

Andy worth his weight in goals

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I'M IN PARADISE



HOME FROM HOME: Andy Hunt, right, getting to grips a vine snake, runs the Belize Jungle Dome adventure centre.

THE jungle drums were today beating to one simple message: 'You can survive!'

For as the Canaries continue their great top flight adventure with a trip to Charlton Athletic on Saturday, so another great adventurer was backing City's cause - one-time Norwich Union worker Andy Hunt.

The 34-year-old is now the owner and manager of the Belize Jungle Dome - an idyllic tourist resort set in a tropical paradise in the heart of Central America.

Four years ago the one-time King's Lynn and West Bromwich Albion frontman was spearheading Charlton's attack as they romped their way to the First Division title at the end of the 1999-2000 season - en route dismissing a mid-table Norwich side 3-0 at Carrow Road in January, 2000.

It was the last time the two sides met and Hunt, raised in Ashlea near Watton, scored a hat-trick.

"That was a great day for me," said Hunt, who with his long-time girlfriend - ex-MTV presenter Simone Angel - and their young son, Lucas, now lives not far from the Guatemalan border surrounded by ruined Inca temples, vine snakes and American back-packers.

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"We were unbeatable at that time and I was on a hat-trick spree having scored a hat-trick against Stockport.

"We just had a very good team. They created a lot of chances for me, though on that particular day I think I only had four or five chances and scored three. Plus I had many friends and family there which made the whole day even more special."

Come this Saturday and Hunt will be setting his alarm clock and soaking up the big match atmosphere - from the comfort of the Dome's internet connection, just yards from the shimmering blue swimming pool and the newly-renovated bar area.

"I get up on Saturday morning and because we are seven hours behind here, the football games are just starting.

"So I watch them on the BBC website. I also have a US satellite TV system and we get Fox Sports World, which - if you like football - is a really great channel. I get live games on Saturday, Sunday, Champions league matches - plus any of the really big games on

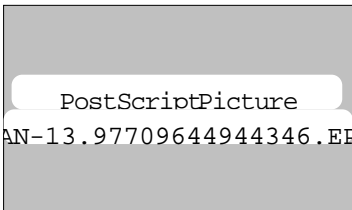
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FERRARI CAN BE PERSUADED - The British Racing Drivers' Club are "pretty confident" Ferrari can be persuaded to agree to cost-cutting measures intended to save the British Grand Prix. All but one of the 10 Formula One teams agreed with rights holder Bernie Ecclestone to bear the cost of two extra races by cutting testing by 50% last night with only Ferrari - the sports dominant team - left to give their assent.

ROONEY CRASH - Wayne Rooney emerged unscathed after a 23-ton builder's lorry hit his car. The 19-year-old Manchester United and England striker was able to continue driving to training after his 4x4 Cadillac Escalade was damaged in the collision in Wilmslow, Cheshire yesterday.

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