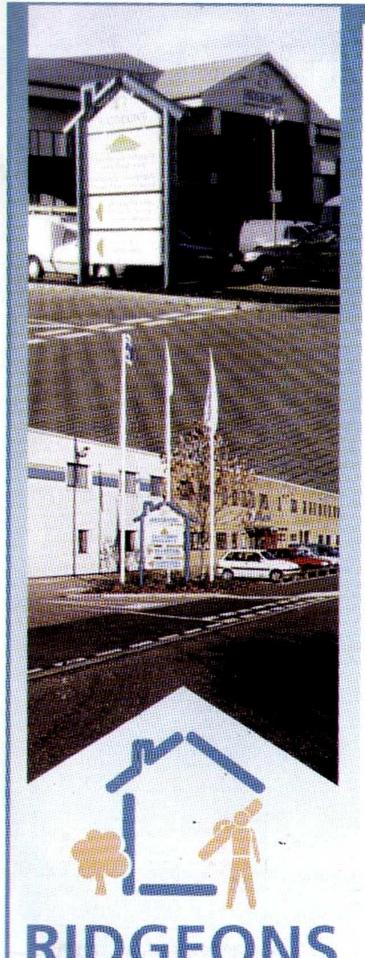


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hen the away fixture at Swindon Town was postponed September of this season, we were occupying second position in Division Two. Amid the fuel crisis, the loss of this match interrupted our good early season run of form, which had seen us undefeated in six League games since our opening day defeat at home to Bury. Following the enforced ten-day lay-off our next game resulted in a 3-0 home defeat against Bristol Rovers, whom we play next Saturday. Our contrast in fortune was clearly evident when the Swindon fixture was rearranged at the end of October. We had lost the previous three matches and the Robins then inflicted our fourth consecutive defeat with a 3-1 victory at the County Ground.

After Tuesday's forthcoming trip to Port Vale, we travel to Bristol Rovers looking to avenge our early season home defeat and ensure that we are not the first side to lose at the Memorial Ground in the League. Unfortunately, we will have to do so without the services of Marc Joseph. who is suspended following his dismissal at Rotherham last Saturday. Rovers are now under the guidance of Garry Thompson, who has replaced the recently departed Ian Holloway.

Another Club under new leadership are Luton Town, who are now managed by former Wimbledon boss Joe Kinnear and have responded well to their new Manager. We visit Kenilworth Road on Tuesday, March 6th 2001. The match is all-ticket and tickets will be on sale before and after today's game and during normal office hours. Tickets are priced at £14 for adults and £8 for senior citizens and juniors. We have received 1,900 ticket for the Oak Road Stand, which is an unreserved seating

After very nearly losing the home fixture with Oxford United last season, we were this time unable to beat the weather. Following a heavy period of rainfall during the week, another downpour on the Friday night left the pitch unplayable. The full extent of the waterlogged surface was not evident until Saturday morning. valiant efforts from the ground staff, it was decided to contact the match referee, Mr. Jones, to make a precautionary inspection at around 9.30am. After consultation with both Clubs and The Football League Mr. Jones postponed the match at around 10.00am. He was as disappointed as we were. especially given the fact that he had to make the return journey to Cumbria without his weekend fix of football. We are presently awaiting Football League confirmation that the game can be played on Tuesday, March 27th 2001, kick-off 7.45pm.

On the Friday before, the frantic exchange of faxes had enabled us to sign Ritchie Humphreys just minutes before the 12 noon deadline prior to the Oxford game. However, it was all to be in vain, and Ritchie had to wait before making his impressive debut in our 2-0 win at Wycombe Wanderers. Goalkeeper coach, Ali Uzunhasanoglu had been so impressed with the former Sheffield Wednesday striker that he was confident that he would score in every one of our remaining games. Whilst I was also aware of his undoubted talent, when offered a friendly bet with Ali I promptly took him up on his

If once wasn't enough, the F.A. last week informed me that we had been beaten again by Morecambe in the same season. We, like several other Clubs, had indicated our willingness to host an England Under-18 Women's friendly international versus Holland and were hoping to be given the opportunity of staging the game. So, having lost at Morecambe in the F.A. Cup 2nd Round, I had to smile when I heard that they had been chosen ahead of us to host the game next month. The reason was that the F.A. wanted to promote Women's Football in the North West and I am sure that Morecambe will do an excellent job in staging the game. Maybe next time for Cambridge

Andrew Pincher

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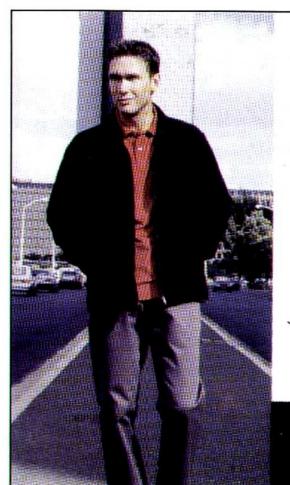
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he one thing we have been lacking this season is consistency, and that has been obvious when you look at our last two matches. I was delighted with the performance against Wycombe. The obvious thing is that it's our first double of the season and that's nice to get under your belt. It was a good performance based on eleven players who went out there and all played well. There was nobody who underachieved, and that's obviously the reason for the performance and the result.

#### delight at wycombe

It does help when all the players are on song and I felt all eleven were on song. If I can throw a comparison I'd look at the Bournemouth game where in total maybe two players performed to anywhere near their maximum, and that's why the game against Bournemouth was very difficult, because we underachieved and under-performed. But against Wycombe it was obvious that the eleven who started really got it together, really worked hard, and the pleasing thing too was the combination of the front two.

I thought Ritchie Humphreys and Richard Logan joined up well with each other. There was a lot of good combination football and linkup play with the midfield and it's a good omen for the future. That was really good

The major thing on the night was our football was excellent. The supporters were saying we played the ball on the ground, but the best thing is the service we gave to the front two was super from all areas of the pitch. From Ian Ashbee at left-back, from Alex on the left, from Muzzy, from Wannie, from Tom Youngs the football was good and the movement was good.

## "....We do have quality in the squad, but it's always going to be an uphill battle if we give silly goals away...."

#### millmoor misery

Conceding the early goal at Rotherham on Saturday wasn't good for us and meant we were chasing the game almost from the kick-off. You don't want to lose a goal early on and especially away from home it makes it that much more difficult. But we responded to it and had a good first half. and we had a very good opening 20 or 25 minutes when we were the dominant team but during that spell went two goals down.

We had the chances to get back into the game but didn't make them count. We could have scored to make it 1-1 on a couple of occasions, missed those chances and they made it 2-0, and when we came in at half time we probably didn't deserve to be two goals down. If anything, the least we deserved in terms of how played was to be level on terms.

So the second half was an uphill battle for us and both teams were, in a sense, marking each other out. Neither side played well second half and of course we conceded the penalty. At the finish, 3-0 sounds like a battering but it was flattering to them and with our first half performance we probably deserved something out of the game.

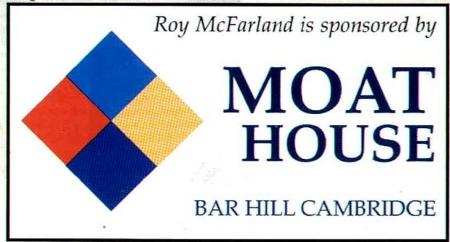
We broke through their midfield on several occasions and really didn't give the forwards the service that they deserved. I thought the two lads up front worked very hard again, I can't fault them in terms of

their effort and getting in positions, but we just didn't deliver to them. We were inef-

#### silly goals

We got a clean sheet with the same back four at Wycombe and, however flattering it is to Rotherham, we still conceded three goals on Saturday. We were giving goals away. The penalty was a give-away; there was no need for that. The first goal was also a give-away goal after Ian Ashbee gave away a silly free kick on the halfway line, right on kick-off. They've slid the ball down his side, got a corner from it, and the next thing is we've picked the ball out of the back of the net, so I think they can be stopped by not giving away silly goals and silly free kicks. They are situations we don't need to get involved with. We're better than that. These things are giving us an uphill battle, which sometimes we're capable of but the majority of times we're not.

We do have quality in the squad, but it's always going to be an uphill battle if we give silly goals away. Make no mistake - there are going to be players who are going to dip in form and are going to struggle and get injured, so the players on the fringe - the John Hansens, the Wilsons, the Axeldals they've got to be ready because between now and the end of the season they possibly will be used.



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#### The Boss

## andy king

e have been turning in some decent performances over the last couple of weeks and after a series of postponements we got a much-needed win against Bury, and a good draw against Bristol City.

at The Abbey for today's fixture...

Not only did we get three points at Bury but we also played very well in that game and we battled hard and created chances which has been very pleasing from my point of view. We are playing very well.

The result on Tuesday night against Southend in the LDV Vans Trophy was very disappointing but we were not beaten in 90 minutes and that is the important thing. My players worked their socks off and were absolutely magnificent, I couldn't have asked for any more of them.

We have started so brightly in the beginning of games so far this season since I have taken over and the whole team are working well together from the back three, right through the midfield to the duo up front and I really believe that we are playing well.

There are two ways we can look at the last few results, on one hand we are throwing away points, like we did at Wrexham but on the other, we are not losing games and picking up points and when you are in the position we are in you have to think about not losing.

With the quality of performances in the last three games, we can go on from that and start to look at winning games on a regular basis and hopefully pull away from the trouble we are in.

After our recent run, we have to set ourselves targets and we should be looking to go a fifth game in the league unbeat-

en, a sequence of results that would be our best spell of form

this season.

The lads have

given me so much effort in the last few weeks, the commitment, effort and desire has been amongst the players for the last few games and it is fantastic - it is something that I have craved for a long time at this Club.

I said to the lads after the game against Southend that if they can continue this form then there will be no problems this season.

The game against Swansea was a very good character building exercise and I learnt a lot about my team - I can't tell you how proud I am of them. Hopefully we can continue our good form against Cambridge.

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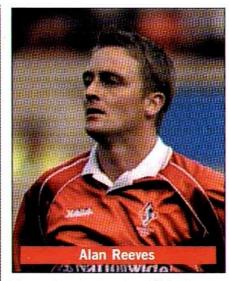
windon have certainly had their fair share of managers over the last year or so. Steve McMahon, Jimmy Quinn, Colin Todd and now former Mansfield manager Andy King finds himself in the County Ground hot seat, with the unenviable task of trying to avoid a second successive relegation and Third Division football next season.

King was in charge at Mansfield for almost 150 games, and presided over fifty victories. S ince his arrival at the Swindon Town he has won six matches and dragged the Robins out of the Second Division relegation zone and, if recent performances are anything to go by, should be able to achieve his aims this season.

#### the squad

In goal for Swindon today will be Steve Mildenhall, a player who sensationally made his first team debut as a makeshift striker for the Club. Since moving back between the posts he has kept a number of clean sheets but found first team opportunities hard to come by. Injury and suspension have recently given him a place in the side, and former Peterborough United 'keeper Bart Gremink has found it hard to win back his place in the team due to Mildenhall's fine form in recent games.

Playing in front of him in defence will be Solomon Davies, a whole-hearted leftsided defender who is fully committed to the Town cause. A solid player, who rarely makes mistakes, he is a firm fans favourite who has made the left back slot



his own in recent weeks. With almost a dozen bookings last season, and the same this term, he has a temperament, which sometimes gets the better of him.

Alongside him in defence will be youngster Adam Willis, the last player to be signed by former manager Steve McMahon. A lively and skilful defender, with a good football brain, led by example on the last day of last season when he captained his side for the first time. He will be hoping to continue his fine run of form in the side this afternoon.

18-year-old right-sided defender James Williams has found him in the Town starting line up for every game so far this year. Signed as a trainee in 1999 his recent performances have won him many supporters and he is tipped to go far in the game. Scouts from the Premier League have already begun to track his progress.

Defender Antoine van der Linden, who scored the Town goal in their recent 1-1 draw at Wrexham, is the player at the heart of the Swindon defence. Signed from Sparta Rotterdam this summer, he has suffered a series of niggling injuries that have kept him out of the starting line up for much of the season. He is a tall and strong defender who is dominant in the air. Alongside him in the heart of defence will be 21-year-old Matt Haywood, a recent signing from Burnley. The youngster made an instant impact, playing well in the 3-0 win against Bury at the start of the year. He and van der Linden will be striving to keep Richards Humphreys and Logan at bay this after-

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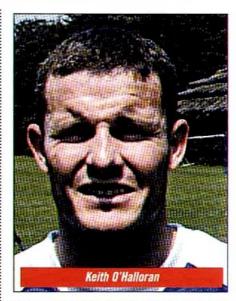
In midfield superbly named Danny : Invincible, who scored two of the goals in Swindon's 3-1 victory against the U's earlier in the season, has found himself out-of-favour of late. The speedy, skilful midfielder made an instant impact after his summer move to the County Ground and will be hoping to reclaim his place in the side this afternoon.

Keith O'Halloran is a hard working midfielder who provides the grit in the centre of the pitch. Sent off during Swindon's 2-1 defeat at Southend this week, he will be eager to put in a promising performance before his suspension starts next week. The 25-year-old pocket-battleship will no doubt relish his battle with Paul Wanless this afternoon. David Duke will partner him in the midfield. Another summer signing, Duke has been an ever present this season and performed to a consistent level.

Matt Hewlett is likely to offer Andy King options from the bench. Hewlett, 25-years-old next weekend, signed from Bristol City in the summer and has made a number of appearances this season without being able to hold down a regular place in the team. A promising talent, who was tipped for the top in his early days at Bristol City, he is another player who will want to make an impact during the vital remaining games this

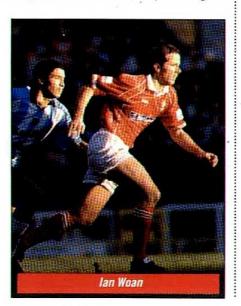
Up front Steve Cowe, singed from Aston Villa for £100,000 in 1996, will offer skill and pace in the attacking areas of the pitch. With three goals to his name so far this season, he has yet to fulfil the undoubted potential he possesses. Alongside him in the line up is likely to be Michael Reddy, a recent loan signing from Premier League Sunderland. Reddy has played four times for Sunderland this season, including the 1-0 victory over Arsenal. Since joining Swindon he's scored three goals in five games, and will be hoping to continue his fine scoring form against United today.

Giuliano Grazioli, who will need no introduction to United supporters, has been offering Andy King striking options from the bench during recent weeks. The former Peterborough United striker, signed on a free transfer, has only managed a single goal so far this season in the 2-1 victory against Oxford United at the County Ground. He did score in his :



last appearance at the Abbey Stadium though, for Posh two years ago. Like a few of his team-mates, he will need no motivation for today's match as Swindon hope to put more distance between themselves and the trap door to Division Three.

Will Jones



#### Swindon Town Statistics...

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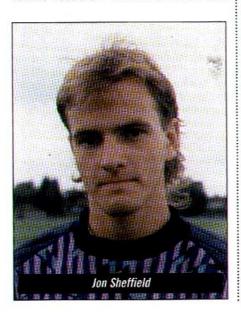
wo goals by Danny Invincible plus another from Danny O'Halloren gave Swindon Town a 3-1 Second Division win at home to Cambridge United four months ago. Alan Kimble's second-half penalty gave Cambridge a 1-0 victory on Swindon's last League visit to Abbey Stadium on 20th February 1993. Swindon have yet to win a League match here.

#### loan spell

Cambridge United's assistant-manager David Preece had a loan spell at Swindon Town during the 1995/96 Moving to the County campaign. Ground on loan from Derby County in March 1996, he helped Swindon to clinch the Second Division title that season and scored once in seven League outings for todayis opponents. The former England B international joined Cambridge on a free transfer in September 1996 and featured in the 1998/99 promotion campaign, netting twice in 74 League games for United to date.

#### title triumph

Cambridge United's former loanee striker Steve Finney starred in Swindon Townis 1995/96 Second Division title



triumph. Moving to the County Ground on a free transfer from Manchester City in June 1995, he partnered Wayne Allison in attack as Swindon also reached the FA Cup fifth round in 1995/96. He was loaned to Cambridge in October 1997 and scored twice in seven Third Division games while at the Abbey Stadium, netting 18 goals in 73 League outings for today'si visitors prior to joining Carlisle United in July 1998.

#### managing to succeed

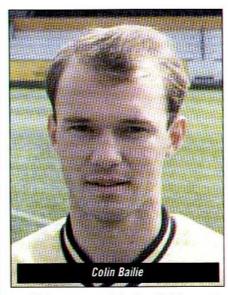
Former Swindon Town central defender Chris Turner had a spell as Cambridge United's manager. Initially moving to Abbey Stadium from New England Team in September 1979, he joined Swindon via another spell in the United States in September 1980 and made three League appearances prior to rejoining Cambridge a month later. He netted three goals in 90 League games overall before moving to Southend United in October 1983 and then managed Cambridge for four years until January

#### in safe keeping

Swindon Town's former loanee goalkeeper Jon Sheffield featured in Cambridge United's 1990/91 Third Moving to Division title campaign. Abbey Stadium from Norwich City in March 1991, he also helped Cambridge to qualify for the Second Division playoffs in 1991/92 and was loaned to Swindon in January 1994. He made two consecutive Premiership appearances while at the County Ground, playing 56 League games for Cambridge before being sold to Peterborough United for £150,000 in July 1995. Fellow keeper Kevin Dearden also played for both Clubs.

#### wembley winner

Cambridge United's former loanee midfielder John Moncur was an influential figure in Swindon Town's thrilling 1992/93 First Division play-off final triumph at Wembley. Joining Cambridge on loan from Tottenham Hotspur in March 1987, he made four League appearances while at the Abbey Stadium. He moved to Swindon for £380,000 in March 1992 and sampled



top-flight soccer with the Robins, netting five goals in 58 League games for today's opponents before being sold to West Ham for £900,000 in June 1994.

#### meteoric rise

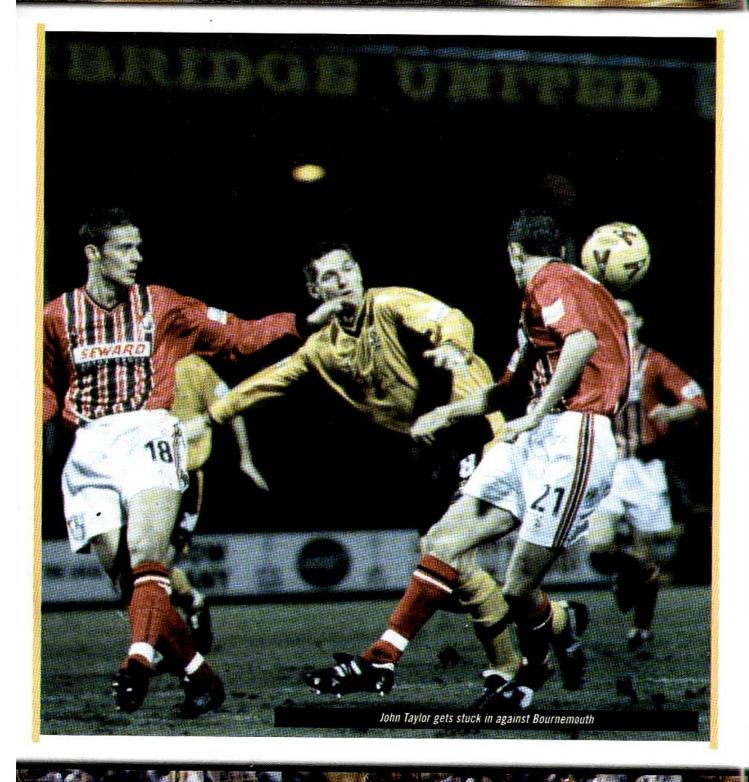
One-time Swindon Town full-back Colin Bailie starred in Cambridge United's meteoric rise under John Beck. Signing professional at the County Ground in March 1982, he scored four times in 107 League games for Swindon prior to joining Reading in July 1985. He joined Cambridge for £22,500 in August 1988 and made a significant contribution as United reached the FA Cup sixth round in two consecutive seasons, netting three goals in 119 League outings until deciding to quit the Club in May 1992.

#### debut campaign

Former Swindon Town midfielder Ronnie Howell featured in Cambridge United's 1970/71 Football League debut campaign. Moving to the Abbey Stadium from Millwall in September 1970, he scored once in 12 Fourth Division games for Cambridge prior to joining Kettering Town in July 1971. He joined Swindon in July 1972 and netted once in 25 League outings for today's opponents before moving to Brighton in July 1973. Ex-Swindon winger Peter Leggett featured in Cambridge's first ever Football League game.

Leigh Edwards

# acidishot



ncounters between Swindon and Cambridge tend to be exciting affairs but this afternoon should provide an exhilarating tussle in midfield with talented Australian Danny Invincible up against Cambridge's Alex Russell.

#### real star

Swindon boss Andy King believes that midfielder Invincible can become a real star in England, and is already showing what he has to offer by finding the net nine times this season, already the leading scorer for his Club this season.

Invincible arrived at Swindon after previous manager Colin Todd completed a deal to sign the Australian on a free transfer in July, and he is already looking like one of Swindon's best ever signings.

Todd moved swiftly to tie up a deal for Invincible after spotting the 20-year-old playing for West Ham United in a trial match. The former Marconi Stallions star scored on his Robins debut in a 1-1 draw against West Bromwich Albion at the Hawthorns.

Invincible, a former Australian under-20's star, plays predominantly on the right hand side of midfield, possesses blistering pace and is a firm crowd favourite due to his ability to run at defences.

His presence not only means that the Cambridge defence will be in for a torrid time this afternoon but Russell is sure to have his work cut out with the threat Invincible will pose.

#### surprise signing

Russell of course is a threat in his own right, and the former Rochdale midfielder has found the net himself on



several occasions this season, scoring vital goals in the first half of the season.

Probably one of Cambridge's surprise signings when he was captured from Rochdale on a free transfer, many fans were amazed when the U's captured the player for noth-

A natural playmaker, he has a good eye for goal but is certainly most deadly from set pieces and corners.

He was transfer-listed in November 2000 after failing to agree a new contract and expressing a wish to play in the first division but is now back in the squad ready to guide the U's to success.

#### interesting tussle

It should prove to be an interesting tussle between two highly talented midfielders and it will be this battle that could influence the outcome of the game.

Steven Dove - Collings Sports

#### with Dave Brown

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- 2. Where do Hartlepool Utd play their home games?
- 3. In which Country would I be in if I saw a Sedan v Guingamp match?
- 4. What is the nickname of Grimsby Town?
- How many seasons were 'The Robins' in the Premier League?
- 6. Bobby Moore, Dave Webb and Dick Bate have all managed which League Club?
- 7. Where did Middlesbrough play their home games prior to the Cellnet Riverside Stadium?
- 8. Name the only U's player to have scored twice on his League debut for us?
- 9. Which Club in Division Two last season had the highest average League gate?
- 10. Which ex-League Club did Brighton beat 6-2 in this season's FA Cup Round 1?

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We are also entertaining another stalwart U's fan Barry Moore as well as Gold Bond £2,000 winner Dick Barker, so with all of these guests plus the regular, loyal support from Colin Bates and Beaumonts Stainless Steels mingling in with our own Directors it should make for a great prematch atmosphere.

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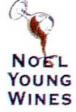
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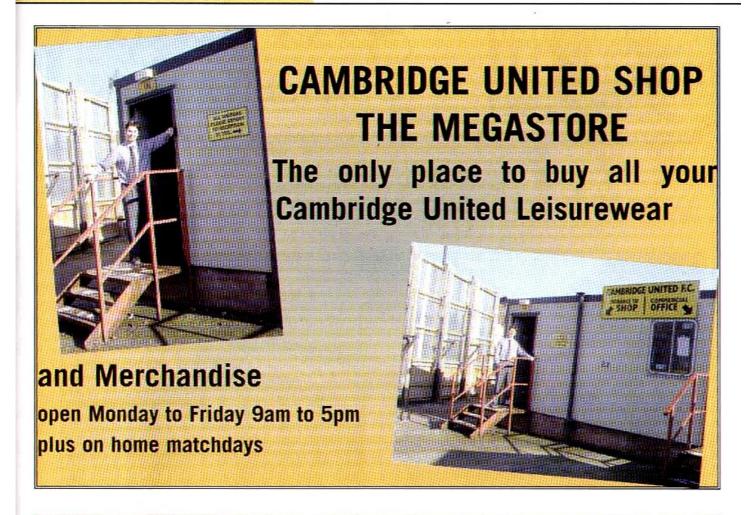


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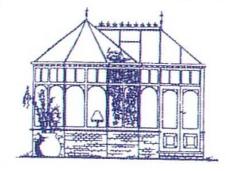
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- extend very a warm welcome to our pre Christmas draw winners who are attending today's game and especially to Sean Tyler who will be presented with his Mini-Cruise Break voucher on the

pitch today.

If your looking for a pre match meal may I recommend the United friendly Zebra on Maids Causeway where Teresa serves up great pizzas with a wide choice of toppings and a tasty selection of other dishes available. With a friendly atmosphere and fine prices it's an ideal for that evening out as well and while your there you can always pick up a Lottery form as well.

One of our agents Little Eversden Football Club are raising funds for the Rosie Maternity hospital with an auction to be held on the 10th March, items available include signed items from Spurs, Arsenal, West Ham, Everton, Ipswich, Liverpool, United and many, many more. For more details contact Mark Smith on 01223 263852. Lets' help them may it a success.

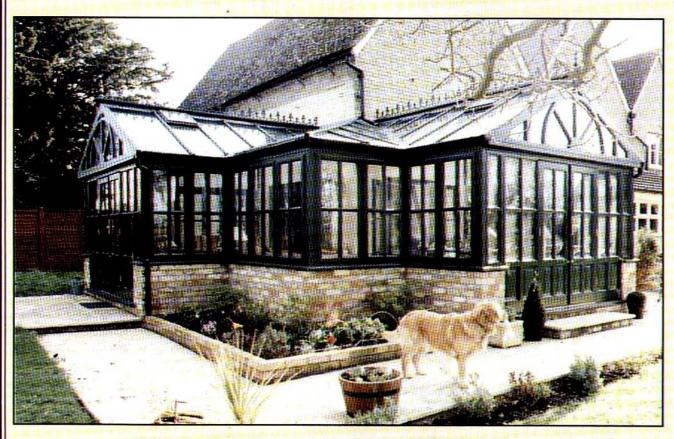
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#### marvin's moosings

I'm getting up to more crazy adventures in my weekly "Moosing" comic strip!

So read today's new instalment, and stay tuned for the next episode! You never know what I'll get up to next!

#### marvin's gallery

I want more pictures and drawings to go up on my Moose Crew page! Anyone can send me a picture or joke for my programme page; I want to hear from Moose Crew Members ! of all ages! Send in pictures, poems, photos, or anything that you

o Mooses! I hope everyone: think should go on my Moose Crew programme page. Send them into Ralph as soon as possible to get your picture on my exclusive programme page!

#### competition time

Have a go at this question, and you might win a half-year's membership to my exclusive Club!

Which player scored his first goal for the U's against Wycombe last week?

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Keep on Moosing!

Marvin

# today's

his afternoon's mascot is Kristian Webber, who will be 10 on February 25th. Kristian lives in Haverhill, but lattends the Milton Primary School.

His favourite Cambridge United star is Lionel Perez. Kristian lists his hobbies as football and bike riding.

This is his second appearance as Cambridge United mascot.

We hope that Kristian enjoys his afternoon here with us at The Abbey Stadium.









Match: v Bury - Football League Division Two

the pies, the toilets, the ground...

Date: Saturday, January 6th, 2001 Result: Bury 0 Cambridge United 1

Method of Travel: Car Departure Time: 9am

Arrival at Ground: Traffic was fine until the M62, where the unconnected combination of a car on its roof on the hard shoulder and what looked like the entire population of Rotherham on their way to Liverpool contrived to delay things a little. Nevertheless, I was parked by the ground at about 12.30pm in plenty of time for a leisurely look round the Club Shop, which was packed to the gunwales with stock at marked down prices.

MJ's Mileage: 374 miles

Admission Price: £14 (£6 concessions)

**Programme:** Not for the first time this season you got 48 pages for your £2. Despite its blurry cover, once you'd waded your way through the adverts - many of which had congregated at the front, giving it an unpromising start - there were some decent articles inside ... even if one did get United's Official and unofficial web sites confused. The section on The U's was excellent, and I also enjoyed the opinion column, which accused Ipswich of hypocrisy over tick-

Mark Johnson's

TRAVELLERS

exploring the weird and wonderful world of Division Two football...

et prices for their game at Morecambe. Still, any article which ends with the phrase "to hell with Premier Clubs - enjoy today's game of real football" has got to be worth a read!

United Travelling Contingent: 203

Conduct of Police/Stewards: With no police in the ground, the stewards looked as though they would have preferred to be elsewhere. Conduct of United Fans: Vociferous from the moment they got into the ground at about 2pm, with some great chants about Scott Oakes and Stuart Wilson being aired for the first time. There was even a chant before the match for U's Goalkeeper Coach Ali Uzunhasanoglu - although it has yet to be developed to include his surname!

Conduct of Home Fans: Sprinkled around the ground in small groups, they looked more like a gathering for a County Cricket match than a football crowd. So it was perhaps fitting that they were very quiet for most of the time - apart from when they booed their team off at the end of each half. The booing was louder at the end of the first half though, as many started trooping away at about 4.30pm!

State of Ground: An all-seater stadium, Gigg Lane is far from the 'grim up north' image of flat caps and black puddings. It does, however, give the slight impression of not quite being finished as only two of the stands are actually joined. The other two stands are separated by undeveloped areas in two corners, and an impersonal corrugated wall, labelled 'Shakers Restaurant' in the other. But what did let down the otherwise smart set up was the pitch. Sharing with Manchester United Reserves and Swinton Rugby League Club had done it no favours whatsoever. Looking like a ploughed field before a ball had been kicked, it was more like the aftermath of a First World War battlefield afterwards and didn't exactly help to give us a flowing game of football.

View from Away End: The seats were set at a steep enough rake to allow a good view of the proceedings as long as you sat directly behind the goal. Elsewhere there was always a steel upright cunningly positioned to get in the way.

**Food/Drink:** Probably the only indoor tea bar in the division - with palatable tea and coffee at 80p. But the real stars of the show were the Balti pies. Even at £1.90, second helpings were often partaken.

Toilet Facilities: Large, basic and smelly - in other words, traditional football ground toilets!

Officials' Performance: Mr Jones took account of the atrocious state of the pitch and tried to let the game flow wherever possible. He might have brandished a few more yellow cards as the home side became increasingly desperate, but he still managed to keep the lid on a game that saw the match never far from the blue touch-paper. Additional Comments: Bury appeared to have two eccentric mascots. One was a bizarre character in a blue, tailed coat and top hat and smiley face - the mascot, not the hat that is! But it was almost normal when compared to the other character who chose not to hide under a 'mascot head'. Dressed in a powder blue suit, hobnail boots with red laces and a multicoloured tie, he proceeded to wander through the all sections of the ground (including, bravely I thought, the away end), kissing the hands of all the female fans. And as if that was not odd enough, he handed sweets to everyone else whilst calling them 'Tinkerbell' and waving an old-style football rattle. No, I have no idea what it was all meant to mean - but it had to be seen to be believed!

Additional Reporting: Doug Shulman

# HUNGRY .... Phil Jackson Ad

## match report - bury

4 mins: long ball over the top gave Barnes the chance of a run at goal until Cowan recovered well to head clear

13 mins: Kenny flapped at Joseph's throw, pushing it behind for a corner, but Paul Wanless could only a glancing header and no power to the ball and it was easily cleared.

16 mins: Littlejohn burst down the other flank but he was forced wide by John Dreyer and he shot into the side netting.

20 mins: Tom Cowan burst away down the left, seemed to lose possession on the edge of the area under a challenge from Collins, but continued after the ball fell for him and stabbed it past the keeper with the outside of his left foot for his first United goal.

26 mins: Littlejohn's run was only held up briefly by Andy Duncan before he found Forrest on the left hand side, but the midfielder lobbed a tame ball through to Perez.

27 mins: Oakes scampered away down the right and found Wanless who sent a rasping drive just wide from 25 yards.

29 mins: A neat turn and shot from the edge of the box by Littlejohn was spilled by Perez towards Barnes, who was following up, but his shot hit the bar.

38 mins: John Dreyer had to leave the pitch in the for some treatment after getting an accidental fist in the face from Perez as several players went for the same high hanging

39 mins: Oakes played a little cross inside for Joseph whose diving header went into the side netting,

63 mins: A cross was deflected off Joseph and was heading for the top corner until Perez snaked out an arm and palmed it away. In the same eventful spell the ball appeared to strike Wanless' hand as the ball bobbled around the United goal area but Bury appeals for a penalty were waved away, then Perez saved again from Billy before the ball was finally cleared after a corner kick.

73 mins: from a Bury corner, Taylor received Wanless' clearance on about halfway and galloped down the right, saw Ashbee coming forward in support but Taylor's pass was just too close to the keeper

Mark Johnson

#### On the road...

The Time: Tuesday, February 20th - 7.45pm The Venue: Vale Park, Hamil Road, Burslem

By Car: Follow the A50, passing Stoke City's Brittania Stadium on the left, until you come to the large roundabout which is the junction with the A500. Turn right onto the A500. Go straight on at the first and second roundabouts, staying on the A500. At the third roundabout, take the 4th exit (s/p A527 Tunstall, Longport Road). After approx. half a mile, take the second exit at the small roundabout onto the B501 into Newcastle Street. Go straight on at the next roundabput and across the crossroads into Moorland Road. Take the second left into Hamil Road. The ground is on the left,

Parking at the ground costs £4 and doesn't afford a quick getaway after the match! The supermarket next door charges £2, which is refundable against purchases at the store, whilst there is street parking in the sidestreets off Hamil Road and High Lane

With thanks to the 'Football Fans Guide' - now available in the Club Megastore, priced £9.99

By Coach: Ely: 2.15pm, The Abbey: 3pm, Price: £15

Visitors Seating: There will be more than enough seats in the Hamil End. Prices will be £15 adults, £10 OAPs and £8 under 16's. Disabled supporters are charged £5, whilst the helpers pay £15. Booking is required on 01782 655

Programme: £2.



atching up with recent events concerning Cambridge United on the Internet, the official site is expanding all the time and will carry regular redevelopment updates from Colin Davies. He recently brought readers right up to date with news about the ground redevelopment, and with contractors already at work on the allotments his news and accompanying photographs will become a regular feature of the site.

You will shortly be able to send questions to Colin for regular Q&A sessions on the site, and that feature is likely to be extended to other departments at the Club in the near future, including the chairman and the board of directors!

#### getting better all the time

The latest new section is devoted to the increasingly popular New Cambridge United Lottery, which is helping to raise valuable funds towards the cost of the redevelopment. For the minimum outlay of £1 per week it offers you the chance to win up to £10,000 five times a week, and if you become an agent and sell 100 lines to friends, family and colleagues, you will receive a season ticket for 2001-2002 absolutely free! You can find out more about this new lottery scheme on the official web site, and the winning numbers and recent winners are updated every weekend.

A significant number of news stories direct from the Club are added to the site throughout the week, and a sign of the site's success is that it is now a source for news and quotes for news agencies like the Press Association. Comments first read on the Club's site are quickly propagated around the major Internet news sites and the traditional press.

As you probably know by now, the number of people viewing the official site has a direct effect on the amount of money received by our club from the joint Internet deal between the Football League and ntl. One way you can help the club - and it won't cost you a penny - is to make the official site your 'home' page. That way you can see the latest news from the club and generate at least one 'hit' every time you log on to

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Another way is to register for the new quiz which is offered from all participating official Nationwide sites. The club will benefit when you register and every time you play, and the better your football knowledge the more points you earn for Cambridge United and the higher the Club rises in the table!

#### alternative abbey

In the unofficial world, U's Net continues to report news from the supporters' point of view and a constant stream of new opinion pieces and historical articles about memorable matches means there is usually something new to read every day. The message board continues to be an interesting mixture of thoughtful debate, banter with visiting fans, and rumours of varying credence, while a new chat schedule means that if you are on-line at lunch time or from 9pm you should find someone in the Abbey Arms chat room to 'talk' to.

Martin Lodziak has added a Who Wants To Be A Millionaire-style quiz to his poll site, a feature that has already proved popular on other football sites, and he continues to set weekly questions to gather opinion from U's supporters.

The Moosenet mailing list is planning another face-toface meet at the Reading game in April. Jamie Dyer is organising things now so that people who swap news and opinions throughout the year in electronic form can actually put a face to the names they have grown to know so well. Previous 'meets' have gone extremely well and been great fun as well as generating income for the Club, and hopefully this one will be no different.

Happy surfing!

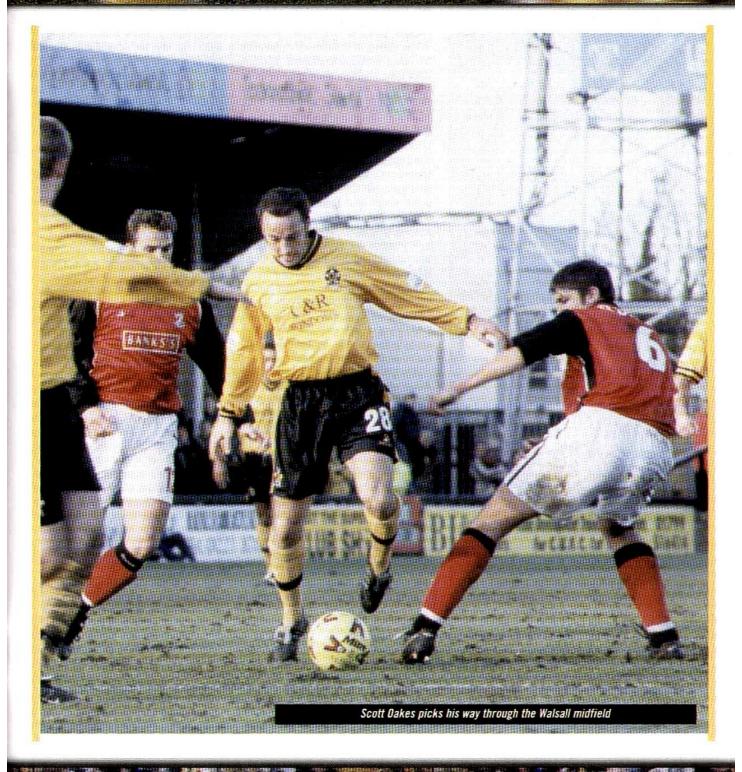
Andrea Thrussell andrea@cambridgeunited.net

## golden gamble half time draw v walsall winning numbers

Main Prize £214.00 was won by Dave Pink in the Habbin Stand with ticket number 22290 Consolation Prize was won by Colin Proctor from the VPs with ticket number 28062

Don't forget to buy your ticket for today's draw from sellers around the ground.

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News from the U17's & U19's

#### **Youth Team Fixtures**

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Sat Aug 19	Leyton Orient (H)	W2-1
Sat Aug 26	Barnet (a)	W1-0
Sat Sep 2	Southend United (H)	W6-3
Sat Sep 9	Northampton Town (H)	W2-1
Sat Sep 16	Portsmouth (a)	W3-0
Sat Sep 23	Luton Town (a)	W2-1
Fri Oct 6	Brentford (H)	D1-1
Sat Oct 14 Sat Oct 21	Gillingham (H) Colchester United (a)	W2-0 L1-2
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Sat Nov 11 Sat Nov 18	Leyton Orient (a) Barnet (H)	D0-0 W4-1
Sat Dec 2 Sat Dec 16	Portsmouth (H - k.o. noon) Northampton Town (a)	P-P W1-0
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Sat Jan 13 Sat Jan 20	Brentford (a) Luton Town (H)	L2-3 P-P
Sat Jan 27	Gillingham (a)	W4-2
Wed Jan 31	Brighton & Hove Albion (a)	W2-0
Sat Feb 3	Colchester United (H)	P-P
Sat Feb 10	Wycombe Wanderers (a)	D0-0
Mon Feb 12	Southend United (a)	W3-0
Sat Feb 17	Brighton & Hove Albion (H)	
Sat Feb 24	Wycombe Wanderers (H)	
Youth A	Alliance Cup	
Sat Dec 9	Luton Town (a)	D2-2
Fri Dec 22	Colchester United (H)	W1-0
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## Voligis berjegt Meekend

19 squad travelled down to the south coast to face what would easily be their most difficult game to date. The young U's started brightly on an excellent surface and slipped into their rhythm early on. After 8 minutes a long throw found Matty Haniver whose shot was parried only as far as David Bridges who buried the rebound. However for reasons unbeknown to United the linesman saw fit to disallow the goal. Moments later and the play switched to the other end of the pitch where Alex Revell had to make a brave last ditch tackle to save a

The game started to flow from end to end, as the U's soaked up what little pressure they had to endure and hit the home team on the counter attack numerous times.

certain Brighton opener.

Daniel Chillingworth got on the end of a good Bridges slide-ball after brilliant work by the later, but failed to bury his chance.

The break through did come after 32 minutes when a Luke Guttridge free kick was partially blocked, only for the ball to be rifled home with conviction by Daniel Chillingworth.

James Mercer had to be on his guard soon after to make an excellent save to pressure the advantage.

Unlucky only to be one goal to the good, United came out and bossed the rest of the contest. The rocklike figure of Adam Tann saw a

ambridge United's under i header from a left wing corner, whistle past the post, and Chillingworth, Revell and Guttridge all came close.

> Frustrated, Brighton could only hit long hopeful balls which were gobbled up by the excellent United back four.

The killer goal came on 75 minutes when a scramble in the home area saw Butterworth's curling effort crash off an upright and fall to the man of the hour Chillingworth who made no mistake from close range.

Cambridge played out the last 15 with no major alarms to take 3 valuable points in this top of the table

#### under 19s v wycombe

A disappointing result and performance from the young U's, meant that two points were dropped in their pursuit of the title. Although it was a below par performance the youngsters did create a few chances with Wycombe creating only one.

The U's had a great chance to open the scoring, but a superb save from the keeper denied Daniel Chillingworth. Wycombe's long ball tactics caused the defence few problems. A good run from Owen Paynter led to Alex Revell shooting wide when it looked easier to hit the

The second half saw Cambridge kicking with the wind and dominate the game. Good chances fell the way of Adam Tann, Chillingworth and Paynter but none were convert

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge United16	11	3	2	33	15	36
Colchester United19	11	3	5	40	27	36
Wycombe Wanderers20	10	4	6	29	22	34
Brighton & Hove Albion 15	10	3	2	32	16	33
Leyton Orient17	9	5	3	43	21	32
Portsmouth17	6	5	6	26	26	23
Brentford16	5	6	5	27	23	21
Luton Town16	5	5	6	27	24	20
Southend United18	5	4	9	27	43	19
Gillingham20	3	6	11	25	47	15
Northampton Town19	3	4	12	18	39	13
Barnet17	1	4	12	16	40	7

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## under 11s on tour

ed. Although the U's were still playing poorly, they still looked like they might win the game particularly from set pieces.

The last good chance of the game fell to Chillingworth, looking odds on to lob the keeper and win the game. The Goalkeeper managed to claw the ball out of the air and deny the U's all three points.

#### under 19s v southend

Cambridge Under 19's got back to winning ways with a comprehensive victory over a struggling Southend side, in treacherous conditions. The U's got off to a good start and came close early on when Duncan Lockhart put Chillingworth through. The ball eventually fell to Alex Revell who blazed over the bar with the keeper and defender stranded. However, Revell soon made amends. The ever threatening corners delivered by Luke Gutteridge paid dividends, when Tann rose and headed well to Revell who bravely headed home. The young Uis continued to press and came closest to a second when Owen Paynter did very well, but was unfortunate to see his shot well saved and they went in at half time 1-0 up.

The second half began in much the same vain as the 1st with Cambridge dominating. They were rewarded with a second goal when a good Franco Nacca centre found its way to Luke Gutteridge who fired home from close range. With a continuous downpour, the conditions

were deteriorating and the pitch became more suited to mud wrestling than football. A much-deserved goal followed in the closing moments of the game when substitutes Kevin Winkworth and David Bridges linked well, resulting in the latter scoring a simple chance. Overall the whole team must be commended again on their determination and work rate and the victory should have sealed their promotion to the advanced section.

#### youth development report

Next week is half term a very busy week for the Youth Development staff is scheduled.

Firstly on Saturday our Under 10 and Under 11 squad entertain Northampton Town for small sided games at Impington. Sunday sees our Under 15 and Under 13 squads entertain West Bromwich Albion while our Under 14 and Under 12 squads travel away.

From Monday to Friday there is a full programme of trial matches, training days and matches for Centre of Excellence Squads and Advanced Centres together with Sports Science Testing.

We end the week on Sunday when our Centres Squads will be playing Walsall.

Today we welcome our players and parents from our Bury Advanced Centre to the Abbey Stadium. Hope you enjoy the match!

#### South East Conference Under 17 Section Pts 38 Leyton Orient.....17 Brighton & Hove Albion 17 37 Colchester United ......17 Brentford......15 49 Wycombe Wanderers.....17 24 Northampton Town ......17 27 23 Portsmouth ......17 Cambridge United ......14 18 Southend United ......16 22 18 Gillingham......15 Barnet.....12

#### **Under 17's Fixtures**

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Sat Aug 19	Leyton Orient (a)	L0-4
Sat Aug 26	Barnet (H)	D2-2
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Sat Sep 16	Wycombe Wanderers (H)	W7-3
Sat Oct 7	Southend United (a)	L1-3
Sat Oct 14	Colchester United (a)	L0-3
Sat Oct 21	Brentford (H)	L2-4
Sat Oct 28	Brighton & Hove Albion (a)	L0-2
Sat Nov 11	Leyton Orient (H)	P-P
Sat Nov 18	Barnet (a)	P-P
Sat Nov 25	Portsmouth (H)	D1-1
Sat Dec 16	Northampton Town (H)	W1-0
Sat Jan 13	Southend United (H)	W2-0
Sat Jan 27	Colchester United (H)	W4-1
Sat Feb 3	Brentford (a)	P-P
Sat Feb 10	Brighton & Hove (a)	L0-1
Sat Feb 17	Gillingham (a)	
Tue Feb 20	Gillingham (H - k.o. noon, Pem	broke Coll.)
Sat Feb 24	Wycombe Wanderers (a - k.o. n	ioon)

Unless otherwise stated, home matches are played at the Simoco Sports Ground - kick-off 11am

#### Youth Development Officer:

Ricky Martin

**Assistant Youth Development Officer:** 

Paul Taylor

Under-17s Coach:

Dougie Evans

Youth Development Telephone Number: 01223 729204



Reserve team update

#### **Reserve fixtures**

#### **Avon Insurance Combination** Wed 16 Aug Leyton Orient (H) Wed 23 Aug Brentford (H) D0-0 Wed 30 Aug Gillingham (a) W2-0 Wed 13 Sep Fulham (H) L1-3 Tue 19 Sep Queens Park Rangers (a) 10-1 Wed 27 Sep Reading (a) D1-1 Tue 3 Oct Crystal Palace (H) W2-1 Wed 18 Oct Norwich City (H - League Cup) D2-2 Wed 15 Nov Swindon Town (a) - D1-1 Wed 22 Nov Colchester U (a - League Cup) L1-2 Wed 29 Nov Wycombe Wanderers (a) L1-3 Wed 6 Dec Oxford United (H) W2-1 Mon 11 Dec Peterborough U (a - League Cup) D2-2 Wed 20 Dec Brighton & Hove Albion (H) W1-0 Wed 3 Jan Gillingham (H - League Cup) L1-3 Wed 10 Jan AFC Bournemouth (a) D2-2 Wed 24 Jan Norwich City (a) L1-4 Wed 14 Feb Southend United (H) W2-1 Wed 21 Feb Luton Town (a - League Cup) 2.00pm Mon 26 Feb Peterborough United (a) 2.00pm Wed 7 Mar Cheltenham Town (H) 1.00pm Wed 14 Mar Colchester United (a) 2.00pm Tue 20 Mar Northampton Town (H) 2.00pm Wed 28 Mar Luton Town (a) 2.00pm Wed 4 Apr Barnet (H) 2.00pm Tue 10 Apr Millwall (a) 2.00pm Wed 18 Apr Bristol City (a) 2.00pm Wed 25 Apr Portsmouth (H) 2.00pm Mon 30 Apr Bristol Rovers (H\*) 2.00pm \* - Match to be played at Christ & Sidney Sussex Sports Ground, Huntingdon Road

Reserve Team Manager: John Taylor



## combination update

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barnet

leading scorers: W. Purser 2, A. Berkley

leading scorers: G. Graham 2, L.

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leading scorers: R. Thomas 7, S.

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leading scorer: M. Brown 4

bristol rovers

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cambridge united

leading scorers: J. Axeldal 7, N. Lamey

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leading scorer: G. Hopkins 4

colchester united

leading scorer: D. Morgan 3

crystal palace

leading scorers: S. Kabba 3, A. Martin 3

leading scorers: L. Cornwall 6, K. Betsy

gillingham

leading scorers: C. Lee 2, A . Thomson 2,

R. Rowe 2

leyton orient

leading scorer: S. Watts 2

leading scorers: D. Brennan 4, P.

Thomson 4. millwall

leading scorers: L. Constantine 2, R.

Sadlier 2, T. Tyne 2

northampton town leading scorers: A. Morrow 4, R.

Thompson 3.

norwich city

leading scorers: A. Coote 22, P. McVeigh

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leading scorers: S. Weatherstone 4, J.

Brooks 4

peterborough united

leading scorers: J. Cullen 3, F. Green 3

portsmouth

leading scorers: K. Harper 5, L.

Nightingale 4, N. McNab 4

queens park rangers

leading scorers: K. Connolly 5, A. Heinola 4

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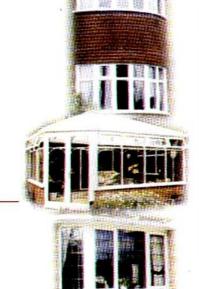
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# Jours axeldal

hen Jonas Axeldal arrived at the Abbey Stadium not much was known about the Swedish striker. However, after a successful trial period in the summer manager Roy McFarland brought him to the Club.

Axeldal is a hardworking striker and had spells with Malmo, Foggia and Ipswich Town. His ability in England has also already been proven when he was the top scorer in last season's Avon Insurance Combination League for Ipswich.

But despite making an encouraging debut against Portsmouth in this season's Worthington Cup he has not yet truly shown his full potential, failing to hold down a regular first team place.

The Swede is now determined to hold down a regular first team position in the squad, for the final third of the season.

"I am obviously disappointed not to have played more from the start this season," said Axeldal. "I have had patches in the team and I started well, but my form dropped a little bit and I have not been able to get back into the team.

"I hope to do well in training to win a place back in the team but at the end of the day it is up to the gaffer. But if I keep playing well and trying hard in training hopefully my chance will come."

Axeldal's career has been somewhat of a roller-coaster ride. His arrival to Ipswich came after the Club spotted him playing for Foggia when he scored three times in 26 outings for the Italian side.

The Swede was glad of the opportunity to play in the English League, but knows he was fortunate even to be given the opportunity, recalling a near fatal tragedy while playing in Italy.

He said: "To tell you the truth I am likely to even be here because when I was at Foggia we

were driving home from an away game and everybody was asleep except for me and the driver fell asleep, so I got up and took control of the wheel.

"It was lucky that I was awake at the time because there could have been a serious tragedy."

But what he modestyly omits to mention is that he was awarded the freedom of the City of Foggia for his heroics.

Now, Axeldal is happy to be playing in England and after settling down at his new home he is grateful to McFarland for giving him the chance to kick-start his career at Cambridge.

He continued: "Cambridge is a very good Club. We are doing reasonably well considering we don't have the big resources compared to some other Clubs. The team could do a bit better though.

"Sometimes we play very well and sometimes we play very bad. We need to get a good level of consistency and see if we can turn around our season as quickly as we possibly can.

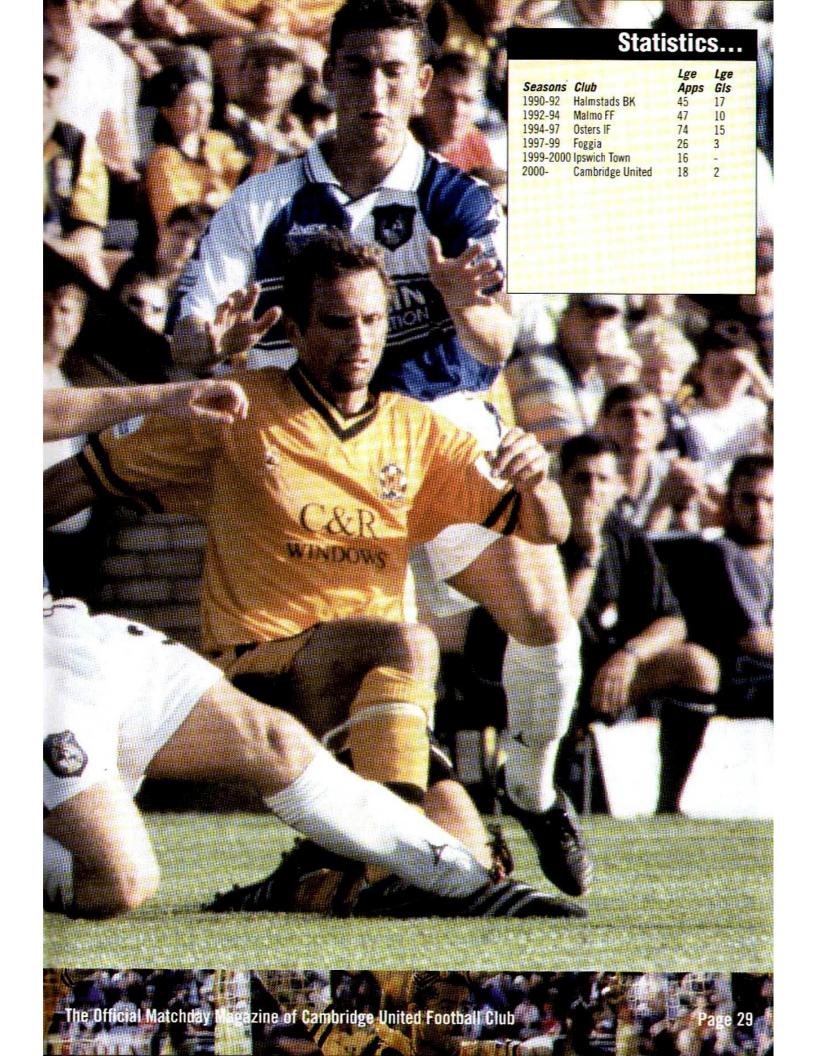
"My first aim is to get back into the first team this season. After that I don't know. At the end of the season I will look at my position."

Axeldal could be boosted by the news that McFarland is keen to give the squad's fringe players a chance in the coming weeks and he hopes that will come against a Swindon team, who he is sure will provide a threat.

He said: "Swindon will give us a tough game. They were relegated last year but they are struggling also. We have to win the game for the team and for the fans. But we can't look at their position in the league. We have to concentrate on our game."

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#### news from the world game

he false passports scandal which has rocked European football could cause chaos in the French League should Clubs decide to take legal action. Earlier this month, Toulouse were awarded three points for a game against St Etienne after the French League ruled St Etienne had fielded two players holding fake European passports. This week Toulouse claimed three points from a 1-1 draw against Metz in November, a match in which Metz fielded Colombian international goalkeeper Farid Mondragon who was using a false Greek passport. Unlike St Etienne, who were stripped of six points, Metz have not been punished in the false passports scandal and other Clubs are threatening legal action to ensure they suffer the same fate.

Esperance goalkeeper El Ouaer has received a one year ban from the African Champions League competition following a ruling that he deliberately cut himself with a sharp object during last years final between Esperance and Ghanaian Club Hearts of Oak. After inflicting the injury on himself he went on to claim he had been hit by a missile thrown from the crowd. The incident occurred during a stoppage enforced by crowd rioting during the match, and was thought to be an attempt to have the match awarded to Esperance by default. Esperance will be allowed to register another goalkeeper for the Champions League, even though the deadline for player registration closed on January 15.

Finally, I know we've heard it all before, but lets hope this time it's for real ... the uncertainty over the future of the present transfer system in Europe looks to be close to a resolution. The two most powerful men in football hailed a historic day for football

this week after sealing a broad agreement with the European Commission over changes to the transfer system. FIFA president Sepp Blatter and his UEFA counterpart Lennart Johansson thrashed out the basis for the future of the game after meeting three EC commissioners in Brussels. The talks represent the first broad agreement on all issues by the EC and the football bodies, and bring both good and bad news for the smaller Clubs.

Issues newly agreed include players' contracts to be a minimum of one year and maximum of five years. The other significant development is an acceptance by the EC that there is a need for stability of contracts. This is being seen as a victory by FIFA and UEFA, who have argued that allowing players to walk out on contracts at three months' notice would destabilise the whole game. It also represents an acceptance by the football world that players of all ages should have greater freedom of movement within Europe.

The EC, however, did lay down the law in certain respects surrounding freedom of movement and penalties for players who break their contracts unilaterally. It has now been agreed that there will be a code of conduct established for young players that will balance their protection with freedom of movement within Europe. If a player aged between 18 and 23 does move Clubs, compensation must accurately reflect the costs of developing the player and not be so high as to be a barrier to movement. The EC also stated that a proposed one-year ban for players who terminate their contracts unilaterally is too harsh. So, that's all clear then.

Will Jones

hen I spied into my crystal ball for the 'Boro game in December, I predicted Ken Bates would resign his position with the Wembley National Stadium Ltd, ten days ago he finally did. Somewhat

predictably he didn't go quietly!

Even greater disasters might have befallen 'our' Ken a couple of days ago as well! It is obviously unknown at the time of going to Press, if Thursday's 14 man FA Committee removed Bates from the FA Board. His parting resignation shots almost certainly would rubber stamp it and he could even get rejected from the 92-strong FA Council as well. His uncamouflaged attack on Adam Crozier, has even got the 'blazered battalions' now ensconced at trendy Soho Square threatening to sue the 'outspoken' Chelsea Chairman for his vicious and they feel continuing undermining of Crozier's Authority.

Let's face it, the writing was on the somewhat damp, decaying and musty smelling wall that could describe Wembley nowadays, when Bates

was replaced as Chairman of WNSL, due to his ludicrous pie in the sky ideas not receiving the necessary backing of the City Financiers. Bates never knowingly ever to be wrong, slashed around blaming everyone including Crozier for not supporting him. The anti-Bates lobby should by now have completed their revenge, and prior to their meeting a Wembley source observed: "He has broken every rule in the book as far as confidentiality and denigrating his own campaign is concerned. He's blamed everyone else for things going"

wrong when it was he, himself, who had the responsibility."

So has Crozier recently lost the plot? Coming in on a tide of people wanting change from the stuffy, secretive, lax and sometimes

condescending regime illustrated by Graham Kelly's stewardship. Crozier insisted on a major crackdown on indiscipline, and some recent rulings have made it all a bit of a joke. This amiable Scotsman insisted that there would be no legal loopholes through which players, managers and even officials could escape, so what have we recently had? Many would reckon them as 'soft' punishments!

Referee Paul Taylor had his case dismissed through lack of evidence that he had verbally abused Notts County's Sean Farrell. The new Video Panel looked utter mugs when Southampton's Kachloul and Leicester's Elliott both had charges of violent conduct reduced to improper conduct! Last Thursday week we also had the ludicrous decision that Arsenal's Viera kicking of Olivier Dacourt of Leeds should give

him just a single one-match ban and a loose change £10,000 fine.

Somewhat more worrying is that Arsene Wenger, turning up with a posse of barristers, Vice Chairman of Arsenal David Dein, himself the FA Vice-Chairman as well, and a battalion of his own players to apparently give evidence, gets let off. Wonder if Clubs down at our level would get the same sort of justice with our limited resources? Answers on a mail bag to me please!

Dave Brown



U's heroes of yesteryear

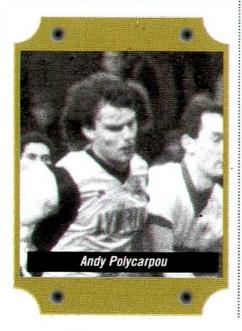
# The 1-2 of Cambridge United:

#### Andrew Alfred POLSTON (1989) 3 ige apps, 0 gis

Andy was a Tottenham apprentice at the same time as his brother John was making occasional forays into the senior team (John went on to become a Norwich stalwart). Andy's fifteen minutes of fame came on 3 March 1989 when he replaced John Moncur during the league game with Crystal Palace. Ironically Moncur had already had a loan spell with During October 1898, injuries to United's right backs (Colin Bailie and Gary Clayton) prompted manager Chris Turner to ring up Terry Venables at Spurs to ask for help. The result was that Andy played three League games for United. The U's were next to bottom of the Fourth Division, but Andy's games all ended in victory to give the season a kick-start. Home wins over Torquay (5-2) and Doncaster (1-0) were followed by a 3-2 win at Wrexham. Then Clayton regained fitness and Andy returned to Spurs. He was loaned out to Gillingham in November 1991 and featured a couple of times

#### Andrew POLYCARPOU (1981-82) 1+4 Ige apps, 0 gls

Born in Islington in 1958, Andy signed professional terms for Southend in 1976. He spent five years at Roots Hall and made 63 appearances in their midfield, including 20 as sub, scoring ten goals. In August 1981 he was brought to Cambridge by John Docherty who was strengthening his squad in preparation for United's third season in the old Second



Division. Andy made his debut as a substitute in the opening League fixture at Crystal Palace and did enough to warrant a place in the starting line-up for the visit of Derby in the next League game. Although he lasted the full 90 minutes in the number seven shirt, it was his last taste of featuring in the starting line-up. Three more brief outings in the number twelve shirt ensued, before Andy was sold to Cardiff in April 1982. He played seven games for Cardiff that season, but wasn't retained following their relegation to the Third Division at season's end.

#### Gary John POOLE (1987-89) 42+1 Ige apps, 0 gis

Another Londoner who started at Spurs. Gary never made the first team though, and it was a raw teenager that arrived at the Abbey in August 1987. He soon took the place of Wayne Ebanks in the right-back position and he became one of the few bedrocks of a transitional team that ended the season mid-table in the Fourth Division. The U's have rarely found a classy right-back throughout their League history and Gary was no more than competent most of the time. At the beginning of the next season he found he had been replaced by Colin Bailie, but he hung on in the reserves patiently. He only made one more appearance for the U's and that was a 0-4 tonking at Grimsby in January 1989, not a good way to bow out. In March 1989 he moved to Barnet and helped them to their dream of League status. In June 1992 he moved to Plymouth and after a season there he went to In September 1994 he made his Southend biggest move to date when he signed for Birmingham City. He made 72 League appearances for the Blues, the most he made for any Club in the League. In November 1996 he returned to London to play 16 times for Charlton.

#### David William PREECE (1996-) 40+34 Ige apps, 2 gls

David was born in May 1963 and made his start in League football with Walsall. His League debut came on 17 January 1981 against Chester (over 20 years ago!). It wasn't until the 1982-83 season that David managed to establish himself into the frame as a guaranteed member of the midfield. The highlight of his career there was reaching the Milk Cup (now Worthington Cup) Semi-final in February 1984 and helping to hold Liverpool to a 2-2 draw at Anfield in the First Leg. Alas, 'Pool prevailed 2-0 in the Second Leg, but a point was proved. In December 1984 he moved to Luton and became part of their midfield for over ten years, making 336 League appearances and scoring 21 goals. It just happened to be Luton's finest ever era. Proudly in the top division for the first of David's eight season's there, they finished as high as seventh in 1986-87. The following season they finished ninth, reached the FA Cup semi-final (Wimbledon beat them), but achieved glory in the Littlewoods Cup when they came from behind to beat Arsenal 3-2 in the Final. Though David had missed much of the season through injury, he played in that final, and also the one the following year when they lost 1-3 to Nottingham Forest at Wembley.

In August 1995 he moved to Derby, two months after Jim Smith had replaced Roy McFarland. He spent a season with the Rams making 13 league appearances, but had loan spells with Birmingham and Swindon. He joined Cambridge in September 1996 and made a promising debut against Torquay that month before being cruelly injured in the second half. He returned later that season and has became a vital cog in United's squad since then, filling in on a 'as and when required' basis. In 1997 he passed the milestone of 500 League games in his career and has become assistant manager.

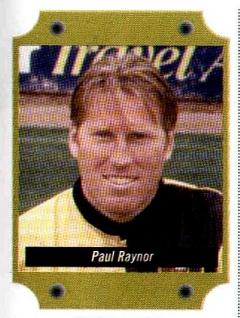
#### Daral James PUGH (1987-88) 6 Ige apps, 1 gl

Born in Neath and holder of two Welsh Under-21 caps, but spent most of his playing career in Yorkshire. His first Club was Doncaster and he made 154 League appearances for them between 1979 and 1982. In January 1982 he helped his side dump Cambridge out of the FA Cup. He moved to Huddersfield in September 1982 and played 85 League games for them, though 33 were from the substitutes' bench. A move to Rotherham in July 1985 was more successful in helping him to hold down a first team place and he played over 100 times over three seasons. In December 1987 he was loaned to Cambridge and he made six consecutive League appearances on the left wing. On Boxing Day he headed the winning goal against Scarborough. He returned to Rotherham, but was sold to Torquay in August 1988 where he wound down his League career, playing 32 games for them.

#### Jonathan PURDIE (1987) 7 Ige apps, 2 gis

By a neat coincidence, Jon's last game for Cambridge was Daryl Pugh's debut. Jon was an England Schoolboy international with Arsenal, but left for Wolves in July 1985 before troubling the first team. Wolves were a team in turmoil and had already started the plummet from First Division to Fourth in consecutive seasons. He made 89 League appearances for Wolves, scoring twelve times, during which time he joined Cambridge on loan. He started on the wing, but when star striker David Crown was sold, he was tried further forward. He scored in consecutive games against Bolton and Stockport before returning to Wolves. He joined Oxford in July 1988, but soon afterwards had brief spells with Brentford and Shrewsbury.

Stephen PYLE (1981-85)



56+13 Ige apps, 8 gls

Another one of scout Lew Naimby's Geordie discoveries. Steve was just 16 when he travelled with the first team to Newcastle in April 1981. He thought he was there just as a general dogsbody, but imagine his surprise when he unpacked the teams boots and found his own amongst them. He made his debut as substitute at the ground where once he stood as a supporter. In those happy days of Second Division success, United's youngsters were blooded properly and Steve had to wait two years before he played again. He featured five times consecutively in April 1983 and managed to be used sparingly during the 1983-84 relegation season, before featuring heavily in the 1984-85 drop to the Fourth. On 17 August 1985 he scored United's first hat trick in six years when he struck three times in eight minutes to destroy Hartlepool. Ken Shellito had been trying to sell him, but it gave him a brief stay of execution until December 1985 when he moved to Torquay. He played 33 League games for the Gulls spread over two seasons.

#### Graham Charles RATHBONE (1973-74) 35+1 Ige apps, 0 gls

A Welsh central defender, he was playing for Merthyr Tydfil in March 1961 when Newport made a move for him. He had over five years in South Wales, making just under 200 League appearances for County. In November 1966 he transferred to Grimsby and spent over six years in their defence. playing 233 League games and scoring eleven This made him an ideal candidate for Cambridge manager Bill Leivers to sign to replace the injured Terry Eades, as Bill preferred players with proven track records. United were just outside the Fourth Division promotion places when Graham took over and he was playing when they clinched promotion in the dramatic winner-takes-all clash with Mansfield in the final game. Graham played half the games of the 1973-74 season, but it was a total contrast as United struggled throughout. Graham's final two games for United were disasters, conceding five goals at Tranmere and four at Plymouth. Like most members of Leivers' sides, United was his last League club.

#### Jonathan Paul RATTLE (1994-96) 13+2 Ige apps, 0 gis

A United youth who made his debut aged 18 in the 0-2 Coca-Cola Cup defeat at Portsmouth in August 1994. He played six League games before wandering off to join Stevenage Borough. Next season he made a return to midfield for The U's, this time without signing a contract, and made ten League and cup appearances in midfield. Describing him as not one of United's all-time great players is as charitable as I can be towards him.

#### Patrick John RAYMENT (1984-86) 42+6 Ige apps, 2 gls

Nicknamed Paddy, but born in Peterborough in April 1965. He began at Posh, making his debut just after his 17th birthday in May 1982. He turned out in 30 League games for Posh, scoring thrice, before moving across the county to Cambridge in October 1984. He made his debut at right back against Wigan as United picked up a rare point during that troubled season. He became a regular, moving to midfield when required and though little more than a squad member, he did stay with United until the rot ended. His last game for Cambridge came fittingly against Posh in November 1986, playing on the right wing.

#### Paul James RAYNOR (1992-93 & 1995-97) 124+4 Ige apps, 9 gls

Born in Nottingham in 1966 and made his debut for Forest in November 1984 against Southampton. After three games at number nine he had to go to Bristol Rovers on loan the next season to experience League action. In August 1985 he made a permanent move to Huddersfield, making 50 League appearances and scoring nine goals. In March 1987 he went to Swansea and played almost 200 League games for them spread over five years, featuring regularly in matches against the U's. It was in the spring of '92 when John Beck made his move for Paul, desperately trying to strengthen his teams push for a Premiership place. Though that failed, Paul did become one of the few rocks in a crumbling relegation-bound side the following season. In July 1993 the U's fans were upset when the tenacious midfielder followed John Beck to Preston. He played 80 games for the Lilywhites, then rejoined United in August 1995 when Tommy Taylor was the manager. If anything, Raynor had got better, though he featured in two seasons that were notable for mid-season collapses. Then came one of the strangest transfers ever. Paul went to Guang Deong in China. He was out there until February 1998 when Leyton Orient brought him back for a brief spell.

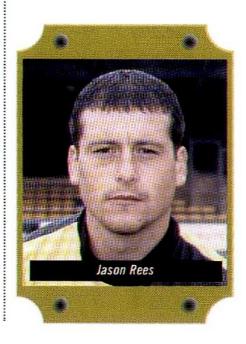
#### Jason Mark REES (1997-98) 17+3 Ige apps, 0 gls

Born in Aberdare, but started his career with Luton. He had over four years at Kenilworth Road, playing over 80 League games on the wing. Whilst there he achieved the unusual distinction of being capped at every level (Schoolboy, Youth, Under-21, 'B', and Full). His one full cap came against Austria in He had a loan spell of 15 games at Mansfield, but moved full-time to Portsmouth in July 1994. He averaged ten games a season over four years, then moved to Cambridge in August 1997, signed by our Roy. After playing most of the first half of the season, there came the realisation that he wasn't up to scratch and he played his last game in January 1998. From there it was on to Exeter in July 1998 where he became popular with the fans. After 87 League games and five goals he found himself cast adrift at the end of last season.

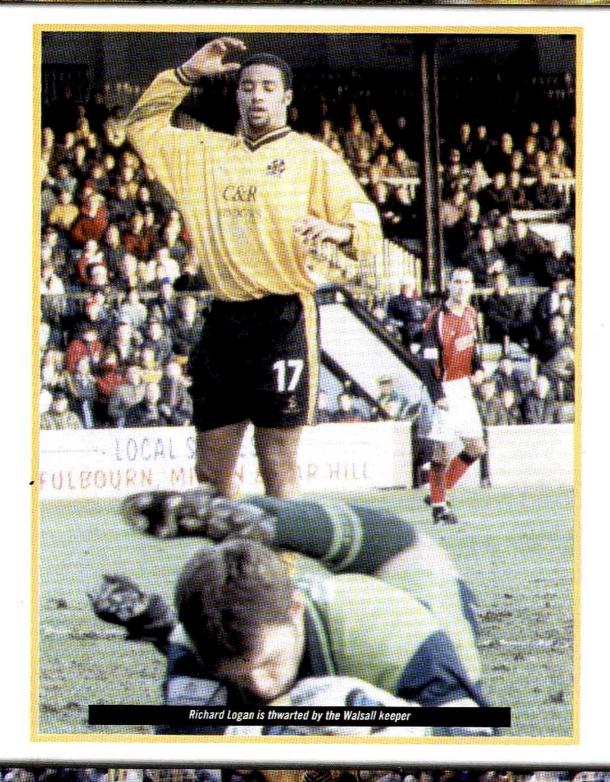
#### George Gerard REILLY (1979-83 & 1988-89) 156+2 ige apps, 43 gis

George was with Corby Town when local bigwigs Northampton came in for him. He was a star in his three years at the County Ground from 1976, racking up a goal every three games (45 goals in total). By November 1979, Cambridge manager John Docherty was figuring that his team was relying too heavily on Alan Biley's goalscoring feats and needed another type of striker to give them a push up the Division Two table. He splashed out £140,000, which was not only a United record, but also a new benchmark for any Fourth Division player. At a whisker under six feet three inches he towered over the diminutive Biley and there was no doubting that the U's were now going to play a greater variety of balls into the box. The Reilly-Biley partnership lasted a few weeks until Biley's inevitable sale, and then George became the main threat to the opposition's goal. As time progressed, Docherty changed his tactics once again and gave Reilly a partner of similar stature - Joe Mayo - and they became the 'twin towers'. George was never unduly prolific, it took him till 1982-83 to become leading scorer in a season and he never managed more than a dozen League and cup goals at a time, but he was consistent. Finally, in August 1983, he was sold to Watford for £100,000, just as United's world crumbled around them. How they missed him. Watford gained a player who could add yet more goals to the totals of Mo Johnston and John Barnes George grabbed the winner in the FA Cup semi-final against Plymouth and played in the Final when Everton beat them 2-0. In February 1985 he was signed to Newcastle, but despite 10 goals in 31 League games he was sold on to WBA within ten months. He was used irregularly at the Hawthorns and returned to Cambridge in July 1988 at the age of 30. In his first game back he grabbed a couple of goals and slotted in well with Laurie Ryan and George Taylor, but time was running out. The discovery of Dion Dublin saw him eased out of the team and he played his last game in February

Kevin Palmer



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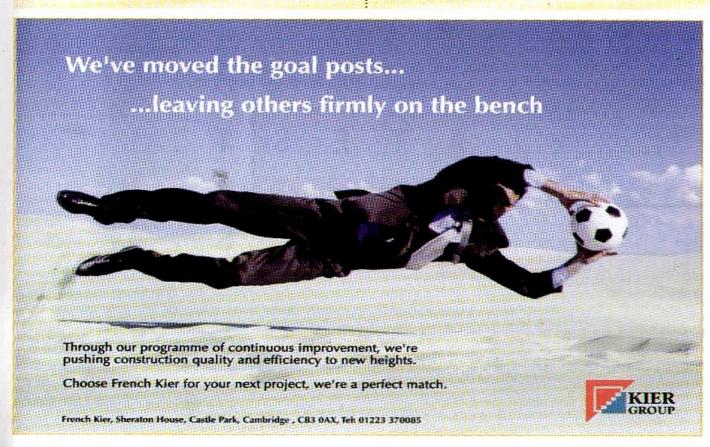
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ne of the Club's redevelopment's obligations is to meet regularly with the authorities and local community and discuss and agree traffic improvements. As a result of these

discussions some minor charges in parking restriction are planned and will be implemented early in March.

Double yellow no writing lines are to be put in around the junctions of Ditton Walk/Newmarket Road: Ditton Fields/Newmarket Road:

and Whitehill Road/Newmarket Road. These yellow lines replace the "No Waiting" cones previously put out at present.

Additionally bollards to prevent cars being driven along the cycle lane will be put in at the Junction of Rayson Way and Barnwell Road. Low level planting finishes of the scheme designed to illuminate the danger of cars being driven along the cycle

lane.

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Other restrictions or parking improvements will be made known to you in due course.

This week two very important documents related

to the redevelopment have been signed off.

The first was the lease which allows us to build on and use the allotment land behind the south terrace for 125 years! The second in what's known as a "Section 106" which is the legal agreement that

defines the conditions we must adhere to when we redevelop. The work presently being undertaken, at our expense together with these two documents means that we will be able to take over the allotment land early in April to commence the early stages of the building.

> Colin Davies Revelopment Project Manager

### Latest Supporters' news

efore the Walsall game a gang of volunteers (Brian and Michelle Attmore, Martin Chapman, Dave Jones and myself) conducted a turnstile survey on your cycling habits. This was at the request of the Club who are keen to encourage more fans to cycle to games in order to reduce local traffic congestion and pollution. Thanks to everyone who took time to talk to us.

We asked a random sample of fans if they ever cycled to the Abbey. If no, we then asked would they cycle if the Club were to provide proper, secure bike racks at the redeveloped ground. Or if yes, we asked would they cycle more if there were bike racks. We questioned 232 Us fans - given a home attendance of 3,241 this was a 7% sample of the Us support on the day.

Of the fans questioned 185 (80%) said they never cycle to the Abbey. This is not surprising; we all know that most U's fans live outside the city. The other 47 (20%) said they do cycle (either regularly or occasionally). Of those that currently do not cycle 28 (15%) said they would consider biking at least occasionally if the Club provided secure parking facilities for bikes. Of those that do currently cycle 26 (55%) said they would probably cycle more often if there were bike racks. Some added that the racks ought to he covered

Overall, then, 54 fans (23% of those questioned) said the provision of bike racks would influence how they travel to home games. If applied to the total home gate for the game the findings suggest that: 2,593 U's fans at the Walsall game never cycle to home games. but 389 of those would consider cycling if there were bike racks; 648 Us fans at the Walsall game currently cycle to home games at least occasionally, but 356 of those would probably cycle more often if there were bike

The findings have been passed to Colin Davies who will use them in discussions with the City Council and in planning facilities for the new ground. If you do cycle, or are considering cycling to the Abbey, you may find the Cambridge Cycle Route Map useful. It is available from "Cambridge Cycle Campaign", Cambridgeshire County Council. We hope to get the Abbey shown on the next version of the map (!) and get copies in the Club Shop next season.

### Nigel Pearce

You can contact the CUSA c/o the Club, by phoning Brian Attmore (01223 245168) or Nigel Pearce (01279 725012), by email: thecusa@btinternet.com or visit the CUSA website at: www.cambridgeunited.cjb.net

### **Fan File**

### Dave Brown chats with Neil Donaldson

ast month featured the first Fan File involving one of the 'infamous' Allotment Enders - a bunch of U's fanatics home and away during the violent 1970's this is the second.

Neil has been watching the U's ever since our two Southern League Championships on the run and also through our entire League career. He's therefore witnessed our roller-coaster ride of exhilarating highs, with far too many mind-numbing lows! So some of his answers to my questionnaire will be illuminating to fans both young and

Although having much respect for both Roy McFarland and John Beck, his accolade as our best ever Manager went to Chris Turner. "Chris inherited the worst ever U's team following Ryan/Shellito, but converted it into one that John Beck took with a few additions, ultimately to the doors of the Premiership".

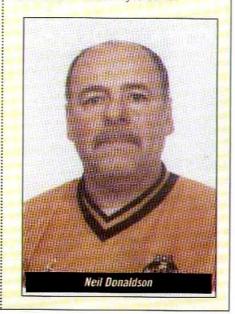
Neil's selection of best ever players included Lionel in the 'keeper slot. He is also one of his favourite current players: "superb...and full of heart", with Tom Youngs being the other. Dave Stringer took the defender title "totally professional". In midfield "perpetual motion.110%" Steve Spriggs took his plaudits. "Anyone who can score 27 goals in probably the U's worst ever team, gets my vote", so David Crown naturally did!

This Production Manager with a Sawston firm, who now lives in Cambridge, was actually born in Bushey Park, North London, and he recalled some of his earlier experiences supporting the U's. He hitched with the 'late lamented' Mick Harper on a trip to Oldham in March '74. Manager Bill Leivers asked how they had got up there following the 6-1 thrashing, and both were obviously surprised to be invited back home on the team coach. Both signed numerous autograph books from Oldham fans prior to their departure. Neil fully expects to see his name appearing on

Antiques Roadshow soon! Thirteen months later, he took his 250cc motorcycle up to Workington to witness our 2-1 mid-week win, however the trip back home took some 7 hours due to thick fog, and he had to go straight back to work!

Nowadays he's a season ticket holder at the Corona End, and still has a few matchday superstitions, one of which is he only sits in the Lounge of The Supporters Club for evening matches, funnily enough he didn't do that for the Bournemouth defeat! Neil has travelled away extensively and hates Layer Road; "It's run down, facilities are poor, and it has the loudest PA system I've ever heard. Speaking of noise his favourite ground is Hampden Park and he has experienced not only the incredible roar during Internationals but being a Celtic fan, the Old Firm games as well.

Neil has enjoyed most of all the camaraderie of the U's fans over the years, and he reckons most of his best mates are due to their connections with United, sometimes meeting for the first ever time, back to back facing hostility from unfriendly natives! Today, he welcomes his friends who are Swindon fans - The Akerman family, hoping for revenge following our reversal at The County Ground.



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F.I.T.C. News with David Toombs

he community shed has been a hive : of activity over the last few weeks with Railtrack tournaments and our first three Schools sponsored penalty shoot outs. All have been very successful and will be reported on in the next programme.

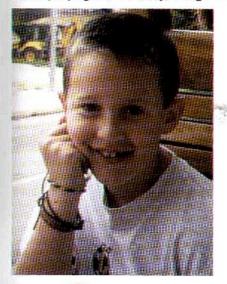
Before the notes this week a special thank you to the two work experience boys from CRC, who have spent the last two weeks in the shed learning the ropes on how to be a community coach. So thanks to Marcus Jones and to Ian Rush for all their help.

### special quests

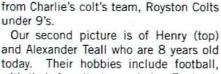
We have three special groups attending today's game, one team and two birthday The colt's team come from Bishop Stortford. Our thanks go to Tim Moylette who has organised the visit.

Our first birthday boy is Charlie Littlefair who will be 9 years old on the 21st of February. Charlie can be seen here proudly wearing his Cambridge United summer 2000Community T-shirt whilst on holiday with his parents in Majorca. Our thanks go to Charlie's mum, Tracey, for sending in this picture.

Charlie attends Steeple Morden primary School and his hobbies include attending the 1st Steeple Morden Cubs. swimming and playing tennis. Accompanying Charlie today, along with







his dad Stuart and a friend's dad, are friends from both school and team mates

with their favorite teams being England, Arsenal and Cambridge United. Favorite players are Thierry Henry and Silvinho. The boys both attend Birchanger Primary School and are accompanied today by mum Judith, dad Martin, friends and Henry also likes Drama and Music while Alexander likes to play Hockey. Both boys have attended the after school club and Henry received a special achievement award from David during the school sports day last year.

We hope that you all enjoy the day and the cheer The U's on to three points.

### east cambs & season of promise

The Community Scheme would also like to welcome all the children and parents from the schools connected with Cambridge United and East Cambs District Council after school football programme. As the season of promise concentrates on the Ely Area this week, Cambridge United have allocated schools in the area; that have links with the after schools programme run jointly between the Council and Cambridge United, free tickets to distribute at their leisure. The children have also had the opportunity to purchase tickets at a reduced rate. On behalf of Cambridge

United, I would like to thank all those involved for their continued support and hope that you all enjoy your day.

### railtrack play safe trophy

The Cambridge United final of the Railtrack play safe trophy for under 11 boys was held at Coldhams Common Cambridge on Thursday 15th February 2001. The winning team had yet to be decided at the time of printing, however full details will be available in the next programme. Teams



involved include Fenstanton, (St Ives) Rackham, (Ely) Crosshall, (St Neots) Haslingfield, (Cambridge) St Mary's, (Saffron Walden) Wheatfields, (St Ives) Castle Camps, Histon, Caldecote, Downham, (Ely) Katherine Seymour, (Saffron Walden). The winning team will go on to represent Cambridge United in the Regional final in March.

### David Toombs & Mark Nutter **Community Officers**

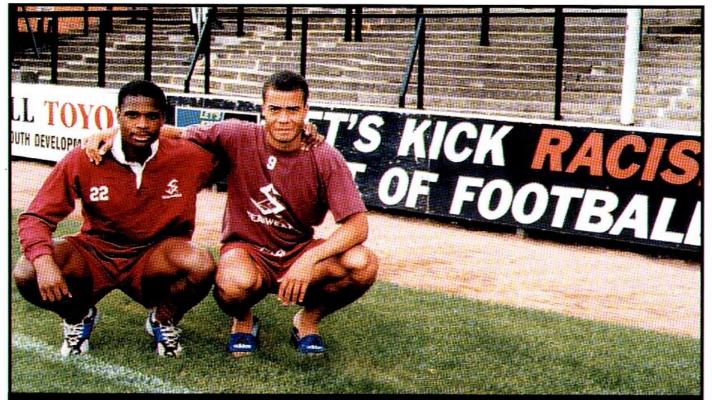
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### united in endeavour

ambridge United Football Club has a proud history and tradition with its roots in the City and County. We are always striving to make the community feel part of the Football Club and we would, as a result, like to think that The Abbey Stadium is a safe and welcoming place for all football fans, whatever their race and colour.

For this reason everyone at this Football Club is committed to helping the campaign to Kick Racism out of Football. Racism of any sort will not be tolerated and we urge anyone hearing racist abuse to report it to a steward or write to General Manager Colin Davies at the Club. Anyone using racist abuse or threatening behaviour faces ejection from The Abbey Stadium and a ban from Cambridge United Football Club.

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### What the papers said...

suppose it was inevitable that the recordbreaking exploits of Jermain Defoe should dominate the national headlines, be captured on Sky TV and even take pride of place in our own Cambridge Evening News. For any U's fans not wishing to join in with the celebrations surrounding the young West Ham loanee on such a grim night ... well, you can't!

Bournemouth's Daily Echo was no place for a respite either. I bring you their back page lead: "Jermain Defoe carved his name in British football history when he set a new post-war League record by scoring in his tenth consecutive game at the Abbey Stadium last night. The 18-year-old wonderkid broke the previous best, which was jointly held by Liverpool's John Aldridge and Kevin Russell from Wrexham. Defoe gave the assembled national press just what they were looking for when he netted a superb 64th minute opener for sea O'Driscoll's side."

A few hundred words on and space was found for another of the game's talking points: "His achievement was all the more remarkable considering Cherries were forced to play for more than an hour with 10 men following the sending off of Wade Elliott. The former Bashley man was dismissed for apparently elbowing United defender John Dreyer, although referee Mick Fletcher will review a video of the incident and Cherries are hoping the red card will be rescinded."

If I appear to sound cynical (or even bitter) then I apologise and I don't really begrudge the young man his moment of glory. But if anyone reading the Echo who wanted to know about the other 89 minutes 47 seconds of action, I finally discovered this bit lurking in the bottom corner of Neil Perrett's report: "Cambridge piled forward at the start of the second half and Paul Connor and lan Ashbee both went close to opening the scoring. Cherries hit back when Marshall saved with his legs after Steve Fletcher broke clear before Stewart acrobatically tipped a dangerous Taylor header over the bar. Defoe reached his milestone in the 64th minute and almost added a second minutes later when he poked a shot wide. Hayter's second goal was sandwiched between miraculous goal-line clearances by Tindall and Hughes but the night belonged to Defae."

Gordon Theobald

# The Twilight Zone

tales from the gaslit end of the stats

### qoal creators

nited's top goal creators in the League. An assist is defined as the player who passes, crosses or flicks on a ball to the eventual goalscorer. He might have his shot blocked enabling a player to get to the rebound or he may be brought down for a penalty, in other words he is the player most responsible for creating the goal. In some cases there is no United player involved (e.g. a back-pass) or the information is unrecorded. It provides a fascinating insight into the players who are not necessarily prolific goalscorers, but are unselfish master

### top goal makers in the league - by season

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1970-71	7	John McKinven
1971-72	10	Brian Greenhalgh
1972-73	15	Brian Greenhalgh
1973-74	11	Mike Ferguson
1974-75	8	Bobby Shinton & Kevin Tully
1975-76	11	Bobby Shinton
1976-77	14	Alan Biley & Tom Finney
1977-78	14	Alan Biley
1978-79	8	Steve Fallon
1979-80	8	Steve Spriggs
1980-81	7	George Reilly & Steve Spriggs
1981-82	7	Floyd Streete
1982-83	5	George Reilly
1983-84	5	Robbie Cooke & Steve Spriggs
1984-85	7	Steve Spriggs
1985-86	8	Steve Spriggs
1986-87	12	David Crown
1987-88	6	John Beck & Jon Rigby
1988-89	12	John Beck
1989-90	12	Dion Dublin
1990-91	13	John Taylor
1991-92	9	Dion Dublin
1992-93	8	Paul Raynor
1993-94	10	Steve Butler & Carlo Corazzin
1994-95	8	Steve Butler & Carlo Corazzin
1995-96	8	Paul Raynor
1996-97	8	Paul Raynor
1997-98	8	Paul Wilson
1998-99	14	John Taylor
1999-2000	7	Trevor Benjamin
2000-01 (so	far) 6	Zema Abbey & Tom Youngs

### most assists in total (league only)

Steve Spriggs 65, John Taylor 54, Tom Finney 42, Alan Biley 39, Steve Fallon 36, Dion Dublin 34, Graham Watson 30, Steve Butler 29, Brian Greenhalgh 29, Steve Claridge 28, Lee Philpott 28, David Lill 25, Derrick Christie 24, Paul Raynor 24, John Beck 23, Michael Cheetham 22, John Collins 22, Carlo Corazzin 22, George Reilly 22, David Crown 21, Bobby Shinton 21

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with Graham Eales

his There were lots of smiling Cambridge United faces after the game at Wycombe Wanderers but as the photo below shows there were more than a few even before the game started.

Cathy Churchman 31 who hails from Cambridge but currently lives in East Grinstead, Surrey was presented with a signed Cambridge United shirt by Jonas Axeldal, Andy Duncan and John Hansen before the kick-off. This was in recognition of Cathy's work at Wycombe Wanderers. A life-long U's fan amongst

also be with us today.

With the Gold Bond providing prizes of £2,000 and the numbers involved in

the new Great Weather Lottery increasing weekly there could not be a better time to support the Club, support the Re-Development of Abbey Stadium and put yourself in line for some really special prizes in the process.

Another

Presentation at half-time today will be to the Sean Tyler who won the Cruise

special

as part of a recent promotion to boost the take up of the New Cambridge United Lottery.

Anyone interested in any of these fund-raising schemes is asked to ring the Club on (01223) 566500 for further information or ask to speak to Brian Caine or Dave Gray.

### in demand

The Chairman has been in great demand recently when Sky TV and regional BBC have been seeking views on the current state of debate on the transfer situation and the likely impact on lower division clubs. The Sky interview may only have lasted a few minutes when it was screened but believe me when the Chairman was asked if the current thinking will have a detrimental effect on Clubs like Cambridge United the Chairman was in full flow for 20 minutes and even then the only reason for a pause was to take a breath!

### going doolally

Someone else in full flow here at the ground was Bob Doolally when he visited us on Tuesday afternoon. Bob is a stand-up comic who went down tremendously well at the Edinburgh Fringe and is appearing here in Cambridge at the Junction next Wednesday night Feb 21st. These events are proving very popular at the Junction and if Tuesday is anything to go by a great, very funny, evening is in store for anyone going to the Junction. Bob came along to meet one of his life-long idols Roy McFarland



as well as renewing auld acquaintances with Scotsmen Tom Cowan and Steve McAnespie. At the same time he was checking out that his management approaches, so tried and trusted north of the Border are equally valid south of

Several of the players are going along to the Junction next Wednesday and there is also a special offer for United

> **Graham Eales** PR Manager

her many idols she rates George Reilly as the tops. She was delighted to receive the shirt and prove to be a lucky mascot on the night when United came away with a 2-0 victory.

### everyone's a winner

We hope Dick Barker proves to be a lucky mascot for us today when he appears on the pitch at half-time to collect his £2,000 cheque as a recent Gold Bond winner. Dick bought his lucky ticket, a stake of £1.00 off Gold Bond Agent Richard Ambrose who will

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### Commercial opportunities

have previously announced that local companies the Cambridge Evening News and Spicers Five Star office product have confirmed reservation of Corporate Entertaining Boxes which will be built in the Newmarket Road end of our Redevelopment Stadium. This means that there are only 12 more left!

A number of local companies and organisations are discussing the same option with us now - but of course we need more to do so. At the AGM shareholders (fans) asked if they could pledge funds for a box? Of course they can! Any group of individuals can get together to finance this entertainment for three seasons. They can then share the box as they see fit, within our guidelines. If you need further explanation - call me.



These boxes will provide excellent facilities from which to enjoy a match here at The Abbey Stadium and will feature, amongst many attractive elements, corporate entertaining boxes. As many as 14 of these boxes will be available to provide excellent facilities from which to enjoy a match her at the Abbey, as well as giving you a private suite whilst you tuck into a mouth-watering three course meal or a pre-match buffet.

- \* Box leases are available now for three consecutive seasons from the opening of the new Newmarket Road end.
- \* The package includes seating for 10 and the use of the box for all League matches.
  - \* First call at other times.
- \* Company advertising outside the box.
  - \* 2 car park passes
- \* The package pricing takes into account the Club's needs to fund the redevelopment, and is an attractive one to those who are able to pay up front

Each box takes 10 guests and comes complete with 10 outside seats, so you can decide for yourself if you want to watch through the glazed front of the box or soak up the atmosphere in your own balcony seats.

Call Colin Davies at the Cambridge United to discuss further.



# acidishot



few This year will see the 50th anniversary of when Abbey United changed it's name and started playing as Cambridge United. I wonder what the people who made that decision would think of the current position that the Club is in. To imagine that within 20 years the Club they supported would be playing in the Football League and then within a further twenty years almost becoming a founder member of the F.A Premier League while also reaching the quarter final stages of the F.A Cup twice. It would probably have surpassed anything that they had dreamt of when making that decision to give a small United Counties side the chance it would need to take if it was fulfil their ambitions of joining the Eastern Counties League.

However all this has been achieved without any one wealthy individual or group backing the Club. It has however been achieved through the hard work and the support of many dedicated supporters and Club employees throughout those years. Supporters like Harry Habbin and Lilly Harrison at the beginning. Without the supporters and the Supporters Club working together helping with the floodlight appeal and the building of the Habbin Stand the Club we support would never have got into the Southern League let alone the Football League. Without the hard work in the eighties of the Abbey Action members would the Club have folded without the successes that were just around the corner being grasped.

We may not have the long history of Clubs like Arsenal and Manchester United but what this Club has had in the past are people who cared and supporters who helped when the club needed them to do so. We are now again at a crossroads we can either stand still or go backwards by doing nothing. The other option is to work together and help the Club re-develop. It could be the last chance to help before it is to late. Cambridge United needs to move forward again if the past achievements and hard work of others are not to have been in vain.

If you would like to know more about the CFU and how to join then contact us via:

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Dave Matthews-Jones

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would be grateful if sup- : porters parking in the Corona Works car park next to the ground would note that it be locked one hour after the end of the match.

the news from the terraces...

### go west

Those of you planning a trip to Bristol Rovers on February 24th, might find the following informtion of some use. Of course, if you're not planning to go, you can still read on if you wish!

By Car: Exit M4 at junction 18 (s/p Bristol M32) onto the M32. After 3.1 miles exit the M32 at junction 2 (s/p B4469 Fishponds, Horfield). At roundabout, turn right (3rd exit s/p A38 Memorial Stadium) and, as the road divides, branch right onto Muller Road (s/p Horfield, Southmead B4469 (A38)). Go straight on, passing through five sets of traffic lights. At the sixth set, turn left into Filton Avenue. The ground is on the left after 0.1 miles.

There are no spaces in the official car park for visiting fans although parking is allowed, if somewhat limited, in the side streets around the ground. Your best bet is near the junction of Ashley Down Road and Gloucester Road. Supporters are warned that there is a tow-away scheme in

operation which is enthusiastically applied.

With thanks to the 'Football Fans Guide' - now available in the Club Megastore, priced £9.99

By Coach: Ely: 8.45am, The Abbey: 9.30am, Price: £14.50

Visitors Seating: U's fans have been allocated seats in the Blackthorn Stand. It's worth bearing in mind that some of these seats do have a restricted view, but Bristol Rovers operate a policy of unreserved seating. Prices will be £11 adults. £5.50 Concessions. Disabled supporters are admitted free whilst the helpers pay full price.

Programme: £2.

### ta - simpers

Or, more to the point, ta (r) paulin! The building supplies company Simpers. based at 17 Mercers Road in Cambridge. have kindly given us some tarpaulins to help us cope with the odd drop of rain which has fallen in recent weeks.

Stadium Manager Ian Darler is particularly appreciative assistance.

### all the very best

Paul Taylor has announced that with : 12,937 10. Aldershot

effect from February 26th he will be stepping down as full time Assistant Youth Development Officer due to family commitments.

Paul will continue to work in the Centre of Excellence on a part ime basis, and will still be involved in the selection process for players for the Under 9's to Under 12's.

We wish Paul all the best and thank him for all his hard work.

### have we got a video?

Cambridge Fans United, in association with the Club are now producing full length, commercial reproductions in VHS format of all our home games. The cost is £10 and anyone interested in ordering a copy needs to call at the Trailer outside the Club Shop after the game.

### stewards required

More Stewards are urgently required for matchday work. If you are aged between 18 and 55, physically fit and interested in becoming a steward here at The Abbey. please contact Stadium Manager lan Darler on 01223 566500. It would be an advantage if you are used to dealing with the public, but no experience is necessary - just common sense.

### safety matters

All safety announcements will be preceded by a 'bing-bong' sound from the tannoy. Please listen carefully to any subsequent information.

### 10 to tackle answers

1. Neil Warnock 2. Victoria Park 3. France 4. The Mariners 5. One (1993-94) 6. Southend Utd 7. Ayresome Park 8. Scott McGleish (v Torquay) 9. Burnley



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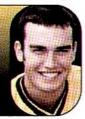
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### Nationwide League Division Two News

oday we welcome Swindon Town to The Abbey for a game that assumed great importance. A win for the Mighty U's would open up a twelve point gap to the 'dread zone', and go some way to avenging the 3-1 defeat we suffered at The County Ground. So, if we can shake of the effects of last week's 3-0 loss at Rotherham and regain the confidence we had in the fabulous 2-0 midweek win at Wycombe then we should have no problem.

Andy King's side arrive here on the back of two 1-1 draws. They went ahead through Antoine van der Linden in the Sunday fixture with Wrexham a fortnight ago, but were unfortunately pegged back by Wayne Phillips' 72nd minute equaliser, which ensured the game ended all-square. They then played host to Bristol City last weekend, with goals from Karl Reddy for the home side, and Peter Beadle for the visitors cementing an honours even out-

### carlo wrecks wrexham

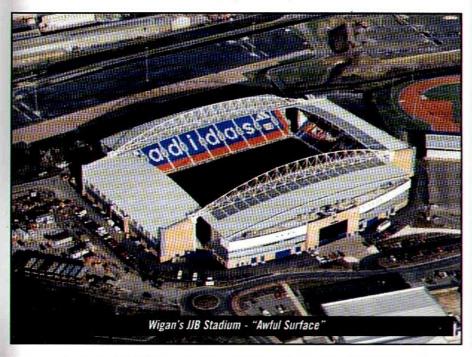
Former United star Carlo Corazzin was the toast of Oldham last weekend as he pocketed four goals in a 5-1 demolition of Wrexham. The 50-cap Canadian opened his account in the tenth minute, scored a second just before half-time, and completed his hat-rick :

just four minutes into the second-half. Corazzin also missed a penalty, but his fourth goal was added in the 57th minute, with Paul Rickers netting a fifth along the way. Carlos Edwards netted a consolation for the visitors, but The Latics will be happy with a fine win that moves them into 11th place. Andy Ritchie's side could have moved into 8th place and the fringes of the playoffs with this win; had they taken more from the trip to Notts County seven days earlier. However, Danny Allsopp's first half goal for The Magpies meant a disappointing 1-0 defeat for The Latics. County themselves are only seven points from the top six, and they gained a point in the 0-0 away draw with Bristol Rovers last weekend to stay in

Rovers meanwhile have released youngster Robert Trees so he can join Conference side Leigh RMI, and have taken winger Mark McKeever on-loan from Sheffield Wednesday. In a similar deal, striker Ansah Owusu has arrived for a one-month holiday from Wimbledon.

### saddlers shaken

Bury were the team of the day after they shattered Walsall's unbeaten home record with an unexpected 2-1 win at The Bescot Stadium. opened the scoring for The Shakers



### fixtures...

### NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Bournemouth v Walsall Bury v Oxford United Cambridge United v Swindon T. Luton Town v Swansea City Millwall v Brentford (Fri) Notts County v Northampton Town Reading v Peterborough United Stoke City v Port Vale (12.00) Wigan Athletic v Bristol Rovers Wrexham v Colchester United



after a thumping fourth minute strike from 25-yards, but Darren Wrack levelled with an exquisite chip after 23 minutes. Gabor Bukran was sent-off, then later transfer-listed by his disciplinarian boss Ray Graydon, after raising his hand to an opponent, and Bury then took control. Steve Redmond scored the inevitable winner via another longrange effort, and, coupled with a barnstorming 2-1 win over 'not so posh' Peterborough the previous week the Gigg Lane outfit look to be hitting some form. Additionally, scorer of the first goal in the success over Boro' was Jon Newby, who Preece has taken on a month's loan from Liverpool, whilst Barry Fry has allowed Matthew Hann to move to Cambridge City temporarily.

Walsall took a point from the Friday night fixture with Wigan two weeks ago, but had to wait until the 90th minute for a share of the prize. Jorge Leitao popped up late on to equalise Lee Ashcroft's first-half strike, but coupled with the Bury defeat The Saddlers now drop to third.

### jjb boys benefit

Wigan took advantage of the Walsall blip to slip into second place behind Millwall with a 2-0 win at Colchester. The Latics had nine first team regulars sidelined by injury, but goals from

### Stefan Bidstrup and Andy Liddell secured the points on what visiting manager described as 'an awful playing

**Nationwide League Division Two News** 

surface'. Staying with Wigan, Paul Taylor, the referee charged with misconduct by the FA after alleged comments made to Notts County striker Sean Farrell during their game with The Latics, faced a disciplinary hearing last week. However, after a four hour hearing Taylor was cleared of all charges and will face no

Rotherham stay in third, but with two games in hand on both Walsall and Wigan after their fortunate 3-0 win over The Mighty U's, and Millwall have concreted their position at the top with seven points from their last three matches.

further action.

The first of these points came in a 3-O win over Bristol Rovers, with goals from Tim Cahill, Paul Moody, and a Neil Harris penalty being enough to secure victory. But it was not all good news for The Lions. Firstly Cahill was dismissed three minutes after his goal for a spot of fisticuffs with Rovers' Plummer, who also saw red. Young defender Joe Dolan suffered a horrific double break of his leg after a 50-50 challenge for the ball and will play no further part this season. However this has not phased The Londoners, as they grabbed another maximum haul in a 1-0 midweek victory at Colchester, and in the high-noon clash with Swansea last Sunday they



# "Two poor performances from Peterborough have dropped them into 18th place and relegation danger for the first time this season"

came away with a point after a 0-0 stalemate.

### poor peterborough plummet

Two poor performances Peterborough have dropped them into 18th place and relegation danger for the first time this season. Barry Fry's side, as we mentioned earlier, lost out at Bury two weeks ago, then suffered a humiliating 4-0 home defeat at the hands of Stoke last weekend. Potters took only two minutes to open their account, Peter Thorne inflicting the early wound, with further goals from James O'Connor, Bjarni Gudjonsson, Rikhardur Dadason ensuring a first ever at London Road for the Staffordshire side. Goalkeeper Mark Tyler will be out for eight weeks after injuring his hand in the second half, so Fry has taken Ian Feuer on Ioan from Wimbledon.

In the scrap for survival, Port Vale lost out to a Martin Butler goal in 1-0 loss at The Madejski Stadium, but then jumped out of the bottom four after Neil Briscoe's 90th minute winner in a 2-1 home success over Bournemouth. Swansea stay in relegation quicksand after the 0-0 draw with Millwall and a 3-1 defeat at Bristol City, whilst Oxford's plight darkens by the week. The other U's thought they had held out for a point against Wycombe, but Keith Ryan's 93rd minute clincher meant a 2-1 win for The Chairboys and a fourteen point gap to safety for David Kemp's men.

### kinnear tries on hat

However, Luton it seems are planning a late escape from the bottom four after two straight wins. Joe Kinnear has taken over the reins from Lil Fuccillo at Kenilworth Road, and they picked up three points away from home in a 1-0 victory at Northampton last weekend



courtesy of Stuart Douglas' fourth minute blast. They then bagged another away win at Notts County on Tuesday, running out 3-1 winners and moving up to 22nd place after goals from Emmerson Boyce, Liam George, and Andrew Fotiadis.

Briefly rounding up the rest of the best, Bristol City glided into sixth due to a 2-1 win over Wrexham - who slip down a notch - at Ashton Gate on Tuesday, and Reading slip to seventh despite winning 2-1 at Griffin Park in the clash with Brentford last weekend. Brentford drop two places after that defeat and a 0-0 draw with Wycombe seven days beforehand.

Stoke remain in fifth due to the hammering they dished out to Peterborough and a 1-1 point sharer with Northampton at The Brittania Stadium. whilst Bournemouth drop to 12th despite coming from two goals down at Dean Court to claim a 2-2 draw with Colchester.

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Date	Opposition	H//	Res/K.O. Att												Substitut	es			
Sat 12 Aug	Bury	Н	LO-1 (19th) 3,654 (312)	Perez	McAnespie	Duncan	Dreyer	Cowan	Russell	Wanless <sup>2</sup>	Ashbee	Youngs1	Taylor	Abbey <sup>3</sup>	Marshall	Collins	Mustoe <sup>2</sup>	Hansen	Lamey <sup>1</sup>
Sat 19 Aug	AFC Bournemouth	a	D1-1 (19th) 4,869 (448)	Perez	McAnespie	Duncan	Drever	Cowan	Russell <sup>3</sup>	Wantess	Ashbee	Youngs <sup>2</sup>	Slade	Abbey!	Marshall	Mustoe <sup>3</sup>	Mackenzie		Taylor <sup>1</sup>
Tue 22 Aug	Portsmouth (Worthington C1(1))	H	DO-0 2,904 (480)	Perez	- McAnespie	Duncan	Dreyer	Ashbee	Russell	Wanless	Mustoe	Hansen <sup>1</sup>	Axeldal <sup>3</sup>	Abbey	Marshall	McNeil	Mackenzie <sup>3</sup>		Slade <sup>1</sup>
Sat 26 Aug	Bristol City	H	W1-0 (11th) 3,715 (640)	Perez	McAnespie		Dreyer	Ashbee	Russell	Wantess(		Youngs	Slade	Abbey	Marshall	Collins	Mackenzie		Axeldal <sup>1</sup>
Mon 28 Aug	Notts County	a	W1-0 (6th) 5,020 (709)	Perez	McAnespie		Dreyer	Cowan <sup>2</sup>	Mustoe	Wanless	Ashbee	Mackenzie		Abbey	Marshall*	Russell <sup>2</sup>		Youngs3	Slade
Sat 2 Sep	Oxford United	a	D1-1 (7th) 4,479 (608)	Perez	McAnespie		Drever	Cowan	Mustoe	Wanless	Ashbee	Russell'	Youngs'	Abbey	Marshall	Hansen	Mackenzie		Taylor
Tue 5 Sep	Portsmouth (Worthington C1(2))	a	L0-1 5,578 (200)	Perez	McAnespie	Duncan	Drever	Cowan	Mustoe	Wanless	Ashbee	Mackenzie¹		Axeldal <sup>2</sup>	Marshall	Hansen		Abbey!	Taylor <sup>a</sup>
Sat 9 Sep	Rotherham United	H	W6-1 (4th) 3,925 (485)	Perez	McAnespie		Dreyer	Cowan	Russell	Wanless	Ashbee(2)	Youngs(2)		Abbey	Marshall	Collins	Mackenzie		Taylor <sup>3</sup>
Tue 12 Sep	Port Vale	H	W4-0 (2nd) 3,660 (160)	Perez	McAnespie	Duncan	Dreyer	Cowan <sup>1</sup>	Russell	Wanless		Youngs(2)		Abbey <sup>3</sup>	Marshall	Mustoe	Mackenzie		Taylor
Sat 23 Sep	Bristol Rovers	H	LO-3 (6th) 4,624 (516)	Perez	McAnespie		Drever	Cowan	Russell	Wantess	Ashbee	Youngs'	Axeldal	Abbey	Marshall	Mustoe	Mackenzie		Taylor
Sat 30 Sep	Oldham Athletic	a	W3-1 (6th) 3,888 (269)	Perez	McAnespie		Dreyer	Cowan	Russell	Wanless	Ashbee	Youngs(2)1		Abbey <sup>1</sup>	Marshall	Hansen	Mackenzie		Taylor!
Fri 13 Oct	Luton Town	Н	W2-1 (5th) 6,191 (1,210		McAnespie		Dreyer	Cowan	Russell	Wanless	Ashbee	Youngs	Axeldal	Abbey'	Marshall				
Tue 17 Oct	Stoke City #	Н	D1-1 (5th) 4,433 (637)		McAnespie		Dreyer	Cowan	Russell	Wanless	Ashbee		Axeldal <sup>7</sup>	Salara Salara	•	Joseph		Slade	Taylor'
Sat 21 Oct	Colchester United	a	L0-2 (8th) 3,761 (803)	1	McAnespie		Dreyer	Cowan	Russell	Wanless	Ashbee	Youngs		Abbey	Marshall	Joseph'	Mustoe	Slade	Taylor(p)
Tue 24 Oct	Northampton Town	Н	L1-2 (9th) 5,394 (1,311		McAnespie <sup>1</sup>	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	Dreyer	Cowan	Russell	Wanless		Youngs	Slade	Abbey	Marshall	Joseph	Mustoe	Axeldal <sup>2</sup>	Taylor <sup>3</sup>
Sat 28 Oct	Millwall	a	L1-3 (10th) 10,104 (451		McAnespie		Drever	Cowan			Ashbee	Youngs	Axeldal	Taylor	Marshall	Joseph	Mustoe <sup>1</sup>	Preece	Lamey'
Tue 31 Oct	Swindon Town	a	L1-3 (11th) 3,452 (210)	Perez					Russell	Wanless	Ashbee	Youngs'	Axeldal	Slade <sup>2</sup>	Marshall	Joseph	Mustoe	Lamey <sup>3</sup>	Taylor*
Sat 4 Nov	Brentford	70	D1-1 (11th) 4,083 (545)	10000000	McAnespie		Dreyer	Cowan	Mustoe	Wanless <sup>2</sup>	Ashbee	Youngs <sup>3</sup>	Axeldal	and the second second	Marshall.	Oakes'	Russell	Lamey	Taylor <sup>3</sup>
Sat 11 Nov				Perez	McAnespie		Dreyer	Joseph	Russell	Mustoe	Ashbee	Youngs1	Taylor	Abbey	Marshall	McNeil	Oakes	Hansen <sup>1</sup>	Axeldal
Sat 18 Nov	Rochdale (F.A. Cup 1)	a H	L1-2 (13th) 6,537 (270)	Perez	McAnespie		Dreyer	Joseph	Russell	Mustoe(p)		Youngs <sup>3</sup>	Connor	Gudmundsson <sup>1</sup>		Wanless	Hansen	Axeldal'	Taylor <sup>3</sup>
Tue 21 Nov	Wrexham	н	W2-1 3,142 (427)	Perez	McAnespie		Joseph	Mustoe	Russell	Wanless	Ashbee	Youngs	Axeldal'		Marshall	McNeil	Oakes	Hansen <sup>t</sup>	Traore
		a	D2-2 (12th) 1,584 (99)	Perez	McAnespie <sup>3</sup>		Dreyer	Cowan	Youngs	Wanless	Ashbee		Axeldal <sup>2</sup>	Gudmundsson	CONTRACTOR OF THE	Mustoe	Oakes <sup>3</sup>	Russell	Hansen
Sat 25 Nov	Swansea City	н	D3-3 (11th) 3,269 (177)	Perez	McAnespie		Dreyer	Cowan'	Mustoe	Wanless	Ashbee	Youngs	Connor		Marshall	Hansen <sup>2</sup>	Axeldal	Taylor <sup>1</sup> Gu	dmundsson
Sat 2 Dec	The state of the s	a	L0-3 (12th) 9,601 (665)	Perez	Joseph	Duncan	Dreyer	Cowan	Mustoe	Russell	Ashbee	Youngs <sup>2</sup>	Connor	Gudmundsson		McNeil	Oakes1	Hansen	Axeldal <sup>2</sup>
Tue 5 Dec			W2-0 1,555 (190)	Perez	McAnespie		Dreyer	Joseph	Oakes <sup>3</sup>	Mustoe	Ashbee	Hansen <sup>2</sup>	Axeldal <sup>1</sup>	Abbey	Marshall	Preece*	Guttridge <sup>3</sup>	Taylor <sup>1</sup>	Traore
Sat 9 Dec			L1-2 3,427 (350)	Perez	Joseph	Duncan	Dreyer	Cowan	Mustoe <sup>3</sup>	Russell	Ashbee	Youngs1	Connor <sup>t</sup>	Abbey	Marshall	Wanless <sup>2</sup>	Taylor <sup>1</sup>	Hansen <sup>1</sup>	Axeldal
ri 15 Dec			D0-0 (13th) 7,505 (2,038		Joseph	Duncan	Dreyer	Cowan	Russell	Wanless	Ashbee	Youngs	Connor'	Hansen <sup>1</sup>	Marshall	Mustoe'	Oakes	Preece	Axeldal <sup>2</sup>
Sat 23 Dec		a	L1-3 (17th) 5,277 (371)	Perez	Joseph	Duncan	Dreyer	Cowan	Hansen <sup>2</sup>	Wanless	Mustoe <sup>1</sup>	Youngs	Connor	Axeldal <sup>1</sup>	Marshall	McNeil	Oakes <sup>1</sup>	Preece1	Wilson <sup>2</sup>
lue 26 Dec	Wycombe Wanderers	H	W1-0 (15th) 4,758 (590)	Perez	Joseph	Duncan	Dreyer	Cowan	Hansen <sup>1</sup>	Wanless	Ashbee	Youngs	Connor	Wilson	Marshall	Oakes	Preece	Taylor <sup>1</sup>	Traore
Mon 1 Jan		a	L2-6 (18th) 10,637 (168)	Perez	Joseph	Duncan	Dreyer	Cowan	Hansen <sup>2</sup>	Wanless	Ashbee	Taylor	Connor	Wilson:	Marshall <sup>1</sup>	McNeil		Oakes1	Traore <sup>2</sup>
Sat 6 Jan	The state of the s	a	W1-0 (14th) 2,629 (203)	Perez	Joseph	Duncan	Dreyer1	Cowan	Hansen	Wanless	Ashbee <sup>2</sup>	Taylor	Connor	Oakes	Marshall	McNeil <sup>1</sup>		Russell'	Traore
ue 9 Jan	Southend United (LDV R2)	а	L1-3 1,694 (155)	Marshal	Loseph	Duncan	McNeil	McAnespie	Wilson'	Wanless3	Mustoe	Russell	Axeldal		Perez'	Tann		Guttridge	
Sat 13 Jan	Notts County	Н	D2-2 (14th) 4,029 (531)	Perez	Joseph	Duncan	Dreyer	Cowan	Hansen <sup>1</sup>	Wanlessin			Connor		Marshall	McNeil		Youngs'	Traore
ue 23 Jan	AFC Bournemouth	Н	L0-2 (15th) 3,027 (270)	Marshal	IJoseph	Duncan	Dreyer	Cowan <sup>3</sup>	Oakes1		Ashbee		Connor	3	Mercer	McNeil		Hansen <sup>2</sup>	Russell
Sat 27 Jan	Walsall	Н	LO-1 (16th) 3,888 (647)	Perez	Joseph <sup>2</sup>	Duncan	Drever	Cowan	Oakes	Wanless	Ashbee		Connor <sup>3</sup>		Marshall	Russell		Taylor¹	McAnespi
ue 6 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	a	W2-0 (16th) 4,524 (238)	Perez	Joseph <sup>3</sup>	McNeil	Drever	Ashbee	Russell	Wanless	Mustoe		Logan		Marshall	Preece		Connor*	McAnespi
at 10 Feb	Note that I was a		L0-3 (16th) 4,497 (297)	Perez	Joseph	McNeil	Dreyer	Ashbee	Russell	Wanless	Mustoe'		Logan		Marshall				
	Swindon Town		3.00pm				Diejei	1,311000	iiu sauli	Hamess	mustoc	roungs	Logan	numpineys	maishail	Preece	Ogk62	Taylor <sup>3</sup>	McAnespi
	Port Vale		7.45pm																
at 24 Feb	Bristol Rovers		3.00pm																
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ue 6 Mar	Luton Town		7.45pm																
	Wrexham		3.00pm																

Date	Opposition	H/A	Res/K.O.
Sat 17 Mar	Stoke City	а	3.00pm
Fri 23 Mar	Colchester United	Н	8.00pm
Tue 27 Mar	Oxford United	Н	7.45pm
Sat 31 Mar	Peterborough United	a	3.00pm
Sat 7 Apr	Reading	Н	3.00pm
Fri 13 Apr	Northampton Town	а	7.45pm
Tue 17 Apr	Millwall	Н	7.45pm
Sat 21 Apr	Brentford	a	3.00pm
Sat 28 Apr	Wigan Athletic	Н	3.00pm
Sat 5 May	Swansea City	a	3.00pm

Goalscorers in Red, 123 - Players Introduced/Replaced

	Apps 200	10/2001		Goals 2	2000/2001		League C	areer
Player	Lge	Cup	Total	Lge	Cup	Total	U's Apps	U's GI
*Zema Abbey	14	3 (1)	17 (1)	5	0	5	22	5
lan Ashbee	29	5	34	2	0	2	148	9
Jonas Axeldal	12 (6)	5	17 (6)	2	2	4	18	2
Dan Chillingworth	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
*Paul Connor	12 (1)	1	13 (1)	5	0	5	13	5
Tom Cowan	25	2	27	1	0	1	29	1
John Dreyer	30	4	34	0	1	1	30	0
Andy Duncan	27	6	33	0	0	0	106	2
*Johann Gudmundsson	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Luke Guttridge	0	0 (2)	0 (2)	0	0	0	0	0
John Hansen	6 (4)	2 (2)	8 (6)	0	1	1	26	3
Ritchie Humphreys	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Marc Joseph	14 (1)	4	18 (1)	0	0	0	135	0
*Nathan Lamey	0 (3)	0	0 (3)	0	0	0	6	0
Richard Logan	3	0	3	1	0	1	3	1
Neil Mackenzie	1 (5)	1(1)	2 (6)	0	0	0	38	1
Shaun Marshall	1(1)	1	2 (1)	0	0	0	50	0
Steve McAnespie	19 (3)	5	24 (3)	0	0	0	22	0
Martin McNeil	2(1)	1	3 (1)	0	0	0	38	0
James Mercer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neil Mustoe	11 (11)	6	17 (11)	1	0	1	89	4
Scott Oakes	4 (7)	2	6 (7)	0	0	0	11	0
Lionel Perez	29	5(1)	34 (1)	0	0	0	38	0
David Preece	0(1)	0(1)	0 (2)	0	0	0	73	1
Alex Russell	20 (5)	4(1)	24 (6)	2	0	2	77	9
Steve Slade	4 (5)	0(1)	4 (6)	1	0	1	9	1
Adam Tann	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Demba Traore	0 (1)	0(1)	0 (2)	0	0	0	1	0
lohn Taylor	6 (13)	1 (3)	7 (16)	3	0	3	312	86
Paul Wanless	27 (1)	4(1)	31 (2)	5	1	6	201	28
Stuart Wilson	3 (2)	1	4 (2)	0	0	0	5	0
Tom Youngs	25 (3)	3(1)	28 (4)	11	1	12	58	20

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
Millwall	30	10	1	4	34	11	9	3	3	27	18	32	61
Wigan Athletic	31	11	4	0	23	9	4	8	4	19	18	15	57
Walsall	31	11	4	1	36	14	5	4	6	16	18	20	56
Rotherham United	29	8	4	3	30	18	7	4	3	18	16	14	53
Stoke City	29	8	4	3	21	11	6	6	2	26	17	19	52
Bristol City	30	9	3	4	37	19	5	6	3	15	11	22	51
Reading	28	11	2	2	.42	15	4	3	6	14	19	22	50
Notts County	29	6	4	4	24	21	6	3	6	14	22	-5	43
Northampton Town	30	5	5	4	16	15	6	4	6	17	19	-1	42
Nycombe Wanderers	28	7	2	4	18	14	4	6	5	11	14	1	41
Oldham Athletic	31	8	4	4	26	16	2	6	7	12	24	-2	40
AFC Bournemouth	28	4	5	4	17	14	6	4	5	28	21	10	39
Brentford	29	5	6	3	18	19	4	6	5	14	21	-8	39
Colchester United	28	5	3	6	14	15	4	5	5	15	20	-6	35
Vrexham	28	5	4	5	16	18	4	4	6	22	27	-7	35
Cambridge United	30	5	5	5	22	18	4	3	8	17	30	-9	35
Bury	29	6	4	5	14	16	4	1	9	12	23	-13	35
eterborough United	29	7	3	4	21	18	2	4	9	13	23	-7	34
windon Town	28	4	5	6	20	25	3	2	8	8	21	-18	28
Port Vale	26	5	5	4	20	13	2	1	9	7	21	-7	27
Bristol Rovers	26	0	8	4	8	15	5	3	6	20	17	-4	26
Swansea City	27	3	6	4	14	13	2	3	9	13	29	-15	24
uton Town	28	3	1	9	13	24	3	5	7	18	28	-21	24
Oxford United	28	3	2	10	14	21	1	0	12	16	41	-32	14

the line-up's for today's fixture...

## **Cambridge United**

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1. Lionel Perez	0
2	0
3. lan Ashbee	0
4. Andrew Duncan	0
5. Marc Joseph	0
6. Neil Mustoe	0
7. Paul Wanless	0
8. John Taylor	0
9. John Hansen	0
10. Ritchie Humphreys	0
11. Alex Russell	
12. Tom Cowan	0
13. Shaun Marshall	0
14. Luke Guttridge	0
15. Tom Youngs	0
16. David Preece	0
17. Richard Logan	0
18. Paul Connor	0
19. Stuart Wilson	OI
20. John Dreyer	0
21. Adam Tann	0
22	
23	0
24. Steve McAnespie	0
25. Martin McNeil	0
26	0
27. Dániel Chillingworth	0
28. Scott Oakes	0
29. Jonas Axeldal	0
30. Demba Traore	0
31. James Mercer	0
32	0

# **Swindon Town**

1. Bart Griemink	
2. Mark Robinson	O
3. Sol Davis	<u> </u>
4. Matthew Hewlett	O
5. Adam Willis	0
6. Antoine van der Linden	O
7. Keith O'Halloran	O
8. Bobby Howe	O
9. Kyle Lightbourne	O
10. Guiliano Grazioli	o de la companya de l
11. David Duke	0
12. Juan Cobian	0
13	0
14. Steve Cowe	
15. Andy Williams	O
16. Michael Reddy	
17. Daniel Invincible	0
18. Gary Alexander	O
19. Matthew Heywood	0
20. Frazer McHugh	, O
21. Gareth Davies	0
22. Alan Reeves	. 0
23. Steve Mildenhall	O
24.	O
25. Richard Dryden	O
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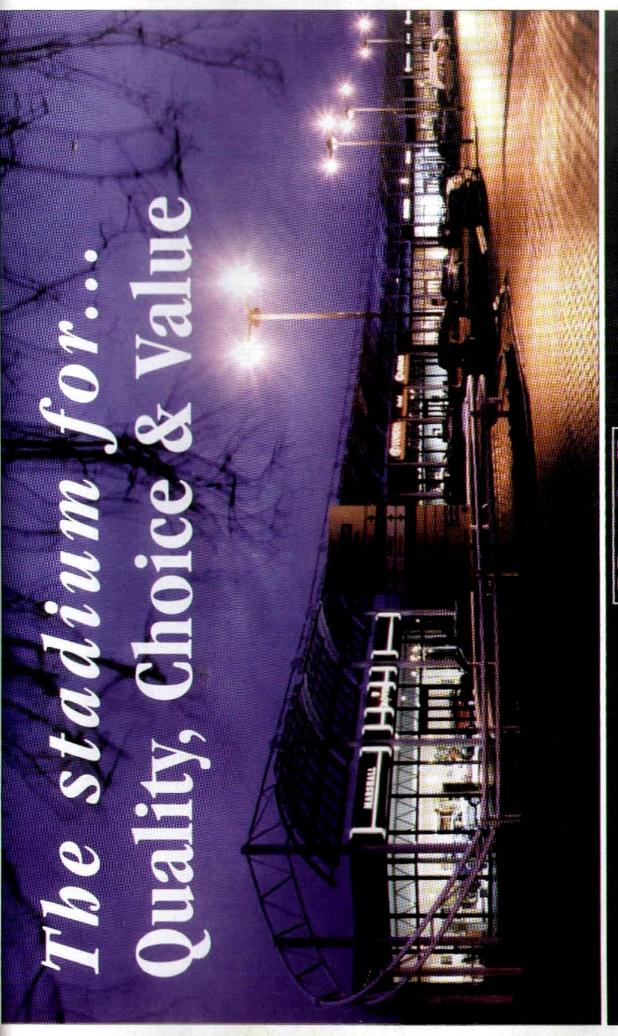
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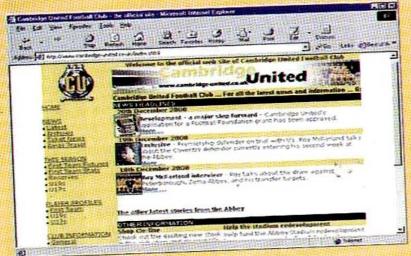






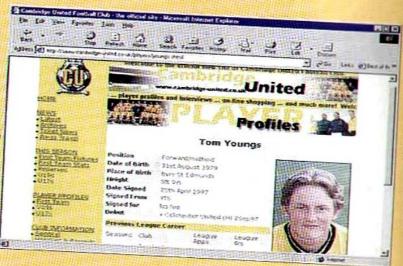


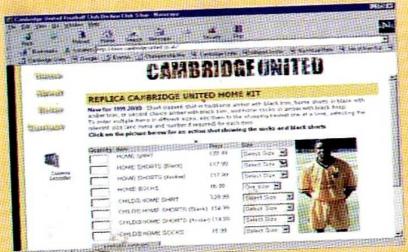
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