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# welcome to swindon town

***It seems an age since we travelled back from Carrow Road having gone down 2-0 on the opening day of the season.***

But today we renew acquaintances with Norwich City in the Nationwide First Division looking for three points that will keep us on the fringe of the promotion race.

After looking good bets for a move up for most of the season, Norwich have struggled to find their form of late and this afternoon we hope to further dent their chances of a play-off place by continuing our impressive home record which has seen us unbeaten at the County Ground since last October.

## New arrivals

***It has been a busy week in the build up to transfer deadline day and at the time of writing a number of new faces have arrived here at the County Ground.***

The most famous face to come on board is former Jockey Willie Carson who became an Associate Director of Swindon Town on Tuesday.

The 54 year old, who lives near Cirencester rode nearly 4000 winners during a career spanning 37 years and he hopes to help the Club in their race for Premiership status.

***"Willie is a winner in every sense of the word and I'm sure he will be an asset to the Club."*** said Chairman Mike Spearman.

On the playing side, Steve McMahon had made three additions to the squad as this programme went to print.

Phil King, the former Aston Villa defender signed a two

year contract, young midfielder Graham Anthony had signed until the end of the season from Sheffield United while Graham Coughlan, a 22 year central defender from Blackburn Rovers, had agreed a loan deal until the end of the season.

## Nothing to show for efforts

***Despite producing one of their better away performances of the season, Swindon lost 1-0 at Port Vale last Saturday.***

The only goal was scored by Lee Mills but we were denied a penalty late on when a foul on Peter Thorne in the box went unpunished.

Even Vale boss John Rudge admitted. ***"The breaks went for us in a tight game. Sometimes you need a little good fortune and decisions that go for you."*** he said.

## Rob Walters comes to Town

***Rob Walters, the highly talented cousin of our very own Mark Walters will be making a guest appearance here at the County Ground during the half time interval of Tuesday's England Under 21 International.***

Rob, holds the world record for keeping a football in the air for an astonishing 16 hours and 17 minutes. He also holds the record for walking with a football in the air, with a personal best of 19 miles!

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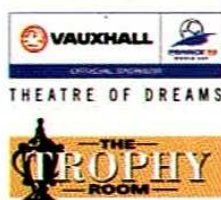
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# ***the manager***

## Steve McMahon says



***Last Saturday we gave one of our better displays away from home without getting our just rewards.***

We looked solid at the back and created a number of chances and when Port Vale scored it was totally against the run of play, although it was an unstoppable shot.

Then the game turned on yet another poor refereeing decision. I've said more than enough about some of the decisions which have gone against us this season and on Saturday the referee failed to give what in my opinion was a blatant penalty after a foul on Peter Thorne. It wasn't even 50-50, there was no doubt it was a foul.

I just wish the officials would be more consistent. Even if they were consistently bad it would be ok, however I'd prefer it if they were consistently good.

I'd like to think that these things even themselves out over the course of a season but I don't think that will be the case this year. It seems to have been one thing after another.

After that defeat we want to bounce back over Easter, starting today against Norwich and then at Oldham on Monday.

They are both big games as Norwich are chasing a play-off place while Oldham are fighting for survival.

We didn't do ourselves justice at Norwich on the opening day of the season mainly because some of our players were a bit new to it. I'd like to think we've learnt a lot since then and have taken the positives from the defeat up there.

As far as the Oldham game is concerned it is bound to be a real battle as they are in a dog-fight at the bottom. They are fighting for their lives and Neil Warnock has got quite a job ahead of him.

Away from the action we have added a few more players to our squad this week with defender Phil King signing from Aston Villa, Graham Coughlan joining us on loan from Blackburn and Graham Anthony coming in from Sheffield United.

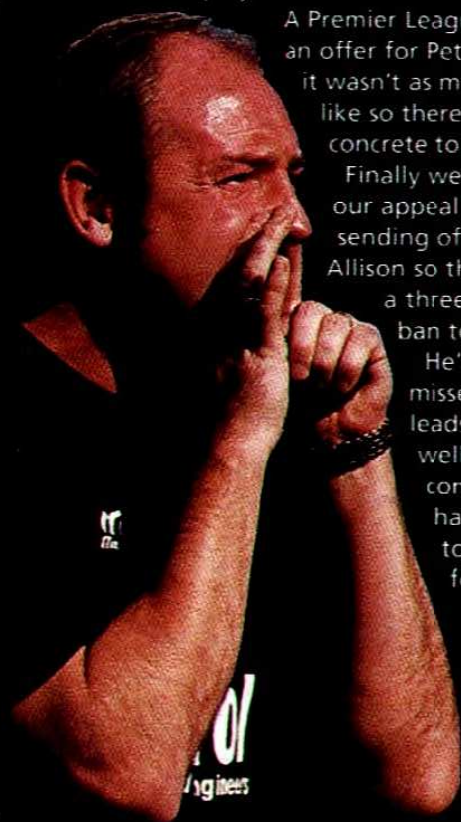
As I write these notes I'm still hoping to add another new face or two before transfer deadline day.

On the outgoing front, at the time of writing there have been a couple of enquiries about players on the transfer list.

A Premier League Club made an offer for Peter Thorne but it wasn't as much as we'd like so there is nothing concrete to tell you about.

Finally we had no joy in our appeal over the sending off of Wayne Allison so the Chief starts a three match ban today.

He'll be sorely missed because he leads the line so well but whoever comes in will have the chance to make a name for themselves.



*Steve McMahon*



# today's visitors

**This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and staff of Norwich City to the County Ground. We hope that everybody enjoys the game and has a safe journey home after the match.**

It has been a topsy-turvy season for the Canaries so far. At the time of writing they are sitting in eighth place in the First Division table, just three points behind deadly rivals Ipswich Town and looking good for a Play-Off place at the very least.

But much of their good attacking play - with the likes of Darren Eadie and Neil Adams in dangerous form - is let down by a sometimes shaky defence which has definitely suffered since the loss of the highly-rated Spencer Prior to Leicester in August.

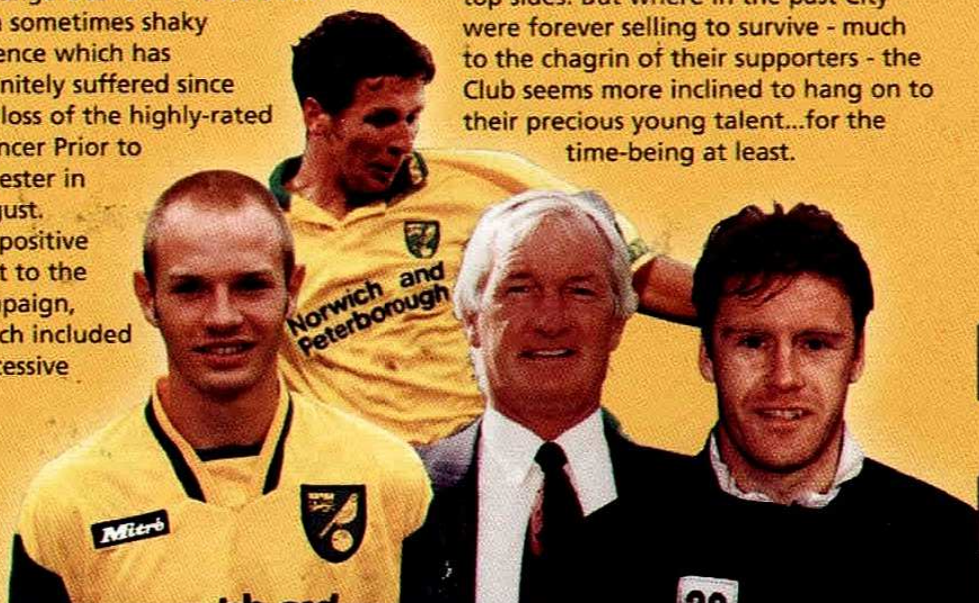
A positive start to the campaign, which included successive

morale-boosting victories over Grimsby (4-1) and neighbours Ipswich (3-1), was let down by a disastrous period between late October and turn of the year.

Just two victories in 12 matches - a run that saw seven defeats and successive thrashings from West Brom (5-1) and Port Vale (6-1) over Christmas - saw the Canaries drop off their lofty perch.

But manager Mike Walker has steadied the ship since then to ease his side back into contention at the top of the table.

There is an element of class in the Norwich squad, with players such as Andy Johnson, Darren Eadie and Keith O'Neill coveted by many of the country's top sides. But where in the past City were forever selling to survive - much to the chagrin of their supporters - the Club seems more inclined to hang on to their precious young talent...for the time-being at least.



**Norwich City Football Club 1996/97**



**Back Row:** (left to right)

Andrew Brownrigg, Ade Akinbiyi (now at Gillingham), Rob Newman, Keith Scott, Spencer Prior (now at Leicester), Damian Hilton, Keith O'Neill, Andy Johnson.

**Middle Row:** (left to right)

Tim Sheppard (Physiotherapist), Carl Bradshaw, Danny Mills, Daryl Sutch, Paul Barber, Bryan Gunn, Andy Marshall, John Polston, Karl Simpson, Johnny Wright, Steve Foley (Reserve Team Coach).

**Front Row:** (left to right)

Jamie Cureton (now at Bristol Rovers), Shaun Carey, Neil Adams, Robert Fleck, Mike Walker (Manager), John Faulkner (Assistant Manager), Ian Crook, Mike Milligan, Darren Eadie, Matthew Rush.





# a closer look at Darren Eadie

**Perhaps the most sought-after player outside the Premiership, Darren Eadie has had the critics purring over the past couple of seasons, with several offers for his services dropping onto the Carrow Road doormat.**

Despite a couple of niggling injuries, this fleet-footed youngster enjoyed his best season to date in 1995/96, scoring six League goals, and the current campaign has shown that he was no 'one season wonder'.

Among the most dangerous

forwards in the First Division, Darren's biggest weapon is his tremendous pace, and the fact that he can operate down either flank or as a central striker can unsettle even the best defences.

He is at his best running at defenders from deep, and his willingness to shoot from distance has resulted in some spectacular strikes among the 13 he has scored in the League this term at the time of writing.

Already a regular in the England U21 set-up, he is widely tipped to make the transition to the Full national side in the not too distant future.



## FACT FILE..

**Name:** Darren Eadie  
**Position:** Forward  
**Born:** Chippenham, 10.06.75  
**Height:** 5ft 7in  
**Weight:** 11st  
**International honours:**  
England Youth, 2 U21 caps\*  
**League record last season:** 31 games, 6 goals  
(\*at beginning of 1996/97 season)

Era	Club	Games	Goals	Fee
92/93 - 95/96	Norwich	72	11	From Apprentice

## Mike Walker the manager

**Meet the Manager...Mike Walker**  
**One of the most popular managers in Norwich's history, Mike Walker returned to the Club for a second spell in the hot-seat in June 1996, following the departure of previous boss Gary Megson.**

City fans will be hoping that Walker can bring back some of the glory days they tasted in his first spell as manager, which began in April 1992 when he was promoted from Reserve team boss to succeed Dave Stringer.

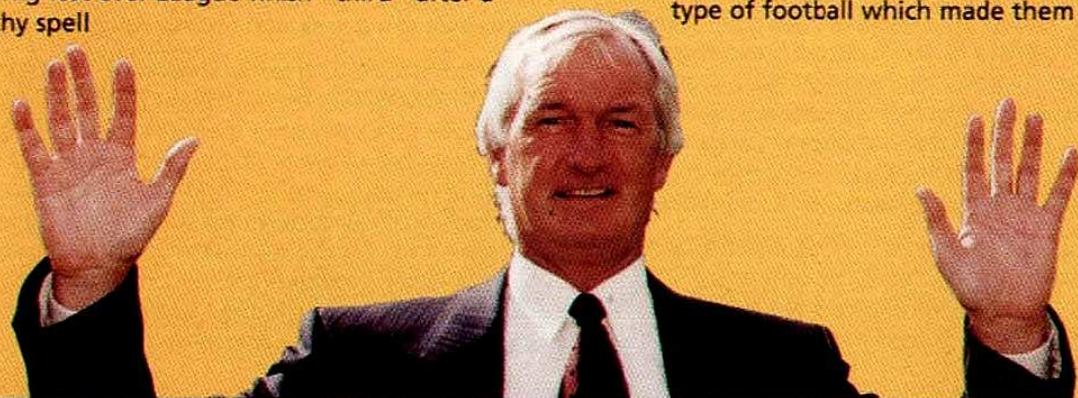
The following campaign he led the Canaries to their highest ever League finish - third - after a lengthy spell

topping the table, and qualified for the UEFA Cup into the bargain.

And 1993/94 saw the Carrow Road Club continue to compete at the top end of the Premiership, as well as putting up a tremendous showing in Europe, where an historic victory away at Bayern Munich meant a night to remember for City fans everywhere.

A clash with then City Chairman Robert Chase over the Club's financial policy led to Walker's resignation in January 1994, and the highly-rated and likeable manager walked straight into a job with Everton. Following a poor start at Goodison Park Walker was sacked - ironically after a 0-0 draw at Carrow Road - in November 1994 and he subsequently spent 18 months out of the game before making his triumphant return to Carrow Road last summer.

One of the game's true gentlemen, Walker has quickly got his Norwich side back playing the type of football which made them famous.







# playerprofile

N O R W I C H C I T Y

Very much the first choice 'keeper for the Canaries is Scottish international **BRYAN GUNN**, who has twice won the Club's 'Player of the Year' award since his £100,000 transfer from Aberdeen in October 1986. Bryan captained City for much of last season and was often to be seen making an appearance in the opposition penalty box late on in games if Norwich were pressing for goals. With more than 430 senior games under his belt for the Canaries, Bryan is currently enjoying his testimonial season at Carrow Road.

His understudy is England Under-21 star **ANDY MARSHALL**, who at the time of writing has played three League games so far this season. An outstanding young goalkeeper who has come up through the ranks at Carrow Road, Andy has returned from loan spells at Gillingham and Bournemouth this season to pressurise Gunn for his first-team place.

The third 'keeper on the professional staff at Norwich is 19-year-old **PAUL BARBER**, the son of former Luton Town number one Keith Barber. Paul signed professional with the Club in July 1996 but has yet to make his senior debut.

Hard-tackling **CARL BRADSHAW** is a 'take no prisoners' full-back who moved to Carrow Road from Sheffield United for £450,000 in July 1994. Having begun life as a striker with Sheffield Wednesday, he has also enjoyed spells with Barnsley (loan) and Manchester City. Loves to get forward at every opportunity and is never afraid to shoot from distance.

Yet to make a senior League appearance at the time of writing, **ANDREW BROWNRIGG** is a former Hereford player who was earmarked as 'one for the future' when he was signed by Norwich for an initial fee of £100,000 in March 1995. He is a calm and composed central defender who loves to close opponents down at speed.

Continuing Norwich's long-standing record of breeding quality home grown talent is 19-year-old **DANNY MILLS**. Norwich born and bred, Danny is a former England Youth international who has progressed through the ranks at Carrow Road and is now a regular in the Canaries first-team. A versatile and powerful defender, Danny is strong in the air and happy anywhere across the back four.

The hugely experienced **ROB NEWMAN** is still going strong for Norwich, and is fast approaching 200 senior games for the Club - having previously played almost 500 for his only

other Club, Bristol City. Still a vital member of the Canaries squad, Rob has been almost ever-present this season and his versatility makes him a valuable commodity. He has played in nearly every outfield position for Norwich - and even spent 45 minutes in goal after Bryan Gunn was sent-off against Sheffield United last season.

One of several former Tottenham players to have made the move to Carrow Road is central defender **JOHN POLSTON**, who won England Youth honours at White Hart Lane before transferring to Norwich for a tribunal-set fee of £300,000 in July 1990. A reliable and well organised defender, John has already found the net on two occasions this season.

Highly-rated former Everton defender **MATT JACKSON** became Mike Walker's first signing since his return to Carrow Road when he moved from Goodison Park for a £450,000 fee in December 1996. He began with Luton Town as a right-back, but quickly switched to central defence and was soon snapped up by then Everton boss Howard Kendall. After the arrival of Joe Royle at Goodison, Matt had loan spells at Charlton, QPR and Birmingham City before moving to Norwich. A polished performer who loves to push forward, he had scored two goals in 11 League games for his new Club at the time of writing.

Former City trainee **JOHNNY WRIGHT** is a bright youngster who has overcome a couple of nasty injuries over the past two seasons and is now keen to make up for lost time in the first-team. Belfast-born Wright made two Premiership appearances as an 18-year-old for City and is a quick and intelligent full-back who has already won Northern Ireland 'B' recognition.

Giant centre-back **KEVIN SCOTT** is a former Newcastle player who signed for Norwich for £250,000 in February 1997, having spent the previous two years at Tottenham. Strong in the air, and a threat at both ends of the pitch, Kevin spent almost the whole of last season suffering with a knee injury sustained in a pre-season tour of Hong Kong.

Former Stoke, Everton and Oldham midfielder **NEIL ADAMS** cost Norwich £250,000. He won a League Championship medal as well as England U21 recognition while at Goodison Park and made his City debut against Swindon in a 3-3 draw here at the County Ground in February 1994. Happiest playing wide on the right side of midfield, Neil is the Canaries' second highest scorer this term, with 12 League goals at the time of writing, having missed just one game all season.



# Norwich

## PLAYER PROFILE



**SHAUN CAREY** is another of Norwich's home grown stars, having moved up through the junior sides at the Club to make his senior debut against Torquay United in the Coca-Cola Cup in September 1995. A ball-playing midfielder who is equally happy tackling back and helping his defence, he is often used in the 'holding role' just in front of the back four by Mike Walker. A Republic of Ireland U21 international.

One of the most sought-after talents outside the Premiership this season has been 22-year-old attacking midfielder **ANDY JOHNSON**, who has already been the target of a couple of big money bids. A former England Youth international, Andy is an aggressive and skilful player who loves to push forward, although he is equally effective operating in central defence.

The experienced **MIKE MILLIGAN** moved to Carrow Road for a tribunal-set fee of £850,000 in June 1994 and made his debut in the rarefied atmosphere of an East Anglian 'derby' match against neighbours Ipswich. Originally a schoolboy with Man City, he moved across Lancashire to Oldham and played a major role in the Boundary Park Club's rise to prominence in the late 1980s. He then had a brief spell at Everton before returning for another successful spell with Oldham.

**MATTHEW RUSH**, 25, was former City boss Martin O'Neill's first signing for Norwich, when he moved from West Ham in a £300,000 deal in August 1995. Sadly the player suffered a serious knee injury in training two days later which ruled him out for the whole of last season. Able to play at full-back, in midfield or on the wing he has had a spell on loan at Northampton this season and is desperate to get his Carrow Road career off the ground.

Local lad **KARL SIMPSON**, from Newmarket, has yet to figure in the first-team this season, but is a highly-rated youngster of whom the Norwich coaching staff are expecting big things. He turned down the chance of a two-year YTS with the Club, preferring to stay in full-time education, while **ADRIAN FORBES** is another youngster who has recently signed a professional contract with the Club.

Yet another home grown star is 25-year-old **DARYL SUTCH**, who signed professional with the Canaries in July 1990. He had struggled to hold down a regular first-team place at Carrow Road before this season, but his tremendous pace and crossing ability have come to the fore in 1996/97. He has won England U21 caps.

Midfield playmaker **IAN CROOK** created a storm of controversy during the summer of 1996 when he left Norwich to sign for East Anglian neighbours Ipswich - only to turn his back on the Portman Road Club and return to Carrow Road in a matter of days. Having been offered a free transfer at the end of 1995/96, Crook transferred to Ipswich on the day that Mike Walker was re-appointed City manager. But after hasty negotiations with his new boss the gifted Crook returned. A tremendous passer of the ball, this former Tottenham trainee joined Norwich for a bargain £80,000 in June 1986 and has won England 'B' recognition.

One of the most popular players ever to have worn the yellow shirt of Norwich, striker **ROBERT FLECK** is currently in his second spell with the Canaries, having rejoined them from Chelsea for £750,000 in September 1995. He began with Glasgow Rangers, where he won a Premier Division title and two Skol Cup winners' medals before joining Norwich for the first time in December 1987 for a then Club record fee of £580,000. He has won four Full caps for Scotland and is Norwich's third highest scorer of all time, with more than 80 senior strikes to his credit.

Norwich-born **DAMIAN HILTON** is a 19-year-old forward who has progressed through the ranks in the best traditions of Norwich City and has yet to make his senior debut for the Club.

Winger **KEITH O'NEILL** has enjoyed a meteoric rise to fame after starting last season with just one senior appearance to his name and finishing it as an established Republic of Ireland international. A real crowd pleaser with his skilful dribbling and powerful shooting, he has been the subject of envious glances - and big money bids - from several Premiership Clubs this season.

Former Swindon favourite **KEITH SCOTT** joined the Canaries from Stoke in November 1995 in a deal which saw Mike Sheron move in the opposite direction. Began with Lincoln City before drifting into non-League football with Wycombe Wanderers, where he first hooked up with ex-Norwich boss Martin O'Neill. After helping Wanderers to two FA Trophy successes and the GMVC title he came to the County Ground, moving on to the Potteries twelve months later. He enjoyed a great start for Norwich, scoring twice in his first two games, but has struggled for a regular place ever since.



# Norwich

VITAL STATISTICS



## Norwich's record over the last 10 years

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
86/87	1	42	17	17	8	53	51	68	5th
87/88	1	40	12	9	19	40	52	45	14th
88/89	1	38	17	11	10	48	45	62	4th
89/90	1	38	13	14	11	44	42	53	10th
90/91	1	38	13	6	19	41	64	45	15th
91/92	1	42	11	12	19	47	63	45	18th
92/93	P	42	21	9	12	61	65	72	3rd
93/94	P	42	12	17	13	65	61	53	12th
94/95	P	42	10	13	19	37	54	43	20th
95/96	1	46	14	15	17	59	55	57	16th



**10 YEAR  
RECORD**

## How Norwich City have performed so far this season

Date	Opps	H/A	Result	Scorers (Goal times)
Aug 17	SWINDON	(h)	W2-0	Johnson (26), Fleck (37)
Aug 24	BOLTON	(a)	L1-3	Eadie (54)
Aug 27	OXFORD	(a)	W1-0	Adams (12)
Aug 31	WOLVES	(h)	W1-0	Adams (20pen)
Sep 07	BRADFORD	(a)	W2-0	Sutch (9), Eadie (32)
Sep 11	QPR	(h)	D1-1	Adams (17)
Sep 14	SOUTHEND	(h)	D0-0	
Sep 21	PORTSMOUTH	(a)	W1-0	Crook (36)
Sep 28	TRANMERE	(h)	D1-1	Fleck (46)
Oct 01	GRIMSBY	(a)	W4-1	Eadie (2,7), Johnson (28), O'Neill (80)
Oct 11	IPSWICH	(h)	W3-1	Johnson (19,34), Polston (67)
Oct 16	OLDHAM	(h)	W2-0	Eadie (70), Adams (74)
Oct 19	MAN CITY	(a)	L1-2	Scott (87)
Oct 26	BIRMINGHAM	(a)	W3-2	Johnson (19), Adams (49pen), Scott (53)
Oct 30	SHEFF UTD	(h)	D1-1	Adams (71)
Nov 02	CHARLTON	(h)	L1-2	Milligan (70)
Nov 12	BARNLEY	(a)	L1-3	Newman (73)
Nov 16	READING	(h)	D1-1	Scott (80)
Nov 30	BIRMINGHAM	(h)	L0-1	
Dec 07	HUDDERSFIELD	(a)	L0-2	
Dec 14	C.PALACE	(h)	D1-1	Adams (71)
Dec 18	WEST BROM	(a)	L1-5	O'Neill (88)
Dec 21	PORT VALE	(a)	L1-6	Fleck (90)
Dec 26	QPR	(a)	L2-3	Crook (39), Eadie (74)
Dec 28	BRADFORD	(h)	W2-0	Adams (35pen), O'Neill (60)
Jan 01	PORTSMOUTH	(h)	W1-0	Jackson (78)
Jan 18	GRIMSBY	(h)	W2-1	Polston (28), Sutch (45)
Jan 22	STOKE	(a)	W2-1	O'Neill (4), Eadie (11)
Jan 28	TRANMERE	(a)	L1-3	Eadie (2)
Feb 01	BARNLEY	(h)	D1-1	Eadie (89)
Feb 09	SHEFF UTD	(a)	W3-2	Johnson (55), Ottosson (74), Holdsworth (83og)
Feb 15	WEST BROM	(h)	L2-4	Sutch (65), Adams (77pen)
Feb 22	CHARLTON	(a)	D4-4	Adams (29,64pen), Eadie (45,85)
Feb 25	SOUTHEND	(a)	D1-1	Fleck (87)
Mar 01	HUDDERSFIELD	(h)	W2-0	Eadie (32,53)
Mar 04	READING	(a)	L1-2	Adams (27pen)
Mar 08	PORT VALE	(h)	D1-1	Jackson (11)
Mar 15	C.PALACE	(a)	L0-2	

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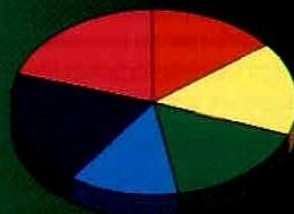
Home	Div	Result
28-Aug-1954	3(S)	1-0
10-Mar-1956	3(S)	1-1
23-Mar-1957	3(S)	1-1
05-Apr-1958	3(S)	1-2
25-Apr-1959	3	4-3
26-Mar-1960	3	0-1
28-Dec-1963	2	2-2
26-Dec-1964	2	0-1
01-Nov-1969	2	2-0
16-Jan-1971	2	3-2
04-Dec-1971	2	0-1
19-Feb-1994	Prem	3-3

Away	Div	Result
01-Jan-1955	3(S)	1-2
29-Oct-1955	3(S)	1-4
10-Nov-1956	3(S)	4-2
09-Nov-1957	3(S)	1-1
08-Apr-1959	3	1-1
07-Nov-1959	3	2-3
26-Dec-1963	2	2-3
30-Jan-1965	2	1-3
30-Mar-1970	2	0-1
21-Oct-1970	2	0-1
22-Apr-1972	2	0-1
28-Aug-1993	Prem	0-0

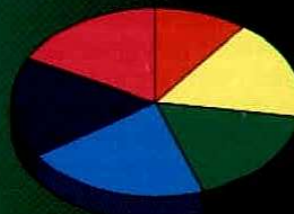
*Swindon score first*

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



League goals scored this season clockwise starting at RED

0-15mins	8
16-30	9
31-45	9
46-60	7
61-75	11
76-90	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>



League goals conceded to date clockwise starting at RED

0-15	6
16-30	10
31-45	10
46-60	12
61-75	10
76-90	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58</b>



# QuickQuiz!

## the question is...

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

1. Who is the manager of the Republic of Ireland?
2. From which club did Sheffield United sign Nick Henry?
3. Who did Liverpool play in the Quarter-Finals of this season's European Cup-Winners' Cup Final?
4. At which ground do Ipswich play their home games?
5. What is West Brom's nickname?
6. Who are the only non-Premiership club left in this year's FA Cup?
7. From which club did Chelsea sign Italian ace Gianluca Vialli?
8. Name the Wimbledon 'keeper in the Scotland squad.
9. Who is the manager of Bradford?
10. Who were the FA Cup Finalists in 1993?
11. Who won the Coca-Cola Cup in 1994?
12. If Don Hutchison and Don Goodman went in for a tackle together, which two teams would you be watching?
13. Where are the 1998 World Cup finals being held?
14. For which First Division club does Stuart Barlow play?
15. Which former Tottenham striker, who picked up a trophy at Euro 96, has been linked with a move to Chelsea recently?

## WHO AM I?

1. Born in London in 1970 his club career started at Nottingham Forest in 1989 and included a loan spell with Leicester City.
2. A move to Derby followed in 1993 and he made 61 appearances for them.
3. In 1994 he moved with Tommy Johnson to Aston Villa for £2.9m.
4. He played for England on two occasions and is also remembered for being involved in the Gazza injury incident during the 1991 Cup Final.

## RULES OF THE GAME!

**What is the radius of the Centre Circle?**

- A. 10 yards
- B. 15 yards
- C. 20 yards

## HOME&AWAY..

### HOME....

1. Who is our current leading scorer in the League?
2. Which striker grabbed our winner against Stoke?
3. From which club did Darren Bullock join us?

### ....AND AWAY

1. In which year did Norwich last win the League Cup?
2. Who did Mike Walker replace as boss at Carrow Road?

## CLOSE UP! WHOSE CREST?



**Answers.....** 1. Mick McCarthy. 2. Oldham. 3. SK Brann. 4. Portman Road. 5. Baggies or Throstles. 6. Chesterfield. 7. Juventus. 8. Neil Sullivan. 9. Chris Kamara. 10. Arsenal and Sheff Wed. 11. Aston Villa. 12. Sheff Utd and Wolves. 13. France. 14. Oldham. 15. Jurgen Klinsmann. **Home:** 1. Wayne Allison. 2. Peter Thorne. 3. Huddersfield. **Away:** 1. 1985. 2. Gary Megson. **Who am I:** Gary Charles. **Rules of the Game:** ans. A. **Whose Crest:** Colchester United.



# a brief look back

## Dick Mattick looks back ...

**Saturday December 6th 1958 - Matt Busby had just resigned as manager of Scotland on Doctor's orders and Swindon Boys had fought their way to the Divisional Final of the English Schools' Shield.**

It was the second round of the FA Cup and a day which saw Tooting and Mitcham defeat Northampton 2-1 and Peterborough defeat Headington United 4-2 in a clash of the cream of non-leagueurs.

Swindon faced a home match with Norwich City, one of the best supported teams in Division Three with gates averaging over 22,000.

Jim Kelly, recovered from a shin injury led the Swindon forwards while Nethercott in goal and Terry Allcock at inside right returned to the Norwich team.

Swindon had much the better of the first half and took the lead after 20 minutes. Bob Edwards stabbed a pass out to Willie Corbett whose centre was headed in by John Richards.

Jimmy Hill, picked out by R.C.E. as the best forward on the pitch, equalised for City after 38 minutes.

Errol Crossan rounded Town full-back Walter Bingley and cut in along the bye-line before pulling the ball back for Hill to score.

Swindon came close to restoring their lead just before the interval but Nethercott did well to keep out

an Edwards pile-driver.

In the second half, Norwich gradually gained the ascendancy with big Barry Butler stamping out Swindon's attacks and Archie Macauley's team building some clever passing movements.

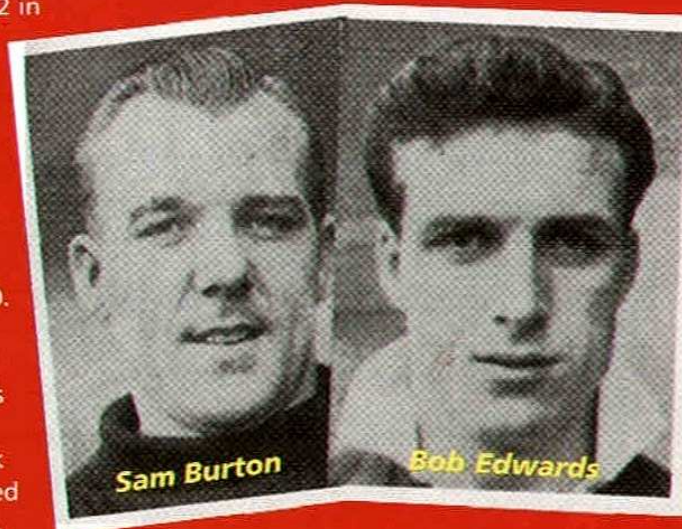
They might have snatched victory in the final minute when Allcock broke through but was unable to beat Sam Burton in the Swindon goal.

By the time the replay was staged, both sides knew that a home tie

rescued his side by diving at the feet of Edwards. Matt Crowe replaced him for a few minutes but soon after their keeper's return, the Canaries struck - Crossan scoring with a powerful drive which Burton could not get enough of a hand on to divert wide.

Swindon piled forward after this with Corbett and Morgan both testing the City keeper and big George Hudson coming forward to add his height to the attack.

But it was to no avail as Norwich moved through to face United in Round Three. It was a chance they took with both hands, not only did they defeat them but also Cardiff, Tottenham and Sheffield United before their bid to become the first Third Division side at Wembley fell at the final hurdle of Luton Town.



with Manchester United was the reward for victory.

Kelly, who had appeared to tire in the first match was replaced by Maurice Owen. He played in a deep centre forward role, with the inside forwards pushed on in the fashion of the Hungarians.

A penalty appeal for Norwich was turned down when the ball struck Jack Fountain. Near the end of the half they again went close but Burton managed to snatch a fierce effort by Roy McCrohan from under the bar.

During the second half, Nethercott was forced to leave the field shortly after he had

### Teams:

**Swindon:** Burton, Neal, Bingley (Lee), Morgan, Hudson, Owen (Fountain), Corbett, Richards, Kelly (Owen), Edwards, Darcy.

**Norwich City:** Nethercott, Thurlow, Ashman, McCrohan, Butler, Crowe, Crossan, Allcock, Bly (Clelland), Hill, Brennan.



# talkin' tactics

with First Team Coach Mike Walsh



***After Saturday's defeat we must now be rated as outsiders for a play-off spot but all we can do is keep going, grab as many points as possible and finish as high as we can. Today's opponents Norwich are just above us so its a real six pointer and if we can beat them then suddenly we are back in the hunt and we've got a chance again.***

I felt we were the better side at Port Vale and on another day we could have scored a couple of goals after hitting the bar twice.

We couldn't do a lot about their goal except perhaps stop the player who ran 40 yards with the ball in the first place.

But the game changed on the penalty decision that went against us. I think if we had been awarded that then we would have gone on to win the match.

In the end we threw everything forward in an attempt to get something out of the game which meant we were caught short at the back a couple of times and Port Vale might have added another couple to their tally. Sometimes you have to take chances and that's what we did on Saturday.

Overall we played well but at this stage points are more important than the way you play.

It promises to be another tense affair this afternoon and on Monday it will be just as tough against Oldham.

I watched them on television against Crystal Palace on Sunday and they are all working hard for each other as they scrap to avoid the drop.

And if points are important to us at the moment then it is certainly true in their case. Of course our cause won't be helped by the suspension to Wayne Allison. He hasn't missed a match since I came here and it will be a big blow to lose him.

It's just a pity that in the last couple of games we seem to have been on the wrong end of some decisions which could in the end cost us dearly.

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# league update

by Colin Benson



***This is one of the strangest Easter's I can remember. The holiday period that once had us playing three games in four days, on Good Friday and Easter Saturday and Monday, has been whittled down to the bare bones.***

There are no Premiership fixtures at all this week-end due to international demands while the Nationwide Division One schedule has been split over two days with three games yesterday and the balance this afternoon.

Consequently this Easter might not have such a significant effect on Championship, promotion and relegation issues as it has in the past. But it is non-the-less still a very crucial time, particularly for our guests today, **Norwich City**, who slipped out of the play-off-zone last Saturday following their fourth home defeat - this one inflicted by **Bolton Wanderers**.

**Bolton** as it happens have got their feet up this weekend because of international calls on their players but then with a 19 point lead at the head of the table they shouldn't worry.

**Wolverhampton Wanderers** must be concerned as they and **Barnsley** battle it out for the second automatic promotion spot however, for their form remains erratic.

**Barnsley** were home to **West Bromwich Albion** yesterday, **Wolves** play hosts to struggling **Grimsby Town** this afternoon. Now on paper this looks no contest but such has been the home form of the Black Country team that not even their most ardent supporter will be filled with confidence.

A shock 1-0 defeat at **Bradford City** last week made it three successive defeats for Mark McGhee's men who hope to have Steve Froggatt back after hamstring problems.... The Mariners earned themselves a good point in a goalless draw with **Tranmere**, a big boost for manager Kenny Swain's survival fight.

Another game featuring promotion challengers against relegation fighters is at Selhurst Park where **Crystal Palace** take on **Birmingham City**. Palace eased themselves back into the play-off-zone with a 1-0 win at **Oldham** last Sunday but like **Wolves** have been inconsistent.

If **Birmingham** boss Trevor Francis gets the Blues by just looking at the league table, his depression will be even greater having lost skipper Steve Bruce, who is out for a month after sustaining a fractured eye socket.

Bryan Hughes, an £800,000 signing from **Wrexham**, made his debut in midfield in last week's 1-1 draw with **Sheffield United** at St Andrews. There is a cushion of 11 points between **Birmingham** and the drop it is true, but they can't allow things to slip. **Palace** are favourites but I fancy a draw.

**Sheffield United** will be anxious to get back to winning ways and maintain their position. They too have a new man on show, centre-back Carl

Tiler, whose £750,000 transfer from **Aston Villa** on Friday was just too late for him to make his debut at **Birmingham**.

Ex Town shooter Jan Aage Fjortoft had an off day but boss Howard Kendall still fancies his side's promotion chances. He said: "The importance of not losing at this stage of the season is paramount."

The Yorkshire side have not won away this year and with a derby at **Huddersfield** on Monday they really do need all three points against **Reading** this afternoon. To do so they will need to nullify the Royals' top shot Trevor Morley. The former West Ham marksman has 22 goals so far.

Another Hammer helping **Reading** is goalkeeper Steve Mautone, currently on loan from Upton Park, the 26-year-old Aussie is the 11th goalkeeper **Reading** have used in two seasons.

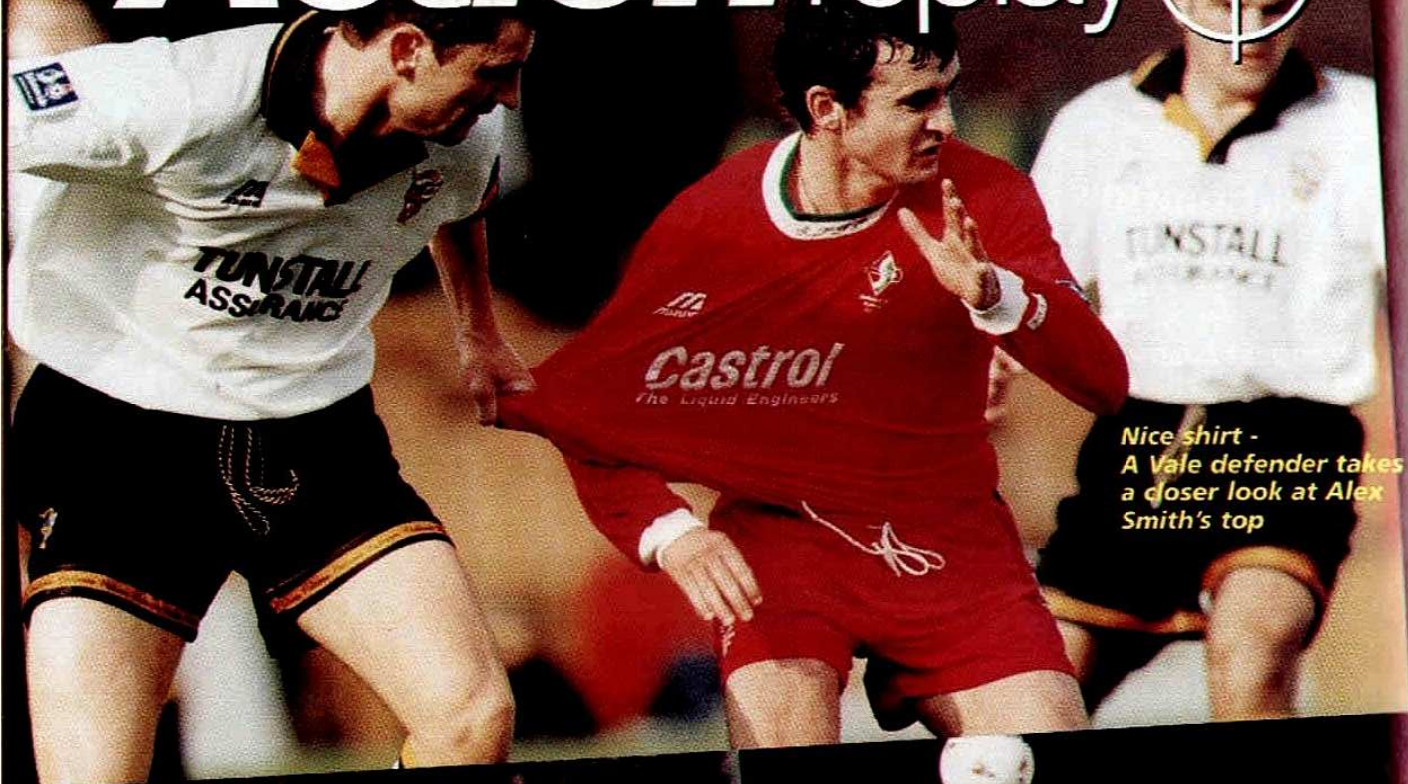
**Oldham's** desperate plight might be helped by their new striker Soren Anderson. The Dane is on trial at Boundary Park and has impressed with the Reserves and Neil Warnock could give him a go at **Stoke** today.

The Potters' star striker Mike Sheron was hoping to break his goal-scoring drought against his former club **Manchester City** but they lost 2-0. Sheron, formerly with **Norwich City**, last week linked with **Everton**, has not scored since January 18th.

Mike Newell made his **Bradford City** debut after answering an SOS from Chris Kamara and helped his side to a 2-1 victory over **Wolves** - it was Nigel Pepper who proved too hot for the visitors while another debutant, goalkeeper Aidan Davison was man of the match.



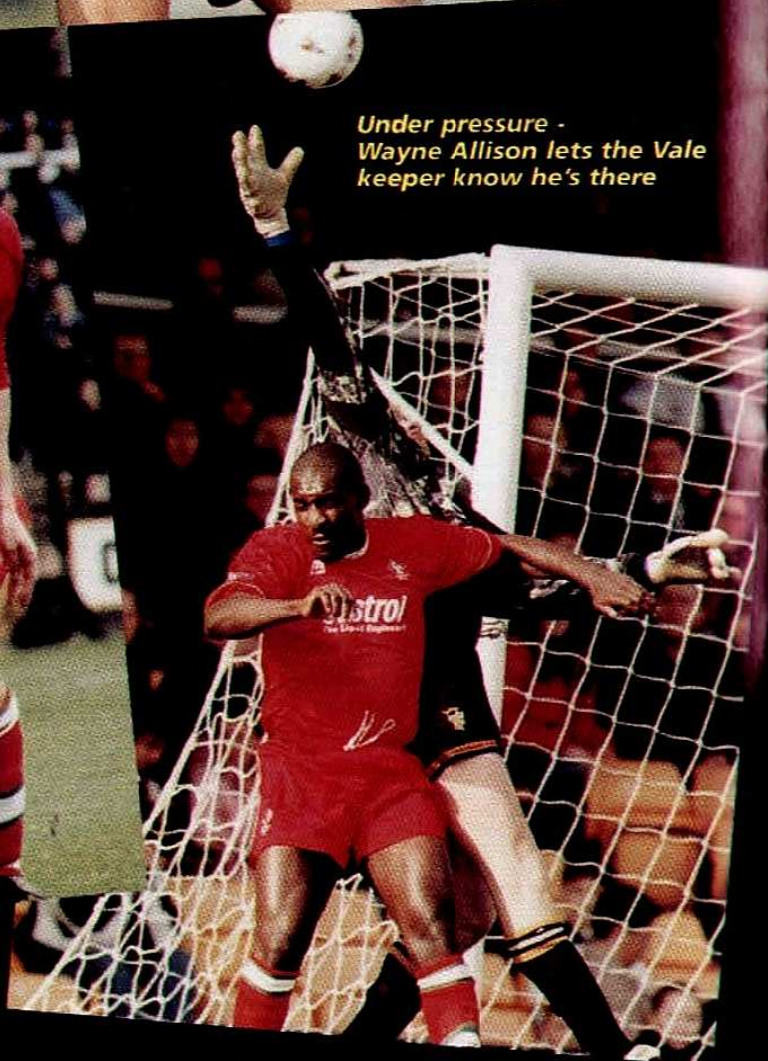
# Action replay



*Nice shirt -  
A Vale defender takes  
a closer look at Alex  
Smith's top*



*Peter Thorne takes on a  
Port Vale defender*



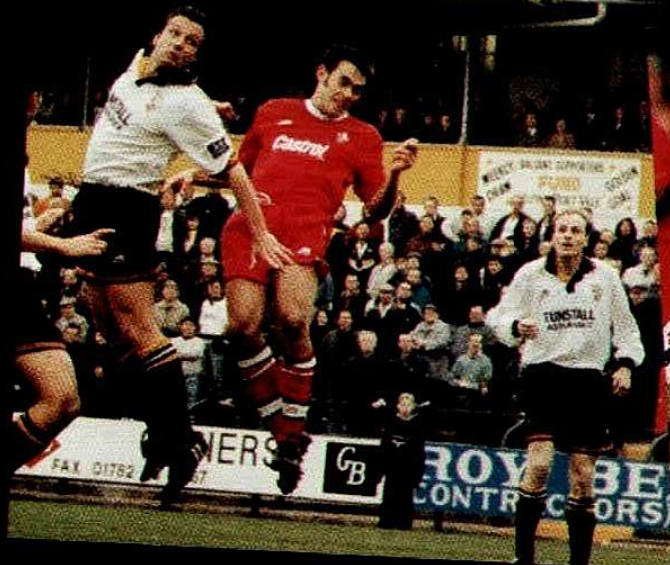
*Under pressure -  
Wayne Allison lets the Vale  
keeper know he's there*



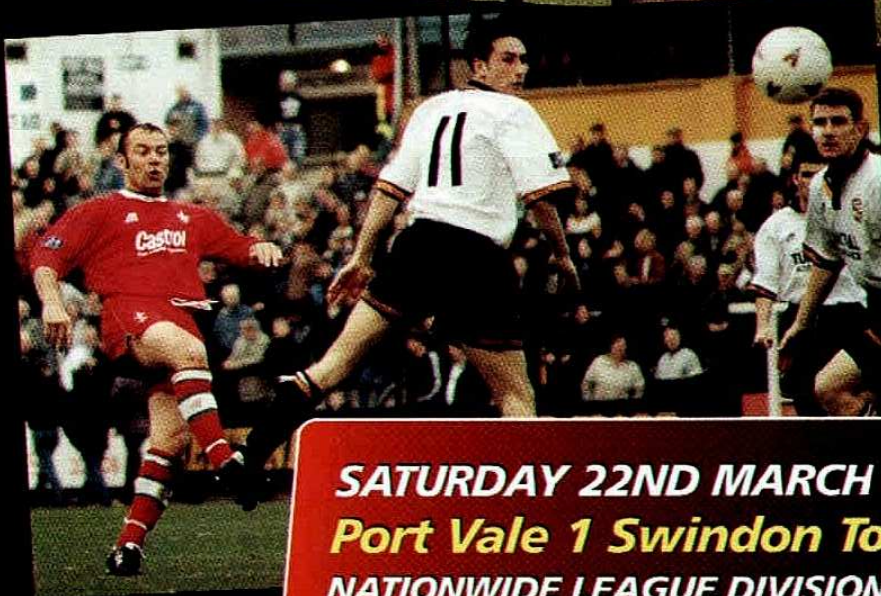


**Left:**  
Marlon  
Broomes  
launches the  
ball forward  
in his final  
appearance  
for Swindon

**Below Left:**  
Rising High -  
Peter Thorne  
heads  
goalwards



**Above:**  
Clearing a hurdle - Alex Smith  
breaks forward at Port Vale



**Left:**  
Toe poke - Darren Bullock  
fires goalwards

**SATURDAY 22ND MARCH 1997**  
**Port Vale 1 Swindon Town 0**  
**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1**  
**Attendance 6,142**





# community scheme news

We would firstly like to extend a warm County Ground welcome to Wickwar, Kennet Valley and Elmscroft United Under 11's. A big thank you to Malcolm Alexander, Phil Whitehead and Mr Duckett who have joined us with their respective teams for the Saturday Team Club.



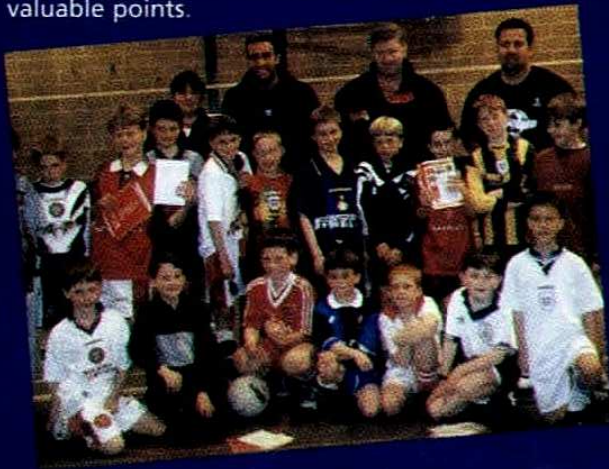
We hope you enjoy your stay with us and please do come back again next season.

This week has seen us entertain 100 plus youngsters on our Funweek and Tuesday was a special day for the children who met our new recruit Willie Carson.

All the children were delighted to be filmed and photographed with Willie, Steve McMahon and the directors.

Thank you once again to our coaches who have all done a marvellous job in making the week a huge success.

Until next time, here's hoping we can clinch three valuable points.



Soccer Centres co-ordinator Nick Vitale and Swindon Town First Team Coach Mike Walsh pictured with another enthusiastic group of youngsters.



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The next courses are commencing week beginning Monday 7th April. The T-shirts have been a great success adding to the professionalism of the scheme (Please find cost for T-shirts listed below, and if you would like to purchase one, see your coach). So, don't delay and enroll at the course and centre which apply to you.

Cost - £14.00 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE  
- £3.50 T-SHIRT

## Link Centre

Monday	5.30pm - 6.30pm	5-6 + 9-11years
Thursday	4.30pm - 5.30pm	5 years
	5.30pm - 6.30pm	7-8 years

## Oasis

Monday	5.00pm - 6.00pm	9-11 years
Wednesday	5.00pm - 6.00pm	12-14 years
Saturday	9.00am - 10.00am	5-8 years
	10.00am - 11.00am	5-8 years

## Stratton

Monday	3.30pm - 4.30pm	5-6 years
	4.30pm - 5.30pm	9-11 years
Wednesday	3.30pm - 4.30pm	7-8 years

## Highworth

Tuesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	5-6 years
	5.00pm - 6.00pm	7-8 years
Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	9 years +
	5.00pm - 6.00pm	9 years +

## Marlborough\*

Wednesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	5-11 years
	5.00pm - 6.00pm	11-16 years

\* (Marlborough is not Thamesdown Borough Council so costing is different and courses are by term)

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# *the junior* robins

with Louise Kaye

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**A big welcome to the Junior Canaries who have brought two coaches to the County Ground this afternoon. We hope you have a great day but not that great of course! Now, all Junior Robins grab a pen and scribble the following dates (which includes another NEW trip) in your Swindon Town diary!..**

## International Game

Don't forget on Tuesday 1st April the England V Switzerland U21 International is being staged at the County Ground. Kick-off is at 7:45pm and the Junior Eagles from Crystal Palace are visiting for pre-match fun. If you want to join in, meet at the extension field changing block for 4:00pm. Bring along a packed lunch and relax in the Family Lounge before watching the game. If you have not claimed your FREE TICKET with the letter you received, you only have until Monday 31st to do so.

## Match Of The Day Live!

Friday 4th April 1997. This must be every football fan's idea of heaven and what an exclusive opportunity for the Junior Robins to be there! Thanks to Nationwide, we are offering you the chance to attend 'Match of the day Live' at the Birmingham NEC, during the Easter Holiday. There will be loads of activities and things to see at the

exhibition, including a 5-a-side arena, penalty shoot-outs and the chance to meet famous football celebrities. If you are interested, call me as soon as possible on 532121.

## Granada Studios

Saturday 17th May 1997. This is probably the most fun day out you'll have that is NOT football related. Granada Studios in Manchester is a bloomin' great day out and the best bit is the studio tour where you can get up to all sorts of silly things. If you feel like having a really mad and funny day and of course meeting someone from Corrie, call me for more details.

## Mascots at Stoke City

ClubCall presenter Stuart Mac and sons, Gary and Peter, were mascots against Stoke City on 15th March. Famous for crying on air at the game we'd sooner forget, Stuart has now left Swindon to work abroad.

No doubt however that he'll be checking the result of today's game so let's give him something to smile about!

We have only two spaces left for mascots this season. If you are interested in making someone's dream come true, call me in the Marketing Department now.

**Have a very Happy Easter!!**

## today's lucky mascots



**Martyn Eagles** was 12 years old on the 27th March so Many Happy Returns from everyone at the

County Ground. Martyn of Shaw Ridge, Swindon is a pupil at Bradon Forest School and likes tennis, roller blading and football. He plays for Brunel Boys F.C. in left midfield and his favourite player is Mark Seagraves.



**Thomas Wiltshire** is 8 years old and lives in Melksham, Wiltshire. Thomas attends Bowerhill Primary School and plays

football for Shaw & Whitley F.C. He is a big fan of the Town and his favourite player is Steve Finney.



**Josh Robinson**, aged 9, also lives in Melksham. He too is a pupil at Bowerhill Primary School and plays for Shaw & Whitley F.C. Although he supports Swindon Town, Josh is also a fan of Arsenal and his two all-round favourite players are Ian Wright and Mark Walters.

Norwich City's mascot is **Harriet Mason** of Nailsea, Bristol.



Six year old Harriet attends Hannermore Infant School and her hobbies include playing tennis and football. Her favourite Norwich player is Robert Fleck.

Swindon Town are pleased to announce that our lucky matchday mascots are now sponsored by Little Chef and Burger King at the Turnpike Roundabout.





## 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	0-3
Sat Sep 21	Reading	A	3-2
MON SEP 23	BARNET (SJFC 1)	H	3-1
SAT SEP 28	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	1-2
Sat Oct 05	Southampton	A	0-2
SAT OCT 12	LUTON TOWN	H	2-2
Tues Oct 15	Arsenal (SJFC 2)	A	1-3
Sat Oct 19	Wycombe Wndrs.	A	1-1
TUES OCT 22	HEREFORD (MYC 1)	H	4-0
Sat Oct 26	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1-1
SAT NOV 02	OXFORD UNITED	H	1-1
SAT NOV 09	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	1-2
Sat Nov 16	Wimbledon	A	1-0
Sat Nov 23	Luton Town	A	1-2
SAT NOV 30	WYCOMBE W.	H	0-3
Wed Dec 04	Torquay Utd (FAYC 1)	A	1-1
Sat Dec 07	Barnet	A	4-1
WED DEC 11	TORQUAY UTD (FAYC 1 REPLAY)	H	0-2
WED DEC 18	WOLVES (MYC 2)	H	2-2
SAT DEC 21	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	3-0
Sat Jan 18	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
Wed Jan 22	Wolves (MYC 2 replay)	A	2-1
SAT JAN 25	READING	H	2-3
Sat Feb 01	Brentford	A	1-1
Sat Feb 08	Colchester United	A	0-3
TUES FEB 18	STOKE CITY (MYC SF1)	H	0-1
SAT MAR 01	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	2-1
Sat Mar 08	Oxford United	A	2-3
Tue Mar 11	Stoke City (MYC SF2)	A	1-0*
SAT MAR 15	WIMBLEDON	H	0-0
Sat Mar 22	Crystal Palace	A	1-5
SAT APR 12	BARNET	H	
TBA	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	
TBA	AFC Bournemouth	A	
TBA	BRISTOL CITY	H	
TBA	SOUTHAMPTON	H	

Home fixtures kick-off at 11.00am - Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning

\* Lost 6-5 on penalties

## 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	1-1
Sept 21	Exeter City	A	1-1
Sept 28	Hereford United	A	1-0
OCT 12	SWANSEA CITY	H	1-1
Oct 26	AFC Bournemouth	A	1-1
NOV 02	BASHLEY	H	3-1
Nov 09	Bashley	A	0-3
NOV 16	BRISTOL CITY	H	2-1
Nov 23	Cardiff City	A	0-7
NOV 30	CHELTEHAM TOWN	H	1-1
Dec 07	Cirencester Town	A	1-1
Dec 11	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-3
Jan 18	Swansea City	A	3-2
Jan 25	Torquay United	A	2-3
FEB 01	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	0-0
FEB 08	EXETER CITY	H	1-2
FEB 19	HEREFORD UNITED	H	0-2
FEB 26	TORQUAY UNITED	H	4-2
MAR 05	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	1-2
Mar 8	Bashley (League Cup)	A	1-1*
Mar 15	Cardiff (League Cup)	A	1-4

All home Saturday fixtures kick-off at 11.00am - Wednesday fixtures kick-off at 2.00pm. Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning

\*Won 4-1 on penalties

# youth team focus



with Tommy Wheeldon

### South East Counties League Division Two Swindon Town Youth 0 Wimbledon Youth 0

*This was another tough clash as was expected and I was pleased with the lads effort and discipline.*

There were very few chances for either side as the game petered out into a goal-less draw but there were still a number of incidents - several of them unsavoury.

Earlier in the season my team would have folded against physically stronger lads but this time they stood up to the task in hand and it shows how far they have come this season.

The major incident which spoilt the game occurred just before half time when there was a mass brawl involving a number of players.

When things were eventually brought under control a Wimbledon player was sent off and at half time the Gaffer Steve McMahon gave his thoughts with the Club's recent disciplinary problems high on the agenda.

During the second half every lad competed in the right manner and tried to play football but there were no goals as both sides settled for a point.

**Team:** Betterton, O'Connell (McSherry), Wheeldon, Thorne, Hodson, MacDiarmid, Coupe, Hunt, Hulbert, Davis, Finlayson.  
**Sub:** Woodman

### South West Counties League Cup Cardiff City Youth 4 Swindon Town Youth 1

*Swindon, fielding a number of trialists and schoolboy players, fought hard against a strong Cardiff side littered with second year YTS boys.*

We took a 1-0 lead after 30 minutes when Mark Simpkins fired home from a well worked corner and during the second half Swindon defended stoutly with Flynn, Mills and Taylor all catching the eye.

The game turned in the 75th minute when the referee failed to spot a blatant hand-ball which resulted in an equaliser for Cardiff.

Disheartened by this Swindon conceded a second soon after but they gathered themselves and kept their heads held high in the closing stages.

Cardiff grabbed two goals in the last five minutes to finish off with a flattering victory but the game was marred by some dreadful refereeing decisions.

**Team:** Tarran, Taylor, Futchler, Lynch, Mills, Cope, Campello, Simpkins, Flynn, Tuck, Corcheran.

**Subs:** Bennett, Jenkins, Hughes.

### South East Counties, Division Two Crystal Palace Youth 5 Swindon Town Youth 1

*The youngsters slumped to their worst defeat of the season as they were punished for some horrendous defending.*



For the first 44 minutes the lads worked hard in the Spring sunshine and looked confident until Alex Finlayson lost possession which resulted in Palace taking a half time lead.

Early on in the second half Palace notched two quick goals to leave Swindon with an uphill struggle and a dubious penalty decision allowed Palace to make it 4-0.

Although the game was now over as a contest my lads continued to create chances and Matty Coupe pulled one back in the 75th minute.

Palace scored their fifth straight after but it wasn't all doom and gloom as there were great displays by Robin Hulbert, Wayne Thorne and Matty Coupe.

**Team:** Betterton, Hulbert, Wheeldon, Pattimore, Hodson, Thorne, Campello, Hunt (Sharps), Coupe, MacDiarmid, Finlayson (O'Connell).

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBIN HULBERT AND MICHAEL PATTIMORE WHO HAVE BOTH BEEN PICKED TO REPRESENT THEIR COUNTRY.



**Michael  
Pattimore  
and  
Robin  
Hulbert**



Robin is playing for the England Under 16's in Thailand this weekend, while Michael, is in the Welsh Under 18 squad for their trip to Italy.

Both boys are a credit to the Club and have been rewarded this season with call-ups for the Swindon Town first team squad.



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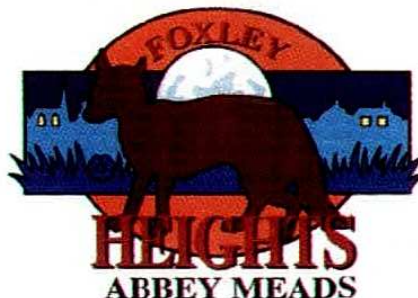
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***It is a very busy time of the year for everyone at the Club because we have to make hard decisions on boys who have been at our Centre of Excellence and playing for Swindon Town Football Club.***

These decisions are tough - and being a parent myself, I can understand only too well just how parents can feel if their lads don't make it.

But our job is to enhance the playing staff here at the County Ground to build for a successful future.

Next week we have the chance

to see how our babies have progressed with our Under 10's, Under 11's and Under 12's playing small sided games against Bristol City and Southampton.

To see these boys develop over the years makes me feel very proud so it is time for them to show us what they are made of.

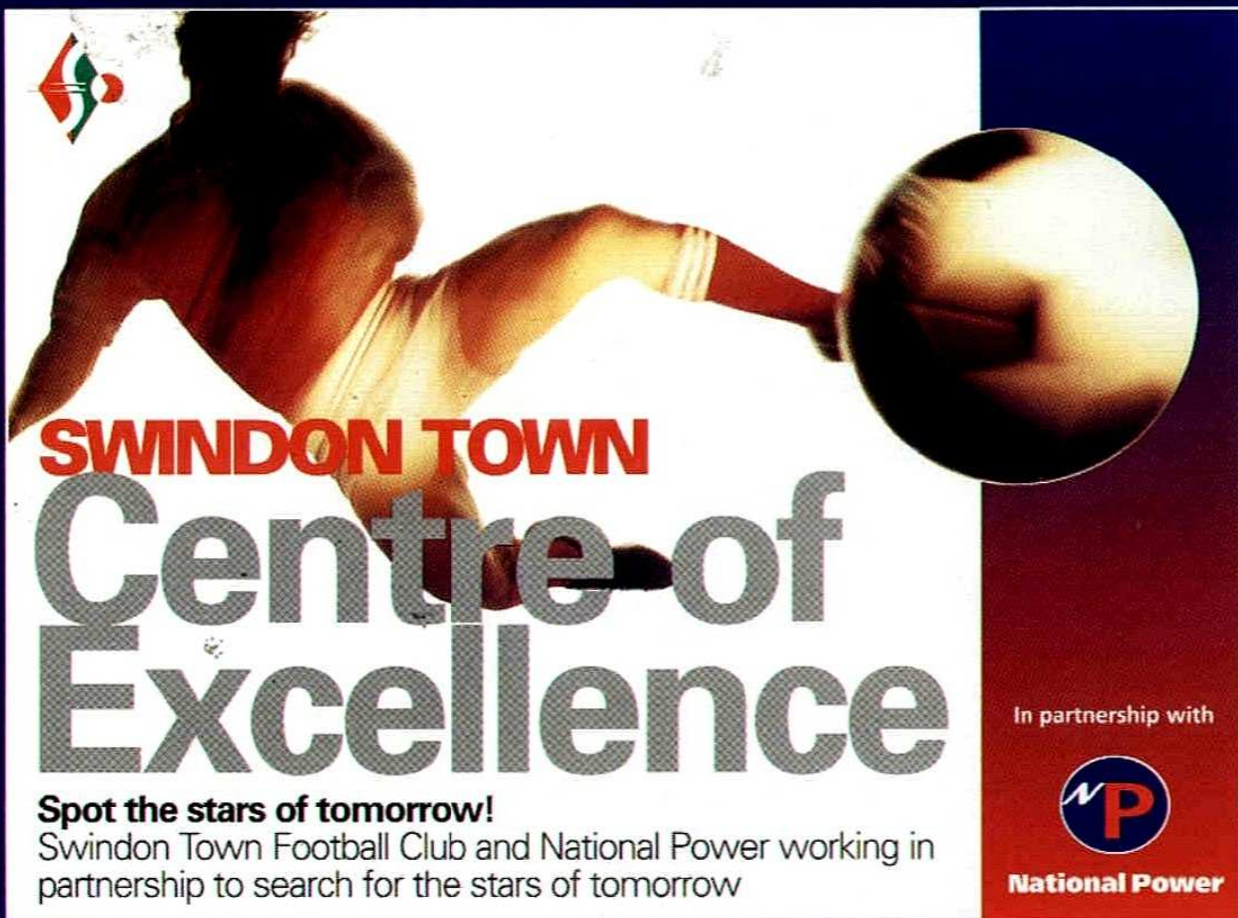
Before I finish I would like to welcome a team to today's game who have travelled down to Swindon to play in tournaments over the weekend.

The team in question are Valentine Colts who are based in Liverpool and come here with an outstanding record of only one defeat all season.



I hope you enjoy your tour of the ground and the game against Norwich City and good luck in your matches.

***Speak to you soon.***




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# reserves round up

with Ross MacLaren



**Avon Insurance  
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Swindon Town Reserves 0  
Norwich City Reserves 1**

***If you don't take your chances you end up paying the price and that was exactly what happened to the Reserves at the County Ground.***

A host of opportunities went begging, particularly in the second half and Norwich stole the points with a very soft goal.

It wasn't all doom and gloom as the youngsters did a terrific job, particularly as they had been through extra time and penalties the night before for the Youth team in the Midland Cup.

There were no goals in a tight first half but the chances started to come early in the second half.

In the 50th minute Steve Cowe connected with a Kevin Watson free kick only to see the Norwich keeper push his header onto the post before grabbing the rebound.

Two minutes later Norwich took the lead when a centre by Matthew Rush was headed back across goal by Chris Llewellyn and with Frank Talia scrambling, the ball went in off an upright.

We should have drawn level shortly afterwards when Watson sent Steve Finney clear but Finney lifted his shot over the goal and wide of the target.

In the closing stages we continued to force the pace and Gary Elkins headed a Watson flag kick straight at the keeper,

while Steve Cowe had a shot well saved after he had stolen the ball off a defender.

However Cowe was guilty of a bad miss 10 minutes from time when he delayed too long in a one on one with the keeper.

**Team:** Talia, Coupe (W. Thorne), Drysdale, O'Sullivan, Elkins, Dobson, Pattimore, Watson, Finney, Cowe, Finlayson (Hulbert). **Sub:** Hodson.

**Avon Insurance  
Combination  
Chelsea Reserves 1  
Swindon Town Reserves 2**

***This was probably the best we have played this season and I'm not just saying that because we won.***

It was a great result considering we had seven YTS lads in our squad against a strong Chelsea team and I was delighted with the way we passed the ball, competed and worked for each other.

We fell behind against the run of play mid way through the first half although Steve Mildenhall was unlucky not to keep the effort out.

Steve Finney might have levelled with a couple of headers before the break but he finally found the net in the 55th minute, intercepting a pass and powering a low drive into the corner of the net.

Both sides had half chances after that before we grabbed the winner late on through substitute Matty Coupe who stole in at the far post to head home a Freddie Darras free kick.

## Fixtures 96/97 Avon Insurance Combination Div 1

Mon Aug 26	Swansea City	(LC)	A 2-1
THUR SEP 19	TOTTENHAM		H 1-3
Wed Sep 25	Charlton Athletic		A 4-1
MON OCT 07	LUTON TOWN		H 1-0
MON OCT 21	PORTSMOUTH		H 2-0
Thur Oct 31	Bristol City		A 2-3
Wed Nov 06	Oxford United		A 3-3
MON NOV 11	CRYSTAL PALACE		H 3-0
WED NOV 20	BRISTOL ROVERS (LC)		H 0-0
MON DEC 09	BRISTOL ROVERS		H 1-3
Mon Dec 16	Cardiff City		A 1-1
Wed Jan 15	Brighton & H.A.		A 0-1
MON JAN 20	ARSENAL		H 2-6
Mon Jan 27	Oxford United (LC)		A 1-2
Mon Feb 03	AFC Bournemouth		A 2-2
MON FEB 10	SOUTHAMPTON		H 2-2
WED MAR 05	BRISTOL CITY (LC)		H 2-1
WED MAR 12	NORWICH CITY		H 0-1
Mon Mar 17	Chelsea		A 2-1
WED MAR 19	CARDIFF CITY (LC)		H 1-0
MON MAR 24	MILLWALL		H 1-0
Tue Apr 08	West Ham United		A 2-00
MON APR 14	Q.P.R.		H 2.00
MON APR 21	IPSWICH TOWN		H 2.00
Wed Apr 23	Wimbledon		A 2.00
Wed Apr 30	Swansea City		A 2.00
TBA	Watford		A 7.30

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Tottenham H.	15	8	3	4	35	17	27	+16
Chelsea	14	8	2	4	23	16	26	+07
Arsenal	14	7	4	2	36	15	25	+01
Q.P.R.	14	7	3	4	28	21	24	+07
Brighton & H.A.	14	8	6	3	28	27	21	+01
AFC Bournemouth	14	6	2	6	28	31	20	-03
Millwall	15	6	1	8	23	26	19	-03
Bristol City	14	5	3	6	20	26	18	-03
Luton Town	13	5	3	5	15	17	17	-02
Crystal Palace	13	5	2	6	16	22	17	-04
Cardiff City	14	4	5	5	12	21	17	-09
SWINDON TOWN	13	4	4	5	24	25	16	-01
Swansea City	12	5	1	6	16	22	16	-06
Oxford United	14	4	3	7	23	28	15	-05
West Ham United	15	4	3	8	19	25	15	-06
Southampton	13	4	2	7	22	28	14	-06
Watford	12	4	2	6	16	22	14	-06
Norwich City	14	2	4	8	21	33	10	-12
Bristol Rovers	13	2	4	7	12	27	10	-15
Chalton Athletic	11	2	2	7	11	25	8	-14

**Team:** Mildenhall, Darras, King (Coupe 75), O'Sullivan, Seagraves, Elkins, Pattimore, Hulbert, Finney, Finlayson, W. Thorne. **Subs:** Hunt, Hodson (not used).

***Despite beating Cardiff 1-0 thanks to a Steve Finney goal, the Reserves missed out on a semi final place in the League Cup by just one point.***

***A full report will appear in next week's programme.***



# Darren Bullock



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**Can you imagine how much stick I get in my local pub in the outskirts of Durham for being a Swindon Town supporter?**

Can you imagine how much stick I got when they all read that stuff in the national press about the radio commentator who cried when we lost 7-0 to Bolton?

Can you imagine what happened when I told everyone in the pub that the radio commentator in question was a good mate of mine, the one and only Stuart Mac?

Unbelievable! It could only have been Stuart Mac.

Most people who have been coming to the ground for some

time know of Stuart.

Most people who have been out in Swindon know of Stuart. He is the most amazing Swindon Town fan ever. He was always there. He never seemed to have a proper job or a home. He never took any notice of the speed limit. "One for the road" meant at least another couple of hours in the bar. He knew everyone.

He went everywhere - it didn't matter if it was Grimsby in the rain or Finland pre-season, Stuart Mac was always there.

No disrespect to Shaun, but Wiltshire Sound's coverage will not be the same. Big Mac just had the knack to get anyone to talk to him before/after/during a game regardless of the result and of the security people saying

that he couldn't.

He is the only person in the world who could interview

the Gaffer and ask how his wife was during the interview. When a new player arrived they would be talking to Stuart as if they were old buddies within hours. I don't know how he did it but he did it and always did.

My magic Mac moment was a couple of years ago when he was covering the Anglo Italian Cup game in Venice between Venezia and Swindon and he had to do his entire commentary right under the very loud PA system.

This was the match where Stuart asked Andy Rowland in his pre-match interview if they actually knew much about Venezuela?, Venezuela, Stuart?



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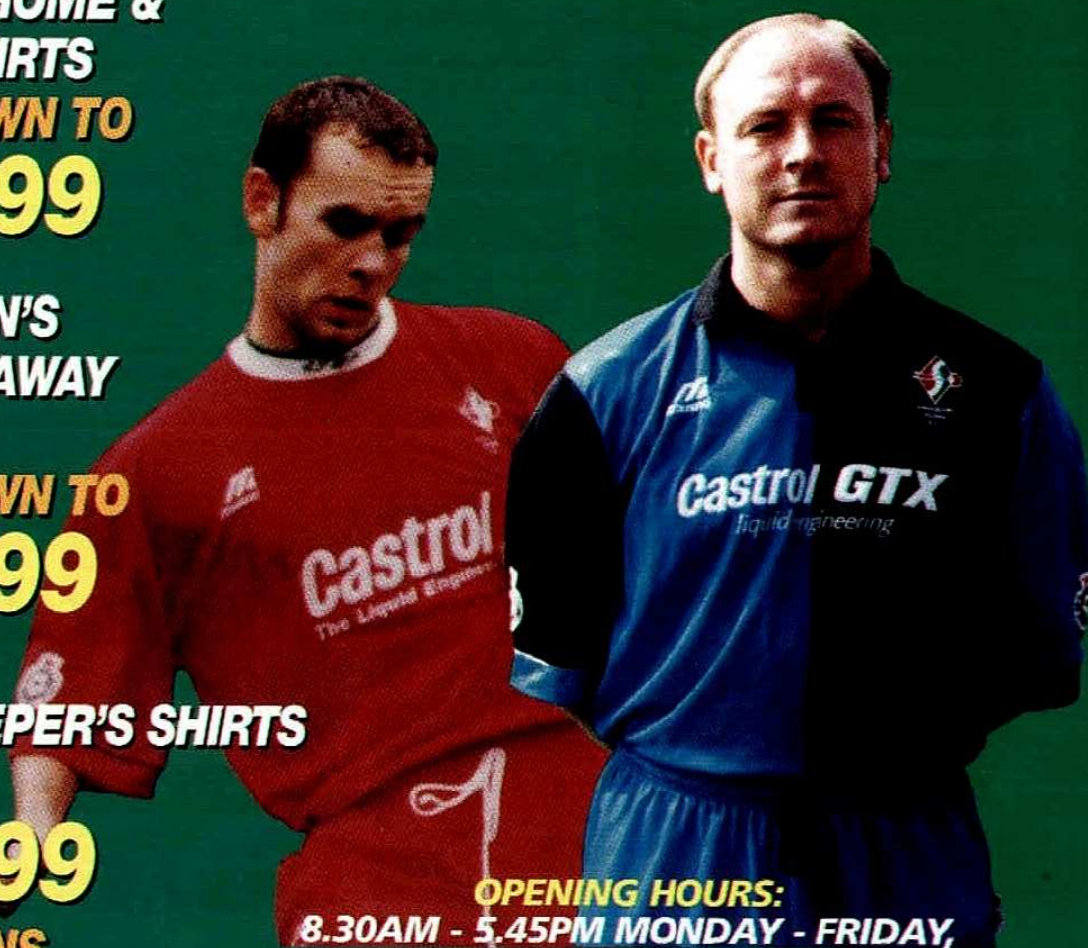
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Saturday April 26th (3pm)

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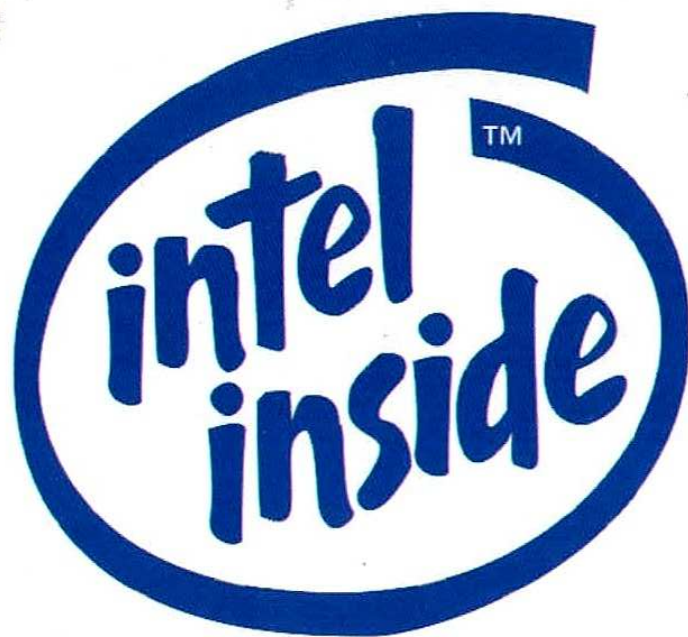
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# winning ways

By Dave Hollister

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**The procession of Nest-Egg winners who reside beyond the fringes of our borough extended itself still further at the game against Stoke City.**

Keith Foley of Slough became the fifth out of town supporter in an unbroken run to purchase the winning ticket. His lucky number on that occasion 2455! This made it possible for him to return home £646 to the good!

Keith also travels to most of the away games as well as those at the County Ground so for him, every Saturday is a day of nomadic ritual.

In the Stoke City programme I posed the question: "Who took Harold Fleming's place against Stoke on Christmas Day 1911?"

The answer was Alexander McCulloch and the first correct entry opened was from Freddie Westcott of Woodside Avenue, Swindon. Your Easter Egg awaits collection from the Promotions



Office Freddie!

Today's poser could win you five free Nest-Egg tickets for each of our remaining home fixtures after today.

**On Easter Saturday 1971 Swindon played at home to Cardiff. How much did the programme cost and which ex-Town player was in the Cardiff line-up?**

Look in the Promotions Office window before the Southend match next Saturday to see the result. Entries in by Wednesday morning please.

We shall be doing a Nest-Egg on Tuesday evening at the Under 21 international game, this of course is the day on which our borough reverts from Thamesdown to Swindon, to mark the occasion there are special events taking place all round the ground, there is a pre-election Open Forum in the Supporters Club when all our political leaders will swear on oath before answering your questions.

A photo-shoot is also taking place where you can have your picture taken with your favourite referee.

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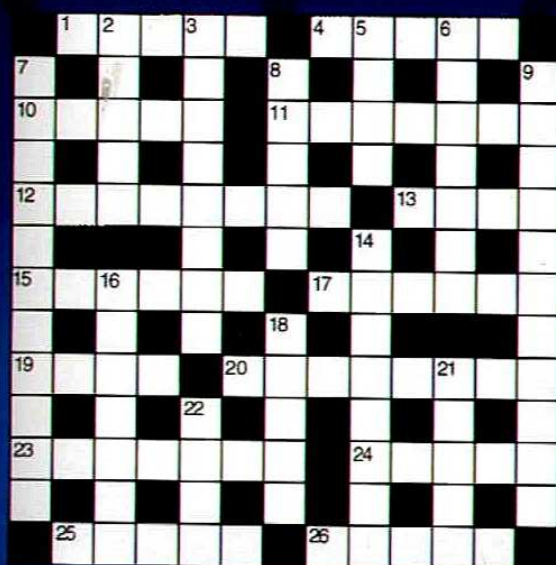
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# crossword time...

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## clues across...

1. ....Taylor, (1990s) Leicester city forward (5)
4. ....suit, attire for training players (5)
10. Ion & or, will reveal former Scottish League Club (anag) (5)
11. Faeroe Islands 1 ....0, September 12th 1991 (7)
12. Position for (1960s) England player Ray Wilson (4)&(4)
13. Stride for goalies (4)
15. Peter, (1980s) Everton forward (6)
17. Goal opportunity (6)
19. Liverpool FC holds a game akin to snooker (4)
20. Prior name for UEFA Cup (5)&(3)
23. Stands down from football (7)
24. Shout of encouragement heard at match (5)
25. Mark, (1990s) Oxford United forward (5)
26. Park here to watch West Ham United play (5)

## clues down...

2. ....Jones, (1950/60s) "Spurs" winger (5)
3. Manchester City boss 1974/79 (4)&(4)
5. Ian, (1990s) Leeds United striker (4)
6. ....Palmer, (1990s) Leeds United defender (7)
7. Seaman, Flowers, Bosnich etc etc (11)
8. Penultimate month for close of English soccer season (5)
9. Scotland's national Stadium (7)&(4)
14. Headgear awarded after three international games (5)&(3)
16. Train enthusiast for "The Potters" at Stoke City (anag) (7)
18. Steve, (1990s) Leicester City defender (5)
21. Change to cue will show (1970s) Peruvian star (anag) (5)
22. Side nicknamed the "Pirates" (abbrev) (4)

ANSWERS ACROSS...  
 1 SCOTT, 4 TRACK, 10 ORION, 11 AUSTRIA, 12 LEFTBACK, 13 STEP,  
 15 EASTOE, 17 CHANCE, 19 POOL, 20 FAIRS CUP, 23 RETIRES,  
 24 CHEER, 25 DRUCE, 26 UPTON.  
 ANSWERS DOWN...  
 2 CLIFF, 3 TONY BROOK, 5 RUSH, 6 CARLTON, 7 GOALKEEPERS,  
 8 MARCH, 9 HAMPTON PARK, 14 THIRD CAP, 16 SPOTTER,  
 18 WALSH, 21 CUETO, 22 BRFC.



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# marketing news

with Martin Stevens

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## Presentation Time



from STFC Chairman, Mike Spearman.

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# treatment room

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**Fortunately there were no injuries after Saturday's game away at Port Vale which means we have just three players on the treatment table as we prepare for the final month of the season.**



after suffering a fracture of a small bone in his left foot and we are hopeful he may return to action in the next couple of weeks.

Lee Collins is still out with his knee problem and unfortunately he will be missing for the remainder of the season.

However he is recovering nicely and will be working hard during the close season to overcome the problem fully.

Finally, Mark Walters has had successful surgery on a loose body which had formed within the joint of his right knee.

The surgeon drilled a couple of holes around the injury which caused blood to bleed into the joint and hopefully form a new piece of bone where the old piece has flaked off.

He will be on crutches for the next four to six weeks and will obviously

have no chance of playing again this season. But it is hoped he will be fit and raring to go when we commence pre-season training in July.



Ty Gooden has now returned to full time training after being out with a long term groin problem.



He came through 90 minutes for the Reserves against Millwall earlier in the week and capped a useful performance with the only goal of the game.



Frank Talia is now fit after suffering from left ankle ligament damage. He also played the full 90 minutes for the second string on Monday. Scott Leitch is progressing well



## the shadowboard

**Calling all Swindon fans in Melksham and the West Wiltshire area!**

The next satellite supporters group is being established by Ade Robinson who lives in Melksham and is waiting to hear from you so call him on 01225 704539.

Great job, Ade, we hope that you are successful and that the West Wilts group is off to a flying start.

Don't forget tickets are now available for the next Shadow Board Open Forum at the County Ground on Wednesday April 9th.

Collect your tickets today from the

advanced sales ticket office. Don't delay because numbers are limited to only 120 and will be issued on a first come first served basis.

Finally a reminder that the closing date for applications to join the Shadow Board is April 14th - come and talk to us at the Open Forum and hear about life with the Shadows!

We look forward to welcoming new members to the Shadow Board in time for next season.

Come on Swindon - you've shown that you can win with 10 players, let's be a little more orthodox today and win with 11!

Look out play-offs- here we come!



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# benno gives his view

By Colin Benson

**Poor Glenn Hoddle. Our former manager is under fire again even before a ball is kicked in this evening's friendly international against Mexico at Wembley. The bullets this time fired by Graeme Souness over the selection of Matthew Le Tissier for the England Squad.**

Souness claims Matt is not fit and needs to rest. Matt on the other hand declares he is fit and it doesn't take a degree in philosophy to interpret the body language of the player when interviewed on TV about his relegation to the Southampton bench. The hesitation in reply; the thoughtful uncontroversial response, tells us Matt is fed up with the way he is being treated at the Dell.

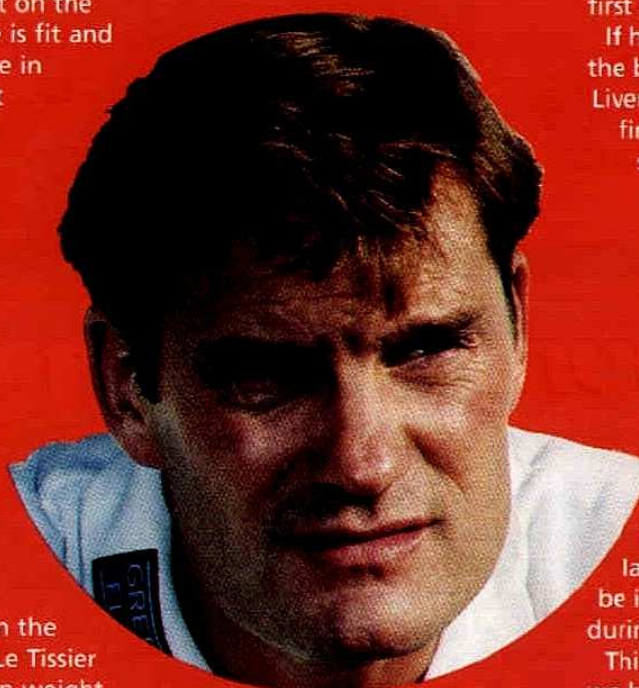
The thing is there is contradiction in Mr Souness's argument. On the one hand he is saying Le Tissier is not fit and has put on weight. On the other he says he should rest. Surely training and exercise is the remedy for an overweight, out of sorts, midfield player.

This, however, is not the point, whether the Saints' idol is fit or not makes no difference, the fact is Glenn has made it clear that Matt Le Tissier is part of his World Cup plans and consequently he wants him involved as much as possible.

When Terry Venables included an unfit Paul Gascoigne in his squad to keep him in the spirit it was hailed as a master stroke.

As it is injuries have deprived the England boss of so many of his regular players it is going to be difficult anyway for him to retain the outlines of a recognisable team tonight.

It must be remembered that there was no Seaman, Adams, Gascoigne, Shearer or Sheringham available for the Italy game six weeks ago. Adams and Sheringham have made this squad but Hoddle's genuine options still remain very limited.



The one surprise selection was that of Martin Keown, who played his part in England's European Finals in Sweden in 1992. With Gary Pallister uncertain of his fitness, the Arsenal man could win his 12th full cap, so well has he been performing for Arsenal since Arsene Wenger instilled more self belief into the 30-year-old, who now looks much more comfortable on the ball.

The inclusion of goalkeeper Nigel Martyn is well received too. The Leeds United custodian

is probably the in-form goalkeeper in the Premiership at the moment and many thought he should have deputised for the injured Seaman and Flowers against Italy.

I doubt whether he will play against Mexico however for after the stick, much of it undeserved, Ian Walker received following that Italian victory, Hoddle might conclude he has to show faith in the Tottenham man by selecting him, for the first half anyway.

If he does make a change at the break it could be to give Liverpool giant David James his first cap though given the strength we have in this position, James's international debut could be delayed until the summer.

I think he will almost certainly use this game to give Robbie Fowler his chance up front but as to who will partner him is a lottery.

Sheringham is not fully over his ankle injury and Ian Wright 33, will probably be involved at some time during the game.

This will be the seventh time we have played Mexico and the third meeting at Wembley where England won 8-0 in 1961 and 2-0 in the World Cup Finals of 1966 - Bobby Charlton scoring a hat-trick in the first and a thunderous winner in the second.

#### Our record is:

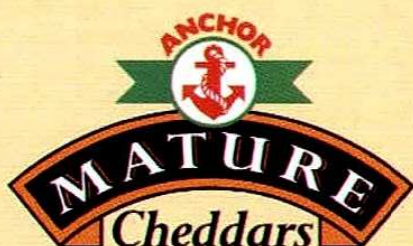
1959 Mexico City	1-2
1961 Wembley	8-0
1966 Wembley	2-0
1969 Mexico City	0-0
1985 Mexico City	0-1
1986 Los Angeles	3-0

Incidentally, Glenn Hoddle played in the last two games.



# OUR LINE UP FOR THIS SEASON

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## the **Sporting** year **1992**

by Mike Fowler

1. This team left the league on March 25th.

2. Who was sent off for the first time in 971 games in August?

3. Gary Linaker signed to play in Japan for which team?

4. Liverpool won the Cup by beating this lower division team.

5. Which team won the Cricket world Cup?

6. This aptly named horse won the Grand National in election year.

7. Nigel Mansell became F1 World Motor Racing Champion. His team mate was runner-up who was he?

8. Who changed Albertville to Albertoville for a few frozen days?

9. Leeds United won the Premier League under which manager?

10. In October Ian Rush became Liverpool's record scorer. Who had held that record?

11. Which nation won the European

Championship beating Germany 2-0 in the final?

12. Who was substituted in the last of his games for England after scoring 48 goals?

1. Aldershot
2. Peter Shilton
3. Grampus Eight
4. Sunderland
5. Pakistan
6. Party Politics
7. Ricardo Patrese
8. Alberto Tomba
9. H. Wilkinson
10. Roger Hunt
11. Denmark
12. Gary Lineker

## ANSWERS



# captain's column

with Mark Seagraves



**There is no doubt that we should have got something out of the game at Port Vale last week but unfortunately it was not to be.**

From a personal point of view it was great to be back after my two match suspension but I was disappointed with the end result because we gave a good account of ourselves and dominated for much of the match.

Looking back we probably lost it in the first half when we didn't put our chances away and we paid for it in the second half.

Saying that we still should have

been awarded a penalty but it seems

that a lot of

refereeing decisions have gone against us - hopefully they will even themselves out between now and the end of the season.

Obviously a win at Port Vale would have really pushed us up into the play-off picture but it is not over yet and if we can string a good run together, anything could still happen.

The results from our next two games will determine what happens to our season and if we can collect six points from our Easter schedule we'll be right back up there.

Today we entertain Norwich

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who were on fire when we met them at the beginning of the season. But we are a better side than that result suggests and this afternoon we have the opportunity to put the record straight.

On Monday we go to Oldham who are battling hard to stay in the Division so that promises to be real test.

Our objective this season was consolidation. We've achieved that now so anything else will be a bonus.

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# spotlight on **defender**

**After missing Swindon's opening game of the season at Carrow Road through injury, defender Ian Culverhouse is hoping he's selected this afternoon when his former club come to town.**

Culverhouse spent nine successful years with the Canaries before his £250,000 transfer to Swindon in December 1994 and he is looking forward to renewing a few old acquaintances.

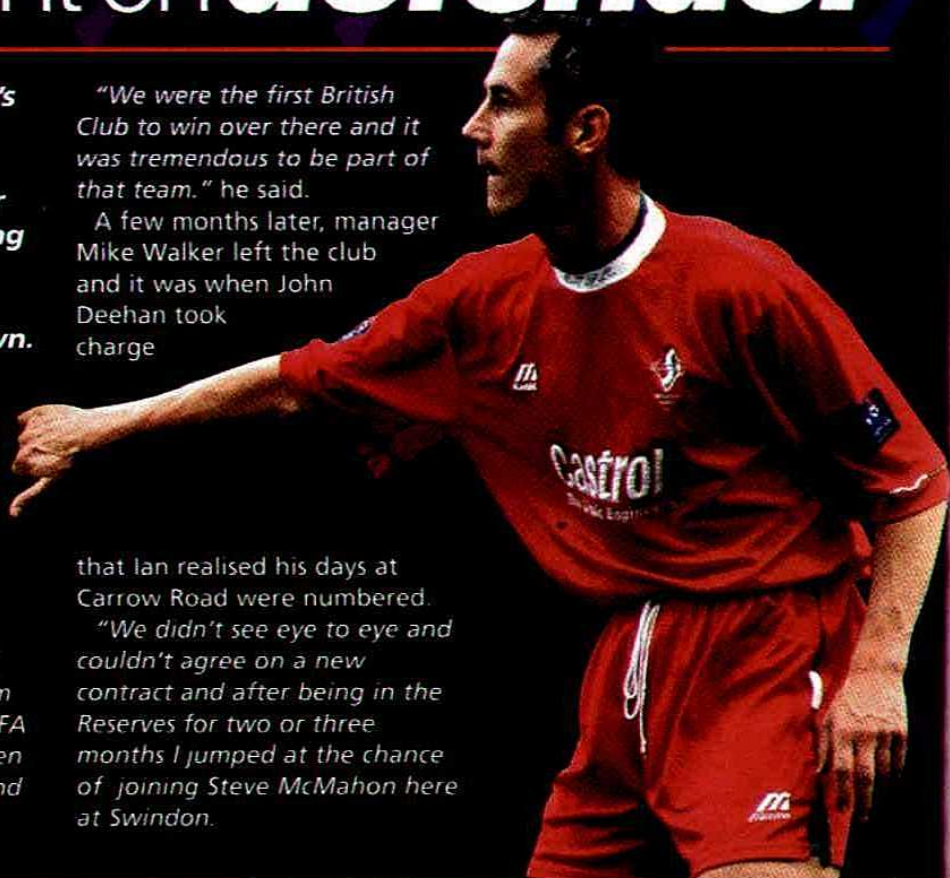
"I really enjoyed my time at Norwich. We had a good team and the highlight was our UEFA Cup stint a few years ago when we went to Bayern Munich and won 2-1

"We were the first British Club to win over there and it was tremendous to be part of that team," he said.

A few months later, manager Mike Walker left the club and it was when John Deehan took charge

that Ian realised his days at Carrow Road were numbered.

"We didn't see eye to eye and couldn't agree on a new contract and after being in the Reserves for two or three months I jumped at the chance of joining Steve McMahon here at Swindon.



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# Ian Culverhouse



Cully came initially on a months loan before being signed on a permanent basis.

"I had no hesitation in coming to Swindon. It gave me the chance to get back in the limelight but unfortunately shortly after I signed I injured my ankle and missed the rest of the season.

"Of course we were relegated that year but we bounced back brilliantly to win the Second Division Championship, and really we did it at a canter.

"We've been inconsistent this season but after an indifferent spell it would be nice if we could nick a few more wins and put a decent run together during the last few weeks of the season."

On a personal note Ian is pleased with the way he has been performing and said;

"Since Christmas I've been

happy with the way I've been playing although before that my form was a bit up and down. I've got my enthusiasm back now and enjoying every minute of it."

Ian, who was born in Harlow, Essex started his footballing career at Tottenham Hotspur where he worked his way up through the ranks.

His chances of breaking into the first team were severely limited with the likes of Steve Perryman keeping him out of the defence and after just two first team appearances he moved to Carrow Road.

During his time there he made some great friends, several of whom he has kept in touch with including Ian Crook. "Ian's a good friend and it will be good to line-up against him - even better if we come out with all three points," he said.

**Name:** Ian Culverhouse

**Age:** 32

**Birthplace:** Harlow, Essex

**Position:** Defender

**Former Clubs:**  
Tottenham, Norwich


**Nickname:** Cully


**Who did you support as a youngster?**  
Arsenal

**Highlight of career so far:**

Beating Bayern Munich

**Most respected player in football:**  
Ian Crook


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Chairman Mike Spearman made the official presentation to Shirley Cox, the St John's co-ordinator prior to our recent game against Stoke.

"Their equipment was old and outdated so we've replaced it for them," said the Club's Stadium Manager Mike Hughes.



## A tearful farewell

**BBC Wiltshire Sound reporter and our very own pitch side announcer Stuart Mac made his last appearance against Stoke City before taking on a new job as entertainments director for Thomson's.**

It was quite a tear-jerker as Stu said his goodbye's but he certainly didn't leave empty handed.

The Gaffer Steve McMahon and Chairman Mike Spearman presented Stu with a signed, framed shirt and as the prize giving continued, the Youth team handed over a tankard to say thank you for all his work.

After the match the first team squad made a special

presentation to Stu as they had all chipped in to buy a gold watch.

Now all Stu needs to do is learn how to tell the time!



## The search continues

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# swindon town ladies



by Roger Reeves

**Swindon Town Ladies completed their first season in Division One of the Southern Region League in Seventh place.**

In the final game of the season the Town travelled to face arch rivals Reading Royals. After two minutes Town fell behind and the Royals had the better of the play adding two more goals before the break.

In the second half Town played much better and Justine Hume, Kim Reeves and Nadine Lloyd all went close but the Royals were strong going forward and Swindon conceded two more goals as Reading Royals took the Division One Championship.

The Royals, like the Town, joined Division Four, four seasons ago and on each occasion they were promoted as runners up to the Town; so we congratulate them on their first league title.

The Youth teams competed recently in the "Glevum" Girls League tournament at Gloucester.

The Under 12s were runners up to Bristol City in a penalty shoot-out, the Under 14s won their competition with Holly Ashman top goal scorer and the Under 17s won their tournament with Claire White, who has played regularly for the senior side, leading scorer.

Nine Town players were part of the Wiltshire County set up who beat Somerset by two goals to nil at Warminster. Somerset must now beat Dorset by six clear goals to prevent Wiltshire from meeting Sussex in the final of the South West Counties Championship.



**Kerie Garwood, who was ever present throughout the season and found the net on nine occasions.**

## Swindon Town Ladies results

**Southern Region League - Division 1**  
**Swindon Town 0 Reading Royals 5**

**Team:** Jo Sharpe, Kim Reeves, Adelle Taylor, Netti Wyness, Clare Tyson, Tracy Mackeddie, Pam Laker, Kerie Garwood, Claire White, Nadine Lloyd, Justine Hume. **Subs:** (Used) Sharon Black, Leanne Taylor, Sarah Richardson.

## 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	2-6
Sun 5th Jan	Regional Five-A-Side		
Sun 19th Jan	Ringwood	A	5-1
Sun 26th Jan	Reading Royals (LC 3)	A	2-4
SUN 2ND FEB	SOUTHAMPTON	H	3-1
Sun 9th Feb	Southampton Saints	A	2-3
Sun 16th Feb	Cheltenham	A	3-4
SUN 23RD FEB	READING ROYALS	H	3-8
Sun 9th Mar	Binfield	A	5-1
Sun 16th Mar	Reading Royals	A	0-5

## League Table 96/97 season

### Southern Region League Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading Royals	15	14	0	1	70	16	42
Southampton Saints	17	11	1	5	35	26	34
Portsmouth	17	9	6	2	35	19	33
Cheltenham	17	7	6	4	31	38	27
Southampton	15	8	2	5	52	27	26
Swindon Spitfires	16	7	2	7	36	35	23
Swindon Town	18	6	2	10	46	57	20
Binfield	18	6	1	11	22	42	19
Havant Town	17	2	4	11	15	36	10
Ringwood	17	0	3	14	14	61	3

## Player Appearances 96/97 season

	APPS	GOALS
Sharon Black	22(1)	3
Sil Cryer	2(10)	1
Donna Fraser	1	1
Kerie Garwood	23	9
Justine Hume	15(2)	3
Pam Laker	12	6
Nadine Lloyd	23	19
Tracy Mackeddie	18(4)	6
Deb Martin	11(3)	3
Vikki McCann	12(3)	-
Sara Privett	7(7)	1
Kim Reeves	23	5
Alison Richards	5	-
Sarah Richardson	(1)	-
Jo Sharpe	17(3)	-
Adelle Taylor	7(2)	-
Leanne Taylor	5(3)	6
Clare Tyson	23	-
Clare White	7	3
Netti Wyness	20	-
Own Goals		2
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	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
BOLTON WANDERERS	40	15	4	1	9	8	3	86	48	84
WOLVES	39	8	4	7	11	4	5	55	41	65
BARNLEY	37	10	4	4	7	9	3	60	43	64
SHEFFIELD UNITED	39	10	5	4	7	6	7	66	47	62
CRYSTAL PALACE	37	8	4	5	8	7	5	68	38	59
IPSWICH TOWN	39	10	6	3	5	7	8	62	57	58
PORT VALE	40	7	9	4	7	6	7	49	47	57
PORTSMOUTH	38	9	4	5	7	4	9	47	42	56
NORWICH CITY	39	8	8	4	7	2	10	55	59	55
STOKE CITY	39	12	2	5	3	7	9	44	48	54
TRANMERE ROVERS	38	8	7	4	6	4	9	50	48	53
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	39	8	4	8	6	7	6	50	51	53
SWINDON TOWN	39	11	5	3	4	2	14	51	55	52
OXFORD UNITED	39	12	3	4	2	5	13	54	55	50
MANCHESTER CITY	38	10	4	5	4	4	11	48	49	50
READING	38	11	7	2	2	4	12	48	53	50
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	38	9	6	4	5	2	12	46	64	50
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	39	5	7	8	6	7	6	61	64	47
BIRMINGHAM CITY	37	9	5	5	3	6	9	42	45	47
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	39	9	5	6	2	7	10	42	55	45
BRADFORD CITY	38	7	5	7	2	6	11	40	61	38
GRIMSBY TOWN	38	4	7	9	4	5	9	50	70	36
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	37	4	6	9	4	5	9	38	50	35
SOUTHEND UNITED	39	6	8	6	1	5	13	37	71	34



## 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	35(2)	11	5	2	39(2)	13
MARLON BROOMES	12	1	-	-	12	1
DARREN BULLOCK	6	1	-	-	6	1
LEE COLLINS	3(1)	0	1	-	4(1)	0
STEVE COWE	24(7)	6	4(1)	0	28(8)	6
IAN CULVERHOUSE	29	0	5	0	34	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	25(3)	0	4	0	29(3)	0
FRASER DIGBY	24	0	1	-	25	0
JASON DRYSDALE	10(1)	0	2(1)	0	12(2)	0
GARY ELKINS	17(4)	1	3	0	20(4)	1
STEVE FINNEY	7(9)	2	1(1)	0	8(10)	2
TY GOODEN	3(4)	1	0	0	3(4)	1
PETER HOLCROFT	1(1)	0	-	-	1(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	32	0	6	1	38	1
STEVE McMAHON	2(1)	-	-	-	2(1)	0
STEVE MILDENHALL	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	0
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN	15(9)	0	2(1)	1	17(10)	1
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	-
MARK ROBINSON	36	1	5	0	41	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	26(1)	0	4(1)	0	30(2)	0
ALEX SMITH	8(5)	1	0	0	8(5)	1
FRANK TALIA	15	0	5	0	20	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	2	0	1(1)	0	3(1)	0
PETER THORNE	17(8)	8	2(1)	2	19(9)	10
MARK WALTERS	24(3)	7	5	1	29(3)	8
KEVIN WATSON	16(7)	1	1(2)	0	17(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 1-1	10,830
Sat Feb 8	West Bromwich Albion	A 2-1	16,219
Wed Feb 19	Coca-Cola Cup SF (1)		
Sat Feb 22	Manchester City	A 0-3	27,262
WED FEB 26	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H 3-1	7,428
SAT MAR 1	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H 1-0	9,256
Tue Mar 4	Barnley	A 1-1	8,518
Sat Mar 8	Bolton Wanderers (F.A. Cup 6)	A 0-7	13,981
Wed Mar 12	Coca-Cola Cup SF(2)		
SAT MAR 15	STOKE CITY	H 1-0	8,878
Sat Mar 22	Port Vale	A 0-1	6,142
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		

**NEXT HOME GAME:**  
**SAT APRIL 5TH**



**Swindon Town vs Southend Utd**  
**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1**  
**Kick-Off 3.00pm**



FAC = F.A. Cup C.C.C = Coca-Cola Cup  
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★ After Extra Time (4-3 agg)  
 ▲ Indicates own goal

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■
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TALIA	DARRAS	SMITH●	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	WATSON	COWE	THORNE▼	HORLOCK	ALLEN●	WALTERS■	FINNEY▼
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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▼
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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●
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	ELKINS	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES●	HORLOCK	ROBINSON	DARRAS	THORNE	ALLISON	WALTERS■	COWE●	O'SULLIVAN	FINNEY■
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DIGBY	KERSLAKE	ELKINS	O'SULLIVAN▼	ROBINSON	DARRAS●	CULVERHOUSE	WATSON	COWE	ALLISON	WALTERS■	McMAHON■	SMITH▼	COLLINS●
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## Swindon Town

1	Fraser Digby
2	Mark Robinson
3	Jason Drysdale
4	Darren Bullock
5	Mark Seagraves
6	Graham Coughlan
7	Ian Culverhouse
8	Kevin Watson
9	Peter Thorne
10	Steve Cowe
11	Alex Smith
12	Steve Finney
13	Wayne O'Sullivan
14	Frederic Darras

## Team Changes


## Norwich City

1	Bryan Gunn
2	Rob Newman
3	Matt Jackson
4	Ian Crook
5	Carl Bradshaw
6	Daryl Sutch
7	Neil Adams
8	Robert Fleck
9	Mike Milligan
10	Darren Eadie
11	Keith O'Neill
12	Danny Mills
13	Adrian Forbes
14	Drewe Broughton

## Team Changes


## Today's Officials:



**Referee:**

Richard Poulain (Huddersfield)



**Assisted by:**

K.J. Hawkes (Gloucestershire)

D.R. Spicer (Hampshire)

**Reserve Official:**

M. Pickering (Swindon)



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