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# welcome to swindon town

## Pompey pinch the points

**A goal by former Swindon player Alan McLoughlin was enough to sink Town on Wednesday night.**

Chances came and went but the lads couldn't find a way through as they sank to their second successive league defeat.

It means that this afternoon three points are essential. But it promises to be a tough task against John Aldridge's high flying Tranmere.

## New date for Bradford

Swindon's trip to Bradford City has been put back by 24 hours to **Wednesday October 2 (7.45pm).**

The game was originally scheduled to take place on **Tuesday October 1** but with Bradford in action the Sunday before, the Football League has agreed to change the fixture.

This means that Swindon have a day less to recover before travelling to play **Ipswich Town on Saturday October 5.**

But if they can pick up a win against Chris Kamara's team, the lads will no doubt be in high spirits as they travel to Ipswich.

## Birthday Boys

Many happy returns to first team coach Andy Rowland who celebrated his birthday on September 8.

Defender Ian Culverhouse will be a birthday boy on September 22 and five days later Steve Cowe will be 22 years of age.

## MarathonMania

Swindon Town are on the look-out for a local runner to represent the Club in the 1997 Flora London Marathon Football Challenge on April 13.

The successful candidate will don the famous red kit and take on competitors from all the other Nationwide First Division teams.

In 1996 our club runner came fifth among the Second Division competitors but we are keen to move up the table in 1997.

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## Back on Sky

Don't forget the SKY Sports cameras will be back at the County Ground on **Friday September 27** for the visit of - yes you've guessed it - **Wolverhampton Wanderers (7.45pm).**

Sky saw us beat Wolves 2-0 here in the first round first leg of the Coca-Cola Cup and were at Molineux for the return where a 1-0 defeat was enough to see us through 2-1 overall.

This time Nationwide First Division points are up for grabs.

## QPR Next

Our next match here at the County Ground is this coming Wednesday when we entertain QPR in the second round of the Coca-Cola Cup.

This first leg tie kicks off at 7.45pm and it promises to be an exciting match.



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# ***the manager***

## Steve McMahon



***We were obviously bitterly disappointed to be beaten by Portsmouth here on Wednesday but to be honest I don't think we could have done a lot more on the night.***

It was a good enough second half performance to have got something from the game and we certainly didn't deserve to be on the end of a defeat. In the end we lost the match because of a mistake by the linesman. Alan McLoughlin was clearly off side when he scored and the linesman admitted afterwards that he should have put his flag up which made things even worse.

But we shouldn't be too downhearted. We are not playing badly at the moment and if we just keep plugging away then I'm sure our fortunes will improve.

A big warm welcome to an old team-mate and great friend of mine John Aldridge who brings his Tranmere side to the County Ground today.

John has always been a quality player and he deserves all the success he can get in management because he has worked hard for it in a long and outstanding career.

I played along side him for Liverpool and he was a tremendous character to have in the changing rooms. He has the right temperament and I am sure he will make a good manager because he has no doubt picked up the best bits from all managers he has worked under.

I'm looking forward to a tense battle today and with your backing I'm sure we can get the right result.

We'll be doing everything we can to turn things around after two successive league defeats and if we can create as many chances as we did during the second half against Portsmouth, I'm certain we'll bounce back.

I have no doubt the victories will come - it is just a matter of being patient.





# today's visitors

**Today we welcome the players, supporters and staff of Tranmere Rovers to the County Ground. We hope everybody enjoys this afternoon's game and has a safe journey home after the match.**



Having gone so close to promotion in each of the previous three seasons - which all ended in Semi-Final Play-Off defeats - the 1995/96 campaign was something of a come-down for Rovers fans and players alike.

Indeed, a dreadful run of results between Boxing Day and early March saw them slip perilously close to the relegation places. But, with the quality on show in the Rovers

line-up, there was never any serious doubt that the Prenton Park Club would survive.

In a bid to bring in a breath of fresh air, Rovers replaced long-term boss John King with the veteran striker John Aldridge in April 1996, and if Rovers' early form under the new man is anything to go by, then Merseyside's 'other' club will be back in contention in 1996/97.

Tranmere suffered their first defeat under Aldridge's stewardship when they lost 1-0 to Bradford City a fortnight ago - after 10 League games.

A major close season signing was the capture of Grimsby's highly-rated Italian striker Ivano Bonetti, and with Aldridge preparing to hang up his lethal shooting boots, the form of Bonetti could be crucial to the success of Rovers' season.



# Tranmere



## Back Row: (left to right)

Alan Morgan, Gary Scott, Dave Challinor, Graham Branch, Jamie Jardine, Gary Jones, Dave Higgins, Paul Jones, Kenny Irons, John Morrissey.

## Middle Row: (left to right)

Warwick Rimmer (Youth Development Officer), Alan Rogers, Tommy Marsden, Jon Kenworthy, Ian Moore, Danny Cayne, Eric Nixon, Steve Simonsen, Ged Brannan, Robbie Walker, Greg Blundell, Ray Mathias (Asst. Manager), Les Perry (Physio).

## Front Row: (left to right)

Kevin Sheedy (Reserve Manager), Pat Nevin, Paul Cook, Liam O'Brien, John McGreal, John Aldridge (Player/Manager), Steve Mungall, Shaun Teale, Gary Stevens, Billy Woods, Keith Crawford, Dave Philpotts (Chief Scout).





# one to watch Gary Stevens

***In what turned out to be a difficult season for Tranmere, the presence of ex-England full-back Gary Stevens provided a calm and steadying influence when things were going badly.***

Stevens' wealth of experience at the very highest level saw him turn out in both full-back positions and as the 'spare' central defender for the Prenton Park club, although he did miss 14 games through injury.

The most decorated player in Rovers' history, Stevens has won everything the game in England and Scotland has to offer, and also represented his country in the 1988 European

Championships and the 1986 and 1990 World Cups.

As an example of what can be achieved, boss John Aldridge could hardly hope for a better character to hold up to the likes of Alan Rogers, Ged Brannan and Tony Thomas.

Stevens' secret throughout his career has been his ability to do the simple things well. He concentrates totally, tackles superbly and distributes the ball with confidence and style.

If he can teach the young aspirants to his throne some of those hard-earned traits, then his £350,000 transfer fee - still a club record - will prove a genuine bargain.

## FACT FILE..

**Name:** Gary Stevens  
**Position:** Defender  
**Born:** Barrow, 27.03.63  
**Height:** 5ft 11in  
**Weight:** 12st 7lb  
**Trophies won:** FA Cup 1984; League Championship 1985, 1987; Euro Cup-Winners' Cup 1985; Scot Prem Div 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994; Scot League Cup 1989, 1991, 1994; Scot Cup 1992  
**International Honours:** England 'B', 46 Full caps  
**League record last season:** 34 games, 0 goals

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
80/81 - 87/88	Everton	208	8	From Apprentice
88/89 - 93/94	Rangers	187	8	£1 million
94/95 - 95/96	Tranmere	71	1	£350,000

# John Aldridge the manager

***One of the finest marksmen of his era, Tranmere's player-boss John Aldridge finished 1995/96 with 27 League goals to his credit - making him Rovers' leading scorer for the fifth successive campaign.***

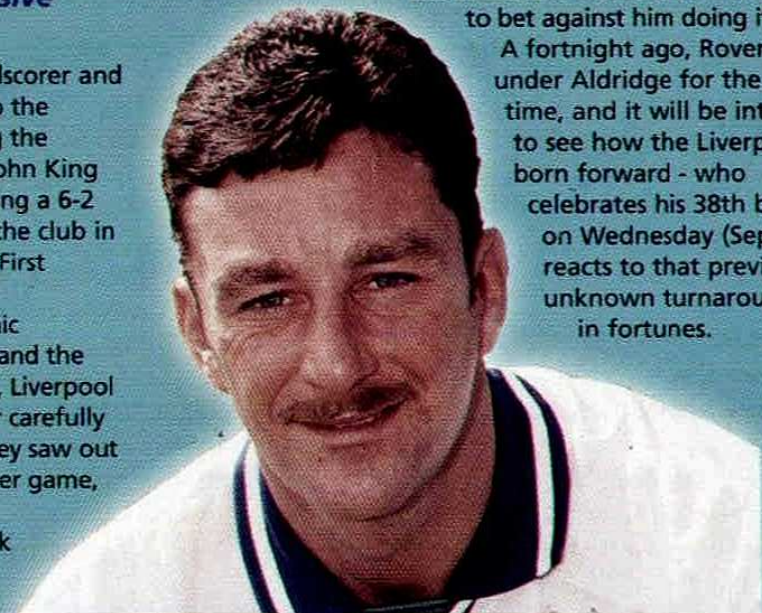
This inspirational captain, goalscorer and now manager was appointed to the Prenton Park hot-seat following the departure of the long-serving John King in mid-April of this year, following a 6-2 defeat away at Derby that left the club in a perilously low position in the First Division table.

But Aldridge's famous talismanic properties soon shone through, and the former Newport County, Oxford, Liverpool and Real Sociedad (Spain) striker carefully guided his troops to safety as they saw out the season without losing another game, and also thrashed high-flying Ipswich Town 5-2 at Prenton Park for good measure.

The undisputed king around the six-yard box, there is no-one better at sniffing out the half-chance as he has proved time and time again for both club and country.

With 67 International caps to his credit prior to the beginning of 1996/97, 'Aldo' needed just two more goals to become Ireland's all-time record scorer - and it would take a brave man to bet against him doing it.

A fortnight ago, Rovers lost under Aldridge for the first time, and it will be interesting to see how the Liverpool-born forward - who celebrates his 38th birthday on Wednesday (Sept 18) - reacts to that previously unknown turnaround in fortunes.







# TRANMERE ROVERS player profile

First choice keeper at Prenton Park is the highly-rated Welsh International **DANNY COYNE**, who is a product of the Club's fruitful YTS policy and was voted Rovers' 'Player of the Year' for 1995/96. Coyne displaced the veteran **ERIC NIXON** as Tranmere's number one.

Nixon, who has also had spells at Wolves, Bradford, Southampton, Carlisle and Man City, became Tranmere's record buy when he joined from Maine Road for £60,000 in July 1988 and he was captain when the Club won promotion to the old Second Division in 1990/91. He is now the club's goalkeeping coach.



The experienced **SHAUN TEALE** became Rovers' record signing when John King splashed out £450,000 to tempt him north from Aston Villa in August 1995 and this tough, uncompromising central defender has often proved a class apart in the First Division.

Having previously played with Manchester United and Newcastle, midfielder **LIAM O'BRIEN** signed for Tranmere in January 1994 for a fee of £250,000. He is a Republic of Ireland international and was considered unlucky not to be in the 22-man squad for USA '94.

Another young player to have come up through the ranks at Prenton Park is versatile 25-year-old **TONY THOMAS**, who can play anywhere in defence or midfield. The powerful Thomas likes to get forward, and he holds the record for Rovers' quickest ever goal, timed at 7.7 seconds after kick-off against Southend in 1991. He was reported to be on his way to Tottenham during the summer, but the clubs failed to agree a fee.

Liverpool-born 24-year-old **GED BRANNAN** is an all-action full-back or midfielder who is always likely to cause problems going forward, while **DAVE HIGGINS** is a speedy man-marker who is currently in his second spell at Prenton Park, having returned after a five year spell in non-League football.

An England U19 star, **DAVE CHALLINOR** was snapped up from local non-Leaguers Bromborough Pool in the summer of 1994, while **JOHN MCGREAL** and **ALAN ROGERS** are two more highly-promising young defenders to have migrated up from the junior ranks at Prenton Park to earn regular first-team slots.

**BILLY WOODS** is a midfielder-cum-forward who signed from Irish side Cork City for £40,000 in July 1995 and is regarded as a very bright prospect by the Prenton Park coaching staff. With Coventry as an apprentice, Woods' record of two goals every three games in Ireland speaks for itself.

The 25-year-old **KENNY IRONS** is a hard-working and energetic midfielder who can pass the ball well with both feet and plays a vital role in 'holding' the Tranmere midfield. Under new boss John Aldridge, Irons is operating 'in the hole' behind the main strikers and is clearly relishing his new position.

Another player thankful for the change in management at Prenton Park is full-back or wide midfielder **ALAN MORGAN**, who waited four years as a professional before making his senior debut, in a League match at home to Ipswich at the tail end of last season - and he made it a day to remember by scoring his first goal for the club. Despite his lack of action at club level, Alan is a Welsh U21 International.



# Tranmere

## PLAYER PROFILE

Transfer deadline day 1996 saw long-range shooting specialist **PAUL COOK** make his loan from Coventry permanent in exchange for a £250,000 fee.

One of the most highly-rated of Tranmere's home grown young stars is Irish U21 International **ALAN MAHON**, an 18-year-old who has been winning rave reviews as an attacking midfielder.

### **JOHN MORRISSEY**

is a tricky wide player who provides much of the ammunition for the likes of John Aldridge and

Ian Moore up front, while Scottish International **PAT NEVIN** is a skilful winger or central striker who combines his tremendous playing skills with holding the Chairmanship of the PFA.

### **GRAHAM BRANCH**

has recovered from a career threatening knee injury and recently scored his first League goal for the Club, against West Brom. He is the cousin of Everton star Michael Branch.

Goal-machine **JOHN ALDRIDGE**, a proven scorer with Newport, Oxford, Liverpool, Real Sociedad (Spain) and Ireland, moved to Prenton Park for £250,000 in June 1991 and once more finished as Tranmere's top scorer last term, with a whopping 27 League goals to his credit - and that's in a struggling side!



**GARY JONES** joined Rovers as a central defender, was converted to centre forward and then spent the end of last season operating in central midfield. At 6ft 3in, home-grown Gary possesses a great touch for a big man and his versatility makes him invaluable.

Other strikers include **JON KENWORTHY**, a Welsh U21 star, and the highly-rated **IAN MOORE**, who is the son of first-team coach Ronnie Moore and was one of three teenagers invited to train with the England senior squad last term, along with Leeds' midfielder Lee Bowyer and Ipswich goalkeeper Richard Wright.

The much-travelled **IVANO BONETTI** was the darling of Grimsby last season, but a much-publicised bust-up with manager Brian Laws saw him released on a free transfer, and Tranmere were quick to swoop for his signature.

An ex-Italian U21 star, Bonetti has also played for Brescia, Genoa, Juventus - where he teamed up with Ian Rush - Atalanta, Bologna, Sampdoria and Torino.



**Goal Machine  
John Aldridge**



# Tranmere

## VITAL STATISTICS



### TRANMERE'S record over the last 10 years

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
86/87	4	46	11	17	18	54	72	50	20th
87/88	4	46	19	9	18	61	53	64	14th
88/89	4	46	21	17	8	62	43	80	2nd
89/90	3	46	23	11	12	86	49	80	4th
90/91	3	46	23	9	14	64	46	78	5th
91/92	2	46	14	19	13	56	56	61	14th
92/93	1	46	23	10	13	72	56	79	4th
93/94	1	46	21	9	16	69	53	72	5th
94/95	1	46	22	10	14	67	58	76	5th
95/96	1	46	14	17	15	66	60	59	13th



**10 YEAR  
RECORD**

### How TRANMERE performed last season

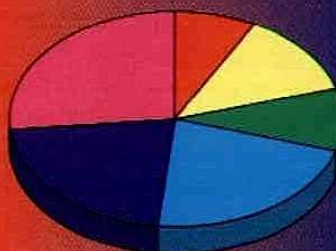
Date	Opps	H/A	Result	Scorers (Goal times)
Aug 12	WOLVES	(h)	D2-2	O'Brien (52), Aldridge (80)
Aug 19	SHEFF UTD	(a)	W2-0	Aldridge (42,87)
Aug 26	HUDDERSFIELD	(h)	W3-1	O'Brien (73), Aldridge (77), Moore (85)
Aug 29	BARNSELY	(a)	L1-2	Aldridge (58)
Sep 09	CHARLTON	(h)	D0-0	
Sep 12	WEST BROM	(h)	D2-2	Bennett (19), Aldridge (68)
Sep 16	STOKE	(a)	D0-0	
Sep 23	PORTSMOUTH	(a)	W2-0	Nevin (58), Bennett (62)
Sep 30	WATFORD	(h)	L2-3	Bennett (28), Aldridge (74)
Oct 07	LUTON	(h)	W1-0	Aldridge (4)
Oct 14	MILLWALL	(a)	D2-2	Moore (57), Bennett (89pen)
Oct 21	SOUTHEND	(h)	W3-0	Moore (43,90), Bennett (80)
Oct 29	NORWICH	(a)	D1-1	Moore (46)
Nov 04	DERBY	(h)	W5-1	Nevin (13), Moore (24), Aldridge (30,86), Bennett (80)
Nov 19	LEICESTER	(a)	W1-0	Moore (66)
Nov 22	PORT VALE	(h)	W2-1	Aldridge (31,79)
Nov 25	GRIMSBY	(h)	L0-1	
Dec 02	LUTON	(a)	L2-3	Bennett (2), Jones (52)
Dec 09	PORTSMOUTH	(h)	L1-2	Moore (80)
Dec 16	WATFORD	(a)	L0-3	
Dec 23	BIRMINGHAM	(a)	L0-1	
Dec 26	OLDHAM	(h)	W2-0	Aldridge (67,71)
Jan 01	READING	(a)	L0-1	
Jan 13	SHEFF UTD	(h)	D1-1	Moore (85)
Jan 20	WOLVES	(a)	L1-2	Aldridge (55)
Jan 30	SUNDERLAND	(a)	D0-0	
Feb 03	HUDDERSFIELD	(a)	L0-1	
Feb 10	BARNSELY	(h)	L1-3	Aldridge (75)
Feb 17	WEST BROM	(a)	D1-1	Branch (57)
Feb 20	C.PALACE	(h)	L2-3	Bennett (14), Aldridge (25)
Feb 24	STOKE	(h)	D0-0	
Mar 03	OLDHAM	(a)	W2-1	Nevin (19), Aldridge (51)
Mar 09	BIRMINGHAM	(h)	D2-2	Aldridge (40), Rogers (71)
Mar 12	C.PALACE	(a)	L1-2	Branch (40)
Mar 16	IPSWICH	(a)	W2-1	Aldridge (83), Bennett (84)
Mar 23	READING	(h)	W2-1	Aldridge (24), Hopkins (62og)
Mar 30	SOUTHEND	(a)	L0-2	
Apr 02	MILLWALL	(h)	D2-2	Rogers (47), Aldridge (59pen)
Apr 06	NORWICH	(h)	D1-1	Aldridge (60)
Apr 08	DERBY	(a)	L2-6	Cook (6), Aldridge (82pen)
Apr 13	LEICESTER	(h)	D1-1	Lennon (61og)
Apr 17	IPSWICH	(h)	W5-2	O'Brien (29), Irons (62,64), Aldridge (80), Morgan (87)
Apr 20	PORT VALE	(a)	D1-1	O'Brien (70)
Apr 27	GRIMSBY	(a)	D1-1	Aldridge (46)
Apr 30	CHARLTON	(a)	D0-0	
May 05	SUNDERLAND	(h)	W2-0	Irons (38), Aldridge (59pen)

### OUR PREVIOUS HOME LEAGUE RECORD v TRANMERE

Home	Div	Result
18-Oct-1958	3	1-2
18-Apr-1960	3	1-1
31-Aug-1960	3	1-0
02-Sep-1967	3	3-1
18-Feb-1969	3	1-0
03-Sep-1974	3	0-0
30-Oct-1976	3	1-1
02-Jan-1978	3	1-0
24-Mar-1979	3	4-1
02-Nov-1982	4	4-2
03-Mar-1984	4	1-1
26-Jan-1985	4	2-1
02-Nov-1985	4	2-1
17-Mar-1992	2	2-0
23-Feb-1993	1	2-0
10-Dec-1994	1	2-2

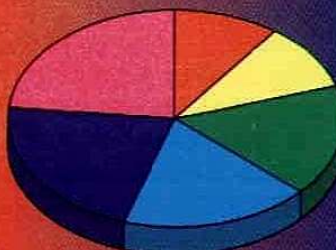
Swindon score first

### 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	5
16-30	8
31-45	6
46-60	14
61-75	14
76-90	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64</b>



League goals conceded in 1995-96  
clockwise starting at RED

0-15	6
16-30	6
31-45	10
46-60	11
61-75	13
76-90	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>



# QuickQuiz!

## the question is...

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

1. Where do Oldham play their home games?
2. Who won last season's Coca-Cola Cup Final?
3. Manchester City's first win of the season was against Norwich or Ipswich?
4. Which First Division club is nicknamed The Bantams - Bradford or Oxford?
5. Who is the manager of Wolves?
6. In which year did Everton last win the FA Cup?
7. For which country is Ipswich's Mauricio Taricco an International?
8. How many times have Italy won the World Cup?
9. Aston Villa were beaten by which club in last season's FA Cup Semi-Finals?
10. Who did Mick McCarthy replace as manager of the Republic of Ireland?
11. Chelsea defender Frank Leboeuf is an International for which country?
12. Which club finished bottom of the Premiership last season?
13. Name the QPR striker who is out for the season with ligament damage.
14. Port Vale reached Wembley in which competition last season?
15. Which of these three teams are not based in Essex - Colchester, Southend or Gillingham?



## WHO AM I?

1. His middle name is Maurice and he was born in Cork in 1971.
2. He moved from Cobh Ramblers to Nottingham Forest in 1990.
3. Nearly £4 million took him to Old Trafford in 1993.
4. He is noted for his energetic midfield play which also helps the Republic of Ireland.

## CLOSE UP! WHO'S CREST?



## HOME & AWAY..

### HOME....

1. Which club did we beat in the first-leg of the Coca-Cola Cup First Round?
2. From which club did we sign Steve Finney?
3. Frank Talia spent three seasons with which Premiership side?

### ....AND AWAY

1. Which club ended Tranmere's long unbeaten run under new boss John Aldridge?
2. Pat Nevin made his name with which top London club?

## RULES OF THE GAME!

*When a penalty kick is awarded the defending goalkeeper may not move until:-*

- A) The whistle is blown
- B) The penalty taker runs up to the ball
- C) The kick is taken

**Answers....** 1. Boundary Park. 2. Aston Villa. 3. Ipswich. 4. Bradford. 5. Mark McGhee. 6. 1995. 7. Argentina. 8. Three. 9. Liverpool. 10. Jack Charlton. 11. France. 12. Bolton. 13. Kevin Gallen. 14. Anglo-Italian Cup. 15. Gillingham. **Home:** 1. Wolves. 2. Man City. 3. Blackburn. **Away:** 1. Bradford. 2. Chelsea. **Who's Crest:** Arsenal. **Rules of the game:** ans C



# a brief look back

## Dick Mattick looks back ...

***It seems incredible that although today's featured match happened less than four years ago, since that time Swindon have twice been promoted and twice relegated.***

During this time Tranmere have continued to knock on the Premiership door without quite managing to find a way through.

Although the play-off semi final was over two legs, Tranmere probably felt they lost it in two minutes during the match at Swindon.

This was due to Dave Mitchell who pressurised Steve Vickers into heading a Nick Summerbee cross into the Rovers goal in only the second minute. Mitchell then followed up after a fierce drive by Ross MacLaren had rebounded off the keeper to score himself only a minute later.

It was Dave Mitchell who also set up the third goal in the 27th minute, racing through, and drawing keeper Eric Nixon before squaring it unselfishly for Craig Maskell to score.

Swindon continued to create chances but never quite matched the excellence of the first period and Kenny Irons scored with a right foot shot in the 58th minute to give Tranmere some hope going into the second leg. This goal boosted the gate for the

return match at Prenton Park to 16,083.

The second leg was a game of swaying fortunes. First John Moncur who had returned after a three month lay-off through injury for the play off matches, fired in a right foot shot in the 28th minute.

Then on the stroke of half time, Mark Proctor capitalised on good work

by Pat Nevin to level the scores on the night.

In the 64th minute the little Scot headed a goal that reduced Swindon's aggregate lead to one.

Town manager Glenn Hoddle described it as "like the Alamo" as tempers flared and Swindon battled to hold on.

Substitute Craig Maskell seemed to have made it safe in the 81st minute when he scored at the second attempt but Hoddle tripped John Morrissey and Irons scored from the spot two minutes later to leave Swindon fans sweating until the final whistle.

**Teams:** (Second leg change in brackets).

**Swindon:** Digby, Summerbee, Calderwood, Taylor, Bodin, Hoddle, Ling, Moncur, MacLaren, Mitchell, Maskell, (White). Subs: White, Hazard.

**Tranmere:** Nixon, Higgins, Vickers, Proctor, Brannan, Morrissey, Irons, Nevin, Nolan, Aldridge, Malkin. Sub: Coyne (both matches).



**Dave Mitchell**

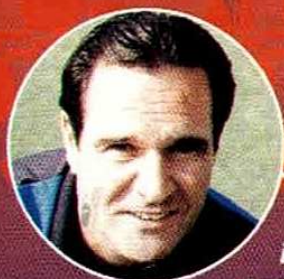
**Victory over Tranmere took Swindon into a Wembley Play-Off Final.**

**Which players in the Swindon team against Leicester had also played in Town's previous play off final against Sunderland?**

**Send your answers on a postcard to: Matchday Magazine Editor, Swindon Town FC, County Ground, Swindon, SN1 2ED.**

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# trainingground

with Andy Rowland

**The higher you go  
in the Football  
League, the fewer**

**chances you get, so when they do come  
along it is important that you make the  
most of your opportunities in front  
of goal.**

Unfortunately on Wednesday against Portsmouth we didn't take our chances. You can't blame individuals because it is a team game but collectively we have got to improve in front of goal.

After two league defeats in a row we must get back on track and that means not being afraid of anyone.

We have a proud record over the last year or so, having lost just seven of our last 50 odd games and that is something we shouldn't forget.

The team should take pride in that fact when they walk onto the pitch and believe that they can beat anyone.

We won the Second Division Championship by a mile last season and that in itself should stand us in good stead.

There is nothing to fear from anyone in this league - all the lads have to do is believe in themselves and play with a bit more confidence.

But when it comes to the crunch you can't legislate for missed chances or mistakes and that goes for the officials too.

I would like to make a comment about a certain linesman - but that might get me in trouble so I'll leave it at that!

As far as today's game goes, three points are essential if we are to avoid slipping further down the First Division table.

It won't be easy because Tranmere are going well at the moment under the guidance of John Aldridge. But if we believe in ourselves from the word go then at the end of the game there will be something to cheer about.

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# leagueupdate

by Colin Benson



**Barnsley confirmed their position as First Division leaders with a convincing 3-0 victory over Stoke City in mid-week and will be looking to make it six wins out of six this afternoon against QPR.**

It's the Tykes' best start to a season for 18 years and Danny Wilson's pacesetters now boast the sole remaining 100 per cent record this season. As to whether they can maintain this today is questionable against a Rangers side expected to be serious contenders for promotion. Yet their home game against an unbeaten **STOKE CITY** looked a difficult task on paper until defender Steve Davis headed them into the lead from Thompson's corner.

Thompson and Liddell added further goals just before the end after Stoke City's woodwork had been rocked three times. So **BARNLEY** are looking good.

**BOLTON WANDERERS** surged into second place with a 6-1 thrashing of **GRIMSBY TOWN**. They are the top shots of this division with 15 goals after cruising to a third successive home win after that shock 5-2 defeat at **SOUTHEND** last Saturday. It is **PORTSMOUTH'S** turn to visit Burnden Park today and likely to be a long pointless journey home for them.

Our visitors this afternoon,

**TRANMERE ROVERS**, slipped into third spot virtue of a 1-0 win at **HUDDERSFIELD TOWN**. Inevitably the goal came from John Aldridge - his fifth of the season - netted in the 36th minute. Naturally we can't see them adding to their 13 points tally today however.

Accordingly **NORWICH CITY** should take advantage as they must be favourites to see off **SOUTHEND UNITED** at Carrow Road. The Shrimpers slumped to a third successive defeat at **CHARLTON** on Tuesday. They have yet to score a goal away from home and have conceded eight!

It was a good night for Charlton as the 2-0 victory lifted them off the bottom rung of the First Division ladder and they can ease the pressure further by making home advantage count over a **READING** side yet to collect a point away from home.

**SHEFFIELD UNITED** versus Ipswich looks one of the First Division fixtures of the day. The Blades registered a 3-0 win over **BRADFORD CITY** in midweek - their third win over their neighbours in three weeks - so you could say they have the measure of the men from Valley Parade.

Howard Kendall had demanded more effort from his players after a 2-0 win at **OLDHAM** last Saturday and after a slow start, the Bramall Lane outfit now seem to be finding their feet.

**IPSWICH** could take heart from a goalless draw at **CRYSTAL PALACE**. Canadian International Craig Forrest was back in goal and might help Town to a third away draw.

Trevor Francis is feeling blue after taking just one point out of the last six. The goalless home draw with **OLDHAM** on Tuesday was very disappointing and **BIRMINGHAM** will need to show more enterprise against **STOKE CITY** today.

Have **MANCHESTER CITY'S** fortunes changed? They secured their first away points of the campaign with a 2-0 win at Port Vale. The Georgian International Georgi Kinkladze was their inspiration before being halted by a crunching tackle from Dean Glover that resulted in several minutes treatment. City fans will be hoping he is fit to play at Selhurst Park this afternoon where City could feel the backlash of **CRYSTAL PALACE'S** disappointing 0-0 draw with **IPSWICH**.

The Londoners haven't clicked as yet but this game could prove a turning point for one of two clubs who are not yet realising their potential.

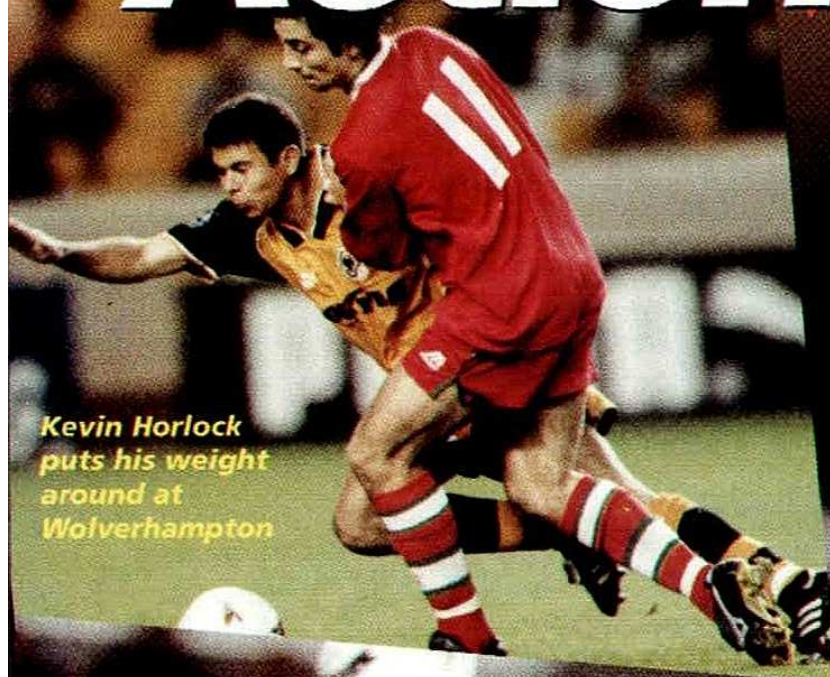
**WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS** are another combination who have disappointed their fans. Iwan Roberts spared their blushes at **OXFORD** with his first goal in eight games since his £1 million move from **LEICESTER** in the Summer.

It ended 1-1 and they will be thankful for a point in the derby at **WEST BROM** tomorrow too.

**OXFORD UNITED** should bounce back with a win over Chris Kamara's **BRADFORD CITY** today and likewise, **PORT VALE** will be favourites to overcome **GRIMSBY** at Vale Park.



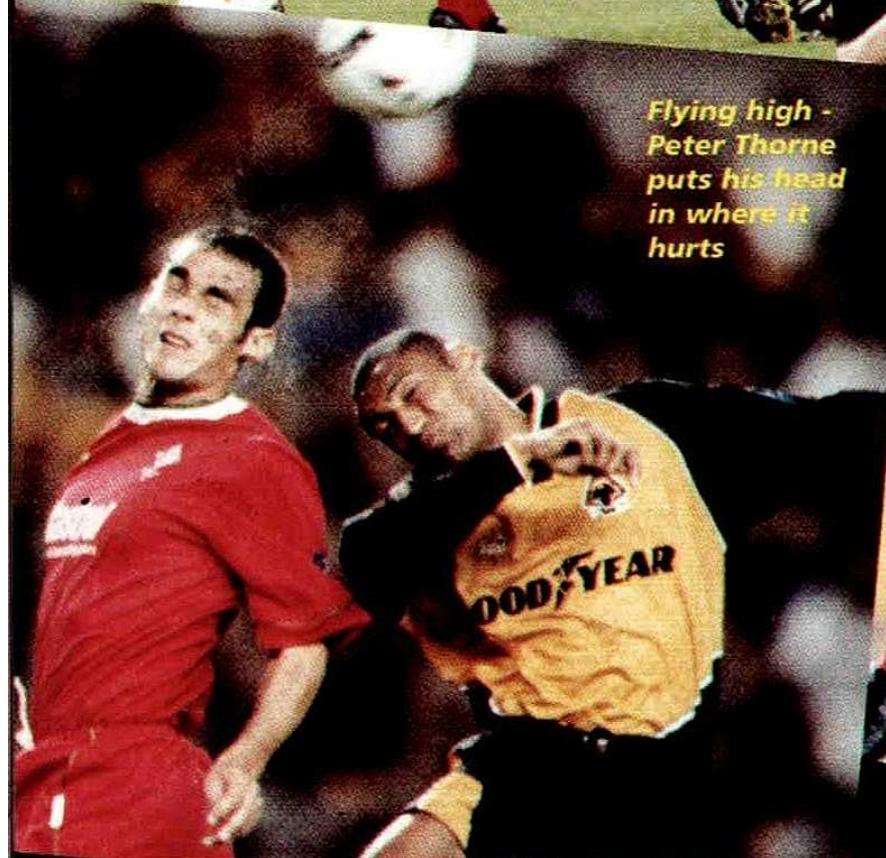
# Actionreplay



Kevin Horlock puts his weight around at Wolverhampton



Flying high - Peter Thorne puts his head in where it hurts



Steve Cowe battles gamely against the Wolves defence

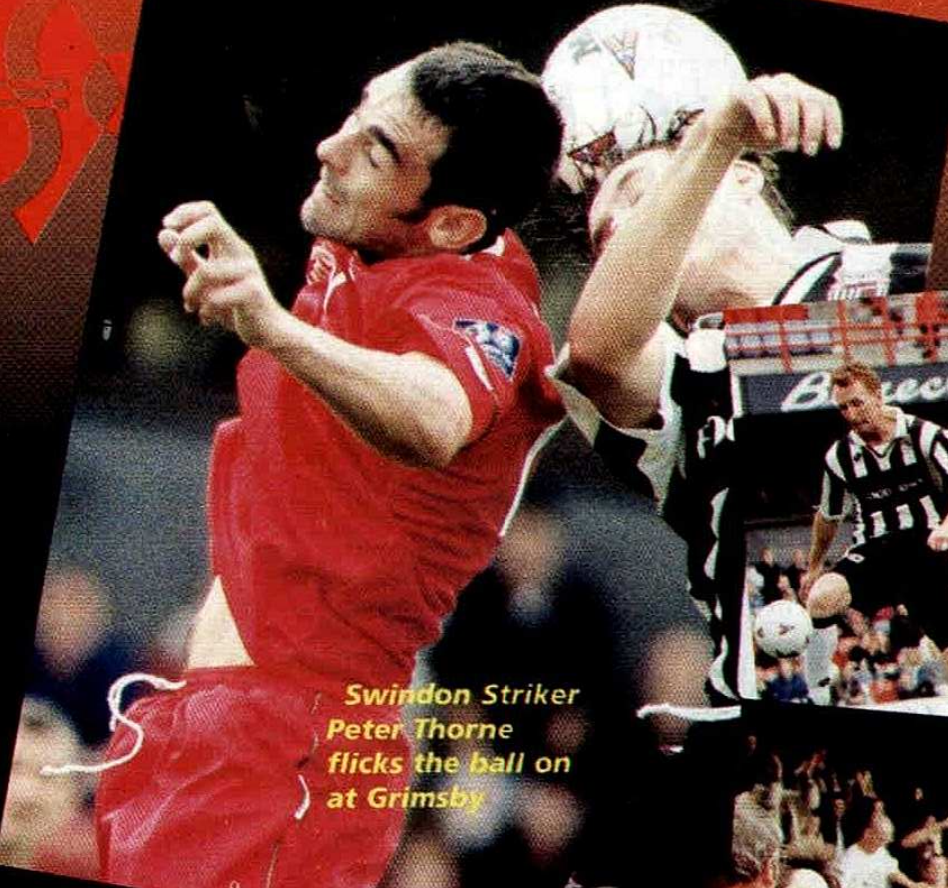
**WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 1996**  
**Wolves 1 Swindon Town 0 (2-1 Agg)**  
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**Attendance 10,760**



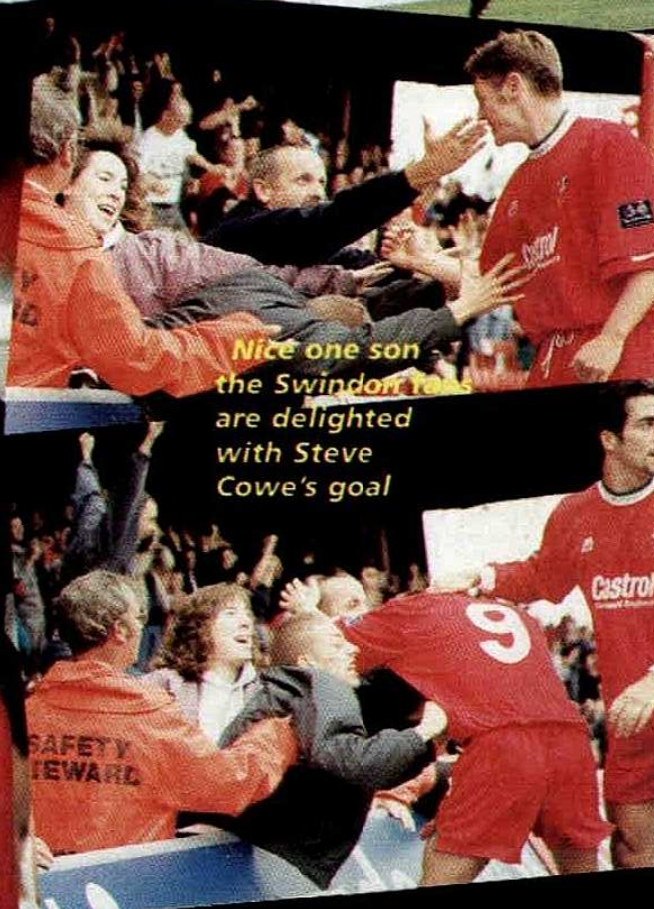




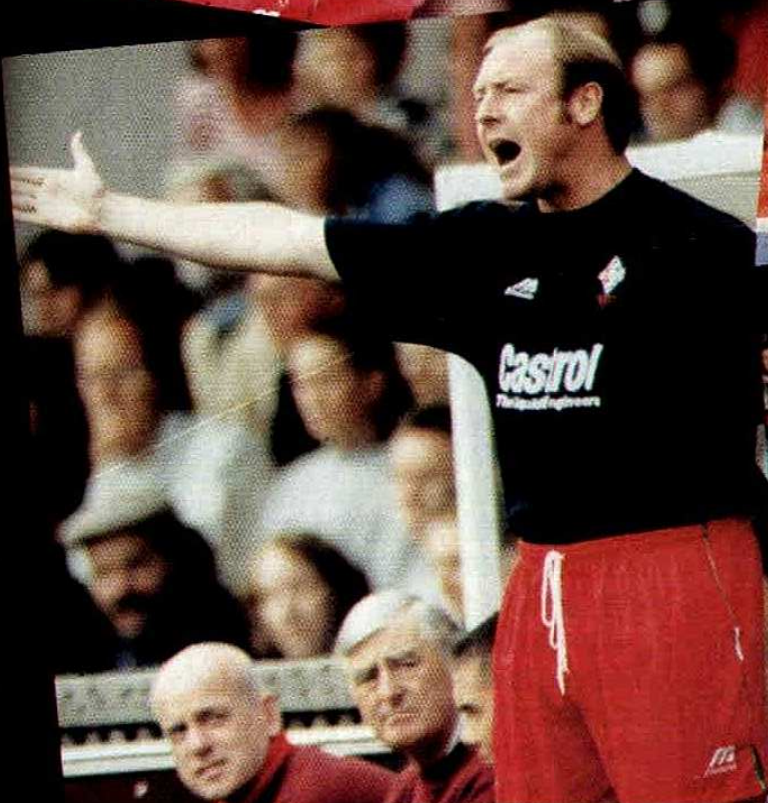
On its way in -  
Steve Cowe fires  
home



Swindon Striker  
Peter Thorne  
flicks the ball on  
at Grimsby



Nice one son -  
the Swindon Towns  
are delighted  
with Steve  
Cowe's goal



Not impressed -  
Steve McMahon  
tries to point  
Swindon in the  
right direction at  
Grimsby

**SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 1996**  
**Grimsby Town 2 Swindon Town 1**  
**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1**  
**Attendance 4,089**





# community scheme news

*The season is now well underway and things appear to be taking shape here at the Community Office.*

Our Soccer Centres are up and running at the Oasis, Link Centre, Stratton Community Centre and out at Marlborough.

The T-shirts that the children are wearing at the sessions make the whole set-up look very professional, so if you haven't yet enrolled, get yourselves on the next courses which commence in November.

Forthcoming events we are planning through the Community Office include the **Fraser Digby Goalkeeping Clinics**, which were a great success last season.

There is also a **first aid and physio beginners course** which is being run by our very own physio **Jonathan Trigg**.

*For further details on both events please contact either Jon or myself on Swindon 01793 421303.*

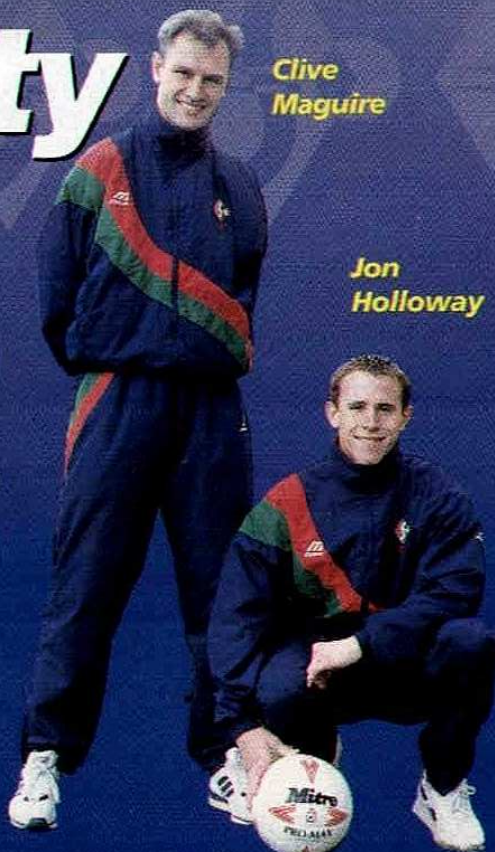
Our Learning Through Football Programme has also started with our first school coming from Even Swindon Primary School.

I know they had a great day and Natasha Holt (our new teacher) was very pleased with the children's attitude and enthusiasm.

So, for all of you kids who are interested in visiting the County Ground with your school, don't forget to tell your teachers to contact us as soon as possible.

*Until next time - keep up the great support and we will see you soon.*

*Clive and Jon.*



**Clive  
Maguire**

**Jon  
Holloway**

*For further information please call us on 01793 421303.*



*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.*

Swindon Town Football Club's Community Scheme is kindly supported by:





# the junior robins

with Louise Kaye

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Welcome to all our younger fans at this afternoon's game against Tranmere and a special welcome to the Prenton Pups and their mascot, who have made the journey today to support their team.

## QPR trip



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 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.

## Win Swindon v Oxford tickets

Knowing that mention of one of the above teams will start a few jokes anyway, it's time to get your funny heads on! You have until September 30th to send in your favourite jokes and the best entrant will win a pair of the tickets to the Oxford game.



Pop your entry in the post and not only will you be at the game but your joke will be in the next Newsletter.

**See you soon - Louise**

## today's lucky mascots



**GEORGE RAIKES-MAY** is 7 years old and lives in Melksham, where he attends Aloeric School. He likes all sports, especially football and he's hoping to play with Shaw and Whitley U8's as a striker. His favourite

Town player is Steve Finney. When George is not involved with football he likes to play with Rags - his pet dog.



**LUKE GORDON**, aged 10, comes from Purley, Surrey and attends Trinity School in Croydon. He plays as a defender for Couldson Colts. I am sure Luke will be delighted to meet his favourite player, Steve Finney, today.



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



# youth team

## focus

with Tommy Wheeldon



### 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	8-0
SAT	SEP 14	PORTSMOUTH (LC1)	H	
Sat	Sep 21	Reading	A	
SAT	SEP 28	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	
Sat	Oct 05	Southampton	A	
SAT	OCT 12	LUTON TOWN	H	
Sat	Oct 19	LC 2		
Sat	Oct 26	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
SAT	NOV 02	OXFORD UNITED	H	
SAT	NOV 09	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	
Sat	Nov 16	Wimbledon	A	
Sat	Nov 23	LC 3		
SAT	NOV 30	WYCOMBE W.	H	
Sat	Dec 07	Barnet	A	
SAT	DEC 14	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	
SAT	DEC 21	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	
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 08	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	

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### Fixtures 96/97

#### West County Television South West Counties Youth League

Aug 24	Bristol City	A	2-1
AUG 31	CARDIFF CITY	H	0-4
Sept 07	Cheltenham Town	A	0-1
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	A	
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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### Swindon Town Youth 8 Bristol Rovers Youth 0

*The youth team produced a very professional performance with a terrific 8-0 win against near neighbours Bristol Rovers.*

Strikers Alex Finlayson and Alex Meecham both took the honours with a hat trick a piece, but the game itself was based on a fine team performance.

The scoring spree started after five minutes when after good approach play by Meecham, Steve Campbell finished with a fine left foot strike. And it was 2-0 ten minutes later as Meecham blasted home from close range.

Within minutes Meecham bagged his second after skipping down the left before Alex Finlayson then got in on the action - scoring the goal of the game. After a superb move involving six players, he finished off with a brilliant strike from 20 yards.

It was 5-0 on the half hour following a shot from Phil MacDiarmid from outside the box and before the break Alex Finlayson struck twice more to complete his hat trick after good approach play by left winger Sol Davis.

In the second half Bristol Rovers competed much better although Alex Meecham rounded off the tally with his third of the match.

This was a wonderful team goal which started at the back with Danny Hunt and continued

when Thomas Wheeldon drove forward, fed the ball through and after a dummy by Matty Coupe, Meecham turned a defender and cracked in an unstoppable shot.

I felt the boys applied themselves very professionally. The game was controlled at our pace and I was pleased with our continued effort and work rate.

The whole team played well but the two strikers stood out with some great set-up play and exceptional finishing.

**Team:** Betterton, Campbell, Wheeldon, Pattimore, Hunt, Organ (W. Thorne), Coupe (Woodman), MacDiarmid, Meecham, Finlayson, Davis.

**Sub:** O'Connell.

Today the South East Counties team were playing Portsmouth Youth in the first round of the League Cup.

### In the West Country Television South West Counties Youth League Swindon slipped to a 1-0 defeat away at Cheltenham Town.

Coach Clive Maguire was pleased with the performance and felt the youngsters deserved to pick up as point for their efforts.

Today the team were due to play Cirencester Town in a big local derby.

*News of the youth team's latest fixtures will appear in Wednesday's Matchday Magazine.*



# centre of excellence

with Phil Cannon

**The Gaffer, Tommy Wheeldon and myself recently met with players and parents to officially kick off the new season by answering any questions about the Centre of Excellence and discuss our plans for the future.**

It was great to see Steve McMahon there as it shows his commitment to the youth set-up here at Swindon Town Football Club.

The meeting was quite informal and I hope that everybody's questions were answered to their satisfaction.

Last Monday we started a physical night at Greendown. This was taken by Jonathan Trigg, Dick Mackey and former Swindon Town player Tom Jones.



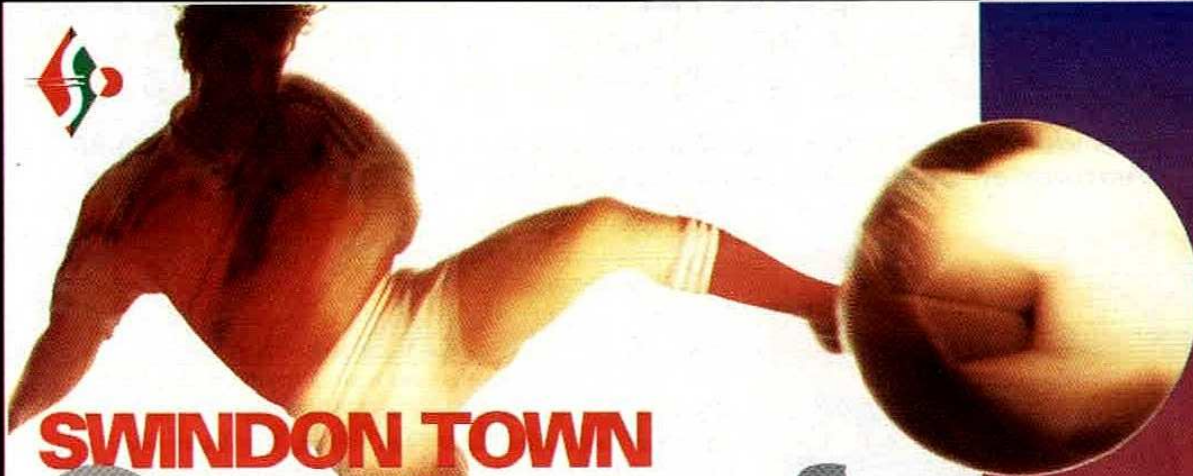
The sessions are planned to educate the boys at an early age with the correct procedures of warming up and how to carry out the proper stretches for respective muscle groups.

Mobility, co-ordination and proprioception (balance) work were all developed in the hour long session.

It is hoped that these weekly sessions will help to develop the boys into better all-round players and that this continental

approach will reap benefits for the boys and Swindon Town Football Club in the very near future.


**Look out for more news on the Centre of Excellence in the next edition of the Swindon Town Matchday Magazine.**



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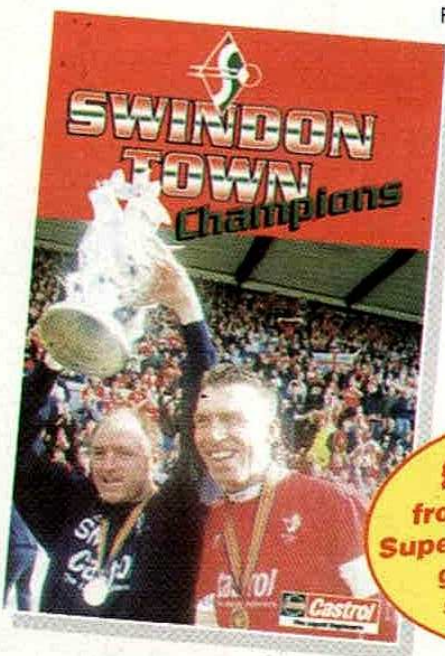
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Steve McMahon and key Swindon players, make this video a must for every Swindon Town fan's collection.



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# reserves round up

with Ross MacLaren



**Swindon Town Reserves 2  
Reading Reserves 0**

**Swindon Reserves kept  
in shape with a 2-0  
victory against local rivals  
Reading at Wanborough  
training ground.**

There was a big Swindon connection with Tom Jones refereeing the contest and Jimmy Quinn in the Reading line-up.

The match served as a useful run-out for first teamers Wayne Allison, Mark Walters, Paul Allen and Steve Finney and it was Finney who gave us a first half lead.

A cross from the right was flicked on by "The Chief" Wayne Allison for Finney to head home

in the 35th minute.

Prior to that we had missed a couple of half chances but I was quite pleased with the first half performance.

We changed our system after the break, giving Mark Walters a floating role and he caused Reading quite a few problems.

And Walters it was who helped create the second goal in the 57th minute when his through ball was latched onto by Lee Collins who rifled a shot into the top corner.

We could have added to our total with Wayne Allison and Paul Allen seeing shots fly just over the cross bar.

At the other end Fraser

Digby made one or two useful saves to keep Reading out.

Arranging this friendly gave several first teamers the chance to improve their match fitness

and it was an enjoyable work-out.



## Fixtures 96/97

**Avon Insurance  
Combination Div 1**

Mon Aug 26	Swansea City	(LC)	A 2.1
THUR SEP 19	TOTTENHAM		H 2.00
Wed Sep 25	Charlton Athletic		A 2.00
MON OCT 07	LUTON TOWN		H 2.00
MON OCT 21	PORTSMOUTH		H 2.00
Thur Oct 31	Bristol City		A 7.30
Wed Nov 06	Oxford United		A 7.30
MON NOV 11	CRYSTAL PALACE		H 2.00
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 Fixture..

**Swindon Town Reserves' scheduled Avon Insurance Combination League match at home to Tottenham Hotspur on Monday has been put back until Thursday September 19. The fixture will take place at the County Ground with a 7pm kick off.**

## 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.**



# Paul Allen



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# Tony Horne's pre-match party

with Tony Horne

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**It's a busy time of the month at the moment; Portsmouth the other night Tranmere today and QPR 'week' about to start.**

Is it not bizarre how year on year you always seem to get drawn in the cup against someone that you were supposed to be playing in the league at that time anyway.

It happened to us last year against Cambridge and it sort of defeats the object really.

QPR of course have no manager at the moment. I do not understand the managerial merrygoround - this season is not even a month old and already we have lost a Rioch, a

Ball, a Wilkins and a Wilkinson.

I can not get my teeth around the fact that a club would allow a manager to do all that "its a fresh start" pre-season stuff and then fire him. Maybe that is the point - wear the guy out then give him a P45. Double depression!

But hang on a minute and stop right there! 'Fair play to Macca and the Swindon Town big wigs - the Gaffer has been here nearly two years now and has just signed into the next millennium. In football terms it's time for Steve to get a gold watch for lengthy service.

Anyway make sure we see you here mid-week for QPR as our

surge towards the Twin Towers rolls on. It was certainly a great win over Wolves in the last round. Let's see if we can go as far as we did two seasons ago.

That is all yet to come - it is back to league action today with the visit of Tranmere and we are in need of a victory to push us back up the table.

May I echo Mark Robinson's words when my buddy John Cross was interviewing him recently because he hit the nail on the head. He just kept saying:

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at £6.50. For disabled supporters there are only 13 places for both home and away fans.

To complete three games in a week against Rangers we play them away on Wednesday September 25 in the second leg of the Coca-Cola Cup.

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.

Sky Sports.

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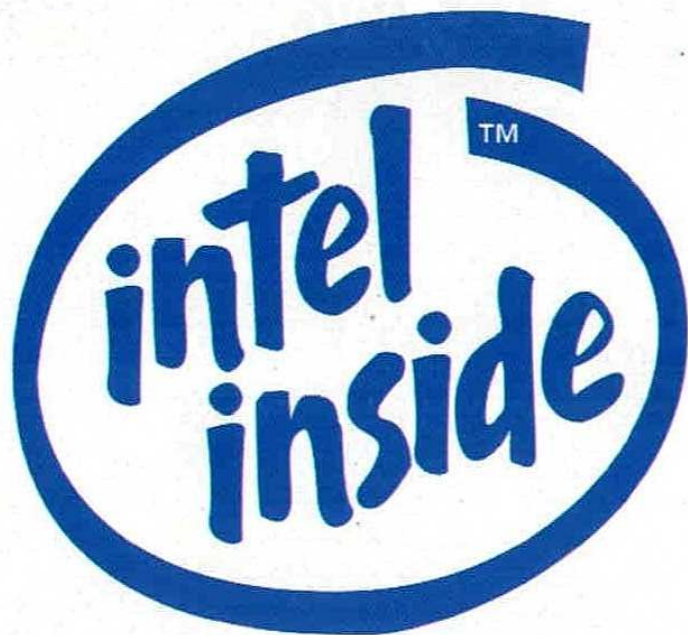
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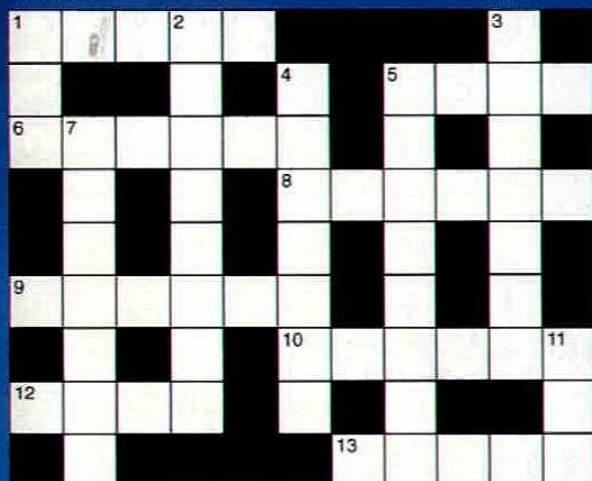
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# sportswordtime...

compiled by Dave Davis



## clues across...

1. Joe —, Everton manager (5)
5. Young horse, up to four years old (4)
6. Grant and Andy, Zimbabwe's cricketing brothers (6)
8. — Skeete, English equestrian star (6)
9. First past the post perhaps? (6)
10. Newcastle manager Kevin — (6)
12. Edson Arantes do Nascimento, better known as — (4)
13. Main requirement for a successful footballer (5)

## clues down...

1. Man in the middle (3)
2. David —, former Gloucestershire and England pace bowler
3. Shock victors over West Germany in the 1982 World Cup (7)
4. John —, Chelsea and Ipswich player of the '60s and '70s
5. — —, American golfer (4, 4)
7. Peter —, former Leeds and Scotland hotshot striker (7)
11. Score less than one (3)

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 10 KEEGAN; 12 PELE; 13 SKILL.  
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 5 CHIP BECK; 7 LORIMER; 11 NIL.



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# marketingnews

with Martin Stevens

*A warm welcome to everyone from all of us in the Marketing Department for today's game.*

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## PresentationTime

Bowerhill Machine Tools and PHH were joint Matchday Sponsors at the game against Portsmouth last Wednesday.

John Cullum of PHH and Dave Wiltshire from Bowerhill Machine Tools each receive a signed framed team photograph from STFC Chairman Mike Spearman as a memento of their day.



The Matchday Sponsors against Portsmouth present Man of the Match Mark Walters with his bottle of Champagne.



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**Prior to Wednesday evening's match we only had Ty Gooden and Jason Drysdale injured and receiving treatment for their respective ankle and hamstring injuries.**



Ty will however continue to work late in the afternoons in a bid to regain the fitness he has obviously lost over the past four weeks.

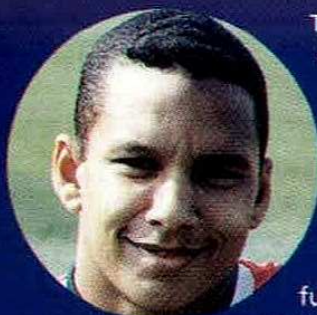
Jason Drysdale, who will again not be fit for selection for today's match looks as if he may not return to training for another 10 days.



The injury is steadily improving but we will not be rushing Jason back. We will make sure he is 100 per cent fit first. As with all hamstring

injuries there is a greater chance of further injury occurring if the muscle hasn't had sufficient time to fully repair.

Hopefully we will get through the next very hectic fortnight without picking up too many injuries.



Ty Gooden has been able to join in light sessions with the ball and has worked this week on strengthening his calf muscles which will in turn protect the ankle.

Ty is hoping to join in full training this coming week and may possibly have a run-out in the Reserve fixture the following week - if all goes well.

**I will give you a further update on the injury situation here at the County Ground in Wednesday's Matchday Magazine.**

## the shadowboard

**We are now ready to launch the first satellite supporters group - and we hope the benefits which will be available to all local members will include:**

\* **LOCAL EVENTS** - for example we are looking for venues for the next round of Open Forums which will be happening later in the season.

\* **TRAVEL MATCHES** - there will be opportunities for car pooling to both home and away matches to help save money.

\* **NEWSLETTERS** - to begin with a subscription to the Swindon Evening Advertiser will be established for

groups outside of the paper's distribution area. A newsletter can then be created based upon press cuttings, ticketing news and Shadow Board updates to keep everyone up-to-date with the latest news.

Naturally the group will have to adopt a local hostelry as a suitable venue for get-togethers and serious, well lubricated football talk!

It is not too late to be part of the first wave of local satellite groups. Let's create a network of supporters groups around Swindon - **please write to the Shadow Board to get involved.**



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# benno gives his view

By Colin Benson

**Middlesbrough have Ravanelli and Juninho; Chelsea are spearheaded by Vialli, Arsenal by Bergkamp, while Newcastle United parade the most expensive striker in the world in Alan Shearer.**

**But Tranmere Rovers couldn't care less for they have the inimitable consistency of John Aldridge to rely on.**

The former Liverpool star now shoulders the considerable responsibilities of player-manager, yet he is showing no signs of faltering in his annual quest for goals as he continues to be Rovers' match-winner.

"Aldo's" strike on the hour against Birmingham City last Saturday was his fourth goal of the campaign and even though it sealed Birmingham City's first defeat of the season it did not dampen Trevor Francis's enthusiasm for the veteran striker.

The Blues' boss, a world class forward in his own playing days, was full of admiration as he admitted: *"He's a master striker and you just can't afford to give him an inch of space."*

Incredibly John will celebrate his 38th birthday next Wednesday and although he has been knocking in league goals for 17 years, the thrill he feels on hitting the net is still as vividly passionate as it ever was.

The truth is "Aldo" thrives on the buzz - it's like a drug - and no matter whether it is on the International stage, with the Republic of Ireland, or on the training field, the sense of achievement is equally intense

and he just can't get enough. Perhaps it is because his roots were firmly entrenched in non-League football and he knows what it is like to survive at the grass roots level. John was a factory toolmaker playing part-time for South Liverpool in the Northern Premier League when Newport County gave him his chance in League football in 1979.

He finished that first season as Newport's top scorer with 14 goals and he has been a top gun ever since.

At Oxford United he broke the Club's scoring record by a massive 10 goals in season 1984-85, when he finished the season as the top shot in the old Second Division with 34 strikes; then registered another 23 the following season, his first in the top flight.

When Ian Rush announced he was to quit Liverpool to seek his fortune in Italy nobody thought they would fill his boots. But Aldridge not only did it with his goals return but there was also an uncanny physical resemblance to the man he replaced.

The honours and the plaudits came at Anfield and such was his reputation that in February 1990 Real Sociedad, after 30 years of an all-Basque team, broke with tradition to sign him.

It was a brave move for a great many Basques were antagonistic to any foreign influences and at 31, John was taking on something many younger men would have shunned. He said many remarks, which were obviously not complimentary, were directed his way in the street; *"but as I couldn't understand what they*

*were saying it didn't matter."*

Though he quickly learned the lingo it was his goals that did the talking, top scorer was John in both his seasons in Spain and the rewards were worth it.

You might say he's been there, done that, done it all in fact, with League Championship, FA Cup winners, "Player of the Year" and "Footballer of the Year" trophies in the cabinet and two World Cup and European Championship campaigns with the Republic of Ireland stored in his memory. Oh, of course and over 400 senior goals. Surely he can retire content with his lot. Yet "Aldo's" thirst for success on the field is genuinely as enthusiastic today as it was when he pulled on the shirt for South Liverpool all those years ago.

Here is a star who has not taken his rewards for granted. Liverpool born and bred he knows that but for a break or two he could have spent his entire career on the factory floor.

He has a lot to be grateful for, including an Irish great grandmother who opened the door to his International career. But most of all John Aldridge worked for his success and the true measure of his talent has never been more obvious than it is today.

Veteran players tend normally to drop back into deeper roles where they can substitute running with experience.

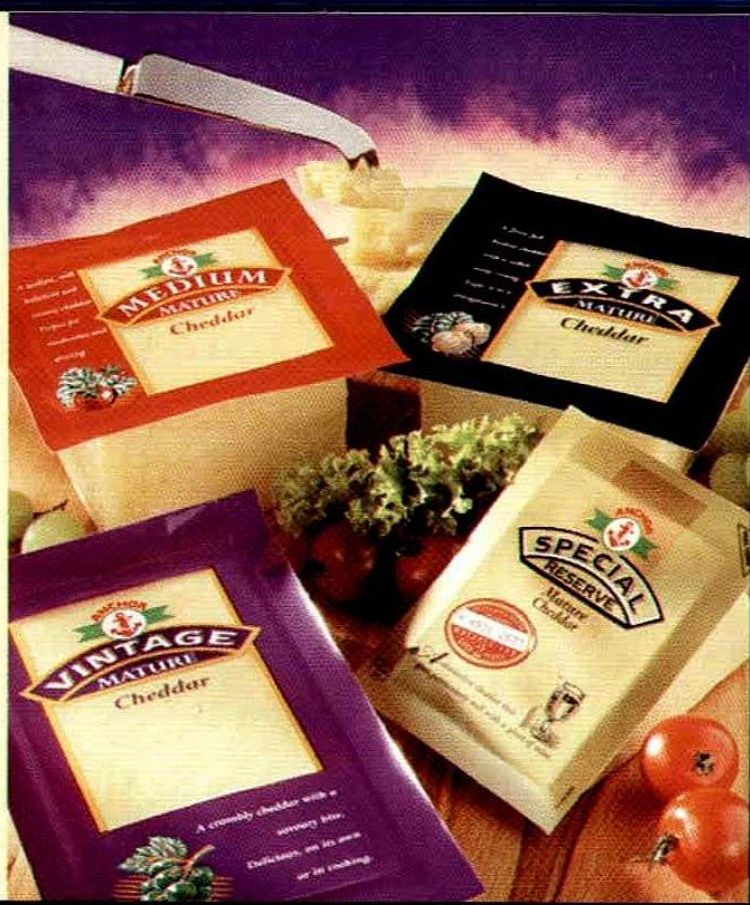
Age obviously slows one down but it hasn't dulled Aldridge's natural predatory instincts for finding the net.

He is taking them on and more than holding his own, in a young man's role at the sharp end.



# OUR LINE UP FOR THIS SEASON

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## kiddiescorner

### kids crossword

#### Across

2. Gary and Philip are United brothers (7)
4. Tranmere nickname (two words) (3,6)
5. The park on which they play (7)
7. Andy Cole scored his first league goal for this team (6)
10. Tranmere Rovers player manager (8)
11. England won there in early September (7)
13. Used before every game (4)
14. Needed by the referee (5)
17. Needed for evening games (6)
18. A major river near the Tranmere ground (6)
19. This Stevens signed from Rangers but played for England (4)

#### Down

1. This big city is nearby (9)
3. First cap for England in September (7)
6. A big club a few miles away (7)
8. First goal for Swindon at Southend (6)
9. First League team for the Tranmere manager, but now not in football league (7)
11. Former Swindon boss now at Stoke City (6)
12. Scored first England goal under Hoddle (6)
15. Teale signed from this club (5)
16. Scotland International who joined Tranmere from Everton (5)



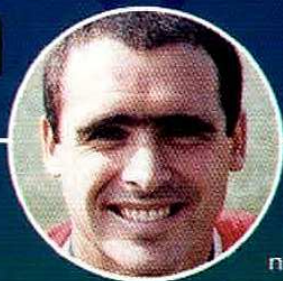
### KIDS QUIZ

1. Assistant referee is the new name for which job in football?
2. Glenn Hoddle played for which foreign team?
3. Dean Saunders now plays for which team?
4. SKY commentator Andy Gray played for which international team?
5. Name the current manager of Wales?
6. Foxes can be seen in the Premiership in which Midland town?



# captain's column

with Mark Seagraves



*There is no doubt that we deserved to get something out of Wednesday's match after our second half performance.*

If we had scored once I'm certain we would have gone on to get more goals but in the end it was just one of those days when we weren't destined to find the back of the net.

Their keeper made some great saves, when we got the ball past him the woodwork got in the way and we just could not find a way through.

We were all disappointed to emerge with nothing to show for a lot of hard work and it means that today we are desperate to collect a victory.

What we need to do is start

performing a little earlier than we have been. In our last two matches the second half showings have been good but the first halves have been poor.

I have no idea why we have been slow starters but we must get to grips with the job in hand right from the start.

Everyone in the team shoulders the responsibility, we're all in it together and although there is not a great deal wrong, we have to start doing a little better.

When things aren't going well the little breaks seem to go against you which is what

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happened with the Portsmouth goal on Wednesday. But if we can keep battling away I'm sure we'll soon start to get that little piece of good fortune you sometimes need to win matches.

Today we meet Tranmere who are going well under John Aldridge. John is a class act who loves scoring goals but if we can keep him and their other forwards quiet, we should be able to pick up the three points.

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# between the sticks

**Competition for first team places is fierce all round at the County Ground - and that includes the goalkeeper's position.**

But so far this season it is Australian ace Frank Talia who has taken charge of the number one jersey.

The 24 year old from Melbourne has forced Fraser Digby out onto the sidelines and he is enjoying a successful spell between the posts.

*"I've been playing quite well so far and I just hope I can continue as first choice keeper.*

*"It's a confidence thing and when any player is full of confidence it reflects in their game," he said.*

With Digby waiting in the wings for his chance to get back in, there is a certain amount of rivalry, but it's a friendly rivalry.

*"To be honest Fraser has been as good as gold. We both want the number one position but it is nothing personal - it's just our job.*

*"Competition is healthy and whoever is playing, we both encourage each other and so far this season, Fraser has always wished me good luck before the kick off."*

Talia signed for Swindon from Premiership Blackburn Rovers after a successful loan spell here at the County Ground late last year.

Born in Melbourne the shot-stopper was first spotted by a


scout while playing for the Australian Under 21 team.


An invitation to England resulted in trials for several clubs but it was Blackburn who signed him in August 1992.

*"I was on the Blackburn bench a lot but then I had a rough time with injuries.*

*"A knee problem and two elbow injuries meant I missed probably a season and a half and when I returned to full fitness a certain Tim Flowers had been signed - so I slipped down the pecking order."*

Shortly afterwards Talia came to the County Ground and after making 16 appearances last term, he has been an ever present in Division One.


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# Frank Talia



*Frank Talia*

*"I've noticed a big difference in the standard since winning promotion. The teams we are now playing are a lot more competitive and there is much more football being played which makes it far more enjoyable."*

*"No-one has really battered us so far and apart from the first game at Norwich we have been a match for anyone."*

*"We know we are as good as any other team in this division but we must make sure we perform for the whole of the 90 minutes,"* he commented.

Talia believes some solid defending has made his job easier and he has every confidence in the players in front of him.

*"Mark Seagraves has done a great job since Shaun left as have the rest of the lads including French defender Frederic Darras who has settled in well."*

*"There have been a few communication problems but to be fair his English is improving by the day - it's definitely a lot better than my French,"* he added.

**Goalkeeper Frank Talia - brimming with confidence and keen to hold onto the number one spot.**

**Name:** Frank Talia  
**Age:** 24  
**Birthplace:** Melbourne  
**Former Clubs:** Blackburn  
**Position:** Goalkeeper  
**Nickname:** Too many to mention!

.....  
**Who did you support as a youngster?:** Everton

**Career highlight so far:**  
Winning Division 2 Championship

**Favourite other sports:**  
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**If you weren't a footballer, what would you like to be?:**  
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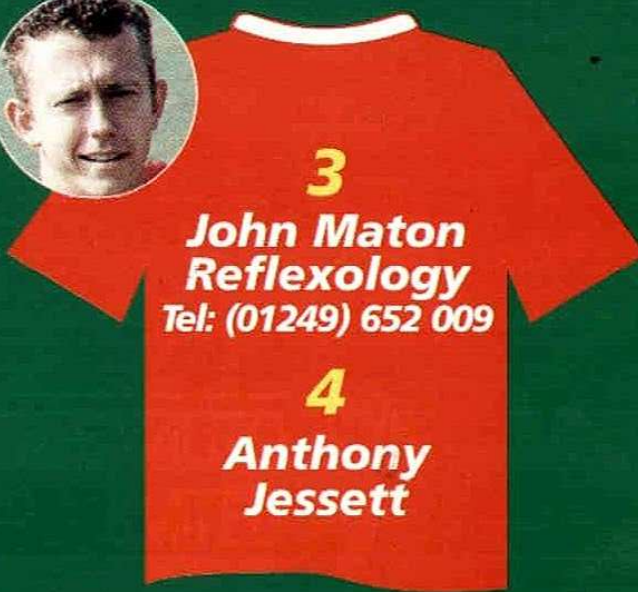


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## Jason Drysdale



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All prices are subject to VAT.



# around the **County** ground

## Evacuation exercise

**Today we are holding our annual evacuation exercise at the County Ground.**

When the fire alarm sounds supporters in the Intel Stand are asked to co-operate with police and stewards to make sure the drill works without a hitch.

Leaflets are being issued at the turnstiles and full details about the exercise appear elsewhere in today's Match-Day Magazine.

## Join the professionals

**It goes without saying that the most professional team in Britain are Swindon Town Football Club.**

But if your football skills aren't quite up to scratch - you could always join The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment who have a position for you right now.

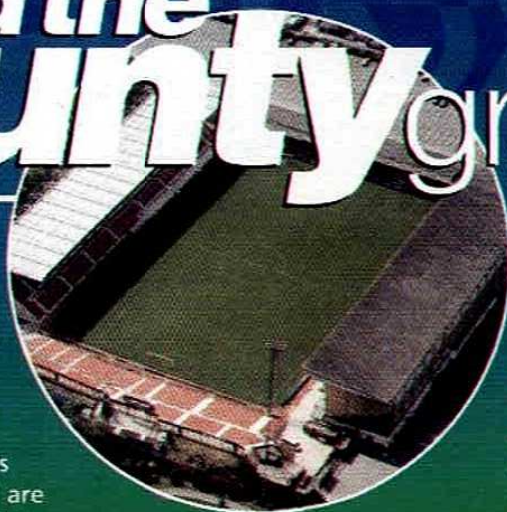
**Phone, write or visit The Swindon Army Careers Office; 19 Faringdon Road, Swindon SN1 4AR. Telephone 01793-523251 and ask for the RGBW Rep.**

## Exciting events planned

**Swindon goalkeeper Fraser Digby has a number of exciting events planned to celebrate his testimonial season.**

The first is a golf day which is being staged at Castle Coombe on Monday October 7, sponsored by Thames Water.

**For more details contact Roger Grafton on 01249 750638.**



**On Sunday November 17, Carlton Refrigeration are sponsoring a RACE DAY at Cheltenham Race Course.**

**For further information contact Derek Walker or Bruce Warr on 01793 520971.**

Several other events are in the process of being finalised and anyone interested in sponsoring them should call **Mark Reynolds on 01793 430588.**



## ScottishStu!

**Young Swindon fan Stuart Calder, who was recently a matchday mascot here at the County Ground, found an aptly named restaurant while on holiday in Scotland.**

Stuart is pictured thumbing for a lift next to a sign for the Robins Nest.



## Saturday Creche

**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.

**For more information contact Ann Reade on Swindon (01793) 514055 between 9.30am and 4.30pm weekdays only.**

## OpenDay

**The Rover Group are holding their Swindon Plant Open Day on Saturday October 5 from 10am to 5pm.**

Swindon Town FC will have their own stall on the day and it promises to be an action-packed occasion with around 10,000 people expected to attend.

Other attractions will include: new and classic vehicle displays, an opportunity to see Rover's latest manufacturing processes, craft displays, charity stands, "Fun Day" activities.

## LouWins Award

**Former Swindon boss Lou Macari, now in charge at Stoke City, clinched the Nationwide Football League Manager of the Month Award for August.**



# swindon town ladies



by Roger Reeves

**Swindon Town Ladies did not get off to a good start to the new season when they were beaten three goals to one at Portsmouth.**

Holidays and illness forced Town to play midfielder Kim Reeves in goal and a transport problem meant that the team started the game with only eight players.

Despite Pompey pressure the players dug in and held out for twenty minutes before they got up to full strength. Portsmouth eventually took the lead when Kerry O'Donnell's inswinging corner eluded everyone to find the net. Just before half time the former Arsenal player, Julia Brown scored a second.

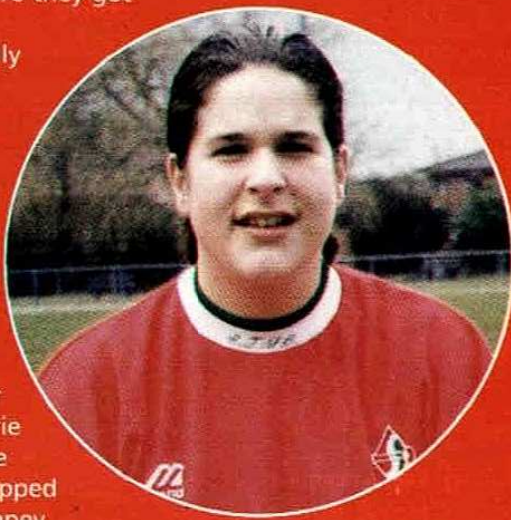
After the break Town put up a better performance and Kerie Garwood reduced the arrears when she dropped the ball over the Pompey keeper from 35 yards.

Mandy Talbot added a third for Portsmouth five minutes from time.

This was a disappointing start and has given the team something to work on to establish themselves in the higher division since their promotion from Division Two.

Tomorrow the Town travel to Hampshire again to face **Havant Town**. Havant have not had a good start to the season losing their first games; away to Binfield 3-0, and last Sunday away to Reading Royals, 2-0.

Town have not played Havant before and last season they just avoided relegation by finishing one place above the two drop spots.



**KIM REEVES, who due to illness and holidays, played in goal in the game against Portsmouth.**

## Swindon Town Ladies result Southern Region League Division 2 Portsmouth 3 Swindon Town 1

**Team:** Kim Reeves, Vikki McCann, Sara Privett, Sharon Black, Clare Tyson, Tracey MacKeddie, Pam Laker, Justine Hume, Deb Martin, Nadine Lloyd, Kerie Garwood.

**Subs:** Sil Cryer (Not Used), Sarah Ramsey, Clare Wheeler.

## Fixtures 96/97 Southern Region League Division 1

Sun 8th Sept	Portsmouth	A	1-3
Sun 15th Sept	Havant Town	A	
Sun 22nd Sept	Swindon Spitfires	A	
Sun 29th Sept	Cinderford T. (FAC 1)	A	
SUN 6TH OCT	BINFIELD	H	
SUN 13TH OCT	RINGWOOD	H	
Sun 20th Oct	Southampton	A	
Sun 27th Oct	League Cup 1st Round		
SUN 3RD NOV	SOUTHAMPTON SAINTS	H	
Sun 10th Nov	Cheltenham	A	
Sun 17th Nov	Reading Royals	A	
Sun 24th Nov	To Be Advised		
SUN 1ST DEC	PORTSMOUTH	H	
SUN 8TH DEC	HAVANT TOWN	H	
Sun 15th Dec	League Cup 2nd Round		
SUN 22ND DEC	SWINDON SPITFIRES	H	
Sun 5th Jan	Regional Five-A-Side		
Sun 12th Jan	Binfield	A	
Sun 19th Jan	Ringwood	A	
Sun 26th Jan	To Be Advised		
SUN 2ND FEB	SOUTHAMPTON	H	
Sun 9th Feb	Southampton Saints	A	
Sun 16th Feb	Cheltenham	A	
SUN 23RD FEB	READING ROYALS	H	

## Final Table 95/96 season Southern Region League Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	18	16	1	1	110	17	49
Reading Royals	18	16	1	1	101	17	43*
Thame United	18	13	1	4	55	29	40
Gosport	18	9	2	7	61	42	29
Oxford University	18	7	4	7	45	35	25
Milton Keynes Utd	18	5	6	7	31	49	21
Basingstoke Town	18	6	0	12	25	64	18
Leighton Linlade	18	3	2	13	13	93	11
Eastleigh	18	3	1	14	23	77	10
Carterton	18	1	3	14	9	48	6

\* six points deducted

## Final Table 95/96 season Southern Region League Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Spitfires	18	16	1	1	53	12	49
Southampton	18	16	0	2	87	16	48
Dinfield	18	10	4	4	50	25	34
Southampton Saints	18	10	3	5	43	34	33
Cheltenham	18	7	6	5	49	41	27
Portsmouth	18	6	2	10	28	40	20
AFC Bourne-mouth	18	6	2	10	23	46	20
Havant Town	18	4	3	11	19	42	15
Launton	18	2	1	15	15	72	7
Newbury Town	18	1	2	15	14	60	5



# EMERGENCY EVACUATION HELP US TO HELP YOU

**SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB AND THE SWINDON POLICE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR SAFETY WHILE YOU ARE IN THE COUNTY GROUND.**

As a requirement of the TAYLOR REPORT following the disasters at BRADFORD and HILLSBOROUGH, there are clearly defined instructions for action that must be taken in the event of an emergency, including the possible evacuation of the Stadium. We are therefore going to test these procedures after today's game vs Tranmere Rovers. Spectators in the **INTEL STAND ONLY** will be asked to co-operate by remaining in their seats after the final whistle. **Once the exercise has started the Fire Alarm will sound.** This will be followed by a broadcast over the Public Address System. Shortly afterwards there will be an announcement to evacuate the stand under the supervision of the Stewards and Police Officers. Supporters will be directed down the front of the **INTEL STAND** to pitch level and then to exit gates at either end of the stand. The whole exercise will be filmed by television cameras which will be used to assist in training Officers for such an emergency should it happen in the future. Hopefully it will not be necessary but you will know what to expect in the unlikely event of an emergency evacuation. It is in the public interest and your assistance is greatly appreciated and will help to maintain the safety record of Swindon Town Football Club.

**REMEMBER IN AN EMERGENCY DO NOT PANIC. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE CLUB OFFICIALS AND THE POLICE. THANK YOU**





# football shorts

by M.J. Evans

## Aldo's Penalty

John Aldridge entered the football folklore annals for the wrong reasons in May 1988, when in the 61st minute of the Liverpool vs Wimbledon game he became the first and up to now only player ever to miss a penalty in an FA Cup Final at Wembley. Having successfully converted 11 penalties already that season the League's leading goalscorer hit the ball firmly to the left of Dave Beasant who dived to save and keep the Don's 1-0 lead in tack. The following season saw Liverpool return to Wembley and complete a League and Cup double with John Aldridge getting the Reds first goal in the fourth minute against arch rivals Everton. John Aldridge made his farewell appearance for Liverpool on September 12, 1989 when his side played in yet

another historic match versus Crystal Palace. Winning 9-0, a Liverpool League Division One record score. Leading 5-0 at Anfield in the 69th minute Ronnie Whelan was brought down in the penalty box and manager Kenny Dalglish summoned Aldridge from the bench to take the spot kick. Claiming afterwards he had never been so nervous he strode forward to make it 6-0. As well as being a record scoreline in Division One for Liverpool, it is the only time in League Division One that eight different players have got on the scoreline for the same team. Nichol (2), McMahon, Rush, Gillespie, Beardsley, Barnes and Hysan also scoring.

## Paying the Penalty

Only two players have ever missed penalties in FA Cup

Finals. John Aldridge became the first player to miss a penalty in a Wembley final when Liverpool lost to Wimbledon in 1988 but 75 years earlier Charlie Wallace playing for Aston Villa versus Sunderland became the first player ever to miss a penalty, but unlike Liverpool his team still went on to win the Cup by one goal to nil

## Treble Trouble

Cardiff City, in 1924 gave Arsenal treble trouble in consecutive weeks. Starting with a 2-1 win at Highbury in the League, the following week they saw off the Gunners 4-0 at Ninian Park and the next Saturday the Welshmen recorded a 1-0 win over the North Londoners in the 2nd Round of the FA Cup.



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# on the road...

## Queens Park Rangers



**Wednesday 25th September**  
**Kick-Off 7.45pm**

*Town's second visit to the capital within four days brings together two former winners of this competition - and both clubs won the trophy whilst in the old Third Division! The two have met in the F.A. Cup before, with honours even from two games at Shepherd's Bush - so who will draw first blood in the Coca-Cola Cup?*

### Did you know?

*Swindon suffered fourteen successive League defeats at Loftus Road between 1954 and 1973. But they did take a point off Rangers in London in September 1962 - in a 2-2 draw played at White City!*

### Going to the League game?

*Travel details for next Saturday will be repeated in Wednesday's Matchday Magazine.*

### TRAVEL CLUB

#### QUEENS PARK RANGERS

**Fare £6.50**

**Depart County Ground: 4.30pm**

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**

### 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 Shepherd's Bush Road. Drive through Shepherd's 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 Shepherd's 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.

### S.A.S TRAVEL

#### QUEENS PARK RANGERS

**Fare £6.50**

**Depart:**

**West Swindon 4.15pm**

**County Ground 4.30pm**

**Ermin Street 4.45pm**



**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 LEAGUE DIVISION 1 up to and including September 11th

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
BARNLEY	5	3	0	0	2	0	0	13	3	15
BOLTON WANDERERS	6	3	0	0	1	1	1	15	9	13
TRANMERE ROVERS	6	3	0	0	1	1	1	8	4	13
NORWICH CITY	6	2	1	0	2	0	1	8	4	13
STOKE CITY	6	2	1	0	1	1	1	9	9	11
WOLVES	6	2	1	0	1	1	1	7	4	11
PORTSMOUTH	6	1	1	1	2	0	1	6	6	10
MANCHESTER CITY	6	2	0	1	1	0	2	7	6	9
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	5	1	0	1	1	2	0	7	5	8
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	6	1	0	2	1	2	0	7	8	8
SHEFFIELD UNITED	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	9	5	7
READING	6	2	1	0	0	0	3	9	13	7
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	5	1	1	1	1	0	1	7	6	7
CRYSTAL PALACE	6	1	2	0	0	2	1	6	5	7
SWINDON TOWN	6	1	1	1	1	0	2	6	7	7
IPSWICH TOWN	6	1	1	1	0	2	1	10	10	6
PORT VALE	6	1	1	1	0	2	1	5	7	6
BRADFORD CITY	6	2	0	1	0	0	3	4	8	6
BIRMINGHAM CITY	4	1	1	0	0	1	1	5	5	5
OXFORD UNITED	6	1	1	1	0	0	3	7	8	4
SOUTHEND UNITED	6	1	1	1	0	0	3	7	14	4
GRIMSBY TOWN	5	1	0	2	0	1	2	7	15	4
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	5	1	1	0	0	0	3	4	6	4
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	6	0	1	2	0	1	2	5	11	2



## First Team Player Appearances 96/97

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.
PAUL ALLEN	2(1)	0	1	0	3(1)	0
WAYNE ALLISON	3(1)	1	1	1	4(1)	2
LEE COLLINS	-	-	-	-	-	-
STEVE COWE	4	2	1	0	5	2
IAN CULVERHOUSE	4	0	1	0	5	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	6	0	2	0	8	0
FRASER DIGBY	-	-	-	-	-	-
JASON DRYSDALE	4	0	2	0	6	0
STEVE FINNEY	2(3)	1	1	0	3(3)	1
TY GOODEN	-	-	-	-	-	-
DEAN HOOPER	-	-	-	-	-	-
KEVIN HORLOCK	6	0	2	0	8	0
SCOTT LEITCH	6	0	2	1	8	1
STEVE McMAHON	-	-	-	-	-	-
STEVE MILDENHALL	-	-	-	-	-	-
EDDIE MURRAY	-	-	-	-	-	-
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
MARK ROBINSON	6	1	2	0	8	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	5(1)	0	(1)	0	5(2)	0
ALEX SMITH	1	0	0	0	1	0
FRANK TALIA	6	0	2	0	8	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	2	0	1(1)	0	3(1)	0
PETER THORNE	2(2)	0	1	0	3(2)	0
MARK WALTERS	3(1)	0	1	0	4(1)	0
KEVIN WATSON	4(2)	1	1(1)	0	5(3)	1

## Swindon Town Fixtures 1996/97 Season

Date	Opponents	Res	Att.
Sat Aug 17	Norwich City	A 0-2	15,165
TUE AUG 20	WOLVERHAMPTON W. C.C.C 1 (1)	H 2-0	7,451
SAT AUG 24	PORT VALE	H 1-1	8,706
WED AUG 28	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H 1-0	8,025
Sat Aug 31	Southend United	A 3-1	4,011
Wed Sep 4	Wolverhampton W. C.C.C 1 (2)	A 0-1	10,760
Sat Sep 7	Grimsby Town	A 1-2	4,089
WED SEP 11	PORTSMOUTH	H 0-1	8,687
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 25	Queens Park Rangers C.C.C 2 (2)	A	
FRI SEP 27	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H	
Wed Oct 2	Bradford City	A	
Sat Oct 5	Ipswich Town	A	
SAT OCT 12	OXFORD UNITED	H	
WED OCT 16	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	
Sat Oct 19	Crystal Palace	A	
Wed Oct 23	Coca-Cola Cup 3	A	
Sat Oct 26	Reading	A	
WED OCT 30	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H	
SAT NOV 2	MANCHESTER CITY	H	
Sat Nov 9	Sheffield United	A	
SAT NOV 16	BARNLEY (F.A. CUP 1)	H	
Sat Nov 23	Birmingham City	A	
Wed Nov 27	Coca-Cola Cup 4	A	
SAT NOV 30	READING	H	
Sat Dec 7	Charlton Athletic (F.A. Cup 2)	A	
Sat Dec 14	Stoke City	A	
SAT DEC 21	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	
Thu Dec 26	Portsmouth	A	
SAT DEC 28	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	
WED JAN 1	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	
Sat Jan 4	F.A. Cup 3	A	
Wed Jan 8	Coca-Cola Cup 5	A	
Sat Jan 11	Tranmere Rovers	A	
SAT JAN 18	BRADFORD CITY	H	
Sat Jan 25	F.A. Cup 4	A	
Wed Jan 29	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	
SAT FEB 1	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	
Sat Feb 8	West Bromwich Albion	A	
SAT FEB 15	BIRMINGHAM CITY (F.A. Cup 5)	H	
Wed Feb 19	Coca-Cola Cup SF (1)	A	
Sat Feb 22	Manchester City	A	
SAT MAR 1	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	
Tue Mar 4	Barnley	A	
Sat Mar 8	Bolton Wanderers (F.A. Cup 6)	A	
Wed Mar 12	Coca-Cola Cup SF(2)	A	
SAT MAR 15	STOKE CITY	H	
Sat Mar 22	Port Vale	A	
SAT MAR 29	NORWICH CITY	H	
Mon Mar 31	Oldham Athletic	A	
SAT APR 5	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	
Sun Apr 6	Coca-Cola Cup Final	A	
SAT APR 12	IPSWICH TOWN (F.A. Cup SF)	H	
Sat Apr 19	Oxford United	A	
SAT APR 26	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	
Sun May 4	Huddersfield Town	A	
Sat May 17	F.A. Cup Final	A	

**NEXT HOME GAME:**  
**WED SEPTEMBER 18TH**



*Swindon Town vs Q.P.R.*  
**COCA-COLA CUP 2ND ROUND 1ST LEG**  
*Kick-Off 7.45pm*



FAC = F.A. Cup C.C.C. = Coca-Cola Cup  
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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 = ●▼■

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	ALLEN	TAYLOR▼	ROBINSON	WALTERS	FINNEY●	ALLISON	HORLOCK■	THORNE●	SEAGRAVES▼	WATSON■
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	ALLEN▼	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	WALTERS■	FINNEY	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE	SEAGRAVES▼	WATSON■
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	ALLEN	TAYLOR	ROBINSON	WALTERS■	FINNEY●	ALLISON	HORLOCK	SEAGRAVES	THORNE●	WATSON■
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	WATSON	COWE	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE	ALLEN	FINNEY
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	WATSON	COWE■	THORNE	HORLOCK	O'SULLIVAN●	ALLEN	FINNEY■
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE●	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	WATSON	COWE	THORNE	HORLOCK	TAYLOR●	WALTERS	FINNEY
TALIA	DARRAS	SMITH●	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	WATSON■	COWE	THORNE▼	HORLOCK	ALLEN●	WALTERS■	FINNEY▼
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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.



### 24 HOUR INFORMATION

0891 12 16 40

FOR ALL THE LATEST FOOTBALL NEWS FROM THE COUNTY GROUND.

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FOR TICKET, TRAVEL AND COMPETITION NEWS.

\*CALLS ARE CHARGED AT 30P PER MINUTE CHEAP RATE AND 49P PER MINUTE AT ALL OTHER TIMES.



## Swindon Town

1	Frank Talia
2	Frederic Darras
3	Mark Robinson
4	Scott Leitch
5	Mark Seagraves
6	Ian Culverhouse
7	Mark Walters
8	Kevin Watson
9	Steve Cowe
10	Peter Thorne
11	Kevin Horlock
12	Paul Allen
13	Wayne Allison
14	Steve Finney

## Team Changes


## Tranmere Rovers

1	Danny Coyne
2	Tony Thomas
3	Ged Brannan
4	Dave Higgins
5	Shaun Teale
6	Liam O'Brien
7	Gary Jones
8	John Aldridge
9	Paul Cook
10	Kenny Irons
11	Graham Branch
12	Alan Mahon
13	Alan Morgan
14	Ian Moore

## Team Changes


## Today's Officials:

Referee: **P. Taylor** (Cheshunt, Herts)

Assisted by: **A.C. Howells**  
**M.J. Perry**

Reserve Official: **A. Hunt**

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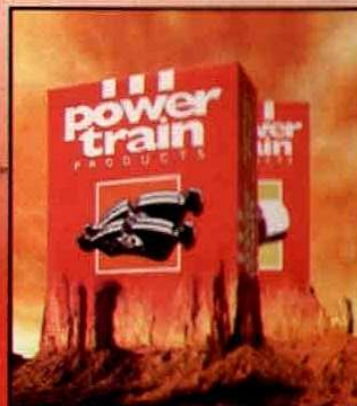


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