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FOOTBALL LEAGUE
PLAY-OFF SEMI-FINAL
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SEASON'S APPEARANCES

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Appearances 1992/93

Austin Berkley	13 (7)
Paul Bodin	2
Michael Burns	4
Shaun Close	26
Fraser Digby	4
David Elsey	3
Robert French	4 (7)
Darren Hall	9 (4)
Nicky Hammond	21
Chris Hamon	19 (14)
Micky Hazard	2
Steve Heffer	20 (6)
Mark Hoddle	5 (1)
Kevin Horlock	16
Paul Hunt	26
Stuart James	9
Andrew Kearns	0 (1)
Steve Lane	4 (9)
Steve Luwero	0 (4)
Ross MacLaren	4
Brian Marwood	6
Craig Maskell	3
Lee Middleton	29
David Mitchell	3
John Moncur	6
Olisa Morah	13 (6)
Edwin Murray	27
Mark O'Driscoll	3 (4)
George O'Hanlon	5
Wayne O'Sullivan	34 (2)
Kevin Phillips	8
Marcus Phillips	25 (7)
Andy Rowland	0 (1)
Nicky Summerbee	5
Andrew Thomson	27 (2)
Adrian Viveash	22
Steve White	11
Ben Worrall	0 (1)

Goalscorers: Close 13, Hamon 11, Hunt 6, Morah 4, Viveash 3, Horlock 2, Phillips M 2, Bodin 1, Hazard 1, Lane 1, MacLaren 1, Maskell 1, Mitcheli 1, O'Sullivan 1, Thomson 1, White 1, own goal 1.

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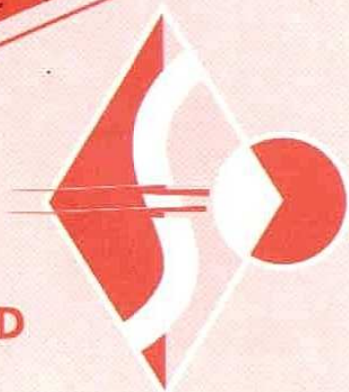
Appearances 1992/93

Andrew Bates	3 (1)
Shane Cook	8
David Elsey	15 (2)
James Fraser	1 (3)
Robert French	23 (1)
Chris Hamblin	1
Paul Hammond	4 (5)
Mark Hoddle	6 (2)
Jonathan Holloway	0 (4)
Stuart James	23
Chris Jay	0 (1)
Danny Jordan	15 (4)
Mark Jordan	0 (6)
Andrew Kearns	17 (3)
Steve Lane	25
Steve Luwero	26
Norman McPhee	3
Scott Medcroft	0 (1)
Mark O'Driscoll	21 (1)
James Phillips	12 (6)
Kevin Phillips	17
Jamie Pitman	23
Steve Reeves	24 (1)
Michael Short	0 (3)
Gary Thorne	2 (6)
Mark Walters	2
Ben Worrall	15 (2)



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CLUB CALL



**WITH JON POLLARD
SECRETARY**

WELCOME

For the first of our Football League Play-Off semi-finals we are pleased to welcome the players, officials and supporters of **Tranmere Rovers Football Club** to the County Ground. Again we also welcome the cameras of Central Television who are here broadcasting the game live.

SECOND LEG

The second leg of this play-off semi-final will be played at Prenton Park this coming Wednesday evening kicking off at 7.30pm. The game is all ticket. While we have no more seats available we still have terrace tickets on sale at the Advance Ticket Office priced £6 each.

In the second leg if the aggregate scores are level after ninety minutes extra time of fifteen minutes each way will be played. If the scores are still level the away goals rule will be applied followed if necessary by penalty kicks in accordance with the Laws of the Game, (ie 5

kicks per side taken alternately followed by sudden death).

DISCIPLINARY

In the play-offs the disciplinary rules are changed slightly from normal League games. If a player is sent off for two bookable offences he is suspended from the next play-off game.

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RETAIN STUBS

Swindon Town supporters are reminded to save their ticket stubs from this afternoon's game to go along with others issued this season for use should the club reach the play-off final.

AROUND THE LEAGUES

The full list of other play-off games is as follows:

Today - Division 1

Leicester City vs
Portsmouth
at Nottingham Forest

Swindon Town vs
Tranmere Rovers

Division 2

Stockport County vs
Port Vale

Swansea City vs West
Bromwich Albion

Division 3

Bury vs York City
Crewe Alexandra vs
Walsall

The fixtures are reversed for the second leg this Wednesday.

The finals are at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 29 May (Division 3), Sunday 30 May (Division 2) and Monday 31 May (Division 1). All kicking off at 2.30pm.

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Colin Calderwood challenges for the ball.



Dave Mitchell keeps an eye on both defender and ball.

Glenn Hoddle



A big welcome to Tranmere Rovers and their supporters. Our involvement this afternoon in the play-offs for a place in the Premier League is ample proof of how well the two teams have done this season.

Tranmere Rovers are very much like ourselves. We are not big clubs with ample financial resources but we are both very ambitious. Both sets of players have done marvellously well in getting this far.

As the League season draws to a close you look for as many advantages as you can to help you achieve your target. One can argue that it is an advantage to play the second-leg at home and in some ways this is true. But there are positive aspects also in playing the first game at home. If we can hit form and secure a really convincing win today it could set us up nicely for the return leg.

One thing is certain and that is this is an afternoon for being totally positive in our approach. It is an afternoon for

the crowd to respond as well. You can be worth a goal to us at least if you give us enough vocal backing.

Whether we finish this afternoon 5-0 up or 1-0 down we must remember it is only half-time. I have impressed on the lads that we don't need to do silly things. We don't have to chase the game at this juncture ... This is the way we approached two-legged ties in Europe when I was with Tottenham Hotspur and it worked well.

Whatever happens I think all our players deserve a big pat on the back for their efforts this season. I refer to the whole squad. They have been magnificent and our appearance today is credit to their efforts.

You can say that our season hinges on the next couple of games. To some extent this is true. We have had a fantastic season and have

achieved a lot in some respects. We have certainly entertained a lot of people. Yet you could argue that if we don't make Wembley and don't win the final we will have little to show for our efforts.

We haven't been given £12 million of course and like Tranmere have had to forge our path without being able to strengthen our squad for the final push.

But we are in the last four so to speak, battling for that remaining ticket to the Premier League. Some argue that it is not right when the club finishing lower in the final League table can win promotion over those above them. To them I say that's how it was before a ball was kicked at the beginning of the season. It is a fact of life. We all knew the rules before we entered the competition.

Luck will come into it no doubt and we have to hope that it favours us in as much as we manage to find our true form. If you give off your best that's all that can be expected from you.

As these are my last notes of the season let me finish by thanking all our supporters for their involvement this season. You have been just great. Have a good summer.



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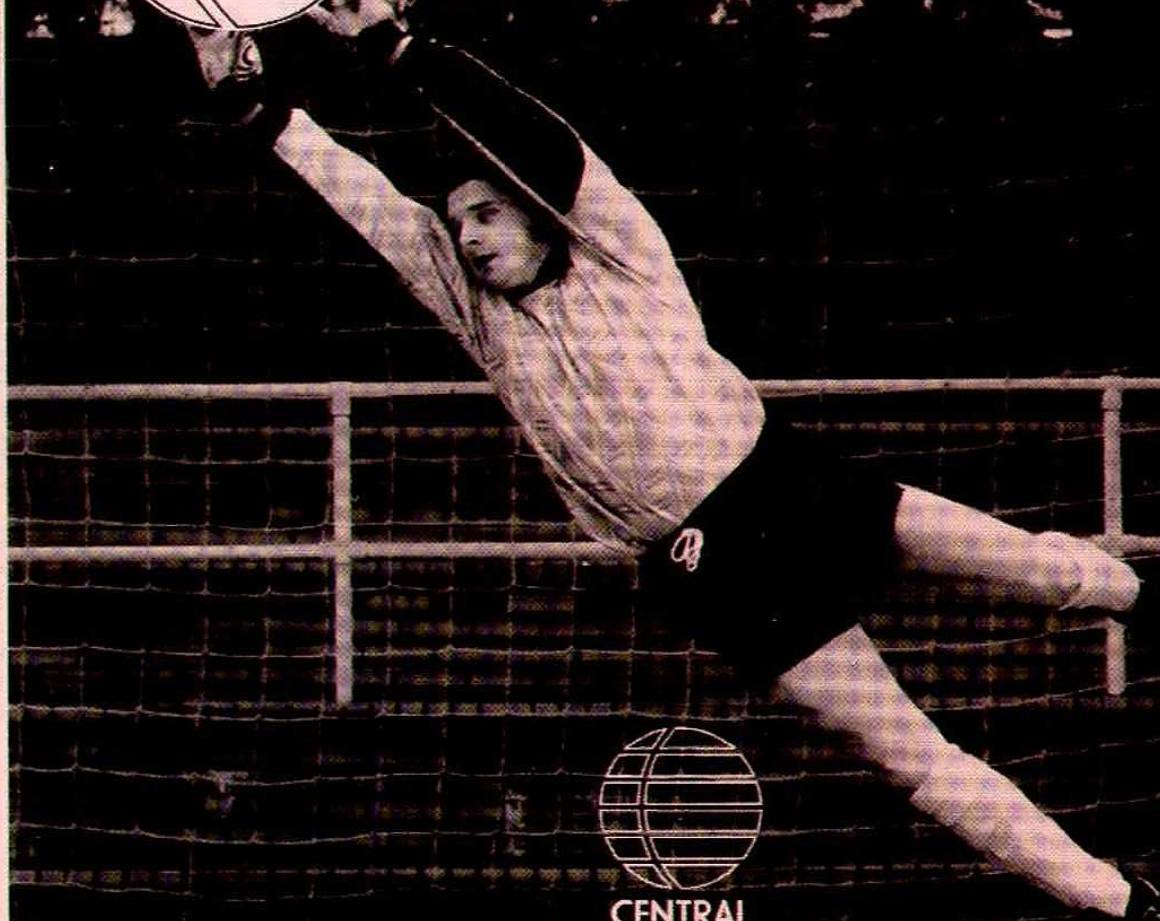
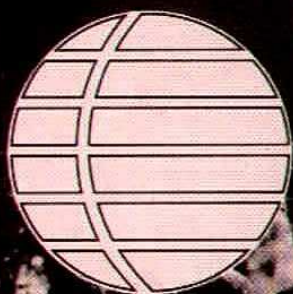


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NEWS ON one

With the Barclays League season and indeed sponsorship finished we can now take a close look at the state of play as we move into the Football League Play-Offs.

In Division 1 as expected Kevin Keegan took Newcastle United into the Premier League as champions ending their fixtures with a 7-1 thrashing of Leicester City at St James' Park. Keegan roared "You can tell the world of Roy of the Rover is still alive. You would have thought this would have been too far fetched to believe this has happened."

Watched by millions on television Newcastle were 6-0 up at the break. Andy Cole and David Kelly both smashed hat-tricks. Leicester City have to pick themselves up for today's play-off semi-final against Portsmouth at Nottingham Forest's ground.

Pompey themselves thought that they had gained the second automatic promotion place having heard that Cambridge United had equalised against West Ham United at Upton Park...what they did not know was that the goal was disallowed! An angry Warren Neill said "They say the play-offs keep the season alive. We were in the top three with huge gates. Our season was alive. It's all about money. We have played 55 games-how much money do they want?"

Even before West Ham United play a game in the Premier League they know that their bubbles could burst if Billy Bonds is unable to perform a miracle. Bonds has been told that he must sell to buy and that their wage bill of £2.6m a year

has to be slashed. The Upton Park boss needs £5m to spend on four top players to prevent the Hammers going straight down as they did last year. He says "The Premier League is divided into three mini leagues. The three or four who can win it, a middle group and the rest. Our main aim must be to finish at the top of the bottom section. If there is no money to spend on new players, we must rely on what we have." Confirmation came from West Ham managing director Peter Storrie who replied "We must off load first. we have 36 professionals and this must be cut to around 28."

While West Ham were leaving the First Division in one direction, opponents Cambridge United left in the other falling through the trap-door into Division 2. United have not made too many friends in the game following routines set up by former manager John Beck. after their 2-0 victory over Cambridge, Hammers manager Billy Bonds said "I wasn't happy with some of the things that went on our there. I am glad we beat them."

Along with Bristol Rovers, Cambridge United were joined in the drop by Brentford last weekend who went down 4-1 against Bristol City at Ashton Gate with Leroy Rosenior scoring a hat-trick. Brentford goal-machine Gary Blissett looks set to follow former striking partner Dean Holdsworth to Wimbledon. His 28 goals will tempt Dons boss Joe Kinnear to bid £1/2m when Blissett becomes a free agent in the summer. However the 28 year old may prefer a move back to his native Manchester with City boss Peter Reid showing interest.

Birmingham City's Paul Moulden says that his 55th minute strike which saved the St Andrews side from the drop

was the most important goal he has ever scored. However Moulden said that Charlton's Steve Gattling told him that he was five yards offside. "The ref gave it and that's what counts" he said.

Barry Fry put the brakes on Southend's slide just in time finishing the season off with a 2-1 win at Roots Hall over Luton Town. Under Fry United managed five wins in their last nine games to ensure first division safety.

Coming into Division 1 from the FA Premier League are Nottingham Forest who will start the season with a new manager following the retirement of Brian Clough, Middlesbrough who enjoyed just one season in the top flight and Crystal Palace who must feel shell shocked having seen the late surge from Joe Royle's Oldham Athletic culminating in a 4-3 Boundary Park win over Southampton on the last day of the season.

Up from Division 2 come Stoke City and Bolton Wanderers who gained automatic promotion with Port Vale, West Bromwich Albion, Swansea City and Stockport County all involved in the play-offs.



Billy Bonds.

Tranmere Rovers

This is **Tranmere Rovers'** third visit to the County Ground this season and by far the most important.

After leading us 2-1 in the first game the plug was pulled when we suffered a floodlight failure. Then in the re-arranged game in February they were beaten by two David Mitchell goals.

A 3-0 home defeat was then inflicted by Newcastle United and though Rovers recovered with successive away wins at Bristol City and Brentford the continued absence of ace striker **John Aldridge** was reflected in a period of inconsistency.

The Irish striker's absence was also reflected in the goals for column. In the four games before his operation Rovers grabbed 11 goals - 4 of them from Aldridge. In their next seven games they netted but three times.

Such was their form that they looked like slipping out of the play-offs never mind contention for a straight promotion. Then a 2-1 win at Southend United stopped the slide and sparked an impressive run-in which has seen the Prenton Park team undefeated in their last 10 games.

The return of Aldridge was the icing on the cake and the

former Liverpool star boosted his impressive tally this season to 31 goals when he scored twice - once from the penalty spot - in a 2-1 win over Watford.

Like ourselves, **John King** is limited in the players he has available and there have been few changes to the line-up which includes the silky grace of **Pat Nevin**. The Scottish International has added more than just a touch of inspiration contributing 13 goals.

It is worth noting that their best result since mid-January, when they beat Oxford 4-0, is the 3-1 victory over us last month ... **Kenny Irons** was the hero that evening with a hat-trick.

Tranmere completed their League programme last week with a 1-1 draw at Peterborough United their line-up being: Coyne D, Higgins, Brannan, Irons, Proctor, Vickers, Martindale, Aldridge, Malkin, Nevin, Nolan. Subs: Mungall, Coyne T.

Rovers were somewhat unfortunate in this game when rookie goalkeeper, **Danny Coyne**, who is still 19 and a Welsh Under-21 International, was sent-off for carrying the ball outside his area. Peterborough scored from the resultant free-kick in the 41st minute, with defender **Dave Higgins** taking over in goal. Three minutes later **Chris Malkin** equalised.



So to the play-offs and another chance for Tranmere to add to their fantastic recent history. Roy of the Rovers has nothing on a Tranmere side that shot from Division Four to Division Two in three years and since 1988 has played at Wembley more times than any other club thanks to a Leyland DAF Cup Final, the play-offs and the Centenary celebrations.

TRANMERE'S LEAGUE FORM GUIDE

Opponents	H/A	F	A	Scorers
Cambridge Utd	H	2	0	Aldridge, Malkin
Sunderland	A	0	1	
Bristol Rovers	H	2	1	Muir, Garnett
Luton Town	A	3	3	Aldridge, Muir, Nevin
Grimsby Town	H	1	1	Nevin
Charlton Athletic	H	0	0	
Oxford Utd	A	2	1	Morrissey
Notts County	H	3	1	Aldridge (2), Brannan, Irons
Bristol City	H	3	0	Aldridge (2), Nevin
Newcastle Utd	A	0	1	
Birmingham City	H	4	0	Aldridge (2), Mungall, Irons
Watford	A	2	3	Morrissey, o/g
Peterborough Utd	H	1	1	Malkin
Southend Utd	H	3	0	Morrissey, Aldridge, McNab
Leicester City	A	1	0	Nevin
Brentford	H	3	2	Irons, Nevin (2)
Portsmouth	A	0	4	
Derby County	A	2	1	Aldridge (2)
West Ham Utd	H	5	2	Aldridge (3), Irons, Malkin
Wolves	H	3	0	Aldridge (3)
Millwall	H	1	1	Morrissey
Barnsley	A	1	3	Mungall
Charlton Athletic	A	2	2	Aldridge, Nevin
Oxford	H	4	0	Aldridge (2), Higgins, o/g
Notts County	A	1	5	Higgins
Cambridge Utd	A	1	0	McNab
Luton Town	H	0	2	
Bristol Rovers	A	0	1	
Swindon Town	A	0	2	
Newcastle Utd	H	0	3	
Birmingham City	A	3	1	Malkin (2), Nevin
Brentford	A	1	0	Nevin
Leicester City	H	2	3	Morrissey, Malkin
Grimsby Town	A	0	0	
West Ham Utd	A	0	2	
Portsmouth	H	0	2	
Southend Utd	A	2	1	Martindale, Coyne T
Derby County	H	2	1	Nevin (2)
Swindon Town	H	3	1	Irons (3)
Millwall	A	0	0	
Barnsley	H	2	1	Higgins, Irons
Wolves	A	2	0	Higgins, Proctor
Birmingham City	A	0	0	
Watford	H	2	1	Aldridge (2)
Sunderland	H	2	1	Martindale, Nevin
Peterborough Utd	A	1	1	Malkin



Back Row: Alan Morgan, Mike Foster, Ged Brannan, Dave Higgins, John McGreal, Kenny Irons, John Morrissey, Tony Thomas.
Middle Row: Norman Wilson (Secretary), Kenny Jones (Physio), Neil McNab, Steve Vickers, Graham Branch, Chris Malkin, Eric Nixon, Danny Coyne, John Aldridge, Ronnie Moore (Coach), Ray Mathias (Reserve Team Coach), Warwick Rimmer (Youth Development Officer).
Front Row: Shaun Garnett, Steve Cooper, Ian Muir, Steve Mungall, John King (Manager), Mike Smith, Mark Hughes, Dave Martindale, Tony Draper.

John Aldridge - Striker.

A prolific scorer throughout a career that has spanned South Liverpool, Newport County, Oxford United - they reaped in £750,000 from Liverpool for his transfer in 1987 - and Real Sociedad. Won Championship honours while at Anfield where he scored 50 goals in 83 League appearances before his £1.1 million exodus to Spain. In June 1991 Rovers paid £250,000 to Real, with whom he had been top scorer in each of his two seasons. Topped Rovers' hit list last season also with 40 League and Cup goals to equalise the Club's individual scoring record. Has now scored in excess of 230 goals in the Football League. Born: Liverpool 18.9.58.

Ged Brannan - Defender.

Versatile performer who can fill a number of defensive and midfield roles. Now in his third season as a professional he had graduated through the youth ranks at Prenton Park. Was a member of the England Under-19 squad in 1990 - 1991. Born: Liverpool 15.1.72.

Tommy Coyne - Striker.

Became Rovers' most expensive player when signed from Celtic for £350,000 in March 1993. A Republic of Ireland International he commenced his career with Clydebank and then graduated to Dundee United and Dundee before a £500,000 transfer to Celtic in 1989. Born: Glasgow

Dave Higgins - Central Defender.

Originally spotted playing for a team

called Eagle, in the Liverpool Sunday League, Dave joined Rovers but failed to make the grade and spent five years in non-League soccer with South Liverpool, Ellesmere Port and Caernarvon. Returned to Prenton Park in 1987 and made his League debut at Darlington (30.10.87). Born: Liverpool 19.8.61.

Kenny Irons - Midfield.

A graduate of the club's youth scheme, he is an exciting sight when in full flow with the ball at his feet. Loves to run at defenders and is equally effective in a deep scheming role or on the flank. Broke into the first team in the season of 1990-1991 and scored 7 goals in 43 League appearances last season. Born: Liverpool 4.11.70.

TRANMERE ROVERS

Neil McNab - Midfield.

Well known to the Swindon management - Neil was six years with Spurs after joining them in 1974 from Morton. Won FA Youth Cup and Scottish Under-21 honours while at White Hart Lane; making 72 League appearances before a £250,000 move to Bolton. Brighton signed him for £225,000 in 1980 and he had loan spells with Leeds and Portsmouth before joining Manchester City. Cost Rovers £125,000 in January 1990 and had a spell on loan with Huddersfield Town last season.

Chris Malkin - Forward.

A former banker, Chris inscribed his name into the record books when his goal in the 1991 Play Off final at Wembley won Rovers a place in the Second Division. A natural athlete - he clocks 12 seconds for 100 metres - he joined Rovers from local side Stork in 1988. Made his League debut v Exeter in August 1987. Born: Bebington 4.6.67.

Dave Martindale - Midfield.

Cost a mere £1,500 when signed from Caernarvon in 1987. Dave had been an apprentice at Anfield but drifted into non-League circles with Southport and Runcom before impressing John King while they were at Caernarvon. Made his League bow at Scunthorpe (15.8.87). Born: Liverpool 9.4.64.

Steve Mungall - Fullback.

Tranmere's longest serving player - he joined them from Motherwell in 1979 and has chalked up over 600 appearances. Came as a midfield player but has shown great versatility over the years. Made his senior debut v Aberdeen in April '77 and made 20 Premier League appearances for Motherwell. Born: Bellshill 22.5.58.

Pat Nevin - Forward.

Cost £300,000 to prise from Everton in August 1992. Came into senior football with Clyde and cost Chelsea £95,000 in 1983. Became a firm favourite at Stamford Bridge where his delicate touch and creative genius was much appreciated. Five years and over 200 games later, Everton splashed out £925,000 for the classic winger but he never really settled in at Goodison Park. A current member of the Scotland squad - he played in the European Championship Finals in Sweden. Born: Glasgow 6.9.63.

Eric Nixon - Goalkeeper.

Was the Club's record signing when he moved from Manchester City for £60,000 in July 1988. Has played in all four divisions of the Football League with

Rovers and was captain when they played in the 1991 Play Offs. Represented the Football League v the Italians last season. Manchester City spotted him playing for Curzon Ashton and gave him his League chance in September 1985. Born: Manchester 4.10.62.

Ian Nolan - Fullback.

Adventurous attacking defender signed from non-league Marine for around £12,000 in August 1991. A one time auto-electrician, he was on Preston's books as a YTS graduate. Sensationally picked up two Player of the Year Awards last season - his first in the senior side. Born: Liverpool 9.7.70.

Mark Proctor - Midfield.

Experienced ball-winning midfielder currently on loan from Middlesbrough. A former England Under-21 International who has served Nottingham Forest, Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday. Born: Middlesbrough 30.1.61.

Steve Vickers - Central Defender.

Signed in 1985 from Spennymore United. Steve made his League debut in April 1986 v Northampton Town. A Newcastle fan, he turned down the opportunity to sign for Middlesbrough as a youngster. Born: Bishop Auckland 13.10.67.

THE MAN IN CHARGE



John King, now in his second spell in charge of Rovers, has established himself as the most successful manager in the Club's history.

Born near Lords Cricket Ground in London, John moved to Liverpool at an early age and joined Everton from school. He was a ball-winning wing-half and served Everton for four years before signing for Bournemouth.

In 1960 John moved to Tranmere Rovers and was in their 1967 promotion side. He achieved another promotion with Port Vale before ending his playing days with Wigan Athletic who were then non-league.

Ron Yeats took him back to Prenton Park in 1973 as coach and two years later - when Yeats was axed - John took over the managerial seat. The following season Rovers bounced back to Division Three at the first attempt. But in 1983 they were relegated and John was sacked.

He coached Rochdale before managing Northwich Victoria who he led to two FA Trophy finals at Wembley. Then he moved to Caernarvon where he revitalised the Club before Tranmere called on his services again in April 1987.

After a sticky start, when Rovers had to beat Exeter to stay in the League, it has been a story of success. John has led them to promotion from Division Four to the Second and to winning the Leyland DAF Cup in 1990 - this one of five appearances at Wembley inside three years.

SWINDON TOWN VS TRANMERE ROVERS

OUR FULL LEAGUE RECORD.

At The County Ground

	Score	Scorers
18.10.1958	1 2	Micklewright
10.04.1960	1 1	Gauld
31.08.1960	1 0	Jackson
02.09.1967	3 1	Penman 2, Rogers
18.02.1969	1 0	Noble
03.09.1974	0 0	
30.10.1976	1 1	Anderson pen.
02.01.1978	1 0	McHale pen.
24.03.1979	4 1	Rowland 2, Mayes, McHale
02.11.1982	4 2	Rideout 2(2 pens.), Rowland, Barnard
03.03.1984	1 1	Nelson
26.01.1985	2 1	Rowland pen., Coyne
02.11.1985	2 1	Barnard, Wade
17.03.1982	2 0	Shearer 2
23.02.1993	2 0	Mitchell 2

At Prenton Park

	Score	Scorers
06.03.1959	1 3	Skull
15.04.1960	2 2	Mellor, Hunt
22.04.1960	2 2	Chamberlain 2
13.11.1967	2 3	Smart, Rodgers
24.01.1969	5 3	Jones 2, Rodger, Smart, Noble
21.10.1974	0 3	
21.02.1977	1 1	Anderson
31.03.1978	1 1	Guthrie
21.08.1978	1 1	Carter
28.02.1983	0 2	
17.10.1983	1 2	Mayes
14.09.1984	2 0	Rowland, Nelson
04.01.1986	1 3	Gordan pen.
22.11.1991	0 0	
06.04.1993	1 3	Mitchell

Those were the days...



BY PAUL PLOWMAN

... looks back at previous connections with today's visitors

When the Football League introduced end of season play-offs to decide promotion and relegation for 1986/87, it was not a new concept, but merely the resurrection of a system - known as 'test' matches - used back in the 1890's!

Today, we look back just back six years to May 1987, when Swindon Town became involved in those first modern-day test matches. A year earlier, the club had stormed through the Fourth Division sweeping aside and creating new records almost at will. Now, the Town were attempting a second successive promotion, but had missed the boat for an automatic slot, finishing third behind AFC Bournemouth and Middlesbrough. So they became embroiled in a play-off scrap with Wigan Athletic (4th place), Gillingham (5th) and Sunderland (20th in the Second Division). The semi-finals paired the clubs in that order, with the higher placed having home advantage in the second leg, as is the case today.

A Thursday night trek to Wigan was first on the agenda, with unhappy memories of a recent trip to

Springfield Park fresh in many minds. Swindon had suffered a 3-2 reverse there seven weeks earlier, having conceded two goals in the first seven minutes of the game. There was a distinct case of 'deja vu' on May 14, as Chris Thompson buried a 25-yarder after only three minutes and then David Lowe (now with play-off rivals Leicester City) inflicted more pain with a second strike after a quarter of an hour.

The Town were still two goals in arrears with twenty minutes remaining and a long dreary homeward journey looked in prospect for the travelling fans. But a 'Birmingham-style' come-back saw Swindon hit Wigan three times in a devastating sixteen-minute burst. Big Dave Bamber was first to pounce, with his 22nd goal of the season, before Jimmy Quinn grabbed an equaliser. The home crowd were then silenced when Peter Coyne squeezed the winner over the line with just two minutes left.

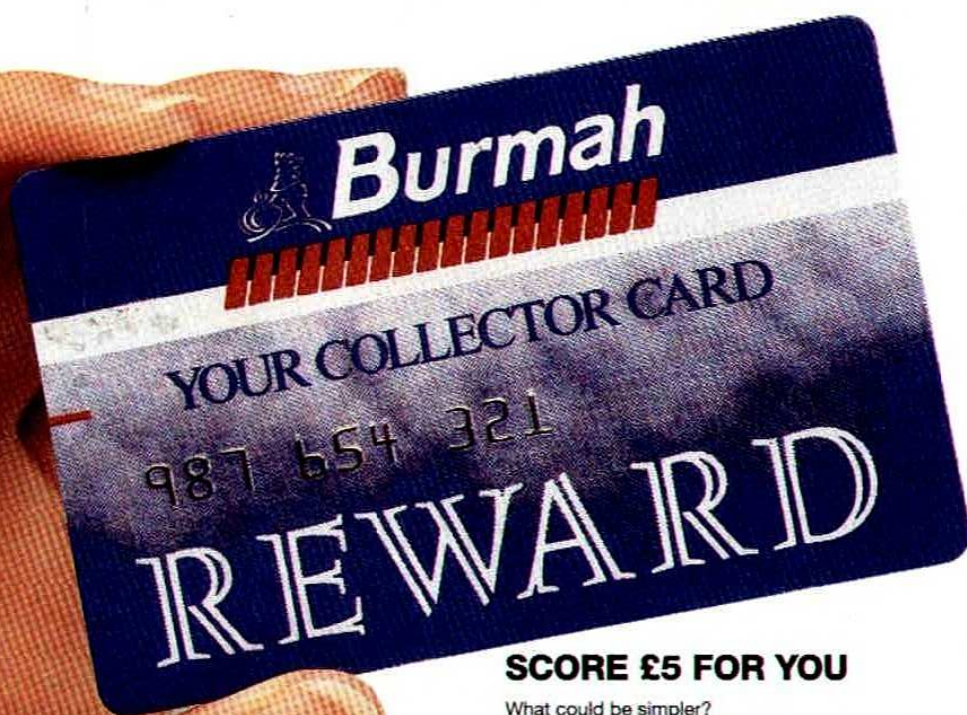
The second leg three days later proved a stalemate, neither side managing a goal, but it meant of course that the Town had progressed to the play-off encounter with

Gillingham, the first being at one of Swindon's least loved venues down in Kent. Ironically, they had won on their previous visit to Priestfield, but it has been their first success there for 56 years!

This encounter ran true to form. The Town looked to have weathered the storm when, from an 82nd minute free-kick, David Smith rammed the ball home. Then, three days later at The County Ground, Wiltshire hearts sank again in the 17th minute when Karl Elsey hit an unstoppable 25-yard drive past Fraser Digby. But Swindon laid siege to the visitors goal, forcing sixteen corners. Coyne reduced the deficit on the hour and second-half substitute Charlie Henry levelled matters with a goal ten minutes from time.

Fortunately for the Town, no 'away goals' rule was in force, so the clubs met once again on May 29, this time at Selhurst Park, to decide the final promotion slot. Steve White put Swindon in the driving seat with an opportunist effort in only the second minute of the game and added a second mid-way through the second-half to finally kill off Gillingham's threat.

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Swindon Marketing

with Janet Garrett

Hello and welcome to the very last home game of the season from us all here in the Commercial Department.

We are thrilled today to welcome our guests from **Jewsons** who provided the grant for our family enclosure and who are I'm sure going to enjoy their afternoon with us.

May I also take this opportunity of thanking the VIP's in the Match Day Sponsors Lounge who are sharing today's exciting event with us.

Thank you for your huge support throughout this year for your letters and phone calls of encouragement to the Club. All your comments are appreciated and it would be nice to have more time and space to mention individuals on this page. However may I just take this opportunity of thanking all those volunteers who have helped us this season, particularly our valued programme sellers who do such a good job in all weathers, the assistants in the Club shop who ably help Paul Plowman sometimes at a moments notice, Paul himself a workaholic, my assistant Justine Phillips, and Dave Hollister and his army who run the Armchair Bingo and Lottery Sales.

UP WHERE WE BELONG - OUR PLAY-OFF RECORD

Many of you will have by now heard the record that we recently made with the kind support of Les Smith Haulage and The Green Baize Snooker Club featuring the Swindon Town Team and Danny Newman who also wrote the song. It was great fun being involved in this and some very good voices were "discovered" amongst the squad! The cassette is now on sale in the Club Shop and in Tower Sounds, Market Place, Cirencester at £1.99.


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TODAY'S LUCKY MASCOTS

Today I would like to welcome four young supporters to The County Ground on what promises to be a nail biting match.



The first of our loyal supporters is **Stuart Ladd** from Rodbourne near Swindon. Stuart is nearly five years old and attends Ferndale Infant School where he enjoys playing football in the playground. His favourite players are Colin Calderwood and Glenn Hoddle.



Alex Povey is the oldest of our mascots today at seven years old. Alex lives in Grange Park and attends Freshbrook Primary School. His hobbies include football, football and more football! His idols are Shaun Taylor and Brian Marwood and his favourite match this season was our marvellous come back at Birmingham City.



Our last mascots of the season are brother and sister **Jake and Charlie Hunt** from Park North in Swindon. Charlie is the oldest at five years old and she attends The Holy Family Infants School. Charlie's hobbies include drawing and dancing. Jake is three years old and like his sister attends The Holy Family Infants School. His favourite past-time is playing football. Charlie and Jake's favourite players are their uncle, Swindon Town's own Paul Hunt and Nicky Summerbee.

Intrigue and farce

- Colin Benson delves into the original play-offs and finds all is not what it seemed.

When the Football League introduced play-offs to determine promotion and relegation issues in 1988 it was not a new concept by any means. Such a scenario was introduced to League football back in the 1800's before automatic promotion and relegation was introduced between the first and second divisions.

Until 1893 the constitution of the First Division was determined by votes so far as the open, or elective, places were concerned. However, when the First Division was increased to 16 clubs, and a Second Division of 12 clubs was introduced, for the 1892-93 season, the League, in its wisdom, determined the bottom clubs of the higher division would not be relegated automatically. Instead they would be given the opportunity to maintain their position through a series of "test matches" with the top teams from Division Two. The winners of the series to feature in the First Division.

The original format was for the three lowest clubs in Division One to meet the three top sides from Division Two in a single show-down. Thus, the bottom side in Division One, Newton Heath, (later renamed Manchester United), were given home advantage against the top side from the second, Small Heath (now Birmingham City). The winner to participate in Division One the following season.

In a dramatic tussle the Second Division champions were beaten 5-2 in a replay, after a 1-1 draw in Manchester, and consequently were not promoted. While the two teams below them in the final league table Sheffield United and Darwen, went up by virtue of beating Accrington Stanley (1-0) and Notts County (3-2) respectively.

Both Notts County and Accrington were stunned by the outcome and when it came to the construction of the two divisions at the next AGM they "could not give a definite reply as to joining the Second Division."

The outcome was that though both clubs subsequently gave notice they wanted to continue Notts County alone succeeded. The Management Committee preferring Woolwich Arsenal and Liverpool to Accrington Stanley who did not regain League status until the formation of the Third Division many years later.

So it continued with Second Division champions denied their rightful rewards by the results of the egregious test matches. That was until what was fittingly labelled "the farce" verged perilously close to creating scandal and was ended.

The sudden death principle was abandoned as "unfair" in 1896. The structure of the test matches was revised to incorporate just the bottom two and top two clubs. The format settled on was for the participants to play two of the other three contestants twice. It was a specious arrangement again designed to favour the First Division pair as two of the number did not meet at all.

The flaws in the new system were brought to a head at the end of the 1897-98 season after what looked distinctly like a fix though the reference made at the time was "arrangement."

When the last two matches came to be played Stoke City and Burnley realised that if each gained a point, from their meeting at Stoke, both would be safe. The one to keep its place, the other to gain promotion.

Providentially, it would seem, the game resulted in a goalless draw, but the innuendoes were rife and the League, prompted by bad publicity and feeling, decided it was time to put a stop to a system which often brought about a perversion of the game's values over a season's play.

History however reveals another version of that infamous match at Stoke which gives, at least, an air of plausibility to the eventual outcome of a goalless draw.

It seems the ground was in a shocking state and the referee is reported to have revealed that had it not been the last day of the season he would not have allowed the game to be played.

It appears to have developed into an afternoon of high farce with evidently no less than five balls being brought into service as spectators refused to return them when kicked into the crowd. The proceedings, it is recorded, end on a note of "high comedy."

The whole occasion seems to have been far removed from the seriousness the situation warranted and whatever may be the true inwardness of the event it was obviously impossible for the League to continue the pattern.

Incidentally the two clubs who were held to have suffered by what had transpired in the Potteries were Blackburn Rovers and Newcastle United. The way out that was found at the time was to extend the Second Division to 18 clubs with places in the First Division for all four test-match contenders.

Of course this was not accomplished without considerable opposition. The clubs, as a body, were not minded to agree to the election of Rovers and Newcastle, which was the original proposition, without a chance being given to the other contenders.

As always in these matters there was strongly divided opinions regarding the exact constitution of the two divisions. Woolwich Arsenal wanted a 16 club First Division with 32 clubs in Division Two. Aston Villa offered the variation of 18 and 24; while Burnley proposed the simple increase of two clubs in each division. This was regarded as the best suggestion for meeting the situation and was passed on a vote.



STAR OF THE WEEK

PLAYER PROFILE

Glenn Hoddle

PLAYER PROFILE

Almost 18 years after making his first pass in League football Glenn Hoddle still stands out against the rest. Guest commentator, Jim Smith, was torn between Glenn and the abrasive West Ham United fullback, Julian Dicks, for his 'Man of the Match' nomination during the live telecast of our final home First Division game of the season.

In the end the Portsmouth manager opted for Dicks, influenced in his deliberation not only by the fact that West Ham won the match but also because the Hammers' defender did not live up to his wild reputation.

Perhaps not the best of reasons yet very much in line with the kind of football doctrine, adopted in this country, which denied Glenn many rewards at his peak.

There is no doubt that had Glenn been a Brazilian they would have built the national side around him. In England, alas, his silky skills were questioned. His work-rate and tackling did not meet with managerial approval!

It's a sad reflection on our attitude to the game. An attitude, forged in the 1930's by Arsenal's Herbert Chapman, which placed winning above all other criteria.

At Highbury that mentality still rules. In fairness it has brought Arsenal much success. Yet though the trophy cabinet might bulge with silverware the Gunners' glory has never quite received the same acclaim as that attributed to North London rivals Tottenham Hotspur when they have mounted the winners' rostrum.

The subtle difference has been style. While Arsenal have conquered all with ruthless efficiency that leaves us in awe. Spurs have favoured a more delicate artistic approach.

Such was the background from which Glenn Hoddle emerged. A player of grace and vision who could land the ball on a sixpence from 40-yards... Those skill factors, which perhaps were more appreciated by his French admirers when he played for Monaco that they were here, are still there. He might not be able to respond with the same lightning reflexes

these days but the touch, precision and majesty of his game are still intact.

Glenn suggests that the French game was probably best suited to his unique style. He claims: "The French have a very high technical level and the pace of their game is slap bang inbetween the Italian and English games. Not too slow and too relaxed; not too hectic and fast. It is played at a rhythm that enables you to play good technical football.

"There are a lot of very good players over there and I saw it as a chance to test myself, both as a player and a person, against some of the best...

"The French mentality towards the game is different. They are more on the same wavelength that I'm on I think.

"The top teams in England have more varied ways of playing than you find on the Continent. Some teams here go out to destroy, and can be quite successful at this. Others play a hard and fast long ball game; some a more cultured format of this with the ball dropped shorter.

"On a good day our game can look wonderful but on a bad day it is horrific.

"The first thing I noticed when I returned from France was that the game was much quicker here than when I left. It is a natural progression. Athletes run faster, high jumpers jump higher, and so on. There is more emphasis on athleticism now.

"The standard in the First Division this season has been very good. The game at this level is not played at the pace of that in the Premier League but this is possibly a blessing in disguise. I think the quality of the passing has been improved because of this and this lends to better entertainment.

"From what I have seen the precision has been a general improvement all round. In the Third Division Port Vale and West Brom play some excellent football that would grace the First Division.

"Players at this level don't possess the speed of thought and vision that is displayed at the top level but by accurate

passing and an improvement of the basic skills they can make themselves into better players.

"This game first has to be applied in the mind. The art of management to some extent is the art of psychology. Tapping into players and making them aware of what is required and what they are capable of.

"The strength is inside people. The art is getting players to realise this and get the best out of themselves."

For all his experience this is Glenn's first involvement in the play-offs. He says: "It is a nerve-racking period for players and managers. There is more at stake. A whole season's work. Our immediate future is on a knife edge. This is one stage of the season when the result matters more than the performance."

When it comes to performers few have succeeded more than Glenn this season. I put it to him that he has proved he can more than live at this level and there can be little question that he will carry on next season.

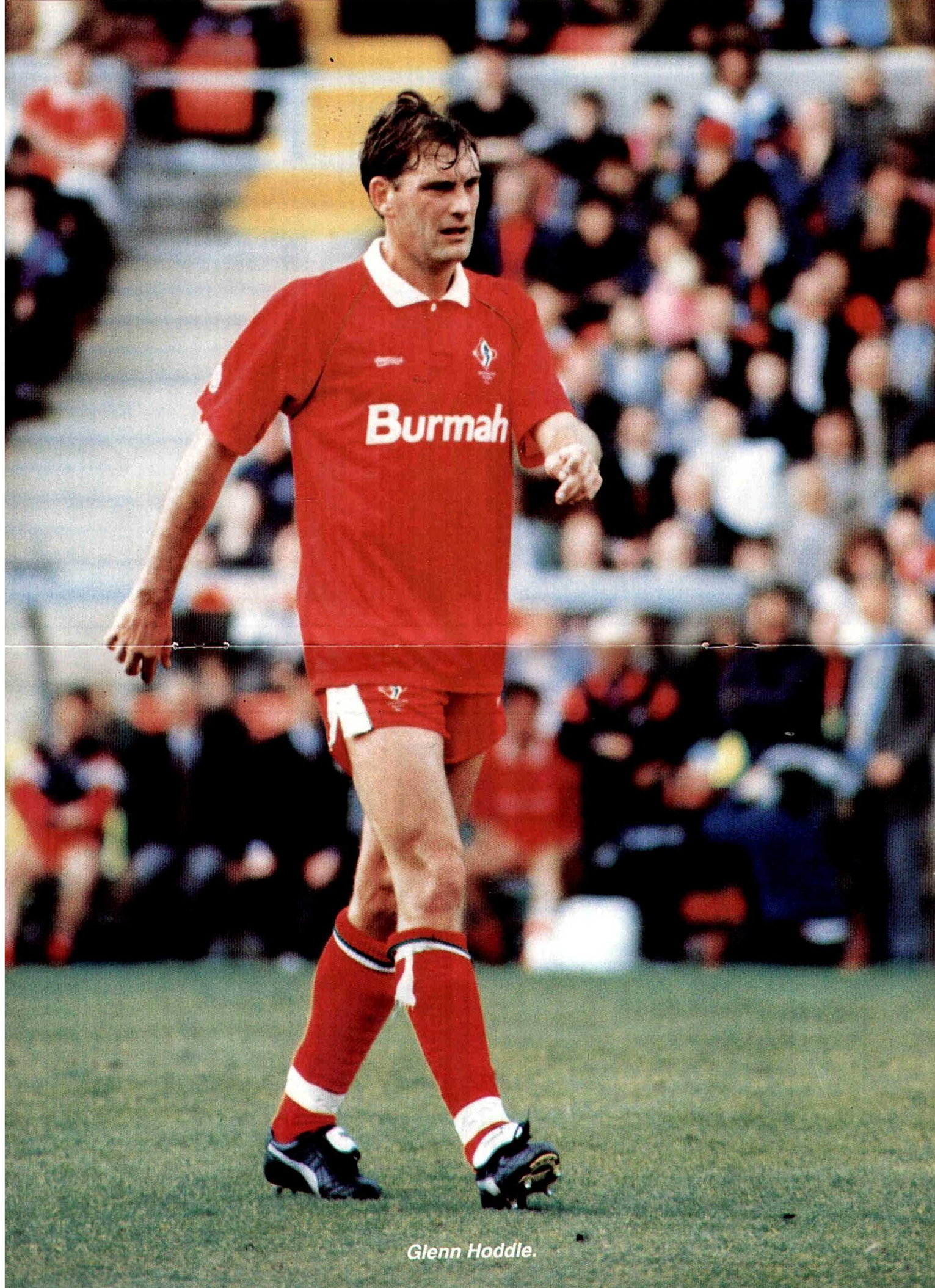
"It is a little early to say," he cautions. "I take it year by year and will see how I feel in pre-season. If I'm up to standard and I feel it is right for the team then I'll carry on."

The problem is, I suggested, that Glenn's own high standards are not those by which the rest of us judge him. Thus, is there not a danger that he could decide his playing days are over before they should be?

Thankfully his response leaves us full of optimism. For Glenn says: "I have to understand myself. The type of player I am and phase myself out."

"It would be selfish to say I'm going to quit just like that if I can still assist the other players on the field. I can perhaps use myself more shrewdly in the future... Let's get this season over first."

An appearance at Wembley would certainly provide a natural backcloth to one of England's greatest stars.



Glenn Hoddle.

From the Boardroom

This afternoon sees the final home game of this season at The County Ground. A season which started so well back in August and has continued throughout with the attractive style of play put before you by Glenn, John and all the players.

While we are of course disappointed at not getting an automatic promotion place we must be pleased with the magnificent achievement of obtaining a play-off spot.

We have, no different from anybody else had our fair share of trials and tribulations throughout the season both on and off the pitch.

Injuries have presented Glenn with selection problems on occasions but even with his limited squad he has produced the goods.

The supporters have been absolutely magnificent both at home and away. Despite the recession our average attendances have been up.

Glenn and the players are always saying how grateful they are with the vocal support from the fans and nowhere is this more evident at times than on the away trips. Such support will of course be just as vital on Wednesday evening in the second leg at Prenton Park.

We have had a marvellous season so far, wouldn't it be brilliant to cap it with a Wembley victory.

A lot of hard work has been put in by so many people during the season. Of course thanks must go to Glenn, John and the coaching staff and players. But also I must thank the Board of Directors for the

countless hours they have put in not to mention the countless hours sleep lost!

The team we have off the field is second to none, the administration, commercial and ground staff although rarely seen must be commended for their efforts. Thanks also to the many organisations who help on matchdays at The County Ground. To Superintendent Glen Symes and his staff at Swindon Police, the Ambulance Service and Fire Brigade, Events People and MedicEvent and everybody from Compass Catering plus the part-time staff too numerous to mention but without whose help we would not be able to function.

As I said it's been hard but the job isn't over yet.

Enjoy the games and have a good summer.



*Ray Hardman
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UP WHERE WE BELONG

By Swindon Town F.C. Squad with Danny Newman.

So here we are
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And we'll be up where we belong.



Oh how we tried
In red and white we battled on with pride
Now no one can confine us
And next year you will find us
Up where we belong.



Up where we belong, we have waited for so long
To be up where we belong
Up where we belong, together we are strong
And we'll be up where we belong.

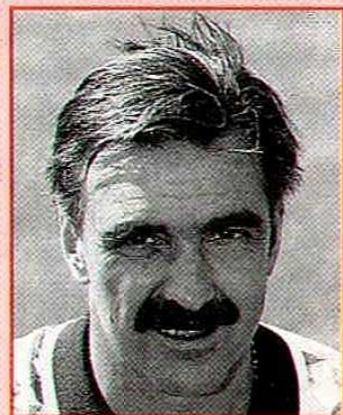
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Gorman's GROOVE

WITH
JOHN GORMAN



"Up Where We Belong" - the title of our new Club song and also our ultimate aim and driving ambition.

We are now just one step away from a possible Wembley appearance and after that - who knows. We must have the right attitude that only over 'our dead bodies' will they get to those Twin Towers before us!

What happened back in 1990 must have been a terrible experience for the players and supporters and this will make us even more determined to put the record straight this time around.

The town is really buzzing at the moment. Everywhere you go people stop and want to wish you well. You can really feel the excitement building day by day.

We enjoyed making the record last week and hopefully it will be a success but I don't anticipate an appearance on Top of the Pops just yet!

Glenn and I intend on using some of the money from sales to help a local charity. During our time here we have met plenty of people worthy of it. We have had numerous requests to help those less fortunate than ourselves and

I must congratulate the players on giving us so much of their time and effort to be available if needed.

On the playing front over the two years we have been here it's been great to see such a vast improvement in the players which has given us a lot of satisfaction.

One aspect of our play is the freedom for the players to express themselves and not be frightened to enjoy their football. As we always say we want to win so badly but only by playing the game the way we believe in!

Watching the Reserves last week here at The County Ground against Crystal Palace typified this. We've introduced some of the Youth players and they have contributed well.

I was very interested to hear Alex Ferguson talk on T.V. after his superb F.A. Premier League Championship win. He said that they now organise players to practise because of the influence of Eric Cantona. I have to say that we always practice here at Swindon, not just for fitness or tactics but also all the basic and intricate skills of the game - and we will continue to do so. All the

players will improve, there is always time and plenty of it! Excuses are always being made about too many games having to be played. Rest is essential though but improving technique is highest on our priority list.

Today sees the final game of this season at the County Ground and I would like to thank our other team here - the backroom staff. The Administration and Marketing Staff along with everybody on the Ground and Catering Staff have done a marvellous job and as much as anybody else fully deserve a place in the Premier League.

Enjoy the game.



Alex Ferguson.

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Home & Away

There's no doubt where most of you will be next Wednesday, in spirit if not in body. For we travel to Tranmere to take on the Rovers in the second-leg of this play-off semi-final.

It must be said that Prenton Park has not been the happiest of venues for Town supporters over the years. Since we first played there, in March 1959, we have won just three times in 15 visits.

Our last success at **Tranmere** was back in September 1984 when Andy Rowland scored the opening goal in a 2-0 win.

Since then we have lost 1-3, drawn 0-0 in 1991 and last month 1-3 again when David Mitchell was our scorer. Yet Town fans should not be pessimistic. Statistics reveal that the chances of a side beating the same opposition twice in one season on the same stage are low.

Another major factor governing this particular fixture is the context. As we all know league history rarely bares comparison to results in knock-out football and this is what we are involved in here.

The play-offs are more akin to cup football yet as it happens we have never met the Rovers in either the FA Cup or Football

League Cup so we are into virgin territory.

What ever happens this afternoon it promises to be quite a night at Prenton Park. See you there this coming Wednesday, 19th May. Ticket details are on page three.

The season might be drawing to an end for most of us but for our International players the show roles on into next month.

Our best wishes go with Paul Bodin, who will be helping Wales in their quest for World Cup qualification, as indeed with Dave Mitchell down under with Australia and young Nicky Summerbee who could be involved with the England Under-21 squad.



Nicky Summerbee - on the verge of International honours.



COLIN'S CORNER

WITH
**COLIN
CALDERWOOD**

You get just one important match in the play-offs and this is it. Our whole season could hinge on the next 90 minutes.

We were a little disappointed we didn't finish higher in the league table because we felt it would be better to be at home for the second leg of this semi-final. But I think there are advantages both ways.

Blackburn Rovers proved last year that if you get a good lead in the first game it can make the second leg so much easier. So we will be giving it everything this afternoon.

I don't think it really matters who you get at this stage of the competition. All four teams, on their day, are good enough to win promotion. What we have to work at is making sure it is our day to produce the form.

We have played Tranmere two-and-a-half times already this season and they have won one-and-a-half games so it is time to set the record straight. I thought we were worthy winners in the game here but were always second best in the match at Prenton Park.

We took some stick too from the bloke on the microphone up there. They seemed to be making a lot out of the floodlight failure here. In the end that game made no difference to either of us so I don't know what the fuss is all about.

I remember the first time we were in the play-offs we were 2-0 down at Wigan after 20 minutes but came back to win 3-2. Then at Gillingham we were behind but scrambled back to win a replay. So anything can happen...You know it is not really the prospect of going to Wembley that gee's you up. It is what comes after if you get there and win.

Hopefully David Mitchell will be back this afternoon. He missed the game at Barnsley when he ricked his back bending down to pick up a newspaper left at his bedroom door...All that for the Daily Sport. I ask you!

As these are my last notes of the season I once again want to thank all of you for your support. Especially everyone who has travelled to encourage us away from home.

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I suppose when it comes to the play-offs you can say we have seen it all and done it all before. Town

even have the unique distinction of being the only club to have won a final and not be promoted. It is a sad and disappointing chapter in our illustrious history and one we could definitely put right by gaining promotion to the Premier League this time around.

Mind you the odds don't favour us or Leicester City. Blackburn Rovers might well have clinched promotion to the top division last year after finishing sixth in the Second Division table but they are the only team to have achieved ultimate success from this position.

In the first year, 1987, of the modern play-offs Charlton Athletic maintained their First Division status with a 3-1 aggregate victory over Leeds United, who had finished fourth in the Second Division, in a two-leg final.

The following year, Middlesbrough, who were third in the final League table, overcame Chelsea the third from bottom club in Division One, who were fighting to maintain their status in top bracket.

In 1989 the rules of the competition were altered. The bottom three dropped down; the top two in Division Two were promoted and the teams in third to sixth places fought it out for the one remaining promotion spot.

Third placed Crystal Palace duly won through to take their place in Division One following a 4-3 aggregate victory over Blackburn Rovers.

Then in 1990, with the finals switched to sudden death affairs at Wembley Stadium, came our forlorn success over Sunderland, who incidentally had finished in sixth place, six points behind third place Newcastle United who they eliminated 2-0.

Notts County too confirmed their League standing of third place when they qualified after beating Brighton 3-1 at Wembley. Then came last year's success for Kenny Dalglish's team.

Leicester are still sore about that 1-0 defeat. They felt strongly that David Speedie took a dive to win the penalty that eventually put Blackburn up. Like us they have a score to settle at Wembley.

On paper Portsmouth and Tranmere Rovers are the in-form sides in this four club pack but then League form doesn't seem to count so much when it comes to the play-offs. Take last season for instance.

Blackburn only squeezed into the play-offs by the skin of their teeth. Their record showed just two wins in their final 10 League games - six of which had been lost. They took on a rampant Rams side that had finished with a flourish of four straight wins with just one defeat in ten games.

At Ewood Park Rovers established a 4-2 lead. In the return leg at the Baseball Ground Derby managed a win but by 2-1. It wasn't enough!

Likewise in the other semi-final Cambridge United boasted the better League finish with only one loss in 11 games. Leicester, on the other hand finished their League campaign with

two defeats after five straight wins which had lifted them into contention.

It must be said that confidence was not that high at Filbert Street following a 1-1 draw at the Abbey Stadium. But the power play fizzled to nothing as City romped to a 5-0 scoreline at home.

It all goes to show you can't take anything for granted in this game - ask Steve Coppell. Of course we are disappointed to have to West Ham United and then at Barnsley last week but this is another day, another game, another dream to fulfil.

Australia had wanted us to release David Mitchell for World Cup service but we are hoping he will be available for selection tonight to help shoot us into the history books. If we claim that remaining place for the Premier League we shall become the first fifth placed team to have achieved promotion.



David Mitchell - wanted down under for World Cup duty

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INSIGHT

with Colin Benson

The smooth running of any football club depends on the competence of the Club Secretary, a vital yet somewhat unappreciated position. I know from experience the pressures that someone in this position can be subjected to. The responsibilities range from ensuring your safety when attending the ground to paying the milk bill!

In short it is a stressful office. It requires good administrative skills, the art of delegation and above all a touch of humour.

Jon Pollard displays all of these qualities, though you have to know him to appreciate best his humorous slant on life. To some outsiders he might appear dry, but let's face it anybody who started their working life as a Butlins Redcoat must be able to take a joke!

The spelling of his Christian name suggests Dutch origins and Jon confirms there is a connection way back on his father's side though there is no present contact with any relatives in Holland.

He says "I love the place and indeed spend a great deal of time in The Netherlands but when England went into the lead at Wembley the other week I was in raptures like the rest of the crowd."

Born and raised in Norfolk, Jon is very much a son of the Norfolk Broads. He still has his home there just outside Great Yarmouth and travels back to be with wife Dawn, who is a nurse, and eight year old daughter Jennifer every weekend.

"We love the area," says Jon. "It is so beautiful and relaxing and we would never move again. When I joined Aldershot we moved to Alton in Hampshire but could not settle so we decided to return to Norfolk after just ten months and I began my apprenticeship as a long distance commuter."

A goalkeeper, until he smashed his hand against a goalpost in a freak accident and was forced to relinquish the position, Jon's first allegiance was to Chelsea. "I can't tell you why" he says. "A friend and I spent a lot of time going to see them playing every other week at Stamford Bridge. Ray Wilkins was my favourite player."

"When I left school money was important. I became a Redcoat with Butlins at Clacton and in the winter was a turnstile operator at Carrow Road. Soon I was helping out in the ticket office on matchdays and a couple of months later a permanent position was offered to me by the club."

"Norwich City was a lovely club to work for. I became Box Office Manager and was then promoted to Assistant Secretary to Nigel Pleasants who is now at Leeds United. We had some great times. Winning the Milk Cup Final at Wembley against Sunderland in 1985 was special and like any player who has appeared there I would love to be involved in another Wembley occasion. Fingers crossed it could be this year."

"Another happy memory was when Norwich won the FA Youth Cup by beating Everton at Goodison in a third game. We had more people at Carrow Road for the home leg in the final than we did when we played QPR a few days later in Division 1. It was brilliant to see the lads lift the trophy as I had coached them when they were in the City U17 team."

Alas, after ten years service Jon suddenly found his world taken from under him. Robert Chase had swept into Carrow Road and explains Jon "Everybody got the bullet. From manager Ken Brown downwards. Nigel, the administration staff and other management. We were all swept away."

It is an experience that still leaves a very bitter taste. Certainly at the time Jon was very disillusioned with football but through connections he had made was given a life-line by the late Dick Condon, who was Manager at The Theatre Royal in Norwich.

"I spent almost a year working in their Box Office and thoroughly enjoyed the experience" says Jon. "Dick was a brilliant man and well respected in the Theatre world and we had an understanding that if another job came my way in football I would take it. Working in the theatre was completely different to football. In general most of the stars were extremely friendly. Colin Baker, the former Dr Who was one in particular and the whole cast from 'Allo 'Allo, Rene and Co were so down to earth and genuine."

"Yet when I received a call from Southend United I could not resist. It came out of the blue and I joined them as Secretary in September 1987. I was there for a year but hated life in Essex and left to return to Pontins Holiday Centre at Pakefield in Suffolk where I had spent some time coaching

whilst at Norwich. The Canaries were the first club to introduce the American style soccer schools. The first year we spent three weeks there followed in successive years by six and then eight week stints. That's the closest I have come to becoming an alcoholic!" he muses.

Jon then answered a call from FLESA, the football admin staff union. Aldershot were in a mess in the wake of Boardroom upheaval and Jon relished the challenge.

It is at this level of the game that you learn the hard facts of life. The Shots were in financial ruin and in his third year there Jon went through the turmoil of a winding-up order.

"It was a nightmare," he recalls. "We were in and out of Court. Then they pulled the plug on us. Everybody at the club was gutted. It was the worst day of my footballing life. We could do nothing. The bailiffs stormed in and threw us out. The doors were padlocked and the bottom just dropped out of our world."

"We were fortunate that the laws had just been changed and this meant that an administrator could be appointed. He took over and got the club going again, albeit for a year or so."

Meanwhile approaches were being made for Jon's services from other areas and in December 1990 he was appointed Secretary at Swindon Town.

Says Jon "The club in theory should have been in the old first division but spent just ten days there before being punished by the authorities for irregularities. The new administrative team had to get things back on the rails. I would like to think that we have now done that. We have achieved a completely new image for the club. We have new offices along with a computerised ticketing system. The dressing room areas have been totally altered and we have new executive facilities. We would not have been able to secure a such as sponsorship deal with Burmah had we not achieved all this."

"We have tried to create a friendly atmosphere and make this a homely club. Recent weeks have proved that the support is there if we provide the fans with what they want. Our Kid-a-Quid scheme illustrates what we are trying to achieve. There are not many places where you can watch top class football for £1."

It is schemes like this that demonstrate that Swindon Town are not only one of the most creative clubs on the field but off it as well.



Secretary Jon Pollard.

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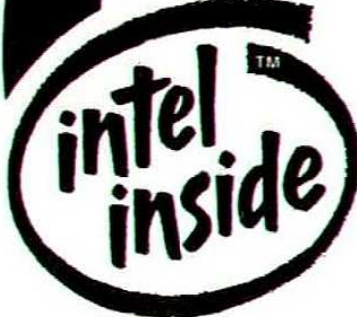
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PLAY-OFF SEMI-FINAL

The Travel Club will be open after today's game and on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30pm to take bookings for the away leg at Tranmere on Wednesday. Telephone bookings can be made during the day on (0453) 883051 and evenings on 611499.

The coaches will depart at 1.30pm and the fare is £9.00 for members (£10 for non-members). There is a £2.00 reduction for all children accompanied by an adult.

Non-members and families are especially welcome. If you wish to join membership costs £5.00 and lasts for three years, starting from next season.

Depending on the semi-final result the Travel Club will continue to open every weekday evening from Thursday onwards to take bookings for the play-off Final. A train as well as coaches have already been booked provisionally. Details of departure times and fares will be available from the Travel Club offices.

The Travel Club AGM has been arranged for the evening of 8th July. We hope as many members as possible will be able to attend. The winner of the Swindon Town Travel Club Away Player of the Year for 1992/93 will be announced that evening. This will be presented at the start of next season.

Throughout the close season the Travel Club office will be open every Thursday evening between 7.30 and

9.30pm for the renewal of membership cards. All information regarding pre-season friendlies and away travel season ticket prices will be advertised as soon as possible.

If any member wishes to contact a committee member for any information please telephone (0453) 883051.

All of us on the Travel Club committee, Mick, Janet, Sheila, Tracey, Nick, Andy, Pete and Paul wish you happy holidays and look forward to seeing you for the first away match next season.

SAS TRAVEL

SAS Travel, in association with Silver Knight Coaches, will be operating an executive coach service, with hostess, to the second leg on Wednesday. Departure times are as follows:

Malmesbury	1300	£9
Lyneham	1305	
Wootton Bassett	1315	
West Swindon	1330	
County Ground	1345	
Lower Stratton	1400	

Hot and cold drinks, rolls, sandwiches and light refreshments are served on board. All coaches operated by SAS Travel are non-smoking. To book, simply ring 0793 825935 or 0249 7200360 at any time. A 24-hour answerphone service is available should it not be possible to deal with your call immediately. Match tickets, if available, can also be booked along with your coach seat. Payment is made on the day of travel to your SAS hostess. No membership is necessary.

In this, the final programme of 1992/93, SAS Travel would like to thank everyone for making this a season to remember. We extend our thanks to hostesses Marie, Hilda, Jackie, Becky, Andrea and Cara, to stewards Ernie, Dave, Del and Pat and to the staff of Silver Knight Coaches Limited for all their efforts in making each journey such a smooth operation.

And finally, thanks to all our customers for their support and encouragement and we look forward to serving you again next season.

BE WARNED

Supporters are reminded that, in accordance with the Sporting Events Act 1985, it is an offence to take alcohol on to any vehicle transporting anyone to away matches.

Quantities of alcohol were found on one coach attending the Barnsley game last weekend, which will result in the company, the driver and the organisers being prosecuted. Neither the coach company, from Oxfordshire, nor those travelling, are regular attendees at Swindon Town away games and it is hoped that this will be a lesson learned for the future.

Pen Pal required

I'm a 19-year old football fan who is looking for female fans 16+ to exchange football news and souvenirs with. I support a number of teams ranging from 3rd Division to the Premier League. Please write to: Sarah Dixon, 24 Bridge Road, Scunthorpe, South Humberside DN17 1LP.

Contributions to this page should be addressed to:

David Smith, Supporters' Page, Swindon Town F.C., County Ground, Swindon SN1 2ED.
or handed in at the Supporters' Information Desk, situated within the Matchday Ticket Office

Rowland's RESERVES

As the season drew to a close we were faced with four games in the final week. We began with an away game against Tottenham Hotspur at Enfield Town. Our first half performance was very good although we found ourselves a goal down at the interval after having dominated the play. We had several good openings and could have gone in three up - never mind a goal down!

The second half however was a disappointment and Spurs punished us twice when we tried to play the off-side trap. Chris Hamon scored a brave goal winning a 50/50 chase with goalkeeper Kevin Dearden.

Two days later we played a very entertaining 'home' game against Arsenal at Aldershot Town F.C. and although the score finished at 0-0 we should have won comfortably. The best chances fell to Steve Lane and Steve Heffer and both were unlucky not to score. Overall this was a pleasing performance.

The most disappointing of the final run-in of games was the home fixture against Oxford United at The County Ground on Bank Holiday Monday where in the first half we played as if it was a Sunday stroll and quickly found ourselves 3-0 down. Although we managed to raise our game slightly and pulled the score back to 3-2 with goals from Chris Hamon and Paul Hunt. A goalless second half sealed our fate.

By far the best of the four games, where apart from a twenty five minute spell early in the second half, we completely dominated the game.

A first half goal from Chris Hamon taking his season's tally to twelve, and three more in the last twenty minutes of the game from fit again Shaun Close saw us run out comfortable winners.

Although our form has been a bit up and down lately it was nice to finish with a resounding win.

On a more personal note I would like to thank all of the players who have been involved in the Reserve Team this season for all the hard work they have put in both on the pitch and at the training ground.

They have all been good to work with and although results haven't always gone our way we have always set out to do things the right way.



ANDY ROWLAND

Results:

Neville Ovenden Football Combination

Tottenham Hotspur 3 Swindon Town 1

Scorer: Hamon

Team: Phillips K, O'Sullivan, Hall, Middleton, Thomson, Viveash, Marwood, Hoddle M, Hamon, Lane, Phillips M.

Subs: Heffer, French.

Neville Ovenden Football Combination

Swindon Town 0 Arsenal 0

Team: Phillips K, O'Sullivan, Heffer, Middleton, Thomson, James, Phillips M, Hoddle M, Hamon, Lane, Hunt.

Subs: Hall, French.

Neville Ovenden Football Combination

Swindon Town 2 Oxford United 3

Scorers: Hamon, Hunt

Team: Hammond, O'Sullivan, Hall, Heffer, Thomson, James, Phillips M, Hamon, Hoddle M, Hunt.

Subs: Lane, Worrall.

Neville Ovenden Football Combination

Swindon Town 4 Crystal Palace 0

Scorers: Hamon, Close (3)

Team: Hammond, O'Sullivan, Horlock, Hoddle M, Middleton, Thomson, James, Moncur, Phillips M, Hamon, Close, Hunt.

Subs: Lane, Kearns.



Shaun Close - Palace hat-trick.

NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION DIVISION ONE FIXTURES

Wed Aug 19	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	2-0
Wed Aug 26	Portsmouth	A	1-3
Wed Sep 02	West Ham United	H	1-1
Fri Sep 11	Norwich City	A	3-5
Mon Sep 21	Millwall	A	0-1
Wed Sep 30	Wimbledon	H	0-1
Wed Oct 07	Fulham	A	0-3
Wed Oct 14	Millwall	H	1-3
Wed Oct 28	Tottenham Hotspur	H	2-1
Thur Nov 05	Crystal Palace	A	3-3
Mon Nov 09	Watford	H	1-1
Tue Nov 17	Queens Park Rangers	H	1-1
Mon Nov 23	Chippenham T. (WPS)	H	8-1
Wed Nov 25	Ipswich Town	A	1-3
Tue Dec 15	Norwich City	H	2-2
Tue Dec 22	Luton Town	A	2-1
Fri Jan 15	Watford	A	1-1
Mon Jan 18	Chelsea	A	2-3
Wed Jan 20	Oxford United	A	5-0
Wed Jan 27	Southampton	H	1-1
Tue Feb 02	Wimbledon	A	3-0
Mon Feb 08	Queens Park Rangers	A	1-0
Wed Feb 10	Portsmouth	H	0-3
Mon Feb 15	Charlton Athletic	H	0-0
Mon Feb 22	Bristol City	A	2-0
Wed Feb 24	Ipswich Town	H	0-2
Mon Mar 01	Luton Town	H	1-2
Mon Mar 08	Bristol City	H	2-0
Mon Mar 15	Fulham	H	1-0
Wed Mar 17	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	2-2
Sat Mar 20	Trowbridge Town (WPS)	A	0-1
Sat Mar 27	Southampton	A	0-2
Tue Mar 30	West Ham United	A	2-4
Tue Apr 13	Chelsea	H	2-2
Wed Apr 21	Charlton Athletic	A	1-2
Sat Apr 24	Arsenal	A	1-1
Wed Apr 28	Tottenham Hotspur	A	3-1
Fri Apr 30	Arsenal*	H	0-0
Mon May 03	Oxford United	H	2-3
Wed May 05	Crystal Palace	H	4-0

*Played at Aldershot Town F.C.

NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION DIVISION ONE

SEASON 1992/93 FINAL TABLE

MILLWALL	38	21	10	7	71	42	73
CHELSEA	38	20	11	7	76	49	71
Q.P.R.	38	19	11	8	70	46	68
CRYSTAL P.	38	18	12	7	66	44	66
SOUTHAMPTON	38	18	10	10	58	39	64
TOTTENHAM H.	38	16	15	7	75	38	63
OXFORD UTD	38	16	12	10	58	57	60
WATFORD	38	15	12	11	62	61	57
WIMBLEDON	38	15	10	12	59	39	55
IPSWICH TOWN	38	16	7	15	58	62	55
ARSENAL	38	12	15	11	57	46	51
LUTON TOWN	38	13	9	16	53	64	48
CHARLTON A.	38	14	6	18	48	57	48
WEST HAM UTD	38	13	6	19	56	59	45
NORWICH CITY	38	11	12	15	66	78	45
SWINDON TOWN	38	10	12	16	53	60	42
BRISTOL CITY	38	8	12	18	39	60	36
PORTSMOUTH	38	9	10	20	43	73	34
BRIGHTON	38	9	7	22	38	81	34
FULHAM	38	5	7	26	28	76	22

FOCUS on youth

Our final three Allied Counties League games ended the season with two further wins and our only defeat leaving us in the runners-up position in our section.

Following our game at Hungerford when the referee abandoned the game with us winning 6-0 after the home side could only field seven players - reduced to six following injury we took on Basingstoke Town at South Marston. The first half was quite pleasing. We were passing the ball well but did not take the chances created. Although we missed these openings we still managed to take a 4-0 lead, all goals coming from Mark Walters. Some good performances were ruined by sloppy play because the game was a little too easy. The players must not complicate things when they do not have to.

The Thatcham Town game was very similar with us playing well in the first half gaining a three nil interval lead with goals from Ben Worrall and Jim Fraser (2). Another goal from Worrall early in the second half should have seen us settle to play our way without too much pressure. Unfortunately the reverse happened. We relaxed and did not apply ourselves properly and allowed Thatcham to pull two goals back.

The final game of this campaign saw us again up against Hungerford Town. We missed the chance to go top of the section and into the play-offs. Conceding an early goal we did not match Hungerford for effort allowing them too much time and space.

We never got our game going and only in a twenty five minute spell just after half time looked as though we had any chance of winning when we equalised. But again we slipped back into the form of the first half and paid for it with Hungerford scoring the winning goal just before the final whistle. In these performances we again showed the inconsistency displayed throughout the season. We promised so much but just failed to deliver.

We must now look forward to the new season and work to improve the consistency of the performance being both physically and mentally stronger.



JOHN TROLLOPE

Results:

Allied Counties League

**Hungerford Town 0
Swindon Town 6**

(Game abandoned at half time)

Scorers: Jordan M, Kearns, Waters, Worrall (2), Walters

Team: Hamblin, Pitman, Kearns, Holloway, James, Thorne, Jordan M, Short, Waters, Walters, Worrall.
Sub: Fraser.

Allied Counties League

**Swindon Town 4
Basingstoke Town 0**

Scorer: Walters (4)

Team: Hamblin, Pitman, Kearns, Holloway, Reeves, Jordan M, Fraser, Waters, Walters, Worrall.
Subs: James, Short.

Allied Counties League

**Thatcham Town 2
Swindon Town 4**

Scorers: Fraser (2), Worrall (2)

Team: Hamblin, Pitman, Kearns, McCluskey, James, Thorne, Jordan M, Reeves, Short, Fraser, Worrall.
Subs: Waters, Holloway.

Allied Counties League

**Swindon Town 1
Hungerford Town 2**

Scorer: Worrall

Team: Hamblin, Pitman, Reeves, Elsey, Holloway, Jordan M, Fraser, Walters, Waters, Worrall.
Subs: Short, McCluskey.



Steve Reeves.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES

Sat Aug 15	Brighton & Hove Albion	H 2-3
Sat Aug 22	Bristol Rovers	A 0-3
Mon Aug 24	Northampton Town (MYC P)	H 1-0
Sat Aug 29	Reading	H 4-1
Sat Sep 05	Colchester United	A 2-1
Sat Sep 12	Tottenham Hotspur	H 1-4
Tue Sep 15	Tottenham H. (SJFC 1)	A 0-4
Sat Sep 19	AFC Bournemouth (LC 1)	A 2-2
Sat Sep 26	AFC Bournemouth (LC1R)	H 0-3
Sat Oct 03	Brentford	H 0-3
Mon Oct 05	Oxford United (MYC 1)	A 2-2
Sat Oct 10	Oxford United	A 1-4
Sat Oct 17	Southampton	H 1-1
Mon Oct 19	Oxford United (MYC 1R)	H 3-0
Sat Oct 24	Oxford United	H 0-0
Sat Oct 31	Crystal Palace	H 1-0
Wed Nov 04	Oxford United (FAYC 1)	H 3-2
Sat Nov 07	Luton Town	H 1-3
Sat Nov 14	Wimbledon	A 0-3
Sat Nov 21	Bristol City	A 3-2
Sat Nov 28	Luton Town	A 1-4
Wed Dec 09	Southampton (FAYC 2)	H 1-0
Sat Dec 12	Brighton & Hove Albion	A 1-2
Mon Dec 14	Derby County (MYC 2)	A 3-2
Sat Jan 02	Reading	A 3-1
Tue Jan 05	Arsenal (FAYC 3)	H 5-2
Sat Jan 09	Colchester United	H 0-2
Sat Jan 30	Brentford	A 2-1
Mon Feb 01	Bristol City (FAYC 4)	A 0-1
Sat Feb 06	Wimbledon	H 0-1
Sat Feb 13	Southampton	A 1-1
Sat Feb 20	Crystal Palace	A 1-1
Sat Mar 06	Bristol City	H 0-1
Sat Mar 27	Bristol Rovers	H 1-1
Sat Apr 03	AFC Bournemouth	H 2-0
Tue Apr 06	Tottenham Hotspur	A 1-1
Sat Apr 17	AFC Bournemouth	A 0-1
Mon Apr 19	Birmingham City (MYC S-F)	A 2-4

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wimbledon	26	19	3	4	67	25	41
Bristol City	26	16	2	8	55	35	34
Brentford	26	12	8	6	39	26	32
Brighton	26	11	6	9	48	49	28
Bournemouth	26	11	6	9	37	39	28
Luton Town	25	13	1	11	52	46	27
Tottenham H.	26	11	5	10	48	50	27
Southampton	26	9	8	9	28	31	25
Crystal Palace	26	10	4	12	38	33	24
Oxford Utd	26	8	4	14	48	52	20
Swindon Town	26	7	6	13	29	45	20
Colchester Utd	26	9	1	16	23	48	19
Bristol Rovers	26	6	7	13	36	57	19
Reading	26	6	6	14	35	52	18

ALLIED COUNTIES YOUTH LEAGUE FIXTURES

Mon Sep 21	Newbury Town	A 1-0
Mon Sep 28	Reading	H 3-1
Mon Oct 12	Kintbury Rangers	H 11-0
Tues Nov 17	Kintbury Rangers (LC1)	A 10-0
Tues Dec 15	Kintbury Rangers	A 3-0
Wed Feb 10	Swindon Supermarine	H 2-1
Wed Feb 17	Basingstoke Town	A 8-1
Thur Feb 25	Swindon Supermarine	A 2-0
Mon Mar 08	Hungerford Town (LC2)	H 2-2
Mon Mar 15	Thatcham Town	H 2-1
Mon Mar 22	Newbury Town	H 4-1
Mon Mar 29	Reading	A 3-3
Wed Apr 21	Hungerford Town	A 6-0*
Mon Apr 26	Basingstoke Town	H 4-0
Wed Apr 28	Thatcham Town	A 4-2
Wed May 05	Hungerford Town	H 1-2

* At Swindon Supermarine FC
* Match abandoned



Robins Facts

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1992/93 FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle U.	46	16	6	1	58	15	13	3	7	34	23	96
West Ham	46	16	5	2	50	17	10	5	8	31	24	88
Portsmouth	46	19	2	2	48	9	7	8	8	32	37	88
Tranmere R.	46	15	4	4	48	24	8	6	9	24	32	79
Swindon T.	46	15	5	3	41	23	6	8	9	33	36	76
Leicester C.	46	14	5	4	43	24	8	5	10	28	40	75
Millwall	46	14	6	3	46	21	4	10	9	19	32	70
Derby C.	46	11	2	10	40	33	8	7	8	28	24	66
Grimsby T.	46	12	6	5	33	25	7	1	15	25	32	64
Peterboro'	46	7	11	5	30	26	9	3	11	25	37	62
Wolves	46	11	6	6	37	26	5	7	11	20	30	61
Charlton Ath.	46	10	8	5	28	19	6	5	12	21	27	61
Barnsley	46	12	4	7	29	19	5	5	13	27	41	60
Oxford Utd	46	8	7	8	29	21	6	7	10	24	35	56
Bristol City	46	10	7	6	29	25	4	7	12	20	42	56
Watford	46	8	7	8	27	30	6	6	11	30	41	56
Notts C.	46	10	7	6	33	21	6	9	11	22	49	52
Southend U.	46	9	8	6	33	22	4	5	14	21	42	52
Birmingham City	46	10	4	9	30	32	3	8	12	20	40	51
Luton T.	46	6	13	4	26	26	4	8	11	22	36	51
Sunderland	46	9	6	8	34	28	4	5	14	16	36	50
Brentford	46	7	6	10	28	30	6	4	13	24	41	49
Cambridge Utd.	46	8	6	9	29	32	3	10	10	19	37	49
Bristol R.	46	8	6	11	30	42	4	5	14	25	45	41

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES 92/93

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	Apps	G	Apps	G	Apps	G
Austin Berkley	0 (1)	0	1	1	1 (1)	1
Paul Bodin	34 (1)	11	4	0	38 (1)	11
Colin Calderwood	46	2	5	0	51	2
Shaun Close	1 (19)	0	1 (1)	0	2 (20)	0
Fraser Digby	33	0	3	0	36	0
Andy Gray	3	0	0	0	3	0
Nicky Hammond	13	0	3	0	16	0
Chris Hamon	1 (1)	0	0	0	1 (1)	0
Micky Hazard	30 (2)	3	5	0	35 (2)	3
Glenn Hoddle	41 (1)	1	4	1	45 (1)	2
Kevin Horlock	13 (4)	1	3	0	16 (4)	1
Paul Hunt	3 (6)	0	1	0	4 (6)	0
David Kerslake	30 (1)	0	5	0	35 (1)	0
Martin Ling	43 (1)	2	6	1	49 (1)	3
Marcus Phillips	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (2)	0
Ross MacLaren	22 (1)	0	0	0	22 (1)	0
Craig Maskell	32 (1)	19	5	2	37 (1)	21
Brian Marwood	6 (8)	1	0	0	6 (8)	1
David Mitchell	37 (5)	12	5	4	42 (5)	16
Eddie Murray	0 (3)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (5)	0
John Moncur	11 (4)	1	2	0	13 (4)	1
Wayne O'Sullivan	0	0	1	0	1	0
Nicky Summerbee	36 (8)	2	4 (2)	1	40 (10)	3
Shaun Taylor	46	10	5	1	51	11
Adrian Viveash	5 (5)	0	1 (2)	0	6 (7)	0
Steve White	20 (19)	7	2 (4)	2	22 (23)	9

SWINDON TOWN FC FIXTURES 1992/93

Date	Opponents	F A	Att.
Sat Aug 15	Sunderland	H 1-0	11,375
Wed Aug 19	Bristol Rovers	A 4-3	6,150
Sat Aug 22	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A 2-2	15,493
Sat Aug 29	Cambridge United	H 4-1	8,292
Tue Sep 01	Oxford United (A.I.C.)	A 3-1	4,066
Sat Sep 05	Millwall	A 1-2	8,091
Sat Sep 12	Bristol Rovers	H 2-2	10,006
Wed Sep 16	Brentford (A.I.C.)	H 1-2	3,189
Sun Sep 20	Oxford United	H 2-2	8,110
Wed Sep 23	Torquay Utd (C.C.C. 2-1)	A 6-0	3,560
Sat Sep 26	Charlton Athletic	A 0-2	6,742
Tue Sep 29	Grimsby Town	H 1-0	5,759
Sat Oct 03	Watford	H 3-1	7,723
Tue Oct 06	Torquay Utd (C.C.C. 2-2)	H 3-2	3,278
Sat Oct 10	Portsmouth	A 1-3	12,442
Sat Oct 17	Notts County	H 5-1	7,912
Sat Oct 24	West Ham United	A 1-0	17,842
Tue Oct 27	Oldham Athletic (C.C.C.3)	H 0-1	8,811
Sat Oct 31	Barnsley	H 1-0	7,784
Tue Nov 03	Brentford	H 0-2	7,988
Sun Nov 08	Newcastle United	A 0-0	28,091
Sat Nov 14	Southend United	H 3-2	7,777
Sat Nov 21	Bristol City	A 2-2	14,066
Sun Nov 29	Peterborough United	A 3-3	5,976
Sun Dec 06	Derby County	H 2-4	8,923
Sun Dec 20	Leicester City	A 2-4	15,088
Mon Jan 04	Q.P.R (FAC 3)	A 0-3	12,106
Sat Jan 09	Oxford United	A 1-0	9,146
Tue Jan 12	Birmingham City	H 0-0	14,398
Sat Jan 16	Charlton Athletic	H 2-2	8,980
Tue Jan 26	Grimsby Town	A 1-2	5,207
Sat Jan 30	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H 1-0	11,155
Sat Feb 06	Sunderland	A 1-0	17,243
Sat Feb 13	Millwall	H 3-0	10,601
Sat Feb 20	Cambridge United	A 0-1	5,437
Tue Feb 23	Tranmere Rovers	H 2-0	10,055
Sat Feb 27	Portsmouth	H 1-0	14,449
Sat Mar 06	Watford	A 4-0	8,791
Wed Mar 10	Southend United	A 1-1	4,371
Sat Mar 13	Newcastle United	H 2-1	17,936
Wed Mar 17	Luton Town	A 0-0	8,902
Sun Mar 21	Derby County	A 1-2	12,166
Wed Mar 24	Bristol City	H 2-1	13,353
Sat Mar 27	Brentford	A 0-0	10,197
Sat Apr 03	Peterborough United	H 1-0	10,249
Tue Apr 06	Tranmere Rovers	A 1-3	8,335
Sat Apr 10	Luton Town	H 1-0	10,934
Mon Apr 12	Birmingham City	A 6-4	17,903
Sat Apr 17	Leicester City	H 1-1	15,432
Sat Apr 24	Notts County	A 1-1	8,382
Sun May 02	West Ham United	H 1-3	17,004
Sat May 08	Barnsley	A 0-1	6,031
Sun May 16	Tranmere Rovers (P-O s/f 1)H		
Wed May 19	Tranmere Rovers (P-O s/f 2) A		

FAC= F.A.Cup C.C.C.= Coca Cola Cup A.I.C.= Anglo Italian Competition
Figure in bold= Goalscorer Figure in brackets= Number of player substituted.

and Statistics



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	BODIN	HODDLE 1	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL	LING	MITCHELL	CLOSE (9)	VIVEASH
DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	BODIN 1	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR 1	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL	LING	MITCHELL 2	WHITE (11)	KERSLAKE (9)
DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR 1	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL 1	KERSLAKE	MITCHELL	WHITE	LING
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR 1	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL 3	LING	MITCHELL	SUMMERBEE	CLOSE
DIGBY	O'SULLIVAN	BODIN	HUNT	CALDERWOOD	VIVEASH	SUMMERBEE 1	CLOSE	MASKELL 1	LING	BERKLEY 1	WHITE (9)	MURRAY
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL 1	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE (11)	SUMMERBEE
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	SUMMERBEE	MONCUR	MASKELL 1	LING	MITCHELL 1	WHITE	VIVEASH
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	SUMMERBEE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL	LING	MITCHELL 1	WHITE (9)	VIVEASH
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR 1	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL	LING 1	MITCHELL	SUMMERBEE	CLOSE
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR 1	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL 1	LING 1	MITCHELL 2	SUMMERBEE (8)	WHITE (4) 1
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL	LING	MITCHELL	SUMMERBEE (7)	WHITE (9)
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL 1	LING	MITCHELL	SUMMERBEE	WHITE
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR 1	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE	MASKELL 2	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE (11)	PHILLIPS M.
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE 1	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE	WHITE 1	LING	MITCHELL 1	CLOSE (10)	PHILLIPS M. (7)
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE	MASKELL	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE (7) 1	HORLOCK (3)
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK 1	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE 1	MASKELL	LING 1	MITCHELL 1	WHITE (9)	MONCUR (8) 1
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL 1	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE (8)	VIVEASH
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE	MASKELL	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE (10)	VIVEASH
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE	MASKELL 1	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE	VIVEASH
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE	MASKELL	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE (2)	VIVEASH
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE	MASKELL	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE (9)	BERKLEY
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE	MASKELL 2	LING 1	MITCHELL	WHITE	HUNT (7)
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE 1	MASKELL 1	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE (4)	HUNT
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR 2	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE	MASKELL 1	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE (4)	MONCUR
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD 1	SUMMERBEE	MASKELL 1	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE (11)	MONCUR (8)
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD 1	MONCUR	MASKELL 1	LING	SUMMERBEE	WHITE (8)	BODIN (7)
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	MITCHELL	TAYLOR	HAZARD	HORLOCK	MASKELL	LING	WHITE	SUMMERBEE (9)	MURRAY (8)
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	GRAY	MASKELL	LING	WHITE 1	MITCHELL	HORLOCK
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	GRAY	MASKELL	HORLOCK	WHITE	MITCHELL	SUMMERBEE
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	SUMMERBEE 1	CALDERWOOD 1	TAYLOR	HAZARD	GRAY	MASKELL	HORLOCK	WHITE	MITCHELL (9)	MacLAREN
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN 1	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	MacLAREN	MASKELL	LING	WHITE	MITCHELL (10)	SUMMERBEE (2)
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN 1	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	MacLAREN	MASKELL	LING	WHITE	SUMMERBEE (7)	MITCHELL (9)
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN 1	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	SUMMERBEE	MacLAREN	MITCHELL	LING	WHITE	CLOSE	HORLOCK
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN 1	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR 1	SUMMERBEE	MacLAREN	MITCHELL	LING	WHITE 1	CLOSE	HORLOCK
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	SUMMERBEE	MacLAREN	MASKELL	LING	WHITE	CLOSE (9)	MURRAY
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	SUMMERBEE	MacLAREN	MITCHELL 2	LING	WHITE	CLOSE	HUNT
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN 1	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	SUMMERBEE	MacLAREN	MITCHELL	LING	WHITE	CLOSE	MURRAY
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	SUMMERBEE	MacLAREN	MITCHELL 1	LING	WHITE 3	CLOSE	MURRAY
DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	BODIN	VIVEASH	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HUNT	MacLAREN	MITCHELL	LING	WHITE 1	CLOSE	MARWOOD
DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	BODIN 1	VIVEASH	CALDERWOOD 1	TAYLOR	HUNT	MacLAREN	MITCHELL	LING	WHITE	CLOSE	MARWOOD (7)
DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	BODIN	VIVEASH	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HUNT	MacLAREN	MITCHELL	LING	WHITE	CLOSE	MARWOOD (7)
DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	BODIN	VIVEASH	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR 1	MARWOOD	MacLAREN	MITCHELL	LING	WHITE	CLOSE (7)	HODDLE (4)
DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	BODIN 1	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	MARWOOD 1	MacLAREN	MITCHELL	LING	WHITE	CLOSE (9)	HUNT (10)
DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	MARWOOD	MacLAREN	MITCHELL	LING	WHITE	CLOSE (7)	HUNT
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DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	MARWOOD	MacLAREN	MITCHELL 1	LING	WHITE	CLOSE (7)	HAZARD (10)
DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	BODIN 1	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	MARWOOD	MacLAREN	MASKELL	LING	CLOSE	HAZARD (7)	HAMON (8)
DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR 1	HAZARD	MacLAREN	MITCHELL 3	LING	MASKELL 2	CLOSE	MARWOOD
DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR 1	HAZARD	MacLAREN	MITCHELL	LING	MASKELL	CLOSE	MARWOOD
DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	BODIN 1	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	MacLAREN	MITCHELL	LING	MASKELL	WHITE	MARWOOD (11)
DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	VIVEASH	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD 1	MacLAREN	MITCHELL	LING	WHITE	MASKELL (11)	MARWOOD (3)
DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	HORLOCK	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	MacLAREN	MASKELL	LING	HAMON	MONCUR (11)	MARWOOD (7)

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TODAY'S LINE UP



SWINDON TOWN

TEAM CHANGES

- 1 FRASER DIGBY
- 2 NICKY SUMMERBEE
- 3 PAUL BODIN
- 4 GLENN HODDLE
- 5 COLIN CALDERWOOD
- 6 SHAUN TAYLOR
- 7 MICKY HAZARD
- 8 ROSS MacLAREN
- 9 DAVID MITCHELL
- 10 MARTIN LING
- 11 CRAIG MASKELL

SUB: 12 STEVE WHITE

14 JOHN MONCUR

Referee: A. Gunn (South Chailey, Sussex)

Linesman (red/yellow flag): W.M. Jordan (Pinner, Middlesex)

Linesman (yellow flag): J. Hilditch (Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire)

Reserve Official: S. Habgood (Swindon, Wiltshire)

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TEAM CHANGES

- 1 ERIC NIXON
- 2 DAVE HIGGINS
- 3 GED BRANNAN
- 4 KENNY IRONS
- 5 MARK PROCTOR
- 6 STEVE VICKERS
- 7 DAVE MARTINDALE
- 8 JOHN ALDRIDGE
- 9 CHRIS MALKIN
- 10 PAT NEVIN
- 11 IAN NOLAN

SUB: 12 STEVE MUNGALL

14 TOMMY COYNE



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