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**SWINDON
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**LDV Vans Trophy
Second Round**

**Tuesday
9th January 2001
Kick off 7.45pm**



LOVE YOU LIVE

At long last The Lions will be appearing in a live televised game here at The Den. Our London derby against Brentford, scheduled for February 17th has been moved forward a day to Friday February 16th with a 7.45pm kick-off and will be broadcast on Sky. You have to go back to November 29th 1996 for the last occasion on which Millwall were in live TV action here, and ironically the opposition on that Friday night were Brentford who shared a 0-0 draw, although it was quite an entertaining game which The Lions dominated. In fact that was the second live televised game in a week, following our FA Cup replay against Woking which had been shown the previous Tuesday.

NEIL SETS THE STANDARD

Neil Harris was named Evening Standard Player of the Month for December, and received his award of a bottle of champagne and a trophy at the training ground last Friday. Neil has been in outstanding form again this season, but he would doubtless acknowledge that this latest accolade is as much recognition for the team as himself.

EX-BOSSSES LEAD TRIBUTE

Former Millwall managers John Docherty and Keith Stevens were amongst the mourners at the funeral of Harry Grove last Wednesday. Harry, who over four decades was a loyal servant of the club, was remembered with great affection by his friends and family. The address was given by Millwall chaplain Owen Beament MBE.

NEW WYCOMBE DATE

Our re-arranged game against Wycombe Wanderers will be played on Tuesday April 10th. Kick-Off 7.45pm.

WISSFUL THINKING

NEXT INTO THE LIONS DEN

Wigan Athletic
Saturday January 13th.
Kick-Off 3pm.



Wigan were described by Neil Harris as "our local rivals 200 miles away", following the series of classic encounters between ourselves and The Latics in recent years. Having lost out to them in the AWS Final at Wembley, in the Play-Offs last May and in the League at the JJB Stadium earlier this season, the feeling in these parts is that we are due a win against Bruce Rioch's men. In the corresponding fixture at The Den last season, we came back from 3-0 down to draw 3-3.
Home record v Wigan:
P6 W4 D2 L0 F15 A6
Best win: 4-1 1984/85
(Neal, Bremner 2, Lovell)

ON OUR TRAVELS

Colchester United

Saturday January 20th.

Kick-Off 3pm

The Lions travel to Layer Road in a fortnight with memories of our 6-1 Boxing Day victory still fresh in the mind. Steve Whitton's side will be out for revenge, and United's home form has improved of late with just one defeat in their last six outings.

Our record at Layer Road:

P16 W5 D5 L6 F18 A23

Best win: 5-2 1962/63

(Jones, Towers, Stocks, Haverty, Gilchrist)

BIRTHDAY MESSAGES

Happy 9th Birthday to Jemma Pain. Love from Mum, Dad & Lindsay

Happy Birthday to Shaun. All our love Tina, Amy, Mark, and not forgetting Barney the dog.



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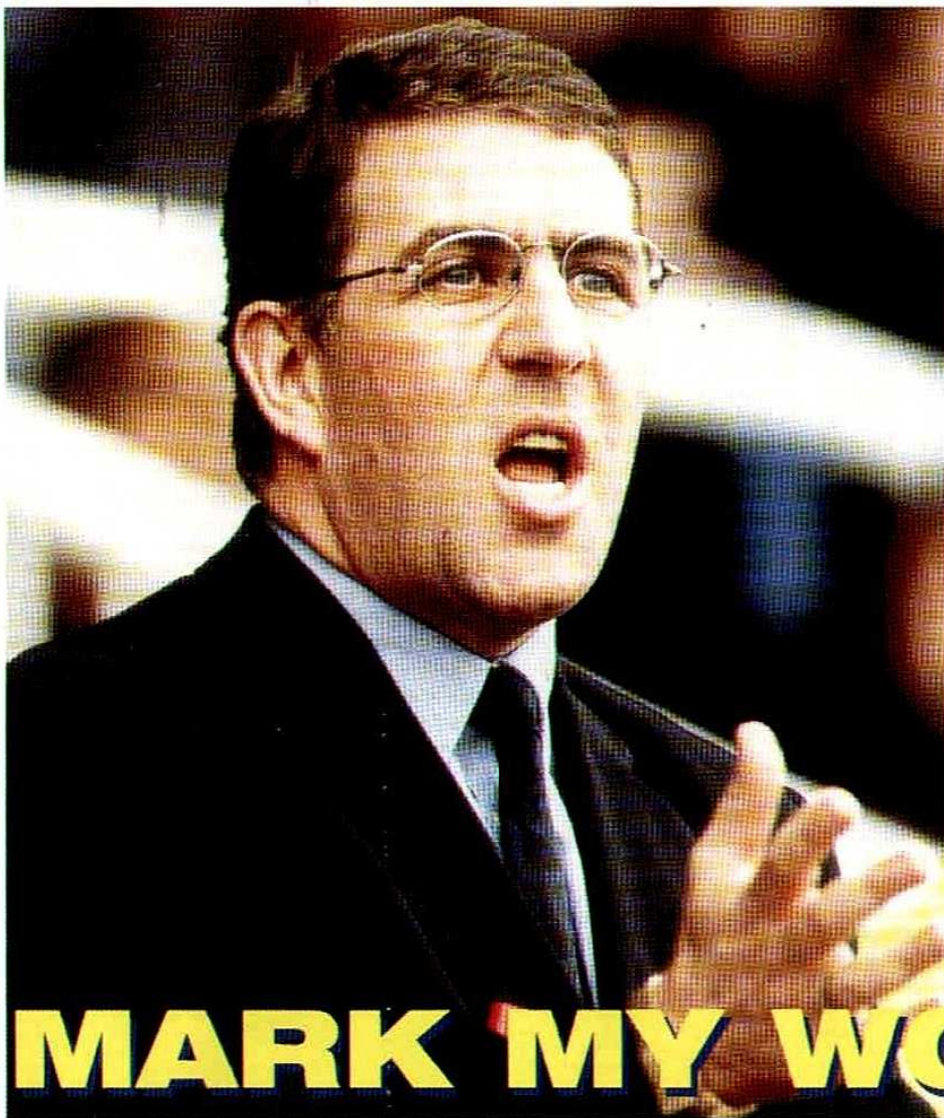
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MARK MY WORDS

SIGHTS SET ON FINAL GLORY

I have stated previously how disappointed we were not to still be involved in the FA Cup at the weekend, and whilst the LDV Vans Trophy doesn't have quite the prestige of that competition it still presents us with the opportunity to reach a Cup Final. This year that Final will be played at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, a tremendous venue and one at which I'm sure our players would enjoy playing. Again this evening's game will give an

opportunity for one or two key players to get a game under their belts. In our case, whatever team I put out will hardly constitute a weakened side, because we've got the likes of Lucas Neill, Marc Bircham, Steven Reid, Stuart Nethercott and Richard Sadler, all experienced first team players, who just haven't been in our starting line-up over the past few games because other players have been doing so well. Certainly I would expect the team that plays tonight to be

capable of winning this game, and indeed if I had to field the same eleven against Wigan on Saturday, I would expect them to be able to win that one too. The fact that we have a couple of suspensions coming up on Saturday, with Matt Lawrence and Christophe Kinet being ruled out, and that one or two players could do with a rest after a heavy Christmas and New Year fixture schedule, will obviously influence my thoughts in terms of team selection.

As far as Swindon are concerned, I spoke to Gordon Strachan, whose Coventry side played them in the FA Cup on Saturday, and he has given me as much help and information as he could. Clearly we don't know whether they might see this as the opportunity to rest one or two people, but I'm sure they'll come here and give us a very competitive game.

Mark McGhee

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

FINAL CHANCE - LIONS GET REVENGE

MILLWALL 3 SWINDON 1**TUESDAY MARCH 24th 1984**

Millwall gained revenge for an earlier FA Cup defeat to reach the Associate Members Cup Semi-Finals at The Den. They are away to Plymouth or Exeter for a place in the Final. However, manager George Graham wasn't altogether happy with their performance. He said "We didn't play as well as we can. But we got the right result. It's a habit I learned at Arsenal - to win when not at our best, but I like to win in style. Some of our players were not up to our usual standard but Paul Sansome did well for us. He made saves at vital times to keep us in the game, he's been playing well in the last few games. We won a cup last season, so we may as well keep up the good work."



The Lions were put on their way to victory in the 31st minute when Swindon keeper Scott Endersby came out to gather the ball but sliced his clearance. The ball went to Anton Otulakowski whose shot was helped into the net by Gary Emmanuel. Steve Lovell scored the second Millwall goal from the spot after Paul Batty had handled.

DEMANDS

Gary Nelson moved onto a Batty pass to pull a goal back for Swindon on the hour. Sansome had distinguished himself earlier on from Andy Rowland and Batty, and was equal to the demands made on him when Swindon went all out for the equaliser. Kevin Bremner, who like Dean Neal was not at his best, wrapped up the game for The Lions when he headed in

Otulakowski's corner in the 73rd minute.

MILLWALL: Sansome, Stevens, Coleman, Lovell, Nutton, Cusack, McLeary (Sheringham 75), Bremner (Robinson 75), D Neal, Otulakowski, White.

SWINDON: Endersby, Bailie, Badderley, Batty, Gibson, Graham, Hockaday, Emmanuel, Rowland, Mayes, Nelson.

SCORERS: Otulakowski, Lovell (pen), Bremner

ATTENDANCE: 2,112.

JUNIOR LIONS

Happy New Year.

Good evening Junior Lions and welcome to this evening's LDV Vans match against Swindon Town. It seems a bit late but as this is the first match to be played here at The Den this year - A very Happy New Year to all of you Junior Lions. We also welcome any Swindon Juniors who have made the journey here this evening. How exciting to start the new year at the top of the League, let's hope we stay there till the end of the season. Remember this page is for you, the Junior Lions, if you want to see something different then write in with your ideas to Jayne or Pippa. Our next Junior Lions trip will be to Colchester on January 20th. As ever we will be meeting here at The Den to take a coach up to Colchester. To book your place on the coach you will need to have your Junior Lions membership number and a £5 (non-refundable) deposit. To book your seat on the coach and to find out what time we will be leaving, come along to the Junior Lions window before Saturday's match (v Wigan). Many of you are celebrating your birthdays this month including; Kate Marsling (1st), Alfie Bain, Alfie Martin, Paul Wright (2nd), Sasha Sharman (3rd), Harrison Hunt (5th), D Gurton, Christopher Herring (6th) and Adam Muttitt (12th). Happy Birthday to you all from the Junior Lions.

Pippa

On The Ball with David Hall

The Scores on the Doors

It was just a small piece in the newspaper, but when I read it I was sure it couldn't be true. A professor of statistics had made a study of football and discovered that any team that scored five goals or more in a match would not score more than two in the following game.

His study was based on games played in the Premiership but he was sure that the same would apply in any other division, so I decided to take a look myself and see if it was a correct analysis or not.

Having scored six against Colchester, the game against Notts County would be an immediate test and of course we scored two.

However, just as one swallow doesn't make a summer, neither does one game prove a theory. So I took a look at matches played in all divisions the same week and they produced some interesting results.

Arsenal, West Ham and Fulham were the other sides who had scored five or more that week. Arsenal scored two goals in their match against Sunderland whilst West Ham got one at Manchester United and Fulham failed to hit the target at Stockport in their next games, which serves to support the theory.

Remembering that we had scored five earlier in the season against Oxford, I was interested in the result of our next match. We didn't score at all in the defeat against Ipswich, but netted four in the very next game against Peterborough.

5-1 2-1

I decided to take this further and look at our scores from the previous season. We scored five or more only once when we beat Reading 5-0, and although we won the following game against Blackpool, we only scored twice.

There seems to be no scientific reason for this to happen and perhaps there isn't one anyway. Statistics can prove almost anything you want them too.

It could be that teams come out to play the following game after scoring a lot of goals in the previous one thinking that it will be just the same.

Maybe the opposition are determined not to have a similar score against them and defend a little better than they normally would.

Perhaps it's just a coincidence and another load of scientific twaddle, but can anyone help solve the puzzle?

If anyone out there has the answer, then please write into the programme and let me know.

Meanwhile I'll keep waiting for our next victory where we score five or more, it can't come quickly enough for me and if we only score twice in the next game, who cares as long as it's accompanied by three points.

King tinkering to find winning formula

SWINDON TOWN fans have suffered what can best be described as a nightmare last 12 months.

A painful struggle to hold their own in the First Division last season came to a close in May when they were relegated - and any hopes of a quick return have been dashed by a string of inconsistent performances on the field.

Throw in the fact that The Robins also saw manager Colin Todd depart to Derby County in October and are undergoing a transitional period with new boss Andy King at the helm, and it's easy to see why they are still finding their feet in Division Two. King, well remembered for his goal-scoring days as a midfielder at Everton, has

been tinkering with Town's formation since taking charge to try and find the best system suited to the players he has. And the number of different game plans he has employed would be a statto's dream - 5-3-2, 4-5-1 and 4-3-3, although he has been known to opt for the good old tried and tested 4-4-2 as well!

One player who has been a regular in King's starting line up is Dutch goalkeeper **BART GRIEMINK** - regular, that is, unless he is sent off. Signed from Barry Fry's Peterborough United during the summer, the 6ft 4in shot-stopper has twice been red-carded this season and his sending-off on Boxing Day is likely to see former youth team player **STEVE**

MILDENHALL handed a chance to face The Lions. If King opts for a straight four at the back, another product of the County Ground's youth set-up 21-year-old **SOL DAVIS**, will be hoping for another top notch display at left back. The Cheltenham-born defender's displays have been one of the high points of the season so far. He is composed on the ball and always quick to add his support in attack. Argentinian **JUAN COBIAN**, formerly with Boca Juniors and Sheffield United, will be battling with **MARK ROBINSON** to fill the right back berth. Robinson started the campaign as first choice, but a dip in form saw the ex-Newcastle United youth team player start the New Year

from the sidelines after being dropped for Town's match with Walsall.

Commanding

The experienced figures of **ALAN REEVES** and **RICHARD DRYDEN** are likely to provide the pairing at the heart of Swindon's defence this evening. Skipper Reeves, now in his third season with the club after signing on a free from Wimbledon, is a commanding figure who likes to lead by example. Always strong in the air defensively, the 33-year-old has a good eye for scoring goals as well as helping prevent them, with four to his name so far this season. Like Reeves, Dryden is a no-nonsense centre half,



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**DANNY INVINCIBLE**

strong in the tackle and quick to make his presence felt. Although he is currently on loan from Southampton, Saints boss Glenn Hoddle gave him permission to play in Saturday's FA Cup Third Round tie with Coventry and is unlikely to deny him the opportunity to taste LDV action against Millwall. Moving into midfield, **IAN WOAN** has strengthened Town's ranks by signing until the end of the season. Formerly with Nottingham Forest, he was regarded as one of the best crossers of the ball the club had during his nine year spell at the City Ground. Woan has again proved to be a cut above the rest on numerous occasions this season, with his deft touch and superb passing skills not quite being utilised by his team-mates as well as they could have been. **JIM WHITLEY**, on loan from Manchester City, is an option

for one of the two central midfield roles, although the Northern Ireland international faces a late test on a troublesome shoulder injury.

Emergency

One player eager to make a good impression and please the Swindon fans is **BOBBY HOWE**, who has become something of a target for the boo-boys this season. A hard-working player, Howe's commitment to the cause can - not be questioned, but his final ball forward has sometimes not been as accurate as he or the supporters would like. One player who has proved to be Town's 'Mr Consistency' on the right flank is former St Johnstone man **KEITH O'HALLORAN**, signed from the Scottish club during the summer. The Republic of Ireland ace is equally at home operating on the flank or in a more central role, and has

shown his range of shooting skills from both positions this season.

When not having a pop at goal himself, O'Halloran has been a key figure in creating opportunities for top scorer **DANNY INVINCIBLE**, who has bagged nine goals so far. Aussie Invincible arrived from Marconi Stallions last year and has proved to be a real handful to opposing teams. His real strength lies in running at, and past, defenders, as he has managed to do on a regular basis this term. Sometimes he may seem to take on one player too many and fluff his final shot, but when it works successfully, his goals have often proved to be spectacular. A shoulder injury to strike partner **MARTIN WILLIAMS** has meant that the duo have not enjoyed as

fruitful a time as they would like. Experienced former Reading front man Williams has struck just three goals since his move from the Madejski Stadium, but there's no doubt that when he regains full fitness and his scoring touch, they will prove to be a real handful. Manager King can also call on the services of ex-West Ham United striker **GARY ALEXANDER**, a £300,000 signing from Upton Park who caught the eye last season when he smashed 19 goals during a loan spell at Exeter City. **DAVID DUKE**, who started out at Sunderland, could also be involved, as might big, bustling Dutchman **ANTOINE Van Der LINDEN**, who normally plays in defence but has filled in as an emergency striker recently.

**GARY ALEXANDER**

Den

**with
lucy
pepper**

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Manager:
Mark McGhee



Shirts:
White
Shorts:
White
Socks:
White

- 1 Tony Warner
- 2 Marc Bircham
- 3 Bobby Bowry
- 4 Tim Cahill
- 5 David Tuttle
- 6 Joe Dolan
- 8 Matt Lawrence
- 9 Neil Harris
- 10 Christophe Kinet
- 11 Paul Ifill
- 12 Paul Moody
- 13 Willy Gueret
- 14 Lucas Neill
- 15 Stuart Nethercott
- 16 Sam Parkin
- 17 Leke Odunsi
- 18 Steven Reid
- 19 Robbie Ryan
- 20 Richard Sadlier
- 21 Leon Constantine
- 22 Phil Smith
- 23 Jamie Stuart
- 24 Sean Dyche
- 25 Michael Gilkes
- 26 David Livermore
- 27 Alan Dunne
- 28 Mark Phillips
- 29 Byron Bubb
- 30 Ronnie Bull
- 31 Matthew Rees
- 32 Leon Cort
- 33 Mark Hicks
- 34 Kevin Braniff
- 35 Darren Meade
- 36 Tommy Tyne

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

REFEREE: Lee Cable
ASSISTANT REFEREES: S. Chittenden (yellow),
J.D. Woodroffe (red)
4TH OFFICIAL: A Wilkins

Manager:
Andy King



Shirts:
Red
Shorts:
White
Socks:
Red

- 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 Guiliano Grazioli
- 11 David Duke
- 12 Juan Cobian
- 14 Steve Cowe
- 15 Andy Williams
- 16 Jim Whitley
- 17 Danny Invincible
- 18 Gary Alexander
- 21 Gareth Davies
- 22 Alan Reeves
- 23 Steve Mildenhall
- 24 Martin Williams
- 26 Alan Young
- 31 Ian Woan

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TONIGHT'S MASCOT



Ben Church
Tonight's Mascot is ten year old Ben Church (left). Ben attends Linton Mead School in Thamesmead and lists his hobbies as watching The Lions, drawing and playing computer games. His favourite player is Neil Harris.

TONIGHT'S BALLBOYS/GIRLS

Karis Parker, Chris Lee, Ronnie French, Shaun Burke, James Church, Hester Green, Steven Adesina, Emma Yardley, Michael Wilbourne, Jesse Ridout, Lee Simpson, John Green, Nico Young, Marita Cummins, James Herring, Daniel Underwood, Steven Underwood, Christopher Padfield, William Akast and Jodie Gray