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welcome to swindon town

Struggling Southend United are our visitors this afternoon in what is bound to be a keenly fought contest.

United are fighting for their lives at the foot of the First Division table and were boosted by their 2-1 home triumph over Portsmouth on Easter Monday.

But they still have a mountain to climb if they are to get out of trouble and after our disastrous results over the holiday period the three points have become vitally important to both teams for very different reasons.

Bank Holiday blues!

Swindon's two games over the Easter period resulted in no points gained and eight goals conceded as we failed to deliver both home and away.

The nightmare started with 3-0 home defeat by Norwich City last Saturday when Darren Eadie struck twice and Keith O'Neill added the other.

Then on Monday there was another mauling as Swindon slumped to a 5-1 reverse at lowly Oldham Athletic.

Steve Cowe's late reply was of little consolation as by then the Latics already had the points firmly stashed away after a hat trick from Stuart Barlow and single strikes from Lee Richardson (penalty) and Matthew Rush.

Ipswich next

We have another home game to look forward to next Saturday when Ipswich Town pay a visit

- kick-off (3pm).

The Portman Road side are still very much in contention for a end of season play-off place although their hopes of a top six placing were given a jolt by a 2-1 defeat at Grimsby Town last Monday.

Ipswich beat us 3-2 on their own territory last November with Peter Thorne and Wayne Allison scoring Swindon's replies.

But the lads are keen to make up for that result and the Chief Wayne Allison will be trying to get on the scoresheet again - to celebrate his return from a three match suspension in perfect style.

Local rivalry renewed

Our next away trip is the short distance to Oxford United on Saturday April 19th when we take on our near neighbours.

What is bound to be an action-packed encounter is an all ticket affair so don't miss out and reserve your place now.

Stars of the future

The County Ground became an international arena last Tuesday as we played host to a Green Flag Under 21 friendly between England and Switzerland.

Unfortunately there were no goals but a crowd of 10,165 had an enjoyable evening and it was great to see Marlon Broomes back in action at Swindon as he made his Under 21 debut. And it was Broomes who very nearly broke the deadlock in the final few minutes when his goalbound shot was deflected wide of the target.

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the manager

Steve McMahon says



It is difficult to put into words how I felt after last week's results but I think distraught just about sums it up! I just can not believe how badly we played.

Maybe some of the players feel comfortable in the position we are in and do not have the ambition to push for the play-offs. If that is the case then we've really got problems because you are always looking to better yourself.

Our objective this season was safety first and once that was achieved we had the opportunity to really kick-in and make a big push at the end.

But after those two defeats over Easter we have let everyone down. Those of you who watched us at home to Norwich and then travelled to Oldham must have been devastated.

It was soul destroying and if it is any consolation I felt the same way.

I won't tolerate the sort of performance we gave at Oldham and on the evidence of that display, a number of the current squad have a lot to prove to me - they are now playing for their futures.

It is impossible to find any positives from our last two displays so all I want is to get some pride back at the Club.

My task as manager is to look towards next season and to make sure that we don't pick up results like this next year.

We still have five games to go and it is vital that we try and finish as high as possible in the First Division table to give us confidence for next term.

There will be several changes in the team for today's game against Southend as we have a number of injuries.

Saying that I probably would have made changes anyway so a number of players have a chance to show me what they can do.

Whoever plays, I'll be

expecting them to roll up their sleeves and show some pride, not just for themselves but for the Club as a whole as well.

It won't be easy because Southend are battling against the odds to stay in this division. Their boss Ronnie Whelan is a great mate of mine. We roomed together for five or six years at Liverpool and both of our wives went to school together so you can see how well we know each other.

I wish I could give him the three points which would ensure his survival but life isn't like that.

We need to get back to winning ways - starting this afternoon.



Steve McMahon

today's visitors

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

The Shrimpers have endured a tough campaign in 1996/97 and, at the time of writing, are looking nervously over their shoulders at the threat of impending relegation.

It is difficult to say where it has all gone wrong for the Essex Club this term. Last season gave promise of good things to come, and there was a spell in 1995/96 that United were even being seriously talked about as potential promotion candidates.

While their 'goals for' column isn't too unhealthy, they have conceded more than any other Club in the Football League, with sound beatings

at the hands of Oxford (5-0), Palace (6-1), QPR (4-0) and West Brom (4-0) not helping their cause.

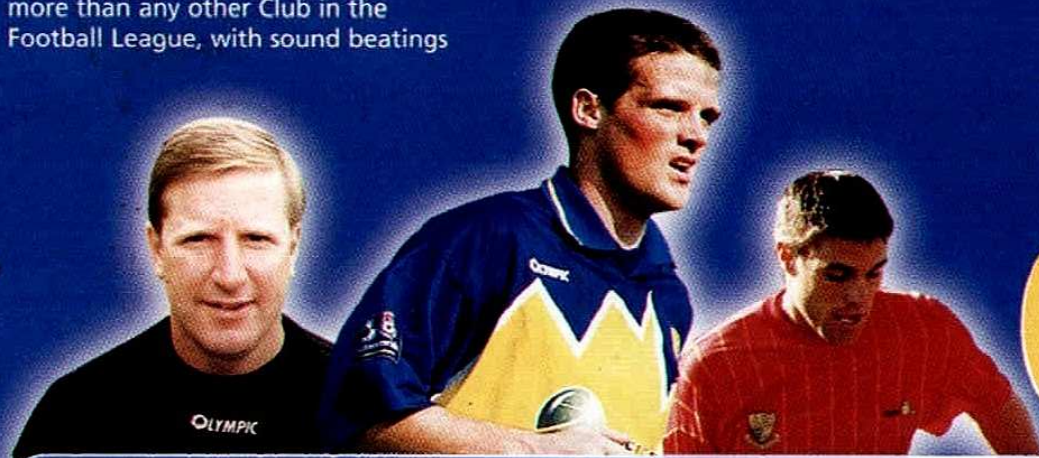
Perversely, of their victories to date, five have come against realistic promotion possibilities. Now seemingly invincible, table-topping Bolton were sent scuttling from Roots Hall on the end of 5-2 hammering back in September, while Sheffield United and Palace have also fallen foul of Ronnie Whelan's men.

And Stoke City must be sick of the sight of the men in blue, as Southend have recorded their only 'double' of the campaign against Lou Macari's side.

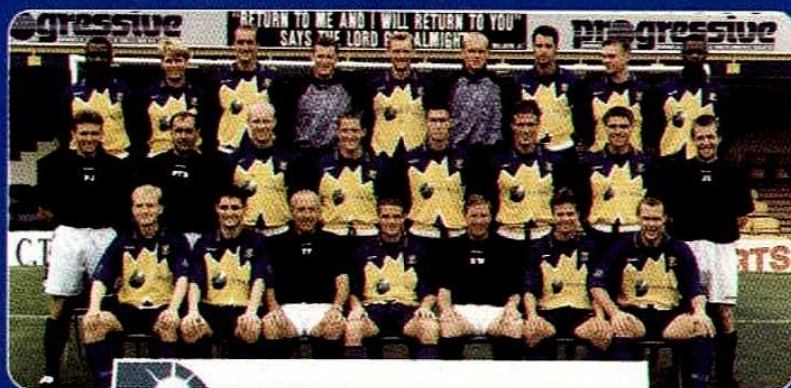
Top scorer is big Dutchman Jeroen Boere - who has also racked up an impressive tally of disciplinary points - while

Andy Rammell and Paul Williams aren't too far behind.

With the dog-fight against the dreaded drop well and truly underway at Roots Hall, Steve McMahon's men can be sure of a real battle this afternoon.



Southend United Football Club 1996/97



Back Row: (left to right)

Keith Dublin, Mark McNally, Andy Sussex, Paul Sansome, Andy Rammell, Simon Royce, Jeroen Boere, Richie Hanlon, Leo Roget.

Middle Row: (left to right)

Peter Johnson (Youth Coach), Peter Trevivian (Coach), Mark Stimson, Andy Harris, Mike Lapper, Phil Gridelet, Steve Tilson, John Gowans (Physio).

Front Row: (left to right)

John Nielsen, Andy Thomson, Theo Foley (Asst. Manager), Mike Marsh, Ronnie Whelan (Manager), Julian Hails, Paul Byrne.

Southend



a closer look at **Mike Marsh**

Regarded by some observers as the most skilful player ever to wear the blue of Southend, Mike Marsh shattered the Roots Hall transfer record when he was bought for £500,000 from Turkish giants Galatasaray in September 1995.

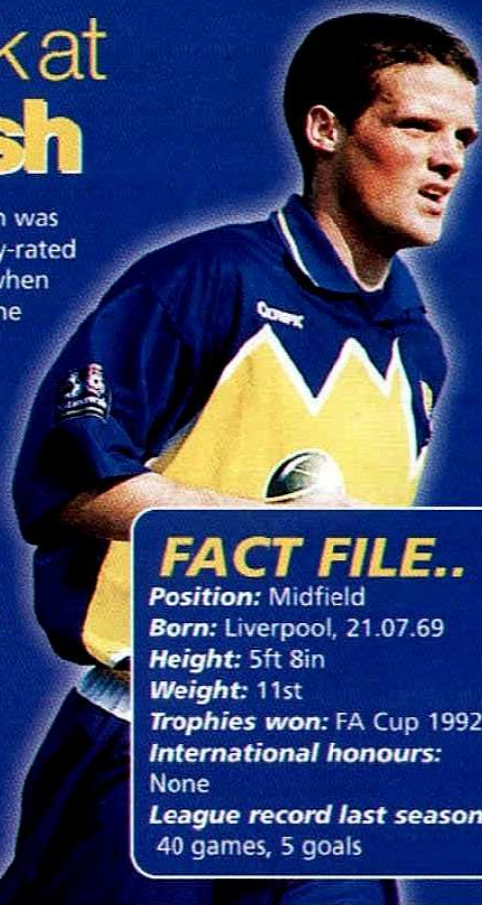
It had been a brief and unhappy spell in Turkey for the former Liverpool schemer, who had joined something of a British exodus when he moved to Istanbul along with the likes of Graeme Souness, Dean Saunders and Dalian Atkinson.

But he failed to settle by the Bosphorous, and ex-Anfield

colleague Ronnie Whelan was quick to tempt the highly-rated Marsh back to England when it became obvious that the player was looking to return home.

Marsh's tireless prompting from midfield is behind much of Southend's attacking play, and he also likes to get forward and have a go at goal himself.

Strong in the tackle, as well as ingenious on the ball, Marsh is also Southend's designated penalty-taker, and he has proved deadly from the spot this season.



FACT FILE..

Position: Midfield

Born: Liverpool, 21.07.69

Height: 5ft 8in

Weight: 11st

Trophies won: FA Cup 1992

International honours:

None

League record last season:

40 games, 5 goals

Ronnie Whelan the manager

If you subscribe to the theory that successful players make top drawer managers, then you would find little fault with Southend's decision to appoint Ronnie Whelan boss in July 1995.

Whelan has been among the most successful of players over the last 15 years and his huge amount of experience with Liverpool and the Republic of Ireland can only benefit those around him.

As a hard-working and skilful midfielder or central defender, Whelan has won just about everything the game has to offer, including League Championships, FA Cups, League Cups and European Cups.

With his time at Anfield seemingly coming to an end, Dublin-born Whelan was tempted south to the Roots Hall Club by former

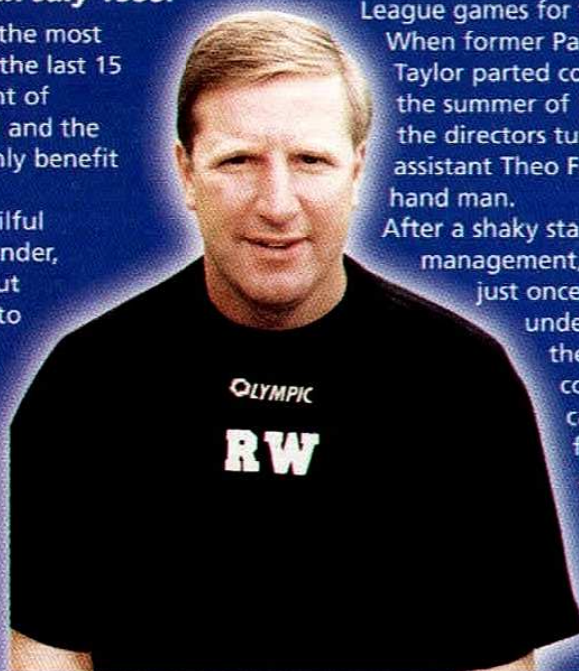
manager Peter Taylor at the beginning of the 1994/95 season, initially on loan.

But after some impressive performance in the Essex Club's midfield, Taylor made the move permanent and Whelan went on to complete 33 League games for the Shrimpers, scoring once.

When former Palace, Spurs and England man Taylor parted company with Southend during the summer of 1995, it was to Whelan that the directors turned, with former Arsenal assistant Theo Foley staying on as his right hand man.

After a shaky start to his first season in management, with the Shrimpers winning just once in their first seven games under his command, Whelan kept the Essex side in promotion contention for most of the campaign, rising as high as fourth in the table for a period.

The effects of injuries on a small squad eventually told, however, and United slipped away to finish in 14th spot.





playerprofile

S O U T H E N D U N I T E D

After four years spent in the shadow of Paul Sansome, 25-year-old **SIMON ROYCE** began the 1995/96 campaign - Ronnie Whelan's first as manager - as the Club's first choice goalkeeper, and has retained the position ever since.

Ever-present last term, Royce picked up the Shrimpers' 'Player of the Year' award and attracted interest from several Premiership Clubs with his performances between the sticks at Roots Hall.

Now enjoying his tenth season at Southend is former Millwall number one **PAUL SANSOME**. The Club's all-time record appearance maker, Paul failed to play a single first-team game for United in 1995/96 but did see action while on loan at Birmingham City, who he represented in the Coca-Cola Cup Quarter-Finals.

East Londoner **MARK STIMSON** has become a firm favourite at Roots Hall since his £25,000 transfer from Portsmouth towards the end of last season. Strong in the tackle and a good user of the ball once he has won it, left-back Stimson was bought to replace the popular Chris Powell, who moved to Derby County but has played just eight times this season. He began with Tottenham and has also had spells at Leyton Orient, Gillingham, Newcastle and Barnet.

Former England Youth cap **KEITH DUBLIN** was signed for Southend by former boss Peter Taylor in a £100,000 deal from Watford in July 1994. Primarily a central defender, this ex-Chelsea and Brighton player performed in nearly every outfield position for the Shrimpers in 1995/96 - including a spell at centre-forward. A committed and hard-working player, Keith can always be relied upon to give one hundred per cent for the Shrimpers' cause and is ever-present this season at the time of writing.

Ronnie Whelan went back to his old club, Liverpool, to sign defender **ANDY HARRIS** towards the back end of last season, after being tipped off by Anfield coach Sammy Lee that the 19-year-old was being released. A confident performer, Andy impressed in the Reserves last term, and has been a first-team regular this time around.

A former Scotland Under-21 international,

MARK McNALLY was another shrewd buy from Ronnie Whelan, who paid Celtic £150,000 for this 26-year-old central defender last December. Mark had previously spent his entire career at Parkhead and his ability to always find time on the ball makes him a valuable commodity amid the frenetic pace of the First Division.

LEO ROGET is a home-grown youngster who was born in Ilford and came up through the ranks at Roots Hall to make his debut during the Club's injury crisis last term. His cool and confident displays in central defence so impressed that he kept the fit-again Mick Bodley out of the side on his return. Leo's greatest moment came during the Shrimpers' home match with Watford last term, when he came off the bench as an 86th minute substitute - and promptly scored to earn Southend a valuable draw.

The son of a German father, **MIKE LAPPER** is already a veteran of more than 60 appearances for the USA national side and has overcome a shaky start to establish himself as a real crowd favourite at Southend. Ronnie Whelan's first signing for the Club, Lapper suffered a freak accident at Norwich last season which left him with a twice broken leg, but happily he returned for the final two games of 1995/96.

Utility man **ANDY SUSSEX** is a former Leyton Orient and Crewe Alexandra player who is thankful just to be back in the first-team squad with the Shrimpers after missing almost all of 1995/96 with injury. Happy playing almost anywhere, Andy's enthusiasm and natural ability make him a great asset.

Dane **JOHN NIELSEN** joined the Blues in July 1996 from Club football in Denmark with Ikast and is a strong attacking midfielder player who enjoys running at defences and is an intelligent passer of the ball. He scored his first goal for the Shrimpers in their impressive 5-2 home victory over League leaders Bolton back in September.

Formerly an England Semi-Pro international, **PHIL GRIDELET** moved to Roots Hall on a free transfer from Barnsley in September 1993 and is an aggressive midfield ball winner who loves to be in the thick of the action, while

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PLAYER PROFILE



STEVE TILSON (27.07.66) is a left-sided player who moved into League football with Southend after impressing for Essex non-Leaguers Witham Town. Always on the fringe of the first-team at Roots Hall - rather than a regular in the side - Tilson has worked hard on his game, paying particular attention to his weaker right foot, and has pressed hard for first-team inclusion throughout 1996/97.

One of Ronnie Whelan's most astute buys of last season was right-sided midfielder

PAUL BYRNE, whose good close control and eye for a chance won him many admirers after his £50,000 move from Celtic. An Irish U21 international, Byrne is especially dangerous from set-pieces and scored an unforgettable 35-yard strike against Norwich last term, before injuries laid him low towards the end of the campaign.

Signed on a free transfer from Fulham in December 1994, **JULIAN HAILS** is primarily a left-winger, who combines a great touch with intelligent reading of the game and a well-timed tackle - a fact borne out when he was asked to fill in at right-back for a spell last term. Scored his first ever hat-trick in professional football during Southend's 3-1 win over Leicester City at Filbert Street in 1995/96.

Another player to have suffered in Southend's injury nightmare of last season was livewire striker **ANDY THOMSON** who missed several games while receiving treatment. Signed from Scottish First Division Club Queen of the South for £250,000 in July 1994, he has yet to live up

to the tremendous promise he has shown, although the occasional glimpse has so far been enough to keep Southend fans encouraged.

ANDY RAMMELL had the thankless task of replacing top scorer Dave Regis when he signed from Barnsley in February 1996 - and his cause wasn't helped by a cartilage injury which all but ended his season after a handful of games. Formerly with Man Utd, Rammell is strong in the air and on the ground and provides a real handful for any defence.

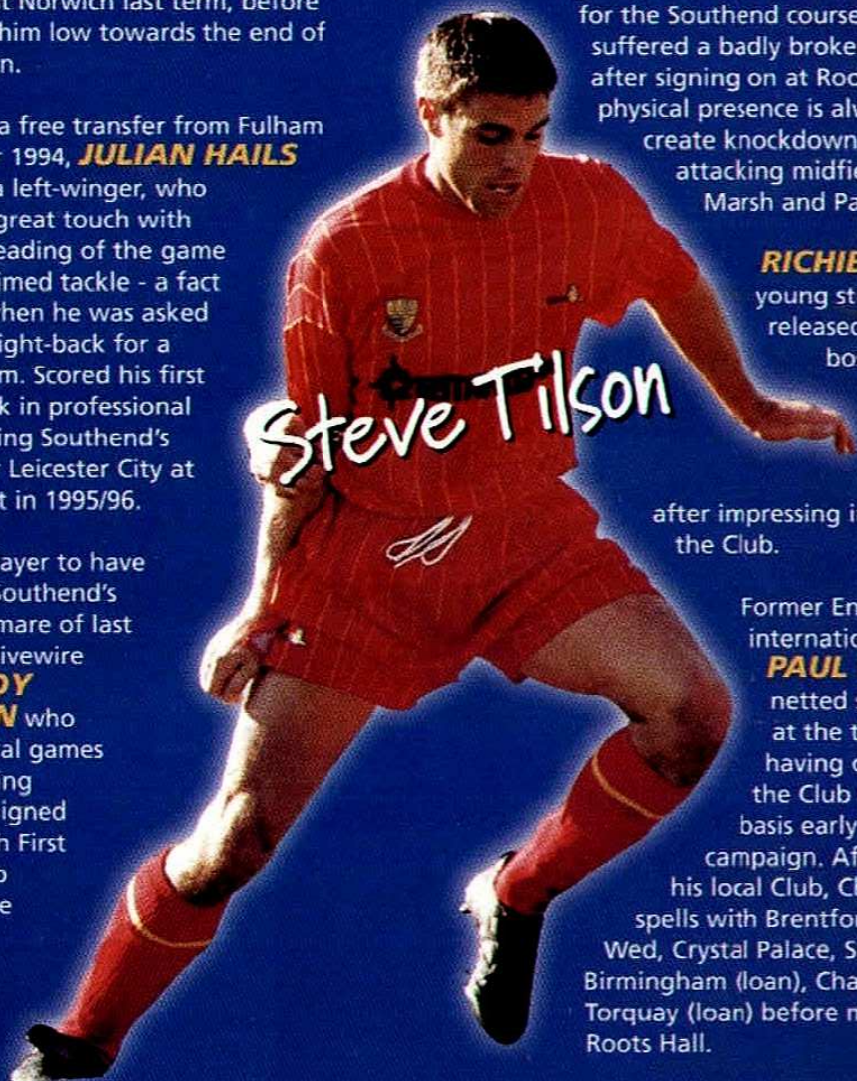
Another big, strong front man is former West Ham and Palace striker **JEROEN BOERE** who has got among the goals this season after ending months of chasing by Ronnie Whelan when he signed for £150,000 in March last year. Par for the Southend course last season, Boere suffered a badly broken finger shortly after signing on at Roots Hall - but his physical presence is always likely to create knockdown chances for attacking midfielders such as Mike Marsh and Paul Byrne.

RICHIE HANLON is a young striker who was released by then Chelsea boss Glenn Hoddle last term - and promptly snapped up by Ronnie Whelan

after impressing in trial games for the Club.

Former England U21 and 'B' international

PAUL WILLIAMS has netted six goals for United at the time of writing, having originally joined the Club on a non-contract basis early in the current campaign. After beginning with his local Club, Charlton, Paul has spells with Brentford (loan), Sheff Wed, Crystal Palace, Sunderland (loan), Birmingham (loan), Charlton again and Torquay (loan) before moving to Roots Hall.



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VITAL STATISTICS



Southend's record over the last 10 years

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
86/87	4	46	25	5	16	68	55	80	3rd
87/88	3	46	14	13	19	65	83	55	17th
88/89	3	46	13	15	18	56	75	54	21st
89/90	4	46	22	9	15	61	48	75	3rd
90/91	3	46	26	7	13	67	51	85	2nd
91/92	2	46	17	11	18	63	63	62	12th
92/93	1	46	13	13	20	54	64	52	18th
93/94	1	46	17	8	21	63	67	59	15th
94/95	1	46	18	8	20	54	74	62	13th
95/96	1	46	15	14	17	52	61	59	14th



**10 YEAR
RECORD**

How Southend United have performed so far this season

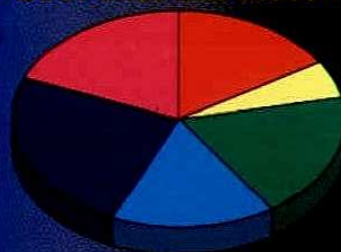
Date	Opps	H/A	Result	Scorers (Goal times)
Aug 17	TRANMERE	(h)	D1-1	Rammell (1)
Aug 24	OXFORD	(a)	L0-5	
Aug 27	PORTSMOUTH	(a)	L0-1	
Aug 31	SWINDON	(h)	L1-3	Byrne (86)
Sep 07	BOLTON	(h)	W5-2	Boere (5,65), Nielsen (25), Williams (69), Marsh (80pen)
Sep 10	CHARLTON	(a)	L0-2	
Sep 14	NORWICH	(a)	D0-0	
Sep 21	PORT VALE	(h)	D0-0	
Sep 28	C.PALACE	(a)	L1-6	Williams (82)
Oct 01	SHEFF UTD	(h)	W3-2	Boere (33,71), Marsh (54pen)
Oct 05	BRADFORD	(a)	D0-0	
Oct 13	WOLVES	(h)	D1-1	Marsh (38)
Oct 16	GRIMSBY	(h)	W1-0	Tilson (79)
Oct 19	HUDDERSFIELD	(a)	D0-0	
Oct 26	OLDHAM	(a)	D0-0	
Oct 29	MAN CITY	(h)	L2-3	Williams (73), Rammell (85)
Nov 02	READING	(h)	W2-1	Nielsen (62), Marsh (70pen)
Nov 09	IPSWICH	(a)	D1-1	Rammell (59)
Nov 16	WEST BROM	(h)	L2-3	Rammell (10), Williams (22)
Nov 23	STOKE	(a)	W2-1	Williams (37), Sigurdsson (51og)
Nov 30	OLDHAM	(h)	D1-1	Nielsen (9)
Dec 07	BARNESLEY	(a)	L0-3	
Dec 14	QPR	(a)	L0-4	
Dec 20	BIRMINGHAM	(h)	D1-1	Williams (63)
Dec 26	CHARLTON	(h)	L0-2	
Dec 28	BOLTON	(a)	L1-3	Rammell (42)
Jan 18	SHEFF UTD	(a)	L0-3	
Jan 25	PORT VALE	(a)	L1-2	Thomson (37)
Jan 28	C.PALACE	(h)	W2-1	Thomson (6), Boere (86)
Feb 01	IPSWICH	(h)	D0-0	
Feb 08	MAN CITY	(a)	L0-3	
Feb 15	STOKE	(h)	W2-1	Thomson (35), Rammell (89)
Feb 22	READING	(a)	L2-3	Boere (54,71)
Feb 25	NORWICH	(h)	D1-1	Thomson (51)
Mar 01	BARNESLEY	(h)	L1-2	Thomson (12)
Mar 05	WEST BROM	(a)	L0-4	
Mar 08	BIRMINGHAM	(a)	L1-2	Marsh (69)
Mar 15	QPR	(h)	L0-1	
Mar 22	OXFORD	(h)	D2-2	Boere (34), Lapper (48)

OUR LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST SOUTHEND UTD SINCE 1960...

Home	Opp	Result
11-Feb-1961	3	1-1
09-Dec-1961	3	0-0
17-Nov-1962	3	4-1
19-Mar-1966	3	4-0
05-Oct-1974	3	2-0
06-Mar-1976	3	0-0
04-Nov-1978	3	1-0
20-Oct-1979	3	1-0
09-Feb-1982	3	0-0
06-Apr-1985	4	2-0
12-Jan-1986	4	2-1
21-Mar-1992	2	3-1
14-Nov-1992	1	3-2
22-Oct-1994	1	2-2
Away	Opp	Result
19-Mar-1960	3	3-1
24-Sep-1960	3	2-0
28-Apr-1962	3	2-0
06-Apr-1963	3	1-1
24-Sep-1965	3	2-4
11-Apr-1975	3	0-2
31-Oct-1975	3	0-3
16-Mar-1979	3	3-5
29-Feb-1980	3	0-1
21-Sep-1981	3	0-0
26-Dec-1984	4	2-3
30-Aug-1985	4	0-0
09-Nov-1991	2	2-3
10-Mar-1993	1	1-1
03-Dec-1994	1	0-2
31-Aug-1996	1	3-1

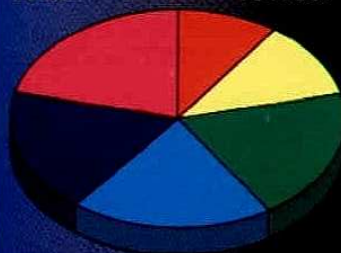
Swindon score first

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



League goals scored this season clockwise starting at RED

0-15mins	6
16-30	2
31-45	7
46-60	6
61-75	9
76-90	7
TOTAL	37



League goals conceded to date clockwise starting at RED

0-15	7
16-30	8
31-45	14
46-60	14
61-75	13
76-90	15
TOTAL	71

QuickQuiz!

the question is...

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

1. Who is the manager of Italy?
2. From which club did Charlton sign Steve Jones?
3. Who do Man United play in the next round of the European Cup?
4. At which ground do Norwich play their home games?
5. What is Stoke's nickname?
6. Portsmouth paid £400 to buy Lee Bradbury out of which of the military services?
7. From which club did Nottingham Forest sign Pierre Van Hooijdonk?
8. Scotland international Colin Hendry plays for which Premiership club?
9. Who is the manager of Chelsea?
10. In which year did Oxford win the League Cup?
11. Who won the FA Cup in 1990?
12. If Tony Thorpe and David Hirst went up for a header together, which two teams would you be watching?
13. Who are the current Scottish Premier Division Champions?
14. For which First Division club does Scott Sellars play?
15. Who scored England's goals in the 2-0 win over Mexico recently?

WHO AM I?

1. A former professional footballer with Aston Villa he also played cricket for Gloucestershire and Warwickshire.
2. Started his own office cleaning business in 1980 and later join the board of Luton Town.
3. Became Chairman several years later and was involved in banning away fans from the ground.
4. He is at present the Member of Parliament for Welwyn Hatfield.

RULES OF THE GAME!

If the Goalkeeper strikes an opponent by throwing the ball at him or pushes him with the ball while still holding it, what should the referee award?

1. An indirect free kick.
2. A penalty.
3. A direct free kick on the edge of the penalty area.

HOME&AWAY..

HOME....

1. From which club did we sign Phil King?
2. At which club did Steve Cowe start his League career?
3. Did Ian Culverhouse join us from Tottenham, Arsenal or Norwich?

....AND AWAY

1. With which club did Southend boss Ronnie Whelan make his name as a star midfielder?
2. Where do Southend play their home games?

CLOSE UP! WHOSE CREST?



Answers....1. Cesare Maldini. 2. West Ham. 3. Borussia Dortmund. 4. Carrow Road. 5. Potters. 6. Army. 7. Celtic. 8. Blackburn. 9. Ruud Gullit. 10. 1986. 11. Man United. 12. Luton and Sheff Wed. 13. Rangers. 14. Bolton. 15. Robbie Fowler and Teddy Sheringham. **Home:** 1. Aston Villa. 2. Aston Villa. 3. Norwich. **Away:** 1. Liverpool. 2. Roots Hall. **Who am I:** David Evans. **Rules of the Game:** ans. 2. **Whose Crest:** Chesterfield.

a brief look back

Dick Mattick looks back ...

On January 13th 1986 the Swindon Board's gamble to play their home match with Southend United on a Sunday afternoon in competition to live football on television paid off. A crowd of 7,619 decided the County Ground would provide better entertainment than the Watford v Liverpool clash or the Cliff Thorburn v Jimmy White snooker final. Before the game Lou Macari collected his third Bell's Manager of the Month award for Division Four and were he not a tea totaller the opening minutes might have caused him to start on his prize bottle.

With only four minutes gone Southend took the lead. With some defenders looking to play the off side game and some hanging back, old West Ham warhorse Frank Lampard was able to cross for Shane Westerly to head in via the crossbar. Town levelled the scores after seventeen minutes when Leigh Barnard was upended by Steve Hatter and Colin Gordon struck home a fierce drive from the penalty spot. Bryan Wade forced a fine save from Jim Stannard in the Southend goal but it was Swindon who endured the narrower escapes as half time approached. First, Roy McDonough saw his shot strike a post and rebound into the arms of goalkeeper Kenny Allen, then Colin Calderwood had to dive full length to head out an effort by Richard Cadette.

Swindon got just the break they needed early in the second half. Stannard was penalised for taking too many steps and, following the free kick, although efforts by Dave Bamber and Charlie Henry were kept out, Chris Ramsey followed up to head home. After this although both sides had several good efforts in a game of swaying fortunes Swindon clung on to their lead. It was a win which took Swindon back to the top of the table and equalled the club record of 13 consecutive home victories which had been set up in 1924 and begun with Harold Fleming's final appearance.

Swindon went on to break that record with a 3-1 home win over Burnley to end the season as Fourth Division Champions with a record 102 points. Southend finished 9th with 64.

Teams:

Swindon: Allen, Ramsey, Roberts, Barnard, Cole, Calderwood, Henry, Bamber, Gordon, Wade and Hockaday

Southend: Stannard, May, Lampard, Lock, Westley, Hatter, Clark, Stebbing, Cadette, McDonough and Gymer

Chris Ramsey



talkin' tactics

with First Team Coach Mike Walsh



This afternoon I'll be looking for a willingness from our players to show you that there is still a passion around Swindon Town.

We have had two very disappointing results and the time has come to put that right with a massive improvement. We owe it to you. Looking back, after being outplayed by Norwich City we expected to go to Oldham and put on a show of determination - but that never came through.

Of course you can always look for excuses and the fact is that on reflection neither Mark Seagraves nor Ian Culverhouse looked fit enough to play.

It is now likely that both players will be missing through injury today which will be another blow.

That apart, it was still a totally inept team performance which has been well publicised and after those two defeats the play-offs now look a long way off.

We've got five games left and I think we need to win them all to stand a chance of finishing in the top six.

After two bad defeats you try to see where the problems lie and I feel that the loss of Marlon Broomes and Wayne Allison left us with too big a hole to fill.

You need to have a strong spine to your team right through the middle and to lose two of our better players at this stage of the season is always difficult.

But we have got to try and be positive for the final few games of the season. Everyone at the Club needs a lift, however we face another stern test today against a Southend side who are in a similar situation to Oldham and will be playing with lots of heart.

If our football isn't fluent this afternoon we will need to cover that with plenty of effort because there is no doubt Southend will show plenty of that as they battle to avoid the drop.

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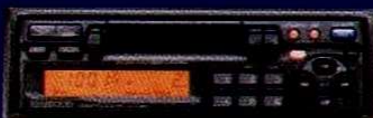
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league update

by Colin Benson



A disappointing Easter left us pointless and Steve McMahon with one or two more hairs missing yet such is the all round inconsistency in the Nationwide Division One this season we still find ourselves comfortably placed.

Having won the Second Division Championship in style last season I think most Town fans would have settled for a mid-table birth this year and that is precisely where we are at the moment. Yet such is the state of play overall we are still within touching distance of the play-offs and quite naturally when one sees the carrot dangled it is frustrating when you fail to grab it.

On Easter Monday **Port Vale** were the only side from the top ten contenders for the play-offs to win - they beat **Tranmere** 2-1 and that leaves us with a positive target to play for on the final run-in.

The odds are against it but there is usually one late runner who surprises the rest of the field and with Willy Carson now aboard don't write us off.

Let's look at this weekend's programme for a start. **Tranmere** are the team above us and they entertained **Bradford City** last night who were fighting for their First Division lives. Let's hope it was a good night for former Town star Chris Kamara.

Before we leave the Rovers congratulations to John Aldridge who became English football's all-time record scorer on Good Friday when he volleyed his 468th goal against **Southend United**. Aldo went one clear of Jimmy Greaves' total of 467 and no doubt there are more to come.

Of course the targets we need to set our sights on are **Wolves**, **Sheffield United**, **Port Vale** and **Crystal Palace**. **Wolves** drew 2-2 at **QPR** on Monday when their manager Mark McGhee admitted they could have been 8-0 down at half-time, the introduction of Geoff Thomas seemed to turn the scales. Today they play hosts to a Norwich City side that lost its way against **Oxford United** after an impressive win here. The Canaries introduced a new teenage striker, Drew Broughton, but still lack punch up front and one has to favour a home win.

The **Sheffield United v West Brom** game is vital for Howard Kendall. The **Blades** sharpened up with a 2-0 win over **Reading**, when Paul Bodin set them on their way with an own-goal; then lost the derby game at **Huddersfield** 2-1. Mr Kendall then conceded his Bramall Lane boys were out of the chase for automatic promotion which he leaves to **Barnsley** and **Wolves** to sort out.

West Brom lost 2-0 at **Barnsley** on Good Friday (Monday's home fixture with **Crystal Palace** was postponed because of international call-ups) and though they are perilously close to the relegation zone they do have a good away record and could surprise Jan Fjortoft and his mates.

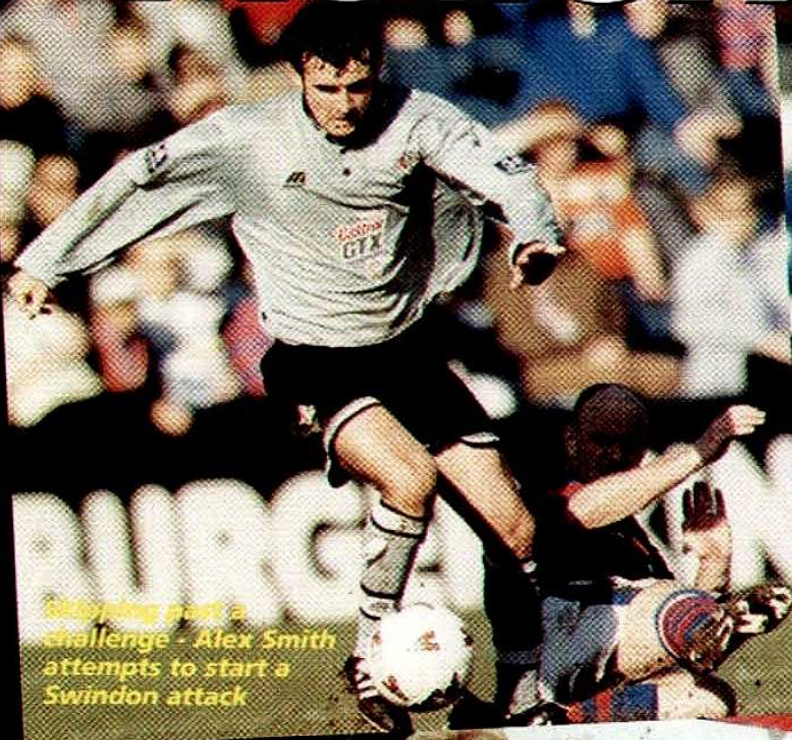
Port Vale have been the real dark horses of this race. Lee Mills is their secret weapon. He scored both against **Tranmere** on Monday to make it six goals in his last five appearances. The lad is on fire at the moment and will be trying to burn a hole in **Oxford's** defence at The Manor Ground today. Looks like a draw on the cards here.

Crystal Palace remain an enigma. With highly rated midfielder David Hopkin teaming up again with Ray Houghton (it was their partnership which fired **Palace** into the top two before Christmas then Houghton was grounded by a hip injury) they were expected to romp home against ailing **Birmingham City** at Selhurst Park. Result a 1-0 defeat. Today the odds will be equally stacked in favour of a home win over **Huddersfield Town** - but who knows?


Birmingham have recruited central defender Darren Wassall from **Derby County** on loan following the injury to Steve Bruce and four points from the Easter fare seems to have eased their relegation worries considerably. They held **Sheffield United** recently but face a stiffer test at **Barnsley** this afternoon. Expect Trevor Francis to be singing the Blues tonight.

Portsmouth, serious contenders for the play-offs, should shrug off Monday's surprise defeat at Southend by accounting for **Grimsby Town** who surprised **Ipswich** on Monday. That defeat was a big dent in the Suffolk Club's play-off ambitions and they will be expected to make **Oldham** pay this afternoon at Portman Road.


Action replay




Taking off -
Mark Robinson
rises highest to
win a header



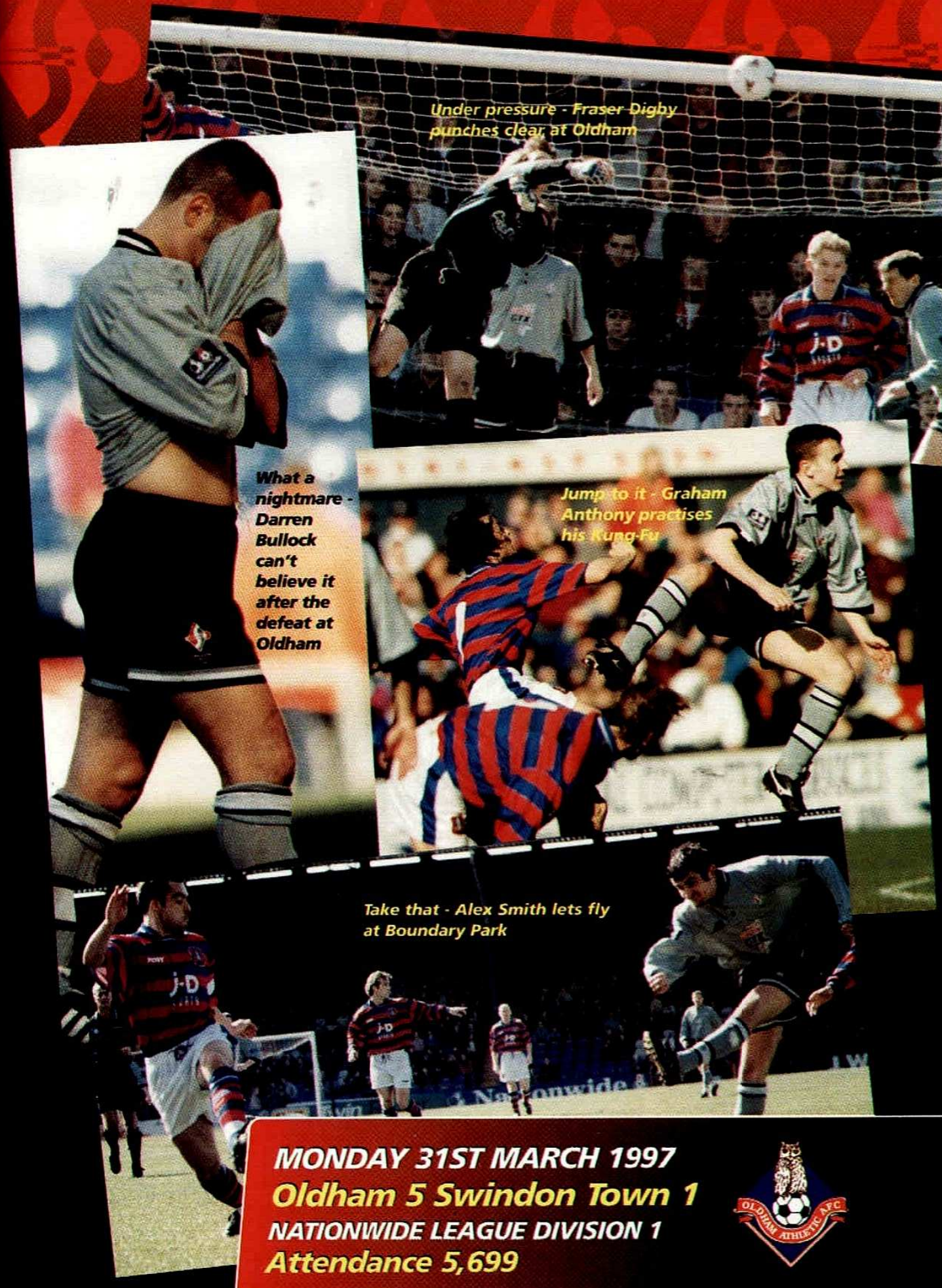
Slipping past a
challenge - Alex Smith
attempts to start a
Swindon attack



We are not
amused - Steve
McMahon, Mike
Walsh and Ross
MacLaren look on
as Swindon slide
to defeat



Steve Cowe
fires goalwards



Under pressure - Fraser Digby punches clear at Oldham

What a nightmare - Darren Bullock can't believe it after the defeat at Oldham

Jump to it - Graham Anthony practises his Kung-Fu

Take that - Alex Smith lets fly at Boundary Park

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community scheme news

We would like to start by once again thanking all of you who attended our Funweek - it was a great success with well over 100 children taking part.

Don't forget to get your forms back as soon as possible for our Whitsun course which will take place at the end of May.

We are expecting another bumper crowd so don't miss out, book now to avoid disappointment.

Also coming up is our Community Office eight a side tournament with the semi finals coming up soon - watch this space for details.

A warm welcome now needs to be extended to the three groups making up our Saturday Team Club this afternoon.

A big hello to John Ray and the Sarum Strikers, Andy Pugh who is with Windsor Drive and Jason Holmes who is with Luggershall Youth FC.

Finally we would like to mention our special guests this afternoon - Stuart Arnold and his family who have joined us from Warminster to watch the game.

Stuart is a pupil at Heytesbury Primary School and we hope he and his family have an enjoyable day out at the County Ground.

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

Jon and Clive



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**Clive
Maguire**

**Jon
Holloway**

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.

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Marlborough*

Wednesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	5-11 years
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Good afternoon to all the Barmy Army at the County Ground for today's match.

I hope all those of you who joined us at the Match of the Day Live exhibition in Birmingham yesterday had a great day. The Junior Robins and children from the Community Office courses enjoyed a football experience which included the Vauxhall Theatre of Dreams, seeing cherished trophies from the football world, presenting Match of the Day Live and meeting a host of football stars and celebs. Thank you to Dave Wilson and James McCormick at Nationwide Building Society for making this possible.

Many of you joined Crystal Palace's Junior Eagles before the international game for football on the extension field. I hope you all had a good afternoon and enjoyed the Easter holidays with Swindon Town.

Have your Say

Swindon Town are proud of their junior supporters and offer one of the best packages in the league for the Junior Robins. We do however, want to expand on the benefits and find out what you like, dislike and how you think we could

improve the membership and that is why you have all received a questionnaire. Thanks to everyone who have returned theirs already and it is still not too late to have your say. Plus, if you get them back to me before the 7th April your name will go into a draw to win a day out at the County Ground. All questionnaires returned by the end of the season will be gratefully received.

Weekly Training

A reminder that the weekly training sessions recommence on Monday 7th April 1997. After munching your way through loads of Easter eggs last weekend you'll probably be keen to get back to training - that's if you're not too ill of course!

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.

today's lucky mascot



Kieran Gennoy is 4 years old and lives in Wroughton, Wiltshire. He attends Ridgeway pre-school and likes

football and ice-hockey. Kieran is a big fan of the Town and his favourite player is Wayne Allison, although he also likes Aston Villa's, Dwight Yorke.

School near his home and he enjoys football, roller-hockey and ice-hockey. He supports both Swindon and Liverpool and his favourite player is Mark Seagraves.



Jonathan Wheeldon is also 8 years old and is a pupil at Saltway Primary School.

Jonathan's hobbies are football, football and more football and his dream is to play for Everton as a sweeper. Johnathan's favourite player is Duncan Ferguson.

There are no dates available for mascots this season and enquiries are already taking place for 1997/98. Bookings however cannot be confirmed until the fixtures are released in June/July.

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



Alex Cannon is 8 years old and lives in Wootton Bassett. Alex attends St. Bartholomews

are football, football and more football and his dream is to play for Everton as a sweeper. Johnathan's favourite player is Duncan Ferguson.



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



KASTEL CUP 1997

Swindon Town's Youth team spent the Easter period in Belgium taking part in a prestigious Under 19 tournament and they returned home justifiably proud of their display after finishing as runners-up in the 16 team competition.

They made their way to the final after a series of outstanding displays before eventually going down 3-0 to Danish team Frem Copenhagen who were worthy winners.

I was proud and pleased with the attitude and ability shown by the lads particularly as we had no fewer than seven 15 year old school boys in the squad. The team won many friends and have already been invited to three similar tournaments next season.

Group Matches Frem Copenhagen 0 Swindon Town 0

We began the competition with a tough test against the eventual winners and with both defences on top there were no goals.

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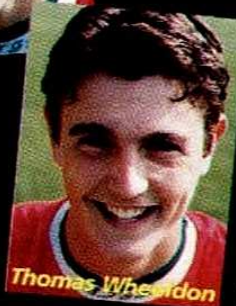
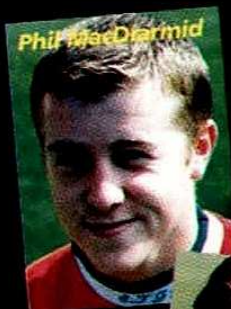
This was a physically demanding game against the Dutch team and the match was decided by a great left foot strike from 15 year old Carl Robinson.

Rita Berlaar 0 Swindon Town 1

We needed to win this final group game against the Belgian side to make progress into the quarter finals and this we did with the only goal scored by centre back Stuart Hodson who finished off a well-worked set play with a fine header.

Quarter-final Hillerod 0 Swindon Town 3

An excellence performance resulted in a 3-0 victory over the Danish side thanks to goals from Ian McSherry, Alex Finlayson and Wayne Thorne who scored from the penalty spot after Chris O'Connell had been fouled.



Semi-final FC Porto 0 Swindon Town 5

We stormed through to the final with a stylish display against our Welsh opponents after stepping up a gear following a goal-less first half.

Then the goals began to flow with Matty Coupe and Alex Finlayson both scoring twice while Phil MacDiarmid completed the tally with the goal of the tournament as he thundered home a left foot shot from 25 yards.

Final

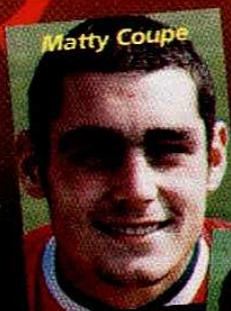
Frem Copenhagen 3 Swindon Town 0

Despite being in great spirit the lads let themselves down in the final against the physical Danish side.

We fell behind after 13 minutes and to add to our problems, goalkeeper Anthony Betterton was taken to hospital with suspected fractured ribs, although he was later allowed out.

Youngster Mike Tarran took over between the posts and we piled on the pressure in an attempt to get back on level terms only to concede a second 15 minutes from the end.

We had to throw caution to the wind in the closing stages and the Danes added a third right at the death to deservedly emerge as winners.



Matty Coupe

My players of the tournament were Phil MacDiarmid who didn't have one bad

game and worked like a trojan in midfield alongside Wesley Garton.

Thomas Wheeldon

also led by example as skipper in the absence of Michael Pattimore.

Both players were picked out by our rivals as excellent players.

Finally a big thank you to Clive Maguire who was a brilliant entertainments manager along

with Phil Rivers and Chris Organ who also played their part behind the scenes.

Swindon Town squad

Betterton, Coupe, Davis, Finlayson, Hodson, Hunt, MacDiarmid, Meechan, McAreavey, Mills, McSherry, O'Connell, Organ, Peters, Robinson, Tarran, Thorne, Wheeldon, Garton.



Wayne Thorne



Alex Finlayson

NEXT FIXTURE...

The Swindon Town Youth Team are next in action at home to Barnet on Saturday 12th April when they will be hoping to complete a League double having won 4-1 at Barnet earlier in the season. This game will take place on the County Ground Extension (kick-off 11am)



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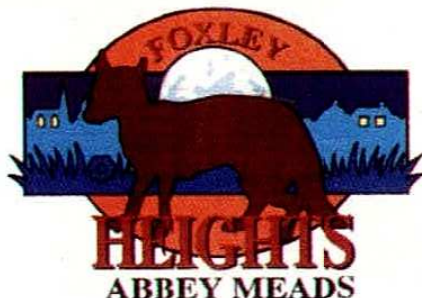
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Just for a change it has been hectic with the Under 10's, Under 11's and Under 12's playing small-sided games against Bristol City at Bristol Grammar Playing Fields.

It was a great exercise in terms of seeing how our boys are developing at the Centre of Excellence.

I myself took the Under 11's group who are a very promising bunch of players. Most of them play for Swindon Schools Under 11's who are managed by Bob Buckley and he has had a very successful season with them.

They went on to win with Chris Taylor getting a hat trick. Also on target were Carl Palmer and Carl Flanagan.

Unfortunately the Under 10's and Under 12's both suffered defeats so there is certainly work to be done in those groups.

On Sunday I went to watch the schoolboys play host to a Liverpool side.

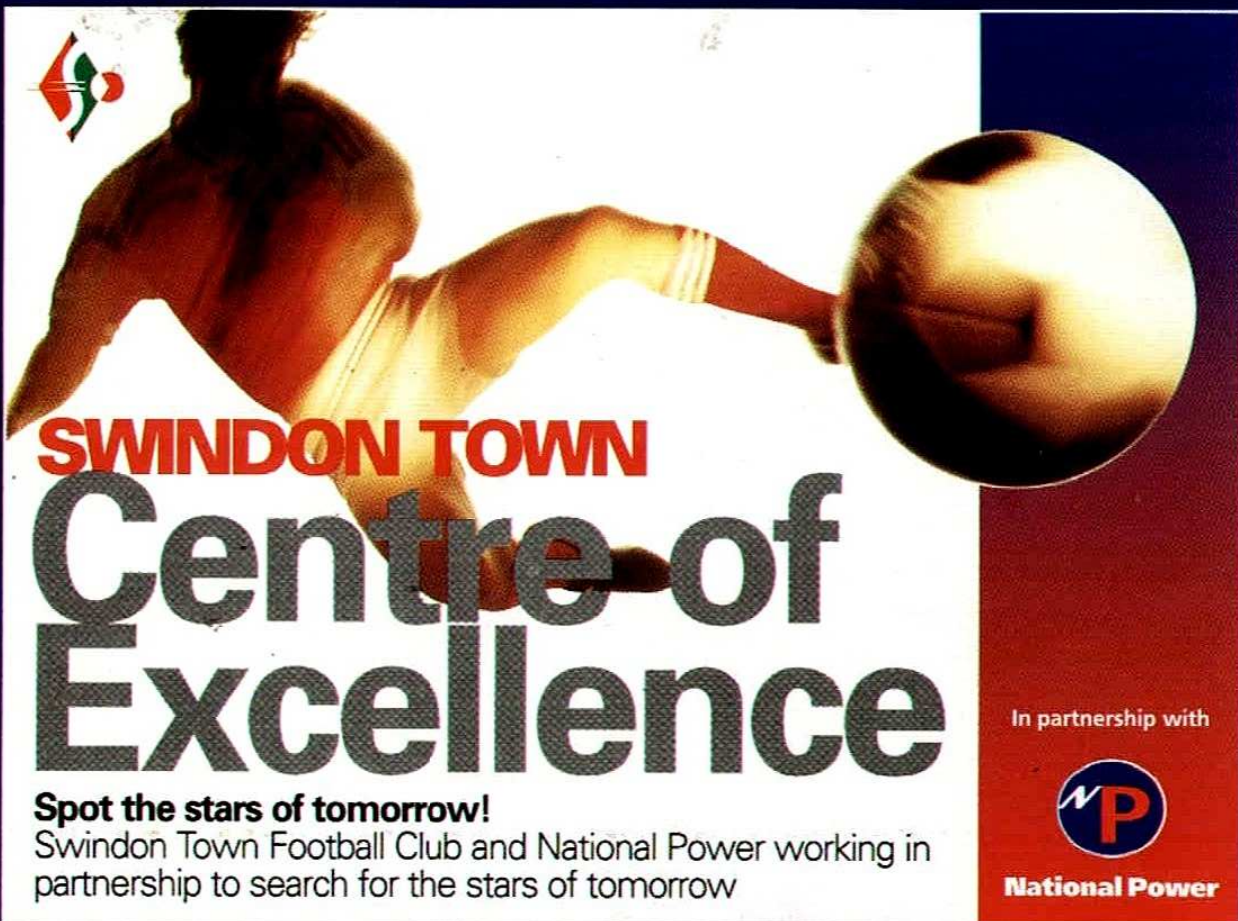
They dominated the game with some excellent passing and great movement by their front two boys, Chris Zabroski and Chris Taylor.

They eventually ran out 6-0 winners with the highlight being a great goal by Chris Taylor




while there were also promising performances from Chris Zabroski and Steven Dixie.

More from me soon.



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reserves roundup

with Ross MacLaren



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Cardiff City Reserves 0**

A goal by Steve Finney clinched another win for the Reserves as they chalked up a League Cup success at the County Ground.

Fielding Phil King on trial from Aston Villa and Graham Anthony from Sheffield United, Swindon dominated most of the match and created a host of chances, particularly during the first half.

A free kick by Phil King was headed goalwards by Steve Finney and after the keeper had blocked he did well to save Matty Coupe's follow up.

A cross by Ty Gooden, back in action after a long lay off through injury, caused panic in the Cardiff defence but Frederic Darras was unable to take advantage as his shot hit the cross-bar.

There was a brief scare for Town when a mistake by Michael Pattimore allowed the Cardiff striker to race clear but his shot was well saved by Steve Mildenhall.

Then as half time approached Graham Anthony fed the ball into the box where Steve Finney turned sharply before firing into the bottom corner.

This turned out to be the only goal as opportunities were few and far between during the second half and it was pleasing to pick up another win and keep

a clean sheet.

Team: Mildenhall, Coupe, King (W. Thorne), O'Sullivan, Darras, Elkins, Pattimore, Anthony, Finney, Finlayson, Gooden (Hulbert). **Sub:** Hunt.

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Millwall Reserves 0**

Ty Gooden celebrated his return from injury with the only goal of the game as we made it three wins in a row.

Again we create enough chances to have won more comfortably but in the end one was enough.

We had a couple of early scares with Frank Talia called upon twice in as many minutes to keep out shots.

Gradually we composed ourselves and in the 24th minute set piece specialist Peter Holcroft hit the angle of the bar and the post from a free kick.

As half time approached Steve Finney dragged a shot wide from 20 yards and Graham Anthony fired just over from 25 yards but five minutes into the second half we finally broke through as Ty Gooden cut into the area and found the far corner with a fine shot.

In the closing stages Steve Cowe and Anthony saw goalbound efforts well saved while the cross bar saved us on one occasion when a Millwall defender headed against the woodwork.

Team: Talia, Coupe, Gooden, Holcroft, Coughlan, Darras, Watson, Anthony, Finney, Cowe (Finlayson), O'Sullivan.

Subs: W. Thorne, Hulbert.

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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
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WED MAR 05	BRISTOL CITY (LC)	H 2-1
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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
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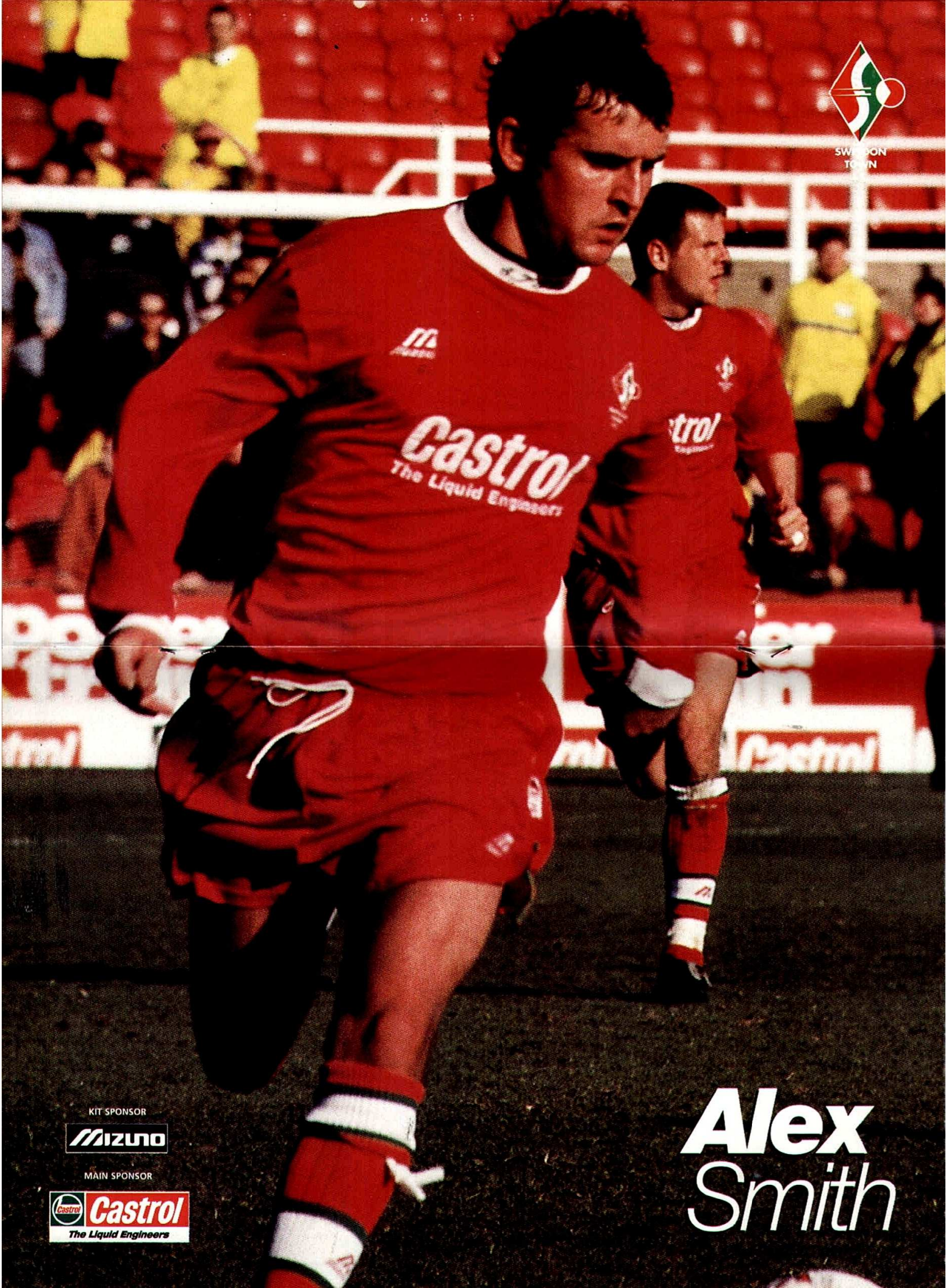
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Ipswich Town	15	9	4	2	30	8	31	+22
Tottenham H.	18	9	4	5	40	24	31	+16
Chelsea	17	8	3	6	27	26	27	+01
Arsenal	17	7	5	5	39	24	26	+15
Brighton & H.A.	17	5	7	4	30	29	25	+01
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Bristol City	17	6	4	7	36	29	22	+07
Oxford United	17	6	4	7	31	30	22	+01
SWINDON TOWN	16	6	4	6	27	27	22	-
Luton Town	15	6	2	7	17	19	20	-02
Millwall	16	6	2	8	24	29	20	-05
AFC Bournemouth	16	6	2	8	30	37	20	-07
Swansea City	15	6	2	7	19	28	20	-09
Southampton	16	5	3	8	25	31	18	-06
Watford	15	5	3	7	19	25	18	-07
West Ham United	17	5	3	9	21	30	18	-09
Cardiff City	15	4	5	6	12	22	17	-10
Bristol Rovers	17	4	4	9	17	33	16	-16
Chalton Athletic	14	4	3	7	16	26	15	-10
Norwich City	17	3	4	10	24	38	13	-14



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Is it me, or has the shiny gloss that enveloped the England team during Euro '96 well and truly disappeared. I am sorry to say, but the national team just does not do it for me at the moment.

I am no longer able to establish whether we were genuinely any good last summer or if, in reality only the following is true: Uncle Des hyped it up well, 'Three Loins got everyone carried away, the weather was good, El Tel was very canny with the media, we did play genuinely well against Holland. Also true, we only really beat Scotland after Gary McAllister fluffed the spot-kick,

Anne Robinson was more interesting than our performance against Switzerland, we couldn't score against Spain and we blew it against the Gerries. Seaman and Shearer were shown to be world-beaters but the truth is that, even though we all felt great and enjoyed it immensely until Gareth stepped up, we were not stunning. The problem is that the perception is that we were stunning and the anti-climax is now double when we can not turn it on at Wembley against Mexico and Italy. The reality is that, Holland apart, our performances now mirror those of Euro '96 - they seem worse because all the hype, showbiz and Baddell and Skinner are now gone. Mexico are actually

above England in the FIFA rankings - can you believe it?

We are basically a dull international team and Mexico are worse. We need to play as we did against Holland on a regular basis, and you would think that Glenn Hoddle sorcerer of flair himself, would be the man to wave his wand and make it happen. It is early days, but Glenns' honeymoon period is over and we need to get cracking if we are going to be more than just observers at the next World Cup. It is there for the taking - only the Germans are to be feared, simply because they will bore everyone into submission with their superb military precision.

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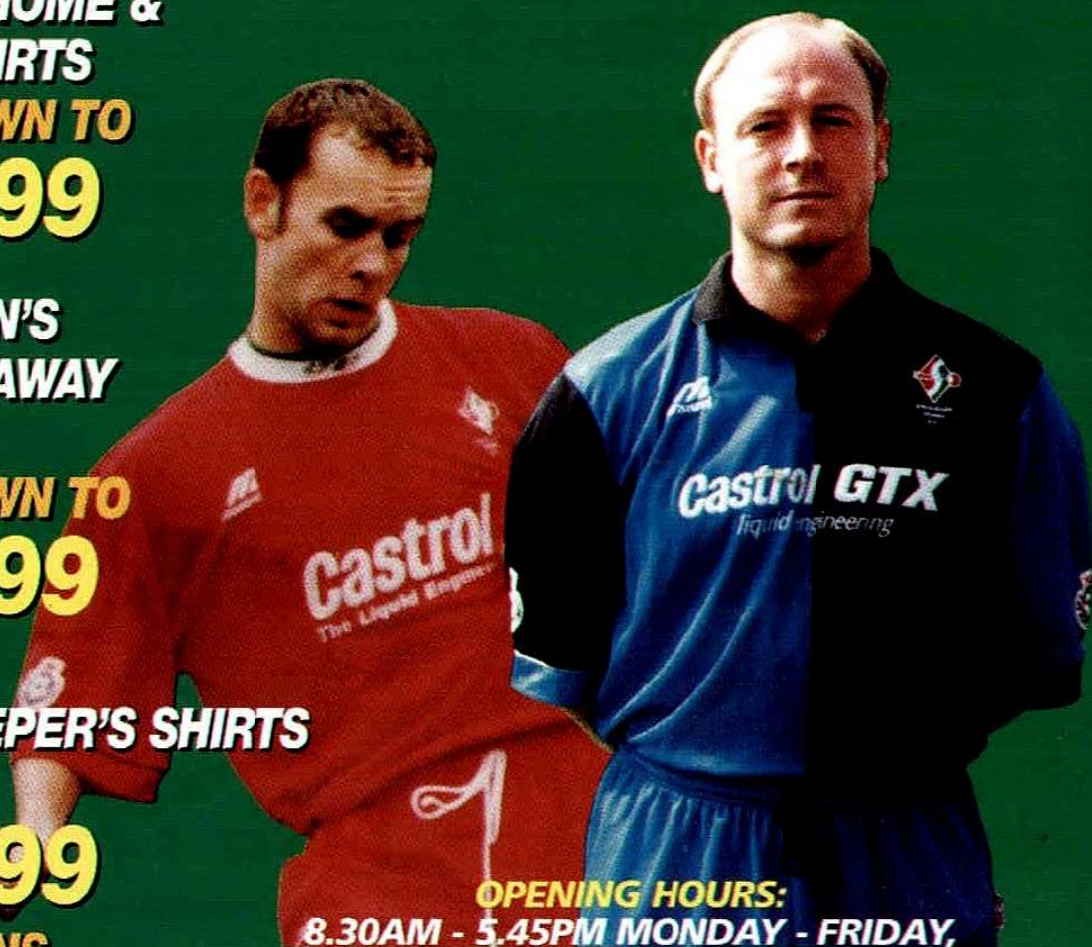
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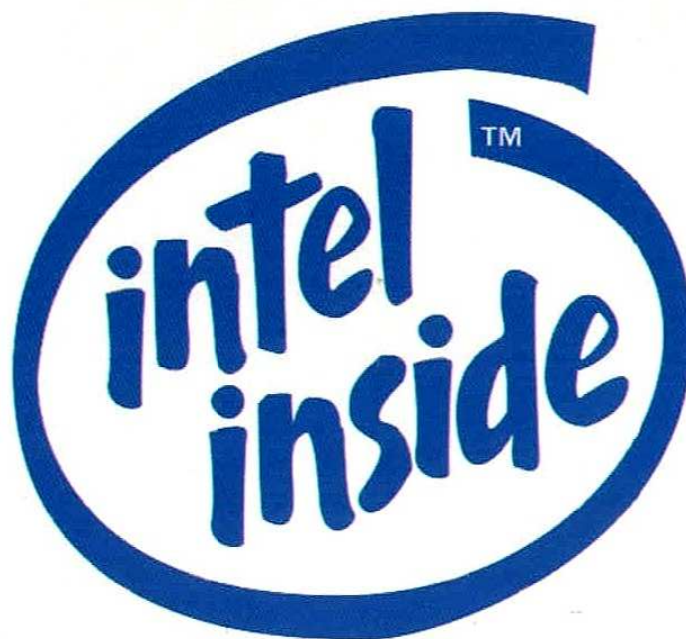
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By Dave Hollister

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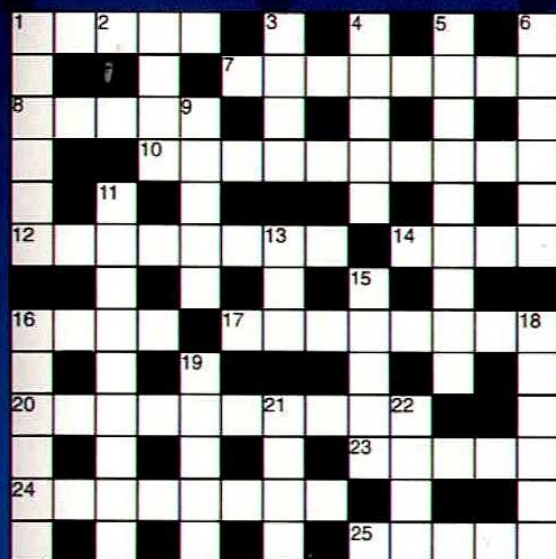


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clues across...

1. Kind of boat will expose soccer skill (5)
7. Nottingham Forest (1990s) forward (4)&(4)
8. Des, 'Match of the Day' presenter (5)
10. Blackburn Rovers manager 1995/96 (3)&(7)
12. Part of the woodwork (8)
14. Northern Ireland League side (4)
16. Blow the whistle when looking for a basin (anag) (4)
17. Southend United player (nick)(8)
20. Disastrous end of the season outcome (10)
23. Mr Winterburn, (1990s) Arsenal defender (5)
24. Seamus, (1950s) Chelsea forward (8)
25. Mr Beardsley, (1990s) England & Newcastle United striker (5)

clues down...

1. Scottish Club nicknamed "The Bhoys" (6)
2. Peter, (1990s) Wimbeldon defender (4)
3. City where Bristol Rovers play (4)
4. Andy, (1990s) Chelsea midfielder (5)
5. Signature from famous footballer (9)
6. Sharp nickname for Sheffield United FC (6)
9. Chris, (1990s) Walsall defender (5)
11. Former Arsenal goalkeeper now a TV presenter (3)&(6)
13. Ooh...Cantona (3)
15. Grayson, (1990s) Leicester City defender (5)
16. Mark, (1990s) Barnsley midfielder (6)
18. Uwe, (1990s) Manchester City striker (6)
19. Label for Eric Hall amongst others (5)
21. Late goal tells a story (anag) (4)
22. Forward line can change into a famous river (anag) (4)

across
1 CRAFT, 7 GARY BULL, 8 LYNAM, 10 RAY HARFORD, 12 CROSSBAR, 14 ARDS, 16 BOWL, 17 SHRIMP, 20 RELEGATION, 23 NIGEL, 24 O'CONNELL, 25 PETER.
down
1 ROSLER, 19 AGENT, 21 TALE, 22 NILE, 9 MARSH, 11 BOB WILSON, 13 AAR, 15 SIMON, 16 BURTON, 1 CECIL, 2 FEAR, 3 BATH, 4 MYERS, 5 AUTOGRAPH, 6 BLADES, 8 ROSS, 10 BOW, 12 SHIMP, 14 ARDS, 16 BOWL, 17 SHRIMP, 20 RELEGATION, 23 NIGEL, 24 O'CONNELL, 25 PETER.



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with Martin Stevens

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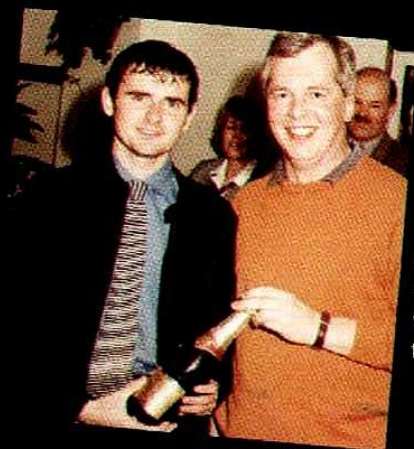
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Presentation Time



Bill Crawford is pictured being presented with a signed, framed shirt as a memento by Swindon Town Chairman Mike Spearman.

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A bonus for everybody this week has been the return to squad training

of Scott Leitch after fracturing his foot four weeks ago.

Scott will play with protective padding inside his boot for the next two or three weeks.



However on the downside I have to report that Gary Elkins, Mark Seagraves and Ian Culverhouse will all be unable to participate in today's fixture against Southend United through injury.



Gary Elkins has torn muscle fibres in his lower back and for anyone who has experienced back problems, you will know how painful this can be. Gary will begin some light mobilisation work this week, coupled with some strengthening of his stomach and back muscles to protect the back from any

future reoccurrence.

Skipper Mark Seagraves has strained muscles in his groin / abdominal region and will certainly not figure in next week's game either.



We will monitor his progress over the next 10 days and if his condition does not improve we will send Mark for further tests.

Ian Culverhouse has a problem with his right ankle which has troubled him previously. He underwent surgery at the end of the 1994/95 season to enlarge the joint space of the ankle.



We are hoping (fingers crossed) that he will not need any further surgery but are awaiting the results of an x-ray and further investigations this week.

Finally on a much brighter note

Mark Walters is progressing well from the operation on his right knee and is currently ahead of schedule while Lee Collins may well return to training before the end of the season.

the shadowboard

What is happening to our team?

They say that a year is a long time in politics - and I guess that John Major is about to find out how true that is. A year is equally a long time in football. Just compare the Easter which we Swindon fans have just endured with the Easter we all enjoyed so much last year.

This Easter reads eight goals conceded, one scored and no points!! One glance at the fixture list shows that we have to play at Oxford in two weeks time. Please lads get it right before we visit the Manor Ground.

Our worst result of last season was at Oxford and it would be a great end to the season for all Swindon fans if we can bring the three points back to Swindon.

If you have questions or comments about our current lean spell - why not come to the Open Forum and ask Steve McMahon and Mike Spearman directly. Tickets are still available from the Advance Ticket Office. The Open Forum is at the County Ground next Wednesday 9 April - doors open at 7:00 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. kick-off. It promises to be a lively evening!!

Come on Swindon - let's get the show back on the road today please!

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benno gives his view

By Colin Benson

England's 2-0 victory over Mexico seems to have gone down well with most football pundits and though there was some barbed criticism suggesting a meaningless match with Mexico served no purpose at all - try telling that to Robbie Fowler.

The Liverpool hit man did not play particularly well, his touch and passing were woolly, but he scored, and that goal, typically poached, was when all said and done what he was selected for in the first place.

I expect Glenn Hoddle learned a lot from this game, particularly about his back-up players, his depleted side still having much too much authority and fire-power for the lively Latins. Newcastle United's Robert Lee will certainly be glad he came, for the former Under-21 winger showed everyone that he 'aint a half-bad wing-back. Solid in the tackle, quick on the break, happy to take people on, and accurate with his final ball. In the end Davino decided the only way to stop Lee was to hack him down and reduce him to a limping shadow.

Since the Americans staged the World Cup in 1994 the Press Room at Wembley has been showered with Statistical information at half-time and full-time. Did you know for instance, or do you really care for that matter, that England had 21 throw-ins and Mexico 29. As to what we glean from such information I am open to offers. Does it reflect the fact that England bumped the ball out of play more times than the Mexicans? Does it suggest we

were under more pressure than them? If so it is hardly reflective of a game in which England were never threatened.

And what about free-kicks. The statisticians confirmed England took 12 Mexico 15. What does this tell us? That England were dirtier than Mexico....That certainly would be a misconception.

Still numbers seem to be the essentials of modern life and some statistics do reveal relevant facts. Shots on target for example. Just five in this game - four from England.

The Easter week was not just about England of course, the other home countries and the Republic of Ireland were involved in the serious business of World Cup qualification ties and consequently the outcome of their games was far more significant.

Kevin Horlock missed out on Northern Ireland's date with Portugal at Windsor Park as he was suspended along with Michael Hughes (West Ham), and that was a pity for Bryan Hamilton's side gave a good account of themselves against Portugal winning a creditable point. Who knows if their inclusion would have swung it Ireland's way.

Whatever, the Irish only ever had an outside chance of reaching France anyway, what with the Ukraine and Germany also in their group, and that 0-0 draw with Portugal shows just how far they have come in the past year.

Scotland boosted their qualifying chances by beating Estonia 2-0 at Rugby Park, Kilmarnock. It was not exactly

Bannockburn revisited but there was certainly relief that they had managed to defeat ambitious invaders at a crucial time. One former international had voiced misgivings before the game stating that if they had been playing England or Brazil he would have put his shirt on a Scottish win. But against Estonia?

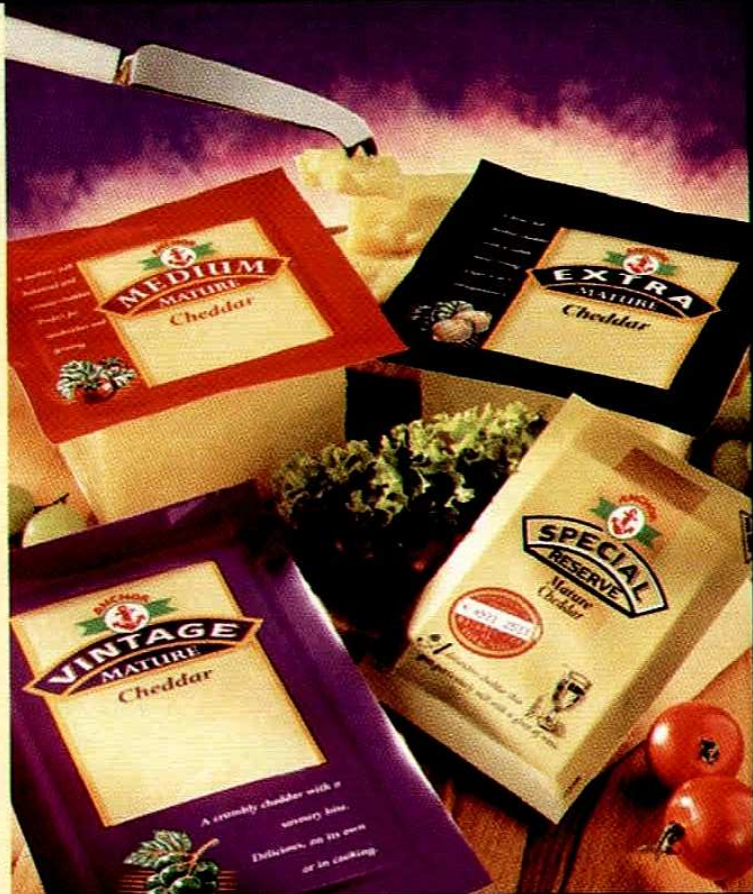
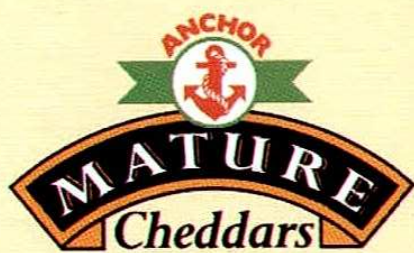
Scotland, Austria and Sweden are the contenders in Group 4 but in Group 7 it is down to a two-horse race between Holland and Belgium. Bobby Gould admits his job as Wales boss is on the line following their 2-1 home defeat by Belgium. It will also be the end of the road for veterans such as Neville Southall and Barry Horne...In my opinion the FAW council members have only themselves to blame for turning their backs on Terry Yorath. Since he left in December 1993 Wales have won only 5 of 22 internationals.

Finally, back to Wembley and a discussion I had with some colleagues. They were talking about the first of Hugh McIlvanney's trilogy on Busby, Stein and Shankly - The Football Men, which was screened last weekend. Unfortunately, I only saw the tail end of this fine programme but someone said that McIlvanney made the point that some of the finest managers have not necessarily been great players.

At first this assumption was readily agreed, Herbert Chapman, Alec Ferguson, Jim Smith, Lawrie McMenemy and Ron Atkinson springing to mind. But then a pause: What about the likes of Brian Clough, Kenny Dalglish, Joe Mercer and Don Revie?

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the **Sporting** year **1977**

by Mike Fowler

1. Who became the first black footballer to be selected to play for England?

2. Who retired at Hereford after 824 League games often as a Saint?

3. Now a Premiership manager, this player scored for Villa to win the League Cup against Everton.

4. Who did Liverpool beat 3-1 to win the European Cup in Rome?

5. This British lady became the Wimbledon Champion. Can you name her?

6. This indoor venue is still used today after taking on the World Professional Championship in 1977.

Can you name it and the city it is in?

7. Which famous horse chalked up a third Grand National?

8. This Briton retained his 500cc World Motor Cycling Championship. Who is he?

9. Don Revie quit as the England manager to work in which country?

10. Name the former England soccer captain who retired in March 1977?

11. Which manager of Manchester United was sacked six weeks after winning the F.A. Cup?

12. Birmingham drew 3-3 with Arsenal. Can you name

the two famous hat-trick scorers both of whom played for England?

ANSWERS

- 1 Laurie Cunningham
- 2 Terry Paine
- 3 Brian Little
- 4 Borussia Moenchengladbach
- 5 Virginia Wade
- 6 The Crucible in Sheffield
- 7 Red Rum
- 8 Barry Sheene
- 9 United Arab Emirates
- 10 Bobby Moore
- 11 Tommy Docherty
- 12 Trevor Francis and Malcolm McDonald

captain's column

with Mark Seagraves



After our two recent disasters the time has come for all of us to buck ourselves up, get back to basics and give you the fans something to cheer about.

The season isn't over yet and we have an obligation to all of you who are paying good money to come and watch us, to put on some good performances.

All of us must hold our hands up because to be honest we were all as bad as each other particularly at Oldham when the only word to describe our display was diabolical.

The defeat at home to Norwich was bad enough but things went

from bad to worse at Boundary Park.

Losing in such a manner simply won't be tolerated and it is now down to each and every individual player to think long and hard about the way they played and do something about it!

Alright we were poor against Norwich but they did play extremely well and deservedly picked up three points.

But the way we fell apart at Oldham really was embarrassing. In the end they were coming through us like a hot knife through butter and afterwards the manager told us in no uncertain terms what he thought of us.

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All the players now have a point to prove, not just to the management but also to themselves.

It is not going to be easy this afternoon as Southend are battling to stay up but we will need to show a lot more heart than we did in our last game.

From a personal point of view it looks as if I will be out of action for a while after picking up an injury.

I've been carrying it for a while but hopefully after a few days rest I'll be back in training.

All I can ask is that you keep getting behind us, right to the end of the season and we will do our best to finish as high as possible.

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back at the county ground

Don't expect too much too soon is the message from defender Phil King as he starts his second spell here at the County Ground.

The 29 year old full back signed a two year contract following a free transfer from Aston Villa but after a long list of injuries he knows it will take him a while to regain his true form.

"When you've been out so long injury wise your physical fitness takes a big dent. Pre-season is so important to a professional footballer and I've missed that for the last two years.

"So if I can finish strong this season, what I want to achieve on the pitch from a personal

point of view won't happen until I've done a full pre-season so it probably won't be until next season." he said.

King first played for Swindon under Lou Macari between 1987 and 1989, the highlight being promotion via the play-offs, before a £400,000 move to Sheffield Wednesday who were then managed by Ron Atkinson.

He enjoyed three outstanding seasons, picking up an England B cap along with a winner and losers medal at Wembley after two League Cup finals but was then knocked back by an injury.

After making a recovery he joined Ron Atkinson again, this time at Aston Villa and formed a good partnership with Steve Staunton down the left flank before being injured again.

"It's been a combination of getting myself back up and then

being hit with injuries which has been frustrating because at one time you are linked with the top five full backs in the country and then all of a sudden to be the forgotten man is hard to take.

"I'm still the same player but I just need a chance and maybe this is the chance I need to rebuild again." he commented.

King hopes his injury nightmare is now behind him as at one stage the sky seemed to be the limit before being knocked back down the ladder and virtually forgotten.

He is keen to do well now he is back on familiar territory and is desperate to repay the confidence Steve McMahon has shown in him.

"Steve has tried to get me here a couple of times over the

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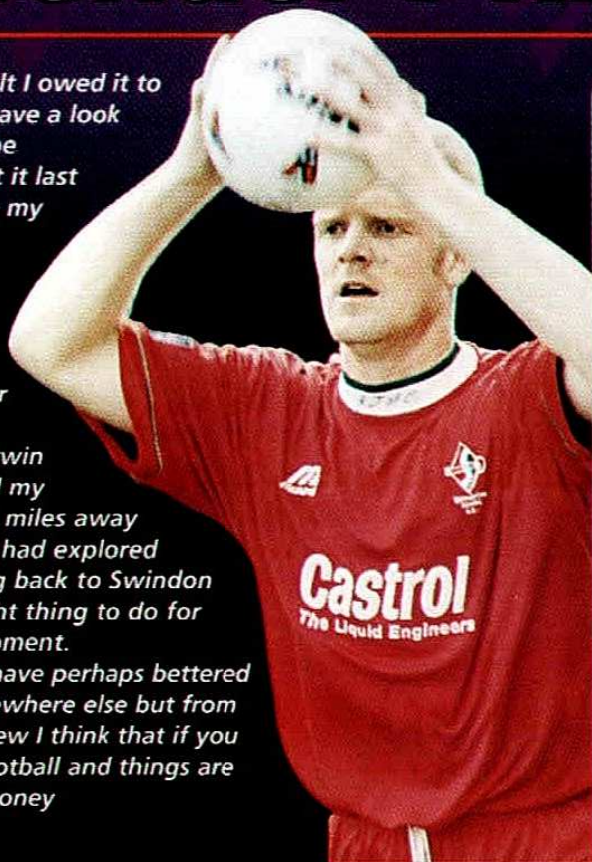
- defender Phil King

past few years so I felt I owed it to him to come down, have a look around and play in the Reserves. And we left it last week that I'd explore my options.

"I had a few offers of short term contracts at Premiership clubs but I had to consider my family.

"We have just had twin boys, my parents and my wife's parents live 25 miles away in Bristol so after we had explored every avenue, coming back to Swindon seemed to be the right thing to do for me at the present moment.

"Financially I could have perhaps bettered myself by going somewhere else but from a financial point of view I think that if you are playing well in football and things are going well for you, money will follow."



Name: Phil King

Age: 29

Birthplace: Bristol

Position: Full-Back

Former Clubs: Torquay, Swindon, Sheffield Wednesday, Aston Villa

Nickname: "Kingy"

Who did you support as a youngster?
Liverpool

Highlight of career so far:

Winning League Cup vs Man Utd 1991

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The top three in the First Division were Manchester City, Reading and Sheffield United with our very own publication coming a creditable

joint fourth along with Wolves, Crystal Palace, QPR, Oxford United, Charlton Athletic and Norwich City.

To add to this our programme has been put in the top twenty in the country (including Premiership publications) by the Football Programme Directory Programme of the Year Awards.

A big thank you to all our contributors for their efforts and let's hope next season we can finish top of the table!

Thanks to Scott & Steve

The presence of Scott Leitch and Steve Finney at the 12th Mad March Hare Run helped turn it into the best ever event.

The two Swindon players helped start the two races and stayed on to hand out the medals and sign numerous autographs.

The organiser of the event,

Chris Kirkland, Deputy Head Teacher at Wootton Bassett School said:

"The contribution the players made helped create a special atmosphere. This was our best ever event and the players' help was much appreciated."



Scott Leitch

Steve Finney



Supporters Club splash out

On behalf of the Board and physio Jonathan Trigg, Chairman Mike Spearman would like to thank the Supporters Club for providing finance in the sum of £2000 to enable us to fit our Rehabilitation Room out.

"I would like to convey my personal thanks to all the committee and members for their continued support," he said.

Uganda expedition

Pictured is 11 year old Jerry Crabb wearing one of Swindon's old sweatshirts while out in Eastern Uganda.



The photo was taken in October 1995 and was only recently sent to Jerry's father Martin who in turn sent it to the Club.

Martin and his son were on a trip organised by Guerba Expeditions to see the mountain gorillas.

Fans praised again

Well done to the Town fans who travelled up to Maine Road to watch the game against Manchester City during February.

Once again your behaviour has been noted as the following comment from the Football Safety Officers Association says:

The visiting supporters were undoubtedly among the best behaved we have seen at this stadium this season and for some long time past. They supported their team to the end, despite the result. They were a credit to the good name of Swindon Town F.C. and more importantly conducted themselves to a standard which was a credit to the good name of football supporters everywhere.

swindon town ladies



by Roger Reeves

Although Swindon Ladies have completed their Southern Region League Division one programme for the season, there is still more football to talk about.

Earlier in the year the Town entered teams in the Southern Region Five-a-side tournament at the Mountbatton Centre, Portsmouth.

On the Saturday the Under Sixteen squad finished runners up to Southampton Saints.

Leanne Taylor, Kelly Castle, Hannah Povey, Susan Shaw, Claire White, Sarah Richardson and Adelle Taylor made up the squad. Claire finished top scorer with fifteen goals and Leanne Taylor was voted "Player of the Tournament".

The youngsters did extremely well as this was the first time that the Town had entered a team at this level.

The following day the Seniors took over and again they were beaten into second place by Southampton Saints.

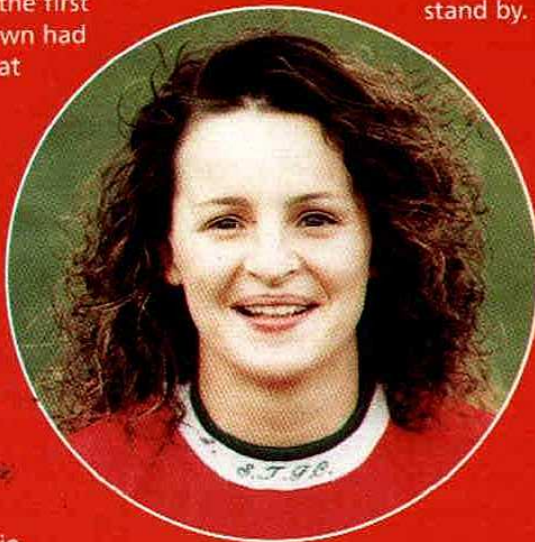
Town's squad consisted of Jo Sharpe, Netti Wyness, Kim Reeves, Kerie Garwood, Claire White, Justine Hume and Sara Previtt. Claire White again was amongst the goals and scored seven.

Town and Southampton Saints, both Seniors and Under Sixteen will go onto represent the Region in the National Finals later in the year.

Several of the Town players have featured in the County squad that has won through to the final of the South West Counties Championship. Wiltshire pushed Somerset into second place on goal difference, and will now meet Sussex in the final on Sunday 20th April.

Seven Town youngsters are part of the Wiltshire Under Sixteen squad to meet Dorset, Somerset and Hampshire in a four team tournament at Hamworthy, near Poole.

Sarah Richardson, Adelle Taylor, Claire White, Susan Shaw, Hannah Povey, Kelly Castle and Leanne Taylor are included in the party and Zoe Gleeves and Hayley Johns are on stand by.



Nadine Lloyd, who finished top scorer with nineteen goals.

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	BINFELD	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	18	8	6	4	36	38	30
Southampton	16	9	2	5	57	27	29
Swindon Spitfires	17	7	2	8	36	40	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	18	0	3	15	14	66	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 Previtt	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
() Denotes used sub.		

Carson

signs for Swindon



As transfer deadline day approached last week, Swindon made several signings - both on and off the pitch.

While Phil King, Graham Anthony and Graham Coughlan boosted the playing staff, it was also announced that former jockey Willie Carson had joined the Club as an Associate Director bringing with him years of expertise.

An ardent football fan, Willie is delighted to be involved with his local Club and is keen to help them 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.

"He is a household name and him being part of the set up here will do nothing but good for the Club," said Chairman Mike Spearman.

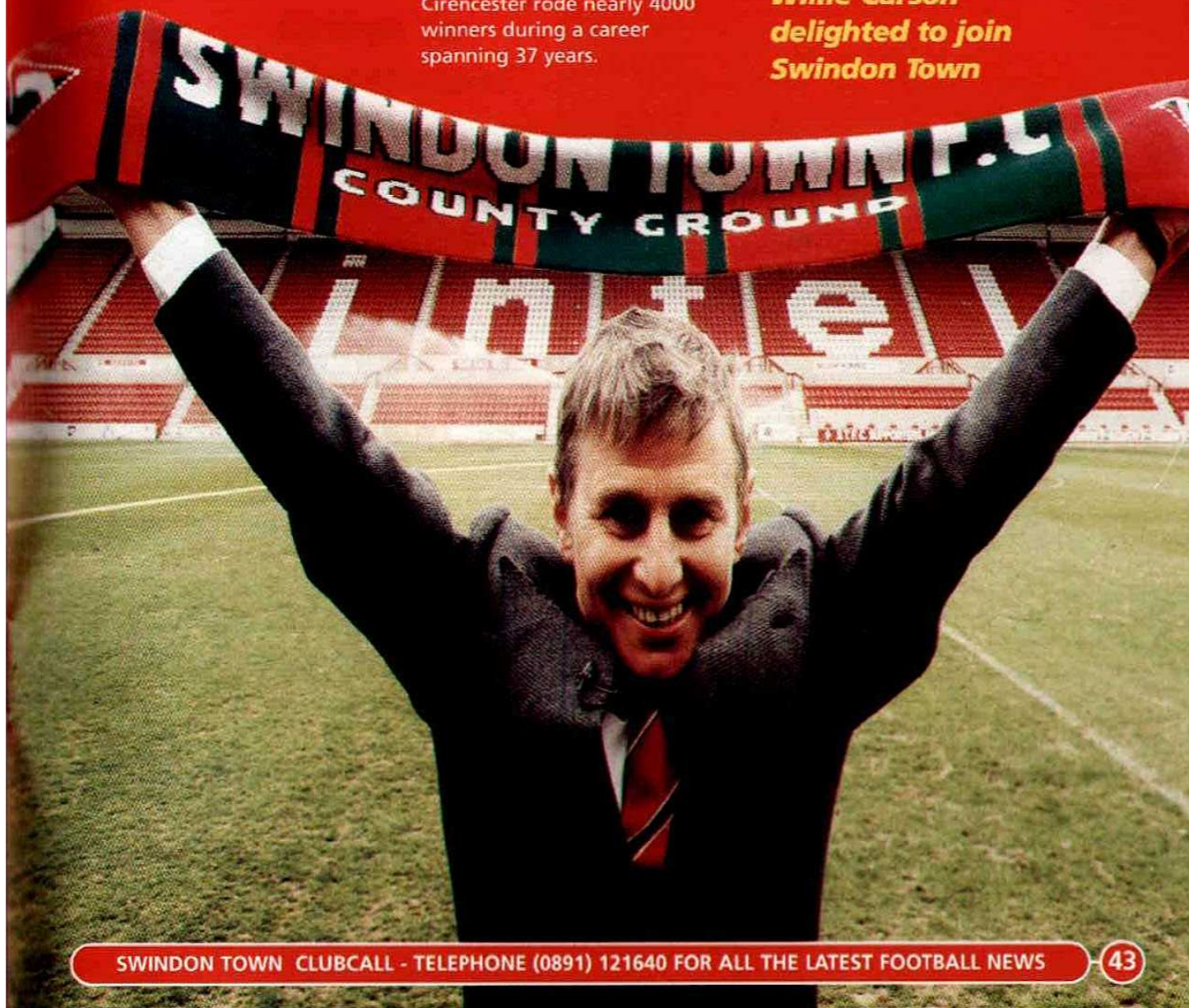
The 54 year old from Cirencester rode nearly 4000 winners during a career spanning 37 years.

His first win came in 1962 and he never looked back after that picking up 17 English Classic victories and four Derby wins before retiring from the saddle earlier this month.

He was Champion Jockey five times.

"I'm delighted to be part of the set-up here at Swindon and I hope I can be of help with all the contacts I've made over the years." said Carson.

**Willie Carson
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Going to Huddersfield?

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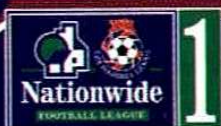
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	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
BOLTON WANDERERS	40	15	4	1	9	8	3	86	48	84
BARNLEY	39	11	4	4	8	9	3	64	44	70
WOLVES	40	8	4	7	11	5	5	57	43	66
SHEFFIELD UNITED	41	11	5	4	7	6	8	69	49	65
PORT VALE	41	8	9	4	7	6	7	51	48	60
CRYSTAL PALACE	38	8	4	6	8	7	5	68	39	59
NORWICH CITY	41	8	9	4	8	2	10	59	60	59
PORTSMOUTH	40	10	4	5	7	4	10	51	45	59
IPSWICH TOWN	40	10	6	3	5	7	9	55	49	58
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	41	8	5	8	7	7	6	55	55	57
STOKE CITY	40	13	2	5	3	7	10	46	50	57
TRANMERE ROVERS	40	9	7	4	6	4	10	54	50	56
SWINDON TOWN	41	11	5	4	4	2	15	52	63	52
OXFORD UNITED	41	12	3	5	2	6	13	57	59	51
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	39	9	6	4	5	3	12	46	54	51
BIRMINGHAM CITY	39	9	6	5	4	6	9	43	45	51
READING	40	11	7	3	2	4	13	49	57	50
MANCHESTER CITY	38	10	4	5	4	4	11	48	49	50
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	40	10	5	6	2	7	10	44	56	48
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	40	5	7	8	6	7	7	61	66	47
BRADFORD CITY	40	8	5	7	2	6	12	42	64	41
GRIMSBY TOWN	39	5	7	9	4	5	9	52	71	39
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	39	5	6	9	4	5	10	44	53	38
SOUTHEND UNITED	41	7	8	6	1	5	14	39	75	37



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
GRAHAM ANTHONY	1	0	-	-	1	0
MARLON BROOMES	12	1	-	-	12	1
DARREN BULLOCK	8	1	-	-	8	1
LEE COLLINS	3(1)	0	1	-	4(1)	0
GRAHAM COUGHLAN	1	0	-	-	1	0
STEVE COWE	26(7)	7	4(1)	0	30(8)	7
IAN CULVERHOUSE	31	0	5	0	36	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	26(4)	0	4	0	30(4)	0
FRASER DIGBY	26	0	1	-	27	0
JASON DRYSDALE	10(1)	0	2(1)	0	12(2)	0
GARY ELKINS	17(4)	1	3	0	20(4)	1
STEVE FINNEY	8(10)	2	1(1)	0	9(11)	2
TY GOODEN	3(6)	1	0	0	3(6)	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
PHIL KING	2	0	-	-	2	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	38	1	5	0	43	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	28(1)	0	4(1)	0	32(2)	0
ALEX SMITH	10(5)	1	0	0	10(5)	1
FRANK TALIA	15	0	5	0	20	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	2	0	1(1)	0	3(1)	0
PETER THORNE	19(8)	8	2(1)	2	21(9)	10
MARK WALTERS	24(3)	7	5	1	29(3)	8
KEVIN WATSON	16(8)	1	1(2)	0	17(10)	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 0-3	10,250
Mon Mar 31	Oldham Athletic	A 1-5	5,699
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 12TH



Swindon Town vs Ipswich Town
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
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Graham Coughlan**



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OPTICIANS



Swinson Town

1	Fraser Digby
2	Mark Robinson
3	Phil King
4	Darren Bullock
5	Frederic Darras
6	Graham Coughlan
7	Kevin Watson
8	Graham Anthony
9	Peter Thorne
10	Steve Cowe
11	Alex Smith
12	Steve Finney
13	Ty Gooden
14	Wayne O'Sullivan

Team Changes

Southend United

1	Simon Royce
2	Andy Harris
3	Keith Dublin
4	Phil Gridelet
5	Leo Roget
6	Mike Lapper
7	Mike Marsh
8	Paul Bryne
9	Jeroen Boere
10	Andy Thomson
11	Julian Hails
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Team Changes

Today's Officials:



Referee:
S.J. Baines (Chesterfield)



Assisted by:
N.E. Green (Worcestershire)
M.R. Sims (Bristol)

Reserve Official:
R. Maynard (Bristol)



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