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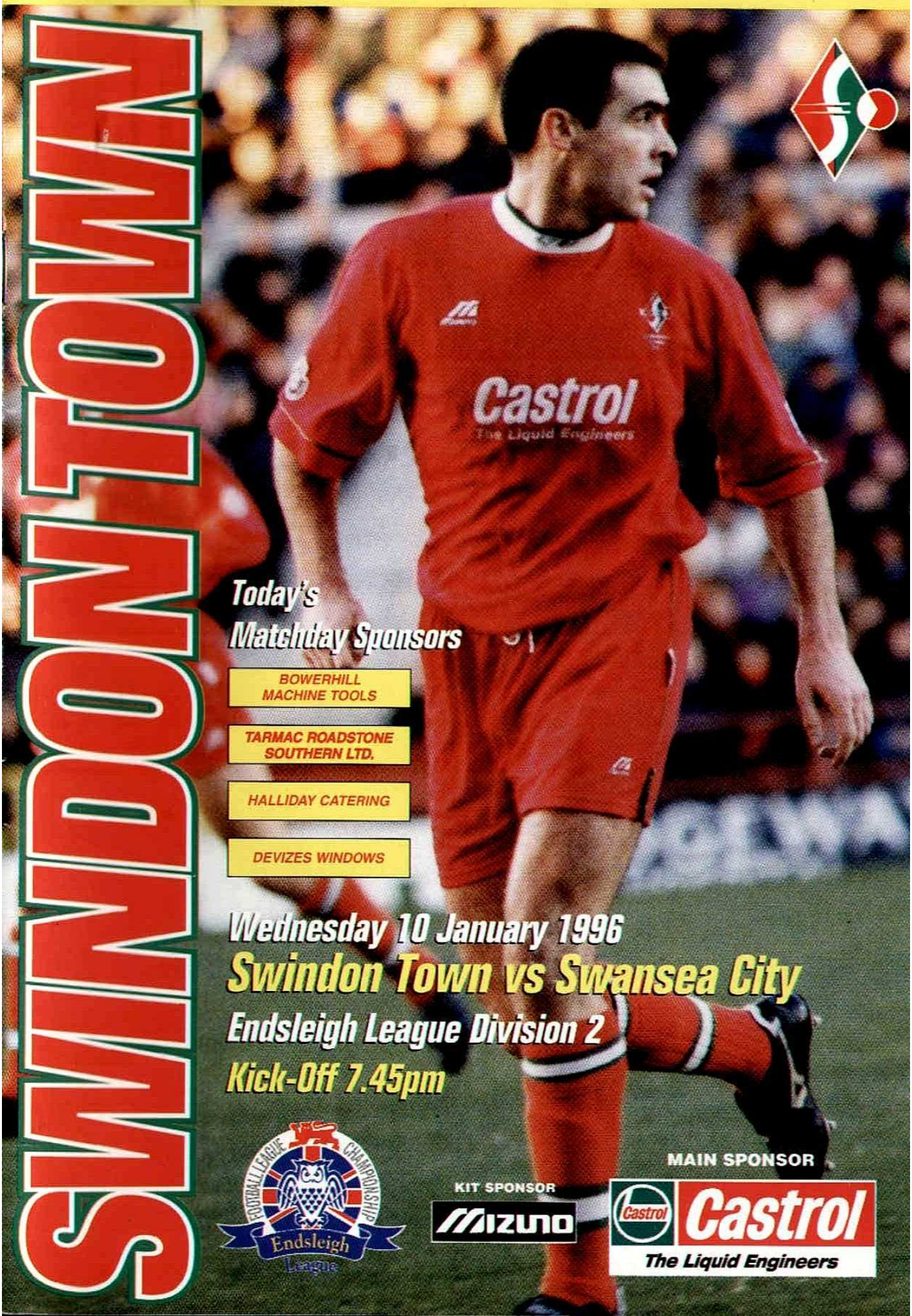

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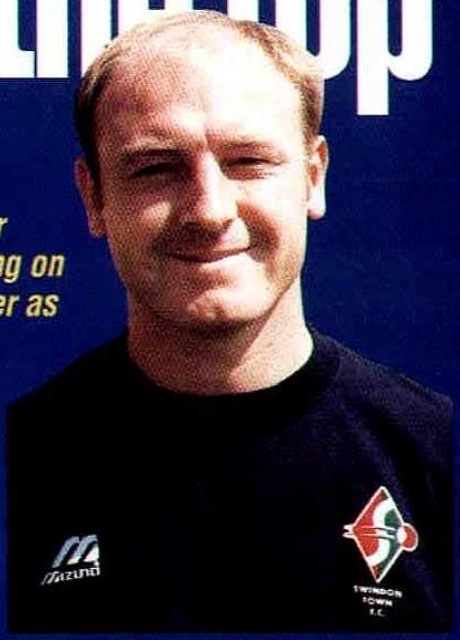
From the top

With Manager Steve McMahon



We were delighted with our performance against Woking on Saturday because it is never as easy as it seems on paper when you take on non-League opposition. It is a bit like the situation many boxers face when they fight abroad. You have to knock them out to secure a points win.

People have to realise there is no easy opposition any more. You only have to look at some results, Everton for instance, held at home to 2-2 by Stockport County. So there are no easy games at all and the important thing on Saturday was to get through to the next round and we achieved that in a professional manner.

We couldn't do any more and it was a clean sheet again, which is important. For a twenty-minute spell I thought we looked a bit ragged in the second-half - they had a couple of opportunities without being brilliant but in general the exercise was to win. We were on a no win situation and they could only come out of the game with credit, which they did to be fair to them - they gave us a good game.

Having done that the next hope was for a home draw in the Fourth Round and again we have been successful in this respect. Again we didn't get one of the big fish but it gives us a chance to progress so it is a decent enough draw for us.

I was perhaps a little disappointed we didn't get a big club but providing we can stay in the competition and keep the momentum going the odds on us being paired with one of the giants will shorten.

So all in all it was a good weekend for us but we are not even thinking about the Cup now. We are happy we are through and that we have a home draw - and whether it is Barnsley or Oldham it will by no means be easy - but this evening it is back to basics.

The Second Division promotion race is our number one priority and my major concern is that we get back to winning ways in the League. This is our first game of the New Year in this competition and we must start as we did at the beginning of the season and make sure we pick up the points that are on offer.

We have to continue now, and make sure we don't look back, and if we carry on as we did over the first part of the season then I can't see any problems. It is just a matter of getting a few results under our belts to start off with and take it from there.

Enjoy the game.

Steve McMahon

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In his 971st League match, Peter Shilton, was sent off for the first time!

In 1992/93, Albion Rovers used 44 players in 39 matches!!

The first ever goal in the World Cup Finals was scored by Louis Laurent for France against Mexico, on the 13th July 1930 in Uruguay

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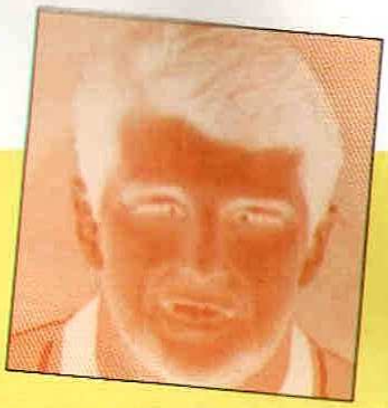
Did you know ?!

The present League club with the record for the heaviest defeat is Reading who lost 0-18 against Preston in 1894

?? QUIZ ??

1. Which English side featured in this season's Ibrox Tournament?
2. Which country won the World Cup in both 1934 and 1938?
3. Which Scottish Club plays at Fir Park?
4. How many goals did Bobby Charlton score for England?
5. When did the Football League increase from two to three divisions?
6. Who were the first club to score 100 goals in a season?
7. Where did David Hirst begin his league career?
8. From which club did Denis Irwin join Oldham?
9. Which club won the 1989 Sherpa Van Trophy?
10. In which year did Rangers win their first Scottish League Championship?



WHO AM I ?

1. Born 30th June 1965.
2. Joined Middlesbrough in 1984.
3. Promoted twice in succession with Boro' in 1987 and 1988 before moving to Old Trafford.
4. PFA Players' Player of the Year in 1991/92.
5. England regular.

Whose Crest ?

Answers

QUIZ: 1. Spurs; 2. Italy; 3. Motherwell; 4. 49; 5. 1920-21; 6. Sunderland (1892/93); 7. Barnsley; 8. Leeds United; 9. Bolton Wanderers; 10. 1898-99. **WHO AM I?** Gary Pallister. **WHOSE CREST?** Clyde.

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With Club Secretary Jon Pollard

After Saturday's F.A. Cup action against Woking we return to Endsleigh League action tonight as we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Swansea City Football Club to The County Ground for this evening's fixture.

F.A. Cup

We will have to wait until next week to know the opponents for our F.A. Cup 4th Round tie when Barnsley and Oldham Athletic meet at Boundary Park following their 0-0 draw at Oakwell on Saturday.

Whoever the opponents the tie will be played here at The County Ground on Saturday 27 January kicking off at 3:00pm.

Season Ticket holders have until 3:00pm on Saturday 20 January to claim their tickets for this tie which is not all ticket.

Cup Voucher 'H' should be produced with the correct remittance when booking and please if doing so by post remember to include a stamped addressed envelope.

Reserves

The next game for the Reserves is this Saturday when they travel to Highbury to play Arsenal in the Avon Insurance Combination where the kick off is at 3.00pm.

Next Monday afternoon they face Southampton here at The County Ground in a redated fixture which kicks off at 2.00pm.

Youth Team

Next up for the Youth Team in the South East Counties League is the visit of Southampton to Wanborough this coming Saturday morning with the usual 11.00am kick off.

Town on the Net

Owners of Personal Computers linked up to the Internet can now catch up on the latest goings on at The County Ground on the World Wide Web. There is also a mailing list of which there are presently 67 members worldwide. Many fans from home and abroad who cannot get to the ground now rely on the Internet for information.
If you want to tune in the Internet address for Swindon Town is: http://www.bath.ac.uk/~ee3cmk/swindon and subscribers can join the mailing list by sending an e-mail to: swindon-request@bath.ac.uk.

Opening Hours

A reminder of the revised hours of opening of the Advance Ticket Office at The County Ground which is now open Monday to Friday from 9:00am until 4:45pm but on Fridays prior to a first team home fixture the office will remain open until 6:45pm.

In addition the office opens on non-matchday Saturdays from 9:00am until 12:00 noon and on matchday Saturdays from 9:00am until kick-off and after the game until 5:00pm.

Euro '96 Tickets

Please note that while we are not handling applications for EURO '96 tickets, application forms are available from the Club but naturally many of the games involving England, Scotland and Holland are already sold out.

Tom Jones gets new job!

Former Town star Tom Jones has just become a referee. Tom, currently with Reading, has become the latest player to join the PFA (Professional Footballers Association's) initiative for players to become referees.

Jones has qualified to class 3 which means he is able to referee local Sunday matches and youth football. His ambition is to referee top League matches.

Endsleigh League

This Saturday we have an away trip to face York City at Bootham Crescent in the Endsleigh League kicking off at 3:00pm. There is no advance booking for the game. Supporters travelling should pay on the day with seats at £8 & £10 (concessions £5 & £6) and terrace admission at £7 (concessions £4).

Our next home game is the visit of Hull City on Saturday 20 January kicking off at 3:00pm. Seats for the game are available now from the Advance Ticket Office.

Swansea City the visitors

By John Nolan

Just four years short of their centenary Swansea City find themselves in troublesome waters short on cash, short on points and in the look out for a new owner.

Chairman Doug Sharpe put the club up for sale after watching the Swans crash 4-2 at home to Burnley in mid-December. It was their tenth League defeat of the season. It was particularly cruel too for Swansea had battled back from 2-0 down to equalise through loan-signing Glyn Hurst and the club's top scorer this season, Steve Torpey.

Their current demise is all a million miles away from the days when John Toshack was the manager and the Swans spread their wings across the old First Division and indeed nearly as far removed from the optimism that swept their corner of South Wales last summer.

The teams had come so close to making the Play-Offs last season - a disastrous run of three successive defeats at the end of March ending the challenge - and had been pipped, in extra-time by Birmingham City in the Auto Windscreens Shield semi-final. Manager Frank Burrows had brought in over half-a-million on his summer sales and spent £60,000 on the signing of Carl Heggs from West Bromwich Albion.

Others recruited on free transfers included Jason Price (Aberavon) and James Gardiner who came on trial from St Mirren.

The squad was supplemented by David Beresford, signed on loan from Oldham Athletic and the start to the season was more than encouraging. Shrewsbury Town were beaten 3-1 and in the first-leg of the First Round of the Coca-Cola Cup they thrashed Peterborough United 4-1 at the Vetch Field. Goals from Torpey and Basham then earned them a 2-2 draw at Bristol Rovers and the first League table of the season showed Swindon Town top - Swansea City second.

Then it all went wrong. Incredibly, Swansea lost 3-0 at Peterborough United and slipped out of the Coca-Cola Cup on the away goal. Frank Burrows, a former Town manager, was not amused. A 3-2 home win over Chesterfield kept them tucked in behind us in the Second Division but defeats at Stockport and home to Carlisle United set Swansea on a downward roll they have not really been able to check.

The beginning of October saw Frank Burrows quit, Bobby Smith taking over as caretaker.

However his reign was short lived when he unexpectedly quit after just thirteen weeks in the job to be replaced by Youth Coach Jimmy Rimmer in a caretaker capacity.

With new owners expected at The Vetch Field soon, hopefully the trauma of recent months will settle down and the Swans will be able to concentrate on the task in hand of avoiding relegation.

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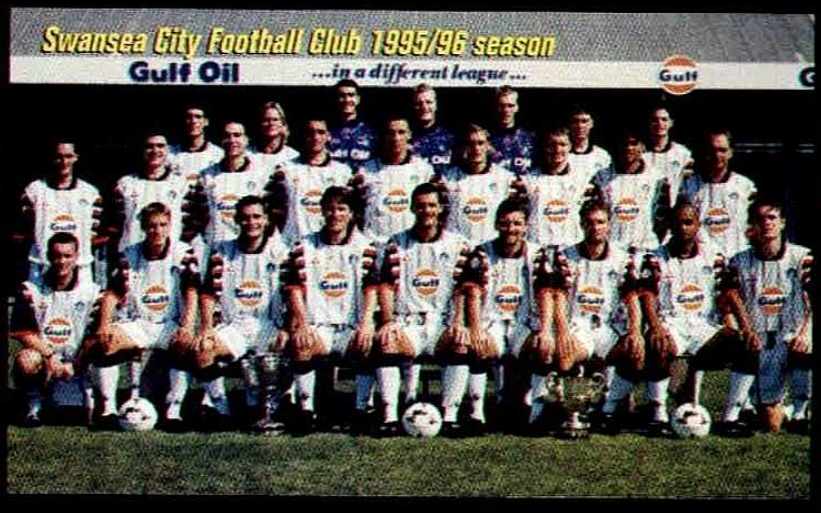


Back Row:
Denis Spiteri, Darren Perrett (now at Bristol Rovers), Lee Jones, Roger Freestone, Ben Miles, David Barnhouse, Jamie Rickard (No longer with club).

Middle Row:
Mark Clode, David Thomas, Michael Basham (now at Peterborough), Christian Edwards, Stephen Torpey, Carl Heggs, Keith Walker, Jason Price, Shaun Chapple.

Front Row:
David Beresford (returned to Oldham), Jonathan Coates, John Hodge, Colin Pascoe, John Cornforth, David Penney, Andy Cook, Kwame Ampadu, Stephen Jenkins (now at Huddersfield Town).

Our next home game: Endsleigh League Division 2

abc Swansea City

Kwame Ampadu

- MIDFIELD. Has been a great favourite at the Vetch Field following his £15,000 transfer from West Bromwich Albion in February 1993. A skilled technician with a strong desire to compete, he figured prominently in Swansea's Autoglass Cup winning side in the Wembley Final in 1993. Contributed eight goals in 49 appearances in the 1994-95 season. Born: Bradford 20-12-70.

Iasir Barnwell-Edinboro

- FORWARD. Talented teenager on loan from Coventry City to get first team experience. Made his Football League debut for Swansea in the 4-2 home defeat by Burnley on December 16, 1995 at the age of 19. Born: Hull 26-12-75.

Shaun Chapple

- MIDFIELD. Energetic worker in the middle, Shaun is now in his fifth season as a professional yet is still only 21. Gained International recognician last season when capped by Wales at Under-21 level and would seem to have a bright future in front of him. Scored twice in 13 first team outings in 1994-95 but is still on the fringe of a regular selection. Born: Swansea 14-2-73.

Mark Clode

- DEFENDER. Was awarded a new three year contract last summer after impressing in season 1994-95 - scoring once in 33 League outings for the Swans. Mark had come into football with his home-town club Plymouth Argyle as a midfield player but did not make the grade at Home Park and joined Swansea on a free transfer in 1994. Born: Plymouth 24-2-73.

Jonathan Coates

- FORWARD. Local lad who has graduated through the teams from junior to professional. Was given his first senior position last season when he made five substitute appearances and has been in the starting line during this campaign. Born: Swansea 27-6-75.

Andy Cook

- DEFENDER. This is very much a rehabilitation season for Andy who was restricted to just a couple of games last season after breaking a leg. Looked good in the pre-season warm-up matches and has come back well. Joined Southampton as an apprentice and made his League debut in the old First Division in a 2-2 draw with Manchester United at the Dell. That was in 1987, just five days after is 18th birthday. But Andrew was unable to gain a regular place and eventually signed on for Exeter City where he was a great success. Born: Romsey 10-8-69.

John Cornforth

- MIDFIELD. Enjoyed an outstanding 1994-95 (4 goals in 18 appearances) when he was voted Player of the Year - capped twice by Wales in 1995 - made his debut as a 78th minute sub against Bulgaria and played the full game against Georgia at Cardiff (when Vinny Jones was sent off) in the European Championship. John has proved an outstanding skipper for Swansea and gave his proudest moment at Wembley when he led the team to victory in the Autoglass Trophy in 1994 when they beat Huddersfield 3-1. Served his apprenticeship with Sunderland making his League bow against Ipswich in May 1985. Had a loan spell with Doncaster in 1986-87. Born: Whitley Bay 07-10-67.

John Cornforth

Christian Edwards

- CENTRE HALF. Was 20 just last November yet is strongly establishing himself as an outstanding newcomer this season after being given nine League starts in 1994-95. Stands six foot-two and is tipped for Welsh International honours. Born: Caerphilly 23-11-75.

Carl Heggs

- FORWARD. Was on the books of Derby County and Doncaster Rovers as a youngster before returning to the Midlands to play for Leicester United. West Bromwich Albion signed him in August 1991 but he never established himself at the Hawthorns - scored once in seven League starts and seven sub appearances for the Albion in 1994-95 and moved to Swansea for £60,000 in the summer of '95. Made a scoring League debut for the Swans in the 34th minute of the opening game of the season vs Shrewsbury. Born: Leicester 11-10-70.

John Hodge

- WINGER. Formerly with Exeter City his versatility has made him a firm favourite with Swans supporters. has tight control and a good eye and contributed eight goals in 57 appearances last season. At five-foot-seven he is one of the smallest players in the Swansea squad. Born: Ormskirk 1-4-69.

Glynn Hurst

- DEFENDER. On loan from Burnley he will not be 20 until the 17th January. Made two substitute appearances for the Oakwell club in the First Division last season and is gaining valuable experience in the Swansea first team now. Although a Barnsley lad Glynn was brought up in South Africa and played for the Eastern Transvaal district side winning the South African National Under 16 tournament. He moved from Johannesburg to join Tottenham Hotspur as a trainee in August 1992 and Barnsley acquired his transfer in 1994. Born: Barnsley 17-1-76.

abc Swansea City

Lee Jones

- GOALKEEPER. Was on Swansea's books as a youth player but was not retained and went into non-League football playing for AFC Perth in the Welsh League. Developed into a bright prospect and was taken back to Vetch Field in June 1994 as cover for Roger Freestone. Made three first team appearances in 1994-95. Height: 6'3". Born: Pontypridd 9-8-70.

Steve Jones

- RIGHT BACK. A recent signing from non-League Cheltenham Town. Swansea paid £25,000 to clinch the deal amidst opposition from several League clubs in November 1995. Steve is 25 and was with home town Bristol City as a YTS lad but not retained by them. Has now made seven League appearances,after giving up his own electrical business to become a full time professional. Born: Bristol 25-12-70.

Colin Pascoe

- MIDFIELD. Returned to Swansea in August 1993 after a successful time with Sunderland. Colin had played in all four divisions of the Football League for Swansea - after making his debut v Brighton in the old First Division in March 1983 - before moving to Roker Park in March 1988. Scored 4 goals in his first 9 outings for Sunderland. A great creator and scorer he has been a regular choice since his return but has suffered somewhat with injury. Born: Bridgend 9-4-65.

David Penney

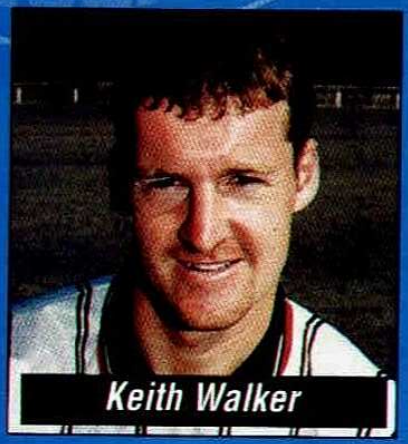
- MIDFIELD. Was playing for Pontefract when Derby County spotted him in 1985. Made his League debut for the Rams against Hull City (1-1) in October 1986, in their promotion campaign and played nine First Division games in 1987-88. Moved on to Oxford United for £175,000 in May 1989 after a total of 19 League appearances but struggled to establish himself. Went to Swansea twice on loan - helping them win the Welsh Cup in 1991 - before a £20,000 transfer was completed in 1993. Born: Wakefield 17-8-64.

Stephen Torpey

- STRIKER. Top shot this season with ten goals; just six short of his tally in 1994-95 when he finished on top of the Swansea score chart. This was his first campaign for the Welsh club following an £80,000 transfer (set by a Tribunal) from Bradford City in the summer of 1994. A tireless grafter and cool finisher he learned his trade with Millwall and while there he spent two years as understudy to Teddy Sheringham and Tony Cascarino. Powerfully built at six foot three he made his League debut for the Lions in the season of 1989-90. Born: Islington 8-12-70.

Keith Walker

- DEFENDER. Very popular with Swansea fans he is a true competitor. Arrived in Swansea at the end of 1989 after a transfer from St. Mirren and has established himself as a stalwart on the left side. Underwent a groin operation in the summer of 1994 but fought back to make 37 senior appearances that season. Injury has kept him out of the side recently too - he collected a knock at Oxford and had to leave the field. Born: Edinburgh 17-4-66.



Keith Walker

Swansea City Football Club Season 1995/96 Endsleigh League Division 2

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PETERBOROUGH UNITED*	H	4-1
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CHESTERFIELD	H	3-2
Stockport County	A	0-2
CARLISLE UNITED	H	1-1
Walsall	A	1-4
Hull City	A	0-0
YORK CITY	H	0-1
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BRADFORD CITY	H	2-0
Peterborough United	A	1-1
LEYTON ORIENT#	H	0-0
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	1-1
Wrexham	A	0-1
Brighton & Hove Albion	A	2-0
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	1-2
Fulham+	A	0-7
Crewe Alexandra	A	1-4
NOTTS COUNTY	H	0-0
Peterborough United#	A	0-1
ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	0-0
Oxford United	A	1-5
BURNLEY	H	2-4
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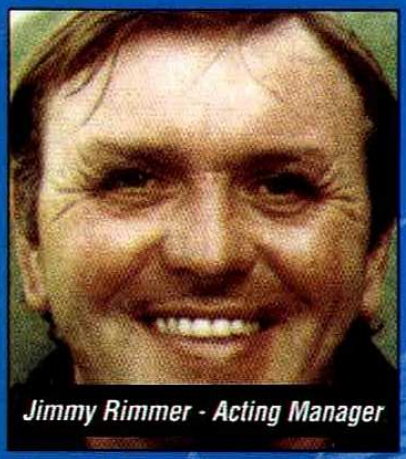


Jimmy Rimmer - Acting Manager

Jimmy Rimmer is somewhat of a reluctant hero becoming the third Swansea manager this season after Bobby Smith, elected caretaker boss following the resignation of Frank Burrows, walked out just before Christmas.

Jimmy has been at the club for eight years as youth team coach and goalkeeper coach, and his young side, sponsored by the Army Careers Office won four trophies.

Born in Southport 10th, February 1948, Jimmy was a spectacular goalkeeper. He signed for Manchester United in May 1963 and won his first major prize a year later - the FA Youth Cup. His quality was second to none and in 1967 he was given his first taste of first team football during a tour of Australia.

But it took one of his famous predecessors at Old Trafford, Harry Gregg (who of course spent time with us alongside Lou Macari), to make a top class custodian out of him. Jimmy was drifting along in the shadow of the great Alex Stepney making only an occasional appearance. Then Gregg, at the time Swansea's manager, took Jimmy on loan and not only gave him games but greatly improved his technique.

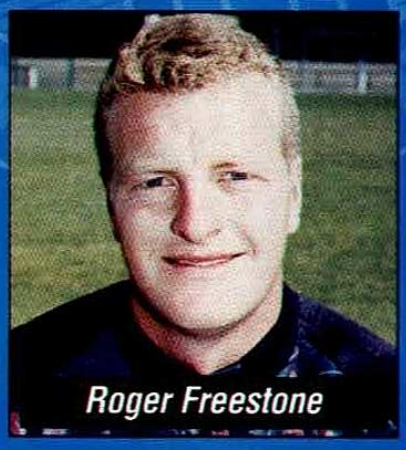
On his return to old Trafford Arsenal were sufficiently impressed to invest £40.000 to take him to Highbury in March 1974.

Rimmer went on to become one of the outstanding 'keepers in the First Division, a point confirmed by his call-up to the England squad and his full cap against Italy in New York in 1976.

In the summer of 1977, a long standing dispute between him and Arsenal boss Terry Neill ended in a £65.000 move to Aston Villa. Won League Championship and European Cup winners' medals with Villa in 1981 and '82: to add to the European Cup medal he won as a substitute for Manchester United in 1968.

Under the Spotlight

Roger Freestone is a goalkeeper with an eye for goal for last season not only did he make 61 senior appearances for Swansea City - 45 of them in the League - but he also inscribed his name on the Swans scoresheet as well netting a penalty in City's opening League win over Shrewsbury Town.



Roger Freestone

You need confidence to be a good goalkeeper and Roger certainly has plenty of that. He was introduced to League football by Newport County at Port vale on December 27, 1986, at the age of 18 conceding twice in a 2-0 defeat. Went on to make another dozen Third Division appearances that season for Newport and impressed so much that he was snapped up by Chelsea in March 1987 for £75,000.

Within weeks of arriving at Stamford Bridge Roger was playing First Division football - he made six appearances in 86-87 and fifteen more in the campaign of 1987-88.

Magnificently built he looked the ideal replacement for the injury troubled Welsh International Eddie Niedzwiecki, but these were troubled times for Chelsea and perhaps too much was expected from a young custodian with very limited experience behind a shaky defence. He had a couple of bad games when his handling was not as positive as usual and John Hollins went out and signed Kevin Hitchcock to replace him.

In the summer of 1991 Roger was allowed to join Swansea City where he quickly settled in and established himself as the number one choice.

Such has been his form since moving to the Vetch Field that he has been put on stand-by for the Welsh international squad on a number of occasions.
Born: Newport, Gwent 19-8-68.

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ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE Preview

There has not been much to preview, or indeed review, in Division Two over the last two and a half weeks with Jack Frost getting the better of most fixtures over the holiday programme and of course last Saturday being dominated by the Third Round of the FA Cup.

We were one of a dozen Second Division clubs to participate in the FA Cup at the weekend, our home tie with Woking, necessitating the re-arrangement of this fixture with Swansea City this evening.

What this all means is that nothing has really changed in Division Two since the fixtures played on the Saturday before Christmas when we lost poll position following a goalless draw with Walsall that allowed Crewe Alexandra to steal ahead of us, all be it on goals scored.

Crewe, have definitely been one of the most impressive sides we have met in League combat this season and while we were struggling to open up the Saddlers resolute defence they were just down the road from here beating Bristol Rovers 2-1 to close the gap and draw alongside us on 43 points.

The Boxing Day programme saw little change. We were held 0-0 here by Wycombe Wanderers, Crewe suffered the same disappointment at home to Wrexham while third placed Notts County - four points behind us - did not play as their game at Hull was frozen off.

The last Saturday of 1995 was a virtual write-off with only one of the twelve scheduled fixtures in Division Two played - that between Shrewsbury Town and Carlisle United which ended 1-1 after Currie had equalised for Carlisle with five-minutes to go.

Thus, Crewe Alexandra entered 1996 as Second Division leaders having scored 42 goals to our 36 with the same points won and the same number of games played. And no doubt Notts County would have closed the gap had their game been on.

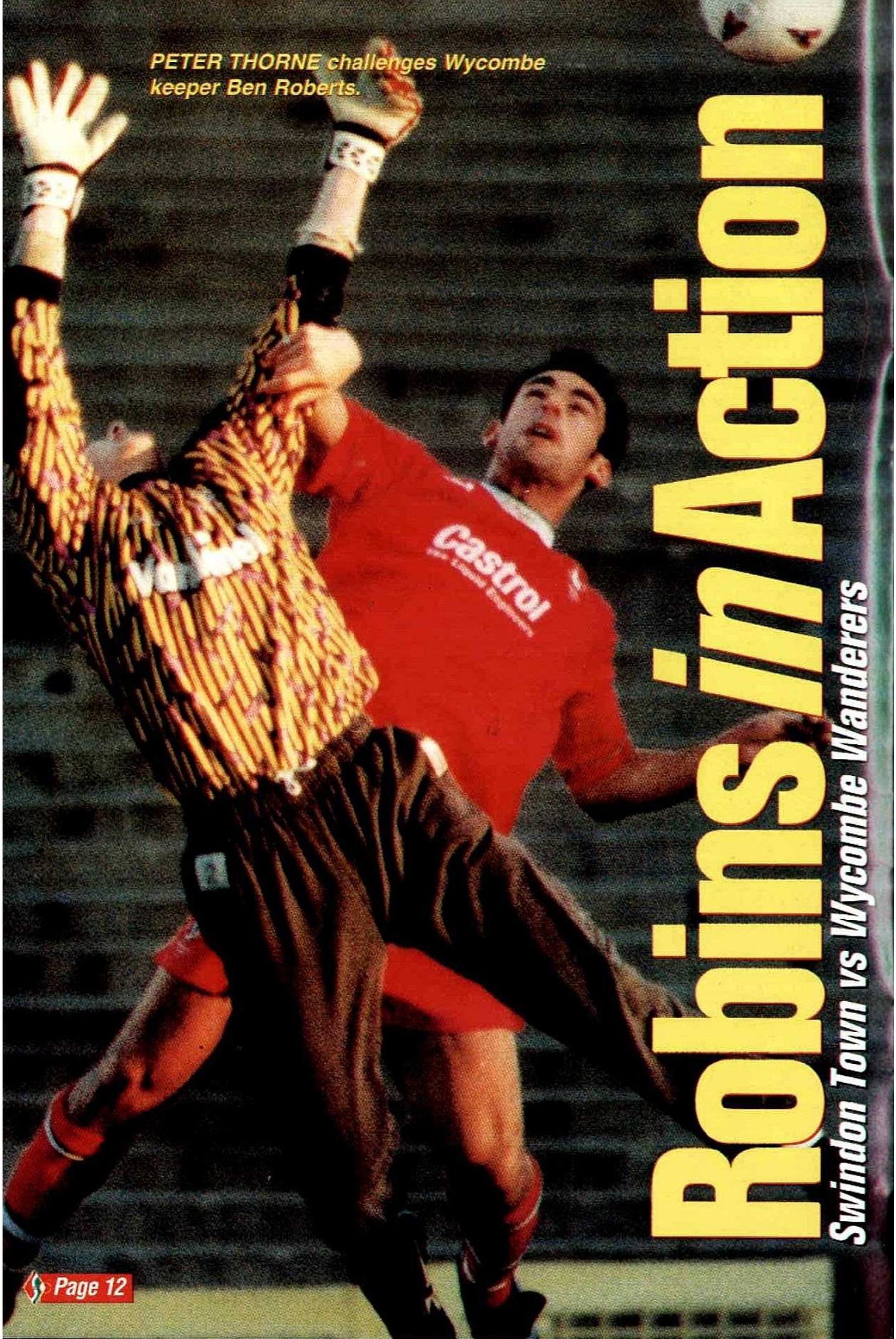
It is at home where we have let ourselves down, not only by drawing five times but in scoring just 16 goals. To balance this up there are none who can match our 20 strikes away from home but everyone is conscious that we should be scoring more regularly in front of home fans. Perhaps we can start to put that right this evening against Swansea City.

There were three games played in the League on Saturday but none of them affected the leading positions - AFC Bournemouth v Bristol City; Bristol Rovers home to Hull City and Rotherham United against York City so a victory (or even a draw) tonight will re-establish us firmly again as Second Division leaders.

Also playing tonight are Stockport County v Bradford City. There's just two points to separate them, with Bradford ahead but it will be interesting to see how these two teams react following their Cup tie exploits at Goodison Park (Stockport) and Bradford home to Bolton Wanderers.

Whatever the outcome at Edgeley Park it will not influence the leading positions and the race between us, Crewe, Notts County and the rest for the Championship honours looks set to be as tight as ever.

Paul Allen looking for his first League goal.

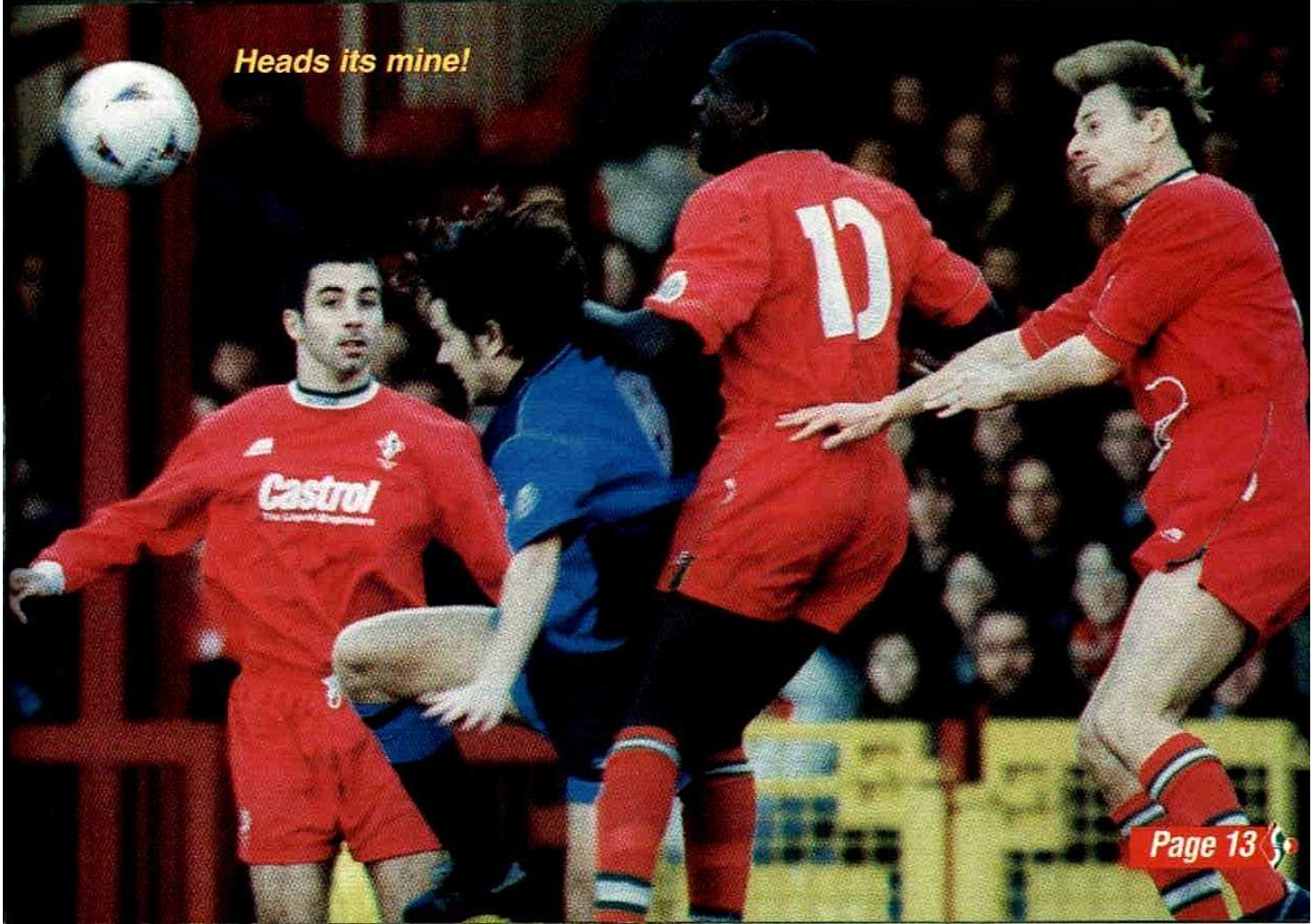


Robins in Action

Swindon Town vs Wycombe Wanderers

PETER THORNE challenges Wycombe keeper Ben Roberts.

WAYNE O'SULLIVAN keeps possession.



Heads its mine!

Training Ground

With Andy Rowland

Well it was certainly nice to get back on the winning trail on Saturday after our victory over Woking.

However our non-League visitors certainly did not disgrace themselves and with their excellent facilities at Kingmead will make a welcome addition to the Football League if they manage to get promoted from the GM Vauxhall Conference at the end of the season.

They brought with them over two and a half thousand fans on Saturday so if promoted their home gates should put a few of the present Division 3 teams attendances in the shade.

The draw on Sunday has now given us a tie where we will now meet the winners of next week's replay between Barnsley and Oldham Athletic at home. This is the fourth consecutive F.A Cup tie this season where we have been drawn at home and every round of the other Cup competitions has seen us play at here at The County Ground. We will have to make sure that we capitalise on it.

With Andrew Thomson having moved onto Portsmouth we are starting to get a bit thin on the ground with players in several positions and coupled with the fact that we are beginning to look at the formation of the squad for next season have started to bring in players who are being released from Premiership clubs.

Last season we signed Peter Thorne and Steve Finney both who have proved to be invaluable. Steve and I having been scouring the country in recent weeks and have managed to bring in a few lads who will be having trials in the Reserves shortly and if we can just manage to find one gem on a free it will have been worthwhile.

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Treatment Room

With Club Physio Jonathan Trigg

Recent signing Lee Collins is the latest casualty to visit the treatment room after suffering a direct blow to his right thigh in last Wednesday's Reserve Team game at Oxford United.

Lee was unable to continue and was substituted after only twenty minutes.

His right thigh became increasingly swollen during the evening and the following morning's examination revealed the thigh to be double the size of the left.

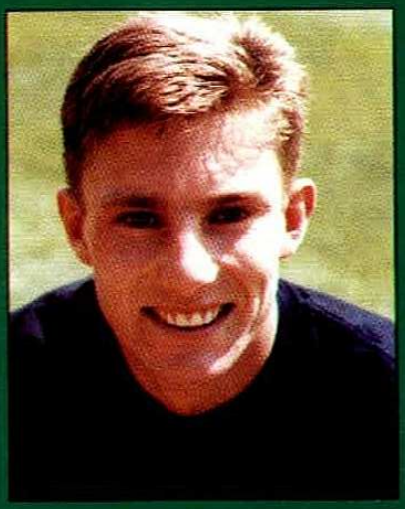
This type of injury, where the thigh remains very swollen after the initial 24/48 hours is known as an intramuscular haematoma and takes a long while for the swelling and bleeding to disperse and the full function of the leg to return.

Lee has already made very good progress however and we are hopeful that he will be back in training by the end of this week.

Young Reserve Team defender Jon Holloway missed training last week suffering from infections in both big toes.

He has been on antibiotics to clear up the infection which has accused him a great deal of pain.

Steve Finney, Ty Gooden and Shaun Taylor have also received treatment over the past week for knocks they have picked up in training and matches.



All have continued to train, not wanting to lose their places in the first team squad.

The Swindon Town Shadow Board

The start of a New Year is an opportunity to both reflect upon the year just passed and to make those New Year resolutions which seem such a good idea at the time but are so difficult to keep!

Looking back twelve months, to January 1995, most of us were no doubt becoming more apprehensive about the Club's League position. But no-one thinking the unthinkable (i.e. - Second Division here we come) could have anticipated the start the Club has made to this season. Congratulations and thanks to Steve McMahon and the players for giving us all so much pride in Swindon Town F.C.

Since the launch of the Shadow Board, supporters have raised many issues on comments cards and in letters. We have summarised these points:-

- *PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM 12%*
- *TICKETS AND TICKET PURCHASE 8%*
- *REFRESHMENTS 8%*
- *SMOKING AND NON-SMOKING AREAS 7%*
- *FACILITIES AT THE GROUND 5%*
- *RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES 4%*

This means that the remaining 56% of letters relate to various other topics and that there do not seem to be any topics which are of concern to a great many supporters - which is of course good news.

Finally, back to New Year resolutions. Make your New Year resolution now - to contact the Shadow Board. Swindon is the best supported Club in Division 2 and we want to hear from all supporters.

Please write to us at: The Shadow Board, P.O.Box 663, Swindon, SN1 2NX.

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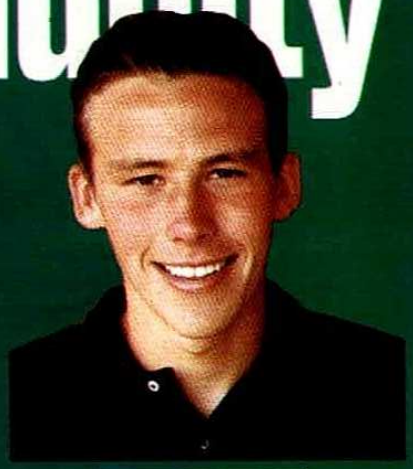
In the Community

With Shane Cook



Very often we are asked what exactly Swindon Town does to promote itself within the Community. Space does not permit me to go into detail of everything we get involved in but here tonight I will try to outline some of the more popular events.

People with Disabilities

For those in the community with physical disabilities we have a programme of organised activities designed to integrate with their special needs. The Club itself has a fully equipped disabled lounge as well as a totally dedicated disabled kiosk for refreshments on match days. There are also 50 places for disabled supporters to watch the match entirely free of charge. In fact, Swindon Town has one of the highest ratios of disabled places to able bodied supporters in the country.

Charities & Player Appearances

Each season Swindon Town donates hundreds of signed footballs, photographs, pennants and shirts to charity. These items have been used for raffles and auctions and have raised thousands of pounds for worthy causes. Players and management have also made regular appearances at charity events, once again helping to raise much needed funds for charity.

Hospital Visits

The staff and players of the Club make regular hospital visits throughout the year, hoping to provide a tonic for the young and old alike. Match tickets are also issued to those able to visit and watch one of the home matches.

Ladies Football

Swindon Town take a serious interest in this increasingly popular activity. Weekly coaching sessions are held for ladies of all ages from 6-60, whose objectives range from simply wanting to keep fit to learning rudimentary football skills. For those more serious we have Swindon Town Ladies, managed by Roger Reeves and Kerie Garwood. Kerie can be contacted on Swindon (01793) 430430.

Schools

The Community Programme visits between 60 and 70 local schools throughout the year with children receiving specialist coaching and the opportunity to participate in inter-school 5-a-side tournaments. Tours of the County Ground and Matchday visits are also available to all Wiltshire schools.

Learning Through Football

This is an educational project for primary schools and although it is obviously football related it is not concerned with the teaching of football skills. It is based solely on cross-curricular topic work and enables children to research their usual academic subjects, maths, geography, science and so on within a specially adapted classroom at The County Ground using football as the basis of their study. The Community Programme has employed Barbara Moody as Education Officer to oversee this exciting project which has been kindly sponsored by Nationwide Building Society.

Football Funweeks

During school holidays and half terms we runs Football Fun-Weeks which give a whole week of football fun and activity. These Fun-Weeks book up early, so for more information call me at the Community Office on Swindon (01793) 421303 for details of the next course.

Football For All

As part of an overall strategy to enhance the quality of service provided to families, Swindon Town Football Club supports local and national campaigns throughout the season. These campaigns are designed to encourage supporters from many racial groups to attend games and enjoy football at The County Ground.

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Intel Stand	SR6	£100	£60 Concession
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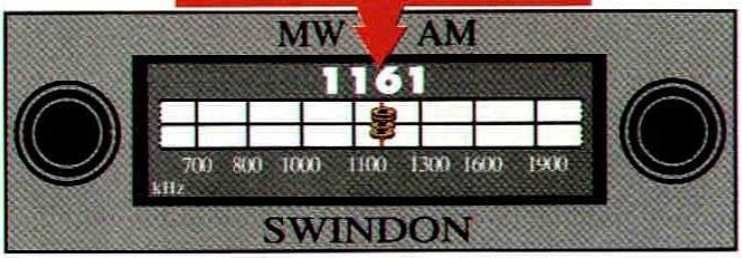

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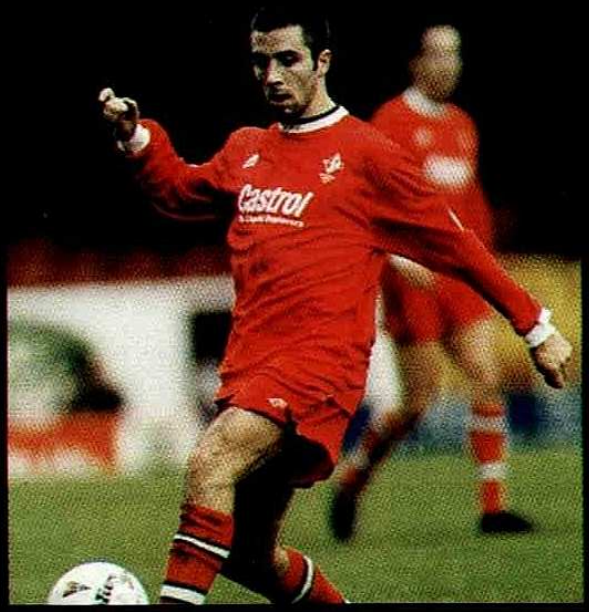

Following on from next Saturday's visit to York City, we return here to The County Ground on Saturday 20 January when we entertain Hull City.

We met Hull at Boothferry Park in our first game of this season where the only goal of the game was scored by Steve Finney. watched by a crowd of 6.252.

The last time we met at The County Ground.
Saturday 19 January 1991
Barclays League Division 2
Swindon Town 3 Hull City 1

Scorers: White Shearer (2)
Team: Digby. Kerslake. Bodin. Hazard. Lorenzo. Gittens. Jones. Shearer. White. MacLaren. Foley.
Subs: Summerbee. Viveash.

Similar to tonight's game. this Division 2 fixture was our first home League game after a deep freeze. Our previous game that time round was against Leyton Orient in an F.A. Cup 3rd round replay which was abandoned after 53 minutes when the pitch became frozen.

Two days after the Hull game we were to eventually win the Cup replay one-nil moving on to a 4th round tie at Norwich City.

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Leave to go onto A64 to York and turn left after the Buckles Inn onto the Outer Ring Road. Turn right onto A19 following the City Centre signs for 1 ½ miles then turn left into Bootham Crescent for Stadium. Approximately 223 miles.

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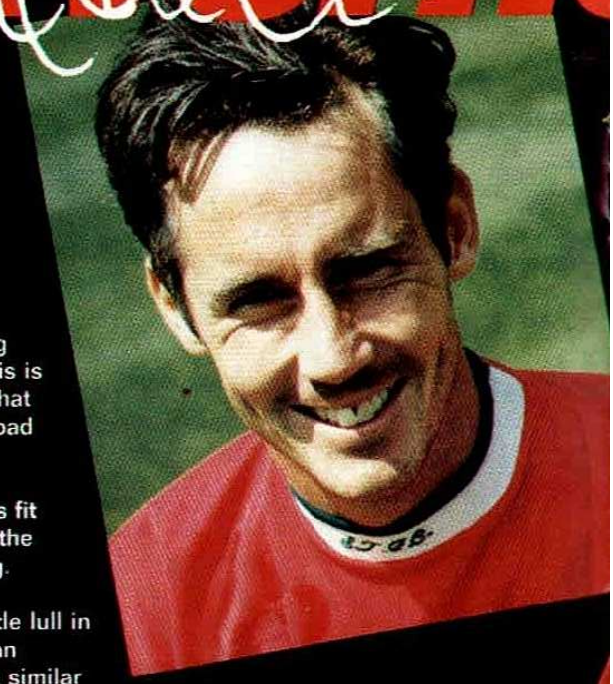
Talks to Colin Benson



CB: Well Ian, you have signed a new contract with the Club which suggests that you must be very happy with life at The County Ground.

IC: Oh yeah. You can't complain the way things are going this year. It was nice of the Club to offer me one and you know I was more than happy to sign it.

CB: It has not been the best of year's for you with injuries though has it?

IC: No. The end of last year was quite bad. My ankle just wasn't holding up to any treatment what so ever but the operation seems to have cleared everything up and thank goodness I am not experiencing any problems from this area at all now.

CB: Because you have signed up till the end of the 1997-98 season would we be right in assuming that you have got faith that this Club is going somewhere?

IC: Definitely. The way the Club is going at the moment we are full of optimism everywhere I think. It was not so good last year, the players were becoming despondent through the lack of success, but when you are winning everyone becomes confident and things start buzzing.

You know if this does take off it could be like when I first joined Norwich City really. I signed for them when they were in the old Second Division and we went up and everything took off from there.

CB: Do you feel the chemistry is very similar to then; that the situation here now is following the same course as that promotion year with the Canaries?

IC: Yes. Norwich had a good mixture of players and if you look all the way through this Swindon team you will find a good blend of experience and youth. And we have some good young players coming through as well. So yes, this is a very similar situation to that which existed at Carrow Road when I first went there.

Hopefully, if everyone stays fit and the lads stay together the future looks very promising.

CB: We have suffered a little lull in results - drawing rather than winning matches - is this a similar pattern to the promotion run you experienced before?

IC: Every team has a sticky patch during a season, the successful ones are those that keep grinding out points. Despite this I think we are managing to do this.

It is like the manager says: a goal solves a lot of problems. At least it is still creating chances, which is a good thing. But when I first went to Norwich they went to the top of the Division and stayed there as we are doing now.

Then we went up to the First Division and although we didn't have the greatest year after promotion we held on in there and carried on and everything built up from there.

CB: Of course there are many similarities - we are both provincial clubs of similar size and Norwich City's previous example should give us all encouragement.

IC: That is so. A lot of people say it is country football and all that but Norwich City did show the way and Swindon have had a taste of it as well. It is just a shame they couldn't stay up there for that initial year. If you can stay in the Premiership for that first year then I think you have a chance of surviving at that level.

You need that year to adjust, get the pace of the game and build on the cash injection top flight football brings you. It is a basis on which to build for the future.

CB: Ian, you mentioned just now that goals are so important. Why do you think our supply seems to have dried up of late?

IC: I don't know. A lot of teams are not really having a go at us. Even when we went up to Walsall just before Christmas they did not really attack us as home side's should. They sat back and banked on breakaways.

So it is even happening away from home now. Opponents are giving us so much respect their first priority seems to be to stop us playing. They are sitting back and we don't seem to be able to break them down.

I mean it is worrying, because we have got to be able to break teams down to stay up there and win promotion. It is something we have got to work on in training and the manager is doing this.

CB: What do you think the answer is. Is it to withdraw players and draw our opponents out to create spaces behind which we can exploit on the counter attack, or what?

IC: I think we just have to stay patient and keep the ball as much as we can and let opponents come out to us. Then try and hit them as quickly as we can. But it has been hard. I mean you get frustrated and you sense the crowd getting frustrated as well - especially at home.

You want to win and do your best for the crowd and yourself so it is very tough. You have to resist letting the frustration get at you.

CB: Obviously this is a down side but no doubt you will agree that a strong point this season has been the consistency of our defence, of which you are a very important part?

IC: Yeah, yeah but this is down to the whole team, everyone has worked very hard on the defending side of the game. The manager said straight away that we were working as a unit of eleven players to keep a clean sheet; and the front two do a good share of the defending as well. So everyone is pulling in the same direction.

CB: It was Woking in the Cup on Saturday and it seems a long time since we had a League game doesn't it?

IC: It does. The two postponements over the holiday period didn't really help because we would rather play but hopefully we can get back to winning ways against Swansea tonight.

The conditions disrupted everything. We couldn't get onto a pitch to train and at one stage we were just running up and down the terraces but I think we have worked hard enough at our fitness.

But we have all been in the same boat and now we will see who has benefited most in what is like a second leg of the season.

CB: Christmas saw us toppled from poll position by Crewe, even if it is only on goals scored. But do you see this as a psychological dent in our campaign?

IC: Not really, we are still on the same points as them and that can change this evening if we can play our cards right. But as long as we are in this position come April we will be satisfied.

We have just got to concentrate on our own performances and results - get them right and stay with it. The most testing time will be March and April. If we can put a good run together then we will be in a very good position.

I remember Alex Ferguson saying it doesn't count until April - and he's a pretty fair judge in these things.

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Well it took us just seventeen minutes to score our first goal of 1996 on Saturday when we met Woking in the F.A. Cup.

There was a real Cup Matchday Party atmosphere about the place and while we are back to the bread and butter of the League tonight let's try to keep warm in anticipation of another early goal from the lads.

The attendance of over ten thousand with a quarter of them supporting Woking made the occasion as well with no trouble from either set of fans which was great considering the trouble we had from the visitors in the Second Round in December.

So to tonight and we welcome everybody back to The County Ground for our second game in four days and a special welcome to those who have travelled up the M4 from Swansea. We trust you have a safe return journey. We had stacks of dedications to read out on Saturday. I hope that we got through them alright.

Don't forget that if you want your message on the electric scoreboard we must have at least four days notice and while we are pleased to put them up for you we cannot put them out at any specified time.

Now to the first Horne's Howler of 1996 and I think it's time to take the Michael out of our friends at Bristol City.
Last week a Bristol City supporter came to Swindon and tried to commit suicide by jumping off the top of the Castrol Stand but was stopped by security staff. When asked why he didn't try to end it all at Ashton Gate the supporter replied:
"Have you seen the queues there trying to do the same!"

The Junior Robins

With Louise Kaye

ANCHOR

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Good evening to all Junior Robins at tonight's first League game of 1996 for Swindon Town. Your support over the season so far has been excellent and the Club's appreciation is shown in the great forthcoming opportunities and events. Next month will see the return of away trips and morning football and in the meantime I am sure the following will keep you occupied.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Junior Robins can look forward to receiving their January Newsletter this week. Along with the latest gossip and forthcoming events, you have the chance to win a fabulous afternoon at The County Ground. This is an exclusive treat for a Junior Robin and a friend who will receive a behind-the-scenes tour, tickets for the game, meeting the players and a Swindon Town Football Club gift.

PLAYERS AT TRAINING

Not only will you have the chance to join in with the coaching session on Monday 15th January, you can take advantage of an autograph session too. For 15 minutes before each session, a Swindon Town player will be making an appearance, so it's time once again to get your Junior Robins autograph books out. The training sessions are only available to Junior Robins, who must bring along their membership cards and training fee.

DISCOUNTED MEMBERSHIP

From January 20th, membership to the Junior Robins will cost £5 for the remainder of the season. Anyone interested in joining can collect application forms from the Club Shop.

Tonight's Lucky Mascot

A very warm welcome and congratulations to this evening's mascot. Iain Jones won a mascot package having entered the Junior Robins October competition by sending us this photograph of himself in this familiar but unusual place.

13 year old Iain lives in Freshbrook, Swindon and attends Greendown School. His hobbies include collecting programmes, watching and playing football and he is a regular on the Junior Robins trips. I am sure Iain will enjoy meeting his favourite player, Peter Thorne today.

Once again, congratulations and have a great day.

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Saturday 20th January 1996
Endsleigh League Division 2

VS

Hull City - Kick-Off 3.00pm

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VS

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Saturday 3rd February 1996
Endsleigh League Division 2

VS

Carlisle United - Kick-Off 3.00pm

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Marketing NEWS

With Phil Alexander

A big warm welcome to today's fixture from everybody in the Marketing Team.

Today's Matchday Sponsors

We would like to welcome four companies who have jointly sponsored today's game.

We would firstly like to welcome back Dave Wiltshire and Bowerhill Machine Tools who primarily look after all the machinery situated in the Design and Technology Departments in Schools throughout the South of England.

Also welcome to Malcolm Whittle and his guests from Tarmac Roadstone (Southern) Ltd. Based in Newbury, they supply construction materials and services over a wide geographic area. The company has been a regular supporter of Swindon Town Football Club in recent years.

Also in today's Matchday Sponsors Suite are Halliday Catering, our very own catering contractors, who provide catering to business and industry. Based in Surrey, the company pride themselves on providing each of their clients with a personalised, cost effective service. We hope Linda Halliday and her guests have a great time with us tonight.

Finally, we would like to welcome Nick Fruen and his guests from Devizes Windows, manufacturers of quality UPVC doors and conservatories. A family run business since 1989, Devizes Windows will undertake domestic and commercial work - no job too small or too big. you can contact them on (01380) 726751.

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Fraser Digby presents Rae Jardine from Clean Step Mats with an autographed Football. Clean Step Mats were Matchball sponsors against Blackpool.

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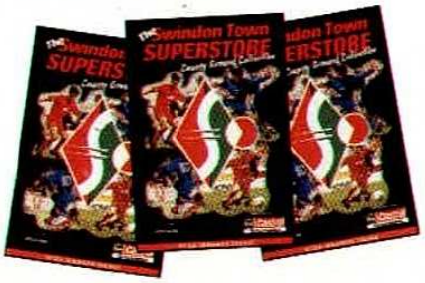

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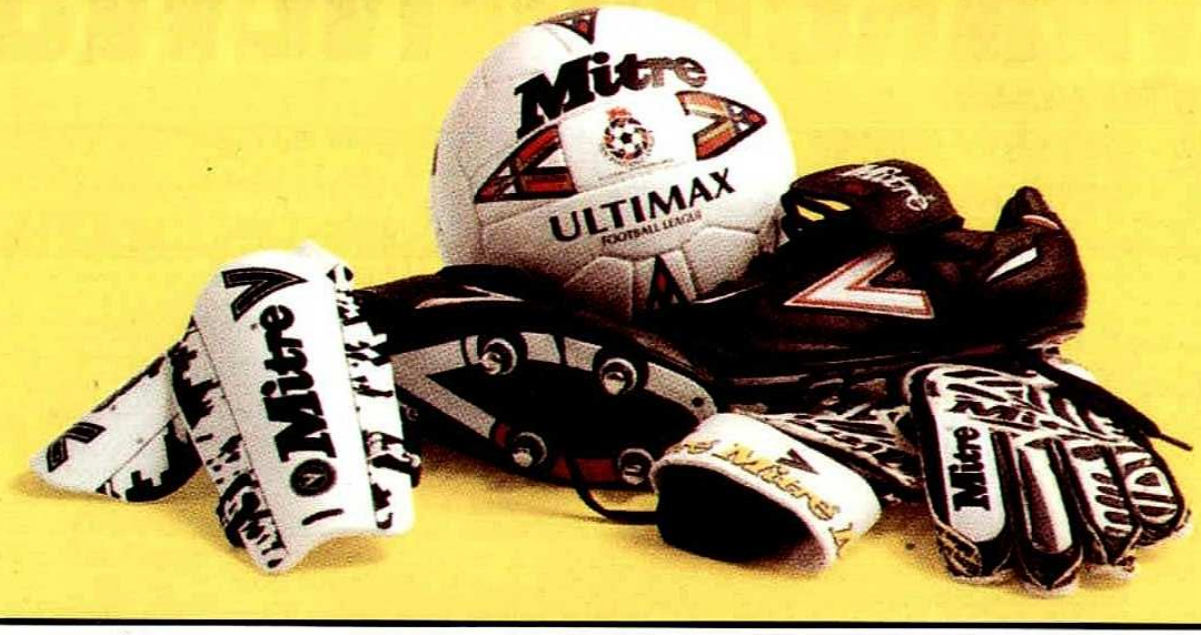

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Swindon Town Ladies

Swindon Town Ladies recorded a four goals to nil win away to Bracknell Town to ensure a place in the next round of the League Cup.

By Roger Reeves

The Bracknell team have only lost once in the League and are currently in second place in the division below the Town. The game was played in a heavy drizzle, just the weather for a good Cup tie.

Swindon got off to a good start scoring twice in the first quarter of an hour. Nadine Lloyd knocked in Clare Tyson's cross and then Justine Hume picked up a loose clearance to put the Town two up.

Bracknell hit back looking to reclaim the game but we were giving nothing away. This certainly led to an interesting encounter with both defences being stretched and Jo Sharpe in the Town goal and her opposite number restricting both sets of forwards. Kerie Garwood eventually put the result beyond doubt with two goals in the last ten minutes. The Town have now got a home tie against Oxford United in the next round.

The next game for the Ladies is this coming Sunday when we meet Carterton on the County Ground Extension in a League fixture kicking off at 2.00pm.

As many of you will have read one of our players, Anita Wyness, was badly injured in the firework accident involving boxer Chris Eubank in Brighton. Anita is still in hospital and is making a gradual recovery.

We wish her well and look forward to seeing her back with us soon.

Kerie Garwood who scored twice to sink Bracknell Town in the League Cup.

Southern Region League Division 2 Fixtures & Results

DATE	OPPONENTS		
Sun 3 Sept	Milton Keynes United	A	4-0
Sun 10 Sept	Reading Royals	A	4-1
	FA Cup 1st Round	**H**	w/o
Sun 17 Sept	**Eastleigh**	**H**	**4-0**
Sun 1 Oct	Basingstoke Town	A	8-0
Sun 8 Oct	**Gosport**	**H**	**4-2**
Sun 15 Oct	Plymouth Pilgrims (FAC 2)	A	0-3
Sun 22 Oct	**Oxford University**	**H**	**5-1**
Sun 29 Oct	Thame	A	5-1
Sun 5 Nov	**Milton Keynes United**	**H**	**13-0**
Sun 19 Nov	Eastleigh	A	7-0
Sun 26 Nov	Leighton Linslade	A	7-0
Sun 3 Dec	**Basingstoke Town**	**H**	**18-0**
Sun 10 Dec	Gosport	A	5-3
Sun 17 Dec	Bracknell Town (LCPR)	A	4-0
Sun 14 Jan	**Carterton**	**H**	
Sun 21 Jan	Oxford University	A	
Sun 28 Jan	**Oxford United (LC1)**	**H**	
Sun 4 Feb	**Thame**	**H**	
Sun 11 Feb	League Cup 2		
TBA	**Leighton Linslade**	**H**	
TBA	Carterton	A	
TBA	**Reading Royals**	**H**	

All home games are played on the County Ground Extension and kick-off at 2.00pm.

Southern Region League Division 2 as at 02 January 1996

	HOME			AWAY			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SWINDON TOWN	12	12	0	0	84	8	36
Reading Royals	9	8	0	1	47	13	24
Thame	10	8	0	2	37	13	24
Gosport	12	8	0	4	45	27	24
Milton Keynes United	11	4	2	5	20	34	14
Oxford University	8	3	1	4	23	18	10
Basingstoke Town	11	3	0	8	16	57	9
Eastleigh	13	2	0	11	18	64	6
Carterton	11	1	1	9	8	31	4
Leighton Linslade	7	1	0	6	4	37	3

Swindon Town Goalscorers 1995/96 season

Nadine Lloyd	*29*
Kerie Garwood	*26*
Pam Laker	*5*
Clare Wheeler	*5*
Deb Martin	*3*
Kim Reeves	*3*
Justine Hume	*1*

Result:
Southern Region League - League Cup - Preliminary Round
Bracknell Town 0 Swindon Town 4

Scorers: Garwood (2), Lloyd, Hume.

Team: Sharpe, McCann, Wyness, Wheeler, Tyson, Reeves, Laker, Hume, Martin, Lloyd, Garwood.
Subs: Richards. Privett.

Reserves Review

By Ross MacLaren

Avon Insurance Combination Division 1 Fixtures & Results

DATE	OPPONENTS		
Mon 14 Aug	**LUTON TOWN**	**H****	**1-1**
Wed 23 Aug	Norwich City	A	0-8
Mon 28 Aug	**OXFORD UNITED**	**H****	**0-0**
Wed 06 Sept	Southampton	A	1-4
Mon 11 Sept	**ARSENAL**	**H****	**1-1**
Mon 18 Sept	Bristol Rovers	A	1-2
Mon 25 Sept	**CHELSEA**	**H****	**1-2**
Mon 02 Oct	Millwall	A	1-1
Mon 09 Oct	**WIMBLEDON**	**H****	**0-0**
Mon 16 Oct	**TOTTENHAM H.**	**H****	**1-2**
Tue 24 Oct	Portsmouth	A	1-1
Mon 30 Oct	**Q.P.R.**	**H****	**1-1**
Tue 07 Nov	Watford	A	1-2
Mon 13 Nov	**CRYSTAL PALACE**	**H**	**0-0**
Mon 20 Nov	West Ham United	A	0-3
Thu 30 Nov	Bristol City	A	0-1
Wed 20 Dec	Ipswich Town	A	0-1
Wed 03 Jan	Oxford United	A	2-3
Sat 13 Jan	Arsenal	A	
Mon 15 Jan	**SOUTHAMPTON**	**H**	
Mon 22 Jan	**BRISTOL ROVERS**	**H**	
Mon 29 Jan	Chelsea	A	
Mon 05 Feb	**MILLWALL**	**H**	
Wed 14 Feb	Wimbledon	A	
Mon 19 Feb	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
Mon 26 Feb	**PORTSMOUTH**	**H**	
Tue 05 Mar	Q.P.R.	A	
Mon 11 Mar	**WATFORD**	**H**	
Wed 20 Mar	Crystal Palace	A	
Mon 25 Mar	**WEST HAM UNITED**	**H**	
Wed 10 Apr	**BRIGHTON & H.A.**	**H**	
Wed 17 Apr	Charlton Athletic	A	
Mon 22 Apr	**IPSWICH TOWN**	**H**	
Mon 29 Apr	**BRISTOL CITY**	**H**	
Wed 01 May	Luton Town	A	
TBA	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	
TBA	**CHARLTON ATH.**	**H**	
TBA	**NORWICH CITY**	**H**	

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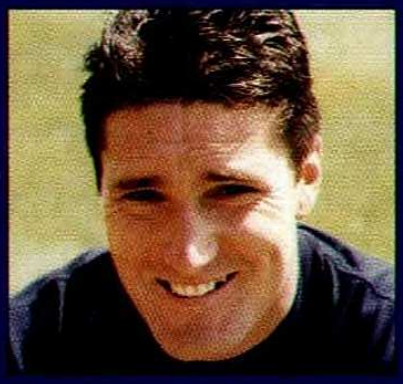
Avon Insurance Combination as at 03 January 1996

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Tottenham Hotspur	19	8	1	1	7	1	1	45	19	47	26
Arsenal	19	6	1	2	4	6	0	41	19	37	22
Crystal Palace	18	3	2	2	7	4	0	22	10	36	12
Chelsea	19	6	2	3	5	1	2	33	23	36	10
Wimbledon	21	7	2	3	4	1	4	41	32	36	9
Norwich City	20	6	2	2	4	3	3	42	27	35	15
Queens Park Rangers	18	7	0	2	4	1	4	35	26	34	9
Southampton	20	5	5	0	3	1	6	32	26	30	6
West Ham United	19	4	3	2	4	1	5	34	30	28	4
Ipswich Town	16	4	2	3	2	3	2	29	19	23	10
Luton Town	19	5	2	4	1	3	4	28	28	23	0
Bristol City	19	3	1	5	4	1	4	17	25	23	-8
Oxford United	20	3	2	4	2	4	5	31	38	21	-7
Charlton Athletic	16	2	1	3	3	3	4	24	32	19	-8
Brighton & Hove Alb.	17	4	3	2	0	2	6	16	32	17	-16
Portsmouth	19	2	4	4	2	1	6	19	39	17	-20
Bristol Rovers	19	3	0	5	2	1	8	29	42	16	-13
Watford	19	4	0	6	0	3	6	21	37	15	-16
Millwall	17	2	4	3	1	1	6	23	39	14	-16
Swindon Town	18	0	6	2	0	2	8	12	31	8	-19



Going into the New Year I was looking for an improvement in a team performance and in the players themselves as we travelled the short distance to play Oxford United at The Manor Ground last Wednesday.

We went behind as early on as the second minute when keeper Frank Talia gave a bad shout to our defence and before we knew where we were we were a goal behind scored by Oxford's Martin Aldridge.

We did not manage to get the upper hand in the first half which was marred by the constant booking of players by the referee. Five of our lads were shown the yellow card before the break and not one was deserved.

However we managed to get an equaliser after a quarter of an hour through Ty Gooden.

Shortly afterwards we lost Lee Collins through injury.

After the break the pattern of play was somewhat similar to the first half but we managed to play some good football for fifteen minutes before we gave away more poor goals. Martin Aldridge scoring his second and substitute Mark Stevens, who had only been on the pitch for thirty seconds scored Oxford's third.

Very late on Jamie Laidlaw scored our second goal of the game and although this was the first time all season we have scored more than one goal in a game we were unable to get an equaliser.

Overall this was a disappointing performance from several of the players but all credit should go to Martin Ling who's passing was exceptional.

Reserve Team Appearances as at 06 January 1996

	Apps	Goals
P. ALLEN	1	0
J. BEAUCHAMP	5	0
P. BODIN	2	0
P. BRUNO	1	0
S. CAMPBELL	0(1)	0
L. COLLINS	5	0
M. COUPE	1(1)	0
F. DIGBY	3	0
J. DRYSDALE	6	0
A. FINLAYSON	4(4)	0
T. GOODEN	9	3
J. HAINES	2	0
I. HARVEY	1(9)	0
J. HOLLOWAY	15(2)	0
D. HOOPER	14	1
K. HORLOCK	1	0
A. HUGHES	4(2)	0
B. KILCLINE	4	0
J. LAIDLAW	13(3)	1
M. LING	7	0
L. MIDDLETON	2(3)	0
S. MILDENHALL	8(3)	0
E. MURRAY	11	0
A. MUTCH	10	3
W. O'SULLIVAN	1	0
G. PEARCE	1(6)	0
J. PITMAN	9	0
M. RAWLINGS	1	0
B. SMITH	2	0
R. SOUTER	4(2)	0
F. TALIA	5	0
S. THOMAS	0(3)	0
A. THOMSON	9	0
G. THORNE	12	0
P. THORNE	4	2
J. TONER	1	0
A. VIVEASH	3	0
S. WIMBLE	4(4)	0
S. WOODMAN	0(6)	0
B. WORRALL	11(5)	1

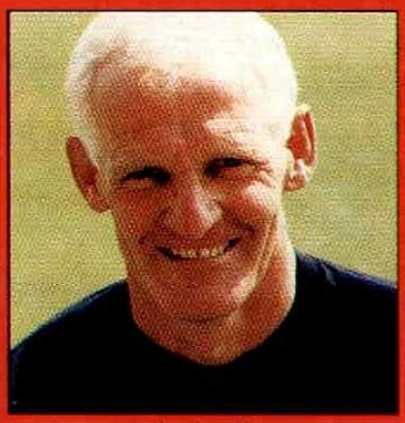
Result:
Avon Insurance Combination
Oxford United 3 Swindon Town 2
Scorers: **Gooden, Laidlaw**

Team: **Talia, Pitman, Drysdale, Murray, Holloway, Thorne G, Laidlaw, Collins, Finney, Ling, Gooden.** ***Subs:*** **Worrall, Harvey, Mildenhall.**

Youth Team Focus

By John Trollope

The first game after the Christmas and New Year period was a trip to Luton Town in the South East Counties League and unfortunately the New Year started as the old one finished as we lost by three goals to one.



In the first half an hour of the game we held our own and took an early lead when Alex Finlayson broke down the right with his cross falling to Scott Woodman who beat the Luton keeper.

However as in past games we failed to maintain the form needed and conceded a Luton equaliser from poor defending on our left.

After the break we were simply second best throughout allowing Luton to put us under pressure for long periods.

Early on another piece of bad defending gave the home team their second goal of the game and only luck prevented them running riot from then on in.

We did not help ourselves by giving the ball away far too easily with poor passing and awareness. It was not surprising when Luton ended scoring shortly before the final whistle.

After a promising start we again failed to maintain the discipline or character to overcome set-backs and once Luton equalised there was only going to be one winner.

The second year Trainees are in their last few months of the two year contract and decisions will be made as to whether they progress into the senior ranks.

The first years now know what is expected from being in the game full-time. Some have found the going tough and need to show much more enthusiasm and character to reach the standard good enough to impress and progress in the game.

Steve Mildenhall

South East Counties League Division 2 Fixtures & Results

DATE	OPPONENTS		
Sat 12 Aug	Barnet	A	1-2
Sat 19 Aug	**LUTON TOWN**	**H**	**1-3**
Sat 26 Aug	Southampton	A	0-2
Sat 02 Sept	**TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR**	**H**	**1-1**
Tue 05 Sept	**SHREWSBURY TOWN (MYC 2)**	**H**	**2-0**
Sat 09 Sept	Bristol Rovers	A	1-0
Sat 16 Sept	**BARNET (LC1)**	**H**	**4-1**
Sat 23 Sept	**CRYSTAL PALACE**	**H**	**0-4**
Tue 26 Sept	Cardiff City (SJFC 1)	A	1-0
Sat 30 Sept	**READING**	**H**	**1-1**
Sat 07 Oct	Colchester United	A	0-2
Sat 14 Oct	**WYCOMBE WANDERERS**	**H**	**2-1**
Sat 21 Oct	Oxford United (LC2)	A	1-1
Mon 23 Oct	**LEICESTER CITY (MYC Q/F)**	**H**	**1-1**
Sat 28 Oct	Oxford United (LC 2R)	A	1-3
Tue 31 Oct	Watford (SJFC 2)	A	2-3
Sat 04 Nov	**AFC BOURNEMOUTH**	**H**	**1-1**
Sat 11 Nov	Bristol City	A	0-0
Wed 15 Nov	**CRYSTAL PALACE (FAYC 2)**	**H**	**0-2**
Sat 18 Nov	**WIMBLEDON**	**H**	**4-1**
Sat 25 Nov	**BRISTOL ROVERS**	**H**	**2-1**
Sat 02 Dec	Brentford	A	1-2
Wed 13 Dec	Leicester City (MYC Q/F R)	A	2-4
Sat 16 Dec	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	1-3
Sat 06 Jan	Luton Town	A	1-3
Sat 13 Jan	**SOUTHAMPTON**	**H**	
Sat 20 Jan	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
Sat 03 Feb	Crystal Palace	A	
Sat 10 Feb	Reading	A	
Sat 17 Feb	**COLCHESTER UNITED**	**H**	
Sat 24 Feb	Wycombe Wanderers	A	
Sat 02 Mar	**OXFORD UNITED**	**H**	
Sat 09 Mar	AFC Bournemouth	A	
Sat 16 Mar	**BRISTOL CITY**	**H**	
Sat 23 Mar	Wimbledon	A	
Sat 30 Mar	**BRENTFORD**	**H**	
TBA	Oxford United	A	
TBA	**BRIGHTON & HOVE A.**	**H**	
TBA	**BARNET**	**H**	

All home League games are played at The Allied Dunbar Training Centre, Wanborough kicking off at 11.00am.

South East Counties League Division 2 as at 06 January 1996

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Crystal Palace	15	7	0	0	5	2	1	47	12	26	35
Luton Town	16	5	2	2	4	0	3	33	21	20	12
Brighton & Hove Alb.	16	6	0	4	3	2	1	24	19	20	5
Tottenham Hotspur	17	5	2	1	2	3	4	35	31	19	4
Barnet	18	4	3	3	2	4	2	26	22	19	4
AFC Bournemouth	17	4	1	2	4	2	4	30	32	19	-2
Wycombe Wanderers	18	4	1	3	4	2	4	26	30	19	-4
Wimbledon	15	4	1	3	4	0	3	31	21	17	10
Oxford United	15	3	1	2	4	1	4	25	24	16	1
Bristol City	18	1	5	4	4	1	3	27	30	16	-3
Brentford	17	5	2	3	1	1	5	21	29	15	-8
Southampton	16	5	1	3	1	1	5	23	19	14	4
Bristol Rovers	17	3	1	4	2	3	4	21	22	14	-1
Reading	18	4	1	4	1	2	6	21	50	13	-29
Swindon Town	16	3	3	2	1	1	6	17	27	12	-10
Colchestsre United	17	1	2	3	1	1	9	17	35	7	-18

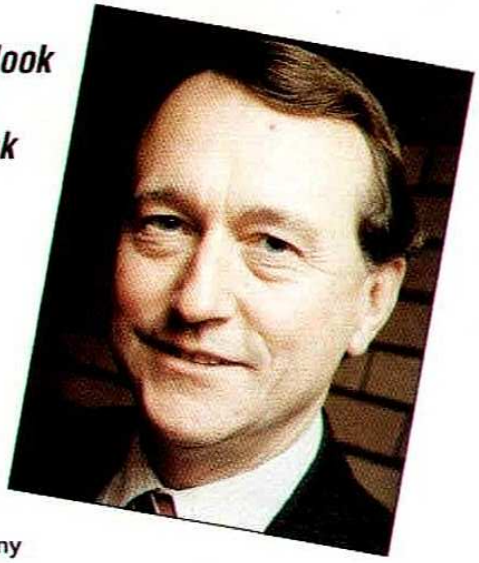
Result:
South East Counties League
Luton Town 3 Swindon Town 1

Scorer: Woodman.

Team: Mildenhall, Coupe, Organ, Thomas, Harvey, Hunt, Pattimore, Campbell, Finlayson, Woodman, Souter. ***Subs:*** Wheeldon, Thorne W.

FROM The Boardroom

Writing with severe withdrawal symptoms after the postponement of the New Year weekend's matches, I look forward with even greater eagerness to this evening's first League match of 1996. The weather-induced break however coincided with some important business for the League and an opportunity to reflect on Swindon Town's important business fixture tomorrow.



I had the dubious pleasure of standing in for Chairman Mike Spearman to join Steve Jones at the Football League's EGM on 29th December - a somewhat strange affair with most of the serious discussion taking place among First Division Chairman outside the formal meeting. The Football League gave an account of the deal they had concluded with Sky TV which after minimal discussion was approved and, as has been well reported, a proposal led by Norwich City for a change in the make up of the Board was not approved - again with virtually no debate.

Fortunately for the future of League football, the possibility of the First Division clubs resigning by 31st December was averted and hopefully all clubs will now benefit from 5 years of useful increased income.

Balancing the books will however continue to be a major headache for most League clubs and tomorrow evening Swindon Town's shareholders will meet for the annual formalities and a look at future financial strategy. Unlike those relatively few clubs which are owned effectively by one person of immense wealth, the shares of Swindon Town - a private company - are quite widely held, with over 2000 shareholdings, many dating back decades. The meeting is usually well attended.

The Board is proposing to increase the authorised capital of the Company (currently £150,000 with £104,000 paid up) to £1 million with a view to inviting *existing* shareholders to subscribe additional capital to reduce the current level of debt and provide a firmer financial base for future developments. Involvement as a shareholder is, of course, very much a dedication of support as no dividends are paid or contemplated.

As a committed optimist, my hope for 1996 is to continue watching the team winning its way into Division One with a sound financial basis to underpin continued progress.

Success on the pitch tonight and a positive meeting tomorrow are both important steps towards that goal.

Peter Godwin

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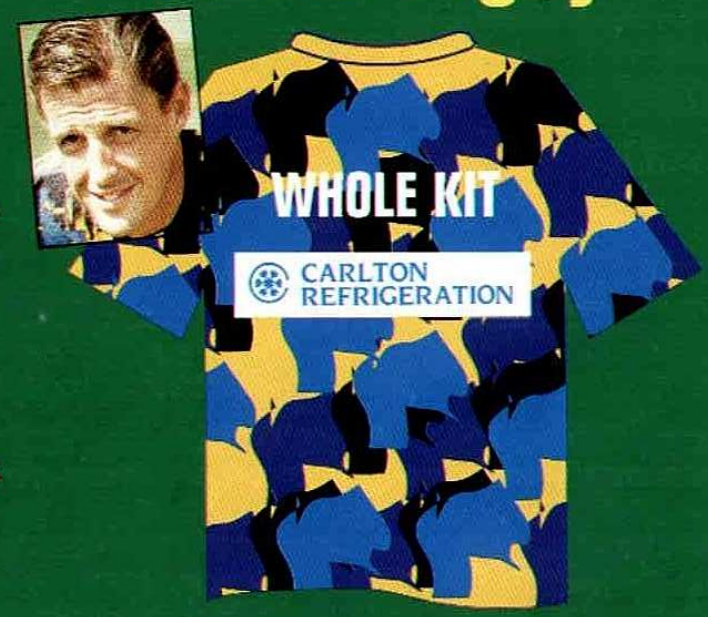

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Please find enclosed a photo of my High School soccer team. This is our first year in the league and are developing a larger squad by the week. Coach Ellis Byrd was born and bred in Swindon and lived there for 21 years before moving to the States in 1986. I've followed Swindon Town Football Club as much as I can through Radio and newspaper. I now coach The Buckeye Valley J.V. Girls Soccer Team. I've got the whole team interested in Swindon Town and this helps the development of my team. Buckeye Valley High School is located in Delaware, Ohio, USA.

Yours sincerely

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By Colin Benson

I tell you what. If I was a betting man I would have put money on England being grouped again with Poland in the World Cup qualifying rounds. The two counties seem to be drawn together like magnets in every competition. It is almost as inevitable as the season commences in August. But what about England v Scotland in the European Championship? Now that is a real humdinger we couldn't have envisaged as a standard hand in the game of chance.

Auld acquaintance has not been forgot, as the World's oldest International soccer fixture is revived at long last. We last met in 1989, the annual showdowns becoming the victim of circumstances which were not of a sporting nature, but which were deeply rooted in a secrecy that had taken on a dangerously violent aspect.

The Home Championship had been doomed long before then; the public simply refused to pay Wembley's inflated priced to watch England take on the likes of Wales and Northern Ireland. It was also felt in many quarters, with some justification, that such domestic scraps did little to prepare the national team for the more serious joust ahead against top foreign opposition.

But the England - Scotland games lived on until violence overtook the game. Guaranteed to fill either Wembley or Hampden Park each year, a battle to compare with the old firm clashes of Rangers and Celtic, or Liverpool and Everton. This was derby day football on an International scale.

It will be again of course on June 15th and as such will be as impossible to forecast as any club duel between local rivals. The Scots still rally to the charge of Bannockburn their commitment unflinching when the Auld enemy is the foe. England will need to match them in this respect.

England, as in 1966, will play all their opening games at Wembley kicking off against Switzerland. It is one they will need to win in a group that included one of the tournament favourites Holland, for to ensure they play the quarter-finals in the national arena they must finish top of Group A.

Holland of course are favourites to achieve this but who knows? With Scotland so unpredictable in major tournaments anything can happen. They are literally the joker in the England pack and are as likely to beat Holland as they are to lose to Switzerland. Craig Brown's lads just could help England through.

But Euro '96 is not all about the battle of the Brits. Unlike the World Cup draw made the week before this one has thrown up some mouth watering ties, Germany, Italy and Russia in Group C. What a feast of football there is there for Anfield and Old Trafford to stage.

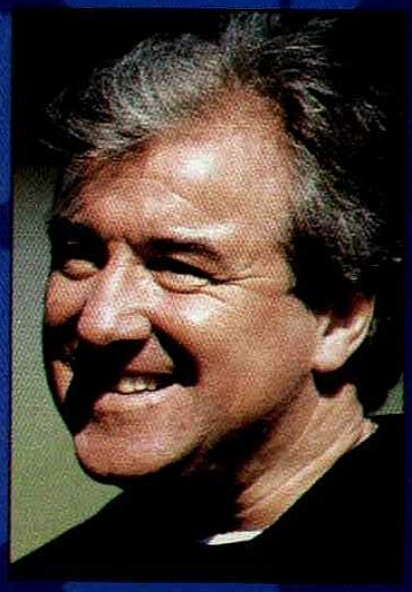
Spain and France would seem to be the favourites to emerge from Group B. with Bulgaria and Romania the other contenders - Elland Road and St James' Park the venues for this series.

Group D is another tough one, Denmark, the holders, have looked to be a team on the wane since their surprise success in Sweden. Portugal are definitely a team on the up. Turkey might well have Championship Final nerves, however while Croatia, who finished above Italy in the qualifying group, could prove a surprise packet with players such as striker, Davor Suker, Boban and Prosinecki to call upon.

It all adds up to a spectacular three weeks of football next summer; the Final is on June 30th.

But what of England? If we finish top of our group then we will face the second team in Group B in the quarter-finals which is likely to be France. We met them in the 1966 World Cup Finals and history shows us to be their masters on English soil. A victory here could line us up for a semi-final against Germany or Portugal and memories of '66 again.

No British side has ever made the Final of the European Championships but maybe, as was the case 30 years ago. This could be our time.



Terry Venables - has been trying to get Scotland back on the fixture list. It is now on for real.

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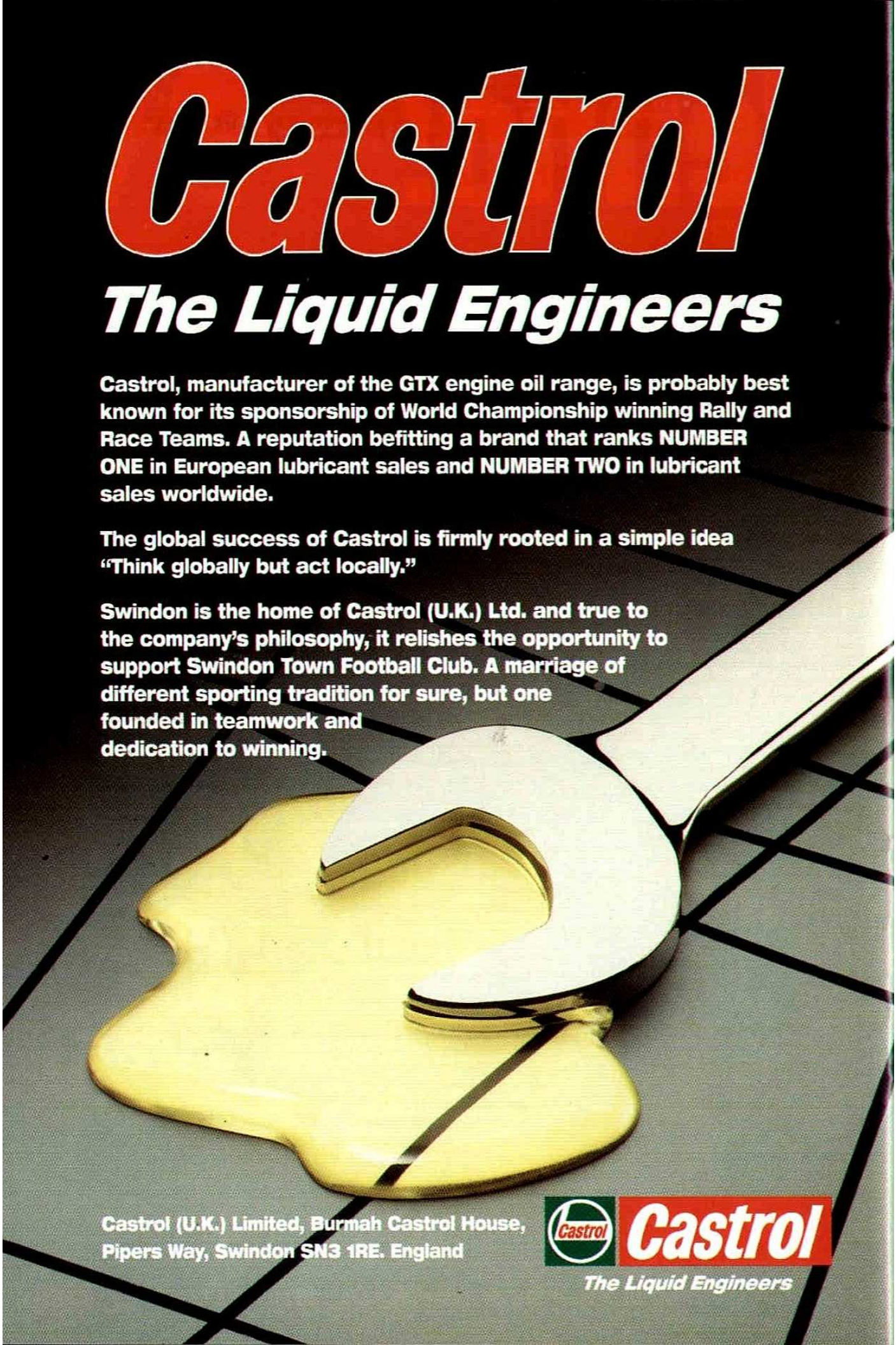

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Captain's Column

With Team Captain Shaun Taylor

Having negotiated a tricky Third Round tie in the FA Cup on Saturday there was talk in the dressing room of which Premier League side we would like to meet here. But all we really wanted was a home draw in the next round and luck was on our side in this respect.

It is Barnsley or Oldham Athletic, two sides from the First Division which is fine. We played both of them last season in the League of course and know that they are teams we can beat if we play to our best. So it is a good thing for the fans and we are looking forward hopefully to get through to the next round. We have got as good a chance as anybody now.

We were happy with our performance on Saturday, we knew it would be a difficult game with the odds stacked against us - we had to win the game, but we got the right result in the end over Woking and won 2-0 which is all that matters really.

The next round will be different in as much as the opposition, by virtue of the fact that they are from the First Division, will be favourites and that will take some of the pressure off us.

Tonight though we have the more immediate task of picking up League points as we take on Swansea City for the first time this season. I think our result on Saturday will have put us in good stead for this one which is most important to us. A win can put us firmly back on top of Division Two.

From the management down we have no doubts about our ability. It is other people who have been saying we have not done well at home and all that. True we have not always got the results but the disappointments have never affected the belief we have in ourselves and hopefully last Saturday's victory will get us back on the road to winning ways again.

Obviously we know Swansea have not been having a good time, and are near the bottom of the League, but we will not take anything for granted. Such games can be precarious for ambitious sides and we will be concentrating on asserting ourselves to take the three points.

Everyone will be hoping for an early goal. If we don't get it we are patient enough to bide our time and with the quality we have in this side we are confident we will score.

Unfortunately the injury I picked up on Saturday will see me watching the game tonight from the stand which is disappointing. Hopefully it will not be long before I can return.

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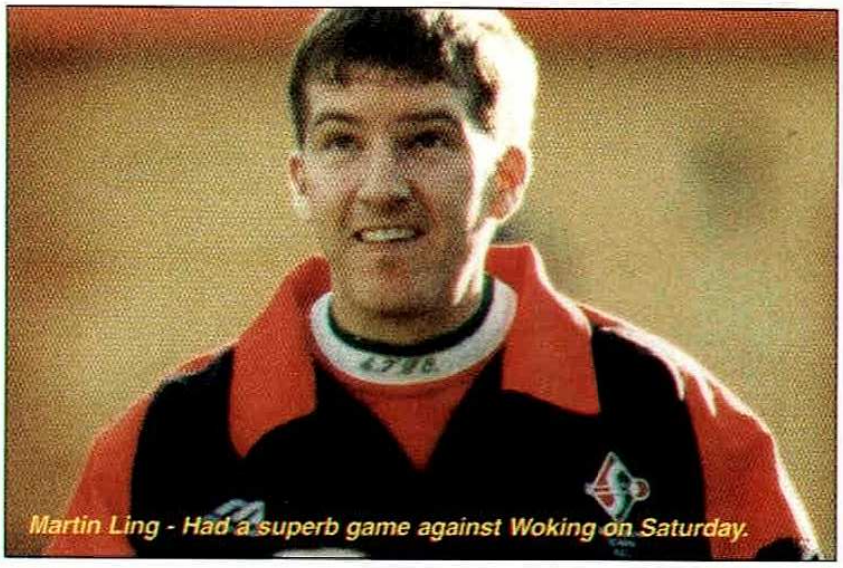


Martin Ling - Had a superb game against Woking on Saturday.

Centre of Excellence

With Youth Development Officer Tommy Wheeldon

F.A. Cup holders Everton visited the County Ground at Under 11 & Under 12 level over the Christmas period and I'm delighted to say that our youngsters stood up to the test.

I felt that the U12 squad had a core of players who can go further with this club but the back-up to this core needs building on.

The boys in the 'A' Team matched their Everton counterparts in performance and results but unfortunately the 'B' Team were not good enough on this occasion.

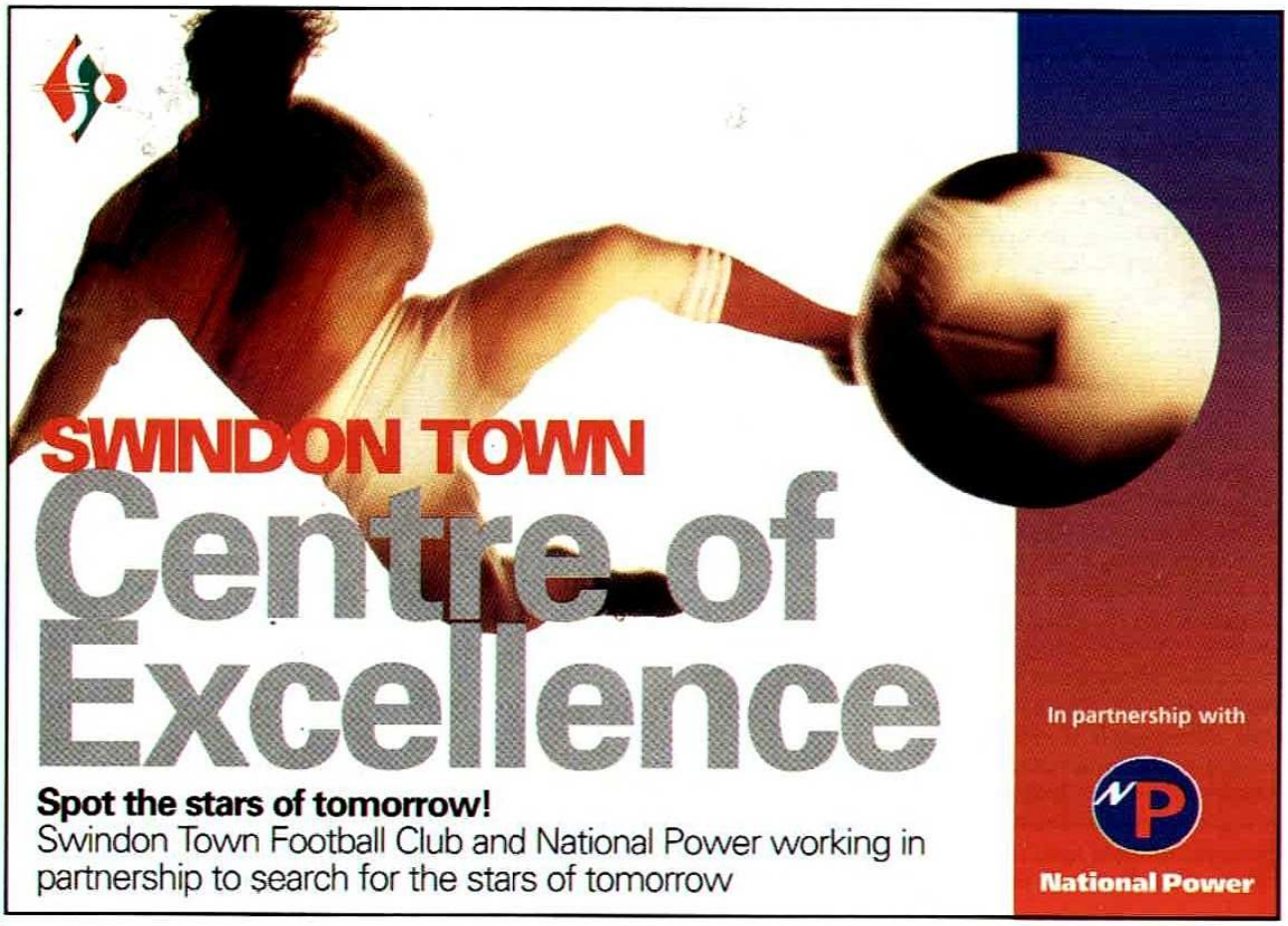
The goalkeeper for the 'A' team was Craig Farr who was outstanding and there were also good performances once again from skipper Ian Herring and striker Jamie Williams and Daniel Aplin.

The Under 11 team for Swindon fielded a number in the under 10 age group and although physically the Everton lads looked stronger technically, the opinion was that we were up to the standard required against the Merseyside youngsters.

Coach Clive Maguire was pleased with a number of players but felt that rather than individuals being singled out, it was a group effort.

However I would like to give mention to Colin Smith, our Centre of Excellence Director at Aldershot who brought a number of boys across with him and used the occasion to look at the standard required.

Colin was impressed with our standard and we felt that at least two of his boys, Sam Scully and David Francis were particularly impressive. This was a good exercise for myself and the coaching staff.



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CREWE ALEXANDRA	22	8	2	1	5	3	3	42	23	44	19
SWINDON TOWN	**22**	**5**	**5**	**1**	**7**	**3**	**1**	**36**	**15**	**44**	**21**
BLACKPOOL	22	6	2	2	5	4	3	34	23	39	11
NOTTS COUNTY	21	6	2	3	5	4	1	33	18	39	15
SHREWSBURY TOWN	24	6	2	4	5	2	5	34	30	37	4
CHESTERFIELD	22	7	3	1	3	3	5	34	24	36	10
WREXHAM	22	6	4	1	2	7	2	35	25	35	10
BURNLEY	22	6	5	1	3	3	4	35	27	35	8
BRADFORD CITY	22	7	2	2	3	2	6	32	33	34	-1
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	22	4	6	1	4	4	3	30	22	34	8
STOCKPORT COUNTY	23	3	6	2	5	3	4	28	22	33	6
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	24	7	3	3	2	2	7	24	31	32	-7
OXFORD UNITED	22	8	1	2	0	6	5	29	25	31	4
BRISTOL ROVERS	23	4	2	6	4	4	3	25	33	30	-8
WALSALL	22	3	6	2	4	2	5	24	18	29	6
BRISTOL CITY	23	4	4	3	2	5	5	22	30	27	-8
PETERBOROUGH UNITED	22	4	4	3	1	5	5	28	32	24	-4
CARLISLE UNITED	24	4	4	3	1	4	8	29	38	23	-9
YORK CITY	22	3	3	5	3	1	7	25	37	22	-12
ROTHERHAM UNITED	23	5	4	3	0	3	8	25	38	22	-13
BRENTFORD	22	5	1	5	0	5	6	20	29	21	-9
SWANSEA CITY	22	3	5	3	1	3	7	22	36	20	-14
BRIGHTON & HOVE ALB.	23	3	3	6	2	1	8	19	37	19	-18
HULL CITY	21	1	4	5	1	4	6	16	34	14	-18

First Team Appearances as at 06 January 1996

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	APPS.	GOALS	APPS.	GOALS	APPS.	GOALS
PAUL ALLEN	8(1)	0	3	1	11(1)	1
WAYNE ALLISON	20	8	9	3	29	11
JOEY BEAUCHAMP	1(3)	0	0(1)	1	1(4)	1
PAUL BODIN	15(2)	2	7	7	22(2)	3
LEE COLLINS	0	0	1	0	1	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	22	0	8	0	30	0
FRASER DIGBY	12(8)	0	8	0	20(8)	0
JASON DRYSDALE	5(1)	0	3(1)	0	8(2)	0
STEVE FINNEY	19(1)	11	8(2)	4	27(3)	15
SHAY GIVEN	5	0	0	0	5	0
TY GOODEN	5(14)	1	4(4)	1	9(18)	2
DEAN HOOPER	0(2)	0	2(2)	0	2(4)	0
KEVIN HORLOCK	19(1)	5	7(3)	3	26(4)	8
MARTIN LING	2(5)	0	4	1	6(5)	1
STEVE McMAHON	20	0	6(2)	0	26(2)	0
STEVE MILDENHALL	0(2)	0	2	0	2(2)	0
EDWIN MURRAY	2(10)	1	2(3)	0	4(13)	1
LUC NIJHOLT	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(2)	0
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	19(2)	3	5(3)	0	24(7)	3
JAMIE PITMAN	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(2)	0
MARK ROBINSON	22	1	8(1)	0	30(1)	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	15	0	8	0	23	0
FRANK TALIA	5(6)	0	0(1)	0	5(7)	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	22	3	10	0	32	3
GARY THORNE	0	0	1(1)	0	1(1)	0
PETER THORNE	3(5)	1	3(4)	1	6(9)	2

Season 1995/96 Fixtures

	Opponents		Res
Sat 12 Aug	Hull City	A	1-0
Tue 15 Aug	Cambridge United (CCC 1-1)	A	1-2
Sat 19 Aug	**YORK CITY**	**H**	**3-0**
Wed 23 Aug	**CAMBRIDGE UTD (CCC 1-2)**	**H**	**2-0**
Sat 26 Aug	Carlisle United	A	1-0
Wed 30 Aug	**OXFORD UNITED**	**H**	**1-1**
Sat 02 Sept	Brentford	A	2-0
Sat 09 Sept	**CHESTERFIELD**	**H**	**1-1**
Wed 13 Sept	**BRADFORD CITY**	**H**	**4-1**
Sat 16 Sept	Bristol Rovers	A	4-1
Wed 20 Sept	**BLACKBURN ROVERS** (CCC 2-1)	**H**	**2-3**
Sat 23 Sept	**ROTHERHAM UNITED**	**H**	**1-0**
Sat 30 Sept	Wrexham	A	3-4
Wed 04 Oct	Blackburn Rovers (CCC 2-2)	A	0-2
Sat 07 Oct	**BRISTOL CITY**	**H**	**2-0**
Sat 14 Oct	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	3-1
Tue 17 Oct	Torquay United (AWS 1-1)	A	1-1
Sat 21 Oct	**CREWE ALEXANDRA**	**H**	**2-1**
Sat 28 Oct	Notts County	A	3-1
Tue 31 Oct	AFC Bournemouth	A	0-0
Sat 04 Nov	**BLACKPOOL**	**H**	**1-1**
Wed 08 Nov	**COLCHESTER UNITED (AWS 1-2)**	**H**	**2-0**
Sat 11 Nov	**CAMBRIDGE UNITED (FAC 1)**	**H**	**4-1**
Sat 18 Nov	Stockport County	A	1-1
Sat 25 Nov	**SHREWSBURY TOWN**	**H**	**0-1**
Wed 29 Nov	**HEREFORD UNITED (AWS 2)**	**H**	**0-1**
Sat 02 Dec	**CARDIFF CITY (FAC 2)**	**H**	**2-0**
Sat 09 Dec	Rotherham United	A	2-0
Sat 16 Dec	**WREXHAM**	**H**	**1-1**
Sat 23 Dec	Walsall	A	0-0
Tue 26 Dec	**WYCOMBE WANDERERS**	**H**	**0-0**
Sat 06 Jan	**WOKING (FAC 3)**	**H**	**2-0**
Wed 10 Jan	**SWANSEA CITY**	**H**	
Sat 13 Jan	York City	A	
Sat 20 Jan	**HULL CITY**	**H**	
Sat 27 Jan	**Barnsley/Oldham Athletic (FAC 4)**	**H**	
Sat 03 Feb	**CARLISLE UNITED**	**H**	
Sat 10 Feb	Swansea City	A	
Sat 17 Feb	Bradford City	A	
Wed 21 Feb	**BRENTFORD**	**H**	
Sat 24 Feb	**BRISTOL ROVERS**	**H**	
Tue 27 Feb	Chesterfield	A	
Sat 02 Mar	Wycombe Wanderers	A	
Sat 09 Mar	**WALSALL**	**H**	
Sat 16 Mar	Burnley	A	
Sat 23 Mar	**PETERBOROUGH UNITED**	**H**	
Sat 30 Mar	Bristol City	A	
Wed 03 Apr	**BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION**	**H**	
Sat 06 Apr	**NOTTS COUNTY**	**H**	
Mon 08 Apr	Crewe Alexandra	A	
Sat 13 Apr	**AFC BOURNEMOUTH**	**H**	
Sat 20 Apr	Blackpool	A	
Sat 27 Apr	Shrewsbury Town	A	
Sat 04 May	**STOCKPORT COUNTY**	**H**	
TBA	**BURNLEY**	**H**	
TBA	Peterborough United	A	
TBA	Oxford United	A	

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Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
6,525	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	GOODEN	BODIN o	NUHOLT	MILDENHALL
2,530	MILDENHALL	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	GOODEN 1	HORLOCK o	NUHOLT o	MURRAY
7,746	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN 1	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 2	ALLISON	GOODEN	HORLOCK o	MURRAY	MILDENHALL
6,724	MILDENHALL	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	MURRAY	O'SULLIVAN	THORNE P	FINNEY	HORLOCK 1	HOOPER o	PITMAN	BEAUCHAMP o 1
6,325	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	HORLOCK	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	MURRAY 1	BEAUCHAMP	HOOPER	PITMAN	DIGBY
13,041	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	MURRAY o	BEAUCHAMP o	DIGBY
7,878	GIVEN	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN 1	FINNEY 1	ALLISON	HORLOCK	MURRAY o	BEAUCHAMP	DIGBY
8,687	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	MURRAY	GOODEN o	DIGBY
8,203	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON 1	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK 1	GOODEN o	BEAUCHAMP o	DIGBY
7,205	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR 1	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	MURRAY	HORLOCK 3	GOODEN o	BEAUCHAMP	DIGBY
14,740	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	THORNE P	MURRAY	GOODENo
8,473	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN o 1	THORNE P o	DIGBY
4,296	TALIA	CULVERHOUSE	HORLOCK	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	THORNE P 1	ALLISON 2	GOODEN	FINNEY	BODIN	DIGBY
16,924	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN	HOOPER	MURRAY
11,797	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN 1	FINNEY	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	GOODEN	HOOPER	MURRAY
7,808	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 2	ALLISON	HORLOCK 1	ALLEN o	MURRAY	GOODEN
1,135	DIGBY	MURRAY	BODIN	ALLEN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	LING 1	FINNEY	ALLISON	GOODEN	HORLOCK o	THORNE G o	O'SULLIVAN o
12,633	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	LING	MURRAY	GOODEN
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7,196	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	McMAHON	LING	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	THORNE P o	GOODEN	TALIA
9,306	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	LING	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE P o	GOODEN o	TALIA
6,650	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	COLLINS	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	HOOPER	LING	THORNE P	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY o	HORLOCK o	ROBINSON o
8,274	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	FINNEY 1	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	THORNE P	GOODEN	TALIA
3,042	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	FINNEY 2	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE P	GOODEN	TALIA
8,418	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	GOODEN	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE P o	O'SULLIVAN 1 o	TALIA
5,624	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	DRYSDALE	McMAHON	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN o	O'SULLIVAN o	TALIA
12,976	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	O'SULLIVAN	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN o	LING o	TALIA
10,322	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN 1	LING	SEAGRAVES	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	ALLEN	THORNE P	ALLISON 1	HORLOCK	McMAHON o	FINNNEY o	O'SULLIVAN

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Mike Spearman Chairman

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Team Sheet

	Swindon Town	Swansea City
1	Fraser Digby	Roger Freestone
2	Ian Culverhouse	David Barnhouse
3	Paul Bodin	Mark Clode
4	Martin Ling	Keith Walker
5	Mark Seagraves	Christian Edwards
6	Paul Allen	Kwame Ampadu
7	Mark Robinson	John Hodge
8	Wayne O'Sullivan	David Penny
9	Peter Thorne	Steve Torpey
10	Wayne Allison	John Cornforth
11	Kevin Horlock	Carl Heggs
12		Jamie Barnwell
13		Colin Pascoe
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	Team Changes	**Team Changes**

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M.R. Simms (Paulton, Avon)

Linesman (yellow flag):
A.J. Webb (Winnersh, Berkshire)

Reserve Official:
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