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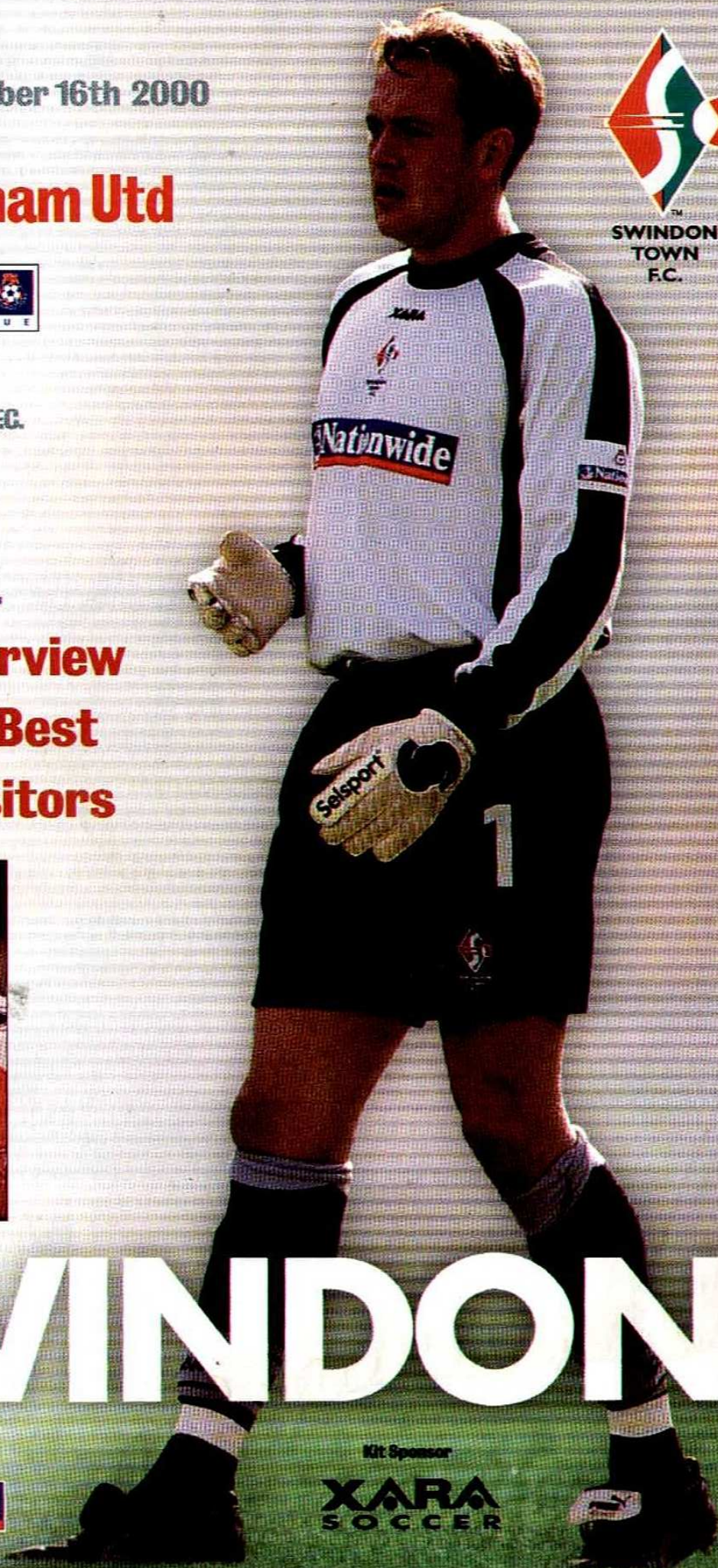
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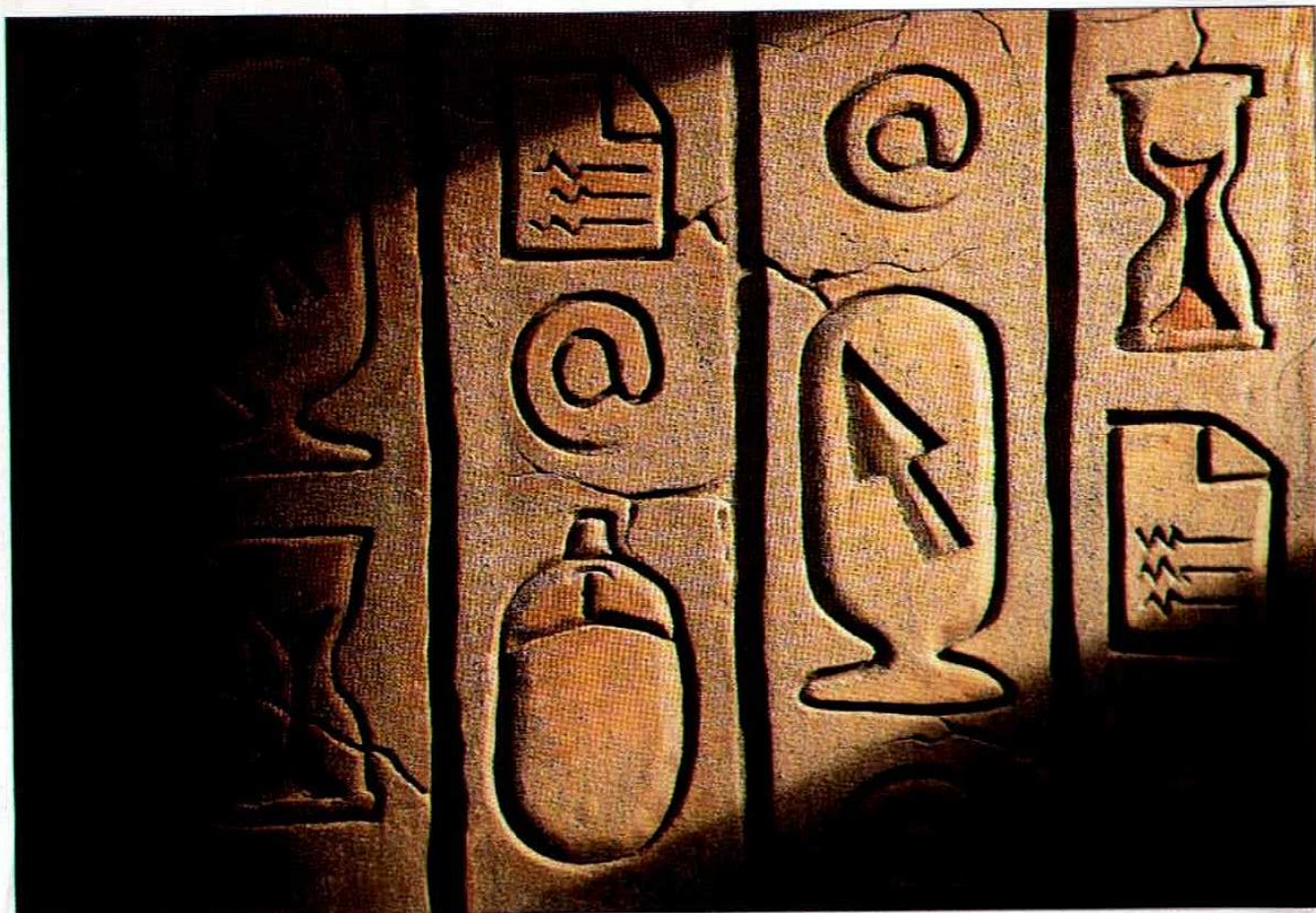


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A Warm Welcome:

Scaring the Sky Blues

After last week's excitement of the FA Cup it's back to league action today with the visit of Rotherham United.

The magic of the Cup continues to excite us all, year in year out, with the usual number of giant-killing acts making the headlines in the national press.

Little Yeovil Town grabbed their 20th FA Cup scalp with their tremendous 1-0 victory at Blackpool and just up the coast Morecambe humbled Division Two rivals Cambridge United. Their reward for a great win is a home tie against Premier League outfit Ipswich Town - not an easy game for the Tractor Men of Suffolk.

Here at the County Ground, we were rewarded with another home tie - on January 6 - against Premier Club Coventry City. For the first time this season we will be the underdogs looking for a giant-killing act. Tickets are currently on sale to season ticket holders. Town-Enders, Supporters Club members and anyone who attended last week's game against Gateshead. They go on general sale next week and it would be superb if we could have a capacity crowd to cheer the lads on.

I have spoken in the last few weeks about 'phoning a friend' and dragging along your neighbour for our games - this is the ideal opportunity. Let's make the County Ground a real fortress on the day and give the Sky Blues one hell of a fright! The one thing we will need is noise and if anyone out there wants to team up with the drums and chants of our great supporters situated in the corner of the Nationwide Stand - and you have a trumpet or another very loud musical instrument - then please give me a call so we can push the atmosphere up to a maximum decibel level.

On Wednesday evening at Christ Church, Old Town, the club will be



staging its annual Christmas Carol Service, starting at 6:30pm. Our club chaplain Simon Stevenette and long-standing supporter Sheila Maslin have worked hard to organise the event, which will be attended by the players and staff of the club. All supporters are cordially invited with their families to attend and you are urged to wear your club colours for what is always a popular evening. At this time of year it is always appropriate to offer seasonal greetings to everyone associated with Swindon Town FC. On behalf of the Directors, players, coaching staff and all the staff, may I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a joyous and Happy New Year. With an exciting FA Cup-tie on offer, 2001 looks likely to start with a bang!

This afternoon we welcome Rotherham United to Wiltshire - greetings to the directors, players, staff and supporters of the South Yorkshire club. The Millermen gained promotion from Division three last season and have continued their progress this year and will prove to be tough opposition today. But as I always say, there's only one team in it - Come on you Reds!

Peter Rowe

Peter Rowe
Chief Executive

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Swindon Shorts

Cup Incentive...



Gordon Strachan

Swindon Town fans who turned up to watch the club in FA Cup action against Gateshead last Saturday will have priority for tickets for the third round tie against Coventry City.

Fans who attended Saturday's game will be able to use their ticket stubs as proof of purchase to buy a ticket for the next round. Chief Executive Peter Rowe said: "It's the season of cheer and we're looking for fans to cheer us on in the Cup.

"The noise generated by our travelling support at Northampton two week's ago was superb - I would love to have the same atmosphere at our home games."

Tickets on-line

Town fans who don't live in Swindon will soon be able to buy their match tickets on-line via the club's own website, www.swindonfc.co.uk.

The club's highly successful on-line shop is producing record sales leading up to Christmas and it is hoped that the new ticketing system will be a welcome addition.

The Chairman, Directors, Players, Coaching Staff, Management and Staff of Swindon Town Football Club would like to wish all Sponsors, Business Partners and Supporters a Merry Christmas & Happy 2001.

Christmas Carol Service

Swindon Town's annual Christmas Carol Service will take place this year on Wednesday, December 20th at Christ Church starting at 6.30pm.

All supporters are cordially invited to attend and wear their club colours. The STFC playing staff and club management will also be attending and there will be a reception back at the club afterwards.


Programme Promotions



Town fans can now click on-line to view matchday programmes from yesteryear courtesy of Programme Promotions.

The website, which can be visited at www.footballprogrammes.com could be of interest to many fans, for it includes an archive dating back to pre-war issues to those of the present day. For more information contact Steve Johnson at footballprogrammes.com@btinternet.com

Manager's Message:



King, pictured here at our last away trip to Northampton Town

• Hello and welcome to today's match against Rotherham United Football Club.

Today's game will be a completely different proposition from last week's FA Cup tie, Rotherham are much sterner opposition having climbed to second in the table with an unbeaten run that stretches back to September.

Last week's game had some pleasing aspects which I hope we can bring to today's encounter, but there is still room for improvement. People will look at the score and will come to the conclusion that it was a very one-sided game and despite the fact that they didn't really threaten our goal, we didn't play as well as I know we can do. I

was looking for a very committed performance similar to that of the Northampton victory two weeks ago. Once again it took us a while to achieve that level of performance which was a bit frustrating, it just took us a bit too long to get started.

It wasn't until we went three nil up that I started to see things that should be present from the kick off, movement, desire and pace etc. We are more than capable of dominating games like that from 0-0 and I think we are better than we give ourselves credit for.

There were a lot of good individual performances and although I don't like to point anyone in particular out, I think the professionalism

shown by Steve Cowe and David Duke in particular was superb. To come into the side having been on the bench recently and show such determination and effort is great to see. The attitude that they showed epitomises what I want to see at the club.

The main thing to come out of last week's game is that we are in the next round and we have a great tie to look forward to, with a draw at home against Coventry City.

Some of the results from last weekend just go to show how hard it is to play non-league opposition, just look at Yeovil's result at Blackpool. In that respect I am very proud of the lads for the professional approach they showed.

“We have two wins under our belt and two consecutive clean sheets so it is important we keep that run going.”

It will be nice to be the underdogs for a change! In the last two rounds we have been expected to win so it is nice for us to go out there and just enjoy ourselves, after all we have nothing to lose against Premiership opposition.

What we do have to make sure of though is that the Coventry game does not distract from the more important job at hand, winning league matches. It is a big game for the lads but we all need to concentrate our efforts on each game as it comes.

We have some tough games coming up, including today's, and we have to be ready and focused for each one. The great thing about the tie and about football as a sport is that it has

got everybody talking - but we shall approach that game when it comes and before that, we will look to get a few league wins under our belt.

Rotherham are a very good side, they are full of confidence and have achieved a great level of consistency, winning week in week out. Ronnie Moore has got them playing to a level that he wants and it has propelled them to second place in the league.

They are also very strong defensively and well organised, we know the task in hand and we will have to be at our best to beat them. It is a great stepping stone for us to see how well we are doing. We have two wins under our belt and two consecutive clean sheets so it is

important we keep that run going. Our attitude has been superb in the last two games and we need to continue that today. I would like to thank all the supporters again for their continued support. It really helps the players in difficult times when they have the crowd behind them. We have had to earn the right to get the supporters behind us but, hopefully, now we can play to a certain level and achieve the consistency that warrants your support.

Finally, may I wish a warm welcome to the directors, players and supporters of Rotherham United Football Club and to them, and everyone involved here at the club, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Andy King

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Swindon & Rotherham go Head to Head

Goalscoring Head 2 Head

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

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Where



How



Top League Scorers

17 Danny Invincible
(Swindon Town) vs
7 Mark Robins
(Rotherham United)

19 in 20 games Team Goals 36 in 20 games
0.95 goals Ratio per Game 1.8 goals
6 in 19 games Player's Goals 9 in 16 games
0.32 goals Ratio per Game 0.56 goals

Games Scored In
Games Scored 1st Goal 8
Games Scored 1 Goal 4
Games Scored 2 Goals 7
Games Scored 3 Goals 1
Games Scored 4 Goals 0

IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)
1 (2pts) Games Won -> Drawn 1 (2pts)
0 (0pts) Games Won -> Lost 0 (0pts)
1 (1pts) Games Drawn -> Lost 2 (2pts)
3 Number of points gained 4

SCORING SEQUENCES

Consecutive Games Scored
2 Games 2
3 Games 0
2 games Maximum Scoring Run 2 games

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING
2 Games 2
3 Games 0
4 Games 0
9 games Maximum Dry Spell 2 games

Robins' Results

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

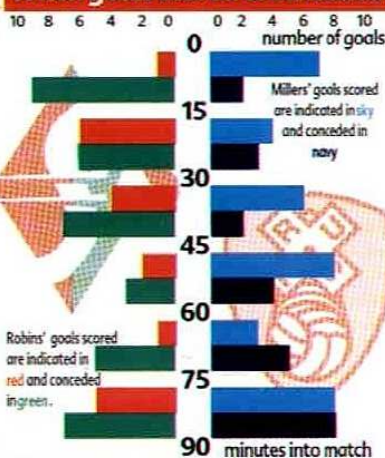
shows the number of results for each scoreline.
eg. Swindon have lost 3 games 0-3

Millers' Results

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

eg. Rotherham have won 5 games 1-0
and drawn 4 games 1-1

When goals scored & conceded



Average time of Scoring / Conceding

95 mins All Goals for 50 mins
75 mins Home Goals For 43 mins
129 mins Away Goals For 62 mins
49 mins All Goals Against 75 mins
47 mins Home Goals Against 66 mins
50 mins Away Goals Against 90 mins

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

Face2Face

Last Season
At The County Ground...n/a
At Millmoor...n/a
This Season
Robins' Season records:
Home Win...3-1 Cambridge
Away Win...1-0 Bristol City,
3-2 Luton, 1-0 Northampton
Home Defeat...1-4 Walsall
...0-3 Stoke
Away Defeat...0-4 POSH
Consec. Wins...0
Consec. Defeats...3
Millers' Seasons records:
Home Win...3-0 Oldham
...3-0 Peterborough
Away Win...3-0 Brentford
Home Defeat...1-3 Reading
Away Defeat...1-6 Cambridge
Consec. Wins...3
Consec. Defeats...0

Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

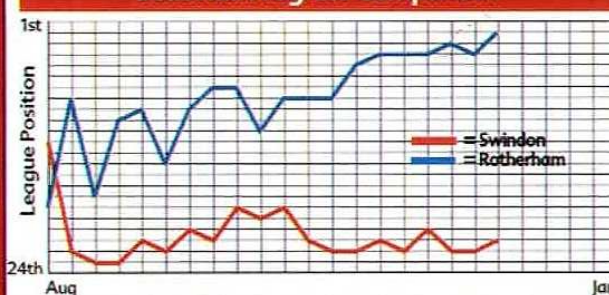
Robins : D L L L W S S L L W F 10 A 19 Pts 9
Millers : W W S W W W S W W W F 23 A 7 Pts 26

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

Rotherham's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

	DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	3	4	2	Mendonca	10	4,596
91/92	4	2	1	Cunningham	18	4,780
92/93	2	4	2	Wilder	8	4,750
93/94	2	1	2	Varadi	19	3,723
94/95	2	2	1	Goater	19	3,278
95/96	2	1	2	Goater	18	3,423
96/97	2	1	1	Jean	5	2,844
97/98	3	3	1	Glover	17	3,651
98/99	3	3	1	Fortune-West	12	3,988
99/00	3	2	1	Fortune-West	17	4,426

Seasonal Progress Comparison



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Back Row: (left to right) Alan Knill (Youth/Reserve Team Coach), Stewart Talbot, Andy Monkhouse, Guy Branstons, Ashley Connor, Ian Gray, Paul Pettinger, Chris Sedgwick, Mark Williams, David Artell, John Bilton (Youth Development Coach)

Middle Row: Mr Cluckock (Director), Dennis Circuit (Physio), Ian Bailey (Physio), Paul Dillon, Brian Wilsterman, Rob Scott, Leo Fortune-West, Will Varty, Marvin Bryan, Andy Turner, John Newey (Kit Man), Mr A J Webb

Front Row: Trevor Berry, Paul Hurst, Mark Robins, Kevin Watson, Ronnie Moore (Manager), Mr K F Booth (Chairman), John Breckin (Assistant Manager), Darren Garner, Chris Beech, Paul Wame

The Millers...

Ronnie Moore brings his Rotherham side to the County Ground today second in the league (at the time of writing) and unbeaten in the last ten league games since their home defeat by Reading.

Revered by the Millmoor faithful as a player, Moore is fast becoming as popular as a manager having steered the club towards the top of the table, picking up a Manager of the Month award on the way. Not bad for a club that was last year playing in Division Three. But there is nothing like a promotion to act as the catalyst for success and that has been the Millers' case this season.

In October the Millers won five and drew one of their six games and in

November, a 3-2 victory over Millwall and another unbeaten spell saw them climb into the automatic promotion places. The Millwall victory has broadcasted to the Division that Rotherham are up there by merit. Despite having a squad of just twenty players, the team is confident it can go all the way, new signing Alan Lee declaring "We showed we can more than match one of the best sides in this division so we know we need fear no one."

Nevertheless, if Rotherham are to win today they must halt a sequence of results against the Town which has seen us win all four of the last meetings between the clubs.



ClubFACTS...

Name: Rotherham United FC
Nickname: The Millers
Ground: Millmoor
Turned Professional: 1884
Capacity: 11,161
Highest League Scorer: Wally Adron, 38, 1946-47



Anfield: daunting

Anfield Reward for Moore

Following the 1-0 defeat of Northampton in the second round, Rotherham now face Liverpool, a tie which sees manager Ronnie Moore return home, "It'll be a great day for everyone.

"For myself it will be a return home, but it will probably cost me a small

fortune getting tickets for all my relatives." The visit to Anfield will also generate some much needed cash for the Millers and, like our game against Coventry, it provides the players with an opportunity to match their skills against some of the Premiership's finest.

Born in Liverpool, Ronnie scored 72 goals in 248 appearances for Tranmere Rovers before moving to Cardiff City in February 1979. He signed for Rotherham United in August 1980 when he became leading goal scorer in the championship winning side.



Meet Ronnie Moore



He signed for Charlton Athletic in September 1983 before returning to Tranmere Rovers in July 1986.

He became Assistant Manager and first team coach at Prenton Park for nine years, taking them to Wembley five times in the Autoglass and Play Off finals.

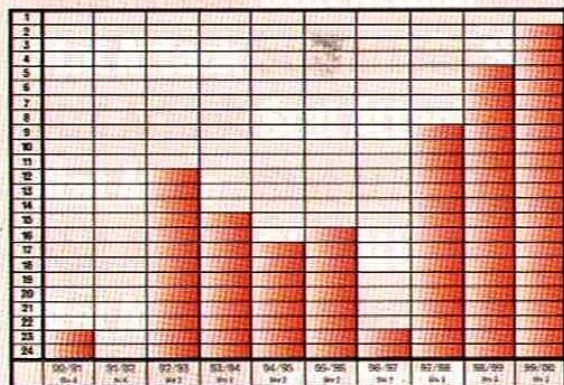
His first appointment as Manager came at Southport in the Vauxhall Conference, however after just a few months he was

successfully sought out to take over at Millmoor. A local newspaper had conducted a poll amongst Rotherham United F.C. fans asking who they would choose as the next Manager - Ronnie polled almost 80%.

He was once revered by the Millmoor faithful as a player and is now proving very popular as the Manager, having taken them to second spot in the division, unbeaten in their last ten league games.

clubfacts...

Ten year record...



The last five meetings...

Rotherham Utd	0-2	Swindon Town (Div 2)	09-12-1995
Swindon Town	1-0	Rotherham Utd (Div 2)	23-09-1995
Rotherham Utd	1-2	Swindon Town (Div 3 Old)	21-02-1987
Swindon Town	2-0	Rotherham Utd (Div 3 Old)	27-09-1986
Rotherham Utd	1-0	Swindon Town (Div 3 Old)	07-02-1981



Rotherham Utd...

Full time results...

Rotherham	8-0	Oldham Ath	1947/47	Record win
Rotherham	1-11	Bradford City	1928/29	Record loss

Club honours...

Division Three (Old) Champions	1980-81
Division Three (North) Champions	1950-51
Division Four Champions	1988-89

Next five fixtures...

Fri Dec 22	Port Vale	vs	Rotherham	A
Tue Dec 26	Rotherham	vs	Notts County	H
Sat Dec 30	Rotherham	vs	Colchester Utd	H
Mon Jan 1	Bury	vs	Rotherham	A
Fri Jan 5	Walsall	vs	Rotherham	A

Top goalscorer's ...

Robins	10
Warne	5
Talbot & Lee	5

Mark Robins

Born in Ashton under Lyne in 1969, Robins is a travelled striker who has played for both Manchester clubs (United originally as an apprentice).

Signed for Norwich City in August 1992 for £800,000 before moving to Leicester City for a fee of £1,000,000. Clubs since then have included Reading, Manchester City and Panionis in Greece before he joined Walsall in 1999 on a free transfer. During his solitary season at Walsall he scored eight goals alongside a variety of strikers. A proven goal-scorer at the top level, Robins has the ability to hold the ball up, supply his team mates with lay-offs and create space.



Paul Warne

Signed initially on a short-term contract in January 1999, Paul quickly became a crowd favourite with his willing running up front.

He had a blistering start at Millmoor scoring five goals in his first four appearances including two on his debut - his final tally was 10. Most of his goals last season were spectacular, the most notable a tremendous volley against Hull.

Thankfully he soon agreed a longer deal and forged a good understanding with Leo Fortune-West for whom he laid on several goals. One of his main abilities is the amount of chances he creates for others - purely by his phenomenal work rate. He should be a key figure this season.



1 Ian Gray



Goalkeeper born in Manchester in February 1975, he was a trainee at Oldham Athletic. Went on loan to Rochdale

and signed for them in 1995 before signing for Stockport County for £200,000 1997. Agile and keen with good handling ability. Signed for Rotherham in July 2000.

2 Chris Beech

Beech started his career at Manchester City and was then an ever present with Cardiff but was snapped up (in the face of stiff competition) by the Millers when he was surprisingly released. After spending two years at Lillleshall as an England schoolboy, he gained youth international honours.

3 David Artell

A local defender who has come up through the ranks of the schoolboys and juniors to earn a professional contract at the end of the 1998/9 season. Already a big lad, he will be looking to further develop his strength. Scorer of several goals last season for the juniors.



4 Rob Scott



Signed from Fulham in November 1998, a £50,000 buy who has now been converted from a striker to a

defender. Revelled in his new role as a sweeper, and barring injury would have been Player of the Year.

14 Kevin Watson



Kevin was skipper of our successful promotion winning side last season. He signed for the

Millers in August 1999 from Swindon Town. Skilful with a lovely touch on the ball and a creative passer of the ball.

28 Guy Branston



Guy is a big strong left-footed central defender and was signed from Leicester City in November 1999

for £50,000. Quickly established himself as a crowd favourite, with his no nonsense tackling. Still only 21 years of age, he has time on his side to return to the Premiership.

5 Darren Garner

Darren joined Rotherham from Dorchester Town in 1995 and he enjoyed his best ever campaign last year. An all action midfielder, Garner has an eye for goal and is the Millers' workhorse, fetching and carrying for those around him. Possesses a strong shot and scored ten goals last season.

16 Paul Hurst

Paul has been at the Club since he joined as a schoolboy, working his way up the ranks. He has established himself in the first team and will be looking to continue with the fine form he displayed last season.

Darren Carr

Centre-back Darren was signed from Brighton on loan by Ronnie Moore to give him another option at the back. The former Sheffield United and Chesterfield man cost Brighton £25,000 when they signed him from Gillingham in July 1999, and had made 20 appearances before going to Millmoor.

12 Stewart Talbot

Started his career with Moor Green before moving to Port Vale. Talbot has had to content with a number of injuries including a double fracture of the right leg. A new signing this season, Stewart is a midfield player and should add bite to the midfield.

23 Trevor Berry

A former England youth international, Trevor started his career at Bournemouth before moving to Aston Villa for £50,000 in April 1992, joining Rotherham just over three years later. Trevor is very much like an old fashioned winger although he has also played as an out-and-out striker on occasions.

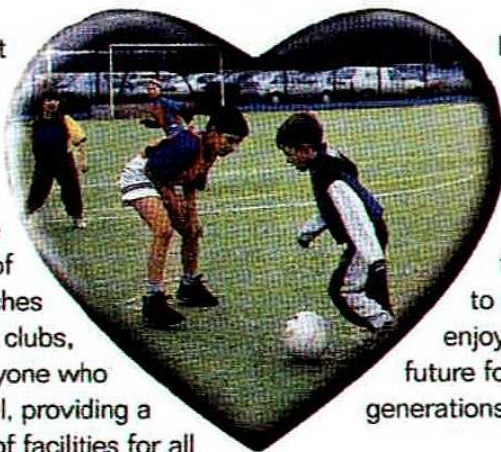
Alan Lee

Alan signed a three and a half year deal last week for a reported record club fee. The 22-year old former Eire U-21 international has so far bagged just one goal for the Millers, but has become a hit with both staff and fans alike due to his attitude and work-rate.

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At the start of the season, BBC Wiltshire Sound made a commitment to offer full commentary on every away game this season. We've already been to a wide variety of press-boxes!



Town will be visiting Gigg Lane next Saturday

Roving Reporter's Random Jottings

The County Ground compares very favourably for a clear unrestricted view from high above the halfway-line, although there seem to be more steps to get there every game!

Our first away hosts were Reading with their impressive Madejski Stadium. I remember it felt as though we'd walked around it three times before finding the right entrance! In contrast, Vale Park is still undergoing construction, just as it was last year. That trip started a sequence of six successive away fixtures and plenty of homework had to be done before setting out.

- We're aiming to get to grounds an hour or so before kick-off so as to get our bearings and talk to the stewards, who often have interesting grass-roots perspectives on their players' recent performances. Exeter was one of those grounds where we sat with the home fans, quite literally, and received puzzled looks as we got excited about

Cup success. Ashton Gate wasn't that far to go, but we must have hit the Bristol lunchtime rush-hour en route - glad we did for that local derby victory which was very sweet.

Bournemouth is probably best forgotten - it can sometimes be difficult to pick out opposition players, but it seemed to be Steve Fletcher every time! Tranmere in the Cup was watched from right up in the Gods - Luton was nearly not watched at all. A wrong turning and lengthy walk from car-park to Kenilworth Road left us struggling to make our 2 o'clock on-air kick-off time - we did, with seconds to spare - hopefully you wouldn't have noticed at your end of the wireless.

Oldham was just a long way! - Swansea was a long way up a vertical ladder to a BBC position away from everybody else where you had to haul up the equipment on the end of a rope. We actually sat above the most vociferous Welsh fans of them all -

interesting accompaniment to our commentary if you were listening very closely!!

At Notts County, I recall sitting on an ordinary dining-room-type chair with "technical gear" balanced on another. Peterborough is another one to erase from the memory, while Northampton is the place for an extension-lead - we plugged in miles from where our press passes entitled us to sit.

In quite a complicated "rig", we also broadcast from the touchline before games and outside the dressing-room soon afterwards with the manager and his players - we do like to say BBC Wiltshire Sound Sport is always "where the action is". See you at Bury, or on the long trip home with everybody else making their Christmas journey to be with the folks? - could be a late one!

Shaun Hodgetts
BBC Wiltshire Sound

Swindon Town Youths

As a result of the recent bad weather, there have been no youth or centre of excellence matches for the lads due to cancellations. However, on the 30th December the Under-12's will be playing at half-time of the Reading match here at the County Ground.

On behalf of everyone involved, may I wish all of the youth team players and centre of excellence members and their families and very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's hope that the weather returns to normal in the new year!

Best Wishes **Phil Cannon**

The verdict from the cup win against Gateshead...

How they saw it

National www.Teamtalk.com

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Swindon swept in to the 3rd round of the FA Cup with a five star display.

Andy King's side were never in trouble after former St. Johnstone midfielder Keith O'Halloran netted his third goal of the season after 16 minutes. He doubled his tally with an unstoppable volley. The game was killed off when Steve Cowe converted a near post header to make it three on 84 minutes; Bobby Howe grabbed his second of the competition minutes later; and Cowe scored two in a game for the first time in a Swindon shirt to make it 5-0 in the dying moments.

Home www.thisisswindontownfc.co.uk



Two cracking strikes by Keith O'Halloran paved the way for a five-goal feast at the County Ground.

O'Halloran's opened the scoring on 17 minutes and doubled Town's lead in the 51st, striking again when a cross was only half cleared to the edge of the box and lifting a tremendous volley over Swan. In the 84th minute Young's cross was met at the near post by Steve Cowe who placed his header into the net at the Town End. Howe added his name to the scoresheet in the 88th minute, stabbing the ball home after an Alexander header was pushed out. Cowe added another when he swivelled in the box to lash home Town's fifth.

Away www.norris-family.freeserve.co.uk

In the end it proved to be a very comfortable win for Swindon as they over-Gateshead.

Swindon took the lead when O'Halloran picked the ball up from Invincible and hit a superb shot into the top right-hand corner. His second was a high volley that looped over Swan. With fifteen minutes left Young's cross found Steve Cowe at the near post and his glancing header made it 3-0. Howe made it four when he was on hand to follow up a rebound. Just two minutes later Swindon concluded their scoring with a 5th goal and the second for Steve Cowe.



Managers' views...



"Steve is a lovely footballer who had a tremendous upbringing at Villa but the game was stretched when he scored his goals. Gateshead had pushed forward

but he took his goals well. Nothing changes but if he was trying to prove a point to me then I am delighted."

Andy King was delighted with the result and was delighted with the way Steve Cowe came off the bench to bag two goals.



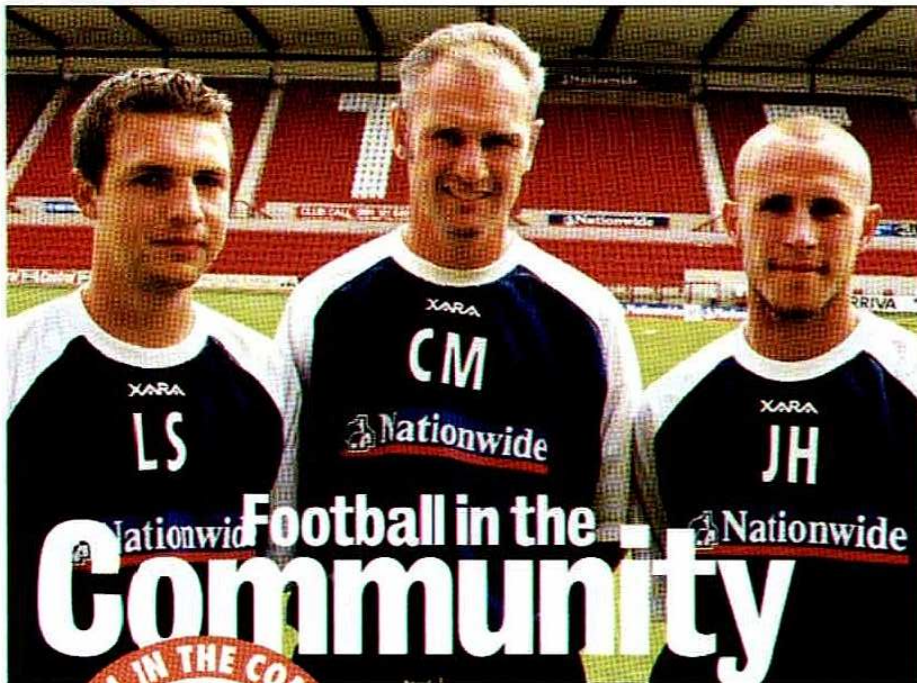
"We started well enough and managed to keep it at 1-0 until the second half. After the second our heads went

down a little bit and the third really killed us off. After that their fitness and extra class showed but I am proud of the lads."

Matt Pearson expresses his delight with the scoreline but reflects on his side's impressive cup run.

Andy King

Matt Pearson



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Today we extend a warm Community office welcome to Belinda Garrett and her group from the White Horse Junior Football Club.

A big thank you to Belinda for all her hard work in setting up the day for the group and let's hope you have a great day on our Saturday Team Club. I am sure you are all the same as us and cannot remember a wetter time than the recent months we have experienced. We have tried desperately to keep going on our after-school clubs coaching programme, but at times it has been nearly impossible. Hopefully after Christmas things will improve and the situation will return to some form of normality.

Last Thursday Jon and I attended the Community office area meeting at Swansea. It was good to see our counter-parts from the other South-West clubs to discuss issues amongst us. It was no surprise that the adverse weather conditions

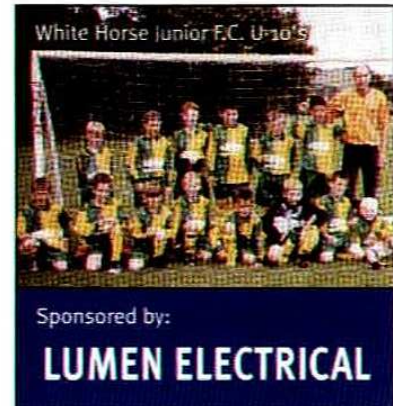


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were the main topic of conversation, with everybody experiencing the same difficulties.

On a more positive note we were able to discuss the new national sponsorship with Rail Track and the national 6-a side tournaments scheduled to commence in January 2001. Our own tournaments will run on Thursday 18th and 25th January at Greendown. We have had 24 primary schools enter and we will keep you posted on the results and outcomes in the New Year. The



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girls' under 13's tournament will take place at the same venue on Thursday 1st February 2001. Both tournaments are 4pm - 6pm, so do come along and give your support.

Finally, we here at Swindon Town Football Club Community Office would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Festive Greetings

Clive, Jono and Luke

Swindon's Soccer



Centre

The Soccer Centres finish today, rounding off another great year for the Swindon Town centres'.

new Centres in the New Year and maybe push toward 700 members, maybe more.



Alan Reeves has been instrumental in helping the Soccer Centres

The kids enthusiasm and attitude towards the courses has been fantastic, hopefully this will continue throughout the new year.

Our numbers have recently shot up towards the 600 mark, which is great news.

During the last week of the courses, 'the Gaffer' (Andy King) has let me speak to the players to see if they can appear at the courses to give out certificates to the kids.

This is fantastic for them because it gives them something to aspire to, to look up to. It will also help raise the profile of the club.

So I'd like to thank 'the Gaffer' and Alan Reeves for helping to arrange which players appear where.

Enjoy the game, wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jimmy Fraser



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Although Womens' football is one of the fastest growing sports in the country there are, unfortunately, a limited number of opportunities in Swindon.

However Blunsdon Girls are a sub division of Blunsdon Colts Football Club. We have been training since September 2000 and have a group of girls who have come to training sessions regularly since we started. The group comprises of mixed ages and abilities and it would be beneficial to recruit a few new members in the New Year so that we can segregate the different age groups and begin to establish a couple of teams to play friendly games. We would

like to welcome any girls between the ages of 6-10 years, especially beginners who have always wanted to try football but have never had a go! The coaching sessions are always relaxed and informal and are designed to teach new skills (both individually and in groups) and increase confidence and team participation. Our emphasis is on fun and enjoyment, especially for the younger members.

Our sessions are held at the Abbey Meads all weather pitches on Saturday mornings from 9.30am - 10.30am. Cost per session is £1.50. Please feel free to either come along to a session and find out more about



Blunsdon Girls



The girls in training

us or telephone Nikki Hicks on 01793 330726 for more details. We look forward to hearing from you!

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- Soup Starter
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- Christmas Pudding or Gateau
- Coffee & Petit Fours

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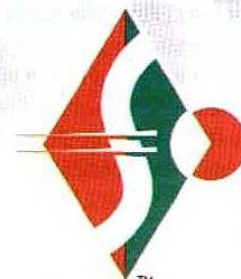
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- Christmas Pudding, Cheesecake or Gateau
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- Includes party novelties

New Year's Eve 2000

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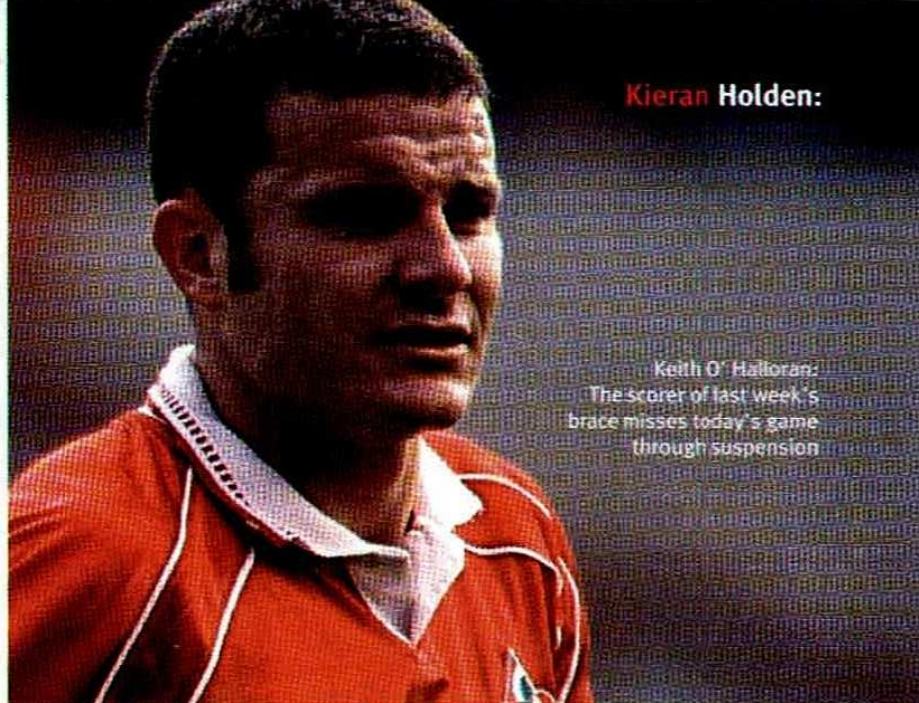
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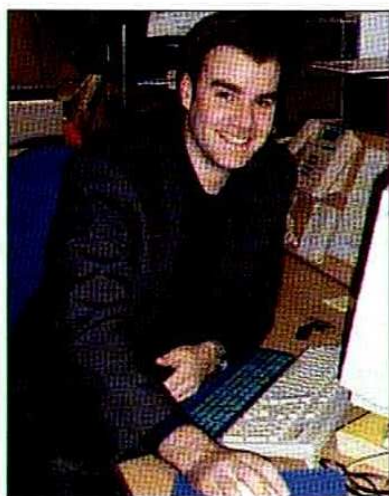
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With Christmas rapidly approaching I do not want to hear any carols today... particularly our South Yorkshire visitors reciting 'that' rendition of jingle bells.



Here's Hoping for a Happy Christmas



The Millers arrive this afternoon as one of the Second Division surprise packages. Riding high in the table with a very good away record, Rotherham have only lost once away from home this season, that was 6-1 to Cambridge.

The Millers have gone from strength to strength since then, with Ronnie Moore picking up the Second Division Manager of the Month award for October. Watford's Graham Taylor and Blackpool boss Steve McMahon were also receiving awards that month, and look what has happened to those sides. One name that will stick out in the Rotherham line up this afternoon is

that of former Town schemer Kevin Watson. Kev's County Ground career failed to get started really under Steve McMahon, his creative passing and vision was obviously not appreciated, and sadly most Townies failed to see the best of him. His move north has certainly given him a new lease of life and he will be certainly giving 110 per cent this afternoon to make sure he and his colleagues take all three points.

We come into this afternoon's fixture off the back of last week's 5-0 thrashing of Gateshead in the FA Cup, it's such a shame that Keith O'Halloran, who's been in sparkling form, serves a suspension today.

At training on the Thursday before the game, the players told me of the importance of putting the non leaguers under pressure, and with four corners in the first minute, and the game plan seemed to be working. It seemed it could be a frustrating afternoon, as the flapping goalkeeper assisted by his defenders managed to block several goal-bound efforts 'early doors'. But persistence paid off and the fresh legs of Stevie Cowe and young Alan Young finished them off. Pleasing too for Bobby Howe, he capped an impressive display with a goal.

Bring on 'the Cov' now in round three, I am sure they are not looking forward to the trip. Admittedly it is not Man U, Arsenal or Chelsea but no doubt it will be great to have a nice big crowd here at the County Ground making plenty of noise on January the 6th.

I am hoping it will be a great way to end Christmas with another Sunday afternoon around the telly watching the Cup draw with Town in the new blender gadget thing the FA have.

Have an enjoyable Christmas, and don't forget to bring the rest of the family down here for our Boxing Day battle with Brentford.

Get behind the boys for the full 90 minutes this afternoon and shout them to victory.

Come on YOU REDS

Kieran Holden
Matchday Announcer

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FA Cup 3rd Round Swindon Town V Coventry City Saturday 6th January 2001

After Saturdays 5 - 0 victory over Gateshead, Swindon Town have drawn Coventry in the 3rd round of the AXA FA Cup. The 3rd round will be played at the County Ground on Saturday 6th January 2001, kick-off 3pm.

Tickets went on restricted sale last Monday and are available to the following supporters:

- Season ticket holders
- Town Ender's
- Supporters Club Members
- 2nd round, match ticket holders
- Rotherham, match ticket holders (Swindon Town v Rotherham, Saturday 16th December 2000, 3pm kick off)

Tickets go on general sale on Tuesday 19th December. The game is priced as follows:

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23 Steve Mildenhall

Position: Goalkeeper
Born: 13.5.78, Swindon
Height: 6ft 5in
Weight: 13st 5lb

One of Swindon's home grown talents, Steve is in his fourth year as a professional after successfully coming through the Club's YTS system. Made two first team appearances in 1995/96, came off the bench to play as an outfield player in 1996/97 and made his full league debut between the posts for Swindon in October 1997. 'Mildy' made 6 appearances for Town last season. He spent most of the season in the reserves earning praise for his resolute performances.

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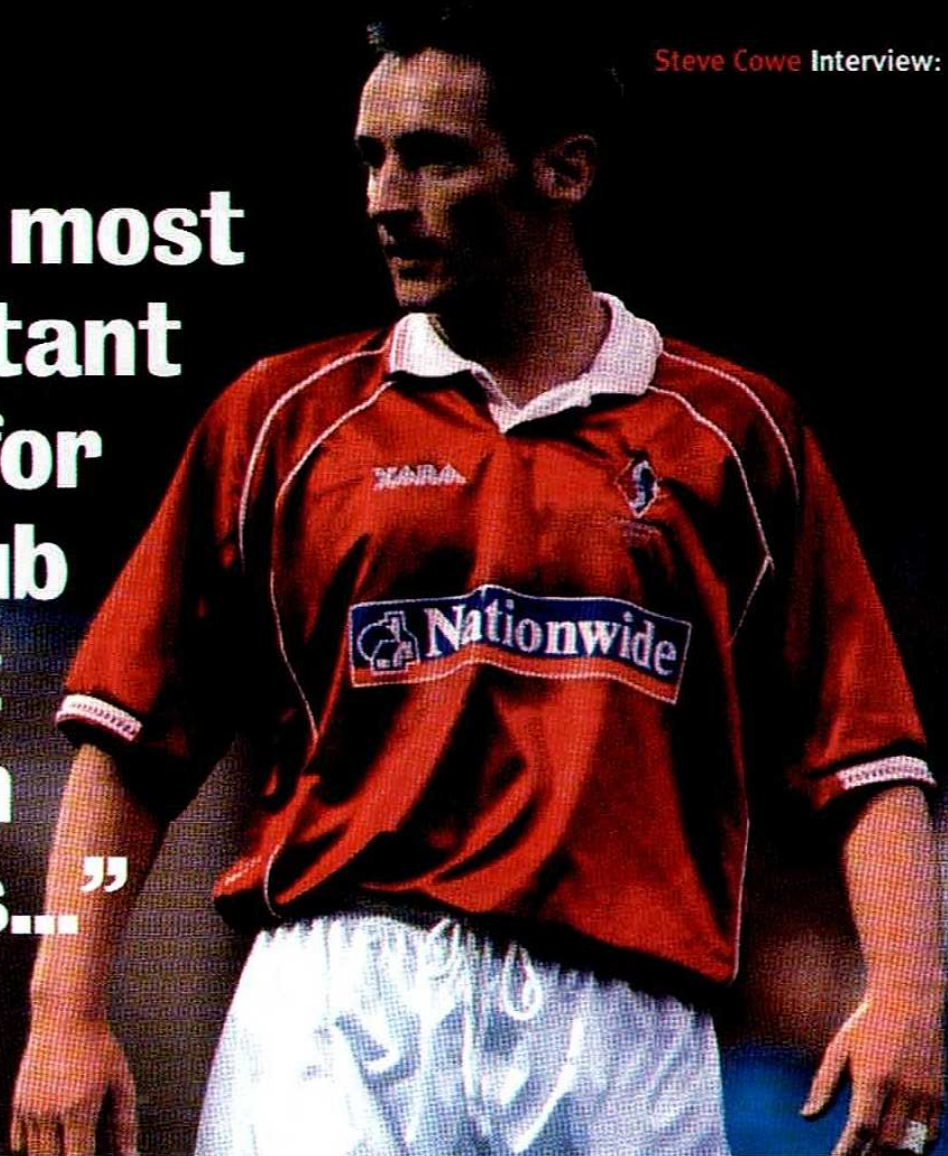
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I was delighted with last week's result and obviously over the moon with my two goals.

It has been a long time since I've played in the first team squad and it was great to be involved - it probably showed as well because I tried that little bit harder and wanted it more! My first goal was a header and not being the tallest bloke, I'm not really renowned for them, but it was pleasing to see it go in.

Youngy (Alan) did well to get the cross in and fortunately it found my head! I was pleased with the second goal because I got a good touch on it before I could put it away under the 'keeper - at the end of the day though, it is more pleasing to be involved and for the team to win the game. This season has been very frustrating for me, I have only just

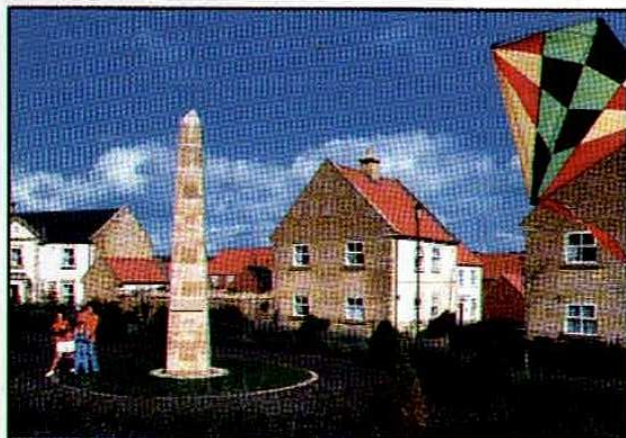
got back into the squad and to watch from the sidelines is very hard.

All I can do is play as well as I possibly can and hope that the manager picks me - one game does not warrant a starting place but I can build on last week's performance, put that extra bit of work in on the training ground and see what happens. The most important thing for the club is that we win games and the manager will pick the side that he thinks will do that.

Last Saturday was a very tough game for us. When you play sides like that (Gateshead), the pressure is on the league club to create the chances and go through to the next round - but we did our job and thankfully we have reaped the benefits with the draw putting us

against a Premiership side at home. But we have to remember that the Coventry game is next year and that we have some important games before that in the league. We have put a couple of results together now and have built up a bit of confidence - we need to build on that and start competing with the top sides in this division because we have a squad good enough to do so. Things are looking up and if we can string a few results together, people might start looking at us in a different light.

Today's game is ideal because we can see just how far we've come and if we win, we'll have so much confidence going into the Christmas period. But we know how tough it's going to be, they are second in the table for a reason but we are capable of beating them and getting away from the bottom of the table.



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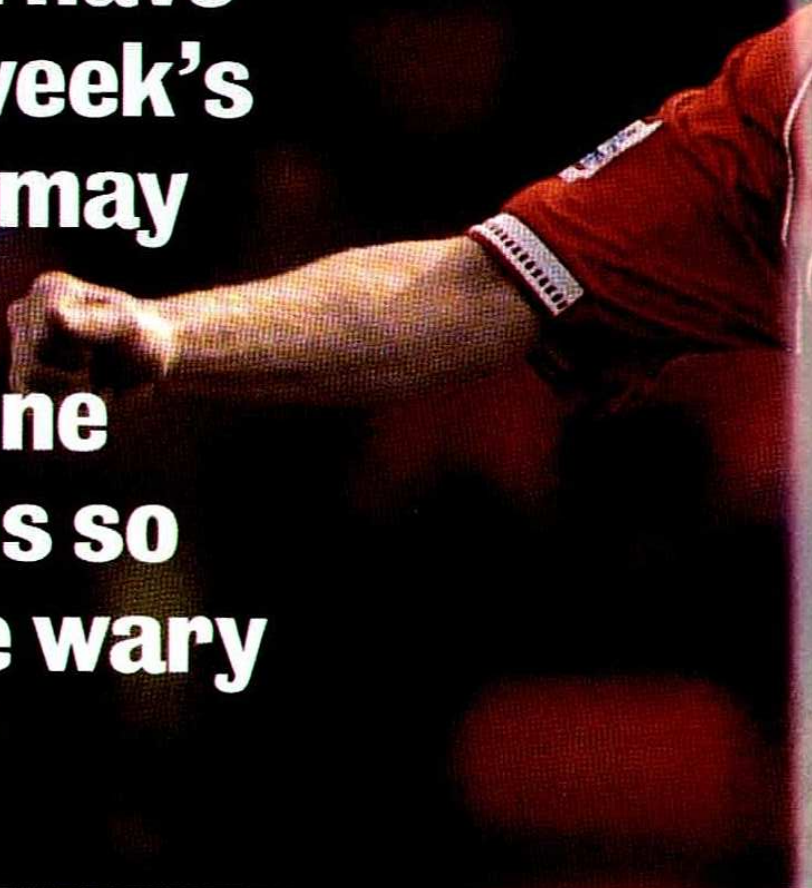
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- ▶ At least 5 per cent of tickets to each game will be made available to non-season ticket holders.
- ▶ Concessionary prices are available to junior supporters, senior citizens, students and the unemployed and concessions to senior citizens are available to both men and women from the age of 60.
- ▶ STFC will provide an area of the ground for the exclusive use of family groups and junior supporters.
- ▶ STFC will provide support for disabled supporters and their helpers. Mark Rogers, Ticket Office Manager, can be contacted for details of our disabled facilities and ticket allocation.
- ▶ The club will always make it clear to its customers buying tickets if these tickets are in a restricted viewing area.
- ▶ STFC runs a membership scheme for its Town End for home supporters. The benefits are the ability to watch a league game for £10.00 per match. Other loyalty benefits will be added to this scheme from time to time.
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“...they will have seen last week's result and may even have had someone watching us so they will be wary of us too.”

Hello and welcome to today's league game against Rotherham.

The lads are pretty confident at the moment with two in a row and with two clean sheets. Last week's victory against Gateshead was very pleasing because we all knew it was going to be a very tough game. It doesn't really matter who you play in the cup, sometimes it is harder to play against 'smaller' opposition because they try that little bit harder.

It creates additional pressure for the lads because you have to go forward and win, it is expected of you, especially from the fans' point of view. In the first half Gateshead

came out and hassled us all over the pitch, making it very difficult for us to play. Scoring an early goal really helped us to settle down and it was a superb goal too, Keith O'Halloran scoring with a tremendous shot from outside the box.

We weren't very happy with our overall performance and it wasn't until we got the second goal that we relaxed and started playing like we can. In the last ten, fifteen minutes

especially we started to play some nice stuff and we could even have had more than five goals. What counts is that we now have a home tie against a Premiership side to look forward to. It was nice for Steve Cowe to get a couple of goals, I don't

think Gary and Martin were too happy about it though! But Steve has come into the squad after playing well for the reserves and took his chances extremely confidently, particularly his second one where he had to control a difficult cross before finishing. Steve is such a great squad player and he has not had the chances he deserves - but he had one today and made the most out of it by scoring a brace.

That is not to detract from the other lads' performances. Gary, Martin and Danny worked so hard for us, tracking back and going forward, they really played well and deserved a little bit more luck on the day in front of goal.



They also took a few knocks, it was very physical for those guys and they battled extremely well.

What it does mean is that we have healthy competition for the places up front and that can only be good for the side and the manager. It is encouraging when players that have been in the reserves, come through and perform because it provides strength in depth. The reserves have been doing really well under Malcolm and are top of the league at the moment, so it is no surprise really that players are coming through into the first team squad.

It was nice to keep a clean sheet. Against Ilkeston we conceded a

sloppy goal and it was really disappointing for us to concede against non-league opposition. In the last couple of games we have reverted to playing with four at the back and we have had two clean sheets as a result.

With four at the back it means that there is an extra man in midfield allowing the side to get forward quicker and in greater numbers, it also means that we might be able to put more pressure on teams further up the field.

Today we face tougher opposition against a side that has not lost for two months and are second in the league. All the lads are looking forward to the game because the

last two games have inspired great confidence and so they should, this squad has so much talent, we just need a bit of belief in ourselves. Rotherham have done very well this year, last season they were two leagues below us and now they have grown into a very strong, physical outfit. But they will have seen last week's result and may even have had someone watching us so they will be wary of us too.

It will require a great effort from everybody, including the fans who were superb against Gateshead last week. If you can get behind us again today then I am sure we can repay you with a win and more importantly, three points.



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. 14 Isolated Excellence in the 1950's

Amid the plethora of 8 or 12 page advertising-dominated thin programmes of the 1950's, were a couple of shining beacons of high quality, notably from Chelsea and Arsenal.

The abiding thought is that if these two clubs could devote resources to produce interesting programmes, then why couldn't the other major clubs follow suit? Pre-war, Chelsea had never been ones for expansive programmes, although their 4 or 8 pagers were always packed with information (no adverts) and were invariably enlivened with an attractive cartoon. They quickly changed tack after the war, and by 1948/49 had established a substantial, conventional 16 page programme.

This was filled with features, information and photographs, both action and portrait, which could not be found in other programmes. The programme went through a number of changes in design and presentation until it settled into a

stylised 16 page issue in the late 1950's. Like their London neighbours West Ham, Spurs and Arsenal, Chelsea eschewed advertisements in their match programmes until the mid 1970's, but it was only the Gunners who matched the excellence of the Stamford Bridge programme two decades earlier. "Voice of Arsenal" on the first two pages became a feature of a trip to Highbury, and like Chelsea, there was a number of action photographs.

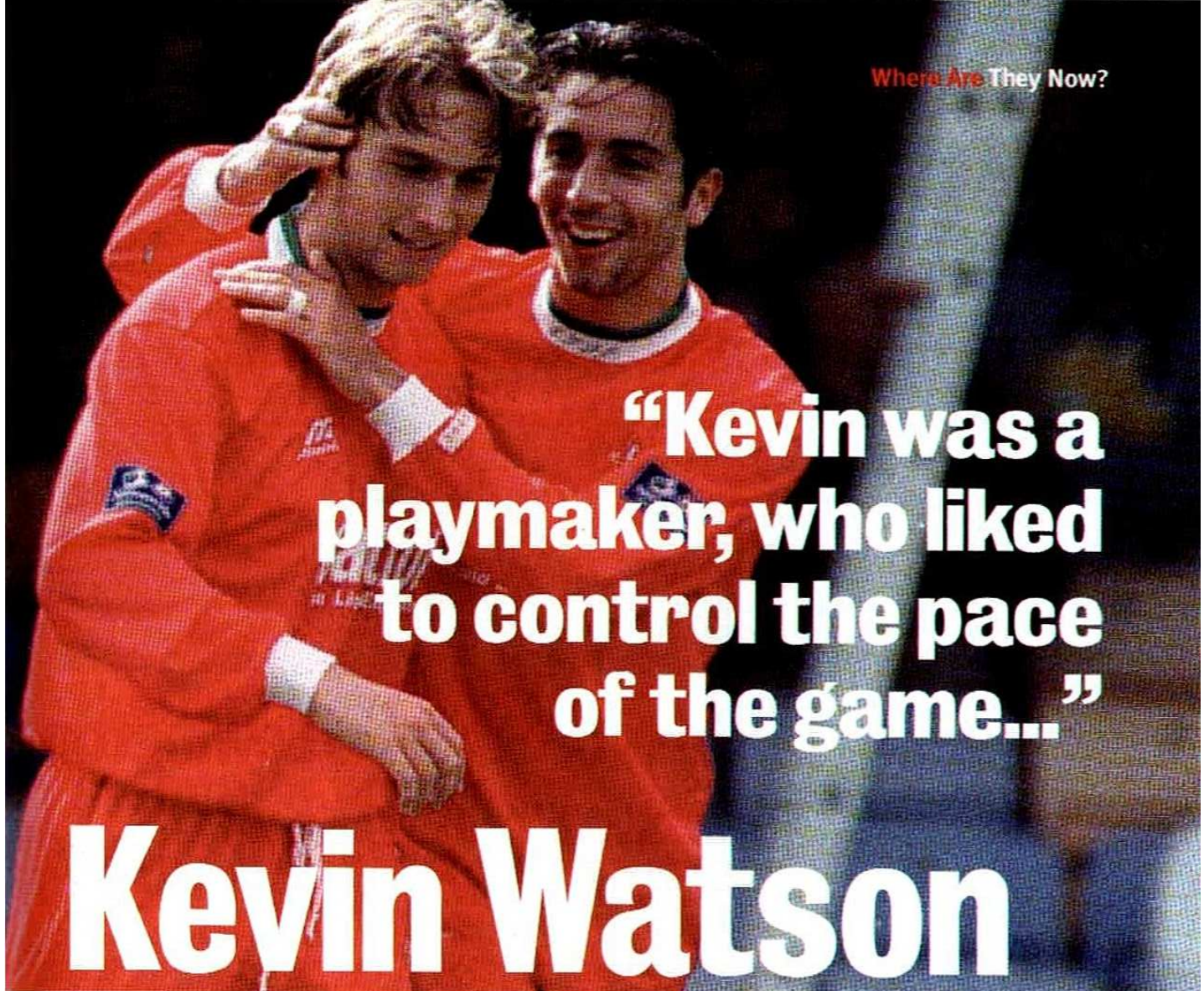
Arsenal reverted to a more conventional A5 size mid-decade, but still the content remained of a high quality and quantity. There were always four action photographs spread across two pages, a full page of pen pictures of the visitors opposite the team lines, a substantial article on general football matters ("Jottings by Spectator"), a team group photo of the visitors and a page on an aspect of the club's history. Few clubs could match the standards set by the

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London twins, although Manchester United's 1950's programme could find few critics. Shorter (by 4 pages, at 12 pages) and containing some advertising presence, the United programme offered more than the majority of 1950's programmes. There was a page of action photographs, a thoughtful piece by Manager Matt Busby, two substantial topical articles by journalists, and an entertaining full page cartoon. What the Arsenal, Manchester United and Chelsea programmes had in common was that someone had taken the trouble to devote time and imagination to their compilation, in contrast to the indifference towards their matchday issues shown by the majority of League clubs in the 1950's.





“Kevin was a playmaker, who liked to control the pace of the game...”

Kevin Watson

Steve McMahon signed 23-year old Kevin Watson from Tottenham Hotspur in July 1996 on a free transfer.

The move was an attempt by McMahon to add some more flair and creativity in the centre of midfield to break down the resolute defences of Division Two sides - Watson's trademark was his ball control and sublime passing ability. Kevin drifted in and out of the side but when he did play, showed signs of the class that has made him Rotherham United's skipper and among the club's goal scorers this season.

Kevin is a playmaker, who likes to control the pace of the game and has the ability to create goalscoring chances with his range of passing and delicate ball skill. His most

successful period came in 1996-97 when he figured in over 25 games and bagged 3 goals.

Before joining the Town, Kevin had been at Spurs and graduated through the trainee scheme. Unable to break into the first team for prolonged periods, Watson joined three clubs on loan in a period of 2 years, Brentford, near neighbours Bristol City and Barnet. After three years at the County Ground, Watson decided to move on to pastures new and joined today's visitors, Rotherham United.

Once again Kevin moved for a free transfer during the 1999 close season but it is with the Millers that Watson has had his most successful period. Watson adapted well to the side and has now become club captain and an integral part of

Ronnie Moore's promotion chasing side. A highly accomplished ball player, Watson is also an excellent passer and was one of the best midfielders in Division Three last season. Kevin netted just one goal in 1999-2000 but it was certainly a memorable strike: a rebound from the half-way line after the 'keeper had miskicked his clearance in a game against Chester at Millmoor.

Kevin, having excelled in Division Three has now proved that he can play with the best in Division Two, scoring a handful of goals and contributing to his side's promotion campaign - the side (at the time of writing) laying handsomely in second spot behind the leaders.

We welcome him back to the County Ground today, but let's just hope that today he doesn't play too well!

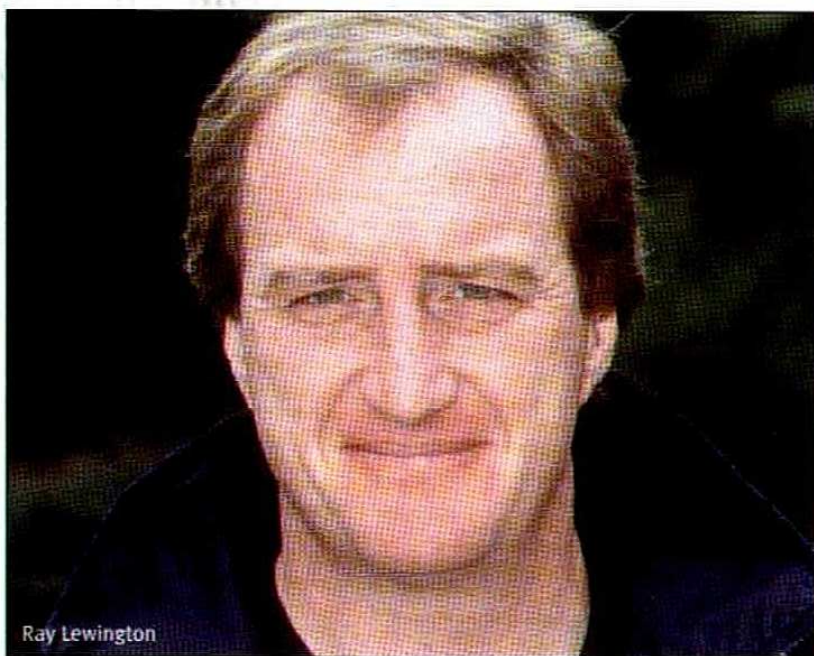
U's set for Premiership Swoop

Cambridge United look set to sign Coventry midfielder Dave Pearson. The U's were hoping to sign the midfielder before yesterday's local derby against neighbours Peterborough.

Manager Roy McFarland has been looking for someone to fill the void left by Neil Mackenzie and he hopes to sign the 23-year old starlet for the rest of the season. McFarland is hoping that Pearson can lift the club after their disastrous cup exit against Morecambe, "He's got a fair bit of experience and a good background and he's looked sharp training with us."



Roy McFarland



Ray Lewington

Bees S-warm to Lewington

Brentford players are urging Chairman Ron Noades to install caretaker boss Ray Lewington on a more permanent basis.

Noades has been looking for a replacement since he stood down from managerial duties last month. But the players, who, under his guidance have not lost, believe that Noades should look no further than

Lewington. Gavin Mahon said, "A lot of the lads are desperate for him to get the job. We all have total respect for Ray. You can talk to him and, if you're not playing well, he'll take you aside and talk it through with you."

Double Boost for Rioch

Wigan boss Bruce Rioch was last week handed some good news with Blackburn giving the Latics permission to play on-loan star Keith Gillespie in the FA Cup.

The former Republic of Ireland winger was believed to be cup tied by the Lancashire club until Wigan were told otherwise last week. Rioch was also boosted by the return from suspension of impressive young goalkeeper Roy Carroll between the posts.



Keith Gillespie

Flynn Budget

Wrexham boss, Flynn was left reeling last week after loan star Chris Killen had to return to Manchester City.

After a successful three month loan spell (five goals in fourteen games), the 21-year old striker had to return to Maine Road because the club could not afford him for a full year. Flynn has been told he has to sell before he can buy with the Robins set to make a substantial loss.

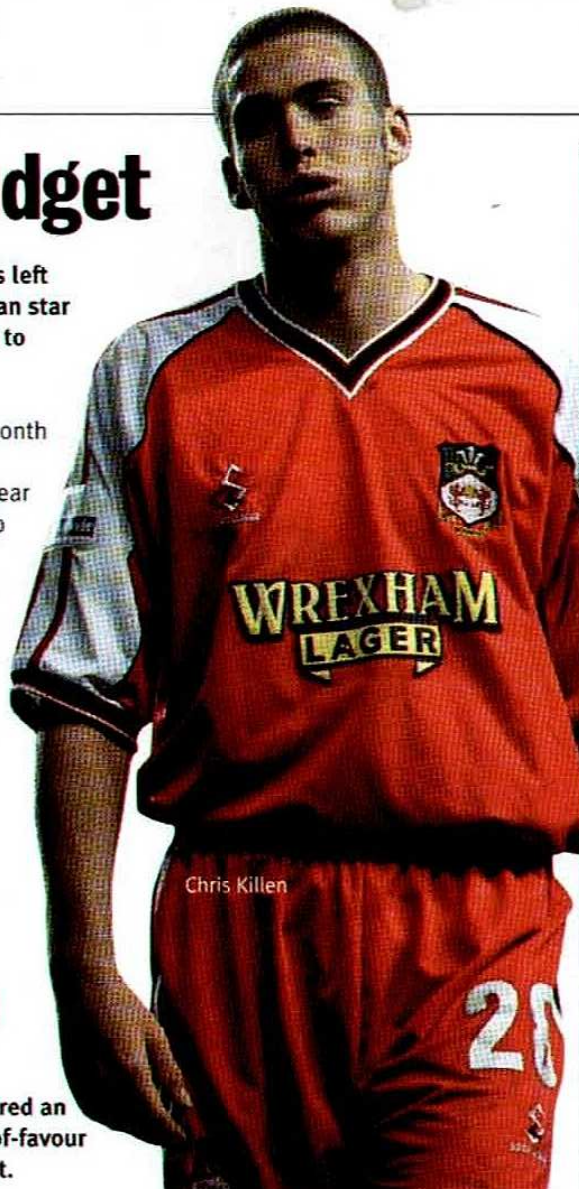
Nugent in Rival Switch?

Swansea City have declared an interest in Cardiff's out-of-favour target man, Kevin Nugent.

Swans' boss John Hollins is keen to boost his squad and, with the limited amount of cash he has at his disposal, will use it in a bid to get Swansea out of the second division's bottom four. Hollins sees the ex-Plymouth and Leyton Orient striker Nugent as the perfect addition to play alongside Savarese and/or Walter Boyd.



Kevin Nugent



Chris Killen

Bristol Bravery by Phillips

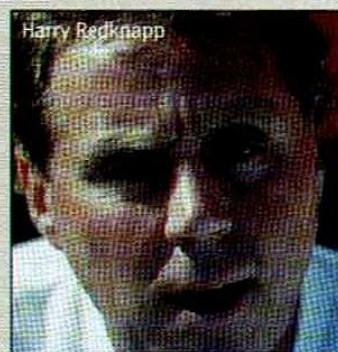
Bristol City goalkeeper Steve Phillips played in his side's 3-1 cup victory on Saturday despite a car crash before the game.

The 23-year old bravely battled on despite being involved in a car crash on his way to the ground. "It was horrible but if I had not been fit I would have told the boss and pulled out," admitted Phillips. "Three ambulances, three fire engines and the police came. I got out without a scratch."

Swans Counting the Cash

Swansea were left counting the cash after the sale of Richard Jones to Southampton.

The deal could be worth £1million to the Welsh side who have already sold 15 year old Matthew Cromwell to the south-coast Club. The fee for the Welsh Schoolboy is believed to be £250,000 but with further instalments, based on first team appearances, it could rise to the £1million mark.



Harry Redknapp

Stadium Appeal Makes Great Start

Bournemouth's Stadium Appeal which was launched a couple of weeks ago has so far raised over £100,000.

Individual supporters' contributed as much as £1,000 and £5,000. Many former players, including Harry Redknapp and Ted MacDougal, contributed to a star-studded fund-raising evening that included video messages from other top names such as Glenn Hoddle, Des Lynam and David Ginola.

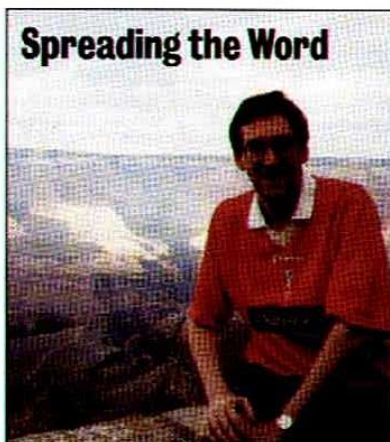
FanScene

Town's show yer colours is back!



Pictured here Showing their Colours are Josette and John Farmer, eating lunch in Tampere, Finland.

The couple were visiting Finland in October this year watching the England Under 21's in action. Whilst on their travels, the couple were amazed to see so many Town fans on tour. We welcome them both to today's match.



Showing His Colours in America is avid Town fan Steve Warren, also on his travels this October.

Steve says that whilst on his travels in America, he was 'spreading the word' and told many of his love for the Town. He is pictured here in front of the beautiful surroundings of the Grand Canyon.



Guess Who?
Can you guess who this former Town player, pictured in 1993, is? This picture was found in the depths of our archive and to give you a clue - he is pictured elsewhere in this programme...

Showing His Colours



Swindon Town Look-a-Likes

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Quentin Tarantino



Adam Willis

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!



Here is the latest instalment of Ken McKenzie's travels around the world. This picture is the second from his collection of photographs from Cambodia. This time he is Showing His Colours outside the Tuolsleng Genocide Museum - watch this space for the next chapter of his travel log.



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Derby Demolition

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The Town Ladies will travel to Stowmarket tomorrow to face the Suffolk side in the re-arranged "AXA" Women's FA Cup third round tie. Last Sunday's game was postponed because the mini bus that the players were travelling in broke down and the party was forced to spend four hours on the hard shoulder of the M25! In the league the Town visited near neighbours Reading and won by six goals to one. Tracy Peacock gave the Town a two goal lead at the interval but Reading pulled one back just after the break. Tracy Peacock completed her hat-trick and then got a fourth with a fine diving header from Michelle Rich's cross. Holly

Ashman took the Town total to six with two late goals. Adelle Taylor, the Town's Welsh youth international has joined Cardiff City. Adelle, who plays in defence, has been with the Town for five seasons now. The Town reached the semi-final stage of the Ambassador South West Combination League Cup when they beat Denham United by two goals to one. After a goal less first half Tracy Peacock put the Town ahead on the hour and Kim Reeves added a second when she headed in Pam Laker's corner. Denham got a consolation goal late from injury time.

Roger Reeves

South West Combination League Fixtures 2000/2001

3rd	Sept	Bristol City	3-3
10th	Sept	Clevedon Town	3-0
17th	Sept	Oxford United	P-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	Wimbome - 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 LC 2nd	2-1
17th	Dec	Stowmarket - FA Cup 3rd	H
7th	Jan	Clevedon United	A
14th	Jan	Oxford United	H
21st	Jan	Saltash Pilgrims	A
28th	Jan	Yeovil Town	A
4th	Feb	Southampton	H
11th	Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
18th	Feb	Cheltenham Town	H
4th	Mar	Reading	H
11th	Mar	Portsmouth	A
(to be re-arranged)		Bristol City	H



Adelle Taylor, the Welsh Youth International, who has joined Cardiff City.



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Matches from Memory

By Dick Mattick



For Swindon the 1978/79 season had been characterised by some good displays of football that lacked the killer punch.

It was this lack of goals that persuaded manager Bob Smith to pay Watford £80,000 for Alan Mayes.

At a time when there were still only two points for a win, the gap between Town and second-placed Shrewsbury, seven points ahead seemed large but with two games in hand some hopes of promotion still remained. With Rotherham a point behind Town in the table and Mayes making his first team debut, the match at Millmoor was viewed with a great deal of interest.

The game was only twelve minutes old when a nasty collision took place between Brian Williams and Richard Finney that resulted in both players taking no further part in the contest. Home manager Jimmy McGuigan and Town boss Smith both came on to the pitch at this point, not to complain about this incident, but the fact that they were concerned about a colour clash! Rotherham were wearing their normal Arsenal style strip of red with white sleeves while Town wore a white strip with a diagonal red stripe. Although in Scotland no-one seems to worry about a team in green and white hoops playing a team in green with white sleeves, in England such a clash does not usually occur. The referee declined to allow the players to leave the field but by the time the second half began, Swindon had borrowed Rotherham's change strip and were



Alan Mayes

wearing all blue. By this time Swindon were one up, having scored on the stroke of half time. A move which had begun in Town's own half ended with Alan Mayes cracking a superb swerving shot from thirty yards.

It was a measure of Swindon's superiority that the Millers had not managed a shot on target until the 56th minute, but when they did, Trevor Phillips converted Alan Crawford's pass to bring the scores level. Swindon fans did not have to wait long to see the lead restored, in the 63rd minute Ray McHale pierced the Rotherham defence to find Alan Mayes. After drawing Rotherham's 'keeper away from his goal, he managed to slot home despite the best efforts of the defender to turn it round the post. Mayes completed his hat-trick just two minutes later following a long punt downfield by



Ken Stroud

Jimmy Allan. John Flynn got a head to it but it skidded off to Mayes who smartly rounded the keeper to make it 3-1. With Kenny Stroud and Steve Aizlewood in commanding form, the Town defence held on for what the Adver called an 'A-Mayes-ing' win.

Mayes scored eight more goals but it was not enough to win promotion, Town finishing three points and three places behind Watford. Rotherham fell away to seventh.

Swindon:

Allan, Hamilton, Aizlewood, Stroud, Ford, McHale, Carter, Williams (Bates), Miller, Rowland and Mayes.

Rotherham:

McAlister, Forrest, Flynn, Green, Breckin, Stancliffe, Smith, Finney (Dawson), Phillips, Gwyther and Crawford.

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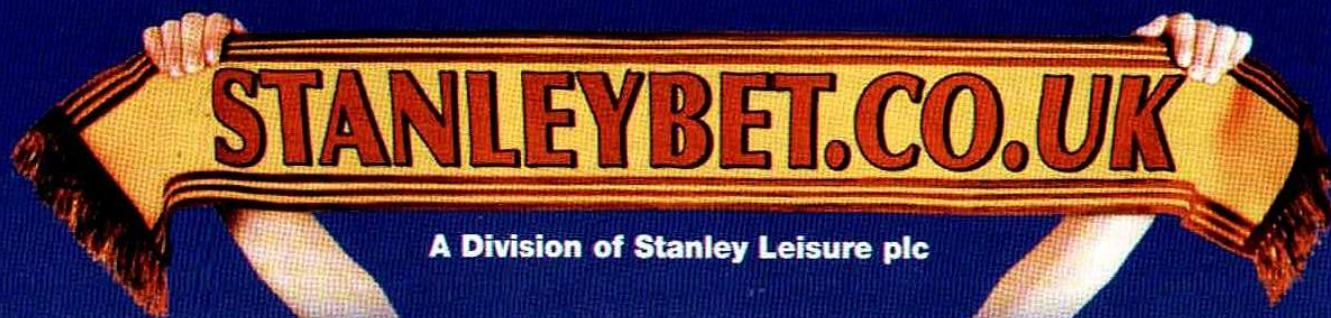
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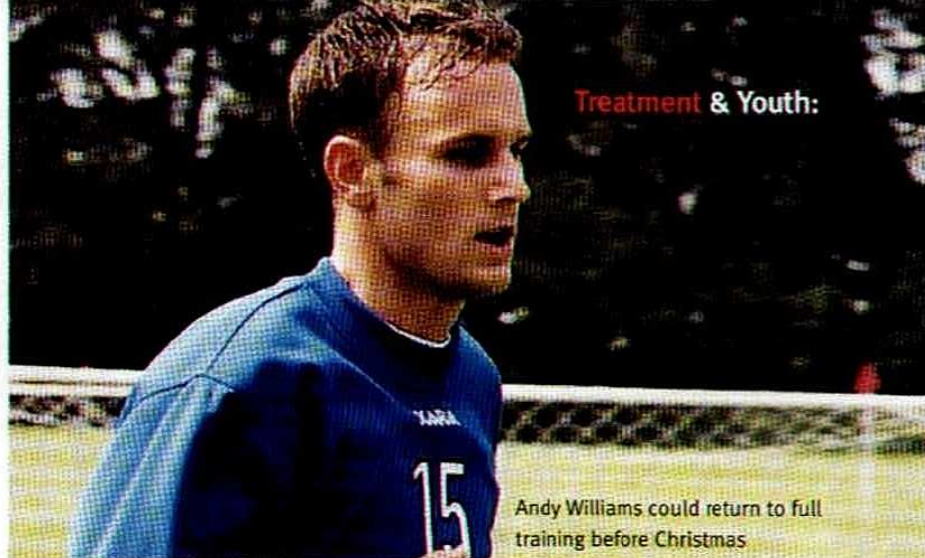
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We have four players with us in the treatment room this week; **Graz**, **Matty Hewlett**, **Andy Williams** and **Antoine van der Linden**.

Graz is feeling a little bit better. He saw a specialist last Tuesday who checked him out - it is important that we see the specialist before we go any further. We have to be very careful with **Graz**, especially in these adverse weather conditions - they tend to aggravate the abdominal area. Statistically November, December and January are the toughest months for most clubs in terms of injuries, abdominal and groin injuries are very common.

Andy Williams saw the same specialist as **Graz** on Monday morning

and he was very pleased with the progress that he has made. He has given us the OK to work him even harder, do some quicker work. So far we have done a lot of long runs and we need to improve his speed and get him onto some ball work. We are hoping that, if he can continue to improve as quickly as he has done, that he can return to full training very soon, maybe even in the next week or two. It has been six weeks now so he is on course for a good recovery in the time scale that we set him.

Antoine was the only casualty from Saturday's cup game. He has a slight groin strain that he pulled at the end of the game. He didn't do all that much on Monday but he should be fine for today's game.

Finally, we have **Matty Hewlett** who has worked extremely hard this week. He went to Lilleshall on Monday. They have equipment there that we don't have, that measures leg strength and other things which are crucial in the planning of where we go from here.

He has been running very well and we think that he deserved a change of scenery. They will introduce some rotation work and take him on that little bit further. Hopefully he will be on his return to fitness some time in the new year, I am reluctant to put a definite date on him but we are fairly confident that he will return in January. At the end of the day he has to feel right in himself and we won't rush him until he reaches that point.



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Five Of The Best:

Derby Day...

With the Reading game just two weeks away, we look at five of the best British derbies...

5 Swindon Town v Oxford United

For many Town fans, this is probably the most eagerly awaited fixture of the football season. Even this year, with Bristol City, Bristol Rovers and Reading all in the same division, it is this derby that excites supporters and players the most.

Unfortunately, in recent years, the Oxford derby has also become a 'six-pointer', with both clubs having struggled in the respective divisions (as if these games were not tense enough already). None more so than this year's 2-1 win at the County Ground, with both clubs positioned in the bottom three at the time.

This derby is fuelled purely by the geographical proximity and the games between the two clubs have provided marvellous entertainment over the years. Home advantage also seems to be a major factor

when it comes to the outcome - the last six games being won by the home side (the last time Town won at the Manor Ground was in 1993.) Every so often there are games that fans always dreams of - in 1998 and 99 Swindon ran out 4-1 winners at the County Ground, Ndah being one of the revered goalscorers.

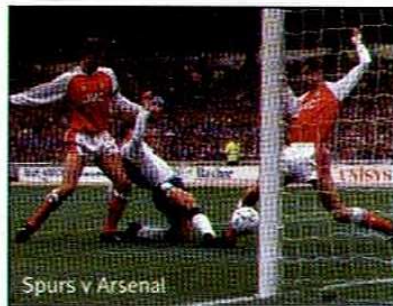
4 Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal

As if the London derby was not ferocious enough, former Arsenal boss George Graham joined Spurs to add fuel to the fire! Graham, league and cup winner with the Gunners, joined the Spurs in a move that infuriated both sets of fans.

Regardless of league positions, the North London derby has always produced close games, four draws in the last seven games. In recent years, Arsenal have been in the top three whilst Spurs have had to live

with the fact that they are just not good enough to pose a threat to the Championship but you would never guess, such are the nature of the results.

In the 80's players such as Adams, Mabbutt and Rocastle epitomised the hard-working, tough-tackling player that fans used to love, home grown talent that understood how much the game meant to them. Now, the passion and fiery temperament of the games has not changed but it is a continental selection of players that now represents the two clubs. Arsenal currently lead in the number of matches won, having won 56 to 49.





The passion of the fans is plain to see in the faces of these Merseyside Derby supporters.

3 Liverpool v Everton

As well as being a stone's throw across Stanley Park, the Merseyside derby is sometimes one of the most exciting, with a number of high scoring games. None more so than in the 30's when, in 1933, the red half celebrated a 7-4 victory and three years later, a 6-0 drubbing.

Despite continually finding the Premiership a tough nut to crack Everton have enjoyed the most success in this match in recent seasons, winning 7 out of the last 9 years. This derby is the embodiment of long-standing rivalry and unnerving passion. Visions of The Kop End at Anfield and The Gwladys Street Stand at Goodison Park will live long in the memory when the two clubs, as they have recently confirmed, finally relocate to more multi-purpose stadia later this

decade. It will be interesting to see how much of a bearing their current homes affect the traditional rivalry of all derby matches.

The Merseyside faithful will have to cope with change, I'm sure, like the rest of the country, they are still trying to get their heads around the post-match interviews not conducted entirely in fluent Scouse. Although, most of us are biased because it's a lot easier to understand Croation!

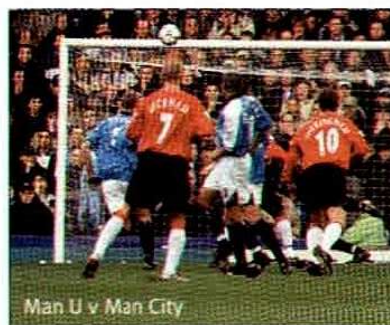
2 Manchester United v Manchester City

Manchester City have had to live in the shadow of their great rivals for over a decade and have even had to wait for four years to play them again in a competitive match.

Historically, the two clubs could not have had more contrasting fortunes, especially in the last few years, with

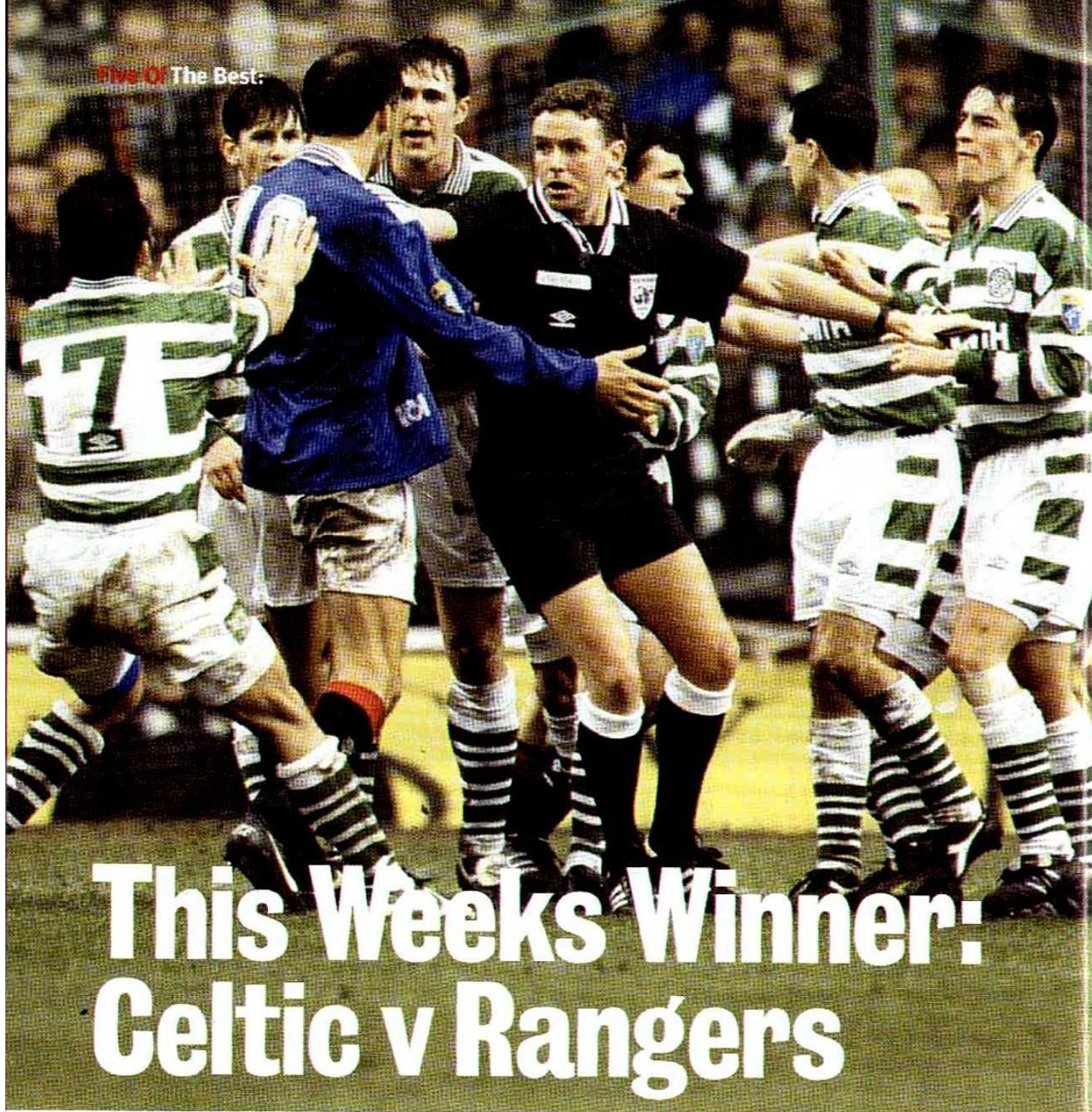
several seasons of decline culminating in two terms in Division Two for City, and a historic treble for Ferguson's United. This may explain why United have defeated City no less than 49 times as opposed to City's 32, with City's last win ten years ago in a rare 5-1 mauling of a United team led by Eric Cantona.

This season's encounter, eagerly awaited by both sets of fans was marred by the sending off of Danny Tiatto and the throwing of coins at United's David Beckham. Beckham silenced his critics in the best possible fashion, with the deciding goal in the early stages of the contest.



Man U v Man City

Five Of The Best:



This Week's Winner: Celtic v Rangers

1 Celtic v Rangers

Anyone who witnessed the game between Celtic and Rangers two weeks ago will understand why we have made it this week's number one! Fast, ferocious, frenetic - I got tired just watching it!

No other derby in British football exudes such passion but also (unfortunately), such ill-feeling and

tension. As well as the geographical proximity (in essence - the vital ingredient of a derby), the 'Old Firm' derby has political, religious and historical connotations, something that Gazza encountered a couple of seasons ago. Having scored a goal for Rangers, Gascoigne paraded himself in front of the Celtic fans playing the flute, a gesture that carries deep religious and political significance for many Celtic fans.

In recent years Celtic fans have had to endure a prolonged period of

dominance by their rivals, although it appeared at the start of this season that the tides had changed. Martin O'Neill's men not only defeated Advocaat's side 6-2 (the first big win since their 7-1 mauling of Rangers in 1957), but also raced 15 points clear at the top of the table.

Now (at the time of writing), Celtic are still 12 points clear but Rangers have shown signs of improvement, is the 5-1 defeat at Ibrox the push they needed to get them going?



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.

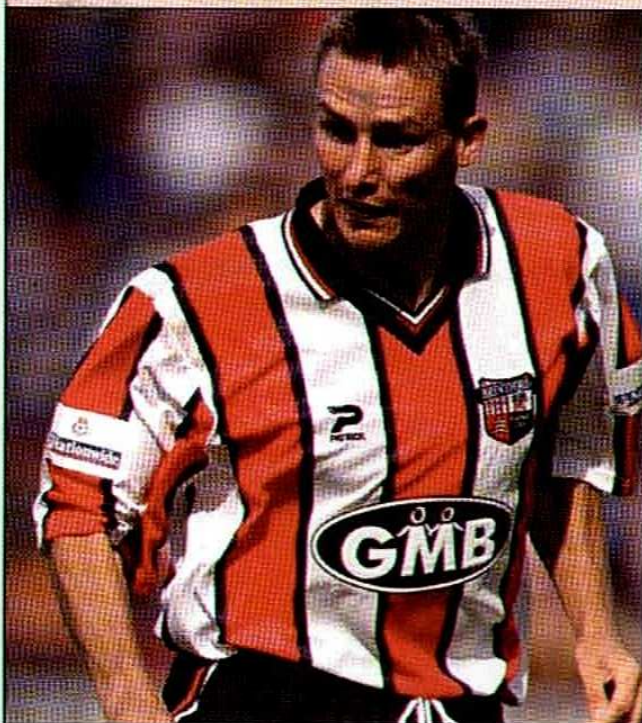
Yet, despite the recent slump, Bury still occupy a position in mid-table and within the team they have a sublime blend of experienced and youthful players to return to form. Former Town work-horse and hard man, Darren Bullock, has been in terrific form since his move to Gigg Lane in February 1999 (from 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.



V Brentford Football Club

(HOME) Tuesday 26th December 3.00pm

Picture: Andy Scott



After an inconsistent and eventful start to the season, the Bees would appear to have turned the corner with a run of four games without defeat.

After an indifferent run of form, Bees' boss Ron Noades decided to step down in favour of now caretaker boss, Ray Lewington. So far he has not tasted defeat and the players are now urging for him to take over on a more permanent basis.

Brentford's turning point would appear to be the embarrassing FA Cup defeat at the hands of non-league Kingstonian in the first round, according to top goal scorer Andy Scott that is. "We took a lot of stick over the last couple of weeks...we wanted to prove a point to ourselves, the fans and the management" he said. Brentford's resurrection since that game started with a battling performance against Wigan and continued two weeks ago with a 4-1 drubbing of Oxford in the LDV Trophy.



Box Office



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

AWAY v Bury Football Club

Saturday 23rd December 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture away at Gigg Lane. All tickets are pay on the day.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £14
Concessions: £7
Juniors: £7



AWAY v Walsall Football Club

Monday 1st January 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the Bescot Stadium. All tickets are pay on the day.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £14
Concessions: £10
Juniors: £10



HOME v Brentford Football Club

Tuesday 26th December 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the County Ground. Tickets for all home games are now on general sale.

Matchday Prices From:

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



HOME v Coventry City Football Club

Saturday 6th January 3.00pm

'AXA' Sponsored FA Cup third round fixture at the County Ground.

Matchday Prices From:

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



HOME v Reading Football Club

Saturday 30th December 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the County Ground. Tickets for all home games are now on general sale.

Matchday Prices From:

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



HOME v Port Vale Football Club

Saturday 13th January 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two fixture at the County Ground. Tickets for all home games are now on general sale.

Matchday Prices From:

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



Xmas Box Office Opening Times

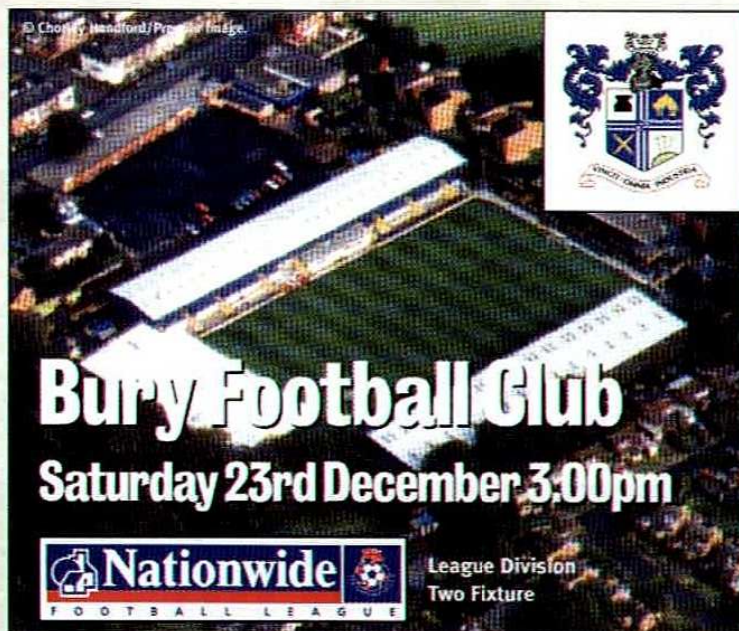
Friday 22nd December	9am - 4pm
Saturday 23rd December	10am - 1pm
Sunday 24th December	Closed
Monday 25th December	Closed
Tuesday 26th December	10am - kick-off (v Brentford)
Wed 27th - Fri 29th December	9am - 5pm
Saturday 30th December	9am - kick-off (v Reading)
Sunday 31st December	Closed
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Bury Football Club
Saturday 23rd December 3.00pm

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE
League Division Two Fixture

Travel Information

**Bury Football Club,
Gigg Lane**

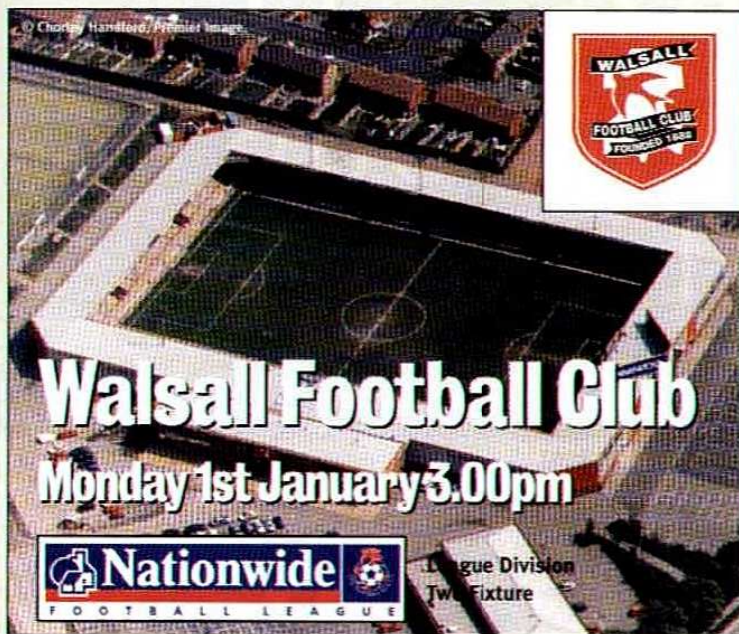
Ground Capacity: 11,841
Club Nickname: The Shakers



Adult Fare: £14.50
U-15 Fare: £13.00

Supporters' Club
Members receive a 50p
discount on fares.

Depart **COUNTY GROUND:** 09.00
Depart **ERMIN STREET:** 09.15
Depart **WEST SWINDON:** 08.45



Walsall Football Club
Monday 1st January 3.00pm

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE
League Division Two Fixture

Travel Information

**Walsall Football Club,
The Bescott Stadium**

Ground Capacity: 9,000
Club Nickname: The Saddlers



Adult Fare: £9.00
U-15 Fare: £8.00

Supporters' Club
Members receive a 50p
discount on fares.

Depart **COUNTY GROUND:** 11.15
Depart **ERMIN STREET:** 11.30
Depart **WEST SWINDON:** 11.00

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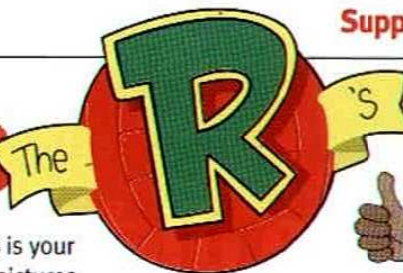
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Junior Robins



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

Our lucky Junior Mascot for the Gateshead game was Jade Woodhouse who will be 10 years old on December 30th, well done Jade.

We have three Junior Robin Mascots for today's match - Vicky Smith, Richie Smith and Ryan McCarthy. Brother and sister Richie and Vicky and Cousin Ryan, we hope you all have a great day.

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 or a special friend's

birthday, send in your request etc., 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.



Swindon Town Football Club Supporters' Club



As this is the last home match before Christmas it is appropriate to wish the compliments of the season to all of our Club members, Town fans in general and of course the Officials and players of the Football Club.

Last week's F A Cup victory over Gateshead and the subsequent draw, would have had all Town fans glued to either radio or T.V. to learn our fate. We now of course know that our luck resulted in a home draw against Premiership opposition in the shape of Coventry. Its many years since we played Coventry in the F A Cup and lets hope that this time the result goes in our favour.

During the first half of the season we received tremendous support from the Evening Advertiser for their

sponsorship of our Robins Revival Half Time Draw. We are delighted to announce that we have just received confirmation that this sponsorship will now be extended until the end of the season and is a great benefit to us in our fund-raising aims.

Latest winner at the Gateshead game was Chris O'Hanlon from Wantage. A subscriber to the payment in advance scheme, his winning ticket number was an additional ticket purchased outside the Club Shop. The ticket number was 259 and paid £225. Anyone backing Keith O'Halloran last week to score the first goal would have picked up £20 for their £1 stake at the concourse betting shop, a similar stake in our draw paid over 10 times that amount for the same cost.

We are now offering an additional chance to pay in advance with special forms available for 10 league games.

Forms will be available from sellers on a match day so please ask. Alternatively, write to us, C/O The County Ground, with your cheque for £10, to ensure your number, which remains the same for all draws, and is always included, whether you are at the game or not.

Please visit our website **HYPERLINK** <http://go.to/swindontown> for further details or for other information on supporters' club activity.

The site may also be accessed by searching for "swindon web" and then going through the attached link.

“Little did they know of the troubles that lay ahead.”

The Year That Was

- Another year is nearly over and, during this time of high spirits and goodwill to all it is an ideal opportunity to reflect on the past and then look forward to the future.

It hardly seems possible that it is almost 12 months ago that the talk was of Domes and Bugs (both have proved unworthy of the hype) or a year ago that Manchester United took a trip into the unknown to play in the World Club Championship against the creme de la creme of South American and Saudi Arabian Football.

That trip seemed to be one too far for United and Darlington claimed

the unique accolade of being the only club to appear in the 3rd round of the FA Cup after being knocked out in the 2nd round.

So as Fergy's boys sat around topping up their already impressive sunbed tans on the beaches of Rio, the rest of the Premiership had the ideal opportunity to regain some ground on United.

Unfortunately for the Premiership, United came back in far better shape than they left and set about annihilating the remainder of the field to claim the title once again.

England began the year with a friendly against Argentina and, despite an encouraging 0-0 draw,

seemed to be enough to convince Kevin Keegan that England were once again on the cusp of World Domination. Next up were the Brazilians and, when Michael Owen put England 1-0 up, Keegan must have closed his eyes and imagined himself presiding over a triumphant Euro 2001 campaign.

Brazil equalised prior to halftime and again England had to settle for a draw against South American opposition.

Victories followed against Ukraine and the mighty Malta and England headed towards Euro 2000 in high spirits. Little did they know of the troubles that lay ahead.

The Death of a Dream?

What a dawn to the new millenium. Everything seems to be going wrong; the Dome, the American Presidential election, the railways, the price of oil, the weather etc. etc. and now, calamity of calamities, the New Wembley Stadium project has gone completely pear-shaped and the wheels have fallen off. As Frankie Howerd would have said: Woe!, woe! and thrice times woe!

The major international financial institutions that were considering investment in the stadium are, as one, showing a distinct lack of interest in a project whose budget and specifications have spiralled from approximately £250 million to a ludicrous £660 million and counting, let's face it, without the support of those institutions the new stadium will never be built because if it was, at that cost, the money would never be recovered.

At the centre of the controversy is a certain Ken Bates Esq. (surprise, surprise), chairman of Chelsea FC and also of Wembley National Stadium Limited. A major contributory factor to the massive escalation of the new Wembley's costs is the specification,

spearheaded by Mr Bates, that includes a huge hotel, extensive banqueting and conference suites and even an office block - a kind of new Stamford Bridge complex - but immensely larger and costlier. Hindsight is a wonderful thing, but the writing was probably on the wall when WNSL decided that the new facility would not cater for athletics, a decision that incurred the wrath of those government ministers concerned with sport in general in the UK. Let there be no doubt, we need a new national stadium - in order to be able to bid for international athletic events - as well as a new home for the national soccer team, FA Cup Final, Rugby League Cup Final etc, but why build two?

I have many fond memories of Wembley occasions, May 1993 in particular, but none whatsoever for the stadium itself, I think it was an appalling venue. I found it uncomfortable and with shockingly inadequate parking, catering and toilet facilities. Many, many seats in it were badly visually-restricted and,

worst of all, it was situated in a totally inappropriate location - set in the middle of a grimy industrial estate where access by road, rail, bus and car was a complete nightmare.

Surely this new facility should have been planned to be built elsewhere, somewhere adjacent to the motorway and railway networks in the West Midlands or Greater Manchester, to allow ease of access to the whole of the country, not just to north Londoners, there can be no doubt that a major factor towards the Dome's failure was its ludicrous location.

Furthermore, surely it should be built to accomodate a very minimum of 100,000 spectators and the accent should be on providing an excellent, easily accessible facility for the whole country's grass-roots fans, not Roy Keane's 'prawn sandwich-eating', expense account dilettantes. We can only hope.

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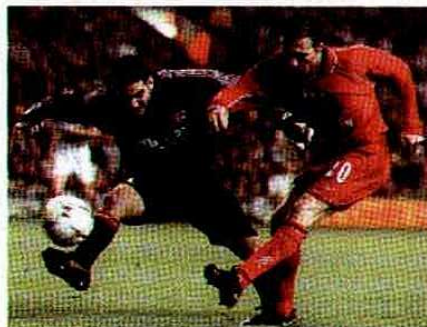
Week in pictures

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



Thursday 7th

Nick Barmby scores Liverpool's second goal in their convincing defeat of Olympiakos in the UEFA Cup



Saturday 9th

Arsenal coast to a 5-0 victory on a day that saw 31 goals scored in the Premiership



Friday 8th

Pakistan amass over 400 runs in the first innings of the final test in Karachi



Sunday 10th

Young Nicky Crittenden scores a last-gasp goal for Yeovil in the 1-0 defeat of Steve McMahon's Blackpool



Tuesday 12th

Referee Graham Poll abandons Manchester City's Worthington Cup tie against Ipswich after 19 mins



Monday 11th

England complete a historic series victory over Pakistan by becoming the first team ever to beat them in Karachi



Wednesday 13th

On the day Liverpool face Fulham in the Worthington Cup, Houllier's men are drawn against Roma in the next phase of the UEFA Cup








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Northampton Town 0 v Swindon Town 1 - Saturday December 2nd 2000

Around the Grounds...

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

Highly rated defender Danny Smith has signed a long term deal with the club but Jermaine Defoe's loan period is soon to end. The Cherries may struggle in his absence.		v		Swansea will be looking for their first win since dropping into the bottom three. They haven't won at Dean Court since 1994, with one win in the last five at the south coast.
Bristol Rovers haven't lost a home game against Stoke since 1971/72.		v		Stoke boss Gudjon Thordarson will be hoping for a win to rekindle his promotion fire following the 3-1 defeat by Luton. Haven't beaten Bristol Rovers since 1977/78.
Hapless Bury boss Andy Preece has endured more bad luck with the news that his highly rated defender Matt Barrass will be out for a further three months.		v		A mixed bag of events for Andy Ritchie with Paul Jones being ruled out with a head injury until the New Year and John Sheridan returning to the first team squad.
Roy McFarland will have on-loan striker Paul Connor at his disposal from Stoke. He may also unleash a new Premiership midfielder who is said to be joining the club.		v		Mid-table Peterborough will be looking to continue their good form against a Cambridge side low on confidence. They haven't won at the Abbey Stadium since 1988.
Luton boss Fuccillo will be hoping for a similar performance to that which brought them a 3-1 victory away at Stoke. They have also never lost at home to Colchester.		v		Struggling Colchester will be hoping for their first win at Kenilworth Road in their history.
Millwall could gain some points on the league leaders if they can win today. They have won the last two encounters at home against Walsall.		v		Walsall could open the gap between themselves and the chasing pack with a win here today, it would be their first win at the New Den for three years.
Notts County will have their work cut out against high flying Royals. County Boss Jockey Scott may not know whether he has Farrell and Allsopp at his disposal until late on.		v		The Royals will be looking to climb back into the automatic promotion places against a team they have not lost to in two years.
Basement club Oxford United will be needing a win to gain ground on the clubs immediately above them. They haven't lost to Northampton since 1977.		v		Northampton have endured a poor run of form of late, including the 1-0 home defeat at the hands of the Town. They have never won at the Manor Ground.
Perennial strugglers Port Vale may be boosted by the presence of a new striker if Brian Horton can secure terms with Jamaican international, Onandi Lowe.		v		Promotion chasing Bristol City will need to secure their first win at Vale Park since 1989 if they are to continue their surge up the table.
Bruce Rioch's men could benefit if Walsall and Millwall draw and his side's record against Wycombe is impressive, having never lost at home to the Buckinghamshire club.		v		Wycombe's early promotion charge has been grinding to a halt and looks set to take another setback today. Sanchez's side have a poor record against Wigan.
Wrexham are another club who have suffered a poor run of form of late and amazingly, the Welsh club have not beaten Brentford at home since 1977.		v		Brentford are undefeated since their embarrassing cup exit against Kingstonian and they have won four out of the last seven visits to the Racecourse Ground.

Statistics 2000/2001...

STFC Fact-Files...

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The Key...

FAC = F.A.CUP
WC = WORTHINGTON CUP

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	GRAZDO
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	GRAZDO
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	5,930	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	-	MILDERHALL	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	5-0	4,703	-	GRIEMINK	DAVIS	ROBINSON	VAN DER LINDEN	REEVES	HOWE	WOAN	O'HALLORAN 2	INVINCIBLE 2
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	COVENTRY CITY (FAC3)	H												
SAT JAN 13TH	PORT VALE	H												
SAT JAN 20TH	BRENTFORD	A												
SAT JAN 27TH	BURY	H												
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SAT FEB 10TH	BRISTOL CITY	H												
SAT FEB 17TH	CAMBRIDGE UTD	A												
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SAT FEB 24TH	LUTON TOWN	H												
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SAT MAY 5TH	STOKE CITY	A												
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DANNY INVINCIBLE
REEVES, O' HALLORAN
WILLIAMS, HOWE
ALEXANDER, COWE

7
4
3
2

Top Gates 2000/2001...

BRISTOL ROVERS
OXFORD UNITED
COLCHESTER UNITED
WALSALL

8,097
7,975
7,296
5,492

Last Four Matches...

GATESHEAD (FAC 2) 9TH DEC H W 5-0
NORTHAMPTON 2ND DEC A W 1-0
STOKE CITY 25TH NOV H L 0-3
ILKESTON (FAC 1) 18TH NOV H W 4-1

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FRONT COVER BART GRIEMINK

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VS ROTHERHAM UNITEDPLAYER IN RED
DENOTES SCORERSYMBOL IN GREY (+ - -)
DENOTES PLAYER REPLACED

1	2	3	4	5
WILLIS	HEWLETT	HOWE	COWE	GRIFFIN
GRAZIOLO	DUKE	HOWE	GRIFFIN	VAN DER LINDEN
VAN DER LINDEN	HEWLETT	COWE	A. WILLIAMS	GRIFFIN
GRAZIOLO	ALEXANDER	DAVIS	GRIFFIN	WILLIS
GRIFFIN	DAVIS	GRAZIOLO	WILLIAMS	COBIAN
DAVIS	HEWLETT	ROBERTSON	GRAZIOLO	COWE
DAVIS	HEWLETT	GRAZIOLO	ROBERTSON	COBIAN
O'HALLORAN	M. WILLIAMS	TOUMELA	GRAZIOLO	COBIAN
DAVIS	ALEXANDER	ROBERTSON	A. WILLIAMS	VAN DER LINDEN
HEWLETT	ROBERTSON	ROBERTSON	INVINCIBLE	YOUNG
TOUMELA	ROBERTSON	INVINCIBLE	WILLIS	GRAZIOLO
WILLIS	INVINCIBLE	VAN DER LINDEN	COBIAN	GRAZIOLO
M. WILLIAMS	ALEXANDER	A. WILLIAMS	GRAZIOLO	VAN DER LINDEN
ALEXANDER	M. WILLIAMS	A. WILLIAMS	GRAZIOLO	VAN DER LINDEN
ALEXANDER	M. WILLIAMS	ROBERTSON	GRAZIOLO	YOUNG
GRAZIOLO	M. WILLIAMS	A. WILLIAMS	VAN DER LINDEN	ROBERTSON
A. WILLIAMS (S/O)	O'HALLORAN	COWE	REEVES	GRAZIOLO
WOAN	M. WILLIAMS	ROBERTSON	GRAZIOLO	REEVES
ROBERTSON	M. WILLIAMS	COWE	GRAZIOLO	COBIAN
HOWE	M. WILLIAMS	GRAZIOLO	ROBERTSON	DUKE
WOAN	M. WILLIAMS	ROBERTSON	ALEXANDER	COWE
INVINCIBLE	M. WILLIAMS	DUKE	GRAZIOLO	ALEXANDER
INVINCIBLE	M. WILLIAMS	DUKE	ALEXANDER	YOUNG
INVINCIBLE	M. WILLIAMS	DUKE	ALEXANDER	GRAZIOLO
INVINCIBLE	ALEXANDER	VAN DER LINDEN	M. WILLIAMS	COWE
ALEXANDER	WILLIAMS	COWE	YOUNG	DUKE
				MILDENHALL
				WILLIS

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Looking for a gift for all occasions or just a good day out? If so try out the **NEW** Mascots' Package.

- Replica Kit
- Goodie Bag
- Visit the dressing rooms
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- Photograph with the captains and officials on the pitch
- Seats in the Executive Box
- The Chairman's Buffet lunch

For further details call George Chadwick,
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Division Two 2000/2001

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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	11	18	-13	15
OXFORD UNITED	20	1	2	7	7	14	1	0	9	12	31	-26	8

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Appearances 2000/2001

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

the squads



Sat Dec 16th 2000
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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



Rotherham Utd

The Squad

1	Ian Gray
2	Chris Beech
3	David Artell
4	Rob Scott
5	Darren Garner
6	Marvin Bryan
7	Mark Robins
8	Paul Dillon
10	Paul Warne
12	Stewart Talbot
13	Paul Pettinger
14	Kevin Watson
16	Paul Hurst
17	Will Varty
18	Mark Williams
19	Brian Wilsterman
20	Andy Monkhouse
21	Danny Hudson
23	Trevor Berry
24	Chris Sedgwick
26	Shaun Barker
27	Alan Knill
28	Guy Branston
30	Ashley Connor
	Cedric Bolima
	Alan Lee
	Stephane Lemarchand
	Darren Carr

The Manager

Ronnie Moore

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Assistant 1

R. D. Palmer

Assistant 2

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Match Facts

Half-Time Score

Full-Time Score

Attendance

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