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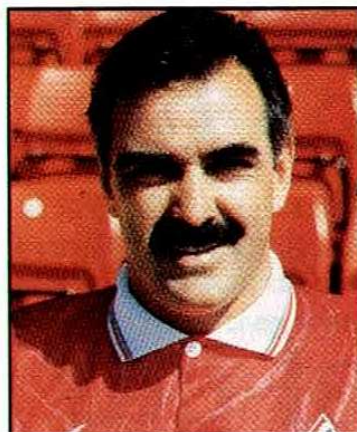
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# FROM THE TOP *With* JOHN GORMAN



**What better way to start a new season than a game at home, being televised live between two teams who although last season were two divisions apart will guarantee supporters attractive football something both Vale and ourselves are renowned for.**

Our pre-season has been tough, very tough indeed when you think that the temperatures over in Cyprus were in excess of 100 degrees. We may not have won any games over there but we did not take the easy way out and played against some top class opposition-teams who themselves are competing in Europe this season. Overall I'm sure that this will pay dividends in the coming months. Winning easily as we did in Finland last year can give you a false impression as the only thing that matters is today's game.

Throughout the summer months there have been several changes at the club - not least of all the reorganisation of my coaching staff following David Hay's departure. Andy Rowland has been appointed as first team coach and already I have been able to set up a good working relationship with Andy and will benefit everybody. Ross MacLaren will now be looking after the Reserve Team but this will not discount him from featuring in my plans for the first team.

Nicky Summerbee and John Moncur have moved on and we wish them well in their future careers. A big welcome to Mark Robinson who has been brought in as a replacement for Nicky and as you know there is still every chance of another new face joining us soon.

While we are back in action this afternoon we must not forget our injured lads. Lee Middleton has undergone further surgery on his broken leg and we hope that it will not be too long before Lee is able to resume training while Adrian Viveash will shortly know the extent of the damage to his leg after his injury received in Cyprus.

This afternoon we welcome everybody from Port Vale to the County Ground for the curtain raiser and in particular my good friend John Rudge who has continued to play his style of football even when Vale were relegated. Such commitment saw The Valiants return to Division 1 in style. I remember the tremendous ovation the Port Vale supporters gave us the last time we played at Vale Park and I am pleased to be able to welcome them here this afternoon and of course an even bigger welcome to our own fans.

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*With* **Jon Pollard - Club Secretary**

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**With the dawning of a new season we welcome you back to a new look County Ground as we meet Port Vale for our first Endsleigh League fixture of the new campaign and would congratulate everybody from Vale Park on their promotion to the Football League's top flight. It is fitting therefore that we are also able to host the cameras of Central Television on their first live transmission of the season.**

## **Endsleigh League**

Next Saturday we travel to Birkenhead for our first away fixture of the season when we face Tranmere Rovers at Prenton Park. Following the Rovers game, our next two League fixtures are both at home as we entertain Watford on Saturday 27th August with West Bromwich Albion here on Wednesday 31st August. This game is an early rearrangement with the fixture originally scheduled for The Hawthorns but due to problems with their redevelopment we have switched our games with West Brom.

## **Ticket Availability**

As with previous seasons, tickets for all League games will be on sale from the Advance Ticket Office two weeks prior to each game to personal callers, with telephone bookings and postal applications accepted ten days before the game. With the stadium now all seater we must emphasise the importance of buying tickets in advance to saved queuing on match days. No cash will be accepted at turnstiles on the day of the game. Tickets for that days game will, subject to availability by sold from the Matchday Ticket Offices near the Club Shop and the new one in the Town End Stand. Tickets for forthcoming games will continue to be sold from the Advance Ticket Office in the Burmah Stand.

## **Reserves**

The Football Combination has a new name this season - The Avon Insurance Combination and again we will be

playing our home fixtures at The County Ground mainly on Wednesday evenings kicking off at 7.30pm. However the computer has not been too kind to us having given us the first five games away from home. The first home fixture is in fact not until Wednesday 28th September when we entertain Brighton & Hove Albion and even that game might be off if we get a home Coca-Cola Cup tie that night.

## **Anglo Italian**

The Anglo Italian Cup has a new format this season. Instead of the preliminary round-robin ties eight invited English Clubs face opposition from a similar number of Italian sides. We therefore have two home games and two in Italy. The games at the County Ground are in ten days time on Wednesday 24 August against Atalanta and on Wednesday 5th October when we entertain Lecce. The games in Italy are against Venezia on Tuesday 6th September and Ascoli on Tuesday 15th November.

## **Save Those Vouchers**

On the back page of todays programme we have printed the first voucher which should be saved for priority booking of tickets at a later date. Collectors cards are available from the Advance Ticket Office and Club Shop. Programmes sold from the Shop after the day of the match will have the voucher invalidated.



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# PORT VALE



## PORT VALE LOOKING TO CONSOLIDATE - BY COLIN BENSON

**Port Vale wrapped up their Second Division promotion season last May with a 3-1 win at resurgent Brighton to finish but a point behind the Champions Reading.**

It was their tenth away win of the season in the League rounding off a most successful campaign in which they lost only once on their home pitch.

Top scorer Martin Foyle grabbed his 21st and 22nd goals of the season in that game to add to the opening strike by Dean Glover and both players will be key figures in this campaign as the Vale look to consolidate their position in Division One.

They have to do this without ace midfielder Ian Taylor who was rated at £1-million as his services were sought by Sheffield Wednesday, Leicester City and Wolverhampton Wanderers. In the end the 26-year-old opted for Hillsborough and the opportunity to play in the Premier League this season.

Another outgoing saw the departure of centre-half Peter Swan who moved to Plymouth Argyle for £300,000. Manager John Rudge hoped to invest some

of this income on Bristol Rovers striker Marcus Browning.

He did sign Tony Naylor from Crewe Alexandra for £150,000 and Dutch goalkeeper Arjan van Heusden on a free transfer; though he will remain the number two choice behind the regular custodian Paul Musselwhite.

In defence Neil Aspin and Dean Glover will continue to give good service while the left back position will be between Dean Stokes and Allen Tankard.

Mr Rudge is hopeful that Ray Walker will return to midfield after missing the whole of last season with a cruciate ligament knee injury. The popular former skipper completed pre-season training and played in the opening friendly games.

Joining him in a five-man midfield will be Dutchman Robin van der Lann; Andy Porter, Kevin Kent and John Jeffers.

Up front top shot Martin Foyle will link up with Tony Naylor or Joe Allan, signed from Brentford at the end of last season.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**THAT** Port Vale took over Leeds City's fixtures in Division Two of the Football League in October 1919, after Leeds had played the opening eight games of the 1919-20 season?

**THAT** Port Vale were first elected as original members of Division Two in 1892?

**THAT** Port Vale failed re-election in 1896 but got back into the League in 1898 only to resign in 1907?

**THAT** Port Vale reached the F.A. Cup semi-final while in the Third Division? They did it in season 1953-54.

**THAT** Port Vale have twice been beaten 10-0? The first time was by Sheffield United, in December 1892. The second by Notts County, in February 1895.

**THAT** Port Vale were once managed by Sir Stanley Matthews? The former England winger was in charge in 1967-68.

**THAT** Wilf Kirkham scored 154 League goals for Port Vale? He scored 38 in Division Two in the season of 1926-27.

**THAT** Roy Sproson was 41 years 228 days old when he played his final game for Vale? Sproson made a record 832 (5) appearances between 1950-72.

**THAT** 50,000 saw Vale take on Aston Villa in an F.A. Cup 5th Round tie at Vale Park in February 1960?

**THAT** two early Port Vale players, Tom Kirkham and Jim Mason, subsequently became first-class referees?



# PORT VALE'S ABC



**JOE ALLAN** - Striker. Signed on a free transfer from Brentford at the end of last season he has yet to make his debut. A fee will be paid to the London club after a set amount of appearances with a bonus also in the agreement for goals scored.

**NEIL ASPIN** - Defender. Vale signed him from Leeds United in the summer of 1989 for £200,000 - a fee which equalled the club record. A versatile performer who is comfortable at fullback or in the centre of the back-line. Made 207 League appearances (5 goals) for Leeds who he joined as an apprentice in 1981. Made his League debut in a 2-0 defeat to Ipswich Town at Elland Road on the 20th February 1982. Born: Gateshead 12-4-65.

**MARTIN FOYLE** - Striker. Top shot again last season with 22 goals - his best record in the League - Martin has lived up to his record fee. Came into football with Southampton but only got a dozen games with the Saints after making his debut in a 1-1 home draw with Coventry City (15-1-83). Signed on loan by Blackburn but did not play (in 1983-84) and in the summer of '84 was transferred to Aldershot. Became the golden boy of the Shots with 35 goals in 98 Fourth Division games - a record which prompted Oxford United to invest £140,000 for his services in March 1987. Martin hit 36 goals in 126 League outings for them before switching to Port Vale in the summer of 1991. Born: Salisbury 2-5-63.



**DEAN GLOVER** - Defender. Joined Aston Villa as an apprentice in 1981 and made the first of 28 League appearances for the Villa at Coventry City on 19th January 1985. Enjoyed his best spell with Villa the following season when he played in 18 First Division games but failed to establish himself in the side and had five games on loan for Sheffield United before joining Middlesbrough in 1987. Five goals in 50 League games was his return for 'Boro who cashed in for £200,000 when they sold him to Port Vale in February 1989. The fee broke the previous Vale record five-fold! Born: West Bromwich 29-12-63.

**ARJAN VAN HEUSDEN** - Goalkeeper. Signed in July from Dutch amateur club Noorwyck this 21-year-old custodian will understudy Paul Musselwhite.

**JOHN JEFFERS** - Midfield. A left-sided player who likes to hug the wing, he learned his trade at Anfield - joining Liverpool straight from school. Was unable to break into the first team and midway through the 1988-89 season he signed for Port Vale on loan, impressing with his trickery in the Third Division. The move was made permanent just before the transfer deadline at a cost of £30,000 and John played his part in Vale's success in the play-offs. Born: Liverpool 5-10-68.

**KEVIN KENT** - Midfield. Signed as a striker to boost the Vale attack in season 1990-91 after netting four goals in 27 League appearances for Mansfield Town. Played in eleven Second Division fixtures for Vale in the run in that season. Kevin had joined West Bromwich Albion as an apprentice making his League bow against Everton in February 1984. Played in just one further First Division game before moving to Newport County where he scored once in 33 games. Was taken on by Mansfield Town in 1985 and clocked up 229 League games (36 goals) for them. Born: Stoke 19-3-65.

**PAUL KERR** - Midfield. Unsettled at Vale Park he is on a week to week contract at the moment. A midfield grafter who supports the ball well he served his apprenticeship with Aston Villa - making his debut against Leicester City (14-4-84). After 24 League outings he was signed by Middlesbrough in 1987 where he added another 125 League games to his record. Moved down to Millwall in March 1991, and joined Vale in the summer of 1992. Born: Portsmouth 9-6-64.



# PORT VALE'S ABC



## ROBIN VAN DER LAAN - Midfield.

Signed towards the end of the 1990-91 season from Dutch side Wageningen at a cost of £80,000. Arrived as a striker and quickly adapted to English football scoring four goals in 18 League outings in his first season. Started the following season up front but by the turn of the year had been successfully switched to a midfield role, a position which he now seems to fill on a regular basis. Born: Schiedam 5-9-68.

## PAUL MUSSELWHITE - Goalkeeper.

An ever-present over the last two seasons Paul has really made the number one jersey his own after taking over from Mark Grew. Stands six-foot-one and joined Vale from Scunthorpe United for whom he made 132 league appearances. They signed him as a youngster from his native Portsmouth. Born: Portsmouth 22-12-68.

## TONY NAYLOR - Striker.

Signed this summer from Crewe Alexandra for £150,000, he is set to make his debut this afternoon. Crewe spotted Tony playing for Droylsden and he scored 16 goals in his first 50 League appearances for them. Born: Manchester 29-3-67.

## ANDY PORTER - Midfield.

Served two years on the YTS before being given a pro contract in July 1987, hard working ball-winner who has been in the side since the end of the 1988-89 season when he was involved in the play-offs as well. Born: Manchester 17-9-68.

## DEAN STOKES - Right Back.

Strong tackling defender who came in for Tankard when he was injured last season. Joined Port Vale, from a small fee, in January 1993 from Halesowen Town and made his League debut last season against Burnley. Impressed with his performance and went on to make 23 appearances. Born: Birmingham 23-5-70.

## ALLEN TANKARD - Right Back.

An attacking defender who cost £87,000 when signed from Wigan Athletic in July 1993. Was a regular in the Vale side for the first half of last season until injury forced him out. Came back for the final run-in that clinched promotion and starts this season with 29 (4) appearances and one goal to his credit. Allen came into football with Southampton and played five First Division games for them before joining Wigan on a free transfer in 1988. Clocks up over 250 games for 'The Latics.' Born: Islington 21-5-69.

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### SWINDON TOWN V PORT VALE - HEAD TO HEAD

#### LEAGUE GAMES (46)

1991/92	Home	1-0	W	DIVISION 2
1991/92	Away	2-2	D	DIVISION 2
1990/91	Home	1-2	L	DIVISION 2
1990/91	Away	1-3	L	DIVISION 2
1989/90	Home	3-0	W	DIVISION 2
1989/90	Away	0-2	L	DIVISION 2
1986/87	Home	1-0	W	DIVISION 3
1986/87	Away	4-3	W	DIVISION 3
1985/86	Home	0-0	D	DIVISION 4
1985/86	Away	0-3	L	DIVISION 4
1984/85	Home	0-1	L	DIVISION 4
1984/85	Away	0-2	L	DIVISION 4
1982/83	Home	1-0	W	DIVISION 4
1982/83	Away	0-3	L	DIVISION 4
1977/78	Home	1-1	D	DIVISION 3
1977/78	Away	0-1	L	DIVISION 3
1976/77	Home	1-0	W	DIVISION 3
1976/77	Away	2-2	D	DIVISION 3
1975/76	Home	2-1	W	DIVISION 3
1975/76	Away	0-3	L	DIVISION 3
1974/75	Home	3-2	W	DIVISION 3
1974/75	Away	2-2	D	DIVISION 3
1962/63	Home	2-3	L	DIVISION 3
1962/63	Away	1-2	L	DIVISION 3
1961/62	Home	1-0	W	DIVISION 3
1961/62	Away	1-1	D	DIVISION 3
1960/61	Home	6-0	W	DIVISION 3
1960/61	Away	1-4	L	DIVISION 3
1959/60	Home	2-3	L	DIVISION 3
1959/60	Away	1-6	L	DIVISION 3
1957/58	Home	0-0	D	DIVISION 3S
1957/58	Away	1-3	L	DIVISION 3S
1951/52	Home	2-0	W	DIVISION 3S
1951/52	Away	2-2	D	DIVISION 3S
1950/51	Home	2-1	W	DIVISION 3S
1950/51	Away	1-2	L	DIVISION 3S
1949/50	Home	0-0	D	DIVISION 3S
1949/50	Away	1-0	W	DIVISION 3S
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1948/49	Away	0-2	L	DIVISION 3S
1947/48	Home	1-0	W	DIVISION 3S
1947/48	Away	0-1	L	DIVISION 3S
1946/47	Home	2-1	W	DIVISION 3S
1946/47	Away	1-1	D	DIVISION 3S
1938/39	Home	1-1	D	DIVISION 3S
1938/39	Away	0-2	L	DIVISION 3S

#### LEAGUE MEETINGS (46)

SWINDON TOWN 15 Wins PORT VALE 20 Wins 11 Draws  
 SWINDON TOWN 54 Goals PORT VALE 70 Goals  
 SWINDON TOWN at Home - Wins 13 Losses 5 Draws 5  
 SWINDON TOWN at Home - Goals for 33 Goals Against 18

THERE HAVE BEEN NO CUP GAMES BETWEEN  
 SWINDON TOWN & PORT VALE



## THE MAN IN CHARGE



Manager **John Rudge**

**Something of a folk hero in the Potteries where he has inspired Port Vale to great success, leading them from the depths of Division Four to the First Division.**

As a player John enjoyed a good career with Huddersfield Town, Carlisle United, Bristol Rovers, Torquay United and Bournemouth.

He arrived at Vale Park in February 1980, as a coach, and took over as manager in December 1983, from John McGrath. Three years later they won promotion from the Fourth Division and in 1989 gained a further elevation by winning the play-off final at Wembley.

Then last season Vale finished second in Division Two to win their place in Division One.



## UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Midfielder **Ray Walker**

**Former skipper of the side Ray's return after a whole season out with cruciate knee ligament trouble has been well received.**

A classy performer, with a great array of ball skills, he has been selected for the PFA Divisional side on several occasions.

A former Aston Villa apprentice he made his League debut for them at West Ham on the 23rd April 1984 and clocked up 23 League games. During his spell at Villa, Ray had a loan spell with Vale in 1984-85, when he made 15 appearances in the Fourth Division (one goal), before returning to Villa Park and the First Division.

Returned to the Potteries in July 1986 for a bargain £12,000 and has been a stalwart performer for The Vale ever since. At 34 he still has a lot to offer.

Born: North Shields 6-7-61.







# ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE PREVIEW

## A Quality Field - By John Nolan

**The race for the Premiership was under starters orders yesterday as the 1994-95 season kicked off in grand style. And what a season it promises to be with possibly as good a field as ever fighting for the coveted League Championship trophy.**

The stakes have never been higher this season only the Champions will be guaranteed promotion. This will be the season when finishing second might win you nothing more than a place in the play-offs.

Thus the competition for that top spot is going to be keener than ever.

The clubs relegated from the Premiership last May are obvious contenders and we feel we have a side capable of making a serious challenge. Joe Royle's Oldham Athletic feel likewise while you can never dismiss a Sheffield United side led by Dave Bassett.

But what of the leading challengers?

Wolverhampton Wanderers look likely to make an impact. They opened their campaign at Molineux yesterday against Reading, the Second Division champions.

Wolves are managed by former England boss Graham Taylor and don't be fooled by the tabloid character assassination of this man. He is a good good manager.

Not only that but he has had money to invest and took his early summer spending to £2.9 million when he paid Millwall £600,000 for their 23-year-old centre-half Neil Emblem. It was a big surprise for the player just nine months after leaving non-League Sittingbourne.

Prior to that Taylor had been back to his former club Aston Villa to capture wingers Tony Daley and Steve Froggatt for a combined fee of £2.3-million. On his day Daley can be absolutely devastating and could be one of the individual star acts of the season.

So Wolves mean business as do Middlesbrough who have recruited Bryan Robson from Manchester United to be their player-manager.

It is a first step into management for Robbo who at 37 is still fit enough and good enough to hold his place in most Premiership sides. Indeed, several tried to persuade him to join them as a player when Manchester United released him.

Robson returned to Old Trafford for his first signing - getting 29-year-old Clayton Blackmore on a free. 'Boro have also had 20-year-old Bolivian striker Jaime Moreno (rated by his club, FC Blooming at £500,000) on trial as they try to steal some of Kevin Keegan's thunder from St James' Park.

Middlesbrough played hosts to promoted Burnley

yesterday while another North Eastern giant, Sunderland, travelled to Bristol City. There is even more pressure on the Roker Park club than on 'Boro in the wake of Newcastle's exceedingly dramatic success. But unlike the Tyneside outfit they do not have the cash to spend.

In Jim Smith Portsmouth have another manager who knows how to build a promotion side and Pompey fans will have been looking for a three point start yesterday against a Notts County side who lost their playmaker, Mark Draper, to Leicester this summer.

Bolton Wanderers, last season's cup giant-killers, are serious too about finishing top. Manager Bruce Rioch put the block on Alan Stubb's hopes of a dream £1.5-million move to Liverpool. He made it clear that this classy defender was not for sale 'at any price'.

Indeed, Rioch emphasised his intentions by offering Millwall £1-million for midfielders Alex Rae and Etienne Verveer while negotiating with Finnish striker Mixu Paatelainen.

West Bromwich Albion just scraped clear of relegation last season in the final week but former Town scout Keith Birkenshaw is a top class manager and I think the Albion will be serious contenders this season.

He certainly made a scoop when he signed former England midfielder Mike Phelan on a free-transfer from Manchester United.

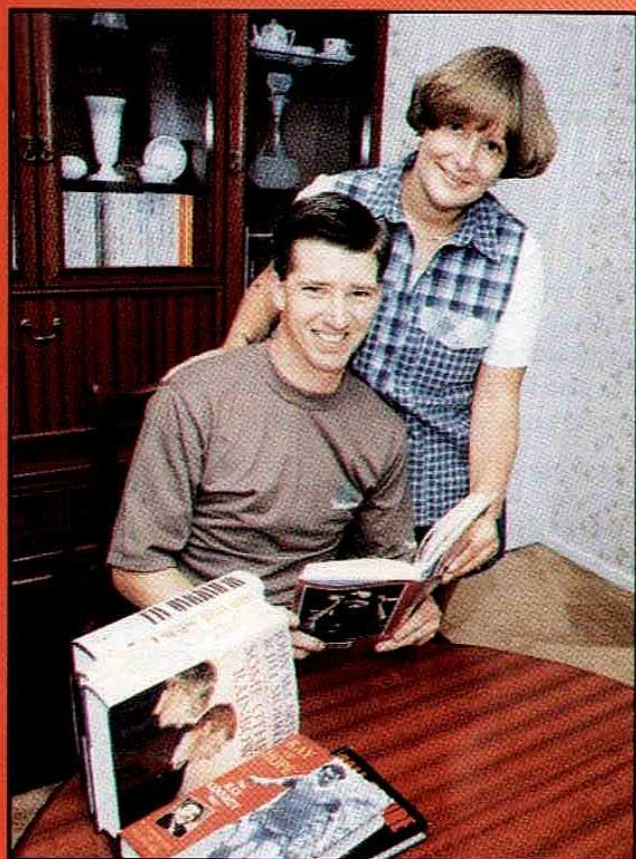
Tranmere Rovers (away to Stoke) must also be in the frame. John Aldridge's brilliant goal against Mexico in the World Cup Finals underlined his class and with the delicate trickery of Par Nevin in support they are to be reckoned with.

Then there is Derby County, who have promised so much and delivered so little in the past few years. They lost out to Leicester in the play-off final at Wembley but manager Roy McFarland will be looking for route one to the Premiership this time.

And what of Charlton Athletic? They blamed their Cup success last season for their dip in League form after heading the table. They might find the going a little tough this season having lost ace defender Scott Minto to Chelsea.

For all it is a season of high expectation.





# AT HOME *With*

They say an Englishman's home is his castle and that is certainly the case for Martin and Caroline Ling who moved out to Broome Manor just three months ago.

"We like the country aspect", suggests Martin who previously lived in West Swindon. He says: "We were in Town and I found it difficult to get away from being a footballer there."

"Whenever we went out shopping we would be stopped by well meaning fans and so on. I accept that this is part of the job when

you are in a high-profile position such as ours and I do not begrudge an autograph or two. In fact it is nice to think that the fans think enough of you to want it. But there are moments when you want to be by yourself.

"We used to get them knocking on the door and so on and there are times, particularly when things are not going too well, when you could do with a complete shut-off. Just get away from football for a while.

"Where we are now is only half-a-mile or so away from the town but it is more countryfied and the atmosphere is more relaxing. I think we get the best of both worlds here.

"You spend so much of your time at home it has to be your castle really, doesn't it?

"We have a nice four-bedroom house that is ten years old and ideal for us. But it does take some upkeep.

"Caroline works part-time in a bank so we try to share the work-load at home though, in common with most men I think, I am always being told I am not doing my share.

"We have a massive garden which is great for relaxing in. Unfortunately I don't have green fingers and know nothing about flowers and things so I only look after the lawn. I have a petrol driven mower and manage to keep on top of the cutting."

Martin has sensibly filled his garden with shrubs and has an expert in to tend them occasionally.

It makes a nice retreat. An oasis in which the trials and tribulations of League football can be discarded for a while at least. Says Martin: "Every player needs to cut-off at sometime. We accept that we are in the public eye and that we are heroes to some people, and as I say, it is nice to know that folk are interested in you. But it is sometimes essential to be able to come home and forget it all at times. Especially when things aren't going so well as was the last season."

Professional sport is a demanding occupation for unlike most it puts you against people who are trying to





# MARTIN LING



stop you performing your job. There are no hiding places out there on the football field. What goes on is seen and analysed by thousands of eyes.

So how does Martin like to relax and get away from it all?

"Like most footballers I like a game of golf," he says. "I also love reading and have a collection of some 100 autobiographies. Most of them are sporting personalities but not all."

Which is his favourite?

"It has to be Trevor Brooking's. Not because it is the most riveting story but because he was my great hero as a kid.

"It is interesting to pick up the thought-lines of various people. When Glenn was manager here I read his book to try and pick up his thoughts on the game.

"I figured if I understood his approach I could make it easy for myself. It doesn't work that way though.

"Still it helped me have a little chuckle or two as I realised he had learned from his mistakes. He was telling us not to do things he had admitted in his book he had done himself."

Home has been very important to Martin over the past few months as he recuperated from the hernia operation he underwent last April. Thankfully there have been no complications, the only niggle in pre-season being damaged fibres in a knee which prevented him participating in the opening friendly fixtures.

With John Moncur transferred to West Ham United, Martin has taken on a new responsibility and much will ride on him pulling the right strings from the centre of midfield.

He says: "I always thought John and I were a good combination in midfield but I don't think the management agreed. We were probably too similar in as much as neither of us is the greatest at defending and both of us prefer the centre midfield role.

"Now that John has gone, and I wish him every success with West Ham, I will be seen as the natural attacking midfielder and it is up to me to prove I am good enough.

"We are trying to put last season as far behind us as possible. I don't think any of us can be satisfied with our contribution in the Premier League.

"I was one who was expected to do well and didn't so this is going to be a big season for me. It is never very easy after you have been relegated but I believe we can be one of the leading sides in the First Division and get things back to what they were when we were on top of our game."

What about the psychological aspect of tuning into Division One? Playing Port Vale surely is not as self-motivating as facing Arsenal or Manchester United?

"I don't look at it that way," replies Martin. "I have played against less fashionable sides than Port Vale before and look upon this as quite an attractive fixture."



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# IN THE *With Jonathan Trigg* COMMUNITY



May I welcome you to this our first match of the new season in the Endsleigh League. I would also extend a welcome to Shane Cook who is now assisting me in the running of the Community Scheme.

Shane is no stranger to the Club having spent the last two season's under John Trollope's wing as a trainee player.

As Shane explains: "A famous person once said that football is a funny old game and I've certainly found that to be true in the last few months!"

"Back in May I was naturally disappointed when I left The County Ground at the end of the season thinking that I would no longer be involved with Swindon Town having come to the end of my contract. During my time here over the last two years I was aware of the important work Jonathan and Terry were doing in the Community Office and when Terry left to join Bristol Rovers I was given the opportunity to return to the Club. I welcomed the chance to link up again to help further the club's community programme. I look forward to maybe meeting with some of you throughout the season".

We are at present running the summer Soccer Funweeks and all the places on the Swindon area courses are totally sold out but a few remain on the final four day session at Malmesbury which begins on 22nd August. The course costs just £20 per child so please contact the Community Office if you wish to book.



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Shane and I will continue to keep you informed of events that we will be organising throughout the year by means of the matchday programme. If there is anything you would like to know about the scheme please call us on Swindon 421303 or on 03 7474 8888.

In the Atalanta programme I'll be telling you about a new schools related scheme which will interest pupils and staff alike.

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# BENNO

*in Los Angeles*

**An horrendous miss from the penalty spot, by Roberto Baggio, at the end of a dramatic penalty shoot-out handed Brazil the World Cup for a record fourth time here at the Rose Bowl.**

It was no more than the colourful Brazilians deserved after 120 minutes in which they had played the piper but failed to call the tune.

World Cup USA 94 was desperately in need of a classic finale following a month of interesting, often enterprising football, which had excited at times yet had not reached the dramatic heights that would indelibly stay in the memory for all time.

Little South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Romania and Bulgaria, had conjured by magical moments against the establishment, and the second half of the Brazil v Holland game had probably provided the best entertainment. But hopes that the Final between Brazil and Italy would rekindle the classic drama of their meeting in 1982 were quickly dispelled in the vice-like group of Italy's cautious containing strategy.

The US was looking to the World Cup to launch a brave new professional league but this was a final that did little to enhance the game's popularity with native Americans. Here they thrive on statistics, however meaningless, and a 0-0 scoreline after 120-minutes simply does not feed their hunger for the numerical scenario.

If this World Cup provided a series of ironies there were none more relevant than those which transpired in this game. Roberto Baggio had landed in America carrying the banner of the greatest player in the world. Yet we were only treated to flashes of his genius as Italy struggled through to a Final they hardly looked like reaching after losing to the Republic of Ireland in their opening game.

But Baggio proved good with two goals in the semi-final against Bulgaria; his crown now threatened only by the magic of Romario looking to become the top scorer of the tournament.

How ironic then that it should be the Brazilian who would squander the best chances of the match!

Romario had been limited to a couple of long-range efforts that hadn't bothered goalkeeper Pagliuca too much; and was just beaten by the Italian custodian to Bebeto's cross in the 93rd minute. But at the opening

of the second-half of extra-time he missed a golden opportunity to shoot Brazil into the lead.

The strong running Cafu had interchanged passes with Bebeto. He pulled back a beautiful cross from the goal-line to find Romario, just wide of the far post, but the little Brazilian ace uncharacteristically hurried his shot, putting the ball wide of the target.

So Brazil, so solid at the back, and industrious in mid-field, were unable to break down the Italian resistance after extra-time. The 15th World Cup title would be decided for the first time by a penalty shoot-out.

This is by no means the perfect way to decide such an important game but it certainly provides drama of the nerve-tingling kind that has you sitting on the edge of your seat...

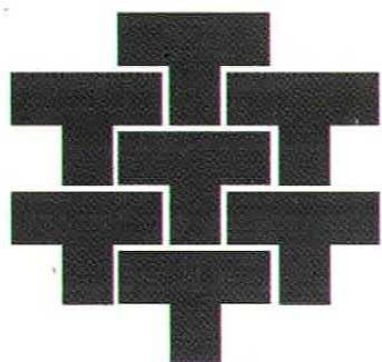
The boys from Brazil are the Champions. They had survived the lottery of the shoot-out and were justly acclaimed the masters of World football, 24 years after capturing their last title.

Italian football comes to The County Ground on Wednesday week as we welcome Atalanta in the Anglo Italian Cup. Let's hope it doesn't depend on penalties!



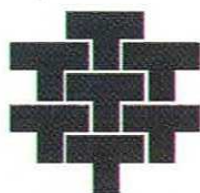
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# COMMERCIAL NEWS

*With*

**Janet Garrett**

**A very big welcome back to everyone here today for the start of a fantastic season from myself and my team in the Commercial Department. We have had a very busy and hectic time over the last few weeks - weeks that seemed to fly by the nearer we moved to the second week in August. It has been wonderful to see the response from supporters and local businesses to all the commercial packages on offer, a response that I hope will stay with us all through the season for all the various events that we will be organising.**

## **MATCH DAY SPONSOR**

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## **TODAY'S MASCOTS**

Thomas Madge from Eldene was 8 last week. A pupil of Eldene Junior School, his hobbies are football, karate and swimming and his favourite player is Fraser Digby.

Micky Newman from Freshbrook will be 4 next Saturday. He is a pupil at Noah's Ark Play School. His hobbies are football and annoying his mum. His favourite player is Luc Nijholt.

Tracey, 21 on Wednesday and Jenna Goodright aged 9 today are from Swindon. Jenna attends Rodbourne School and both her and Tracey's hobbies are football and swimming. Their favourite player is Jan Aage Fjortoft.

For more information on how to become a Swindon Town mascot for this season please call Justine Phillips on 0793 430430



Thomas Madge



Micky Newman



Tracey Goodright



Jenna Goodright

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# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**Tim Parkin**

By **Paul Plowman**

Eight years ago, when Swindon Town won the Fourth Division championship with ease, it was clear that in order to progress further, most departments of the side would need strengthening. In the centre of defence another shrewd signing by Lou Macari saw **TIM PARKIN** arrive from Bristol Rovers to partner Colin Calderwood.

Following a 6-2 home humiliation by Blackpool, he was brought in for his League debut for the Town against Rotherham United on September 27 1986 - coincidentally on the same day as Fraser Digby - although Tim had already made three appearances in the Littlewoods Cup. And at the end of that season he was very much part of Town's success as they climbed another division by way of the play-offs.

The Rovers connection had begun ten years earlier. Tim made his League debut at Eastville in March 1977 - not for Bristol, but for Blackburn - where he completed his apprenticeship in the previous spring. But first team opportunities at Ewood Park, after Howard Kendall arrived in 1979, were few and far between for Tim and in the following January he went to Sweden to try his luck with Malmo.

"They were then managed by an Englishman, Bob Houghton" said Tim. "He was looking for a traditional English central defender and I fitted the bill. I loved the country and the way of life there." For Tim the experience gained in playing for a side that had reached the European Cup Final the previous season was invaluable.

After eighteen months he decided to come home again, when Terry Cooper expressed an interest in

signing him for Bristol Rovers. But there was a slight problem. "The Swedish F.A. only allowed transfers to other professional clubs in the months of December and June - and this was August", explained Tim. "But we got round it by me signing for an amateur club, Almondsbury Greenway, then signing for Rovers the following day". But it was well worth the trouble, for Tim gave excellent service at Eastville, making over 200 League appearances in his five-year stay there.

His stay at The County Ground was a little shorter. New manager Ossie Ardiles left Tim out of his side after just two games at the start of season 1989/90. He was recalled in October and obliged with the winning goal in a 3-2 victory at Hull, but joy was short lived as Tim made only three further appearances in a Town shirt.

He went to the Potteries to join Port Vale in December 1989 but took a while to hold down a regular first team spot - which he managed to claim in 1990/91. But after going to Shrewsbury on loan in September 1991, Tim moved his family back to his native Cumbria and it was not long before he added another club to his list, signing for Darlington in the 1992 close season.

Tim was appointed coach at Feethams and then assistant manager, but yet another managerial change altered the course of his career and he joined Barrow in November of last year. However, a broken leg in February finally ended Tim's playing days and in the summer he took up a new challenge in the post of Football in the Community Officer at Middlesbrough.

We wish Tim well in his new venture. If he shows the same spirit that he did as a player, he is sure to succeed. The final word comes from Steve White, who came to Swindon from Rovers with Tim eight years ago and was a travelling partner up the M4. "Tim has a big heart and, to quote an old cliché, would run through a brick wall for you. He actually played through a game with two broken ribs, and that epitomises Tim's character".



**Tim Parkin**

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# RESERVES REVIEW

*With* **Ross MacLaren**



## AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION DIVISION I

Tue	16 Aug	Crystal Palace	A
Wed	31 Aug	Watford	A
Sat	03 Sep	Arsenal	A
Wed	14 Sep	Norwich City	A
Tue	20 Sep	Bristol City	A
Wed	28 Sep	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H
Mon	10 Oct	IPSWICH TOWN	H
Wed	12 Oct	BRISTOL CITY	H
Mon	17 Oct	Bristol Rovers	A
Wed	26 Oct	Norwich City	H
Mon	31 Oct	LUTON TOWN	H
Wed	02 Nov	OXFORD UNITED	H
Wed	09 Nov	CRYSTAL PALACE	H
Wed	23 Nov	Brighton & Hove Albion	A
Wed	07 Dec	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Wed	14 Dec	Ipswich Town	A
Wed	21 Dec	MILLWALL	H
Wed	04 Jan	PORTSMOUTH	H
Wed	11 Jan	WIMBLEDON	H
Wed	18 Jan	Q.P.R.	H
Wed	25 Jan	WATFORD	H
Wed	01 Feb	CHELSEA	H
Tue	07 Feb	Q.P.R.	A
Wed	15 Feb	Oxford United	A
Wed	22 Feb	Wimbledon	A
Mon	27 Feb	Chelsea	A
Mon	06 Mar	Millwall	A
Mon	13 Mar	Charlton Athletic	A
Wed	15 Mar	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H
Tue	21 Mar	SOUTHAMPTON	H
Wed	29 Mar	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H
Mon	03 Apr	Portsmouth	A
Wed	12 Apr	Southampton	A
Tue	18 Apr	West Ham United	A
Wed	26 Apr	ARSENAL	H
Tue	02 May	Tottenham Hotspur	A
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## NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION DIVISION I FINAL TABLE 1993/94 SEASON

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	38	24	8	6	79	41	80
Ipswich Town	38	19	8	11	71	52	65
Tottenham Hotspur	38	19	6	13	69	47	63
Crystal Palace	38	17	11	10	63	40	62
Norwich City	38	18	7	13	68	54	61
Wimbledon	38	16	13	9	53	48	61
Queens Park Rangers	38	17	8	13	58	49	59
West Ham United	38	16	10	12	59	45	58
Swindon Town	38	18	4	16	54	53	58
Bristol Rovers	38	15	12	11	50	52	57
Southampton	38	15	10	13	62	66	55
Millwall	38	12	11	15	57	67	47
Charlton Athletic	38	13	7	18	61	62	46
Luton Town	38	12	9	17	64	70	45
Arsenal	38	13	6	19	67	76	45
Oxford United	38	11	10	17	53	66	43
Portsmouth	38	10	11	17	43	60	41
Brighton & Hove Albion	38	9	10	19	38	58	37
Watford	38	9	8	21	49	75	35
Bristol City	38	8	9	21	47	84	33

**Another season is now with us and with the internal changes on the coaching side I will now be looking after the Reserves following Andy Rowland's promotion to first team coach.**

We had a very good year in the Football Combination last season and will be looking to keep up the standard.

Five of last season's trainees have been given full professional contracts and we welcome them on board. They are Stuart James, Ben Worrall, Jamie Pitman, David Elsey and Steve Reeves. All five had experience playing for the Reserves last season. Adrian Viveash has been training throughout the summer months recovering from the broken leg he sustained against Arsenal last November.

Another broken leg casualty Lee Middleton has started light training and we hope that it is not too long before he is able to link up with the squad.

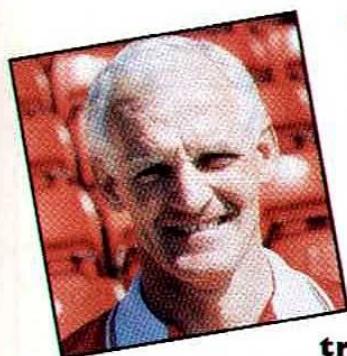
For those of you who watched the Reserve fixtures last season the nucleus of the team will be familiar with many of the lads having broken through to play in the first team which will again be their ambition this year.

The League has a new name this season - The Avon Insurance Combination and we start our campaign with no less than five consecutive away fixtures beginning with Crystal Palace on Tuesday. We then have a fortnight's gap before our next home game at Watford. Because of the needs for a large squad for the Anglo Italian games we will not have any Reserve Team fixtures in the same weeks we are scheduled to meet the Italians. But there again it will be an experience for some of the younger lads if they are able to make the squad for these games.

**Stuart James**







# YOUTH TEAM IN FOCUS

*With* **John Trollope**

**This season's new intake of trainees have been in full time training with us now for almost six weeks and are well aware of what is expected from them.**

Indeed they know that as far as the South East Counties League goes the only improvement can be to win the Championship in view of the fact that last year's lads who were runners-up led the table top race right up to the last game of the campaign. Only then did they falter when here at The County Ground against eventual winners Crystal Palace did the occasion get the better of them and they went down 4-1 to give The Eagles the title.

Five of that team have been given full professional contracts which is just reward in itself because at this level while it is nice to win, it's not everything.

This season we have seven second year trainees who have been joined by six new lads. They are local goalkeeper Steve Mildenhall who at just 16 years of age already stands 6'5" high!, from Devon striker Ryan Souter, two utility players Shaun Wimble and Iain Harvey, defender Steve Thomas from Swindon and from New Zealand midfielder Graham Pearce.

We started the South East Counties League season yesterday with a local derby game away at Oxford United.



## NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

**Steve Mildenhall, Shaun Wimble, Iain Harvey, Ryan Souter, Graham Pearce and Steve Thomas sign on.**

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Sat 13 Aug	Oxford United	A
Sat 20 Aug	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Sat 27 Aug	Colchester United	A
Sat 03 Sep	WIMBLEDON	H
Sat 10 Sep	Brentford	A
Sat 17 Sep	Wimbledon (LC 1)	A
Sat 24 Sep	BRISTOL CITY	H
Sat 08 Oct	AFC Bournemouth	A
Sat 15 Oct	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H
Sat 22 Oct	LC 2	
Sat 29 Oct	Crystal Palace	A
Sat 05 Nov	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H
Sat 12 Nov	Brighton & Hove Albion	A
Sat 19 Nov	LUTON TOWN	H
Sat 26 Nov	LC 3	
Sat 03 Dec	Reading	A
Sat 10 Dec	SOUTHAMPTON	H
Sat 17 Dec	Southampton	A
Sat 31 Dec	OXFORD UNITED	H
Sat 07 Jan	Bristol Rovers	A
Sat 14 Jan	COLCHESTER UNITED	H
Sat 21 Jan	Wimbledon	A
Sat 28 Jan	BRENTFORD	H
Sat 04 Feb	Bristol City	A
Sat 18 Feb	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H
Sat 25 Feb	Tottenham Hotspur	A
Sat 04 Mar	CRYSTAL PALACE	H
Sat 11 Mar	Wycombe Wanderers	A
Sat 18 Mar	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H
Sat 25 Mar	Luton Town	A
Sat 01 Apr	READING	H

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## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 2 FINAL TABLE 1993/94 SEASON

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Crystal Palace	26	15	5	6	56	32	35
Swindon Town	26	14	6	6	49	26	34
Wimbledon	26	15	1	10	61	44	31
Reading	26	10	9	7	39	36	29
Oxford United	26	11	6	9	46	38	28
Brentford	26	10	8	8	40	34	28
Luton Town	26	11	4	11	40	47	26
Brighton & H.A.	26	10	6	10	37	44	26
Southampton	26	8	7	11	29	30	23
Bristol Rovers	26	9	5	12	40	48	23
Bristol City	26	8	6	12	35	44	22
AFC Bournemouth	26	9	2	15	40	53	20
Tottenham Hotspur	26	8	4	14	35	49	20
Colchester United	26	6	7	13	33	55	19



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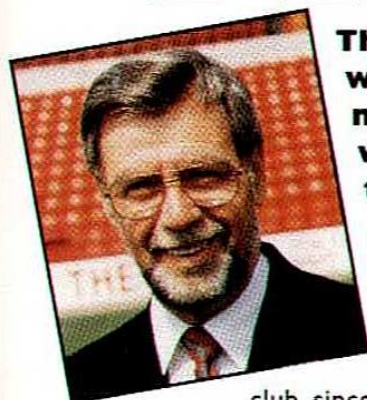


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# MY VIEW *With* RAY HARDMAN



**The disappointment of relegation is now behind us as we look forward this afternoon to the start of a brand new season in the Endsleigh League and what better way than a home game entertaining Port Vale, who themselves are new-boys to Division One having been promoted last season, in a game being show live on Central Television.**

For those of you who have not been to the club since the end of the last season, you will note the complete face lift the stadium has undergone with the demolition of the old Shrivensham Road Stand and in its place the impressive Intel Stand has risen - all in the space of just fourteen weeks and to this all credit should go to Kevin Jones at Tarmac and in particular their site agent Trevor Pratt and his staff on a magnificent achievement.

Unfortunately due to planning problems we were not able to redevelop the Stratton Bank Stand as was anticipated. We had hoped to have a new covered stand ready for this afternoon. This would have kept us in line with the Taylor Report and converted the stadium to all seater. However when the plans were rejected we appealed to the Department of Heritage for a one year extension to allow us to keep the Stratton Bank terrace open for a further year but in their wisdom this was turned down. Rather than have one end of the stadium closed we have installed just over 1600 seats for the visiting teams supporters to compliment the others they use in the North Stand.

Even the North Stand has undertaken a refurbishment programme as those of you in the stand will see. The whole of the steelwork has been repainted and the obsolete lighting removed. Again another local company - Castleshore have undertaken the work and we are pleased to have their staff here with us this afternoon as our guests.

During the course of this season we hope to also continue the process of replacing the old seats in the

North Stand which will give the stand a whole new look. Wherever you are sitting today you cannot help but notice how immaculate the pitch is looking at the moment. Despite the dry conditions throughout the summer Geoff Warren has done a marvellous job and knowing Geoff the pitch will be looking as good in May as it is now.

So to matters on the pitch and if the players show as much enthusiasm now that the season has started as they did during the pre-season games at home and in Cyprus I see no reason why we will not be challenging for our place back in the Premier League in nine months time. We may not be facing up to the likes of Manchester United and Liverpool this season but Division One of the Football League is known for it's attacking style of play which suits us fine so we can guarantee some top class action.

We have also been given some attractive fixtures in the Anglo Italian Cup competition which takes on a new format this season. We face Atalanta in the first game here on Wednesday week. Atalanta like us were relegated from the top flight last season. Two weeks later we have the tie of the draw when we travel to play Venezia in Venice, this will no doubt be an experience for players and supporters alike to enjoy.

On behalf of everybody at Swindon Town could I thank each and every one of you for your continued support in everything at the club. Here's to a successful season.

*Ray Hardman*



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 Cirencester then A417 to  
 Gloucester. Join M5 at j11. Follow  
 M5 to join M6 at j8, leaving at j20 to  
 join M56. At j15 join M53 to j4 and  
 take 4th exit at rounabout (B5151).  
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- ✦ EDITORIAL AND PHOTO IN MATCH DAY PROGRAMME
- ✦ PRE-MATCH BUFFET FOR THREE
- ✦ MEET SWINDON TOWN PLAYERS AND COACHING STAFF
- ✦ PRE-MATCH WARM UP WITH THE TEAM
- ✦ LEAD THE TEAM OUT FOR THE MAIN EVENT
- ✦ COMPLIMENTARY PROGRAMME
- ✦ SWINDON TOWN GIFT PACK
- ✦ AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP TO THE JUNIOR ROBINS SUPPORTERS CLUB
- ✦ A SOUVENIR PHOTO WITH THE CAPTAINS AND MATCH DAY OFFICIALS
- ✦ OPTIONAL - ADDITIONAL MATCH TICKETS, HOSPITALITY LOUNGE PASSES AND PRE-MATCH BUFFET ON REQUEST





# SWINDON TOWN

## ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE FINAL TABLE 1993/94

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Crystal Palace	46	16	4	3	39	18	11	5	7	34	28	90
Nottingham Forest	46	12	9	2	38	22	11	5	7	36	27	83
Millwall	46	14	8	1	36	17	5	9	9	22	32	74
Leicester City	46	11	9	3	45	30	8	7	8	27	29	73
Tranmere Rovers	46	15	3	5	48	23	6	6	11	21	30	72
Derby County	46	15	3	5	44	25	5	8	10	29	43	71
Notts County	46	16	3	4	43	26	4	5	14	22	43	68
Wolverhampton W.	46	10	10	3	34	19	7	7	9	26	28	68
Middlesbrough	46	12	6	5	40	19	6	7	10	26	35	67
Stoke City	46	14	4	5	35	19	4	9	10	22	40	67
Charlton Athletic	46	14	3	6	39	22	5	5	13	22	36	65
Sunderland	46	14	2	7	35	22	5	6	12	19	35	65
Bristol City	46	11	7	5	27	18	5	9	9	20	32	64
Bolton Wanderers	46	10	8	5	40	31	5	6	12	23	33	59
Southend United	46	10	5	8	34	28	7	3	13	29	39	59
Grimsby Town	46	7	14	2	26	16	6	6	11	26	31	59
Portsmouth	46	10	6	7	29	22	5	7	11	23	36	58
Barnsley	46	9	3	11	25	26	7	4	12	30	41	55
Watford	46	10	5	8	39	35	5	4	14	27	45	54
Luton Town	46	12	4	7	38	25	2	7	14	18	35	53
West Bromwich Albion	46	9	7	7	38	31	4	5	14	22	38	51
Birmingham City	46	9	7	7	28	29	4	5	14	24	40	51
Oxford United	46	10	5	8	33	33	3	5	15	21	42	49
Peterborough United	46	6	9	8	31	30	2	4	17	17	46	37

Play-offs resulted in Leicester City being promoted to Premier League

## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES 1994/95

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	G	Apps	G
Fraser Digby	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mark Robinson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Bodin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adrian Whitbread	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shaun Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luc Nijholt	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martin Ling	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ross MacLaren	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan Aage Fjortoft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andy Mutch	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kevin Horlock	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Kilcline	0	0	0	0	0	0
Keith Scott	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nicky Hammond	0	0	0	0	0	0

## SWINDON TOWN FIXTURES 1994/95

DATE	OPPONENTS	F A
Sun 14 Aug	PORT VALE	H
Sat 20 Aug	Tranmere Rovers	A
Wed 24 Aug	ATALANTA A.I.C.(1)	H
Sat 27 Aug	WATFORD	H
Wed 31 Aug	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H
Sat 03 Sep	Notts County	A
Tue 06 Sep	Venezia A.I.C. (2)	A
Sun 11 Sep	DERBY COUNTY	H
Wed 14 Sep	READING	H
Sat 17 Sep	Charlton Athletic	A
Wed 21 Sep	C.C.C. 2 (1)	
Sat 24 Sep	GRIMSBY TOWN	H
Wed 28 Sep	C.C.C. 2 (2)	
Sat 01 Oct	Barnsley	A
Wed 05 Oct	LECCE A.I.C. (3)	H
Sat 08 Oct	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H
Sat 15 Oct	Portsmouth	A
Sat 22 Oct	SOUTHEND UNITED	H
Wed 26 Oct	C.C.C. 3	
Sat 29 Oct	Middlesbrough	A
Tue 01 Nov	Bolton Wanderers	A
Sat 05 Nov	MILLWALL	H
Tue 15 Nov	Ascoli A.I.C. (4)	A
Sat 19 Nov	Bristol City	A
Wed 23 Nov	BURNLEY	H
Sat 26 Nov	LUTON TOWN	H
Wed 30 Nov	C.C.C. 4	
Sat 03 Dec	Southend United	A
Sat 10 Dec	TRANMERE ROVERS	H
Sat 17 Dec	Port Vale	A
Mon 26 Dec	Stoke City	A
Tue 27 Dec	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H
Sat 31 Dec	Oldham Athletic	A
Mon 02 Jan	SUNDERLAND	H
Sat 07 Jan	F.A.C. 3	
Sat 14 Jan	MIDDLESBROUGH	H
Sat 21 Jan	Millwall	A
Sat 28 Jan	F.A.C. 4	
Sat 04 Feb	Burnley	A
Sat 11 Feb	BOLTON WANDERERS	H
Sat 18 Feb	Luton Town	A
Wed 22 Feb	BRISTOL CITY	H
Sat 25 Feb	BARNSLEY	H
Sat 04 Mar	Grimsby Town	A
Wed 08 Mar	NOTTS COUNTY	H
Sat 11 Mar	Watford	A
Sat 18 Mar	West Bromwich Albion	A
Wed 22 Mar	Derby County	A
Sat 25 Mar	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H
Sat 01 Apr	Reading	A
Sat 08 Apr	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H
Sat 15 Apr	Sheffield United	A
Mon 17 Apr	STOKE CITY	H
Sat 22 Apr	Sunderland	A
Sat 29 Apr	PORTSMOUTH	H
Sat 06 May	Wolverhampton W.	A

A.I.C. = Anglo Italian Cup C.C.C. = Coca-Cola Cup F.A.C. = F.A. Cup

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## SWINDON TOWN

- 1 FRASER DIGBY
- 2 MARK ROBINSON
- 3 PAUL BODIN
- 4 ADRIAN WHITBREAD
- 5 LUC NIJHOLT
- 6 SHAUN TAYLOR
- 7 MARTIN LING
- 8 TERRY FENWICK
- 9 JAN AAGE FJORTOFT
- 10 ANDY MUTCH
- 11 KEVIN HORLOCK
- 12
- 14
- 15 NICKY HAMMOND

TEAM CHANGES



## PORT VALE

- 1 PAUL MUSSELWHITE
- 2 BRADLEY SANDEMAN
- 3 JOHN JEFFERS
- 4 RAY WALKER
- 5 GARETH GRIFFITHS
- 6 DEAN GLOVER
- 7 ANDY PORTER
- 8 ROBIN VAN DER LAAN
- 9 MARTIN FOYLE
- 10 LEE GLOVER
- 11 KEVIN KENT
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R W OSBORNE (Hanham, Avon)



#### Linesman (yellow flag):

K PIKE (Gillingham, Dorset)

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C WILMOT (Bristol, Avon)



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