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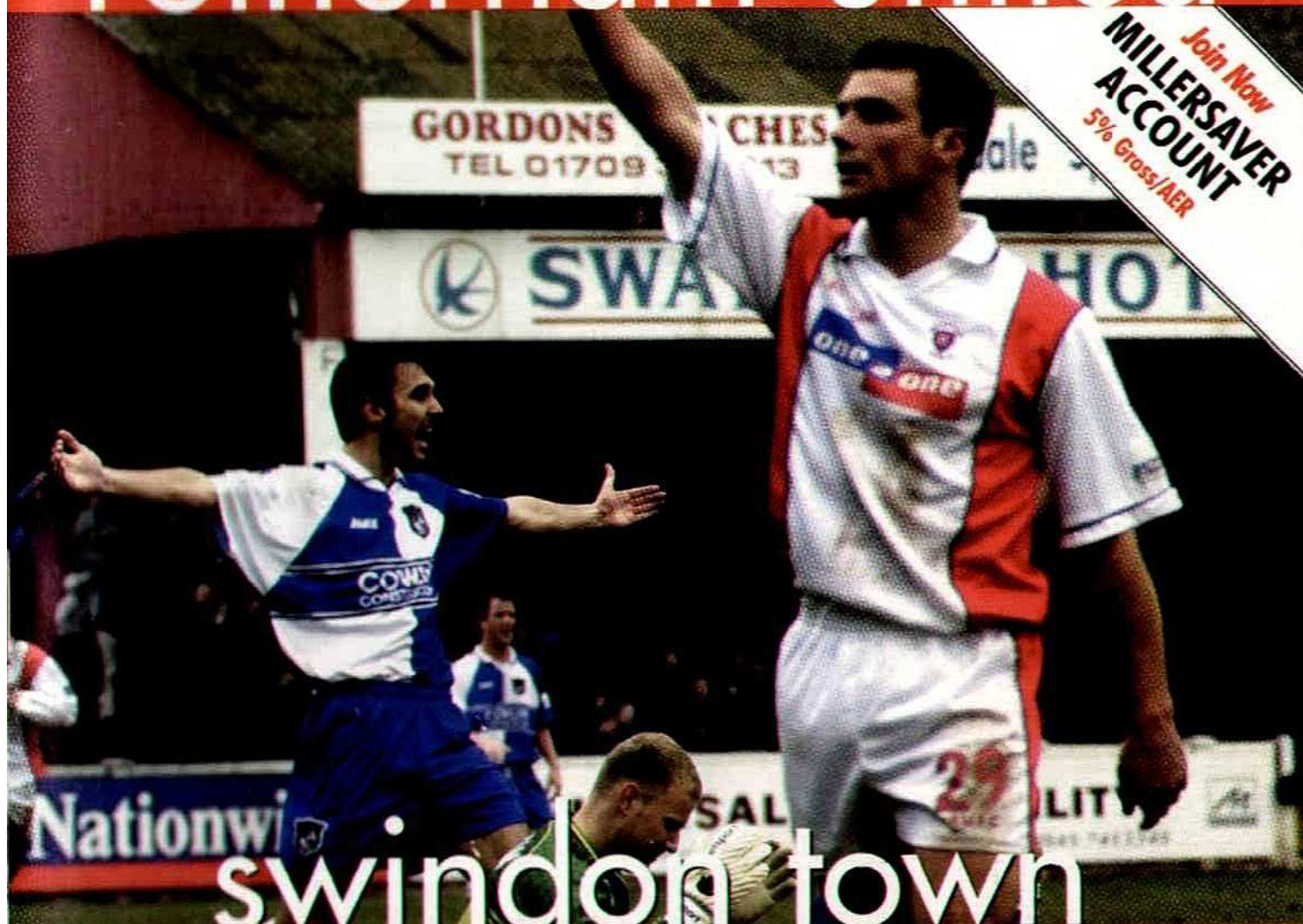
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**Founded:** Rotherham formed in 1870 before becoming Town; Thornhill formed in 1877 before becoming Rotherham County in 1905; Town and County amalgamated in 1925 to form Rotherham United.

**Turned Professional:** 1905. Limited Company: 1920.

**Ground Capacity:** 11,158

**Record Attendance:** 25,170 (v Sheffield United, Div Two, 13th December 1952)

**Record Receipts:** £79,155 (v Newcastle United, FA Cup 4th Rnd., 23rd January 1993)

**Record League Victory:** 8-0 (v Oldham Athletic, Division Three North, 26th May 1947)

**Record Cup Victory:** 6-0 (v Spennymoor United, FA Cup 2nd Round, 17th December 1977, v Wolverhampton Wanderers, FA Cup 1st Round, 16th November 1985 and v King's Lynn, FA Cup 2nd Round, 6th December 1997)

**Record Defeat:** 1-11 (v Bradford City, Division Three North, 25th August 1928)

**Most League Points:** (2 points for a win): 71, Division Three North, 1950/51

**Most League Points:** (3 points for a win): 82, Division Four, 1988/89

**Most League Goals:** 114, Division Three North, 1946/47

**Most Goals in a Game:** Jack Shaw, 5 (at Darlington, FA Cup 1st Round, 25 Nov 1950)

**Most League Goals in Aggregate:** Gladstone Guest, 130, 1946-56

**Most League Appearances:** 459, Danny Williams, 1946-62

**Most Capped Player:** Shaun Goater (18 - Bermuda)

**Football League Record:** 1893 Rotherham Town elected to Div 2; 1896 failed re-election; 1919 Rotherham County elected to Div 2; 1923-51 Div 3 (N); 1951-68 Div 2; 1968-73 Div 3; 1981-83 Div 2; 1983-88 Div 3; 1988-89 Div 4; 1989-91 Div 3; 1991-92 Div 4; 1992-97 Div 2; 1997-2000 Div 3 2000 Div 2;

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We have had three games since I last wrote any notes and the last home game saw us record a good win against Bristol Rovers. It was a good performance and we got our goals at the right time.

Goals change

games and until we scored it had been a tight game with Rovers looking nice and lively.

We will come up against a few teams who are at the bottom end of the table but they will give us hard games. Jeff Minton made a great start with two goals just 48 hours after joining us and he also set up a goal for Richie Barker who grabbed his first for the club and I hope he goes on to get many more.

Then we went for a tricky game to Wycombe Wanderers where the awful weather meant it wasn't a pretty game but at the end of the day it was a great result for us.

For Alan Lee to come on and score the winner with a superb header from a great Paul Warne cross and take us to the top of the table was tremendous.

Then last Saturday we didn't carry the fighting spirit from Wycombe into the Oxford United game. We know we have no divine right to win games but it was one we should have won.

For the first time for a long time, the attitude wasn't what we would expect from the players. We had warned them against giving away an early goal and told them it would be like Oxford's Cup Final, every team we play against from now on will raise their game at least 20 per cent and I thought we were found wanting on the day. Hopefully it was just a bad day at the office.

When we have been beaten in the past we have come back well but it was disappointing to take another good following and score three goals and still lose. When you get three goals in away games, you expect to win.

That game is history now and today we take on Swindon Town whose manager Andy King is a good mate of mine. He has done a good job there, they have had a tremendous run and they beat us at their ground when they beat us tactically.

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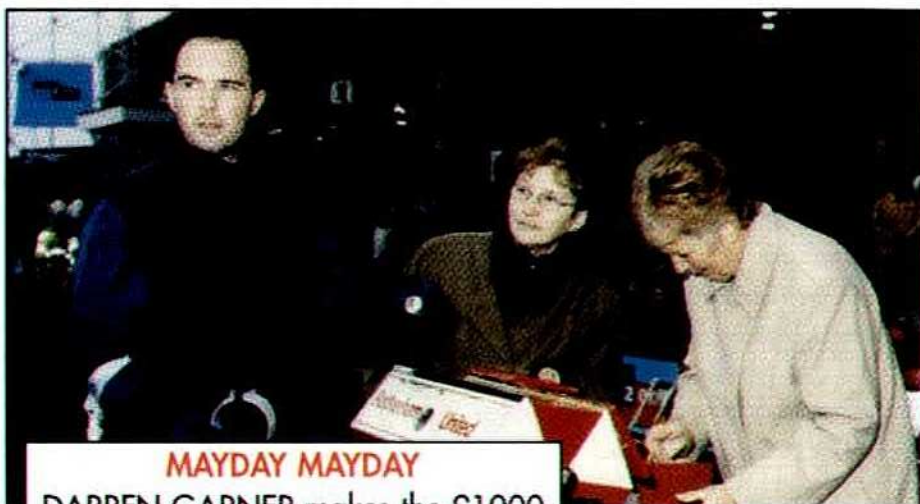
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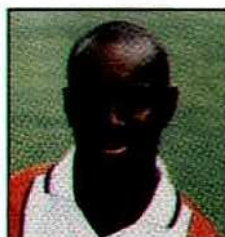
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## Millers 3 Bristol Rovers 0

The Millers made their usual bright start and Kevin Watson was given offside from a fourth minute fine move before Marvin Bryan's low cross was turned out for a corner from which Paul Warne drove a shot well wide. Guy Branston headed home a tenth minute corner only for the offside flag to go up again before Bristol's Wilson had a free kick well caught by Ian Gray. Following a quick visiting break Evans saw his shot saved by Gray before the Millers came close to taking the lead but Richie Barker headed just wide following a Watson free kick.

It needed a great Guy Branston tackle to stop Astafjevs before the Millers took the lead in the 43rd minute. Watson and Rob Scott combined to find newcomer Jeff Minton in the centre circle and he threaded a superb pass inside a defender for Barker to race through and open his Rotherham account.

Four minutes into the second half Barker's shot came back off the post while at the other end Evans drove a shot over the bar. Barker had a header well saved but on 53 minutes the Millers went further ahead.

Barker and Warne combined on the left and Minton finished off the move with a first time shot from the edge of the penalty area.

That put the home team well in control and Minton almost found the net again but his 20 yarder was saved. It was no surprise when Rotherham increased their lead in the 88th minute with Minton finishing off a brilliant six man move to crown a tremendous debut after moving from Millmoor two days earlier.

**ROTHERHAM:** Gray, Artell, Scott, Branston, Bryan, Watson, MINTON, Hurst, Warne, Robins (Sedgwick 82), Barker 8. Subs; Pettinger, Wilsterman, Hudson, Monkhouse.

**BRISTOL ROVERS:** Culkin 6, Wilson 6, Foster 7, THOMSON 8, Jones 6 (Challis 73 mins), Plummer, Mauge (Ellis 80), Astafjevs, Owusu (McKeever 60 mins, 6), Ellington, Evans. Subs: Clarke, Pethick.

Referee: Mike Ryan (Preston)

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## Wycombe Wanderers 0 Millers 1

Atrocious playing conditions greeted the players with driving snow, a strongwind blowing down the pitch and it was bitterly cold. But this didn't deter the Millers from trying to play their usual good football and they soon looked the better side.

Jeff Minton had a 20 yarder saved before Wycombe replied with Cousins shooting just wide after an eighth minute corner.

That was to be Wycombe's last real effort of the first half as the Millers took command and Paul Warne had a shot saved.

Mark Robins was wide with a long range shot and then Warne had a shot blocked after linking well with Robins. Three minutes before the interval it looked as if the Millers would take the lead when the ball rebounded to Robins but the usual deadly finisher pulled his shot just wide.

Watson drove an early second half free kick wide before David Artell had to be replaced by Brian Wilsterman after pulling a hamstring.

But it made no difference as Rotherham continued to call the tune with Richie Barker and Guy Branston both going close with headers.

Wycombe then enjoyed a little spell of pressure with Bulman shooting wide and Simpson had a shot blocked. Bates was wide of the target with a long range shot and McCarthy glanced a header just wide following a 72nd minute corner.

Minton headed just wide after getting on the end of Marvin Bryan's high cross but the deadlock was finally broken in the 82nd

minute. Paul Hurst found warne with a throw and the striker delivered a perfect cross for Alan Lee to score with a superb header.

**WYCOMBE:** Taylor, Cousins, BATES, McCarthy, Vinnicombe, Castledine, Bulman, Simpson, Lee (Phelan 84), Essandoh, Ryan (Clegg 82). Subs: Townsend, Brady.

**ROTHERHAM:** Gray, Artell (Wilsterman 52 mins), Scott, BRANSTON, Bryan, Watson, Minton, Hurst, Robins (Sedgwick 75), Barker (Lee 66 mins), Warne. Subs: Pettinger, Hudson.

Referee: Lee Coble (Woking).

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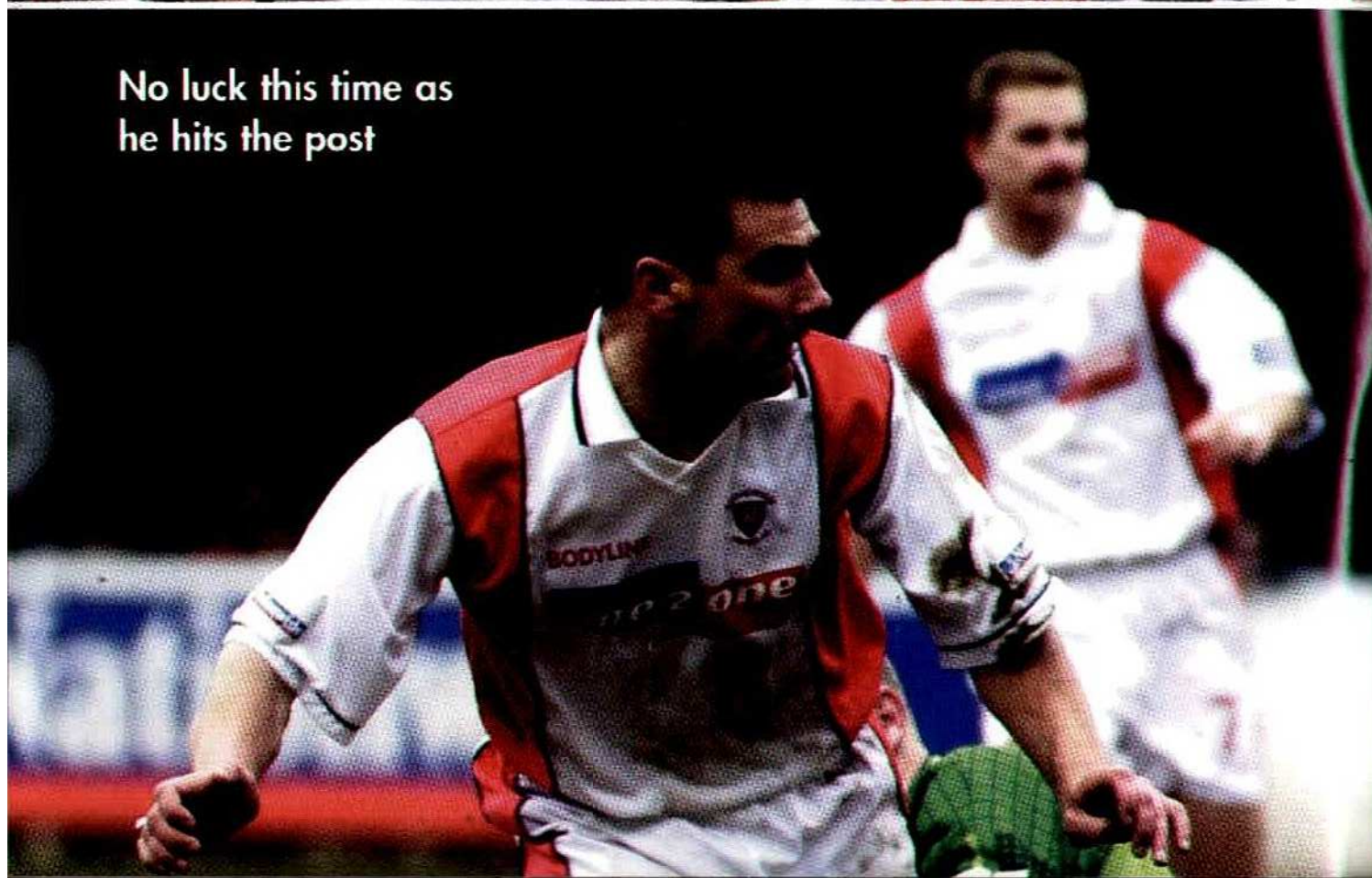
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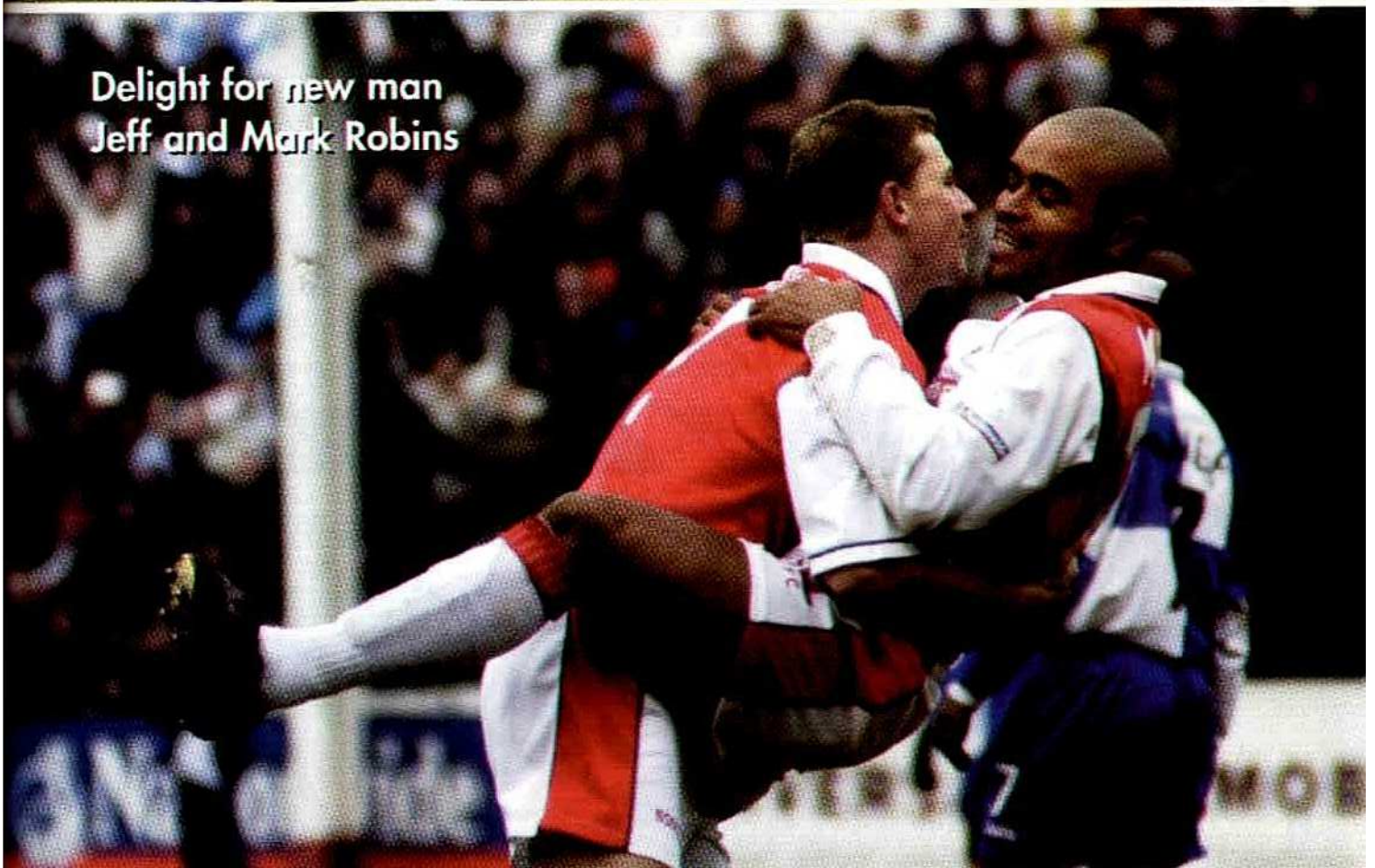
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## PROMOTION WINNER

Former Swindon Town midfielder Kevin Watson starred in Rotherham United's promotion success last season. Moving to the County Ground from Tottenham Hotspur in July 1996, his solitary goal in 63 League games came in Swindon's 3-1 win at Southend United a month later and he helped Swindon to lead the First Division early in the 1997/98 campaign. He joined Rotherham on a free transfer in July 1999 and his single goal in 44 Third Division outings last season was a memorable strike from the half-way line at home to Chester a month later.

## TITLE TRIUMPH

Swindon Town's former loanee midfielder Mark Dempsey featured prominently in Rotherham United's 1988/89 Fourth Division title triumph. Following Lou Macari to Swindon on loan from Manchester United in January 1985, he made five consecutive Fourth Division appearances while at the County Ground. He joined Rotherham from Sheffield United for £15,000 in October 1988 and netted seven goals in 75 League outings for the Millers before moving to Macclesfield Town on a free transfer in July 1991.



## EVER-PRESENT

One-time Swindon Town goalkeeper Tom McAlister was ever-present for Rotherham United in two consecutive seasons. Moving to Millmoor from Sheffield United in January 1976, he starred in Rotherham's 1976/77 promotion near-miss and helped to beat Arsenal in the 1978/79 League Cup second round. He played 159 Third Division games for the Millers before being sold to Blackpool in July 1979. Joining Swindon in May 1980, his solitary Third Division appearance was in their 3-0 win at Plymouth Argyle seven months later and he moved to West Ham in May 1981.

## MANAGING TO SUCCEED

Danny Williams managed both Rotherham United and Swindon Town during his career. Moving to Millmoor from Silverwood Colliery in October 1943, the long-serving wing-half starred in Rotherham's 1950/51 Third Division (North) title triumph and scored 22 goals in a record 459 League games before managing the Millers between July 1962 and February 1965. He joined Swindon as manager for four years in August 1965 and plotted their 1968/69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success, then had a second spell as Swindon's boss from March 1974 until May 1978.

## LEADING MARKSMAN

Former Rotherham United centre-forward Bronco Layne was Swindon Town's leading marksman in 1959/60. Signing as a part time professional at Millmoor in July 1957, he scored on his League debut in Rotherham's 4-1 defeat at Stoke City two months later and netted four goals in 11 Second Division games before moving to Swindon on a free transfer in June 1959. He partnered Jimmy Gauld in their attack



and scored 28 times in 41 League outings for today's visitors prior to joining Bradford City in December 1960.

## PROMOTION PUSH

One-time Swindon Town left-back Alf Radford made a significant contribution as Rotherham United finished Third Division (North) runners-up for the third successive season in 1948/49. Born locally, he moved to Millmoor on a free transfer from Huddersfield Town in May 1947 and partnered Jack Selkirk in Rotherham's defence. He made 44 League appearances prior to joining Rochdale in June 1951 and joined Swindon in August 1952, playing 16 Third Division (South) games for today's opponents.

## IN SAFE KEEPING

Goalkeeper Chris Ogden played for both Swindon Town and Rotherham United during his career. Moving to the County Ground from Oldham Athletic in August 1978, he featured in Swindon's 1978/79 promotion challenge and contested a first-team slot with Jimmy Allan. He made 24 Third Division appearances for today's visitors prior to joining Rotherham in November 1979, playing three League games while at Millmoor before moving to Bath City in July 1980. Fellow keeper Paul Crichton had a loan spell at both clubs during the 1987/88 campaign.

## SWINDON SWITCH

Ex-Rotherham United wing-half Ken Keyworth briefly played for Swindon Town during the 1965/66 campaign. Born locally, he moved to Millmoor from Wolverhampton Wanderers in January 1952 and netted six goals in 85 Second Division games for Rotherham before being sold to Leicester City for £9,000 in May 1958. He joined Swindon from Coventry City in August 1965 and made six League appearances for today's opponents. The likes of Ted Dransfield, Bernard Harris, George Hicks and Leslie Roberts played for both clubs during the inter-war era.

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# welcome to swindon town



After coming down from Division One last season when they finished bottom of the table, Swindon Town were hoping for much better things this time round particularly after signing quite a number of new players during the summer.

But it hasn't quite worked out as planned and they have had to spend most of the time struggling to get away from the wrong end of the table.

The season got under way with a goalless home draw against Colchester United before three defeats on the trot left them in 23rd spot. Their first victory came with a 1-0 win at Bristol City before a defeat at Bournemouth was followed by victory at Luton Town.

That was the start of a run of four matches without defeat in the league as Town climbed up to 18th spot but three successive defeats saw them drop down four places.

After beating Ilkeston Town in the first round of the FA Cup, further progress was made by easing past Gateshead in round two before Swindon recorded one of the best performances of the season, a 2-1 home win against the Millers.

However, since then inconsistent form has kept them at the wrong end of the table but their form in March has been much better with a very creditable draw at Wigan Athletic, wins against Oldham Athletic and Oxford United, a home draw against Swansea City, a win at Colchester United and last Saturday they took a point from a goalless draw at Bristol Rovers.

## 2000/2001 Squad

**Goalkeepers****STEVE MILDENHALL**

Born: Swindon,  
13.5.78.

Height: 6'5"

Weight: 13.5

Former Clubs:  
From Trainee

One of Swindon's home grown talents, Steve is in his fourth year as a professional after successfully coming through the Club's YTS system. Made two first team appearances in 1995/96, came off the bench to play as an outfield player in 1996/97 and made his full league debut between the posts for Swindon in October 1997. 'Mildy' made 6 (2 as substitute) appearances for Town last season. He spent most of the season in the reserves earning praise for his resolute performances, however, he was rarely relied upon to make the step up to the first team. Has recently come into the first team and has impressed, despite being pelted with missiles against Oxford!

**BART GRIEMINK**

Born: Holland, 29 March 1972

Height: 6'4"

Weight: 15.4

Previous clubs: Birmingham City (Free from WK Emmen on 9/11/95)  
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Peterborough United (£25,000 on 11/10/96) Football League 44 League Cup 1 FA

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The 6 ft 4 Dutch goalkeeper played second fiddle to England Under 21 international Mark Tyler at Peterborough for the past couple of seasons. After only making 44 league appearances for The Posh he decided it was time for a new challenge when his contract expired during the summer. Bart spent a two-month loan period with Town last season and impressed in difficult circumstances.

**Defenders****MARK ROBINSON**

Born: Rochdale, 21.11.68.

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 12.4



Former Clubs: West Bromwich Albion, Barnsley, Newcastle Utd.

Started his career at West Bromwich Albion, joined Barnsley on a free in June 1986 and such was his form there that Newcastle snapped him up for £450,000 in March 1993. After losing his place in the first team through injury, Mark is now the Town's longest serving player since Swindon paid a Club record £600,000 for his services in July 1994. He has been a consistent and versatile performer ever since, however, he could face competition from new signing Juan Cobian for the right-back slot this season. Town's captain up until a October last year.

**ALAN REEVES**

BORN: Birkenhead, 19.11.67

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 12.0

Former Clubs: Norwich City, Gillingham (loan), Chester City, Rochdale, Wimbledon

Quit Wimbledon's "Crazy Gang" in search of first team football with Swindon. Tall central defender, who cost the Dons £300,000 from Rochdale. Excellent header of the ball, 32-year-old Reeves can be an asset in attack on set pieces, scoring 2 goals in 24 appearances last season. Despite being linked with several clubs in the summer, Reeves is working hard to command a first team place under new manager Colin Todd. Began this season as top scorer (with four) and has become a firm favourite of Andy Kings. Current club captain.

**SOL DAVIS**

Born: Cheltenham 4.9.79

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 11.0

Former Clubs: From Trainee.

Left-sided fullback back who was offered his first professional contract in the summer of 1998 after a series of impressive performances in the reserves. Made his league debut as a substitute at home to QPR, shortly after his 18th birthday. First start in a Swindon shirt came six months later in the heat of a local derby clash away at Oxford United. Last season Sol made over 25 appearances for Town in both the fullback and wingback positions and his commitment was exemplified

by some very tough tackling which has been continued this term. Has struggled with suspension this season but has been one of the most consistent performers. Is a great prospect for the club.

**ANTOINE VAN DER LINDEN**

Born: 4/09/79, Holland

Height: 6' 0"

Weight: -

Previous Clubs: Xwervers (youth), Sparta Rotterdam

Central defender whose composure on the ball will make him a vital asset to Todd's team. Looks to set up attacks from the back with his sweet left foot. Agile and solid. Has impressed in recent games and his attitude and desire to win is second to none. Has also had a spell up front, Andy King using his strength and pace in the final third.

**MATTHEW HEYWOOD**

Born:

Height: 6' 4"

Weight: -

Previous Clubs: Burnley

Heywood failed to break through at Turf Moor and, after being alerted as to his availability by Shaun Reid, Andy King snapped him up on a free transfer. Has signed until the end of next season and has shown in the few games that he's played, just how good in the air he can be. Strong in the tackle and good with the ball, Heywood could prove to be a great asset.

**Midfielders****IAN WOAN**

Born: 14.12.67, Heswell

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 12.4

Former Clubs:

Runcorn, Notts

Forest, Barnsley

Arguably Town's greatest signing this season. After falling out of favour at Barnsley Woan decided to join the Town until the end of the season. Has been the club's most consistent performer since joining, orchestrating the proceedings in midfield. Seems to have an eternity on the ball and can thread damaging balls through to the forwards. Contains a venomous shot, Town supporters will hope that he signs a more permanent deal.



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**MATTHEW HEWLETT**

Born: 25.02.76, Bristol

Height: 6ft 2

Weight: 11st 3

Previous Clubs: Bristol City (from trainee) Burnley (loan).

An attacking midfielder that signed for Town on a free transfer in July 2000. A hot prospect at local rivals Bristol City in 1998/99. At the time a succession of injuries meant that he missed most of the season and failed to live up to his potential. A fresh start may be just the challenge he needs and there will be no better place to impress and improve his performances than at the County Ground this season. Started the season extremely well but has suffered through injury since. Has returned to the side and impressed in the centre of the park.

**KEITH O'HALLORAN**

Date of birth 10-11-1975, Dublin

Height 5.09

Weight 12.03

Position: Midfielder

Signed on

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Previous Clubs: St Johnstone, Cardiff (loan), Scunthorpe (loan), Middlesbrough.

He made six starts for Middlesbrough where he came through the youth ranks before joining St Johnstone in March '97 for £50,000. Keith went on to make over 60 appearances for the Saints but relished the opportunity of proving himself in England after a very successful period at McDiarmid Park. Despite being offered a new contract north of the border, he chose to join Swindon's new era. The Town fans will be delighted to see a natural right-sided midfielder at the club after it became a huge problem position last campaign. Can play in the centre if called upon and has pitched in with five goals this season. Returns to the side after a short suspension.

**DANNY INVINCIBLE**

Born: 31/03/79. Australia

Height: -

Weight: -

Previous Clubs: Brisbane Strikers, Marconi Stallions (both in Australia)

Andy King believes that midfielder Danny Invincible can become a real star after completing a deal to sign the Australian on a free transfer in



July. Previous manager Colin Todd moved swiftly to tie up a deal for Invincible after spotting the 20-year-old playing for West Ham in a trial match. The former Marconi Stallions star scored on his Town debut in a 1-1 draw against West Brom at the Hawthorns. Invincible, a former Australian under-20's star, plays predominantly on the right hand side of midfield, possess blistering pace and already become a crowd favourite with his ability to run at defences. Town's top scorer with nine.

**Forwards****GIULIANO GRAZIOLI**

Born: 23.03.75

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 12.0

Former Clubs: Stevenage Town (non-league) Peterborough Utd.

Signed in June 1999 on a free transfer from his former club Peterborough Utd. Giuliano's previous visit to the County Ground was in 1997 with Stevenage Town in the FA Cup 3rd round. His winning goal dumped Swindon out and handed Stevenage a money-making 4th round tie against Newcastle Utd. Missed most of last season through injury, but when he did play he was the shining light in a very dull season for Swindon. Following the departures of fellow strikers Chris Hay and Iffy Onuora, 'Graz' established himself as the

Town's main threat. Hasn't had the opportunity to impress this year suffering from numerous injuries.

**GARY ALEXANDER**

Born: 15/08/79, London

Height: 5ft 10

Weight: 12st 6

Previous Clubs: West Ham United (From trainee on 1/8/97) Exeter City (Loaned on 19/8/99)

Highly-rated 21-year-old who joined the Robins in early August from West Ham United in a £300,000 deal. Gary spent most of last season on loan at Exeter City where he made a big impression - scoring 16 goals in 20 appearances and keeping The Grecians out of relegation trouble in the process. A powerful and hard-working forward, Alexander has struggled to find the net but two goals against Wycombe in the LDV Trophy could be enough to kick-start his campaign..

**ALAN YOUNG**

Born: 12/08/83,

Height: 5ft 6

Weight: 10st 0

Previous Clubs:

Still only seventeen, Young is Swindon's bright hope for the future. Having already played for England's Youth team, Young has risen from Town's youth team. Scoring goals for fun with the youth side, Young moved up to the reserves and more than held his own. Made his debut in the FA Cup and scored against Ilkeston Town. Alan is now on the fringe of the first team and boss King has made his admiration for the youngster quite clear.

**MICHAEL REDDY**

Born: 24.03.80,

Grainamanagh .Ireland

Height: 6'11"

Weight: 11.07

He was first spotted by Town boss Andy King when King was chief scout at Sunderland and joined the club as a trainee for a £50,000 fee. He signed as a professional on the 1st of August 1999, making his debut on Oct 12 1999 coming on as a substitute at Wimbledon in the Worthington Cup. Sunderland lost that game 3-2. Michael has made 14 appearances in Sunderland's colours, but only two of those have seen him start a game, both times being in the Worthington Cup. He has scored two goals for the Black Cats: one this season in the 2-1 away win at Luton in the Worthington Cup, and one last season in a 1-1 draw away to Middlesbrough. Has been insensational form, scoring four in his first four games.

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# how we fared in the past

## THE LAST TIME WE PLAYED AT MILLMOOR

Division Two table topping Swindon Town came to Millmoor on 9th December 1995 to face Rotherham United who were in 17th spot and the leaders recorded their seventh away win of the season with two goals from Steve Finney gave them a 2-0 scoreline. The opener came on 70 minutes and the second in the last minute.

**Rotherham:** Muggleton, Wilder, Hurst, Garner (Breckin 80), Monington, Richardson, Berry, McGlashan, Jeffrey, Hayward, Roscoe (Viljoen 80). Sub: McIntosh.

**Swindon:** Digby, Culverhouse, Drysdale, McMahon, Seagraves (Gooden 72), Taylor, Robinson, Allen, Finney, Allison, Horlock. Subs: Thorne, Talia.

**Referee:** Gurnam Singh (Wolverhampton).

**Attendance:** 3,042.

## OVERALL RECORD

Home: Played 11, Won 3, Drawn 3, Lost 5, Goals For 10, Against 14.

Away: Played 12, Won 1, Drawn 1, Lost 10, Goals For 12, Against 26.

## ALL THE PREVIOUS LEAGUE MEETINGS V SWINDON TOWN

(Rotherham score first)

Date	Div	Venue	Score	Rotherham scorers
7 Sep 63	Div 2	A	1-3	Bennett
11 Jan 64		H	0-0	
16 Apr 65	Div 2	A	2-3	Bennett 2
19 Apr 65		H	1-0	Casper
22 Feb 69	Div 3	A	0-1	
2 May 69		H	1-1	Storrie
4 Oct 75	Div 3	H	0-2	
9 Mar 76		A	1-1	Goodfellow
13 Nov 76	Div 3	A	4-2	Crawford 2 (1 pen), Phillips 2
23 Apr 77		H	1-1	Phillips
19 Nov 77	Div 3	A	0-2	
15 Apr 78		H	1-3	Gwyther
14 Oct 78	Div 3	A	0-1	
24 Feb 79		H	1-3	Phillips
8 Sep 79	Div 3	H	3-0	Gwyther 2, Tiler
15 Apr 80		A	2-6	Halom, Forrest pen
13 Sep 80	Div 3	A	1-2	Towner
7 Feb 81		H	1-0	Gooding
27 Sep 86	Div 3	A	0-2	
21 Feb 87		H	1-2	Gooding pen
23 Sep 95	Div 2	A	0-1	
9 Dec 95		H	0-2	
16 Dec 00	Div 2	A	1-2	Branston



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Top job as they say. The mighty Millers stand loud and proud at the top of division 2, so let's hope Millwall don't win this Tuesday night and this statement actually rings true.

It just seems only a couple of weeks since the press had runaway leaders Millwall already promoted with another from the chasing pack. Beats me then how we are 2 points clear of those runaway leaders funny old game init.

Quick message from Barbara at the ticket office, will all disabled Millers intending to travel to the New Den for the big game, please register with her including any carers travelling with you. She can then fax your names to the club in advance and guarantee your place. I understand this meets with Millwall's club rules.

I intend to hold a Rotherham United Disabled Supporters Association (RUDSA) meeting at 46 Coach Road, Greasbrough, Rotherham, and disabled entrance through Church Street entrance.

This meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd April 2001 kick off 7.30pm.

The election of officials, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer etc will take place. Other topics to discuss will be ticketing, input into the new ground or redevelopment of Millmoor. Away travel and fund raising. Please make every effort to attend. Most people will already have received information through the post.

Finally a bit of sad news the big city team from Sheffield 6 look like they might have dragged themselves out of relegation trouble so I suppose we will just have to take the 6 points next year never mind.

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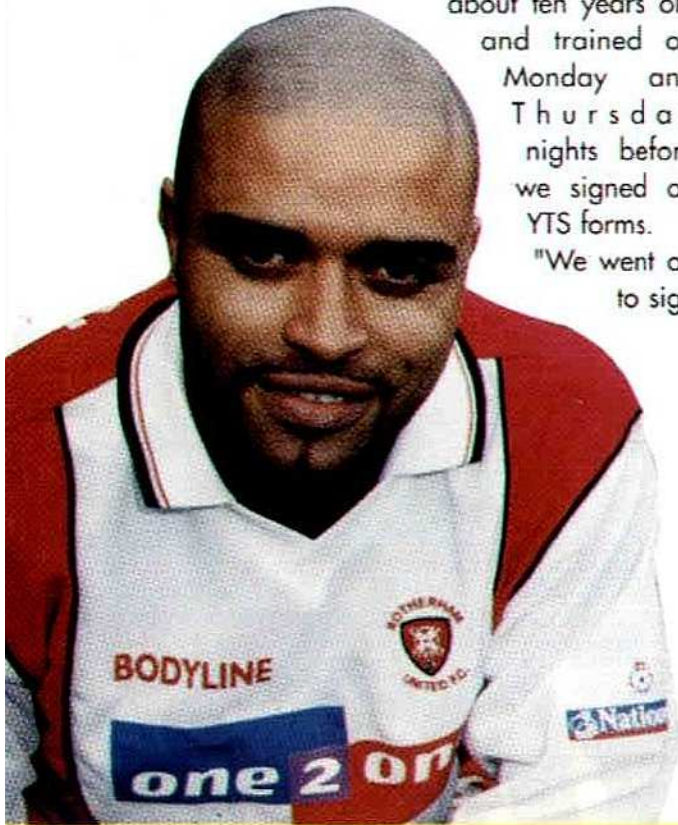
When Jeff Minton signed for Rotherham United recently there was one player who was no stranger to him because he has known skipper Kevin Watson since they were very young school-boys.

Jeff explained: "We were together at primary school and the same secondary school in Hackney and we played together in all the school, district and county teams.

"We also signed schoolboys forms together for Tottenham Hotspur so I suppose its unusual for two players to have done anything like that. We both

went there when we were about ten years old and trained on Monday and Thursday nights before we signed on YTS forms.

"We went on to sign



professional forms at a time when Peter Shreeve was the manager. I played a couple of first team games, we played together against Brentford in the Coca Cola Cup but then I got a few injuries.

"My league debut was at home to Everton and I managed to score a goal in a 3-3 draw. I then played in the next game which was the last of the 1991/92 season against Manchester United at Old Trafford.

"So I thought I had the world at my feet but I had a bad run of injuries in the next pre-season and things didn't go very well from then on.

"Ossie Ardiles came in as manager and we didn't see eye to eye for whatever reason I don't know so I was on my way when my contract was up at the end of the season,"

So Jeff moved to Brighton in the summer of 1994 and he went on: "It was a brilliant club with brilliant fans. I played at the Goldstone ground for two years before they pulled it down.

"The players weren't really effected by what was going on behind the scenes as we had to try and put it to the back of our minds. I played in that last match of the season at Hereford who needed to win to stay in the league while we needed a draw for the same reason.

"It was some game and we fell behind when Kerry Mayo scored an own goal and it stayed that way for ages until we got a goal late on. At the final whistle it was unbelievable, it was just as if we had won the FA Cup.

"It would have been a shame to see Brighton go out of the league but the spell when we had to play at Gillingham was like playing away every week.

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"The travel for the "home" games wasn't too bad for me as I still lived in London but for the fans it was a nightmare. Fortunately they are now back at the Withdean Stadium and they are doing well.

"When my contract ran out I moved to Port Vale whose manager Brian Horton had been at Brighton and I had heard he wanted me. I could have stayed at Brighton but it was Division One football at Port Vale.

"However, last season was a difficult one. I thought I had started well in the first 15 games or so but then I was played out on the left and I didn't enjoy that at all. The team struggled for most of the season and it ended up with us going down.

"We started losing again this season and we were thinking we could go down again until a couple of months ago when form picked up. Vale had a

good run including reaching the LDV Vans final and I still have a lot of friends there so I wish them all the best.

"I have now played three games here at Rotherham. My debut was more than I could have hoped for with two goals and at Wycombe we battled very well to win with a late goal in terrible conditions.

"So we were full of optimism going to Oxford particularly after Reading had lost the previous night. But on the day I can't really explain what happened, we never got going.

"It was one of those days but I don't see why we can't retain the position we are in. I have played against every team in this division and I can't see anyone who is better than us. I know we still have to play Millwall and Wigan but I am confident we can beat them so hopefully we will go up in an automatic promotion place."

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**GROUND:** Vetch Field, Swansea SA2 3SY

**TEL:** 01792 544444

**FAX:** 01792 462584

**COLOURS:** Shirts & Shorts White with Black & Maroon

**PITCH SIZE:** 110 x 74 yards

**CAPACITY:** 9,975

**SEATING:** 3,414

**NICKNAME:** Swans

**PROG COST:** £2

**HIGHEST ATTENDANCE:** 32,796

**NEAREST RAILWAY STATION:** Swansea High Street

**NEAREST POLICE STATION:** Swansea Central (1 mile)

**NEAREST BUS STATION:** Quadrant Depot (¼ mile)

**AWAY SUPPORTERS SECTION:** Richardson St. Turnstiles for the west terrace enclosure

**PRICES:** Adult standing: 10, Seating £12 - £14  
Child standing: £5, Seating: £7.

**DISABLED:** 8 Covered spaces for wheelchair users - both supporters bookings are necessary contact Jackie Rockey on 017092 633 400

**TRAVEL BY ROAD:** Join M1 Southbound exit onto M42 follow M42 to join M5, exit M5 to join A150 to M50 to M4. Exit M4 at junction 42 and follow Swansea (A483) signs after 4 miles follow signs for city centre west, after ½ mile turn right (opposite county hall) into west way. At first set of traffic lights turn left into Glamorgan Street for Vetch Field.

**TRAVEL BY RAIL:** Before departing please check with Virgin for details of return journey as revised timetable being used.

Leave Rotherham 8.39, change at Sheffield, Gloucester and arrive Swansea 13.40.

## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIV 2 V Millwall

**DATE:** 07/04/2001

**GROUND:** The Den, Zampa Rd, London SE16 3LN

**TEL:** (020) 7232 1222

**FAX:** (020) 7231 3663

**COLOURS:** White Shirts, White Shorts

**PITCH SIZE:** 112 x 74 yards

**CAPACITY:** 20,146

**SEATING:** All seating

**NICKNAME:** Lions

**PROG COST:** £2

**HIGHEST ATTENDANCE:** 20,093 (10/1/94)

**NEAREST RAILWAY STATION:** Nearest underground are New Cross Gate and Surrey Quays, both on East London Line (20 mins walk). Nearest Railway Station South Bermondsey (8 mins walk)

**AWAY SUPPORTERS SECTION:** North Stand turnstiles 31-36

**PRICES:** Adult Seating £13 - £18  
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**DISABLED:** 78 wheelchair spaces and 38 helpers. Bookings needed call disabled co-ordinator Mrs Georgina Gray on 020 7232 1222

**TRAVEL BY ROAD:** Join M1 southbound and follow to the end. Follow signs for city, then Shoreditch and Whitechapel. Follow ring road signs for Dover, cross over Tower Bridge and after 1 mile take 1st exit at roundabout onto A2. From Elephant and Castle take A2 (New Kent road) into Old Kent road and turn left after 4 miles at Canterbury Arms pub, into Ilderton road to Zampa road.

**TRAVEL BY RAIL:** Leave: Rotherham 10.46 change at Sheffield and arrive St. Pancras 13.42. Then underground details above.

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**OPPONENTS:** Oldham Athletic

**MATCH:** League Division 2

**DATE:** 10/03/01

**RESULT:** Oldham Athletic 2 Rotherham United 3

**METHOD OF TRAVEL:** Rotherham United Supporters Club

**DEPARTURE TIME:** We departed from Millmoor at 12.30pm for the short journey to Boundary Park

**ARRIVAL AT GROUND:** After a trouble free journey to Boundary Park we arrived at 1.40pm

**ADMISSION PRICES:** It was seating only for Rotherham United Supporters. £15 Adults £7 Concessions

**PROGRAMME:** Oldham Athletic's official matchday programme was reasonable at £2. The coverage on Rotherham United was very good and everything was up-to-date. The Man to Watch for in the Millers line up was Darren Garner. Darren was unable to play this afternoon having suffered a broken leg in last week-end's battle with Reading. Garner has been a

steady and consistent performer in the role on the right side, a sort of cross between right-wing back and right midfield. A bit like the team getting on with it and doing a good job.

**UNITED TRAVELLING CONTINGENT:** Once again it was a huge following by the Rotherham United faithful. They gave their side very good support during the 90 minutes and when the final whistle went there were chants of 'EI EI EIO etc' and I must say it was a dramatic late winner two minutes from time when Rob Scott's long throw appeared to go in off Oldham's Shaun Garnett to gap Rotherham's late bid for victory after they had endured a torrid second half spell in which Lee Duxbury had scored his second goal to nullify goals from Guy Branston and Mark Robins, his 20th of the season. The Man of the Match was Paul Warne and he is certainly a handful in and around the penalty area for most defenders.

**Andrew Tipple**



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Opponents		F A	Att	League Pos	Goalscorers					
<b>AUGUST 2000</b>										
Sat 12	WALSALL	H	2-3	5423	18	Robins 2 (1 pen)	Gray	Scott	Varty	Branston
Fri 18	Colchester United	A	1-0	3807	8	Robins	Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
Tue 22	BARNSELY (W'ton Cup 1/1)	H	0-1	4940	-		Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
Sat 26	BURY	H	1-2	3739	17	Scott	Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
Mon 28	Bristol City	A	1-0	8280	10	Fortune-West	Gray	Wilsterman	Garner	Branston
<b>SEPTEMBER 2000</b>										
Sat 2	LUTON TOWN	H	1-1	4061	9	Robins	Gray	Wilsterman	Garner	Branston
Tue 5	Barnsley (W'ton Cup 1/2)	A	2-3	8088	-	Robins, Watson	Gray	Wilsterman	Scott	Branston
Sat 9	Cambridge United	A	1-6	3925	14	Robins	Gray	Wilsterman	Scott	Branston
Tue 12	Wrexham	A	3-1	2126	9	Warne (2), Scott	Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
Sat 16	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	1-0	3545	7	Branston	Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
Sat 23	Stoke City	A	1-1	13472	7	Artell	Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
Sat 30	READING	H	1-3	4288	11	Robins (pen)	Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
<b>OCTOBER 2000</b>										
Sun 8	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	3-0	3774	8	Warne, Artell, Talbot	Gray	Scott	Garner	Beech
Sat 14	Bournemouth	A	1-0	3878	8	Watson	Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
Tue 17	Bristol Rovers	A	1-1	6910	8	Watson	Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
Sat 21	OXFORD UNITED	H	3-1	3983	5	Warne(2) Watson	Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
Tue 24	SWANSEA CITY	H	4-2	3892	4	Robins, Garner, Watson, Lee	Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
Sat 28	Northampton Town	A	1-0	6478	4	Talbot	Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
<b>NOVEMBER 2000</b>										
Sat 4	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	1-1	6192	4	Robins	Pettinger	Varty	Garner	Branston
Sat 11	Brentford	A	3-0	4544	3	Talbot (2) Lee	Gray	Scott	Garner	Beech
Sat 18	Wrexham (FA Cup 1)	A	1-0	3887	-	Lee	Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
Sat 25	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H	3-0	5519	4	Branston, Hurst, Robins	Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
<b>DECEMBER 2000</b>										
Sat 2	MILLWALL	H	3-2	7155	2	Artell, Lee (2)	Gray	Scott	Garner	Carr
Tue 5	CHESTERFIELD (LDV 1)	H	3-4	3488	-	Robins, Lee, Monkhouse	Gray	Scott	Garner	Carr
Sat 9	NORTHAMPTON TOWN (FA Cup 2)	H	1-0	4964	-	Hughes (own goal)	Gray	Bryan	Garner	Branston
Sat 16	Swindon Town	A	1-2	4676	4	Branston	Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
Fri 22	Port Vale	A	2-0	4110	1	Robins, Hurst	Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
Tue 26	NOTTS COUNTY	H	0-0	7673	3		Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
<b>JANUARY 2001</b>										
Mon 1	Bury	A	0-0	3743	4		Gray	Scott	Bryan	Branston
Sat 6	Liverpool (FA Cup 3)	A	0-3	30,689	-		Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
Sat 13	BRISTOL CITY	H	1-1	5654	4	Robins	Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
Sat 20	Notts County	A	1-4	7010	4	Branston	Gray	Varty	Garner	Branston
Tues 23	Walsall	A	1-1	4437	4	Sedgwick	Gray	Wilsterman	Garner	Branston
Sat 27	PORT VALE	H	3-2	5044	4	Robins, Lee, Warne	Gray	Scott	Garner	Branston
<b>FEBRUARY 2001</b>										
Sat 10	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H	3-0	4497	4	Lee 3 (1 pen)	Gray	Scott	Garner	Beech
Tue 20	WREXHAM	H	2-0	4528	4	Lee, Wilsterman	Pettinger	Scott	Garner	Wilsterman
Sat 24	STOKE CITY	H	2-1	8211	3	Robins (2)	Pettinger	Scott	Garner	Branston
Tue 27	COLCHESTER	H	3-2	5864	2	Robins, Artell, Hurst	Pettinger	Scott	Garner	Branston
<b>MARCH 2001</b>										
Sat 3	Reading	A	0-2	13103	2		Pettinger	Scott	Garner	Branston
Tue 6	BOURNEMOUTH	H	3-1	6488	2	Robins 2 (1 pen), Lee	Pettinger	Scott	Bryan	Branston
Sat 10	Oldham Athletic	A	3-2	5993	2	Branston, Robins, own goal	Pettinger	Scott	Bryan	Branston
Sat 17	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	3-0	7098	2	Minton 2, Barker	Gray	Scott	Bryan	Branston
Tue 20	Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-0	5254	1	Lee	Gray	Scott	Bryan	Branston
Sat 24	Oxford United	A	3-4	4493	1	Robins, Branston, Lee	Gray	Scott	Bryan	Branston
Sat 31	SWINDON TOWN	H								
<b>APRIL 2001</b>										
Sat 7	Millwall	A								
Sat 14	Swansea City	A								
Mon 16	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H								
Sat 21	Wigan Athletic	A								
Tue 24	Luton Town	A								
Sat 28	BRENTFORD	H								
<b>MAY</b>										
Sat 5	Peterborough United	A								



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Branston	Bryan	Talbot	Watson	Beech	Robins	Fortune-West	Warne	Pettinger	Berry	Monkhouse	Hurst	Hudson
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Branston	Wilsterman	Talbot	Watson	Hurst	Robins	Berry	Warne	Pettinger	Monkhouse	Beech	Artell	Turner
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Branston	Artell	Talbot	Watson	Hurst	Lee	Turner	Warne	Connor	Monkhouse	Beech	Varty	Hudson
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Beech	Wilsterman	Talbot	Watson	Hurst	Lee	Robins	Warne	Pettinger	Barker	Bryan	Sedgwick	Hudson
Wilsterman	Artell	Talbot	Watson	Hurst	Lee	Robins	Warne	Connor	Barker	Bryan	Sedgwick	Hudson
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	Home							Away						
	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	G.D.	Pts	
<b>ROTHERHAM</b>	38	13	4	3	43	22	9	4	5	25	24	22	74	
Millwall	38	12	2	4	36	11	10	5	5	34	25	34	73	
Reading	37	13	3	3	47	19	8	4	6	21	21	28	70	
Walsall	38	13	4	3	46	20	6	5	7	21	23	24	66	
Wigan	39	11	8	0	25	11	4	9	7	19	22	11	62	
Stoke	38	9	5	5	28	18	7	8	4	31	23	18	61	
Bristol City	38	10	5	5	42	25	6	6	6	19	22	14	59	
Notts County	37	8	5	5	31	25	7	5	7	18	27	-3	55	
Northampton	38	8	6	4	24	20	6	5	9	19	27	-4	53	
Bury	39	10	5	5	24	19	5	3	11	15	28	-8	53	
Bournemouth	37	7	6	5	27	18	6	6	7	32	28	13	51	
Wrexham	36	8	4	7	26	24	6	4	7	28	33	-3	50	
Oldham	39	10	4	6	32	23	2	7	10	15	33	-9	47	
Brentford	36	7	7	3	25	23	4	7	8	16	28	-10	47	
Wycombe	36	8	4	7	21	19	4	6	7	14	22	-6	46	
Port Vale	34	7	7	4	30	16	5	2	9	11	22	3	45	
Colchester	37	7	4	8	22	19	5	5	8	19	27	-5	45	
Peterborough	37	9	5	4	28	22	2	7	10	17	32	-9	45	
Cambridge	38	7	5	7	27	22	5	3	11	23	39	-11	44	
Swindon	38	5	7	8	26	31	6	4	8	12	21	-14	44	
Bristol Rovers	34	2	9	4	12	16	6	5	8	23	23	-4	38	
Luton	35	5	2	9	19	27	4	6	9	23	34	-19	35	
Swansea	35	3	7	6	15	16	3	4	12	20	41	-22	29	
Oxford	36	4	3	12	19	29	1	1	15	20	50	-40	19	

On a weekend when fixtures were spilt over two days, the Millers' joy at Reading losing at home to Bristol City on Friday night was cut short by their defeat at Oxford United on Saturday. If the U's had played like that all season, they wouldn't be stranded at the bottom of the table but why leave that performance for us?

Walsall showed a return to form by recording a comfortable 5-1 home win against Wycombe Wanderers but Wigan Athletic could only take a point from a goalless draw at Vale Park and they surely now can only look forward to the play-offs at best.

Notts County are still on the fringe after being held to a 3-3 home draw by Peterborough United but Northampton Town's hopes of being involved look remote after losing at Oldham Athletic.

Jermain Defoe got back on the scoresheet hitting the only goal of the game to give Bournemouth a home win against Bury while a couple of games were victims of the wet weather in the south and had to be called off due to waterlogged pitches - at Brentford and Cambridge United.

Just for the record, the dates for the play-offs are Sunday 13th and Wednesday 16th May with the final at Cardiff on Sunday 27th May.

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	THIS SEASON						ROTHERHAM CAREER			
	LEAGUE		CUPS		TOTAL		LEAGUE		CUPS	
	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
David Artell	28(1)	4	4	0	32(1)	4	28(2)	4	4	0
Richard Barker	5(8)	0	0	0	5(8)	0	5(8)	0	0	0
Chris Beech	7(7)	0	1(1)	0	8(7)	0	36(7)	0	5(1)	0
Trevor Berry	5(6)	0	0(3)	0	5(9)	0	126(46)	19	21(3)	4
Cedric Bolima	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0	0
Guy Branston	33	6	5	0	38	6	63	10	7	0
Marvin Bryan	15(5)	0	4	0	19(5)	0	15(5)	0	4	0
Paul Dillon	0	0	0	0	0	0	66(5)	2	14	0
Leo Fortune-West	5	1	2	0	7	1	64	30	7	0
Darren Garner	30(1)	1	5(1)	0	35(2)	0	201(6)	20	34(2)	7
Ian Gray	31	0	6	0	37	0	31	0	6	0
Danny Hudson	1(4)	0	0	0	1(4)	0	30(20)	6	6(5)	2
Paul Hurst	34(2)	3	5(1)	0	39(3)	3	175(38)	10	34(4)	1
Alan Lee	23(2)	12	4	2	27(2)	14	23(1)	12	4	2
Stephan Lemarchand	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0
Jeff Minton	3	2	0	0	3	2	3	2	0	0
Andy Monkhouse	1(9)	0	0(3)	1	1(12)	1	1(14)	1	1(3)	0
Paul Pettinger	7	0	0	0	7	0	10(1)	0	3(1)	0
Mark Robins	34	19	6	2	41	21	34	19	6	2
Chris Sedgwick	0(13)	1	0(1)	0	0(14)	1	53(35)	9	6(9)	1
Rob Scott	33	2	5	0	38	2	71(2)	4	15(1)	1
Stewart Talbot	31	4	5	0	36	4	31	4	5	0
Andy Turner	3(1)	0	0	0	3(1)	0	29(7)	1	3	0
Will Varty	4(1)	0	0(2)	0	4(3)	0	44(2)	0	6(3)	0
Paul Warne	37	6	6	0	43	6	95(4)	24	13(1)	0
Kevin Watson	38	4	6	1	44	5	82	5	12	1
Mark Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0	10(1)	0	0(2)	0
Brian Wilsterman	9(1)	1	1	0	10(1)	0	47(5)	4	7	0

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Perhaps Rotherham United should steer clear of the national media for the rest of the season. That's because they were the centre of attention leading up to the game at Oxford United where the game didn't follow the script with the outcome we are all too much aware about.

During the week the Millers had been the subject of feature articles in The Sun and Sport First while Ronnie Moore was featured live in the Sky studio last Sunday morning. They had tried to get him there on two previous occasions so it was probably Sod's Law that eventually saw him there on the wrong day. The surprise defeat at Oxford would have brought all Millwall and Reading fans as much joy as had Reading's defeat at home to Bristol City the previous evening.

It gets to a sad stage when someone sits watching teletext all evening to see what was happening at Reading but that's just what I did although it wasn't just the teletext screen I was watching, I had it over Fools and Horses. There are bound to be a few more twists and turns before this incredible season comes to an end and the Millers, I'm sure wouldn't mind a helping hand for one or two teams in the next two or three weeks.

For instance it would be great if Notts County could get something from Reading today while it would also be of assistance if Walsall could avoid a home defeat at the hands of Millwall.

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# 5, 10, 15 and 25 years ago

## Five years Brighton 1 Millers 1

Looking anything but a team facing almost certain relegation, Brighton saved one of their best performances of the season but it wasn't enough to give them a much needed win.

That was mainly due to a superb display from keeper Matt Clarke but he received admirable support from his colleagues.

Rotherham almost snatched a first minute lead when Rust had to dive at Shaun Goater's feet but the game was only five minutes old when Clarke pulled off his first save, brilliantly keeping out Wilkins' header.

He then saved a point blank shot from Rowe before the Millers took a 31st minute lead. Trevor Berry won the ball and slipped it into the path of Goater who cleverly clipped the ball over the keeper for his 21st goal of the season.

Nine minutes later Brighton pulled level when Andy Hayward needlessly gave away a free kick which Wilkins curled into the top corner of the net.

Clarke was soon in the action again in the second half as Brighton pile on the pressure before Rotherham had what looked a good goal by Hayward disallowed for pushing.

Paul Hurst cleared off the line from Maskell and then Rowe headed wide but the Millers hung on for a point.

**Brighton:** Rust, Myall, Johnson, Hobson, Chapman, Munde, Parris, Wilkins, Storer, Rowe, Maskell. Subs: McGarrigle, Fox, Byrne.

**Rotherham:** Clarke, Smith, Blades, Moore, Hurst, Hayward, Berry, Bowyer, Roscoe (Pike 74), Jemson, Goater. Subs: Davison, Viljoen.

**Referee:** Paul Taylor (Cheshunt).

**Attendance:** 5,530.

## Ten years Chester City 1 Millers 2

The Millers' two on loan strikers John Pearson and Peter Duffield grabbed the goals which gave them a vital and rare away win.

It was an afternoon of long throws with

Chester's main avenue of attack was the guided missiles launched from the flanks by left back Pugh while Rotherham's own specialist Nicky Law replied.

The opening goal—the first time Rotherham had taken the lead in an away game—came in the 31st minute when a Law throw saw Nigel Johnson and Pearson have headers blocked but it was the tall forward who managed to poke the ball home from close range at the far post.

The second goal came on 64 minutes when a high punt by Johnson set Duffield chasing forward with Preece. The defender misjudged the bounce and Duffield's persistence saw him nip in to tuck the ball past the keeper.

Chester pulled a goal back five minutes later through Butler when Billy Mercer's punch from an Ellis corner rebounded off a defender.

**Chester:** Stewart, Preece, Pugh, Lightfoot, Brightwell, Painter (Ellis 68), Bishop, Butler, Morton, Dale, Bennett. sub: Bertschin.

**Rotherham:** Mercer, Barnsley, Robinson, Goodwin, Johnson, Law, Forrest, Barrick, Pearson, Duffield, Hazel. Subs: Hathaway, Richardson.

**Referee:** Brian Hill (Kettering).

**Attendance:** 1,079.

## Fifteen years Millers 1 Darlington 2

Darlington's greater will to win saw them cash in on an eight match unbeaten run as the Millers produced their worst 90 minutes at home all season.

United failed to produce many efforts on target and from the start Darlington played with more drive, aggression and purpose.

Kevan Smith made an error six minutes before half time that saw Roberts skip round Kelham O'Hanlon with McDonald forcing the ball home after it had been blocked on the line.

Rotherham did produce a string of corners in the second half but with only a marginal improvement in standards.

One of the corners brought Dean Emerson's headed goal on 60 minutes but

even that followed two lucky rebounds. But United failed to grasp this opportunity and within two minutes the visitors were in front again through Roberts courtesy of a dreadful headed back pass by Andy Barnsley when under no pressure.

**Rotherham:** O'Hanlon, Barnsley, Crosby, Gooding, Smith, Pickering, Birch, Emerson, Dungworth (Simmons 69), Pugh.

**Darlington:** Astbury, Evans, Morgan, Woodcock, Green, Lloyd, Roberts, Ward, Douglas (McLean 46), Robinson.

**Referee:** Malcolm Heath (Stoke).

**Attendance:** 3,041.

## Twenty Five Years Chesterfield 1 Millers 0

The wind had a bigger influence on the game than any player as the game tailed off into a very ordinary affair after it had looked promising.

The Millers did enough in the second half to earn a point although several individuals would have been less than happy with their performances.

Chesterfield started well and took a tenth minute lead when following a free kick, Darling touched the ball aside and Cammack scored from 20 yards.

Trevor Phillips made a quicksilver turn but finished with a weak shot and his finishing let him down again when he blazed over the bar after a neat link up between Dave Gwyther and Mark Rhodes.

Just before half time Tom McAlister kept United in the hunt with a magnificent save from Welch before Rotherham's best chance fell in the 66th minute to Gwyther but he ballooned his shot over the bar when in the clear.

In the last few minutes Rotherham came close when Tommy Spencer headed on a corner but no one was on hand to finish off.

**Chesterfield:** Hardwick, O'Neill, Burton, Charlton, Hunter, Cross, Welch, Cammack, Fern, Bentley, Darling. Sub: Badger.

**Rotherham:** McAlister, Green, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Wagstaff, Habbin, Phillips (Spencer 67), Gwyther, Goodfellow, Crawford.

**Referee:** B. Daniels (Rainham).

**Attendance:** 5,995.



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# the opposite view

## with stuart clarkson

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### 'Today's interview'

**Swindon Town Manager Andy King**

**Millers:** Have you any particular memory or recollection of Rotherham United?

**Andy:** 'Although I have been to Millmoor many times, scouting, I never actually played there. My nearest connection locally was during my time as manager of Mansfield Town.'

**Millers:** Which player or manager do you always associate with the Millers?

**Andy:** 'Ronnie Moore. I think the way he has turned the club round has been tremendous. In the lower divisions he and Ray Graydon have done an unbelievable job on limited resources. After we take the three points from you on Saturday, I hope you go on to win promotion!'

**Millers:** What has been the happiest time in your career?

**Andy:** 'My seven/eight seasons at Everton. As well as being able to play at the top level then, we were also a successful team.'

**Millers:** What is your biggest frustration as the manager of a football club?

**Andy:** 'I have no frustrations as a manager. The frustration has been when I couldn't get the opportunity to coach or manage. There are many good coaches out there who could be doing a good job, given the chance.'

**Millers:** Who are your biggest friends and mentors in football?

**Andy:** 'I played for some big name managers, Tommy Docherty and Howard Kendall to name a couple. However I have learned the biggest lessons working with Peter Reid. Peter is very honest with himself and with the players and likewise commands total respect. If I had a big football problem tomorrow morning, Peter is the first person I would ring. As regards friends, my family have always supported me very well. My wife still attends our games as does my mum. However if we have a bad run then someone has to take responsibility, so I usually ban her for a few games!' Our thanks to Andy for sparing time from his busy schedule, to talk to us.



### Close encounters of a previous kind

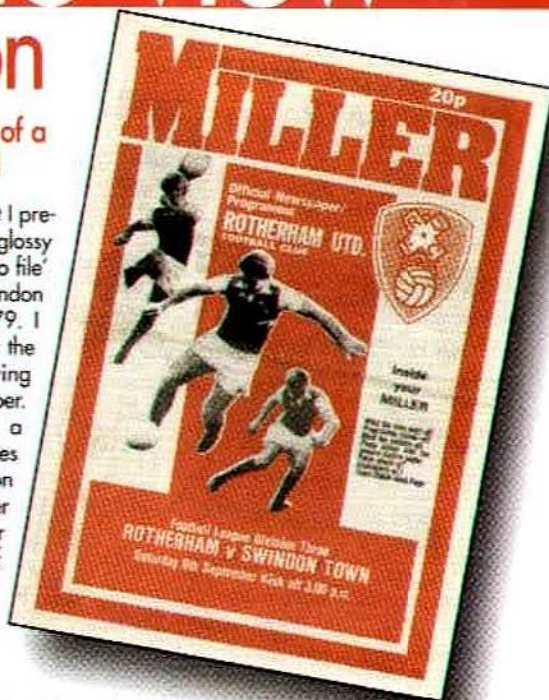
Call me old fashioned but I prefer the traditional A5 glossy programme. Today's 'retro file' revisits a Millers v Swindon game in September 1979. I am all for innovation but the publication accompanying this game was a newspaper. Being tabloid size even a reduced photograph makes it difficult to get any text on this page. So I can either write less or ask the editor if I can borrow a bit of page 34. To make matters worse it had many newspaper style gimmicks. For example if you cut out the coupon, you could buy the popular 'fixture key ring' for 30p instead of 35p. Only available from the Red and White shop.

Although it was very early on in the season only 4 games gone, Rotherham were top of the league with six points. With 2 points for a win in those days that meant 3 wins and one defeat. Swindon had 5 points from the same number of games. All relatively meaningless so early on!

The Swindon manager was Bob Smith and his side featured several well known names. Former Shrewsbury forward Chic Bates was a key striker. Irish international and now much travelled manager, Bryan Hamilton, looked after the midfield. Celebrated defender Chris Kamara bolstered the back line. As if all that wasn't enough they also had nippy striker, Alan Mayes, who had signed for Town the previous season; an unhappy memory for Millers fans. Mayes had made his debut at Millmoor and scored a hat trick.

However this was a new season and United were in good form. As well as the good league start, they had also beaten 1st division Leicester in both legs of the League cup. The team included John Breckin, Rod Fern, Richard Finney and Dave 'nothing is a lost cause' Gwyther. This was manager Jim McGuigan's team and was the nucleus of the championship winning side of 1980/81. There recollections prompt one or two questions that we will not be able to answer. Ian Porterfield (McGuigan's successor) made three brave but ultimately shrewd signings, which enhanced the McGuigan squad. However would he have been able to build the rest of that successful side in the way his predecessor did? Likewise, had he carried on, would Jim McGuigan have ever had the nerve to make the bold, risky signings that his team needed?

Perhaps the last word ought to be about the newspaper, sorry programme. Devout programme collectors had a couple of difficult decisions. If very keen, they would have to find a way of storing this 'outsize' publication alongside their many seasons of the standard issue. Alternatively they could abandon that season and dispose of the journal via the local chip shop. This type of establishment would then recycle them as sophisticated fish and chip insulators. Who knows this could have opened up a whole new fast food market. For example 'could I have fish and chips in an Arsenal' or 'pie and chips in a Scunthorpe United please'.



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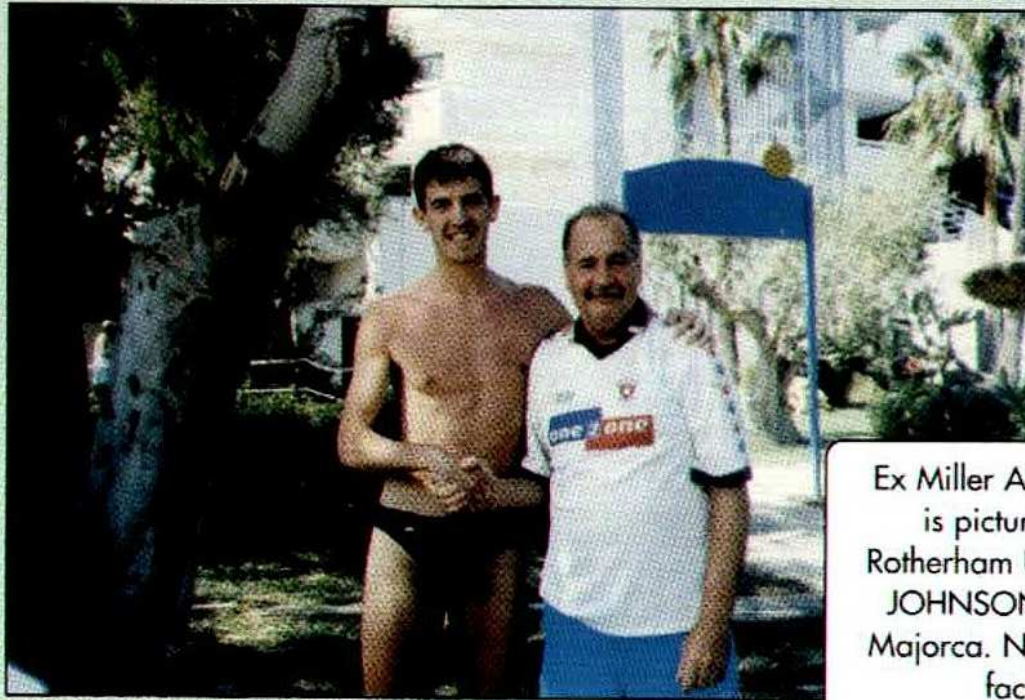
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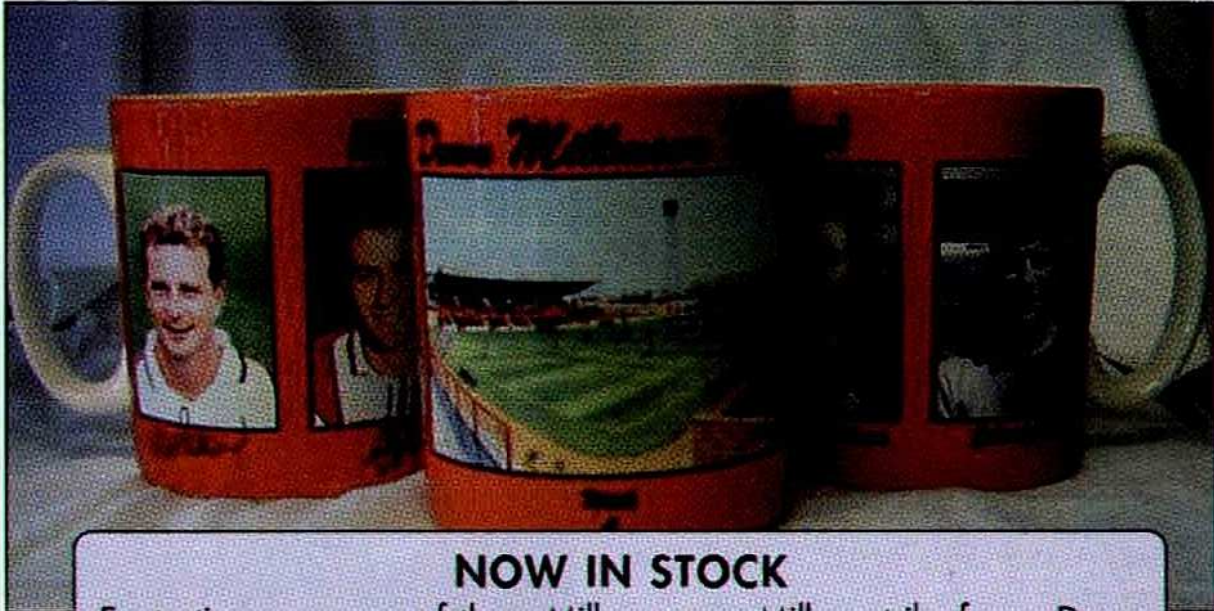


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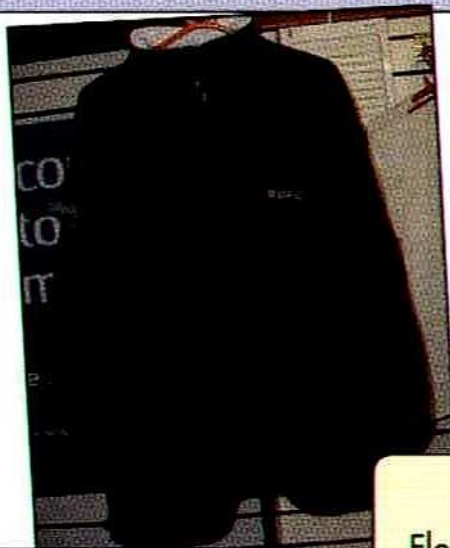
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The clocks have gone back so it is spring. At last we can train at our own training ground at Hooten Roberts. It is far superior training on grass in the wide open spaces that the training ground allows. It is when the weather gets better that the technical work can be done without fear of freezing to death. What a cold season it has been, especially for the really young players whose standard is easily affected by inclement weather.

Recently there has been an improvement in many of the teams especially the Under 9's who are now starting to play more thoughtfully. We expect players to show us what they can do and not just kick the ball anywhere playing with confidence and with their head up. It normally takes us longer than a year to develop this confidence and awareness and the Under 9's are only in their first year at the club but expectations at RUFC are high.

The Under 9's, 10's, 11's and 12's can only sign for one year but the Under 13's upwards can sign for either 2 or 4 years so by the time the players are Under 13 we should be confident enough of their ability to sign them on these longer term contracts.

We will end training for the season at the start of May starting back in July for the new season. Hopefully by then we will be a first division club. When I first came to the club in 1981 we were in the equivalent of the first division with Emlyn Hughes managing and John Breckin, Ronnie Moore and Phil Henson as players. You would not believe how the youth system has expanded since those days.

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## RUFV VICE PRESIDENTS

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to all the players, fans and officials from Swindon Town who have made the journey for the game today. Lets hope that the lads are back on song today after the game at Oxford. I am sure that Ronnie had a few choice words to say after the game. We always seem to shoot ourselves in the foot in those sort of games, and come the end of the season that result could be the difference in promotion and play off spot.

There seems to be a lot of paper talk about the Manager and other clubs, no smoke without fire as they say. I believe what needs to happen is that the club need to act now and reward Ronnie and John with a five year contract at least so that they can get on with the job of taking the club forward. If this doesn't happen come the end of the season we will be looking for a new manager because a big club will come and make an offer he can't refuse.

As Ronnie says he has two and a half years of his contract left, that may be so but the club must keep ahead of the game and repay him for the hard work that has been put in. Taking the club from nearly in the conference league to the position it is in today is nothing short of magnificent.

Back to the game today we must get back on track with a win, so please enjoy the game get behind the team and make some noise.

Ray Smith Chairman

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Rounding off the Autumn Fixtures:

**8/10/2000 Polish Millers 1-0 LKS Simoradz att @ 800**

A hard earned win against demanding opposition who had many dangerous attacks on goal. In the end one goal proved decisive.

**15/10/2000 LKS Zablocie 2-0 Polish Millers att @ 600**

An evenly contested match, spoilt by bad refereeing decisions which cost Polish Millers the game.

**22/10/2000 Polish Millers 2-2 LKS Koncwyce. att @ 900**

A match full of action, with the visitors leading 2-1 until the very last minute. The last home match of the Autumn Season.

**29/10/2000 LKS Drogomysl 2-0 Polish Millers att @ 700**

Tremendous away support followed the Polish Millers for their match before the winter break. Again there was little to choose between the sides. Two long distance strikes on goal gave GK no chance.

Peter Jalowiczor

## SUPPORTERS CLUB

A warm welcome to all the supporters, players and club officials who have made the long journey north from Swindon for this afternoons Nationwide division 2 game here at Millmoor.

### TRAVEL NEWS

**Millwall 07/04/01** Trades club 9.00am Millmoor 9.15am £10 (all tickets for Millers fans at Millwall)

**Swansea City 14/04/01** (departure time T.B.A. by police) Fare £12 (Trades club 9.00am Millmoor 9.15am)

**Please Note:** It is essential that any Under 18 year old's travelling with the supporters club to Millwall are accompanied by an adult.

Tickets will be on sale on Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 7.00pm and 8.00pm and before today's game between 12.15pm and 2.30pm in the Millmoor Hotel. All coaches are stewarded and are non-smoking. No alcohol to be brought on to the coaches please.

### NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS CLUBS by Ruth Cowley

The federation now represents 70,000 plus members and 120 clubs in regular meetings with Football League, FA, Premiership, Police and various other organisations including M.P.S. It works alongside the F.S.A and other supporters organisations trying to get the issues that are important to fans high on any agenda. At present the question of ticket prices is being discussed, especially the differential between home and away prices. The federation is supporting the initiatives of supporters direct and their aims for greater involvement in the running of football. They should work alongside the Independent Football Commission which has been created in response to proposals of the task force. The commission will work for 'improvements to the commercial practices of football and for greater openness and transparency'. - So says culture secretary Chris Smith!!

It's Doncaster Rovers again in the Nat. Fed. Quiz!! - their opponents Stafford Rangers couldn't raise a team - so no Sunday trip to the Midlands - disappointing! It's interesting travelling to various other clubs for meetings just to see all the improvements that are being made - Halifax Town a couple of weeks ago was an eye opener even covered in snow! We need a stadium to be proud of - no longer do we want to be the poor relations.

### RUSC FAMILY QUIZ TUESDAY 13 MARCH

The result of the quiz was as follows: **1st The Spice Girls, 2nd The Three Akitas, 3rd Millers United.** Thank you very much indeed to everyone for supporting this event.

### LOAN SIGNING

Jeff Minton joined us until the end of the season last week and he had a dream debut, laying on the first goal and scoring two himself. Here's wishing him a happy and successful time here at Millmoor.

Up the Millers Andrew Tipple

## MILLERS UNITED

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#### BAR FOOTBALL COMPETITION

The local heat of Toddy's Bar Football Competition in our club house on the 8 March was won by Millers United member Richard Hadby. Richard beat off the challengers to go through to the Regional final held at Hillsborough last week. He did extremely well finishing third overall. Well done Richard and we hope you enjoyed your day at Hillsborough.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Anyone under 16 is welcome to come along and join Millers United. During the season we have meetings every Thursday 7.00-9.00pm in our club house at the bottom of Millmoor Lane and new members and their families are always welcome.

We have lots of activities planned between now and the end of the season including guest speakers, players, quizzes, etc. So please come along and join in the fun. Membership is only £2.00 and you will need two passport size photos. So come along and see Greg any Thursday and join Millers United the best junior supporters club around.

#### AWAY TRAVEL

Our next away trip is 7 April when we travel to Millwall to watch what will hopefully be a top of the table clash. Anyone interested please see Melvyn on Thursday night.

#### FOOTBALL SECTION

Two weeks results from our under 15's to report this week. On Sunday 18 March they were away to Heeley Boys losing 6-3. Our goal scorers were: Scott Chamberlain 2 and Martyn Scott.

On Sunday 25 March the team were once again away from home this time against Brinsworth Juniors whom they beat 7-3. Our goal scorers were: Scott Chamberlain 4, Jamie Cooke 2 and Mark Rowlands.

#### NEXT MEETING

Thursday 5 April 2001. Doors open 7.00pm.  
Carol Storey

## LONDON MILLERS

For today's notes, I'm giving you the results of our Swindon raffle. The main prize was two tickets for today's match, but unfortunately the winner supports neither Rotherham nor Swindon, and has therefore taken the easy option of £75! We sold £475 worth of tickets this year, and have made a total of £300, most of which we are spending today in sponsoring the match ball and mascot. So, if you catch the ball today, give it back, it's ours!

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4	2355	Bottle of Whiskey	Julio Williams
5	0395	Bottle of Champagne	N Foster
6	1250	Bottle of Whiskey	D Baister
7	5315	Millers scarf (black)	Rob Maxfield
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16	2843	Bottle of Jacobs Creek Shiraz	Timothy Green
17	2456	RUFC White T-shirt	Paul Jackson
18	3989	Millers scarf (red)	Mike Jolly
19	3726	Bottle of Macon	Richard Eyre
20	3742	Millers Bronx hat	Mike Jolly
21	0276	Bottle of Spitfire ale	Sparky
22	3399	Moulin Rouge T-shirt	Daniel Whale
23	0416	Millers Badge	Wayne Houghton
24	6786	Who put the ball in the Wednesday net T-shirt	James Frith
25	3657	Yorkshire-English dictionary	Sam Todd

Thanks to all of you who bought tickets, and special thanks to those of you who donated prizes. **Timothy Green (Chair)**  
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The game against Bristol Rovers was a very difficult game and in the end we did well to run out comfortable winners.

It was one of the most physical games we have had for a long time and a lot of the players came out of the game with kicks and bruises all over them.

Then at Wycombe it was absolutely awful conditions but I thought the lads played very well. Everybody did their job in a professional manner and there were no bad performances.

We would possibly have been happy with a win so we were delighted to have taken the win which took us to the top of the table.

However, last Saturday's defeat at Oxford United was very disappointing. It was obvious we weren't going to go until the end of the season unbeaten but for the defeat to come against the bottom of the table team was gut wrenching.

One of the abilities you have to have when you go to the top of the league is to be able to play against teams who raise their game as Oxford did. We came unstuck and we were always chasing the game after we had fallen behind to an early goal.

If you score three goals away from home you don't expect to lose, in fact if you score three in any game, you shouldn't be losing. Even though we didn't play at our best, we still had plenty of chances.

One or two people might accuse us of being complacent because of who we were playing but I can assure you there was none of that at all as we had so much to play for.

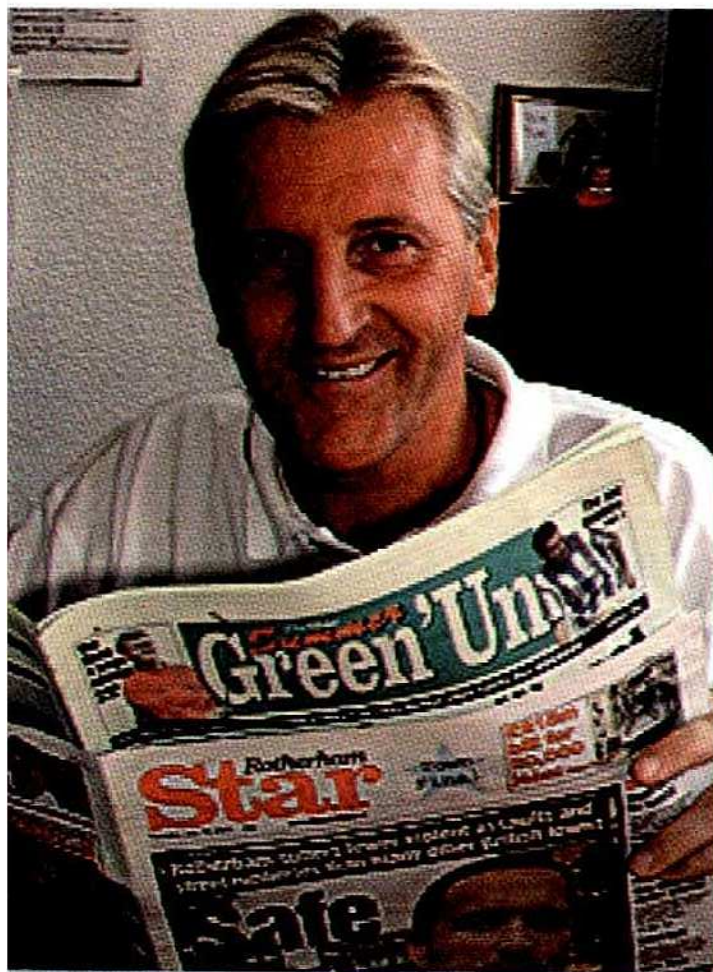
We came back into the game to equalise only to let them score again and that seemed to set the pattern for the game. However, for people to say we were complacent couldn't be further from the truth. What we have to play for is massive so for anyone to accuse us of not trying or anything like that would be totally wrong.

We will be looking for a bit of revenge today for when we played at Swindon Town earlier in the season, they played 4-5-1 and managed to beat us 2-1.

We spent almost the whole second half on the attack but couldn't manage to get a share of the spoils. Being my old club I would like to get a win because every point is massive now and if we win games, we still don't need to rely on other results.

Our fate is still in our own hands so today I'm sure the lads will be trying to put right what went wrong last Saturday.

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Bristol Rovers	1-1		3/4		2-0	2-1	14/4	3-3	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-2	2/4	TBA	24/4	2-2	1-1	7/4	0-3	7/4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5/5	1/5
Bury	2-5		7/4	1-0		0-1	TBA	1-1	2-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	3-1	0-0	4-0	7/4	6-1	3-3	1-1	3/4	0-1	0-1	0-2	2-1	1-0	28/4
Cambridge Utd	0-2		1-0	0-3	0-1		TBA	2-1	16/4	1-2	2-2	2-0	1-0	0-0	4-0	7/4	6-1	3-3	1-1	3/4	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-3	1-0	1-0
Colchester	3-1		4-0	2-1	1-1	2-0		3/3	0-1	0-2	2-0	1-1	3-2	17/4	0-1	28/4	0-1	3/4	0-1	0-1	3/4	0-1	0-2	0-2	1-1	0-0
Luton	1-0		0-3	0-0	2/4	1-0	0-3		0-1	0-2	0-1	14/4	TBA	3-2	5/5	3/4	24/4	5-3	7/4	5-3	2-3	2-3	0-0	0-2	3-4	1-2
Millwall	0-1		1-1	3-0	4-0	3-1	6-1	1-0		0-1	2-3	5/5	5-0	0-0	2/4	2-0	7/4	1-0	24/3	1-0	14/4	2-0	2-0	3-1	1-0	1-2
Northampton	0-3		2-0	2-1	2-1	13/4	2/4	0-1	3-3		1-0	2-1	3/3	0-0	TBA	2-0	0-1	2-1	2-2	2-1	0-1	0-1	5/5	1-0	2-2	2-2
Notts County	14/4		2/4	1-1	1-0	0-1	7/4	1-3	3-4	2-0		1-0	5/5	3-3	0-1	3-2	4-1	0-1	2-2	0-1	3-2	2-0	2-0	2-2	1-0	25/4
Oldham	2-1		0-0	16/4	3/3	1-3	1-1	2-0	0-1	2-1	0-1		3-2	1-4	4-1	0-2	2-3	1-1	28/4	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-1	5-1	2-0
Oxford Utd	1-2		0-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-2	3-1	2-3	7/4		0-1	1/5	16/4	4-3	28/4	1-1	28/4	0-2	0-2	2-1	0-2	3-4	1-2
Peterborough	2/4		14/4	2-2	1-1	3/3	3-1	1-1	1-4	1-2	1-0	0-0	4-2		0-1	1-0	5/5	0-2	0-4	0-2	4-0	3-0	TBA	2-0	1-0	3-2
Port Vale	2-1		1-2	20/3	1-1	4-2	3-1	3-0	1-1	2-2	28/4	0-0	3-0	5-0		0-1	0-2	16/4	1-1	16/4	3-0	7/4	0-0	0-0	TBA	0-1
Reading	5/5		4-0	1-3	14/4	3-0	0-1	4-1	3-4	1-1	3/3	5-0	4-3	1-1	1-0			5-1	3-3	3-3	5-1	2-0	2/4	1-0	4-1	2-0
Rotherham	3-1		28/4	1-1	3-0	3-0	3-2	1-1	3-2	16/4	0-0	3-0	3-1	3-0	3-2	1-3		4-2	2-1	2-1	4-2	3/3	2-3	1-1	2-0	1-0
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Swansea	3/3		20/3	0-0	0-2	5/5	0-2	4-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	2/4	1-2	2-2	0-1	0-1	14/4		2-1	2-1		0-0	3-1	0-0	1-2	10/4
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Wycombe	0-3		0-0	1-2	0-1	0-2	5/5	1-1	0-0	1-0	3-1	2-1	3-1	2-0	0-1	1-1	0-1	2-1	0-1	0-1	2-1	2/4	3-1	3/3	14/4	

# reserves & youth alliance



## Stockport County 3 Millers 3 by Leon Clarke

Once again Rotherham United juniors pulled off a comeback, a situation which has become a regular occurrence as they have done the same on five previous occasions this season in the first league and now twice in the new league.

They were 3-0- down inside the opening 15 minutes and things looked extremely desperate with a seemingly impossible task ahead of them.

Stockport took the lead after only five minutes through a dubious penalty decision when it seemed that the offence had been committed outside the penalty area. Worse was to come when County went two up and quickly added a third goal, both coming due to sloppy errors. That led to coach Alan Knill saying at half time: "They don't have to work for their goals, we are giving them away!"

With the Millers lacking ideas up front, the cause looked lost and it was only some good defending which kept the score down to three at the break.

But once again the Millers showed their grit and determination in an exceptional quarter of the game. They created a couple of chances early in the second half but failed to score until Simon Barraclough's wonderful strike 25 minutes from time reduced the arrears.

However, that just seemed a small consolation but it was not to be just that. With 15 minutes left as inspired substitution allowed Rotherham to salvage a draw from a game which had always looked beyond their reach. Young striker Andrew Jones grabbed the second goal thanks to some good thinking and still the Millers pushed forward and they might well have won.

But they had to settle for a draw, the equaliser coming from an injury time corner converted by Ian Holyer.

**Team:** Connor, Barker, Gregory, Lees, Holyer, Boyd (Clarke 75), Bowler, Beggs, Jones, Alabi, Barraclough. Subs: Wright, Letts, Fells, McCoy.

## Millers 0 Birmingham City 0

Looking for their third successive victory, the reserves had to settle for a point from a goalless draw in a game which didn't produce a lot of clear cut chances. The visitors made the better start and Wood clipped a first minute shot over the bar before Cipriano had a shot saved by Paul Pettinger and then the striker had another shot blocked at the expense of a corner.

Stewart Talbot found Chris Sedgwick who spoiled his good run by putting his cross behind and City came back again with Wood shooting wide and Pettinger did well to turn a shot from Tresor Luntana round the post for a corner.

The Millers started to push forward with Danny Hudson doing the prompting and a good ball from Andy Monkhouse found Talbot who shot just wide.

Following a corner Monkhouse hit a shot over the bar before he had a drive saved and then it looked as if Richie Barker was brought down on the edge of the area but amazingly the referee waved play on.

Just before the interval Barker headed just wide from a good Chris Beech shot and four minutes into the second half Christophe Grondin drove a shot just over the Rotherham bar.

But the Millers came back strongly and after another Beech cross, Talbot headed on only for Barker's header to land on the top of the net.

In the 63rd minute Rotherham came within a couple of inches of taking the lead when Hudson curled a great free kick past the defensive wall only for the ball to hit the post.

Monkhouse then had a 25 yarder brilliantly tipped over the bar and in the last minute the Millers almost grabbed a winner but after a good move involving Beech, Monkhouse and Barker, Hudson drove his shot just wide.

**Rotherham:** Pettinger, Williams, Beech, Hudson, S. Barker, Varty, Sedgwick, Talbot, R. Barker, Monkhouse, Bowler (Alabi 64). Subs: Connor, Holyer, Boyd.

**Birmingham:** Van Fessem, Bass, Burrows, Hyde, Hutchinson, Grondin, Dyson, Luntala, Cipriano (Carter 67), Wood, Capaldi. Subs: Tearney, Davies, Sabathier.

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Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Tue	Aug 15	Preston North End	H	0-0	
Wed	Aug 30	Birmingham City	A	0-0	
Wed	Sep 20	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	0-2	
Wed	Sep 27	West Bromwich Albion	A	0-3	
Tue	Oct 3	Oldham Athletic	A	0-3	
Tue	Oct 10	Bolton Wanderers	H	0-0	
Wed	Oct 25	Port Vale	A	1-2	Monkhouse
Tue	Oct 31	Barnsley	H	3-0	Monkhouse Scott, Robins
Wed	Nov 15	Tranmere Rovers	A	1-2	Lemarchand
Wed	Nov 22	Burnley	A	0-1	
Tue	Nov 28	Huddersfield Town	H	1-2	Lemarchand
Mon	Jan 8	Preston North End	A	3-2	Barker, Sedgwick, Monkhouse
Tue	Jan 30	Stockport County	H	3-1	Wisterman 2, Berry
Tue	Feb 13	West Bromwich Albion	H	0-1	
Wed	Feb 21	Port Vale	H	0-1	
Wed	Feb 28	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	3-1	Sedgwick 2, Hudson
Wed	Mar 14	Bolton Wanderers	A	1-0	Williams
Mon	Mar 26	Birmingham City (2pm)	H	0-0	
Wed	Mar 28	Oldham Athletic	H	3-3	barker, Monkhouse, Alabi
Mon	Apr 2	Barnsley (2pm)	A		
Wed	Apr 4	Stockport County	A		
Tue	Apr 10	Tranmere Rovers	H		
Tue	Apr 17	Burnley	H		
Mon	Apr 23	Huddersfield Town	A		

All games kick off at 7pm

### Avon Insurance League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Huddersfield T	20	13	2	5	45	25	20	41
Tranmere R	19	13	2	4	36	22	14	38
West Bromwich A	18	10	2	6	29	18	11	32
Burnley	18	10	1	7	33	34	-1	31
Barnsley	18	8	3	7	27	27	0	27
Oldham A	14	8	2	4	28	24	4	26
Preston North E	19	7	2	10	36	32	4	23
Birmingham C	15	7	2	6	18	16	2	23
Wolverhampton	19	6	5	8	28	27	1	23
Rotherham U	19	5	5	9	19	24	-5	20
Port Vale	16	5	3	8	24	29	-5	18
Bolton W	18	4	3	11	20	40	-20	15
Stockport C	19	2	4	13	21	46	-25	10

## YOUTH ALLIANCE 2000/2001

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sat	Aug 19	Mansfield Town	H	2-1	Barracough, Bowler
Sat	Aug 26	Walsall	H	1-6	Bowler
Sat	Sep 2	Shrewsbury Town *	A	3-3	Beggs, Barracough, Barker
Sat	Sep 9	Notts County	H	2-1	Holyer, Barracough
Sat	Sep 16	Chesterfield	A	2-2	Barracough, Bowler
Sat	Sep 23	Macclesfield Town	A	0-3	
Sat	Oct 7	West Bromwich Albion *	H	2-2	Bowler 2
Sat	Oct 14	Sheffield United	H	1-5	Barracough
Wed	Oct 18	Carlisle United (FAY 7pm)	H	1-4	Barracough
Sat	Oct 21	Port Vale	A	2-1	Barker, Boyd
Sat	Oct 28	Notts County	A	3-1	Barracough, Alabi, Beggs
Sat	Nov 18	West Bromwich Albion *	A	0-1	
Sat	Nov 25	Macclesfield Town	H	3-1	Barracough 2, Beggs pen
Sat	Dec 2	Sheffield United	A	0-4	
Sat	Dec 16	Port Vale	H	2-3	Alabi, Barracough
Fri	Jan 5	Chesterfield	A	1-2	McCoy
Sat	Jan 13	Mansfield Town	A	0-0	
Fri	Jan 26	Walsall	A	1-4	Barker
Sat	Feb 10	Shrewsbury Town *	H	1-0	Barracough
Sat	Mar 3	Scarborough	H	2-2	Barracough, own goal
Sat	Mar 17	Stockport County	A	3-3	Barracough, Jones, Holyer
Sat	Mar 24	West Bromwich Albion	H	0-2	
Sat	Mar 31	York City	A		
Sat	Apr 14	Halifax Town	A		
Sat	Apr 21	Oldham Athletic	H		
Sat	May 5	Notts County	A		

Kick off 11am unless marked \* (noon)

### Youth Alliance Group Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Walsall	18	16	1	1	56	20	36	49
Sheffield United	18	12	3	3	50	26	24	39
Notts County	18	7	5	6	42	28	14	26
W Bromwich A	18	7	3	8	25	26	-1	24
Rotherham U	18	6	4	8	26	40	-14	22
Chesterfield	18	6	3	9	25	37	-12	21
Mansfield Town	18	5	4	9	22	31	-9	19
Macclesfield Town	17	5	4	8	21	32	-11	19
Port Vale	17	4	5	8	22	34	-12	17
Shrewsbury Town	18	2	6	10	24	39	-15	12

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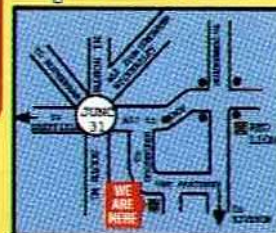
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Bristol City v Port Vale  
Colchester v Luton Town  
Northampton T v Oxford U  
Oldham v Bury  
Peterborough U v Cambridge U  
Reading v Notts County  
Stoke City v Bristol Rovers  
Swansea City v Bournemouth  
Walsall v Millwall  
Wycombe W v Wigan A

## MAN IN THE MIDDLE

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**JACK KETTON** is aged 7 and attends Ravensdale Junior School. His hobby is football and more football. Paul Warne is Jack's favourite player.



**SWINDON TOWN'S MASCOT IS CRAIG MIDDLETON** who is aged 11. He attends Dinnington Comprehensive School. Craig's hobbies include football, swimming and computer games. His mum and dad have organised for him to be a mascot as a special birthday treat. His favourite players are Mildenhall, Grazioli and Invincible.



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Just a couple of home games remaining after today unless we have a play off. What a terrific season it has been, my congratulations to Ronnie and all his staff on what they have achieved so far, lets hope we pick up another three points today against a much improved SWINDON TOWN team, welcome to them and all their supporters who have journeyed north today. We have been inundated with requests for our new YELLOW/BLACK shirts, they should be with us in another two/three weeks so please bear with us. Poor DUSTY THE MILLERMAN has been taking some stick from a number of callers on the website. One suggested we change his name to RHINO, sorry can't agree with that, DUSTY THE MILLERMAN is fine but perhaps we do have to smarten him

up. He was created for the young supporters of the club, specifically the under 10's. His popularity is borne out by the number of schools who have requested him and the photographs that children have had taken with him. A number of articles have been written regarding mascots, usually after an unsavoury incident. We have never had that problem apart from the idiot at SWANSEA.

A special welcome today to TRACEY MARSH and her guests from CORUS, formerly BRITISH STEEL ENGINEERING STEELS they are regular visitors to Millmoor. Our matchball sponsors are LONDON MILLERS, BARLOW HANDLING and JAYNE PEARCE, here's wishing them all an enjoyable afternoon with us. Just a few places remaining for our GENTLEMENS EVENING a week on Wednesday the 11th April, a top nights comedy with three very funny guys, give me a call on 01709 512760 for full details. Enjoy the game and get behind the lads this afternoon for this very important game.  
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- 6 Marvin Bryan
- 7 Mark Robins
- 9 Alan Lee
- 10 Paul Warne
- 14 Kevin Watson
- 16 Paul Hurst
- 19 Brian Wilsterman
- 22 Jeff Minton
- 28 Guy Branston
- 12 Stewart Talbot
- 13 Paul Pottinger
- 21 Danny Hudson
- 24 Chris Sedgwick
- 29 Richie Barker

## Swindon Town

- 23 Steve Mildenhall
- 2 Mark Robinson
- 3 Sol Davis
- 4 Matthew Hewlett
- 7 Keith O'Halloran
- 16 Michael Reddy
- 18 Gary Alexander
- 19 Matthew Heywood
- 22 Alan Reeves
- 25 Steve Robinson
- 31 Ian Woan
- 1 Bart Griemink
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