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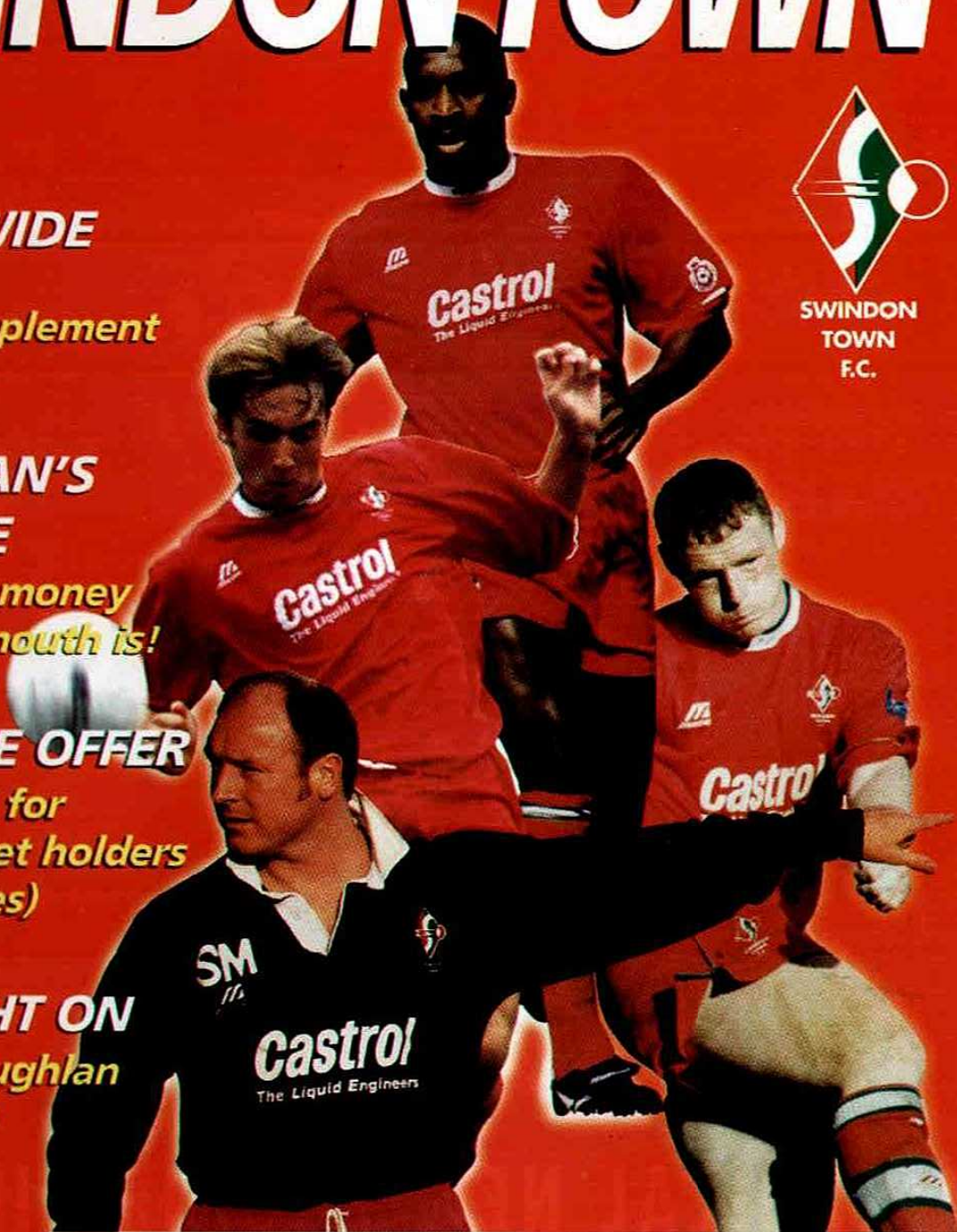
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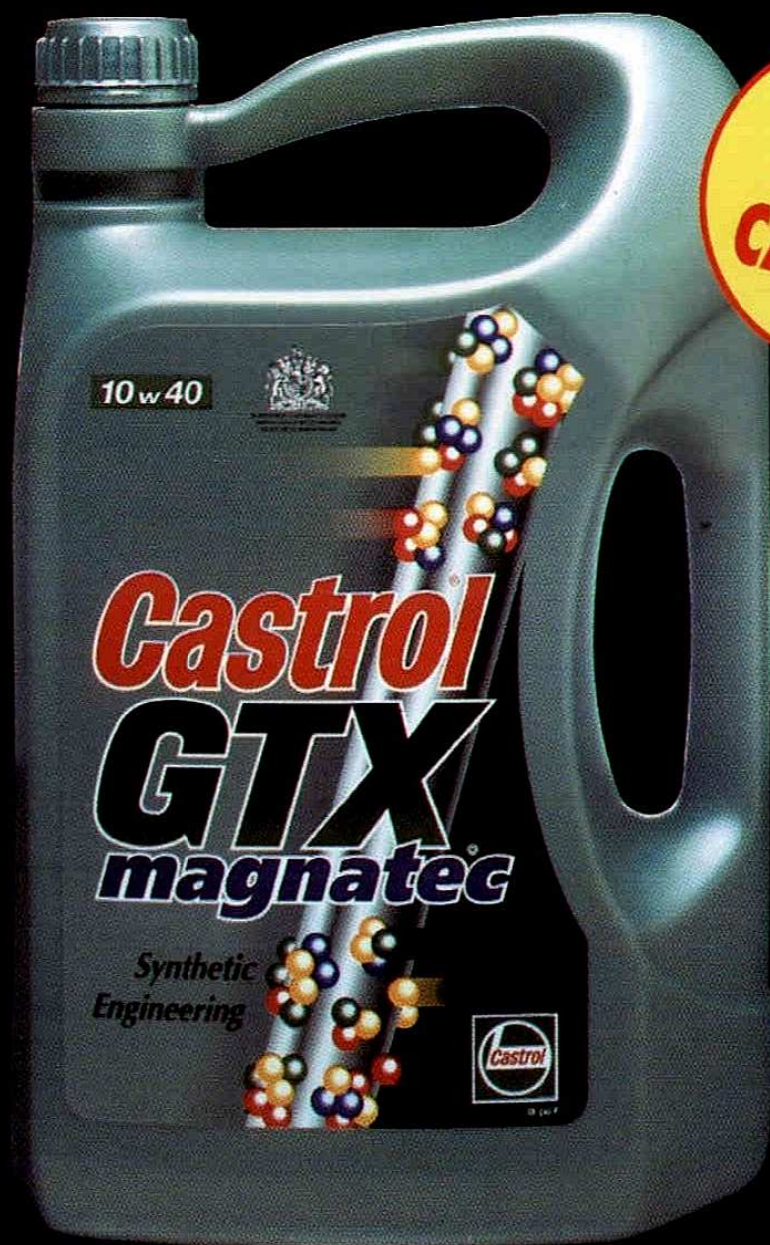
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a warm welcome

by Chairman
Mike Spearman

Here we are at the last home game of the season and this time last year, you the fans were echoing the end of a Championship season in a festival of jubilation.

Today we find that our promotion to the First Division has had its ups and downs but from the positive side we are still a member of the First Division which will bring its own rewards.

This season has been fraught with long term injuries and having a small squad this has been a major factor in the disappointments over the last few weeks. The Board has now sanctioned an increase in the present squad from 23 to 28 players and our goal for the 1997/98 campaign is a play-off spot at least.

Our gates have been down but at this stage I must thank all our fans for their continued support and the way you have stood by the Town.

May I also give a special warm thanks to Annie and Paul of S.A.S. Travel and Justine of the Travel Club who have made sure that many of you made the away trips to follow Steve and his team with some long hard journeys back home.

I have enjoyed my walkabouts to talk to many of you and I feel I have developed a special understanding of you all - you have always been a credit to the Club and to our great game.

With that in mind I would like to draw your attention to a unique opportunity we at Swindon Town Football Club can offer you.

We are going to "put our money where our mouth is" and ask you to continue to show faith in us by buying a

season ticket for 1997/98. In return we promise to refund any increase you'll have to pay over and above the 1996/97 price if we don't achieve at least a play-off position.

When we achieve our goal remember that as a Season Ticket holder you will also have a play-off ticket reserved for you.

Now we pride ourselves on being honest and understand that you want success as much as we do. I don't know of any other club in history who has had as much confidence in the coming season - we know we can do it but we need your help so please look closely at the season ticket details on the centre pages.

Finally today is presentation day when a number of awards are handed out to the various Players of the season.

Of course we have the Evening Advertiser Player of the Year and I would personally like to welcome along Advertiser editor Kevin Mochrie.

We also have the Clive King Memorial Trophy which is awarded to the Young Player of the Season."

Clive reported on the Town from the sixties until his untimely death in 1995 and his local colleagues in the press box inaugurated this annual award in his memory.

The first winner last season was Steve Finney and there are several contenders this season.

Other awards being presented today include the Swindon Supporters in London Association who are celebrating their 10th anniversary this summer and last but by no means least the Swindon Town Travel Club are making a presentation to the Away Player of the Season.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you all again in August.



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the manager

Steve McMahon says

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I know only too well how disappointed you have been with the way we have performed over the past few weeks and I feel exactly the same.

So let's just hope we can give you something to cheer about this afternoon in this our last home game of the season.

With just two games remaining we are desperate to finish on a high note because it will give everyone a lift during the close season.

There will be a rebuilding process during the summer but we still need to boost everyone's confidence with a couple of good performances over the next week.

Looking back at last week's defeat against local rivals Oxford United, obviously I was bitterly disappointed with the way it turned out.

I made a few changes but it didn't work because we didn't pass the ball around as I expected us to.

In many ways it wasn't like a typical derby game, maybe that was because the only thing the two teams had to play for was pride. Saying that pride is still very important and once again we let ourselves down in that department.

In light of our recent results Crystal Palace will come here today thinking they can pick up the three points to keep them in the play-off picture.

Of course we beat them 2-1 at Selhurst Park last October but that seems such a long time ago. Now we are on the crest of a slump.

For me that win at Palace was one of our best performances. We didn't play all that well but we ground out a great result and I'll be looking for more of that next season - particularly on our travels.

As far as next season is concerned, most of you

will already know that I've been given the go ahead to expand the squad by five or six players.

And the first step has already been taken by the signing of defender Craig Taylor from Dorchester Town.

Craig is the younger brother of former favourite Shaun and from what I've seen, Craig has the potential to be as good if not better than Shaun.

Two youngsters to have signed contracts are YTS players Michael Pattimore and Alex Finalyson. They have both signed 12 months pro contracts and we are hoping they will develop into decent players.

On a sad note we have had to release three of four youngsters but I hope they get picked up by other clubs and prove us all wrong.

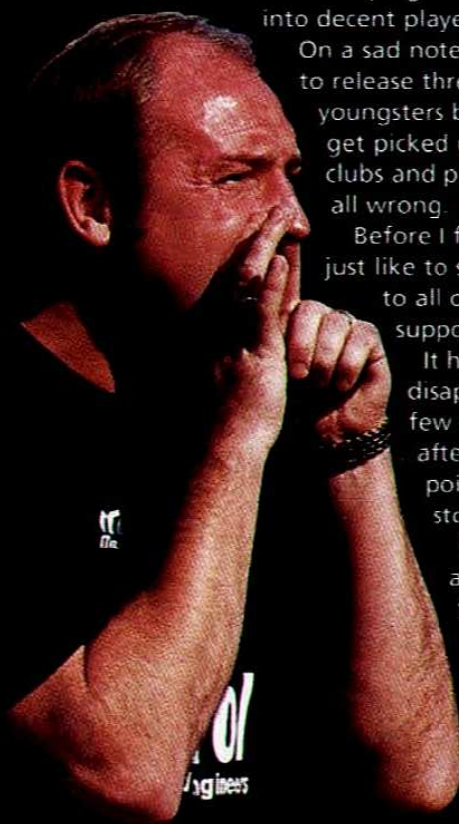
Before I finish I would just like to say thank you to all of you for your support this season.

It has been a disappointing last few weeks and after reaching 53 points we have stood still.

But I can assure you there will be no standing still next season. That is why we are going to put our money where

our mouth is by promising to refund any increase you'll have to pay over and above the 1996/97 season ticket price if we don't achieve at least a play off position next season.

Have a good summer and I look forward to seeing you all again in August.



today's visitors

For 23 of the 24 managers in the Nationwide League Division One, consistency - or the lack of it - has been the key problem this season.

In a closely-fought League, where all the Clubs have proved capable of taking points off each other, any side able to string a decent run of results together has always looked likely to be in with a shout of the Play-Off places. All but one - Bolton - have pointedly failed to find that elusive winning rhythm.

Palace are no exception to that rule. After the disappointment of losing last season's Play-Off Final at Wembley to a last gasp goal from Leicester's Steve Claridge, the Eagles struggled to make much headway early on in 1996/97.

An uncertain start saw Dave Bassett's side win just once in their first six games but then Palace, and midfield man David Hopkin in particular, burst into life winning successive matches 3-1 (v Man City), 6-1 (v Reading) and 6-1 again (v Southend).

In October the Eagles added Southampton

powerhouse Neil Shipperley to an already impressive-looking forward line consisting of Dougie Freedman, Bruce Dyer and also the free-scoring Hopkin.

But such an embarrassment of riches seemed to trouble Bassett, who was unable to choose between Dyer and Freedman up front, and appeared to constantly substituting one of his bright young things for another.

A tremendous run in October and early November saw the Eagles soar up the table into the second automatic promotion place, and for a time they seemed destined to pull away from the chasing pack as imperiously as leaders Bolton.

But the spectre of inconsistency once more raised its head, and the south Londoners have struggled to string together a good run of wins since defeat at Ipswich on Boxing Day.

One reason for their uncertain form has been the loss of the influential Ray Houghton from central midfield for much of the campaign. With Houghton in place, Palace have a wise general capable of directing the eager troops around him.



Crystal Palace Football Club 1996/97



Back Row: (left to right)

David Parry, Stephen Thomson, Anthony Folan, Danny Wales, Rory Ginty, Bjorn Enqvist.

Third Row: (left to right)

Leon McKenzie, Danny Boxall, Anthony Scully, Carlo Nash, Chris Day, Tom Evans, Sagi Burton, David Hopkin, Andrew Cyrus, Steve Kember.

Second Row: (left to right)

Ray Lewington, Vic Bettinelli, Darren Pitcher, Carl Veart, Andy Roberts, David Tuttle, Robert Quinn, Jason Harris, George Ndah, Dougie Freedman, Peter Nicholas, Geoff Taylor.

Front Row: (left to right)

Gareth Davies, Dean Gordon, Marc Edworthy, Leif Andersen, Dave Bassett (no longer with Club), Ray Houghton, Bruce Dyer, Jamie Vincent (now Bournemouth), Simon Rodger.



a closer look at **Neil Shipperley**

With Palace's forward line facing accusations of being 'lightweight', former manager Dave Bassett entered the transfer market in November 1996 and splashed out £1 million to take the powerful Neil Shipperley to Selhurst Park.

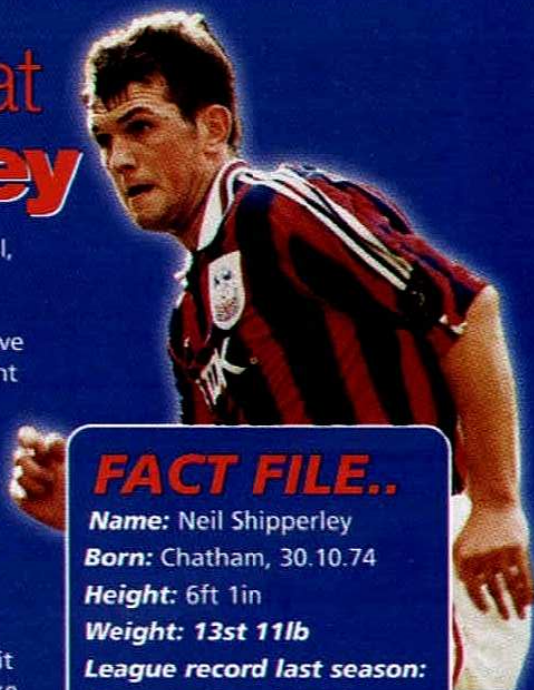
A former Chelsea apprentice, Shipperley won rave reviews in the Youth and Reserve sides at Stamford Bridge, but failed to get an extended first-team run under Glenn Hoddle.

His subsequent Club record £1.25 million move to Southampton seemed the ideal kick-start to his career and he

made a bright start at The Dell, before becoming the Club's leading scorer last term.

But with the departure of Dave Merrington, and the subsequent arrival of Graeme Souness, Shipperley was deemed surplus to requirements on the South Coast and Dave Bassett was quick to bring the player back to London.

Three goals in this first four games made him an instant hit with team-mates and fans alike and Shipperley's muscular presence, top level experience and eye for goal make him a potent threat, and also helps take the pressure of the likes of Dyer and Freedman.



FACT FILE..

Name: Neil Shipperley

Born: Chatham, 30.10.74

Height: 6ft 1in

Weight: 13st 11lb

League record last season:

37 games, 7 goals (all for Southampton)

International Honours:

7 England Under-21 caps

Trophies won: None

Steve Coppell the manager

Currently in his third spell in charge at the Palace - where he has been appointed Caretaker Manager for the remainder of the season - former Man Utd and England winger Steve Coppell has had an eventful season.

After six weeks of searching - and a handful of rejections from the likes of George Graham, Howard Kendall and Dave Bassett - Francis Lee finally got his man when he appointed Steve Coppell to the Manchester City hot-seat in October.

But a month later, the studious Coppell decided that he had made the wrong move - and parted company with the Maine Road Club.

He returned to Selhurst Park, where he undertook scouting duties before being drafted in to replace Dave Bassett after the latter's short-notice move to Nottingham Forest.

As a player, Coppell made more than 320 appearances for Man Utd before a serious knee injury forced his premature retirement from the game in 1983.

This former student at

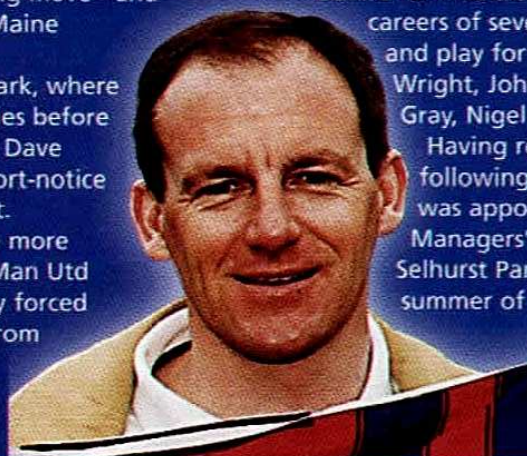
Liverpool University wasn't to be out of football for long, though, and at the age of just 29 he was appointed Crystal Palace manager in the summer of 1984.

He steered Palace into Division One via the Play-Offs in 1989, followed by their first ever FA Cup Final appearance - lost to Manchester United - the following year. In 1990/91 he guided the South London Club to their highest ever finish, third place in the old First Division, and also took them back to Wembley where they defeated Everton 4-1 in the ZDS Cup Final.

In his time at Selhurst Park, Coppell not only built a formidable side, but he also shaped the careers of several men who were to go on and play for their countries, including Ian Wright, John Salako, Geoff Thomas, Andy Gray, Nigel Martyn and Eddie McGoldrick.

Having resigned his post as Palace boss following relegation in May 1993 Steve was appointed Chairman of the League Managers' Association before returning to Selhurst Park as Technical Director in the summer of 1995.

And now he's back again, hoping for a case of third time lucky.





playerprofile

CRYSTAL PALACE

With the departure of Nigel Martyn to Leeds United during the summer, Palace were expected to struggle in the goalkeeper's position this season, but Dave Bassett moved quickly to secure the services of former Tottenham Reserve **CHRIS DAY** for an initial fee of £225,000, with a further £200,000 depending on appearances.

First choice for the England U21 side - and one of the most highly-rated young goalies in the country - Day has struggled for a first-team place at Selhurst recently after losing his place following a couple of poor games.

His replacement has been 6ft 5in former model and Clitheroe Town number one

CARLO NASH, who was also a target for Man City, Burnley and Nottingham Forest during the summer of 1996. Tremendously agile, despite his height, Nash has done well to keep Day out of the side.

Giant Norwegian defender **LEIF ANDERSEN** was a member of his country's Olympic squad at Atlanta '96 who signed for Palace after a trial period towards the end of 1995. Strong in the tackle and in the air, a shoulder injury denied him a Wembley appearance in last season's Play-Off Final.

A regular under Dave Bassett, Andersen has failed to get a first-team look-in since the signing of **ANDY LINIGHAN** from Arsenal in late January. The tall and commanding Linighan began with Hartlepool and has also played for Leeds, Oldham and Norwich City.

One of several promising youngsters to have worked their way up through the ranks at Selhurst Park is teenager **DANNY BOXALL** who is a fine example of the current trend for 'wing backs' in the English game. A pacey full-back with strength in the tackle and skill going forward, Danny spent some time on the books at Tottenham as a youngster before opting to join his local Club, Palace, as a YTS.

GARETH DAVIES is a Welsh U21 international who was placed on the transfer list at his own request in June 1996. Signed from Hereford in the summer of 1995, he recently had a month at Cardiff City on loan.

Former Plymouth skipper

MARC EDWORTHY is a full-back who loves to get forward and attack the opposition and has proved a bargain since his £350,000 transfer from Home Park in May 1995. Despite standing at only 5ft 8in tall, he is surprisingly good in the air and is an accurate crosser of the ball.

ANDY ROBERTS is a cultured performer equally happy in defence or midfield, and often used in a sweeper's role by Palace. Strong in the tackle, with good distribution and leadership skills, Roberts is a former England U21 captain and joined Palace from neighbours Millwall for a Club record £2.25 million in the summer of 1995.

One of the star performers in the Palace line-up is ex-England U21 ace **DEAN GORDON**, who has fairly recently returned to action following an eight month lay-off with Achilles problems. Happy playing at full-back or on the left of midfield, the powerful Gordon is the Palace penalty-taker and likes to shoot from distance.

ROBERT QUINN, like Gordon, is a young man to have progressed through the junior ranks at Selhurst. Having made his senior debut in the last scheduled League match of 1995/96 - v Norwich - Robert kept his place for the Play-Off games and became a regular choice in the centre of defence in the early part of this season. Formerly a captain of the Palace Youth team, he lifted the South East Counties League Division Two trophy in 1994/95.

Hard-working **KEVIN MUSCAT** was captain of Australia's Atlanta '96 Olympic team and is a tough-tackling full-back who scored his first goal for the Club in the 6-1 thrashing of Reading in September, while **DAVID TUTTLE** (06.02.72) is an experienced central defender who followed manager Dave Bassett from Sheff Utd in March 1996 for a fee of £800,000 and has won many admirers at Selhurst Park with his towering performances at the heart of the Palace defence.

One of the biggest names in the First Division, let alone at Selhurst Park, is midfield playmaker **RAY HOUGHTON**. Signed by former manager Alan Smith for £300,000 from Aston Villa in March 1995, Houghton arrived to late to save Palace from relegation, but he led the side to the brink of a return to the Premiership last term.

Palace

PLAYER PROFILE



A series of niggling injuries - including a back problem - have restricted his appearances for Club and country this season.

Houghton is ably supported by former Chelsea man **DAVID HOPKIN**, known as 'Mary'. Happy playing wide on the right of midfield or through the middle, Hopkin is one of Palace's most potent threats, as is borne out by the fact that he has headed the Club's goalscoring list for a large chunk of this season. He has already been watched by Scotland boss Craig Brown, and seems likely to win a national call-up before too long.

Irishman **RORY GINTY** is a highly-rated former YTS at Palace, who signed professional in November 1994, while **DARREN PITCHER** is a tough-tackling and highly competitive midfield 'ball winner' who is anxious to regain a regular first-team spot.

SIMON RODGER is an aggressive, never-say-die midfielder who was brought to Palace from Bognor Regis Town for £1,000 in 1989/90 and has a great left foot. He has had spells on loan at Man City and Stoke this season.

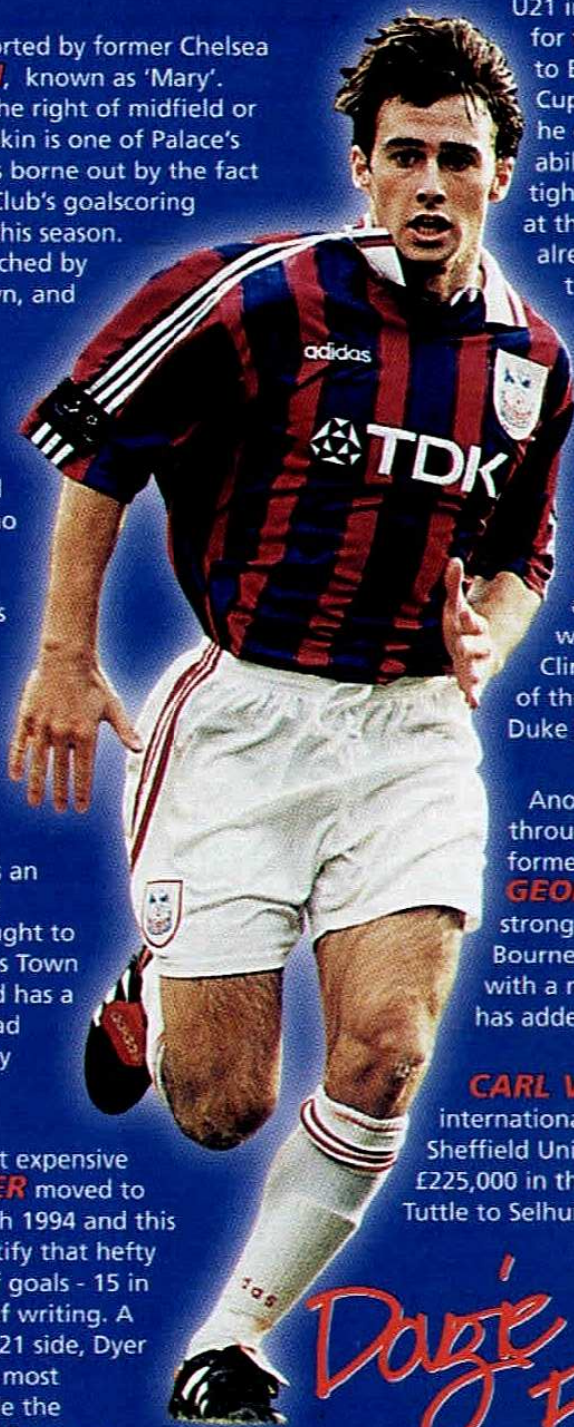
Once the country's most expensive teenager, **BRUCE DYER** moved to Palace for £1.3m in March 1994 and this season has started to justify that hefty price-tag with a string of goals - 15 in the League at the time of writing. A regular in the England U21 side, Dyer is, on his day, one of the most dangerous players outside the Premiership. His tally of 13 League goals last term made him Palace's second highest scorer behind **DOUGIE FREEDMAN**, who

notched an impressive 20 goals in his first season with the Club. Signed from Barnet five games into 1995/96, Freedman is already a Scottish U21 international and was called-up for the Full squad which travelled to Estonia and Latvia for World Cup Qualifying games, although he didn't figure in the team. His ability to turn and create space in tight areas is second to none and at the time of writing he had already found the net 11 times this season.

Young **LEON MCKENZIE** was one of the finds of last season for Palace, after he came off the bench to enjoy a scoring debut v Southend in the Coca-Cola Cup in September 1995. He is the son of former British and European light-welterweight boxing champion Clinton McKenzie, and nephew of three times World Champion Duke McKenzie.

Another player to have come through the ranks at Selhurst is former England Youth star **GEORGE NDAH**. Tall and strong, George had a spell on loan at Bournemouth last term and returned with a new found confidence which has added considerably to his game.

CARL VEART is a Full Australian international who moved to Palace from Sheffield United in March 1996 for £225,000 in the same deal that took David Tuttle to Selhurst Park.



David Freedman

Palace

VITAL STATISTICS



Palace's record over the last 10 years

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
86/87	2	42	19	5	18	51	53	62	6th
87/88	2	44	22	9	13	86	59	75	6th
88/89	2	46	23	12	11	71	49	81	3rd
89/90	1	38	13	9	16	42	66	48	15th
90/91	1	38	20	9	9	50	41	69	3rd
91/92	1	42	14	15	13	53	61	57	10th
92/93	P	42	11	16	15	48	61	49	20th
93/94	1	46	27	9	10	73	46	90	1st
94/95	P	42	11	12	19	34	49	45	19th
95/96	1	46	20	15	11	67	48	75	3rd



10 YEAR RECORD

How Crystal Palace have performed so far this season

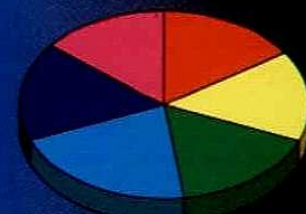
Date	Opps	H/A	Result	Scorers (Goal times)
Aug 18	BIRMINGHAM	(a)	L0-1	
Aug 24	OLDHAM	(h)	W3-1	Hopkin (11,24), Dyer (44)
Aug 27	WEST BROM	(h)	D0-0	
Aug 31	HUDDERSFIELD	(a)	D1-1	Freedman (68)
Sep 07	STOKE	(a)	D2-2	Hopkin (13), Freedman (22)
Sep 10	IPSWICH	(h)	D0-0	
Sep 14	MAN CITY	(h)	W3-1	Hopkin (12,49), Andersen (31)
Sep 21	READING	(a)	W6-1	Tuttle (27), Freedman (37), Muscat (50), Dyer (55pen), Veart (58), Ndah (77)
Sep 28	SOUTHEND	(h)	W6-1	Muscat (2), Houghton (38), Hopkin (49), Veart (53), Dyer (72), Freedman (79)
Oct 01	PORTSMOUTH	(a)	D2-2	
Oct 12	BARNESLEY	(a)	D0-0	
Oct 16	PORT VALE	(a)	W2-0	Dyer (2), Roberts (15)
Oct 19	SWINDON	(h)	L1-2	Dyer (23pen)
Oct 26	GRIMSBY	(h)	W3-0	Dyer (43), Veart (55), Freedman (79)
Oct 29	BRADFORD	(a)	W4-0	Shipperley (35,38), Freedman (58), Hopkin (83)
Nov 02	TRANMERE	(a)	W3-1	Dyer (14), Freedman (48), Hopkin (85)
Nov 10	QPR	(h)	W3-0	Dyer (39), Shipperley (70), Hopkin (90)
Nov 16	BOLTON	(a)	D2-2	Hopkin (39), Freedman (41)
Nov 23	WOLVES	(h)	L2-3	Veart (51), Dyer (55)
Nov 30	GRIMSBY	(a)	L1-2	Shipperley (4)
Dec 07	OXFORD	(h)	D2-2	Dyer (16,80)
Dec 14	NORWICH	(a)	D1-1	Shipperley (3)
Dec 17	SHEFF UTD	(h)	L0-1	
Dec 21	CHARLTON	(h)	W1-0	Shipperley (87)
Dec 26	IPSWICH	(a)	L1-3	Gordon (65pen)
Jan 11	MAN CITY	(a)	D1-1	Ndah (83)
Jan 18	PORTSMOUTH	(h)	L1-2	Quinn (30)
Jan 28	SOUTHEND	(a)	L1-2	Freedman (68)
Feb 01	QPR	(a)	W1-0	Hopkin (22)
Feb 08	BRADFORD	(h)	W3-1	Shipperley (61), Ndah (65), Freedman (74)
Feb 15	WOLVES	(a)	W3-0	Tuttle (17), Veart (71), Dyer (73)
Feb 22	TRANMERE	(h)	L0-1	
Mar 01	OXFORD	(a)	W4-1	Gordon (37), Dyer (50,82), Hopkin (63)
Mar 04	BOLTON	(h)	D1-1	Linighan (50)
Mar 08	CHARLTON	(a)	L1-2	Dyer (60)
Mar 15	NORWICH	(h)	W2-0	Gordon (29pen), McKenzie (34)
Mar 23	OLDHAM	(a)	W1-0	McKenzie (3)
Mar 29	BIRMINGHAM	(h)	L0-1	
Apr 05	HUDDERSFIELD	(h)	D1-1	Shipperley (52)
Apr 09	WEST BROM	(a)	L0-1	
Apr 12	SHEFF UTD	(a)	L0-3	
Apr 15	STOKE	(h)	W2-0	Dyer (6,21)

OUR LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST CRYSTAL PALACE SINCE THE 50'S

Home	Div	Result
04-Mar-1950	3(S)	4-2
26-Aug-1950	3(S)	2-0
05-Jan-1952	3(S)	0-2
01-Nov-1952	3(S)	3-6
13-Feb-1954	3(S)	1-1
12-Feb-1955	3(S)	0-0
26-Dec-1955	3(S)	0-0
23-Feb-1957	3(S)	3-1
22-Feb-1958	3(S)	0-0
23-Dec-1961	3	5-0
02-Feb-1963	3	1-0
25-Aug-1964	2	2-0
27-Apr-1974	2	0-1
22-Mar-1975	3	1-1
04-Nov-1975	3	1-2
02-Nov-1976	3	1-1
27-Mar-1988	2	2-2
25-Apr-1989	2	1-0
Away	Div	Result
08-Sep-1951	3(S)	1-0
21-Mar-1953	3(S)	0-3
26-Sep-1953	3(S)	2-3
25-Sep-1954	3(S)	0-0
27-Dec-1955	3(S)	2-0
13-Oct-1956	3(S)	0-0
12-Oct-1957	3(S)	1-4
26-Aug-1961	3	1-3
15-Sep-1962	3	0-0
02-Sep-1964	2	1-3
01-Dec-1973	2	2-4
07-Sep-1974	3	2-6
07-Feb-1976	3	3-3
12-Apr-1977	3	0-5
24-Oct-1987	2	1-2
21-Jan-1989	2	1-2
19-Oct-1996	1	2-1

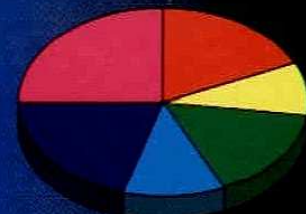
Swindon score first

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



League goals scored this season

clockwise starting at RED	
0-15mins	11
16-30	11
31-45	12
46-60	15
61-75	12
76-90	10
TOTAL	71



League goals conceded to date

clockwise starting at RED	
0-15	8
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31-45	7
46-60	5
61-75	9
76-90	11
TOTAL	44

QuickQuiz!

the question is...

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

1. At which club is George Burley the manager?
2. From which club did Arsenal sign Dennis Bergkamp?
3. At which ground do Oldham play their home games?
4. Man City's Georgi Kinkladze is an international for which country?
5. What is Sheffield United's nickname?
6. Which club knocked Liverpool out of this season's FA Cup?
7. Gary Speed, Brian Horne and Mark Pembridge are all capped by which country?
8. Who is currently the manager at Goodison Park?
9. In which year did Tottenham last reach the FA Cup Final?
10. Which country appeared in three successive World Cup finals but only won the third one?
11. Who were the four Semi-Finalists in this season's European Cup?
12. If Ludek Miklosko saved a penalty from Lee Bowyer, which two teams would you be watching?
13. Who are the current Scottish Coca-Cola Cup holders?
14. For which First Division club does Lee Mills play?
15. Martin O'Neill left which club to take over as manager at Leicester?

WHO AM I?

1. This Player started his Football League career with Palace before moving to Arsenal for £1m.
2. Later moves followed to Newcastle, Q.P.R., Coventry, Everton and Brentford.
3. Capped 86 times by England he now plays outside the Football League.
4. He became assistant manager at Watford for a spell but left in 1996.

RULES OF THE GAME!

A player lights up a cigarette during a game...What should the referee do?

- A. Send him off
- B. Caution him for ungentlemanly conduct
- C. Share it with him

HOME&AWAY..

HOME....

1. At which League club did Fraser Digby start his career?
2. Scott Leitch joined us from where?
3. For how many clubs has Wayne Allison played?

....AND AWAY

1. Who scored Palace's goals in their 2-0 win over Stoke last week?
2. For which country is Ray Houghton an international?

CLOSE UP! WHOSE CREST?



Answers.... 1. Ipswich. 2. Inter Milan. 3. Boundary Park. 4. Georgia. 5. Blades. 6. Chelsea. 7. Wales. 8. Dave Watson. 9. 1991. 10. West Germany. 11. Man United. Borussia Dortmund, Juventus and Ajax. 12. West Ham and Leeds. 13. Rangers. 14. Port Vale. 15. Norwich. **Home:** 1. Man United. 2. Hearts. 3. Four. **Away:** 1. Bruce Dyer. 2. Republic of Ireland. **Who am I:** Kenny Sansom **Rules of the Game:** ans. B. **Whose Crest:** Cardiff City.

a brief look back

Dick Mattick looks back ...

When Swindon travelled to Selhurst Park on 7th February 1976 they cannot have been optimistic. The previous season had seen them slump to a 6-2 defeat.

Palace were lying in second place in the Third Division while Swindon were only just above the bottom four. The fact that Palace were very much the Division's in-form side was confirmed when Malcolm Allison received the Bell's Whisky Manager of the Month Award.

Swindon struck first after 189 minutes when Dave Syrett, continuing to deputise for Peter Eastoe, who was having a run out in Town's Reserve side as he recovered from injury, fought his way through two tackles before crossing for Stroud to score. Just before half time, Palace who had dominated the game and been foiled on a number of occasions only by the skilful keeping of Jim Barron equalised. Nick Chatterton was too quick for Wilf Dixon and Peter Taylor scored from the spot. Any hopes Town had of going in with the scores level vanished when a fierce shot by Swindlehurst was beaten out by Barron only for Chatterton to follow up and score.

Swindon's uphill task became even steeper when Chatterton scored a second with a drive to the bottom corner of the net from twenty yards out. With Barron probably wishing he was on piece rate most people felt the only issue left to be decided would be the margin of the Londoners victory but as Jimmy Greaves says "It's a funny old game"

With 15 minutes left Peter Anderson set Syrett away and, with Palace looking for an

offside flag, the Salisbury born striker stroked the ball home with his left foot. A minute later a fine run down the left by Dave Moss ended with a centre which Syrett headed delicately into the Palace net for the final goal of the 3-3 draw.

Big Mal didn't see the funny side "I don't believe it. We were slaughtering them. We should have got 10 goals", he said. They didn't and Swindon reflected on a point won while Palace reflected on one lost. How times change is shown by the season's final Third Division table. Swindon ended the season in 19th place one position above Sheffield Wednesday while Palace, despite having an average home gate nearly 5,000 above any other team in the Division, slipped away to finish fifth, four points behind promoted Cardiff City and 10 points behind Champions Hereford United.

Teams: Swindon: Barron; Taylor, Burrows, Prophett, Trollope; Dixon, McLaughlin, Stroud, Moss; Anderson, Syrett.

Crystal Palace: Hammond; Jeffries, Evans, Jump, Cannon, Wall, Hinshelwood, Chatterton; Taylor, Swindlehurst, Whittle.

As this is the last home game of the season I thought it would be an appropriate time to give you all the answers to the questions we have asked in our Matchday Magazine.

The talented pop singer in the Chelsea squad of 1963 was **Terry Venables**.

Chic Bates was the player who turned down a move to Bristol Rovers in 1980.

Jimmy Barron was the goalkeeper in the other 40 matches of the 1974/75 season.

The Swindon player in the 1924 cup tie against Oldham whose son also played for Swindon was **Bertie Denyer**.

The non-league club for which Tommy Jenkins played was **Maidstone United**.

The Swindon players who appeared in both play-off finals were **Fraser Dibby, Paul Bodin, Colin Calderwood, Ross MacLaren & Steve White**.

The Queens Park Rangers player in the 1971 match who later joined Swindon was **Mick McGovern**.

In the 1982 match with Oxford United, **Charlie Henry, Kevin Baddeley, Kenny Stroud & Paul Rideout** had all graduated from the Swindon schoolboys team.

Bryan Wade was the player who was nicknamed "Badger".

Swindon's leading scorer in the 1973/74 season was **Peter Eastoe** with eight league goals.

The player who clinched Swindon's promotion with a late goal against Shrewsbury in 1963 was **Roger Smart**.

Swindon defeated Barnsley 2-1 in Paris in 1910 to win the Dubonnet Cup.

The last season, prior to the present one when Swindon, Reading and Oxford all appeared in the same division was **1981/82** when they were all in the old Division Three.

Jim Finney was the famous footballing name who was referee of the Swindon versus Bolton match in December 1970.

Roy Wegerle scored for Coventry City against Swindon in the Premiership.

The two players who were ever present for four consecutive seasons were **John Trollope & Don Rogers**.

Stan Harland was the Swindon captain who later played for Birmingham in an FA Cup semi-final.

Fred Ford was the Swindon Town manager who made 22 appearances for Charlton Athletic.

talkin' tactics

with First Team Coach Mike Walsh



In view of the disappointing end to the season we had a clear the air meeting with the players on Monday.

There was a frank exchange of views and various reasons for the decline over the recent weeks were given.

Some of the reasons included; the number of players that had been used. There has not been a settled side and only Wayne Allison has played 35 League games.

Having to chop and change defensively hasn't helped and of course a lack of confidence has played a big part with players not wanting the ball as much as when things are going well.

Overall the conclusion which came through was that the players needed to work harder as a team and it had been difficult to sustain the effort once we reached 52 points.

When asked if the players felt there was enough quality to pull through, to a man they all thought

there was, although they agreed that there wasn't enough depth in the squad and that is something we will be looking at during the summer.

What we need before the season finishes is one good result to spark things off again and let's hope that comes this afternoon against Crystal Palace because we want to finish on a high here after letting you the supporters down in recent weeks.

Next week sees us travel to Huddersfield for our final league game before we take our summer break.

Everyone reports back on July 1st and the final plans are now being set for a pre-season tour of Southern Ireland.

We hope to leave on around July 10th for a six day tour which will included three matches.

Until then, thanks for your continued support and I look forward to speaking to you again soon.

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**NEW
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league update

by Colin Benson



It's First Division football for us next season but for Barnsley this afternoon could be the most momentous in their 110 year history.

If the Tykes managed to win at **Portsmouth** in midweek then victory over **Bradford City** this afternoon will confirm them as the division's second automatic promotion side. It will be the first time ever the men from Oakwell have appeared in the top division.

No one can deny that Danny Wilson's side don't deserve the reward but they are not quite there yet and can still feel the panting breath of the **Wolves**, who are in hot pursuit, on their necks.

If **Barnsley** succeed it will be another blow for the unfashionable underdogs and a big incentive to clubs like ours that have meagre financial resources to draw upon. Mind you it's not over yet. Fratton Park is a tricky venue and though on paper almost the whole division separates **Barnsley** from **Bradford City** a Yorkshire derby is never easy to negotiate.

Barnsley are without star defender Matty Appleby after he tore ankle ligaments in the 1-1 draw at **Crystal Palace** last week but in former **Middlesbrough** pair Paul Wilkinson and John Hendrie they surely have the fire-power to make it a great day.

Meanwhile **Wolves** are poised to capitalise on any slip-ups.

A 4-1 thrashing of **Southend United** kept them in touch and tomorrow they will be looking to put on a show for the live TV transmission from **Port Vale**. With John Rudge's team also determined to make the play-offs this promises to be a tense affair.

Our old boss Lou Macari dented **Vale's** hopes last week when his **Stoke City** side beat them 2-0. It left John Rudge deflated and he admitted: "It was a typical derby, tense and tight, and we were stifled out of it. Two wins could still put us in there but we have to play better than we did against **Stoke**."

Vale are up against the side that has recorded more away wins than any in this division and Steve Bull and company will be keyed up for this one. Could be away win number 12 for the rampant **Wolves**.

Bolton Wanderers were home to **Charlton** and **Norwich City** entertained **Manchester City** last night but the most significant fixture was that between **Portsmouth** and **Ipswich**. Fratton Park has been a rewarding venue for Town in recent years and having disposed of rivals **Norwich City** so comprehensively last week they were expecting to cement their position in the play-offs with a good result.

Sheffield United, who have blown hot and cold, are home to **Stoke** this afternoon. Now Bramall Lane is not an impregnable fortress these days the Blades have dropped 25 points there but they have far more at stake than the Potters and my money is on a home win. By the way, Howard Kendall introduced one of his youngsters, Chris Bettney, at

Tranmere who showed plenty of quality and caused the opposition all sorts of trouble. Definitely a name to look out for.

Talking of **Tranmere** - who of course we met in the semi-finals of the play-offs on route to the Premiership - it's crunch day for them at Loftus Road. Defeat today would virtually rub them out as play-off candidates this time. The problem too many points dropped at home.

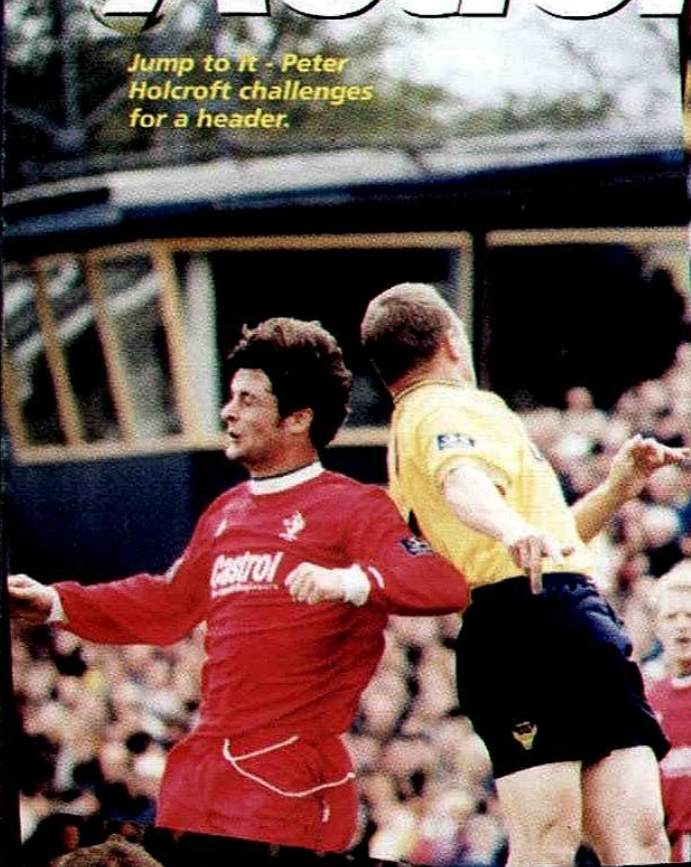
Striker Lee Jones, on loan from **Liverpool**, has been keeping player-manager John Aldridge out of the starting line but this could be a time to call on experience. **Rangers** flagging promotion hopes have been revived by successive 3-0 wins over **Grimsby** and **Manchester City** and another victory this afternoon followed by success at **Bradford City** next week could see them into the play-offs. A draw will be no good to either side so it should be a dramatic afternoon at Loftus Road.

It is even more tense for those embroiled in the fight against relegation. **Huddersfield Town** will be expected to get the one point they need to guarantee First Division football at **Southend**. It is a crucial one this for Ronnie Whelan's battlers as they finish their programme at **Grimsby** but even though the Terriers have not scored in their last two games new signing David Beresford and the return of powerhouse defender Andy Morrison should be good enough for a point.

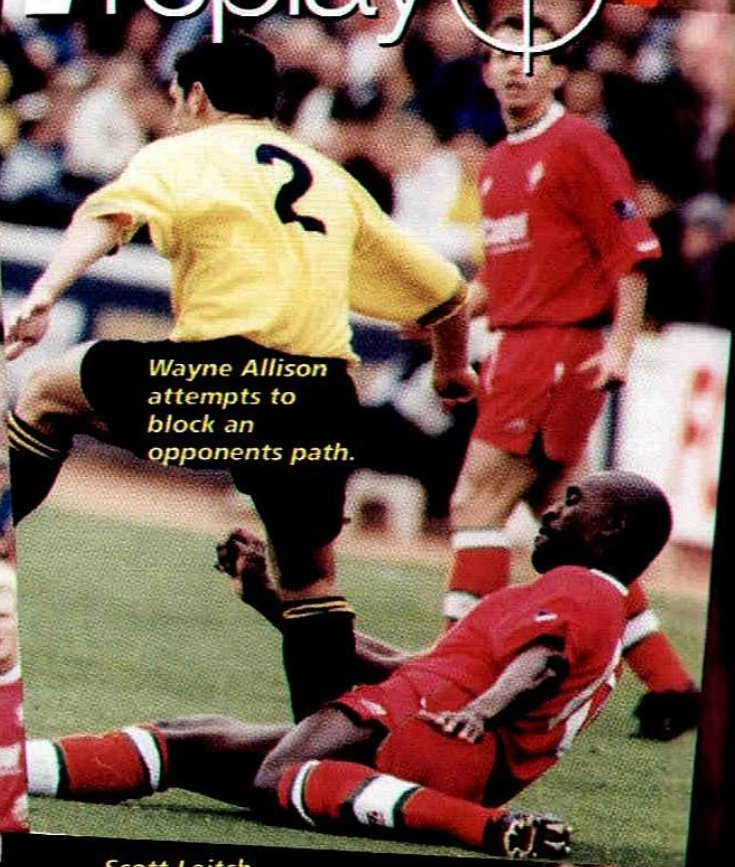
Neil Warnock might not save **Oldham** from the drop but he has given it a damn good try. A 0-0 draw with **Bolton** last week demonstrated the spirit he has stimulated at Boundary Park.

Action replay

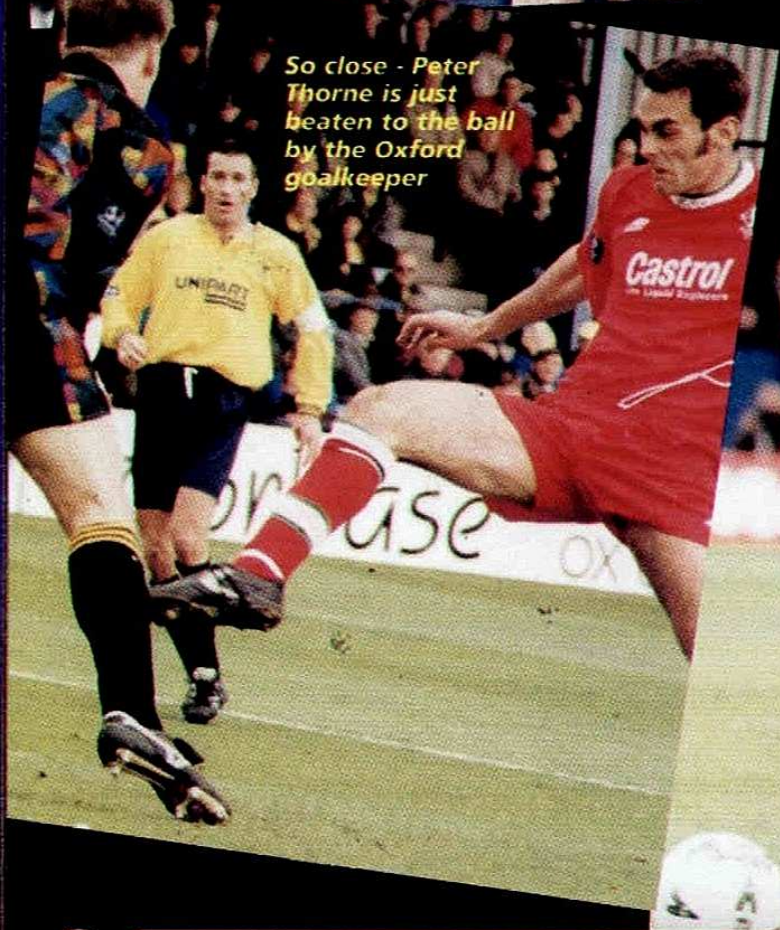
Jump to it - Peter Holcroft challenges for a header.



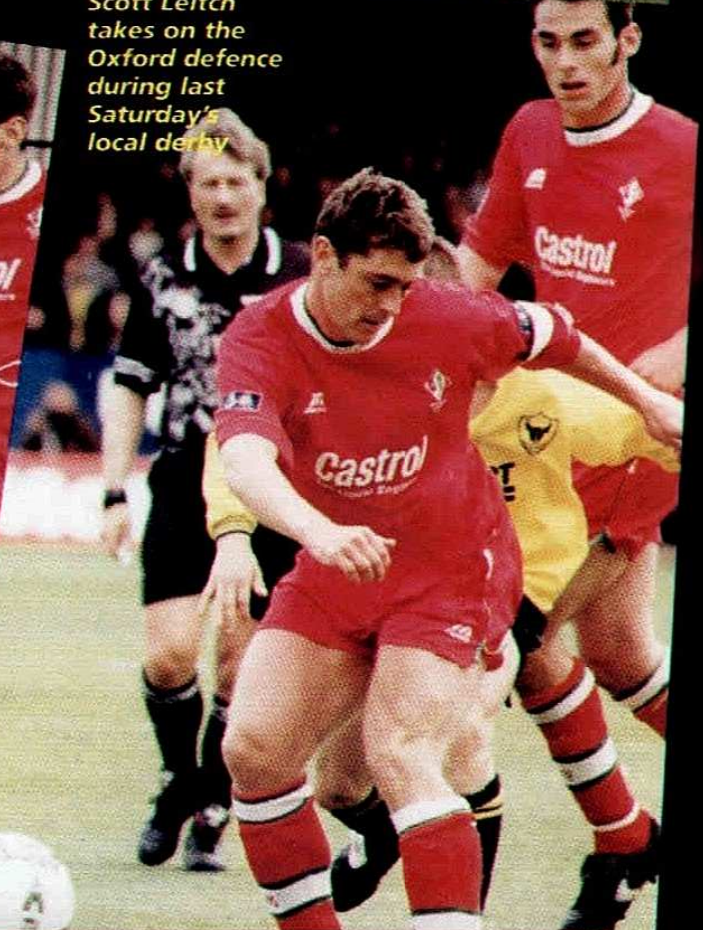
Wayne Allison attempts to block an opponents path.

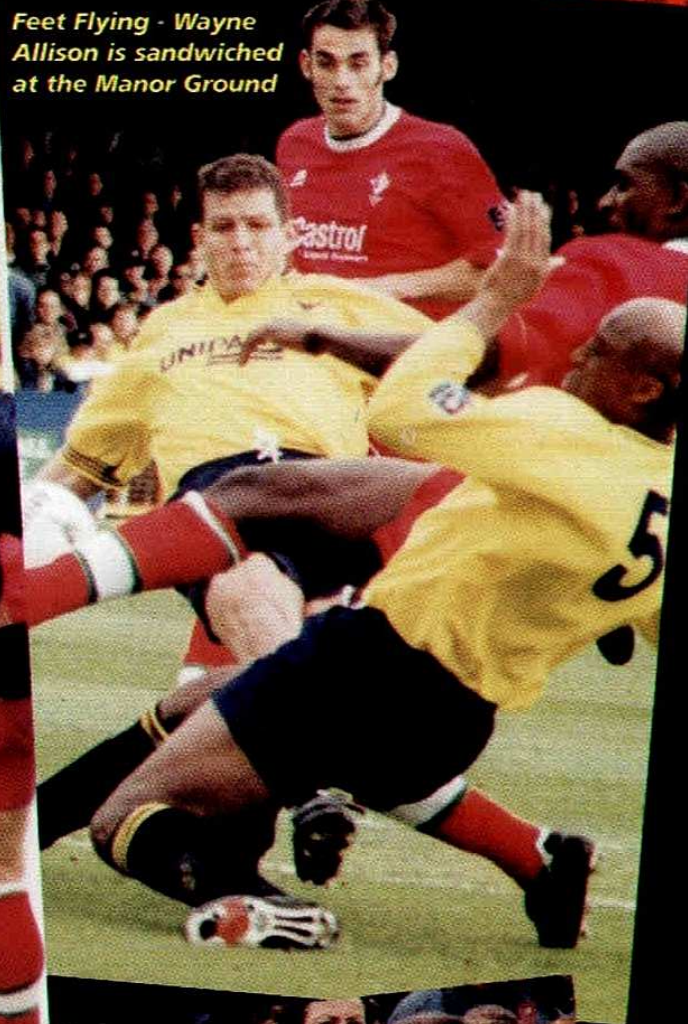


So close - Peter Thorne is just beaten to the ball by the Oxford goalkeeper.

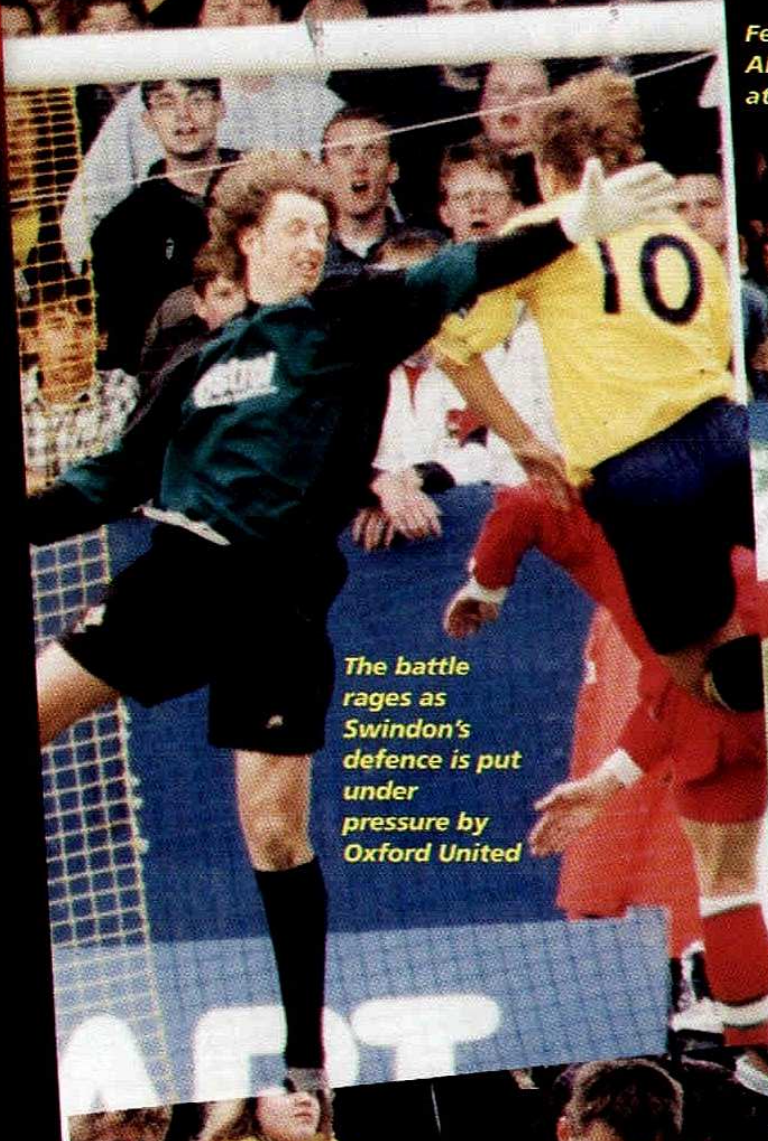


Scott Leitch takes on the Oxford defence during last Saturday's local derby.





Feet Flying - Wayne Allison is sandwiched at the Manor Ground



The battle rages as Swindon's defence is put under pressure by Oxford United



This way, then that way - Frenchman, Frederic Darras turns his marker

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Oxford Utd 2 Swindon Town 0
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
Attendance: 8,167



community

Today is a very special day as we are staging the final of our prestigious Community Office Schools 8-a-side Tournament.

Back in November 28 schools entered and after a series of exciting Friday evening matches this group has been whittled down to the last two as Windmill Hill Primary School and Lethbridge Junior School battle it out for the winners trophy.

The Windmill Hill team includes: Phillip Williams, Eddie Powell, Ben Hollingshead, Christopher Flanagan, Thomas Green, Mark Richardson, Owen Allenden, Andrew Bowles and Daniel Pratt.

Playing for Lethbridge are: Jamie Ashby, Michael George, Michael Tkaczyk, James Munday, David Griffin, Thomas Beck, Ben Harris, Sam Coward, Sam Packer, Charlie Arnold and Jack Hazzard.

Commiserations to Wroughton and Southfield who narrowly lost in the semi finals recently on penalties.

The tournament has proved to be a great success and a special thank you needs to go to Judith Kitson, Graham Barnes, Tom Jones and Chris Kirkland for all their help and support.

Jon and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support in this our first full season in charge of the Community Office. We have had a fantastic year and this is mainly due to your enthusiasm in what has been a season of mixed emotions.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Whitsun and Summer Fun Weeks.

Have a nice summer and we'll see you all again soon.



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A new course is beginning at Park Youth Centre Marlowe Avenue. The course will run for seven weeks at a cost of £14.00 per child. The course will run on Tuesdays at 3.30 - 4.30 for 5 - 8 year olds and 4.30 - 5.30 for 8 - 12 year olds - so don't delay and enrol today.

We recently looked after a group of Welsh School children who had a great day out at the County Ground.

Penyreglyn Junior School from the Rhondda Valley were invited along as guests of the Club and they certainly had a day to remember.

Fourteen lucky youngsters took part in a training session, they then had a game before being given a guided tour of the ground.

The school runs football teams for Under 11's, Under 9's and girls with all the sides playing 7 a side friendly fixtures.



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the junior robins

with Louise Kaye

It's quite unbelievable to think today is the last home game of the season and I'm sure you will make the most of the afternoon cheering on the Town in what will be an exciting day.

Welcome the big birds

This morning the Junior Robins welcomed the Junior Eagles to Swindon for football on the County Ground Extension and to watch the game. Hopefully you all had a great morning and will make up for the forthcoming football drought by making plenty of noise this afternoon. An extended welcome to Palace's mascot 'Pete the Eagle' who many of you will recognise and will also be celebrating today, along with our very own Rockin' Robin.

Hello marcus

Marcus Gabb is the lucky winner who sent in the questionnaire and won a day at the County Ground. Eleven year old Marcus and a friend are here today with compliments of STFC, meeting the players, enjoying the atmosphere behind-the-scenes and hopefully seeing the Town gain 3 points. Enjoy your day! Thanks to everyone who returned their questionnaires and you will be informed of the results over the next few weeks.

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During the holidays there's going to be plenty of activities to keep you busy including trips to major attractions and a brilliant summer barbecue. Your membership expires on June 30th and details of renewing will be in your May Newsletter. New members will be able to collect application forms from the Club Shop in June.

Please note that Monday 28th April sees the last training session but do not despair because you'll be kept informed of all community office courses over the summer. On behalf of the Robins, a big thank you to Clive, Jon and all the coaches for their help this season.

Enormous thanks also to Alan Layzell who represented Swindon Town at away trips, matchday football and co-ordinating the ballboys. Thank you once again for all your support.

Last but not least give yourselves a massive pat on the back for your support of the Town this season. You've travelled miles, played the game, worn the shirt and done the Club proud.

Enjoy your Junior Robins summer and see you back at the County Ground in August!

today's lucky mascots



Happy Birthday to **Gawain Espley** who is celebrating his 13th birthday today. Gawain from Wantage, Oxon attends King Alfred's School and enjoys football, cricket and tennis. He plays as left-back for Wantage Concorde and his favourite player is Steve Finney.



Victoria Berwick lives in Middleleaze and is a pupil at Saltway Primary School. Her hobbies include reading, painting, netball and football and her favourite player is Steve Finney. Victoria is 10 years old tomorrow so I'm sure meeting Steve this afternoon will make her day.



Seven year old **Daniel James** is from Kempford, Glos and he attends Kempford Primary School. Daniel's hobbies include football, tennis and action man. He is a big fan of the Town and his favourite player is Fraser Digby.



Crystal Palace mascot **Louise Thomson** is 11 years old today and lives in Shirley, Surrey. Louise attends Thomas Beckett Primary School and her hobbies are horse riding and supporting Crystal Palace. Her favourite Palace players are Chris Day and Carlo Nash.



Crystal Palace's second mascot and also with the same name is **Louise Slattery** from Highworth. Louise is 14 years of age and a pupil at St. Joseph's School in Stratton. Her hobbies include football, netball and gymnastics and she has a pet Cairn Terrier.

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
Thu Apr 3	Southampton	A	2-0
SAT APR 12	BARNET	H	5-4
SAT APR 19	BRISTOL CITY	H	3-0
Mon Apr 28	AFC Bournemouth	A	
MON MAY 5	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	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	CHELTHAM 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
APR 5	CHELTHAM (LCOF)	H	4-2
APR 12	CIRENCESTER (LCSF)	H	5-2

All home Saturday fixtures kick-off at 11.00am - Wednesday fixtures kick-off at 2.00pm.

* Won 4-1 on penalties

youth team focus

with Tommy Wheeldon



South East Counties League Division Two Swindon Town Youth 5 Barnet Youth 4

Fielding a team which included two schoolboys and four trialists I was delighted with the victory over Barnet in this nine goal bonanza.

We made a tentative start which was understandable as a lot of the players didn't know each other but we gradually found our form and took a 2-0 half time lead thanks to goals by Alex Finlayson and Ian McSherry.

A quick double by Finlayson completed his hat trick and made it 4-0 and at this stage I decided to make some changes.

The experienced Finlayson and Michael Pattimore were replaced by Under 15 striker Tony Falvo and trialist Brian Brogden.

Both acquitted themselves well but unfortunately Barnet hit back with two goals to close the gap.

A goal by Matty Coupe made it 5-2 before Under 16 player Steve Jenkins came on to make his debut.

During the last five minutes Barnet were rewarded for their never say die attitude with two further goals but my lads held out for a fine win.

Another lad to mention is Scott Evans who played his first game for us after travelling up from South Wales.

Team: Tarran, Pattimore, Wheeldon, Penning, Davis, Campello, Coupe, Evans, Peters,

McSherry, Finlayson. **Subs:** Falvo, Brogden, Jenkins.

South West Counties League Cup semi-final. Swindon Town Youth 5 Cirencester Youth 2

A superb second half showing saw Swindon overcome their arch rivals to move into the South West Counties League Cup Final.

Trailing 1-0 at half time some stern words at the interval had the desired affect as Swindon came storming back.

Alex Meechan levelled, Craig Tuck fired us in front before Simon Futchter made it 3-1 and then Robin Hulbert headed home the fourth after a great move involving Tuck and Chris O'Connell.

A cheeky back heal by Meechan completed the rout before Cirencester sneaked a late consolation with the last kick of the game.

The youngsters were due to meet Exeter City Youth in the final at Yeovil Town's ground today.

Team: Betterton, O'Connell, Futchter, Cope, Hodson, Thorne, Simpkins, MacDiarmid, Hulbert, Tuck, Meechan. **Subs:** Dobson, Hughes, Sutdeh.



**South East Counties
League Division Two
Swindon Town Youth 3
Bristol City Youth 0**

**Three well taken goals
secured a well deserved
win for the Youth team
against our local rivals
from Bristol.**

We couldn't have wished for a better start as long range specialist Phil MacDiarmid found the net from 25 yards in the very first minute.

We continued to play some good passing football without the end product until just before half time when Matty Coupe powered in a header after a pinpoint cross by Michael Pattimore.

During the interval I decided to give Pattimore and Alex Finlayson a rest bringing on Sam Campagna for his debut and allowing Alex Meechan to continue his come-back from injury.

Meechan immediately looked

back to his best with some excellent foraging runs and it was he who added the third goal after a great build up involving Chris O'Connell and Matty Coupe.

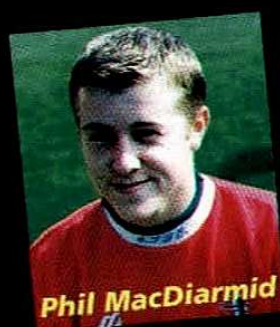
Meechan had earlier hit the post following an excellent run and he was one of several players who were outstanding with Chris O'Connell and Robin Hulbert also looking class acts.

Team: Betterton, Pattimore, Wheeldon, Hodson, Thorne, Coupe, Hulbert, MacDiarmid, Davis, O'Connell, Finlayson.

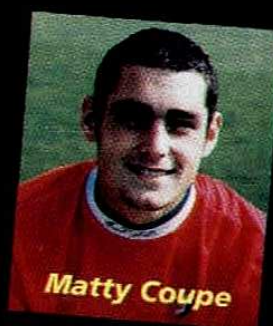
Subs: Meechan, Campagna, Tarran.

**South East Counties
League Division 2
at 19th April 1997**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Luton Town	29	21	5	3	67	29	47	+38
Crystal Palace	30	19	7	4	69	27	45	+42
Southampton	29	19	2	8	55	25	40	+30
Oxford United	29	14	10	5	53	36	38	+17
Tottenham H.	30	12	9	9	48	33	33	+15
SWINDON TOWN	28	12	7	9	53	43	31	+10
Colchester United	29	11	8	10	48	39	30	+09
Brighton & H.A.	30	12	6	12	41	51	30	-10
Wimbledon	29	11	7	11	39	26	29	+13
Wycombe W.	30	11	7	12	32	33	29	-01
Bristol City	28	9	7	12	42	56	25	-14
AFC Bournemouth	25	8	6	11	36	49	22	-13
Bristol Rovers	29	8	5	16	41	56	21	-15
Brenford	29	5	7	17	37	61	17	-24
Reading	30	7	3	20	35	86	17	-51
Barnet	30	2	6	22	27	73	10	-46



Phil MacDiarmid



Matty Coupe



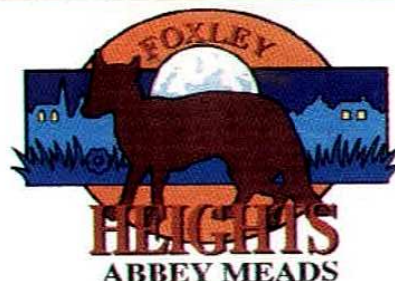
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Swindon Town are pleased to announce that National Power have agreed to continue their sponsorship of the Club's Centre of Excellence for another two years.

Thanks to National Power's backing the Club will be able to continue their search for the stars of the future and manager Steve McMahon is delighted:

"It's great news that National Power have agreed to continue their partnership with us. Finding and developing the best raw talent is a vital part of Swindon Town's plans for the future."

Dr Peter Alberry, Director of Engineering at National Power said: "As a major company with its headquarters in Swindon, National Power is supportive of local organisations providing facilities for the young people of the area to improve their skills.


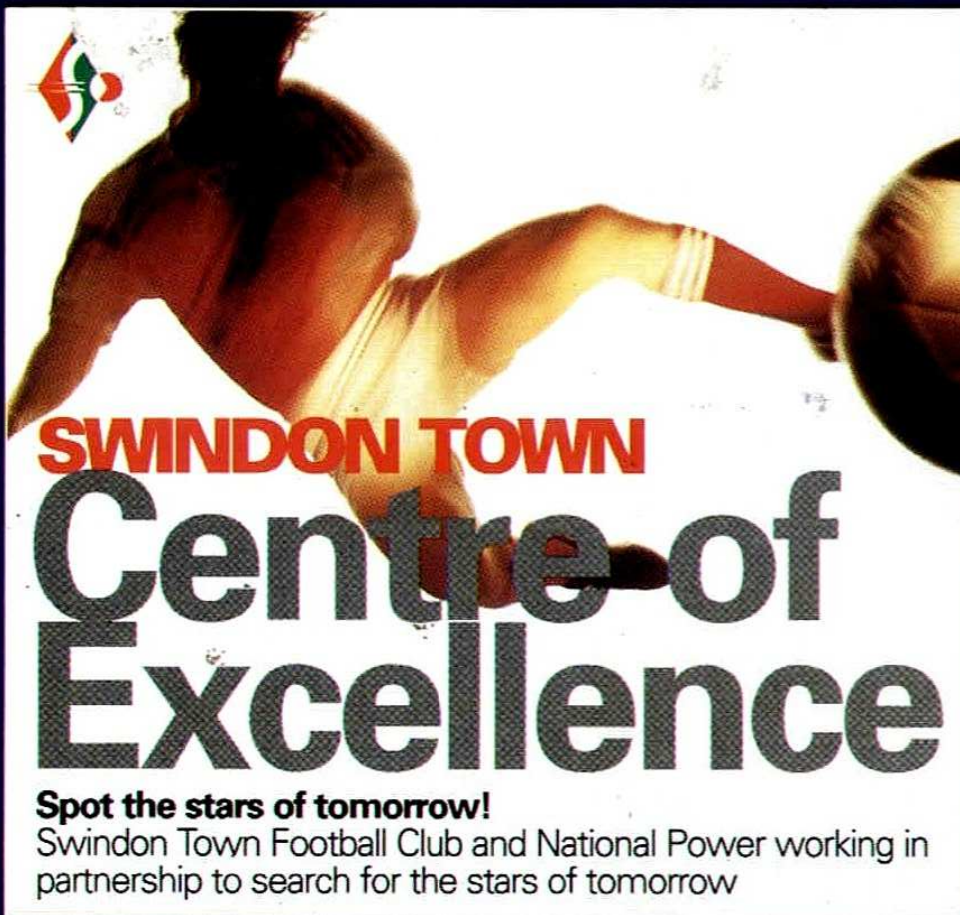
"Swindon Town's School of Excellence will teach the importance of individual skill, teamwork and commitment - all the values National Power believes in as a company in its drive to maintain a leading position in the international energy market."

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support -

Steve McMahon shakes on a deal with Dr. Peter Alberry, Director of Engineering at National Power after it was announced that the company will be continuing their sponsorship of Swindon's Centre of Excellence. Looking on is Youth Development Officer Phil Cannon.




Pictured are youngsters from Swindon's Centre of Excellence with Dr. Peter Alberry, Director of Engineering at National Power (left), Swindon Town manager Steve McMahon (right) along with Phil Cannon, Swindon's Youth Development Officer and Tom Jones, Centre of Excellence coach.



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**Avon Insurance
Combination League
Swindon Town Reserves 3
Q.P.R. Reserves 1**

Another solid showing from the Reserves made it five wins in a row as we continued our decent run at the County Ground.

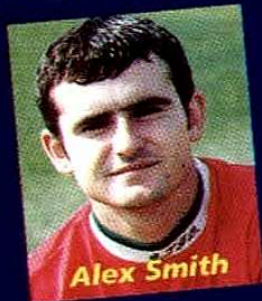
We couldn't have wished for a better start with Steve Finney firing home a free kick in only the second minute. Alex Smith made it 2-0 mid-way through the first half with a terrific solo strike as he skipped past a defender and unleashed an unstoppable shot into the top corner.

The visitors managed to peg one back when Nigel Quashie slotted in from eight yards but we responded within a minute as Jason Drysdale's deflected shot fell nicely for Alex Finlayson to nod home from close range.

Overall I was delighted with the win and with the way we passed the ball around.

Team: Talia, Anthony (O'Sullivan), Drysdale, Watson, Elkins, Taylor, Pattimore, Smith, Finney, Finlayson, Holcroft.

Subs: Meechan, Hulbert.



Alex Smith

**Avon Insurance
Combination League
Swindon Town Reserves 2
Ipswich Town Reserves 1**

The second string continued on the crest of a wave last Monday when they beat table-topping Ipswich here at the County Ground thanks to second half goals by Steve Cowe and Alex Finlayson.

But we started sloppily and were let off the hook in the first few minutes when a visiting forward found himself clean through but mis-hit his shot with an open goal gaping.

At the other end Darren Bullock went close twice in quick succession but the half time score remained goal-less.

However we took the lead seven minutes into the second half when Steve Cowe flicked the ball in after great work by Bullock along the by-line and two minutes later it was 2-0 as Cowe set up Alex Finlayson.

There were further chances with Graham Anthony firing a long-range shot just wide, while Steve Cowe shot poorly after a great run and Finlayson saw an effort well saved.

Ipswich pegged one back six minutes from time when Bobby Petta cut into the box and beat Frank Talia at his near post but we held on until the final whistle for another fine victory.

Team: Talia, O'Sullivan, Elkins, Anthony (Hulbert), Coughlan, Taylor, Pattimore, Bullock, Cowe, Finlayson, Gooden. **Subs:** Meechan, W. Thorne.

Fixtures 96/97

**Avon Insurance
Combination Div 1**

Mon Aug 26	Swansea City	(L)	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 (L)		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 (L)		A 1-2
Mon Feb 03	AFC Bournemouth		A 2-2
MON FEB 10	SOUTHAMPTON		H 2-2
WED MAR 05	BRISTOL CITY (L)		H 2-1
WED MAR 12	NORWICH CITY		H 0-1
Mon Mar 17	Chelsea		A 2-1
WED MAR 19	CARDIFF CITY (L)		H 1-0
MON MAR 24	MILLWALL		H 1-0
Tue Apr 08	West Ham United		A 3-1
MON APR 14	Q.P.R.		H 3-1
MON APR 21	IPSWICH TOWN		H 2-1
Wed Apr 23	Wimbledon		A 2-4
Wed Apr 30	Swansea City		A 2-00
TBA	Watford		A 7-30

All home fixtures are to be played at The County Ground and will kick-off at the time indicated above.

Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning.

Avon Insurance Combination Div 1 at 16th April 1997

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Ipswich Town	19	12	4	3	39	12	40	+27
Portsmouth	19	13	1	5	36	21	40	+15
Wimbledon	18	11	5	2	36	21	38	+15
Tottenham H.	19	10	4	5	41	24	34	+17
Crystal Palace	20	9	5	6	33	30	32	+03
SWINDON TOWN	19	9	4	6	35	30	31	+05
Arsenal	19	8	5	6	42	26	29	+16
Brighton & H.A.	19	7	7	5	35	30	28	+05
Q.P.R.	18	8	3	6	33	29	27	+04
Chelsea	18	8	3	6	27	29	27	-02
AFC Bournemouth	20	7	4	9	34	41	25	-07
Oxford United	20	6	5	9	35	36	23	-01
Swansea City	19	6	5	8	20	30	23	-10
Bristol City	20	6	4	10	37	34	22	+03
Luton Town	17	6	4	7	18	20	22	-02
Chalton Athletic	17	6	4	7	23	29	22	-06
Watford	17	6	4	7	21	27	22	-06
Millwall	18	6	3	9	27	33	21	-06
Southampton	18	5	5	8	27	33	20	-06
Bristol Rovers	20	5	4	11	20	38	19	-18
West Ham United	18	5	3	10	22	33	18	-11
Cardiff City	18	4	5	9	15	36	17	-21
Norwich City	18	3	5	10	26	40	14	-14

RUN IS ENDED...

Swindon Town Reserves' saw their unbeaten run come to an end at Wimbledon last Wednesday when they went down 4-2.

Trailing 2-0 at half time Swindon conceded two more before making the final score look a little more respectable as Freddie Darras (penalty) and man of the match Alex Finlayson scored.

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To All Supporters

Firstly thank you for your support during 1996/97. Here we are, looking forward to the start of a new season once again. This time it's going to be completely different, because I've got a unique opportunity for you. Read on to find out more!

What did we achieve last season? Well, we achieved exactly what we set out to do. even with a poor run in at the end, we've been able to consolidate our presence in the First Division and stopped the dreaded 'yo yo' effect of struggling to avoid relegation after a promotion season.

Next season our clear goal is to reach at least a play off position. The Board have shown their support for this goal by agreeing to extend and strengthen the playing squad during the close season. This, in itself, will involve a significant commitment to additional wage costs.

I am confident that we will then have most of the ingredients we need for a successful 1997/8. However we also need the positive feeling that comes from large numbers of dedicated supporters at all of our matches, and this is where you come in. So here's that unique opportunity...

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Now we pride ourselves on being honest and understand that you want success as much as we do. I don't know of any other Club in history, who has had this much confidence in the coming season - we know we can do it but we need your help so please look closely at the enclosed details and apply for your Season Ticket now - you've got nothing to lose and everything to gain!

STEVE McMAHON

How To Apply

If you are already a Season Ticket holder you will automatically be sent a renewal letter with the option to take up your existing seat. New requests are very straight forward: If you are applying by Post simply write to us, stating your required Stand, Seat, DOB and enclose the required fee. Alternatively, you are welcome to visit the ground and make your selection, no application is needed, just pop in to the Ticket Office and you can take away your new Season Card there and then! Why not buy your ticket over the phone using your Credit/Debit Card we will process your application and post your Season Card the same day, phone the CREDIT CARD LINE
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Existing Season Ticket holder's seats will be reserved until 1st July 1997.

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Season Ticket Prices 1997/98

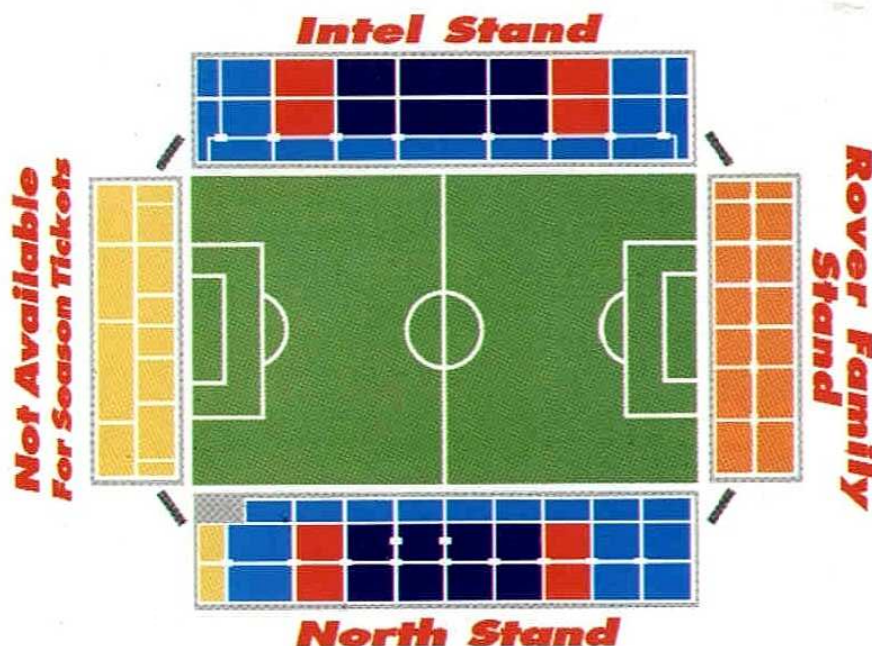
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	£48.00	£53.00	£6.62	£53.00	£2.50	£6.00
	£200.00	£220.00	£27.50	£220.00	£11.00	N/A
	£20.00	£22.00	£2.75	£22.00	£1.00	N/A
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NORTH STAND & INTEL STAND - ENCLOSURE/WINGS Full Price Concessions Juniors	£240.00	£264.00	£33.00	£264.00	£12.00	£12.50
	£140.00	£154.00	£19.25	£154.00	£7.00	£7.50
	£100.00	£110.00	£13.75	£140.00	£6.50	£7.50
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	£150.00	£165.00	£20.62	£165.00	£7.50	£8.00
	£110.00	£121.00	£15.12	£150.00	£7.00	£8.00
NORTH STAND & INTEL STAND - CENTRE BLOCK Full Price Concessions Juniors	£290.00	£319.00	£39.87	£319.00	£14.50	£15.00
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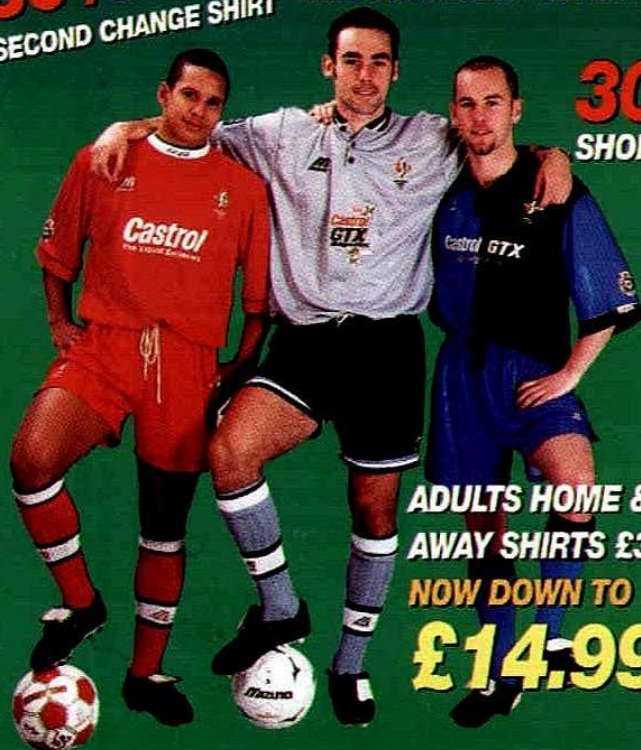
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Rikki Hunt takes to the high seas

Director of Football Rikki Hunt is renowned for his sense of adventure and he recently took time out from negotiating players contracts to take up the challenge of spending seven days at sea.

Rikki stepped aboard the tall ship Lord Nelson as one of six helpers who teamed up with a disabled group known as the Swindon Sealegs.

Initially Rikki and the Swindon Town Board agreed to sponsor three disabled places on the first voyage for the Sealegs, who were established to enable local people with disabilities to experience a sea voyage.

But when Rikki was invited to go along as well, he was quick to take up the challenge.

"Like a lot of people I had a natural apprehension towards disabled people so I hoped I might learn something.

"I wasn't sure how I would cope with the situation and to be honest I was uncomfortable when I met up with everyone, but that soon disappeared.

"They were a great bunch and what really came across was how much they can do despite their disabilities - the trip gave them so much confidence."

"I felt I learnt from their disability and I would certainly do it again," he said.

By coincidence Rikki did around 300 miles of sailing, this after covering the same distance on skis during his polar expedition with explorer David Hempleman-Adams.

But it wasn't all plain sailing as Rikki soon found out.

"I was stunned to learn that there were no passengers and I like everyone else had to work 8-10 hour shifts while on board.

"We all had the chance to go up the mast, including those in their wheelchairs who were hoisted up. Everyone navigated, including a lady who was blind and we all spent time at the helm and out on the yard-arm which was exhilarating."

But the big question is, was Rikki sea-sick? The answer. "No way, not after someone put a bet on that I would.

"I must admit I came close a few times but I didn't succumb and the winnings went to a good cause -the Swindon Sealegs."

The person who made the bet was Bruce Merrett the organiser of the trip who thought Rikki made a pretty good sailor.



Rikki Hunt with his fellow crew members before setting sail

"He was obviously apprehensive at the beginning but by the end of the voyage he was just another crew member.

"I think the trip changed him and he realised that all disabled people want is support and understanding. They don't want to be patronised."

Swindon Sealegs are on the look-out for sponsors to help finance their next voyage in October and anyone interested should contact Bruce Merrett on 01793 618627.

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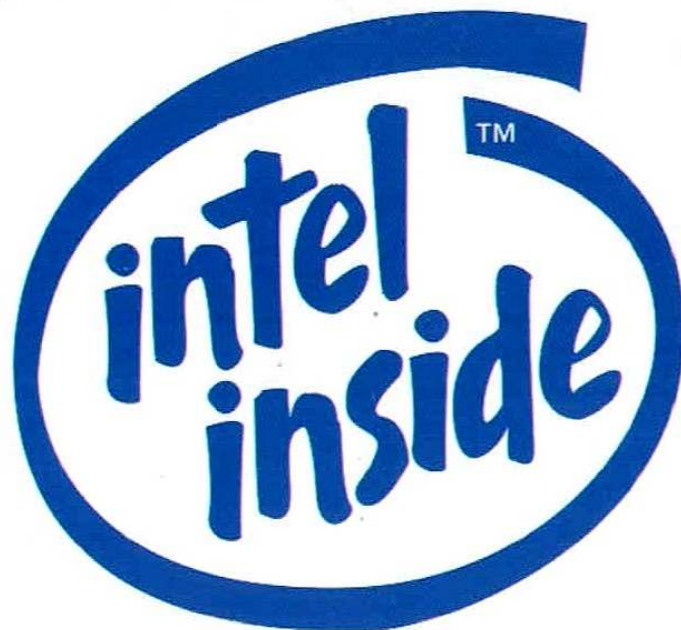
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By Dave Hollister

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The Nest-Egg draw against Ipswich two weeks ago was won with ticket number 11635 sold outside the clubs Superstore. Nigel Freeth of Shaw collected £603!

The answer to the question posed in the Ipswich programme was 'Fraser Digby'. Fraser made his 127th appearance for The Town against Ipswich on 14th October. The first correct answer drawn was sent in by Andrew Skinner of Witney, Oxon. Fraser will present the autographed ball to him before today's game.

Don't forget the programme fair being held in the Supporters Social Club on Saturday 17th May 1997. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Admission is free and there will be 1,000's of old and new programmes available, including the one for the F.A. Cup Final being played that afternoon! It is with Great sadness that I report the death of



Lionel Lock. Lionel was the club's longest serving lottery agent. His area was the Village of Ramsbury, where he was held in the highest esteem. On a personal note, I shall miss him for many reasons but none more so than as a good friend and a man of great quality. Everyone at the Club expresses sincere sympathy to Val and the family!

As this is the last home game of the season, I would like to thank everyone who has helped us survive the dangers inflicted by the "masked assassin"! I refer of course to the national lottery. I recently attended the Lottery Councils Conference at Villa Park and was grieved to learn of all the small lotteries - including football clubs - steamrollered out of business. Even amongst the survivors a 35% to 50% loss of income was the norm. At the time of writing our deficiency of net income amounts to 16.46% which, by comparison, can virtually be claimed as an achievement! So it's thanks to all our sellers on matchdays as well as to everyone who supports our fund-raising efforts. There is no close-season for us so please keep up your allegiance through the summer months.

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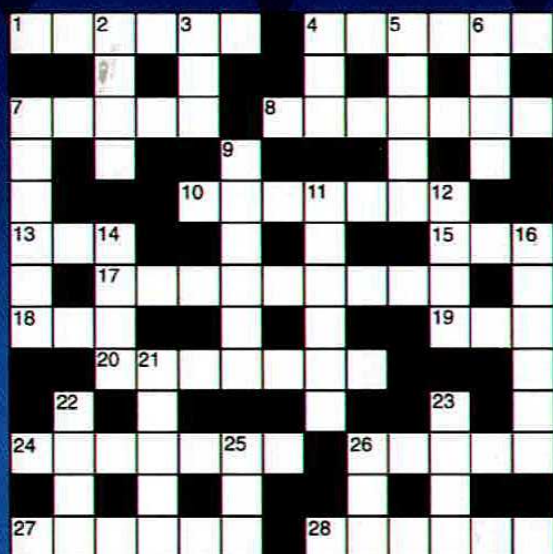


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crossword time...

compiled by Thomas Trickett



clues across...

1. Glenn took over as England boss after Euro'96 (6)
4. Phil, (1990s) Hereford United midfielder (6)
7. Vinnie, (1990s) Welsh international (5)
8. Madness at Luton Town FC (nick) (7)
10. "The Hornets" (7)
13. Amount of caps (1970s) Chelsea midfielder Mr Hudson got (3)
15. Phil Babb reveals a Danish League Club (abbrev) (3)
17. Demonstrated when being booked maybe (9)
18. Hit ten goals in when going backwards (anag) (3)
19. Strangely enough Chelsea's not near one (3)
20. Welsh Football League Club (7)
24. "The Merry" Rotherham United FC (7)
26. Take a players name (5)
27. Explosive kicks (6)
28. Paul, (1990s) Arsenal forward (6)

clues down...

2. Park, home of Dundee FC (4)
3. ... Sealey much travelled English goalkeeper (3)
4. Darren ...cock, (1990s) Newcastle United defender (3)
5. When Terry Fenwick goes into the ground he does (5)
6. "The Blues" nickname of Dundee FC (4)
7. Ex player Mr Fashanu not John though! (6)
9. Nigel (1990s) Leeds United goalkeeper (6)
11. John (1990s) Manchester City defender (6)
12. Young children attend matches with thiers (4)
14. Spot the Choices for, when deciding a free-kick (anag) (4)
16. Sheffield United's nickname (6)
21. Ryan Giggs represents (5)
22. Gordon, (1970s) Manchester United winger (4)
23. Nickname of London Club (4)
25. Football outcome (short) (3)
26. Busy Brentford player (nick) (3)

ANSWERS ACROSS
1 HODDLE, 4 PREEDY, 7 JONES, 8 HATTERS,
10 WATFORD, 13 TWO, 15 ABB, 17 PROTESTED, 18 NET, 19 SEA,
20 SWANSEA, 24 MILLERS, 26 BOOKS, 27 BLASTS, 28 MERSON
ANSWERS DOWN
2 DENS, 3 LES, 4 PEA, 5 ENTER, 6 DARK,
7 JUSTIN, 9 MARTYN, 11 FOSTER, 12 DADS, 14 OPST, 16 BLADES,
21 WALES, 22 HILL, 23 DONS, 25 RES, 26 BEE.



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marketing news

with Martin Stevens

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Over 200 guests attended the event which was a huge success and we would like to thank the **EVENING ADVERTISER** for sponsoring the Dinner.

Our next Dinner, featuring Frank Worthington is on Monday June 16th and a limited



number of tables are still available.

For further details contact Louise Kaye on 01793 532121. Tommy Docherty pictured with Swindon boss Steve McMahon.

Presentation Time



There were four Matchday Sponsors for the recent game against Ipswich Town and they all went away with a signed, framed picture as a memento.



Mike Spearman is pictured making the presentations to (top to bottom) Geoff Dennison from Gala Club, Harvey King from Forward Trust, Melvyn Griffiths from McClean Homes and a guest of Westmode.



Goalkeeper Fraser Digby was voted Man of the Match at the Ipswich game and he is pictured being presented with a bottle of champagne by representatives of the Matchday Sponsors.



All of us here at Swindon Town Football Club would like to say a big thank you to all the companies who have teamed up with us this season as Matchday and Matchball Sponsors.



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with Jonathan Trigg

As this is our last home match of the season I thought it would be an ideal opportunity to look back over the injury situation which in some ways has plagued our campaign.



This season has seen five players undergo surgery which in turn has meant that they have not been available for at least two months. In addition another two players have been sidelined for four to eight weeks with fractures.

Two long term injuries not requiring surgery have meant the respective players missing three months of the year and to add to this, an accumulation of different injuries has meant another two players missing a total of three months of training.



What I have said all sounds pretty depressing but it is perhaps furthered when the above statistics include key first team players that have been sorely missed. However on a brighter note, 12 players from the squad have not missed training for more than seven days in total throughout the whole season.

Let's all hope that this number increases next season and there are fewer injuries to fewer players. Unfortunately nobody can prevent such injuries even with a full warm-up and warm down that is carried out each day by the coaching staff - unless of course you stop players from tackling, challenging and giving it everything in training each day!



It has also been noted, not only at this club but at all League clubs, that the majority of all injuries sustained occur not on matchdays - but during the week in training.



Players' fitness and diet is now monitored regularly in a bid to keep players at their peak levels but with the physical demands of the game today, unfortunately injuries, many of them major, are now becoming part and parcel of the job and with the speed of the game increasing each year, the trend looks set to continue.



Finally, just to update you for today's game, Mark Seagraves, Ian Culverhouse, Lee Collins, Mark Walters and now Steve Finney are all on the injured list.

the shadowboard

Another season draws to a close. And what a season - as the old commentators used to say, it was a season of two halves, a great first half but a second half to forget.

There were two announcements from the Main Board at the Shadow Board Open Forum which brought cheers from the crowd of fans packed into the County Ground for the evening.

Firstly Mike Spearman and Steve McMahon announced that the Board had agreed a strategy to get Swindon to the play-offs next season. This year the strategy had been the widely publicised year of consolidation following the ups, downs and ups of the last four years.

Steve McMahon will be working on strengthening and increasing the first team squad during the close season

so that we can mount a strong challenge for the top six next time. After recent matches, this is action that will have all Swindon fans applauding.

Then Rikki Hunt made a second announcement which should also have loyal Swindon fans cheering.

Rikki announced that he would give one share in Swindon Town Football Club Limited to those present at the meeting who weren't shareholders so they could participate in the rights issue.

His initiative will also give a small piece of the Club to the fans and on behalf of all Swindon supporters, the Shadow Board applaud Rikki for his action.

Good bye and thank you to this season - happy holidays to all supporters and let's get set for some real action next season!



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benno gives his view

By Colin Benson

My how time flies, and yet another League campaign almost behind us. When I was a schoolboy I used to hate the end of the season.

It felt like I was losing part of my life when that final curtain came down. Nothing has changed except the summers now seem to get shorter and shorter; though for the players it will be welcome rest, a chance to recharge the batteries and start afresh.

After the euphoria surrounding our Second Division Championship success a year ago this season is ending on a less triumphant note. There will be no civic reception this time around; no blaze of national publicity; no climatic finale beneath the twin towers of Wembley. The lads seem to have lost their way a little in recent weeks, the final surge that could have ushered us into the battle for a play-off place never coming to fruition.

Steve McMahon is naturally disappointed. Since making his Football League debut at Sunderland 17 years ago he has been a winner. He was on the Everton side of Stanley Park in those days and established himself as a regular right from the off. His playing days were always in the top sphere, with Aston Villa, Liverpool and Manchester City until he moved down to Swindon as player-manager, and it is only natural that he should crave to take Town back to the milk and honey. Yet this time last year we would all have settled for consolidation in Division One this season.

That's what we have got and now Steve will concentrate on taking Town on the next step upwards. It will not be easy. He has not been armed with the sort of financial clout that has backed the endeavours of Mark McGhee at Wolves or Trevor Francis at Birmingham City and even they have not set Division One alight. You see it is not always money that guarantees success - the ability to mould a team, organise and stimulate them can count for more.

And there have been plenty of examples in this direction this season. Wimbledon in the Premiership; Barnsley, Port Vale and Ipswich Town in Division One. Stockport County and Chesterfield in the two major domestic cup competitions. Examples of what can be achieved with modest resources.

At a time when the gap between the top clubs and the rest is getting bigger and bigger all is not lost. I have seen references of late suggesting this is the year of the underdog. Well so too it was last season, remember York City knocking Manchester United out of the cup with a winning performance at Old Trafford. Yes there is a lot to look forward to next season.

The mention of Chesterfield brings me to that incredible FA Cup semi-final they shared 3-3 with Middlesbrough's multi-million league of nations and the goal that wasn't. You recall the incident when the ball thudded down off the underside of the bar and over the line...It should have been 3-1 to the Spireites from Division Two. Instead referee David Elleray awarded Boro a

free-kick.

Now the television replays show that the referee made no attempt to stop the game before the shot went in yet he claims that he disallowed the goal because of an infringement that took place before the goal was scored.

I saw the usually calm collected official blustering his way through one post-match interview in which he agreed the ball had crossed the line but that he blew for an infringement that had taken place prior to this. He said in fact there were at least ten infringements he could have blown for

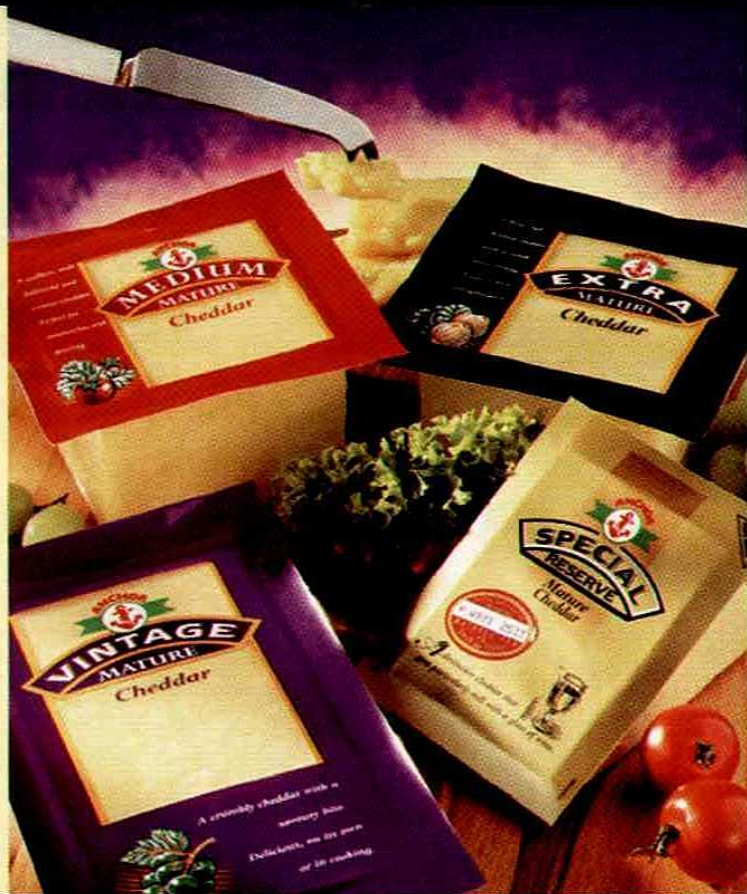
"But I can't remember exactly what they were right now."

Pull the other one David...In 37 years connected with League football I can't recall a referee who could not spell out his decision clearly and precisely never mind from "ten" possibilities. I might not always agree with what has been said or the interpretations of the situation but one thing that seems to bond all referees at this level is an analytical approach to their job.

I think Mr Elleray simply made a bad error of judgement and has not been honest enough to admit it which is a shame because we all know that the men with the whistles are human and prone to making mistakes. He would have earned far more respect from players and spectators alike if he had come clean.

OUR LINE UP FOR THIS SEASON

Savour the flavour



the **Sporting** year **1976**

by Mike Fowler

1. Which Swindon player scored a hat-trick of penalties in April?
2. Who scored Southampton's winner against Manchester United in the F.A. Final?
3. Which European team beat West Ham to win the Cup Winners Cup?
4. This tuneful chap became the chairman of Watford Football Club. Who is he?
5. Who went to Innsbruck to win Olympic Gold?
6. Which West Indian spinner became the leading wicket taker in Test Cricket?
7. A British driver won the F1 Championship in Japan. Who was he?
8. Who retained his 5,000 and 10,000 metre Olympic Titles in Montreal?
9. Who were runners up to Liverpool but are now in Division One?
10. Who scored after 71 seconds of his Fulham debut in September?
11. What colourful innovation was introduced in October?
12. This body met to decide theoretical results for the first time. Who are they?

ANSWERS

1. Trevor Anderson
2. Bobby Stokes
3. Anderlecht
4. Elton John
5. John Curry
6. Lance Gibbs
7. James Hunt
8. Lasse Viren
9. O.P.R.
10. G. Best
11. Red and yellow cards
12. Pools panel

captain's column

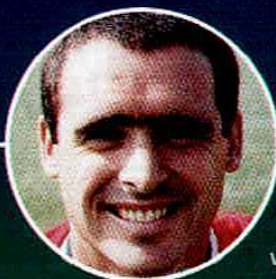
with Mark Seagraves

Unfortunately we slipped to another defeat last week and it was all the more disappointing as it was against our arch rivals Oxford United.

But there is no point feeling sorry for ourselves, what we need to do is get out of this rut and that means giving it everything we've got in our last two games of the season.

It is important to get something so that we can build on it for next season and to be honest we have now got nothing to lose. We've been playing so badly that any sort of improvement will be a bonus for the players and fans alike.

Confidence is obviously low and I think it would make the world of difference if we could



score first which would buck us up 100 per cent.

In recent matches we've been conceding early on which has left us with an uphill struggle.

Today we welcome Crystal Palace to the County Ground and with them pushing hard for a play-off place we will need to repeat the sort of performance we gave at Selhurst Park earlier in the season when we ran out 2-1 winners.

For me that was one of our best results of the season and it all came about because of the battling qualities we showed that day. We need to really battle again this afternoon if we are to stand a chance of getting something out of the

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game. It would be the perfect tonic if we could finish the season with a win today and another at Huddersfield next week as it would lift us back up into a much more respectable position because looking at the current table it doesn't make for good reading.

It's amazing how quickly you can slip down because up until six or seven games ago things were looking quite good and there was talk of a possible play-off position.

Whatever happens between now and the end of the season we've achieved our aim of consolidation and if we can cut down on suspensions and keep relatively injury free I'm confident we've got every chance of doing well next season.

congratulations to Chris

Congratulations to Chris Kirkland who pounded the streets of the Capital City and did Swindon Town Football Club proud in the Flora London Marathon Football Challenge.

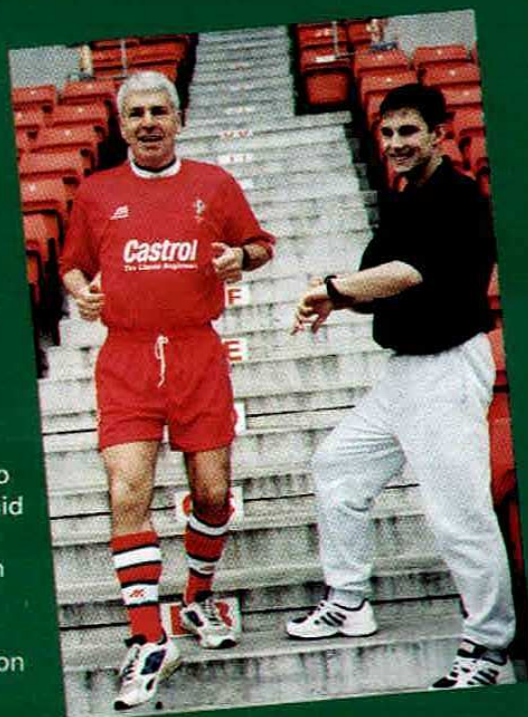
Kitted out in his Town kit, Chris finished a creditable third in the First Division in a time of 3.25.49 and was 22nd overall out of the 82 competitors representing all the other football league clubs.

"The atmosphere was tremendous before, during and after the event - you discover

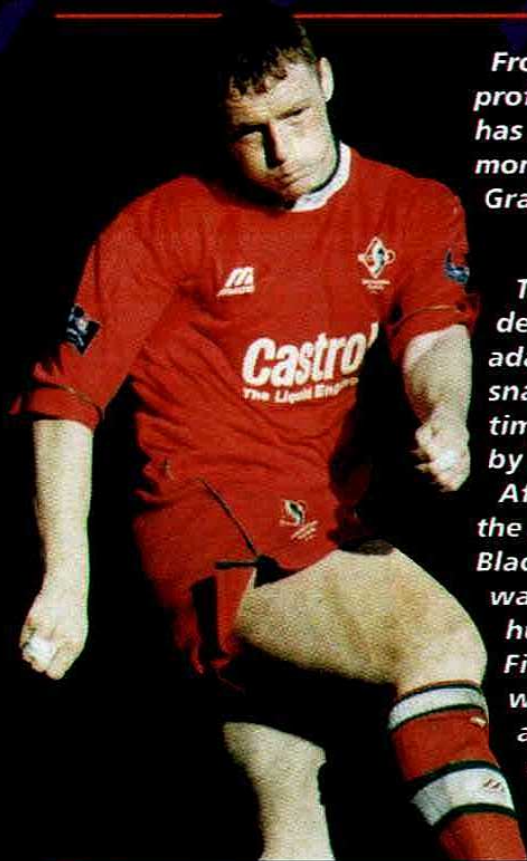
that there are no barriers in sport and there was a great feeling of friendship through football among the football challenge runners.

"My grateful thanks for everyone's sponsorship, support and encouragement - and thank you to the Club for allowing me to represent Swindon," said Chris.

Chris hopes to raise in the region of £12,000 towards the changing room project at Wootton Bassett School.



spotlight on loan signing



From factory worker to professional footballer - it has been an exciting 18 months for Dubliner Graham Coughlan.

The whole-hearted defender has had to adapt quickly as he was snapped up from part time football in Ireland by Kenny Dalglish.

After a series of man of the match displays for Blackburn Reserves he was plunged into the hustle and bustle of First Division football with Swindon and although slightly disappointed with the way he has

performed, he is certainly learning from the experience.

"I've enjoyed the experience of playing in Division One although I must admit I haven't enjoyed some of the results.

"It has been a difficult period for everyone involved with the club and I'm a little disappointed with my displays because I know I can play a whole lot better." he commented.

It has been a case of learning the hard way for Graham who less than two years ago was working on the trade

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- Graham Coughlan

counter in an electrical company and playing non-league football for Bray Wanderers in the League of Ireland. Kenny Dalglish eventually managed to prise Graham away after making him an offer he couldn't refuse but he admitted it took him a while to adapt to the English game. "It took time to get used to the pace of the game but it wasn't long before I was playing out of my skin for Blackburn Reserves and I was playing so well they thought I needed to step up. "So when Swindon came in I decided to come down on loan and I was given all the background

on the club that I needed from Marlon Broomes who had just finished his loan spell here.

"By coincidence the day before I made my debut against Norwich, Marlon was staying in the same hotel as me with the England Under 21 team so he spent the evening telling me what to expect. "He talked about how nervous he was playing in front of a big crowd and I must admit I was the same in my first game. "It has been tough and I've not done myself justice but I'm sure it will all come together for myself and Swindon Town-it's just a matter of time."

Name: Graham Coughlan

Age: 22

Birthplace: Dublin

Position: Defender

Former Clubs:

Blackburn

Nickname: "Cocko"

Who did you support as a youngster? Glasgow Celtic


Highlight of career so far:


Signing for Blackburn & Debut for Swindon

Favourite other sports: Golf, Snooker

Most respected player in football:

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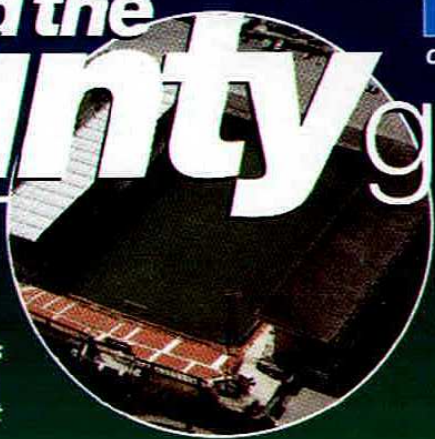
For more details contact Leo Colucci on 01793 534391.

Telstra give kids a boost

Swindon Town's Centre of Excellence was given a big boost recently when the Telstra Corporation agreed to help finance two summer tours.

A cheque for £500 was officially handed over to Youth Development Officer Phil Cannon who will be using the cash, along with money kindly donated by Nationwide and Castrol, to help pay for tours to Torbay and Ireland.

"Obviously going on these tours costs us a lot of money and although the boys themselves have done some fund raising to help boost the coffers, we are deeply indebted to the companies who have been kind enough to sponsor us."



Committee chip in

Swindon's rehabilitation room has been completely re-fitted - thanks to the generosity of the Swindon Town Supporters Club committee.

The committee are pictured presenting Club chairman Mike Spearman with a cheque for £2000 which has been used to refurbish the room at the County Ground.



Now we are ten

Swindon Supporters in London Association (SSILA) are celebrating their 10th anniversary this summer.

Appropriately they are marking the occasion at today's game against Crystal Palace, as they were formed in the weeks following the play-off win in May 1987 at Selhurst Park.

What started out as a couple of people travelling to games together, grew to a whole car load going to Wigan. The subsequent games against Gillingham and promotion to the old Second Division resulted

in the birth of SSILA at meetings near New Scotland Yard in Victoria.

The original intention was to be able to travel to games together. However as interest has grown and membership has risen (to a high in 1994 of 68 members) we have expanded to hiring coaches and organising group travel for up to 25 people by train.

The vast majority of members originate from Wiltshire, although others have been recruited. Travel is still important but SSILA generally exists to provide a forum for exiled Town fans.

A newsletter keeps members in touch with our activities and Swindon Town matters generally. We have also been kit sponsors for the past 10 years.

Despite the name, members come from other parts of the South East of the country apart from London. Some have also renewed membership having moved to places such as Manchester, Leeds, Falmouth, Singapore, Switzerland and Cambodia.

The last 10 years have seen two successive promotions to the old Second Division, the events of 1990/91 and more recently four successive seasons of promotion and relegation.

Here's to the next 10 years!

Can you dance?

If you are 13 or over, over 5ft tall are committed and reliable and can dance - the you should join the Swindon Town Robinette's.

Anyone interested in joining Swindon's official cheer-leaders should come along to auditions which are being held on May 11th at the STFC Supporters Club, County Ground (11am).

police free games - did you know?

by Stadium Manager Mike Hughes

How many of you have been aware that over a third of this season's home fixtures have been played here at the County Ground with no police on duty inside the stadium?

This is the policy that we hope to continue with next season but it is dependant on the continued excellent behaviour of you the supporters.

It has taken several years of very hard work by all of our matchday staff to convince the football and safety authorities that the management structure of Swindon Town Football Club is capable of staging major events here at the County Ground employing only Club personnel for crowd control.

Last week was the eighth anniversary of the Hillsborough disaster which claimed the lives of 95 football fans. The Taylor report which was published a year later, forced every club in the country to closely examine their policy on spectator safety.

Most of you will now be familiar with the legislation regarding all-seater stadia etc. What you may not be aware of is the recommendations for clubs to appoint Safety Officers and highly trained Matchday Stewards.

Following my appointment as Swindon Town Safety Officer it was felt by the Club and Stadium Safety Committee that the most effective method of meeting the new requirements would be to appoint a specialised agency to recruit the personnel who would be employed as Matchday Stewards.

The responsibility of training these people would still rest with the Club and this policy proved to be

a great success.

But two years ago I felt that we had gained enough experience at the Club to take on this role ourselves.

I am very pleased to say that the Club now employs a large number of experienced and highly motivated members of our matchday team.

The 1995/96 season was a big success both on and off the field of play as we staged two first team fixtures here with no police assistance. As these games went so well we continued the policy at the start of the current campaign and to date no fewer than nine games played here have been "police free".

I should emphasise that the decision to host a police free fixture is only taken after consultations with the police and visiting clubs. I do not think there will ever be a time when we could play a local derby or important cup tie with no police on duty. With the majority of clubs now removing their high fencing the onus on preventing pitch incursions rests with the Club stewards but this can prove to be almost impossible without the co-operation of their supporters.

The penalties imposed on Brighton and Bristol City this season highlight the fact that points can be deducted from clubs as a direct result of their fans behaviour.

I would like to think that Swindon Town will never face these sort of problems but it is dependant on all of you fans giving our stewards all your support.

So please - no-one on the pitch after today's game!





tony home's view from a far

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Would anybody disagree with me if I said that the sooner this season is over the better?

They say that a week is a long time in politics, well three or four is forever in football. Only about a month ago I was hinting that with a bit of good fortune we could make the play-offs even though we really needed more time in Division One. Four weeks on we are 19th and only avoiding the trap door from where we came by the fact that games are running out and the teams below are so far gone we escape the dread of the big time stardom that is Nationwide Two.

What has happened? I have no

idea but at least we can start all over in

August and we don't have to waste a season in Division Two again.

Not dissimilar things have happened to my other team - Liverpool. I back the winners all the time! Three weeks ago they were red hot for the Premiership and looking good for Europe. Then David James dropped with more regularity than the England slip cordon in the cricket.

The display against Paris St Germain has been described as the worst abroad by an English team ever. I have seen worse performances by England at the '92 European Championships but really, they blew it in big style.

They have such enormous home grown talent and some good

imports but they lack the crunch. Ironically what they don't have is a Macca

in the middle of the park and that is what they need. If you put Steve McMahon in his hey day, or the soon to be available Ince, next to Barnes in the middle, then Liverpool will once again have the killer instinct.

David James too, will have a nervous summer, looking over his shoulder to see who Roy Evans signs and Roy should be looking.

Everyone has a bad patch but Steve McMahon will tell you that I made better saves than David James has been making lately when we played in the Nationwide charity game last May - and I was playing with bruised ribs.

Mr Evans could well be on the phone soon!



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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1

up to and including April 22nd

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
BOLTON WANDERERS	44	17	4	1	10	9	3	94	50	94
BARNLEY	44	13	4	5	8	10	4	73	50	77
WOLVES	43	10	4	7	11	5	6	65	48	72
IPSWICH TOWN	44	13	6	3	6	7	9	66	49	70
SHEFFIELD UNITED	44	12	5	5	7	7	8	74	52	69
PORT VALE	44	9	9	4	8	6	6	56	52	66
PORTSMOUTH	44	12	4	6	7	4	11	58	52	65
CRYSTAL PALACE	43	9	6	6	8	7	7	73	55	64
TRANMERE ROVERS	44	10	8	4	7	5	10	61	53	64
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	44	9	5	8	8	7	7	62	57	63
NORWICH CITY	44	9	9	4	8	2	12	63	65	62
BIRMINGHAM CITY	44	10	7	5	6	7	9	49	47	62
STOKE CITY	44	14	3	5	3	7	12	49	55	61
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	43	11	7	4	5	3	13	50	61	58
MANCHESTER CITY	44	11	4	7	5	5	12	56	58	57
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	44	6	7	9	7	8	7	65	70	54
OXFORD UNITED	44	13	3	6	2	6	14	59	65	54
READING	43	12	7	3	2	5	14	53	61	54
SWINDON TOWN	44	11	6	5	4	7	16	52	69	53
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	44	10	6	6	2	8	12	46	60	50
GRIMSBY TOWN	43	6	7	9	4	5	12	55	78	42
BRADFORD CITY	43	8	5	8	2	7	13	43	70	42
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	44	5	8	9	4	5	13	48	64	40
SOUTHEND UNITED	44	7	9	6	1	6	15	41	80	39



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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	37(2)	11	5	2	41(2)	13
GRAHAM ANTHONY	3	0	-	-	3	0
MARLON BROOMES	12	1	-	-	12	1
DARREN BULLOCK	10(1)	1	-	-	10(1)	1
LEE COLLINS	3(1)	0	1	-	4(1)	0
GRAHAM COUGHLAN	3	0	-	-	3	0
TEVE COWE	28(8)	7	4(1)	0	32(9)	7
IAN CULVERHOUSE	31	0	5	0	36	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	28(5)	0	4	0	32(5)	0
FRASER DIGBY	29	0	1	-	30	0
JASON DRYSDALE	11(1)	0	2(1)	0	13(2)	0
GARY ELKINS	17(4)	1	3	0	20(4)	1
STEVE FINNEY	8(12)	2	1(1)	0	9(13)	2
TY GOODEN	5(6)	1	0	0	5(6)	1
PETER HOLCROFT	2(1)	0	-	-	2(1)	0
KEVIN HORLOCK	28	8	6	0	34	8
ROBIN HULBERT	0	0	1(1)	0	1(1)	0
DAVID KERSLAKE	8	0	-	-	8	0
PHIL KING	5	0	-	-	5	0
SCOTT LEITCH	35	0	6	1	41	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	41	1	5	0	46	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	28(1)	0	4(1)	0	32(2)	0
ALEX SMITH	11(5)	1	0	0	11(5)	1
FRANK TALIA	15	0	5	0	20	0
SHAUN TAYLOR	2	0	1(1)	0	3(1)	0
PETER THORNE	22(8)	8	2(1)	2	24(9)	10
MARK WALTERS	24(3)	7	5	1	29(3)	8
KEVIN WATSON	17(9)	1	1(2)	0	18(11)	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 0-0	6,730
Sun Apr 6	Coca-Cola Cup Final		
SAT APR 12	IPSWICH TOWN (F.A. Cup SF)	H 0-4	8,592
Sat Apr 19	Oxford United	A 0-2	8,167
SAT APR 26	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	
Sun May 4	Huddersfield Town	A	
Sat May 17	F.A. Cup Final		

NEXT GAME:
SUN MAY 4TH



Huddersfield vs Swindon Town
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
Kick-Off 1.30pm

FAC = F.A. Cup C.C.C = Coca-Cola Cup

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^ 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 = ●▼■

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TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	ALLEN	TAYLOR▼	ROBINSON	WALTERS	FINNEY●	ALLISON	HORLOCK■	THORNE●	SEAGRAVES▼	WATSON■
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TALIA	ROBINSON▼	ELKINS	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	CULVERHOUSE	WALTERS	O'SULLIVAN●	COWE	ALLISON	HORLOCK	FINNEY	WATSON	THORNE▼
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1	Fraser Digby
2	Mark Robinson
3	Phil King
4	Darren Bullock
5	Kevin Watson
6	Alex Smith
7	Peter Holcroft
8	Graham Anthony
9	Peter Thorne
10	Wayne Allison
11	Jason Drysdale
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Team Changes

Crystal Palace

1	Carlo Nash
2	Mark Edworthy
3	Dean Gordon
4	Andy Roberts
5	Andy Linighan
6	David Tuttle
7	David Hopkin
8	Ray Houghton
9	Neil Shipperley
10	Bruce Dyer
11	Simon Rodger
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Team Changes

Today's Officials:



Referee:
Guram Singh (Wolverhampton)



Assisted by:
R.J. Olivier (Sutton Coldfield)
P. Walton (Northampton)

Reserve Official:
A Gourley (Bristol)



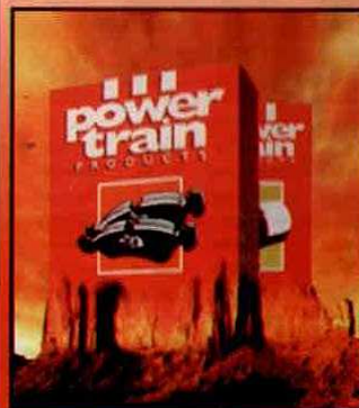
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