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A big thank-you to all the supporters who followed us to Brentford on Tuesday night and for the ovation you gave the team despite the disappointment of losing.

It meant a lot to the players and showed me that our fans appreciated the level of commitment shown in the game, even though we failed to make progress in the Worthington Cup.

We were jeered off when we lost our last League game here to Rotherham United and could have no complaints because our first half display in particular was not up to standard.

At Brentford I had to make more changes because of injuries and I thought the players who came in did well. Paul Holland scored a fine goal and we had chances either side of half-time to make the tie safe.

We didn't take them and two more lapses at the back cost us our place in the

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competition. Yet overall I felt we defended well against a lot of high balls and competed strongly against physical opponents.

While I have been the first to highlight the importance of concentration for a full 90 minutes, it doesn't only apply to the defence. We need to score more goals to take some of the pressure off our back players.

There were some good individual performances on Tuesday. Steve Phillips made some fine saves and, although he is blaming himself for the winning goal, I won't allow him to be upset because his overall game was excellent.

Peter Beadle deserved a lot of credit for leading the line well on his first game back after knee surgery and Greg Goodridge caused Brentford some problems in his own inimitable style.

Tony Thorpe was out because of a calf injury suffered in training. We kept it quiet because we weren't sure about Beadle's fitness either.

In the circumstances, I thought we could take a lot out of the game. It was certainly an improvement and that is what I am looking for at this stage of the season.

There are 42 League games to go and it would be dangerous to allow ourselves to get down about results so far. The campaign has a long way to go and there are signs of progress.

Today's match with Swindon Town is the first of two home games in the space of four days and if we can take six points the picture will be transformed.

As always, please give the team your most positive backing and we'll do our best to reward it with victory.

Danny Wilson

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Buster is not the only member of the Ashton Gate staff to be celebrating years of long service at the club.

Rich Fawcett has now entered his 16th year on the City groundstaff – making him the longest-serving full-time staff member.

What makes his achievement even more special is that Rich suffers from a rare condition named Reebok Syndrome, which causes its sufferers periodic fits.

But that hasn't stopped Rich from following his beloved City home and away and becoming a popular and much-liked member of the Ashton Gate "team", since joining the club straight from Soundwell College in August 1985.

From everyone at the club, congratulations Rich!

● Rich is the subject of this issue's Red-Blooded, see page 33.



Buster and Connie, centre, line-up with the two teams, officials and mascots

Buster Footman's Testimonial will officially end this afternoon when he is presented with a benefit cheque on the pitch before the match with Swindon Town.

It has been a memorable 18 months for City's ever-popular kit-man and former physiotherapist, who for a change has found himself on the receiving end of a series of fund-raising events.

Buster has donated more than £100,000 to various charities during his career in League football through some amazing stunts, which culminated in his ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro on behalf of brain-injured children last February.

So it was great to see a number of football personalities turn out for him on Monday night when Manchester United under-21s showed their star quality against a City XI in his Testimonial Match.

"Fergie's Fledglings" won a fast open game 4-0, with 18-year-old striker Danny Webber grabbing a brilliant hat-

trick. He also made the other goal so put that name into the notebook as a potential Premiership star of the future.

The match was followed by a sell-out function in the Centenary Restaurant where guest of honour Joe Jordan and manager Danny Wilson paid glowing tribute to the 62-year-old Buster.

Big Joe, who brought Buster to the club in his first spell as manager, said: "The first thing you look for when employing someone is loyalty and that's one of Buster's great qualities. No one could work harder at his job.

"I never regretted bringing him to Bristol City for one moment and I know the club has never had cause to regret it either."

Chairman John Laycock echoed those sentiments in making a special presentation on behalf of the club. "We are very proud of Buster and thank him sincerely

for all his hard work," he said.

Buster and wife Connie went onto the pitch before the match and then sat in the Director's Box to watch a first half featuring an intriguing personal duel between Ade Akinbiyi and Wes Brown.

Ade, returning to City as a guest player, found himself marked by England international Brown, who was playing his first 45 minutes since suffering the knee injury, which has kept him out of the game for a year.

He came through with no ill-effects and was substituted at half-time. Ade played for half-an-



Former City boss Joe Jordan pays tribute to Buster at the post-match dinner as Buster's wife Connie looks on



City fan Rick Gunn, from Cirencester, is recovering in hospital from a major operation. We have been asked to pass on the best wishes of all his friends in B block of the Family Enclosure. Get well soon, Rick.

"As it is 50 years ago
much could have happened

Ray was City through and through, following the club in good times and bad. He relinquished his role with the Supporters Club in 1984, but will always be remembered by members for his sense of humour and, above all, for being a true gent.

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When the season kicked-off just over a month ago it seemed unlikely that today's West Country derby would be a bottom-of-the-table clash.

The heavyweight managerial appointments of Colin Todd and Danny Wilson, at the County Ground and Ashton Gate respectively, led to many pundits thinking that both sides would be leading the promotion chase from the off.

In hindsight perhaps it was too much for even the most optimistic of Swindon supporters to think that their newly re-built side would gel immediately.

After all Todd had shaken up the playing staff at the County Ground with the arrival of no less than seven free transfers over the summer. His only major outlay was that of £300,000 for West Ham United striker Gary Alexander, who was in fine form for Exeter City on loan last season.

So far the new-look Robins have picked up only one point in four League starts, scoring just one goal, which meant Tuesday's Worthington Cup victory over Exeter came as some relief.

Not that Swindon fans will be complaining too much after spending the majority of last season facing the twin demons of bankruptcy and relegation. Terry Brady's £2 million summer takeover has helped deal with the former and, with Todd announcing this week that more signings are imminent, the club's long-suffering fans may soon see some improvement on the pitch as well.

THE PLAYERS

GARY ALEXANDER

Born: London, 15.8.79. Powerful, hard-working forward who became Colin Todd's first major signing for £300,000 when he arrived from West Ham United in August. Started his career at Upton Park, but spent most of last season on loan at Exeter City where he scored 16 goals in 20 appearances.



Gary Alexander

JUAN COBIAN

Born: Buenos Aires, 11.9.75. Right-sided defender who was picked up on a free transfer from Aberdeen in the summer. After starting out at Boca Juniors in his native Argentina, he began his career in English football under Danny Wilson at Sheffield Wednesday.

STEVE COWE

Born: Gloucester, 29.9.74. Forward who arrived from Aston Villa three seasons ago and made more than 70 appearances for the Robins before falling out of favour under Jimmy Quinn last season. Has also played for Hereford United (loan).

GARETH DAVIES

Born: Hereford, 11.12.73. Former Welsh under-21 international central defender who was signed on a free transfer in March 1999 from Reading but has been troubled by injuries since his arrival. Has also played for Hereford United and Crystal Palace.

COLIN TODD

Born: Chester-le-Street, 12.12.48. The Robins' new boss was installed in July following the takeover of the club by new owner Terry Brady.

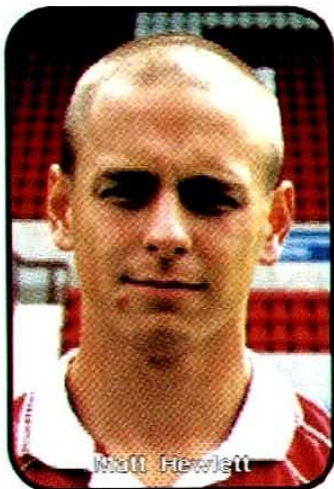
The former England international centre-back first gained managerial experience at Middlesbrough at the start of the '90s before moving to Bolton Wanderers to work with Roy McFarland. He took full charge of The Trotters in January 1996 and took them into the Premiership after their 1996/97 First Division title success.

He made more than 600 appearances in a distinguished playing career that saw him win two League Championship medals with Derby County, as well as representing Sunderland, Everton, Birmingham City, Nottingham Forest, Oxford United, Luton Town and Vancouver (Canada).

Todd has a strong backroom team at his disposal in assistants Andy King and Malcolm Crosby (themselves both former League managers) and goalkeeping coach Nigel Spink, the former Aston Villa star.

MANAGER





Matt Hewlett

SOL DAVIS

Born: Cheltenham, 4.9.79. Tough-tackling left-back who signed a professional contract in the summer of 1998 after progressing from trainee. Made his league debut shortly after his 18th birthday and has since made more than 50 appearances in both full-back and wing-back positions.

DAVID DUKE

Born: Inverness, 7.11.78. Left-sided midfielder who became another free transfer signing in July from Sunderland after impressing in a series of pre-season friendlies.

GIULIANO GRAZIOLI

Born: Marylebone, 23.3.75. Striker signed on a free transfer from Peterborough United in June 1999. Already known to Robins fans for scoring the winning goal for Stevenage which dumped Swindon out of the FA Cup Third Round in 1997, handing the minnows a dream tie against Newcastle. Will be looking to establish himself following the departures of strikers Chris Hay and Iffy Onuora.

BART GRIEMINK

Born: Holland, 29.3.72. Six-foot, four-inch goalkeeper snapped up on a free transfer from Peterborough United during the summer after impressing during a two-month loan spell at Swindon last season. Has previously appeared for Birmingham City and Dutch club WK Emmen.

CHARLIE GRIFFIN

Born: Bath, 25.6.79. Signed for £10,000 from Chippenham Town in August 1999 where he was top scorer in the Screwfix League with 30 goals. Robins' coaching staff believe that, with a handful of first-team games under his belt, he will now be ready to challenge for a regular place.

KIM HEISELBERG

Born: Denmark, 21.9.77. Attacking left-sided full-back who joined The Robins on a free transfer in July. A technical player who likes to pass the ball and get into dangerous forward positions, he is now in his second spell in English football after spending a year with Sunderland in 1998/99. Has played in Denmark for Esbjerg and FC Midtjylland.

MATT HEWLETT

Born: Bristol, 25.2.76. A familiar face at Ashton Gate where he made more than 120 appearances for the first-team after coming up through the youth ranks. A box-to-box midfielder, he won a place in the England under-21 squad in the 1996/97 season but has since failed to live up to his undoubted potential. Moved to the County Ground in the summer on a free transfer.

BOBBY HOWE

Born: Annisford, 6.11.73. Attacking midfielder signed from Nottingham Forest in January 1998, after failing to win a place in the first team. After falling out of favour at the County Ground he has worked hard to regain his place after originally being told he could leave the club. Has also played for Ipswich Town (loan).

DANIEL INVINCIBLE

Born: Brisbane, 31.3.79. Pacy midfielder who was snapped up on a free transfer in the summer from Australian side Marconi Stallions after Todd spotted him playing for West Ham in a trial match. The former Australian under-20 international features mainly on the right side of midfield. Has also played for Brisbane Strikers.

FRAZER MCHUGH

Born: Nottingham, 14.7.81. Hard-working midfielder who failed to win a regular first team place last season in his first year as a professional. Possesses a hard tackle, as well as an accurate pass, and will be aiming to catch new boss Colin Todd's eye.

STEVE MILDENHALL

Born: Swindon, 13.5.78. Home-grown 'keeper who is now in his fourth year as a professional after progressing through the youth ranks. Spent most of last season in the reserves and is seen as cover for first-choice stopper Griemink.

KEITH O'HALLORAN

Born: Dublin, 10.11.75. Naturally right-sided midfield player who was picked up on a free transfer from St. Johnstone, despite being offered a new deal at McDiarmid Park where he made more than 60 appearances. Has also played for Cardiff City (loan), Scunthorpe United (loan) and Middlesbrough.



Giuliano Grazioli



Kevin Watson



SWINDON TOWN FC 2000/2001

BACK ROW left to right: Paul McAreavey, Antoine van der Linden, Matt Hewlett, Alan Reeves, Stephen Mildenhall, Adam Willis, Danny Invincible, Sol Davis, Frazer McHugh.

MIDDLE ROW: Dick Mackey, Physiotherapist, James Williams, Sam Campagna, Andy Williams, Mark Robinson, Bart Griemink, Kim Heiselberg, Charlie Griffin, Giuliano Grazioli, Steve Cowe, Keith O'Halloran.

FRONT ROW: Jamie Mills, Juan Cobian, Andy King, Assistant Manager, Cliff Puffett, Director, Colin Todd, First Team Manager, David Duke, Bobby Howe.

ALAN REEVES

Born: Birkenhead, 19.11.67. Tall central defender who quit Wimbledon's "Crazy Gang" two seasons ago in search of first-team football with Swindon Town. An excellent header of the ball, he can be a threat at set pieces. Has also played for Norwich City, Gillingham (loan), Chester City and Rochdale.

MARK ROBINSON

Born: Rochdale, 21.11.68. The Robins' longest-serving player arrived at the County Ground for a then club record £600,000 fee from Newcastle United in July 1994. The versatile defender, who usually plays at right-back, began his career at West Bromwich Albion and Barnsley before enjoying Premiership experience on Tyneside.

ANTOINE VAN DER LINDEN

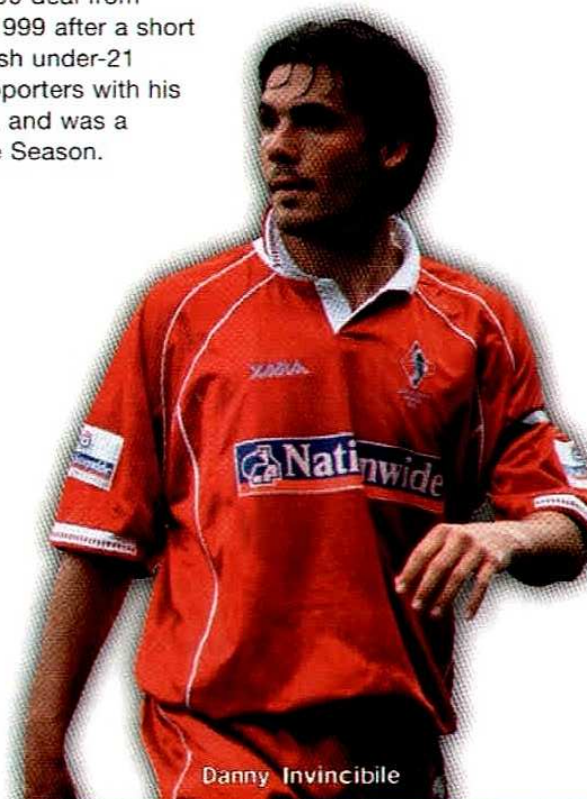
Born: Holland. Strong, skilful central defender who has been snapped up by Colin Todd after impressing on trial. Started his career in his native Holland at Xwervers before signing for Sparta Rotterdam. Opted to come to England to seek a new challenge.

ANDY WILLIAMS

Born: Bristol, 8.10.77. Versatile defender/midfielder who moved to the County Ground in a £65,000 deal from Southampton in October 1999 after a short loan spell. The former Welsh under-21 international won over supporters with his performances last season, and was a candidate for Player of the Season.

ADAM WILLIS

Born: Nuneaton, 21.9.76. Defender who was picked up by Town last season after being released by Coventry City. Won a place in the starting line-up towards the end of last season after being called up from the reserves as cover for injuries and was rewarded with a new contract under Colin Todd in the summer. Has also played for Mansfield Town (loan).



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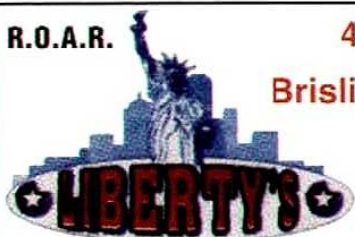
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20th November 1994
Endsleigh League Division One

This game kicked off with City sitting next to bottom of the First Division table and their rivals from up the M4 out of trouble in 15th spot.

Joe Jordan had just taken over as manager at Ashton Gate and with only four wins under their belts all season (from 18 starts including Cup games) it was imperative that City claimed a victory over their Wiltshire rivals.

A crowd of 9,086 turned up to see Jordan introduce the Norwegian Vegard Hansen to English football, taking over the number four shirt from Mark Shail. Phil Kite replaced Keith Welch in goal, Martin Scott filled in at left-back, Brian Tinnion

returned to the left side of midfield and Wayne Allison came back into the attack.

There was a lot of nervous football played during the first-half. Plenty of passes went astray, very few shots were on target and two players were booked – Brian Kilcline of Swindon for a foul and City's Matthew Bryant for dissent.

After the interval things hotted up and, after a couple of near misses, four goals were scored in double-quick time.

City broke the deadlock in the 54th minute when Junior Bent, showing great anticipation, followed up Wayne Allison's blocked effort to score at the far post.

Two minutes later Allison was in the thick of the action again when he ran onto Scott Partridge's measured through pass to net City's second past the advancing Fraser Digby.

Swindon hit back immediately and in the 58th minute the alert Keith Scott latched on to Paul Bodin's through ball to score under pressure from Bryant and Hansen.

Three minutes and two attacks later City went 3-1 in front when Allison again found the net. He darted in at the far post to meet a tremendous cross from Bent, leaving Digby helpless.

Tinnion, Bent and Allison (again) all went close to putting City further ahead while at the other end Swindon forced ten corners without success. Just when the points seemed safe, however, Scott – looking suspiciously offside – reduced the deficit to one with just 90 seconds remaining. He was on hand to tuck the ball away two yards from goal after a bit of a scramble inside the penalty area.

There were a few heart-stopping moments for the City fans before the final whistle but the home side held on to gain a hard-earned three points.

City's team was: Kite; Harriott, Hansen, Bryant, M. Scott; Bent, Fowler, Edwards, Tinnion, Allison, Partridge. Subs: McAree, Rosenior, I. Brown.

Tony Matthews

facts on the robins

● Glenn Hoddle managed Swindon from 1991 to 1993. Among the other former internationals who have taken the hot-seat at the club are Ossie Ardiles, Lou Macari, Steve McMahon and Jimmy Quinn.

● Full-back John Trollope appeared in a club record 889 senior games between 1960 and 1980, including 770 Football League matches putting him in the English game's all-time top-ten.

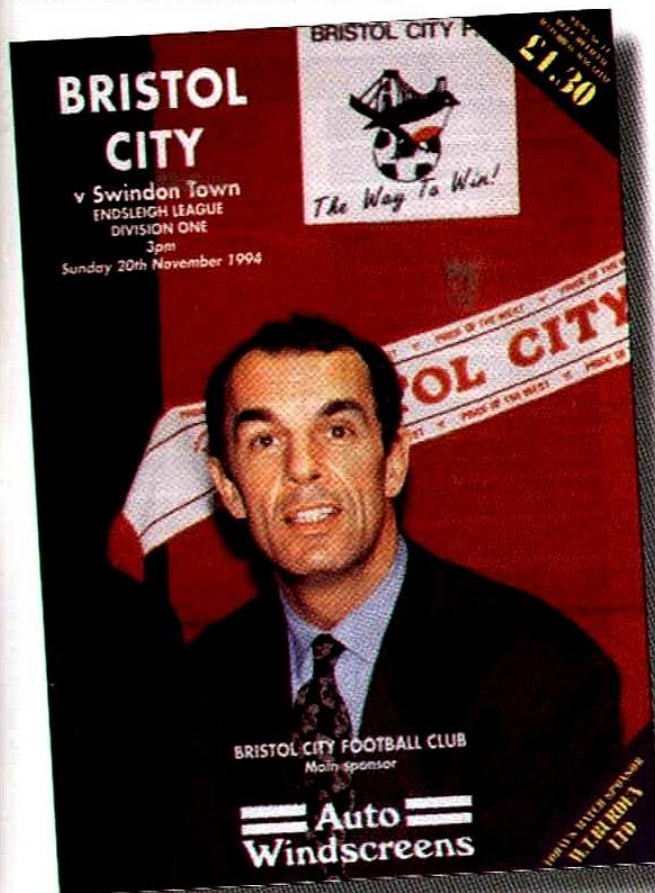
● In 1969 Swindon caused a major upset by beating Arsenal 3-1 in the League Cup Final at Wembley.

● Swindon Town's record victory and defeat, 10-1 versus Farnham and 1-10 against Manchester City both came in FA Cup replays.

● Swindon reached the semi-final of the FA Cup twice in three years: 1910 and 1912. They were defeated by Newcastle United and Barnsley respectively.

● Between 1972 and 1974 Swindon went 30 away games in the League without registering a single victory.

● Swindon have not won at Ashton Gate since January 1990, when they beat City 4-0.



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in reserve with shaun taylor

It was good to see Peter Beadle back in action as we turned in an excellent local derby display at Ashton Gate last week.

We beat a more experienced Bristol Rovers line-up 3-1 in the Avon Insurance Combination fixture and could have scored more goals, particularly in the first half when we played extremely well.

Peter didn't get on the scoresheet, but was a key player for us and came through so well after his pre-season knee surgery that he was able to return to the first team at Brentford on Tuesday.

Joe Burnell opened the scoring on 32 minutes, heading home Aaron Brown's corner at the far post to give us a fully deserved lead.

It was doubled moments later when Simon Clist capitalised on some poor defending to make it 2-0 and we had several chances to go in with a bigger half-time advantage.

Damian Spencer might have scored a first half hat-trick, but was denied by some good saves from Rovers goalkeeper Brian Parkin.

The Rovers side included Mark Walters, Trevor Challis, Robbie Pethick, Rob Trees and Michael Meaker, as well as Parkin, so there was plenty of first team experience in their line-up.

On the other hand, we had mainly young players on view, with trainee Marc Palmer in goal. He did well and will certainly benefit from the experience.

At half-time I was delighted, but urged the players to treat the second period as if it was 0-0 and go out with exactly the same attitude.

Rovers were likely to improve on their first half display and that is exactly what happened. When Walters pulled a goal back after an hour it was suddenly a close game and there was a danger that all our earlier hard work might count for nothing.

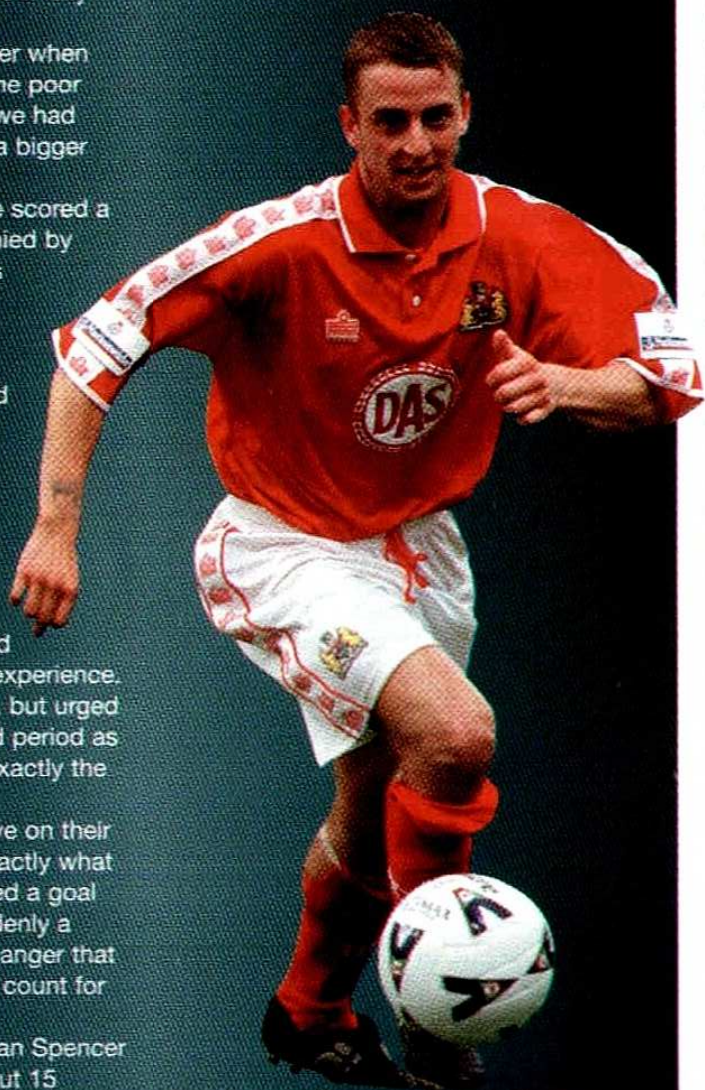
Unfortunately, we lost Damian Spencer with a calf injury. But with about 15 minutes left we deservedly wrapped up the points with one of the best moves of

the game.

Full-back Kevin Amankwaah's strong run into the box set up the chance for Robin Hulbert to net from close range and complete a very good afternoon's work.

The players set a standard for themselves in the first half that we must now aspire to in the remaining games.

The starting line up against Rovers was: Palmer; Amankwaah, Burnell, Coles, Hill; Ashley, Hulbert, Clist, A Brown; Beadle, Spencer.



Robin Hulbert - scored City's third in the reserves "derby" last week



fixtures 2000/01

AUGUST

Wed 16	AFC Bournemouth	0-0
Wed 30	BRISTOL ROVERS	3-1

SEPTEMBER

Thur 7	Norwich City (7.30pm)	
Wed 20	CHELTHENHAM TOWN	
Wed 27	SOUTHEND UNITED	

OCTOBER

Wed 4	Colchester United	
Mon 9	Peterborough United	
Wed 18	CRYSTAL PALACE (LC)	
Wed 25	Bristol Rovers (LC - 7pm)	

NOVEMBER

Wed 1	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	
Tue 2	Northampton Town	
Wed 15	LUTON TOWN	
Wed 29	MILLWALL	

DECEMBER

Wed 6	Barnet	
Tue 12	Portsmouth (LC)	
Wed 20	Leyton Orient	

JANUARY 2001

Wed 3	Reading (LC)	
Wed 10	GILLINGHAM	
Wed 17	Fulham (1pm)	
Wed 24	QPR	
Wed 31	Crystal Palace (7.30pm)	

FEBRUARY

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Wed 21	BRIGHTON & HA	

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Wed 21	Swindon Town	
Wed 28	OXFORD UNITED	

APRIL

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AUGUST

Sat 26 Everton 2-4

SEPTEMBER

Sat 2 DERBY COUNTY 1-5

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Sat 16 MILLWALL

Sat 23 QPR

Sat 30 CHARLTON A.

OCTOBER

Sat 7 Watford

Sat 21 IPSWICH TOWN

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played at Clifton College Training
Ground, Bristol, kick-off 11am

The under-17's play other group
members twice (14 games), and
play other north/south group
members once (8 games). Also
they play one team from another
group once (2 games), followed
by three play-off games to qualify
for the quarter-finals.

schoolboy fixtures 2000/01

Date	Team	Under 9	Under 10	Under 11	Under 12	Under 13	Under 14	Under 15	Under 16
Sept 3	Charlton A.	H 2-1	A 4-6	H 3-5	A 2-1	H 4-1	A 3-1	H 1-1	
10	Coventry C.	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	
17	Wolves	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	
24	Southampton	H	H	H	H	A	A	A	
Oct 1	Fulham	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	
8	Reading	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	
15	In-service day								
22	Aston Villa	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	
29	Birmingham C.	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	
Nov 5	Crystal Palace	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	
12									
19	Chelsea	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	
26	Millwall	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	
Dec 3	Wimbledon	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	
10	In-service day								
17	QPR	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	
Jan 7	In-service day								
14	Southampton	A	A	A	A	H	H	H	
21	Fulham	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	
28	Reading	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	
Feb 4	Aston Villa	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	
11	Birmingham C.	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	
18	Crystal Palace	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	
25									
Mar 4	Chelsea	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	
11	Millwall	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	
18	Wimbledon	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	
25	QPR	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	
Apr 1	In-service day								
8	Charlton A.	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	
15									
22	Coventry C.	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	
29	Wolves	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	
May 6									
13	Available date for re-arranged fixture								
20	Available date for re-arranged fixture								
27	Available date for re-arranged fixture								
28	to June 1: Small-sided Regional Festivals								

Home and away fixtures to be announced.

bristol city football academy sta

Academy Director: David Barnard; Assistant Director, under-17, under-18 and
Head of Education and Welfare: Peter Coleman; Bristol Recruitment Officer: Rob
Goalkeeper Coach: Len Bond; Coach: Graham Maxworthy; Coach and Girls C
James Marshall.



Our very best wishes go to **Academy Co-ordinator Adrian Riddiford**, who has left the club after doing a tremendous job for us over more than three years.

Adrian's hard work on the administration side was invaluable to me personally and we also benefited from his expertise in liaison with the Football League, Premier League and Football Association.

As a former chairman of the English Schools FA, Adrian has immense contacts throughout the game. He understood our system of profiling every young player perfectly and also possesses good skills as a scout.

At the age of 64 I understand that Adrian is about to start a new role as a football agent and I have no doubt that he will soon be back at Ashton Gate in his pinstripe suit negotiating deals for the players on his books.

His immense enthusiasm for the game remains undiminished and for that as well as his various other qualities he will be missed by all of us at the Academy.

The under-19 team kicked-off the season with an excellent 1-0 home

win over Everton, with Kay Odejayi scoring the only goal. They were then beaten 2-0 at Derby County in the second fixture.

In fact, the games were very similar. Both were closely contested and could have gone either way. I was more than happy with the performances against very good opposition.

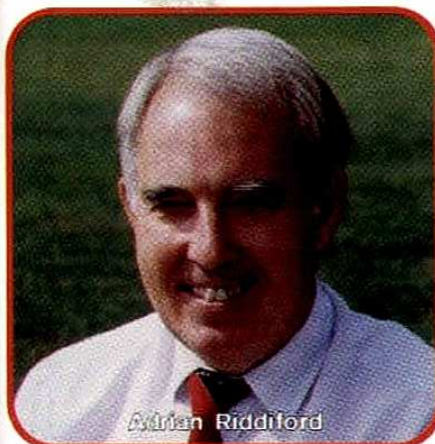
The under-17s lost both their opening games, 4-2 at Everton and 5-1 at home to Derby County when we unfortunately had a player sent off. Coach Alan Walsh tells me we were well in it for two-thirds of both matches only to be outgunned in the closing stages.

An interesting new face in the under-19 squad has been Portuguese trialist Albano Correia, who played in Buster Footman's Testimonial Match against Manchester United under-21s on Monday night and showed some good touches.

He has been quickly nicknamed "Kanu" up at the training ground after scoring some wonder goals in practice games and is certainly not short, either in stature or on technical skills.

This morning we entertained Birmingham City at under-19 level and Spurs at under-17 level at the training ground and I hope a few of you reading this column dropped in to watch.

I'll give you a report on both games in the next edition of **WELL RED** for Tuesday's Second Division home fixture against Brentford.



Adrian Riddiford

under-19 fixtures 2000/01

Academy Group D:
Southampton, Reading,
Crystal Palace, Wimbledon,
QPR, Chelsea, West Ham
United, Fulham and
Tottenham Hotspur

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U-21 manager: Peter Jones; Assistant Director, Under-19s: Manager: Alan Walsh; Barton, Bristol Area Scout: Jack Roe; Coach: Frank Jacobs; Director of Excellence: Ian Tinknell; Physiotherapists: Caroline Woods and

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“It can be a very fine line between winning and losing.

I am sure the players are capable of turning things around because they proved last season that they have what it takes to put a good run together. We need some fine-tuning to get the right tempo into our game, but losing by the odd goal is not a major problem. It may just be a case of getting a few results to build confidence. There's nothing to be despondent about.”



New first-team coach Frank Barlow on City's disappointing start to the season.

“Playing Rovers is the same whether you are talking

about first team level, the reserves or the youth team. It means that bit extra to the players and you expect some edge to the game. Sometimes in reserve team games it's hard for the lads to get going because of the small crowds and lack of atmosphere. But you don't get that problem in a local derby and I expected the tackles to be flying in from the start.”



Reserves manager Shaun Taylor, whose team beat Rovers 3-1 at Ashton Gate.

“There is a bit of concern because we haven't kept clean sheets and we aren't scoring enough goals. But Gillingham proved last season that you can make a bad start and still go on to win promotion.

“When you look around the dressing room and see the quality of players we have available I don't think there is cause for too much worry. As soon as we start scoring a few goals everyone will be flying again and I still fancy us to do well.”



City defender Louis Carey talking after a third successive League defeat by Rotherham United.

“It's not good enough. We know that and it is us that have to put it right. We didn't set any tempo to the game in the first half and made it far too easy for them to play. As the home team we have to force the issue and we failed to do it.

“In the second half we picked up a head of steam and were more like our old selves. But we didn't often look like scoring and then fell for the old sucker punch again.”



Skipper Keith Millen after his return to the team against Rotherham.

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the city junior striker line-up

Congratulations to all those CJS's selected:

TODAY'S MASCOTS



Daniel Studley is eight-years-old and attends St. Helens School in Alveston. Daniel plays football for

Thornbury Falcons JFC and also attends coaching sessions at Thornbury Cricket Club. His favourite City players are Scott Murray and Tony Thorpe.

Jay Belton is 11-years-old and lives in Mangotsfield. He is a promising footballer for Bromley Heath.



Swindon Town's mascot is **Matthew Vernon** who is aged 15 and attends Crowdy's Hill School. His favourite

Robins player is 'keeper Bart Griemink.

TODAY'S BALL PERSONS

Liam Ward from Street in Somerset; Tim Smith from Clevedon near Bristol; Daniel King from Westbury-on-Trym in Bristol. Tom Dennis from Bedminster in Bristol.

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welcome ceremony

Today's welcome ceremony has proved a great success with all our members. We are fully booked with just over 40 Junior Strikers taking part in the tour and presentation of welcome certificates on the pitch.

For all the members taking part there is a chance of purchasing a framed photograph of the group photo on the pitch at a cost of £10. The photograph will be signed by a member of the first team squad or management.

If you would like to purchase your photo and did not do it on the day then please contact the City Junior Strikers hotline on 0117 963 0705.

The next available welcome ceremony for our City Junior Strikers is being held on Saturday 2nd December when Bristol City entertain Bury at Ashton Gate.

To book please call the City Junior Strikers hotline on 0117 963 0705.

The day includes a football fun session, match ticket and also a place on the welcome ceremony which was fully booked.

The next Matchday Club being run is on Saturday 23rd September, when Bristol City host Colchester United at Ashton Gate.

For more information or to book please contact the City Junior Striker hotline on 0117 963 0705.

away trips

We are just in the process of confirming this season's away travel to many of our Second Division rivals. The next game we hope to do is away at Oxford United on Saturday 30th September.

We are hoping to confirm these details as soon as possible, so watch this space for further details.

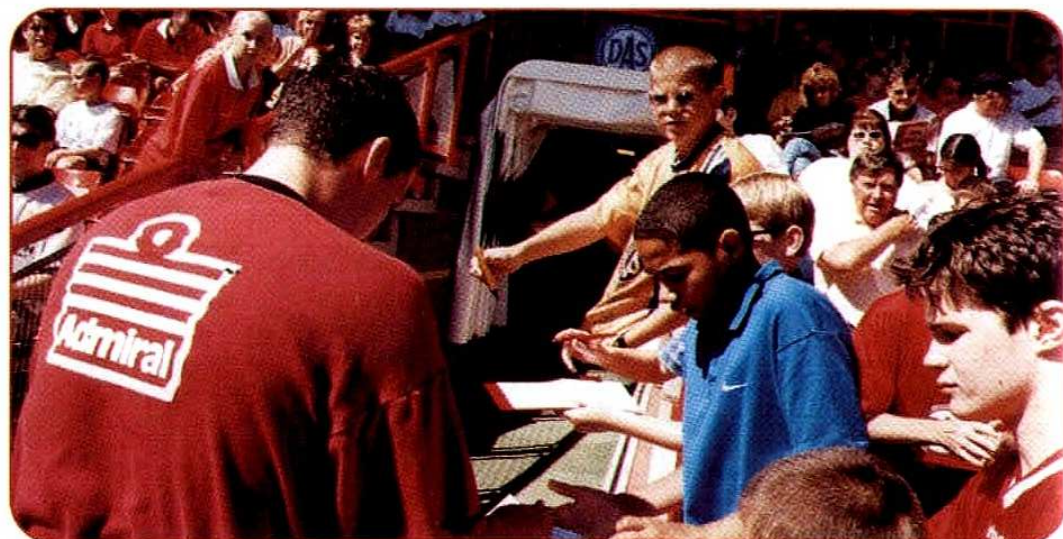


matchday club

Today sees the second of our Matchday clubs being run exclusively for the City Junior Strikers at Ashton Park School.

today's visitors

We would like to offer a warm welcome today to the young supporters of Swindon Town. We hope you enjoy the game.



The Soccer Challenge with

PAUL HOLLAND V SCOTT MURRAY



Each week different players will be challenged to test their footballing knowledge against their team mates. This week midfielder Paul Holland meets right-winger Scott Murray.

- How much did Bradford City pay for Benito Carbone?
PH: Bosman, free transfer ☒ SM: Free transfer ☒
 - Which Manchester City defender scored an own goal in his side's home game versus Coventry?
PH: Richard Edghill ☒ SM: Richard Edghill ☒
 - Which country does Middlesbrough's Joseph Desire Job play for?
PH: An African team, Cameroon? ☒ SM: Cameroon ☒
 - Which player recently received the quickest red card in English football history?
PH: Kevin Pressman ☒ SM: Pressman ☒
 - Name Tottenham Hotspur's Swiss defender?
PH: Vega ☒ SM: Ramon Vega ☒
 - Which player signed for AC Milan? Richard Latham talks to..... Peter Beadle
PH: Redondo ☒ SM: Redondo ☒
 - Which Birmingham City player's proposed move to Las Palmas fell through recently?
PH: Dele Adebola ☒ SM: Adebola ☒
 - Where did Nigel Martyn start his career?
PH: (Bristol) Rovers ☒ SM: (Bristol) Rovers ☒
 - In the recent Super Cup who scored twice for Galatasaray, including the "golden goal"?
PH: Ardu, no it was Jardel ☒ SM: Jardel ☒
 - Who sponsors Newcastle and Aston Villa?
PH: NTL ☒ SM: NTL ☒
- Total 10 Total 10**

IT'S A DRAW (KNOW-IT-ALLS)!!

Answers: 1. Free transfer; 2. Richard Edghill; 3. Cameroon; 4. Kevin Pressman; 5. Ramon Vega; 6. Redondo; 7. Dele Adebola; 8. Bristol Rovers; 9. Jardel; 10. NTL.

city junior strikers birthdays

september

- 9** Aaron John Harvey 14, Michael Cooper 9, Oliver Gostlin 9, Matthew Carpenter 9, Robert Wilshire 5, Charlie Parker 9, Matthew Gillett 9, Terry Beacham 12, Gemma Balding 8.
- 10** Max Hart 5, Daniel Allen 7, Craig Trott 13, Samantha Kidd 16, Clayton Green 16, Hayley McSweeney 10, Emma McSweeney 10, Jason Piper 11, Jonathan Atwell 11, Nicholas Cryer 14, Martyn Evans 13, Robert McSweeney 10, William Bradshaw 9, Michael Millington 16, Mark Humphrey 11, Craig Cains 12.
- 11** Catherine Jenkins 16, Draper-Gib Karelle 14, Ben Lewis 6, Jack Howland 11, Dan Huxtable 15, Gareth Plant 10, Matthew Gray 15, George Miller 11, David Leather 10, Keith Stuchbury 15, Charlie Peters 10, Max Harper 9, Jay Sims 10.
- 12** Laura Millett 13, Simon Ling 12, Joseph Sergeant 7, Kieron Vernon-Jones 16, James Gray 8, Daniel Hawkes 11, Sam Mogg 15.
- 13** George Robbins 9, Andy Summers 16, Matthew James 11, Chris Hawkins 9, Adam Ford 13, Ashleigh Matthews 14, Ben Roberts 16, Mark Cadwallader 15.
- 14** Stephen Tanner 8, Daniel Ogden 16, Steven Tanner 7, Jodie Harris 9, Sam Shorney 9, Simon Cooper 11, Stephen Tanner 8, Rachel Day 15, Kieran Hughes 12, Michael Brown 6.
- 15** Matthew Jordan 13, Christopher O'Brien 13, Kane Ingram 13, Glyn Jones 13, C Hemmings 10, Danielle Moore 10, Amy Pippard 9, Peter Abbott 11, Matthew Sims 13, Liam Hodges 6, Kimberley Flook 16, Matthew Jordan 13, Matthew Long 15.
- 16** Daisy Maryon 13, Nikolas Norman 13, Danielle Banfield 12, Donna Nicholls 16, Jack Aristei 11, Liz Butterfield 16, Trevor Loader 13, Kirk Godbeer 12, Ross Whitlock 9, Becky Perry 15, Christina Rees 13, Williams Saunders 15, Liam Kelly 8, Charlotte Cashley 12, Sarah Clarke 12, Joe Pople 9, George Fensome 12, Kayleigh Woodham 12, Lee Gully 15, Jason Burgess 14.
- 17** Callum Albrighton 8, Hayley Mann 12, Chris Sivers 10, Hannah Dury 10, Holly Kenyon 11, Dennis James 6, Katie Heathman 11, Alex Montague 13, Nicola Pascoe 15, Christian Michael 11, Chanelle Limb 9, Daniel Spriggs 8, Jonathan Howie 11, Ryan Carrey 15, Matthew Downes 16, Holly Kenyon 11, Jake Eade 11, Caitlin Saunders 5.
- 18** Lyndon Meek 14, Steve Chambers 14, Thomas McGrath 13, Kelly-Marie Drew 13, Sam Lambert 15, Daniel Kenyon 14, Christopher Heal 7, Jonathan Arthur 15, Audrey Uhlyk 3, Neil McMullan 15, Jack Luton 9, Jamie Osment 12, Shani-Kay Bedford 10.
- 19** Alice Burt 6, Sam Best 4, Chris Georgio 12, Stacey Bragg 15, Daniel Martin 16, Craig Young 8, Ricky Roberts 12, Ben Pinker 11, Kim Gardiner 12, Philip Burt 6, Peter Dale 10, Peter Clark 16, Jordan Clark 16, Tim Crew 9, Callum Wilford 15, Aila Briggs 9.
- 20** Marc Bruce 16, Kyle Corp 12, Samuel Jam Sheppard 13, Jordan Lewis 10, Alex Haley 13, O Hodson 5, J Hopegood 1, Stephen Rafter-Clovely 15, William Low 13, Christopher Lee 11, Danile Cor Ritchie 7, Tracey Price 10, Elliot Mould 14, Marc Male 15, Adam Corp 12, Laura Carr 12, Daniel Cribwell 11, Naomi Watson 14, Mohammed Hennessy 16, Dean Akbar 12.
- 21** Joseph Batt 16, Kyle Smith 11, Ross Roberts 15, Samuel Barry 14, Joshua King 10, Michael Hingston 9, Tim Garland 11, Keira Frazer 16, Ben Cullinane 15, Felicity Phillimore 10, Sam Williams 15, Lloyd Haskins 10, Lewis 12, Joel Dougherty 7, Ryan Phillips 11, Lloyd Mills 14, Jodie Edgell 12.
- 22** William Mockridge 8, Joe Noble 9, Aaron Gregory 14, Ashley Eamer 12, Leon Hanham 14, Bradley Harvey 12, Ashley Foster 14, Luke Manham 14, John Reilly 12, Robert 7, Ashley Arnold 12, Jamie Hahnam 14.



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action from the matches against cambridge and rotherham

1. Damian Spencer finds a new vocation as a stepladder for Cambridge's Andy Duncan.

2. Darren Dunning starts a new trend in head-gear at the Abbey Stadium.

3. Mickey Bell gets ready to pull the trigger as The U's Tom Youngs closes in.

4. No way through. Greg comes off the bench against Rotherham at half-time and hits the side-netting with this effort . . .

5. . . . before fellow substitute Kay Odejayi sees his shot blocked by the advancing Rotherham keeper.

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just who is terry brady?



Swindon Town's new Chairman is London businessman Terry Brady, who completed a £2 million takeover of the club in the summer.

Brady is best known in football circles for being a former director of Portsmouth where he was instrumental in the appointment of Terry Venables as manager. His daughter, Karen, is managing-director of Birmingham City.

He is currently involved in talks with the local council over a possible new stadium at the "Front Garden" area of Swindon - adjacent to the M4 at the entrance to the town - which would include a leisure centre and shopping complex.

Also playing today

Bournemouth v Port Vale
Bury v Walsall
Cambridge v Rotherham
Luton v Northampton
Millwall v Swansea
Notts County v Bristol R.
Reading v Brentford
Stoke v Peterborough
Wigan v Colchester
Wrexham v Oldham

division two form table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	%PTS
WALSALL	5	5	0	0	15	7	8	15	100.00
BURY	5	3	1	1	6	6	0	10	66.67
MILLWALL	3	2	0	1	7	5	1	9	60.00
NOTTS COUNTY	5	3	0	2	6	5	1	9	60.00
WYCOMBE	5	2	3	0	4	2	2	9	60.00
WIGAN ATHLETIC	4	2	1	1	5	4	1	7	58.33
BRISTOL ROVERS	3	1	2	0	9	5	4	5	55.56
CAMBRIDGE UTD.	5	2	2	1	4	3	1	8	53.33
COLCHESTER UTD.	5	2	2	1	6	3	3	8	53.33
PETERBORO UTD.	5	2	2	1	8	6	2	8	53.33
PORT VALE	4	2	0	2	7	5	2	6	50.00
READING	5	2	1	2	6	7	2	6	46.67
ROTHERHAM	5	2	1	2	6	6	0	7	46.67
STOKE CITY	4	1	2	1	5	5	0	5	41.67
SWANSEA CITY	4	1	2	1	2	2	0	5	41.67
BRENTFORD	5	1	3	1	4	7	-3	6	40.00
LUTON TOWN	5	1	2	2	4	5	-1	5	33.33
NORTHAMPTON	4	1	1	2	3	3	0	4	33.33
WREXHAM	3	1	0	2	5	6	-1	3	33.33
OLDHAM ATH.	5	1	1	3	8	10	-2	4	26.67
BRISTOL CITY	4	1	0	3	3	4	-1	3	25.00
BOURNEMOUTH	4	0	2	2	3	6	-3	2	16.67
SWINDON TOWN	4	0	1	3	1	9	-8	1	8.33
OXFORD UNITED	5	0	1	4	3	9	-6	1	6.67

This table shows the current form (last eight games) of each team, sorted by points percentage. This is calculated by the percentage of points taken against all points available - ie a team which has won all of its games has claimed all available points and would have 100%.

BRENTFORD

The honeymoon seems to be well and truly over for Griffin Park



supremo Ron Noades. Following The Bees' 6-2 home defeat by Bristol Rovers, the owner/chairman/manager said he had fielded abusive calls on his mobile, and received letters urging him to go. As ever, Noades had the last laugh: "Bearing in mind the overdraft reached £3.9 million ten days ago, all of which I deposited at the bank, the prospect (of moving out) sounded quite exciting."

WALSALL

After their 2-0 win over Wigan Athletic, The Saddlers possess Division Two's sole remaining 100% per cent record and are leading scorers in the Football League with 15 goals. Bristolian boss Ray Graydon, the former Aston Villa and Bristol Rovers winger, has been voted Nationwide League Manager of the Month for Division Two but still regards his side as "underdogs" for promotion.

ONE TO WATCH - JORGE LEITAO

Walsall's bargain £150,000 buy from the lower reaches of the Portuguese League has already opened his account for his new club, and Graydon reckons the striker is "going to prove a snip."





supporters doing it for themselves

City supporters of more than 20 years know only too well how it feels when a club is facing financial ruin. The dark days of 1982 when eight City players had to accept a redundancy package in order to ensure the club's survival will not be easily forgotten.

Unfortunately these emotions have been shared by the followers of too many lower League clubs in recent seasons.

In Division Two alone AFC Bournemouth, Oxford United and today's visitors Swindon Town have all stared oblivion in the face.

That they have survived at all is not always due to the appearance of a knight in shining armour but sometimes

down to the emergence of supporter power.

When Terry Brady rescued Swindon from the throes of administration this summer he received the eternal gratitude of fans – despite not being a life-long Robins supporter himself.

"After being in the troughs of despair last year all supporters were looking for a way forward as they realised there could be a potential disaster around the corner," says Supporters Club spokesman Nigel Bennett.

"So when we were given the option of a fresh start by Terry Brady's financial injection it was welcomed by everyone."

Brady is believed to be interested in moving the club from their present home to a new site to the south of the City. This is a move welcomed by fans who had presented the local council with a petition prior to his arrival backing the same proposal.

That action is just one example of supporters doing it for themselves now football's divide between rich and poor is growing ever wider.

Bournemouth looked to be on their last legs three years ago, before fans handed around collection buckets and helped engineer the club's eventual rescue by a community-based consortium. At the Manor Ground, Oxford supporters sent food hampers to staff when

the club could no longer afford to pay their wages on time, before property magnate Firoz Kassam's take-over of the club last summer.

When Stoke City was relegated to Division Two in 1998 supporters organised the SOS (Save Our Stoke) Group to revive the Potters' fortunes. Founder Tim Gallimore recalls: "We felt that as a club we were struggling and needed to attract investment.

"We wanted to get a positive message across and advertise the club's potential as we realised not many people outside of Stoke would recognise how big the club was."

A media campaign was launched which resulted in saviours from the most unlikely of sources when a group of Icelandic businessmen took over the Potters in the autumn of 1999.

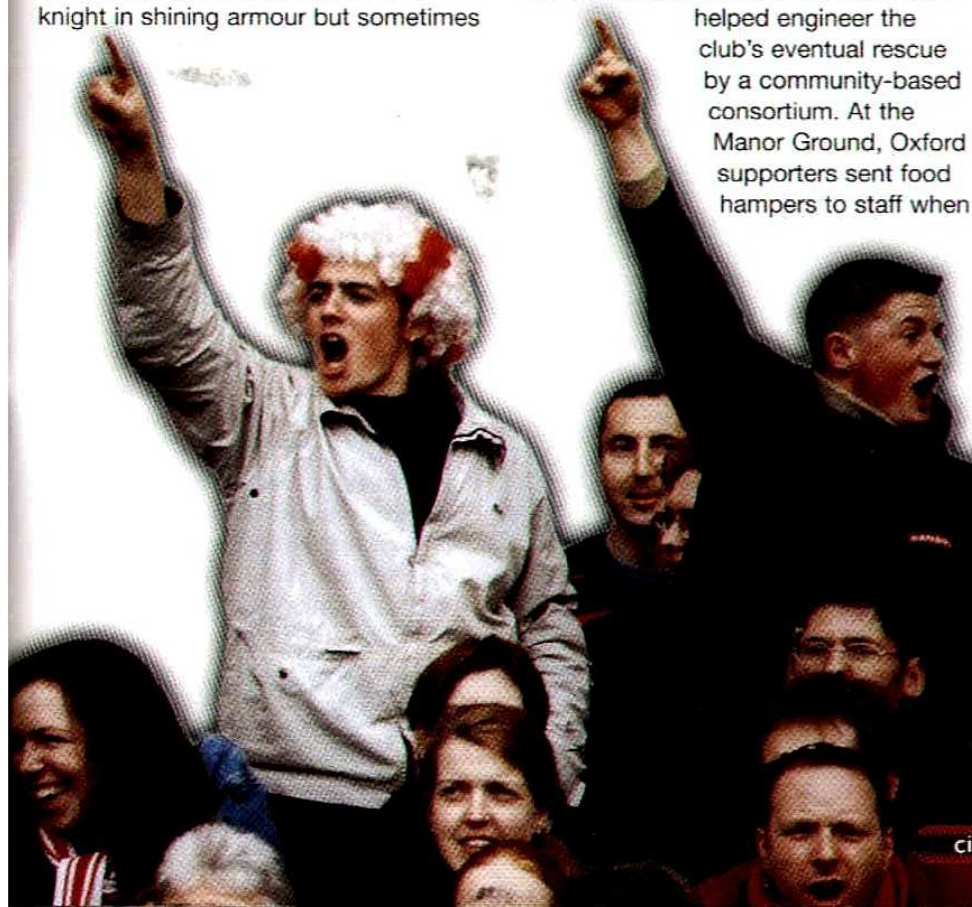
An initial bout of blood-letting saw the removal of popular new boss Gary Megson and the installation of ex-Iceland national coach manager Gudjon Thordarson who, to date, has bought in five Scandinavian players to the first team.

Tim continues: "I think some fans were disappointed at the changes and perhaps saw their identity threatened but deep down knew they had to work with the new owners.

"To their credit the consortium were prepared to listen to the supporters and started a dialogue which has resulted in a Fans Forum being set-up, which now meet the Board every three months."

As the above example illustrates the bigger stakes on offer in the game nowadays are luring hard-nosed businessmen to gamble a small part of their fortune on taking an underdog to the big-time.

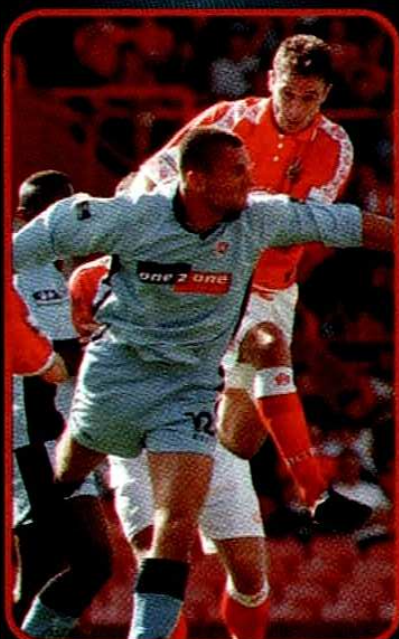
Not all clubs can rely on a genuine fan like Jack Walker – the late benefactor of Blackburn Rovers who left a reported £150 million to the Lancashire club in his will. As long as their views are listened to, however, fans will regard changes as a necessary sacrifice to allow their club to compete in an increasingly market-driven game.





profile

Born: Bristol 20.1.77.
Versatile defender who is a product of the club's youth system. Has never looked back since making his first team debut in October 1995. Began his first team career as a right-back, but feels more at home in central defence. Gained international recognition when he trained with the Scottish under-21 squad, for whom he qualifies through his grandparents. Signed a new four-year deal in July 2000.



at work . . .

Most enjoyable part of training: Five-a-sides and ball-work
Least enjoyable part of training: Warm-ups
Most difficult opponent: Kevin Phillips
Best goal: None as yet. But I have saved a few with goalline clearances
Most memorable match: For the occasion it has to be the Auto Windscreens Shield final against Stoke City last April
Worst moment in a game: Conceding the free kick that led to Stoke's winner at Wembley
Make of boots: Adidas World Cup
Worst injury: Three separate head wounds caused by the studs of a Millwall player in the game here last season. I needed 16 stitches in all.
Favourite Second Division stadium: Madejski Stadium, Reading
Soccer idol: Maradona and Alan Hansen

at home . . .

Where do you live? Headley Park
Describe your home: Modern three-bedroomed semi. I'm in the process of moving home to Flax Bourton.
Who does the housework? Girlfriend Lara
Least favourite household chore: Ironing
Describe your garden: Small, with lawn, paving stones and some overgrown shrubs.
Do you like gardening: Not a bit
Car: Renault Megane Coupe
Most precious possession: A watch my parents gave me for my 21st birthday
Favourite meal: Spaghetti Bolognaise

at play . . .

Favourite way of relaxing: Playing a round of golf with the lads
Other sports played: Golf and Pool
Favourite reading: Teletext
Favourite music: At the moment Oasis, but I have a wide taste
Average daily hours watching TV: Five or six
Favourite programme: Big Brother
Top pin-up: Claudia Schiffer
Favourite way of spending a night out: A few drinks with the lads. You can't beat it
Person you would most like to meet: A famous real-life gangster. I love gangster movies and would love to hear some true stories
Worst habit: Very, very lazy about the house



You signed a new four-year contract in the summer. Does that really mean you are committed to staying at Ashton Gate?

Yes, I had a two-year option on my previous agreement, but the new deal is a straightforward four-year one. Of course I thought about my future before signing and decided I could join a club in a higher division only to find there was less potential than here. It therefore made sense to accept the contract offered.

Does that mean you think City are geared for success?

I don't see why not. This is a big club by Second Division standards with the potential not only to win promotion, but to reach the Premiership. That is my ambition and I honestly feel it can be achieved without leaving Bristol.

'We didn't have a good start in our promotion season ... sometimes it's good that these problems come to light early so you can work on them'

You played for Scotland under-21s not so long ago. Do you still have international ambitions?

I think you always need to aim high. The Scotland chance came about during our promotion season through a grandmother having been born in Paisley. I played in an under-21 match against Denmark, which because it was a friendly didn't mean I was tied to Scotland for any future international appearances. That would have been the case had I played the next time I was asked and I decided not to burn my bridges as I was soon going to be over-age for the under-21s anyway. As things stand I could still play for Scotland or England if I ever earned the chance.

How worried are you by City's poor start to the season?

We didn't have a good start in our promotion season and were jeered off after a draw with Bournemouth at Ashton Gate. Sometimes it's good that problems come to light early and you can work on them with plenty of games still to go. I still feel we have a strong enough squad to do well.

What about this afternoon's clash with Swindon Town?

The way things are going we shall probably feel the

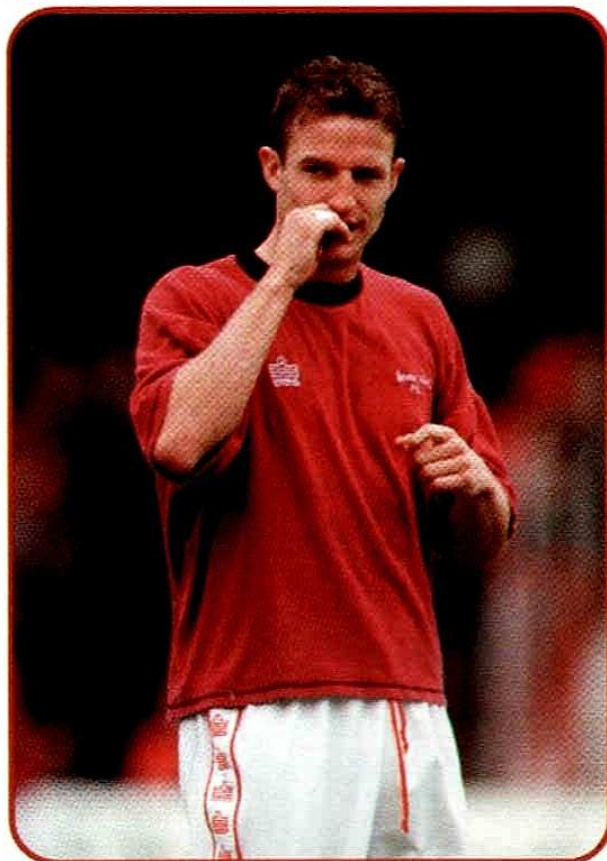
backlash of their poor early season results. They have been struggling and conceding a few goals, while our defeats have been very narrow. Matches with them have a derby feel a win would be a real boost for whichever team achieves it.

With Brentford here on Tuesday it's a chance to kick-start the season.

Very much so and we have to look at taking six points from the two games. If we can do that I'm sure we are capable of building a good run. I thought we should have killed off Brentford at Griffin Park last week before they scored the two goals that knocked us out of the Worthington Cup and I'm confident we can beat them on Tuesday.

How much have early season injuries contributed to poor results?

It's never easy if you have to continually change personnel. As far as the defence are concerned we had Keith Millen out to start with and then Mark Lever so I've had a few different partners in the middle. The midfield and attack have also been affected, but we have a big squad and have to cope with players being out if we are to be a promotion force.



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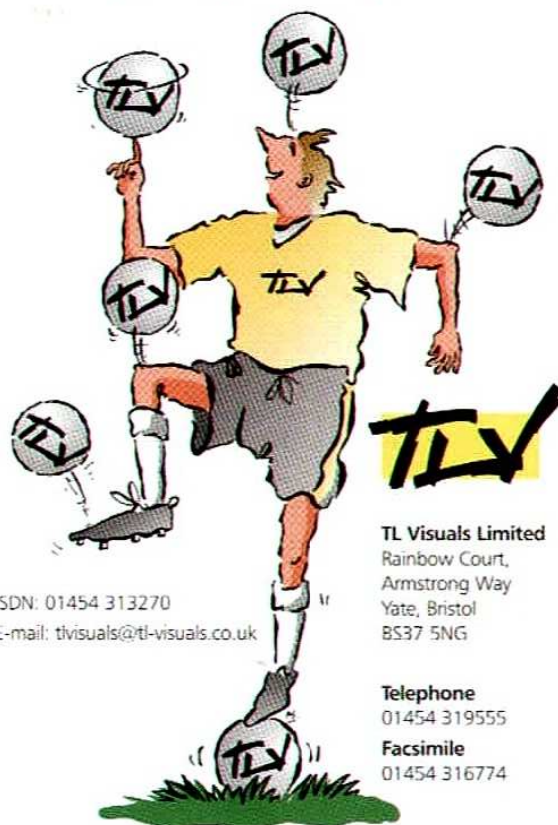


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Last weekend saw England visit the World and European champions France for a friendly match in preparation for the forthcoming World Cup qualifiers.

The game, for those that missed it, ended 1-1 after goals from ex-Arsenal midfielder Emmanuel Petit and Liverpool's super-sub Michael Owen, took place at the Stade de France in front of approximately 85,000 fans.

However, the number of people watching the game was actually much higher, as millions of fans across the globe tuned into Sky TV for their very own front row view of the action.

As well as broadcasting international fixtures ranging from friendlies to World Cup finals, Sky TV also provides live coverage of Premiership, League, European and Cup action. On average there are four televised games per week, not including those in Scotland, and this figure can often be higher.

For many football fans, live television coverage is the closest they can get to the real thing and it has always been naturally assumed that watching televised games is more economical than going down the ground. Unfortunately, this no longer appears to be the case. Although technology has advanced greatly since the introduction of Sky – with more cameras, and interactive coverage – the cost of watching live games has

increased by a staggering 125 per cent since the first live game was broadcast in 1992.

If that's not bad enough, armchair fans will be outraged that proposed changes for the near future, some as early as this season, are likely to set them back even more.

The controversial emergence of companies such as Ondigital, NTL and u<direct mean fans who want access to every televised match are now being forced to fork out a staggering £750 a year. To put this into perspective, season tickets for the best seats at sixteen out of twenty Premiership clubs cost less than this! Only Chelsea, Newcastle, Arsenal and Tottenham charge more than the total cost of seeing every game on screen. By next year, viewers will be lucky to receive change from £1,000 if they want to be sure of not missing out.

At a combined cost of around £600, Sky TV

and Ondigital guarantee top Premiership and European action, and have the exclusive rights to Champions League games, whilst

u<direct have enraged fans with their plans to charge for games which were previously included in original subscription packages.

For the first time ever, viewers will be charged to see England live on screen, when they play Germany in the forthcoming World Cup qualifier.

Most fans feel they are already paying enough, for instance, those who attend live games in addition to watching televised matches. After all, I doubt there are many here today who didn't see England's game last Saturday?

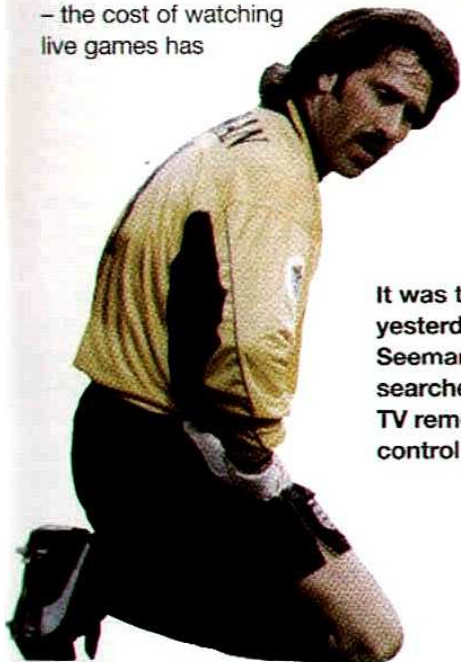
Whilst there is a whole programme of live games on Sky Sports between now and the end of this season – including 120 Premiership and League games, coverage from every round of the FA and League Cup, and all England internationals – the 2001/2002 campaign looks set to be very different.

From next August, NTL and Ondigital will show Premiership, League and Cup action on a pay-per-view basis, leaving fans either out of pocket or out of the action.

In addition to this expense, perhaps the saddest thing of all is the alleged future of Match of the Day. The national institution is set to become available only to "pay-per-viewers" – a transfer that will leave the last fan fuming.

'By next year, TV viewers will be lucky to receive change from £1,000 if they want to be sure of not missing out'

It was there yesterday! Seeman searches for his TV remote control



Female Pitch is a regular series of articles on all things football coming from the female point of view, supplied by **WELL RED's** Emily Williamson

profile



Geoff Merrick

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**Versatile defender
who was twice
Player Of The Year at
Ashton Gate.**

The former England Schoolboys captain signed a professional contract in August 1968, three months after making his debut at Aston Villa. Enjoyed a testimonial in 1980 before becoming a member of the "Ashton Gate Eight" released by the club in 1982.

A true professional and highly influential leader, Geoff Merrick's career at Bristol City

was a rollercoaster ride that could rival some of the world's biggest attractions.

During his time at Ashton Gate, which overlapped three decades, he not only experienced the greatest years in the club's history, but also encountered a spell that would be any professional footballers ultimate nightmare.

A typically modest man, Geoff's thoughts on the promotion-winning team are the unbiased views you would expect.

"With that team there were no real stars, we were just a very solid unit and if anyone was missing it was noticeable", recalls the ex-skipper.

"We never really thought about

"It was absolutely perfect. Driving up the motorway on a sea of red and white was unbelievable"

what was possible and more often than not we were relegation candidates instead of pushing for promotion. We went out to win every game and I was just happy to be in the team and playing for Bristol City."

For Geoff, the realisation of possible promotion didn't really sink in until he was sat at home one evening.

"I was watching the mid-week results come in on the television and Bolton Wanderers had lost a game that everyone expected them to win. They were pushing for promotion and it suddenly dawned on me what we could achieve."

The game against Portsmouth, that became the promotion decider for City in 1976, was treated in exactly the same way as any other match. Geoff met fellow defender

Brian Drysdale at Redwood Lodge for a relaxing game of snooker, before playing in a fixture that would become the highlight of his career and one of the highlights of his life.

A similar experience was waiting for Geoff only a few months later. Arsenal captain Alan Ball and the talented Arsenal line-up would be waiting for City on the first day of the season at Highbury.

"It was absolutely perfect. Driving up the motorway on a sea of red and white was unbelievable. Leading the team out onto the Highbury pitch with the sun shining and the fantastic support from Bristol behind us really was brilliant. Making a winning start to the season was just a bonus. We even wore black shorts and socks, which I preferred, because it made my legs look longer!"

During his time at City, Arsenal had put in a bid for Geoff, to try

and entice him to the marble halls of Highbury. He had met Arsenal manager Bobby Campbell whilst on holiday in Tunisia and the Gunners' boss obviously liked what he saw.

"It was flattering to be targeted by Arsenal, but I wanted to stay at Ashton Gate and play First Division football with City. I remember taking my father to the FA Cup final later on and bumping into, of all people, Bobby Campbell. He simply flung his arms around me and asked me why I didn't sign!"

Geoff was City captain for almost a decade and was an ever-present for three seasons, being voted player of the year on two occasions. His loyalty was rewarded with a testimonial in 1980, but within two years the success of the seventies was suddenly a distant memory and the



financial crisis of 1982 which had been threatening for so long had become reality.

"It was an incredibly stressful time for everyone involved, but it seemed a disgusting way to treat the players after the loyalty and service they had shown. I had recently come back from a serious injury and to be forced out of the club had a massive effect on myself and my family."

The letters and abuse that Geoff received was a shocking experience and only added to the worry and uncertainty. A favourite with the fans who had supported City himself prior to playing for them, he became one of the 'Ashton Gate Eight', a group of players responsible for the club's existence as we know it today. If it weren't for Geoff and his seven-team mates tearing up lengthy contracts, Bristol City would ultimately have gone out of business.

As a consequence, Geoff headed for a spell in Hong Kong, although due to stress he was over a stone and a half lighter than his playing weight, and he also spent a short time playing in South Africa, before returning to Bristol.

On giving up professional football, Geoff tried farming for two years, but found that it couldn't provide enough to support his family financially. He moved into the building and construction trade and now has a very successful business based at his home in Nailsea.

I'm sure the scriptwriters couldn't have written a better story line for Geoff Merrick's playing career. Geoff began by starring in the Luckwell Primary School football team, before graduating to captain England Schoolboys. He completed his apprenticeship at Ashton Gate and then went on to lead Bristol City, the team he had supported on the terraces as a youngster, in the greatest years of the Club's long history.



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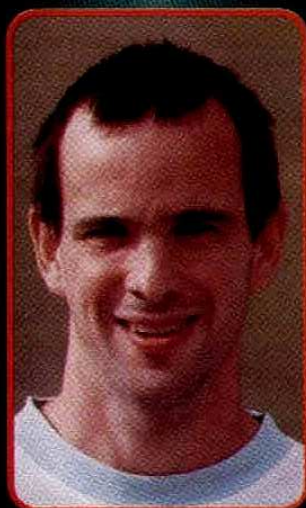
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profile

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Date of birth: 9.7.65

Birthplace:

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Occupation: Bristol

City groundstaff

Marital Status: Single

Favourite other

sporting sides: I'm

City through and through and don't support any other club sides in any other sport. I'm a big follower of the England national team, however, and have travelled away to watch them, the highlight being the 1990 World Cup. I once met Ian Wright and Lee Sharpe after an England/Poland game at Wembley.

Where, and when did you see your first City match?

I can't recall my first game although it would have been in the 1975/76 promotion season. I watched the games in the Covered End (now the Blackthorn Wedlock Stand) which was not seated then. The first match I really recall is when we beat Liverpool in the old First Division, in May 1977, when Chris Garland scored twice to give us a 2-1 victory.

What is your most memorable City match?

When City came back from behind to beat Hereford in extra-time after trailing 2-0 on aggregate in the Southern Area Final, Second Leg of the Freight Rover Trophy at Ashton Gate in May 1986. I watched the match from the dugout with the other groundstaff and joined in the celebrations afterwards! It was the first time we had got to Wembley and I was pleased it happened under Terry Cooper who was one of my favourite managers.

What is your worst memory of watching City?

In April 1985 I travelled on the train with my father to Plymouth for a Division Three game. When we arrived at the station we were stopped from getting off the train by police in riot gear and dogs. Apparently there had been trouble at the ground and they would not allow any City supporters near Home Park. We had turn around and go back to Bristol without seeing the game. My father was so angry that he wrote a letter to The Guardian newspaper, and it got printed the following week.

Who is your favourite City player of all-time?

I have two. When I first started watching City I enjoyed watching Clive Whitehead, who was an old-fashioned winger who put a lot of crosses in. I also liked Alan Walsh, who was a bargain buy at £18,000 from Darlington. He was a brilliant player who, as well as scoring goals,

used to bring other players into the game. Having worked at City I've had the privilege of meeting him and he's a really nice bloke as well.

Name your best all-time City XI.

Mercer; Tistimetanu, Curle, Taylor, Barnard; Gavin, Shelton, Tinnion, Smith; Cole, Akinbiyi. Subs: Walsh, Taylor, Aizlewood, Goater, Scott. Manager: Terry Cooper.

Best away ground you have visited.

At club level it is Sunderland's Stadium Of Light. It is big, new and well-presented. If we ever move from Ashton Gate I'd like to see our new ground modelled on it. Abroad it has to be the San Siro in Milan.

If you could have one wish for City granted, what would it be?

For us to be wealthy, and find a sugar-daddy like the late Jack Walker at Blackburn Rovers. I'd actually put this ahead of us winning the League at the moment because it would give us the funds and back-up to consistently attract the best players at each level, and compete for honours on a regular basis.



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Over the summer we have been busy writing new materials for the children and you will be hearing more about the things that they have been doing throughout the season. I don't want to give too much away but it will involve running their own team!

A very successful part of the course is the Stadium tour and the children all love going behind the scenes at Ashton Gate and seeing their favourite players. Everyone is used to seeing me with a group of excited children behind me. The tour gets longer each time as people keep telling me new stories and interesting facts about Ashton Gate.

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Mandy Thorpe

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Northampton have confirmed the 2pm kick-off for our match with them away on Sunday 1st October.

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November

Sun 5 Yeovil
Sun 12 FA Cup
Sun 19 **CLEVEDON TOWN**
Sun 26 **OXFORD**

December

Sun 3 Ambassador Cup R2
Sun 10 Saltash
Sun 17 Swindon Town

January

Sun 7 **SOUTHAMPTON**
Sun 14 Bristol Rovers
Sun 21 **CHEL TENHAM TOWN**
Sun 28 Denham

February

Sun 4 **READING**
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Where have all the left-footers gone? That has been the cry of the pundits when looking at the make-up of England squads over the last two major tournaments.

Apart from the fact that Hoddle and especially Keegan missed out on some glaringly obvious candidates, the fear for the English game is that we are short of genuinely left-footed players to fill key positions on that side of the pitch.

You at least hope that, unlike when you

learn to write as a child, that kids who are left-footed aren't discouraged from developing that natural attribute. Left-handedness used to be considered as the mark of the devil, hence the word sinister comes from the Latin for left – sinistra. Unless some primitive form of the game took place, like something out of that *Carling* advert, we have to hope that some equally deep-seated fear of left-footedness isn't lingering in the psyches of teachers and coaches in this country.

There can't be any lack of inspiration for kids down the line. In the past, love him or loathe him, Diego Maradona was a true great, the ball 'glued' to his foot as he bamboozled opponents, as were fellow South Americans 'sinistra seniors' Tostao, Rivelino and Gerson. On the world stage the contrasting skills of Raul, Redondo, Rivaldo, Vieri, Salas and the Dutch pair Davids and Zenden shows a balanced view of play in every sense of the word.

Then there's the swansongs from Eastern Europe – not so gruesome twosome George Hagi and Hristo Stoichkov, while the UK saw the glorious gambling genius of west London's ball juggling Stan Bowles, the class prompting of Jim Baxter and the dynamism of Archie Gemmill.

There are some great left-footed players like Ryan Giggs, Harry Kewell and Georgi

Kinkladze in the top flight these days. The problem, as we all know, is that none of them are English.

Robbie Fowler made the 'EURO 2000' squad, even if his form and fitness didn't really justify it, whereas

Gareth Barry got in on merit but wasn't used, in spite of a useful debut friendly against Brazil! The other left back candidate, who, if picked, would have spared poor old Philip Neville his ignominy against Romania, was Chelsea's John Harley. Mysteriously Kev ignored the lad.

Ironically it wasn't just England who put out a team with no natural left-sided players. The eventual tournament winners, France did the same in some games too! Even a great club side like the early nineties AC Milan side that included Gullit, Van Basten and Rijkaard lacked left-footers.

Milan captain, Paulo Maldini, like Bobby Charlton and George Best in their time, was two-footed! – they could use either to deadly effect. These guys never fell victim to the right-footed player in a left-sided position having to cut inside to cross the ball.

The England predicament of fielding an 'unbalanced' team seemed to compare to the British troops called up for World War One not being of the appropriate physical strength or make-up of their counterparts. They certainly were at a disadvantage.

Here at City we seem to have no

Marco Van Basten showing the reason why he preferred using his left foot.

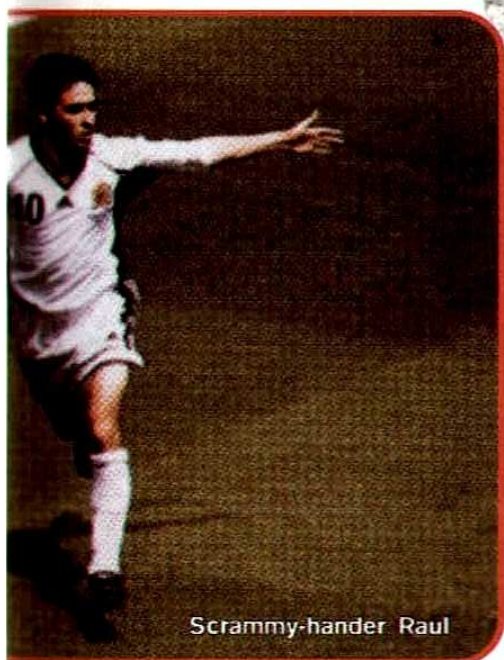




problem finding good lefties, with most of them being English. There have been imports like Paul Agostino now finding the net with regularity in Germany for Munich 1860, speedy Canadian Jim Brennan, and I always rated Scotsman Bobby Hutchinson and the thunderbolt shooting and pinpoint crossing of Alan Walsh.

Fans favourite, and adopted Welshman Darren Barnard had been part of a fine tradition of enterprising left backs that include Brennan, current number 3 Mickey Bell, and Yorkshireman Martin Scott, while the left-side of midfield number 11's range from tearaway speed merchant Dave Smith to the cultured passing of Brian Tinnion.

Going through players in the English leagues you can't see past Darren Eadie, Ashley Cole (no relation but currently at Arsenal) and Seth Johnson as being other contenders to fill the left-hand slots. They are young, English and quite possibly good enough. The encouraging thing is that all three have been playing in the Nationwide League until recently. Maybe that's where the England coaching staff should be looking!



Scrammy-hander Raul



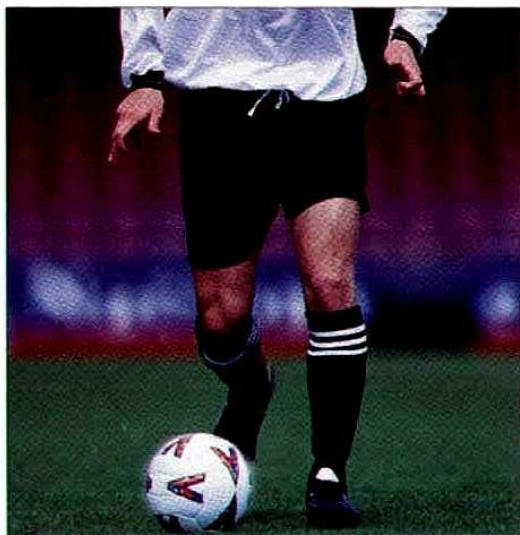
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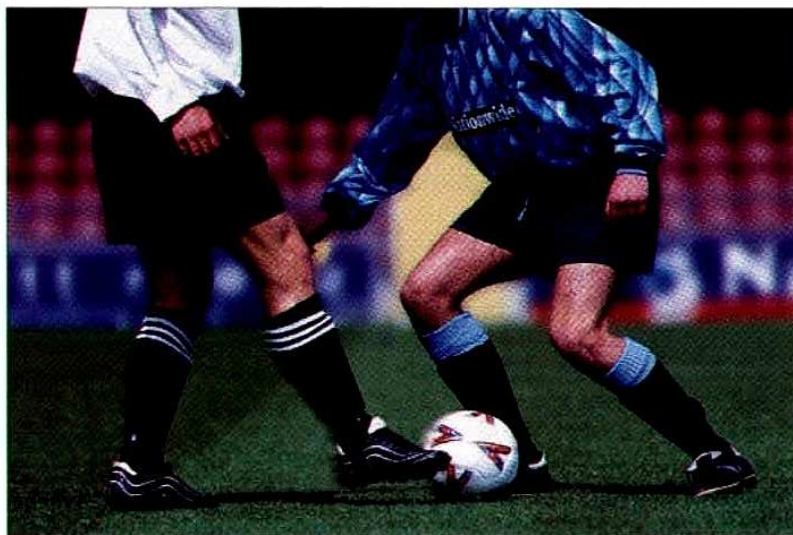
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chamber of horrors

Following the expose of John Haynes in the last match magazine we now commence a series to introduce you to members of the Executive Committee, starting today with the Supporters' Club Chairman Derrick Griffin.

Derrick hails from Brislington and became Chairman in March this year after 3 years as a member of the Executive Committee. He has supported City since his older brother took him to his first match at the tender age of 8. Married to Jane, he has two daughters who have also followed the family trait by becoming season ticket holders and Derrick reckons he has visited around 75 League grounds supporting City. Asked why he supports City, he replied 'It's in the blood'.

Watch out for more Committee members in our next instalment of Chamber of Horrors.

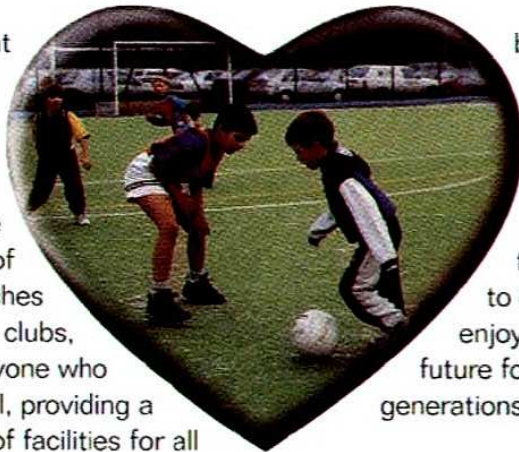


What the Claus family get up to during the rest of the year

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Our picture shows Keith McIlwain the Cider Brands Director with Bristol City chairman John Laycock sealing the agreement in front of the newly named Blackthorn Stand.

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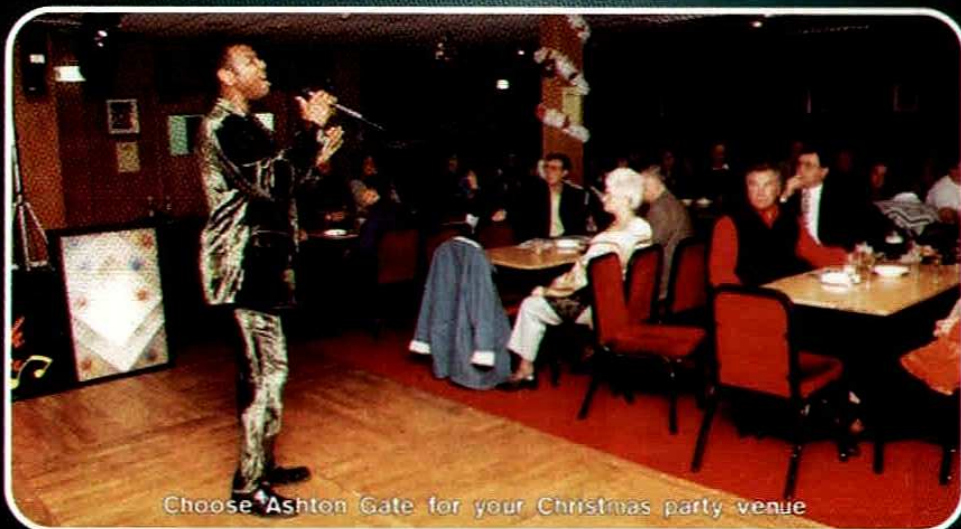
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- Meet the City team
- Photo momentos of the day

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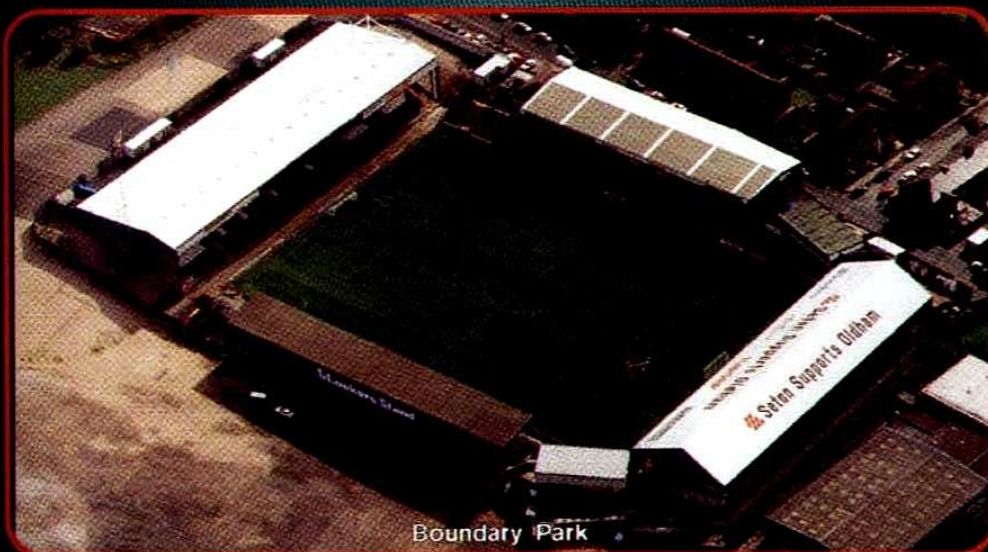
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Boundary Park

After this week's Worthington Cup exit at Griffin Park most City supporters could be forgiven for being sick of the sight of Brentford.

Tuesday's game followed an epic First Leg at Ashton Gate which, due to a lengthy period of injury-time, lasted an incredible 125 minutes!

This week's Nationwide League encounter, however, gives us a chance to exact revenge on the Londoners.

City outplayed The Bees at times and, were it not for two late goals, would have been eagerly awaiting the outcome of this

week's Second Round draw. Manager Danny Wilson can also take comfort from Brentford's erratic League form which saw them crash 6-2 to at home to The Gas on Bank Holiday Monday.

Next weekend City travel to Boundary Park where they face Andy Ritchie's Oldham Athletic, fresh from their giant-killing Worthington Cup exploits at Huddersfield Town.

FORM GUIDE

(City's last six games against opposition in all competitions, most recent game first):

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ticket details

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

BRENTFORD

Ashton Gate Stadium

Tuesday 12th September,

kick-off 7.45pm

This is a Category C game.

Tickets are priced as follows:-

ATYEO STAND: £13 adults, £10

OAP/students, £8 juveniles;

DOLMAN STAND/ FAMILY

ENCLOSURE: £15 adults, £12

OAP/ students, £6 juveniles;

WILLIAMS STAND: £15 adults,

£12 OAP/ students, £9 juveniles;

PLATINUM SEATING: £20 adults,

£15 OAP/students, £11 juveniles.

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OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Boundary Park

Saturday 16th September,

kick-off 3pm

This match is pay on the day for visiting supporters. Admission is £15 adults and £7 OAP/juveniles. CATS (City Away Travel Service) are running coaches to the game, departing Ashton Gate Stadium at 9am. The return trip costs £14.50 non-members, £12.50 members.

COLCHESTER UNITED

Ashton Gate Stadium

Saturday 23rd September,

kick-off 3pm

This is a Category C game.

Tickets are priced as follows:-

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Division 2 2000/01 Ave. Attendances

	2000	4000	6000	8000	10000	12000	14000
Bournemouth							4,869
Brentford							5,056
Bristol City							10,435
Bristol Rovers							8,046
Bury							3,398
Cambridge							3,685
Colchester							3,647
Luton							6,140
Millwall							10,591
Northampton							6,054
Notts County							5,533
Oldham							5,010
Oxford							5,035
Peterborough							6,237
Port Vale							4,147
Reading							12,401
Rotherham							4,333
Stoke							13,787
Swansea							7,319
Swindon							6,394
Walsall							6,262
Wigan							6,518
Wrexham							5,562
Wycombe							5,404

Division 2 General Stats

	PU	CS	FS		PU	CS	FS
Bournemouth	18	0	1	Oxford	20	0	3
Brentford	18	3	2	Peterborough	16	1	1
Bristol City	19	1	2	Port Vale	16	2	1
Bristol Rovers	17	0	0	Reading	20	2	2
Bury	20	2	0	Rotherham	16	2	0
Cambridge	18	2	1	Stoke	16	1	2
Colchester	15	2	2	Swansea	16	3	3
Luton	16	1	1	Swindon	18	1	3
Millwall	17	1	0	Walsall	15	1	0
Northampton	16	1	2	Wigan	20	1	2
Notts County	16	3	1	Wrexham	15	0	1
Oldham	17	0	1	Wycombe	14	3	2

PU = Players Used CS = Clean Sheets FS = Games Team Failed to Score

Division 2 Campaign Records

Highest Gate	14,532 Stoke v Wycombe
Lowest Gate	3,182 Bury v Northampton
Highest Aggregate Score ..	Brentford 2-6 Bristol Rovers
Biggest Home Win	Oldham 4-1 Port Vale
.....	Port Vale 3-0 Oxford
.....	Port Vale 3-0 Swindon
Biggest Away Win	Brentford 2-6 Bristol Rovers
Games:	53
Home Wins:	15 (28%)
Away Wins:	23 (43%)
Draws:	15 (28%)
1-1 Draws:	8 (15%)
0-0 Draws:	5 (9%)
Average goals per game:	2.45
Yellow cards:	166
Red cards:	6
Total Attendance:	332,017
Average gate:	6,264

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League Scorers: the difference their goals made

		Gls	Gms	GI/Gm	W>L	W>D	D>L	Pts	Run	Dry
Bournemouth	Fletcher S	1	4	0.25	0	0	1	1	1	2
Brentford	Ingimarsson	1	5	0.2	0	0	1	1	1	4
Bristol City	Thorpe	1	4	0.25	0	0	0	0	1	3
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	2	3	0.67	0	0	1	1	2	1
Bury	Bullock	2	4	0.5	0	1	1	3	2	2
Cambridge	Abbey	2	5	0.4	0	1	1	3	1	1
Colchester	Lua-Lua	2	5	0.4	0	1	0	2	1	2
Luton	Fotiadis	1	5	0.2	0	0	1	1	1	4
Millwall	Harris	2	3	0.67	0	1	0	2	2	1
Northampton	Forrester	3	4	0.75	0	1	1	3	1	1
Notts County	Stallard	3	5	0.6	0	2	0	4	3	2
Oldham	Adams	2	4	0.5	0	0	0	0	2	2
Oxford	Beauchamp	2	4	0.5	0	0	0	0	1	2
Peterborough	Green	3	5	0.6	0	0	2	2	2	1
Port Vale	Naylor	3	4	0.75	0	0	0	0	2	1
Reading	Cureton	2	3	0.67	0	1	1	3	2	1
Rotherham	Robins	4	5	0.8	0	1	1	3	2	2
Stoke	O'Connor	1	4	0.25	0	1	0	2	1	2
Swansea	Price	1	4	0.25	0	0	0	0	1	3
Swindon	Invincible	1	3	0.33	0	0	0	0	1	2
Walsall	Angell	3	5	0.6	1	1	0	5	1	2
Wigan	Liddell	2	4	0.5	0	1	0	2	2	1
Wrexham	Faulconbridge	2	3	0.67	0	0	0	0	1	1
Wycombe	Brown	2	5	0.4	0	1	1	3	1	1

Each club's leading league scorer and their goals per game (GI/Gm). Next 3 columns show taking off their goals how many games change from Win to Loss (W>L), Win to Draw (W>D), Draw to Loss (D>L) and Points (Pts) lost. Last 2 figures show best scoring run, and longest dry spell in consecutive games.

Division 2 Results Grid

		HOME GOALS									
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
AWAY GOALS	0	5	4	4	2						
	1	10	8	1	1	1					
	2	3	3	1	2						
	3		1	1	1						
	4		3		1						
	5										
	6			1							
	7										
	8										

Grid shows the number of games ending with each result. e.g. 10 matches have resulted in a 1-0 away win

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Referee's Report

	Gam	Red	Yell	Av. Yell
Prosser	3	3	19	6.33
Fletcher	3	0	17	5.67
Alcock	3	2	16	5.33
Hill	3	0	14	4.67
Foy	3	1	14	4.67
Laws	4	1	17	4.25
Hall	3	3	12	4.00
Dowd	3	3	12	4.00
Wolstenholme	3	0	12	4.00
Curson	3	0	11	3.67
Jones T	3	5	10	3.33
Stretton	4	0	13	3.25

Division 2 Hotshots - Each club's most prolific marksmen

		GS	1st GI	1 GI	2 Gls	3 Gls			GS	1st GI	1 GI	2 Gls	3 Gls
Bournemouth	Fletcher S	1	0	1	0	0	Oxford	Beauchamp	1	1	0	1	0
Brentford	Ingimarsson	1	0	1	0	0	Peterborough	Green	3	2	3	0	0
Bristol City	Thorpe	1	1	1	0	0	Port Vale	Naylor	2	2	1	1	0
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	2	0	2	0	0	Reading	Cureton	2	1	2	0	0
Bury	Bullock	2	1	2	0	0	Rotherham	Robins	3	2	2	1	0
Cambridge	Abbey	2	2	2	0	0	Stoke	O'Connor	1	0	1	0	0
Colchester	Lua-Lua	1	1	0	1	0	Swansea	Price	1	0	1	0	0
Luton	Fotiadis	1	1	1	0	0	Swindon	Invincible	1	0	1	0	0
Millwall	Harris	2	1	2	0	0	Walsall	Angell	2	0	1	1	0
Northampton	Forrester	2	2	1	1	0	Wigan	Liddell	2	1	2	0	0
Notts County	Stallard	3	2	3	0	0	Wrexham	Faulconbridge	1	1	0	1	0
Oldham	Adams	2	1	2	0	0	Wycombe	Brown	2	2	2	0	0

GS=Number of Games Scored In; 1st GI=Games Scored 1st Goal; 1 GI=Games Scored 1 Goal; 2 Gls=Games Scored 2 Goals; 3 Gls=Games Scored 3 Goals

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Date	Opponents	Result	Position	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
AUGUST																									
Sat 12	Wrexham	2-0	2nd	5,852				1						1		←10								SNU	
Sat 19	STOKE CITY	1-2	9th	12,590						SNU														SNU	
Tue 22	BRENTFORD (WC R1 L1)	2-2	-	3,471						←15				F											
Sat 26	Cambridge United	0-1	14th	3,716				SNU																	
Mon 28	ROTHERHAM UNITED	0-1	21st	8,280						SNU						←7									
SEPTEMBER																									
Tue 5	Brentford (WC R1 L2)	1-2	-	2,310				1																	
Sat 9	SWINDON TOWN																								
Tue 12	BRENTFORD																								
Sat 16	Oldham Athletic																								
Sat 23	COLCHESTER UNITED																								
Sat 30	Oxford United																								
OCTOBER																									
Fri 6	AFC BOURNEMOUTH																								
Sat 14	Walsall																								
Tue 17	Millwall																								
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Sat 4	NOTTS COUNTY																								
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Sat 18	FA Cup R1																								
Sat 25	WIGAN ATHLETIC																								
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Sat 2	BURY																								
Sat 9	FA Cup R2																								
Sat 16	Port Vale																								
Fri 22	BRISTOL ROVERS																								
Tue 26	Northampton Town (12 noon kick-off)																								
Sat 30	Stoke City																								
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Mon 1	CAMBRIDGE UNITED (kick-off TBC)																								
Sat 6	WREXHAM (FA Cup R3)																								
Sat 13	Rotherham United																								
Sat 20	NORTHAMPTON TOWN																								
Sat 27	Bristol Rovers (1pm kick-off)																								
FEBRUARY																									
Sat 3	SWANSEA CITY																								
Sat 10	Swindon Town																								
Sat 17	OLDHAM ATHLETIC																								
Tue 20	Brentford																								
Sat 24	Colchester United																								
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Sat 3	OXFORD UNITED																								
Tue 6	WALSALL																								
Sat 10	AFC Bournemouth																								
Sat 17	MILLWALL																								
Sat 24	Reading																								
Sat 31	PORT VALE																								
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Sat 7	Bury																								
Sat 14	Peterborough United																								
Mon 16	WYCOMBE WANDERERS (3pm kick-off)																								
Sat 21	Notts County																								
Sat 28	LUTON TOWN																								
MAY																									
Sat 5	Wigan Athletic																								
Sat 12	FA Cup Final																								

KEY:

- Started match
- Goals scored
- Includes own goal
- Came on as substitute (and player replaced)
- Sub not used
- Penalty

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Nationwide League Division Two @ 7.9.2000

	HOME					AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Walsall	5	3	0	0	8	4	2	0	0	7	3	8	15
Bury	5	1	0	1	2	4	2	1	0	4	2	0	10
Wycombe W.	5	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	0	2	1	2	9
Notts County	5	0	0	2	3	5	3	0	0	3	0	1	9
Colchester U.	5	1	1	1	4	3	1	1	0	2	0	3	8
Peterboro. U.	5	0	2	1	3	5	2	0	0	5	1	2	8
Cambridge U.	5	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	3	2	1	8
Wigan Ath.	4	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	7
Rotherham U.	5	0	1	2	4	6	2	0	0	2	0	0	7
Reading	5	1	1	0	5	3	1	0	2	1	4	-1	7
Millwall	3	1	0	1	3	2	1	0	0	4	3	2	6
Port Vale	4	2	0	1	6	1	0	0	1	1	4	2	6
Brentford	5	0	2	1	2	6	1	1	0	2	1	-3	6
Bristol Rovers	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	8	4	4	5
Stoke City	4	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	5	4	0	5
Swansea City	4	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	5
Luton Town	5	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	3	4	-1	5
Northampton	4	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	4
Oldham Ath.	5	1	0	2	5	6	0	1	1	3	4	-2	4
Wrexham	3	0	0	2	1	5	1	0	0	4	1	-1	3
BRISTOL CITY	4	0	0	2	1	3	1	0	1	2	1	-1	3
Bournemouth	4	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	2	5	-3	2
Oxford U.	5	0	1	2	1	3	0	0	2	2	6	-6	1
Swindon Town	4	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	2	0	5	-8	1

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red socks with white tops

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- 2 LOUIS CAREY
- 3 MICKEY BELL
- 4 PAUL HOLLAND
- 5 KEITH MILLEN
- 6 ANDREW JORDAN
- 7 SCOTT MURRAY
- 8 TOMMY DOHERTY
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- 10 TONY THORPE
- 11 BRIAN TINNION
- 12 GREG GOODRIDGE
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- 14 STEVE PHILLIPS
- 15 MARK LEVER
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- 18 CARL HUTCHINGS
- 19 GERARD LAVIN
- 20 PAUL MORTIMER
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- 22 AARON BROWN
- 23 JOE BURNELL
- 24 MATT HILL
- 25 DAMIAN SPENCER
- 26 JOHN BURNS
- 27 KEVIN AMANKWAH
- 29 ROBIN HULBERT
- 30 MARVIN BROWN
- 31 SIMON CLIST
- 32 KAYODE ODEJAYI
- 33 DANNY COLES
- 34 BEN WRIGHT
- 35 NEIL ASHLEY
- 36 ALEX BALL
- 37 CRAIG WOODMAN
- 38 KYLE SHEPPARD
- 39 JAMES PIKE
- 40 JAMIE EDWARDS
- 41 ANTONY MALESSA

Swindon

Manager: Colin Todd

Dark navy shirts and shorts
with white trim, dark navy socks

- 1 BART GRIEMINK
- 2 MARK ROBINSON
- 3 SOL DAVIS
- 4 MATT HEWLETT
- 5 ADAM WILLIS
- 6 ANTOINE VAN DER LINDEN
- 7 KEITH O'HALLORAN
- 8 BOBBY HOWE
- 9 CHARLIE GRIFFIN
- 10 GIULIANO GRAZIOLI
- 11 DAVID DUKE
- 12 JUAN COBAIN
- 14 STEVE COWE
- 15 ANDY WILLIAMS
- 16 KIM HEISELBERG
- 17 DANIEL INVINCIBLE
- 18 GARY ALEXANDER
- 20 FRAZER MCHUGH
- 21 GARETH DAVIES
- 22 ALAN REEVES
- 23 STEVE MILDENHALL

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