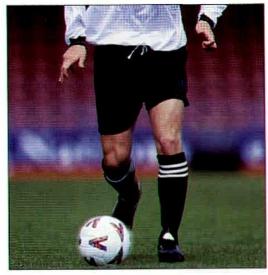
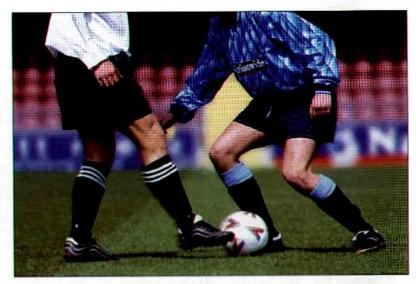


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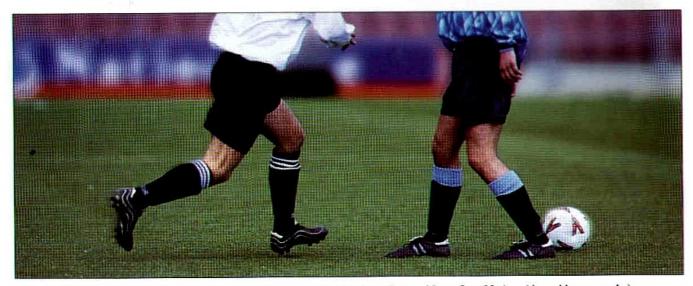




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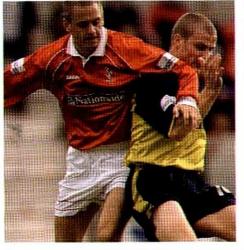
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#### **Bristol Rovers - page 10**

lan Holloway brings his Rovers side to the County Ground including three familiar faces!



Take a look at some great action shots of our first home win of the season against Oxford United...



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# **Memory Lane**

Next week sees the first ever NSPCC Football Trust Full Stop weekend where all professional clubs throughout the country are being asked to back this wonderful campaign.

And Swindon Town are once again leading the field with a special charity game - no other club is going to the lengths we are in order to raise money for such a worthy cause.

Personally, I am delighted that we have been able to bring back the Town team of 1993 - the Wembley Heroes - to play against a starstudded celebrity XI.



Back at the club will be Glenn
Hoddle and John Gorman along with
great players of the past such as
Paul Bodin, Chalky White and Fraser
Digby. Lined up against them are
stars of screen and stage: Nasty
Nick Cotton from Eastenders, Ash
from Casualty, Sam Dingle from
Emmerdale, Angus Deayton and of
course the lovely Anthea Turner.

It's going to be a fantastic trip back down memory lane for all Town fans and I know that you will turn out to support such an event.

Over 40,000 fans travelled to Wembley on that memorable day to se us gain promotion to the Premier League and I would love to see as many as possible returning to the County Ground for this day out.

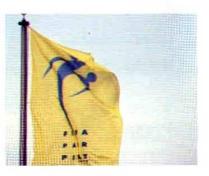
As well as the football - which of course will excite us all - there's

also a chance for a lucky fan to win a brand new car in the half-time penalty shoot-out. Now that is something worth turning out for!

Today is also a very special day for football throughout the world.

All around the globe today the great game of football is celebrating FIFA World Fair Play Day.

FIFA has asked all leagues - in all corners of the world - to mark the occasion with a special introduction of the teams and to remind everyone that the best way to play the game - players, coaches, referees and fans - is to play fair.



On such a derby occasion as today is I would remind all supporters - whether you are Town fans or visitors from Bristol - to make this game a game to remember for all the right reasons.

Finally, a warm welcome to Bristol Rovers - their players, directors, management and supporters for what I am sure will be a red-hot West Country derby clash.

Peter Rowe Chief Executive



# Griffin Joins Woking on Loan...

Charlie Griffin has only scored twice in 27 appearances for the Robins since signing from non-league Chippenham nearly two years ago.

Charlie has only played one first team game this season - finding it very difficult to get in the side with Gary Alexander, Martin Williams and Guiliano Grazioli all pushing so hard for the striking positions. Charlie scored hat-tricks in successive reserve games last month but needs more first team experience before

making the step up. Todd explained: "Charlie didn't take his chance when he played against Port Vale and should gain some valuable first team experience at Woking.

"He's scored a few goals in the reserves recently but he will learn a lot more at Woking."

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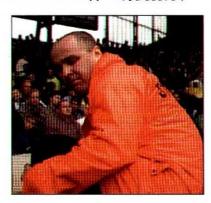
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If you would like to know what is happeneing at the club on and off the pitch, what games are coming up, news on players and any special events, then email Jackie Kent at:

kentjax@aol.com and get added to the list straight away.

#### Charity Match Only a Week Away!

The Charity match between the Swindon promotion side of '93 and a team of celebrities is only a week away.

The Swindon Town Eleven, managed by John Gorman, will feature nearly all of the players, including Glenn Hoddle, Micky Hazard and Shaun Taylor. Playing for the NSPCC will be Jess Conrad's Showbiz XI which will be selected from a host of stars of stage, screen and sport. We already have Gary Wilmot, Steve Sutherland, Angus Deaton, Tim Lovejoy, John Francombe and Tony McCoy playing. We are hopeful that the commentator from the Wembley play-off final will be with us, ITV's Brian Moore.



Good afternoon ladies and gentleman and welcome to what should be an exciting and entertaining match with our west country rivals Bristol Rovers.

This is the third derby of the season for us already and, with two wins already under our belt, we will be hoping to keep up our decent record. Today's match is another big challenge for us because Rovers have been going well and all of my players should be looking forward to it.

After just missing out on the playoffs last season Ian Holloway's side are bound to be up there again this campaign and we will need to show the quality and organisation that was evident for our recent home matches against Wigan and Oxford. Both of those games were good footballing encounters and gave me the belief that our squad is moving in the right direction - a direction which should see the team and club improving all the time and setting a firm base for the future.

Unfortunately we could not keep that momentum going against

Oldham last Saturday and I was bitterly disappointed with many aspects of that performance at a soggy Boundary Park. The good thing was that the lads rolled up their sleeves three days later and put things right with a much better display at Swansea on Tuesday night. We could so easily have come away with a win.

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# "A direction which should see the team and club improving all of the time..."

There was more fire in our bellies and we controlled the game.

I don't think we ever really looked in trouble. It was just a shame that we did not push forward with more gusto and create better opportunities to score. The defence was solid and looked in good form, but we are struggling to find the net at the moment and hopefully that will improve today.

We have a busy time of it now with games coming thick and fast midweek and Saturdays. There is nothing better than playing games like that. It keeps us going, it keeps us alive and kicking for the next match. We have got to keep this consistency now. Last Saturday's defeat at Oldham kicked us in the belly because we had been putting

performances together. That result could have rocked us off our stride, but we have earned a point at a tricky place in Swansea and now I want to see us go out there and win more games.

It is a big blow for us that Matt Hewlett is now out of action for a long period of time. He has been one of the success stories of the season so far and a player who makes a difference to the side. He went in for an operation last week and hopefully he will have a speedy recovery.

I hope you all enjoy the game today and I want to hear you cheering the lads on for the entire 90 minutes.

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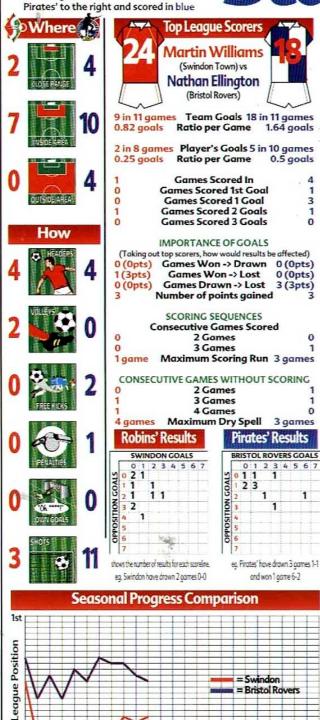
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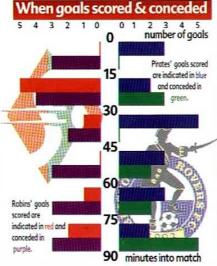
#### **Goalscoring Head 2 Head**

in the graphics below, Robins' figure is to the left with the goals scored indicated in red and Pirates' to the right and scored in blue

# Stats& Facts

Stats compiled by Football Information Services





Average time of Scoring / Conceding

All Goals for

Home Goals For

**Away Goals For** 

All Goals Against

57 mins Away Goals Against 90 mins

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

110 mins

72 mins

158 mins

55 mins

#### Face2Face

#### Last Season

At County Ground .....n/a At Memorial Ground .n/a

This Season

Robins' Season records:

Home Win.....2-1 Oxford
Away Win.1-0 Bristol City
.....3-2 Luton

Home Defeat \_1-4 Walsall Away Defeat \_\_\_0-3 Port Vale

\_\_\_\_\_0-3 Bournemouth Consec. Wins.\_\_\_\_\_0

Home Win.....None

Away Win...6-2 Brentford

Home Defeat\_0-1 Northampton

Away Defeat .....0-1 Bury

Consec. Wins.....

Consec. Defeats...

Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

55 mins

90 mins

42 mins

83 mins

75 mins

Robins : LLLWLWSWLD

51 mins Home Goals Against

F 9 A 18 Pts 11

Pirates : SWSWDWSLLS

F 17 A 11 Pts 14

Form Guide shows last 10 results. W=Won, L=Lost, S = Score Draw, D=No Score Draw. Most recent result to the right

## Bristol Rovers' Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

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1/92	2	4	3	Write	11	5,876
2/93	1	3	2	Taylor	14	5,752
3/94	2	1	1	Taylor	22	5,288
4/95	2	3		Miller	16	5,173
5/96	2		2	Stewart	21	5,279
6/97	2	1	11	Beadle	12	5,630
7/98	2	3	1	Hayles	23	6,413
8/99	2	5	1	Cureton	25	6,263
9/00	2		2	Cureton/Robert	s 22	8,402

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# **Bristol Rovers Football Club 2000/2001**



# The Pirates...

On 18 March this year Bristol
Rovers comfortably beat struggling
Chesterfield 3-1 to move five points
clear of the pursuing pack and
make automatic promotion a strong
likelihood.

From the remaining ten games of the season, however, they took only six more points, winning just once - a much welcomed demolition of Bristol City, Facing already relegated Cardiff City in the final match of the season, and needing a win to stand any chance of securing a place in the play-offs, Ian Holloway's team lost o-1. It left manager and fans much to reflect on during the close season. The key issue was whether the same team could go one better next time, or whether it had peaked and would struggle thereafter. In the event, the club was unbeaten

in the opening twelve matches of this season.

finally losing a proud record to a dour Bury side amidst controversial refereeing. The new-look team with the precocious Nathan Ellington top scoring up front and a midfield engine room fired by two teenagers. 17 year-old Simon Bryant and Lewis Hogg, just 18, are proving hard to beat. Away victories have been secured at Brentford (6-2), Cambridge (3-0) and Wycombe (1-0).

Moreover, no longer being reliant on Roberts and Cureton has generated goals from elsewhere in the team: ten different players have been on the score sheet so far this season, the culmination of which has been the defeat of Everton over two legs in the Worthington Cup.



## ClubFACTS...

Name: Bristol Rovers FC Nickname: The Pirates

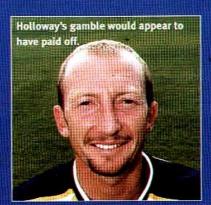
Previous name: Black Arabs, Eastville

Rovers & Bristol Eastville Rovers Ground: The Memorial Ground

Capacity: 9, 275

Highest League Scorer (season):

Geoff Bradford, 33, 1984-85



# Shrewd business?

an Holloway's response to last season's promotion effort was to sell the prolific Roberts and Cureton (101 goals between them in two seasons).

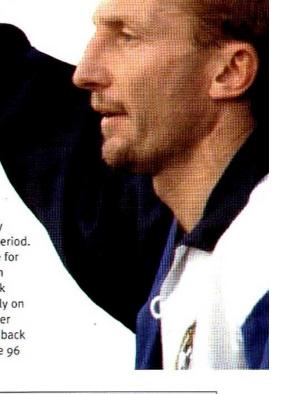
He didn't just stop there: goalkeeper Lee Jones, skipper Andy Tillson and rookie striker Bobby Zamora all left the club. It looked as if the season was going to be long and hard. Moreover all three strikers now figure among the country's leading goal scorers - Roberts with WBA, Cureton with Reading and Zamora with Brighton. Instead, Holloway appears to have done some shrewd business with the Rovers starting strongly and looking to challenge for promotion again.

lan Holloway

The sale of Jamie Cureton typifies the Ian Holloway style: he is one of a rare breed of managers who is also a fan. "I'm totally adamant that people who don't want to play for my club and want to go and earn higher wages, can do it."

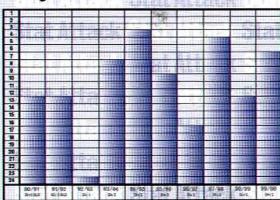
A long-term servant of the club, he first played for Rovers in April 1981 and was a key member of the side that won the 3rd Division Championship in 1990. He played nearly four hundred times for his hometown club, scoring almost fifty goals from midfield in the process. Combative, but a good passer of the ball with an eye for goal, he also played briefly for Wimbledon and Brentford, as well as making 147 appearances at the highest level for QPR.

lan Holloway has transformed Bristol Rovers: he took over the reins in May 1996, shortly before the club returned to its north Bristol roots from a lengthy exile in Bath, and has twice taken Rovers close to promotion in the ensuing period. He is now one of the longest serving managers in the division and has an eye for unfulfilled talent including Nathan Ellington for £150,000, Marcus Bignot from Crewe, David Hillier and Andy Thomson from Portsmouth and, of course, Mark Walters from Swindon. Holloway's management team at the club relies heavily on ex-Rovers players: assistant manager Gary Penrice played with Holloway under Francis; youth team director Phil Bater was an uncompromising, resolute full back and midfielder for a decade in the 1970s and 80s, while physio Phil Kite made 96 league appearances between the posts.



# clubfacts...

## Ten year record..



## The last five meetings...

Swindon Town	2-0	Bristol Rovers	CDNY19	13-02-1999
Bristol Rovers	4-1	Swindon Town	ONE	09-09-1998
Swindon Town	2-1	Bristol Rovers	(DRV D	11-04-1998
Bristol Rovers	4-1	Swindon Town	(DRV 1)	06-12-1997
Bristol Rovers	2-0	Swindon Town	ON12	19-04-1997

# **Bristol Rovers**

#### Full time results...

Bristol Rovers 7-0 Shrewsbury 21-03-64 Record win Bristol Rovers 0-12 Luton 13-04-36 Record loss

#### **Club honours...**

Champions (Division 3(s) 1952/53 Champions (Division 3) 1989/90 Runners Up (Division 3) 1973/74

#### **Next five fixtures...**

Tue Oct 24	Colchester Utd	VS	Bristol Rovers	A
Sat Oct 28	Bristol Rovers	VS	Oldham Athletic	H
Tue Oct 31	Bristol Rovers	VS	Port Vale	H
Sat Nov 4	Oxford United	VS	Bristol Rovers	A
Sat Nov 11	<b>Reistol Rovers</b>	VS	Walsall	Н

### Top goalscorer's ...

Ellington		6
Evans, Hogg	3	F10 + 8 6 8 H
Astafjevs	2	

Mark Walters skillful winger

Mark joined Rovers from Swindon on 16th November 1999 and made his debut against Chesterfield.

Mark began his career with Aston Villa and moved to Glasgow Rangers for a £500,000 fee in 1987. Whilst in Scotland, he won Premiership medals in 1989, 1990 and 1991 and picked up Scottish League Cup medals in 1989 and 1991.

Liverpool paid £1.25m to secure his signature in 1991 and whilst at Anfield he won an FA Cup winners medal in 1992 and made 94 league appearances. Loan spells at Stoke and Wolves were followed by moves to Southampton and Swindon.

A very experienced player who won an England cap in 1991, Mark is both skilful and speedy, a player who can go both ways and an excellent crosser of the ball. Has the ability to play in a number of positions and is an invaluable member of the squad.

# Nathan Ellington young prospect

Ian Holloway persuaded the then 17 year old to sign for Rovers in February 1999.

A highly rated striker who topped the scoring charts for non-league side Walton and Hersham's trophy winning youth team in 1997/98. Rover's player boss used him mainly as a substitute as part of his learning process, but was delighted with the progress he made. Nathan scored a spectacular first league goal against Luton shortly after his debut and added a further four league goals to his total last season even though he was, once again, used primarily as a substitute. Rated by his manager as a very exciting young prospect, his pace and strength caused a number of defenders problems last season. A player who is willing to learn, he is expected to make further progress during this season.



#### 1 Nick Culkin



Signed for Man
Utd when just 17
and eventually
graduated
through to the
reserves,
learning his

trade from the likes of Peter Schmeichel. Joined Rovers this year in a one-year loan deal. An imposing figure who commands his area well, he is an excellent shot-stopper.

#### 4 Steve Foster

Signed for Rovers just three days after appearing at Wembley for Woking in the final of the FA Trophy. He was a key figure in the side that reached the play-offs in the 1997/98 campaign.

An uncompromising defender who distributes the ball well and has the ability to read the game well.

#### 5 Andy Thomson

Another former Swindon player,
Thomson signed for Rovers on
January 15 1999 from Pompey and
made his debut against Reading.
Missed just three games last season
and scored 3 goals. His consistent
displays at the heart of defence saw
him pick up the Supporters' Club
Player of the Season Award.



# 8 David Hillier



David graduated through the ranks at Highbury and broke into Arsenal's first team during

1990/91. Following two seasons at Fratton Park he joined Rovers. Missing just seven games last season Hillier is a stylish midfield player and an excellent passer of the ball.

#### 14 Martin Cameron

Joined Alloa Athletic at eighteen and scored 48 goals in 78 starts. His scoring record attracted a number of clubs during the summer, but Rovers stepped in with a bid of £100,000 and he signed for for them on 1 July. Began the season well and scored his first senior against Plymouth in the Worthington Cup.

#### 15 Vitaly Astafjevs

Rovers had to fight to secure Latvia's most-capped player. Astafjevs, who is the current Latvian skipper, was originally refused a work permit but was eventually granted one after a successful appeal. A creative left sided midfielder with an eye for goal, he is expected to be a key figure in the manager's plans this season.

### 19 Simon Bryant



Simon, a central midfielder, has been associated with Rovers since he was eight, joining in July 1999 when he

left school and became the second youngest player at Rovers to make his league debut. Bryant has a strong tackle and distributes the ball well, has a bright future in the game.

## 20 Marcus Bignot

Capped for England at semi-pro level, he is a speedy attacking full back and a great competitor. Joined Rovers on a two year contract on 3 August 2000. He quickly established himself as a regular member of the squad and has already captained the side in the absence of the injured Andy Thomson.

#### 21 Lewis Hogg

Lewis has been associated with Rovers since he was ten, signing pro terms on his 17th birthday. A number of clubs expressed an interest in signing him before he committed his future to Rovers. He has made the right midfield spot his own and turned in some outstanding performances.

### 23 Clinton Ellis



Joined Chelsea as a youngster and also spent two years at the National School at Lilleshall. Was invited down to

train with Rovers towards the end of 1999. Clinton was offered a one-year pro contract and he has since made his league debut, coming on as a substitute against Peterborough.

### 29 Che Wilson

Joined Rovers (from Norwich) in a one-year deal on 6 July 2000, having been impressed with the club's ambitions for the future. A defender, who is strong in the tackle, Che has the ability to play left back, right back, or as a central defender though he admits a preference for playing the sweeper role.

#### 30 Scott Jones

Joined Rovers from Barnsley, in a one month loan deal prior to the start of the new season. A defender who can play anywhere along the back line, Scott is strong in the tackle, good in the air and is regarded as something of a dead ball specialist, as he has already proved by scoring from long range free kicks.

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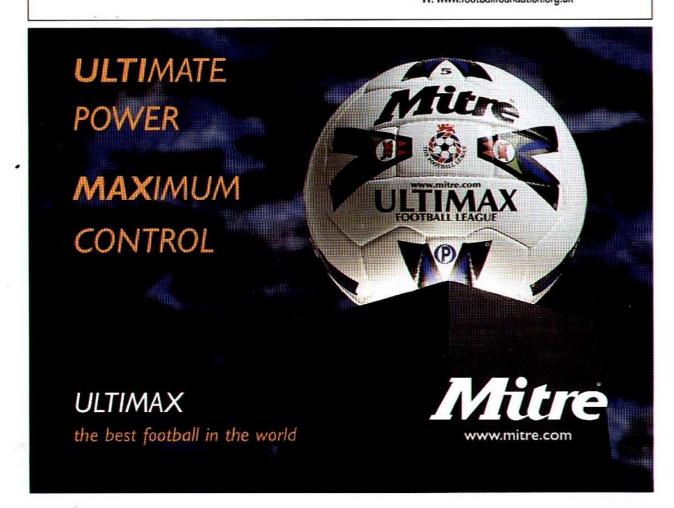




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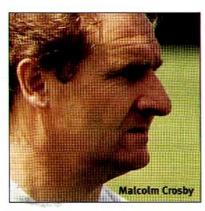
# Colchester Utd Res 1 Swindon Town Res 1

## Swindon Town Line up:

Stepehen Mildenhall, Juan Cobian, Antione van der Linden, Marko Tuomela, Smith, Kim Heiselberg, Heron, Bobby Howe, A. Williams, Steve Cowe and Mark Robertson.



# **Two Points Dropped**



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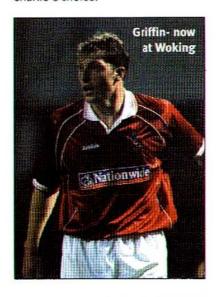
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Wed	13th Sept	Bournemouth	2.00	2-0
Wed	20th Sept	Bristol Rovers	2.00	
Wed	27th Sept	Cheltenham	2.00	4.1
Tues	3rd Oct	Norwich City	7,30	1-2
Wed	11th Oct	Colchester	2.00	1-1
Wed	1ST Nov	Southend	2.00	Н
Mon	6th Nov	Peterborough	2.00	Α
Wed	15th Nov	Cambridge	2.00	Н
Wed	29th Nov	Luton Town	2.00	Н
Tues	5th Dec	Northampton	2.00	Α
Wed	20th Dec	Barnet	2.00	A
Wed	10th Jan	Miliwall	2,00	Н
Wed	17th Jan	Leyton Orient	2.00	A
Wed	24th Jan	Gillingham	2.00	Н
Wed	7th Feb	Q.P.R.	2.00	Н
Tues	13th Feb	Crystal Palace	7.30	Α
Wed	28th Feb	Reading	2.00	Н
Wed	14th Mar	Brentford	7.00	A
Wed	21st Mar	Bristol City	2.00	Н
Tues	27th Mar	Portsmouth	7.00	A

Although it was a point away from home we were all disappointed not to have won the match comfortably.

On the strength of our first half performance I think we could have been four or five goals to the better. We played some very good football neat and precise passing. Our dominance eventually paid off when Mark Robertson opened the scoring and put us 1-0 up. It was a very good goal, especially as he was playing out of position up front with Steve Cowe. Mark struck his shot with his left foot from out side the box and it curled past the opposition 'keeper and in off the post. After then both he and Steve had good opportunities to finish the match but we couldn't take our chances.

Only one goal is never enough, even when you are dominating 85% of the match and in the second half Colchester made more of a game of it. They got their equaliser with about 20 minutes left on the clock. We were still dominant and had more opportunities in the second half but didn't convert them. We were without Charlie Griffin who had moved to Woking on a month's

loan. Charlie had been in very good form for the Reserves this season scoring nine goals in the process. He thought that the chance of regular football at Woking would be beneficial to his game rather than the intermittent nature of Reserve team football. We are in the middle of two weeks without a game for the Reserves and it is very difficult for professional footballers to go that long without a competitive match. I would have preferred to see him join a League club for a month because that would have provided a more useful experience but it was Charlie's choice.



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Playing for the NSPCC will be Jess Conrad's Showbiz XI which will be selected from a host of stars of stage, screen and sport. We already have Gary Wilmot, Angus Deaton, John Francombe and Tony McCoy playing.

We are hopeful that the commentator from the Wembley play-off final will be with us, ITV's Brian Moore.





# the verdict from the defeat at Boundary Park

# How they saw it

### **National** www.Teamtalk.com

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Oldham picked up their first win in eleven games as they beat Swindon 1-0 courtesy of a Craig Dudley goal.

It was a well-deserved victory for the home side and they put in what was probably their best performance of the season so far. The only real surprise for the Latics was that they didn't make the advantage count further.

The winner came on 71 minutes as Craig Dudley turned to hammer home his first goal of the season and seal the three points for Oldham.

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Todd kept faith with the same side for the third match running, but they were a shadow of the side which had matched Wigan and beat Oxford in their last two games.

There was little penetration and the passing was crablike, fine going side to side, but going forward everything fell apart. Teams pushing for promotion will look to pick up points at Oldham. Anyone harbouring ambitions to play in Division One next year will be able to embark on a decent run of results and climb the table. Town have not, cannot and that is why Todd believes they will not be challenging where it counts come May. It was a miserable day full stop.

## Away http://www.latics.cjb.net/

The game against Swindon produced a much better performance than of late.

Athletic began with a different formation with Smith being pushed forward. They had two goals ruled out for offside and they missed a sitter. The match was very even until 'Cuddly Dudley' banged in the winner in the 71st minute. New signing from Preston North End David Eyres said on joining the club: "They have some good players here and I am sure the side will soon start to climb the table, I will certainly be doing my bit. I still believe I have a couple of years left in me and I am looking forward to this new challenge."



# Managers' views...



"We didn't get the ball down and pass it how we can and got punished in the end.

"We just didn't hurt them at all and it baffles me

how the team can play so well over two or three games and then produce a performance like that."

Todd vents his frustration after the defeat to fellow-strugglers Oldham in which Oldham dominated the game and deserved victory.



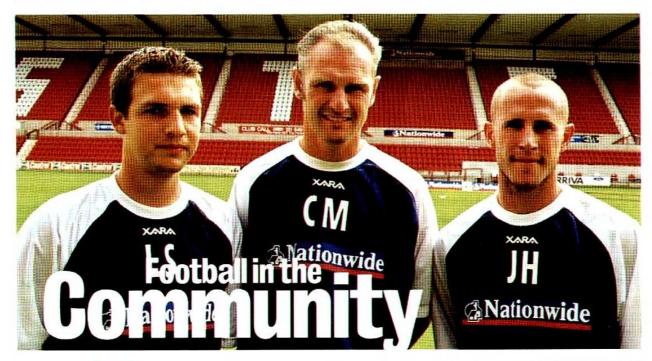
"It is always a worry that you are going to get things wrong when new players come in, but everything went well and we controlled 90 per

cent of this game. We had been short on the left for a while, but these signings mean we have four players competing for a couple of positions. We still haven't finished trying to bring people in so that we can change our system."

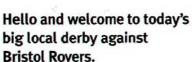
Anxious Andy Ritchie shows his relief at Oldham's second win of the season and how pleased he was with new signings Eyres and Carss.

# Colin Todd

Andy Ritchie







• We would like to extend a warm welcome to Wendy Moriarty and her Under 13's from Westinghouse Youth C.C. Also, Mr Dean and his Under 13's from Calne Colts and last but not least, Dave Wiltshire with his Under 11's and Under 13's from Shaw & Whitley. Both the Shaw and Whitley sides play in the mid Wilts League and the Under 11's have been selected to play





against our Centre of Excellence boys on their pitch at half-time.

Jon and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Wendy, Mr Dean and Dave Wiltshire for all their hard work in arranging today's visit for their respective teams.

Let's hope we top their day by getting all three points this afternoon.

Best wishes,

Clive, Jono and Luke



Westinghouse Youth Under 13's



Calne Colts Youth Under 13's

Marcus Neal, Christopher Olson, Robert Kelty, Darren Holcombe, Christopher King, Steven Dean, Daniel Farthing, Robbie Morrison, David Ellis, Graham Dean, Robert Treviss, Christopher Robinson, Will Snowdon, Ashley Moore



#### Shaw and Whitley Under 11's (Mid Wilts League)

Pete Cooper - Manager, Lawrence Jackson, Miles Robinson, Luke McFarlane, Peter Tye, Martin Tye - Coach, Shaun Robinson, Sam Brown, Steve Robbins - Coach, Jake Cooper - mascot, Ian Jeffrey, William Herbert, Matthew Cooper - Captain, Mike Smith, Andy Flynn, Andy Robbins

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By the time you read this England Under 15's will have played against Nothern Ireland.

We have Chris Taylor in the final squad of 20 and hopefully he will have taken some part in the match. Congratulations to Chris, it's a fine achievement to become part of the England set-up. It is thoroughly well deserved by Chris who has played superbly since he joined us in May 1999. Chris, hopefully, will be with us until he is 19. Keep up the good work!



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I must say a big thank you to Francesca Fuoco and her



staff at Service Point in Old Town, they have agreed to support the Soccer

Centres, so whenever I need posters and flyers etc. they do everything for me. They have also designed a new letterhead for the Soccer Centres which is fantastic.



Here's hoping for three points against our local rivals. Enjoy today's game.

#### **Jimmy Fraser**

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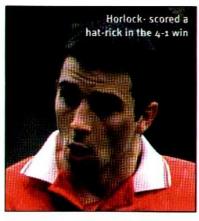


# **Rovers Return**

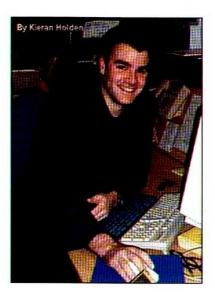
So the Pirates are in Town today lets hope we're not shipwrecked! That's the dreadful pun done and dusted and out of the way, I promise they'll be no more on this page relating to today's game.

There have been some fantastic battles between the two clubs over the years, and I must admit I was surprised to find that we hold the upper hand in our 78 games since 1921. We've won 37 matches, 8 more than 'The Gas', strangely there have only been 12 draws, a small amount considering how tight most derby matches are.

Just over four years ago, we beat Rovers 2-1 here at the County Ground, that was after an emphatic 4-1 win at Twerton Park in September 1995. However Rovers have stuck 5 past us on three occasions, the last time was here at the County Ground in 1984 in the League Cup. So what can we learn from those statistics? Nothing at all really, apart from I can use the internet.



Today we welcome back Mark Walters, Micheal Meaker and Andy Thompson. We all know what Wally is capable of, I'm just hoping he hasn't saved one of his free kicks or 35 yarders especially for us





Bristol Rovers are in the middle of a very difficult period, injuries, results and even refereeing decisions are not going their way (surely the latter we could complain about as well), despite all this they are nicely placed in the Division Two table. Of course it is another local derby this afternoon and after our satisfying victory over Oxford, it would be nice to record back to back victories here at the County Ground especially over local rivals.

When we face Rovers in March it will be our first trip to their 'new' home -The Memorial Stadium who they share with Bristol Rugby Club. After all their problems during the 1980's, Rovers finally have a place that they can call their own, after they bought the ground ironically from the rugby club, who themselves had fallen into debt. However I'm sure most 'Gasheads' would agree that it's not the same as dear old Eastville with its dog track, flower beds behind the goals and cheapskates watching the game from the hard shoulder of the M32! However it's great to see them back in Bristol.

I must thank everyone at Swindon's HMV store on Regent Street who are now supplying us with CD's for every game, so your requests will be greatly received at the club or by email at countyground@email.com

Unfortunately I won't be here today, but I'm pleased to say you will be in safe hands. Stuart Morse has made a welcome return to the box at the back of the North Stand a fortnight ago, and what d'ya know... we record our first win of the season, Welcome back Stu. great to hear him announce the scorers in his Wiltshire Twang!!!|'ll be expecting good reports on my return on Tuesday, I won't be pleased if 'Good Night Irene' isn't drowned out by you lot making a right racket, so get behind the boys today for the full 90 minutes.

Enjoy the game....
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# the verdict from the draw at the Vetch Field...

# How they saw it

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Colin Todd has Bart Griemink to thank after an inspired performance from his 'keeper, meant the Robins left Vetch Field with a point in the bag.

Swansea had the best of the chances, but couldn't find their way through a resolute Swindon defence, as the game ended in a goalless draw.

Swindon put little on target throughout the match, but Alan Reeves' 77th minute volley was a dangerous moment for the Swansea defence.

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The Town boss had threatened major changes to his starting 11 after watching them surrender 1-0 to the Latics.

However, he stuck by his players and they repaid him with a gritty, determined performance that, at least, restored some pride. Swansea, backed by a vociferous home following, were buoyant coming into this fixture and started with great pace and vigour. But Town's defence had probably their best game of the season so far, snuffing out almost every home attack and looking comfortable in the process. It was just a shame that the front two could not create anything of note at the other end.

### Away www.swansfc.co.uk

Swansea City failed to reproduce the form that brought them victory over Stoke on Saturday and had to settle for a goalless score draw a battling Swindon side.

A gusty, swirling wind did no favours for either side, but the Swans did'nt help themselves with their long ball game. Venezualen international Giovanni Savarese, Saturday's two-goal hero had a much quieter game and despite the promptings of David Romo, the Swans failed to create many clear cut chances. It was Swindon who nearly took the spoils when Adam Willis had a header disallowed for a push on Jason Smith.



# Managers' views...



"It was a big improvement, I stuck by them with the exception of injured Matty Hewlett. I warned them that if they didn't perform

there would be consequences but to be fair they were disciplined and set their stall out."

Colin Todd expressing his satisfaction on BBC Wiltshire Sound after Tuesday night's o-o draw away at Swansea City.



"Colin Todd had a difficult job coming in there at Swindon. Their results have started to improve with a win against Oxford and a

draw against Wigan, but if we play like we did on Saturday against Stoke City then we should be making the most of our home advantage."

John Hollins was disappointed not to follow up Saturday's win over Stoke City against Swindon on Tuesday night.

# **John Hollins**



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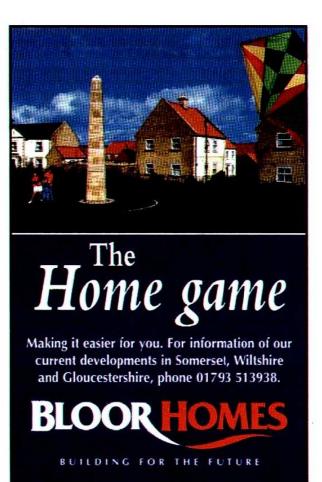
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lack is 12-years-old and lives at Wootton Under Edge with Mum Jan & Dad Steve (known as HOTSHOT)!! His interest's are Football, Rugby and Cricket. He supports Man. U. but is a dedicated fan of Swindon Town F.C. Jack goes to school at KLB Wootton Under Edge and plays for a football team called Kingswood.









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The thrill of live football is the best tonic anyone can wish for after a week stuck in the office. Of course, us sports journo's have a job that many people would walk over hot coals for. I admit there is nothing better for a footy fan who eats, sleeps, drinks and watches all the

football he can to also write about it seven days a week. They even pay me for it too! Of course there are times when things don't feel quite so rosy. 4.45pm last Saturday in a soggy Lancashire press box after just watching Town lose to Oldham was hardly the ideal way to spend an afternoon. But, you have to take the rough with the smooth and I believe today is going to be the smooth to Oldham's rough.

We have seen three derby games already this season and they have all been great experiences. Reading came too early for our lads and they were soundly beaten by a more streetwise outfit. However, wins over the red half of Bristol and Oxford have given us the edge over our near-neighbours.

Today, I trust is going to be a tough task against a side which I have tipped for the top. I have to admit that I have a something of a soft spot for Rovers after living in the city for three years while working on a previous newspaper. My housemate and friends were all Gasheads and would drag me out to watch the odd game. I enjoyed it. As I said before, it doesn't matter where you are at 2.45pm, although Twerton Park in mid-December was a little grim.

Our boys face a stiff task today but Tuesday night's o-o draw at Swansea should give them heart for the battle ahead. I know one things is for sure. If Town lose today then my mates Mr James Paddon and Mr Mark Drew will be giving me some stick tonight.

Enjoy the game and remember, if you can't get to any of the Town's matches in the future and you have a computer you can log onto www.thisisswindontownfc.co.uk and follow a live match report of the game written by our Evening Advertiser team live from the ground.

#### **Matt Reeder**

Sports Editor

# Knitting a Safer Environment...





What a great performance and result for the Reds against Oxford. You played your part in roaring the side on to a thoroughly deserved victory.

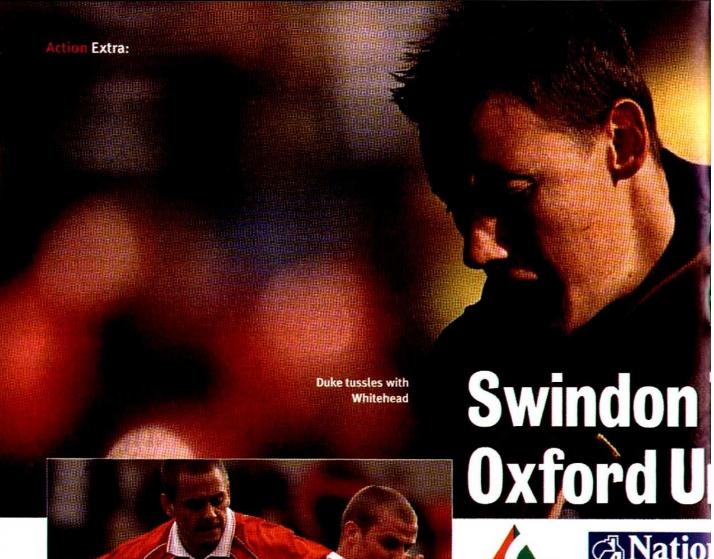
The only disappointing thing about the win was the behaviour of a minority of supporters. Having watched football for well over thirty years, I understand that feelings run high between two neighbouring teams in a local derby. But I do wish

that on occasions such as the Oxford match, people would remember that one thoughtless action could be the springboard for the sort of unnecessary trouble we want to rid the game of. Swindon Town - like other clubs across the country - is trying to encourage families back to football. It is a much safer environment than it was twenty years ago and it's crucial for clubs in the lower divisions to play their part in ensuring this remains the case. We could certainly have done without the bad language and gestures I witnessed from a young girl - barely a teenager - who was accompanied by one of her parents. Oxford had scored, two fingers and an exchange of foul language followed - without any reprimand

from the accompanying adult. Things could have so easily escalated - a similar incident years ago led to an irate adult having a word with the parent - exchange of words - then blows - and everyone waded in. The police intervened .. and several went to court. And whatfor? Don't get me wrong, I'm no prude, but isn't it time to set an example? Otherwise there's no hope for the future. In a call to my radio programme, someone suggested that perhaps I should stop watching football and take up knitting. Maybe - but tomorrow I'd still only be a knit. The rest speaks for itself...

#### Dan Chisholm

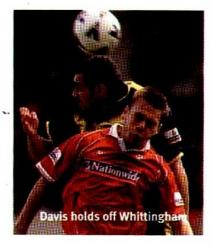
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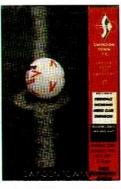
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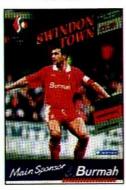


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A series of articles by the Editor of PROGRAMME MONTHLY & FOOTBALL COLLECTABLE magazine, describing how programmes have changed over a century and a quarter of Association Football.

# No. 6 Everybody's doing it in the 1920's

Programme issuing by clubs and associations became the norm in the 1920's, resulting from the example shown by those clubs whose pre-Great War programmes had proved to be good sellers and significant profit makers.

Another reason for the explosion of issues was the widespread provision of 'Half Time Scoreboards' around football grounds. In the days before radio coverage and teletext, football crowds had to rely on the 'half times' from other grounds being displayed on enormous fixed boards (either at the back of the terracing or at the track-side), to ascertain how rivals were faring. The only means of deciphering the mixture of letters and numbers was to refer to the coded list of fixtures printed in the match programme. In this way, the programme had evolved from being a means of identification of players, to being a vehicle for even more spectator information.

Part of the sudden upsurge in

programme production was the virtual doubling of the size of the Football League in the early 1920's by the formation of Division 3 North and the transfer of clubs from the Southern League to form Division 3 South. Thus we have the first regular issue of programmes from Rochdale in 1922/23, Halifax Town in 1921/22 and such long forgotten ex-League clubs as Wigan Borough and Stalybridge Celtic (both 1921/22) and Nelson (1924/25). Of the clubs that joined the League in subsequent years, York City issued an 8-page programme in 1924/25 in the Midland League, and Torquay United first issued (starting with FA Cup ties) in 1923/24.

Chelsea, host club of the 1920, 1921, and 1922 FA Cup Finals, set a fine example by publishing the first truly official, and substantial, FA Cup Final programmes. Featuring classical sketches by Bernhard Hugh on the cover, these were 24, 20 and 8 page programmes respectively, the last bearing a very close resemblance to

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the standard Chelsea programme of the inter-war years.

The 1920's was the decade in which football programme production became the norm throughout the Football League, and for all major non-league clubs, and it was also the era in which programmes adopted the format we associate them with today. Henceforth, match programmes would be multi-page, stapled, liberally filled with advertisements and including team selections, fixtures/results, league tables, half-time scoreboard and editorial.













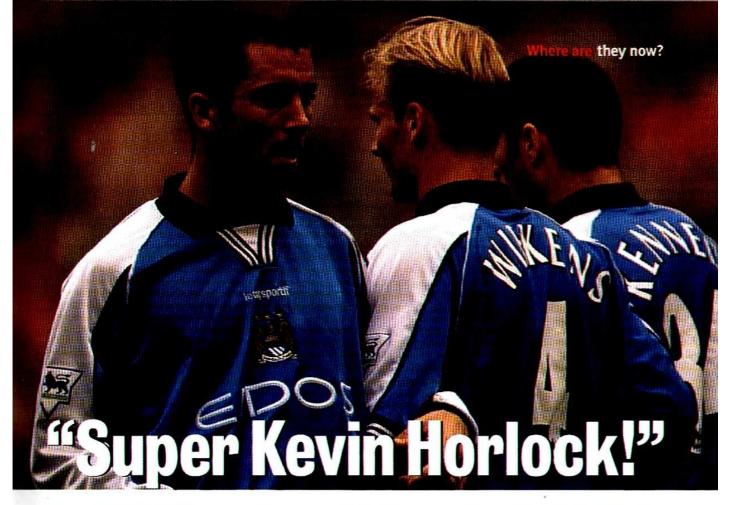












'Super Kevin Horlock' was an instant hit at the County Ground when he joined us from West Ham for a megre £25, 000.

These days even the most eagle eyed of scouts would struggle to buy a quality player for less than £100, 000, but in Horlock, boss Glenn Hoddle found a real bargain (West Ham were actually asking for £75, 000 but Hoddle negotiated them down!)

Kevin grabbed his chance for first team football when regular left back Paul Bodin was injured. Left-footed Horlock slotted in naturally during his debut against Notts County (where he scored his first goal) but relinquished his position when Bodin returned to full fitness. Shortly after, Kevin had the misfortune to to suffer a stress fracture of the knee. Still, undeterred, Horlock returned before the end of the season.

Kevin only made six appearances

during our Premiership season but went from strength to strength and became a permanent fixture in the side when Town were eventually relegated to Division One. In nearly 200 appearances for the Town, Horlock scored 26 goals, including a hat-trick from midfield away at local rivals Bristol Rovers.

It was Horlock's fierce shooting power that endeared him to the Town faithful, a skill that has come on leaps and bounds at new club Manchester City. City signed him after our disastrous season in the Premier League in which he had made the central midfield position his own.

That role was one Horlock thrived in and Manchester City obtained his services for £1, 250, 000 and he has not disappointed the Maine Road faithful since his move in 1997. He has been a major force behind City's return to the Premiership from the depths of Division Two, captaining the side on many occasions and also weighing in with over 40 goals in nearly 150 appearances. Last season

he scored ten goals, largely thanks to his willingness to to follow up his own forward passes and latch on to lay-offs from his strikers. Five of his ten last season were scored this way, the remaining five from penalty spot.

Kevin also receieved an international call-up for Northern Ireland, playing four times for his country during the last season.



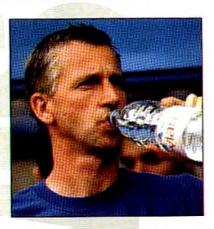


# **Cotterill Snubs Manor**

It was reported that Cheltenham boss Steve Cotterill was approached to take over the currently vacant manager's position at Oxford United but Cotterill has snubbed their approaches and will not be heading for the Manor Ground.

The Cheltenham manager made it clear that he wished to remain with the Gloucestershire club but admitted it wasn't an easy decision to make. He said: "It has been disruptive. I'd

be telling lies if I didn't say finances have something to do with it as I have a wife and a family. I did feel the pull but I felt the time was not right to make the jump."





# **Double Delight**

Reading's flying start to the season received another boost when the management team of Alan Pardew and Martin Allen signed new three-year deals with the Royals.

Pardew picked up the Nationwide Division Two manager of the month award after guiding his side to fourth in the table, which has delighted chairman John Madejski. "Alan Pardew has done a marvellous job in the past 12 months and I am delighted to reward him with this new contract," said Madejski. Pardew was also delighted with the news and was full of praise for the club:

"The backing of the chairman has so far been complete and together the dream of the Premiership can be fulfilled."

## **Great Scott**

Former Town forward Keith Scott has joined Colchester United from Reading on a three-week loan deal, following the departure of Lomana Tresor Lua Lua to Newcastle.

Keith has found himself frozen out at the Madejski Stadium after the arrival of Martin Butler, Tony Rougier and Jamie Cureton.

U's manager Steve Whitton has been short of attacking options but moved to land the 33-year-old in a bid to add competition amongst his existing strikers. Whitton said: "He's a goalscorer and a big target-man who I know can do a good job for us,"

Scott was in the starting line-up that faced Port Vale last weekend and, despite losing 3-1, it was Scott that got the solitary reply for the visitors.





# **Rosenior Eyes Post**

Bristol City coach Leroy Rosenior's has applied for the vacant manager's post at Plymouth Argyle and City boss Danny Wilson will not stand in his way if he gets the job.

Rosenior (pictured left) led Gloucester City to the semi-finals of the FA Trophy and third place in the Dr Marten's League and also had experience as caretaker boss of the Robins.

Rosenior is keen to return to management and the Plymouth board are bound to be impressed with his CV. Rosenior said: "While I am happy in my current job I can confirm that I have applied for the vacancy at Plymouth.

"It's a job I feel capable of doing at a club with a great deal of potential."

# Chief Explains Sale



Northampton Town chairman Barry Stonhill has explained the reasons behind the Cobblers sale of defender Ian Hendon to Sheffield Wednesday.

Stonill has claimed that with the current uncertainty surrounding the future of the transfer fee and the fact that the player would be out of contract and free to leave at the end of the season, meant he had no choice but to cash in on Hendon. "Ian Hendon was out of contract at the end of the season and with the current transfer system being discussed it is quite possible that he could have walked away for nothing," he said.

This move has certainly been in the benefit of Northampton Town Football Club."



# **Kippe Return**

Frode Kippe has returned to the Britannia Stadium for a second spell on-loan to Stoke City.

The 22-year-old Liverpool defender had a successful spell with the Potters lasts season and impressed manager Gudjon Thordarsson. This latest deal could see Kippe stay remain at Stoke for the entire season. "Frode did well here last season and should settle quickly because he knows the place, the players and formation," said football executive John Rudge. "We've got an intense period of nine games in the next month and an extra body will always help."

# Pirates Land Allsopp

Today's opposition, Bristol Rovers, last week strengthened their front line with the capture of Manchester City striker Danny Allsopp in a one-month loan deal.

City boss Joe Royle was keen for the 22-year-old Australian to gain more experience of first team football.

"He needs to play League football again and I think a loan period would be good for him," said Royle.

"We do have lots of front players at the moment, so it would be good for him to take this opportunity of regular League football.

# Baird Facing Lay-Off

Wycombe Wanderers striker
Andy Baird became the third
Wanderers striker to be
sidelined this season
following injuries to last
season's top scorer Sean
Devine and on-loan Bristol
City marksman Steve Jones.

The 21-year-old Scot is now facing an eight-week lay-off after damaging his ankle ligaments against Notts County. Boss Lawrie Sanchez said: "It's disappointing for the lad. In the bits and pieces he's played this season he's looked very lively and scored four goals."



# **FanScene**

Town's show yer colours is back!



## **Dedicated Follower!**

Pictured above (circled) is Town fan Dave Walker and the rest of his crew. Dave was the driver of the Royal Train when it took Prince Charles to the opening of the Yeovilton Air Museum in 1988. Dave is a dedicated Town fan to say the least and last week against Oxford he completed a sequence of 1, 300 consecutive games in which he has watched the Town home and away. Congratulations Dave!

## **Swindon Town Look-a-Likes**

Here are two of our favourite look-a-likes, send in your suggestions to us at PIA Sport, The Litten, Newtown Rd, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 7BB...





Town Assistant Manager Andy King and Scotland boss Craig Brown





Former Town fav Wayne Allison amd Big Brother runner up Darren

# Wembley 1993 - Were You There?

The Swindon team that defeated Leicester that day are returning to the County Ground to play a celebrity eleven in aid of the NSPCC and we would like to see as many pictures of fans on the day as we can! If you would like to see your pictures on the fans page of this, a special charity issue then send them to us at: PIA Sport, The Litten, Newtown Rd, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 7BB...



# **Swindon XI**

In the past we have printed your favourite all time Swindon XI, now, each week we will be putting in your worst Swindon Town XI's of all time. To start you off, PIA have compiled our worst selection to ever have put on the red shirt...remember...this is just for fun!



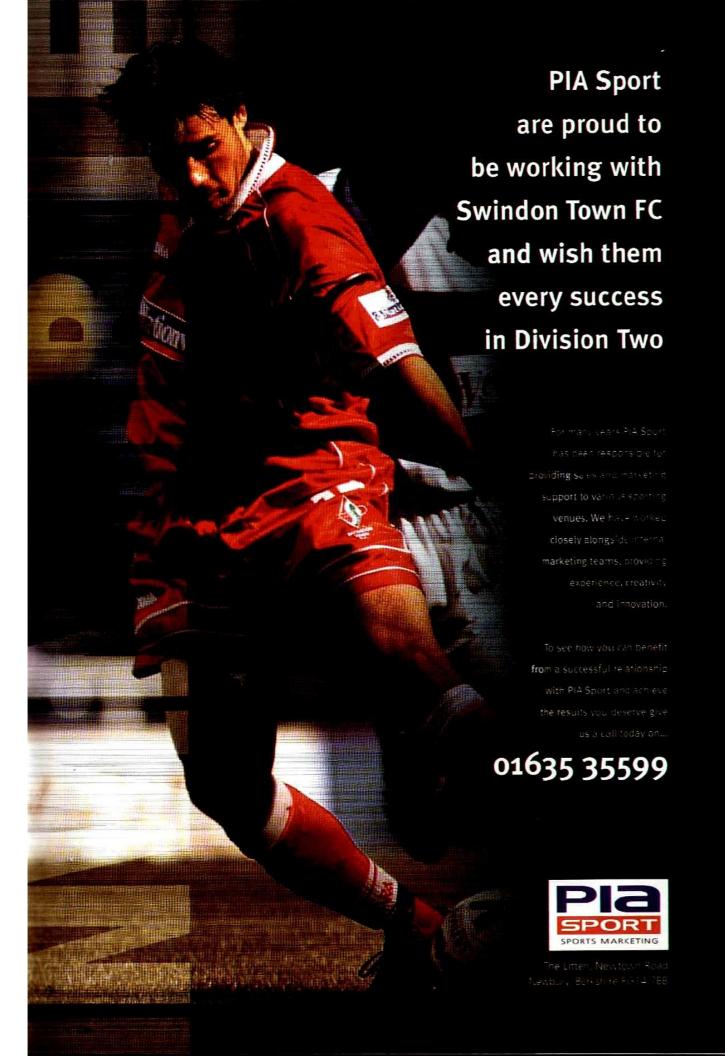




Send in all your photos, took-a-likes and Worst Town XI's to STFC C/O, PIA Sport, The Littern, Newtown Rd, Newbury, Berkshine, Rista yBB

Answers:

Ooh are ye: 1. Malcolm Crosby
2. Ian Holloway 3. Guilliano Grazioli



# **Points Shared**

The Town Ladies missed out on a chance to go top of the South West Combination League when they shared the points with Yeovil Town.

Before the game the Town were second and Yeovil were top but the draw allowed Bristol Rovers to take over the leadership of the league. The Town went ahead in the first half through Tracy Peacock but a disputed penalty gave Yeovil the opportunity to draw level. Both sides had good spells during the game and a draw was probably a fair result.

Tomorrow the Town take on the current South West Combination League leaders Bristol Rovers. Last season Rovers finished second in the league while Town took third spot and Rovers won both of our league encounters. In the previous season both sides finished in the

same position as last season but that time Town did the double over Rovers - so league honours are even. This game will be played on the County Ground Extension and will kick-off at 2pm.

The Town Reserves, who have an unbeaten record this season, entertain Didcot Town in the Southern Region League on St Joseph's' School Field, Queens Drive Kick-off 2pm.



DIANE GEORGE, who has been outstanding in the centre of the Town's defence

#### South West Combination League Fixtures 2000/2001

310	Sept	Bristol City	3-3
10th	Sept	Clevedon Town	3.0
17th	Sept	Oxford United	A
24th	Sept	Saltash Pilgrims	5-0
ıst	Oct	Denham United	5-1
8th	Oct .	Yeovil Town	1-1
15th	Oct	Southampton	A
zznd	Oct .	Bristol Rovers	Н
z9th	Oct	*AXA* FA Cup	ıst
5th	Nov	Cheltenham Town	A
12th	Nov	"AXA" FA Cup	2nd
19th	Nov	Denham United	Н
z6th	Nov	Reading	Α
3rd	Dec	Denham United LC 2	Н
toth	Dec	Portsmouth	H
17th	Dec	Bristol City	Н
7th	Jan	Clevedon United	A
14th	Jan	Oxford United	Н
215t	Jan	Saltash Pilgrims	A
z8th	Jan	Yeovil Town	A
4th	Feb	Southampton	Н
11th	Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
18th	Feb	Cheltenham Town	H
4th	Mar	Reading	H
11th	Mar	Portsmouth	A

South West Combination League Table							
TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
BRISTOL RVS	5	4	1	0	14	2	13
YOEVIL TOWN	6	3	3	0	10	7	12
Swindon Town	5	5	2	0	17	5	11
CHELTENHAM TH	5	3	2	0	11	8	11
PORTSMOUTH	4	3	0	1	9	4	9
SALTASH PMS	4	2	1	1	5	7	7
BRISTOL CITY	5	1	2	2	9	8	5
DENHAM UTD	6	1	1	4	9	14	4
SOUTHAMPTON	3	1	0	2	1	8	3
READING LADIES	5	0	1	4	9	15	1
CLEVEDON TN	4	0	1	3	3	10	1
OXFORD UTD	4	0	0	4	4	13	0



## **Matches from Memory**

By Dick Mattick





When they travelled to Twerton Park, the temporary accommodation if not the home of Bristol Rovers, Town were three points clear at the head of the Division Two table.

Rovers had missed out in the playoffs the previous season in which they had been defeated only once on their own ground. Although they occupied a mid-table position at the kick-off there was little doubt they would provide a stiff test for Town's promotion ambitions.

Swindon got off to a flying start. With roadworks between Bath and the M4 junction a number of Swindon supporters were still arriving when Steve McMahon set up Kevin Horlock who buried a left foot shot past Brian Parkin in the Pirates' goal. As the half wore on Bristol began to exert more and more pressure. Andy Gurney and Justin Skinner both shot narrowly wide and in the 32nd minute Gareth Taylor actually got the ball into the Swindon net only for it to be disallowed for handball. A deserved equaliser for Rovers came in the 40th minute when David Pritchard's cross was flicked on and eventually dropped to Paul Miller who lobbed it over Frank Talia in the Town goal.

Rovers threatened to score again at the start of the second half but Town's central defenders Ian Culverhouse and Shaun Taylor were in magnificent form. It was Taylor in fact who struck at the other end in the 57th minute, meeting a McMahon free kick to send a powerful header into the net. Five minutes later another header, this After two consecutive relegation seasons the 1995-96 season had seen the fortunes of Swindon Town take a turn for the better.

time from Kevin Horlock from a Steve Finney cross, put Town in a commanding position. Town finally wrapped up the points in the 83rd minute. Wayne O'Sullivan and substitute Ty Gooden combined to release Kevin Horlock who rounded a defender before slotting home his hat-trick goal.

"With roadworks between Bath and the M4 junction a number of Swindon supporters were still arriving when Steve McMahon set up Kevin Horlock..."



This feat doubled his League goal tally from over 100 matches and was also remarkable in that it contained goals with both feet and a header.

As most Swindon fans will know the good start to this season continued and the campaign ended with Town promoted back to Division One at the first time of asking. Bristol Rovers finished the season in 10th position three points short of a play-off place.



The West Country football merry-goround has seen several movements of the players involved in the match. Shaun Taylor moved to Bristol City while Paul Bodin has become more familiar with Twerton Park since taking over as manager of Bath City. John Ward, at the time manager of Rovers, was to enjoy a spell later as manager of Bristol City.

#### Teams:

Swindon: Talia, Culverhouse, Bodin, McMahon, Seagraves, Taylor, Robinson, O'Sullivan, Finney, Murray (Gooden, 71), and Horlock. Subs: Beauchamp and Digby.

Rovers: Parkin, Pritchard, Gurney, Browning, Clark, Wright, Archer, Miller, Stewart, Skinner, and Taylor. Subs: Tilson, Collett, and Wyatt.



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# Mixture of Youth Win Derby Clash Against Oxford Utd

Last weekend our only Saturday match was the Under 17s against our rivals Oxford United.

The game was played on the magnificent pitch at Iffley Lane, Oxford. The Under 17 games are usually Under 16 players just playing a year up but this week we had five Under 17s, five under 16s, 4 under 15s and one under 14 player. Quite a mixture you could say! We went a goal down after 20 minutes as we struggled to get close to the opposition and when we did get it, struggled to hold possession of the ball.

As the game went on our young boys

grew in confidence and started passing the ball and creating problems for Oxford. Just after halftime our goalkeeper Craig Farr made an outstanding save to keep the score at just 1-0 saving from point blank range. If that had gone in it could have been curtains for the boys but, from then on, and after making a couple of changes, it was all Swindon. We finished strongly with two goals from Chris Hughes ensuring a victory for our youngsters. There was also a very good performance by Matty Collins who scooped our Man of the Match award.

#### **Phil Cannon**

Youth Development Officer

#### Under 19s Fixtures 2000/2001

Sat	19th Aug	Exeter City	Н	2-0
Sat	26th Aug	Torquay Utd	Α	
Sat	and Sept	Oxford Utd	Н	
Sat	9th Sept	<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	Α	0-1
Sat	23rd Sept	Swansea City	A	0-1
Sat	7th Oct	Cirencester A.	Н	4-1
Sat	21st Oct	Cardiff City	A	400
Sat	28th 0c	Plymouth A.	Н	
Sat	11th Nov	Exeter City	A	8 3
Sat	18th Nov	Torquay Utd	H	
Sat	25th Nov	Oxford Utd	A	
Sat	16th Dec	<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	H	
Sat	13th Jan	Cirencester A.	A	
Sat	20th Jan	Swansea City	Н	
Sat	3rd Feb	Plymouth A.	A	
Sat	10th Feb	Cardiff City	Н	

### **Hewlett Suffers Injury Blow**

As you probably saw we had a few injuries during our match against Oldham Athletic.



The biggest
disappointment was
the knee injury to
Matty Hewlett. It
looks as if he could
be out for some
time. He was due

to see a specialist in the middle of the week so I'll give you a full update of the outcome in the next matchday magazine.



Gary Alexander twisted his ankle slightly and was quite sore at the beginning of the week but began doing a little work on

it on Tuesday morning prior to the trip away to Swansea.



Adam Willis got quite a nasty knock on his leg but fortunately that is all it was. He had a bit of swelling and bruising but it didn't present any

further problems and he got back into training.



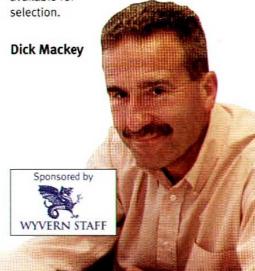
Gareth Davies has now returned from his trip to see the specialist in reasonably fine fettle. We are now embarking on the

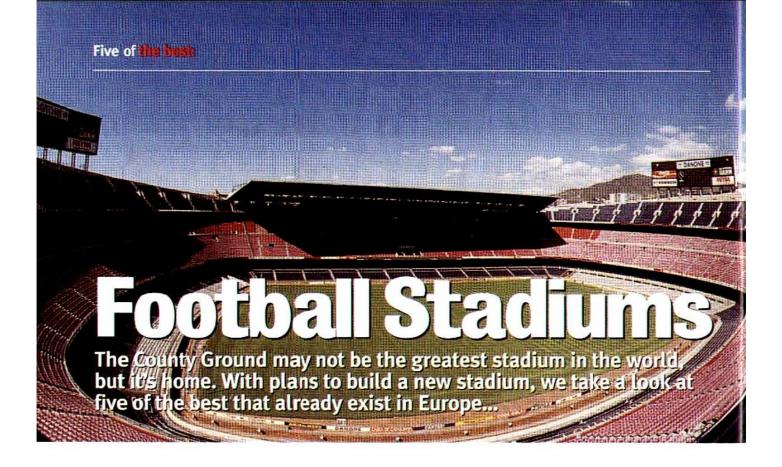
final stage of his 3 to 4 weeks of extra strength-work for his legs. I must say that the work he is doing has been very hard and we haven't been getting any reaction whatsoever. I more optimistic now than I have been for sometime.



Bobby Howe has been back in full training now for a couple of weeks and came through the Reserve match with no problems so he

should be fit and available for selection.









Real Madrid's impressive theatre only falls short of Barca's Nou Camp because of it's outdated elements that lie within it's modern exterior.

The stadium itself has hosted more internationals than any other Spanish venue. It has also had more money spent on it than any other, yet such were the attendances to events including the World Cup in 1982 and a visit from the Pope a year later, that the club could afford to build such a lavish arena. Perhaps the most familiar sight is the three sided roof that fits tightly like a lid. Incorporated within the

two ends behind each goal are two score boards that were the first anywhere in the world. Within the stadium itself are several outdated structures, lending a cold, concrete appearance. Most of the seats are concrete benches with iron armrests (although these are being updated.) Executive boxes have since been added and some plastic seats have also been installed with many more to follow. There are plans afoot to expand the stadium capacity to over 100,000 spectators.

Nou Camp Barcelona

The Nou Camp may not look quite as illustrious as the Bernabeau, but the cauldron of Catalan fervour is undoubtedly one of the world's most breathtaking sporting arenas and nudges ahead ot it's rival purely because of it's simple, yet daunting appearance.

Originally Barca played their home games in fairly small stadia until the 1920's when they began to attract bigger crowds. The Nou Camp was erected in the 50's (eventually finished in the 80's) and in it's present state has three tiers in a cantilever style with colour co-ordinated layers. The stadium is so precise and free of clutter that it can only be described as awe-inspiring. Even the scoreboards are THAT expansive and oversized that one can't fail to be impressed and even a little bit intimidated by it's mere presence.

Such is the grandeur of the ground that it has hosted the world's biggest footballing events as well as other more commercial shows, including concerts from Michael Jackson and the Rolling Stones. More importantly, it is the regular host of a European Cup Final of some description and international matches. It was also the central venue of the football tournament within the 1992 Olympic Games. Since then a further 10, 000 seats have been added to one of the stands with a cantilevered roof to cover those nearer the stars!



San Siro Milan



One of the most formidable views in world football is that of the San Siro stadium in Milan, home to Serie A giants AC Milan and Internaziole.

Moreover, the stadium is one of the most formidable sights in Milan, towering above many of the cosmopolitan buildings and matched only by the Cathedral.

The San Siro is the epitomy of new technology and design. The first thing you will notice are the series of ramps that wrap around the exterior of the stadium and allow supporters to reach the upper levels

of the ground. Not only do they afford more space (allowing for car parking close to the ground), but they give the San Siro an umistakeable identity. Perhaps the next major element of Milan's finest is the roof which sits on four cylindrical towers.



The towers were built in order to add the roof without altering the ramps. The roof itself is one of the greatest structures to adorn a football stadium, with it's enormity indescribable in terms of cost and weight. Yet such is the passion within the city that you feel it all fits in rather nicely, a unique stadium for a unique football city.

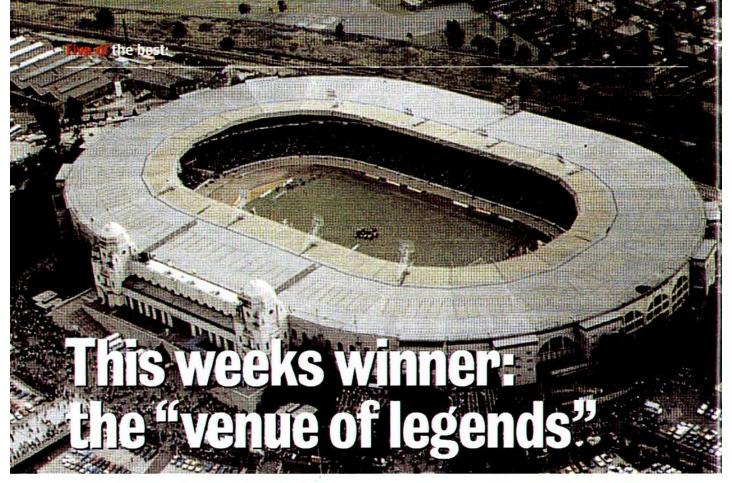
The Stade Louis II
Monte Garlo

### A personal favourite and a stadium years ahead of it's time.

Almost five years were needed to

design, plan, and build the complex, a feature of which is the successful merging of traditional and modern building styles. In fact all of the facades blend into the environment, so as to match the surrounding urban landscape which is eminently mediterranean. The stadium's roof is entirely tile-covered, like the small buildings which surround it. Situated on the coast of the small prinicipality, the Stade Louis II encapsulates the glamour and the beauty of Monte Carlo. Yet such is the sparcity of land in the tax-free haven that the key to this stadium (and the reason why it we rate it so highly) is what lies beneath it. Incredibly, beneath the pitch is a 1,750 capacity car park, an Olympic sized swimming pool with adjacent bistro and a multi-purpose sports hall which accomodates nearly 3,500 spectators.

Such surroundings were graced by a player who fitted the setting when former Town player-manager Glenn Hoddle was lured to the principality. For four seasons, Hoddle wowed the partisan crowds with his blend of pin-point passing and delightful control. Mark Hately was another Englishman to play there.



### **1 Wembley Stadium London**

This issue's winner may not be as forboding or structurally impressive as some of it's European counterparts.

Nevertheless, the Stadium which hosted its last international just two weeks ago, when England lost to Germany, has established such a reputation that it is one of the most respected stadiums in the world.

Wembley was years ahead of it's time, with nearly all of England's home clubs opting for outdated stadium designs that have only recently been eroded in the last decade or so. Even so, not many countries have as many city centre stadiums that, to their supporters, encapsulate their own identity creating a sense of selfdom and belonging.

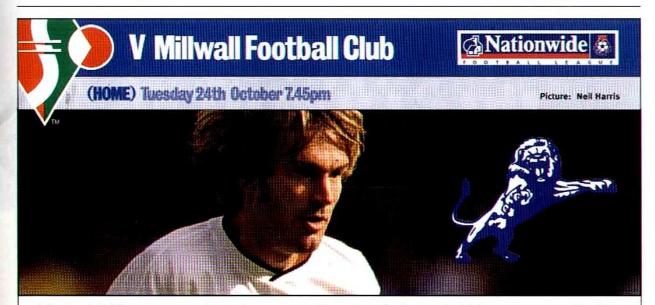
What started as a model for everything British during the

expansion and celebration of the British Empire, became the home of England Internationals and host of the FA Cup Final. As well as football events, Wembley has also staged boxing matches, other sporting events and rock concerts, with one of the biggest in memory for Live Aid in 1985. Arguably no other stadium in the world can boast as many profound images and memories as our very own national treasure. Town themselves have memories of their own from below the famous Twin Towers, 1969 was our finest hour when we defeated Arsenal to win the League Cup. Town also won twice in the space of five years in two separate play-off finals, one of which was later void because of financial irregularities. Perhaps more importantly is the World Cup win of 1966, when England famously defeated Germany with a hat-trick from Geoff Hurst.

In recent years, Wembley has come



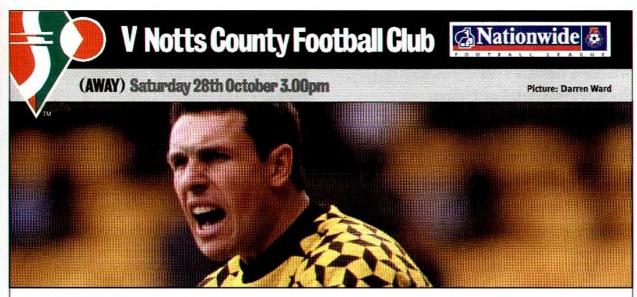
under intense criticism for being outdated. When Arsenal played their home games in the Champions' League at Wembley, many of the players and fans were disgruntled by the lack of atmosphere that it created, with the pitch so far away from the supporters. Finally, the time has come to move on to pastures new. Plans have been drawn up for a new national stadium, and in a few months time, the famous Twin Towers will be knocked down, taking with them countless memories that most of us will cherish for years to come.



Following their failure to get promotion to the 1st Division last term, Millwall fans have every reason to be a little disgruntled and will be hoping to go one better this year.

It wasn't long ago that 'The Lions' were playing in the top flight and, such is the desire to return to those dizzy heights, that manangers Keith Stevens and Alan Mcleary have already been dismissed due to unacceptable results so far this season. Last season Millwall reached the play-offs only to be beaten by Wigan Athletic, but they have kept the same crop of young stars who will have last season's experience under their belt. Now, they have an experienced manager in Mark McGhee who has returned to football management following a break after his spell at Molineux. Both he and the fans believe that they have some of

the brightest youngsters outside of the Premiership. Neil Harris pictured above has been scoring goals for fun this year after the 25 he bagged last year. Fellow frontman Lucas Neil has also hit a rich vein of form having a hand in all four goals against lowly Oxford. Millwall fans tell us that another player to look out for is Paul Ifill who supplies the front two from the right wing. He also pitched in last season with 12 goals.



Notts County have, like us, rung the changes throughout the club in order to improve on last season's disappointing season.

Following a dramatic slump in form, Manager Sam Allardyce resigned for 'personal reasons' and the club collected just two points from a possible 24 in their last 8 games. Acting Manager Gary Brazil was axed and six players left, paving the way for a new breed of talent. With new owners at the helm, the fans at Meadow Lane have reason to feel optimistic. Jockey Scott has taken charge and he would appear to have a good eye for talent, nearly signing former Town favourite Scott Leitch at the start of the season. Scott has also praised Micheal Brough who, if he can build on last year's

bright performances when he bossed the centre of midfield, can help the Magpies gain promotion.

The Magpies haven't had the ideal start but could be an outside bet for the playoffs. Darren Ward in goal could also play a major part for the Magpies this year. The keeper played a key role last season and is a fan's favourite.



### **Box Office**



Up to date ticket information for forthcoming matches, home and away.

### **HOME v Millwall Football Club** Tuesday 24th October 7.45pm

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

#### Matchday Prices From:

£15 · £18 Adults: Concessions: £8-£10

£4 - £5 Juniors:



### **HOME v Cambridge United Football Club** Tuesday 31st October 7.45pm

Nationwide League Division Two re-arranged fixture at The County Ground. Tickets for this match are now on general sale.

#### Matchday Prices From:

£15 - £18 Concessions: £8 - £10

Juniors: £4 - £5



### **AWAY v Notts County Football Club** Saturday 28th October 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at Meadow Lane. No ticket details available vet.

### Matchday Prices From:

Adults: Concessions: £7



### **HOME v Wycombe Wanderers Football Club** Saturday 4th November 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the County Ground.

**HOME v Wrexham United Football Club** 

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the County Ground.

Tuesday 7th November 7.45pm

#### Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £15 - £18 Concessions: £8-£10 Juniors: £4 - £5



### Wembley Heroes v SHOWBIZ XI Sunday 29th October 2.00pm

NSPCC Celebrity Football Match to be played at the County Ground

Matchday Prices From:

NSPCC

Adults: Concessions: £5

Family (2 adults and 2 kids): £25

Matchday Prices From: Adults: £15 - £18 Concessions: £8 - £10

Juniors: £4-£5

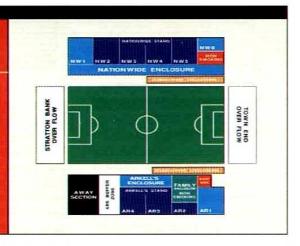


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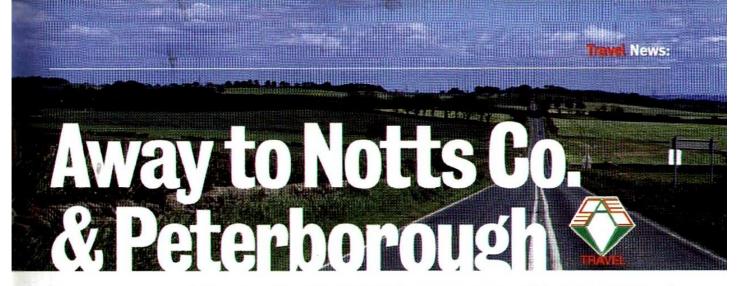


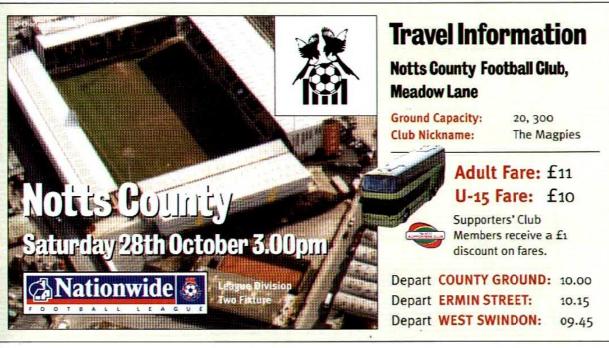


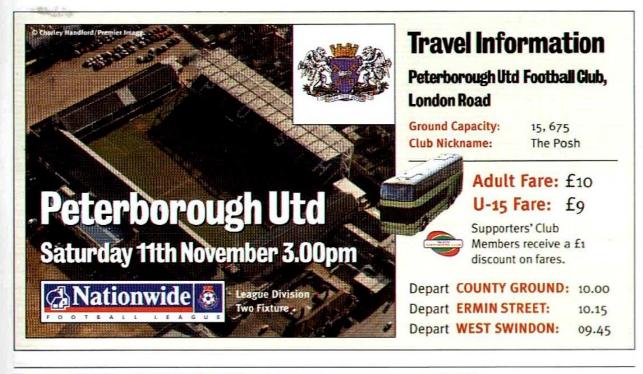












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### **Junior Robins**

WE extend a BIG WELCOME today to our first visitors of the season, Bristol's JUNIOR PIRATES and their families. Hope you have a good day with us and we shall look forward to our reciprocal visit to you in March next year.

Reminder - We are travelling to Notts
County on the 28th. All of you who
are intending to make the journey
don't forget to book your seats early
if you are travelling on the coach.
The reciprocal ticket games are as
follows - but don't forget to get
registered as a 'Junior Robin' if you
want to take advantage of these
family tickets.

Brentford January 20th Wrexham February 4th Bristol Rovers March 24th Millwall April 14th Stoke City May 5th

The Christmas Disco is still hopefully going ahead, so as soon as we have all the details we will let you know.

Unfortunately we do not have any JR's who have a birthday this month. We will print all the November birthdays in the Wycombe programme so if you have a birthday coming up soon and you still haven't registered, come on, get cracking.

Fran Brearley 01993213015 Julie Page 01793 763349 Kevin Hall 07773 485678 Kim Young 01993 212645 George Chadwick 01672 520679



Today's lucky mascots are Mark Cooper and Luke Wiltshire. Mark (pictured above) is 8 years old and attends Bowerhill Primary School in Melksham and his favourite Town star is Danny

Invincibile. Mark plays for Trowbridge Town Under 9's.

Luke Wiltshire (pictured below) is 9 years old and also attends school in Melksham but at Shaw Primary School. He plays for Shaw and Whitley Under 10's and lists Bart Griemink as his favourite player.



### Swindon Town Football Club Supporters' Club

Congratulations to one of our regular payment patrons **M Strugnell**, ticket number **137**, who was the winner of the half time draw at our last home game against Oxford. The winning ticket number paid a season's high total of £288.

We have organised this season's first social evening for Thursday 2nd November, kicking off in Winners at 7.45 pm. Entry to the event is open to all supporters, not just supporters' club members. There is absolutely no charge for admission and we hope that a special "beer" promotion will be on offer.

This will be an ideal opportunity for fans of the Town to get together in a format not seen recently. Please do come and support what we hope will be a fun evening.

The evening will include a Swindon Town quiz ( we promise the answers will not be too hard! ). This will take the format of teams of 3 and the entry fee of £3 per team will all be distributed to the winners of the competitions on the evening. There will also be more entertainment of the Swindon Town variety so come and have a good night out. Make a date in your diary. More news in forthcoming programme notes. Any Supporters' Club member who has yet to collect their membership card should see a committee member within the away travel office prior to weekend match days.

We have now established a programme shop selling old matchday



programmes in the building which also houses the away travel and if you are searching for that elusive programme to complete a collection, then it is well worth a visit before matches. Please ensure that you have a chance of winning our half time draw by purchasing a ticket today or alternatively join our regular payment scheme. If you can help us on a matchday by selling tickets please ring Roger Bunce on 01865 820499. All information on the supporters' club can be seen on our website at http://go.to/swindontown. The site can also be found by searching for Swindonweb. We have a link established to this site and once in this site you can find us by searching in the

area covering Swindon Town.



Bottom of the Group behind those Eastern European giants Albania, scoreless in their two completed matches, a team shorn of self-belief, any semblance of style and imagination - surely things can get no worse?

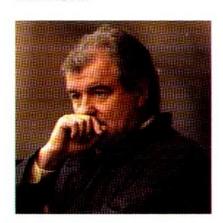
Well they could actually and if those in power at the FA have their way it probably will.

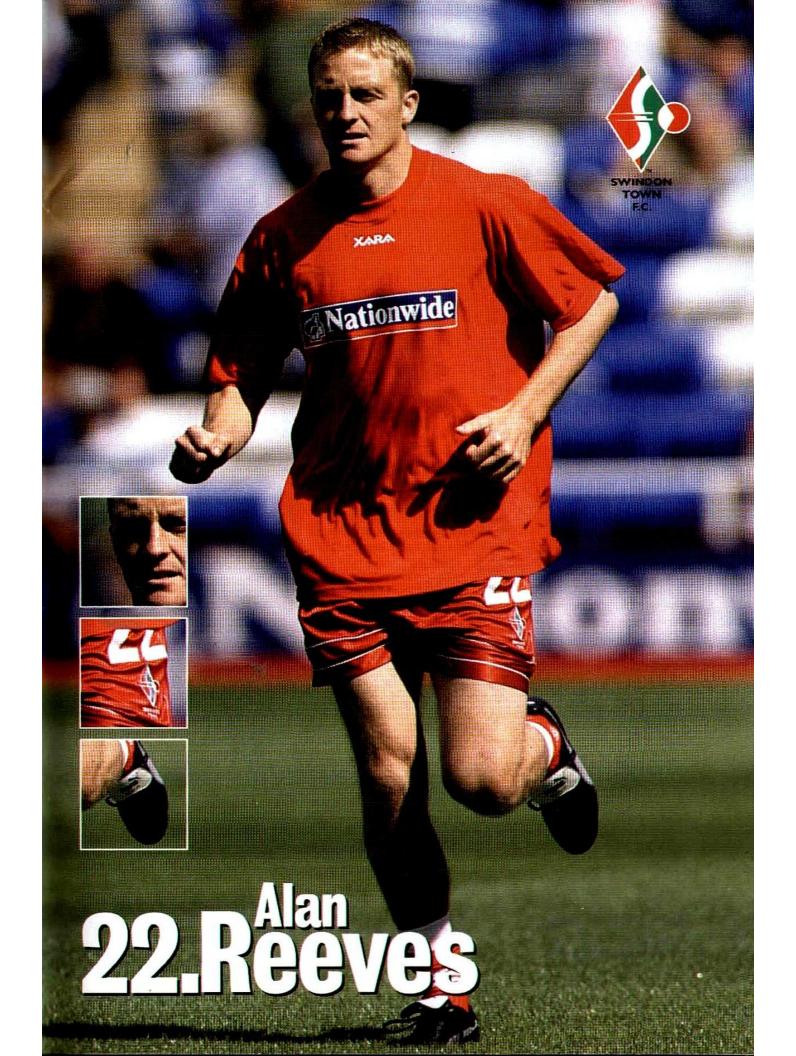
The FA committee summoned by Adam Crozier is made up mainly of Club Chairmen and dithering old men in grey suits who are so out of touch with modern football that they may as well live on the moon. The sole footballing input regarding the appointment of the new coach will be coming from Howard Wilkinson, not someone who fills anyone with any real confidence, although, his presence on the panel will ensure

that when it comes to voting there should be at least one tick against the name - H.Wilkinson.

It is highly unlikely that a board made up by, amongst others, Peter Ridsdale and David Dein will sanction approaches to David O'Leary or Arsene Wenger. They are hardly likely to vote for a motion which will severely unsettle their own club side. So with all other major candidates either declaring themselves out of the running or tied up in long-term contracts, why do the FA persist in ignoring the .. claims of perhaps the greatest English coach of his generation? Why, when a certain T. Venables is currently out of work and making all the right noises, do you get the feeling that a certain 'over my dead body' mentality exists at the FA? All the more bewildering when the man who lead England in Euro '96 is patently the best man for the job.

If international experience is a pre-requisite for the job then Venables is the ideal man. He knows the job, he's managed England in a major tournament previously and has also managed Australia in a thrilling if eventually fruitless World Cup qualifying campaign. He has also managed at the top level at Barcelona. So what more do the FA need? A hefty kick up the backside is the answer.





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# CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PARTY PACKAGES 2000

Bring your Christmas Party to us and enjoy great food, a sparkling atmosphere and a disco bar 'till late. Don't worry about arranging the Christmas Party, let us do it for you. We lay on a three course menu, party games and the best disco in town. The Party Nights run throughout December and January.

### Three Course Carvery

### £22.50 per person

- · Bucks Fizz on arrival
- · Soup Starter
- Turkey, Beef or Pork (or a vegetarian option) served with stuffing and trimmings
- Christmas Pudding or Gateau
- Coffee & Petit Fours

### Silver Service 3 Course Dinner

### £25.00 per person

- · Champagne on arrival
- Soup Starter
- Roast Turkey (or vegetarian option) served with stuffing, trimmings and seasonal vegetables
- Christmas Pudding or Gateau
- Coffee & Petit Fours

### Lunchtime Festivities

#### £15.00 per person

- Roast Turkey, Beef or Vegetarian option
- Each served with traditional trimmings, seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes
- Christmas Pudding, Cheesecake or Gateau
- · Coffee & Mince Pies
- · Incudes party novelties

### New Year's Eve 2000 £10 per person

- Disco Buffet
- Late bar
- Party games
- Spot prizes throughout the evening

For further details or to book your event please call us on **01793 333741...** 



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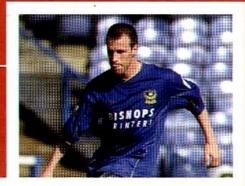
A look back at this weeks sporting moments with...



### **Week in pictures**

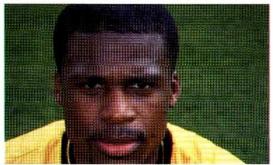
### Thursday 12th

Steve Claridge takes over the reins at Pompey after Tony Pulis started a four-month leave of absence to fight his court case against Gillingham.



### Saturday 14th

St Helens defeat Wigan Warriors in the Tetley's Bitter Super League Final.



### Friday 13th

Cambridge striker Zema Abbey kick-starts Cambridge's promotion challenge scoring the winner against Luton.



### Sunday 15th

**Emile Heskey scores his** first senior hat-trick as the 'Reds' hammer Derby 4-0 at Pride Park.



### Tuesday 17th

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Robert Pires fires in a last-gasp equaliser for Arsenal against Lazio in the Olympic Stadium, Rome.



### Monday 16th

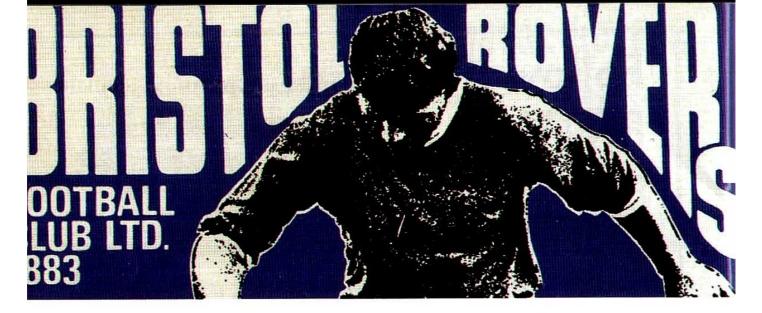
Steve Bruce is sacked from Huddersfield Town following the club's poor start to the season.



### Wednesday 18th

After walking away from Maine Road, Liberian striker George Weah signs for French First Divisoin club Olympique Marseille.





### Nick John looks at footballing attitudes fifty years ago...

Browsing through an old Bristol Rovers versus Swindon Town programme dated Monday 20th August 1951, it was both admirable and amusing to compare the views on how the game should be played 50 years ago, compared to the evolutionary product of today.

An introductory feature of the tattered programme was headed 'The Referee is covered' and went on to say 'There have been many arguments lately as to whether a referee is within his power to make a player fetch the ball back after kicking it away in a fit of pique, when disagreeing with a decision. The F.A. states that he has full authority to use his discretion in any direction upon matters not actually

covered by the rules'.

Visions of Patrick Vieira or Roy Keane trotting after a ball they've kicked away, after throwing their toys out of the pram, certainly bring a smile to the face.

A few pages on, there was a code of conduct for all footballers to abide by, written as if it had been taken from the bible and called 'Ten Commandments for soccer players'. It follows-

- **1.** Thou shalt not have too much to say during the match.
- 2. Thou shalt not think thyself the best player in the team.
- 3. Thou shalt not take the name of the poor old Ref in vain. Nor talketh to him profane.
- Remember that thou keep knocked in the nails of thy boots.

- **5.**Honour thy opponents and their supporters.
- Thou shalt do not swearing.
   Thou shalt not handle man or ball without permission.
- 8. Thou shalt not push, kick, strike, hold, trip or jump at thy opponents.
- Thou shalt not make false appeals against thy opponents.
- Thou shalt not covet nor desire other team's players, nor their medals.

The article finished by saying 'Shouldst thou not be able to keep all these commandments, keep thyself away from the game. For it can do much better without you' This advice would certainly be beyond the possibility of any of today's players, but just brings home how much our game has transformed itself in a relatively short space of time.

### 'TRUE BLUE' Mike Rogers.

As in the famous footballing city of Liverpool, you are born either 'Red or Blue'. Local businessman, Michael Rogers, was born 'True Blue' at Southmead Hospital, Bristol and grew up in Henbury supporting his beloved Rovers.

When the family moved to Swindon in the early 70's he knew that 'stick would be heading his way'. But with devote determination he continued

to follow his boyhood heroes through thick and thin. In those early days he was forever singing the praises of 'Smash and Grab'. The prolific striking partnership of Bruce Bannister and Alan Warbuoys (or 'Bannister and Staircarpet' as we Swindon fans called them!), counting the days to Saturday's match where he loved to stand on the 'Tote End' at Eastville Stadium, blasting out the Rovers' anthem 'Irene Goodnight'.

Mick said "I've been a loyal season

ticket holder for many years now and my wife Debbie, a loyal footballing widow".

Before the game today he will be meeting up with a few 'Blue and White' fellow supporters at his local. He asked me to give a special welcome to Ted, Lloydy, Fat Bloke and the Millwall Piper. Let's hope that after the game they'll be drowning their sorrows to the sounds of Hot Chocolate and a new anthem- 'So you win again!'.

### **Around the Grounds...**

We take a sneak preview at what's going on elsewhere around the grounds in Division Two.

City appear to have turned the corner with an unbeaten run of 5 games and an impressive defensive record. They will be hoping for a similar result today as against Millwall.







Alan Pardew saluted the fans after the biggest crowd of the season watched the 2-0 win against local rivals Wycombe Wanderers. The Royals are only 2 points behind at the top.

David Preece will be hoping that the rumours of Arsenal's interest in Irishman Paddy Kenny are untrue: "The 'phone's not rung yet, thank God, but I suppose it's only a matter of time."







Sean O'Driscoll has admitted that his side are in a relegation battle already following Saturday's defeat by Rotherham and the midweek draw against Wigan.

Hope is on the horizon for Steve Whitton with the performance of loan signing Keith Scott, who has impressed, despite the U's poor run of late including the defeat at Brentford.







Cambridge boss McFarland ordered his players in for extra weekend training despite their 2-1 victory against Luton Town. A draw in midweek means that they have slipped off the pace.

Luton's 2-1 defeat at the hands of Cambridge United and goalless draw against lowly Oxford has condemned them to their worst start for ten years.







Ron Noades will be hoping to secure the signing of Portsmouth defender Jason Crowe in order to bolster his injury-dogged defence despite the departure of Tony Pulis from Pompey.

Wilson hailed £150,000 striker Jamie Forrester as a bargain buy after his sixth goal of the season secured a win at Bristol Rovers. He should add to his tally against the strugglers.







Oldham may be without last week's hero Craig Dudley because of suspension. Dudley has scored three goals in the last two games which Oldham have also won.

Drewe Broughton will be holding talks with Leyton Orient this week as he attempts to become the latest player to leave Peterborough United.







County are are appealling against the threematch bans for Mark Stallard and Andy Hughes after they were sent off against Wigan last week.

Ronnie Moore is hoping that Mark Robins will be back for Saturday's clash against bottom club Oxford. Robins missed last Saturday's match against Bournemouth.







Ford is still in charge after attempts to bring in Southport's Mark Wright as boss hit a stumbling block with news that the Conference club are blocking any swoop.

This is a massive game for the Staffordshire club who have fallen behind the early pace-setters with a defeat to Swansea. A win against the high flyers will set them back on track.







McGhee was pleased to see two goals come from midfield players after making it clear that he doesn't want his squad to rely on the strikers to get all the goals.

Liverpool are being linked with a £3million move for Latics' goalkeeper Roy Carroll. Carroll has earned plaudits after his dazzling displays between the sticks.







Struggling Port Vale will be hoping to continue the good work from last week's home win against Colchester but face stiffer opposition this time around.

Wrexham will be without Welsh under-21 defender Steve Roberts after he broke an ankle in the 4-3 win at Oxford United on Saturday. He will be out for two months.







John Hollins will be hoping that his two new signings can repeat the form of last week. David Romo played well and Venezuelan international Giovanni Savarese got two goals.

Wycombe are another side struggling with suspensions following last week's rough clash against Reading. A win today is essential following a shock defeat in midweek.







Walsall will be hoping that their Portuguese star Jorge Leitao will still be playing for them today with rumours rife that he is on his way to the Premiership.

### **Statistics 2000/2001...**

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#### STFC Fact-files...

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WC = WORTHINGTON CUP

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SAT	AUG	26TH	WALSALL	H	1-4
Mon	Aus	28тн	PORT VALE	A	0-3
Tue	SEPT	5тн	EXETER CITY WC1 (2)	A	2-1
SAT	SEPT	9тн	BRISTOL CITY	A	1-0
			BOURNEMOUTH	A	0-3
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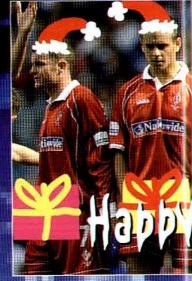
### ATTENTION ALL KIDS - WIN ONE HUN

The club is looking for all budding artists to enter its 'Christmas Card' Competition.

There will only be one Winner of the £100 club shop vouchers, but all entries will be given a consolation prize! All you have to do is draw/paint a picture with a Christmas theme, but at the same time linking the design to the club!

When you have finished your drawing/painting make sure you put you name, address, telephone number, age and the school you go to on the back. If you can, why not write a little bit about your picture too. The competition is open to all juniors aged 16 years and under. Your entries should be sent for the attention of Jackie Kent at The County Ground. All entries need to be in by Monday, 30th October 2000.

Here's an idea to get you started!



### Top Scorers 2000/2001...

### Top Gates 2000/2001...

### **Last Four Matches...**

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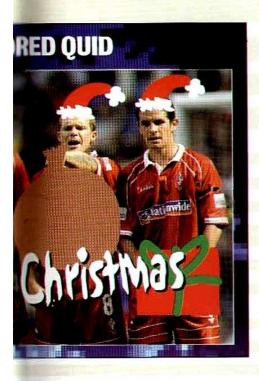
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST 2000 3.00PM VS BRISTOL ROVERS



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### Nationwide Division Two 2000/2001

LAST UPDATED 18/	10/2000						
TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PT5
WALSALL	13	8	4	1	25	12	28
READING	13	8	2	3	30	12	26
MILLWALL	11	7	2	2	24	9	23
Bury	13	7	2	4	13	12	23
CAMBRIDGE	11	6	3	2	20	10	21
WIGAN	12	5	6	1	16	11	21
WYCOMBE	13	6	3	4	13	10	21
ROTHERHAM	13	6	3	4	18	18	21
NORTHAMPTON	11	5	3	3	13	9	18
STOKE	11	4	5	2	17	10	17
BRENTFORD	11	4	5	2	12	16	17
BRISTOL ROVERS	11	3	6	2	18	12	15
SWANSEA	11	4	3	4	10	11	15
PETERBOROUGH	13	4	3	6	13	18	15
NOTTS COUNTY	13	4	3	6	14	20	15
WREXHAM	11	4	2	5	19	22	14
PORT VALE	12	3	3	6	14	19	12
SWINDON	11	3	3	5	9	18	12
OLDHAM	13	3	3	7	14	25	12
BRISTOL CITY	11	2	5	4	9	10	11
COLCHESTER	13	2	5	6	10	15	11
BOURNEMOUTH	13	1	7	5	15	18	10
LUTON	13	1	5	7	10	20	8
OXFORD	13	1	2	10	9	28	5

### Appearances 2000/2001

PLAYER NAME:	SQUAD NO.5	APPS.	Cur Arrs.	APPS.	COMPS
BART GRIEMINK	1	11	4	15	
MARK ROBINSON	2	9(1)	2(1)	11(2)	1
SOL DAVIS	3	8(1)	3(1)	11(2)	
MATTHEW HEWLETT	4	10	4	14	
ADAM WILLIS	5	9	1(1)	10(1)	
ANTOINE VAN DER LINDEN	6	1(2)	1	2(2)	• 11
KEITH O'HALLORAN	7	11	4	15	<b>4</b> 0
BOBBY HOWE	8	5(2)	2	7(2)	1
CHARLIE GRIFFIN	9	(1)	•	(1)	3.50
GIULIANO GRAZIOLI	10	3(5)	1(3)	4(8)	1
DAVID DUKE	11	10	4	14	1
UAN COBIAN	12	2	2	4	•
STEVE COWE	14	1(1)	(1)	1(2)	•
ANDY WILLIAMS	15	. (3)	(2)	(5)	•
KIM HEISELBERG	16	1	1	2	3.50
DANIEL INVINCIBILE	17	9(1)	1(1)	10(2)	2
GARY ALEXANDER	18	8	3	11	1
MARK ROBERTSON	19	1(1)	2(1)	3(2)	20/20
FRAZER MCHUGH	20		:11	),*i)	
GARETH DAVIES	21			5. <b>.</b>	1.50
ALAN REEVES	22	11	4	14	3
STEVE MILDENHALL	23	-			
MARTIN WILLIAMS	24	7	3	10	2
MARKO TUOMELA	25	1(1)	2	3(1)	
ALAN YOUNG	26	(1)		(1)	3.50
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Sat Oct 21st 2000, **Nationwide League Division Two** 

Match Officials



### **Swindon Town**

## **Bristol Rovers**

1	Referee
2	T. R. Richards
3	Assistant 1
4	G. A. Aston
5	Assistant 2
6	P. W. Melin
7	4th Official
8	K. J. Nind
9 12	Match Facts
13 14	Half-Time Score
15 17	Full-Time Score
18	Attendance

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	The Squad	The Squad	
1	Bart Griemink	Nick Culkin	1
2	Mark Robinson	David Pritchard	2
3	Sol Davis	Trevor Challis	3
4	Matthew Hewlett	Stephen Foster	4
5	Adam Willis	Andy Thomson	5
6	Antoine van der Linden	Mark Foran	6
7	Keith O'Halloran	Ronnie Mauge	7
8	Bobby Howe	David Hillier	8
9	Charlie Griffin	Mark Walters	9
10	Giuliano Grazioli	Robbie Pethick	12
11	David Duke	Brian Parkin	13
12	Juan Cobian	Martin Cameron	14
14	Steve Cowe	Vitalijis Astafjevs	15
15	Andy Williams	Marcus Andreasson	17
16	Kim Heiselberg	Nathan Ellington	18
17	Daniel Invincibile	Simon Bryant	19
18	Gary Alexander	Marcus Bignot	20
19	Mark Robertson	Lewis Hogg	21
20	Frazer McHugh	Clinton Ellis	23
21	Gareth Davies	Mike Trought	24
22	Alan Reeves	Robert Trees	26
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