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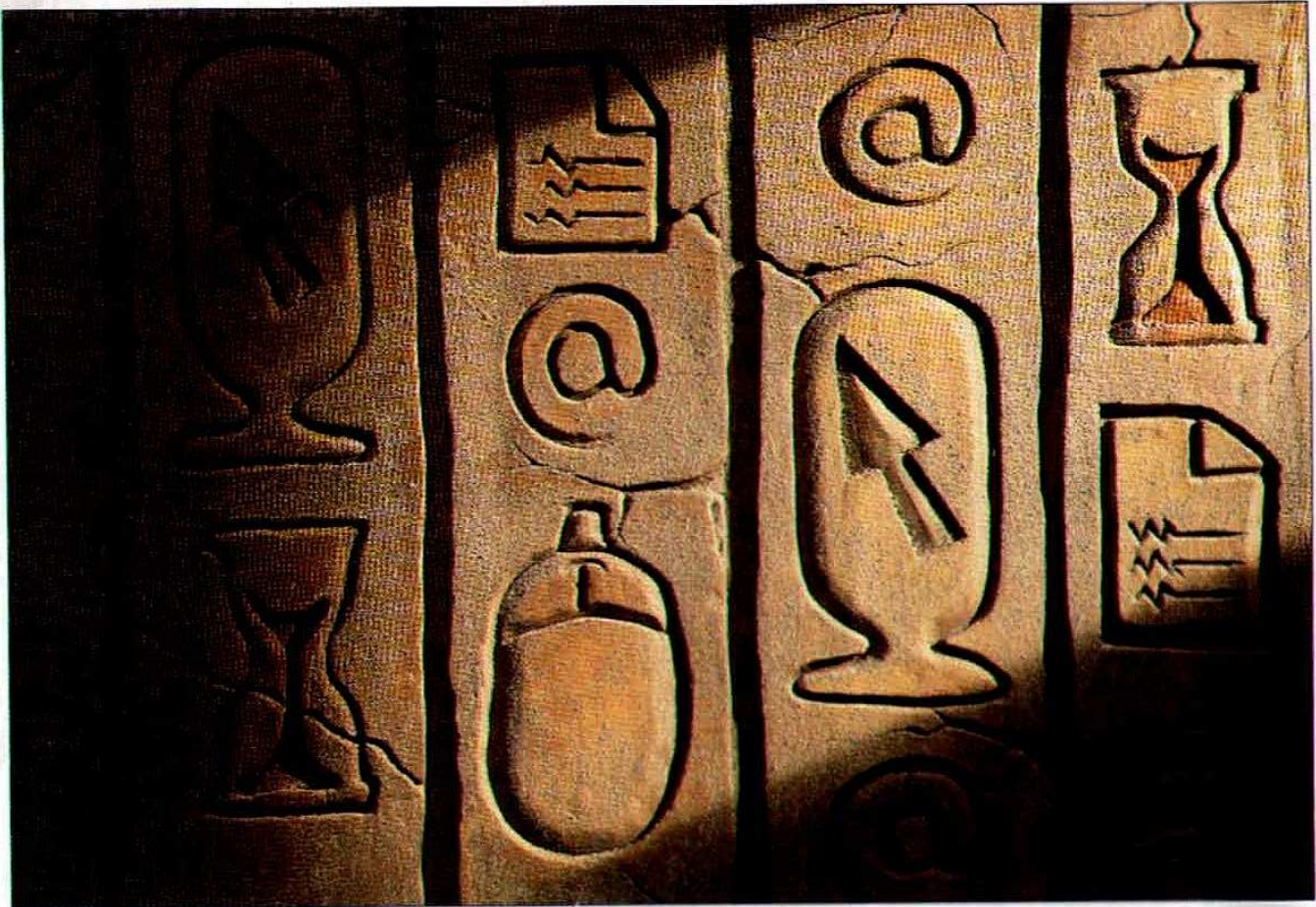


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Andy King looks forward to a very tough FA Cup tie.



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A Warm Welcome:

Rising to the Challenge

What a delight to hear the massed bank of Town fans singing their hearts out after last Saturday's 1 - 0 win at Northampton.

After such a traumatic season to date it is always so warming to see such a hardcore of fans willing to spend their hard earned money travelling all over the country to watch their team play.

And Saturday's victory at Sixfields was all the more pleasing because it reinstated the belief that we are a much better side than our position shows. On away trips I always make an effort to pop into the dressing room after the game to say thanks to the lads and the smiles on their faces and on the coaching staff after the game said it all.

The gaffer was busily questioning me as to who had won and who had lost. After reeling off a number of results - to either boos or cheers from the players - he was then informed by one player that Wimbledon had won.

"Oh, yeah, what was the score?" he enquired. "6-2, 7-5, 6-3", came the response to howls of laughter and a flying water bottle. At that point, and with a water fight developing, I decided to make a quick exit and let the lads savour the day.

I am telling you this little 'behind the scenes' tale to show that the dressing room atmosphere couldn't be better and everyone knows the task ahead of us as we battle to get the club into a more respectable position in the table. Earlier this week I had the opportunity to meet members of our West Oxfordshire supporters club. Thank you for your kind invitation - I thoroughly enjoyed the evening - and I look forward to meeting many more supporters at further events throughout the season.



On Wednesday, December 20th, the club is holding its annual Christmas Carol Service at Christ Church in Old Town, starting at 6:30pm. All of the playing squad and the club management will be there and all Town supporters are welcome to don their club colours and come along for what will be a wonderful evening.

Today sees the visit of Gateshead for our FA Cup second round tie. It may interest some of you to know that until 1960 Gateshead were a Football League Club. In that year they failed to get re-elected and were replaced by Peterborough United.

After disposing of a League club in the last round - Halifax Town - the boys from the Northeast will, I am sure, be up for today's game.

So, a warm Wiltshire welcome to all the players, staff, directors and supporters of Gateshead. We hope you enjoy your stay with us, but as usual, there is only one winner - Come on you Reds!

Peter Rowe
Chief Executive

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Swindon Shorts

Aussies Move on to Pastures New



Mark Robertson

On Monday Mark Robertson's short-term contract with the Town expired and Andy King decided his services were no longer required and he would not be signing him on a longer contract.

Robertson featured for the first team on 11 occasions (five as substitute) since being signed by Colin Todd from Burnley in September. Mark celebrated the birth of his baby daughter Taylor by scoring a late penalty against Bristol Rovers in October.

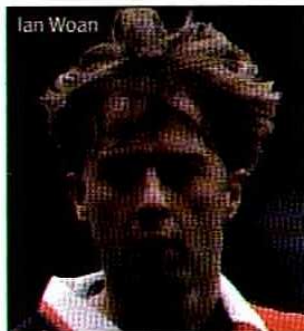
Furthermore, Andy King told another Aussie trialist, Clayton Zane, that he would not be joining Town after spending several days with the squad.

The Swindon boss had a close look at Zane, who had been recommended to him in training and had featured in trial matches.

Woan to Join the Cause

Recent loan recruit Ian Woan has committed himself to the Town cause by signing until the end of the season with a view to a permanent move.

Woan has impressed both Manager Andy King and the Town faithful since joining on a month's loan in early November. Despite reported interest from, among others, Reading the former Nottingham Forest star committed himself to help Town steer away from the drop zone.



Ian Woan

Join the e-mail News List!

Swindon Town Football Club are developing an e-mail news list in which anyone who joins can be sent all the latest news.

If you would like to know what is happening at the club on and off the pitch, what games are coming up, news on players and any special events, then e-mail Jackie Kent at: news@stfcnet.co.uk So far the News List has been a huge success and it has been getting more and more popular with you Town fans. It's well worth the effort just sending a mail and be kept in touch.

Swindon Town FC Customer Charter 2000

Swindon Town are today publishing the first instalment of the Club's Customer Charter 2000.

Please turn to page 19 to see how the club intends to meet the needs of all its customers relating to Service, Staff Conduct, Consultation and Information, Ticketing, Away Supporters, Merchandise and Community Activities.

Manager's Message:



King, pictured here celebrating a famous Mansfield victory against Leeds United in the League Cup in 1994

Hello and welcome to today's FA Cup second round tie against Gateshead Football Club.

Last week's result at Northampton Town was very pleasing for everyone, but it was also well deserved. We will be looking to apply the same attitude and performance in today's cup tie.

I have said for a long time now that we will find it easier to compete if we can get ourselves ahead in games instead of going behind. Against Stoke we went behind early on and we struggled to get back into the game. In contrast, last week we went a goal up and the

confidence that resulted from taking that lead was there for all to see. When you go a goal up, you tend to find that little extra yard all over the pitch, players have that extra desire and things start going for you.

We played particularly well in the first half and in the second, as you would expect, we had to defend and we did so exceptionally well. Northampton had to push players forward in order to get back into the game and pushed the extra man up front. But I don't think they really threatened us from open play and the lads at the back were superb, especially as we were playing

against a good side and in difficult circumstances.

After the Stoke game we realised that we had to change a couple of things and fortunately it paid off. Malcolm and I had a long hard think about what had been going wrong and when things do work, it can be very rewarding. We wanted a clean sheet and a battling performance with a lot of effort and we got it from the lads. It was such a good feeling to win, I could even enjoy Sunday!

Gary Alexander's performance was exceptional. For a young lad to play as a lone striker like he did is

“ You only have to look at results in the last round to see how good some of the non-league clubs are...”

magnificent. It is a role he revelled in at Exeter and he enjoyed it last week, finding himself in the right place at the right time to get on the score sheet. The nice thing was that several players had broken with him and any of them could have scored, it just goes to show how committed the lads were and I hope that we can show more of that today. But we will not be taking anything for granted. There is still room for improvement and we will be striving to do that against our opponents today.

The draw against Gateshead reminds me of my time at Sunderland - for a long while I stayed in the town and one of my

first jobs under Peter Reid was to go and watch a young lad playing for Gateshead against Woking in the Vauxhall Conference. Last week I visited Peter Reid and some of my old friends and enjoyed watching their win against Everton. Another of my old friends, Paul Bracewell (now at Halifax), knows just how tough it will be against Gateshead with the Unibond side getting a tremendous result at the Shay in the last round.

We can't afford to take anything for granted today. You only have to look at results in the last round to see how good some of the non-league clubs are and it shows how the divide between the Football League

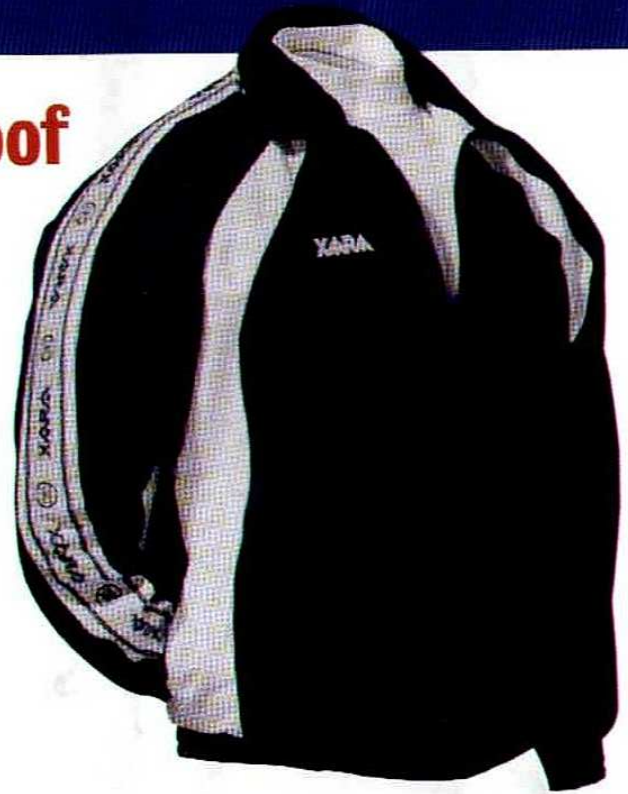
and non-league sides is closing. Gateshead are a club with league history and league aspirations and they have a large number of ex-professionals in their ranks. They are a good footballing side and it will be their cup final. We have to make sure that we match their enthusiasm and attitude and we will be striving to play like we did last week.

Finally, may I wish a warm welcome to the Directors, players and supporters of Gateshead Football Club who have travelled a long way to be here today.

Andy King

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Canvey Island



Blackpool



Barnet



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Chester City



Gateshead



Kingstonian



Northwich Victoria



Nuneaton Borough



Yeovil Town



FA Cup 1st Round Stats

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The Complete First Round Story

Home	Score	Away	Attendance
Aldershot	2-6	Brighton & Hove Albion	7,500
Barnet	2-1	Hampton	2,340
Barrow	0-2	Leyton Orient	3,608
Blackpool	3-1	Telford United	2,780
Bournemouth	2-0	Swansea City	3,422
Brentford	1-3	Kingstonian	3,809
Bury	1-1	Northwich Victoria	2,844
Cambridge United	2-1	Rochdale	3,142
Canvey Island	4-4	Port Vale	2,282
Cardiff City	5-1	Bristol Rovers	8,013
Carlisle United	5-1	Woking	2,647
Cheltenham	4-1	Shrewsbury Town	3,210
Chester City	1-1	Plymouth Argyle	2,393
Chesterfield	0-1	Bristol City	5,210
Dagenham & Redbridge	3-1	Hayes	1,150
Darlington	6-1	Sudbury	2,462
Forest Green Rovers	0-3	Morecambe	1,023
Gravesend	Post	Notts County	
Halifax Town	0-2	Gateshead	1,902
Havant & Waterlooville	1-2	Southport	1,118
Hednesford Town	2-4	Oldham Athletic	2,053
Kettering	0-0	Hull City	2,831
Kidderminster Harriers	0-0	Burton Albion	3,384
Leigh RMI	0-3	Millwall	6,907
Lincoln City	4-0	Bracknell	2,387
Luton Town	1-0	Rushden & Diamonds	5,771
Macclesfield Town	0-1	Oxford United	2,141
Mansfield Town	1-1	Peterborough United	3,257
Northampton Town	4-0	Frickley	3,896
Northcliffe	1-4	York City	2,495
Reading	4-0	Grays	5,643
Scunthorpe United	3-1	Hartlepool United	3,552
Stoke City	0-0	Nuneaton Borough	8,437
Swindon Town	4-1	Ilkeston	4,406
Torquay United	1-1	Southend United	2,171
Walsall	4-0	Exeter City	4,095
Wigan Athletic	3-1	Dorchester	3,883
Wrexham	0-1	Rotherham United	3,887
Wycombe Wanderers	3-0	Harrow	2,681
Yeovil Town	5-1	Colchester United	4,552

First Round Replays

Burton Albion	2-4	Kidderminster Harriers	3,760
Hull City	0-1	Kettering	3,858
Northwich Victoria	1-0	Bury	2,869
Nuneaton Borough	1-0	Stoke City	4,477
Peterborough United	4-0	Mansfield Town	4,540
Plymouth Argyle	1-2*	Chester City	3,264
Port Vale	1-2*	Canvey Island	3,566
Southend United	2-1*	Torquay United	3,877

Round 1's Top 7 Attendances

Match	Attendance
Stoke City vs Nuneaton Borough	8,437
Cardiff vs Bristol Rovers	8,013
Aldershot vs Brighton	7,500
Leigh RMI vs Millwall (at The Den)	6,907
Luton vs Rushden & Diamonds	5,771
Reading vs Grays	5,643
Chesterfield vs Bristol City	5,210

Lowest Att: 1,023
Forest Green Rovers vs Morecambe
Total Atten: 169,495
No. of Matches: 47
Ave Att: 3,606... & a big dog!

Round 1 Top Scorers

1	2	3	4
Evans	Carlisle Utd	4	
Earnshaw	Cardiff City	3	
Ipoua	Scunthorpe Utd	3	
Naylor	Darlington	3	

2 Goals Each:

Abbott	Aldershot	Minton	Port Vale
Bates	Wycombe W	Ormerod	Blackpool
Forrester	Northampton	Patmore	Yeovil Town
Grayson	Cheltenham	Vaughan	Canvey Island
Gregory	Canvey Island	Watson	Brighton & HA
Hadley	Kidderminster	Williamson	Southend Utd
Hodgson	Darlington	Winston	Kingstonian

2000-2001 First Round Figures

Home Wins	23	0-0 Draws (at 90 mins)	4
Away Wins	16	Score Draws (at 90 mins)	7
Biggest Winning Margin	5 Goals	(Darlington 6 Sudbury 1)	
Biggest Home Win	6-1	(Darlington 6 Sudbury 1)	
Biggest Away Win	4 Goal	(Aldershot 2 Brighton 6)	
Highest Scoring Match	8 Goals	(Aldershot 2 Brighton 6)	
Lowest Scoring Tie	1 Goal: 0-0 1st Game, 1-0 Replay	(Hull City vs Kettering; Stoke City vs Nuneaton Borough)	
Closest Winning Margin	1 Goal, aet	(Plymouth 1 Chester C 2; Port Vale 1 Canvey Island 2; Southend United 2 Torquay United 1)	
'Extra-Time' Replays	3	(see 'Closest Winning Margin')	
Hat-Tricks	4	(Evans, Carlisle; Earnshaw, Cardiff; Ipoua, Scunthorpe; Naylor, Darlington)	
Total Goals Scored	146		
Average Goals per Game:	3.106		

Penalties	Red Cards	Own Goals
Two: Watson	Beesley	Bere
One: Abbott	Clifford	Hatswell
Ford	Hawe	Jordan
Greenacre	Hambley	McIver
Harris	Leadbitter	Watts
Simpson	Pitman	
Vaughan	Richards	
Way	Talbot	

Bookings

Total	131
Matches	47
Ave Yellows	2.787

2000-2001 Top Scorers (Teams)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Brighton	6					
Canvey Island	6					
Darlington	6					
Cardiff City	5					
Carlisle United	5					
Peterborough Utd	5					
Yeovil Town	5					

4 Goals Each: Cheltenham T
Kidderminster H
Lincoln City; Northampton T; Oldham Athletic
Port Vale; Reading; Swindon Town; Walsall; York City

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Gateshead Football Club 2000/2001



The Tynesiders

Three major transformations in a turbulent, yet occasionally distinguished 70-year history, have created today's visitors Gateshead Football Club.

Originally formed in 1930, Gateshead Association Football Club endured 43 turbulent years of dismissals, take-overs and replacements. In that period the club had spent several years playing league football but were removed in favour of Peterborough United having applied for re-election.

Gateshead Town replaced the previous club but astonishingly history repeated itself when South Shields (who had moved to their ground in 1930 to form the club) moved to Gateshead's International

Stadium and the club went under the guile of Gateshead United. However, after only three years of operation, the club disbanded - the club's third major body-blow in less than 20 years.

The club returned in emphatic fashion under the name of Gateshead FC when they won the North Premier League championship in 1983 with a record number of points and goals. The club then became the perennial strugglers of the Vauxhall Conference until 1998 when they were relegated back into the pyramid of regional football. Having finished 3rd and 5th in the last two seasons, the club are looking to regain their league status.



ClubFACTS...

- Name:** Gateshead FC
- Nickname:** The Tynesiders
- Ground:** Gateshead International Arena, Capacity: 11, 750
- Turned Professional:** 1977
- Record Attendance:** 5, 012 v Newcastle United 1984



Gateshead celebrate a Sam Kitchen goal.

Giant Killers

Gateshead FC are no strangers to FA Cup giant killing.

The club's finest hour came in 1953 when, after beating Liverpool, they progressed to the quarter-finals where they were knocked out by a Nat Lofthouse goal for Bolton Wanderers. In the 1970's the

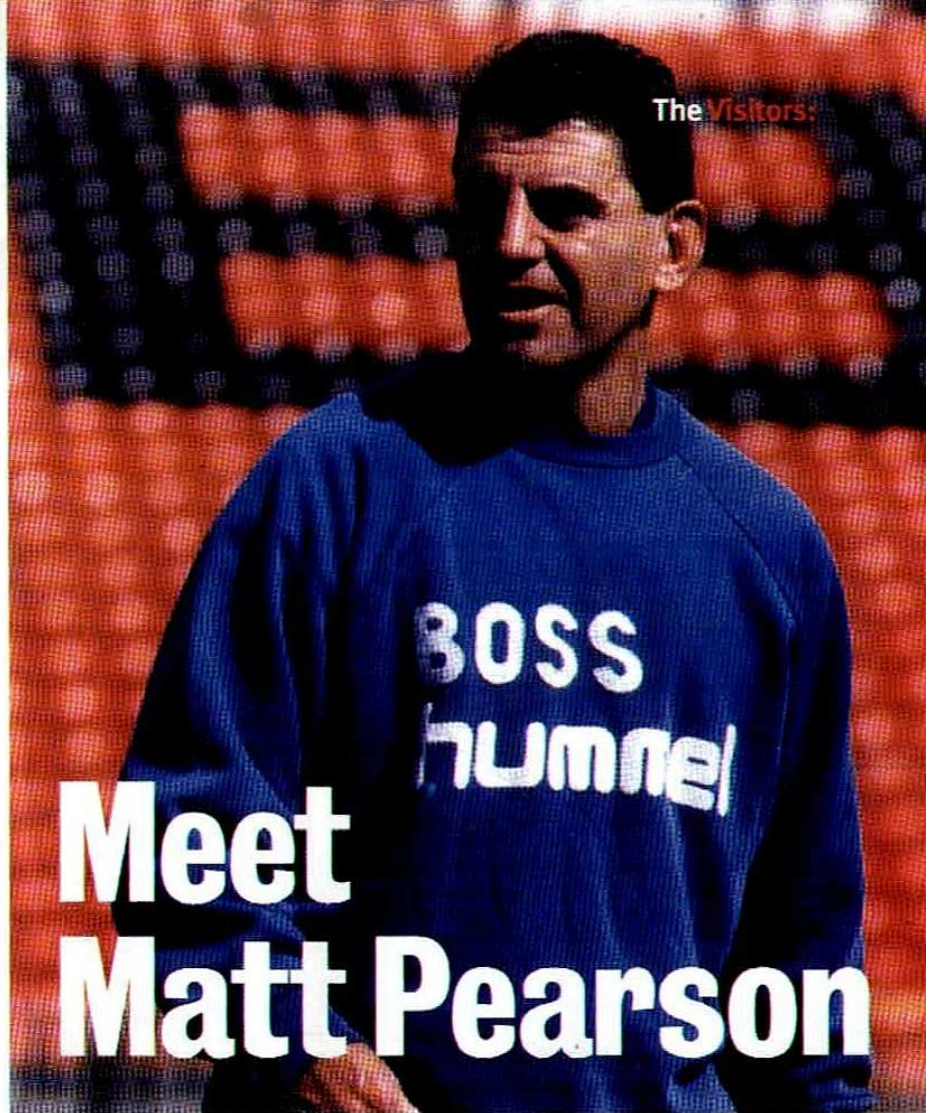
Tynesiders accounted for Football League Clubs Grimsby Town and Crewe Alexandra and were two games away from Wembley in the FA Trophy (four times) in the 90's. Gateshead made it to this year's second round having beaten third division Halifax Town 2-0 with goals from Hall and Dalton.

Matt Pearson became Manager of Gateshead in the summer of 1998, taking charge at the International Stadium after holding a similar position at North East neighbours Spennymoor United.

Matt played most of his football career in Australia, representing Western Australia and featuring twice for the national side after taking out citizenship.

He returned to the United Kingdom at the end of the eighties and spent a short spell at home town club Barryhill before his seven year stint at Spennymoor United.

Here he helped the club to two promotions and 11 trophy wins as both player and Manager.

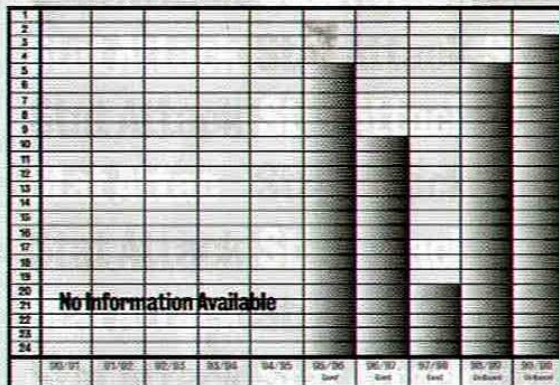


Meet Matt Pearson

clubfacts...



Ten year record...



The last five results...

Gateshead	2-1	Marine	(FA TROPHY)	2-12-2000
Gateshead	2-0	Halifax Town	(FA CUP)	18-11-2000
Gateshead	1-1	Spennymoor	(L.C. CUP)	15-11-2000
Gateshead	2-1	Leek Town	(UNBOND)	11-11-2000
Gateshead	0-2	Emley	(UNBOND)	4-11-2000

Gateshead...

Full time results (this season)...

Gateshead	5-0	Fickley	7/10/2000	Record win
Gateshead	0-2	Emley	4/11/2000	Record loss

Club honours...

Northern Premier League Champions 82/83, 85/86
 FA Cup Quarter Finalists 1952/53
 Football League Division 3 North Runners Up 31/32, 49/50

Next five fixtures...

Tue Dec 12th	Whitby	vs	Gateshead	A
Wed Dec 20th	Bishop Auck	vs	Gateshead	A
Sat Dec 23rd	Droylsden	vs	Gateshead	A
Tue Dec 26th	Gateshead	vs	Blyth Spartans	H
Sat Dec 30th	Acc Stanley	vs	Gateshead	A

Top goalscorer's ...

Edgecombe	12
Bowry	10
Dalton	8

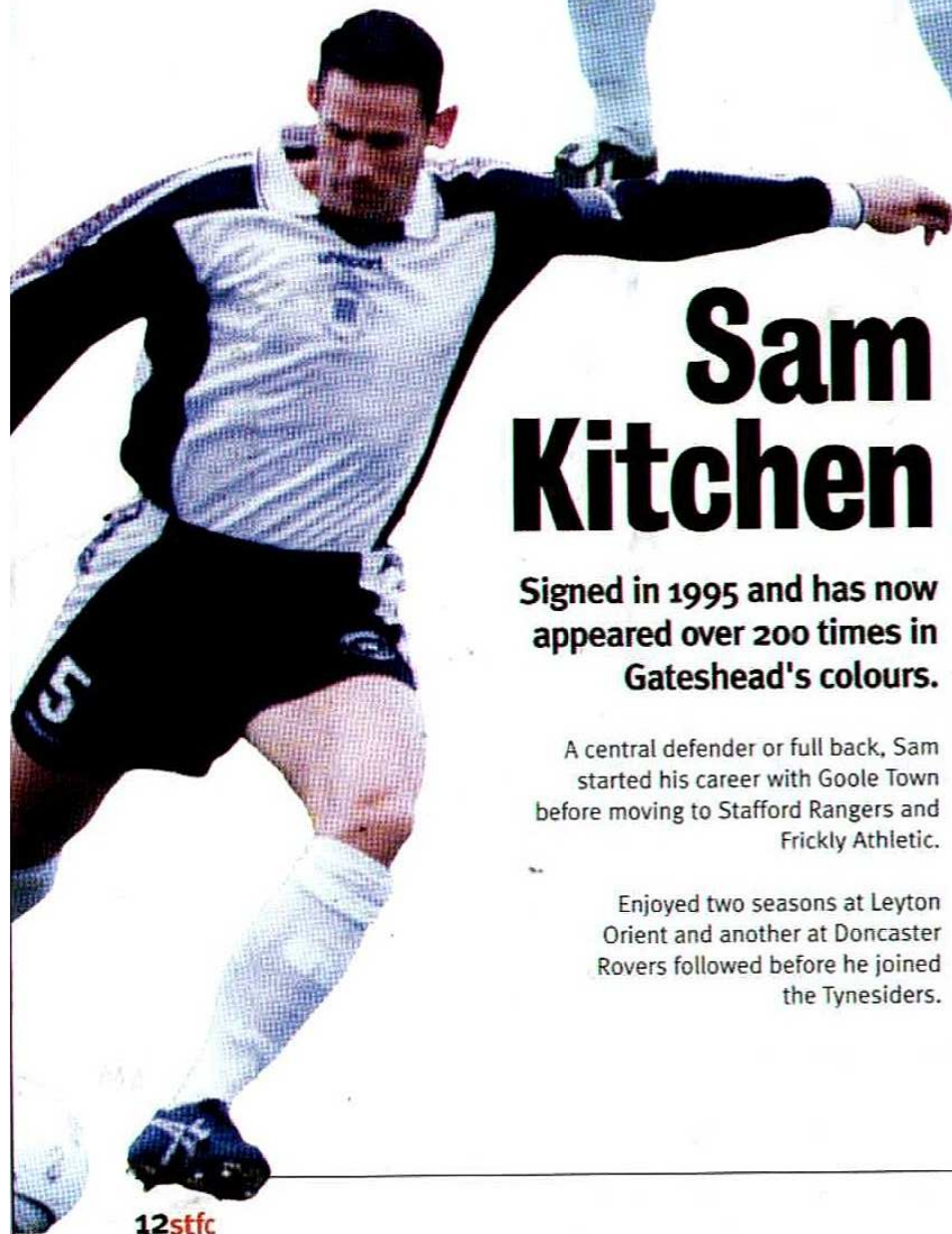
The **Visitors:**

Paul Dalton

Influential striker who joined the Tynesiders in March 2000 from Huddersfield Town.

The 32-year-old joined Manchester United from Brandon United but moved on without gaining any first team experience.

He became Peter Shilton's first big money buy at Plymouth Argyle. Paul has also featured for Hartlepool United and Carlisle United.



Sam Kitchen

Signed in 1995 and has now appeared over 200 times in Gateshead's colours.

A central defender or full back, Sam started his career with Goole Town before moving to Stafford Rangers and Frickly Athletic.

Enjoyed two seasons at Leyton Orient and another at Doncaster Rovers followed before he joined the Tynesiders.

2 Richie Watson



Richie is a 30-year-old full-back or central defender who gained a reputation as "Mr Reliable"

at Spennymoor with his solid defensive qualities and man marking capabilities. Was voted the player of the year in his first season at Gateshead after joining the Tynesiders in the summer of 1998.

1 Adrian Swan

27-year-old who started his career at Darlington before a spell at Billingham Down and then four successful seasons at Spennymoor United. One of the more highly rated keepers in the Unibond League. Adrian signed Gateshead in the summer of 1998.

3 Paul Talbot

Paul is 21-years-old and a former Newcastle United junior and reserve player. Left sided defender or midfield player who played a handful of games in the Nationwide League for York City before joining the Tynesiders last October.



7 Paul Proudlock



Signed from Carlisle United in 1993 for £1,800. A skilful player whether in midfield or attack, Paul

represented Middlesbrough in three divisions of the Football League after making his league debut as a Manager at his home town club Hartlepool United. Made 155 appearances for Carlisle United.

4 Graham Pepper

Graham started his career at Newcastle United juniors before arriving at Spennymoor United via a spell at Darlington where he featured briefly in the side that reached the third division play-offs. Joined the Tynesiders in 1998, but has been sidelined much of the last two seasons because of injury.

6 Tony Hall

Central defender, who returned for his second spell at Gateshead from Irish club Kilkenny United towards the end of the 1998/99 season. Hall started his career at Middlesbrough before joining Tranmere and Hartlepool. A time at East Fife preceded his first spell at Gateshead before a return to the Scottish League with Berwick Rangers.

8 Steve Bowey



Highly rated 26 year old left sided midfielder signed from second division Bristol Rovers in March 1997.

Locally born, Steve featured for Army and Combined Services sides during a three-year stint in the services. He was Gateshead's top scorer in his first season with fourteen goals.

9 Steve Preen

Steve is a powerful forward who finished last season as the club's top goal scorer. He joined Queen of the South just after the start of the current season but recently left the Dumfries based club to rejoin the Tynesiders for a second spell.

10 Garath McAlindon

22-year-old striker started his career with Newcastle United before spending three seasons at Carlisle United where he scored 10 goals in 70 appearances. Joined the Tynesiders in February 2000 on loan from Scarborough where he had notched 4 goals in 17 games.

15 David Tremble

David is on his second spell at Gateshead following a run of nine games last season on loan from Conference outfit Scarborough. He is a 20-year-old former Newcastle United junior and played for Cork City earlier in the season before receiving his international clearance enabling his return to the Tynesiders.

14 Paul Thompson

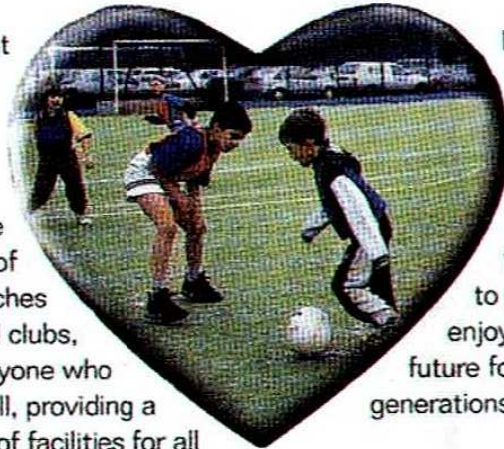
Striker or midfielder who returned for his second spell at the International Stadium on loan from Stevenage in March 1999 before re-signing at the start of last season. The former Hartlepool player featured in the epic FA Cup games against Newcastle United three seasons ago.

12 Simon Bates

Simon is a former Spennymoor United central midfielder who joined the Tynesiders towards the end of season 1999/00.

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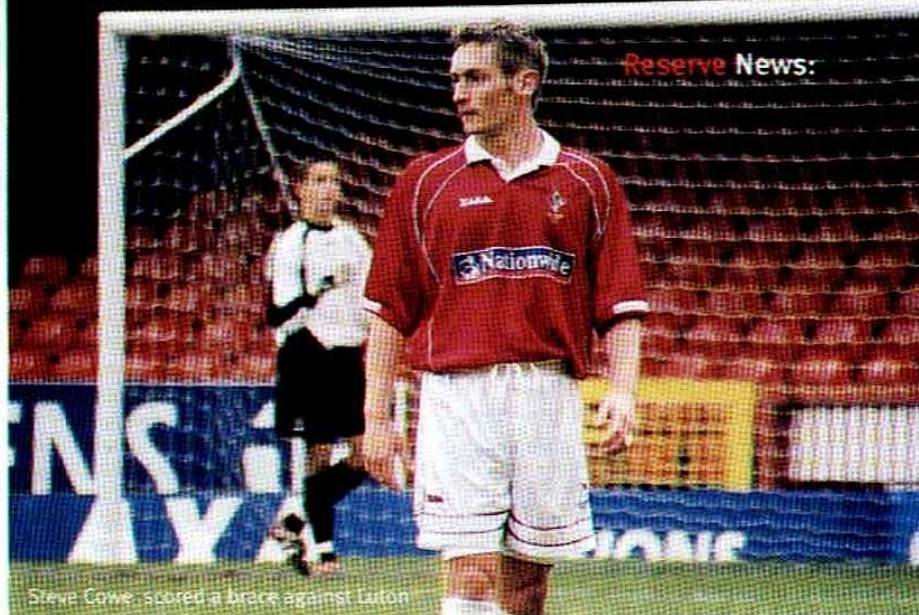
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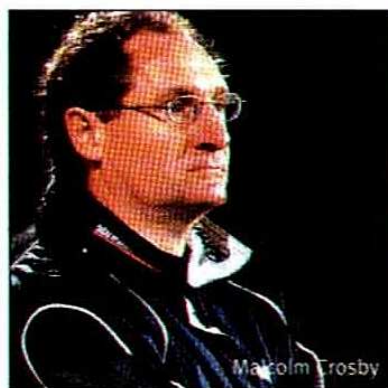
Swindon Town Res 4
Luton Town 2

Swindon Town Line up:
Mildenhall, Cobian, Davies,
van der Linden, Duke, Hall,
McHugh, Alexander,
Cowe, Grazioli



Steve Cowe scored a brace against Luton

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Wed	7th Feb	Q.P.R.	2.00	H
Tues	13th Feb	Crystal Palace	7.30	A
Wed	28th Feb	Reading	2.00	H
Wed	14th Mar	Brentford	7.00	A
Wed	21st Mar	Bristol City	2.00	H
Tues	27th Mar	Portsmouth	7.00	A

Ticket Prices will be included in forthcoming programmes.

This game could potentially have been quite difficult for both sides, with the Luton team bus getting caught for five hours on the M4!

Both sets of players have to wait around for long periods and so it would have been easy for either side to get caught out early on. Thankfully we played very well and won the game 4-2. Credit must go to both sets of players because despite the long wait, they managed to produce a very good game. Luton brought a very strong side with them and we also managed to get a strong side together, although we lost three players to injury including Graz (who is receiving treatment) and Steve Cowe, who picked up a thigh strain. Steve scored two before coming off and he played very well, probably the pick of the team if I had to choose somebody. More importantly we played very well as a team. Gareth Hall had a good game in midfield and David Duke adapted to his role at left-wingback.

Overall I think we played quite well defensively although it was disappointing to let in two sloppy goals, especially as we were three nil up and 4-1 up respectively. You always want to keep clean sheets

and so it was disappointing to concede two but overall, I think we were very tight as a unit.

To score four at the other end against a team like Luton was particularly pleasing. We are an attacking team and like to go forward in numbers to create chances. During the Cambridge game we didn't really play as well but still managed to create chances, but that just highlights the problem we have as a reserve team. We sometimes lose a bit of impetus because we play one week and then go another two or three without a game. As a consequence I have tried to bring fixtures forward and keep the momentum going of having one game a week. It isn't easy but we have tried to pack in as many games before Christmas as we can, therefore we have played a couple of extra games than other sides, but we are still top of the league. I think it is very important to have regular games to keep the fitness up, but the players have done everything I have asked of them and I have been really pleased. We have only lost three games and in all fairness, I don't think we deserved to lose those with perhaps the exception of Norwich and so we are in a nice situation.

Dan Chisholm:

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between the "haves" and the "have-nots" ... think about the difference that two percent of that amount could make to our club.

With that in mind, let's welcome Gateshead's "Barmy Army" to the County Ground. To me, football is about the supporters who follow their team through thick and thin ... and enjoy their moments of glory along the way. While we at Swindon Town talk about the proposed new stadium as the backbone of our drive to get back to the Premiership, it must seem a world away from the Unibond Premier Division for visiting supporters to today's match.

But, let's not forget that years ago (between the 30's and 50's) the club was much more well-known for its exploits in Division Three North ...

than the mines, Jonathan Edwards ... or the Angel of the North!!

And - inspired by victory over Halifax Town in the last round - they'll be looking for another league scalp to set up the possibility of Premiership opposition in Round Three. In fact, no matter which club goes through, money could again be a key issue. If today's winners draw Manchester United at home ... do you retain home advantage ... or concede it and play the game at Old Trafford to bring-in much needed revenue?

I guess both sets of supporters know it's unlikely we'd go all the way to the final. So what? It won't even be at Wembley this year

Dan Chisholm
Breakfast presenter

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the verdict from the
defeat against Stoke...

How they saw it

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Swindon were brushed aside, as visitors Stoke cruised to victory and put their FA Cup nightmare behind them.

Stoke were given the dream start after just eight minutes when they were gifted a goal, courtesy of Swindon's defender Richard Dryden. Three minutes later Stoke had doubled their lead as a result of another quality Risom corner. Lightbourne took full advantage of some sloppy Robins defending to climb highest to direct his header beyond Griemink. On 77 minutes Griemink sliced a clearance straight to the on-rushing Lightbourne, who scored with ease.

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NOBODY could have left the County Ground at 4.50 on Saturday afternoon unaware of the enormous task which faces Andy King and his players this season.

Stoke were awarded a corner on the left which was swung in by Henrik Risom, Dryden, in an attempt to clear the ball, headed the ball into his own net. Kyle Lightbourne got the second from another corner and gave the Swindon keeper no chance with a well-placed header. Twelve minutes from the end Davis passed back to Griemink, but the goalkeeper mis-kicked the ball into the air and it fell to Lightbourne five yards away, who smashed it home.

Away www.stokecity.co.uk

Henrik Risom briefly grabbed centre stage as City rampaged into an early two-goal lead here at the County Ground this afternoon.

It was Risom's left-wing corner in the seventh minute which launched Stoke on their way - the ball striking the hapless Dryden and crossing the line at the far post. Lightbourne doubled the lead in the 11th minute when he applied the vital touch from Risom's corner. The points were safely in the bag when a skewed clearance found its way to Lightbourne who couldn't miss the chance to bag his second in the 77th minute.



Managers' views...



"We made it very easy for them and we faced an uphill battle when we went two down early on. The defending just wasn't good enough. We did

have a new-look defence but even so, you don't expect to go two down in the first fifteen minutes."

Andy King reflects on his side's defensive frailties following the poor 3-0 home defeat by Stoke City.



"We had some chances early and took them, after that we could afford to sit back a little bit but the third goal really killed it

off. We need to play like this every week and become a little bit more consistent. It was a great way to bounce back from such a bad result against Nuneaton in the FA Cup."

Thordarson was impressed with his side's comfortable victory, especially after the midweek defeat by Nuneaton Borough.

Andy King

Gudjon Thordarson



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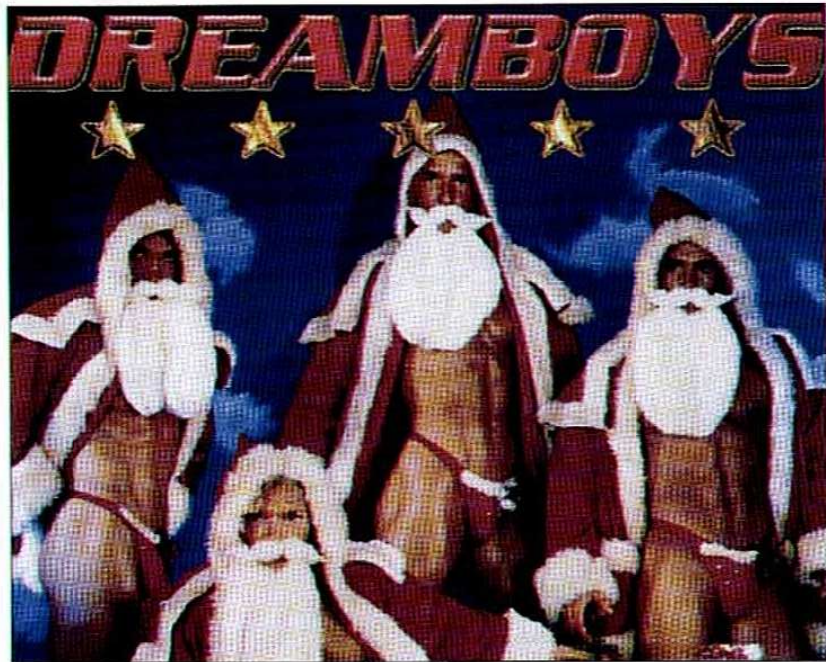
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Richard Dryden:

“...anything could happen, the league is still so close.”

It was a shame to begin my period at Swindon with a 3-0 defeat, especially as the game was lost in the first fifteen minutes.

The Stoke game was perhaps the worst possible debut for me, particularly with the own goal, but the team bounced back last week against Northampton and I am a lot happier with my second performance.

I think everyone at the club was disappointed with what happened against Stoke, you can't expect to win games when you spend the majority of the match chasing a two-goal deficit.

I think we really needed to score a goal just before half-time and if we could have put away any of Ian Woan's cracking crosses, then the game could have been in our hands.

Instead we made it easy for them and when they went two up, they could afford to sit back which gave us a massive mountain to climb. It is amazing how much difference scoring the first goal can make, as

we proved last week. Instead of going behind we started very well and got our noses in front.

Our confidence grew so much after Alexander's goal and the atmosphere in the changing room after the game was unbelievable.

It was a completely different atmosphere from the previous week and I think it has really lifted us. I said after the Stoke game that there was a great team spirit and I think that it pulled us through a tough week. The lad's possess so much spirit and fight that I am confident that we can pull away from this situation.

A lot was said by fans and the players themselves about the Stoke game, it wasn't acceptable. But the gaffer just said to us before the Northampton game that we had nothing to lose and we just enjoyed the day and got three points.

If we can pull off another couple of wins, anything could happen because the league is still so close. Last week's win was especially nice

for me, having played for Northampton before I came here.

I had a great time at Northampton and had a lot of friends down there, but it was just nice to get three points for Swindon. In particular, to keep a clean sheet - we have worked hard all week and it paid off against what I consider to be a good side.

Hopefully last week's win could signal a rise in form for the club and myself. I feel that I have settled in OK but it was important to put the Stoke performance behind me.

I would have liked to have started my time here with a win but apart from that, I have family close by and my friends are here so I feel quite content. I just hope I can keep playing well and that the team can keep winning. A good cup run would do us all the world of good.

Today's game is a good break from the league so we are all going to enjoy it and hopefully progress, and then, who knows?

the verdict from the away
win against the Cobblers...

How they saw it

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Gary Alexander, who was signed from West Ham for £300,000 in August, struck the decisive goal mid-way through the first half which gave The Robins only their second victory in 11 league games to partly ease their relegation fears.

In truth, this was a poor, scratchy affair with chances at a premium - there were only three efforts on goal in the first half. Northampton missed just seconds before the visitors went ahead to snatch their precious advantage. Jamie Forrester threaded a pass to Chris Hargreaves who, in turn found Daryl Clare in but Griemink saved well with his legs.

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Town's players silenced their critics in the most effective way as they dug deep to conquer the Cobblers.

Gary Alexander's winning goal and a clean sheet at the other end mysteriously coincided with the appearance of two former England internationals at Northampton's Sixfields Stadium, Jimmy Greaves and Terry Butcher. Town fans packed the visitors end and provided the vocal encouragement which has been lacking at the County Ground on occasions this season.

Away www.NTFGunofficial.com

Another highly frustrating performance from Northampton saw them fall to their third straight league defeat, at the hands of Swindon Town, who came away with a handy - but scrappy - 1-0 victory, despite having just one shot all match.

But manager Kevin Wilson will need to find a way to hit the target, and on numerous occasions Town did come close in a match which will be remembered for its good tackling rather than its attacking display. In essence the game was really safe as a resolute Robins defence - together with ex-Cobbler Richard Dryden - coped very well.



Managers' views...



"I demanded a lot from the players today and they showed everything I asked for, effort, passion, desire etc. We went one up and managed

to hold on, the defence were excellent and Alexander was superb playing up front on his own."

Andy King, talking on Wiltshire Sound, expresses his delight on Town's first away win since the Luton game and in particular, the performances from his defence and Gary Alexander.



"I'm disappointed because I thought they were there for the taking," Wilson said. "The team I picked had enough in it to win comfortably. But we didn't take the

chances we created. Jamie Forrester hit the side-netting in the second-half but that was as close as we got."

Kevin Wilson shows his frustration after his side's 1-0 defeat against Swindon, which he thought they could have won.

Andy King

Kevin Wilson



Match Action:

Former Cobblers' defender Richard Dryden battles hard as Swindon gain their fourth and most impressive clean sheet of the season



Dryden stands tall and overt a Northampton attack




Northampton Town:

- Welch
- (Howard, 42) Maley
- Sampson
- Green
- Hope
- Frain
- Savage
- Hunt
- Hargreaves
- Forrester
- (Gabbiadini, 71) D.Clare

Subs not used:

- Spedding
- Sollitt
- Hughes

Bookings:

-  Howard

Andy King urges the players on from the sideline as they comfortably hold on to a 1-0 lead for most of the game - an impressive win against a side looking for promotion

Match Action:



Saturday 2nd December 2000

Northampton Town 0

Swindon Town 1

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Swindon Town:

Griemink
Robinson
Reeves
Dryden
Davis
O'Halloran
Howe
Duke (van der Linden, 67)
Woan
Alexander
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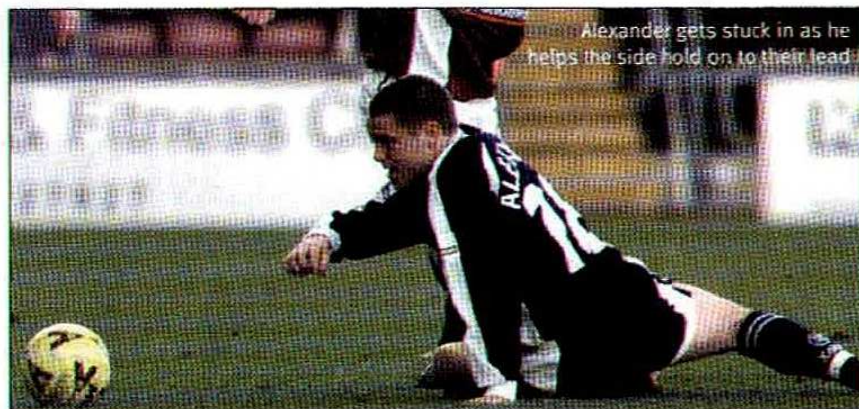
Alexander - scorer of Town's vital goal

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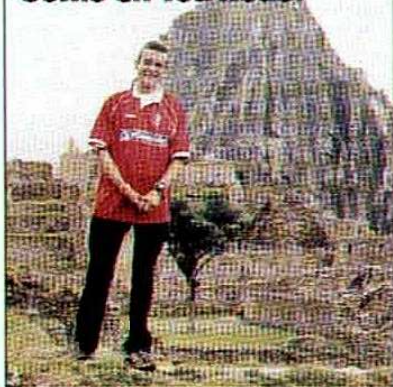


Alexander gets stuck in as he helps the side hold on to their lead

FanScene

Town's show yer colours is back!

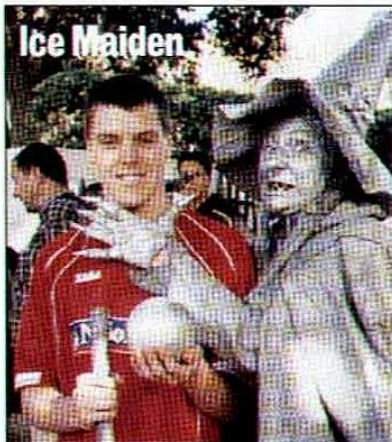
Come on You Reds!



This week we have Michael Scott 'Showing His Colours' in Peru.

This picture was taken by his Dad Chris Scott, in Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas. Michael is now living with a Peruvian family in Cusco and he plays football for local side Calca. Michael fills his Saturday afternoons by watching local side Ciencaino who also play in red!

Ice Maiden



Pictured above is season ticket holder Paul Harrison, 'Showing His Colours' in Majorca with his new home kit.

Paul, whilst on holiday in the resort of Palma seems to have stumbled upon an ice maiden, or witch who has obviously made him hold an undersized bowling ball and baseball bat?

Guess Who?



Can you guess who this young lad is - pictured on the back page of an old Swindon programme from 1990 against Bristol Rovers. This little nipper marked his senior home debut with a goal against Ilkeston Town. He is pictured here as Town's mascot after his seventh birthday!

Photo: Alan Taylor



Swindon Town Look-a-Likes

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Ice Man - Top Gun

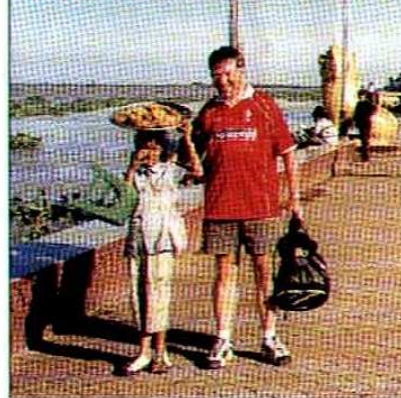


Steve Mildenhall

Appeal!

Thanks for everyone who has recently sent stuff in to us. But we are still looking for any more bits and pieces, so keep'em coming!

A Familiar Face



Pictured here is Ken Mackenzie, once again 'Showing His Colours', this time in Cambodia. Ken from Kintbury is pictured here with a local girl on the banks of the Tonle Sap River. We have just received another batch of Show Yer Colours from Ken, so look out for more of his interesting adventures in the coming weeks.



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Town Face East Equivalents

The Town Ladies are also in cup action this weekend and travel to face Stowmarket Town in the third round of the "AXA" Womens' FA Cup.

The draw has thrown up an interesting tie with the East Anglian side. Stowmarket play in the South East Combination League and the Town play in the South West Combination League. The champions of both of these two leagues are promoted into the National League Division One (South). As things stand at the moment both sides are in second place in their respective leagues.

To reach the third round Stowmarket have beaten Hampton and Chelmsford whereas the Town beat Dorset County League side Wimborne Town 9-0 and Southampton 3-0.

The Town Ladies have had fifteen players called into the Wiltshire County squad to face Hampshire. Holly Ashman, Pam Ashman, Georgia Alcock, Lucy Bailey, Diane George, Katy Lemon, Tracy Peacock, Kim Reeves, Nicola Relph, Michelle Rich, Leanne Taylor, Jessica Weir, Clare Wheeler, Netti Wyness, and Natalia Zarcznski are all in the party to play in the South West Counties Championship match at Whitchurch Town. The Town Reserves are at home tomorrow and entertain Caversham Reserves in the Southern Region League. The Town will be keen to maintain their 100% league record.

Roger Reeves

3rd	Sept	Bristol City	3-3
10th	Sept	Clevedon Town	3-0
17th	Sept	Oxford United	8-P
24th	Sept	Saltash Pilgrims	5-0
1st	Oct	Denham United	5-1
8th	Oct	Yeovil Town	1-1
15th	Oct	Southampton	6-2
22nd	Oct	Bristol Rovers	0-2
29th	Oct	Wimborne - FA Cup 1st	9-0
5th	Nov	Cheltenham Town	P-P
12th	Nov	Southampton - FA Cup 2nd	3-0
19th	Nov	Denham United	9-3
26th	Nov	Reading	6-1
3rd	Dec	Denham United FC 2nd	2-1
10th	Dec	Stowmarket - FA Cup 3rd	H
17th	Dec	Bristol City	H
7th	Jan	Clevedon United	A
14th	Jan	Oxford United	H
21st	Jan	Saltash Pilgrims	A
28th	Jan	Yeovil Town	A
4th	Feb	Southampton	H
11th	Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
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Georgia Alcock called into the Wiltshire County squad to face Hampshire



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Matches from Memory

By Dick Mattick

1968 VS

Grantham is perhaps more famous as the birthplace of a grocer's daughter than for its football team, but twice in the 1960's, Grantham were to face Swindon in the FA Cup.

In 1965 Swindon had enjoyed a comfortable 6-1 win and, when they travelled to Lincolnshire for a second round clash three years later, they were firm favourites.

Flying high in the Third Division, Town were also just one step away from Wembley in the League Cup competition.

A midweek match in this competition had left Swindon with a number of injuries that led to a re-shuffle of the team. Don Heath's injury led to Don Rogers switching from left to right wing, while an injury to Peter Noble led to the inclusion of Willie Penman. Perhaps the most famous name in the Grantham line up was Terry Bly, who had set a Fourth Division record with 52 goals in a season for Peterborough earlier in his career.

The height of Grantham's ambition appeared to be a lucrative replay at the County Ground and with Swindon seemingly suffering a hang over from the Burnley match, it looked as though they might well achieve it. Despite having the advantage of the slope and nearly all the play, Swindon failed to score in the first half.

This was largely due to the excellent form of goalkeeper Chris Gardiner, who had been discovered playing park football a year before. The 20-year-old dealt competently with a stream of crosses from both right and left as well as some testing shots. The nearest Swindon came to scoring in the first period was when Frank Burrows headed a John Smith

corner goalwards but the diving Gardiner clung on to it at the second attempt.

The second half was just over ten minutes old when Willie Penman gathered the ball on the half way line and a brilliant run saw him ghost past four defenders and smash home a shot which gave the keeper no chance. However, Swindon's joy was short lived as a linesman's flag caused the referee to reverse his original decision to allow what seemed a perfectly fair goal.

“The gallant resistance of Grantham's 'gingerbreads' was finally broken in the 84th minute...”

Don Rogers switched to the left but with Swindon increasingly desperate to avoid the further fixture that would result from a draw they at times seemed over-anxious, highlighted when Smith's cross was missed by Gardiner only to bounce between the legs of Jones and Penman and out of play when a little composure might have brought the all-important goal.

The gallant resistance of Grantham's 'gingerbreads' was finally broken in the 84th minute when a Rogers' cross was flicked on by Roger Smart



to Chris Jones who smacked it home. A second goal followed a minute later when a fierce shot by Rogers was blocked by Gardiner, but fell to John Smith who sealed Swindon's victory.

Swindon's FA Cup run was to end in the following round with a 2-0 defeat at home to Southend, but the League Cup was to be won by Town as was promotion in the club's most successful season.

Teams:

Grantham: Gardiner, Phelan, Yeomans, Harrison, Farmer, Chambers, Marriot, Linnecor, Nixon, Bly and Tomlinson.

Swindon: Downsborough, Dawson, Thomas, Butler, Burrows, Harland, Rogers, Smart, Jones, Penman and Smith



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“...he established a reputation as one of the strongest defenders...”

Jon Gittens

After a distinguished professional career spanning over 15 years and nearly 500 first-team appearances, former Town defender Jon Gittens now plays for non-league giantkillers Nuneaton Borough.

Jon could be in action today for Nuneaton as they line-up against another Second Division club, this time away at Bournemouth's Dean Court. Today's game comes as a result of their 1-0 shock defeat of our opponents two weeks ago, Stoke City. After an impressive 0-0 draw at the Britannia Stadium, the Nationwide Conference side pulled off one of the shocks of the round with a late winner from Mark McGregor.

The vastly experienced defender, now 36, played in the Premiership for Middlesbrough and in the old First Division for Southampton. But

he is best-known for success here at the Town under the management of Lou Macari and later, Ossie Ardiles.

It was Lou Macari who signed Gittens from the Saints in 1987 for a bargain fee of £40,000. He eventually went on to play nearly 160 games before he was sold back to the south-coast club for ten times the fee four years later.

Born in Birmingham, Gittens' career started at local club Paget Rangers before he was spotted by Southampton. His first spell at the Dell lasted for over two years before he switched to the County Ground for the first time. It was here that he established a reputation as one of the strongest defenders outside of the top flight - his composure and awareness the trademark of his game.

Following his four years at Swindon, his progress was monitored by many of the big clubs and so it came as a surprise when he returned to his former club Southampton in 1991.

In 1992 he moved to Ayresome Park and spent a year with Middlesbrough before joining Portsmouth on a free transfer. After nearly 100 appearances for Pompey he joined Torquay in 1998, and finally Exeter two years later before he was released by boss Noel Blake.

Gittens, having joined Nuneaton last summer, was a regular at the club up until a couple of week's ago when he was left out against Hednesford Town. But with his experience and defensive capabilities, it can only be a matter of time before he is included again, maybe even today against Bournemouth.

Five of the Best:

Kitted Out

With Swindon having put into place a charter that will keep fans up-to-date about kit changes and kit prices, we take a look at five of the best football strips...

5 Swindon Town 2000

Leapfrogging it's way ahead of Italy's kit of the 80's is Town's new, dark blue away strip.

- Having just been released in time for Christmas, the blue and white strip is arguably (in my opinion) one of the best away kits the club has had in recent years. Worn for the first time at Port Vale, this strip ranks alongside all of the classics, despite having none of the usual attributes that a retro kit possesses; simplicity, plainness and figure hugging. Instead, it is an amalgamation of dark blue and white in a similar design to the home kit, but with a wider strip of white over the arms that provides a nice, stark contrast.

Swindon's away kit has come a long way in the last decade. In 1993's promotion campaign Town sported a green and white montage design

before the Brazil coloured yellow and blue strip made an appearance, bringing us little luck in the Premier League. Under Steve McMahon the club changed colours again with a Wycombe look-a-like blue and black halved shirt. Last season's away shirt is nearer the mark of this year's colour and Town have stuck with the dark blue.

4 Ajax 1970's

The Ajax shirt of the 1970's epitomises the popular collection of 'retro' shirts.

It is plain and simple, something we like in a shirt as you may notice over the next couple of pages! There is something about plain white shirts that creates a

'no-nonsense' appearance aka Leeds, Spurs etc (or perhaps it was the likes of Bremner and Mackay in them), but the Ajax shirt has the classic red band that runs down the middle of the shirt to provide its authentic look.

Most of the shirts featured in this article were worn by their respective clubs in the most successful period in their history. Ajax are no different. In the strip pictured here, they won the European Cup three years in a row, the Supercup in 1972 and the World Club Cup in the same year.



Ajax strip from the seventies



Michel Platini



The famous golden shirt of 1970

3 Juventus 1974

Believe it or not, the black and white of Juventus was based on Notts County's strip when the club's president went to watch them but, somewhere along the line, they managed to make a better job of it.

When Juventus were inaugurated by a group of students, the club colour was red. Now, the black and white stripes have become synonymous with Juve and Italian football.

The Juve kit is everything that Newcastle et al isn't, classy and stylish - the reason being that the stripes are thinner and there are more of them which just looks better than fewer, thicker stripes. The only problem being that when a number was placed on the back, that it was difficult for commentators and supporters

alike to distinguish who was who. There is no mistaking Michel Platini though, who is seen here modelling the kit in league action.

Juve were another club to win pretty much everything, from the European Cup to the Super Cup in 1984 and 1985.

2 Brazil 1970

There is something about the yellow and blue of Brazil that creates a sense of awe and bewilderment whenever you see it.

But the reason for the inclusion of the 1970 strip in this week's five of the best is because it is the first Brazilian kit to be seen on colour television and was also worn by, arguably, the greatest Brazilian side of all time. The 1970 World Cup was the first major football tournament

to be shown on colour television and the impact of Brazil's kit was remarkable. Even to the present day, the associations with the yellow and blue are numerous; flamboyancy, dedication, skill etc.

Brazil have stayed true to tradition throughout the years, but the difference between today's strip and that of Pele's era, is that there are no commercial tags emblazoned across the front - 'simplicity a virtue', shall we say.

Such was the impact of this kit on world football that it was copied by many teams including ourselves in 1994 (away kit) and Crystal Palace (away strip) - not quite with the same effect but still, there will always be a shiver sent down the spine when the colours appear from the players' tunnel.

This particular year and subsequent World Cup highlighted a large number of popular kits such as Italy's, but none had the impact or presence of Brazil's 'golden' shirt.

1 Holland 1974

This week's winner is the Dutch kit as worn by Johan Cruyff (pictured right) in the 1974 World Cup (notice how all of the best kits have come from the same era!).

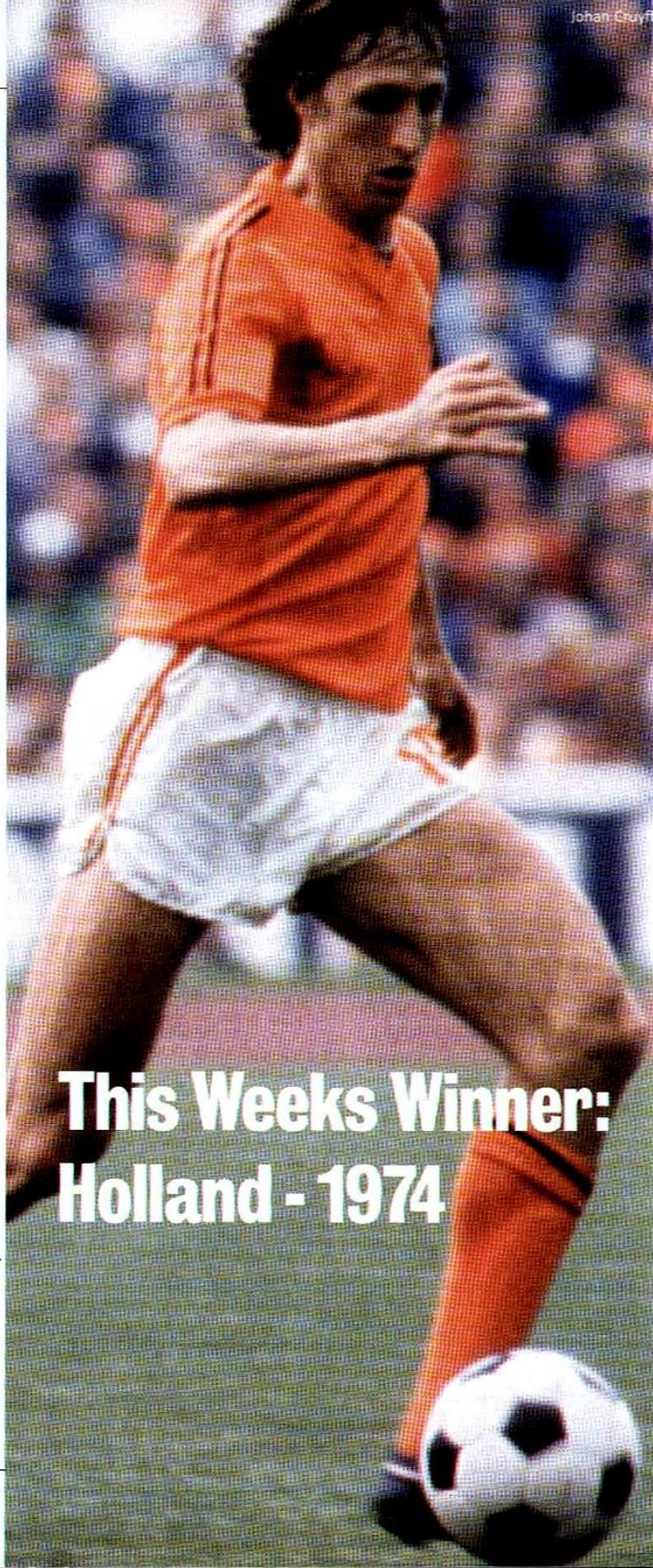
Orange is just one of those colours that doesn't appear on football kits for one reason or another and there are very few clubs who have carried it off successfully.

In the 70's Holland were a major footballing force and so the orange kit was, and still is, seen as a foreboding sign and encapsulated the slogan, 'Total Football' that was attributed to the football masterminded by Cruyff and his team mates.

Once again, like Brazil's, the kit of 1974 was simple, with no Nike logo's to be seen and instead, a large Dutch emblem - slightly more sentimental and patriotic than a tick. Holland went on to lose the final in 1974 to Germany having beaten Argentina in the semi-final but, if there was a competition for the greatest kit, they would have won by a mile.

Furthermore, such is the nature of the fans in Holland, that when any Dutch game is televised, all that can be seen is a sea of orange throughout the stadium that can only help to intimidate the opposition, and the opposition's supporters - no other kit in the world has the same effect.

With the advent of Euro 2000 being held in Holland, the Dutch national side reverted back to a similar, more traditional kit. Although a brighter shade of orange, Holland moved away from their 'busier' designs back to the plain and simple orange and black - one of the defining images of the tournament.



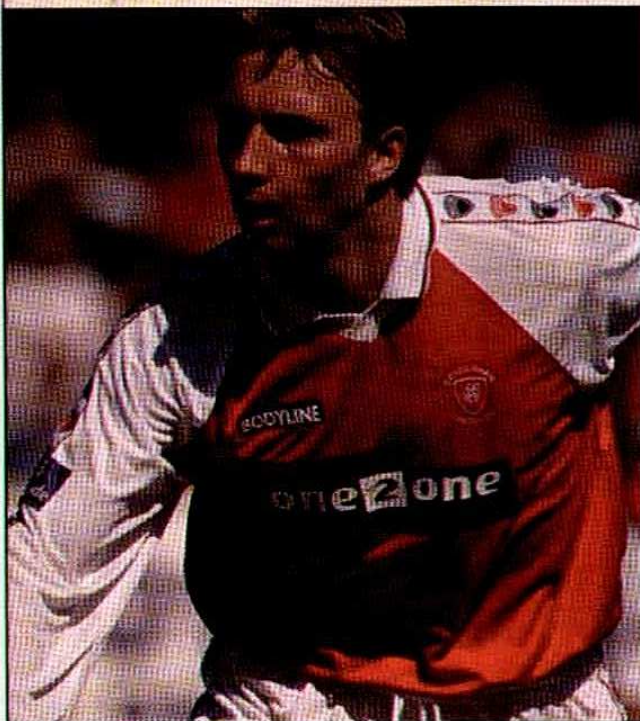
**This Weeks Winner:
Holland - 1974**



V Rotherham United Football Club

(HOME) Saturday 16th December 3.00pm

Picture: Kevin Watson



Town will face stiff opposition in this home game with the Millers who, at the time of writing, are third in the league.

With the club being run on a shoestring budget and the departure of Leo Fortune West to Brentford (and later Cardiff), few would have predicted that the Millers would be in the play-off positions and looking worth every penny for promotion. But it could have been oh so different for the Millers who started the season poorly, despite a closely fought battle with runaway leaders Walsall. A six-one mauling by Cambridge kick-started United into gear and the club has not looked back since. Boss Ronnie Moor has had to assemble a side on freebies and lower league signings but has been shrewd in the market. Former Town midfielder Kevin Watson, has been a revelation, scoring on a regular basis and orchestrating the proceedings. Alan Lee has also been a valuable addition to the squad, having successfully filled the void left behind by West.



V Bury Football Club

(AWAY) Saturday 23rd December 3.00pm

Picture: Darren Bullock



Bury have fallen away having shot out of the starting blocks at the beginning of the season.

Yet, despite the recent slump, Bury still occupy a position in mid-table and within the team they have a sublime blend of experienced and youthful players to return to form. Former Town work-horse and hard man, Darren Bullock, has been in terrific form since his move to Gigg Lane in February 1999 (from Swindon) and he has even caught the eye of Terry Burton at Wimbledon. Bullock is not the only man to be catching the eye with goalkeeper Paddy Kenny receiving attention from Arsenal, Everton and Liverpool. If Manager Andy Preece can keep hold of his star players then the club could experience exciting times, with an alleged take-over on the cards by a Norwegian businessman. An injection of cash would be appreciated by Preece who has also had to manage on a limited amount of money. Town should also cast a wary eye over striker Adrian Littlejohn, having scored two in the last three games.

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HOME v Reading Football Club

Saturday 30th December 3.00pm

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AWAY v Bury Football Club

Saturday 23rd December 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture away at Gigg Lane.
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Matchday Prices From:

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AWAY v Walsall Football Club

Monday 1st January 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the Bescot Stadium.

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Concessions: £tbc

Juniors: £tbc



HOME v Brentford Football Club

Tuesday 26th December 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the County Ground.
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Concessions: £8 - £10

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Saturday 6th January 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the Layer Road Ground.

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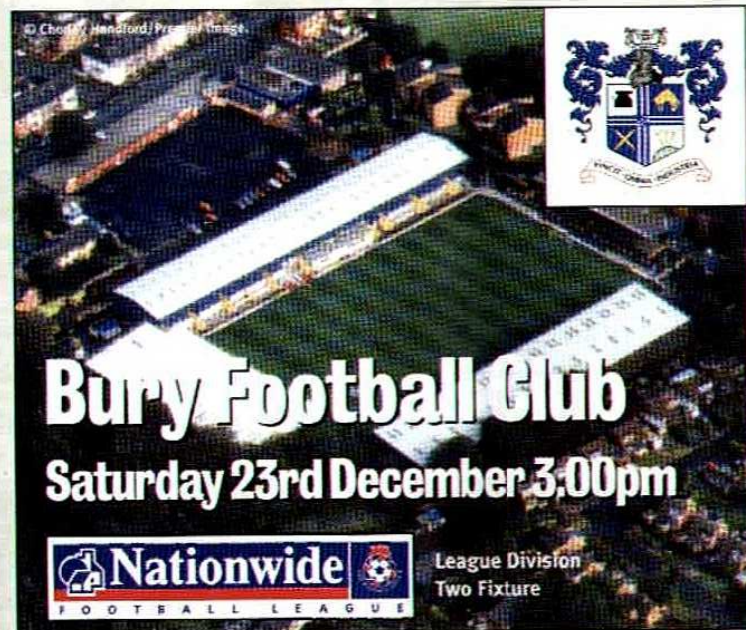


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Bury Football Club
Saturday 23rd December 3.00pm



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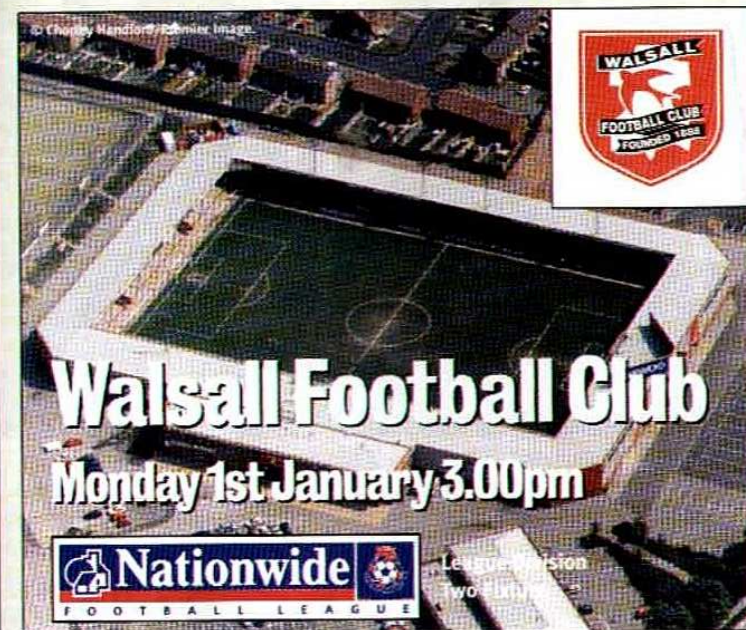
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Walsall Football Club
Monday 1st January 3.00pm



League Division
Two Fixture

Travel Information

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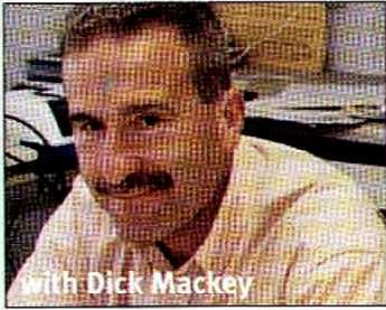
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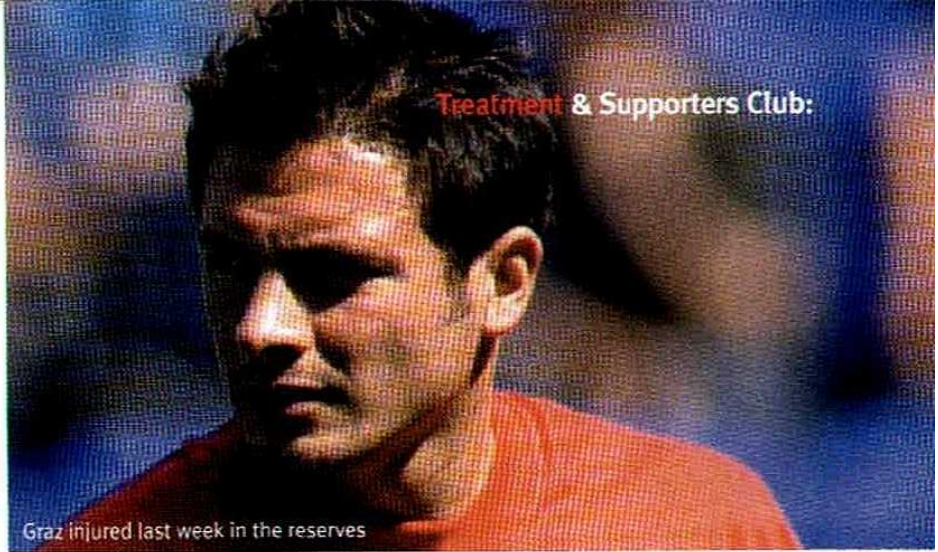


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Matty Hewlett and Andy Williams are both making excellent progress. Andy has come through his hernia repair extremely well and he is now running fairly long distances. Last week, despite the heavy rainfall, we managed to get him running up some hills with Matty and together, they worked very hard. I think it has

helped both of them having someone to train with, especially as their progress isn't a million miles apart - not in terms of their type of injury, but in their rates of progression.

Matty Hewlett worked very hard last week and he is hoping to see the specialist on Friday or at the beginning of next week. After that we are hoping to get him down to Lilleshall where they have the machinery to gauge just how his strength is coming along in the front

and back of his legs. We need to address that situation before we can move any further with him.

Giuliano Grazioli has got an abdominal strain which he aggravated in last week's reserve game. He is unable to do too much because he needs to relax his stomach muscles, it is amazing how many things they help you do.

Therefore, rest is the order of the day for him. If we rush him we are in danger of prolonging his recovery.

Swindon Town Football Club Supporters' Club



The last home game saw everyone returning home deflated after a resounding defeat and although there was little positive news to come out of the day, it was heartening to hear the reception given to our guest, ex-Town star Charlie Henry, as he made the half time draw.

It was also comforting from our point of view that our ticket sales on the day for "The Evening Advertiser" sponsored Half - Time Draw reached our best ever sales to attendance ratio. This recognises all the hard work put in by our sellers and we hope the increased awareness by supporters will continue. The winner

on the day was Helen Pearce of East Ilsley and her ticket number of 458 paid a prize of £312. The winning ticket was sold by Pauline Herbert who can be found selling tickets in all parts of the ground on match days.

We will be running a special promotion in the coming weeks to allow supporters to pay up front for the rest of the season, so please look out for this. We have recently committed around £1500 to the Football Club from previous draws and are now fast approaching raising our first £5000 from the draw. With a little luck between now and the season end we might even reach the

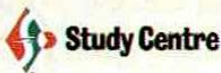
next goal of reaching £10000. A couple more sellers would really help and if you would like to assist, please ring Roger Bunce on 01865 820499 for details. The Vale and West Oxon satellite Group held a meeting on Tuesday 5th December at Ducklington Sports Club with another meeting due on the 12th December, this time at Hanney Royal British Legion starting at 7.45. Hopefully, at least one player will be there but if you wish to check closer to the date, please ring either Liam Walsh 01993 209143, Mavis Knight 01235 868755 or John Bedwell. 01235 868727. All supporters are welcome to the groups meetings.

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21 Gareth Davies

Position: Defender
Born: 11.12.73, Hereford
Height: 6ft 1in
Weight: 11st 12lb



Gareth signed on a free transfer in March 1999, from M4 neighbours Reading and, despite being a firm favourite with the Royals' fans, did not figure in Tommy Burns' plans. Gareth is an infectious character but is well known for his commitment and aggressive style. However, Town fans only caught glimpses of him in action due to several injuries, mainly a problematic knee injury, wrecking his last campaign only making 16 starts in all, fortunately he has now recovered.

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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. 13 Post War Penny Dreadfuls

The rationing and restriction of wartime that had forced clubs to abandon their 16-24 page programmes in favour of single sheet/4 page pullouts, provided ample excuse for those clubs to continue neglecting their programmes in the 50's.

Even Tottenham Hotspur, a club with a big stature, persisted with a 4 page (folded - albeit large - sheet) programme up to and including their double winning 1960-61 season. Furthermore, there were no advertisements in the Spurs' (or any other London club) programme, therefore its content was no worse than the advert-laden 8 or 12 page programmes issued by other clubs - highlighting the general poor standard and reluctance of clubs to improve their programmes when paper shortages and rationing were lifted.

Another successful team of the decade, Wolves, went through the 1950's with no more than 8 page

programmes. Nevertheless they were brightly coloured and contained a substantial article by a journalist in the centre pages but in modern eyes, this programme was considered to be inadequate, especially coming from such a major force in the game. Sheffield Wednesday issued only 8 page programmes in 1950 and - typically - were still doing so ten years later.

Yet this unsatisfactory state of affairs was not just applicable to the well-supported clubs of the First Division, but also the perennial strugglers in the two regionalised Third Divisions. Irrespective of crowd attendance, the poor standard of football programmes was widespread and existed from the lower regions to the higher echelons of football hierarchy. The massive crowds who watched championship winners such as Liverpool, Portsmouth, Tottenham and Wolves were subjected to no better programmes than those issued by York, Accrington Stanley,

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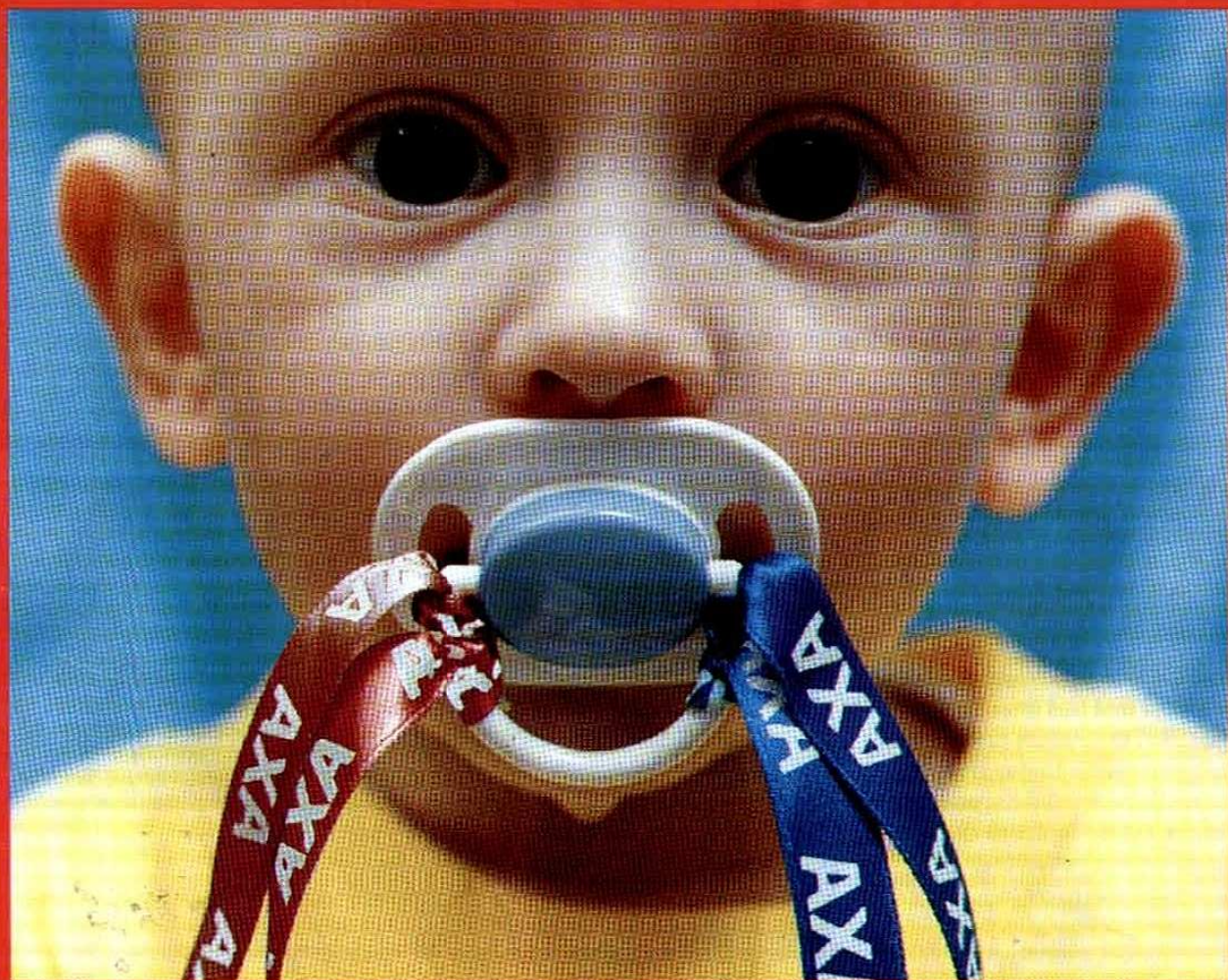
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New Brighton, Bradford City and Halifax, who in the same period had to apply for re-election to the League. Programmes were in a vicious circle - few supporters bought them because they were poor value for money and because of low sales, clubs refused to devote more time and expense to what seemed to be more of an obligation than a benefit. Indeed, many, including programme buyers, regarded their worth in terms of the team selections and half-time scoreboards. Little wonder that few other features were included by the vast majority of League clubs in the 1940's and 1950's.

As always, there were oasis in this desert of mediocrity, notably some first class programmes from a couple of London clubs, which will be explored in the next instalment.



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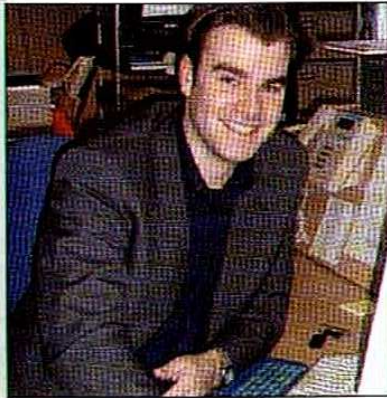


We were first out of the hat for the 2nd round draw of the FA Cup, let's hope we are back in the hat for the draw for round three.



Steve Rowley of Gateshead seen in action at the International Stadium

Side Stepping Another Non-League Challenge



Standing on the pitch after the 4-1 first round win over Ilkeston, my attention, along with everyone else from the gathered media, quickly turned to the draw for round two and when exactly was the draw going to be made.

Some said it was the Sunday, others said it was going to take place shortly. As we waited to hear Andy King's thoughts on the win, many of us were confused as to when we would learn Swindon's second round fate. A quick call on the trusty mobile to my mate Dave (everyone has a mate called Dave don't they?) and it was confirmed, it was just about to start.

Shaun Hodgetts from BBC Wiltshire Sound began his post-match interview with Mr King, I had the phone glued to my ear, Dave kept

yelling for George Best and David Davies to just "get on with it". I was thinking, 'I hope we're not away to Yeovil, they had just tanked Colchester 5-1 at Huish Park. "They're putting the balls in the blender now" came the voice at the other end of the phone, "Davies has told Best to 'swizz' the balls round manually", his impatience was mirroring mine.

Cup draws have hardly been good to us over the years, so imagine my surprise when the voice said "bloody hell, we're first out - and, we're at home to, Gateshead!" I demanded confirmation, he confirmed it and Andy King was informed. "Thank God we're not away" said the Gaffer. The then continued to tell of his experience of a wet and windy night watching the geordie side in the capacity of a scout for Sunderland. I drove home and thought, Gateshead was just the draw we wanted, we avoided local rivals and another second division side.

Make no mistake, today's tie is another 'potential banana skin' for the 'Boys in Red', so let's hope they can produce a similar type of professional performance today, as they did against Ilkeston. In early November we found a hard-working Derbyshire side here, with a lot of

vocal backing, making it difficult for Town. Thankfully we side-stepped that banana skin, another neat side-step is required today.

Much has been said in recent weeks about the amount (or lack) of vocal support here at the County Ground. Quite frankly it's been too easy for visiting supporters to come here and make themselves heard.

Last week we went to Northampton, made a right racket, and what happened? We came back with all three points! Surely there's a lesson to be learnt here? I know many of us are frustrated with our season; the Chairman, the management, the players and, of course, the fans, but we must forget about the pre-season hype and get behind the players and give them our full support.

Let's get behind Andy and the boys this afternoon for the full 90 minutes and help shout them into round three.

Come on YOU REDS

Kieran Holden
Matchday Announcer

Don't forget to keep your birthdays and requests coming in, at reception at the County Ground by phone, fax, in person or by email:
countyground@email.com

Junior Robins



There are still plenty of tickets available for several away matches taking place in the new year but they need to be booked early.

If you have not joined the Junior Robins yet, either to take advantage of the free tickets for these matches or for any other privileges, do it today. A copy of the Mascot's Package can be found on the Stats page (46-47).

Brentford January 20th 2001
Wrexham February 4th 2001
Bristol Rvrs March 24th 2001
Millwall April 14th 2001
Stoke City May 5th 2001

The Christmas disco is firmly arranged to take place on Wednesday December 20th, so make a date in your diary! Your friends will be welcome to come along too.

The disco is set to start at 7.30 and will cost just 50p for juniors and £1 parents or any other adults who would like to come along - we have arranged for the Bar to be open.

There are five birthday's this December!
11th **Amelia Gates**, four years old
14th **Ryan McCarthy**, eight years old

15th **Vicky Smith**, 13 years old
23rd, **Liam Buckland**, two years old
23rd, **Jack Painter**, seven years old
30th, **Jade Woodhouse**, ten years old.

ROBINS don't forget - this is your page so if you have any pictures, jokes, poems or stories that would be of interest to other juniors or if it's your birthday/friends birthday, send in your request.

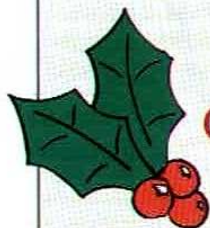
We will do our very best to put them on this page for you.

Junior Robins' Christmas Disco

Wednesday 20th December

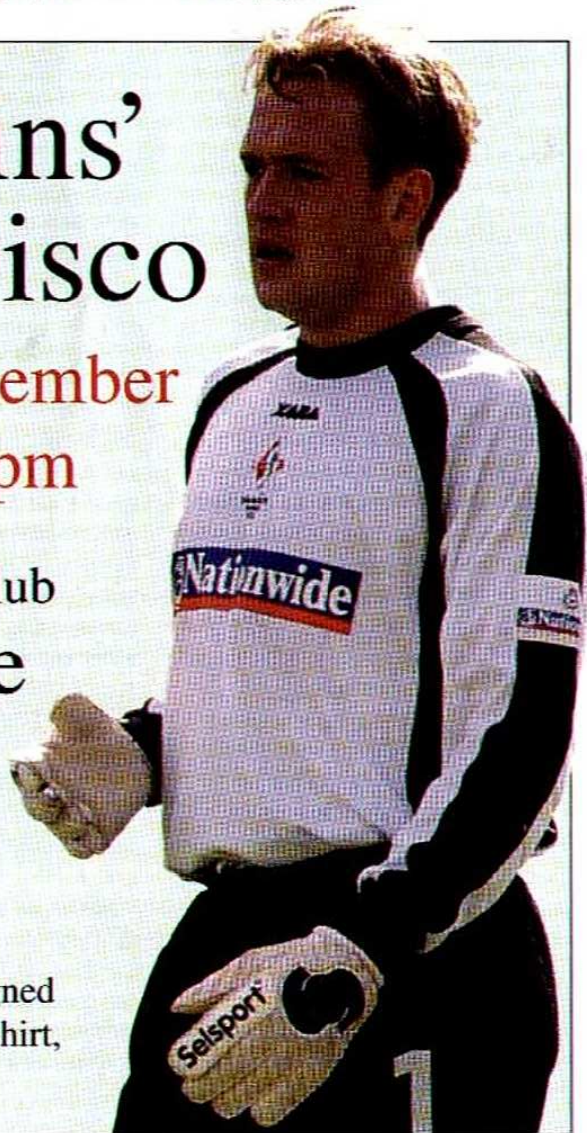
Fun starts at 7.30pm

Swindon Town Football Club
Executive Suite



Admission:
Children 50p Adults £1
Pay on the door

Lots of prizes to be won including signed gloves from Bart Griemink, a signed shirt, programmes and chocolates etc.



The Clown Prince of Soccer

Sadly, football lost another legend last week with the demise of Len Shackleton at the age of 78. He was a truly larger-than-life figure in the game during the 'golden years' of post war British football alongside other greats of the time such as Stanley Matthews, Jackie Milburn and Tom Finney.

Leonard Francis Shackleton was born in Bradford on May 3rd, 1922. He began his career on the ground staff at Arsenal and signed professional forms for Bradford Park Avenue in December 1940. He moved to Newcastle for £13,000 in October 1946 and, in February 1948, he signed for Sunderland for a then record fee of £20,050 - a move that would bring civil war to the north-east these days. Just imagine the reaction today if Alan Shearer was transferred to The Stadium Of Light!

An injury ended his career in 1957 but by then he had become a colossus bestriding the British game. A wonderfully gifted inside forward, on his Newcastle debut he scored six goals in a 13-0 win over Newport County and the legend was born.

His enormous sense of humour endeared him to the nation and stories, many probably apocryphal, about his feats and antics abound but many are authentic. Such were his ball-skills that he would pass it to a colleague by rebounding it off a touchline flag pole. On one occasion he asked to take a penalty and, with his back to the goal, back-heeled the ball into the net. On another, when in possession of the ball in midfield, he sat on it! When the referee asked him what was wrong he replied "nothing", got up and carried on. Famously, he caused a

huge furore when his autobiography 'The Clown Prince of Soccer' (as he was known throughout his career) was published, for it contained the headline "The average club director's knowledge of football" - at the top of a blank page!

In all he made 384 league appearances scoring 128 goals but, astonishingly, he only played for England on a meagre five occasions. Presumably the powers-that-be did not appreciate his sparkling wit and his antics on and off the field. A true Corinthian, we will not see his like again. The game is becoming cynical, ego-driven and obsessed with greed. He will be sadly missed, especially by those of us who had the privilege of watching him play.

The Wanderer

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Date	Opponents	Result	Attn	Pos										
SAT AUG 12TH	COLCHESTER UTD	H 0-0	7,296	9	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	ALEXANDER	INVINCIBLE	DUKE*	O'HALLORAN	REEVES	GRAZIOU	
SAT AUG 19TH	READING	A 0-2	14,134	20	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	ROBINSON	HEWLETT	INVINCIBLE	O'HALLORAN	ALEXANDER	
TUE AUG 22ND	EXETER CITY WC1 (1)	H 1-1	5,193	-	GRIEMINK	COBIAN	HEISELBERG	ALEXANDER	HOWE	DUKE*	O'HALLORAN	REEVES	GRAZIOU	
SAT AUG 26TH	WALSALL	H 1-4	5,492	24	GRIEMINK	COBIAN	HEISELBERG	VAN DER LINDEN	REEVES	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	HEWLETT	INVINCIBLE	
MON AUG 28TH	PORT VALE	A 0-3	3,926	24	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	O'HALLORAN	DUKE	HOWE	REEVES	COWE	HEWLETT	
TUE SEPT 5TH	EXETER CITY WC1 (2)	A 2-1	2,825	-	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	O'HALLORAN	INVINCIBLE	DUKE*	HOWE	M WILLIAMS*	REEVES	
SAT SEPT 9TH	BRISTOL CITY	A 1-0	10,110	21	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	O'HALLORAN	INVINCIBLE	DUKE*	HOWE	M WILLIAMS*	REEVES	
TUE SEPT 12TH	BOURNEMOUTH	A 0-3	3,673	22	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	ROBINSON	DUKE	HEWLETT	HOWE	INVINCIBLE	
TUE SEPT 19TH	TRANMERE WC2 (1)	A 1-1	4,289	-	GRIEMINK	COBIAN*	TUOMELA	O'HALLORAN	ROBERTSON*	DUKE	HEWLETT	M WILLIAMS*	REEVES	
SAT SEPT 23RD	LUTON TOWN	A 2-3	4,933	20	GRIEMINK	ALEXANDER	COBIAN*	DUKE*	DAVIS	REEVES	TUOMELA	M WILLIAMS*	O'HALLORAN	
TUE SEPT 26TH	TRANMERE WC2 (2)	H 0-1	4,753	-	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	ROBINSON	DUKE	O'HALLORAN	HEWLETT	ALEXANDER*	M WILLIAMS*	
SAT SEPT 30TH	WIGAN ATH.	H 2-2	4,895	21	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	ROBINSON	DUKE	O'HALLORAN	HEWLETT	ALEXANDER*	M WILLIAMS*	
SUN OCT 8TH	OXFORD UTD	H 2-1	7,975	18	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	REEVES	DAVIS	O'HALLORAN	INVINCIBLE*	HEWLETT	DUKE	
SAT OCT 14TH	OLDHAM ATH.	A 0-1	4,009	19	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS*	ROBINSON	DUKE	INVINCIBLE	O'HALLORAN	HEWLETT	
TUE OCT 17TH	SWANSEA CITY	A 0-0	6,333	18	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	ROBINSON	DUKE*	INVINCIBLE	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	
SAT OCT 21ST	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 1-3	8,097	21	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	REEVES*	WILLIS	ROBINSON	DUKE*	INVINCIBLE	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	
TUE OCT 24TH	MILLWALL	H 0-2	5,030	20	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON*	DAVIS	VAN DER LINDEN	WILLIS	ROBERTSON	HOWE*	INVINCIBLE	M WILLIAMS	
SAT OCT 28TH	NOTTS COUNTY	A 2-3	4,502	20	GRIEMINK	DAVIS*	VAN DER LINDEN	WILLIS	ROBINSON	REEVES	INVINCIBLE 2	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	
TUE OCT 31TH	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H 3-1	3,452	20	GRIEMINK	DUKE	VAN DER LINDEN	WILLIS	ROBINSON	WOAN	INVINCIBLE 2	O'HALLORAN	REEVES	
SAT NOV 4TH	WYCOMBE W.	H 1-1	5,226	20	GRIEMINK	DAVIS*	VAN DER LINDEN	WILLIS	ROBINSON	REEVES	INVINCIBLE	O'HALLORAN	WOAN	
TUE NOV 7TH	WREXHAM	H 2-2	4,423	18	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	WILLIS	VAN DER LINDEN	O'HALLORAN*	HOWE	INVINCIBLE	REEVES	
SAT NOV 11TH	PETERBOROUGH UTD	A 0-4	5,700	20	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	WILLIS	VAN DER LINDEN	DAVIS*	O'HALLORAN	ROBERTSON*	HOWE	WOAN	
SAT NOV 18TH	ILKESTON TOWN (FAC1)	H 4-1	4,406	22	MILDEKHAL	DAVIS	WILLIS	VAN DER LINDEN	COBIAN*	O'HALLORAN	HOWE	REEVES	WOAN	
SAT NOV 25TH	STOKE CITY	H 0-3	4,923	22	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON*	DAVIS	REEVES	WILLIS	DRYDEN	O'HALLORAN	WOAN	HOWE	
SAT DEC 2ND	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A 1-0	5,816	21	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	REEVES	DUKE*	DRYDEN	O'HALLORAN	WOAN	HOWE	
SAT DEC 9TH	GATESHEAD (FAC2)	H												
SAT DEC 16TH	ROTHERHAM UTD	H												
SAT DEC 23RD	BURY	A												
TUE DEC 26TH	BRENTFORD	H												
SAT DEC 30TH	READING	H												
MON JAN 1ST	WALSALL	A												
SAT JAN 6TH	COLCHESTER UTD	A												
SAT JAN 13TH	PORT VALE	H												
SAT JAN 20TH	BRENTFORD	A												
SAT JAN 27TH	BURY	H												
SUN FEB 4TH	WREXHAM	A												
SAT FEB 10TH	BRISTOL CITY	H												
SAT FEB 17TH	CAMBRIDGE UTD	A												
TUE FEB 20TH	BOURNEMOUTH	H												
SAT FEB 24TH	LUTON TOWN	H												
SAT MAR 3RD	WIGAN ATH.	A												
TUE MAR 6TH	OLDHAM ATH.	H												
SAT MAR 10TH	OXFORD UTD	A												
SAT MAR 17TH	SWANSEA CITY	H												
SAT MAR 24TH	BRISTOL ROVERS	A												
SAT MAR 31ST	ROTHERHAM UTD	A												
SAT APR 7TH	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H												
SAT APR 14TH	MILLWALL	A												
MON APR 16TH	NOTTS COUNTY	H												
SAT APR 21ST	WYCOMBE W.	A												
SAT APR 28TH	PETERBOROUGH UTD	H												
SAT MAY 5TH	STOKE CITY	A												

Top Scorers 2000/2001...

Top Gates 2000/2001...

Last Four Matches...

DANNY INVINCIBLE	7	BRISTOL ROVERS	8,097	NORTHAMPTON	2ND DEC	A	W 1-0
ALAN REEVES	4	OXFORD UNITED	7,975	STOKE CITY	25TH NOV	H	L 0-3
MARTIN WILLIAMS	3	COLCHESTER UNITED	7,296	ILKESTON (FAC 1)	18TH NOV	H	W 4-1
O'HALLORAN, HOWE, ALEXANDER	2	WALSALL	5,492	PETERBOROUGH	11TH NOV	A	L 0-4

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH 2000 3.00PM
VS GATESHEAD

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SYMBOL IN GREY (- -) DENOTES PLAYER REPLACED

1	2	3	4	5
WILLIS	HEWLETT	HOWE	COWE	GRIFFIN
GRAZIOLI	DUKE	HOWE	GRIFFIN	VAN DER LINDEN
VAN DER LINDEN	HEWLETT	COWE	A. WILLIAMS	GRIFFIN
GRAZIOLI	ALEXANDER	DAVIS	GRIFFIN	WILLIS
GRIFFIN	DAVIS	GRAZIOLI	WILLIAMS	COBIAN
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HEWLETT	ROBERTSON	ROBINSON	INVINCIBLE	YOUNG
TUOMELA	ROBERTSON	INVINCIBLE	WILLIS	GRAZIOLI
WILLIS	INVINCIBLE	VAN DER LINDEN	COBIAN	GRAZIOLI
M. WILLIAMS	ALEXANDER	A. WILLIAMS	GRAZIOLI	VAN DER LINDEN
ALEXANDER	M. WILLIAMS	A. WILLIAMS	GRAZIOLI	VAN DER LINDEN
ALEXANDER	M. WILLIAMS	ROBERTSON	GRAZIOLI	A. WILLIAMS
GRAZIOLI	M. WILLIAMS	A. WILLIAMS	VAN DER LINDEN	ROBERTSON
A. WILLIAMS (S/D)	O'HALLORAN	COWE	REEVES	GRAZIOLI
WIGAN	M. WILLIAMS	ROBERTSON	GRAZIOLI	REEVES
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TEAM	Pld	HW	HD	HL	HF	HA	AW	AD	AL	AF	AA	GD	Pts
WALSALL	20	8	3	0	25	9	4	2	3	12	10	18	41
ROTHERHAM	20	6	2	3	23	15	6	2	1	13	9	12	40
MILLWALL	20	6	1	2	18	5	6	2	3	20	14	19	39
WIGAN ATHLETIC	20	8	1	0	14	5	2	8	1	13	11	11	39
READING	19	8	1	1	32	9	3	1	5	8	13	18	35
BRISTOL CITY	19	4	3	3	20	11	4	4	1	11	5	15	31
STOKE CITY	19	4	2	3	14	9	4	4	2	16	14	7	30
WYCOMBE	20	6	1	3	16	11	2	5	3	4	7	2	30
NORTHAMPTON	19	3	3	3	10	11	5	1	4	11	10	0	28
PETERBOROUGH	20	6	2	2	16	10	2	1	7	8	16	-2	27
WREXHAM	20	3	2	5	10	14	4	3	3	20	19	-3	26
CAMBRIDGE	20	4	3	3	19	13	2	3	5	11	18	-1	24
COLCHESTER	20	4	3	4	11	10	2	3	4	7	11	-3	24
BURY	19	4	2	3	10	12	3	1	6	8	15	-9	24
NOTTS COUNTY	19	2	3	3	12	13	5	0	6	9	18	-10	24
BRISTOL ROVERS	19	0	5	3	6	10	5	3	3	18	10	4	23
BRENTFORD	17	4	4	2	12	15	1	4	2	7	12	-8	23
Bournemouth	19	2	4	3	9	8	3	3	4	20	16	5	22
OLDHAM	19	4	2	4	13	13	2	2	5	9	18	-9	22
PORT VALE	18	4	4	2	17	8	1	1	6	4	16	-3	20
SWINDON	20	2	4	4	12	19	3	1	6	7	18	-18	20
SWANSEA CITY	19	2	4	4	9	10	2	3	4	10	15	-6	19
LUTON TOWN	19	2	1	6	9	15	1	5	4	13	18	-13	15
OXFORD UNITED	20	1	2	7	7	14	1	0	9	12	31	-26	8

Nationwide Appearances 2000/2001

PLAYER NAME:	SQUAD NO.S	LEAGUE APPL.	CUP APPL.	TOTAL APPL.	GOALS ALL COMPS
BART GRIEMINK	1	20	4	24	-
MARK ROBINSON	2	18(1)	2(1)	20(2)	1
SOL DAVIS	3	16(1)	4(1)	20(2)	-
MATTHEW HEWLETT	4	10	4	14	-
ADAM WILLIS	5	17	2(1)	19(1)	1
ANTOINE VAN DER LINDEN	6	7(4)	2	9(3)	-
KEITH O'HALLORAN	7	20	5	20	2
BOBBY HOWE	8	12(2)	3	15(2)	2
GIULIANO GRAZIOLI	10	4(10)	1(3)	5(13)	1
DAVID DUKE	11	13(3)	4(1)	17(4)	1
JUAN COBIAN	12	2	3	5	-
STEVE COWE	14	1(3)	(1)	1(4)	-
ANDY WILLIAMS	15	2(4)	(2)	2(6)	-
DANIEL INVINCIBILE	17	18(1)	2(1)	20(2)	7
GARY ALEXANDER	18	9(3)	3(1)	12(4)	2
FRAZER MCHUGH	20	-	-	-	-
GARETH DAVIES	21	-	-	-	-
ALAN REEVES	22	17(1)	5	22(1)	4
STEVE MILDENHALL	23	(1)	1	1(1)	-
RICHARD DRYDEN	25	2		2	-
MARTIN WILLIAMS	24	15	4	19	3
ALAN YOUNG	26	(1)	(1)	(2)	1
IAN WOAN	31	7	1	7	-
CHARLIE GRIFFIN	-	(1)	-	(1)	-
KIM HEISELBERG	-	1	1	2	-
MARK ROBERTSON	-	4(4)	2(1)	6(5)	1

the squads



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Swindon Town

The Squad

1	Bart Griemink
2	Mark Robinson
3	Sol Davis
4	Matthew Hewlett
5	Adam Willis
6	Antoine van der Linden
7	Keith O'Halloran
8	Bobby Howe
10	Giuliano Grazioli
11	David Duke
12	Juan Cobian
14	Steve Cowe
15	Andy Williams
17	Daniel Invincibile
18	Gary Alexander
20	Frazer McHugh
21	Gareth Davies
22	Alan Reeves
23	Steve Mildenhall
24	Martin Williams
25	Richard Dryden
26	Alan Young
31	Ian Woan

The Manager

Andy King



Gateshead

The Squad

1	Adrian Swan
2	Richard Watson
3	Paul Talbot
4	Graham Pepper
5	Sam Kitchen
6	Tony Hall
7	Paul Proudlock
8	Steve Bowey
9	Steve Preen
10	Gareth McAlindon
11	Paul Dalton
12	Simon Bates
14	Paul Thompson
15	David Tremble

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Matt Pearson

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Half-Time Score

Full-Time Score

Attendance

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