wed 11th Oct	Colchester	2.00	A
Wed 1st Nov	Southend	2.00	H
Mon 6th Nov	Peterborough	2.00	A
Wed 15th Nov	Cambridge	2.00	H
Wed 29th Nov	Luton Town	2.00	H
Tues 5th Dec	Northampton	2.00	A
Wed 20th Dec	Barnet	2.00	A
Wed 10th Jan	Millwall	2.00	H
Wed 17th Jan	Leyton Orient	2.00	A
Wed 24th Jan	Gillingham	2.00	H
Wed 7th Feb	Q.P.R.	2.00	H
Tues 13th Feb	Crystal Palace	7.30	A
Wed 28th Feb	Reading	2.00	H
Wed 14th Mar	Brentford	7.00	A
Wed 21st Mar	Bristol City	2.00	H
Tues 27th Mar	Portsmouth	7.00	A

Ticket Prices will be included in forthcoming programmes.

side, playing against a team in which many of whom have been around a bit. It was a very good experience for the lads and I couldn't fault their attitude and the way they handled the game. That was perhaps the thing that impressed me most, the fact that they were so well organised, disciplined and committed for such a young team - they all worked very hard for each other and that was good to see.

These players are well aware of how hard they are going to have to work to get into the first team this season and I believe it is showing in the way they approach each match. It will take some time but the more games they get and the more they prove to the manager that they can make the step up to the first team then they will get their chance, it's then up to them to take that chance. Certainly their performance against Oxford on Wednesday would not have done them any harm whatsoever.

Alan Young made his mark again scoring two very good goals and looked lively throughout the match. Paul McAreavey also got his name on the score sheet with a well-directed header. Frazer McHugh battled hard in the midfield and

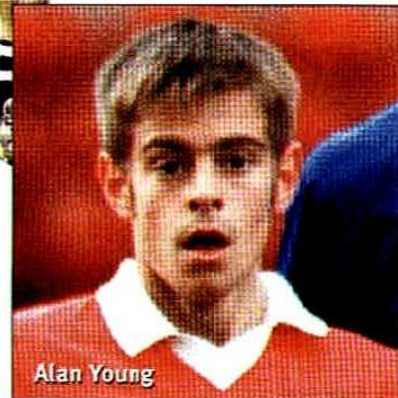
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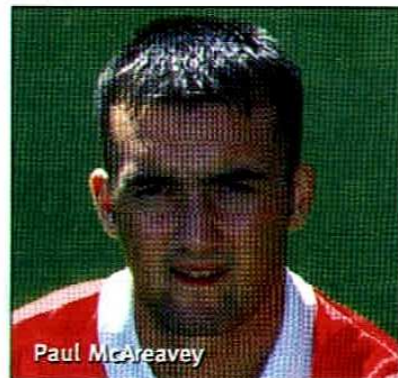
Steve Mildenhall made a couple of very good saves when he was called upon to do so. Kevin Halliday was solid at left back and another young lad, Josh Thomas did very well. It is difficult to pick certain players out because they all played well together as a team, made it very hard for Oxford and, at the final whistle, got their reward.

Malcolm Crosby

Reserve Team Manager



Alan Young



Paul McAreavey

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Youths out of the blocks with a victory.

The Under 19 youth played their first game of the season and I'm pleased to report a 2-0 victory.

It was a very good performance from our lads, particularly in the first half and we took our chances well. Adam Collier and Josh Thomas got their names on the score sheet but it was a good all-round performance over the 90 minutes.

We can't get too carried away after only one competitive match but so far, the lads have played five pre-season friendlies, worked very hard indeed and I'm very pleased with their attitude. We are now starting to see how they are learning what we are asking of them; we try to get them to be confident and play good football plus we ask them to be disciplined and learn all aspects of the game - how to defend properly, how to attack properly and how to play in different kinds of formations. So far they're doing that and I'm very pleased with them

The new Scholars that have joined us this year are also doing well. They're settling quickly which is good because it is a new experience for them and they're living away from home for the first time and it takes a bit of getting used to. The fact that they are doing so well shows that they are enjoying themselves and we're doing the right things too.

Once again, this season our 'A' side will be playing in an Under19 league. Most of our lads are coming up to 18 so they are still a year younger than a lot of the players they will be

facing this season. It was the same last year except they were two years younger! They gave a good account of themselves last season and will be better equipped for it this time around. The pleasing thing is that all my players will be able to play in the same league again next season and we will get a more accurate view of how they are progressing in terms of age groups.

"It was a very good performance from our lads, particularly in the first half and we took our chances well."

Our 'B' team will be playing in an Under17 league which our new and younger schools will be appearing. If they do well then there is no reason why they shouldn't be given a chance in the 'A' side in the older division. It will be a good experience for them and hopefully it will mean they develop faster. The Under 17 will be playing their first match on the morning of the Walsall match so we will have to wait and see how they get on.

Enjoy today's match

Viv Busby

Youth Team Coach

Under 19s Fixtures 2000/2001

Sat 19th Aug	Exeter City	H	2-0
Sat 26th Aug	Torquay Utd	A	
Sat 2nd Sept	Oxford Utd	H	
Sat 9th Sept	Bristol Rovers	A	
Sat 23rd Sept	Swansea City	A	
Sat 7th Oct	Cirencester A.	H	
Sat 21st Oct	Cardiff City	A	
Sat 28th Oc	Plymouth A.	H	
Sat 11th Nov	Exeter City	A	
Sat 18th Nov	Torquay Utd	H	
Sat 25th Nov	Oxford Utd	A	
Sat 16th Dec	Bristol Rovers	H	
Sat 13th Jan	Cirencester A.	A	
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Sat 10th Feb	Cardiff City	H	

Under 17s Fixtures 2000/2001

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Sat 2nd Sept	Torquay Utd	A	
Sat 9th Sept	Bournemouth	H	
Sat 16th Sept	Bristol Rovers	A	
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Hello everybody and welcome to a brand-new season here at the County Ground

Our courses this summer have proven to be a great success. We mentioned in the last programme notes about our first course of the holidays here at the Club. A big thank you to Antoine Van der Linden and Kim Heiselberg for giving out the prizes on the last day.

Last week saw us coach 150+ up-and-coming youngsters and on the last day Paul McAreavey and Sam Campagna gave up some of their spare time to give out the prizes. As you can see by the photos everybody was delighted to go away with a brand new Umbro ball each. Our last course of the holidays starts Thursday 29th August, so if you haven't yet signed up - give us a call on 421 303.

Finally, I must end on a very sad note. I was devastated to hear Colin Moyle, joint manager with Don Rogers of the Hungerford veterans side who recently played at Wembley, mourned the loss of his 20-year-old son in a tragic accident at work. Our thoughts and prayers are with Colin and his family at this very sad time.

Our last course is in place for the summer and the date for this is:

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29th, 30th and 31st August.

If you haven't yet booked your place please give us a call a.s.a.p. on: **01793 421 303.**

Best Wishes, Clive, Jono and Luke.



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It was great to see the youngsters out on the pitch during the interval of our last home league match against Colchester United. It must be a great feeling for them to play on the County Ground in front of all our supporters on the first game of the season.

It's important that the youngsters have had a break from football this summer as sometimes their attitude towards the game can become stale.



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We are well aware of that and try to tell them that they must have a break, because at that age all they want to do, all day, every day, is play football. The boys are always asking me, 'When are we playing?' and 'When does the Centre of Excellence start up again?' The boys have a great attitude and it shows how much they are enjoying their time at Swindon Town FC. We are very keen on our players enjoying themselves while going through their coaching

programme at the Centre of Excellence. We think players learn more when they're enjoying the coaching and their surroundings. The good news for the players is that the Centre of Excellence re-starts on September 7th at Greendown Community School.

The games programme start just before on September 3rd against Portsmouth. The players that will be involved will be contacted shortly.

Best Wishes

Phil Cannon
Youth Development Officer

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SAT 9.00 - 10.00am 5 - 8 years
10.00 - 11.00am 5 - 8 years

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6.00 - 7.00pm 9 - 11 years

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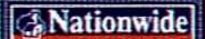
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“The best of the best”

This summer, Lazio dominated the transfer market, signing what Cragnotti described as “the best of the best”.

This summer alone, he broke the world transfer record to snap up Parma's young Argentine striker Hernan Crespo for the equivalent of £37m, as well as Inter's former Juve keeper Angelo Peruzzi and Valencia forward Claudio Lopez, although a deal for Barca's Bodo Zenden broke down.

Udinese's Italian international forward Stefano Fiore, and teammate Giuliano Gianichedda will also join next season for £24m. Cragnotti bought the club in 1992 for £15m, but could sell now for up to 20 times as much - a big return on his estimated £225m investment to date.

He told Italian daily newspaper La Repubblica: “In Italy, football is still seen as the

plaything of the rich, and not part of the entertainment industry. “This is an old-fashioned mentality. “In an epoch of globalisation when people have ever more leisure time, football is the most global business of the lot. “You tell me the name of any other product that is bought off the shelf by three billion consumers. “Not even Coca-Cola comes close to it.”

Maybe even Manchester United, Arsenal and Chelsea will be left behind by the spend-spend-spend mentality.

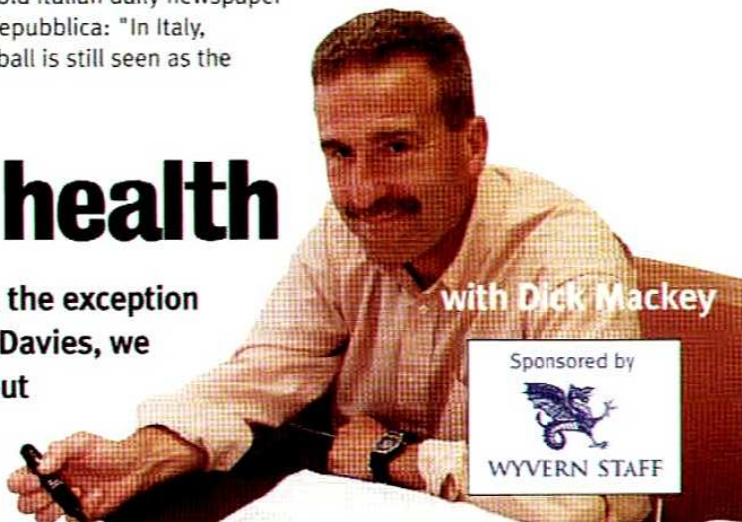
But where will it all end?

Clean bill of health

Again I'm please to report that with the exception of long-term injury sufferer, Gareth Davies, we have a clean bill of health throughout the squad.



Gareth has now returned to Lileshall to continue treatment on his injured knee. Because he's done a lot of the introductory work in his training regime he can now move onto some very intensive sessions for the next week,



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most of which will be twisting and turning; rotational work where he usually feels the most discomfort. We hope that will not present any further complications and when he returns back to the Club we can start working him back into full training.



“Cobian and myself stayed after training for a little while practising free kicks earlier in the week and I was delighted that it paid off...”

I'm looking forward to the season ahead and although the results haven't gone for us so far. I'm confident that the new manager can make us a force to be reckoned with in this division.

I enjoy the way he wants to play football and despite the fact that we're not there yet, we are beginning to do things the way he wants us to. That means retaining possession, being patient in our build-up and playing balls to feet. When we haven't got the ball, we have to work hard and work together to win the ball back.

I was disappointed to be put on the transfer list at the end of last season because I've always been very happy here in Swindon, as has my wife. I worked very hard in the summer and the Gaffer has given me another crack of the whip and I hope to grasp it with

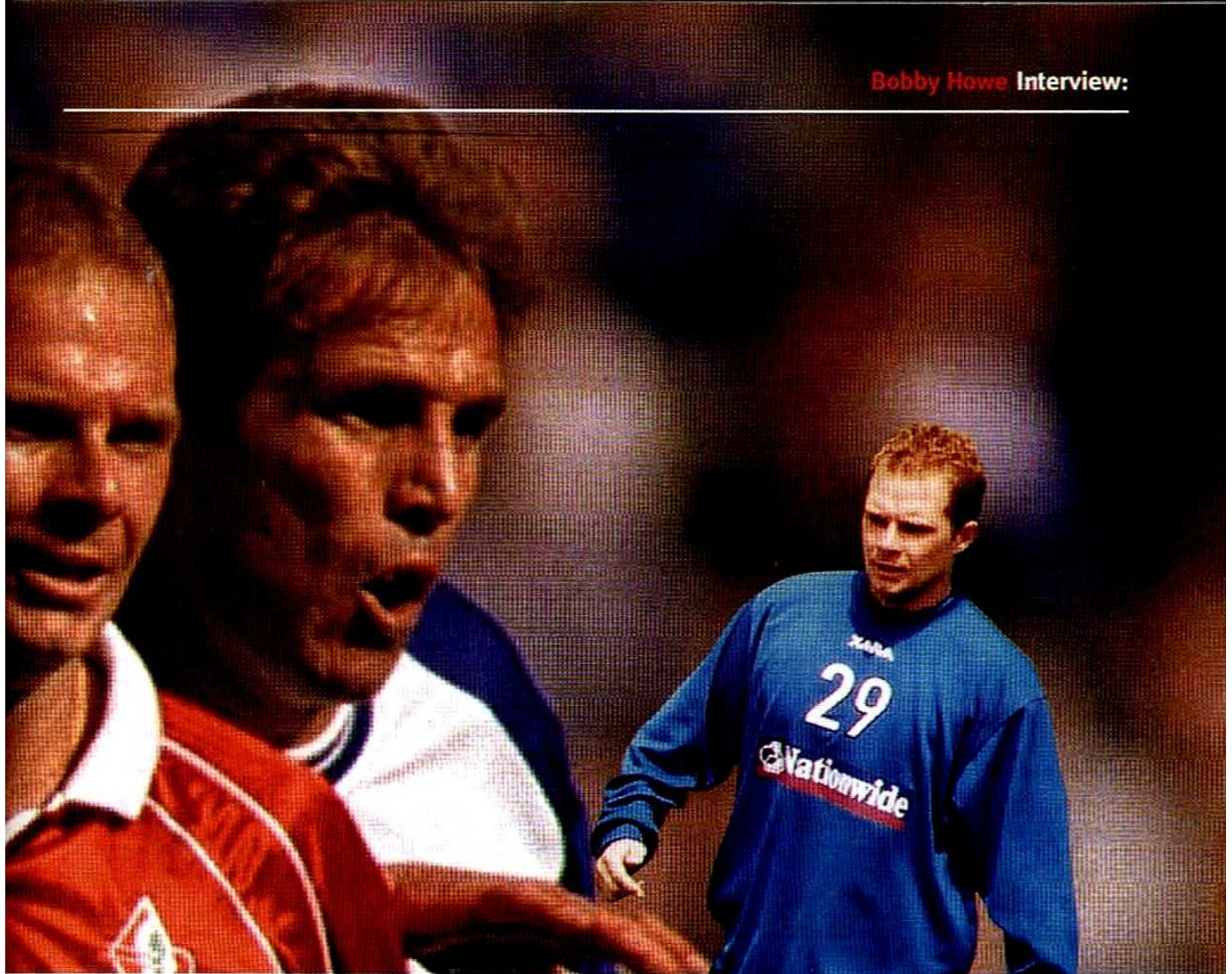
both hands. At the moment, I like to think that I'm playing well enough to get in the side and I know I can play better but so can everyone else.

“I scored a goal but it was more important for the whole team to get the result we wanted...”

It was a disappointing result on Tuesday night. We could have held out for a 1-0 win but because of the way we played it wouldn't have been a fair result because Exeter City played very well on the night. We haven't done well in this competition for a few years but saying that, it's only half-time in the tie and we very confident we can turn it around and win the match in Exeter.

I was very pleased to be back in the starting line up for Swindon Town. It was frustrating to be out of the side in our first two matches but my chance came along as it always does and all I can do is hope that I did enough to warrant a start on Saturday. I scored a goal but it was more important for the whole team to get the result we wanted, which unfortunately we failed to do. Funnily enough, Juan Cobian and myself stayed after training for a little while practising free kicks earlier in the week and I was delighted that it paid off. As soon it left my boot I knew it was on target and the keeper was going to have to work but until it hits the back of the net you can take nothing for granted.

The Gaffer wasn't happy with the way we played, especially in the second half of the match, and he has every right to because we gave up



possession of the football far too easily for a team at home. It felt like deja vous from last season - we did quite well in the first half but in the second we sat back far too deep and invite pressure - and because we sat back we struggled to get into forward positions where we can hurt sides. Our forwards were not really given the service they need if they are to get goals this season. It's something we need to work on because we're not giving them enough quality balls.

We weren't happy because the standards we have set ourselves are a lot higher than that and although it will be hard work achieving those standards, they are by no means out of reach. We will probably have to relax a little if we are going to improve. We still have a fairly young team with some new players as well and it will still take a little time to get

to know how everybody does things on the pitch. Everybody is trying very hard to impress the Gaffer, maybe a little too hard sometimes but if we can settle down and play the kind of football we know we are capable of then things will get a lot brighter.

Thankfully we get another go at it on Saturday afternoon and again on Monday so hopefully we can be happier with the way we played and also that I have had another chance to show what I can do for the team. We have to bounce straight back, come out as men, take responsibility on the ball and try our hardest to get our first win of the new season.



PlayerSTATS...

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Height: 5ft 7in

Weight: 10st 4

Position: Midfield

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Adam Willis 5

Position: Defender
 Born: 21/9/76, Nuneaton
 Height: 6'1"
 Weight: 12.2

Released by the Sky Blues after failing to make the grade in the Premiership. Adam was called into action from the reserves towards the end of last season to cover for injuries and suspensions. Adam worked very hard in the gym after training to improve his physical presence and it paid off. His confident displays earned him a place in the starting line-up on merit and he was rewarded with a new contract under Colin Todd after being previously told that he could leave the club.



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There was a moment during the second half of last week's derby clash

at Reading when the hairs on the back of my neck stood on end. Town were already dead and buried, the match was lost and football pride had already switched hands to the Royals. However, that did not stop the Swindon supporters from showing they simply had the best supporters. While Reading had even struggled to fill up one side of their state-of-the-art ground, Swindon had taken a huge 3,500 army of red to cheer the lads on. Chants of Swindon 'till I die and I can't help falling in love with you swept around the Madejski as the mass support behind the south goal roared on their team. Unfortunately the players were unable to respond, but that did not stop the fans from having their say on the proceedings.

The chilling sound of Swindon, Swindon, Swindon echoing around the ground and the sight of a wall of red swaying too a fro was something to behold and something which has been sadly lacking in recent years. I know the players appreciated it. Adam Willis was quite stunned and at the same time disappointed that he was unable to repay the fans with a win. I just hope that the defeat against Reading does not mean the end of this supporters revival. It would be nice to think that we could witness a similar atmosphere again today against Walsall and also when we travel up to Port Vale on Monday. These next two matches are against sides who dragged along on our coat-tails as we fell from Division One last season. Walsall have made a storming start to the new campaign and Port Vale at least beat Oxford last week. Now all three of us are in new surroundings and our one priority is to get back to Division One. One thing is for sure, if we continue to get the levels of support seen last week then it will

give us more of a chance for success. This has not been an easy start to the campaign for anyone connected with the club but it is no use any of us losing our heads and running about panicking. This is a time for calm and patience. I went down to watch the lads train on Monday and I can tell you they were working hard. Not one member of this squad is happy with the way things have been going on the pitch and let's hope that they can turn their determination into performances and then points. It is hard to realise that we have only had three games of the season. Today, however, I see as a pivotal match in our early season. Walsall are a strong team who I expect to be there or thereabouts when it comes to promotion at the end of the campaign. If we can get a good result today then maybe it will just inject that bit of belief the lads require.

Enjoy the game and
come on you reds

Matt Reeder
Sports Editor

"A game of two halves ... The boy done good ..."



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Footballing cliches. "a game of two halves ... the boy done good ... the season's a marathon, not a sprint." Ah yes, everybody uses them. But that last one is highly relevant. Many football pundits have already started talking about the top and bottom of league tables. After just

two games??? Excuse me? Does it REALLY matter? What matters to Colin Todd and our "Barmy Army" is that the Robins haven't made the best start to the new campaign. Walsall manager Ray Graydon will be delighted that his side is off to a flier. Even though it's extremely unlikely that the Division Two table will bear any resemblance to the current one come May 2001. Take the Premiership, for example. Two seasons ago, Charlton won their first five or six games ... fell apart .. and were then relegated. Bradford made a good start last season, but only just survived. Perhaps it's unwise to concern ourselves with early season results - so much could change. After all, any side with new players needs time to gel. Today, we welcome Walsall ... fresh

from last week's remarkable comeback and victory over Rotherham. Unsurprisingly, a major factor in their excellent start has been prolific striker Brett Angell. Let's hope our boys find the net today ... and get that first league win of the season. That's all that really matters today.

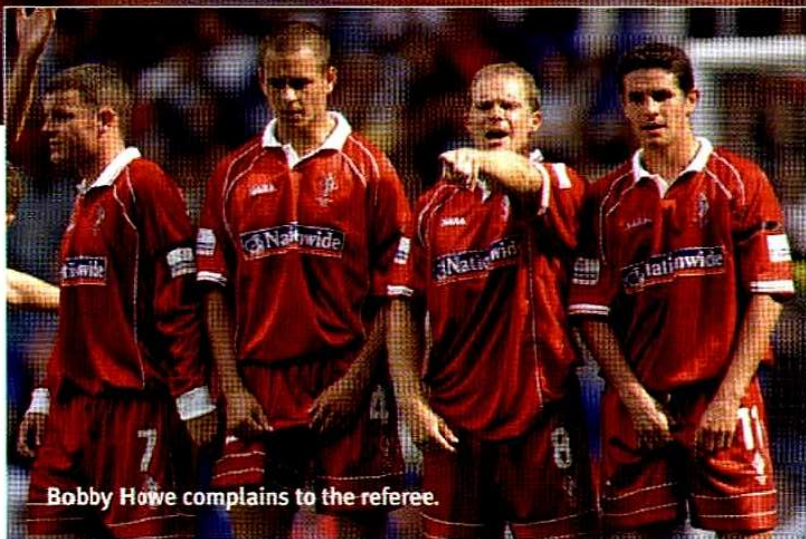
The legendary Liverpool manager Bill Shankly rarely talked in cliches. He knew what the sport meant to you and I: 'Some people believe football is a matter of life and death. I'm very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that.'

Exactly.

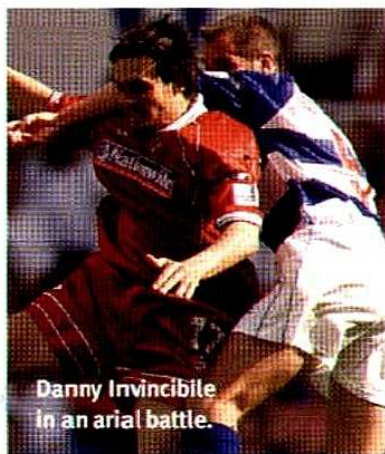
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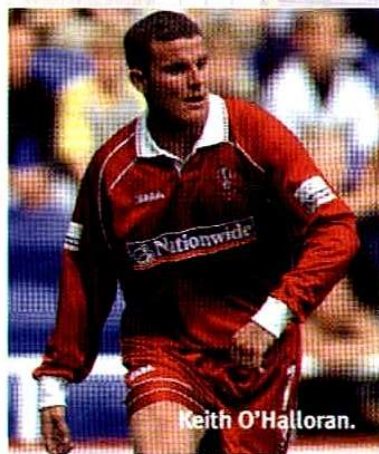
Reading: 2



Bobby Howe complains to the referee.



Danny Invincible in an arial battle.



Keith O'Halloran.

Reading:

- Whitehead
- Gurney
- Hunter
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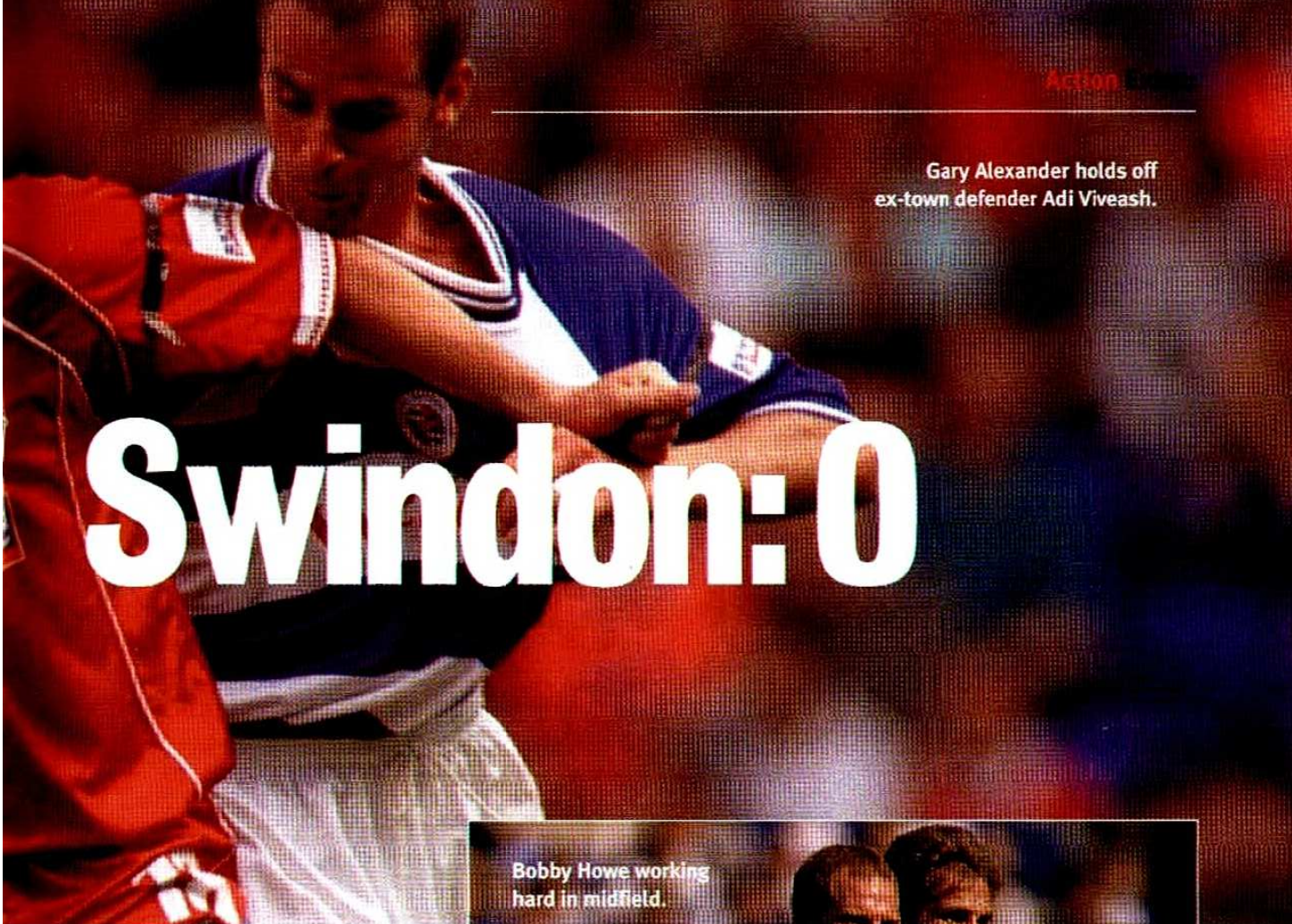
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Gary Alexander holds off ex-town defender Adi Viveash.

Swindon: 0



Bobby Howe working hard in midfield.

Swindon Town:

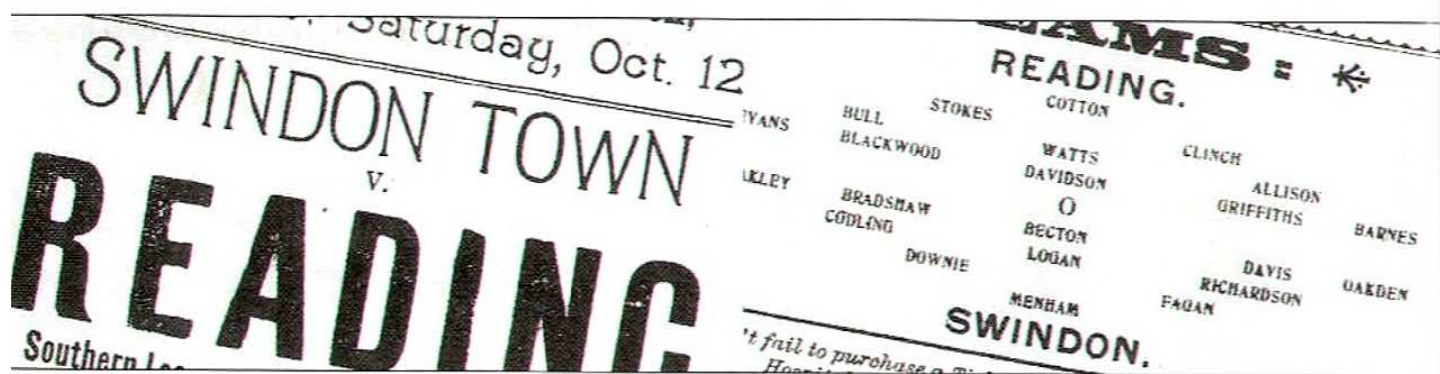
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Football Programmes Down The Years

A series of articles by the Editor of PROGRAMME MONTHLY & FOOTBALL COLLECTABLE magazine describing how programmes have changed over a century and a quarter of Association Football

2. Nineteenth Century Teamsheets

The first ever football programme is probably lying undetected in an old suitcase in an attic; or lining an antique cutlery drawer; or it may be displayed in one of the football museums which are springing up at clubs around the country. Quite frankly, we do not know with certainty which was the first ever fixture to have a team-sheet printed and distributed to spectators, but we can take a pretty educated guess at how it looked.

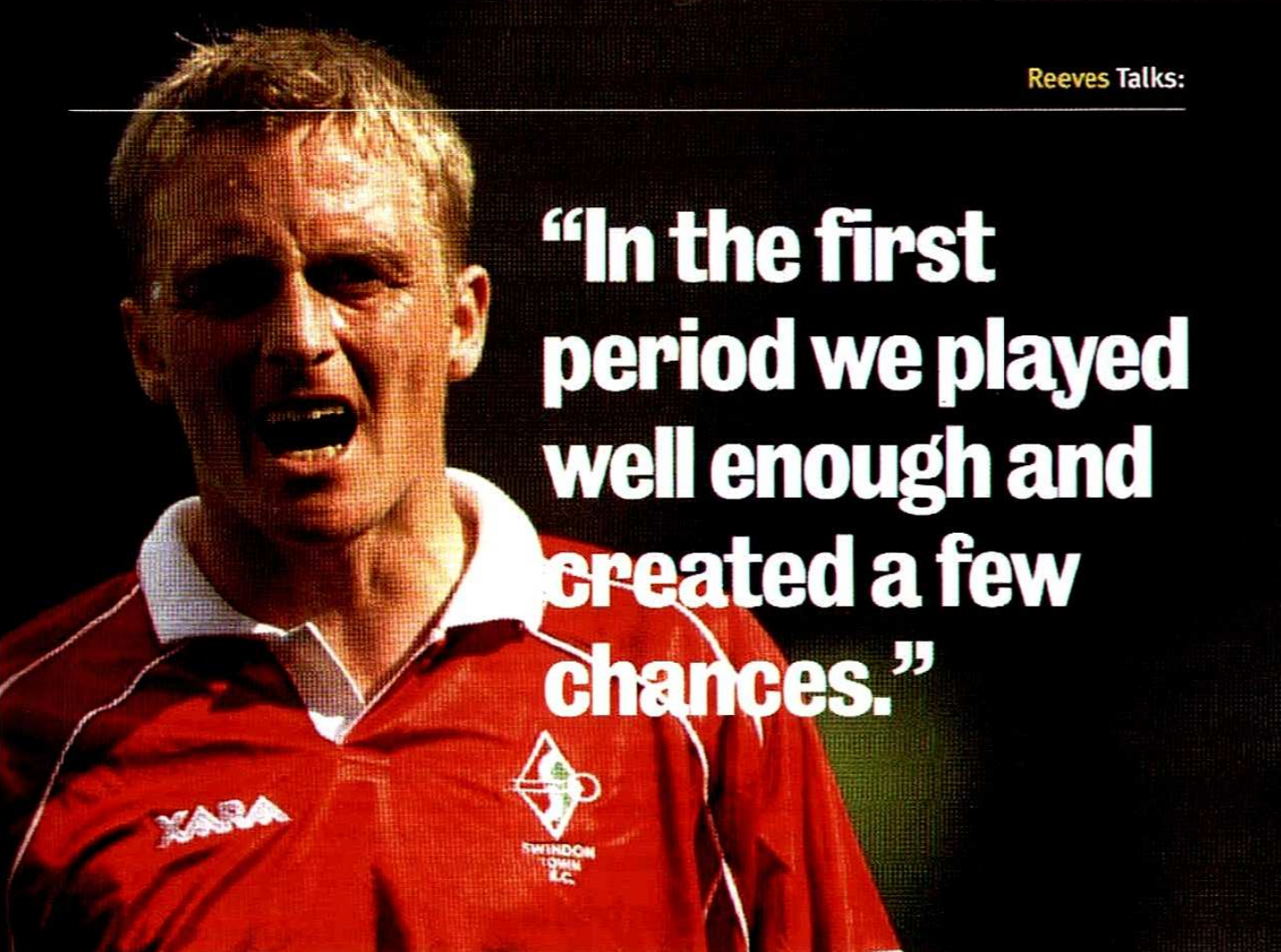
The purpose of the earliest programmes was to identify the players and advise spectators of forthcoming fixtures. There were no team numbers on the backs of Victorian football shirts, but players did sometimes have distinguishing features, whether in the colour of their stockings, or the type of cap or cowl they wore. Certainly, there were well defined formations - firstly 2-2-6 and then 2-3-5 - and spectators were

able to identify the players from the positions they took up on the field, which corresponded to the formation in which their names were printed on the teamsheet.

Thus for the match between Queen's Park and The Wanderers on 9th October 1875, the home team's "Centre Back-up" (centre half) C. Herriot was to wear a "Black and white cap - no stocking" while C.W. Alcock, the Wanderers Captain and Centre would wear a "Cap - blue and white chequers". The front of this card would be recognisable as a programme / team sheet today - it had the teams, referee and umpires and fixture details. If there was printing on the reverse, it would likely be a fixture list, perhaps incorporating results to date, and details of forthcoming fixtures. When Heart of Midlothian visited Royal Arsenal at Plumstead on 30th March 1891 the large single sheet had match details and team selections on one side, and on the reverse was printed a poem, which served as the welcome to the visitors. At the foot of

the page were four small advertisements for local traders. In April 1893, at the Ardwick Ground, Hyde Road, Manchester (home of the club which evolved as Manchester City) Bolton Wanderers and Newton Heath (now Manchester United) contested a Manchester Senior Cup Final and the team sheet, sold for 1d, listed the teams with spaces to record the result and goalscorers. As the game developed around the turn of the century, so did its programmes, and as football left the Victorian age, match programmes assumed some of the familiar features by which we recognise them today.

* "Programme Monthly & Football Collectable" contains up to 150 pages each month on all aspects of programme collecting. The current edition is available priced £2.30 (inclusive of postage) from 46 Milton Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY1 1TL or send 9 x 1st class stamps.



“In the first period we played well enough and created a few chances.”

I was lucky enough to be selected as captain on Tuesday night after the Gaffer had made a few changes in the side for the Cup match.

Again, like last year, it was a great honour to lead the team out as captain but after the way things went this summer I'm just happy to be in the team at the moment.

We were all quite disappointed after Tuesday's result but especially frustrated with our second half performance. In the first period we played well enough and created a few chances. Bobby Howe managed to get that vital first goal of the season, scoring a superb goal from a set-piece against a team that had set their stall out for a draw.

In the second half we let them come at us a bit, we didn't retain as much possession as we should and we let them back in to the match. The goal

Exeter scored was of our own doing - myself and Matty Hewlett had a bit of a mix-up. Personally, that was the most disappointing thing. I thought we had played well at the back for the most part of the match but when you don't punish sides at the other end you are always open to conceding a sloppy goal. It may have something to do with the fact that we're still getting to know how each other play, but we have to start cutting out the silly errors.

When Exeter equalised I think we panicked a bit which didn't help. We had been creating chances by holding possession, playing the ball around and drawing them out. Unfortunately, we started to give the ball away too much, especially by hitting long balls into the penalty area, which the keeper was collecting quite comfortably. I know the Gaffer would still prefer us to be patient and wait for our opportunities and be confident in our own ability to create

them. At the moment Colin would rather us give away a five-yard ball along the floor than a 30-yard ball in the air because at least we are still trying to play football in the style he would like.

At the moment teams are coming to the County Ground and sitting back, they're really working hard to break us down and apart from the goal on Tuesday night, Bart didn't have a shot to save. I think Walsall may play it differently on Saturday and they'll be buzzing after their good start to the season but we must still play our own game and force them back into their own half. We must believe in ourselves a little more, but saying that, we're still confident that we are a good side, we proved it in our pre-season matches. It might take a while to get going but we're lucky enough to have two games in three days this weekend and it could have all changed.



Jamie Cureton

Livermore signs new deal

Millwall midfielder David Livermore has committed himself to the club for a further three years after agreeing a new deal.

Livermore, signed from Arsenal for £30,000 last year, has established himself in the Second Division side at the expense of Marc Bircham. "I feel a part of things here and I want to be a part of Millwall's future success," said the 20-year-old midfielder.



Reading finding a Cure

Last week's winners in our local derby, Reading, have splashed out again, this time on Bristol Rovers striker Jamie Cureton for £250,000.

The 24-year-old striker scored 23 goals for Rovers last season and that's why Rovers fans believe Reading are getting their top striker on the cheap. This sale has left Rovers' manager Ian Holloway struggling for a potent strike force especially after Jason Roberts, who finished top scorer last season with 24, joined West Brom in a £2m deal recently. Holloway has used some of his cash by temporarily plugging the gap with the loan signing of Mickey Evans from West Brom. Evans, 27, previously had spells with Plymouth Argyle and Southampton but failed to make his mark at the Hawthorns. Rovers Vice-Chairman Geoff Dunford insisted: "Players' values have definitely dropped in recent months. We found that with Jason Roberts and now we have discovered with same with Jamie".

Bermudan trial angle

New Luton manager Ricky Hill has made his sixth summer signing after Bermudan international Tommy Carter put pen to paper on a three-month contract.

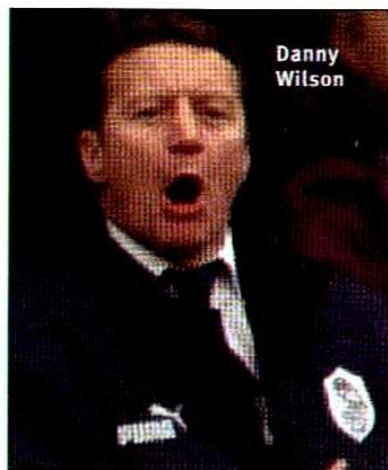
The Hatters need to improve their record in front of goal and the 23-year-old striker impressed during a summer trial at Kenilworth Road. Hill believes Carter has the potential to provide that much-needed cutting edge the Hatters need. Hill said: "Tommy has worked hard whilst he has been with us. He has the skill and he now has to prove to us he can have an impact at this level, which could earn him a longer deal!"

In fact, Sunday stints are likely to become a regular part of City's season under the new boss, who will use them for loosening off muscles and joints.

Wilson said: "I think it's important for all players these days to get rid of any stiffness on the day after games so we shall be doing it regularly. "It is not a time for tactical discussions or working on things, which can be left until Monday mornings, but the Sunday get-togethers serve a valuable purpose in terms of fitness".

No rest on Sunday's

Bristol City manager Danny Wilson was so unhappy at his sides 2-1 home defeat at the hands of Stoke City last Saturday that he ordered his squad in for Sunday training, but insisted it was nothing out of the ordinary.



Canaries to fill Bellamy hole



Norwich City manager Brian Hamilton is searching for a striker to replace Craig Bellamy who left to join Coventry City in a £6.5m deal last week.

Lomana Lua Lua



It is rumoured that Colchester's Lomana Lua Lua could be the one Hamilton turns to after the youngsters bright start to the current campaign. It is believed that Norwich City could face competition from Newcastle, Ipswich and Tottenham for his signature.

Meanwhile, former Barcelona junior, Jean-Phillipe Javary made his Bees debut coming on as a substitute last Saturday after joining from Raith Rovers for £150,000 and made a good start to life in the Second Division. Noades said: 'He gets around the pitch well and looks classy on the ball. He'll do us just fine.'

Posh need Lee



Jason Lee



Peterborough boss Barry Fry has admitted that his Blues side need long-term injury worry Jason Lee back in action as soon as possible.

The Posh target man, who signed a three-year deal at London Road in March after playing on loan from Chesterfield, has been out of action since he sustained a knee injury in the first leg of United's play-off semi-final against Barnet. Fry said: "Obviously I'm keen to get him back into action as soon as possible. He's a magnificent player and he has a presence about him both on the pitch and in the dressing room."

Leicester monitor Rowlands

New Leicester boss Peter Taylor is keeping a close eye on Brentford midfielder Martin Rowlands.

Rowlands, a £25,000 signing from Farnborough two seasons ago, impressed Taylor while he was in charge at Gillingham but now has the finances to strike a deal. However, Brentford boss, Ron Noades has slapped a £3m price-tag on the Republic of Ireland Under21 international to ward off any Premiership onlookers. Rowlands signed an improved deal with the bees during the summer and would only fancy the move if he were guaranteed first team football at Filbert Street.

Swans' selection

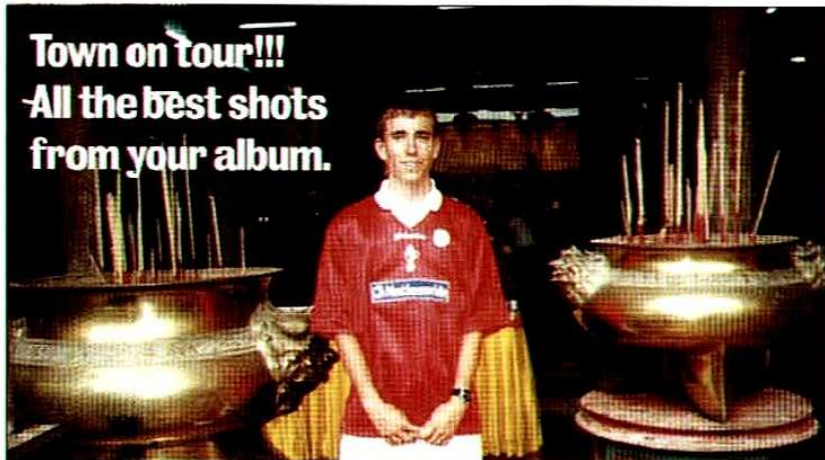
Wales boss, Mark Hughes, named his Welsh squad for their World Cup qualifier against Belarus on September 2.

Freestone excelled in Wales' 3-0 friendly defeat against Brazil on May 23, and the Swansea goalkeeper is the man Hughes has chosen to back-up Southampton's Paul Jones.



FanScene

The page that puts you in the picture...



Town on tour!!!
All the best shots
from your album.

Here Jon Shepherd answers our 'Show yer Colours appeal' from last season.

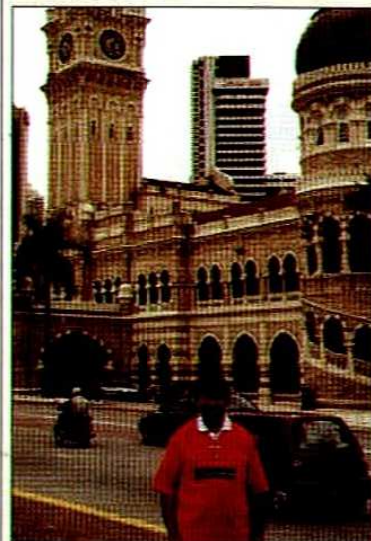
He visited the Island of Penang and 'Showed his Colours in between these huge jugs outside a Buddhist Temple. Jon, 15, has been a season ticket holder since he was 6-years-old.

'SHOW YER COLOURS'

Don't forget to send us your top snaps featuring you in your STFC kit - Send them to:

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Town's Show yer Colours specialist is back!!!



Ken MacKenzie from Kintbury is pictured here 'Showing his Colours' in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He is stood outside of a very colonial style building. Keep up the good work Ken!

Ooh are ya?



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All in this programme

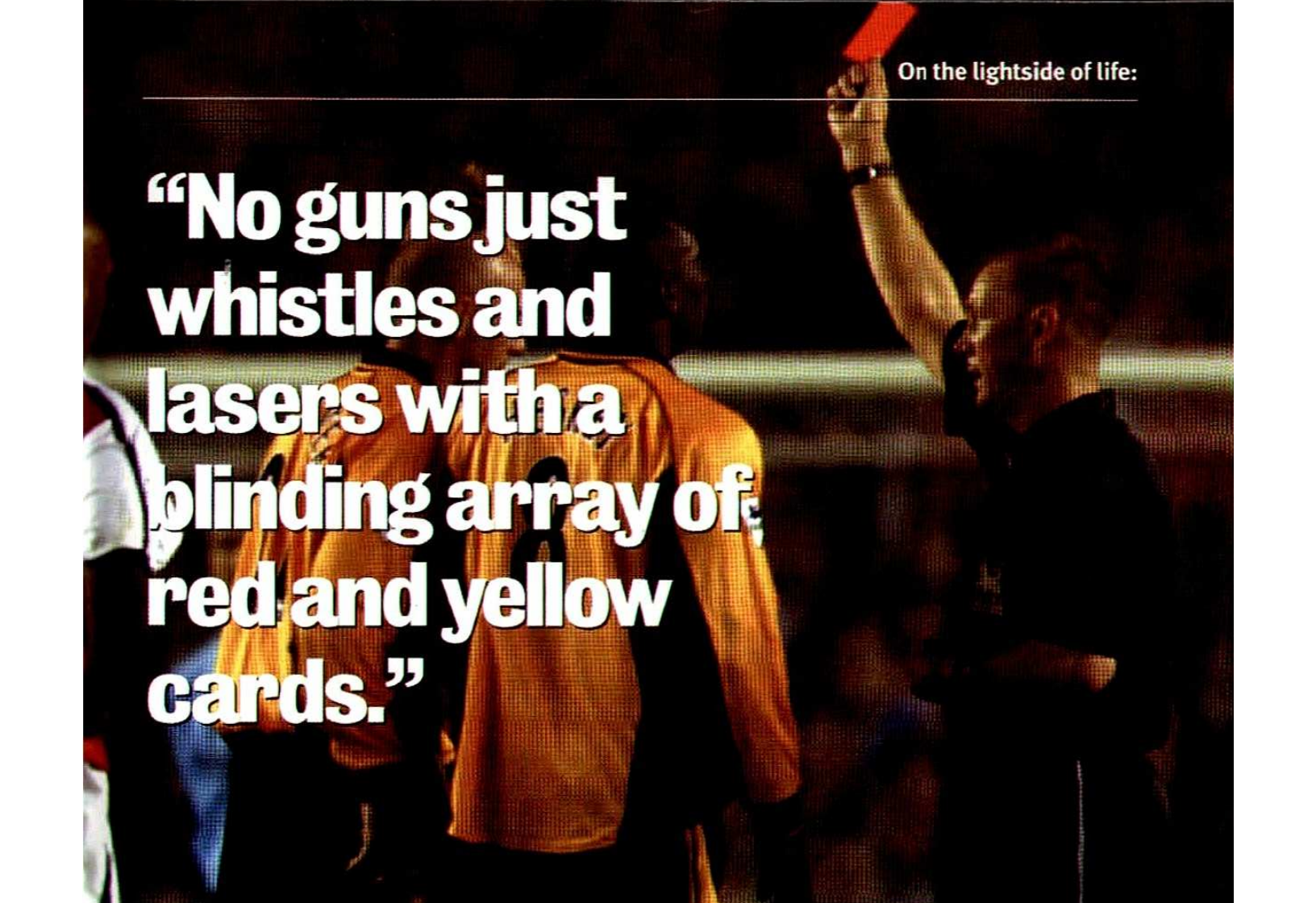
Question Time!

1. How many points separated First Division leaders Charlton and the Town last season at the time of last season's 1-0 victory at the Valley?
2. Who scored Town's goal in last seasons 1-1 draw against today's visitors?
3. Which ex-Town defender scored for Walsall in their 2-1 victory over Sheffield United last season?
4. Town's record fee paid was £800,000 to West Ham for Joey Beauchamp, but whom did West Ham buy from Walsall for a then record fee of £600,000 in 1988?
5. Which former Manchester United striker pitched-in with 8 goals last season for Walsall?

Whose badges?



Answers:
Ooh are ya: 1. Ray Graydon 2. Alan Reeves 3. Matt Hewlett
Question Time:
1. 54 2. Michael Carrick 3. Adi Huseinovic
Whos badges:
4. David Kelly 5. Mark Robins
Derby County, Millwall and Wimbledon



“No guns just whistles and lasers with a blinding array of red and yellow cards.”

Here come the Men in Black, be afraid be very afraid.

These may not be the MIB's sung about by Will Smith but they are just as determined and twice as ruthless. No guns just whistles and lasers with a blinding array of red and yellow cards.

After watching the Arsenal v Liverpool match on Sky I was left scratching my head. How could a potentially great game have been so roundly spoiled by a referee who appeared embarrassingly keen to deflect the attention away from the match and onto himself. After sending off the usually passive Gary McAllister for a challenge that looked far worse than it actually was, he ensured his place on the back page of the following days newspapers by sending off Patrick

Vieira for the second time in three days. Admittedly, Vieira was charging around like the proverbial bull in a china shop at the time, but Vieira clearly made contact with the ball and the dismissal was totally unnecessary. If decisions like the ones seen in the game last night continue then the Premiership will be a poorer place mainly because the likes of Vieira will decide to ply their trade elsewhere.

So after only two games of the Premiership, footballing talk is already being dominated by topics outside of the game itself. So here's a quick list of the winners and losers in the first week of the season.

WINNERS

1) Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink & Mario Stanic - Managed to make more of

an impact in 90 minutes than Chris Sutton did in an entire season.

2) Charlton - Triumphant return to the Premiership although it does remind me of a result they achieved last time they came up?

3) Sunderland - For showing that the resolve that was present last season is still thriving.

LOSERS

1) David Seaman - Not only did he flap at the cross but now also looks like he belongs in a period costume drama with that stupid pony tail.

2) Patrick Vieira - Temper management obviously didn't achieve its aim.

3) Gary McAllister - Sent off within 40 minutes of his Liverpool debut.

Two for the Ladies

The Town Ladies have been training for the past month and in recent weeks have been playing pre-season friendlies.

The first of these matches was against Barry Town who have just been promoted to the National League Premier Division. To make it easier to make changes the game was played in three 30-minute periods. The Town took a mix of senior and younger player and although they played well were beaten by the odd goal in each of the 30-minute sessions.

The following week a senior squad travelled to London to take part in the Wimbledon 'Crazy Gang Challenge'. The Town finished top of their section wining every game against two National League Premier Division teams and a Division One side. In the semi-final, against Wimbledon, the game went 'Golden

Goal' but the Town lost out. Wimbledon then went on the play Fulham, who have just become the first club to become professional in the final.

Last Sunday the Town entertained Southampton Saints and again three half hour periods were played and once against the Town lost each session by the odd goal. 20 players were used and it was useful being able to use players in different teams and formations.

The new season starts on Sunday 3rd September when the first team visit Bristol City and the Reserve entertain Burnham.

**For information contact
Roger Reeves on: 01793 693045.**

South West Combination League Fixtures 2000/2001

3rd	Sept	Bristol City	A
10th	Sept	Clevedon Town	H
17th	Sept	Oxford United	A
24th	Sept	Saltash Pilgrims	H
1st	Oct	Denham United	A
8th	Oct	Yeovil Town	H
15th	Oct	Southampton	A
22nd	Oct	Bristol Rovers	H
29th	Oct	*AXA* FA Cup	1st
5th	Nov	Cheltenham Town	A
12th	Nov	*AXA* FA Cup	2nd
19th	Nov	Denham United	H
26th	Nov	Reading	A
3rd	Dec	Denham United	LC 2
10th	Dec	Portsmouth	H
17th	Dec	Bristol City	H
7th	Jan	Clevedon United	A
14th	Jan	Oxford United	H
21st	Jan	Saltash Pilgrims	A
28th	Jan	Yeovil Town	A
4th	Feb	Southampton	H
11th	Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
18th	Feb	Cheltenham Town	H
4th	Mar	Reading	H
11th	Mar	Portsmouth	A



Katy Lemon helped out with summer football courses in Wootton Bassett.



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Matches from Memory

By Dick Mattick



For much of the 1974/75 Season Swindon had been in contention for promotion and a return to Division Two at the first time of asking.

Four consecutive away matches, at Preston, Gillingham, Blackburn and Colchester, all ending in defeat, and producing only a solitary goal in the form of a Trollope penalty, meant that when they faced up to Walsall, a win was Town's only hope of keeping in the race.

Frank Burrows returned to the Swindon team following a late fitness test and lined up alongside Colin Prophet, who played despite having undergone an operation on a broken nose only a few days earlier. A heavy downpour, half-an-hour before the kick-off, left the already muddy County Ground pitch in a dreadful state. Swindon got the stroke of fortune they needed in only the second minute. Mike Kearns in The Saddlers' goal produced a brilliant reflex save to keep out a header by Trevor Anderson, only to see the ball land at the feet of John McLaughlin who



thundered it home. Following this lucky start Swindon were unfortunate to lose Joe Butler after 15 minutes, when he collapsed with recurrence of a knee injury and gave way to Kenny Stroud. Swindon looked second best for most of the first half. Clever short passing

“Jim Barron was Swindon’s saviour being at full stretch to stop efforts...”

movements saw Walsall have the bulk of the possession and although they failed to carve out clear chances early on, as half time approached Jim Barron was Swindon's saviour, being at full stretch to stop efforts by Taylor and Alan Buckley as well as cutting out a number of dangerous centres.

Danny Williams made a tactical switch at half time calling on Peter Eastoe and Trevor Anderson, to move Moore to the right hand side of the pitch to tie up the left side of the Walsall defence which had been pushing forward dangerously. This left Dave Moss more room on the left and it was he who started off the move that saw an Anderson header dropping in the six yard box being knocked home by Prophet to add Town's second goal in the 56th minute. Peter Eastoe, who's goal tally for the season already stood at 23, might well have had a hat-trick but was foiled twice by Kearns and once by the crossbar. As it was he had to be content with being goal

maker, when his far post cross was headed home by Moss ten minutes from time.

Swindon missed out on promotion at the end of the season, finishing two points behind third place Charlton, Walsall were eighth in the table, like Swindon they won just three away matches during the season. Notable in the Walsall line-up were Alan Buckley, later to go on to manage the club, and Mike Kearns who assisted Swindon in the Anglo Italian Cup when on Oxford's books.

Teams:

Swindon: Barron, Dixon, Burrows, Prophet, Trollope, McLaughlin, Jenkins, Butler (Stroud), Moss, Eastoe, Anderson.

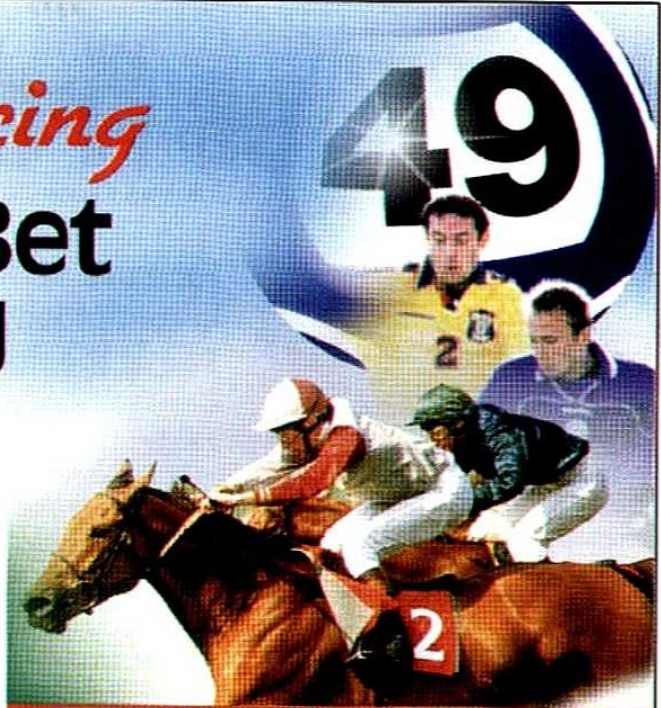
Walsall: Kearns, Fry, Robinson, Bennett, Harrison, Atthey, Taylor, Birch, Andrews, Wright, Buckley.



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We are pleased to confirm that the delighted winner of our first half time draw, now of course sponsored by the **Evening Advertiser** was **Mrs J Caldwell**. The winning ticket number of 641 related to the Colchester match and paid **£250** and was purchased outside the away travel office. Not a bad investment for the entry fee of just **£1!** There was no draw planned for the Exeter game, but future cup matches may be included.

We are aware that we have not been able to reach everyone who would like to participate each week. To do this we would like to recruit further matchday sellers who can spare around an hour or so before the match, finishing in good time so they can get in to see the start of the match. This year we will be rewarding those selling tickets and if you are interested in helping, please ring **Roger Bunce on 01865 820499**.

Over 200 supporters have already taken the opportunity to pay in advance for their entries. This avoids the need to find a seller on matchdays and guarantees an entry whether you are able to come to the match

or not. Remember, the more tickets we sell the larger the prize fund and for those paying in advance, a chance, to win a special day out at a Swindon Town match. Payment in advance can be for 6 draws to a maximum of 24. Forms can be printed from our website <http://go.to/swindontown> or collected on matchdays from the away travel office or winners lounge by contacting our fundraising team. The draw is open to anyone over 18.

On the supporters club front we are able to confirm that a **10% discount** will continue to be available to our members in the Football Club Shop and a ticket priority will be given for all ticket matches. The discount in the shop cannot be used in addition to any other offer, but if used in addition to the discounts available on the Away Travel, supporters can very quickly turn their membership fee of just **£5*** to their financial benefit. For example, the purchase of a first team shirt and two away trips where the discount is **£1** will bring savings of **£5.69**, other purchases or trips will add to the benefit.. All this in

addition to other benefits are available and will be communicated.

***Our Membership fees are Adults £5, Concessions £3 and family membership £15 (Up to 5 people -minimum 2 children).**

Millwall supporters club have asked if they could play a supporters club team prior to the first team match on **Tuesday 24th October**. If anyone wishes to raise a team and oblige please ring **Nigel Bennett on 01747 840721** to discuss arrangements.

The Vale of White Horse and West Oxon satellite group are holding there first meeting of the season on **6th September at 7.45pm at Hanney Royal British Legion**. Guests will be **Cliff Puffet** and **Peter Rowe**. All supporters welcome. We hope to hold a similar meeting in Swindon shortly - keep an eye open for announcements.

Maz behind the scenes...

It felt very much like a family outing to Reading last week and it was interesting to find all the different perspectives of Reading FC and their new ground from the staff at Swindon.

The first people I spoke to when I arrived for the Exeter game were the inside stewards, who do similar duties at the Madejski Stadium, they, above everyone found the day very difficult and as one put it "we are verbally abused and pushed and shoved every week" but I resented being jeered at by my own fans when I slipped down two flights of stairs. They were not impressed by the 'sit where you can' policy at the Swindon end either. I agree, if I had been able to take my designated seat I'd have had a much better view of Royals v Robins 'handbags' that took place on the touchline.

The catering staff said they heard that the food in hospitality suites wasn't all that

either, apparently Chelsea offer the best food and wine in all the divisions. I wonder if it was because being in the capital gives them access to the best chefs and vintners or maybe the high intake of continental players and that cultural requirements created a culinary fusion that delights all palates - "well that's what the Swindon chef thought it was". I ventured that Norwich ought to be good, what with Delia Smith being a Director and all, the look he gave me would have sun dried a tomato.

The guy who runs the kiosks wasn't overly impressed either, it seems they had run out of hot food ten minutes before kick off and had none at all for half time, and as he knew for certain, the brand of sausage they use is vacuum packed and has a very long shelf life - there is absolutely no excuse. I am reliably informed that Everton have the last and most consumed pies, I wonder if Gazza's arrival has had any effect on that statistic?

Generally we all agreed though that the ground and facilities were first class and the Millennium Hotel a real object of envy. As someone put it in our situation we all just have to try that much harder and believe me we all will be!!



Who thinks they are a cut above the rest?

Mulletts, Pony Tails, Nappas, Barnets, Bushes, Bowl Heads and Skin Heads - call them what you want, footballers have had them!

5 The multicolour & Baldy - Jamie Lawrence and David Beckham

Made famous by Basketball bad boy Dennis Rodman, 'The multi-colour' first appeared in English football via Jamie Lawrence's (Bradford City) head. Not content with bleaching his hair blonde (unlike the entire Romanian World Cup squad of 1998), Lawrence chose a different colour for every game. David

Beckham's skinhead joins the multicolour at number 5, not for its style, but instead for the price Beckham

paid for it: over £200 pounds!

4 The Ponytail - David Seaman and Brian Kilcline

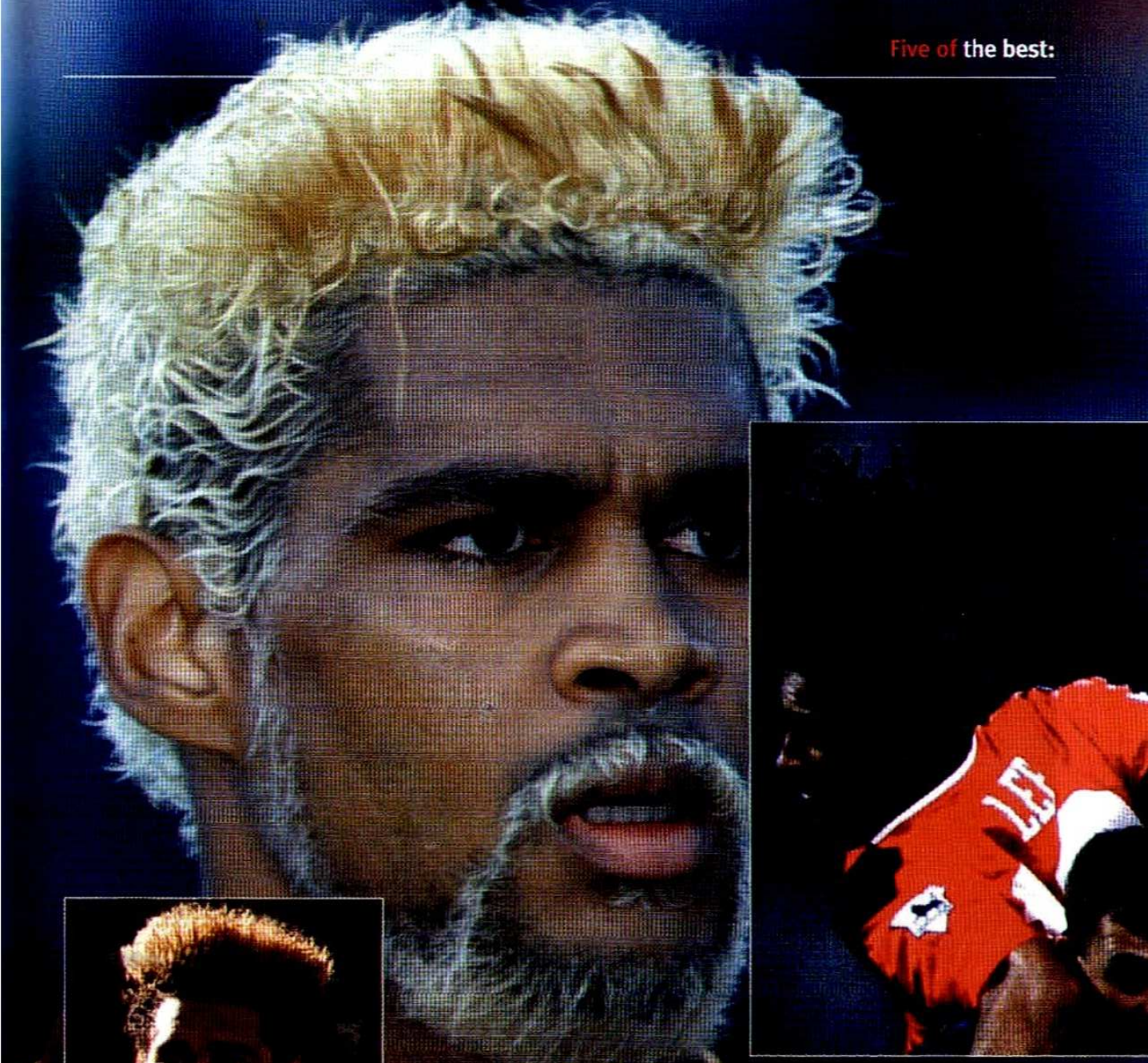


Former Town defender Brian 'Killer' Kilcline adopted this rather effeminate style during his days at the County Ground in an attempt to prevent his locks from getting in the way of his eyes.

Town fans would argue as to whether or not it actually made any

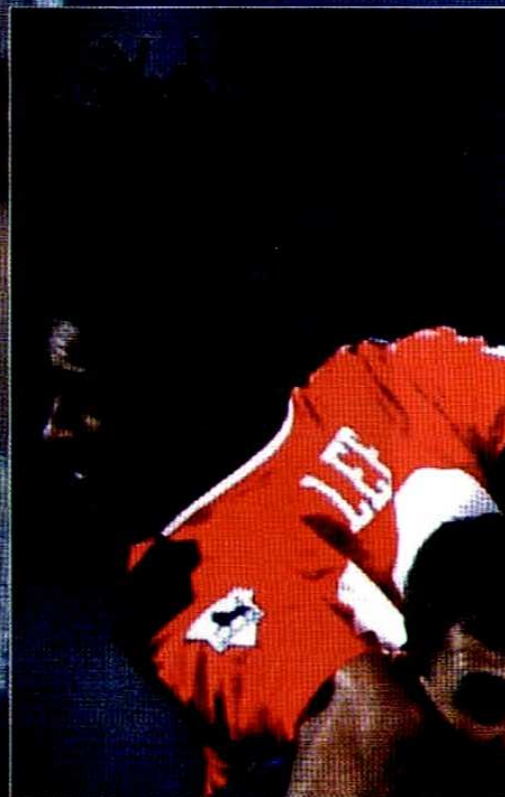
difference to his performance. Similar doubts were raised amongst Newcastle fans with Darren Peacock in the centre of defence. More recently, following Emmanuel Petit's departure from Highbury, Keeper David Seaman was this week seen posing a barnet even Anna Kournakova would be proud of.





2 The Warewolf Abel Xavier

'The Bigfoot' comes in many different forms and guises but all have appeared on Abel Xavier's head down the years. It would seem that the Portuguese defender has gone through a prolonged transitional and experimental period of haircuts culminating in the Euro 2000 'Mane' that would make any lion jealous. With a platform of hair on top and dishevelled beard on the sides, this monstrosity was made worse by its unsubtle bleached appearance.



3 The Pineapple Jason Lee

Unfortunately for Jason Lee, the former Nottingham Forest 'striker' became famous not for his goal-scoring prowess but instead for this outrageous haircut, named by opposing fans as 'the pineapple.' Something that was picked up by Baddiel and Skinner in their popular show Fantasy Football League which Lee found very upsetting. Lee (now playing for the Posh) blamed the taunts for his lack of goals and subsequently shaved his head. Posh fans are still waiting for his goal rush...

1 THE BUSH

Carlos Valderrama

Colombian midfield dynamo Carlos Valderrama tops this issue's five of the best with arguably the greatest barnet to be seen on the football pitch.

Despite being one of the greatest players in the world during the 80's and 90's (making many an England midfielder look stupid), it's the haircut that goes hand in hand when anyone mentions his name. Aptly named for its wild and untidy

appearance, the overgrown perm proved to be a nightmare for opposing defences who often wrong-footed by it's uncontrollable movements that matched Valderrama's unpredictable and flamboyant skill on the ball. Both

Valderrama's hairpiece and unique ability will live long in the annals of every fan's memory but if you look at the picture below, he obviously had a lot of competition from his Columbian teammates for the worst hair-cut in world football.

Pictured here are a lot of bad nappas!



Port Vale Football Club



(AWAY) Monday 28th August 3.00PM

Picture: Mark Bridge-Wilkinson

In just two days time we will be enjoying the August bank holiday - travelling to the Midlands to face another team that were relegated with ourselves from Division One at the end of last season.

It will be a tough test so early on in the season, baring in mind we visited Vale Park in September of last year and soundly lost 2-0.

So far the Valiants have shown inconsistent form; losing 4-1 on opening day away at Oldham and then well and truly stuffing Oxford 3-0 at home last weekend.



The biggest shock was their 2-1 home defeat to Chesterfield in the Worthington Cup. The good news for Swindon fans is that we won't have to face Tony Rougier again. The former Vale man finished

Vale's top goal scorer last season and gave the Town defence a lot of problems at the Madejski last weekend. Rougier joined the Royals in the summer for around £300,000.

The new star of Vale's campaign so far has been Marc Bridge-Wilkinson, already scorer of two goals for his new club. Marc, 20, developed through the youth ranks at Derby County but failed to make his mark at the Baseball Ground not making a first team

appearance under Jim Smith. The pacy midfielder made seven appearances on loan at Carlisle last season but joined Vale in May on a free transfer.



Exeter City Football Club



(AWAY) Tuesday 5th September 7.45pm

Picture: Kwame Ampadu

This should be a very interesting 1st Round Second leg tie after the sides drew 1-1 at the County Ground on Tuesday.

Exeter are a tough-tackling and well organised side, no doubt, in no small measure to do with new boss 'hard man' boss Noel Blake. The Grecians visited the County ground and got what they hoped for - a score draw, so now Town have it all to do and need to score an away goal to have any chance of progressing in the competition.



To do this Todd's men will have to provide better service into the forwards, something we lacked on Tuesday night.

Exeter City should start with a more attacking line up which will hopefully give the Town room to get in behind their defence. However, the resumption of the midfield battle between Kwame

Ampadu and Matty Hewlett should be good to watch and Matty will want to make up for his error that let Ampadu in to put a well polished finish on an opportunist goal.



Swindon Town FC Box Office



Watch this space for all you need to know about forthcoming matches.

Port Vale Football Club (AWAY)

Monday 28th August 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division 2 fixture at Vale Park. **NO ADVANCED TICKETS, ALL TICKETS ON SALE AT VALE PARK ON THE DAY.** 4,500 all seated allocated.

Ticket Prices:

Adults: £15
Concessions: £10
Juniors: £8



Bournemouth Football Club (AWAY)

Tuesday 12th September 7.45pm

Nationwide League Division 2 fixture at Dean Court. 2,620 terrace tickets available for this match, all tickets are pay on the night.

Ticket Prices:

Adults: £12
Concessions: £5



Exeter City (AWAY)

Tuesday 5th September 7.45pm

Worthington Cup 1st Round 2nd Leg at St James Park. 317 seated tickets available in advance. 1,200 terrace places all pay on the night.

Seating:

Adults: £11
O.A.P.'s: £8
Juniors: £6

Terrace:

Adults: £10
O.A.P.'s: £5
Juniors: £2



Cambridge United (HOME)

Saturday 16th September 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division 2 fixture at The County Ground. Tickets for this match are now on general sale.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £15 - 18
O.A.P.'s: £9 - 10
Concessions: £4 - 5



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE HOME FIXTURE AGAINST WREXHAM (DUE TO BE PLAYED ON SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER) HAS BEEN CANCELLED-NO REARRANGED DATE AS YET.

WE ALSO HAVE ON GENERAL SALE THE HOME MATCHES AGAINST WIGAN ATHLETIC 30/09/00 AND OXFORD UNITED 08/10/00.

Bristol City (AWAY)

Saturday 9th September 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division 2 fixture at Ashton Gate. Tickets on general sale from Friday 25th August.

Ticket Prices:

Adults: £14
Concessions: £11
Juniors: £9



Ticket Office: (01793) 333777

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Ticket Hotline: 01793 333777

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Away to Port Vale & Exeter City



Welcome to today's game against Walsall.

The Town are still looking for their first win of the season against Walsall this afternoon. A win will make the trip to Port Vale an optimistic one - both these teams followed us through the relegation trap door last

season and both matches should give us some idea how we have fared during the summer. Then we're off down to Devon to play our second leg against Exeter after the 1-1 draw at the County Ground on Tuesday..



Port Vale Football Club, Vale Park
Ground Capacity: 22,356
Club Nickname: The Valiants

Port Vale Football Club
Monday 28th August 3.00pm



Nationwide League Division Two

Adults: £15
O.A.P.'s: £10
Concessions: £8

Travel Information

Depart **COUNTY GROUND:** 10.00AM
 Depart **ERMIN STREET:** 10.15AM
 Depart **WEST SWINDON:** 9.45AM

Adult Fare: £11.50
Under-15 Fare: £10.00

(*Supporters' Club Members receive a £1.00 discount on fares)



Exeter City Football Club, St James Park
Stadium Capacity: 10,570
Club Nickname: The Grecians

Exeter City Football Club
Wednesday 6th September 7.45pm



Worthington Cup 1st round 2nd leg

Adults: £11 Terraces £10
O.A.P.'s: £8 Terraces £5
Concessions: £6 Terraces £2

Travel Information

Depart **COUNTY GROUND:** 3.30PM
 Depart **ERMIN STREET:** 3.45PM
 Depart **WEST SWINDON:** 3.15PM

Adult Fare: £12.00
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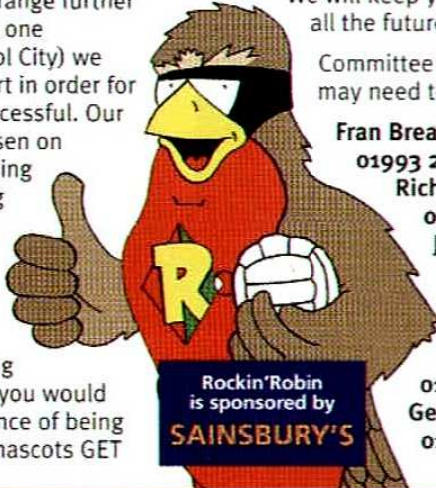
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Junior Robins

Hello all you Junior Robins, welcome to today's match.

Our trip to Reading included 11 Juniors and Mum's and Dad's, so not too bad a turn-out but as we were hoping to arrange further trips for you (next one hopefully to Bristol City) we need more support in order for us to be more successful. Our lucky mascot chosen on the coach to Reading from the travelling Juniors was 7-year-old Jordan Barnes who had a great time meeting the players and getting autographs. So if you would like to have a chance of being one of our lucky mascots GET



SIGNED UP. Membership only costs £3, and you can soon get that back by joining us on our away trips.

Why not get Mum, Dad, sister or brother to sign up as well! Please check the Supporters' pages in the programme for more information.

We will keep you informed of all the future away trips.

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This is YOUR PAGE so send us anything to do with S.T.F.C., pictures of your favourite player, poems, letters, jokes and if we like them, then we'll print them.

Man on the mic

Afternoon all... Welcome to the County Ground for today's battle with the boys from the Bescot... that's Walsall to you and me.

The Saddlers were another team who were relegated with us last season, so today's clash will act as a fair marker to see how both teams have progressed and learnt from last season's disappointments. I've got to take my hat off to all the Town fans that made the trip up the M4 last Saturday. I had the misfortune of arriving late due to the traffic and the lack of parking at the stadium, thankfully I didn't incur a £85 fine (as the warning sign suggested) at the local retail park. But I could hear the chanting from a

long way off.

Town chairman Terry Brady went on a fact finding mission to the Madejski, I sure he will have learnt a thing or two about the lack of parking.

I doubt he will have been queuing up for burgers and coke at half time.

The concourses were reminiscent of a fire brigade training exercise, there was no smoking in the seats, the smokers had to go downstairs... and didn't we know it. We want air conditioning in our new stadium! The atmosphere though was fantastic, our lot making a right racket and clearly silencing the Berkshire boys. Lets try and make that sort of noise here at the County Ground, the Town End have been in good voice for the Colechester and Exeter games, but nothing like the old Town End Roar, so lets get behind the lads this afternoon and



By Kieran Holden

shout them to victory. Could the drummer in the South Stand bang it a bit harder too please.

On another note, we're still racking our brains for music for the players. So if you have any ideas please let me drop me a line at the club.

So far we've got Cat Stevens 'hit' "Matthew and Son" for Matt Hewlett, and a song called "Alexander's Rag Time Band" by some unknown for Gary Alexander as well as things like "Bobby's Girl" for Mr Howe but we could do with your help.

Enjoy today's game... COME ON YOU REDS!

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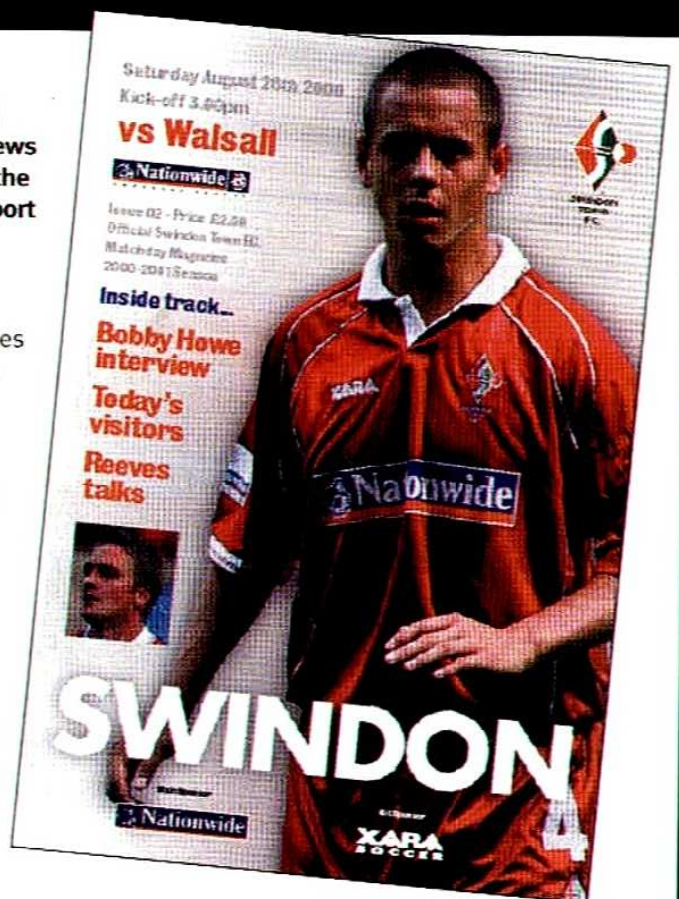
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A look back at this weeks sporting moments with...



Thursday 17th

Leeds boss David O'Leary signs 6-year-contract that legally binds him to the club.



Saturday 19th

Nassem Hamed stops Augie Sanchez in the 4th round in title fight.



Friday 18th

Andy Caddick takes four wickets in one over in England's crushing victory over the West Indies in the Fourth Test.



Sunday 20th

Tiger Woods becomes 2nd player to win 3 majors in one year winning the US PGA Open.



Tuesday 22nd

Benito Carbone scores Bradford's second in 2-0 win over title hopefuls Chelsea.



Monday 21st

Patrick Vieira is sent off for the second time in two matches in Arsenal's 2-0 win.



Wednesday 23rd

Paulo Wanchope scores hat-trick in City's 4-2 win over Sunderland at Maine Road.







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SAT AUG 12TH	COLCHESTER UTD	H	0-0	7,296	9	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	ALEXANDER	INVINCIBLE	DUKES(1)	O'MALLORAN	REEVES	GRAZIOLO	
SAT AUG 19TH	READING	A	0-2	14,134	20	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	ROBINSON	HEWLETT	INVINCIBLE	O'MALLORAN	ALEXANDER	
TUE AUG 22ND	EXETER CITY WC1 (1)	H	1-1	5,193	-	GRIEMINK	COBIAN	HEISELBERG	ALEXANDER	HOWE	DUKE(2)	O'MALLORAN	REEVES	GRAZIOLO	
SAT AUG 26TH	WALSALL	H													
MON AUG 28TH	PORT VALE	A													
WED SEPT 6TH	EXETER CITY WC1 (2)	A													
SAT SEPT 9TH	BRISTOL CITY	A													
TUE SEPT 12TH	BOURNEMOUTH	A													
SAT SEPT 16TH	CAMBRIDGE UTD	H													
SAT SEPT 23RD	LUTON TOWN	A													
SAT SEPT 30TH	WIGAN ATH.	H													
SUN OCT 8TH	OXFORD UTD	H													
SAT OCT 14TH	OLDHAM ATH.	A													
TUE OCT 17TH	SWANSEA CITY	A													
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SAT NOV 25TH	STOKE CITY	H													
SAT DEC 2ND	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A													
SAT DEC 9TH	FA CUP 2ND RND														
SAT DEC 16TH	ROTHERHAM UTD	H													
SAT DEC 23RD	BURY	A													
TUE DEC 26TH	BRENTFORD	H													
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-	-	PORTSMOUTH	10,279	READING	18TH AUG	A	L	0-2
-	-	Q.P.R.	9,460	COLCHESTER	12TH AUG	H	D	0-0
-	-	WOLVES	8,748	WEST HAM UTD	4TH AUG	H	L	0-1

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