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SWINDON TOWN

Make sure you get a belated copy of our Matchday Magazine which we have kept from the original game at the beginning of the year.

Inside is a review of 1996 which includes some spectacular pictures from our championship party.

To keep you bang up to date we have once again produced a free four page special issue for tonight's re-arranged fixture with all the latest results and statistics.

A warm welcome

Tonight we welcome Stewart Houston and his Queens Park Rangers team to the County Ground for a rescheduled First Division fixture.

We were due to clash on New Year's Day but the freezing weather led to a postponement.

However tonight we at last meet head to head in our fourth clash of the season, having already met twice in the Coca-Cola Cup and once in the League last September.

It is a case of honours even so far as Rangers won 2-1 here in the first leg of the Cup, while we gained revenge in the second leg with a 3-1 success.

It was a point a piece in the League after a 1-1 draw so it promises to be another close encounter in the decider this evening.

Blades blunted

Last Saturday Swindon chalked up their first win in six matches with a confidence boosting 2-1 triumph over Sheffield United.

Spurred on by the inspirational Steve McMahon our depleted side outfought the visitors and deservedly emerged with maximum points.

Gary Elkins set us on our way with his first goal for Swindon since signing from Wimbledon and an own goal from David Holdsworth made it 2-0.

Holdsworth made up for his error when he pegged one back for United but we held out for a vital victory.

Horlock moves to Maine Road

Northern Ireland international Kevin Horlock signed for Manchester City last week in a £1.5 million deal.

The talented midfielder recently indicated that he wanted to move to a bigger club and his wish was granted when City came in with offer.

"Obviously we are disappointed to lose Kevin but the option we have taken is the best one for

Swindon Town. It was a fantastic deal," said Director of Football Rikki Hunt.

In light of the Bosman ruling Swindon could have missed out on a fee if they had waited until the end of the season when Kevin's contract expired so the offer from Maine Road was accepted.

"Kevin was a pleasure to work with and he will be a difficult player to replace but the search for a fresh face will really start to hot up now," said manager Steve McMahon.

ClubCall the voice of Swindon Town

Don't forget that the only place to find out the latest news from the County Ground is the Swindon Town ClubCall line.

Just ring 0891 121 640 for all the exclusive news, views and interviews.

We promise to give you the stories as they break.

The other number to remember is 0891 141 640 for all the latest ticket information.

Both lines have been revamped and will be updated regularly to make sure you the supporters are kept fully informed by the official voice of Swindon Town.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5TH 1997

Swindon Town vs Q.P.R.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Kick-Off 7.45pm



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statistics 1996/97 season



NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 up to and including February 3rd

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
BOLTON WANDERERS	31	12	3	1	6	7	2	65	39	64
WOLVES	30	7	3	6	8	4	2	42	28	52
BARNLEY	29	8	3	3	6	6	3	50	35	51
SHEFFIELD UNITED	30	7	5	3	7	3	5	50	33	50
NORWICH CITY	30	7	7	2	6	0	8	41	42	46
CRYSTAL PALACE	29	6	3	4	5	7	4	53	32	43
TRANMERE ROVERS	30	8	4	4	4	3	7	42	39	43
PORT VALE	31	4	8	4	6	5	4	38	35	43
STOKE CITY	29	9	1	4	3	6	6	37	40	43
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	30	6	4	6	5	5	4	45	42	42
PORTSMOUTH	31	8	3	5	4	3	8	35	37	42
IPSWICH TOWN	30	6	6	2	4	5	7	41	39	41
OXFORD UNITED	30	9	3	3	2	4	9	41	38	40
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	31	8	4	3	2	6	8	37	42	40
SWINDON TOWN	30	8	4	3	3	1	11	42	40	38
BIRMINGHAM CITY	27	7	4	1	2	6	7	30	27	37
WEST BROMWICH ALB.	30	3	7	5	4	7	4	46	52	35
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	29	6	4	4	4	1	10	30	40	35
READING	30	7	6	2	1	4	10	37	46	34
MANCHESTER CITY	29	6	3	5	3	2	10	33	43	32
BRADFORD CITY	31	6	5	5	1	5	9	29	46	31
SOUTHEND UNITED	30	5	6	4	1	5	9	28	52	29
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	28	3	5	5	3	5	7	30	35	28
GRIMSBY TOWN	29	4	4	8	2	5	6	35	53	27



First Team Player Appearances 96/97

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.
PAUL ALLEN	5(3)	1	2	0	7(3)	1
WAYNE ALLISON	26(2)	9	5	2	31(2)	11
MARLON BROOMES	3	-	-	-	3	0
LEE COLLINS	3(1)	0	1	-	4(1)	0
STEVE COWE	19(5)	4	4(1)	0	23(6)	4
IAN CULVERHOUSE	20	0	5	0	25	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	20(2)	0	4	0	24(2)	0
FRASER DIGBY	15	0	1	-	16	0
JASON DRYSDALE	8	0	2(1)	0	10(1)	0
GARY ELKINS	15(3)	1	3	0	18(3)	1
STEVE FINNEY	6(6)	2	1(1)	0	7(7)	2
TY GOODEN	3(4)	1	0	0	3(4)	1
PETER HOLCROFT	(1)	0	-	-	(1)	0
KEVIN HORLOCK	28	8	6	0	34	8
ROBIN HULBERT	0	0	(1)	0	(1)	0
DAVID KERSLAKE	8	0	-	-	8	0
SCOTT LEITCH	26	0	6	1	32	1
STEVE McMAHON	2(1)	-	-	-	2(1)	0
STEVE MILDENHALL	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	0
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	13(7)	0	2(1)	1	15(8)	1
MARK ROBINSON	27	1	5	0	32	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	19(1)	0	4(1)	0	23(2)	0
ALEX SMITH	2(4)	0	0	0	2(4)	0
FRANK TALIA	15	0	5	0	20	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	2	0	1(1)	0	3(1)	0
PETER THORNE	11(7)	6	2(1)	2	13(8)	8
MARK WALTERS	22(2)	7	5	1	27(2)	8
KEVIN WATSON	13(7)	1	1(2)	0	14(9)	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 2-1	8,430
WED SEP 18	QUEENS PARK RANGERS C.C.C 2 (1)	H 1-2	7,843
Sat Sep 21	Queens Park Rangers	A 1-1	13,662
Wed Sep 25	Queens Park Rangers C.C.C 2 (2)	A 3-1*	6,976
FRI SEP 27	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H 1-2	8,572
Wed Oct 2	Bradford City	A 1-2	9,249
SAT OCT 12	OXFORD UNITED	H 1-0	10,811
WED OCT 16	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H 6-0	7,724
Sat Oct 19	Crystal Palace	A 2-1	15,088
Wed Oct 23	Manchester United C.C.C 3	A 1-2	49,305
Sat Oct 26	Reading	A 0-2	11,018
WED OCT 30	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H 2-3	8,909
SAT NOV 2	MANCHESTER CITY	H 2-0	14,374
SAT NOV 16	BARNLEY (F.A. CUP 1)	H 3-0	10,837
Tues Nov 19	Ipswich Town	A 2-3	7,086
Sat Nov 23	Birmingham City	A 0-1	16,559
Tues Nov 26	Sheffield United	A 0-2	12,301
Wed Nov 27	Coca-Cola Cup 4		
SAT NOV 30	READING	H 3-1	10,875
Sat Dec 7	Charlton Athletic (F.A. Cup 2)	A 0-2	10,565
Sat Dec 14	Stoke City	A 0-2	10,102
SUN DEC 22	BOLTON WANDERERS	H 2-2	8,948
Thu Dec 26	Portsmouth	A 1-0	10,605
Sun Jan 5	Everton F.A. Cup 3	A 0-3	20,411
Wed Jan 8	Coca-Cola Cup 5		
Sat Jan 11	Tranmere Rovers	A 1-2	8,763
SAT JAN 18	BRADFORD CITY	H 1-1	7,851
SAT JAN 25	GRIMSBY TOWN	H 3-3	9,127
Wed Jan 29	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A 0-1	23,003
SAT FEB 1	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H 2-1*	8,811
WED FEB 5	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	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)		
Sat Feb 22	Manchester City	A	
SAT MAR 1	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	
Tue Mar 4	Barnsley	A	
Sat Mar 8	Bolton Wanderers (F.A. Cup 6)	A	
Wed Mar 12	Coca-Cola Cup SF(2)		
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		
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		

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* After Extra Time (4-3 agg)

^ Indicates own goal by opposing team

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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1	Fraser Digby
2	Frederic Darras
3	Jason Drysdale
4	Steve McMahon
5	Gary Elkins
6	Marlon Broomes
7	Ian Culverhouse
8	Alex Smith
9	Steve Cowe
10	Wayne Allison
11	Mark Walters
12	Steve Finney
13	Kevin Watson
14	Wayne O'Sullivan

Team Changes

Queens Park Rangers

1	Juergen Sommer
2	Andrew Impey
3	Rufus Brevett
4	Paul Murray
5	Alan McDonald
6	Danny Maddix
7	Simon Barker
8	Gavin Peacock
9	Daniele Dichio
10	Matthew Brazier
11	Trevor Sinclair
12	Mark Hateley
13	Andrew McDermott
14	Chris Plummer

Team Changes

Today's Officials:

- Referee:**
R.D. Furnandiz (Doncaster)
- Assisted by:**
B.L. Baker (Warminster)
D.C. Phillips (Bracknell)
- Reserve Official:**
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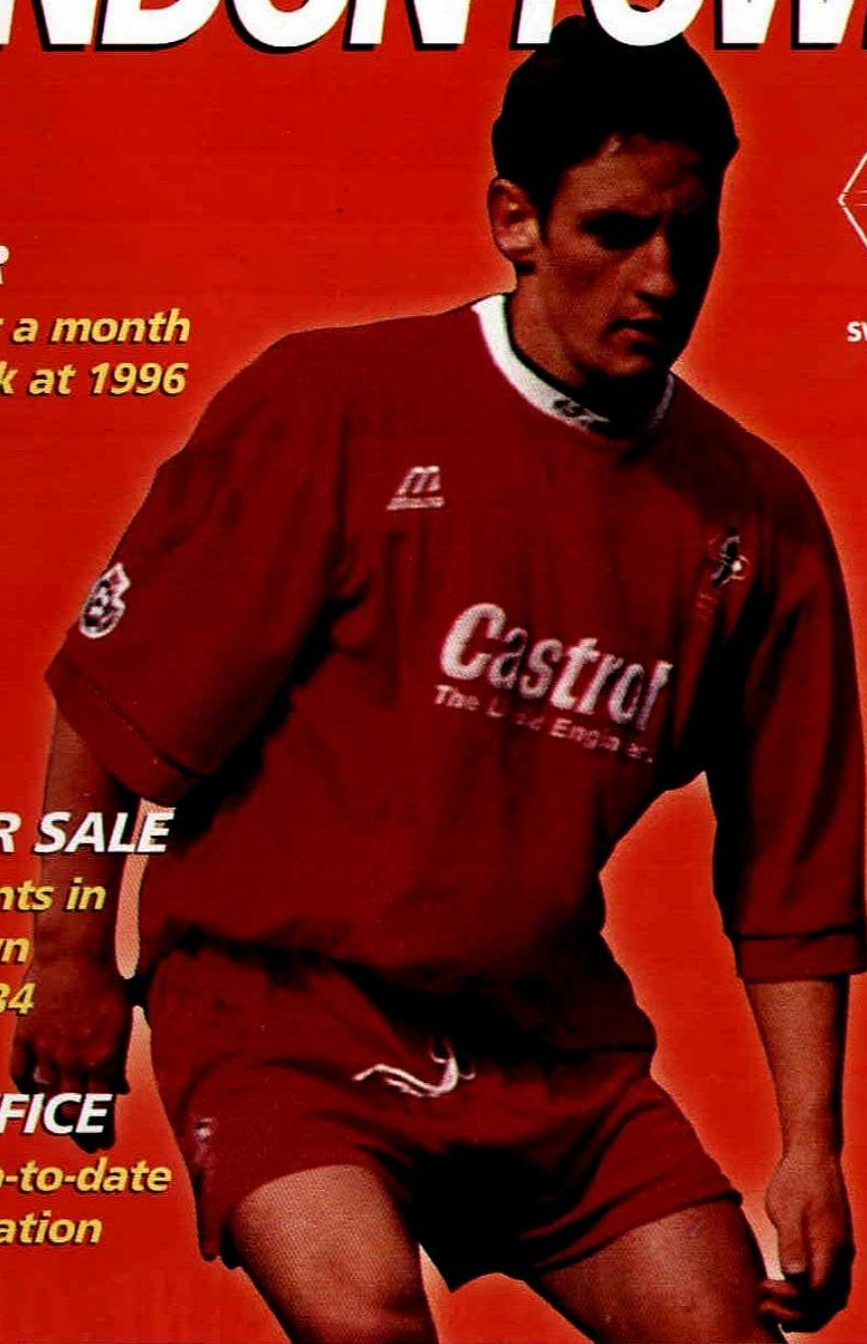
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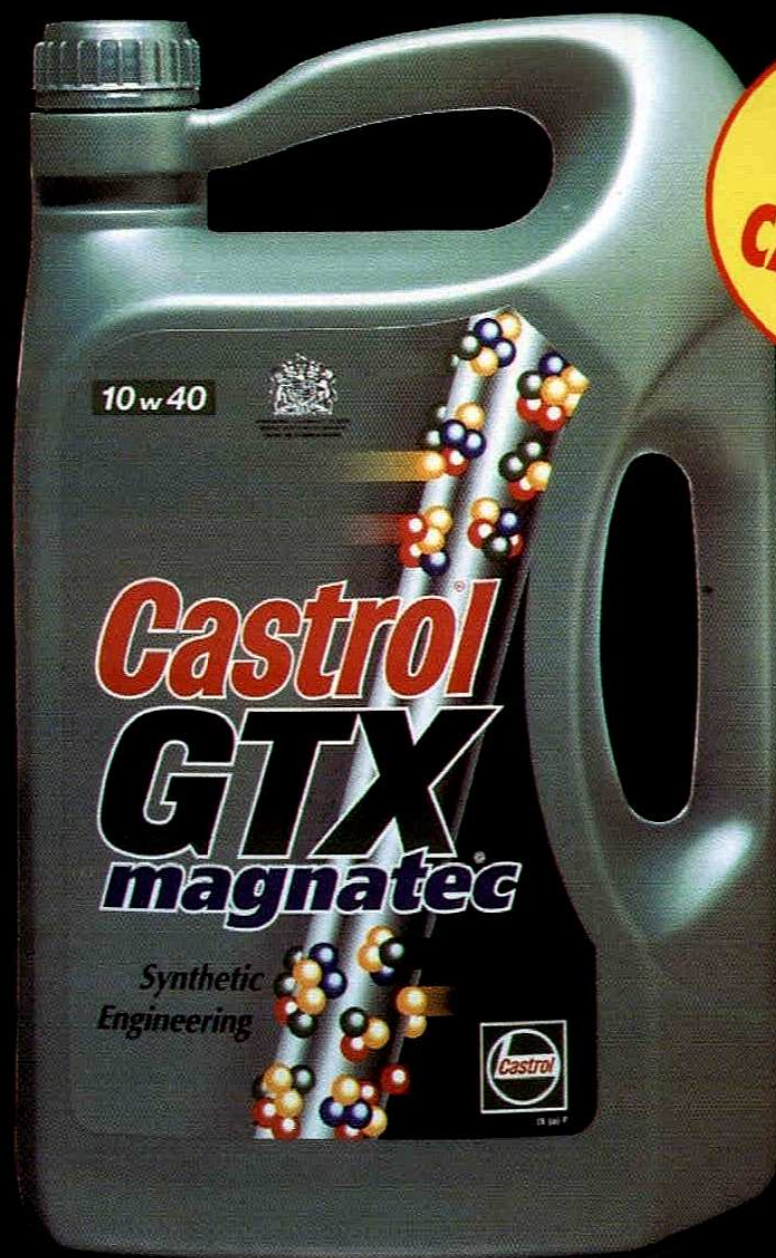
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a message from the Boardroom

One of the joys of football is its global nature - a topic of discussion wherever one goes. Manchester United are the best known team for the breadth of their following but Swindon Town can also claim some far flung support.

Earlier this year, on boarding a BA flight from Bangkok, my first drink was poured by Town enthusiast Bob Burgen who immediately recognised my Swindon Town Football Club tie!

Close to my office in London is Gerry Phillips taking care of the City from Bishopsgate Police Station and visiting the County Ground when duties permit.

I recently had lunch with David Moulard the enthusiastic Secretary of the Swindon Supporters in London Association (SSILA).

He tells me that many "London" supporters have moved base to other parts of the UK and even have flags planted in Paris, Switzerland and Cambodia.

I had seen SSILA in the programmes (currently on Peter

Thorne's shirt) but, no doubt like many others in the London area had not fulfilled the intention of getting in touch.

With membership around 50, the association is planning its 10th anniversary in 1997. It continues to offer practical help with travel, produces an occasional newsletter and maintains contact with our other London based supporters of clubs nationwide - sometimes travelling with "rival" supporters and enjoying social functions, darts

matches (recent games versus Southampton and Birmingham) etc.

Having belatedly joined the association I invite readers based around London to contact David on 0181 503 3735 (if he is not in, you will enjoy his answerphone!) or write for details to 17 Mersey Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 5LA.

May I wish everyone a Happy New Year and a good run of results for the team in 1997 - starting today against Queens Park Rangers.

Peter Godwin.



Scousers return

On Sunday January 5th Swindon travel to Goodison Park to take on Everton in the third round of the FA Cup.

When the draw was made it brought a smile to several Scouse exiles who are now heavily involved at Swindon Town.

Of course manager Steve McMahon and his assistant Mike Walsh both played for Everton while youngsters Alex Smith and Peter Holcroft are recent recruits from Goodison.

Skipper Mark Seagraves was born in Bootle - add to that Youth Team boss Tommy Wheeldon (ex Everton), Youth Development Officer Phil Cannon, Youth Team players Robin Hulbert and Jonathan Haines (both ex Everton Association Schoolboys) along with Phil MacDiarmid (Ex Liverpool Centre of Excellence) and Director of Football Rikki Hunt has his roots firmly planted on Merseyside.

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the manager

Steve McMahon says



First things first and I would just like to wish you all Happy New Year.

Let's hope we enjoy as much success in 1997 as we did last year and the Swindon Town revival continues.

Looking back at 1996 we started the year flying high at the top of Division Two and the players deserved great credit for showing tremendous patience.

The fans were patient too and they became quite educated in the end, realising that teams were coming here to stop us from playing and that it might take until the 89th minute before we finally broke through to win the game.

Of course the supporters were left frustrated a few times, particularly here at the County Ground when we weren't always able to get the result they wanted, but it all came right in the end and who can forget the day we lifted the Championship Trophy?

As I said at the time, winning the title with Swindon without doubt surpassed anything I achieved as a player and everyone at the Club should be praised for playing their part.

From that great high came the almighty low of my mother passing away during the summer. It meant that the close season did not go particularly well for me.

It was a traumatic season in more ways than one and I was left with very mixed emotions after a lot of highs and that big low.

As far as 1997 is concerned I have two aims. The first is to see us finish as high as possible in Division One and the other is to win the Lottery! At least then I would have some cash to buy some new players!

Looking ahead to Sunday we go to my old Club Everton in the FA Cup. Apart from maybe playing Liverpool, this was the best draw we could have got having already played Manchester United in the Coca-Cola Cup.

There are a lot of connections between Swindon and Everton

and it will be like the Scousers going back home.

My sister in law still works at Goodison in the ticket office and my brother John used to be a professional there back in the early 1980's.

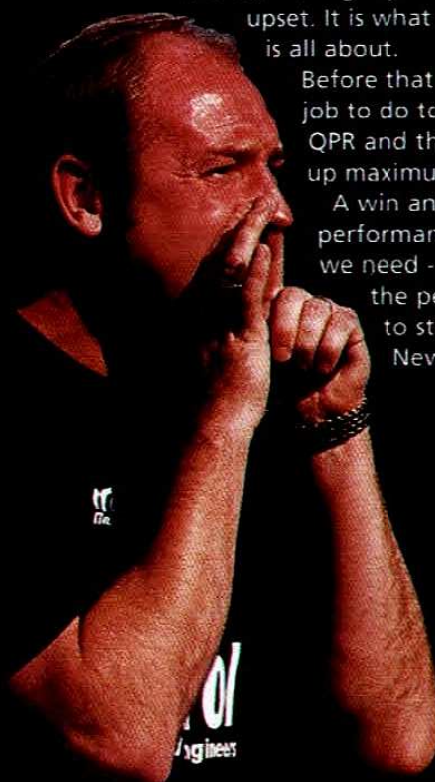
I've got a love-hate relationship with the Everton fans - they love to hate me! That's basically because I left them to join rivals Liverpool and to rub salt into the wounds I then scored a couple of crucial goals against them.

They've never forgiven me for that and I'm looking forward to a great reception on my return!

Whatever the result I'm sure we will all enjoy the day out playing in front of 40,000 people and who knows, we might just cause an upset. It is what the FA Cup is all about.

Before that we have a job to do today against QPR and that is to pick up maximum points.

A win and a solid performance is what we need - it would be the perfect way to start the New Year.



Steve McMahon

today's visitors

This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and staff of a Queens Park Rangers side with whom we have become very well acquainted this season. Today's meeting is the fourth between our two sides already this term - with everything at level pegging so far.

Our League match at Loftus Road in September finished as a 1-1 draw, while our two meetings in the Coca-Cola Cup in the same month resulted in a victory for each side, with Swindon winning through thanks to a 3-1 triumph in the second leg - QPR having previously won 2-1 at the County Ground.

Since then, Rangers have been considerably strengthened by the £2.5 million arrival of Scottish international striker John Spencer at Loftus Road - a move which has eased the shock of losing highly-rated young England U21 striker Kevin Gallen for the whole of 1996/97 with a severe cruciate ligament problem.

As Gallen had scored three times in the season's opening two games, his loss cannot be underestimated.



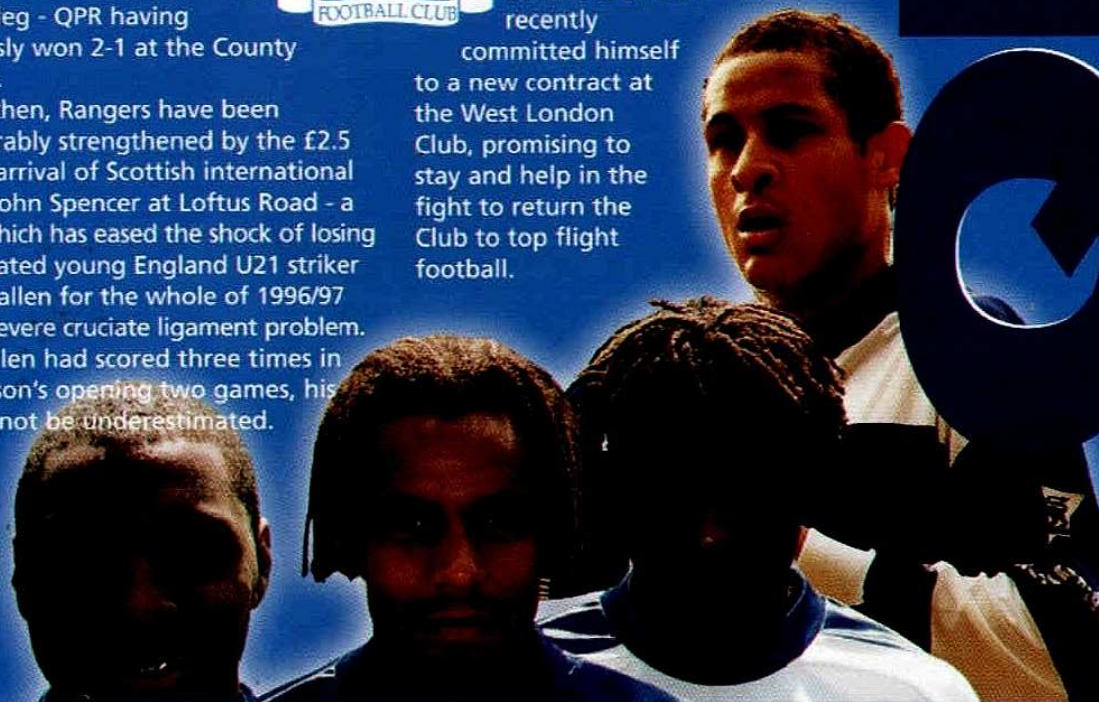
Spencer has announced his intention of firing QPR back into the Premiership by saying that he doesn't intend to spend "the next three and a half years of my life in the First Division". He started as he means to go on, with a strike in his first match, although it ended in a 2-1 defeat away at Reading.

And another change in staff at Loftus Road since September has seen the arrival of former Arsenal assistant

Stewart Houston as team manager.

Also on the positive side, the Club have managed to hold onto their brightest jewel, striker Trevor Sinclair, who has been the subject of envious glances from many Premiership admirers. Sinclair recently

committed himself to a new contract at the West London Club, promising to stay and help in the fight to return the Club to top flight football.



Queens Park Rangers Football Club 1996/97

Back Row: (left to right)

Paul Murray, Trevor Challis, Andrew McDermot, Chris Plummer, Mark Hateley, Karl Ready, Daniele Dichio, Mark Perry, Nigel Quashie, Steve Slade.

Middle Row: (left to right)

John Nolan (Kit Man), Danny Maddix, Michael Mahoney-Johnson, David Bardsley, Richard Hurst, Juergen Sommer, Tony Roberts, Steve Yates, Lee Charles, Kevin Gallen, Brian Morris (Physio).

Front Row: (left to right)

John Hollins (Reserve Team Manager), Mark Graham, Paul Bruce, Andrew Impey, Matthew Brazier, Bruce Rioch (Asst Manager), Alan McDonald, Stewart Houston (Manager), Simon Barker, Trevor Sinclair, John Spencer, Rufus Brevett, Warren Neill (Youth Team Manager).



a closer look at John Spencer

This diminutive ex-Chelsea and Glasgow Rangers striker smashed QPR's transfer record when he moved across west London from Stamford Bridge for £2.5 million in November.

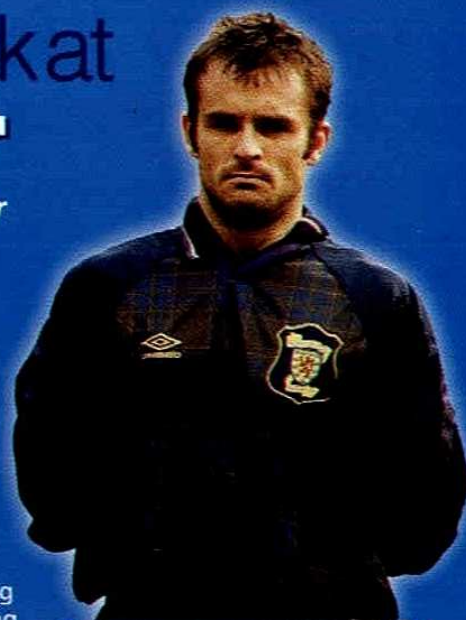
Unsettled at Chelsea following the high profile signings of Gianluca Vialli, Mark Hughes and Gianfranco Zola, Spencer's transfer topped the previous Loftus Road record by a cool £1 million - and he will be hoping to do better than the previous holder of the 'most expensive player' tag.

Mark Hateley's success at Loftus Road has been conspicuous by its absence, and fans were quick to get on his back after the £1.5 million man failed to live up to the billing given him by both the size of his transfer fee and the words of former boss Ray Wilkins.

But Spencer quickly dispelled any doubts about his desire by scoring twice in his first three games and pledging to score the goals to bring Premiership football back to QPR.

Thirteen goals saw Spencer eclipse the bigger names to become Chelsea's top scorer last term, and he also forced his way into Craig Brown's plans for Scotland at Euro 96.

A great touch, a hunger for the game and the uncanny knack of losing defenders even in a crowded penalty area make Spencer a dangerous opponent indeed.



FACT FILE..

Name: John Spencer
Position: Forward
Born: Glasgow, 11.09.70
Height: 5ft 6in
Weight: 11st 7lb
Trophies Won: None
International Honours: Scotland Schools, Youth, 3 U21, 12 Full caps
League Record Last Season: 28 games, 13 goals

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
86/87 - 88/89	G.Rangers	-	-	From Juniors
88/89	Morton (L)	4	1	
		Loan From Lai Sun, Hong Kong		
90/91 - 91/92	Rangers	13	2	Returned
92/93 - 95/96	Chelsea	99	36	£450,000
(figures correct at beginning of 1996/97 season)				

Stewart Houston

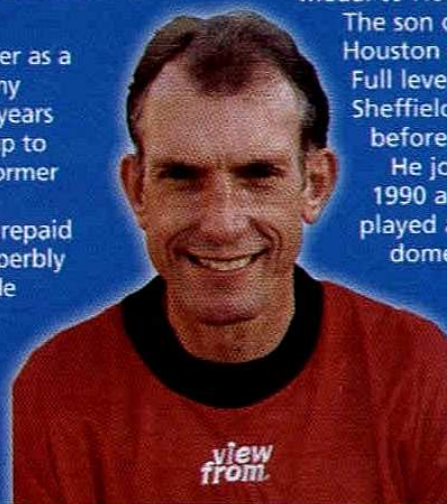
the manager

Despite being born and bred in Dunoon in Scotland, much of new Rangers boss Stewart Houston's footballing life has revolved around west London.

He began his professional career as a player with Chelsea under Tommy Docherty and also enjoyed two years with Brentford before moving up to Manchester United, following former boss Docherty.

His fee of £55,000 was quickly repaid as he showed his quality as a superbly consistent left-back, having made his United debut in what turned out to be George Best's final match for the Red Devils.

Houston won a Second Division Championship



medal in 1975 and appeared in the FA Cup Final against Southampton the following year, when the Saints upset the odds by winning 1-0.

Destined to miss out on Wembley glory, Houston tore his ankle ligaments a fortnight before the 1977 FA Cup Final, losing his place to Arthur Albiston, who subsequently offered his winners' medal to Houston.

The son of a former St.Mirren player, Houston represented his country at U23 and Full level and had further spells with Sheffield United and Colchester United before retiring in 1985.

He joined the Arsenal backroom staff in 1990 and, as assistant to George Graham, played a big role in the Club's recent domestic and European successes. After two successful spells as Caretaker Boss at Highbury, however, Houston became disillusioned with the Gunners and jumped at the chance to replace Ray Wilkins in the QPR hot-seat early this season.



player profile

QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Now established as QPR's first choice goalkeeper, United States international

JUERGEN SOMMER was signed from Luton Town for a fee of £625,000 in August 1995 and at 6ft 5in forms an imposing barrier.

His deputy is the popular Welsh cap **TONY ROBERTS**, who progressed through the junior ranks at Loftus Road to sign professional in July 1987. He has found his first-team chances limited since his debut in December 1987, thanks mainly to the high quality of other 'keepers at the Club.

SIEB DYKSTRA is a Dutch 'keeper who signed from Motherwell in July 1994, but has yet to really establish himself at Loftus Road.

As you would expect from a side only recently relegated from the Premiership, QPR can boast a wealth of quality performers in their line-up, not least former England full-back

DAVID BARDSLEY (2 caps). A consistent player who loves to get forward on the overlap, David moved to Loftus Road from Oxford in September 1989, for a fee of £500,000, and also played for Watford in the 1984 FA Cup Final.

MATT BRAZIER is a former QPR trainee who signed professional in July 1994 and made his senior debut in the Coca-Cola Cup in October 1995 - and was voted Man of the Match. Brazier obviously enjoys the Coca-Cola Cup, as he also scored Rangers' consolation goal in their 3-1 defeat by Swindon in that competition early this season.



Having spent several years in the shadow of Clive Wilson

- now with Tottenham -

RUFUS BREVETT established himself as the Club's regular left-back in 1995/96. He began with Doncaster Rovers and moved to west

London in February 1991,

with the Superhoops paying

£250,000 for his services. Fast approaching 100 senior games, Rufus' only goal for the Club came in a 3-0 win over Southampton in March of this year.

His main rival for the left-back spot comes from former Club trainee **TREVOR CHALLIS**, who signed professional in July 1994. He has only played a handful of first-team games at Loftus Road - but did enough to impress the England set-up and won two U21 caps during last summer's Toulon Tournament in France.

Rangers' longest serving player, and the Club Captain, is the hugely experienced Northern Ireland international **ALAN McDONALD**. Alan has been with the Club since turning pro in August 1981, although ironically he made his League debut during a spell on loan at Charlton in April 1983. A solid and inspirational leader in QPR's colours, McDonald enjoys getting forward at corners and free-kicks and presents a very real threat.

Regarded as one of the best man markers in the game, **DANNY MADDIX** was snapped up on a free transfer from Tottenham in July 1987 and has now fully recovered from a nasty foot injury that for a time threatened to finish his career.

CHRIS PLUMMER has the unusual distinction of having made his England U21 debut before he ever played a senior game for his Club. Prior to this season Chris had made one first-team appearance for Rangers - as sub v Nottm Forest - but had five U21 caps to his credit. With a record like that, this young defender is sure to have bright future.

Welsh 'B' international **KARL READY** is a versatile defender who can play in central defence or either of the full-back positions. He is a former apprentice with the Club.

Player's Player of the Year for 1995/96 was central defender or right-back **STEVE YATES** who signed for £650,000 from Bristol Rovers in August 1993. He has only ever scored one League goal - and that came against Aston Villa in January 1995.

Unsurprisingly for a side recently managed by Ray Wilkins, QPR show a degree of class in the midfield area, where **SIMON BARKER** is a regular performer. Simon began life at Blackburn before moving to Loftus Road in £400,000 deal in the summer of 1988.

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P L A Y E R P R O F I L E

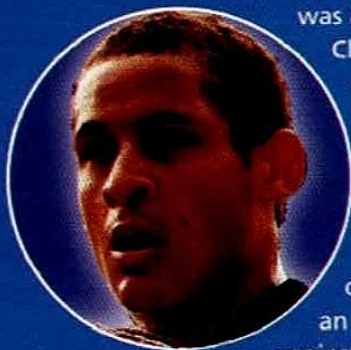


ANDY McDERMOTT is a product of the fruitful Australian Institute of Sport, and he signed for Rangers in August 1995 after spending the pre-season training with the Club. He has yet to establish himself in the first-team, but at just 19-years-old he has time on his side.

May 1996 saw the signing of highly-rated Carlisle midfielder **PAUL MURRAY** for an initial fee of £300,000, although that could rise to £750,000 depending on appearances.

Only 17-years-old, **MARK PERRY** is a former Club apprentice who is expected to go far by the Loftus Road coaching staff. Mark was invited to assist with the Full England squad twice last season, and he has been predicted a bright future.

Another youngster is the highly-rated **NIGEL QUASHIE** who was one of the few plus points to come out of last season for QPR supporters, particularly so as he was a product of the Club's impressive Youth set-up.

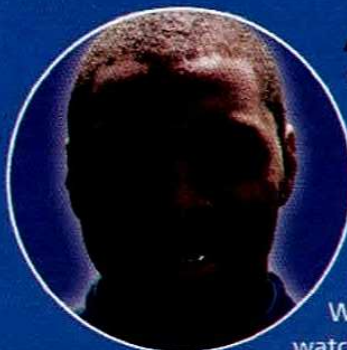


A stylish central midfielder who loves to push forward with the ball at his feet, he served notice of a bright future with an outstanding debut against Man Utd at Old

Trafford and also a quite superb goal against Chelsea in the Fourth Round of the FA Cup.

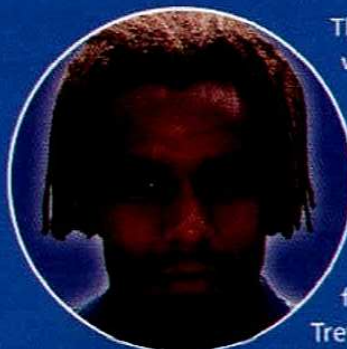
It is up front where QPR look, on paper at least, to be at their best, even without the services of the injured Kevin Gallen.

In **DANIELE DICHIO** they have a former England Schools star who came through the ranks at Loftus Road to make his debut in October 1994. A loan spell at Welling Utd, where he scored four times in his first match, did enough to convince Rangers he was a stunning prospect and he proved them right by finishing as top scorer in 1995/96 with 13 goals.



ANDY IMPEY was snapped up from non-League Yeading in June 1990 for a bargain fee of £35,000, after a non-stop display in the FA Vase Final at Wembley impressed watching QPR scouts.

Already an established U21 star, Andy has been rewarded for his dangerous wing play with a call-up to Full England squad training sessions.



The man that many were surprised to see still at Loftus Road at the start of this season was **TREVOR SINCLAIR**. A £750,000 signing from Blackpool,

Trevor's skill on the ball and eye for goal have marked him out as a real hot property and was recently included in the Full England squad. Voted supporters' Player of the Year for 1995/96, Sinclair could well hold the key to Rangers' season, although as yet we have seen only glimpses of his quality this term.

Frustrated by a lack of progress at Spurs, 20-year-old striker **STEVE SLADE** moved across London during the summer to join QPR for a tribunal set fee of £250,000. An England U21 international, Slade scored twice in four games during last summer's Toulon Tournament.

Other front men for the R's include **LEE CHARLES**, signed from non-League Chertsey Town after scoring a hat-trick v QPR Reserves, former trainee **MARK GRAHAM** - a Northern Ireland 'B' international - and the elaborately-named **MICHAEL MAHONEY-JOHNSON**, also a former YTS at the Club.

QPR

VITAL STATISTICS



QPR's record over the last 10 years

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
86/87	1	42	13	11	18	48	64	50	16th
87/88	1	40	19	10	11	48	38	67	5th
88/89	1	38	14	11	13	43	37	53	9th
89/90	1	38	13	11	14	45	44	50	11th
90/91	1	38	12	10	16	44	53	46	12th
91/92	1	42	12	18	12	48	47	54	11th
92/93	P	42	17	12	13	63	55	63	5th
93/94	P	42	16	12	14	62	61	60	9th
94/95	P	42	17	9	16	61	59	60	8th
95/96	P	38	9	6	23	38	57	33	19th



**10 YEAR
RECORD**

How QPR have performed so far this season

Date	Opps	H/A	Result	Scorers (Goal times)
Aug 17	OXFORD	(h)	W2-1	Gallen (60), Dichio (79)
Aug 23	PORTSMOUTH	(a)	W2-1	Gallen (7, 77)
Aug 28	WOLVES	(a)	D1-1	Dichio (41)
Sep 01	BOLTON	(h)	L1-2	McDonald (79)
Sep 07	WEST BROM	(h)	L0-2	
Sep 11	NORWICH	(a)	D1-1	Impey (81)
Sep 14	BARNSELY	(a)	W3-1	Barker (6), Perry (41), Dichio (50)
Sep 21	SWINDON	(h)	D1-1	Murray (27)
Sep 28	BIRMINGHAM	(a)	D0-0	
Oct 02	PORT VALE	(h)	L1-2	Barker (79)
Oct 05	GRIMSBY	(a)	L0-2	
Oct 12	MAN CITY	(h)	D2-2	Sinclair (23), Murray (31)
Oct 16	BRADFORD	(h)	W1-0	Brazier (90)
Oct 20	TRANMERE	(a)	W3-2	Slade (9), McDonald (67), Charles (85)
Oct 26	SHEFF UTD	(a)	D1-1	Slade (18)
Oct 30	IPSWICH	(h)	L0-1	
Nov 02	STOKE	(h)	D1-1	Sinclair (65)
Nov 10	C.PALACE	(a)	L0-3	
Nov 16	CHARLTON	(h)	L1-2	Sinclair (12)
Nov 23	READING	(a)	L1-2	Spencer (49)
Nov 30	SHEFF UTD	(h)	W1-0	Barker (36pen)
Dec 07	OLDHAM	(a)	W2-0	Peacock (78), Spencer (90)

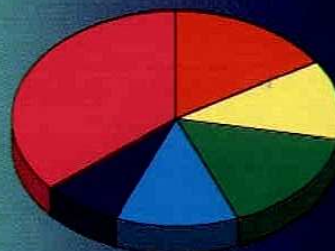
OUR LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST QUEENS PARK RANGERS SINCE THE 1960's...

Home	Div	Result
03-Apr-1961	3	1-0
17-Oct-1961	3	0-0
12-Jan-1963	3	5-0
23-Apr-1966	3	2-1
02-May-1967	3	1-1
10-Jan-1970	2	0-0
10-Oct-1970	2	1-0
04-Sep-1971	2	0-0
12-Aug-1972	2	2-2
24-Nov-1993	Prem	1-0

Away	Div	Result
31-Mar-1961	3	1-3
04-Sep-1961	3	1-6
01-Sep-1962	3	2-2
27-Nov-1965	3	2-3
03-Sep-1966	3	1-3
20-Sep-1969	2	0-2
17-Apr-1971	2	2-4
18-Dec-1971	2	0-3
17-Feb-1973	2	0-5
30-Apr-1994	Prem	3-1

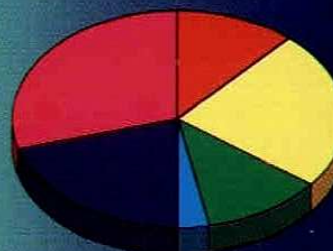
Swindon score first

The times the goals have gone in for QPR at both ends this season.



League goals scored this season clockwise starting at RED

0-15mins	4
16-30	3
31-45	4
46-60	3
61-75	2
76-90	9
TOTAL	25

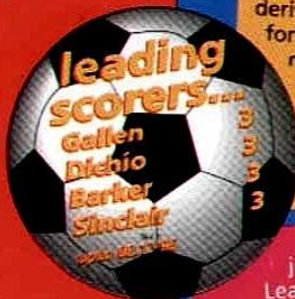


League goals conceded to date clockwise starting at RED

0-15	3
16-30	7
31-45	3
46-60	0
61-75	6
76-90	9
TOTAL	28

TOTAL MATCHES: 22

Goals	
Gallen	3
Dichio	3
Barker	3
Sinclair	3
McDonald	2
Murray	2
Slade	2
Spencer	2
Impey	1
Perry	1
Brazier	1
Charles	1
Peacock	1



* The club's name derives from its formative years when many of the players that played in the original side hailed from an area known as Queen's Park.

* Rangers joined the Football League in the 1920-21 season when their full record for the campaign read:
Played 42, Won 22, Drawn 9, Lost 11, Goals for 61, Goals against 32, Points 53.

* At 12, QPR have had more home grounds than any other club in the Football League.

QuickQuiz!

the question is...

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

1. Who do Leicester play in the Coca-Cola Cup Quarter-Finals?
2. Which First Division club are nicknamed The Addicks?
3. Roy Keane left which club to join Manchester United?
4. How much did Newcastle pay for Alan Shearer?
5. He played for his dad at Forest, joined Liverpool and is now at Maine Road. Who is he?
6. Which Third Division club offered to ground share with troubled Brighton?
7. Bolton's Gudni Bergsson is an international with Norway, Iceland or Finland?
8. Name the last First Division club to reach the Coca-Cola Cup Final?
9. How many seconds passed before Scotland's World Cup clash with Estonia was called off?
10. Who is the manager of Wolves?
11. Gianfranco Zola's first goal for Chelsea was against who?
12. Tommy Burns is the manager of which club?
13. Who are the current holders of the European Cup?
14. Patrick Vieira plays for which Premiership team?
15. Alphabetically speaking, which club is the last in the First Division?

WHO AM I?

1. Born in Oldham in 1966 this midfielder has been involved in transfers totalling over £21 million.
2. His first league appearances were for Crewe Alexandra where he scored 56 goals in 134 league games.
3. After a spell with Villa he played for Bari and Juventus in Italy.
4. He has played over 60 games for England scoring nearly 30 goals

CLOSE UP! WHOSE CREST?



HOME & AWAY..

HOME....

1. What was the score of our home leg against QPR in the Coca-Cola Cup?
2. And what about the clash at Loftus Road?
3. Mark Walters started his career at which club?

....AND AWAY

1. Who did Stuart Houston replace as manager at Rangers?
2. QPR reached the Milk Cup Final in 1985, 86 or 87?

RULES OF THE GAME!

A player hurriedly takes a free kick awarded near his own goal. He plays the ball before it is stationary and then the opposing team shoot and 'score'. What action does the referee take?

- A. Award the goal
- B. Order the kick to be retaken
- C. Give a free kick to the opposition

Answers.... 1. Ipswich, 2. Charlton, 3. Nottingham Forest, 4. £15 million, 5. Nigel Clough, 6. Carlisle, 7. Wolves, 8. Bolton, 9. Three, 10. Mark McGhee, 11. Everton, 12. Celtic, 13. Juventus, 14. Arsenal, 15. Wolves.
Home: 1. We lost 2-1, 2. We won 3-1, 3. Aston Villa.
Away: 1. Ray Wilkins, 2. 1986.
Who am I: David Platt.
Whose Crest: Middlesbrough.
Rules of the game: ans B.

a brief look back

Dick Mattick looks back ...

January 1963 saw the country in the grip of one of the coldest winters for years. No Swindon side had been in action at any level since Boxing Day and the County Ground fixture with the Queens Park Rangers was one of the few which beat the weather on the 12th of January. Both sides went into the match with 28 points but the Town had played a game more.

Over £300 had been spent in clearing snow from the playing surface and terraces but the pitch was heavily sanded with the markings picked out in blue.

Alex Stock, the Rangers manager was extremely unhappy that the referee decided to let the game go ahead, regarding it as not in a fit state to provide professional football entertainment and feeling that the sand and snow on the pitch merely concealed icy patches.

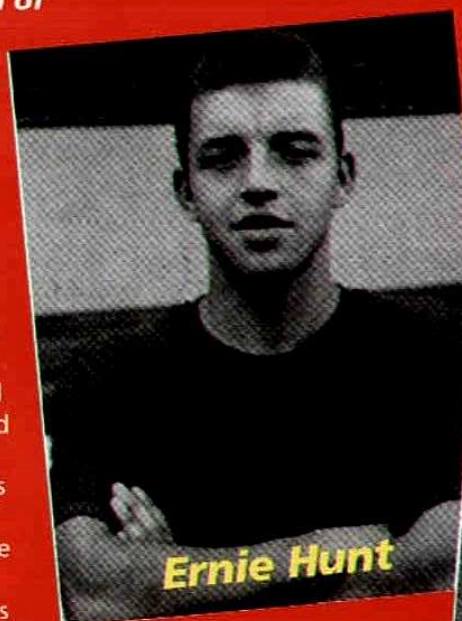
While Rangers had been attempting to decide what footwear was best on the surface by practising in the bitter cold, the Swindon side was huddled in the warmth of their dressing room. When they did emerge they were wearing yellow gloves and crucially basketball boots. The team showed two changes from the one that had lost 2-0 at Bradford Park Avenue with Mike Turner replacing Mike O'Hara in goal and "Big" Bill Atkins

making way for Cliff Jackson the former schoolboy international who was one of six teenagers in the Town line-up.

As the match got under way it was clear conditions were treacherous but Swindon's footwear was obviously better suited to the conditions and this coupled with their manager's

10 minutes saw Woodruff and Smith with two goals take advantage of the Rangers disinclination to risk injury chasing a lost cause.

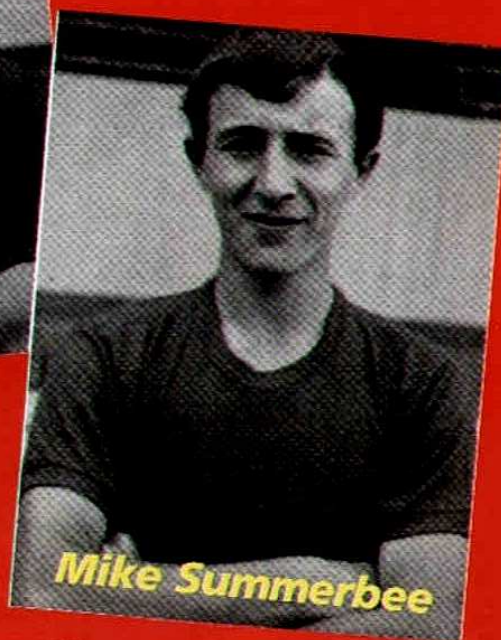
While it remains highly debatable whether the match should have been played it certainly had a silver lining for Bata the manufacturers who produced the Town's basketball boots. The firm took out 12 column inches of advertising space in the Swindon Echo to proclaim the boots that beat the Rangers at a cost of just 12 shillings and 11 pence a pair



Ernie Hunt

instructions to play everything to feet saw them looking far the better side. Despite this it wasn't until six minutes before half time that Jack Smith put Swindon in front but a second goal, from Arnold Darcy, five minutes later left Queens Park Rangers an unenviable task in the second half.

A third goal just after the hour scored by Don Rogers who had made his debut less than two months earlier put the game beyond the Londoners. Many of the Rangers players had looked wary from the start and the last



Mike Summerbee

Teams:

Swindon- Turner, Owen Trollope, Morgan, Mcpherson, Woodruff, Summerbee, Hunt, Smith, Jackson and Rogers

QPR- (as given in programme) Drinkwater, Angell, Ingham, Malcolm, Keen, Large, McClelland, Bedford, Leary, Barber and Lazarus.



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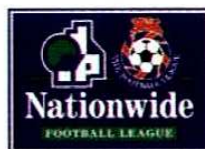
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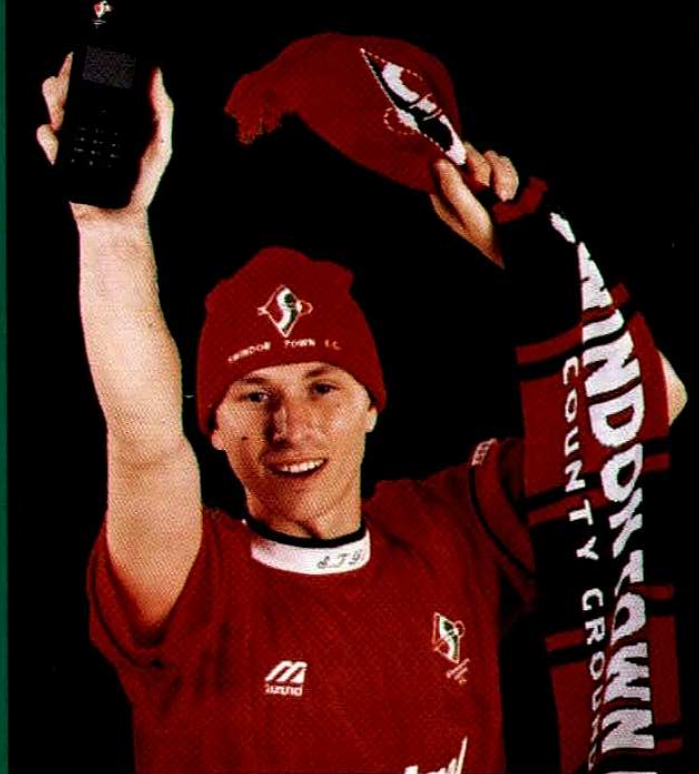
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benno gives his view

By Colin Benson

The turn of the year is always a time for reflection as well as for looking to the future, so let me take you back to 1947 when horse-drawn carts delivered the milk to Loftus Road.

If Stewart Houston thinks he has problems with the availability of some of his players this season, his headaches are nothing to those which faced one of his predecessors Dave Mangnall.

As Christmas 1947 was celebrated, Queens Park Rangers seemed to be on the end of a fair wind blowing them towards the shores of the Second Division.

They had accumulated more points than any other side in the whole of the Football League and their gates were the best in the Third Division (South).

QPR were top of the league and playing with a style and grace that was the envy of every other team in the division. Yet in the boardroom at Loftus Road they insisted they were the luckiest team of the season.

The problem was injuries. They reckoned they had so many that sometimes the touch-lines were more crowded with cripples than the field was with players. Such was the problem with up to eight first team regulars out at a time, that the manager had not been able to field the same team twice since the season began.

The defenders had been worst hit. In those days most clubs had three or four fullbacks on the pay-roll; Rangers had three on the sick-list alone.

Jack Rose had undergone three operations in nine months. Reg Dudley broke his nose and as soon as it was re-set to its pristine Roman grandness, he cracked a leg "with the sound of a pistol shot." Finally Arthur Jefferson was recovering from a minor operation.

The shortage of manpower was further accentuated by the fact that many of the young players were serving overseas with the Forces.

Des Farrow, an influential left wing had been in India with the RAF for two seasons while centre-forward Bert Addinal was serving in Palestine until February.

Indeed, the manager considered that the wonder was not that Rangers had established themselves as the supreme team of the Third Division, but that they had fielded a side at all.

It was the practise in those war-torn days for clubs to rely on guest players but Mr Mangnall, who had played centre forward for Leeds, Birmingham, Millwall, West Ham and QPR as well as Huddersfield in their cup winning days, convinced his directors with a spiel of eye-opening realism that the reliance on guest players was no foundation for the future.

The reality of peace was in the air and once hostilities ceased, the guests would return to their home clubs. He wanted to recruit his own young players and develop them.

Dave Mangnall let it be known that he was open to consider local talent and local talent lost no time in presenting itself.

The phone never stopped

ringing as youngsters tried to explain that they were one and all Tommy Lawtons or Eddie Hopgoods in embryo.

They were all given a go. The policy was that no-one who thought he was a footballer was refused the chance to prove his boast.

Mangnall recruited some fifteen or so players, all under 24, from London's back streets. They cost him nothing. He did spend £45 mind you on Jackie Rose the Peterborough back.

The Midlanders wanted £100 but also were keen to play a game against Rangers. It was agreed to play with Posh taking the entire receipts.

The gate brought in £55, so Rangers paid the balance for their defender.

Oh that transfer deals could be that simple these days....I mean you can imagine Eric Hall agreeing to that can't you!

I suppose in some way Dave Mangnall can be attributed as the first QPR manager to invest on a youth policy, though the age range would not quite fit into that category in modern terms.

But things were different then, players tended to come into the big-time at a later age and leave at a later age than they do today.

By the way, QPR did win the title that season with 61 points, four more than runners-up Bournemouth.



Action replay

*The battle rages
and Wayne
O'Sullivan feels
the full force of a
Stoke challenge*

*Mark Robinson
clears his lines
at Stoke City*

*David
Kerslake
beats Mark
Stein to the
ball*

*Wayne Allison
puts Stoke
under pressure*

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review of the year 1996

What a year it has been for everyone involved at Swindon Town Football Club.

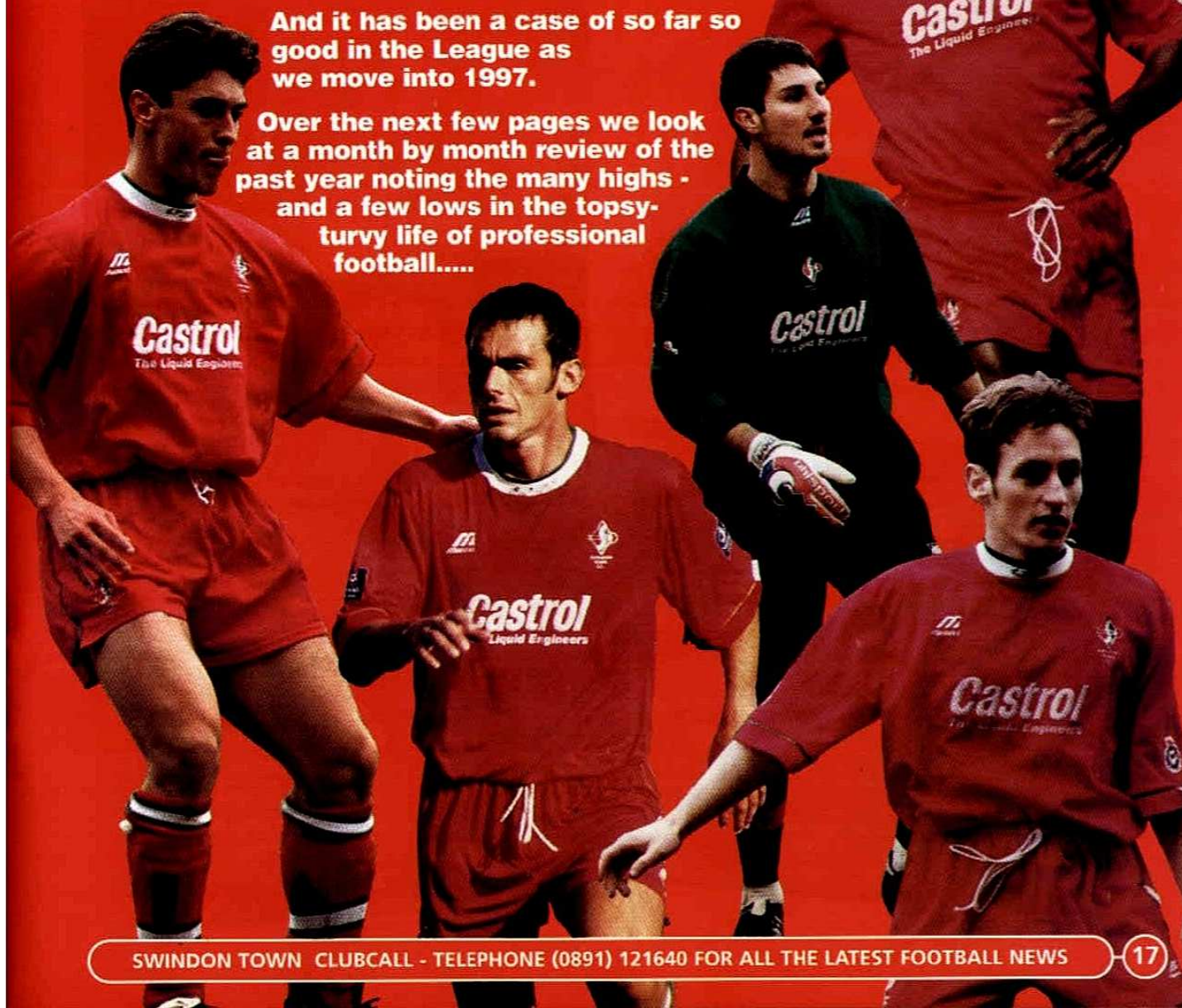
Under the guidance of Manager Steve McMahon the team emerged as Division Two Champions and the Club certainly celebrated in style both on and off the pitch.

It was party time all round as players, officials and supporters congratulated each other on a job well done.

During the Summer the Gaffer made some shrewd signings to strengthen his squad for the step back up into the Nationwide First Division.

And it has been a case of so far so good in the League as we move into 1997.

Over the next few pages we look at a month by month review of the past year noting the many highs - and a few lows in the topsy-turvy life of professional football.....



January

It was snow go for Town at the start of the year as the New Year's Day fixture at Peterborough was postponed due to a snow bound pitch.

With Swindon lying second in the table on goal difference behind Crewe Alexandra they took a time out from their Championship charge to take on non-league Woking at home in the third round of the FA Cup.

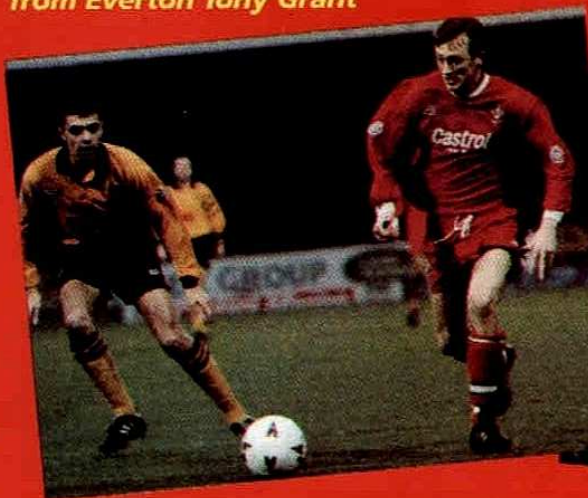
Goals from Paul Bodin and Wayne Allison made sure of Swindon's passage through after a hard fought 2-0 triumph and four days later Town returned to the top of the table following a convincing 3-0 win against Swansea City here at the County Ground.

It was Fraser Digby's fourth successive clean sheet between the sticks while at the other end, Peter Thorne (2) and the Chief Wayne Allison did the damage.

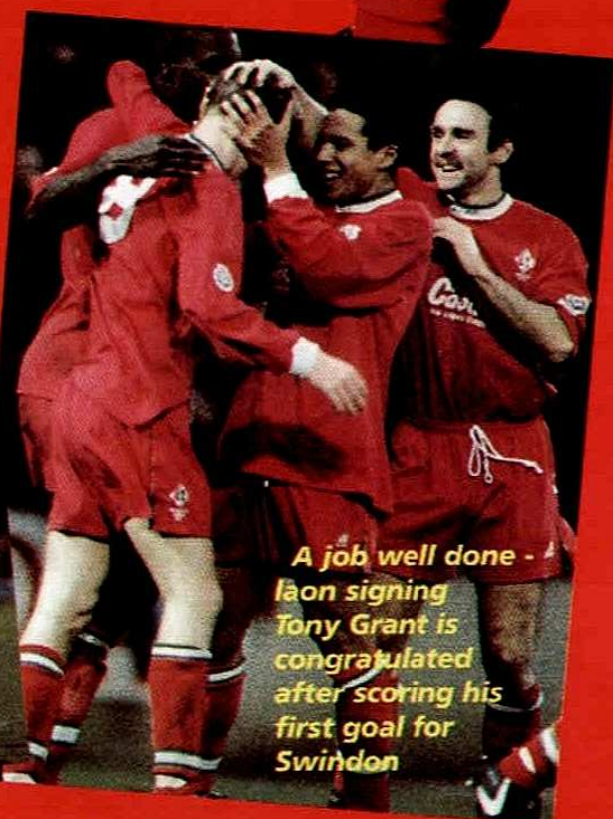
On the back of this result Town were expected to pick up another three point haul at struggling York City - but it didn't quite turn out that way as Steve McMahon's side lost 2-0 - their first defeat in eight games.

Some stern words got everyone back on track and at the end of the month Swindon were three points clear at the top thanks to a 3-0 victory over Hull City. Everton loanee Tony Grant was among the scorers as was Peter Thorne with Kevin Horlock notching his ninth of the season.

On the run - loan signing from Everton Tony Grant



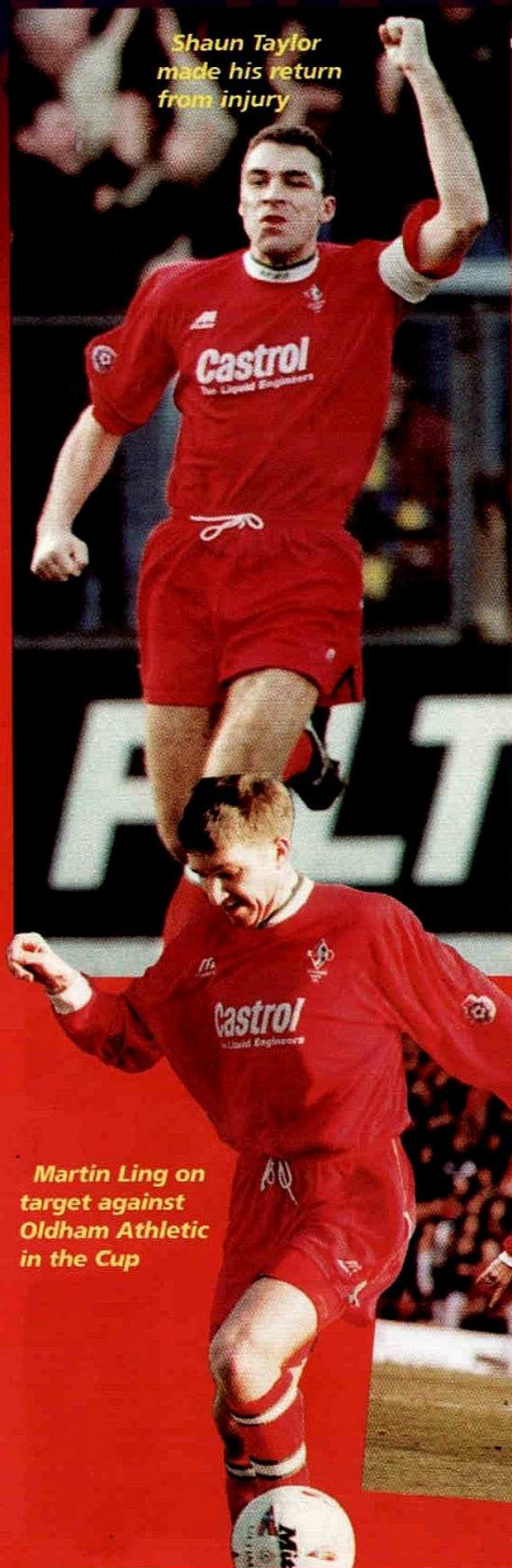
Wayne Allison who helped Swindon make FA Cup progress



A job well done - loan signing Tony Grant is congratulated after scoring his first goal for Swindon

February

**Shaun Taylor
made his return
from injury**



**Martin Ling on
target against
Oldham Athletic
in the Cup**

Swindon had no fewer than seven fixtures during February and they emerged from this hectic schedule with just one defeat - and that against Premiership side Southampton in an FA Cup replay.

The return of skipper Shaun Taylor from injury boosted the back line as Swindon sank Carlisle United 2-1 at the County Ground with Peter Thorne and Wayne Allison both netting.

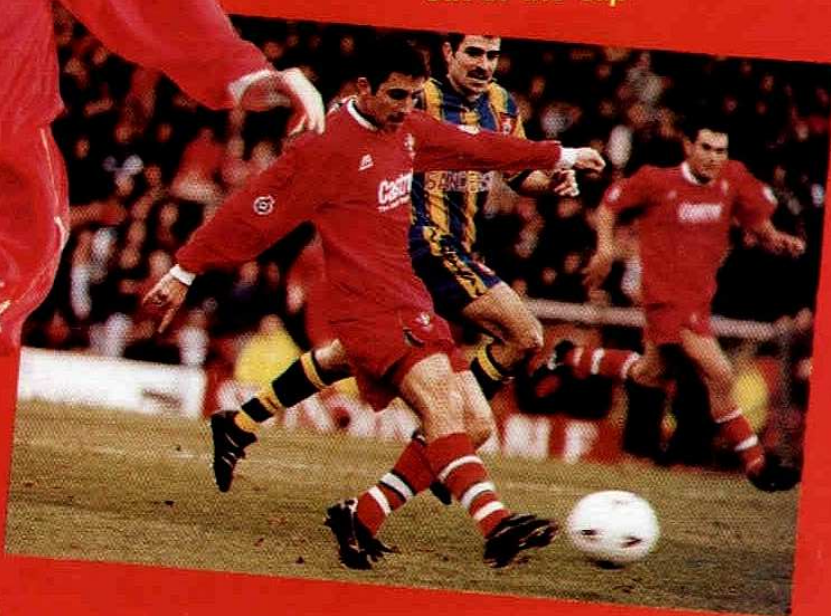
Ooh Shaun Taylor scored the only goal in a 1-0 result at Swansea and there was another 1-0 win to follow, this time at home to Oldham Athletic in the FA Cup fourth round - Martin Ling coming off the bench to score the winner.

The Saints then came marching in for the fifth round of the FA Cup and in front of a near capacity crowd, Swindon came mighty close to causing a major upset.

Kevin Horlock's goal looked as though it might be enough to see off Southampton but the South Coast side sneaked an equaliser and at the end of the month they won the replay 2-0 at the Dell.

That proved to be the only time Town lost in February with a 2-2 draw at home to Brentford and a 2-1 success at the expense of near neighbours Bristol Rovers completing an eventful four weeks of non-stop action.

**Kevin Horlock who went
close to knocking the Saints
out of the Cup**



March

March was another mad month as far as fixtures were concerned with little chance of a respite.

During the first five days, six points were notched up as Wycombe Wanderers were overcome 2-1 and Peterborough beaten 2-0 in a fine away double.

Town had to settle for a point in a 1-1 home draw with Walsall and they were also held at Burnley where there were no goals.

It was here that striker Steve Finney suffered a hairline fracture of his leg, a real blow to him and the Club as at that stage he was joint top scorer along side Wayne Allison with 16 goals to his credit.

To rub salt into the wound, Swindon slipped to a 3-0 reverse at local rivals Oxford United and lost the leadership of the Second Division to the emerging threat of Blackpool.

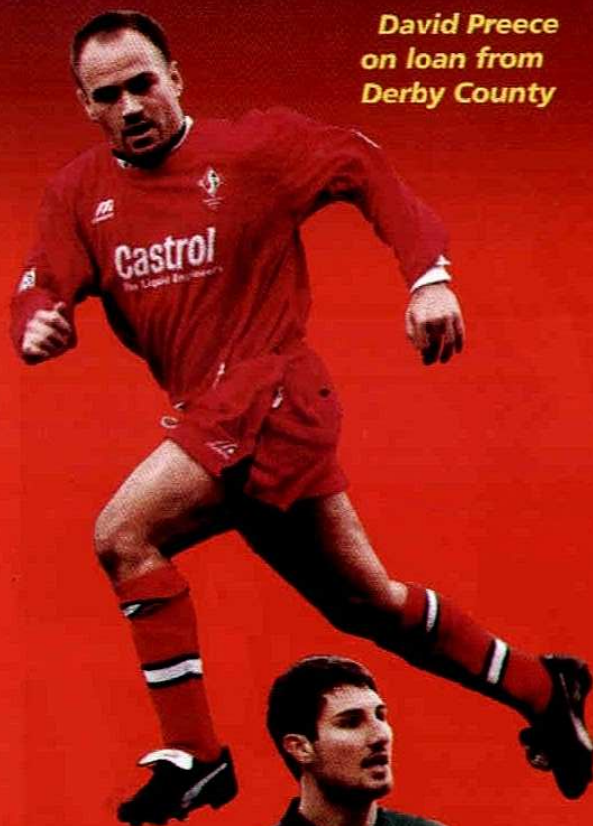
Goals from Peter Thorne and Wayne Allison got Town back on the winning trail as Peterborough were seen off 2-0 and the month ended with a 0-0 draw at Bristol City.

By this stage the experienced midfielder David Preece had been signed on loan from Derby County while goalkeeper Frank Talia had been made a permanent fixture at the County Ground in a £100,000 move from Blackburn Rovers.

Other new faces drafted in to bolster the squad were midfield hard-man Scott Leitch, a loan signing from Scottish Club Hearts, and young striker Steve Cowe who was brought in from Aston Villa.

With 10 games and five weeks of the campaign remaining Swindon had slipped into second place, five points behind Blackpool but with three games in hand.

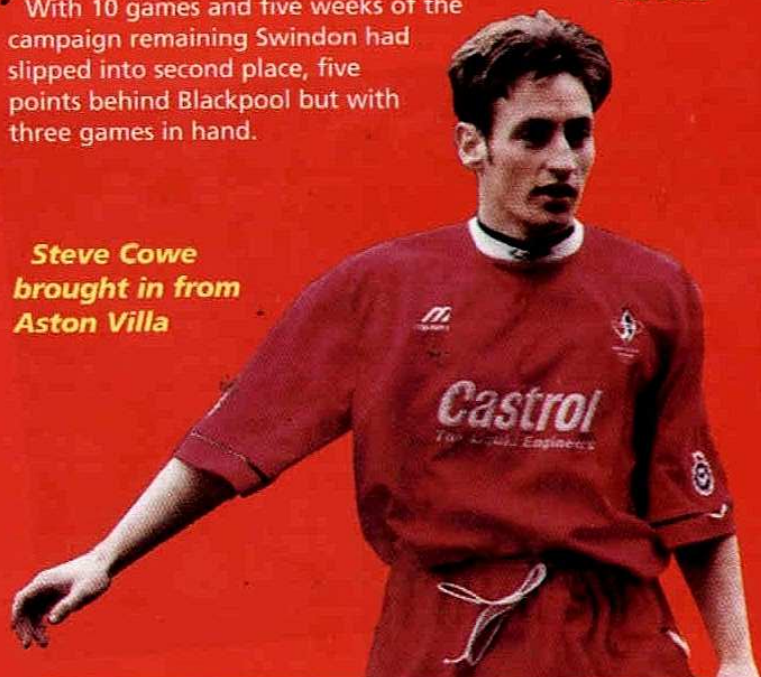
**David Preece
on loan from
Derby County**



**Frank Talia
signed from
Blackburn
Rovers**



**Steve Cowe
brought in from
Aston Villa**



April

Sheer grit and determination were the essential ingredients needed as Swindon moved into the month of April facing a tough run-in to the end of the season.

Their destiny was in their own hands and with lowly Brighton the first April opponents on home soil - a solid win was anticipated.

A win was clinched with goals from Peter Thorne (2) and Wayne Allison but it was too close for comfort with the final score of 3-2.

Nearly 11,000 fans witnessed Swindon's 1-0 home triumph over Notts County thanks to Kevin Horlock's goal and Horlock continued his rich vein of form in front of goal by adding another in his side's 2-0 verdict at Crewe Alexandra where David Preece pounced for his first in Swindon colours.

Swindon then turned into the stalemate specialists drawing 2-2 with Bournemouth - Kevin Horlock notching both goals - battling out a nervous 0-0 result at home to Burnley before the crucial away trip to fellow championship contenders Blackpool.

A victory would have clinched the title but a 1-1

draw was enough to ensure promotion with yes you've guessed it - Kevin Horlock the man on the mark.

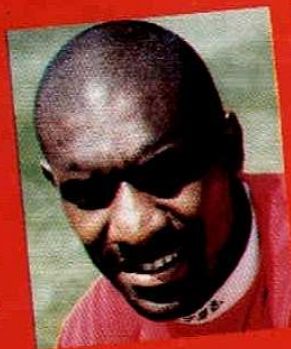
Although delirious at making an immediate return to division one after the previous season's relegation - there was only one thing on everyone's minds - capping a marvellous season with the ultimate goal - the Championship Trophy.

To obtain this, two more points were needed and they duly came away at Chesterfield where strikes by Steve Cowe on his full league debut, Peter Thorne and Wayne Allison set up a 3-1 win.

There were still three games to go and Town were keen to finish with a flourish.

A 2-1 win at Shrewsbury was followed by a 1-1 draw

at Bradford where Wayne Allison scored his 20th goal of the season to finish as leading scorer.



**Wayne Allison -
leading scorer
1995-96 season**

Time to party as promotion is clinched



May

It was party time at the County Ground on Saturday May 4th when Swindon ended the season with a game against Stockport County.

The Championship Trophy was proudly paraded to a full house and there was a real carnival atmosphere about the place.

Not surprisingly the match was a bit of a let down as a drab 0-0 draw was played out but that was unimportant as Swindon celebrated their bounce-back to Division One.

It was Steve McMahon's finest hour and he meant it when he said:

"I feel a greater sense of satisfaction with this achievement than I did as a player," he said, "I'm a very proud man."

After the match everyone partied until the early hours, indeed the whole town was on the crest of a wave.

And it didn't stop there as the very next day the team paraded the Second Division Trophy through Swindon on an open top bus.

There were thousands of fans lining the streets to salute their heroes and the parade reached its climax at the Civic Offices where a champagne reception was held by the Mayor of Thamesdown.

While the players looked back on a superb season, manager Steve McMahon looked forward to life in the higher division and was soon preparing for the start of the new campaign.

Both Paul Bodin and Martin Ling were given free transfers to give the Gaffer more scope to bring in fresh faces.

Fans celebrate Swindon's success

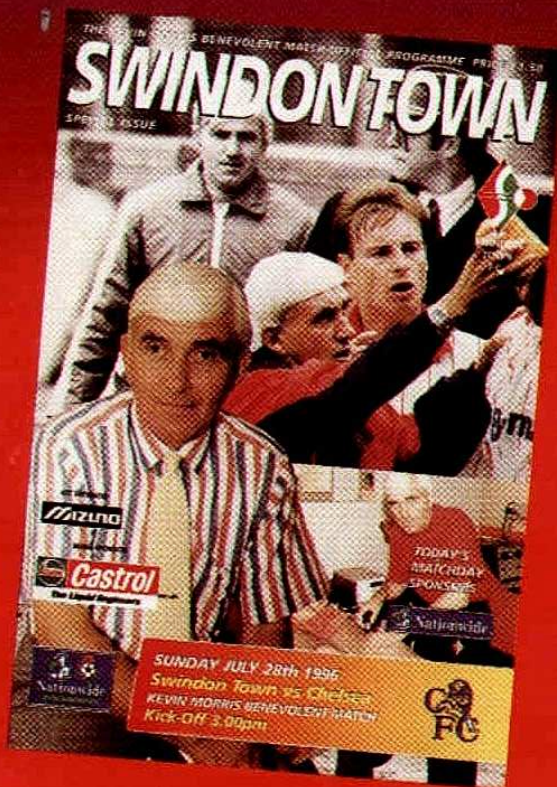


Paul Allen and Steve McMahon show off the Championship Trophy



Fans look forward to the visit of Chelsea in the Kevin Morris benefit match

June



The players took a welcome break following a gruelling season on the pitch with many taking their families away on holiday.

Meanwhile Steve McMahon began his search for new players, determined to build on the solid foundations that had been laid since he had joined the Club.

The Club's pre-season schedule was soon organised with the highlight being the visit of Premiership giants Chelsea in the Kevin Morris benefit match.

Friendlies against Wycombe Wanderers and Woking were also set up along with a week long tour of Finland.

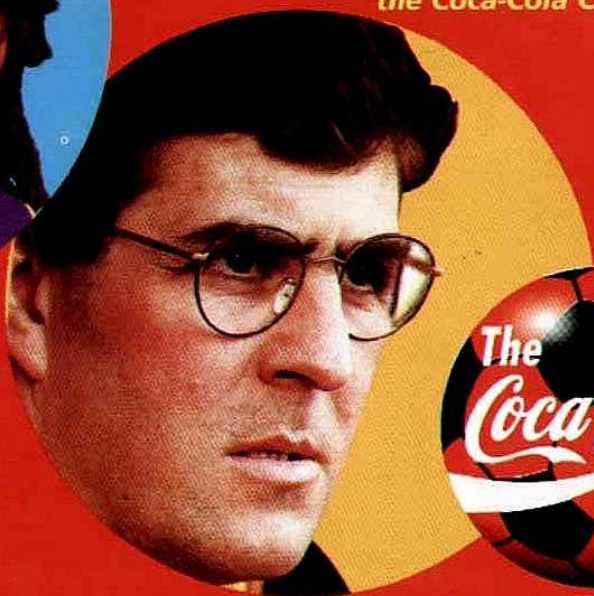
The first competitive fixture to be announced was the Coca Cola Cup first round tie against Mark McGhee's Wolves, one of the highly fancied teams in the First Division.

Shortly afterwards the Division One fixture list was released with Swindon's opening day match being a tough trip to Carrow Road to face Norwich City.



**Chelsea boss
Ruud Gullit**

**Mark McGhee's
Wolves are drawn in
the Coca-Cola Cup**



The highlight of 1996 winning the
Second Division Championship



July

July saw the players return to the County Ground for pre-season training and as promised, manager Steve McMahon had drafted in several new faces.

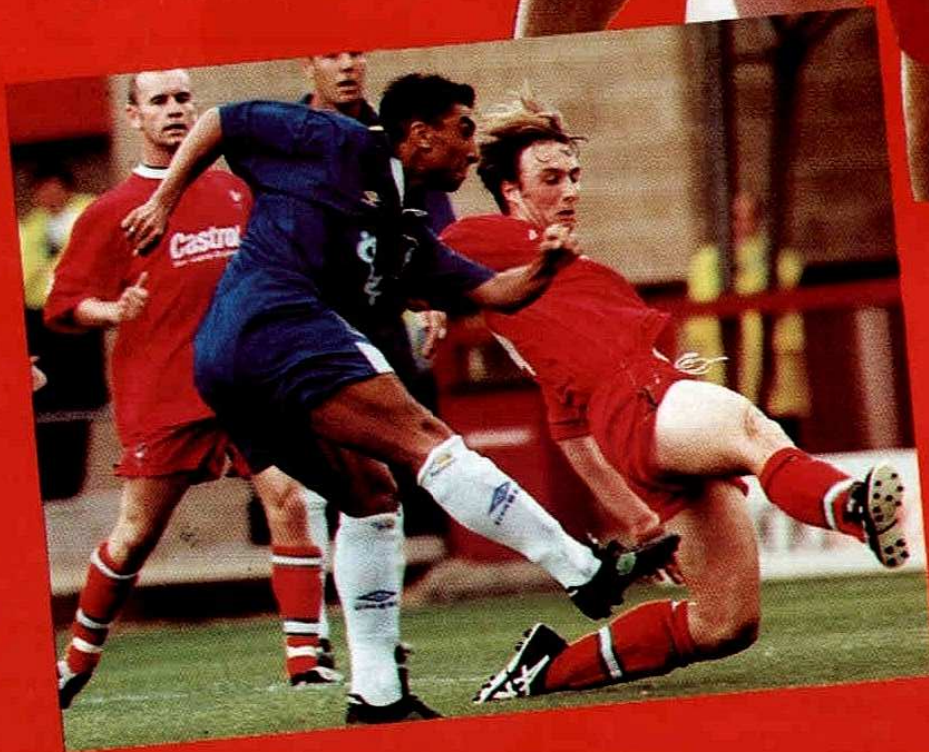
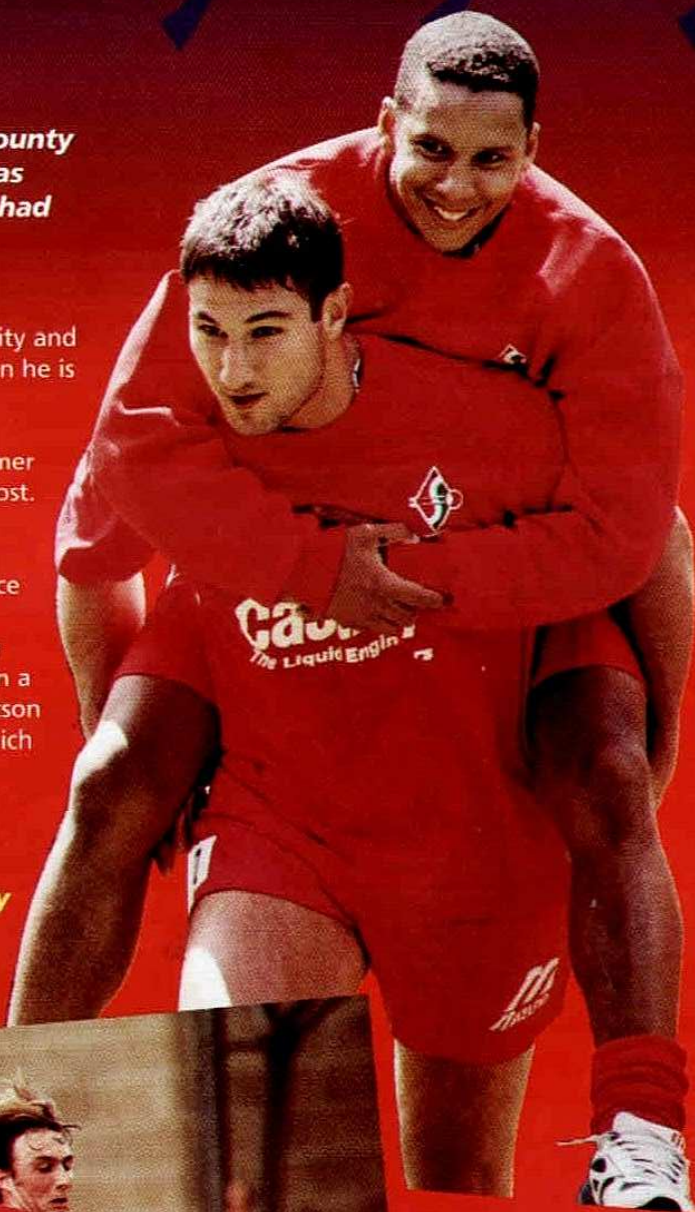
With little cash available it was a case of wheeling and dealing to the best of his ability and the Gaffer showed what a good businessman he is with several shrewd signings.

Midfielder Kevin Watson joined on a free transfer from Tottenham Hotspur while former Liverpool star Mark Walters came in at no cost.

Scott Leitch, who had won over so many admirers during his loan spell from Hearts was signed permanently for the bargain price of £15,000.

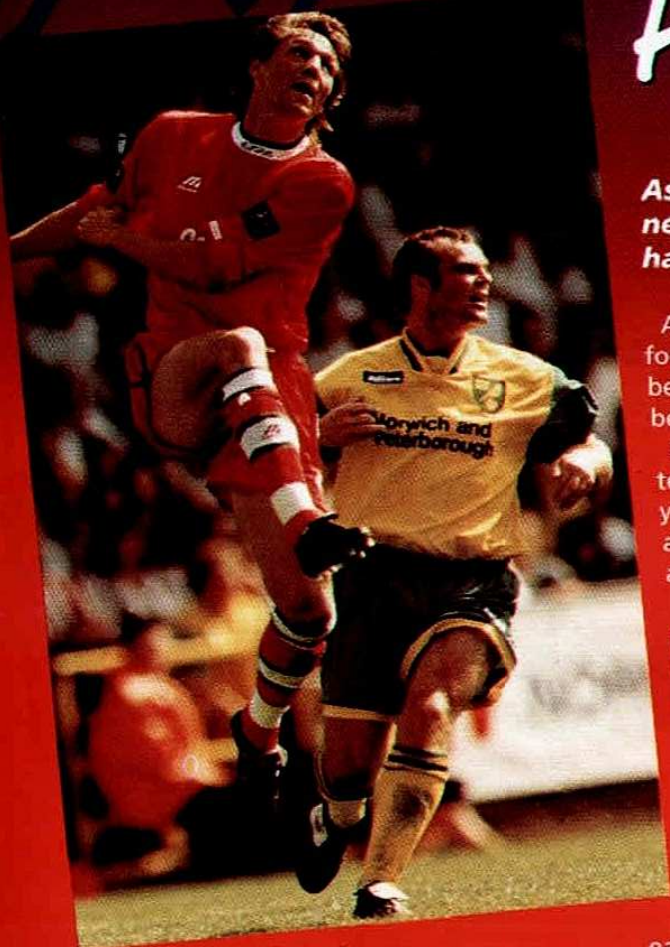
Town's foreign connection was Frenchman Frederic Darras who was over from Bastia on a two week trial and it was he and Kevin Watson who both starred in Town's first friendly which resulted in a 2-0 defeat by Chelsea in front of a near capacity crowd who turned out in memory of Town's former physio Kevin Morris.

Back in training - Ty Gooden gets a ride from Frank Talia



New signing Kevin Watson blocks the path of Chelsea's foreign star Roberto Di Matteo

August



**French newcomer
Frederic Darras in action
at Carrow Road**

As the start of the new campaign drew nearer Swindon looked in good shape having returned from Finland unbeaten.

A 5-1 drubbing at Wycombe gave the Gaffer food for thought but his side bounced back to beat Woking 3-0 in their final preparation game before the big kick-off at Carrow Road.

By the time the squad lined up for their official team photo, Frederic Darras had signed a two year contract to become the fourth newcomer and all of them were on hand to sign autographs as the Club held their annual Open Day.

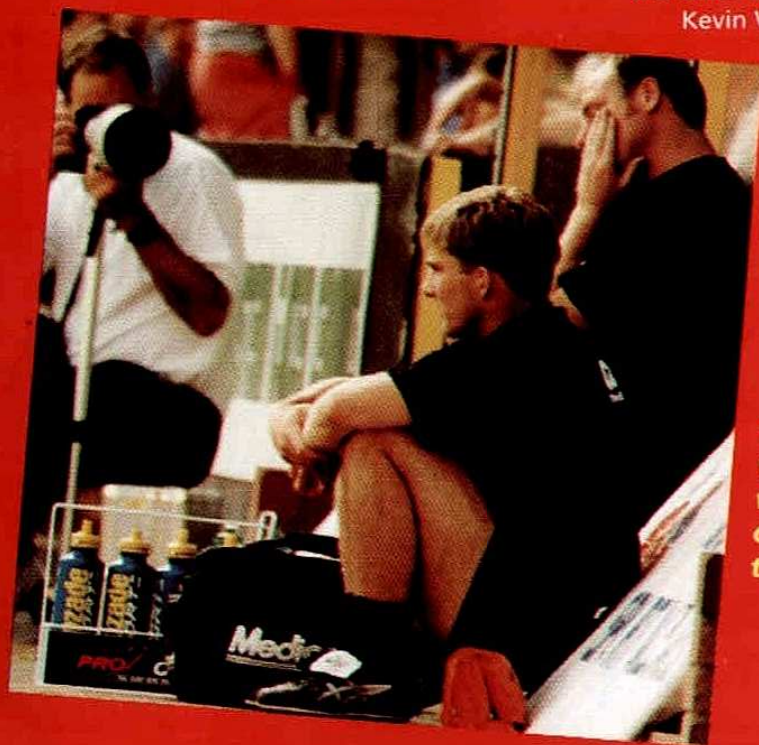
Thousands flocked in to meet the stars and there was also a good following to Norwich for the first fixture - but unfortunately they had little to cheer about as Swindon slipped to a 2-0 defeat.

However the team responded in front of the SKY Sports cameras, outgunning Wolves 2-0 in the first leg of the cup with Scott Leitch and Wayne Allison hitting the goals.

Town chalked up their first league point when a powerful free kick by Mark Robinson earned his side a fortunate 1-1 draw at home to Port Vale.

But they ended August on a high with a goal by the Chief enough to see off Oldham 1-0 before Kevin Watson, Steve Cowe and Steve Finney all found the target in a fine 3-1 away win at Southend United.

Another boost for the Club was the news that Steve McMahon had put an end to rumours that he was about to take over at Manchester City, by signing a new improved long term contract at the County Ground.



***Food for thought -
Steve McMahon
wonders what's gone
wrong as his side lose
on the opening day of
the season***

September

There was a mixed bag of results in September following several indifferent displays.

Town moved into the second round of the Coca-Cola Cup as a 1-0 defeat at Molineux meant a 2-1 aggregate win and a clash with Queens Park Rangers in the next stage of the competition.

In the League a 2-1 reverse at Grimsby was followed by a 1-0 home defeat by Portsmouth and although strikes by Kevin Horlock and Mark Walters stopped the rot in a 2-1 success at home to Tranmere Rovers, in the first leg of the Cup Town let a 1-0 lead slip to lose 2-1 to QPR at home.

Just three days later Swindon met Rangers again, this time at Loftus Road in the League where Steve Cowe's third goal of the campaign made certain of a point in a 1-1 draw.

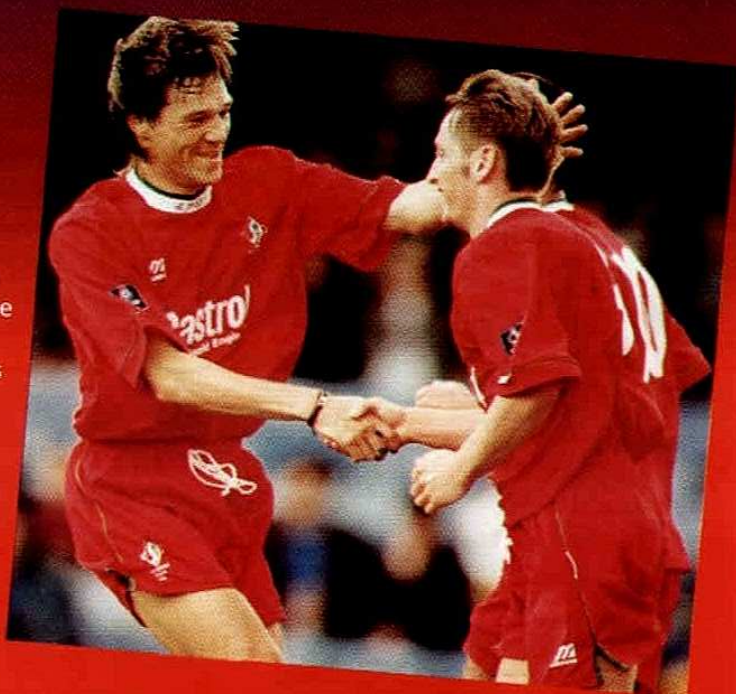
Town's third game against QPR in the space of a week was the second leg of the Coca-Cola Cup when the Wiltshire side battled their way to a 3-1 win in extra time with goals by Wayne O'Sullivan, Wayne Allison and super-sub Peter Thorne who had amazingly played for the Reserves earlier in the day.

And what a reward there was for this gutsy display - a fourth round tie at Manchester United.

Wolves were back at the County Ground in another live Sky game at the end of the month but Swindon were unable to repeat the victory they gained at the start of the campaign as they were edged out by the odd goal in three - Kevin Horlock scoring for the Robins.

Even at this early stage of the season there had been changes in personnel with Club Skipper Shaun Taylor being sold to near neighbours Bristol City for £100,000.

Mark Seagraves had taken over the captain's armband and there was another defender now on the books as Gary Elkins signed from Wimbledon in a £100,000 deal.



Steve Cowe receives congratulations from Frederic Darras after scoring at Southend



Captain courageous Shaun Taylor moves on

October

Peter Thorne
among the
goals in
October

The month began badly with a 2-1 defeat at Bradford City but the team then found their form.

Local rivals Oxford United were seen off 1-0 with Kevin Horlock scoring the all important goal.

And four days later Swindon went on a scoring spree as they hammered Brian Horton's Huddersfield 6-0 here at the County Ground.

Everything the team touched seemed to turn to goals and it was Peter Thorne who grabbed hold of the matchball at the end having fired home a fine hat trick. Horlock, Wayne Allison and Mark Walters completed the tally and inspired by this the team made it three wins in a row with a 2-1 away win at high-flying Crystal Palace.

It wasn't pretty but it was the points that mattered as strikes by Thorne and Allison eased Town up among the League's pace-setters.

At about this time the Club had unveiled plans to build a Casino at the ground which would help bring in extra revenue while back on the pitch the odds were firmly stacked against Town as they travelled to Old Trafford in round four of the cup.

In front of nearly 50,000 fans, Swindon gave a good account of themselves but weren't quite able to force the draw their efforts deserved as United sneaked through 2-1, despite Peter Thorne's fifth goal in three games.

Exhausted by their efforts, the team were brought back down to earth with a bump as they went down 2-0 at Reading and a 3-2 home defeat by West Brom angered Steve McMahon so much

he promised wholesale changes.

And there had already been a change in the coaching staff with Mike Walsh coming in as first team coach to replace Andy Rowland.

Plans for a Casino
are announced

November

There was a boost for Swindon's Kevin Horlock as he was rewarded for his consistent displays in Swindon's colours with a call up for Northern Ireland.

And the rest of the squad were all smiles as they overpowered Manchester City 2-0 at the County Ground with chief tormentor Wayne Allison bagging both goals.

The line-up for this game was much changed with Fraser Digby taking over between the posts for the first time while Ty Gooden and Lee Collins were also drafted in for their first appearances of the season.

And it was Ty Gooden who hit the headlines in Town's next match at home to Barnsley as he scored a wonder goal from the edge of the area to help see his side to a 3-0 win. Also on target were Mark Walters and Steve Finney.

Next came a trip to Ipswich where Swindon never really recovered from a dismal start which saw them fall 3-0 down.

Peter Thorne and Wayne Allison brought some respectability to the final scoreline with late replies but it was not the performance Steve McMahon had been looking for as his side moved into a testing period with five out of the next six fixtures away from home.

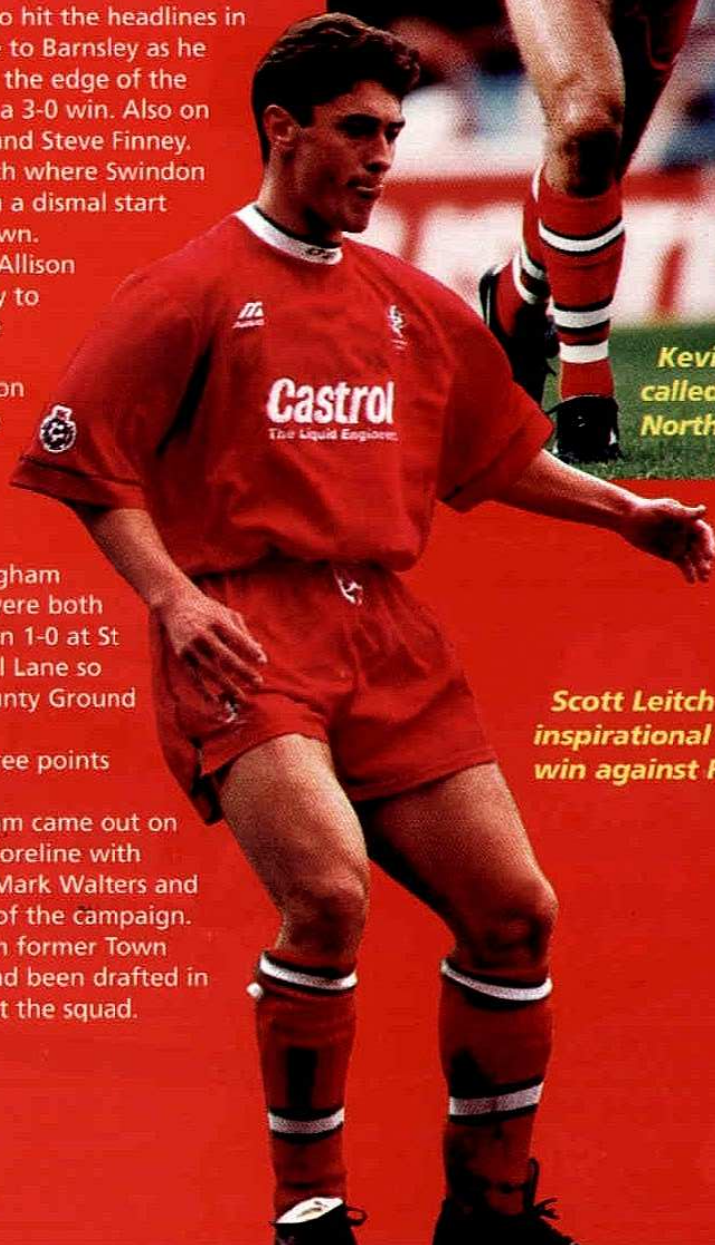
Two more visits to Birmingham City and Sheffield United were both fruitless as Town went down 1-0 at St Andrews and 2-0 at Bramall Lane so when Reading came to County Ground at the end of the month, nothing but three points would be good enough.

And Steve McMahon's team came out on top by a comfortable 3-1 scoreline with goals from Kevin Horlock, Mark Walters and Wayne Allison - his eighth of the campaign.

At this stage of the season former Town favourite David Kerslake had been drafted in on loan from Spurs to boost the squad.

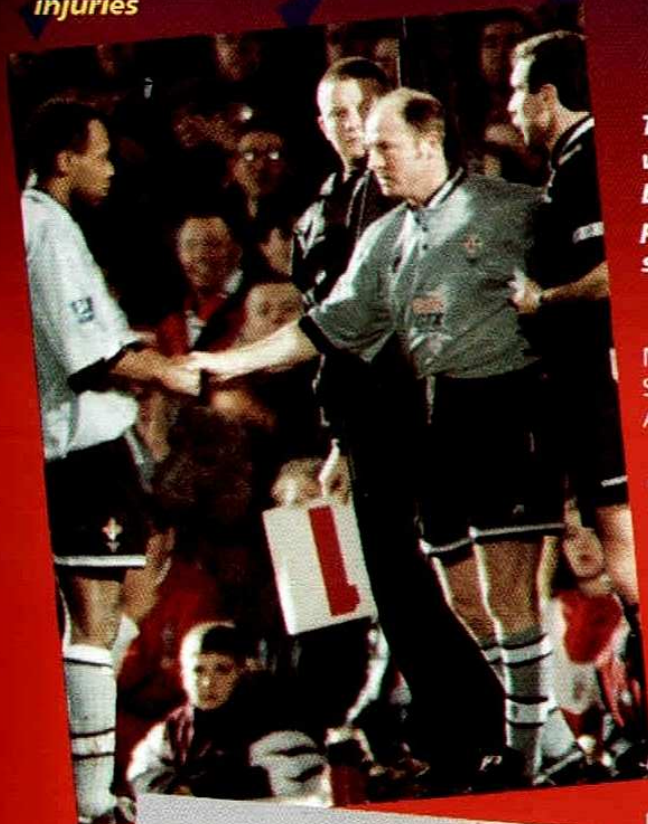


***Kevin Horlock -
called up by
Northern Ireland***



***Scott Leitch -
inspirational in the
win against Reading***

**Steve McMahon
forced into action
due to a long list of
injuries**



December

The victory over Reading put Town back to within touching distance of the First Division's front runners but December proved to be another tough month with some testing fixtures to contend with.

As the team prepared for a trip to Charlton, Steve McMahon was seen in action as he played for a Swindon Town XI in a charity game against AFC Wroughton.

And later in the month the Gaffer was forced to come off the substitutes bench in Division One as his side became decimated by injuries and suspensions.

Town suffered a 2-0 defeat at The Valley - no surprise considering their whole back line was missing.

Mark Seagraves, Frederic Darras, David Kerslake and Ian Culverhouse were all absent and to make matters worse Scott Leitch picked up another yellow card which meant he was suspended for the next two matches.

Off the pitch Steve McMahon invited former Blackburn boss Ray Harford to the County Ground on a temporary basis to help out with the coaching.

And Harford's experience was put to good use during his few days spent in Wiltshire.

Yet the results continued to go against Town as they slumped to a 2-0 defeat at Lou Macari's Stoke City and even the Gaffer (back injury and all) couldn't change his side's fortunes despite bringing himself on as a late second half substitute.

On the positive side, Kerslake, Darras and Culverhouse returned to the team but now the problem was up front where both Peter Thorne and Steve Finney were out injured - it never rains but it pours.

Another key player out was Kevin Horlock who was on international duty with Northern Ireland.

Swindon's away form was letting them down badly with five successive on the road defeats and Steve McMahon admitted; "If our home form goes then we'll be in real trouble."

As the Christmas programme approached Swindon had the perfect opportunity to grab some much needed points with four games (three at home) in the space of 10 days.

It wasn't all doom and gloom though, indeed there were a few wry smiles around the County Ground (particularly from the several exiled scousers) when the draw for the third round of the FA Cup was announced - a trip to Everton meant a massive game to look forward to as 1997 came into view.



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Dates for our next sporting Club dinners are Monday 3rd February and Monday 21st April 1997.

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April's dinner will feature notorious former Manchester United Manager Tommy Docherty.

Additional humour will be provided by Swindon Town favourite, Barry Williams.

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A total of 800 tickets have been on restricted sale since December 13 and to qualify fans need to buy either a ticket for the QPR game on January 1st or the Bradford game here at the County Ground on January 18th.

These restrictions will run until Friday December 27th.

Any tickets left over are now on general sale without restrictions.

OTHER GAMES ALSO ON SALE



Tranmere Rovers,
Saturday
January 11th (away)
kick-off 3pm.



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Saturday January 18th, (home)
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Wanderers**, Wednesday
January 29th (away),
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15th (home), kick-off
3.00pm.



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Saturday March 1st
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kick-off 3.00pm.

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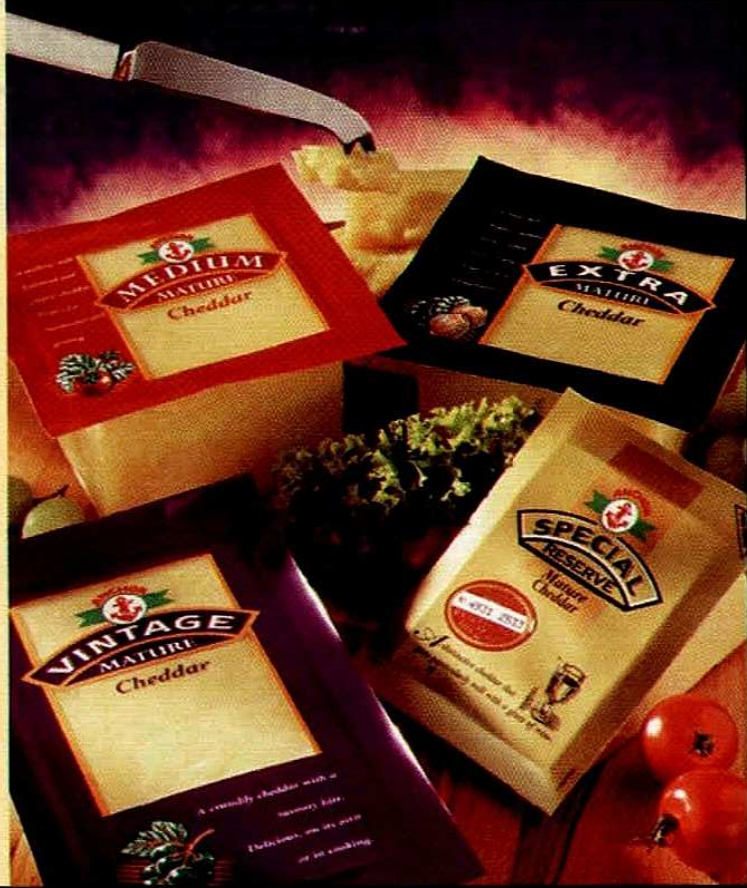
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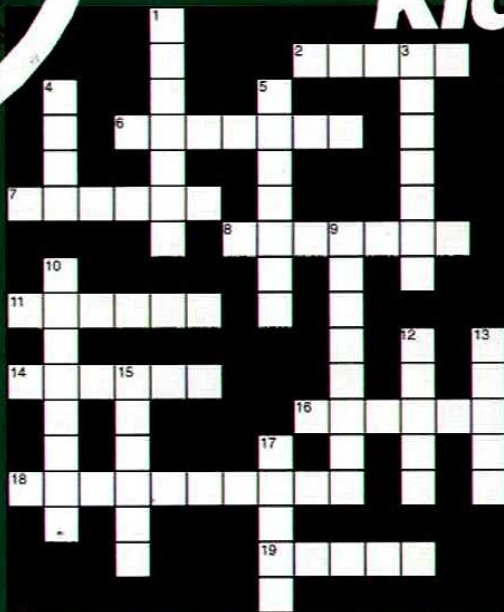
kids crossword by Mike Fowler

Across

2. England keeper in 1966 World Cup team. (5)
6. Goalkeepers may handle the ball in this area. (8)
7. Extra equipment used by keepers. (6)
8. First keeper to save a Cup Final penalty. (7)
11. Digby came from this famous team. (6)
14. Former Arsenal and Scotland keeper now with ITV. (6)
16. Spurs man with a managerial father in East Anglia. (6)
18. Man Utd keeper of distinction. (10)
19. Son of Man City defender now keeping for Villa. (5)

Down

1. Goalkeepers kit must be a different colour from this man's kit. (7)
3. Olympic Gold medalist from Moscow who came to Chelsea. (9)
4. Keepers must do this if claiming a cross. (4)
5. Blackburn and England man who played 7 times for Swindon. (7)
9. Welsh hero and Everton stalwart. (8)
10. This kind of kick is given for the keeper handling a back pass. (8)
12. Two spells at Arsenal and two with Leeds. (5)
13. Six years with Oldham but now with Rangers. (5)
15. England number one. (6)
17. Needs to be accurate if used by a keeper. (5)



KIDS QUIZ

Name the top six teams in Europe who have won the most European Trophies.

1. From Spain.....
2. From Italy.....

3. From Spain....
4. From Holland.....
5. From Italy....
6. From England.....

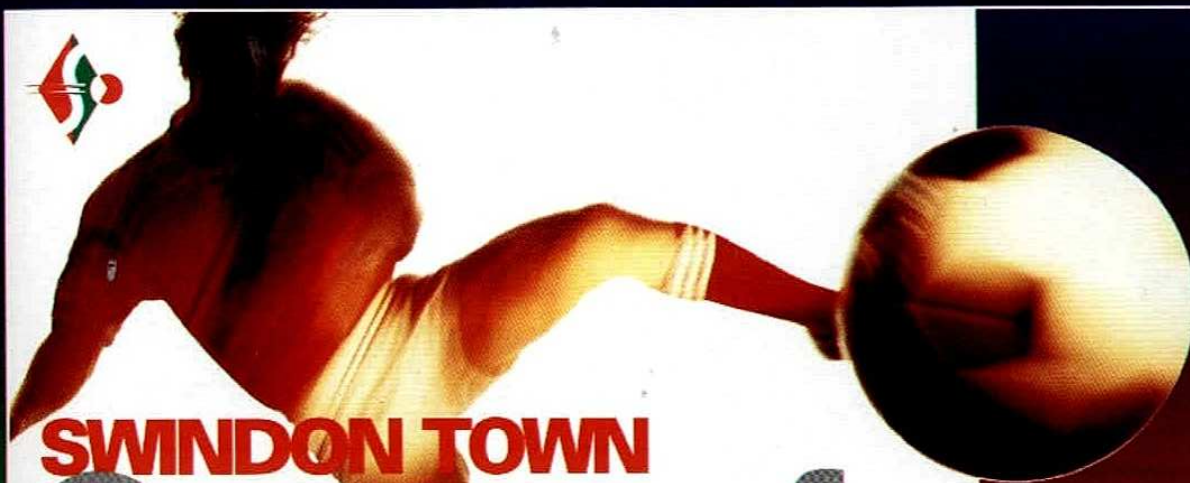
1. Real Madrid, 2. A.C. Milan, 3. Barcelona, 4. Ajax, 5. Juventus, 6. Liverpool

ANSWERS ACROSS:

2 BANKS, 6 PENALTY, 7 GLOVES, 8 BEASANT, 11 UNITED
14 WILSON, 16 WALKER, 18 SCHMEICHEL, 19 DAKES.

ANSWERS DOWN:

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10 INDIRECT, 12 LUKIC, 13 GORAM, 15 SEAMAN, 17 THROW.



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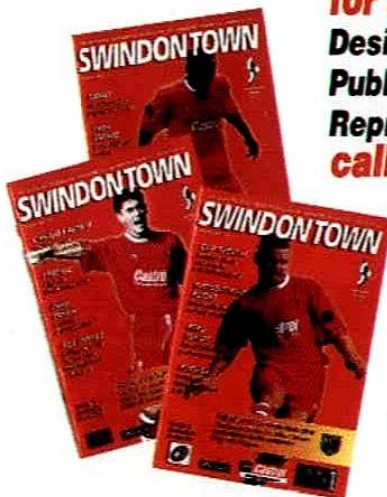
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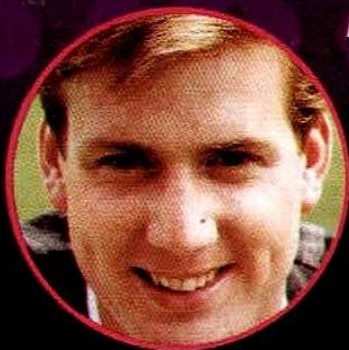
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June

SKY TV cough up £650m for more coveragewaste of money if you keep showing Wolves.....Eric Cantona does 'Hello' mag...England v Switzerland bore....England v Scotland (if McAlister had scored the penalty??)...England 4-1 Holland in the best England performance ever. You can't help but get a lump in your throat as Wembley sings Three Lions....sod the national anthem....England v Spain: let

me hear you say Seeeeeeeeee-man.....Poborsky scores that lob....indigo grey....Gareth Southgate.....Stu Pearce quits international football (for about two months).....Germany win.....Though I am appalled that Germany won, this period was the happiest and most fun time in three years on air at GWR FM. Thanks.

July

Gazza marries....no press there except Hello - If that counts...Souness for Southampton....Ravanelli and Beck for Boro (does he know

what a dump Middlesborough is?)...The passenger list on a Man Utd flight contains A Shearer...Optimism.... Blackburn bid £4m for Cantona....McAllister joins Coventry too good a player for the Sky Blues)....Nigel Martyn for Leeds.....Jordi for Man Utd....Shearer £15mil....Nationwide league threatens to strike....some git smashes up the tannoy box at the County Ground on the eve of Swindon v Chelsea - The Kevin Morris Memorial match: Glenn and Gorman show, Vialli is in the ground but prefers to watch the Grand Prix in the player's lounge.



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August

Liverpool beef up their act, signing Berger....Nigeria beat the Argies in the Olympic final....New kit shock at Old Trafford.....Venables (good) joins Portsmouth (Why?)....Shearer's first game is at Lincoln - Lincoln suddenly find they have more fans than there are people in Lincoln. Its a sell-out...Man U staff Newcastle in the Charity Shield. Big Al says after, live on SKY, 'First half we were awful. Second half we weren't much better.'.....Rioch out.....Beckham and that goal....Rangers do the unthinkable they lose in the Champions League.

September

Sheffield Wed are top of the league...David Pleat says, 'It's earlier days yet' (You're not wrong there, Dave).....Andy R leaves.....Le Tissier back for England and is still

average...Gazza pulls Ince's shorts in Moldova so the world can see his bum...nice...Tony Adams admits he likes a swift half...Swindon Town looking for a new PA announcer as the ginger lad packs up his headphones and flees up North.

October


Sunderland players sent off at the Arsenal... in Scotland 4 Hearts players get an early bath (cosy)...Scotland squash Estonia but only because they didn't turn up...Man City heading towards the creek, desperately in search of a paddle-enter Coppell...Lineker and Vinnie Jones get their claws out in 'Jellyfishgate'...Jamie Redknapp is voted the most stylish man in Britain - shame he can't get in the Liverpool team...Arsey Wegner joins Arsenal in the world's worst kept secret...Bruce Rioch joins Stu Houston at QPR as his number two (no irony in footie, is there?)...George Graham joins Leeds

November


Batty dismissed hours after a radio interview about his exemplary disciplinary record...Bosnich Nazi madness....Gazza bashes Sheryl....Newcastle get revenge stuffing the Red Devils 5-0: performance of the season.....Ian Rush does not score for Leeds...Just like Nat on Brookside, England play away with Georgia....Brooking gets attacked in the press match beforehand (Jimmy Hill next time, please)...Vinnie J is the Welsh skipper (mmm)...Coppell off

December

Ian Rush scores...Ray Harford at Swindon....Sky show the Bristol derby - it ends in a riot...Newcastle met Metz and beat them...Asprilla mounts the corner flag and the ref gets shirty....Ferdinand back after injury; Juninho out...Fowler nets 4 to get his ton-up quicker than Rushie's.



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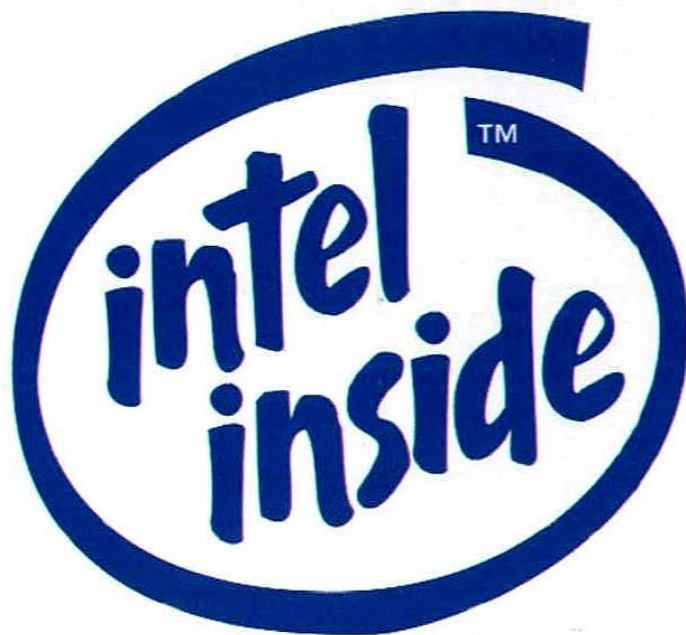


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swindon town ladies



by Roger Reeves

It has been a disappointing first half of the season with only three wins in Division One of the Southern Region League.

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A quarter final place in the League Cup partly makes up for

the second round exit from the Women's FA Cup by old rivals Reading Royals.

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The squad has been strengthened and there are youngsters coming through to challenge for places.

Overall the team must improve their all round game.

Fixtures 96/97 Southern Region League Division 1

Sun 8th Sept	Portsmouth	A	1-3
Sun 15th Sept	Havant Town	A	4-2
Sun 22nd Sept	Swindon Spitfires	A	2-3
Sun 29th Sept	Cinderford T. (FAC 1)	A	10-0
SUN 6TH OCT	BINFIELD	H	4-1
SUN 13TH OCT	RINGWOOD	H	4-2
Sun 20th Oct	Southampton	A	0-7
Sun 27th Oct	Havant Town LC1	A	2-0
Sun 3rd Nov	Reading Royals (FAC 2)	A	0-5
Sun 10th Nov	Cheltenham	A	2-2
Sun 17th Nov	Reading Royals	A	Post
SUN 24TH NOV	SOUTHAMPTON STS.	H	1-2
SUN 1ST DEC	PORTSMOUTH	H	4-4
SUN 8TH DEC	HAVANT TOWN	H	1-2
SUN 15TH DEC	CARTERTON TOWN (LC2)	H	8-1
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	

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Swindon Town Ladies 1996-97 season

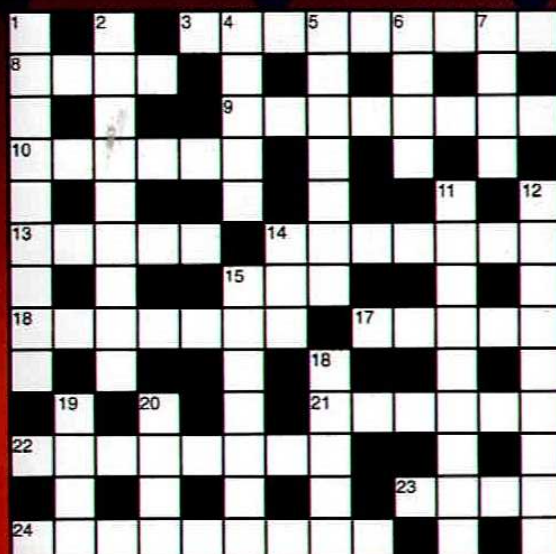


Back Row: Kim Reeves, Deb Martin, Nadine Lloyd, Justine Hume, Jo Sharpe, Donna Fraser, Clare Tyson, Vikki McCann, Sil Cryer.

Front Row: Steve Cryer (Fitness Coach), Pam Laker, Roger Reeves (Co Manager), Kerie Garwood (Co Manager), Netti Wyness, Tracy Mackeddie, Luisa Di Lella (Treasurer).

crosswordtime...

compiled by Thomas Trickett



clues across...

3. English FA Cup winners 1991. (9)
8. Get changed in the dressing.... (4)
9. Home of Burnley FC (4) & (4)
10. John, (1990's) Coventry City striker (6)
13. The nickname found at Celtic FC (5)
14. Type of sport soccer is (7)
15. Find a rodent in Fratton Park team (3)
16. Supporter of yesteryear who rattled (7)
17. Tournament preceding the UEFA Cup (5)
21. Where foreign players arrive from (6)
22. London club nicknamed "Addicks" (8)
23. Peter, Wimbledon defender (4)
24. Jimmy, (1970/80's) Manchester United player (9)

clues down...

1. Parts of the woodwork (9)
2. Active oral soccer area (9)
4. Teams want to end up resting here (2)&(3)
5. Spectator attendance, maybe (4)&(3)
6. Title as seen on back of a soccer shirt (4)
7. English County found in N.Ireland League side Glenavon (4)
11. US player, who didn't quite make it at Coventry City (4)&(5)
12. Northern Ireland League side based in Carrickfergus (9)
14. Find a paddle when looking into a football board (3)
15. Game replayed (7)
18. The Match is a player award (3)&(2)
19. Soccer poacher contains a famous US singer apparently (4)
20. - kick (4)

ANSWERS ACROSS...
 3 TOTTEHAM, 8 ROOM, 9 TURF MOOR, 10 SALACO, 13 BHOYS
 14 OUTDOOR, 15 RAT, 16 RATTIER, 17 FAIR, 21 ABOARD,
 22 CHARLTON, 23 FEAR, 24 GREENHOFF.
 ANSWERS DOWN...
 1 CROSSBARS, 2 GOALMOUTH, 4 ON TOP, 5 TURN OUT, 6 NAME,
 7 AVON, 11 COBI JONES, 12 CRUSADERS, 14 OAR, 15 REMATCH,
 18 MAN OF, 19 CHER, 20 FREE.



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Happy New Year! I am sure the majority of you were celebrating last night and fingers crossed that we start this year as we mean to go on - with 3 points this afternoon!

Pantomime Visit

A reminder to those of you who are going to the Wyvern Theatre tomorrow that you are to meet in the Theatre Foyer at 1.20pm. For those who will not recognise me, I will be wearing a Club Badge and will be looking out for those Junior Robins T-Shirts! For those not being accompanied by an adult, I recommend being collected from the Foyer at approx 5:00pm, after meeting the cast of the show.

Everton Trip

The Junior Robins executive coach to Goodison Park on Sunday 5th will depart the County Ground at 8:30am. Please remember to bring a packed

lunch with you and we expect to arrive back at approx 9:30pm. As usual, we will be travelling with Hatts Coaches and your rep is Alan. Get behind the lads and have a great day!

Weekly Training

A reminder that the weekly training sessions recommence on Monday 6th January on the extension field. After all that Christmas pud and chocolate, the coaches could have their work cut out!

Barmy Army

The next away trip will be to Tranmere on Saturday 11th January, followed by Wolves later on this month. Details have not been finalised and bookings will not be taken until you have received your Newsletters. However, with these two teams doing well in the table, they promise to be exciting games. I'll keep you tuned!

today's lucky mascots



DARREN SMITH is 7 years old and lives in Newbury, Berks. He is a pupil at Greenham Court School and hobbies

include football and playing computer games. His favourite Town player is Kevin Horlock.



11 year old **DAVID HILL** of Shrivenham, Swindon attends Faringdon School. He likes football,

tennis and playing computer games. David plays in defence for Highworth under 11's and his favourite player is Kevin Horlock.



NEIL ROBINS who is from Hardwicke, Glos will be celebrating his 10th birthday on January 6th 1997.

He loves playing and watching football and plays for the Hardwicke Rangers. Neil was named as the team's Player of the Year 1995/1996. His favourite player is Peter Thorne.

QPR's mascot is **PAUL HEATH**, aged 11, who lives in Slough, Berks. Paul is a pupil at St. Joseph's High School and he enjoys football, rugby and golf. His favourite QPR players are Kevin Gallen and Trevor Sinclair.

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on the road...



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Saturday January 11th

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up to and including December 18th

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	P	T	S.
BOLTON WANDERERS	23	8	3	1	3	6	2	46	32	42		
SHEFFIELD UNITED	23	6	4	1	6	2	4	50	24	42		
BARNLEY	22	7	3	2	4	5	1	41	26	41		
CRYSTAL PALACE	23	5	3	3	4	6	2	47	24	36		
OXFORD UNITED	23	7	3	2	7	2	3	31	22	33		
WOLVES	22	3	3	6	6	3	1	29	22	33		
STOKE CITY	21	7	1	2	2	5	4	29	30	33		
NORWICH CITY	22	4	6	2	5	0	5	29	27	33		
TRANMERE ROVERS	26	6	2	3	3	3	6	31	29	32		
BIRMINGHAM CITY	22	6	4	1	2	4	5	23	21	32		
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	23	4	3	5	4	4	3	29	28	31		
PORT VALE	23	2	6	3	5	4	3	22	23	31		
SWINDON TOWN	23	7	1	3	2	1	9	32	30	29		
IPSWICH TOWN	23	4	5	2	3	3	6	29	33	29		
PORTSMOUTH	23	6	3	3	2	2	7	28	30	29		
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	22	6	2	3	3	0	8	24	32	29		
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	22	2	5	4	4	5	2	33	34	28		
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	23	6	3	2	1	4	7	26	31	28		
READING	23	6	3	2	1	3	8	25	33	27		
MANCHESTER CITY	22	6	1	4	2	1	8	26	35	26		
SOUTHEND UNITED	23	4	4	3	1	5	6	23	40	24		
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	23	2	5	4	3	3	6	24	28	23		
BRADFORD CITY	23	4	4	4	1	3	7	21	37	22		
GRIMSBY TOWN	22	3	2	6	2	4	5	24	41	21		

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 2-1	8,430
WED SEP 18	QUEENS PARK RANGERS C.C.C 2 (1)	H 1-2	7,843
Sat Sep 21	Queens Park Rangers	A 1-1	13,662
Wed Sep 25	Queens Park Rangers C.C.C 2 (2)	A 3-1*	6,976
FRI SEP 27	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H 1-2	8,572
Wed Oct 2	Bradford City	A 1-2	9,249
SAT OCT 12	OXFORD UNITED	H 1-0	10,811
WED OCT 16	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H 6-0	7,724
Sat Oct 19	Crystal Palace	A 2-1	15,088
Wed Oct 23	Manchester United C.C.C 3	A 1-2	49,305
Sat Oct 26	Reading	A 0-2	11,018
WED OCT 30	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H 2-3	8,909
SAT NOV 2	MANCHESTER CITY	H 2-0	14,374
SAT NOV 16	BARNLEY (F.A. CUP 1)	H 3-0	10,837
Tues Nov 19	Ipswich Town	A 2-3	7,086
Sat Nov 23	Birmingham City	A 0-1	16,559
Tues Nov 26	Sheffield United	A 0-2	12,301
Wed Nov 27	Coca-Cola Cup 4		
SAT NOV 30	READING	H 3-1	10,875
Sat Dec 7	Charlton Athletic (F.A. Cup 2)	A 0-2	10,565
Sat Dec 14	Stoke City	A 0-2	10,102
SUN DEC 22	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	
Thu Dec 26	Portsmouth	A	
SAT DEC 28	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	
WED JAN 1	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	
Sun Jan 5	Everton F.A. Cup 3	A	
Wed Jan 8	Coca-Cola Cup 5		
Sat Jan 11	Tranmere Rovers	A	
SAT JAN 18	BRADFORD CITY	H	
Sat Jan 25	F.A. Cup 4		
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)		
Sat Feb 22	Manchester City	A	
SAT MAR 1	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	
Tue Mar 4	Barnsley	A	
Sat Mar 8	Bolton Wanderers (F.A. Cup 6)	A	
Wed Mar 12	Coca-Cola Cup SF(2)		
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		
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		



First Team Player Appearances 96/97

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.
PAUL ALLEN	5(3)	1	2	0	7(3)	1
WAYNE ALLISON	19(2)	6	4	2	23(2)	8
LEE COLLINS	2(1)	0	-	-	2(1)	0
STEVE COWE	12(5)	3	3(1)	0	15(6)	3
IAN CULVERHOUSE	14	0	4	0	18	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	17(2)	0	4	0	21(2)	0
FRASER DIGBY	8	0	-	-	8	0
JASON DRYSDALE	4	0	2	0	6	0
GARY ELKINS	13(1)	0	2	0	15(1)	0
STEVE FINNEY	6(6)	2	1(1)	0	7(7)	2
TY GOODEN	3(4)	1	0	0	3(4)	1
PETER HOLCROFT	(1)	0	-	-	(1)	0
KEVIN HORLOCK	22	5	5	0	27	5
ROBIN HULBERT	0	0	(1)	0	(1)	0
DAVID KERSLAKE	4	0	-	-	4	0
SCOTT LEITCH	21	0	5	1	26	1
STEVE MCMAHON	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	0
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	12(4)	0	2	1	14(4)	1
MARK ROBINSON	21	1	4	0	25	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	15(1)	0	3(1)	0	18(2)	0
ALEX SMITH	1(2)	0	0	0	1(2)	0
FRANK TALIA	15	0	5	0	20	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	2	0	1(1)	0	3(1)	0
PETER THORNE	10(7)	6	2(1)	2	12(7)	8
MARK WALTERS	19(1)	4	4	1	23(1)	5
KEVIN WATSON	8(5)	1	1(1)	0	9(6)	1

NEXT HOME GAME:
SAT JANUARY 18TH 1997



Swindon Town vs Bradford
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
Kick-Off 3.00pm

* After Extra Time (4-3 agg)

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	ALLISON	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▼
TALIA	DARRAS	ROBINSON▼	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	WATSON●	COWE	THORNE	HORLOCK	ALLISON●	SMITH	FINNEY▼
TALIA	DARRAS	O'SULLIVAN	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	ALLEN▼	COWE	THORNE●	HORLOCK	ALLISON●	WATSON▼	COLLINS
TALIA	DARRAS	O'SULLIVAN	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	ALLEN	COWE	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY	WATSON	ELKINS
TALIA	DARRAS●	ELKINS	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	O'SULLIVAN	COWE	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY	WATSON	ALLEN●
TALIA	ROBINSON	ELKINS	LEITCH●	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	O'SULLIVAN	COWE■	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE▼	HULBERT▼	FINNEY▼
TALIA	ROBINSON▼	ELKINS	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	O'SULLIVAN●	COWE	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY●	WATSON	THORNE▼
TALIA	ROBINSON■	ELKINS	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	O'SULLIVAN▼	COWE	ALLISON	HORLOCK	DARRAS■	WATSON●	THORNE▼
TALIA	ROBINSON	ELKINS	LEITCH●	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	O'SULLIVAN	COWE■	ALLISON	HORLOCK	THORNE	DARRAS●	WATSON
TALIA	ROBINSON●	ELKINS	LEITCH▼	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	DARRAS	THORNE 3	ALLISON●	HORLOCK	ALLEN●	COWE	O'SULLIVAN▼
TALIA	ROBINSON	ELKINS	LEITCH●	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	DARRAS	THORNE	ALLISON	HORLOCK	ALLEN	COWE	O'SULLIVAN●
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TALIA	ROBINSON	ELKINS●	WATSON	ALLEN	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	DARRAS	THORNE	ALLISON	HORLOCK	GOODEN●	COWE■	O'SULLIVAN
DIGBY	ROBINSON	GOODEN	COLLINS	COWE	HORLOCK	O'SULLIVAN	DARRAS	FINNEY	ALLISON 2	LEITCH	CULVERHOUSE	WATSON	SMITH
DIGBY	ROBINSON	GOODEN	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	HORLOCK	O'SULLIVAN	DARRAS	FINNEY	ALLISON	WALTERS●	COWE	ELKINS	HOLCROFT●
DIGBY	ROBINSON	GOODEN	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES▼	HORLOCK	O'SULLIVAN■	DARRAS	FINNEY●	ALLISON	WALTERS	COWE▼	ELKINS	THORNE●
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DIGBY	O'SULLIVAN●	ELKINS■	LEITCH	ROBINSON	HORLOCK	COWE	WATSON	FINNEY▼	ALLISON	WALTERS	GOODEN▼	SMITH●	ALLEN■
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	ELKINS	O'SULLIVAN▼	ROBINSON	DARRAS	CULVERHOUSE	WATSON	COWE	ALLISON	WALTERS■	McMAHON■	SMITH▼	COLLINS●

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Apology

Due to early print deadlines this week's statistics are not up-to-date. We apologise for this but normal service will resume in the next edition.

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.



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5	Mark Robinson
6	Kevin Horlock
7	Ian Culverhouse
8	Frederic Darras
9	Steve Cowe
10	Wayne Allison
11	Mark Walters
12	Peter Thorne
13	Wayne O'Sullivan
14	Kevin Watson

Team Changes

Queens Park Rangers

1	Tony Roberts
2	Mark Graham
3	Rufus Brevett
4	Simon Barker
5	Alan McDonald
6	Karl Ready
7	John Spencer
8	Gavin Peacock
9	Daniele Dichio
10	Matthew Brazier
11	Trevor Sinclair
12	Jurgen Sommer
13	Danny Maddix
14	Andrew Impey

Team Changes

Today's Officials:



Referee:

M.C. Bailey (Cambridge)



Assisted by:

B.L. Baker (Warminster)



D.C. Phillips (Bracknell)

Reserve Official:

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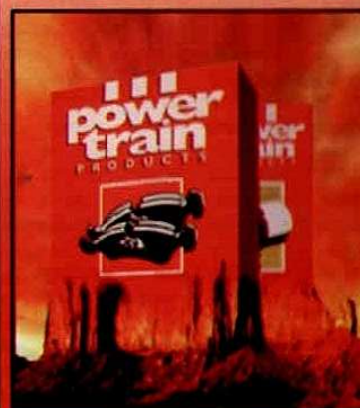
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