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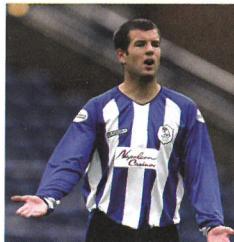
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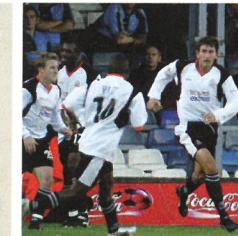
The boss says a cutting edge in front of goal is all the Owls are missing



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#### Brian Barry-Murphy

The defender was delighted to get out of a crowded treatment room ahead of schedule



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#### Luton Town

This afternoon's visitors have seen plenty of goals this season - at both ends of the pitch



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#### Lloyd Owusu

The frontman is delighted to remain an Owl - a fact he feels is showing in his recent form



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The manager is frustrated that possession isn't being converted into goals but remains as confident as ever that this season can be a successful one for Sheffield Wednesday.

# Chris Turner



Good afternoon and welcome to Hillsborough. We go into today's game in a League position that is very disappointing for you, me, the players and everybody connected with Sheffield Wednesday. Having read and heard various comments over the past week I am aware that some people think our season is already over. Some are writing us off as a team and me as a manager.

I'm as frustrated as anybody else at our recent run of form but I know we're not a poor team – in fact, quite the reverse. We've shown by the way we've played on many

occasions this season that we are a good team who can control a game against any side in this division. But at Colchester last Saturday, as on many other occasions since August, we lacked the cutting edge that can help us cross the fine line to becoming a successful team that

the game. It's very frustrating from my point of view, especially when we've clearly had the better of the play. I know it's well within our capabilities to catch up on all the teams at the top. But what the players now have to show is that,

***"It's well within our capabilities to catch up on all the teams at the top...the players have to show they can go and finish teams off"***

challenges at the top of the League.

Although the first half wasn't particularly good, we defended reasonably well and, for all their pressure, they only forced Kevin Pressman into one save other than the goal we conceded. In the second half we totally outplayed them. We got back into it, through Leigh Bromby's equaliser, and should have gone on to win

having established an upper hand in a game, they can go and finish teams off. If they had done that on five or six occasions this season when they should have done, we would be sitting in a very strong position today.

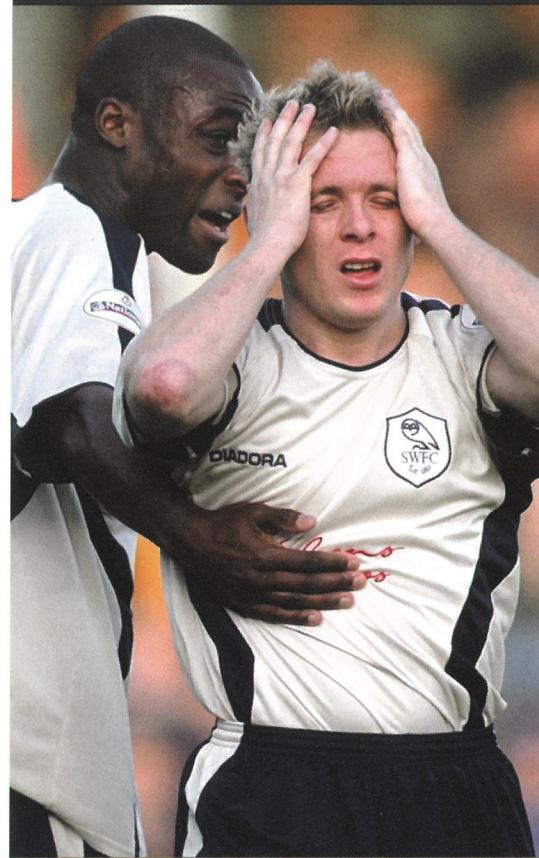
Having said that, we're still working hard every day in training to continue improving right throughout the side – not just up front – and I still firmly believe

the players we have at the club have the ability to get up to the top end of the table. Of course, an unbelievable run of bad luck with injuries isn't helping at all. You can always examine the cause of the problem if you have a run of muscular injuries but we've had to contend with several instances of fractured bones and major ligament damage that you would only expect to encounter a couple of times over the course of an average season.

While I'm disappointed at where we are, I'm also very confident this season will end up being a good one for us. Maybe in a strange way the fact that people are now writing us off will help to reduce the pressure that has been heaped on the players' shoulders since the start of the season.

It's at home that we must get our form on the right track – we have to win our games here at Hillsborough, it's as simple

*Agonising...another chance goes begging at Colchester last Saturday*



as that. We showed we can beat a side placed second in the League here when beating Barnsley, ten days ago. It was an excellent game for the neutral, a good Cup-tie atmosphere in which both teams played good football, and a match won by a goal that would have graced any game at any level. For possibly the first time this season at home we had the run of the ball, scoring the last-minute goal and keeping Barnsley out even through their strong spells of the match. I hope that result will be the start of much-improved home form, starting today against Luton. I've always said our initial aim was to be in contact with the teams at the top around Christmas time and a win this afternoon will put us back in touch to achieve that.

As a manager I expect to take responsibility when things don't go well. This afternoon I will be asking the players to take their share of responsibility to win the match for everybody connected to Sheffield Wednesday Football Club.

**Up The Owls!**

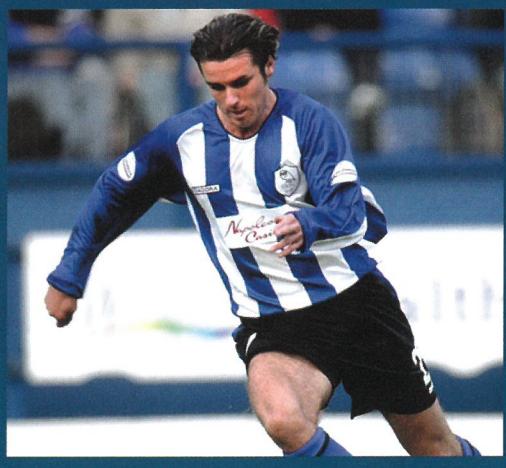
# A World Beater?

Michael Reddy has produced some lovely touches and exciting play since he came back here six weeks ago – none better than the injury-time goal he conjured up against Barnsley.

He has tremendous ability and is a player who catches the eye of the supporters and media alike. But, as a coach, I am trying to get that end product from him on a more regular basis. For example, on many occasions Michael has shown he can beat three or four opposition defenders in one run – but it's the shot, pass or cross at the end of that run that's all-important, otherwise there is no point making the run in the first place.

It's a point I made to Michael before the Barnsley match, reminding him that everything he does must be with an end-product in mind. We encourage him to shoot, as he did to great effect when he found that half-yard of space against Barnsley. But, on other occasions, his crosses have ended up behind the goal, or he's missed with his shot.

If Michael could produce that final ball or goal regularly, I think he would have been contending for Sunderland's first-team. He has the pace to burn any defender off – now we just have to improve that final element of his game on a consistent basis. If he did, he could be a world beater.



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## Dave Allen

**The Owls chairman is as disappointed as anyone at our recent League run. This afternoon he writes about the work going on to put things right and adds that everyone at the club is giving their all to achieve success.**

Like you I am bitterly disappointed in our League position. It's not good enough. What makes matters worse is the fact that teams come to Hillsborough with half our player wage bill and beat us. Plymouth was a typical example and that takes some coming to terms with.

We are plagued with injuries – Evans, Hamshaw, Cooke and Smith - which doesn't help and you might rightfully ask why do we sustain these injuries? Is it because the players are not fit? Is it the pitch or is it just bad luck?

Let's take a look at the fitness angle. Before the start of this season Chris Turner asked if he could bring in a fitness coach from Newcastle. The Board

agreed to that and the general fitness levels are well above what they were last season and this is measured scientifically so that rules out the fitness angle. Regarding the pitch, well it's re-seeded every season at a cost of around £20K and that has been the case for the last six or seven years. Our groundsman,

***"We need a striker who can capitalise on the opportunities we create. Chris Turner and Colin West are working on what's available out there and on a personal basis I have said that I will do all I can to help."***

Steve Kiddy, works hard to see that we have a good playing surface.

So what are we left with - bad luck? Well maybe there is a bit of that in it. Decisions have not gone our

way but I personally believe in the fact that you make your own luck. Gary Player, one of the world's greatest golfers, was once accused of being lucky. His response to the statement was: "Maybe, but I have to tell you that the harder I work the luckier I get." That is something we have to do at Sheffield Wednesday Football Club.

they can find a player that will be useful to the club.

The players themselves are putting in extra time after the normal morning session in order to develop their own personal skills and also addressing the negative side of their game.

At the end of the day it's down to the eleven players out on the pitch and they know this. They have to give their all and perform. We need their 101% effort to change this run of results. Get behind 'em this afternoon and hopefully it will come good.

Over the last four years the club has had four chairmen and five managers. We can't go on like that forever. The buck stops here – Chris Turner and I have to get it right so please stick with us we need your valuable support. One thing you can be assured of - we are both giving it 100%. Someone asked me if the pressure/stress was getting to Chris Turner. Let me tell you: "A little stress is the salt of life" and he knows that.

Enjoy your football.

### DAVE ALLEN

PS. The players will have read this prior to coming out on Saturday – get behind 'em!



**Brian Barry-Murphy got himself out of the treatment room earlier than expected – and, with the club's wingers keeping the physio busy, the defender looks set for an extended stint in a wing-back role.**

# Winging Back



At a time when the number of players on the injury list seems to match that of those available, Brian Barry-Murphy's early return to action has been a welcome boost for Chris Turner. The Irishman returned to duty in the LDV Vans Trophy win over Barnsley, just three weeks after sustaining a hamstring injury in the league meeting with Plymouth. Brian had managed to battle on until half-time having felt his hamstring go when shooting for goal early on. The original projection was that he would be sidelined for around five weeks, so it was a welcome sight to see Barry-Murphy back on duty ahead of schedule.

"Yeah, there's a lot of lads in there at the minute," he says of the Middlewood Road treatment room. "All sorts of different factors can lead to a situation like that. I came back quicker than expected to be honest. I thought I might be out for four or five weeks but luckily it healed quickly. "I got in the gym and

started feeling good early in my recovery so I decided to try and push my way back in. The physio helped me and I got back faster than I thought I would. "I've always found that the more you push an injury, the quicker you'll get back. Of course you can break down, but I've never taken long to recover from injuries and that was the case this time." The erstwhile Preston defender understandably confesses to having felt the

against the Tykes. "I think I struggled a bit in the second half at Colchester. I'd felt good against Barnsley the previous Wednesday as you do when you come back. But at Colchester I found it a bit draining physically. I tired towards the end and felt it would be better to come off, rather than get exposed on my side." Brian points out that the Owls displayed the qualities that can help them collect

***"You get judged on results and ours haven't been great over the past few weeks. You can talk all you want - we need to just get on with it and start getting some wins together."***

strain of two games in four days towards the back end of last weekend's contest at Colchester, after relishing the derby duel with Barnsley three days previously. He got another 77 minutes under his belt at Layer Road after completing the full 90

victories in both those games. He feels that, a low-key showing at Colchester aside, the team can use the performances as a benchmark of what they must do to succeed. "I felt we did well against Barnsley but, from my own point of view, the first half



at Colchester was disappointing. I thought we didn't play as we can and failed to do enough to dominate the game.

"The second half was more like the Barnsley match," he continues. "We moved the ball quickly and dominated possession. That's the way forward for us. We need to try and control games and are hoping to do that at home now."

With Wednesday's midfield the area most affected by the recent injury problems that have hit the club, the Cork product is likely to continue in the left wing-back position over coming weeks.

The demise of his widemen has somewhat forced Turner's hand into using a 3-5-2 system, giving Barry-Murphy the task of patrolling the left flank. "I don't mind that. I am more of a full-back than a wing-back but circumstances have dictated that I need to do a job there. But I like to get forward anyway so it doesn't bother me. Hopefully I'll get on the scoresheet and contribute to the attacking play now."

Last time out at Hillsborough in the League, the Owls suffered an undeserved loss to Blackpool despite dominating proceedings. Brian's experiences observing from the stand that day allow him to assess their home form both as participant and spectator. His message, having seen the matches from both

sides is clear, that the team need to keep knuckling down to the task in hand

We were on top but are lacking a bit of a killer instinct at the moment.

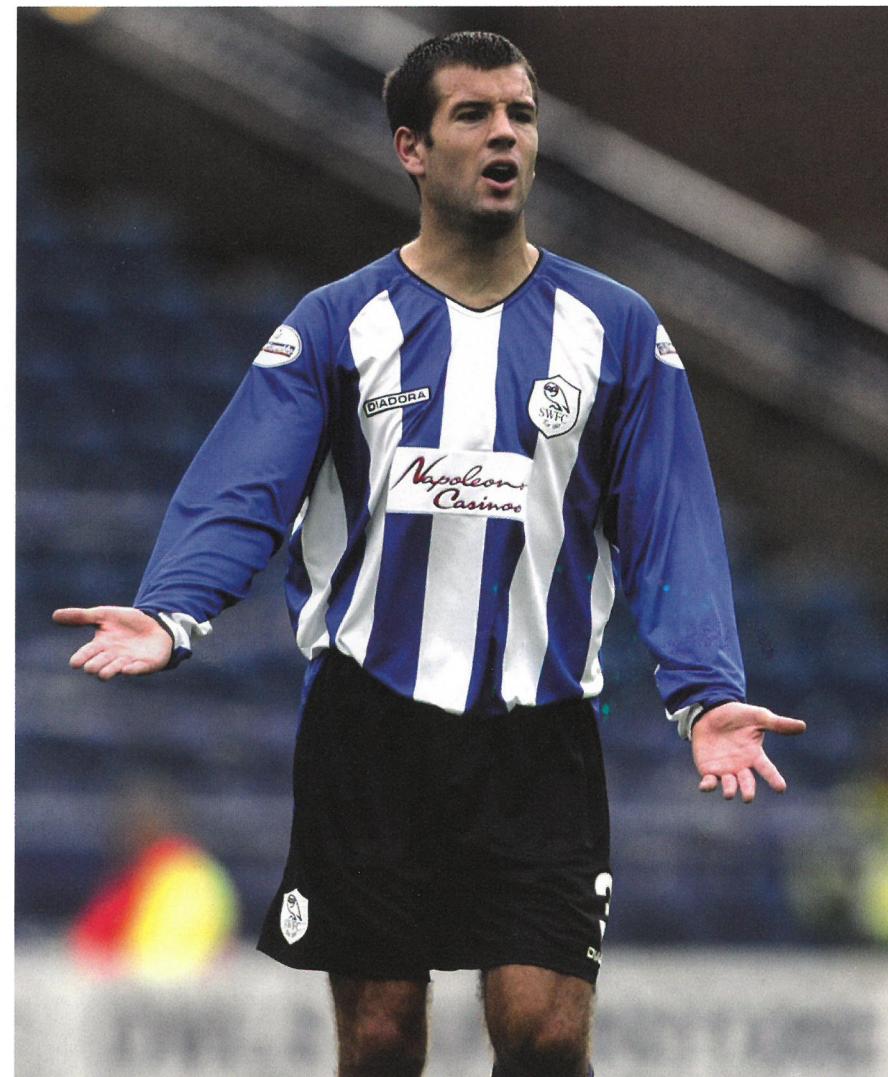
***"I got in the gym and started feeling good early in my recovery so I decided to try and push my way back in...I got back faster than I thought I would."***

and their rewards will come. "It was similar to the second half at Colchester.

When we aren't scoring at home, we need to make sure that, at worst, we get a

draw instead of conceding silly goals.

"It's clear for all to see that the League form hasn't been what we'd want, but there is a feeling amongst the lads that we are starting to play better. However you get judged on results and ours haven't been great over the past few weeks. You can talk all you want - we need to just get on with it and start getting some wins together."



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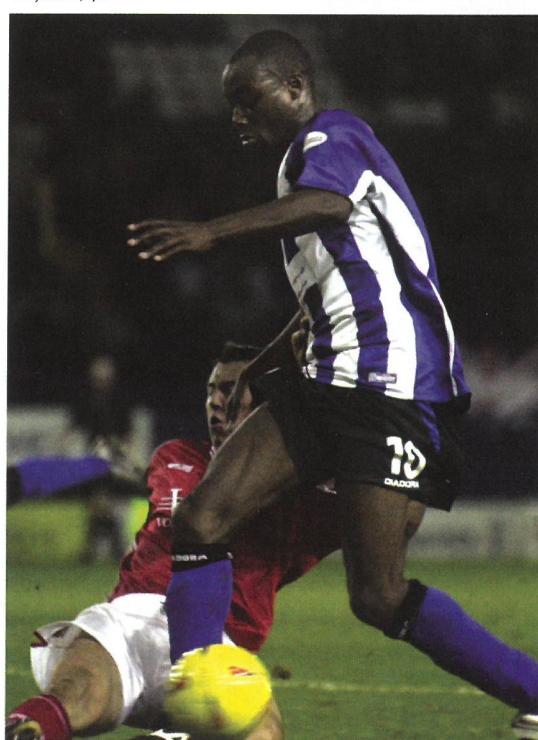


## MATCH STATS

4	SHOTS ON TARGET	5
8	SHOTS OFF TARGET	6
6	CORNERS	6
10	FOULS CONCEDED	11
1	YELLOW CARDS	1
0	RED CARDS	0



**Wednesday Subs:** Cooke (for Lee) h-t, Haslam (for McLaren) 75, Ndumbu (for Cooke) 88  
**Barnsley Subs:** Walters (for Carson) 54, Lumsdon (for Hayward) 71



## Match Verdict:

### www.swfc.co.uk:

An injury time wonder strike from Michael Reddy, just as the tie seemed destined to go to extra time, was enough to earn progression in the LDV Vans Trophy and maintain Wednesday's dominance over Barnsley in recent Hillsborough encounters. The Irishman lashed home a fantastic angled effort from distance to ensure that SWFC drew first blood in this season's round of South Yorkshire derbies with the Reds.

### BBC Sport Online:

In the first half, Lloyd Owusu and Brian Barry-Murphy went close for the home side while Antony Kay and Isaiah Rankin squandered Barnsley's best effort.

### Sheffield Star:

It was "only" the LDV Vans Trophy, of course, but the joyous reaction of Wednesday and their fans told how this was a victory worth having as it came against their old rivals and put them into the Northern quarter-finals, away to Carlisle and one step closer the Millennium Stadium.

## Key Move: 90th minute – Reddy's winner



**FIG 1:**  
 As Wednesday press for a late winner to prevent extra-time, Robbie Mustoe swings the latest in a series of crosses into the Barnsley penalty area

## Player Watch: Paul McLaren

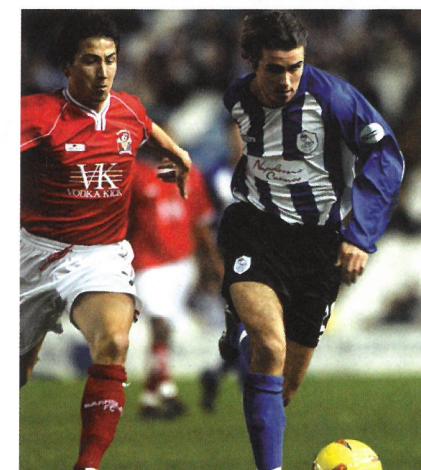


In a game that ebbed and flowed, the 27-year-old midfielder played his full part in keeping Wednesday on the attack. In tandem with Robbie Mustoe, Paul was instrumental in winning possession back for the Owls, most notably in the air, where he won seven of his eight headed challenges. Even more impressive was his distribution once in possession, with

39 successful passes out of 45 showing how frequently he was involved in the action. All this came in a 75-minute appearance from the former Luton man, who made way for Steven Haslam, as Chris Turner strengthened the area in front of his defence in preparation for a final assault on the Barnsley goal.

SHOTS ON TARGET	0
SHOTS OFF TARGET	1
PASSES COMPLETED	39
PASSES NOT COMPLETED	6
KEY PASSES	2
HEADERS WON	7
HEADERS LOST	1
TACKLES WON	5
TACKLES LOST	5

\*Stats supplied by Dominic Ambler and Richard Lester



**Player Movement:** ----->  
**Ball Movement:** ----->



**SWFC Key:** LO: Owusu, AP: Proudlock, GN: Ndumbu, RM: Mustoe, MR: Reddy, SH: Haslam  
**BFC Key:** SI: Ilic, BC: O'Callaghan, CL: Ireland, LC: Crooks, TG: Gallimore, CL: Lumsdon, JW: Walters, AK: Kay, KB: Betsy

**FIG 2:**  
 Lloyd Owusu challenges for the header with Brian O'Callaghan but the ball flicks away to Michael Reddy, on the corner of the penalty area



**FIG 3:**  
 Despite being quickly closed down by three Tykes defenders, Reddy sends an inch-perfect curler over Sasa Ilic and into the top corner - Wednesday have scored the winner in the third minute of injury time

## Youth Academy Superdraw Winners – Week Seven

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The Golden Goal time for the match against Barnsley was 90m 00. The winner receives £200. The holder of the "NO GOAL" ticket wins £10.

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## A Proud Moment

In line with the normal custom, Wednesday striker Adam Proudflock was awarded the match ball after his FA Cup hat-trick against Salisbury City. But last week at the SWFC training ground, an interesting question was raised: "When can a player not score a hat-trick but still keep the ball?" (see Wednesday Wisdom on page 66 for more details).

The correct answer, of course, is if the player claims the hat-trick but didn't actually score all three goals, as was the case when Ritchie Humphreys netted twice in the 7-1 thrashing of Grimsby Town in January 1997. 'Humphs' still owns the ball from that game, as he confirmed to Graeme Lee last week, leading some younger members of the Owls squad to believe that was the club's previous FA Cup hat-trick. But while there was no doubt over Ritchie's first and last goals, his 'second', claimed on the stroke of half-time, came when Regi



Blinker's cross was steered home by Mariners defender Ashley Fickling - with Humphries waiting to pounce.

All of which confirms that Proudflock's hat-trick was the first by a Wednesday player in the FA Cup since Imre Varadi notched three in the Owls' 5-1 fourth round hammering of Oldham Athletic on 26 January 1995.

## Keeping Up With The Fixtures



What with progress in two cup competitions, as well as changing ticket details for forthcoming League matches, we thought we'd



take this opportunity to bring your diary totally up to date with the latest from the Owls fixture list.

After this afternoon's game, Wednesday face four consecutive away matches – next Saturday's League trip to QPR (which has now been designated 'all-ticket'); the following Saturday's FA Cup second round tie at Scunthorpe United, at 3.00pm; Tuesday 9 December's LDV Vans Trophy area quarter-final away to Carlisle United, at 7.45pm; and

Saturday 13 December's visit to Barnsley, kicking-off at 1.00pm.

While LDV matches are settled on the night, a draw at Scunthorpe in a fortnight's time will result in a replay here on Wednesday 17 December at 7.45pm, with admission prices £10 for adults and £5 for concessions.

Other recent announcements have included confirmation that our post-Christmas visit to Tranmere Rovers is an all-ticket affair, and news that our home clash with Wycombe Wanderers has been selected for live coverage by Sky Sports and has been moved to Friday 30 January, kick-off 7.45pm.

Meanwhile, several of our reserve team's forthcoming fixtures have been rearranged – for full details turn to page 39.



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## Season Of Goodwill

Sheffield Wednesday have announced three Christmas and New Year matchday ticket offers to benefit Owls-supporting families over the festive period. They relate to the matches against Chesterfield (20 December), Swindon Town (10 January) and Wycombe Wanderers (Friday 30 January).



tickets last summer.

The full summaries of the Owls' forthcoming ticket offers are as follows:

Date	Opponents	Offer	Open To	Offer Closes
20.12.03	Chesterfield	Friend For A Fiver	Season ticket holders may buy an additional ticket for £5	Friday 19.12.03, 5.00pm
10.1.04	Swindon Town	Kids For A Quid	Under-16's may attend for £1 – a restricted number of £1 seats are available	Friday 9.1.04, 5.00pm
30.1.04	Wycombe Wanderers	Bunch Of Fives	Season ticket holders, Over-60's, Under-16's, Students and adults who bought a full-priced ticket for the Swindon match can buy one ticket for £5	Friday 30.1.04, 5.00pm

Meanwhile, SWFC half-season tickets are now on sale, covering the 12 matches from Boxing Day onwards. They are priced as follows:

Stand	Adult	Senior/Student/U21	U18	U11
South/Grandstand	£210	£105	£96	£40
North	£180	£95	£84	£40
Kop	£150	£85	£72	£40
Family Enclosure*	£150	£75	£60	£40

Please note – when applying for Senior Citizen (over-60), Under-21, Under-18 and Under-11 concession tickets, proof of date of birth must be produced. Students must provide proof of full-time education from their college/university.

\*Children must be accompanied by an adult in the Family Enclosure, with a maximum of two adults per child.

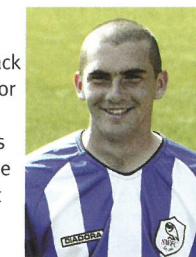
## Split Second

Congratulations go to Owls goalkeeper Kevin Pressman, who now stands in second place in SWFC's post-war appearance table. His eighth outing of the season, against Barnsley, took him to 459 total appearances, above the tally reached by 1940's and 50's legend Redfern Froggatt. After adding to his total at Colchester, Pressie now stands 43 games behind our leading post-war appearance maker, Alan Finney.

Other landmarks that could be reached in forthcoming matches centre on a race to reach 100 Owls appearances. Leigh Bromby (96

outings) looks set to beat Derek Geary (also 96, but suspended next Saturday) and the injured Paul McLaren (97) to the ton-up figure.

Meanwhile, there were also pats on the back at the training ground for Wednesday academy defender Aaron Callaghan (right). The centre-back opened the scoring for Northern Ireland under-18's earlier this month, heading home a corner as they beat their Swiss counterparts, 3-1.



## Stewards Required

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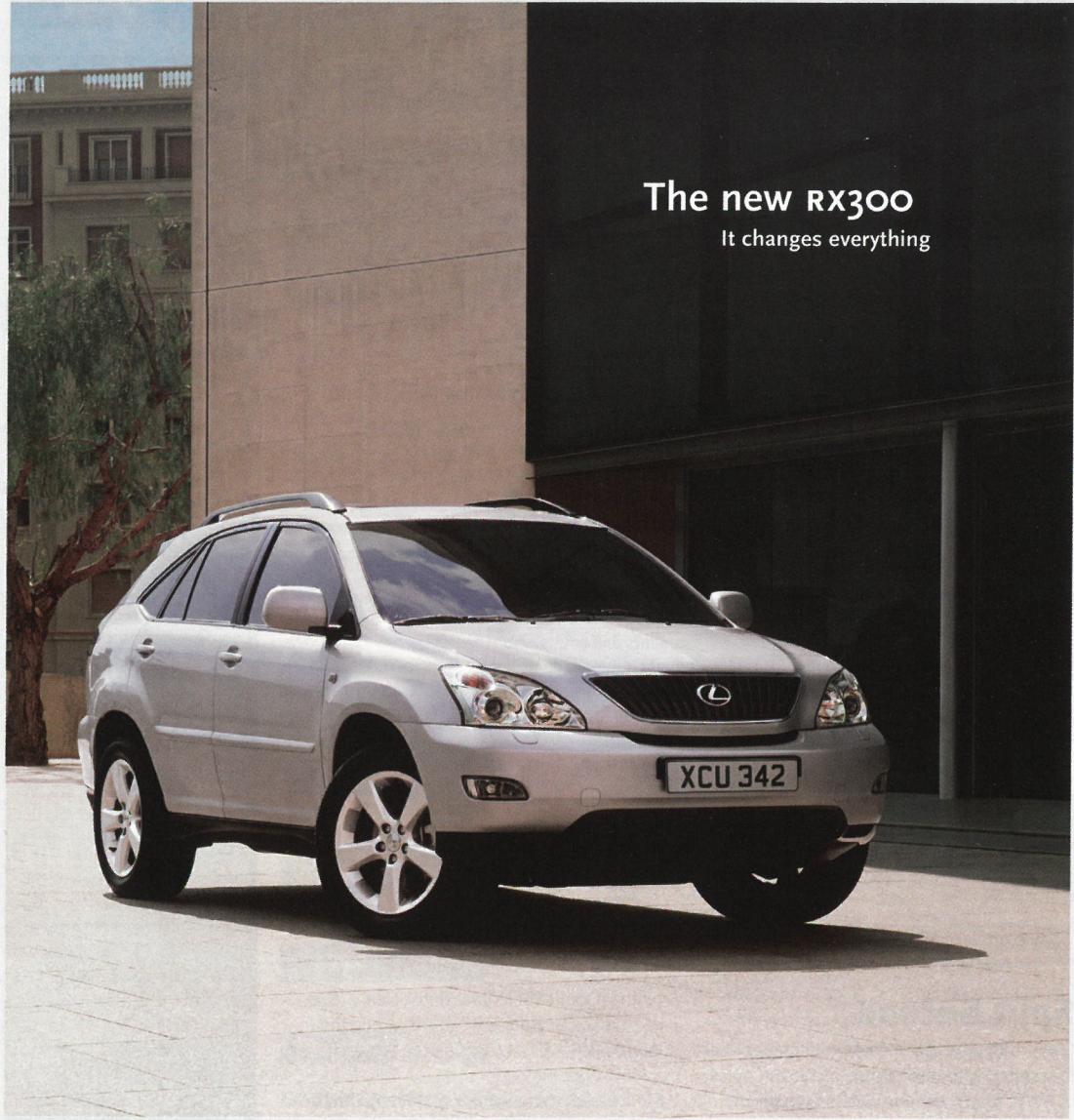


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# Luton Town



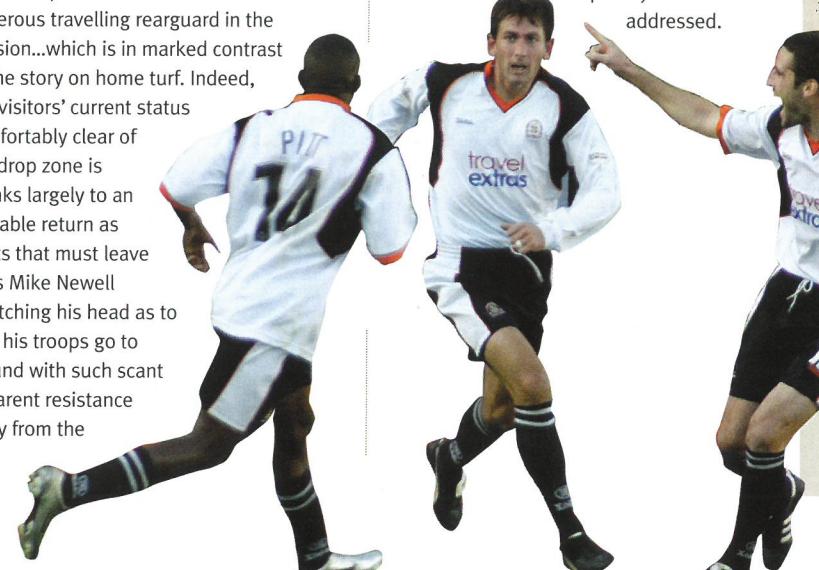
Something of a milestone at Hillsborough this afternoon as the Owls and Luton Town lock horns for the 50th occasion in League history.

The two clubs began hostilities way back in the 1899 old Division Two and Wednesday strolled to a 6-0 triumph that merely laid foundations for Luton's torrid time in our backyard down the ensuing years. The Hatters have left S6 with maximum points just twice in 24 attempts, handing Wednesday a psychological upper hand, perhaps, as Chris Turner's men aim for a hat-trick of triumphs on home turf. With both Salisbury City and Barnsley safely negotiated in Cup competition, the Owls' brief is to extend that winning feeling into the bread and butter of League toils – and today's visitors would appear to offer the ideal opportunity to do exactly that.

Luton have a dismal record out of base this term, accentuated by their sole success so far, a 2-1 win at Stockport from the club's opening away fixture of the new campaign. Since then, however, the Hatters have invariably lurched from one crisis to the next on the road and they arrive at Hillsborough as not-so proud owners of the most generous travelling rearguard in the division...which is in marked contrast to the story on home turf. Indeed, our visitors' current status comfortably clear of the drop zone is thanks largely to an enviable return as hosts that must leave boss Mike Newell scratching his head as to why his troops go to ground with such scant apparent resistance away from the

comforts of home. In simple terms, if Luton could replicate a modicum of their Kenilworth Road pedigree elsewhere, the Owls would almost certainly be entertaining automatic promotion contenders this afternoon. Last Saturday's tussle with Wrexham only underlines the point. Trailing by two goals to nil, hosting Division Two's most productive travelling team, Luton dug deep to unearth three conversions of their own and claim a spirited victory over the stunned Welsh outfit, thus ensuring the surprise 2-1 loss to Grimsby in August remained the only blip on the home front to date.

Yet given the fact that Luton remain in administration off the pitch, the road ahead appears far from smooth on it. Newell is hampered by a transfer embargo that may well take its tangible toll when the inevitable suspension and injury problems kick in, by which time his side's alarming imbalance of form in and out of Bedfordshire will hopefully have been addressed.



**CLUB FACTS**

<b>Year Formed:</b>	1885
<b>Seasons In League:</b>	87
<b>Seasons In Top Tier:</b>	16
<b>Seasons In 2nd Tier:</b>	39
<b>Seasons In 3rd Tier:</b>	12
<b>Seasons In 4th Tier:</b>	4
<b>Seasons In Division 3 (South):</b>	16
<b>Seasons Out Of League (failed re-election):</b>	19
<b>Highlights:</b>	
<b>Division Two champions:</b>	1981-82, runners-up 1954-55, 1973-74
<b>Division Three runners-up:</b>	1969-70, 2001-02
<b>Division Three (South) champions:</b>	1936-37, runners-up 1935-36
<b>Division Four champions:</b>	1967-68
<b>FA Cup runners up:</b>	1959
<b>League Cup winners:</b>	1988, runners-up 1989
<b>Simod Cup runners up:</b>	1988
<b>Previous names:</b>	None

# About the Hatters:

Four months into his new job, Luton manager Mike Newell is still trying to mould a squad in his own style.

Squad rotation has been the name of the game at Kenilworth Road so far this season, for 32 players have already pulled on the white shirt as new boss Mike Newell spent the early part of the season getting to know the charges he inherited in July. Twenty-six players have been used in League outings and a further six in cup competitions as the former Hartlepool boss assessed his resources in trying to mastermind a play-off place for a team that finished ninth last season. Just two defeats in their last eight

League outings – and a more settled side to boot – have taken the Hatters to within two points of that target and indicated that Newell is starting to hit on a winning formula. Luton's summer financial woes have forced the former Hatters, Everton and Blackburn striker to rely mainly on the resources he inherited. Despite being deprived by the administrator of fans favourite Tony Thorpe – sold to QPR for £50,000 in August – and by injury of club captain Kevin Nicholls and target man Steve

Howard, the Luton side that defeated Wrexham last Saturday still included six regulars from last season's impressive first crack at Division Two, plus the now injury-free Adrian Forbes. Add the fact that Kevin Foley and Lee Mansell have graduated from the Hatters' youth system and it's obvious that Newell has had little room for manoeuvre in the transfer market. On the two occasions he has been able to shuffle his pack, the 38-year-old has come up trumps. Former Wednesday loan keeper Marlon Beresford came in after the 6-3 loss to

Bournemouth and has conceded only just over a goal a game behind a defence that had shipped 29 goals in their first 15 League outings. At the other end, the Hatters hope to make Gary McSheffrey's loan deal permanent after his 10 goals in 17 matches. But while Newell's team is just starting to settle down, a 33rd player could soon be in action for them – former Owls youth-teamer Peter Holmes was released from Kenilworth Road in the summer but was back on their subs' bench against Wrexham last weekend.

**Luton Town v Wrexham (starting line-up)**

Player	Number	Notes
Marlon Beresford	29	Former Owls trainee who finally made his SWFC debut more than 12 years after first signing, when on loan from Burnley. Conceded four of the Owls' 'magnificent seven' at Turf Moor in April.
Kevin Foley	41	Has made a first-team spot his own this season after being voted Young Player of the Year by his hometown side in each of the last two seasons. Still aged only 19.
Emmerson Boyce	17	Former Hatters trainee who has made over 180 appearances since turning pro in 1998. The 24-year-old likes to get forward and netted in the recent FA Cup draw with Thurrock.
Chris Coyne	12	A 24-year-old Australian defender who is the Hatters' current player of the year and their only ever-present this season. Nearing 100 outings after signing for £50,000 from Dundee.
Sol Davis	24	A £600,000 signing from Swindon Town in 2002, this 24-year-old is a tough-tackling left-back who will be missing this afternoon after receiving his second red card in six outings, 18 days ago.
Lee Mansell	32	A 21-year-old who has just broken back into the Hatters' starting line-up. Trained with Luton from the age of 11 and scored after 58 seconds of his debut in an FA Cup defeat at QPR.
Steve Robinson	11	Northern Ireland international who made his name in a six-year spell at Bournemouth. A move to Preston failed to work out and the 28-year-old signed for Luton for £50,000 in June 2002.
Matthew Spring	4	Matthew turned 24 on Monday but has already made over 275 appearances for the Hatters. His 30-yard screamer dumped local rivals Watford out of last season's Worthington Cup.
Ahmet Brkovic	18	A 29-year-old former Leyton Orient colleague of Dean Smith, Ahmet moved to Kenilworth Road in October 2001 and has scored 10 goals in 80 outings since.
Adrian Forbes	7	Nominally a winger, 24-year-old Adrian moved up front in October to solve Luton's striker crisis in style, hitting six goals in as many games. Was a £60,000 signing from Norwich in 2001.
Gary McSheffrey	25	Set to complete a three-month loan today, Hatters fans hope the Coventry striker will move permanently after 10 goals in his first 16 outings. Still only 21.

**Nationwide Division Two, 15 November 2003, Kenilworth Road**

## In Contention:

<b>Dean Brill – Goalkeeper</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>Michael Leary – Midfielder</b>	<b>38</b>
Young scholar who made his debut in September after fellow youngster Robert Beckwith was sent off in a 3-0 defeat at Oldham. Has since started on four occasions, and been on the winning side three times		A young winger who is starting to make the breakthrough. The 20-year-old has made seven outings this season, to add to his two previous sub-appearances, and netted a penalty in the LDV victory over Rushden.	
<b>Alan Neilson – Defender</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Enoch Showumi – Striker</b>	<b>16</b>
Versatile former Welsh international defender who had spells at Newcastle, Southampton and Fulham. The 31-year-old signed for free from Grimsby in February 2002.		University graduate who signed in September from Willesden Constantine. A raw talent who is being eased into League action and netted his first goal against Rushden in the LDV Vans Trophy.	
<b>Ian Hillier – Defender</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Dean Crowe – Striker</b>	<b>34</b>
A £30,000 signing from Tottenham in August 2001, Ian is a right-back who can also fill a role as a centre-back or midfielder. Aged 23.		Netted 15 goals as Luton were promoted in 2001-02 but hasn't scored since August 2002 – a run of 37 games. Recently loaned to York City but was used sparingly.	
<b>Peter Holmes – Midfielder</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Steve Howard – Striker</b>	<b>19</b>
Former Wednesday trainee who moved to Kenilworth Road in 2000 but was released this summer due to Luton's financial plight. The 23-year-old was back in the squad last Saturday.		Burly frontman who was the subject of a recent transfer enquiry by Chris Turner. Had a hernia operation in September but returned to the side for the first time in Tuesday's Cup win over Thurrock.	

## Owls v Hatters - Past Meetings



## LAST TIME IN S6

**Date:** 1.02.92  
**Competition:** League Division One  
**Half-Time Score:** 1-2  
**Full-Time Score:** 3-2  
**SWFC Scorers:** Hirst 18, Williams 79, Harkes 86  
**LTFC Scorers:** Preece 22, Oakes 36  
**Attendance:** 22,291  
**SWFC Final League Position:** 3rd  
**LTFC Final League Position:** 20th

## Owls v Hatters - Form Guide

### Total

Wednesday are unbeaten in the last three meetings between these sides since 1898

Wednesday were unbeaten in five of the first six meetings from 1899 to 1939

The Owls were unbeaten in seven games against Luton from 1981 to 1985

Luton lost only once in the sides' 11 meetings from 1939 to 1951

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

### At Hillsborough

Luton's only two wins at Hillsborough came in 1970 and 1987

The Owls are unbeaten in their last three home games against Luton since 1988

Wednesday were unbeaten in their first 11 home matches against Luton up until 1970

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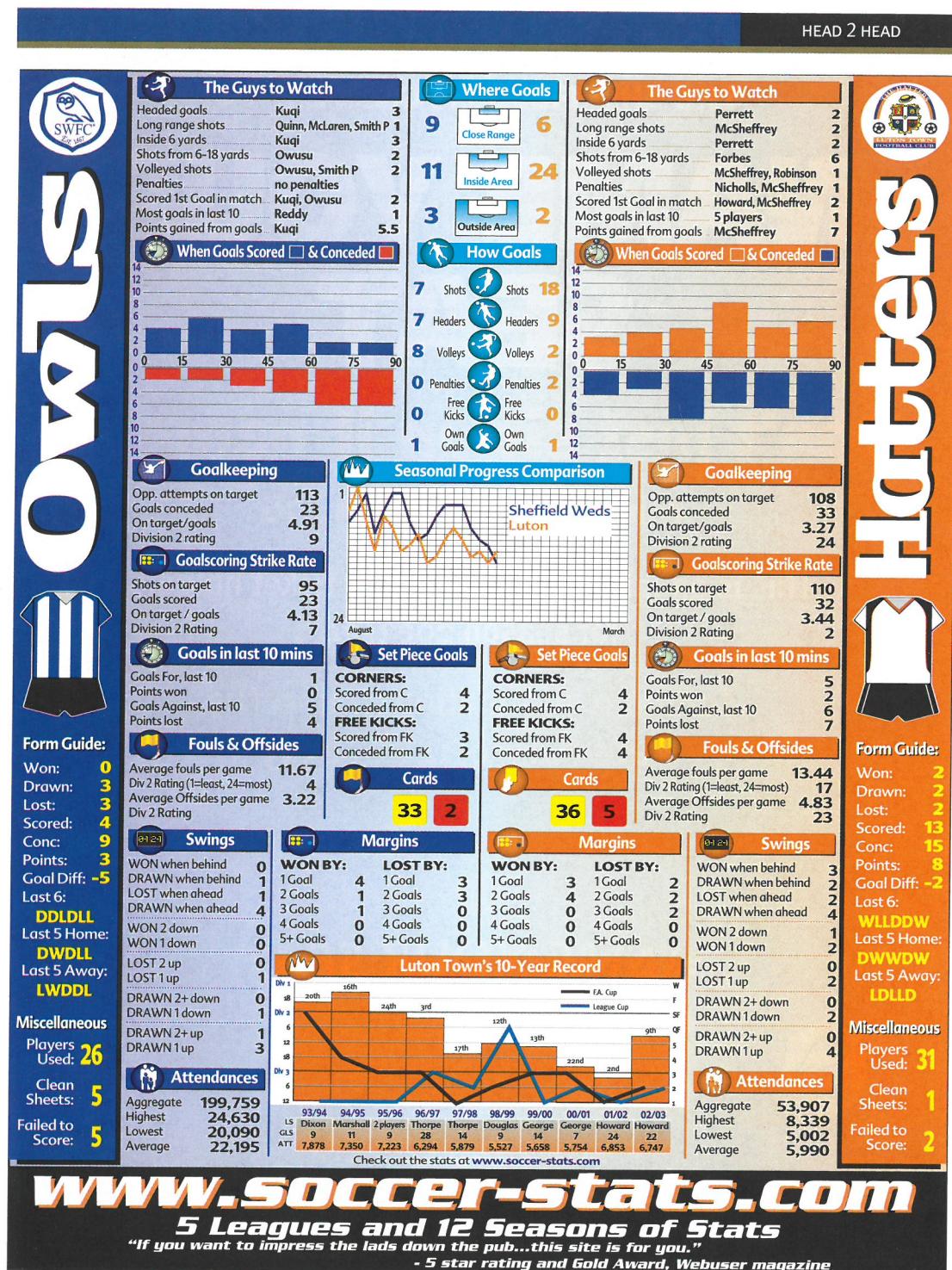
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Hatters



Form Guide:

Won: 2  
Drawn: 2  
Lost: 2  
Scored: 13  
Conc: 15  
Points: 8  
Goal Diff: -2  
Last 6: WLDLW

DDLLL  
Last 5 Home: DWLW  
Last 5 Away: LWDDL  
Miscellaneous

Players Used: 31  
Clean Sheets: 1  
Failed to Score: 2



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When Goals Scored □ & Conceded □

Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target 108  
Goals conceded 33  
On target/goals 3.27  
Division 2 rating 24  
Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target 110  
Goals scored 32  
On target/goals 3.44  
Division 2 Rating 2  
Goalscoring Strike Rate

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10 5  
Points won 2  
Goals Against, last 10 6  
Points lost 7  
Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game 13.44  
Div 2 Rating (1-least, 24-most) 17  
Average Offsides per game 4.83  
Div 2 Rating 23  
Fouls & Offsides

Swings

WON when behind 3  
DRAWN when behind 2  
LOST when ahead 2  
DRAWN when ahead 4  
WON 2 down 1  
WON 1 down 2  
LOST 2 up 0  
LOST 1 up 1  
DRAWN 2+ down 0  
DRAWN 1 down 1  
DRAWN 2+ up 1  
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OUR VISITORS

## Manager Profile

**Mike Newell**



Putting down roots might well figure on Mike Newell's agenda this term. The Luton boss represented no less than 13 clubs during his playing days and already occupies the second hot seat of a managerial career that began only 12 months ago. Newell, of course, succeeded Chris Turner at the Hartlepool helm last November and duly continued the Owls boss' sterling work on Teeside to guide Pools safely to Division Two in May. Thus it came as something of a surprise when the Victoria Park hierarchy failed to offer Newell a new contract over

the summer. However, less than a month after leaving Hartlepool, the former England Under-21 striker was installed as manager at Kenilworth Road - home to one of those 13 outfits who employed the Merseyside man as a player. Newell started 62 League games for Luton in the mid-1980s, having already served his apprenticeship with Liverpool, Crewe and Wigan. Stints at Leicester and Everton followed, before Newell enjoyed what was by far the most fruitful and settled period of his near two-decade playing career.

From November 1991 through to the summer of 1996, he plied his trade at Ewood Park during the prime Jack Walker years, when the late Blackburn beneficiary famously 'bought' the Premiership title to live out his boyhood dreams. Armed with a top-flight medal, Newell then embarked upon the Champions League trail and promptly entered the record books by blasting a quickfire ten-minute treble against Rosenborg that remains the fastest hat-trick ever recorded in Europe's premier tournament. Once the Blackburn dream subsided, Newell's travel bug really kicked in as spells with Birmingham, West Ham, Bradford, Aberdeen, Crewe

and Doncaster led to a curtain call at Blackpool, where he donned his shooting boots for the final time after making 651 appearances for his various clubs, scoring 172 goals along the way. But there might yet be an encore to come - Luton's striking options are so severely limited that Newell recently re-registered himself as a player, 16 years after last figuring for the Hatters.



## Player Profile

### Matthew Spring



It's a shame for Paul McLaren - and his old sparring partner Matthew Spring - that



Wednesday's former Luton midfield man is missing through injury this afternoon. Both players would surely have been looking forward with great anticipation to going head-to-head in the centre of the park for the first time in their careers, two and a half years after they shared a midfield role for the 107th and final time in Macca's last match at Kenilworth Road, a 1-1 draw against Port Vale.

The midfield partnership began in September 1997 when Spring - still six weeks short of his 18th birthday - made his debut as a half-time

substitute in a 3-0 defeat at Bristol City. A fortnight later, his first start ended inauspiciously, despite Luton's 3-0 triumph over Plymouth. Spring was sent off but his ten colleagues held out and the youngster learned his lesson - despite remaining a tenacious and combative performer, the Harlow product has only been dismissed once more in 277 further appearances for the Hatters. Few players of his age - and Matthew only turned 24 on Monday, the same day on which McLaren was 27 - can have made so many senior appearances. Indeed, it is testament to Matthew's exemplary availability record that, up to the start of this season, he had only missed 16 League

matches in five full campaigns.

And, while averaging under five goals per season, Spring's interventions often change the course of a game. Witness several crucial strikes last term, such as the only goal at home to Wycombe, the first and last to beat Stockport and an equaliser to set up a 3-1 win at Tranmere. Surely the most treasured, though, was in the Hatters' eagerly-awaited League Cup clash with local rivals Watford. The sides hadn't met for over four years - but the midfielder ensured it was a night to remember, his 35-yard screamer sending the fans home with a definite "Spring" in their step after a memorable 2-1 triumph.

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Keith Howard continues his review of the history of this very publication by looking at the time of the Catterick years.

# Wednesday Programme

As the 1950's drew to a close and the Owls were about to embark upon a season that would prove to culminate in their fourth promotion of the decade, a fevered discussion must have taken place at Hillsborough. No doubt the economies of production were strongly considered when deciding upon the club's programme format for the season - was it to be less for the same price as previous years (3d) or the same size as before (12 pages) at an increased price? In the event, the issues for 1958-59 - Wednesday's last season in Division Two for more than a decade - were retained at 3d, but the content was reduced by a third to eight pages. Of these eight pages, only two would be considered serious reading matter - Club News and details of the visitors - with the centre page team line-ups and league tables (for 1st and 2nd teams)

sharing space with advertisements. In a poor-value offering the Results board and Football League and Central League fixtures/results were the only other readable material. Apart from one single sheet, produced for the County Cup tie against Doncaster Rovers, the other 22 issues utilised no fewer than six different covers. Following issue No 1, when the club badge held centre stage, the cover for the remaining League games, plus the County Cup Final issue, prominently displayed "Sheffield Wednesday" and, in very bold type, the day's opponents. The other four different covers comprised:

1. A design embracing the floodlights cascading on to

6 silhouetted players (Friendly game v Napoli) 2. A normal League issue but with Xmas bells and a seasonal greeting for the Boxing Day match v Lincoln City 3. The FA Cup boldly drawn above the combatants for the Third Round tie, and 4. A special promotion issue (v Barnsley, April 25th 1959), featuring five different action photos. On this occasion we did get 12 pages, and the extra space was given over to team and individual player photographs.

One very significant name that did vanish from the Owls team line-up in the early part of this exciting campaign was that of Albert Quixall. The talented England international inside-forward played his final match, and scored, against Sunderland on September 17th, before his record fee transfer to Manchester United. The final Wednesday line-up in which his name was featured is pictured left. With Wednesday back in the top flight for season

1959-60, the club lifted the disappointment of the previous campaign's meagre eight-page programme and returned to the more acceptable 12-page size - and at the same price! The last increase in price had been in 1950-51. Improvement and stability on the field was matched by the club's programme production, and particularly the front cover. This facet showed remarkable permanence, with all 23 League and Cup issues carrying a large drawing of a left footed footballer, the club badge in the top corner and the contestants, date and kick-off time centrally prominent. The one exception to this season's cover was the issue for the Torpedo Moscow friendly game. Once more, as on previous floodlit occasions, the design of the cascading lights and silhouetted players was utilised.

Most of the additional extra space afforded by the 50% increase in size was given over to very readable articles entitled 'Soccer

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Snapshots' and 'Men and Matters', together with a significant increase to the 'Club News'. With no deliberate intention of provoking argument, your author suggests that 1960-61 was the club's best post-war campaign to date. Unbeaten in their first 12 matches, Wednesday went on to inflict a first defeat on the great 'double' winning Tottenham side and, in finishing second in Division One behind the London club, their tally of 58 points (equivalent to 81 today), would have won them the Championship in many of the post-war seasons. The crowd on that November 12th 1960 for the crunch game against Spurs was over 56,000 - this in a three-sided stadium, with

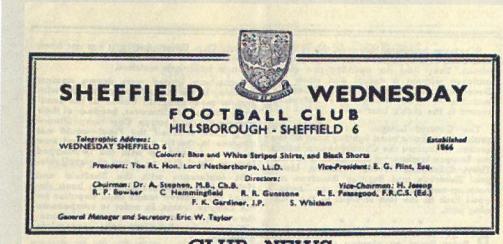
## Club News - 22 April 1961

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Every Tom, Dick and Harry knows what has occurred since our last programme was issued. Almost immediately after the match with Leicester City, Mr Catterick resigned his position as team manager and the resignation was accepted by the Sheffield Wednesday Board.

Before the week was out Everton announced that the contract of Mr Johnny Carey as manager had been terminated. Within a matter of days Mr Catterick was appointed manager of Everton.

We have been unable to compress these facts into one word, but we have cut them down to the bare bones. And we think they are enough when you compare the decisions to Russia's staggering feat of speeding a man round the earth in less than 90 minutes and bringing him down to terra firma again. It's time there was a sense of proportion".



**CLUB NEWS**

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before being changed yet again. The final 14 League and Cup issues used a small photograph of each Wednesday player in turn, with his brief pen picture, together with the ever-present club badge and the opponents being prominently shown.

Internally the programme's contents varied hardly one jot but, as noted in the sidebar column, the club were set back, shocked and somewhat perturbed by the decision of one of its best ever team managers, to quit after such a successful campaign.

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# The WEDNESDAY WORLD This Week

Every day the official Sheffield Wednesday website is bang up-to-date with the club's news and its sister site – WednesdayWorld – has the additional behind-the-scenes interviews from Hillsborough. Here's what's been happening in the last fortnight.



**6 Nov:** After winning both the PFA Fans' Player of the Month award for October along with the Owls' EAD

Solicitors monthly prize, Terry Cooke gives his EXCLUSIVE reaction to WednesdayWorld.

"I am surprised considering I missed a couple of games towards the back end of the month," he says. "But I'm obviously very pleased and would like to thank the supporters who voted for me."

**7 Nov:** On the first anniversary of Chris Turner's appointment as SWFC manager, the WednesdayWorld cameras catch up with him to review the year in an EXCLUSIVE interview. The Owls boss also reveals to swfc.co.uk that he has made inquiries about Rotherham striker Mark Robins' availability.

"I'd like to bring him (Robins) in for the full distance - we're working on things around the financial side," he says. "You have to find the key in the final third and I know Mark

Robins can put the ball in the back of the net."

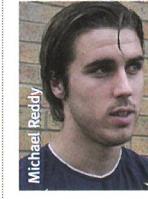
**11 Nov:** Adam Proudlock looks back on his hat-trick in the 4-0 FA Cup win over Salisbury, in an EXCLUSIVE WednesdayWorld interview.

"The gaffer asked who was on penalties before the game and I put my hand up," he says. "I was confident of taking one. It was lucky because Colin said we haven't had many penalties this year but we did get one.

"The second was a tap-in but pleasing anyway. We were 1-0 up and the next goal was crucial. If we got it, we'd feel strong enough to go on and win the game.

"I wasn't sure if the third was going in when it came off the bar, so it was nice to see it bounce back into the roof of the net."

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WednesdayWorld interview. "The gaffer asked who was on penalties before the game and I put my hand up," he says. "I was confident of taking one. It was lucky because Colin said we haven't had many penalties this year but we did get one.

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talks WednesdayWorld viewers through his spectacular strike.

"It just bounced to me on the edge of the box," he explained. "I saw a couple of players coming to me but as soon as the ball broke I said to myself: 'I'm going to try to control this and get a strike in.' Thankfully it went in the far corner - I was delighted to see it go in."

**17 Nov:** In an EXCLUSIVE WednesdayWorld interview Leigh Bromby confesses his disappointment after the 3-1 loss at Colchester, in which he fired home the Owls' goal. "We dominated the second half and it was disappointing to lose," he said. "We were probably trying to get that second goal towards the end. Michael Reddy missed a great chance from a corner and then came a breakaway (for Colchester's second goal). "I'm not known for scoring goals but it dropped nicely for me. I just tried to hit the target and it went in."

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## Feature Interview: Chris Turner

Every weekday during the season, WednesdayWorld brings you an exclusive interview from Hillsborough or the training ground. On 7 November, we caught up with Chris Turner on the first anniversary of his appointment as SWFC manager. Here's what he had to say...

**WW:** First, how do you assess your first year in charge?

**CT:** I think that progress has been made. I know that the initial progress is what people see on the field of play and where we are in the League. But I can see large steps being taken on the football side in terms of professionalism, commitment to the

club and the way we are trying to get all three of our teams playing.

**WW:** Has the first year lived up to your expectations as an ex-Owls player and lifelong Wednesday fan?

**CT:** Yes, it has. But I like to be looked at as a football manager, not a Sheffield Wednesday fan, although that is a tag that will always go with me. I am here principally because I believe I can do this job and build a football team here, over a period of time, that people will want to come and see. We are getting all that [great support] before we've actually got the team which I don't think would happen anywhere else.



I feel we've put the pride back into the club and into the players who go out there and play. Sometimes things are going to rebound against us, as they have done in recent matches. But I believe we are going along in the right direction to get there.

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**WednesdayWorld video search:**

It's hard to know where to begin in describing the reasons why every Wednesdayite should sign up to WednesdayWorld – SWFC's official online video channel. We could start with the daily video bulletins from the heart of Hillsborough, the live match commentary for every game or the highlights channel which allows fans to watch and download footage of the Owls in action. But in today's programme we will focus on another superb aspect of WednesdayWorld – the video search section. This fantastic feature allows fans to assess footage of every Nationwide league club in action, by selecting the type of clips they wish to see. Fans can choose to watch clips either from this season, or the last two terms. They can pick out the team(s) they wish to see, the competition and individual players. The clips are divided into different sections, depending on the nature of the footage. They can watch goalmouth action such as goals, misses, great saves and disallowed goals. Also available are more combative incidents such as tackles, bookings and sendings off, in addition to more light-hearted clips like humourous incidents, painful (but not serious) injuries and celebrations. All this is at your fingertips and the great thing is that you're the one selecting what you watch. So that's yet another reason not to wait another second and sign up to WednesdayWorld today. Visit [world.swfc.co.uk](http://world.swfc.co.uk) to sign up now – or, to claim your FREE year's subscription, visit [www.swfc.co.uk](http://www.swfc.co.uk) for details of this great offer for new NTL and AOL Broadband customers.

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# Christmas & New Year Events 2003

**SWFC are now taking bookings for Christmas and New Year 2003.**

Christmas Party Lunch -

Christmas Party Night -

Christmas Party Night -

New Years Eve Gala Buffet -

£13 per person inc VAT

£23 per person (Sun-Wed)

£25 per person (Thu-Sat)

£35 per person (inc VAT)

## Christmas Events...

Priced at £25.00 per person, why not take a break from the norm and join us at one of our fantastic themed nights in December



**December 5th**

American Trilogy  
Dance the night away with sounds gone by, including Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly and Elvis



**December 11th**

Curry & Comedians  
Enjoy authentic Indian cuisine rounded off by equally spicy adult humour



**December 14th**

Family party night  
4pm - 8pm £14.00  
Adults £6.50 U12's  
£3.50 Kids menu.  
Family Carvery, disco and a chance to meet Ozzie Owl and Father Christmas

**For more details or to book call 0114 221 2151**



**December 15th**

Ladies Night  
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The skipper feels hard-done-by after Wednesday dominated the second half against Colchester and appeared to have a legitimate goal ruled out. But he puts that in the past to focus on this afternoon's test.

## Wednesday Skipper



Hi everyone, welcome to Hillsborough for our final League game here until just before Christmas. It was very disappointing to come away from Colchester empty-handed last week. I thought they deserved to go in 1-0 up at the break after playing very well early on but in the second half we came out a different team and totally dominated. It's all about taking our chances at the right times.

Unfortunately we got punished for not doing that and, as the manager said afterwards, Colchester got some good balls into the box that were just in between Pressy and us defenders. They're the sort of crosses strikers love to

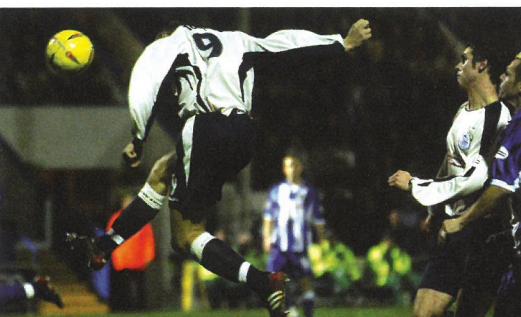
attack and are hard to defend against.

I've seen a replay of Holtby's disallowed goal and he was definitely onside. I was disappointed for the lad because he'd come on and

now and start performing at home. After the way we played in the second half last week, we know it's there for us - it's all about taking our chances when they come. We go into this game on the

***"The Colchester result was a blow for all of us but we must dust ourselves off now and start performing at home...it's all about taking our chances when they come."***

worked hard for that goal. The result was a blow but we must dust ourselves off



*Flagged down...Dean is convinced Grant's late 'equaliser' should have been allowed to stand*

back of two cup wins at Hillsborough after we claimed that late triumph against Barnsley. They're doing well this season so it was a fine result. It was an end-to-end local cup clash with no half-measures, as you could see from the full-blooded challenges.

Barnsley came and tried to play, which made it a good game to watch. People might say it was only the LDV Vans Trophy but it meant more than that, so it was nice to see Michael Reddy score a great goal at

the end.

Luton picked up a decent win over Wrexham on Saturday and I'm sure they will be wound up for this game. I played against them a couple of years ago and Ahmet Brkovic - a mate of mine - will be in the team, so I know to expect a tough match.

We're aware that we haven't won for six League games and that's something we must sort out. We have to start catching the teams above us but there are some tough games coming up, starting with Luton today, before we go to QPR next week. We've got to roll our sleeves up and get the results we need. Our home form is the reason we're not in the top six at the moment, so we must to transfer the form displayed against Salisbury and Barnsley into the League matches at Hillsborough.

All the best

Dean Smith

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# SWFC Community Programme



Welcome to today's game.

## Programme Page "Winners"

The national Community Programme in Professional Football recently acknowledged the content of the SWFC Community Programme match day pages and awarded the Owls the prize for the best community programme page(s) for last season's First Division clubs.

The National Scheme made a small donation which will go towards funding the activities of our Community Programme in the future. A big thank you to all concerned in preparing the match day programme – especially Steve Adams.



## FITC Activities

### INDOORS @ HILLSBOROUGH

\* SWFC Sports Hall (unless stated)

For further information please contact Steve Adams (Community Officer) on 0114 221 2377

MONDAY	Goalkeeping School Leanne Hall, England International	4.15 - 5.45pm	6-12	£3.50	Boys & girls @ SWFC training Ground,
	5-a-side	4.00 - 5.30pm	9-12	£2.50	Boys & girls
TUESDAY	5-a-side	4.00 - 5.30pm	6-8	£2.50	Boys & girls
WEDNESDAY	Mini-kickers	4.00 - 5.00pm	4-6	£1.50	Boys & girls
FRIDAY	Girls Football	4.00 - 5.00pm	6-12	£2.00	Girls only
SATURDAY	McDonalds Match Day Club	11.00 - 5.30pm	6-12	£20.00 £10.00 (season ticket holders)	Home match days.



### INDOOR - "OUT AND ABOUT" - NEW VENUES

Venue	Start Date	Times	Ages	Cost per session	Groups
Stocksbridge Leisure Centre	Wednesday 5th November	3.45 to 4.45pm	6 to 12	£2.00	Boys & girls
Concord Sports Centre	Monday 24th November	4.00 to 5.00pm	6 to 12	£2.00	Boys & girls



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from East Hill Secondary School and supported by the Sheffield & Hallamshire County FA and volunteers from Sheffield University. The day was a tremendous success and one that we hope to be able to repeat in the future.

Many thanks to all those involved and especially Rob Allen from Kids Out.

## Wise Old Owls

Sheffield Wednesday's Wise Old Owls Luncheon Club for the over 50's meets at SWFC on a monthly basis. A three course meal and guest speaker provide an excellent afternoon's entertainment. New members are most welcome. For further details please contact Eric or Marjorie on 0114 2435564.

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## Xmas Soccer Camps

Reference	Dates	Times	Ages	Cost per session	Info
Ref 1	22nd & 23rd December	10.00am - 3.00pm	6-13	£20.00	Middlewood Road Training Ground
Ref 2	29th & 30th December	10.00am - 3.00pm	6-13	£20.00	Middlewood Road Training Ground
Ref 3	23rd December	4.00pm - 6.00pm	6-13	£5.00	Xmas party @ the Riverside Suite Hillsborough

Ring Community Office on 0114 2212152 for details

## Special Needs Group @ SWFC

With the wonderful support of "Kids Out", a national charity, SWFC hosted a holiday football camp for children with disabilities or special needs aged 11 to 16 during the October half term period. The day was managed by Dawn Wood



Enjoy the game and see you next time.

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# Crowd Safety – Our Policies Explained



This afternoon, SWFC Operations Manager and Safety Officer Alan Roberts explains how you should respond if our emergency procedures are enforced:

Sheffield Wednesday Football Club has significantly enhanced

security measures this season to ensure your safety, comfort and enjoyment. However, an incident may occur which is beyond our control and it is important you are aware of how we intend to look after you in the event of an emergency.

As part of our safety management, we have employed professionally trained and experienced stewards who are located at various points throughout the stadium. In the event of a situation which requires a partial or full evacuation of the stands, announcements will be broadcast and stewards will

undertake the responsibility of ushering you to a place of safety; it is essential that you follow their instructions. Please take your belongings with you and proceed quickly and quietly under the guidance of the stewards.

The evacuation procedures have been carefully planned to lead you to a safe area. It may give you some peace of mind if you pre-plan and agree a meeting place, just in case you become separated from your party. If we are unable to re-occupy the stands for any reason, you will be advised immediately, and, if it is

considered safe to do so, you will be invited to return to your car or coach.

The departure from club parking areas will be under the direction of the Police. The foregoing is a precautionary tale and we trust the procedures will not be required.

If you wish to report an incident of anti-social behaviour at Hillsborough, you can contact Alan in the strictest of confidence. Phone him on (0114) 221 2361, fax on (0114) 221 2122 or e-mail: [enquiries@swfc.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@swfc.co.uk)

## OWLS AGAINST RACISM

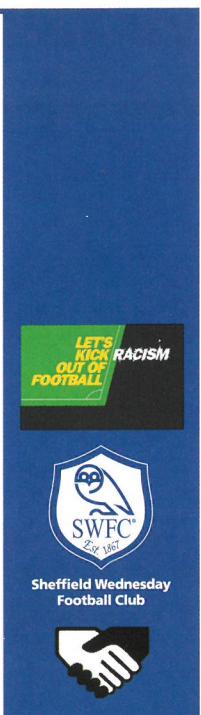
### OAR mission statement...

**"SWFC opposes racism in all its forms and will actively seek to involve all communities in the life of the Club"**

Owls Against Racism (OAR) is a steering group set up with the following agreed aims & objectives –

- To advise SWFC on anti racism and anti discrimination policy.
- To advise SWFC in the monitoring of its anti racism and anti discrimination policy, procedures and training.
- To encourage more people (especially children) of ethnic minority background to play football.
- To encourage more people (especially children) of ethnic minority background to watch football.
- To develop closer links between SWFC and ethnic minority communities.
- To encourage more people of ethnic minority background to become interested in and support SWFC.
- To encourage more people of ethnic minority background to utilise the facilities at SWFC.
- To utilise the game of football as a vehicle for improvements, for people of ethnic background, in education, health and social inclusion.
- To promote inclusive football initiatives to all regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or ability.
- To ensure that issues of racism become an 'everybody' issue.

Contact Julian Winter (Community Manager) on 0114 221 2152 to find out more about the group and how you can make a difference.



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# Wednesday Kids... Education

## Football Measurement Quiz

You may know what a pitch looks like but do you know what it measures?

True or False  
True or False

Welcome to this afternoon's Wednesday Kids, where we meet Bradfield Secondary School pupil Ami Gisby. Ami is 12 and has achieved a 100 per cent attendance record at our Study Support Centre so far. As part of her learning at Hillsborough she has interviewed SWFC academy players, taken part in a ground tour and drama session and made a scary door hanger for Halloween by copying and pasting pictures from the Internet. She has improved her Maths, English and ICT by using online learning games.

### Profile: Ami Gisby,



**School:** Bradfield  
**Your age:** 12  
**What is your favourite subject at school?** Art  
**What football team do you support?** England  
**Who is your favourite football player?** David Beckham

**What do you like to do in your spare time?** In my spare time I like to go ice skating and dancing  
**What activities have you done so far at the Study Centre?** I have interviewed players, been to see the stadium, and done lots of computer activities

**What have you enjoyed the most so far at the Study Centre?** I enjoyed interviewing the players the most  
**What is the best thing about the Study Centre?** The best thing about the

Study Centre is meeting players and improving my skills

**What else would you like to do whilst you are at the Study Centre?** I would like to meet the whole team.

### Player Profile



**Profile**  
Name is from Northern Ireland and he plays for the under twenties at Sheffield Wednesday. He is 19 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July and is 5'7". He has one brother, Declan, and he doesn't drive.

He likes the films Ruthless and Bad Boys. He likes to eat spaghetti bolognese. The

one colour he likes the most is blue.

At the moment he has no girlfriend, no pets and he doesn't drink.

He has played about 9 or 10 matches this season, but he hasn't scored any goals.

He always plays in defence and centre. His ambitions are to play in the

## World Cup History

Can you complete the following grid?

Year	Host Nation	Winner
	England	Brazil
1970	West Germany	
1978	Spain	Italy
1986	Mexico	West Germany
1994	USA	France
2002	Korea/Japan	

## Last Time's Answers

### Managers Quiz

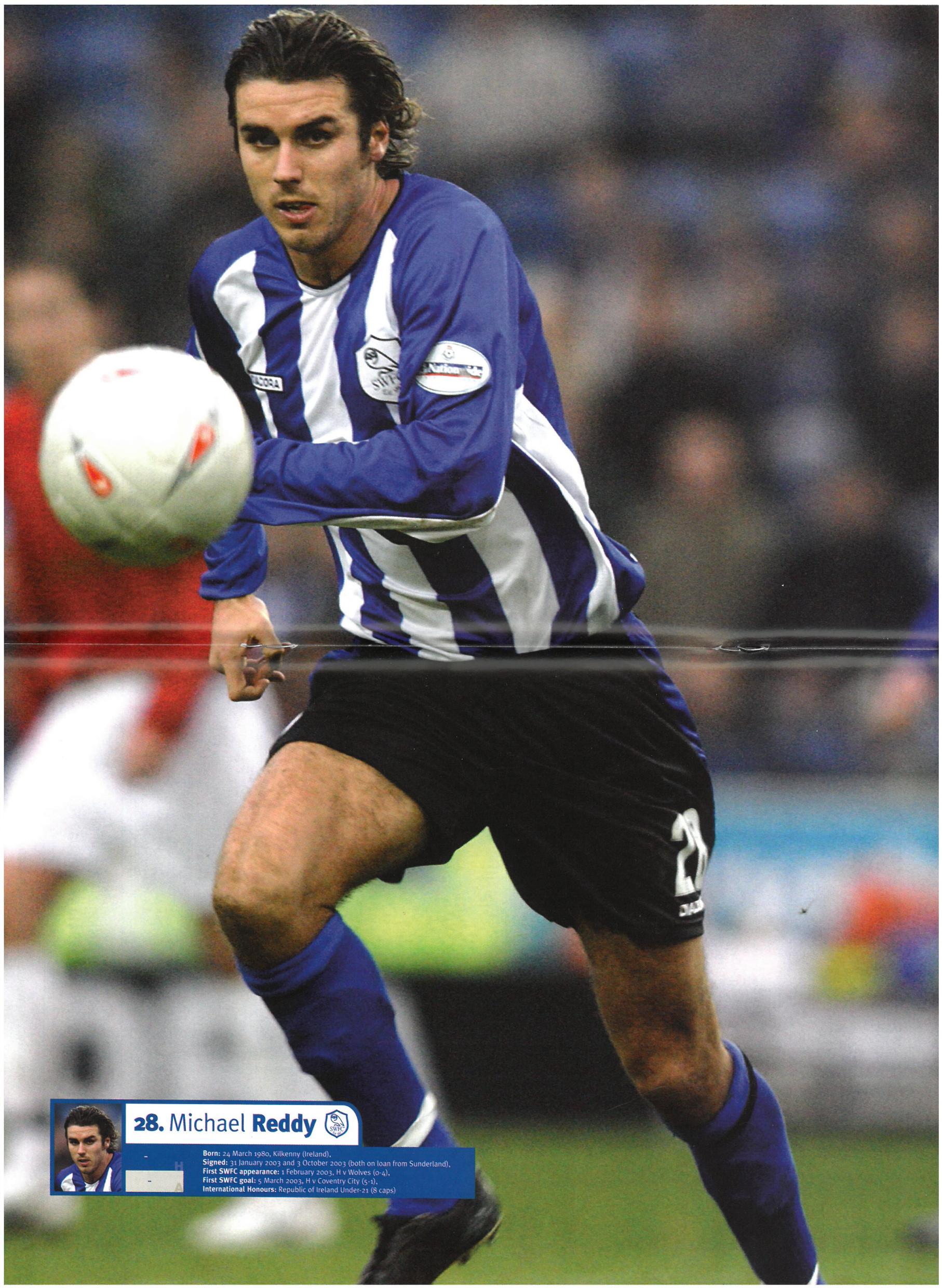
1. Arsenal, 2. Blackburn Rovers, 3. Sheffield Wednesday, 4. Manchester United, 5. Everton, 6. Liverpool, 7. Norwich City, 8. Aston Villa, 9. Leeds United, 10. Birmingham City.

**Matching Pairs**  
Aaron Lescott/Stockport County,

David Friis/Plymouth Argyle, John Sheridan/Oldham Athletic, Tony Crane/Grimsby Town, Ritchie Humphreys/Hartlepool United, Kevin Nicholson/Notts County, Simon Haworth/Wigan Athletic, Paul Kitson/Rushden & Diamonds

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**28. Michael Reddy**



**Born:** 24 March 1980, Kilkenny (Ireland),  
**Signed:** 31 January 2003 and 3 October 2003 (both on loan from Sunderland),  
**First SWFC appearance:** 1 February 2003, H v Wolves (0-4),  
**First SWFC goal:** 5 March 2003, H v Coventry City (5-1),  
**International Honours:** Republic of Ireland Under-21 (8 caps)



# Improve Your Skills...

## Session No.10 - The Technique Of Shooting

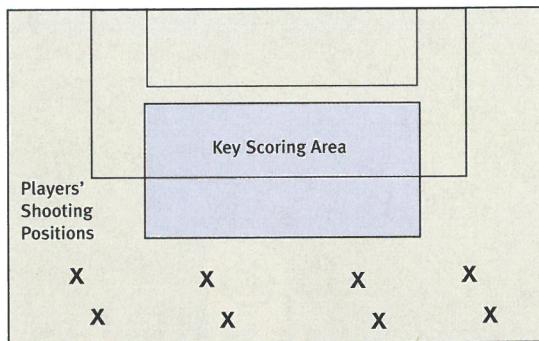
with Mike Rigg

In his latest feature aimed at helping you to develop as a footballer, Owls academy manager Mike Rigg looks at a coaching session that all players enjoy – shooting.

### INTRODUCTION

Having the ability to shoot at goal and score appears to be simple for any player. However, look at the amount of players that are truly consistent goalscorers (predominantly strikers) and more often than not they all have one thing in common - the positive belief and strong mental attitude that they have the ability and confidence to score.

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Michele tees Jon up for a shot from the edge of the penalty area

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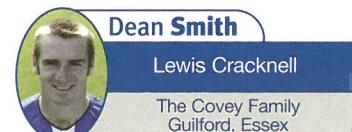
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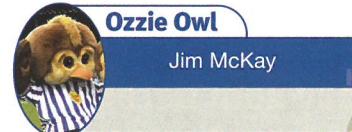
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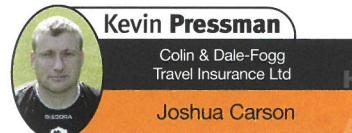
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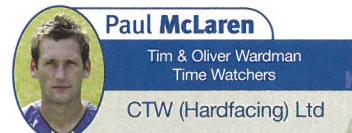
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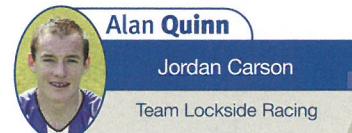
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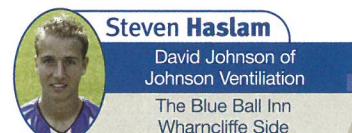
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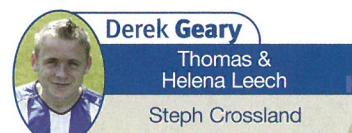
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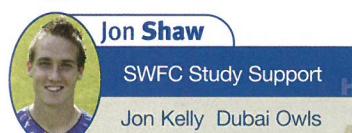
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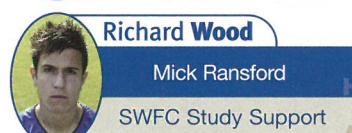
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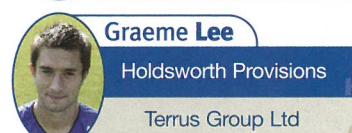
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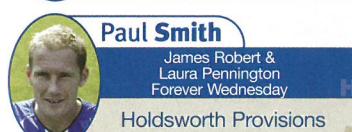
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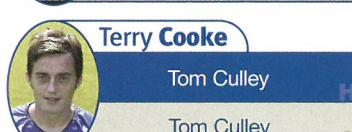
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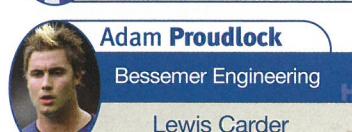
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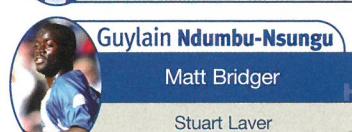
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# Wednesday Reserves

The Owls' continued involvement in the LDV Vans Trophy meant that last Wednesday's second-string derby at Bramall Lane was only our second reserve team fixture in the last six weeks.

The postponements mean Colin West's side have several rearranged matches in December and January. Don't forget, admission to all Hillsborough reserve matches is free to all - juniors must be accompanied by an adult.

## Stats File



### SWFC Pontin's League Fixtures

DATE	OPPONENTS	VENUE	SCORE	VENUE/SCORERS
TUE 19 AUG	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	2-1	SHAW, ARMSTRONG
WED 27 AUG	BARNESLEY	A	3-0	OWUSU, WILSON, PSMITH (PEN)
WED 3 SEP	HULL CITY (CUP)	A	1-0	PSMITH
WED 10 SEP	BURNLEY	A	4-0	SHAW, NDUMBU (2), EVANS
TUE 23 SEP	PRESTON NORTH END	H	2-2	NDUMBU (2)
TUE 7 OCT	WALSALL	H	0-2	
WED 29 OCT	ROTHERHAM UNITED	A	6-2	HOLT 2, WILSON 2, LOWE, SHAW (PEN)
WED 19 NOV	SHEFFIELD UNITED	A	0-1	
WED 26 NOV	STOKE CITY	H	.	NEW DATE
TUE 2 DEC	DONCASTER R (CUP)	H	.	
WED 10 DEC	BRADFORD CITY (7.00)	A	.	NEW DATE
MON 15 DEC	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (2.00)	A	.	NEW DATE
TUE 6 JAN	HULL CITY	H	.	NEW DATE
TUE 13 JAN	BARNESLEY	H	.	
TUE 20 JAN	BOSTON UNITED (CUP)	H	.	NEW DATE
WED 28 JAN	TRANMERE ROVERS (7.00)	A	.	VAUXHALL MOTORS
WED 4 FEB	HULL CITY (7.00)	A	.	
TUE 17 FEB	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	.	
MON 23 FEB	WALSALL (2.00)	A	.	
WED 3 MAR	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	.	
MON 15 MAR	PRESTON NORTH END (7.00)	A	.	
TUE 23 MAR	BURNLEY	H	.	
TUE 6 APR	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	.	
WED 14 APR	STOKE CITY (2.00)	A	.	
TUE 27 APR	BRADFORD CITY	H	.	

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### Pontins Holidays League - Table

(up to 17 November 2003)

Premier Division	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Walsall	8	6	1	1	17	8	+9	19
<b>SWFC</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>+10</b>	<b>13</b>
Rotherham United	7	4	1	2	16	16	0	13
Preston North End	7	3	3	1	17	9	+8	12
Tranmere Rovers	7	3	2	2	13	12	+1	11
Huddersfield Town	7	2	4	1	11	8	+3	10
Sheffield United	8	3	1	4	11	13	-2	10
Barnsley	7	2	3	2	15	12	+3	9
Bradford City	7	2	2	3	11	12	-1	8
Stoke City	7	2	2	3	13	17	-4	8
Hull City	7	0	3	4	8	16	-8	3
Burnley	8	0	1	7	11	30	-19	1

### Appearances and Goals

(Up to 18/11/03)

Name	Apps	Goals
Armstrong C	4	1
Barry-Murphy B	1	0
Beswetherick J	7	0
Bromby L	4	0
Callaghan A	1	0
Evans R	2	1
Foster L	1	0
Greenwood R	1	0
Hamshaw M	1	0
Haslam S	5	0
Hill M	2	0
Holt G	3	2
Jerome C	4	0
Lowe S	2	1
McAllister S	1	0
McArdle R	2	0
McLaren P	1	0
McMahon L	2	0
Marsden T	1	0
Ndumbu-Nsungu G	4	4
Ogden A	4	0
Orlik M	3	0
Owusu L	1	1
Padgett G	3	0
Pressman K	3	0
Proudlock A	1	0
Reddy M	1	0
Shaw J	7	3
Smith P	4	2
Stone K	1	0
Wood R	5	0
Wilson L	7	3

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## Wednesday Academy

Some straight talking was required from Mike Rigg and  
Mark Smith after the youngsters went down to defeats in  
League and Cup.



Tuesday 4 November 2003

FA Youth Cup Round Two

Wednesday 2  
Tranmere Rovers 4

Mike Rigg admitted that the Owls youngsters had been outplayed after Tranmere's 4-2 victory sent them hurtling out of the FA Youth Cup. Wednesday eventually went down at the second round stage despite pulling level after trailing 2-0 thanks to goals from Ross Greenwood and Tom Marsden. "They were older than us, more physically competitive and dominated the game. That's not an excuse, it's the reality of the situation."

Academy manager Rigg felt the final outcome was fair, in spite of that SWFC fightback. "The lads did very well to pull it back to 2-2, which gave us half a lifeline," he said. "At half-time we said it could go either way but, if we didn't become more competitive and slow them down, they could easily run away with it.

"We were delighted to pull back into it but, in hindsight, they thoroughly deserved

the win."

Mike pointed out that Rovers' extra experience made a crucial difference against an Owls side made up largely of schoolboy players due to Wednesday's injury problems.

"Of their starting 11, eight or nine of Tranmere's players were second year scholars whereas we fielded more or less a team of 16-year-olds. But saying that, we're looking at these lads in terms of being potential scholars for next year.

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and dominated the game.

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reality of the situation."

Wednesday: Ogden; Senior, Stone (Docker 72), Spurr, Ball; Greenwood, McAllister, Marsden, Padgett (Broadbent 63); Mason, Bedward (Appleyard 25).

Friday 7 November 2003

FA Premier Academy Under 19 League

Stoke City 3  
Wednesday 1

Mark Smith felt that the

Owls' under-19's lack of cutting edge cost them at least a share of the spoils on their trip to Staffordshire.

Wednesday's youngsters carved out numerous opportunities in and around the box but the coach was left lamenting their inability to pose a serious threat to the Stoke goal.

Tom Marsden's second half effort was all SWFC had to show for their efforts, after the midfielder cancelled out a Potters' opener, only for City to go on and clinch the points.

"After we beat Manchester United 4-0, I talked about scoring goals at the right time. We created 17 chances against Stoke yet failed to force their goalkeeper to make any decent saves. That's the difference between winning and losing games. It's no good having 17 shots if only two are on target.

"We make chances but our inability to take them puts pressure on the defenders, then there's a worry that we'll face an uphill battle if the opposition score."

Former Owls defender Smith was disappointed that his side were unable to build on the Manchester United result and follow up with another win. He issued a warning to his players that they must give every game the same attention and effort, regardless of the opposition.

"I was looking to see what kind of reaction we'd have after the Manchester United win. I was hoping that would take us on and we'd have the confidence to go on a run. "Perhaps people approach playing Stoke when it's blowing a gale differently to how up for it they are against Manchester United. You'll get found out if you pick and choose your games like that and, in a nutshell, players who do that are no good to us."

Wednesday: Poulter, Greenwood, Hill, Padgett, Callaghan, Lowe, Marsden, McAllister, Orlik, White, McMahon. Subs: Ogden, Mason, Docker.



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# Wednesday Ladies

The Owls finally stopped the rot with a draw against their Teeside opponents – but Christine McCann was disappointed not to take all three points.

**Sunday 16 November**  
**FA Women's Premier League (Northern Division)**

**Wednesday 1**  
**Middlesbrough 1**

"We have to build on this encouraging performance in time for the crucial game at Wolves next week - I'm confident the girls will only keep improving."

So said relieved Owls boss Christine McCann after this score-draw with Boro halted an alarming slump in results that saw her side suffer six successive defeats. The ninth-placed Wednesday Ladies showed flashes of the inspired attacking prowess that marked the early stages of the season, but on this occasion they fell marginally short of turning possession and chances into maximum points. Yet McCann saw enough to take heart from this lively encounter, during which Wednesday battled back from the concession of a goal inside two minutes for the third game on the spin. Visiting forward Louise Ford did the damage, pouncing on slack Owls defending to hand the

Teeside outfit an early advantage. But far from retreating into their shells, the Ladies adopted the role of wounded lion and fought back to stamp real authority on the contest - no mean feat considering McCann was missing her

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entire quota of creative midfield players. Jo Torr was still feeling the effects of a knee ligament strain, Jane Simpson absent for personal reasons while Emma Woolley earned a call-up to the Yorkshire youth squad.

Regular forward Laura Humphries dropped back into midfield but drew on her natural striking instincts early in the second period to almost haul her side level. Buoyed by McCann's half time team-talk, the Owls poured upfield and almost gained parity when Humphries' shot from distance whistled narrowly over the Boro bar.

Undeterred, the SWFC Ladies continued to turn the screw and, after former England youth keeper Carla Manship kept the Owls in the game with a crucial one-on-one save following a Boro counter, Wednesday finally grabbed the

equaliser on 80 minutes. And what a goal it was too; Mel Pressley executing a perfectly timed drive from all of 30 yards to hand the hosts a welcome and fully deserved share of the spoils. Laura Naylor, star player on the day, twice came within a whisker of turning one point into all three but the under-fire visitors held out to take a hard-fought point back to the north-east. Despite avoiding a seventh straight defeat, McCann could not hide her disappointment that her troops failed to return to the winning trail. "It's an improvement as far

as the result goes because obviously it stops the rot," said Christine. "We've played better in our last few games, though, when we've created chances without getting the end result – but at least we've got something out of this performance.

"It was very disappointing to concede so early on again, but I thought we recovered well and had enough opportunities to win the game twice over. But at the end of the day, I can't help thinking it was two points dropped rather than one gained."

**Wednesday:** Manship, Severns, Smith L (Biney), Glenc, Lewis, Wale, Naylor, Humphries, Pressley, Booker (Bratton), Smith SL



All Shook Up...Pressley put paid to Boro's hopes of all three points

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## Banking On Lloyd

The analogy would be akin to building a new house from the top. Without a single foundation of his fledgling Wednesday career in place, Lloyd Owusu cemented folklore status in these parts courtesy of THAT goal against our Steel City neighbours back in September 2002. The ensuing passage of time has not been without its difficulties for the bustling striker, not least the well-documented fitness concerns which frustratingly blighted his debut season in Sheffield. However, more than a year after setting the mother of all precedents, Owusu now sits on a sturdy platform of pedigree erected primarily this term, during which he has played undoubtedly his best football for Wednesday to date.

"Definitely," Lloyd concurs. "And it certainly helps that I'm feeling so

you tend to play well and I think that's where I find myself at the moment."

Regular recognition by Chris Turner has clearly boosted the Owusu feelgood factor. The 26-year-old turned in another impressive display at Layer Road last Saturday, striking the post in the training ground routine that spawned Leigh Bromby's second half

*"The facts speak for themselves...I'm very happy at Hillsborough, still wearing the shirt, and very proud to be doing so."*

much fitter. In fact, I was only saying to the gaffer earlier this week that the Colchester game was my fifth full game on the trot, whereas before he was taking me off after 65 or 70 minutes or putting me on from the bench around the same time. Now, though, I'm playing full matches, feeling confident and really enjoying it. When you enjoy games

leveller before providing the crucial assist to Grant Holt's 88th minute 'goal' that never was. Owusu directed a neat flick into the path of the ex-Barrow boy, whose headed effort was contentiously ruled out for offside to deny Wednesday a point. "I turned around just in time



to see Holtby put the ball away and we couldn't believe it when the linesman was flagging. The gaffer has since seen the incident on video and he's sure that Grant timed his run to perfection in getting behind the defender. Obviously, Colchester then went straight up the other end, more or less, and scored in the dying seconds but that's just the way it goes sometimes. "Hopefully, those kind of decisions and the general rub of the green will even out over the course of the season. Funnily enough, we were saying before we played Salisbury in the FA Cup that we never seem to get goals through ricochets

believe that's exactly what the lads did. Their two centre halves performed really well against myself and Adam but our professional maturity won them over. We made the right runs from the right angles and that's what really killed them off." With that potential banana skin safely dispatched from the FA Cup track, the Owls subsequently cleared the hurdle of Barnsley in the LDV Vans Trophy to notch up welcome back-to-back successes on home turf. Owusu found the target during the Salisbury tie - rising to the summit in the S6 goalscoring stakes as a result - and three days later

Luton skipper is the latest to join an already over-subscribed injury list that continues to cause more than the odd ripple of concern in S6. Target-man Owusu, in particular, rues the casualty count, especially down the flanks, an area in which Wednesday kicked off the campaign boasting a four-strong wing contingent but now find themselves bereft. "Unbelievable really," says Lloyd, shaking his head. "To lose two of the widemen was bad enough...but all four? Obviously, as a centre forward, you feel the strain. Because of the injury situation - depending on the system we play - it's pretty

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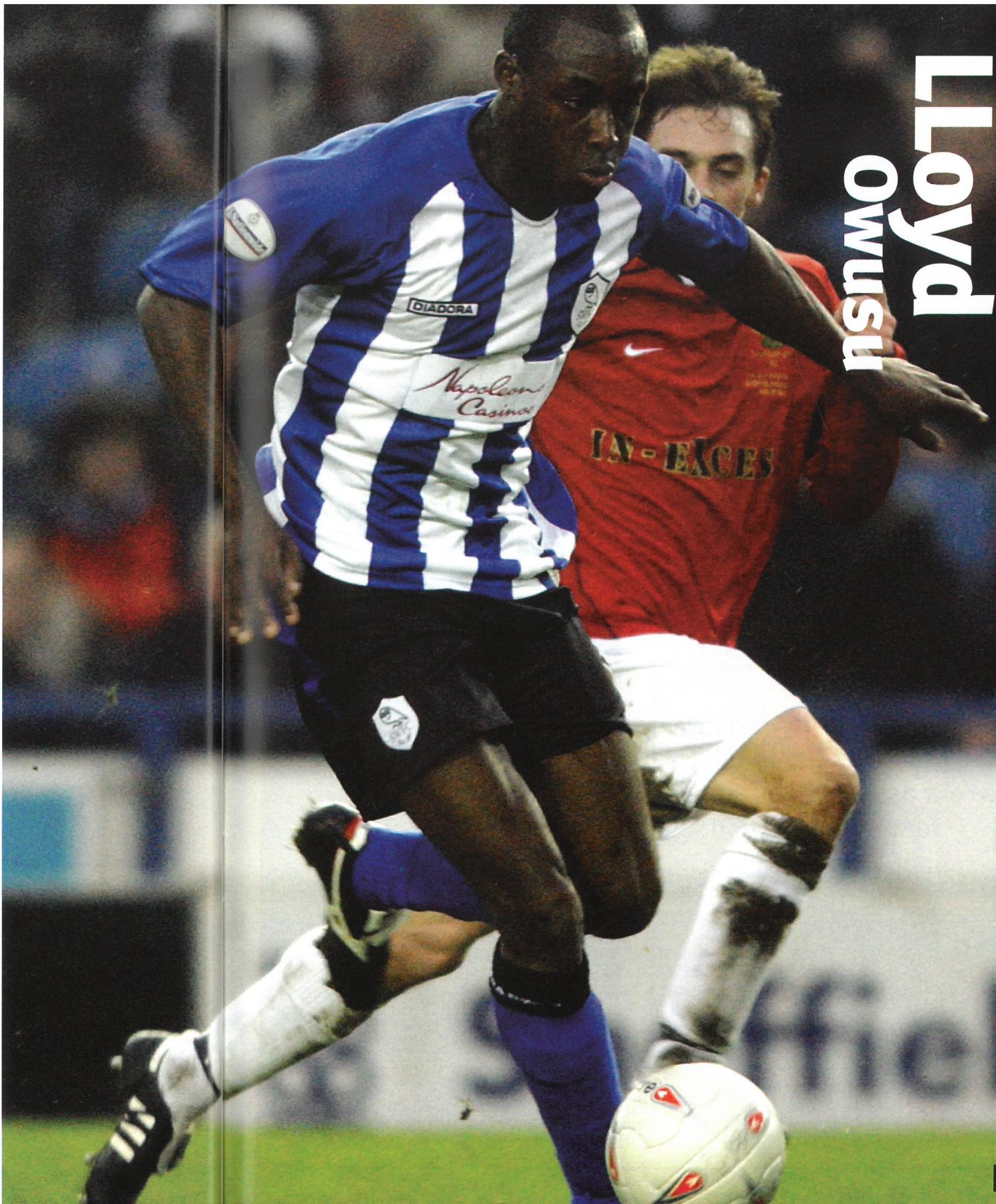
or penalties...then Adam Proudlock scored from the spot and got his second goal after a rebound fell our way!" Touching on the Salisbury encounter, the question was pitched to Lloyd over the merits of the Dr Martens non-league outfit, asking whether he felt the chasm of four divisions separating the two clubs on paper appeared quite so vast in the event?

"Certainly by the end of the game," he insists. "Salisbury tired badly during the last half-hour or so and that's when our fitness levels really shone through. For the first 25 minutes they played really well after coming out all guns blazing, but we expected that to be fair. "We just had to make sure we were professional enough to do the job and I

came within a whisker of adding to his tally with an early opportunity against the Tykes still clear in his mind's eye.

"Paul McLaren played a good ball through but the 'keeper was really quick off his line and just managed to stick a leg out to deny me a goal. Perhaps the chance came a bit too early in the game. They're the kind of balls, though, that strikers like myself love and I'm sure we will really miss Macca while he's out injured." Indeed. McLaren - who would have faced his former employers this afternoon for the first time since linking up with Wednesday over two years ago - is expected to be in the recovery bay until the New Year following hernia surgery earlier this week. The name of the ex-

hard sometimes for the wing backs to get a lot of service into the box, so it seems the onus is on the forwards to perhaps make that extra yard and create a goal out of nothing. Whereas before when we used the traditional 4-4-2, and the wingers saw plenty of the ball, they were creating loads of chances each week and the team scored a fair amount of goals as a result. "I was really looking forward to working with Matthew Hamshaw this season as well. When I first came here, I used to watch him on the training pitch; he puts in a great delivery... exactly the kind on which centre forwards thrive." With Owusu speaking so candidly, the time felt right to broach his views on the shock incident in



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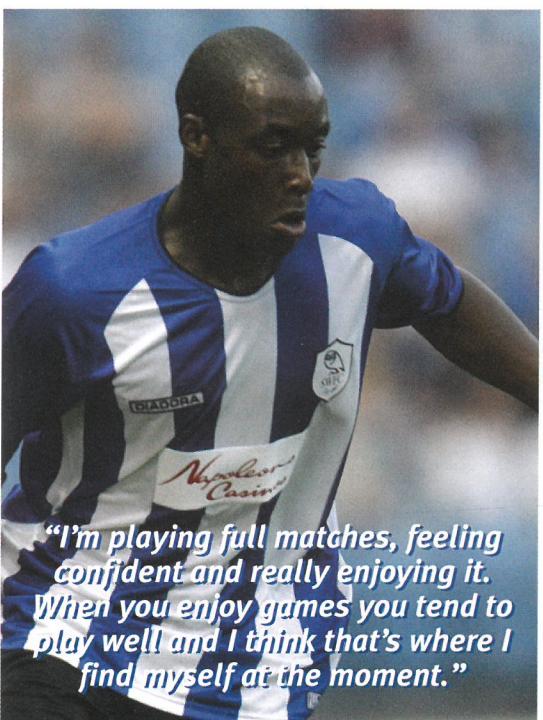
September, when he found himself at the sharp end of unmerited criticism from a minority of Owls fans upset at media stories linking Lloyd with a switch to our Division Two rivals Brighton. Warming up on the Hillsborough touchline as a substitute versus Grimsby, Owusu was taken aback by the vitriol emanating from a small section of the South Stand. He vividly recalls the day in question before ultimately steering the doubters down the right road of both the past and present.

"I was stunned to be honest. Myself and Holty were warming up and nothing really clicked with me until we sat down and Grant said: 'Did you hear what they were saying?' and I said 'no'.

"You're only hear for the

money,' he said, and 'you're not worthy to wear the shirt.' "We went back out and I heard them for myself. A couple of fans actually ran down and shouted some really abusive stuff in my direction, so I offered to put them right on the spot. It was all straightforward really and nothing to do with me. Everyone knows the financial position of the club; they granted permission for Brighton to speak to my advisors, but talks didn't progress beyond the preliminary stage.

"It was never a matter of me saying 'I want to leave Sheffield Wednesday' and I'm sure those fans understand that now. The facts speak for themselves...I'm very happy at Hillsborough, still wearing the shirt, and very proud to be doing so."



## Lloyd Owusu: Timeline

- 12 December 1976:** Lloyd Magnus Owusu is born in Slough, Berkshire
- 25 November 1997:** Owusu gives Conference side Slough Town an early lead in an FA Cup first round replay at Cardiff City but the Bluebirds eventually win 3-2
- 29 July 1998:** The 21-year-old earns a £25,000 move along the M4 to Third Division Brentford
- 8 August 1998:** Lloyd makes his Bees debut in a 3-0 season-opening win at home to Mansfield
- 18 August 1998:** He nets his first ever professional goal to seal a 4-2 aggregate League Cup win over West Bromwich Albion
- 29 August 1998:** A first League strike follows in a 3-0 triumph at Barnet
- 10 November 1998:** Lloyd nets a hat-trick as Brentford thrash Southend, 4-1
- 20 February 1999:** Another treble for Owusu, as the Bees stroll to a 4-2 Millmoor win
- 24 April 1999:** A third hat-trick of the season, and his second against Southend, in another 4-1 disposal of the Shrimpers
- 8 May 1999:** At the end of his first season in senior football, Owusu scores in the only goal in the final day defeat of championship rivals Cambridge United to secure the title. He has scored 25 goals in the season.
- 6 May 2000:** Brentford complete a Division Two consolidation season by finishing 17th, with 14 goals from Owusu
- 22 August 2000:** He dislocates his collarbone in a Worthington Cup tie at Bristol City
- 5 May 2001:** Lloyd notches 12 goals as Brentford achieve 14th place in Division Two
- 20 April 2002:** Twenty-one goals from Owusu help to carry Brentford into the Second Division play-offs
- 1 May 2002:** Lloyd scores the goal that takes the Bees into the play-off final with a 2-1 aggregate win over Huddersfield Town
- 11 May 2002:** Brentford are beaten by Stoke City at the Millennium Stadium
- 3 July 2002:** Lloyd signs for the Owls on a free transfer but is ruled out for the start of the season with a knee injury
- 1 September 2002:** Owusu 'raises the roof' by scoring with his first touch in a Wednesday shirt – against Sheffield United. The Owls win 2-0.



This afternoon Jason Dickinson traces the current whereabouts of a Premiership Owls XI from not so long ago.

# Wednesday Memories

Six years ago today Wednesday were second from bottom of the Premier League after a poor start to the season that had seen David Pleat sacked three weeks earlier. Returning for a second spell in charge was Ron Atkinson and his appointment resulted in a bumper 34,373 crowd packing into Hillsborough for the visit of Arsenal. The fans were not to be disappointed as a goal in each half from Andy Booth and Guy Whittingham clinched a tremendous 2-0 win – the first of three straight victories which, in the final analysis, would preserve the club's top-flight status.

## No. 5 DES WALKER

Without doubt one of the finest players to ever wear the blue and white shirt. Des initially made his name under Brian Clough at Nottingham Forest where, after coming through the youth ranks to sign pro forms in December 1983, Walker would appear in 345 games and score his only goal in senior football. While at the City Ground the lightning fast Walker won two League Cups and two Full Members Cups – he also had the misfortune to put through his own goal during

an FA Cup Final loss to Tottenham in 1991 – and earned 58 England caps. However a difficult spell in Italian football at Sampdoria – where Des was played out of position on several occasions – meant Walker was discarded from the England set up by Graham Taylor and he returned to the UK in the hope of reclaiming his international place.

The Owls were one of several clubs chasing his signature but it was ex-



Des Walker

Sampdoria player Trevor Francis who was successful and Walker duly moved to Wednesday in a club record £2.75m deal in the summer of 1993. From his debut it was obvious to Owls fans that Walker was a player of outstanding ability and over the next eight seasons he was a rock at the heart of Wednesday's defence. His coolness under pressure, accurate tackling and remarkable powers of recovery had Wednesday fans baying for his return to

the England set-up and it was a travesty that Des would win only a solitary cap while at Hillsborough. Unfortunately for Walker the Owls struggled throughout almost all of his time at Wednesday and he was even forced to play football outside the English top-flight for the first time in his career when the club suffered relegation in 2000. The Owls' first season back in Division One proved to Walker's last and after 362 games for Wednesday he left when the club could not afford to offer him a new contract.

Des looked set to hang up his boots after a short spell under Nigel Clough's management at Burton Albion during the 2001-02 season but remarkably was given a one-year deal by Forest in the summer of 2002. He played in 31 league games last season – proving a big influence on teenage centre half Michael Dawson – and appeared in both legs of the play off semi-final defeat to Sheffield United. He continues to be a regular for Forest and will celebrate his 38th birthday in four days time.



## No. 1 KEVIN PRESSMAN

One of the longest serving players in Wednesday's long history after having spent 18 years as a pro at Hillsborough. Seen off challenges from the likes of Chris Woods and Pavel Srnicek to retain a first team spot and, among Wednesday goalkeeper appearances, is now second only to the great pre-war stopper Jack Brown.

## No. 2 IAN NOLAN

Right-footed full-back who spent the majority of his Wednesday career at left-back, after signing from Tranmere Rovers in August 1994. A pacy and versatile player, Nolan earned 11 Northern Ireland caps while at Wednesday and played in 86 consecutive games after signing. Struggled to recapture his form following a broken leg in 1998 and moved to Bradford City in 2000 after four goals in 199 games. Played for Southport last season and was on trial at Halifax Town at the start of 2002-03.

## No. 3 MARK PEMBRIDGE

Welsh international who earned 17 caps while at Hillsborough. Signed by David Pleat for £900,000 from Derby County in July



Mark Pembridge

1995, the flame-haired left-sided midfielder experienced a poor start to his Owls career as Wednesday struggled. Improved with time and left for Portuguese giants Benfica in June 1998 after 14 goals in 107 games. Still a Wales regular, he moved to Everton a year later and is now at Fulham.

## No. 4 JON NEWSOME

Sheffield-born central defender who enjoyed two spells at Wednesday. He was sold for a give-away £150,000 to Leeds in 1991 and bought back for £1.6m from Norwich City in March 1996. A cool and classy defender who won a League Championship medal at Elland Road, he appeared in 251 games – before following Ian Nolan to Bradford City on a Bosman free in 2000. Remains at Valley Parade but persistent injury problems have meant he has spent the majority of his time on the treatment table.



Peter Atherton

## No. 6 JIM MAGILTON

Midfield playmaker who had the impossible task of replacing John Sheridan. Bought from Southampton for £1.6m in September 1997, Jim never really won over the Owls fans, leaving for Ipswich Town in March 1999. Played only 30 games for Wednesday – also winning two caps for Northern Ireland – but enjoyed greater success at Portman Road where he is now approaching his 200th appearance.

## No. 7 GUY WHITTINGHAM

Ex-Army player who broke Portsmouth's seasonal scoring record when

Huddersfield Town – but after a surprise loan spell at Spurs he returned to the Terriers in March 2001 after 34 goals in 154 matches. Has been a regular for Town, still scoring regularly as Huddersfield try to climb out of Division Three.

## No. 10 PAOLO DI CANIO

One of the most outrageously talented players to ever play for Wednesday. Remains the club record purchase at £4.5m – from Glasgow Celtic in August 1997 – but was also the most volatile, temperamental and unpredictable player Owls fans have ever seen. On his day he was simply unstoppable but after 17 goals in 48 games he left in controversial circumstances in January 1999, signing for West Ham, after famously pushing over referee Paul Alcock after being sent off in October 1998. He continued to delight English football fans while at Upton Park and currently plies his trade at Charlton Athletic.

## No. 11 PETTER RUDI

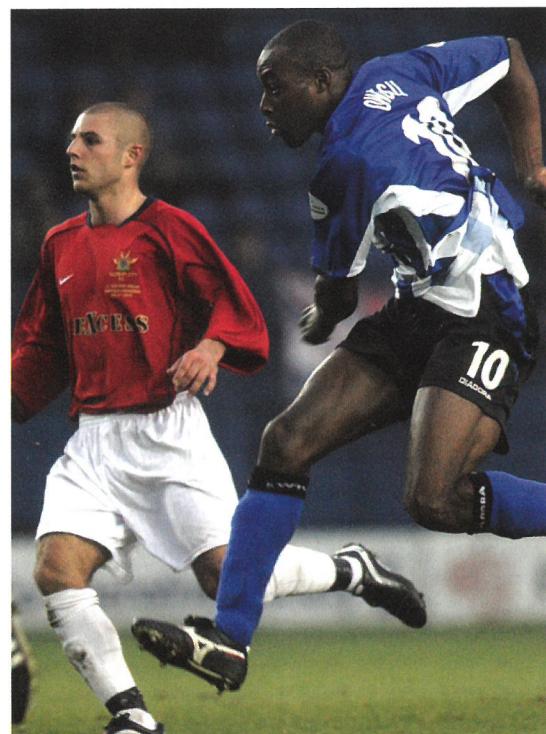
Much travelled left-winger who spent almost three years at Wednesday, scoring nine times in 89 games. Had previously played in his homeland of Norway for Molde FK, in Belgium for AA Gent and at Italian club Perugia. Cost the Owls £800,000 from Molde in October 1997 and won ten caps for Norway while in English football. Injury prone and somewhat inconsistent he returned to Norway in 2000. Signed for Austrian club Rapid Vienna in July 2003.

REF: K. FRIEND 9/11/03 ATTN: 11419  
**WEDNESDAY** 4 - 0 **SALISBURY**  
 PROUDLOCK 32(Pen), 46, 64  
 OWUSU 70



## MATCH STATS

14	SHOTS ON TARGET	4
9	SHOTS OFF TARGET	0
10	CORNERS	4
18	FOULS CONCEDED	15
3	YELLOW CARDS	2
0	RED CARDS	0



## Match Verdict:

### www.swfc.co.uk:

The Owls successfully navigated the potential banana skin posed by non-league Salisbury City, in spite of a spirited display from the Dr Marten's League outfit. An away tie at Scunthorpe United now awaits Chris Turner's men, as their class showed through after City created one or two early opportunities.

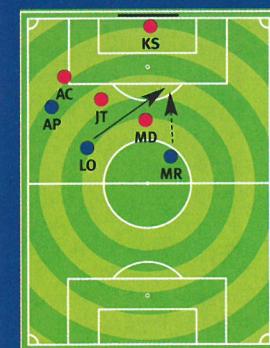
### Yorkshire Post:

Adam Proudlock scored a hat-trick as Sheffield Wednesday put an end to the FA Cup adventure of part-timers Salisbury City. With Lloyd Owusu scoring his first goal at Hillsborough this season to complete the result, it was a confidence-boosting afternoon for Chris Turner's side.

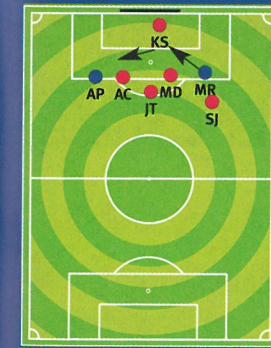
### Sheffield Star:

Proudlock's reward was an early finish, with his job well done, and he was greeted by an ovation as he was replaced by Jon Shaw. Less than three minutes later it was Owusu's turn for an applause, for a crisp shot from 22 yards into Sawyer's bottom left-hand corner.

## Key Move: Key Move—46th minute—Proudlock's second

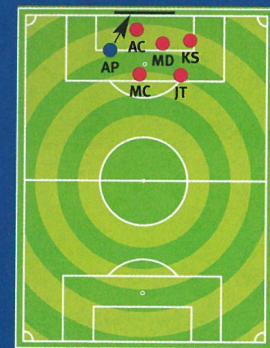


**FIG 1:**  
 A scrappy phase of midfield play ends when Lloyd Owusu brings the ball down and finds Michael Reddy with a perfectly-weighted through-pass



**Player Movement:** -----  
**Ball Movement:** →  
**SWFC Key:** AP: Proudlock, LO: Owusu, MR: Reddy  
**SCFC Key:** KS: Sawyer, AC: Cook, MD: Davies, JT: Thomas, SJ: James, MC: Cooper

**FIG 2:**  
 Reddy advances into the penalty area but his powerful shot draws a parried save from Whites keeper Kevin Sawyer



**FIG 3:**  
 The loose ball trickles along the six-yard line and leaves Adam Proudlock an easy tap-in for the second goal – less than a minute has into the second half

## Player Watch: Adam Proudlock



The dam burst for our recent signing as he helped himself to a hat-trick against the non-league hopefuls. Adam had only notched two goals in his previous 12 outings this season but made light of those figures with a fine treble – a penalty, a close-range poacher's strike and a fiercely-struck left-footer.

Proudlock's 67 minutes on the pitch brought an impressive shots on target ratio of 80 per cent, with his three goals coming from just five strikes. He was also more involved in the build-up play as his growing partnership with Lloyd Owusu gathered momentum, completing seven passes successfully out of 12. But for strikers it's goals that count, and those were the only statistics that interested the 22-year-old on the day he fully announced himself as a Hillsborough goal threat.

GOALS	3
SHOTS ON TARGET	4
SHOTS OFF TARGET	0
CROSSES	1
HEADERS WON	1
HEADERS LOST	1
TACKLES WON	1
TACKLES LOST	3

\*Stats supplied by Dominic Ambler and Richard Lester



# Wednesday Business

v Luton Town



## Platinum Mascots



**Kyle Atkinson** is eight years old on November 25. He attends Bramley Sunnyside Junior School and his hobbies include football and skateboarding. Kyle names Alan Quinn as his favourite player.



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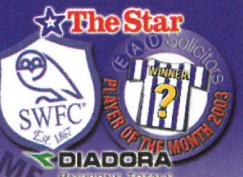
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If you travel on the Inter City Owl, you can cast your vote by filling in a voting slip and handing it to your coach steward.

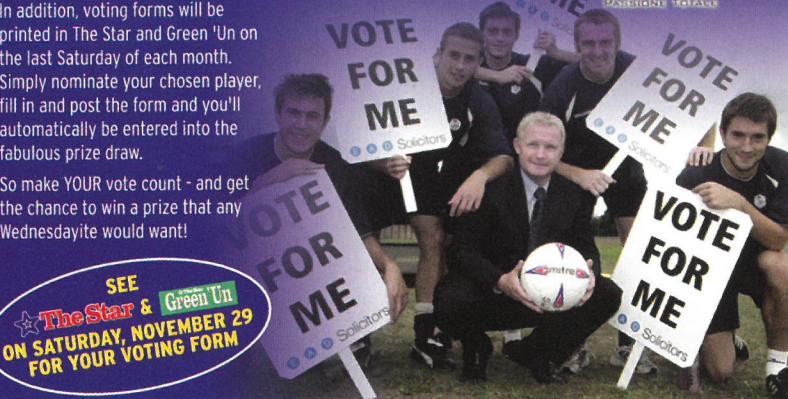
In addition, voting forms will be printed in The Star and Green 'Un on the last Saturday of each month. Simply nominate your chosen player, fill in and post the form and you'll automatically be entered into the fabulous prize draw.

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### Attention All Beer Lovers

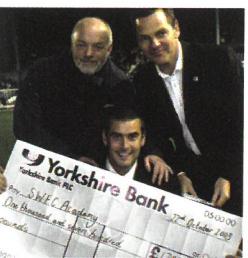
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Fans, landlords and landladies, please call the office to sample Hirsty's No.9 and place an order. Call: (0114) 281 2345.

### Another Academy Cheque

In line with our members' wishes we were delighted to make another donation to the SWFC academy prior to the recent game with Plymouth. The cheque for £1700 will purchase video equipment that will help the staff and players analyse performances at all levels.

This brings the total donated



to the academy to almost £4000 from The Owls Trust members this year. Our message to the SWFC academy is simple - in the words of Chris Tarrant: "We don't want to give you that!" we'd like to give more, with yours and our collective help we will.

### Multi-Mega Christmas Prize Draw

The draw will take place on the 20th December, prior to the Chesterfield home game. There is a fantastic array of prizes, which include:

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- Second prize – Signed and framed SWFC home shirt
- Third prize – Pre-match dinner for two at Dooley's
- Fourth prize – Luxury three-tier chocolate box from The Derbyshire Chocolate Company.
- Many more prizes including signed SWFC ball, signed David Hirst T-shirts (as seen on Coronation Street) and numerous bottles of Champagne.

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### Owls Trust Allstars

The Owls Trust Allstars U14's are unbeaten this



season in the Rotherham and District Junior Sunday League (and proved their first player to the SWFC academy this year). Good luck to the U15's who kick off this month. The adult team (pictured), who are more like the 'old' stars, play in the Worksop midweek league and are currently second in division 1.

Our teams are always looking for new players and coaches (level 1) so if you would like to get



v Scunthorpe 6th December and Tranmere 28th December. Although it is welcomed you do not have to be a member of The Owls Trust to travel on the disabled bus.

The Owls Trust successfully applied for a lottery grant from 'Awards for All' and South Yorkshire Community Foundation. The funds cover the additional cost of travel that our disabled fans incur over and above that of an able-bodied fan.

### Join The Owls Trust

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Welcome to this afternoon's edition of our League Review feature, in which we put one team from each division of the Football League under the spotlight.

# League Review

Today our gaze falls upon David Moyes' efforts to lift Everton out of a barren spell stretching back to the early stages of the campaign. There are no such problems for Nigel Worthington, whose Norwich side are riding high in Division One thanks to their imposing record at Carrow Road. New Brighton boss Mark McGhee is searching for a spark to re-ignite the Seagulls' season following their recent slide, while home comforts are proving crucial to Oxford gaffer Ian Atkins' promotion aspirations.

## Everton

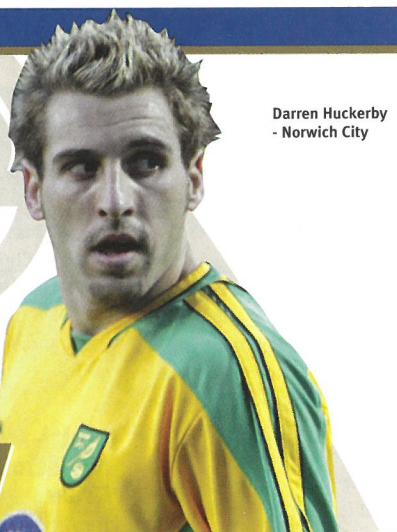


Goodison Park hasn't been the place to be of late for any Toffees fan wishing to see their side pick up League points. Almost two months have passed since the Toffees registered their last Premiership victory, during which time they have managed only a solitary goal. Tomasz Radzinski's effort at Blackburn two weeks ago ended a run of four blank outings but failed to prevent Everton slipping to their sixth defeat of the term.

David Moyes' men have collected just two victories from their 12 League fixtures, both of which came on home soil against Fulham (3-1) and Leeds (4-0). Their form in front of their own fans has been solid enough, with draws against Newcastle and Southampton, while Liverpool and Chelsea have taken maximum points from Goodison.



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Darren Huckerby  
- Norwich City

But the Merseysiders are still waiting for their first triumph on the road after going down in four of their six away dates so far, netting just four goals in the process. The manner of that defeat at Blackburn last time out led Moyes to call his team's effort into question.

Another worry has been the somewhat muted form of Wayne Rooney, although the 18-year-old starlet will have been buoyed by his goal in England's friendly with Denmark last Sunday.

Today's visit of Wolves will be regarded as a 'must-win' fixture by the majority of Evertonians, for whom anything less than three points could spark fears of being dragged into a battle against the drop.



## Norwich City

A run of just two losses from their last 13 League outings has stirred thoughts of a promotion charge in East Anglia. The Canaries are currently sitting pretty in third place in the First Division standings after that superb spurt, although ex-Owl Nigel Worthington - who is approaching the third anniversary of his appointment at Carrow Road - has called on fans not to get carried away.

The Ulsterman has stressed at length the limitations imposed by a thin squad, which is currently being supplemented by a number of loan players. One of these is Darren Huckerby and Norwich are keen to bring the former Coventry and Newcastle man east from Manchester City on a permanent basis.

Kevin Keegan has admitted he would be prepared to let Huckerby move when the transfer window opens in January, putting the ball in NCFC's court as regards the next move. The 27-year-old must have been impressed with what he has seen during his loan stint, with Norwich currently boasting the best home record in the division in spite of last week's slip against Watford.

That defeat was the first occasion on which they have dropped so much as a point at home, having triumphed in

Mark McGhee



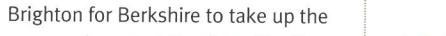
their previous eight games in front of their own supporters.

Three away victories have added weight to that superb record and while Norwich have yet to dish out a hammering this season, their consistent and resilient showings could stand them in good stead when rivals begin to flounder.

## Brighton and Hove Albion

The Seagulls have endured a rocky time in the six weeks that have passed since Steve Coppell swapped Brighton for Berkshire to take up the manager's post at Reading. The three points they collected against Grimsby in Bob Booker's first game as caretaker was their last maximum haul, as it was followed up by four defeats in five games.

Mark McGhee's appointment in late-October ended the uncertainty surrounding the Withdean after Coppell's departure, but his first four games in charge have demonstrated that the ex-Millwall and Wolves gaffer may find the task of recreating Albion's early form a tough one. A draw at Peterborough and



progression in the LDV Vans Trophy against Boston were promising early signs, however these were in marked contrast to their last two outings. McGhee admitted he was 'embarrassed' after Brighton crashed out of the FA Cup with a 3-1 defeat at Third Division Lincoln, in addition to promising plenty of tough double sessions on the training ground to improve their performances. Therefore last Saturday's 4-1 home drubbing by Bristol City will have been a real sickener for the Scot, who will be looking for a drastic improvement at Notts County this afternoon.



## Oxford United

Ian Atkins' player have created an impressive base for themselves as they target a return to the Second Division this term, having spent the last two seasons in the basement league. The U's have suffered defeat just once in their 18 League dates so far, at Doncaster Rovers over two months ago, and look well equipped to mount a successful promotion charge. Oxford will be desperate to continue their fine opening and get as many

points on the table as possible, to avoid a repeat of last season's disappointment. They missed out on the play-offs by just a single point last May and will be keen to avoid further heartbreak in those stages next spring.

So far this term they have been particularly impressive at their Kassam Stadium base, amassing the second best home record in the division. Their most convincing victories - a 4-0 beating of Bury and 3-0 wins over Swansea and Northampton - have all come on their own soil.

Perhaps the most telling statistic is that United have conceded only three goals in front of their own fans, while they have been equally dogged on the road with six draws from nine away trips keeping the points tally ticking over on their travels.

These are the type of qualities which will stand them in good stead to deal with the tribulations of chasing promotion over the rest of the campaign.



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# Tickets and Travel

## 2003-2004

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Friday 26 December 2003  
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Saturday 10 January 2003  
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Tickets for this game will go on sale to Members from Monday 8 December. General sale will be from Monday 15 December.

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Tickets priced £20 Adult £10 Under 16 / Over 60 & Students with NUS cards **Please note NUS cards must be produced at time of purchase and on the turnstile.** Tickets are now on general sale.

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£5.00 Junior Members

### Tranmere Rovers



Sunday 28 December 2003  
Kick Off 3pm

Tickets priced £15 Adults £8 Over 60 & £4 Under 16 will go on sale to Season Ticket Holders with ID numbers on Monday 1 December. Remaining Tickets will go on sale to Members with ID cards on Wednesday 3 December. General sale will be from Monday 8 December.

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## Today's Mascots



**Name:** Matthew Gray

**Age:** 10 years old

**School:** Clowne Junior School

**Favourite Players:** Derek

Geary & Kevin Pressman

**Hobbies:** Football, Chess,

Scouts, Watching Wednesday



**Name:** Thomas Clark-Egley

**Age:** 11 years old

**School:** Clowne Heritage School

**Favourite Players:** Kevin Pressman

& Adam Proudlock

**Hobbies:** Swimming for Creswell

swim squad



## Our Mascot v Colchester United



**Name:** Christopher Derbyshire

**Age:** 9 years old

**School:** St Marie's, Sheffield

**Favourite Players:** Terry Cooke

& Kevin Pressman

**Hobbies:** Football, Rugby

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WEDNESDAY PREVIEW



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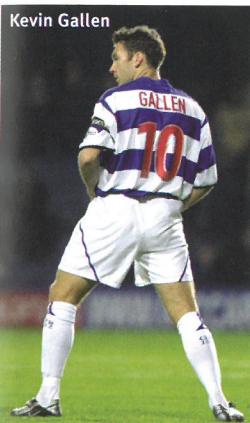
AWAY  
06/12/03

It's four road trips on the trot before we return to base to host local rivals Chesterfield, the Saturday before Christmas...

## Next Games Preview

QPR (away) -

Another long haul south beckons for the Owls in seven days' time as we visit the League leaders of Loftus Road looking to steer the travelling bandwagon back towards the promotion track. Last weekend's encounter against in-form Colchester



triggered our first loss outside Sheffield for almost two months, yet Chris Turner can remain buoyed by the fact that only a single outfit (Wrexham) can boast more wins on the road than Wednesday. However, the Owls will be tested to the maximum in west London, on paper at least. Ian Holloway's side are unbeaten as hosts and house the most miserly defence in the whole country on home soil, conceding on just two League occasions at Loftus Road all season. Only Bristol City and Tranmere with one goal apiece have

impacted on a near-perfect rearguard record for Rangers at home – but Wednesday have found the target during all but two contests on their travels. Throw in the statistic that QPR enjoy status amongst the highest goalscorers in Division Two and anything but a scoreless draw seems likely to unfold in the capital...particularly if Kevin Gallen produces the kind of pedigree that stunned then-leaders Plymouth last Saturday; the experienced marksman claiming a brace as Rangers' 3-0 win checked the free-scoring visitors to signal an exchange of places at the summit.

Gallen is a hugely popular figure at Loftus Road, the ground that first hosted his striking talents more than a decade ago. Brief spells in the north at Huddersfield and Barnsley followed an initial eight-year stint with Rangers, before Gallen returned to the club for whom he harbours genuine affection in 2001. Still only 28, the versatile Londoner, who can drop back into a central midfield berth or play wide on the right, has sufficient time left in the game to fulfil a burning ambition...and represent Rangers once more in the Premiership, where he began his QPR career as a starry-eyed teenager.

SCUNTHORPE (away) -  
The Owls stay in enemy

territory on Saturday week to negotiate a potentially tricky FA Cup second round tie with Division Three side Scunthorpe. Brian Laws' men are comfortably installed in mid-table after the opening third of the campaign and, on the pedigree produced to date, will far from shut up shop when Wednesday make their maiden competitive contest at Glanford Park. The Irons have established a gung-ho reputation this term which gives vent to a highly creditable placing in terms of conversions – but by the same token, an unwanted position amongst the heaviest conceders. Indeed, their topsy-turvy persona is underlined by a curious mirror-image return in and out of base unique to the division. Law's men have stored three wins, four draws and two defeats as hosts - and boast exactly the same record on their travels. And in similar fashion to the QPR encounter, a dour match is unlikely to unfold when we meet Scunthorpe. Their League fixtures this season have spawned 62 goals, handing them status as the third-most attractive Division Three side to watch in terms of net location.

As you would expect from a team that burns the candle at both ends, the Irons reached the current juncture of the FA Cup after

excitement aplenty in the previous round. Leading all the way through to the 87th minute hosting Conference club Shrewsbury, Scunthorpe conceded a late equaliser...before duly heading upfield to deliver a 90th minute winner and set up the tie with Wednesday. Promising young forward Paul Hayes took the man of the match plaudits, claiming not only that last-gasp decider but also the Irons' first half strike during his first-ever appearance in the world's oldest domestic tournament. Hayes only received a starting shirt due to regular hitman Steve Torpey's suspension and will almost certainly figure against the Owls as he bids to further underline the romantic nature individual to the FA Cup.



Paul Hayes

# Final Score 2003-2004

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WEDNESDAY'S FAVOUR\* PENALTY SHOOTOUT  
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PENALTY SHOOTOUT→ FIRST  
SUBSTITUTION→ SECOND  
SUBSTITUTION→ THIRD  
SUBSTITUTIONKICK-OFF TIMES ARE 3.00PM FOR WEEKEND FIXTURES, 7.45PM FOR  
MID-WEEK FIXTURES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

date	opponents	res	att	away att	pos	R	L
SAT 09 AUG	SWINDON TOWN	A	3-2*	10,573	3,382	7	
WED 13 AUG	HARTLEPOOL U. (CCR1)	H	2-2	13,410	1,151	-	
SAT 16 AUG	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	2-2	24,630	1,379	5	
SAT 23 AUG	PETERBOROUGH UTD.	A	1-0	10,194	4,093	2	
MON 25 AUG	WREXHAM	H	2-3	24,478	1,513	9	
MON 01 SEP	WYCOMBE W.	A	2-1	6,444	1,478	5	
SAT 06 SEP	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	2-0	21,705	949	2	
SAT 13 SEP	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	2-2	22,535	770	2	
TUE 16 SEP	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	A	0-1	8,219	1,370	7	
SAT 20 SEP	BRIGHTON & H. A.	A	0-2	6,602	756	10	
SAT 27 SEP	GRIMSBY T.	H	0-0	21,918	1,227	9	
WED 01 OCT	NOTTS COUNTY	H	2-1	20,354	922	6	
SAT 04 OCT	BRENTFORD	A	3-0	8,631	2,832	4	
FRI 10 OCT	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	A	1-1	7,448	952	4	
WED 15 OCT	GRIMSBY T. (LDV1)	H	1-w	7,323	316	-	
SAT 18 OCT	RUSHDEN & D.	H	0-0	22,599	1,041	4	
WED 22 OCT	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	1-3	20,090	1,596	8	
SAT 25 OCT	BRISTOL CITY	A	1-1	13,668	2,830	10	
SAT 01 NOV	BLACKPOOL	H	0-1	21,450	1,911	11	
SUN 09 NOV	SALISBURY C (FAC1)	H	4-0	11,419	1,645	-	
WED 12 NOV	BARNESLEY (LDV2)	H	1-0	13,575	3,018	-	
SAT 15 NOV	COLCHESTER UNITED	A	1-3	5,018	1,043	14	
SAT 22 NOV	LUTON TOWN	H					
SAT 29 NOV	Q.P.R.	A					
SAT 6 DEC	SCUNTHORPE U. (FAC2)	A					
TUE 9 DEC	CARLISLE U. (LDVAQ)	A					
SAT 13 DEC	BARNESLEY U. (1.00)	A					
SAT 20 DEC	CHESTERFIELD	H					
FRI 26 DEC	PORT VALE (3.00)	H					
SUN 28 DEC	TRANMERE ROVERS	A					
SAT 3 JAN	WREXHAM	A					
SAT 10 JAN	SWINDON TOWN	H					
SAT 17 JAN	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A					
SAT 24 JAN	PETERBOROUGH U.	H					
FRI 30 JAN	WYCOMBE W.	H					
SAT 07 FEB	PORT VALE	A					
SAT 14 FEB	HARTLEPOOL U.	H					
SAT 21 FEB	RUSHDEN & D.	A					
SAT 28 FEB	BRISTOL CITY	H					
TUE 02 MAR	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A					
SAT 06 MAR	CHESTERFIELD	A					
SAT 13 MAR	BARNESLEY	H					
WED 17 MAR	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	H					
SAT 20 MAR	STOCKPORT COUNTY	A					
SAT 27 MAR	BRIGHTON & H. A.	H					
SAT 03 APR	GRIMSBY TOWN	A					
SAT 10 APR	BRENTFORD	H					
MON 12 APR	NOTTS COUNTY (3.00)	A					
SAT 17 APR	BLACKPOOL	A					
SAT 24 APR	COLCHESTER UNITED	H					
SAT 01 MAY	LUTON TOWN	A					
SAT 08 MAY	Q.P.R.	H					

\*ALL FIXTURES ARE PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE IDNCUCLB/038



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## 2003-2004 GAMES AND GOALS

	Div. Two	FA. Cup	Carling Cup	LDV Trophy	03-04 Total
Kevin Pressman	6	-	1	-	9
Derek Geary	15	-	1	-	19
Brian Barry-Murphy	13 (1)	-	1	-	16 (1)
Graeme Lee	17	-	1	-	21
Dean Smith	18	-	1	-	21
Leigh Bromby	10	-	1	-	13
Alan Quinn	9	-	3	-	10
Paul McLaren	16	-	2	-	18
Grant Holt	7 (5)	2	-	0 (1)	7 (7)
Lloyd Owusu	10 (7)	4	1	-	13 (7)
Paul Smith	4 (5)	2	-	-	4 (5)
Steven Haslam	3 (8)	0 (1)	-	-	4 (10)
Chris Stringer	-	-	-	-	-
Matthew Hamshaw	-	-	-	-	-
Shefki Kuqi	7	-	5	-	8
Craig Armstrong	1 (2)	-	-	-	2 (2)
Richard Evans	5 (1)	-	-	-	6 (1)
Jon Shaw	-	-	0 (1)	-	0 (2)
Richard Wood	3 (2)	-	-	1	1
Jon Beswetherick	3	-	1	-	5
Ola Tidman	5	-	-	1	6
Robbie Mustoe	9 (1)	1	-	-	11 (1)
Terry Cooke	14	-	1	0 (1)	14 (3)
Guylain Ndumbu	1 (3)	-	-	1 (1)	2 (4)
Eric Nixon	0 (1)	-	-	-	0 (1)
Michael Reddy	4 (3)	1	-	2	7 (3)
Adam Proudlock	11 (1)	1	1	-	14 (1)

Other players' season stats: David Lucas - 7 League appearances, 0 goals

## TOTAL SWFC GAMES AND GOALS

League & FA, League, UEFA, Full & Associate Members Cups

Armstrong S. C.	28	(3)	1	Ndumbu G.	2	(4)	-
Barry-Murphy B.	33	(1)	-	Nixon E.W.	0	(1)	-
Beswetherick J.B.	11	(1)	-	Owusu L.M.	26	(28)	9
Bromby L.	93	(3)	2	Pressman K. P.	457	(3)	-
Cooke T. J.	30	(4)	2	Proudlock A. D.	17	(3)	7
Evans R. G.	9	(2)	1	Quinn A.	153	(10)	16
Geary D. P.	85	(11)	-	Reddy M.	20	(5)	5
Hamshaw M. T.	34	(31)	5	Shaw J. S.	0	(4)	-
Haslam S. R.	120	(31)	2	Smith D.	35	-	-
Holt G.	10	(11)	3	Holt I. P.	4	(5)	2
Lee G. B.	21	-	1	Stringer C.	8	(4)	-
Kuqi S.	62	(6)	19	Tidman O.	6	-	-
McLaren P. A.	85	(12)	9	Wood R. M.	7	(3)	2
Mustoe R.	11	(1)	-				



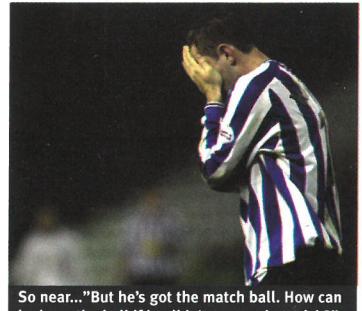
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# Wednesday Wisdom

There's more than a hint of controversy about this week's edition of Wednesday Wisdom, as Matthew Hamshaw takes on Robbie Mustoe for a place in round two. The pair proved to be evenly matched in the main quiz, paving the way for a tie-breaker that required additional clarification with the SWFC record books before the winner was finally declared.



So near..."But he's got the match ball. How can he have the ball if he didn't score a hat-trick?"

## Matthew's Answers

- 1. Real Madrid ✓
- 2. I'll have to pass on that ✗
- 3. It could be Preston...no, it's Gillingham ✓
- 4. Hornchurch ✓
- 5. Moscow ✓
- 6. Is it Iain Duncan-Smith? ✗
- 7. That's Justin Timberlake ✓
- 8. I haven't got a clue ✗
- 9. George Clooney ✓
- 10. Johnny Vaughan ✓

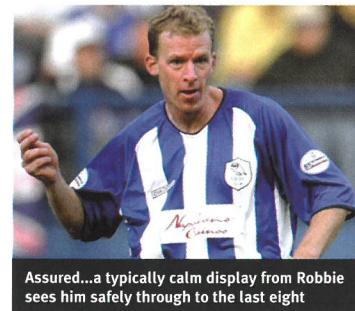
TB. January 1999

Score 7/10

At the end of a heated encounter, Robbie claimed to be handicapped on the tie-break, having recently joined the club. But the veteran had the last laugh when Hammy plumped for January 1999 and a Ritchie Humphreys 'treble' that never was (1997 was the actual date - see pages 12-13). Despite Matthew's attempts to sway the judges, the record books had the final say to ensure Robbie progressed to the last eight, by virtue of being closest to the correct answer. Phew! More quiz shenanigans next time.



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Assured...a typically calm display from Robbie sees him safely through to the last eight

## Robbie's Answers

- 1. Real Madrid ✓
- 2. That's easy – the Cherries ✓
- 3. I'll have to guess – Chesterfield ✗
- 4. I should know this. Yeovil rings a bell ✗
- 5. Moscow ✓
- 6. Michael Howard ✓
- 7. No idea ✗
- 8. The Police ✓
- 9. I've seen these...I'll go for George Clooney ✓
- 10. Johnny Vaughan ✓

TB. January 1993

Score 7/10

## Correct Answers

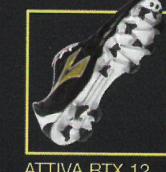
1. Real Madrid	7. Justin Timberlake	10. Johnny Vaughan
2. Cherries	8. The Police	9. George Clooney
3. Gillingham	6. Michael Howard	5. Moscow
4. Hornchurch	5. TB January 1999	4. Hornchurch
5. Moscow	3. Gillingham	3. Gillingham
6. Michael Howard	2. Cherries	2. Cherries

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Manager: Chris Turner

PLAYED SCORED

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26	Terry Cooke <small>ACTIVE</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Guylain Ndumbu-Nsungu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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40	Adrian Thompson <small>INJ</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Current Form



Wednesday

- Lost their last match
- Won their last two home matches
- Have not won in six League matches
- Have not won in three home League matches

Luton

- Won their last two matches
- Are unbeaten in three away matches
- Have not lost in three League matches
- Have not won in eight away League matches

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9/4 Luton to win

9/4 Draw

Correct Score

15/2 Wednesday to win 2-0

12/1 Luton to win 2-0

11/2 A 1-1 draw

Scorecast

50/1 75/1 Michael Reddy to score first and Wednesday to win 3-1

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Luton Town



SCORE

Manager: Mike Newell

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4	Matthew Spring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Russell Perrett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Referee J. Robinson

Ass. Referee G. Hilton

Ass. Referee D. Mort

Fourth Official B. Sygmuta



On this day in 1986...  
a Gary Megson goal handed Wednesday  
at 1-0 win at home to Luton Town in front  
of a crowd of 21,171

P	HW	HD	HL	HGF	HGA	AW	AD	AL	AGF	AGA	Points	GD
QPR	18	6	3	0	19	2	3	4	2	12	11	+18
Barnsley	18	5	4	0	11	4	4	1	4	13	16	+2
Plymouth	18	5	3	1	21	10	3	4	2	17	13	+15
Colchester	18	5	3	1	12	7	4	1	4	12	14	+3
Port Vale	18	7	1	1	18	11	2	2	5	7	12	+2
Hartlepool	18	4	5	0	16	4	3	2	4	14	18	+8
Brighton	18	6	1	2	16	8	2	3	4	11	14	+5
Bournemouth	18	4	4	1	17	12	3	3	3	8	8	+5
Bristol C	18	4	4	1	14	6	2	5	2	9	9	+8
Swindon	18	4	3	2	16	9	3	3	3	10	12	+5
Wrexham	18	3	3	3	9	7	5	0	4	13	13	+2
Luton	18	6	2	1	20	11	1	3	5	12	22	-1
Brentford	18	5	1	3	15	14	3	1	5	7	12	-4
SWFC	18	2	4	3	11	12	4	2	3	12	11	+4
Rushden	18	4	2	3	17	15	3	1	5	13	16	-1
Blackpool	18	4	0	5	13	12	3	3	3	10	15	-4
Grimsby	18	4	2	3	15	8	2	3	4	7	18	-4
Oldham	18	4	2	3	15	12	1	5	3	14	17	0
Tranmere	18	4	3	2	13	9	0	4	5	5	19	-10
Peterborough	18	0	4	5	13	18	3	4	2	9	9	-17
Stockport	18	0	4	5	10	17	3	3	3	11	13	-9
Notts Co	18	3	2	4	10	9	1	2	6	6	19	-12
Chesterfield	18	2	3	4	9	10	0	3	6	4	15	-12
Wycombe	18	2	2	5	13	16	0	3	6	7	17	-13