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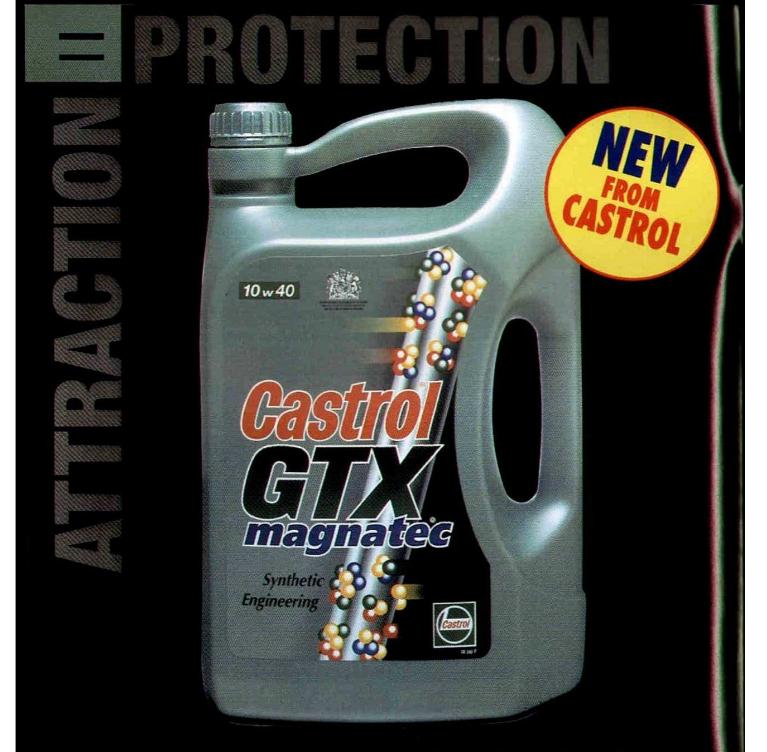
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welcome to swindon town

Tonight we take on Terry Fenwick's Portsmouth in our first home match for a fortnight.

The South Coast side have had a reasonable start in the Nationwide First Division and after last season's late escape from relegation, they will be keen to keep clear of the danger zone this time around. A warm welcome to Swindon old boy Terry Fenwick who spent a short time here after leaving Spurs in 1994.

Grimsbytrip

It is bounce back time tonight as Swindon aim to recover from Saturday's 2-1 defeat at Grimsby Town.

Grimsby made the most of a poor first half display by Swindon on Saturday to take a 2-0 lead. And although Town found some form after the break a reply by Steve Cowe was not enough.

"We can't afford to play for just 45 minutes," said Andy Rowland afterwards.

Coca-Cola Cup progress

Congratulations to the Swindon squad who booked their place in round two of the Coca-Cola Cup with a gutsy display at Molineux last week.

A 2-0 victory here in the first leg proved to be enough to take us through 2-1 on aggregate after Wolves won the return 1-0.

We could not have hoped for a worse start as Simon Osborn's deflected shot in the fifth minute left Frank Talia helpless.

But what a battling display the lads gave for the remaining 85 minutes.

QPRnext

Swindon's reward for knocking out Wolves is a second round tie against Queens Park Rangers.

The County Ground is the venue for the first leg on Wednesday September 18 (7.45pm) when we will be looking to build up a comfortable lead to take to Loftus Road for the second game on Wednesday September 25.

Once again it is tough draw against a Rangers side who fancy their chances of a quick return to the Premiership following last season's relegation.

Oldham & Southendseen off

In our last game here at Swindon a headed goal by Wayne Allison was enough to see off Oldham Athletic 1-0.

The Chief struck in the second half to clinch the Club's first three point haul of the campaign.

Boosted by that win we travelled to Southend United and returned home triumphant after a 3-1 success.

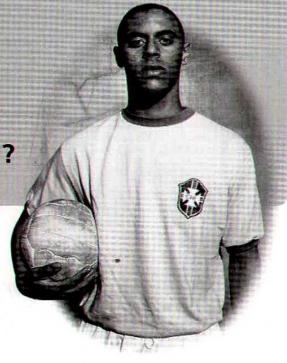
The men on the mark were Kevin Watson with a screamer, Steve Cowe and Steve Finney.

Extendedhours

Tomorrow (Thursday) the Ticket Office is open from 8.30pm to 7.30pm and on Friday the hours are 8.30am to 5.45pm.

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the manager Steve McMahon



I mean it when I say that I was very sad to see Shaun Taylor leave the Club late last week.

He was a magnificent servant to the Club but we would also like to think that Swindon Town helped him in his career as well. In the end it got to the stage when we could not guarantee him first team football and I think his decision to move was good for him and for us.

He is 34 in February and needed a little bit of security. He is also a thorough professional who wanted first team football regularly.

We had an offer that we felt obliged to tell him about considering his age and the fact that he would have been a free agent when his contract ran out next Summer.

This move was good business for him, us and Bristol City and it means that we will have a little bit of cash to spend on a possible new player.

I won't be rushing into anything and certainly will not make any rash decisions. But if a player does become available and I believe he will improve the strength of the team, then I will try and bring him in.

Tonight we take on a Portsmouth side who have picked up some good recent results to lift the

doom and gloom which had been surrounding Fratton Park. A warm welcome to Pompey boss Terry Fenwick who of course had a spell playing here at the County Ground, along with Fitzroy Simpson and Alan McLoughlin, both Swindon old boys. I would also like to welcome Terry Venables, I know the way Terry wants to play football and he is starting to get Portsmouth playing that way now.

It means tonight's match should be a thoroughly entertaining one but if we are to get anything out of it, it is vital that we perform for the whole ninety minutes. On Saturday we only started playing in the second half and that's just not good enough.

With three home games in quick succession, we have the perfect opportunity to put together a

nave the perfect opportunity to put together a consistent run, which is the key to any football club's success.

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today's visitors

This evening we welcome the players, supporters and staff of Portsmouth Football Club to the County Ground. We hope that everybody enjoys the match and has a safe journey home after the game.

Following the disappointments of last season, when only a last day victory over Huddersfield - coupled with Millwall's failure to win at Ipswich - kept Pompey in the top flight, Terry Fenwick will be keen to see his side better placed in 1996/97.

The club suffered a pre-season blow when former Manchester United defender Paul Parker rejected the chance of a move to Fratton Park, but that was soon forgotten when ex-England boss Terry Venables ploughed some money into the coffers and took a Director of Football role on the South coast.

With money at a premium, the only other notable arrival at Pompey during the close season

was former Tottenham reserve striker Robert Simpson, who moved from White Hart Lane on a free transfer.

But Pompey have just recently splashed out £200,000 on Andy Turner, who Venables worked with

at Tottenham, and the young midfielder will be eager to shine for his old boss at the County Ground tonight.

Venables and Fenwick were together during Crystal Palace's glory days of the late 1970s, and also at QPR and Tottenham, and the Fratton Park faithful will be hoping that the old partnership can again pay dividends.







Back Row: Left to right: Jason Rees, Deon Burton, Jimmy Carter, Danny Barker, Mark Thompson, Andy Thomson, Scott Bundy, Tony Dobson Alan McLoughlin, Fitzroy Simpson.

Middle Row: participate
Gordon Neave, Neil Sillett,
Danny Hinshelwood, Clinton More,
Jon Hawley, Aaron Flahavan, Keith Waldon,
Alan Knight, Russell Perrett, John Durnin,
Paul Walsh, Larry May, Martin Hinshelwood

Front Row: Metabore.
Sammy Igoe, Jason Ahmet, Paul Hall,
Robbie Pethick, David Waterman,
Martin Allen, Terry Fenwick (Manager),
Guy Butters, Lee Bradbury, Lee Russell,
Paul Wood, Andy Awford, Anthony Tilley



One to watch Alan McLoughlin

Playmaker Alan McLoughlin is a former Swindon favourite who joined Pompey for a cut-price £400,000 from local rivals Southampton in March 1992 and has been an inspiration to the Fratton Park club ever since.

After failing to make the grade at Old Trafford, Alan moved to the County Ground in August 1986 but struggled to settle and was sent on an extended loan to Torquay before finding his feet.

His artistic and influential displays in the centre of midfield soon won him many admirers and this, coupled with his

priceless ability to get forward and score goals, soon attracted a £1 million bid from top flight Southampton.

However, after just 24 games with the Saints, McLoughlin was on the move again, this time to Portsmouth, where his talents have been the mainstay of the club's midfield ever since.

A Republic of Ireland International, McLoughlin will remain forever in Irish folklore after scoring the vital goal that took Jack Charlton's side to the World Cup finals in the USA in 1994.

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
84/85 - 85/86	Man Utd			From Apprentice
86/87	Swindon	9		Free
86/87 - 87/88	Torquay	24	4	Loan
87/88 - 90/91	Swindon	97	19	Returned
90/91 - 91/92	Southampton	24	1	£1 million
91/92	Aston Villa (L)			Loan
91/92 - 95/96	Portsmouth	176	33	£400,000

FACT FILE..

Name: Alan McLoughlin Position: Midfield

Born: Manchester, 20.04.67

Height: 5ft 8in Weight: 10st 10lb Trophies won: None International Honours: Eire 'B', 23 Full Caps League record last season:

40 games, 10 goals

Terry Fenwick Road, Fenwick helped the club to an FA Cup Final and a

A tough-tackling and disciplined defender in his playing days, Terry Fenwick learned much of his football under ex-England boss Terry Venables.

Born in Sunderland, Fenwick joined Crystal Palace straight from school and was a member of the Eagles' famous back-toback FA Youth Cup-winning sides in the mid-70s before breaking into the first-team at 16.

With Venables as coach, Palace stormed into the First Division and so impressed onlookers that they were dubbed 'The Team of the 80s'. But after a spectacular slide down the league table, Fenwick left Palace and followed Venables to OPR.

During seven years as club captain at Loftus

League Cup Final, as well as breaking into

the England senior side, before moving to Spurs

in a big money transfer in 1988, to serve under Venables once again.

A natural leader on the pitch, Fenwick's qualities had marked him out as possible management material, and after a brief spell here at Swindon, it was

Portsmouth that gave him his chance in the hot-seat when they appointed him boss in February 1995, in succession to Jim Smith.

The club were in dire straits when Fenwick took over, with relegation to the Second Division looking almost inevitable. But the ex-England

> side and carefully guided them away from danger to finally finish in 18th spot.

playerprofile

One of the most loyal and long-serving players in the Nationwide League is Pompey goalkeeper **ALAN KNIGHT**, who has been the club's first choice 'keeper since the 1981/82 season. A firm favourite at Fratton Park, Alan was voted the club's Player of the Season for 1994/95 and 1995/96 and is approaching 600 League appearances.

Deputy for the reliable Knight is **AARON FLAHAVAN**, a former Pompey apprentice who has graduated through the ranks at the club. Flahavan impressed with the Reserves last term and is expected to push Knight all the way in 1996/97, although an opening day sending off against newly-promoted Bradford did his cause no good at all.

Versatile defender TONY DOBSON is an England U21 International who was signed from

> Blackburn in December 1993 (£150,000) following a successful loan spell at Fratton Park. He is able to play anywhere across the back four or in midfield.



A broken leg ruled the cultured **ANDY AWFORD** out of action for much of last season, but he returned in February and looks to be one of Pompey's classiest performers. He is an England Youth and U21 International.

ROBBIE PETHICK is a winger turned right-back who has made huge strides since signing from non-League Weymouth in October 1993. Following a trial at Fratton Park, Pompey pounced for his signature for a bargain £30,000 and he is a constant threat down the right flank as he loves to get forward and support his attack.

A regular in the left-back slot is former apprentice **LEE RUSSELL** who is another Pompey star to have suffered serious injury in recent seasons, but the 27-year-old seems to be back to his best now.

GUY BUTTERS signed for £325,000 from Tottenham in September 1990 and is a popular left-sided central defender who was team captain last season, while **DAVID WATERMAN** is a former Youth team captain at Fratton Park who signed professional in July 1995.



A familiar face to all
Town fans is
ANDY THOMSON,
who is a quick, strong
central defender who was
snapped up by Pompey
from Swindon in
January 1996 for
£75,000.



RUSSELL PERRETT is currently in his second spell at Fratton Park, having been released after his apprenticeship to play non-League football with Lymington Town. He returned for pre-season training in July 1995 and was immediately resigned for £5,000.

In midfield, Portsmouth are able to call on the services of ex-Swindon favourite

FITZROY SIMPSON. Along with striker CARL GRIFFITHS, Simpson moved to Portsmouth as part of the deal that took defender Kit Symons to Manchester City in August 1995. Simpson is a cultured midfielder who has also been on the books at Bristol City.

ANDY TURNER has arrived from Tottenham recently and the Republic of Ireland Under-21 International will add more than a touch of pace and skill to the Pompey side.

Portsmouth

PLAYERPROFILE

JASON REES is an all-action midfield dynamo who was developed by Luton Town, but released on a free in July 1994, when Portsmouth snapped him up. Capped at Youth, U21, 'B' and Full level for Wales, Rees can also play in defence where he looks a polished performer.

One of several Pompey stars to have progressed through the ranks at Fratton Park,

SAMMY IGOE is a diminutive midfielder who makes up for his lack of inches with a 'never-say-die' approach to the game. He is hoping to win a regular first-team spot this year.

Former striker **JOHN DURNIN** is an ex-Liverpool apprentice who failed to make the grade at Anfield and moved to Oxford, where he was leading scorer for two seasons before moving to Pompey for £200,000 in July 1993.

ANTHONY TILLEY was a free transfer from Brighton in 1995 who enjoyed a successful Reserve season last term and signed a professional contract in the summer of 1996.

Up front, Pompey are looking towards ex-Arsenal and Liverpool winger **JIMMY CARTER**, who moved to the South coast on a free in July 1995, to provide some spark to their forward line.

Joint top scorer for 1995/96 was 24year-old **PAUL HALL**, who began at
Torquay after being spotted by the same
scout who discovered Leeds' star Lee
Sharpe. Naturally a winger,
Hall was switched to
central striker last term
and grabbed 10 League

DEON BURTON

goals.

is a very highly-rated youngster who notched seven League goals last season and is expected to be one of Pompey's star turns this time around. A fast and direct striker, Burton scored the goal against Huddersfield on the final day of 1995/96 to keep Portsmouth in the First Division.

Having recovered from injury that kept him out of action for almost the whole of 1995/96, **PAUL WOOD** is currently in his second spell at Portsmouth, having also played at Brighton, Sheffield Utd and Bournemouth.

After an extended loan period at Exeter City last season, former soldier *LEE BRADBURY* - who was bought out of the army by Terry Fenwick - is hoping for an extended first-team run this term, while *DANNY HINSHELWOOD* signed for Pompey from Nottingham Forest in February 1996 and is the son of Portsmouth's Reserve team coach, Martin Hinshelwood.

The man they call 'Mad Dog',

MARTIN ALLEN spent a spell on loan at Fratton Park from West Ham in 1995/96, before joining up with Terry Fenwick's side full-time in September 1995.

Deon Burton scored the goal against Huddersfield on the final day of 1995/96 to keep Portsmouth in the First Division.



Portsmouth



VITAL STATISTICS

PORTSMOUTH'S record over the last 10 years

Season	Di	V.P	W	D	1	F	A	Phy	Pos
86/87	2	42	23	9	10	53			2nd
87/88	1	40	7	14	19	36	66	35	19th
88/89	2	46	13	12	21	53	62	51	20th
89/90	2	46	15	16	15	62	65	61	12th
90/91	2	46	14	11	21	58	70	53	17th
91/92	2	46	19	12	15	65	51	69	9th
92/93	1	46	26	10	10	80	46	88	3rd
	1	46	15	13	18	52	58	58	17th
94/95	1	46	15	13	18	53	63	58	18th
95/96	1	46	13	13	20	61	69	52	21st



10 YEAR RECORD

How PORTSMOUTH performed last season

Date Opps	H/A Result Stores (Goal times)
Aug 12 SOUTHEND	(h) W4-2 Creaney (40,75), Tilson (42og), Rees (73)
Aug 19 GRIMSBY	(a) L1-2 McLoughlin (81pen)
Aug 26 READING	(h) D0-0
Aug 30 LEICESTER	(a) L2-4 Creaney (36pen), Hall (60)
Sep 02 MILLWALL	(h) L0-1

 Sep 09 PORT VALE
 (a) W2-0

 Sep 12 SUNDERLAND
 (a) D1-1

 Sep 16 DERBY
 (b) D2-2

 Sep 23 TRANMERE
 (b) L0-2

 Sep 30 LUTON
 (a) L1-3

 Oct 07 OLDHAM
 (a) D1-1

 Oct 14 BIRMINGHAM
 (b) L0-1

 Oct 21 WEST BROM
 (a) L1-2

Oct 28 WATFORD (h) W4-2 Nov 04 SHEFF UTD (a) L1-4 Nov 11 HUDDERSFIELD (h) D1-1 Nov 18 STOKE (h) D3-3 Nov 21 BARNSLEY (a) D0-0

Nov 25 IPSWICH (a) L2-3
Dec 02 OLDHAM (h) W2-1
Dec 09 TRANMERE (a) W2-1
Dec 16 LUTON (h) W4-0
Dec 23 NORWICH (h) W1-0

Dec 26 CHARLTON (a) L1-2
Dec 30 WOLVES (a) D2-2
Jan 01 C.PALACE (h) L2-3
Jan 13 GRIMSBY (h) W3-1
Jan 20 SOUTHEND (a) L1-2

Jan 27 MILLWALL (a) D1-1
Feb 04 READING (a) W1-0
Feb 10 LEICESTER (h) W2-1
Feb 17 SUNDERLAND (h) D2-2

Feb 24 DERBY (a) L2-3
Mar 02 CHARLTON (h) W2-1
Mar 09 NORWICH (a) D1-1
Mar 16 WOLVES (h) L0-2
Mar 23 C PALACE (a) D0-0

Mar 27 C.PALACE (a) D0-0
Mar 27 PORT VALE (h) L1-2
Mar 30 WEST BROM (h) L0-2
Apr 02 BIRMINGHAM (a) L0-2

Apr 06 WATFORD (a) W2-1 Apr 08 SHEFF UTD (h) L1-2 Apr 13 STOKE (a) L1-2

Apr 20 BARNSLEY (h) D0-0 Apr 27 IPSWICH (h) L0-1 May 05 HUDDERSFIELD (a) W1-0 Burton (13), Griffiths (83pen) McLoughlin (88pen) Gittens (19), McLoughlin (90)

Walsh (43) Simpson (48)

McLoughlin (59pen)

Stimson (12), Simpson (15), Allen (63), Carter (88) Simpson (20)

Simpson (28)

McLoughlin (16pen, 56), Walsh (45)

Walsh (24), Allen (74)

Allen (19), McLoughlin (77pen) Durnin (9), Hall (35)

Hall (4,41), Walsh (45), Carter (47)

Durnin (56) Hall (8)

Carter (58), Burton (65) Butters (57), Simpson (65)

Walsh (10), Wood (12), Carter (77)

Hall (41) Burton (74)

McLoughlin (69) Burton (30), Hall (89)

Burton (30), Hall (89) Hall (33), Griffiths (87)

Hall (62), McLoughlin (85pen)

Burton (44,57) Hall (38)

Allen (18)

Awford (29), McLoughlin (61)

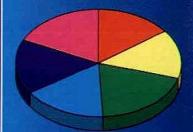
Durnin (56) Butters (61)

Burton (8)

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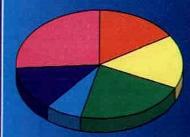
The time the goals went in for Portsmouth at both ends last season.



League goals scored in 1995-96 clockwise starting at RED

0-15mins 9 16-30 9 31-45 12 46-60 10 61-75 10 76-90 10

90 10 TOTAL 61



League goals conceded in 1995-96 clockwise starting at RED

0-15 11 16-30 11 31-45 15 46-60 5 61-75 9

76-90 18 TOTAL 69

QuickQuiz!

the question is...

Settle down with your half-time cuppa and test your soccer knowledge.

- 1. Who is the manager of Ipswich?
- At which ground do Port Vale play their home games?
- 3. Name the Italian who scored a hat-trick on his League debut this season?
- 4. For which country is Peter Schmeichel an international?
- 5. Who has skippered and managed Germany to World Cup glory?
- 6. Who is England's new captain?
- And in Glenn Hoddle's first game in charge of the England national side, who scored the three goals in their win over Moldova?
- 8. How did Scotland fare in their World Cup opener against Austria?
- 9. Manchester United's David Beckham scored from 50 yards against which club on the opening day of the season?
- 10. Who resigned as manager of Manchester City recently?
- 11. Steve Bull scored a hat-trick for Wolves in their first League win of the term against Oldham. True or false?
- 12. What colour do Hearts play in?
- 13. Which Reading player was sent-off twice in his first three appearances of the season?
- 14. Who won the 1993 FA Cup Final?
- 15. Which First Division club is nicknamed The Shrimpers?



- 1. Born in Liverpool in 1961 and signed for Everton in August 1979.
- 2. Moved to Aston Villa in 1983 for £175,000 before going to Liverpool
- 3. Won Championship medals while at Liverpool and also played 17 times for England in his career.
- 4. Moved to Manchester City in 1991 but left in 1994.

CLOSE UP! WHO'S CREST?



HOME&AWAY...

HOME....

- 1. In which year did we win the League Cup?
- 2. Who scored the goals in our recent 3-1 win at Southend?
- 3. Which current Town star became the youngest player to appear in an FA Cup Final at the time when he turned out for West Ham in 1975?

....AND AWAY

- 1. Who has just joined Portsmouth from Tottenham?
- 2. Against which club did Pompey win their first League game of the season - Southend or Grimsby?

RULES OF THE GAME!

If the player taking a goal kick touches the ball a second time before it leaves the penalty area then:

- A) It must be re-taken
- B) A free kick is given to the opposing team
- C) A throw must be

Turner, 2. Southend. Who am I: Steve McMahon Who's Crest: Ipswich Town Rules of the game: ans A (It Andy Bernal. 14. Arsenal. 15. Southend. Home: 1. 1969. Z. Watson, Cowe and Finney. 3. Paul Allen. Away: 1. Andy Gascoigne, Nick Barmby and Shearer. 8. Drew 0-0. 9. Wimbledon. 10. Alan Ball. 11. False, it was Grimsby. 12. Maroon. 13. Answers....1. George Burley. 2. Vale Park. 3. Ravanelli. 4. Denmark. 5. Franz Beckenbauer. 6. Alan Shearer. 7. Paul

a brief look Dack

Dick Mattick looks back ...

The 1973/74 season was not a good one for Swindon Town. Welsh International Rod Thomas had been sold before Christmas and the season ended in relegation.

Eamon Dumphy in his book
"Only a Game" described the
Swindon team of the time as a
"collection of has beens and
never will be's."

The third round of the cup saw Swindon drawn to play at Fratton Park where they had already gone down 3-1 in a league fixture in October.

Swindon came to the match having just beaten Bobby Charlton's Preston North End 3-1 at the County Ground and there was some surprise that David Syrett, who had just been selected for the England Youth team, was dropped for the Portsmouth match.

Swindon stunned Pompey with an early goal. Terry Hubbard, who was made man of the match by more than one newspaper report, fed Tommy Jenkins who beat two defenders before shooting from the edge of the area and seeing his shot enter the net via a post.

Portsmouth equalised after 20 minutes with Welsh International Ron Davies rounding both Frank Burrows and Jimmy Allan to score.

Swindon hit back only two minutes later when Wilf Dixon surged down the right and crossed to the near post where David Moss nipped in front of Milkins to head home.

Just before half time John Trollope who had recently broken Maurice Owen's record of 554 League appearances for Swindon, followed up a free kick by Joe Butler to score and give the Robins a two goal lead at half time.

With only 12 minutes remaining, Swindon retained this lead but then a free kick by Kellard was flicked in by Went to set alarm bells ringing in the Town defence.

One appeal for a penalty by Pompey had been rejected when Marinello drove a shot into Butler but they had more success when Pompey substitute Lewis tumbled over with Butler and Trollope in close proximity.

Kellard scored from the spot kick to prompt a pitch invasion by hundreds of celebrating Portsmouth fans.

It was a sad end for Swindon

and worse followed in the replay. This was played in the afternoon as the miners' strike meant that there was no electricity to power the floodlights.

Bobby Kellard, Portsmouth's bearded buccaneer scored the only goal of the game in the 57th minute.

Teams:

Portsmouth: Milkins, Roberts, Went, Manley, Collins, Piper (Lewis), Kellard, Mellows, Marinello, Davies, Reynolds.

Swindon: Allan, Dixon, Burrows, Stroud, Trollope, Munks, Hubbard, Butler, Moss, Eastoe, Jenkins.

Tommy Jenkins joined Swindon from Southampton but he also had spells with Leyton Orient, West Ham and Reading.

Which Southern League club did he play for between representing Reading and Southampton.

Send your answers on a postcard to;
Match-Day Magazine Editor, Swindon Town FC, County Ground, Swindon, SN1 2ED.

The winner will receive a prize from our Superstore.

The answer to our last question was; Bertie Denyer's son, A.F.T. Denyer (Bertie Junior) made seven League appearances and scored one goal in the 1946/47 season.



training ground

It is important that we put Saturday's defeat behind us and

get back to the form we showed in previous weeks.

Prior to Saturday's defeat all the lads were really buzzing and there was a tremendous atmosphere about the place.

With confidence high we had some lively training sessions, there were quite a few laughs but we got through a lot of hard work as well.

Our last match here at the County Ground was not the prettiest as we sneaked a 1-0 win against Oldham Athletic. But it was that first win of the league campaign which really gave everyone a lift.

With spirits high we travelled to Southend and put in a performance that we all knew we were capable of.

We had to prove to ourselves that we were capable of picking up points and since then we have chalked up some fine results.

Although we lost 1-0 at Wolves we gave a real battling display despite conceding an early goal.

To hold out and win on aggregate showed real character and now we must take on QPR in the next round.

Everyone is really looking forward to every game at the moment and the main reason for that is because the fear factor has now gone.

Now the players fear no-one. It took a while to sink in but myself and Steve McMahon always knew what this team were capable of.

Hopefully Saturday's performance was just a hic-cup and starting again tonight we can find the consistency we have been looking for.

To finish off I would just like to personally wish
Shaun Taylor the best of luck at
Bristol City.

He was a great servant to Swindon Town but he now has the chance to advance his career at another club.

It's another chapter for him and for the Club and I hope he has a successful time there.

SWINDON TOWN. STILL LOOKING SHARP THIS SEASON.

Swindon Town Football Club will be looking just as good this season. Thanks to their exclusive Mizuno strip.



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Nationwide Building Society is delighted to be sponsoring The Football League and is proud to be associated with the national game. Millions of people around the country enjoy League games, with an increasing number of families attending matches.

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football for all

Swindon Town Football Club is proud to welcome both professional footballers and supporters from all nationalities to the County Ground. It is our aim that people from all races enjoy football at the County Ground without fear of harassment or intimidation and while recent research shows that we do not seem to have a problem with racism here at the Club, we musn't become complacent. Therefore, any supporter found distributing literature of a racially intolerant nature, or hurling racial abuse at players or fellow supporters, will be ejected from the ground immediately and will attract a lengthy ban from the Club.



Chairman







by Colin Benson



There is just one other Nationwide Football League Division One fixture this evening and it involves Queens Park Rangers who, of course, are our opponents in the next round of the Coca-Cola Cup. They travel to Norwich City.

The Canaries rather had their feathers ruffled last week when they had two players sent off -Robert Fleck and Darren Eadie before crashing out of the Coca -Cola Cup to Oxford United and after last Saturday's trip to Bradford City they will be desperate to get back to winning ways in front of their own fans at Carrow Road. On the face of it, one would give them the edge but Queens Park Rangers have a pretty good record in Norfolk and there is no doubt that they have the quality to beat almost any side in this division.

Just how the sudden and surprise departure of playermanager Ray Wilkins will effect the team is uncertain. Sometimes the departure of a manager stimulates a positive response from players but in this instance the situation is slightly different. Ray Wilkins didn't abandon a struggling outfit, quite the contrary, Queens Park Rangers, though beaten by a last minute goal at home to Bolton Wanderers. had made a solid start to the

campaign and were comfortably placed in the league table. The parting of the ways surprised most football folks, for Ray is one of those personable young men who have earned the respect of all ages. He seems to have been playing football for as long as the game has been invented, yet his debut for Chelsea was on October 26th 1973. A playing career of 23 years is none-the-less remarkable, particularly as the former England captain has done it at the highest level with Manchester United, AC Milan and Glasgow Rangers, among his other employers.

The last time I saw him in action was just over a fortnight ago in the Friday night live SKY TV match at Portsmouth when he impressed as still the best passer of the ball on the field.

In essence then Queens Park Rangers have not only lost their manager but one of the most gifted midfield players on their books as well.

The new Rangers chairman, Chris Wright, was at pains to point out that Wilkins was not sacked. Nor did he officially

"Ray simply felt is was in the best interest of himself and QPR that he let somebody else move in to take over," Wright said.

It's a strange one, for people close to Ray suggest that he is still very keen to continue playing and there is no doubt ha can do a good job for someone on the field. Perhaps he is not cut out for management, or more to the point not ready for it yet.

Steve McMahon knows only

too well how difficult it is to marry the two professions.

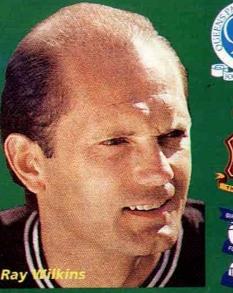
QPR were relegated from the Premiership last season yet Ray's record stands up well, the season before he led the Loftus Road club to eighth place in the Premiership and it was only after the transfer of Les Ferdinand that results began to waver.

They have not been able to replace the England striker and now that his shadow

Kevin Gallen has been ruled out for the remainder of the season after an operation on his cruciate ligaments, Rangers are left wanting in this crucial department.

Evidently there is money in the coffers to finance a signing but hopefully the Loftus Road club will not be able to target and recruit an adequate replacement before our twolegged dual in the Coca-Cola Cup is completed.

In the mean time no doubt Ray will continue his playing career and will return to management at some future time.



































Action replay

In a tangle - Scott Leitch battles for the ball

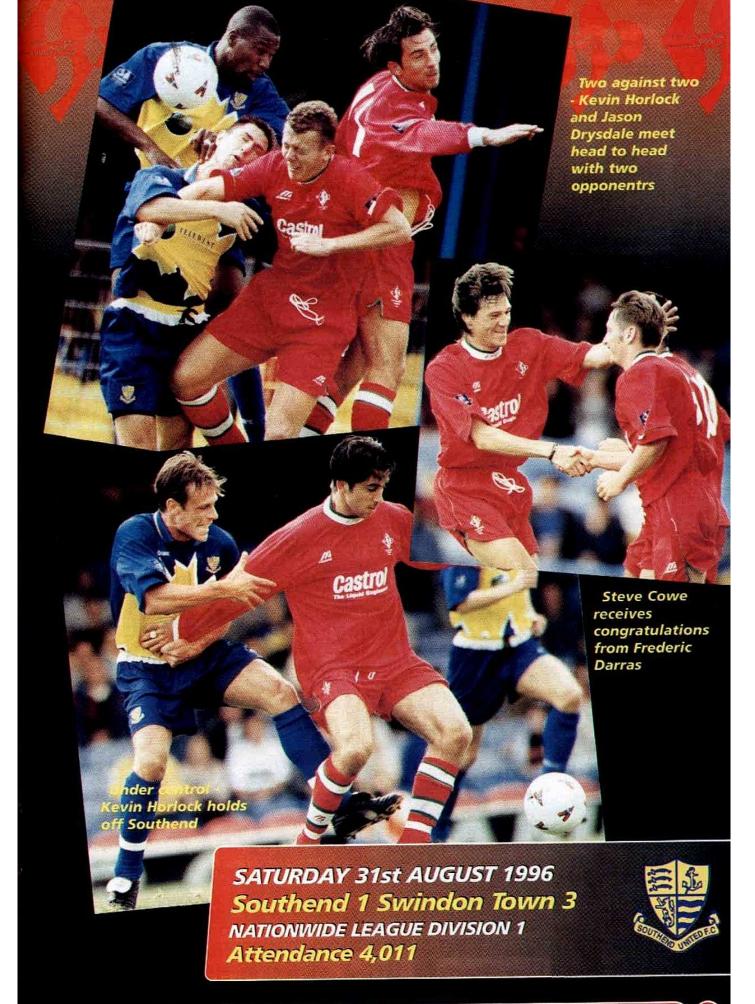
Shaun Taylor climbs the highest against Port Vale

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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
Attendance 8,761



Scissor kick -Mark Walters in action against Port Vale



community schemenews

Summer is now coming to an abrupt end and the Winter months are fast approaching.

Jon and I have reflected on our first Summer in charge of the Community Office and we are very pleased with the way things have gone.

Our Soccer Funweeks saw us

travel to
Hungerford,
Marlborough,
Greendown
and
Chippenham
with our two
big weeks being
here at the
County Ground.

Youngsters & Coaches from the Soccer Funweeks at the County Ground

All of you who attended made both weeks a great success, particularly the three days at the end of August when and incredible 120 of you attended.

We have been told that this is the biggest course the Club has ever run, so thank you all for your support.

Jon and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our coaches who made this Summer so successful for us.

Their attitude and professionalism in working with the kids was a great credit to us and all concerned at the Club.

A special thank you also needs to be passed on to Ty Gooden and in particular Fraser Digby who did a question and answer session for the children during their lunch breaks.

Fraser also got involved with the coaching and gave out all the certificates to the children.

In talking to Fraser I know he was very impressed with the standard of some of our up and coming stars.

Don't forget the course at Half Term in October. Let's try and make this even bigger and better than the last one.

See you all soon. Clive and Jon







Clive Maguire

Jon

Holloway



It's not only a new season for Macca and the boys - it's also a new season for the Soccer Centres.

This season we will be playing small sided matches in and around Swindon, with the players being selected from our centres.

So if you thought you'd have to be content with watching Steve Finney and Wayne Allison wearing the famous red shirts, think again - it could be you.

We will keep all of our centre players informed of when the games will be taking place.

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the Junior robins

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Welcome to all our younger fans at this evening's game against Portsmouth and a special welcome tonight to the Young Blues and their mascot, who have travelled to the County Ground to support their team.

Tonight sees the start of another three games in a week but it's not only the lads who will be busy. There's plenty of action for Junior Robins at the moment too.

weeklytraining

A great number of you turned up last Monday to benefit from expert advice and tips from our qualified coaches. Held every Monday evening, the training is exclusive for Junior Robins members and once a month, players will be present for autographs before each session. A reminder of the age-groups and times:

5-7 years 5:30pm - 6:30pm 8-11 years 6:30pm - 7:30pm 12 and over 7:30pm - 8:30pm

QPRtrip

A Junior Robins coach will be travelling to Loftus Road on Saturday September 21st. Although there will be no morning activities, the cost includes return travel by executive coach and tickets for the game. Departing the County Ground at 11:30am and expected return for approx. 7:30pm, the price is as follows:

Juniors £8.00 Adults £12.00

These trips are always popular and are run on a first come, first served basis, so to avoid disappointment refer to your Newsletter for further details and book now!

Only members of the Junior Robins are entitled to such offers such as discounts on Community Office courses and in the Club Superstore. By waving your membership card at the right people, you will be laughing. Again, see your Newsletter for details of the latest offers.

today's lucky mascots

Castro

SEAN McLEOD is 7 years old and lives in Freshbrook, Swindon. He attends Oliver Tompkins School and his hobbies include playing football with friends - preferably in goal, swimming and Tai-Kwon-

Do. Sean's favourite Town players are Mark Robinson and Fraser Digby.

> KALLIE LE HURAY-POWDITCH is 9 years old and lives in Moredon. Swindon, where she attends Moredon Junior School. Kallie's hobbies include swimming and football and I am sure she'll

enjoy meeting her favourite Swindon player today - Peter Thorne.



We still have a few Mascot Packages available for this season. To book please call Louise Kaye in the Marketing Department on (01793) 532121

Fixtures 96/97 South East Counties League Division 2

Sat	Aug	17	Brighton & Hove	A	2-0
SAT	AUG	24	BRENTFORD	H	3-2
Sat	Aug	31	Bristol City	A	1-1
SAT	SEP	07	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	
SAT	SEP	14	PORTSMOUTH (LC1)	H	
Sat	Sep	21	Reading	A	
SAT	SEP	28	COLCHESTER UNITED	Ħ	
Sat	Oct	05	Southampton	Ä.	
SAT	OCT	12	LUTON TOWN	H	
Sat	Oct	19	LC 2		
Sat	Oct	26	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
SAT	NOV	02	OXFORD UNITED	Ħ	
SAT	NOV	09	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	
Sat	Nov	16	Wimbledon	A	
Sat	Nov	23	LC3		
SAT	NOV	30	WYCOMBE W.	H	30
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SAT	DEC	14	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	
SAT	DEC	21	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	Ne
Sat	Jan	04	AFC Bournemouth	A	
SAT	JAN	11	BRISTOL CITY	H	
Sat	Jan	18	Bristol Rovers	A.	
SAT	JAN	25	READING	H	
Sat	Feb	01	Brentford	A	
Sat	Feb	80	Colchester United	A	
SAT	FEB	15	SOUTHAMPTON	H	
Sat	Feb	22	Luton Town	A	
SAT	MAR	01	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	
Sat	Mar	08	Oxford United	A	
SAT	MAR	15	WIMBLEDON	H	
Sat	Mar	22	Crystal Palace	A	
Sat	Apr	05	Wycombe Wanderers	A	
SAT	APR	12	BARNET	H	

All home fixtures are to be played at The Allied Dunbar Training Centre, Wanborough and will kick-off at 11.00am

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Fixtures 96/97 West County Television South West Counties Youth League

	Andreas Committee		
Aug 24	Bristol City	A	2-1
AUG 31	CARDIFF CITY	H	
Sept 07	Cheltenham Town	A	
SEPT 14	CIRENCESTER TOWN	H	
Sept 21	Exeter City	A	
SEPT 28	HEREFORD UNITED	H	
Oct 05	Plymouth Argyle	A	
OCT 12	SWANSEA CITY	H	
OCT 19	TORQUAY UNITED	H	
Oct 26	AFC Bournemouth	A	
NOV 02	BASHLEY	H	
Nov 09	Bashley	A	
NOV 16	BRISTOL CITY	H	
Nov 23	Cardiff City	Ā	
NOV 30	CHELTENHAM TOWN	H	
Dec 07	Cirencester Town	A	
DEC 14	EXETER CITY	H	
Jan 04	Hereford United	A	
JAN 11	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	
Jan 18	Swansea City	A	
Jan 25	Torquay United	A	
FEB 01	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	

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JOUTH Tommy Wheeldon

Bristol City Youth 1 Swindon Town Youth 1

The Youth team continued their unbeaten start in Division Two of the South East Counties League after picking up a point at local rivals Bristol City.

In a typical frenzied atmosphere of a derby game, Bristol drew first blood after a fairly even opening 30 minutes in which both teams cancelled each other out.

But just as I felt we had started to take the upper hand, City went ahead with a poor goal as Anthony Betterton allowed a 40 yard free kick to float over him and into the net.

At half time I asked the lads to be patient and be more composed and to their credit they went out and dominated the second half.

Alex Meecham had a great opportunity to level with a one on one situation with the goalkeeper but was too casual.

However in the 65th minute his co striker Alex Finlayson did manage to equalise following good build-up play by Phil MacDiarmid.

The defence was very solid and Phil MacDiarmid was lively in his first full game in midfield.

But I was particularly pleased with the efforts of Alex Finlayson and substitute Chris Organ, who had a great influence when he came on. Swindon Town's Academy team opened their South West Counties League account with a 2-1 win away at Bristol City.

Darren Morris scored both goals for the newly formed team, his second being an impressive chip from 22 yards.

Simon Futcher (skipper), Craig Tuck and Luke Sharps all had outstanding games.

Next came a tough test against defending champions Cardiff City and although Swindon only trailed 1-0 with 20 minutes remaining, they eventually went down 4-0.

Swindon fielded three 15 year olds for this game in the form of lan McSherry, Gareth Benfield and Jamie Mills - all three handled the challenge well.

"A lot was learnt from this game and some hard work needs to be done on our defensive qualities, particularly at set pieces".

"But all in all John Hurst from the college and myself are pleased with our start to the season," said Academy coach Clive Maguire.

South East Counties League Division 2 as at 31 August 1996

Team		W	D	1	£	4	Pts	GD
Crystal Palace	3	2	1	0	9	2	5	+7
SWINDON TOWN	3	2	1	0	6	3	5	+3
Totenham H.	3	2	1	0	4	4	5	-3
Bournemouth	3	2	1	0	Œ.	2	5	+2
Luton Town	3	2	0	T.	13	4	4	-9
Southampton	3	2	0	1	8	5	4	-3
Wimbledon	3	2	0	-1	5	2	4	+3
Bristol City	3	1	1	1	1	2	3	11
Coichester Utd	3	of.	1	Ħ	5	5	3	0
Wycombe W.	3	1	0	2	7	5	2	+2
Oxford Utd	3	1	0	2	8	5	2	+1
Brentford	3	1	0	2	4	6	2	-2
Brighton & H.A.	3	1	0	2	2	5	2	-3
Barnet	3	0	7	2	4	12	1	-8
Reading	3	0	7	2	2	14	1	-12
Bristol Rovers	3	0	0	3	2	11	0	.9

centreof excellence

As the new season dawns the objectives of myself and Tommy Wheeldon are to make the youth set-up the best in the South-West and attract the best quality players to the Club because they feel Swindon is the place to be.

We have a five year plan set out, as schoolboy development doesn't just happen over night and people must be patient and allow the boys to develop in the right way.

Already in a short space of time I have met locally with club managers and teachers, particularly Geoff Walters, the secretary of Swindon Schools FA.

I also hope to work with and liaise with the

with Phil Cannon

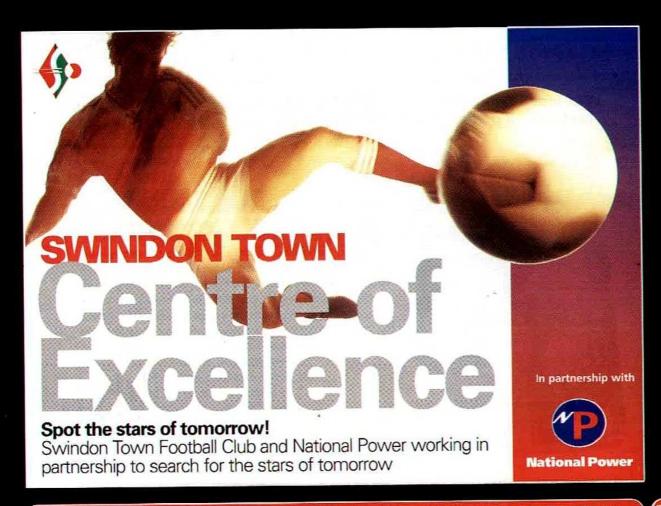
managers of Swindon Schools representative teams.

Swindon Town must support these boys to help both Swindon Schools and ourselves produce better quality players.

I know how successful some of the local school sides like Bradon Forest (U12), St Joseph's (U13) and Grange (U11), were in the national competitions at such prestigious venues like Villa Park, Old Trafford and Wembley respectively - all great experience at such a tender age.

It is my job to tap into this success and harness it for Swindon Town Football Club.

The word excellence is overused in the game today, but at Swindon Town we hope to have the quality rather than quantity to justify to the FA that Swindon do have a real Centre of Excellence and that the boys who attend are privileged.





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Steve McMahon and key Swindon players, make this video a must for every Swindon Town fan's collection.

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reserves roundup with Ross MacLaren



Swansea City Reserves 1
Swindon Town Reserves 2

The Reserves opened their account in the best way possible with an away win at Swansea in the League Cup.

Having taken 13 games before getting off the mark last season it was pleasing to make a winning start to our competitive fixture list.

Steve Cowe scored both goals with well taken headers and overall I was delighted with the display on a poor pitch.

We fell behind mid-way through the first half following bad organisation at a Swansea free kick. Despite having most of the possession we failed to hurt Swansea until just before half time when Kevin Watson swung in a free kick and Steve Cowe nipped in between two defenders to head into the top corner for the equaliser.

After the interval we upped the pace considerably and kept hold of the ball a lot better than we had done in the opening 45 minutes.

And we were rewarded with what proved to be the winning goal after 65 minutes when Cowe

connected to a right



problems as we held out for a well deserved win.

Fixtures 96/97 Avon Insurance Combination Div 1

Mon Aug 26	Swansea City (LC)	
	DMSHDES CITY (TC)	A 1-2
MON SEP 16	TOTTENHAM	H 2.00
Wed Sep 25	Charlton Athletic	A 2.00
	LUTON TOWN	H 2.00
MON OCT 21	PORTSMOUTH	H 2.00
Thur Oct 31	Bristol City	A 730
Wed Nov 06	Oxford United	A730
	CRYSTAL PALACE	H Z.00
WED NOV 20	BRISTOL ROVERS (LC)	H 2.00
Wed Nov 27	Swansea City	A 2.00
Wed Dec 04	Oxford United (LC)	A 7.30
MON DEC 09	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 2.00
Wed Dec 18	Cardiff City	A 2.00
MON JAN 06	IPSWICH TOWN	H 2.00
Wed Jan 15	Brighton & H.A.	A 2.00
MON JAN 20	ARSENAL	H 2.00
Wed Feb 05	AFC Bournemouth	A 2.00
MON FEB 10	SOUTHAMPTON	H 2.00
MON FEB 17	BRISTOL CITY (LC)	H 2.00
Tue Feb 25	Watford	A 7.30
WED MAR 05	CARDIFF CITY (LC)	H 2.00
MON MAR 10	NORWICH CITY	H 2.00
Mon Mar 17	Chelsea	A 7.00
MON MAR 24	MILLWALL	H 2.00
Tue Apr 08	West Ham United	A 2.00
MON APR 14	Q.P.R.	H 2.00
Wed Apr 23	Wimbledon	A 2.00

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Next Monday...

Swindon Reserves
play their first
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Combination
League game
when they play
Tottenham Hotspur
kick-off 2pm.

STFC Supporters Club

New members are welcome to apply after 31st August and the cost will be £6 and £3.50 for OAPs.

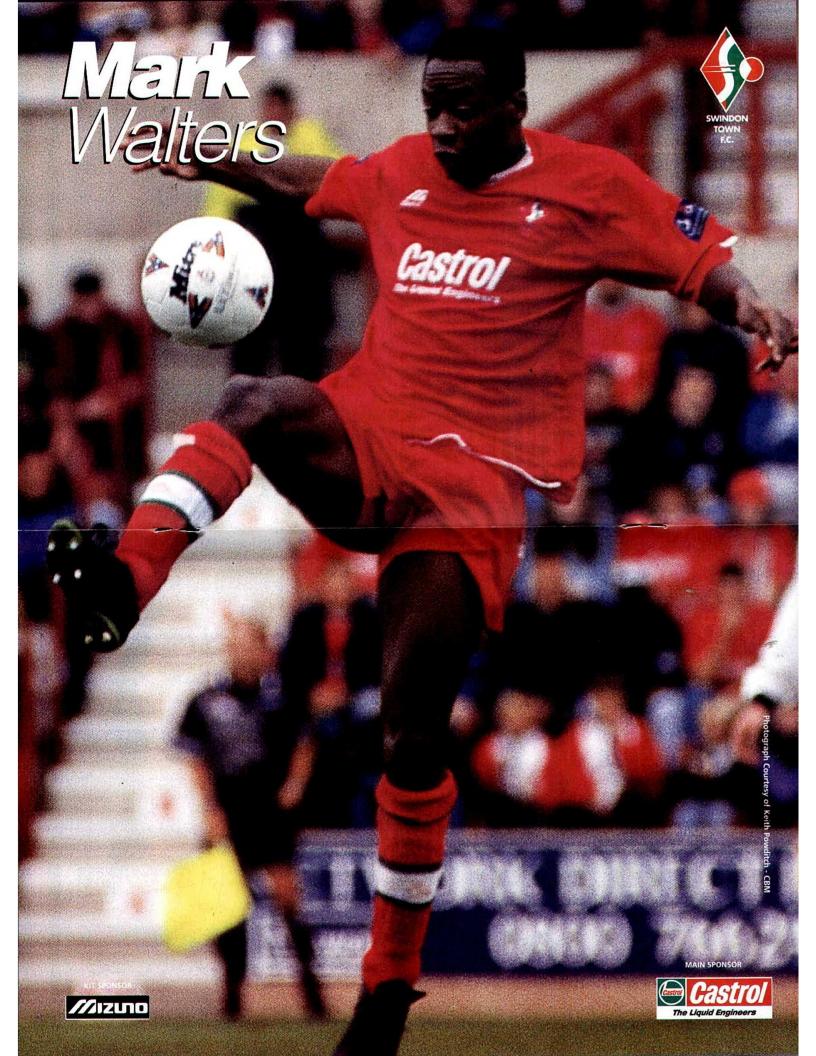
May we remind you that as well as the main club our premises in the Intel Stand are open on Matchdays.

During the week we are open every evening, normal licensing hours apply.

We have regular darts, snooker and skittles teams as well as entertainment which is always at a reduced rate for members.

Watch these notes for forthcoming events.

If you would like further information please contact Sandie Cobern on 01793 725218 evenings only.





Tony Horne's pre-match party

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Wembley in a Euro

As we welcome Pompey to the County Ground today, it occurs to me that this is a bit of a unique occasion. Not only does it see the return of one-time Robin Terry Fenwick but I suppose half the crowd will be playing a quick game of Venables-spotting. "Look that's him over there."

Is it not astonishing that one minute you are the national hero who leads England to the Euro'96 semi's, and the next you are still a national hero but you have gone to Portsmouth. When

Tezza was
in the thick of it this summer
and 'Football's coming home'
was ringing in his ears
everywhere he went, nobody
saw that coming. Is Tezza here
then? Well, if I see him, I've got
a couple of questions I would
like to put to him...

Firstly, what was all that fuss about that Kathy Pacific woman? Who was she and who really smashed up that telly? What does he really think of Le Tiss? Will he be sending Alan Sugar a Christmas Card? Why was David Seaman's jersey that colour? What about The Golden Goal? What does it feel like to walk out for England at

96 semi final against Germany, knowing that win, lose or draw, you would get elected if you ran for Parliament the next day.

SCI

However, here's the sixty billion dollar question....Just what exactly did you say to Gareth Southgate after the missed penalty? What can you say? We will probably never know.

Tezza or no Tezza, enjoy the game!

I will leave you with one final thought;ooh Shaun Taylor!



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County Ground, Swindon

Once again we are in the middle of a hectic time at the Ticket Office with tonight's match the first of three in a row here at the County Ground.



On Saturday

Tranmere Rovers

are the visitors

(3pm) and tickets

are also on sale for
the Coca-Cola Cup,

second round, first leg tie against *QPR* which takes place here on Wednesday September 18 (7:45pm).



The following
Saturday
(September 21) we
take on *QPR* again,
this time in the
Nationwide League.

The match is away at Loftus Road (3pm) and 1262 seats are available at £13 with concessions at £6.50. For

disabled supporters there are only 13 places for both home and away fans.

To obtain a disabled pass

you need to send a postal application to QPR for the attention of Stephen Berks. To avoid disappointment please book early.

On Friday September 27

Wolves come to town for a league match (7.45pm) with the game being screened live on SKY Sports.

Tickets are also on sale for our home games against Oxford Uniced on Saturday October 12 (3pm) and Huddersfield Town the following Wednesday (7.45pm).

The following game goes on sale from Monday September 16.

West Bromwich Albion, Wednesday October 30 (7.45pm) at home.

MANCHESTER CITY SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1996 3.00pm



In order to accommodate our loyal supporters we feel the need to restrict the ticket sales for the MANCHESTER CITY game. Tickets will be released for sale as follows;

From Monday 16 September MANCHESTER CITY tickets will only be available to those buying Huddersfield (match date Wednesday 16 Oct) tickets, the Manchester City ticket must be purchased at the same time as Huddersfield from the Advanced Ticket Office.

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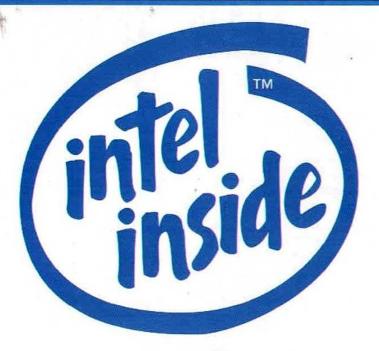




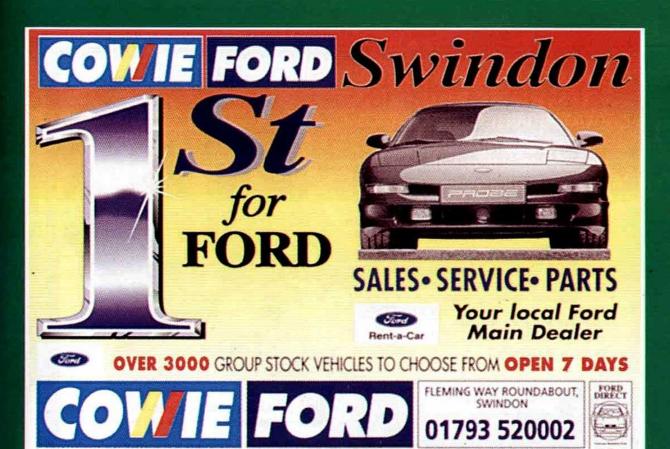




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John Cross did publicise the above information at the foot of his match report in the Evening Advertiser on Thursday August 29 and every effort has been made to find the winner since.

The ticket was sold outside the Intel Stand by Donna Smith. so whoever you are, have a final search!

Our race night to unofficially launch the Fraser Digby Testimonial year



Has anyone handed over a Nest-Egg ticket? was a huge success and enjoyed by everyone who attended.

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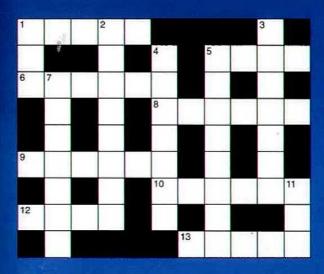
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sportsword time...

compiled by Dave Davis



cluesacross...

- 1. Town, play at Kenilworth Road (5)
- 5. Like Jurgen Klinsmann perhaps? (4)
- Hanley, former England rugby league player and coach (6)
- 8. Blackburn or Tranmere (6)
- 9. A goal each (3, 3)
- American Tour de France winner, Greg — — (2, 4)
- 12. Irish League side (4)
- 13. Mike ——, former world heavyweight Champion (5)

cluesdown...

- 1. Robert, Jason or Francis (3)
- 2. Marc ———, Ajax and Holland star (8)
- 3. John —, Gillingham defender of the late '70s (7)
- Regis, former WBA and England striker (7)
- Joined Manchester United from Blackburn in 1994 (5, 3)
- Jason ———, Harlequins and England rugby International (7)
- 11. Rogers, 1969 League Cup Final hero for Swindon (3)

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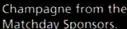
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PresentationTime



PIA Advertising & Marketing along with Cleaning Enterprises were joint Matchday Sponsors at the game against Oldham. Heidi Rackham from PIA and Helen from Cleaning Enterprises receive a signed framed team photo from STFC Chairman Mike Spearman.

Man of the Match at the Oldham game, Frederic Darras, receives his bottle of





Frederic presents Haine & Smith with an autographed football. Haine & Smith were Matchball Sponsors in the game against Oldham.

Rockin Robin Saturday Creche continues

Situated in the Lifestyle Centre at the Stratton Bank end of the Castrol Stand, the Creche is managed by qualified staff from Swindon Child Carers and is for kids aged between 2-8 years.

Limited to 26 children, the facility is available for home and away fans on Saturday's only. Each session from 1.30-5pm costs just £2 per child and places must be booked in advance.

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The treatment room has been very busy over the past 10 days but fortunately the majority of players have recovered well and all but three have returned to full squad training.

Wayne Allison has hopefully shrugged off a foot injury which has troubled him since the pre-season.

He recently underwent x-rays and scans to rule out the possibility of there being a stress fracture to his fifth toe (metatarsal) - all of which have proved negative. The injury is soft tissue related and such can be treated using physiotherapy and electrotherapy.

We initially rested the foot and our aim since has been to gradually increase the intensity of work so he can carry out training and match situations pain free.

As mentioned earlier I hope Wayne has had no set backs in his quest for full fitness and is available for this evening's match.

Jason Drysdale has torn muscle fibres at the top of his left leg, deep within his buttock muscle. He was unable to continue playing after the first half of the Wolves game and will not be included in

> the squad tonight due to the injury.

As with all muscle problems we must first restore the last stretch of the muscle group before anything else and this is what we have been doing this week.



On a happier note Ty Gooden will soon be back in full training. He is now running and participating in light ball work and if all goes according to plan he will join the squad next week.

the shadow board

We are aiming to get our new season underway with a series of Shadow Board activities, starting with the launch of the Satellite supporters groups.

This is our last reminder for everyone wishing to contribute

There is still time to help start-up a satellite group in your area so come on all out-of-towners,

Finally we hope that everyone has received a copy of the newly published Guide to Swindon Town. We are very proud of our contribution to the booklet - from

> bringing the original concept final publication.

Shadow Board to improve

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Shadow Board

Bennogives his view

By Colin Benson

Now that Steve McMahon's signature on a new contract has blown away the rumours linking him with the managerial hot-seat at Maine Road, he can get on with the rest of his life at the **County Ground.**

The Town boss has great ambitions for the Club and now he is past the teething stage of his managerial career, there is no questioning "Macca" will be a success.

Of course everyone at Swindon was only too pleased to see him formerly allay suspicion by pledging his immediate future to guiding Town's fortunes. Yet common sense tells us that should Steve's progress go from strength to strength it will be inevitable that he will one day need to accept a bigger challenge.

In the meantime we can look forward to enjoying the fruits of his achievements, for the higher he works his way up the managerial ladder, the greater the rewards for both Club and fans. But what sort of manager is the Gaffer?

Let's take a run down on the managers under whom he has served and consequently been influenced by.

Gordon Lee, Howard Kendall, the late Tony Barton, Graham Turner and Kenny Dalglish as well as Peter Reid at Manchester City.

Steve says it would be wrong for him to suggest one was better than the others but no doubt he has learned from each and every one of them and he believes he has drawn on their respective rengths.

"I'm my own manager," insists Steve, "I make my own decisions."

"Obviously I listen to a lot of people. I listen to advice but at the end of the day it is my decision and you have to stick by that.

"I just think I have picked up all the right habits from the managers I have worked under. Management is not just about picking a team. It is about the whole shebang. It is about sorting everything out."

The new contract ties the Gaffer to the Club until 2001 and he said:

"I was firmly set here. I have got a job to do and had three years left. It just stops the doubters, puts paid to all those rumours.

"I believe it is going the right way. Just winning the Championship last season dosen't make it a success really becuase we are now in League where we should be anyway. But we believe things are right off the pitch as well as on it."

We all hope this is another step to a better future and as the Gaffer so rightly infers, there is more to it than just football.

He said:"It is about being happy and about just doing the right things and getting on with it I suppose."

Steve is not a man to wear his emotions on his sleeve yet the sheer pride and satisfaction that emulated from him after clinching the title last term impressed us deeply. His

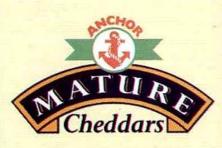
genuine sense of achievement reached us all.

Steve McMahon who is set to lead **Swindon Town into** the 21st Century.

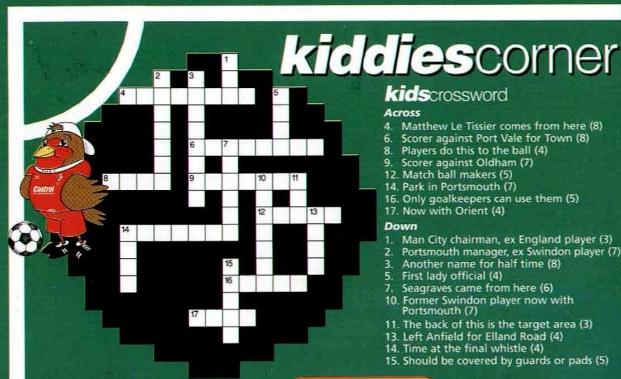


OUR LINE UP **FOR THIS SEASON**

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Across

- Matthew Le Tissier comes from here (8)
 Scorer against Port Vale for Town (8)
- Players do this to the ball (4)
- 9. Scorer against Oldham (7)
- 12. Match ball makers (5)
- 14. Park in Portsmouth (7)
- 16. Only goalkeepers can use them (5)
- 17. Now with Orient (4)

- 1. Man City chairman, ex England player (3)
- Portsmouth manager, ex Swindon player (7) Another name for half time (8)
- First lady official (4)
- 7. Seagraves came from here (6) 10. Former Swindon player now with Portsmouth (7)
- 11. The back of this is the target area (3)
- 13. Left Anfield for Elland Road (4) 14. Time at the final whistle (4)
- 15. Should be covered by guards or pads (5)

KIDS QUIZ

- 1. Ray Wilkins has just left which Division One team?
- 2. Name one team beaten in a semi-final of the FA Cup last season.
- 3. Which current England player played 62 games for Portsmouth before signing for Spurs?
- 4. How many times did Jimmy Quinn of Reading sign for Swindon?

captain's column

with Mark Seagraves

The departure of Shaun Taylor has left a big hole at Swindon Town but it is up to me and the rest of the lads here at the Club to try and fill that hole.

Of course on a personal note I am delighted to be Captain. It is an honour and I will be doing everything I can to have a major influence this season.

Up until Saturday we had put in a lot of good work and had strung together some promising results. But all our hard work was undone with a very poor first half performance at Grimsby.

The second half was much better but if we want to win matches this season, we are



going to have to start playing much earlier than we did

on Saturday.

You can't afford to play for 45 minutes. It is a 90 minute match and we have to start games as we mean to go on.

I can't really put my finger on why we didn't do ourselves justice in the first half.

However we all know we have to do better and our aim is to pick ourselves up for tonight's game against Portsmouth.

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There is no doubt that Swindon Town Football Club is the breeding ground for some of the best managers and coaches around.

Lou Macari, Ossie Ardiles, Glenn Hoddle and John Gorman have all learnt their trade at the County Ground. And if current form is anything to go by then Steve McMahon is set to lead Swindon into another exciting era.

The highlight of any manager's career must be to take charge of the National team and congratulations are due to Glenn Hoddle and his number two John Gorman - both Swindon old boys, who now have the task of leading England into the World Cup finals in France.

Two weeks ago England began

their World Cup qualifying games with an away win in Moldova.

Yes the opposition were not a major force but they still had to be beaten and no doubt Glenn and John were delighted to return home with a 3-0 win after their first competitive match in charge.

Terry Venables, now involved at today's opponents Portsmouth, handed over a solid platform for Glenn to build on.

And with a few subtle changes and some fine tuning, Hoddle has the ability to put together a team capable of matching and beating the likes of Germany and Italy.

Hoddle's team selection for his first match raised a few eyebrows. Andy Hinchcliffe was an unexpected new cap - but his inclusion was not surprising when you consider that his left

foot can change matches from set pieces as quick as a flash.

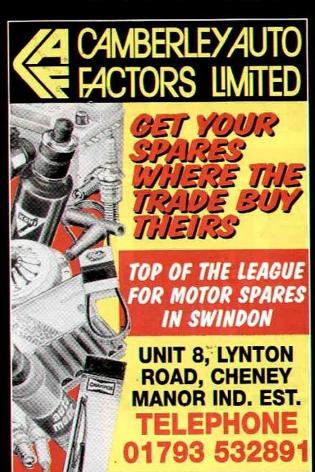
Then there was David Beckham, one of Manchester United's up and coming starlets.

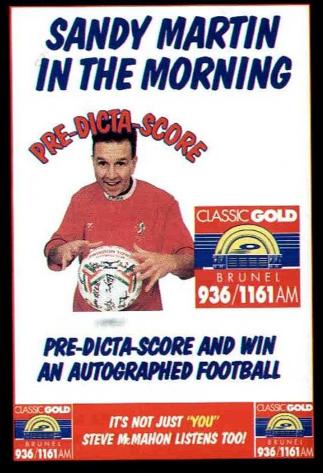
His talent will be further nurtured by Hoddle and the lad certainly has talent - the Wimbledon goalkeeper Neil Sullivan can testify to that!

The other player who perhaps made an unexpected return was Southampton's Matt Le Tissier.

Unexpected because he has yet to reproduce the explosive club form which first forced him into the England set-up.

However someone of Le Tissier's undoubted ability could not be ignored for long and although he only made a fleeting appearance in Moldova, this could just be the boost of confidence Matt needs.





back in business Gooden

Having gone under the surgeon's knife three times in quick succession, Ty Gooden has completed a hat trick he will quickly want to forget.

The 23 year old midfielder has undergone two hernia operations and more recently had an inch long spur of bone cut out of his left ankle.

But he now hopes his injury nightmare is coming to an end as he prepares to return to full training and battle his way back into the first team.

"It seems to have been one thing after another with my injuries and to be honest it has been a frustrating time for me," he said.

"Last season I had a good run in the first team before my first hernia came along which meant I missed the run-in to the Championship.

"After an operation in April I was back in training within a week and

everything was going well until I did one long run and felt a pain in the other side of my groin.

"With the season finished I just rested for three weeks and had it checked out a week before I went on holiday.

"When I returned I was told I needed another operation, this time on the other side which was a big blow."

However Gooden made a quick recovery and returned for pre-season training a week earlier than the rest of the first team squad.

The first 10 days went well but as soon as he started

doing some ball work - yet another problem arose.

"I was involved in a five-a-side game when I felt a sharp pain in my ankle. At first I thought it was just because of the hard ground but when we went on our tour to Finland I realised there was something badly wrong because when I got out of bed each morning I could hardly walk around.

"When I returned I saw a specialist and was told that once again I needed an operation, this time to remove a spur of bone which was catching in the joint of my ankle.

"It was just one of those things that sometimes happens but after my two previous injuries I couldn't believe my luck.

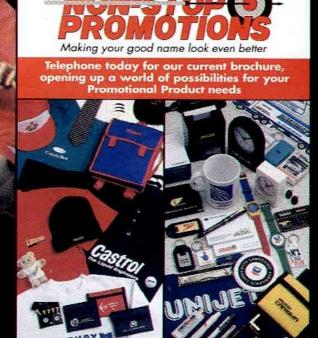
"Saying that I should think myself lucky because most of

my troubles have occurred during the Summer which means I haven't really missed much of the season."

Gooden is now just days away from a return to full time training but knows he has a tough job ahead of him trying to break back into the first team line-up.

"It's going to be really hard to get back in because the lads are doing well, especially in midfield where the likes of Paul Allen and Lee Collins can't even get in the side.

Hopefully I can earn a place on the bench and if I could get on then maybe I can do something which will catch the manager's eye," he added.



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around the COULT Ground

Surprise, surprise!

There was a surprise in store for Swindon supporter Paul Healey on his 40th birthday.

Paul, who is a messenger at the Evening Advertiser was stunned when his colleagues told him that his birthday present was for him to be a mascot at the County Ground.

Production controller Pete Tracey presented Paul with his surprise gift only hours before the recent home game against Oldham Athletic.

And to complete a superb birthday - his favourite team ran out 1-0 winners to record their first Nationwide Division One victory of the season.



An awesome experience

Awesome! That was how 15 year old Stuart Calder described his day out as a Swindon Town mascot.

Stuart won the package in a Junior Robins competition after selecting Shaun Taylor as being the barmy army's Player of the Year.

As part of his prize, Stuart was presented with a football, plaque and match tickets and then it was his turn to make a presentation
- handing over the Player of the
Year trophy to Shaun Taylor.



Then it was into the dressing rooms to meet the Swindon players before leading them out onto the pitch for the game against Port Vale.

Stuart and his family then sat back and watched the match to complete a tremendous day out at the County Ground.

" I will never forget this special day and I would like to thank everyone at Swindon Town Football Club for making it such a memorable day," he said.

Joy for Joe

Nine year old Joe Bennet recently took possession of a football signed by all of the Swindon Town squad.

A member of Joe's family had successfully bid for the ball at an auction earlier in the year.

Swindon goalkeeper Fraser Digby officially handed the ball over before the game against Port Vale and Joe then watched the match with his father, compliments of Swindon Town.

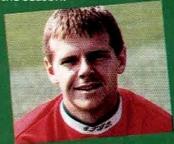


Goals galore

Eddie Murray was recently presented with the Evening Advertiser goal of the Season Award, sponsored by Non-Stop Promotions for his terrific strike against Carlisle United last season.

And with the new campaign just a month old, there have already been several candidtates for next term's trophy.

Mark Robinson's pile-driver of a free kick against Port Vale and Kevin Watson's blistering first time effort away at Southend are going to be tough to match - but let's hope there are lots more cracking Swindon goals to chose from come the end of the season.



Early contender -Mark Robinson who scored a scorcher against Port Vale.

VINCONTOWN Fixtures 96/97 Southern Region League Division 1 Suri 8th Sept Portsmouth A by Roger Reeves

Swindon Town Ladies will now open the new season with a trip to the South coast to meet Portsmouth.

The Town were originally due to meet Reading Royals in Swindon for the opening game, but the County Ground Extension pitch was being used for a charity event so that game has had to be re-arranged for February.

Town, who were promoted last season from Division Two as Champions, have not met Pompey before in any competition.

Portsmouth finished sixth in Division One last season.

Three of the Town players have spent the summer in the United States working on Summer Camps for American youngsters.

Kerie Garwood was based in California coaching on the Major League Soccer Camp where she coached boys and girls aged from 4 to 19 years old.

The Major League is just about to start and it is hoped that it will re-launch football (soccer) on a national scale.

Kerie was working with Major League side San Jose Clash. Tracey Mackeddie was coaching in Chicago and Kim Reeves was in Michigan.

The Town held their annual disco and presentation evening in June, when Mark Robinson made the presentation to the award winners.

Vikki McCann was chosen by the management team as "Most Improved Player" and Netti Wyness was awarded "Player of the Season".

Kerie Garwood took the trophy for being "Player of the Match' on most occasions.

The "Player's Player of the Season", voted for by all of the Town players went to Netti Wyness.



Tracey Mackeddie, who spent the summer coaching on a Major League Soccer Camp in the United States.

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Basingstoke Town	18	6	0	12	25	64	18	
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Justine Hume	15	5
Pam Laker	18	10
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Tracy Mackeddie	4	
Deb Martin	17	7
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Sarah Privett	18	
Kim Reeves	18	- 5
Alison Richards	4	0
Jo Sharpe	21	0
Clare Tyson	20	1
Clare Wheeler	18	8
Netti Wyness	18	1

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Swindon's game against Port Vale at the County Ground.

football shorts by M.J. Evans

Always Changing

No side has been in the Fourth Division (now Nationwide League Division Three) permanently since 1958-59, when the league first began. The season started with Millwall, Coventry and Crystal Palace amongst its members. York City, Exeter City, Gillingham, Torquay, and Hartlepool United also started out in that season.

Southend Slump

Until their relegation in May, 1966, Southend United were the last side to maintain continuous membership of the Third Division since its first season, 1920-21.

Eighteen with a Bullet

Christmas Day 1940 saw

Brighton away to Norwich City but the seasiders could only muster five first team players and the rest of the squad was made up of Norwich reserve team players and a few members of the crowd. The new side did not gell well together and suffered an 18-0 thrashing.

Queens Park Wanderers

Ever on the move, Queens Park Rangers have had more grounds than any other Football League Club past or present. In all they have used 12 different sites. Welford's Fields; London Scottish Ground; Brondesbury, House Farm; Kensal Rise Green; Gun Club, Wormwood Scrubs; Kilburn Cricket Club; Kensal Rise Athletic Ground; Latimer Road, Notting Hill; Agricultural Society; Park Royal, Park Royal Ground; Loftus Road and White City.

There have been three periods at Loftus Road, including the present one from 1963 after a season at the White City. In fact, in their earlier spell at the White City they had their record attendance on January 9, 1932 for an FA Cup Third Round tie

against Leeds United, when

41,097 watched their 3-1 victory.

Magpies Bag Record

Len Shackleton made his League debut for Newcastle United on October 3, 1946 and scored six of the Magpies 13 goals, a League record at the time against Newport County in front of a crowd of over 50,000. Newport were relegated at the end of the season having conceded 133 goals, but gained a small consolation by beating Newcastle in their home fixture 4-2.



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Saturday 21st September Kick-Off 3.00pm

Swindon travel to West London twice in the space of a few days, with this Nationwide League encounter just ahead of the Coca-Cola Second Round Second Leg tie at Loftus Road. There will be happy memories of the last trip there for many Town fans - as it was the only venue where they saw an away Premiership victory!

Did you know?

Town's first post-war fixture at Loftus Road, in December 1946, kicked off 25 minutes late after their train had become fogbound en route to Paddington. They cut short their rail journey and completed their trip by trollybus. The ordeal proved too much as Rangers won 7-0!

Travelling by Road.....

Take the M4 east onto the A4, leaving at Hammersmith Broadway. Take the third exit passing The George pub on the left - into Shepherds Bush Road. Drive through Shepherds Bush Green into Wood Lane (A219). Turn left into Uxbridge Road and Loftus Road is on the right. Street parking may be restricted. There is a large NCP car park off Wood Lane - continue past the Uxbridge Road turning and the car park is on the opposite side.

or by Rail.....

The nearest rail station is Shepherds Bush (Hammersmith & City Line), which is a 'Zone 2' station. A frequent service runs direct from Paddington (Platform 14).

Recommended departure times from Swindon are 10.55, 11.29 or 11.55. Super Saver returns are available on these services, at £23 excluding tube fare. A cheaper Daypex' fare is available on advance bookings. Enquire at Swindon station Travel Centre or ring telesales on 0345 484950 for further details.

TRAVEL CLUB

QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Depart County Ground: 11.30am

Bookings taken at the Travel Club Office in the Castrol Stand before and after all home games and Tuesday to Thursday evenings from 7.00 - 9.00pm, or at the Information Centre in Regent Street. Pick-up points are available - please enquire when booking. You can also book by telephone at Barnes Coaches on the number below.

A £2 reduction is available for all children accompanied by an adult.

> For Bookings Tel: (01672) 540330

S.A.S TRAVEL

OUEENS PARK RANGERS

Fare £6.50 Depart:

West Swindon 11.15am

County Ground 11.30am Ermin Street 11.45am

24 HOUR SERVICE

Bookings can be made at the old Matchday Ticket Office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10.00am and 2.00pm on Thursday evenings between 7.00 and 9.00 and before all home games. Bookings are also taken in association with Silver Knight Coaches on 01249 720360 on Mondays to Fridays between 9.00am and 5.00pm. All coaches are fitted with seat belts throughout and are NON SMOKING. A hostess service of hot and cold drinks and light refreshments is also provided.

Reductions available for under-15's

Tel:(01793) 825935 Fax:(01793) 821015

statistics 1996/97 season

Nationwide										ON 1 er 8th
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BARNSLEY	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	10	3	12
NORWICH CITY	5	2	0	0	2	0	1	7	3	12
STOKE CITY	5	2	1	0	1	1	0	9	6	11
BOLTON WANDERERS	5	2	0	0	1	1	1	9	8	10
TRANMERE ROVERS	5	3	0	0	0	1	1	7	4	10
WOLVES	5	2	1	0	1	0	1	6	3	10
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	7	5	7
READING	5	2	1	0	0	0	2	7	10	7
SWINDON TOWN	5	1	1	0	1	0	2	6	6	7
QUEENS PARK RANGER	5 5	1	0	2	1	1	0	6	7	7
PORTSMOUTH	5	1	1	1	1	0	1	5	6	7
CRYSTAL PALACE	5	1	1	0	0	2	1	- 6	5	6
PORT VALE	5	1	1	0	0	2	1	5	5	6
MANCHESTER CITY	5	2	0	-1	0	0	2	5	6	6
BRADFORD CITY	5	2	0	1	0	0	2	4	5	6
IPSWICH TOWN	5	1	1	1	0	1	1	10	10	5
WEST BROMWICH ALB.	4	0	0	1	1	2	0	4	3	5
SOUTHEND UNITED	5	1	1	1	0	0	2	7	12	4
SHEFFIELD UNITED	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	6	5	4
GRIMSBY TOWN	5	1	0	2	0	1	_1	6	9	4
BIRMINGHAM CITY	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	5	5	4
OXFORD UNITED	5	1	0	1	0	0	3	6	7	3
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	5	0	1	2	0	0	2	5	11	1
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	4	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	6	1

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PAUL ALLEN	2(1)	0	1	0	3(1)	0	
WAYNE ALLISON	3	1	1	1	4	2	
LEE COLLINS		•					
STEVE COWE	3	2	1	0	4	2	
IAN CULVERHOUSE	3	0	1	0	4	0	
FREDERIC DARRAS	5	0	2	0	7	0	
FRASER DIGBY	-					•	
JASON DRYSDALE	4	0	2	0	6	0	
STEVE FINNEY	2(2)	1	1	0	3(2)	1	
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DEAN HOOPER							
KEVIN HORLOCK	5	0	2	0	7	0	
SCOTT LEITCH	5	0	2	1	7	1	
STEVE McMAHON	-				-1-	-	
STEVE MILDENHALL	1	-					
EDDIE MURRAY		- 10	 				
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0	
MARK ROBINSON	5	1	2	0	7	1	
MARK SEAGRAVES	(1)	0	(1)	0	(2)	0	
ALEX SMITH	1	0	0	0	1	0	
FRANK TALIA	5	0	2	0	7	0	
SHAUN TAYLOR	2	0	1(1)	0	3(1)	0	
PETER THORNE	1(2)	0	1	0	2(2)	0	
MARK WALTERS	2(1)	0	1	0	3(1)	0	
KEVIN WATSON	3(2)	1	1(1)	0	4(3)	1	
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Swindon Town Fixtures 1996/97 Season

Date		Opponents		Res	Att.
Sat Aug	17	Norwich City	A	0-2	15,165
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	G 24	PORT VALE	H	1-1	8,706
WED AU		OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	1-0	8,025
Sat Aug		Southend United	A	3-1	4,011
Wed Sep	Section 19 (September 1997)	Wolverhampton W. C.C.C 1 (2)	A	0-1	10,760
Sat Sep	7	Grimsby Town	Α	1-2	4,089
WED SEP	11	PORTSMOUTH	H		
SAT SEP	14	TRANMERE ROVERS	H		
WED SEP	18	QUEENS PARK RANGERS C.C.C 2 (1)	H		
Sat Sep	21	Queens Park Rangers	A		
Wed Sep		Queens Park Rangers C.C.C 2 (2)	A		
FRI SEP		WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H		
Tue Oct		Bradford City	A		
Sat Oct		Ipswich Town	A		
	T 12	OXFORD UNITED	H		
WED OC		HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H		
Sat Oct		Crystal Palace	A		
Wed Oct		Coca-Cola Cup 3			
Sat Oct		Reading	A		
WED OC		WEST BROMWICH ALBION	Н		
SAT NO		MANCHESTER CITY Sheffield United	A		
Sat No	v 9	BARNSLEY (F.A. CUP 1)	Н		
SAT NO	-	Birmingham City	A		
Wed No		Coca-Cola Cup 4			
	V 30	READING	н		
Sat De		Charlton Athletic (F.A. Cup 2)	A		
Sat De		Stoke City	A		
SAT DE		BOLTON WANDERERS	H		
Thu De	A GOVERN	Portsmouth	A		
SAT DE	Service Colonial Colo	GRIMSBY TOWN	H		
WED JAI	No.	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H		
Sat Jar	1 4	F.A.Cup 3			
Wed Jar	1 8	Coca-Cola Cup 5			
Sat Jar	1 11	Tranmere Rovers	A		
SAT JA	N 18	BRADFORD CITY	H		
Sat Jar	1 25	F.A. Cup 4			
Wed Jar	1 29	Wolverhampton Wanderers	Α		
SAT FE	B 1	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H		
Sat Fel		West Bromwich Albion	Α		
SAT FE		BIRMINGHAM CITY (F.A. Cup 5)	Н		
Wed Fel		Coca-Cola Cup SF (1)			
Sat Fe		Manchester City	A		
The state of the s	AR 1	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H		
Tue Ma		Barsnley	A		
Sat Ma		Bolton Wanderers (F.A. Cup 6)	A		
Wed Ma	AR 15	Coca-Cola Cup SF(2) STOKE CITY	Н		
	ar 22	Port Vale	A		
SAT MA		NORWICH CITY	Н		
Mon Ma		Oldham Athletic	A		
SAT AP		SOUTHEND UNITED	Н		
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SAT AF		IPSWICH TOWN (F.A. Cup SF)	н		
Sat Ar		Oxford United	A		
SAT AF		CRYSTAL PALACE	Н		
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NEXT HOME GAME: SAT SEPTEMBER 14TH



Swintlon Town vs Tranmere Rovers NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 เกิรโร-Off 3,00pm All home Saturday fixtures will kick-off at 3.00pm.

Home Sunday and Bank Holiday fixtures will kick-off as advertised.

Home midweek fixtures will kick-off at 7.45pm.

All dates and times of kick-off's are subject to change.



Goalscorer = Name in Red Substitute used = ● ▼ ■

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Football For All

Swindon Town Football Club is proud to welcome both professional footballers and supporters from all nationalities to the County Ground. It is our aim that people from all races enjoy football at the County Ground without fear of harassment or intimidation and while recent research shows that we do not seem to have a problem with racism here at the Club, we musn't become complacent. Therefore, any supporter found distributing literature of a racially intolerant nature, or hurling racial abuse at players or fellow supporters, will be ejected from the ground immediately and will attract a lengthy ban from the Club.

Mike Spearman Chairman

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Important safety announcements by the Club Management over the public address system will be preceded by a loud signal to catch the attention of spectators.





Swindon Town



Frederic Darras

Alex Smith

Scott Leitch

Mark Seagraves

Mark Robinson

lan Culverhouse

Kevin Watson

Steve Cowe

Peter Thorne

Kevin Horlock

Paul Allen

Mark Walters

Steve Finney

Team Changes

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Portsmouth

Aaron Flahavan

Robbie Pethick

Lee Russell

Alan McLoughlin

Tony Dobson

Andy Awford

Jimmy Carter

Fitzroy Simpson

Deon Burton

Paul Hall

Andy Turner

Lee Bradbury

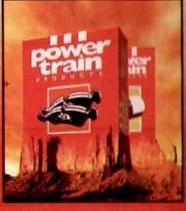
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