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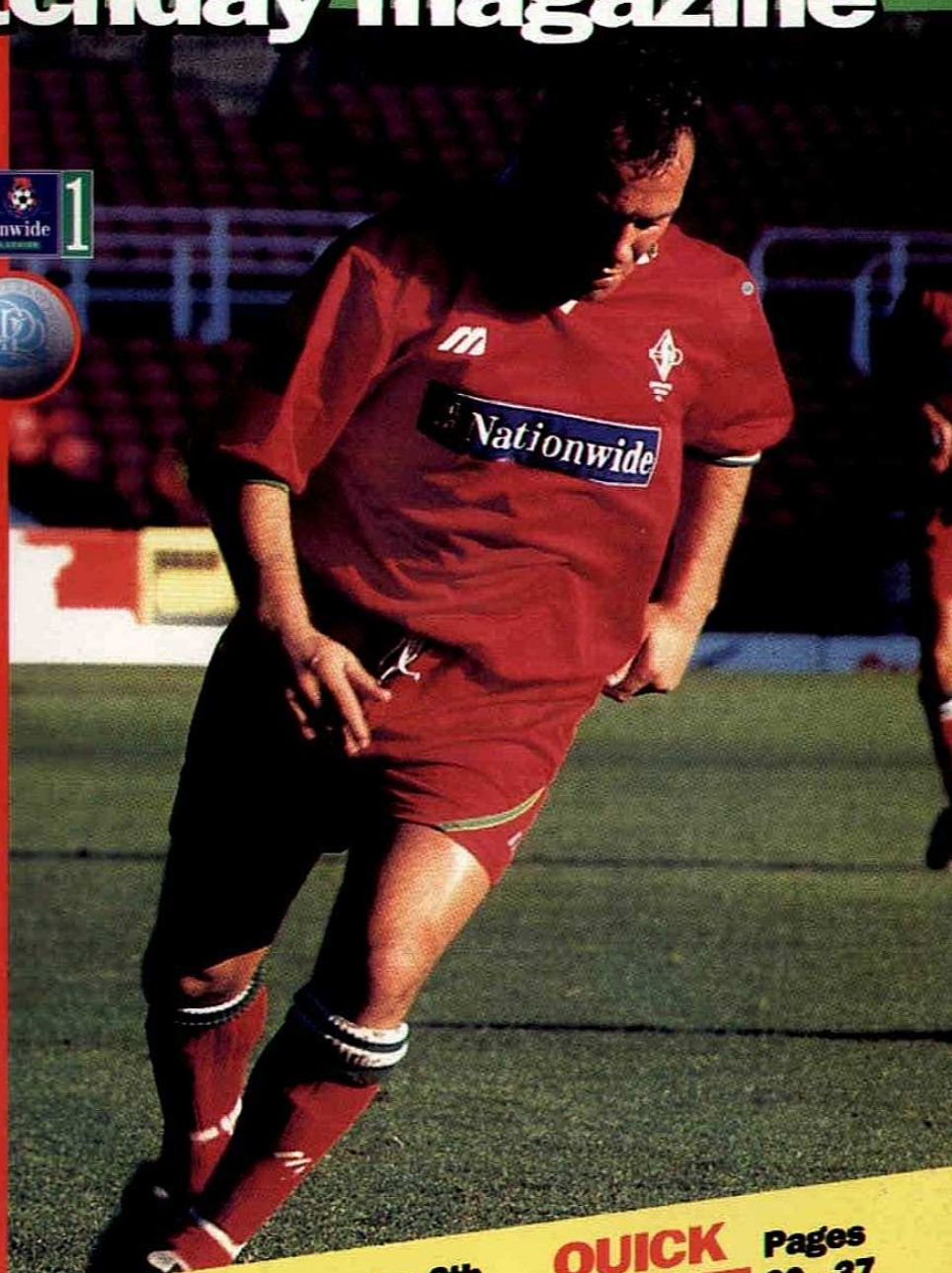
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welcome to today's game

Three clean sheets and seven points out of nine have maintained our impressive challenge at the top of the Nationwide Division First Division and tonight we aim to keep the run going against Stewart Houston's Queens Park Rangers.

There's always a special atmosphere here at the County Ground for evening games and to add to the pre-match build up we've got our very own firework display which kicks off at 7pm. We hope you enjoy it but more importantly let's hope we celebrate Bonfire Night with another win.

Looking back at the last few games we've had a couple of heroes at both ends of the pitch. Chris Hay has taken his personal tally to 11 goals with winning strikes against Norwich and Portsmouth and at Fratton Park goalkeeper Steve Mildenhall hit the headlines with a courageous league debut between the posts.

Not only did 'Mildy' keep a clean sheet with some superb saves but he battled on through the pain barrier after being caught where it hurts late in the first half! It made for some great tele for the Sky Sports Cameras and let's hope it isn't too long before they realise that Swindon are serving up some real treats - and they get down to the County Ground! Coming up on Saturday we have another home game to look forward to as Chris Kamara's Bradford City are the visitors (3pm).

Former Town player Chris has not been shy in splashing out on new signings and his team has responded with some great results which has kept them in contention at the top of the division.

Away from the first team the Reserves have a local derby fast approaching as Oxford United visit the County Ground on Wednesday November 12th (7.15pm).

Don't forget that tickets for this game must be purchased in advance. They cost £4 for adults and £1 for concessions so get down to the box office now.



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NEXT MATCH Saturday 8th
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Bradford City

Bradford City are the visitors to the County Ground on Saturday in what promises to be another titanic tussle.

Chris Kamara has brought in quite an array of talent and his investments seem to be paying off with City picking up some useful results to stay in touch at the top of Division One.

It is going to be a real top of the table battle on Saturday so make it loud!



Steve McMahon says

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Committed and whole-hearted are the words that come to mind when looking back at last Friday's away win at Portsmouth.

Everyone gave 150 per cent so I couldn't complain about the effort. I was a little disappointed in the way that we allowed them far too much possession in the second half. We didn't keep the ball very well but we defended like Trojans and I couldn't have asked for any more.

Clean sheets

Friday's was our third clean sheet in a row and it is always nice not to concede. It's a basis to build on, a foundation and the Manchester City game apart, we've looked quite good defensively.

Chris Hay once again scored the only goal and he's now done it all, scoring with his right foot, left foot and now his head so I'm very pleased with Chris - he's coming on very well.

One of the other heroes was obviously goalkeeper Steve Mildenhall who did an excellent job.

He was a little nervous before the game but once he got the first catch under his belt he was flying and all credit to him.

He's got a good temperament, made some crucial saves and was very brave, particularly after taking such a whack to his private parts at the end of the first half.

Goalkeeping crisis

Unfortunately Steve is now added to the injured list which means that with all three of my goalkeepers unavailable I have been trying to bring in another goalkeeper on loan.

As I write these notes on Monday I have yet to find a replacement but I'm sure whoever comes in will give a good account of himself.

On the outgoing front Chris Casper has returned to Manchester United this week after doing a great job for us during his two month spell here. Chris's last game was due to be tonight but suspension means he would have been sidelined so we have decided to let him go back to Old Trafford which in turn gives us the facility to bring in a new keeper on loan. The other player currently on loan is of course Brian Borrows. I want to sign him permanently if possible, so Rikki Hunt will be having talks with Brian this week. Hopefully we can sort something out because Brian's last game on loan is due to be against Bradford City here on Saturday.

Welcome back

Alan McDonald should be fit to return tonight against his old club which has worked out just right, what with Chris Casper's loan coming to an end. It will be a big boost for us to have Alan back and no doubt he'll be fired up for the visit of his former team-mates.

Queens Park Rangers are a very lively side and they have got some very busy strikers who could cause us problems, but if we can match them and work as hard as we have been, then we've got a good chance.

Get behind us tonight and I'll see you on Saturday.

today's visitors *The R's*

Q.P.R.

This evening we extend a warm County Ground welcome to the players, supporters and staff of Queens Park Rangers Football Club for this Nationwide League Division One fixture.

We hope you all enjoy your trip to Wiltshire and wish you a safe journey home after the match.

Rangers have begun the 1997/98 campaign in much the same way as they kicked-off last season - among the favourites for promotion as one of the 'big fish' in the Nationwide pond.

But if last season proved a bit of a shock for the West London culture club with the competitiveness of First Division football, then the current term is sure to provide at least as big a challenge, as the battle is joined by the likes of Middlesbrough, Sunderland and Nottingham Forest.

A slow start to 1996/97 saw the Hoops dispense with Ray Wilkins

- now in charge down the road at Fulham of course - and appoint former Arsenal assistant Stewart Houston in September.

Houston quickly set about re-invigorating the club and big money signings such as John Spencer and Gavin Peacock soon had the desired effect and saw Rangers moving back up the table again.

The goals of Spencer and the midfield promptings of Peacock played their part, of course, but it was the form of ex-Carlisle midfielder Paul Murray that was arguably the most telling factor. As his confidence grew at the higher level, young Murray revealed himself to be a quality playmaker very much in the QPR mould.

With the goalscoring difficulties seemingly solved - particularly so following the summer signing of former Stoke hot-shot Mike Sheron - the main problem at Loftus Road was a leaky defence.

But Houston acted to bring in Steve Morrow, from his former

club Arsenal, and during the summer returned to Highbury once more to snap up highly-rated young goalkeeper Lee Harper, who has been ever-present this season.

The changes in personnel seemed to have had the desired effect - in defence if not going forward - when the Hoops kicked-off the current season with a 0-0 draw at home to last season's Play-Off Semi-Finalists Ipswich Town.

But since then Houston's side have twice conceded four - at Nottingham Forest and home to Charlton - and have kept just three clean-sheets at the time of writing. One reason could be the departure of Northern Ireland international Alan McDonald, now plying his trade here at the County Ground, of course.

But a run of four successive victories in September have put the side in good stead, and on the brink of the Play-Off places.

This evening's meeting is sure to be a good test for Town's own promotion hopes.



Queen's Park Rangers Football Club 1997/98

player profile *The R's*



Q.P.R.

Goalkeepers

Lee Harper

Followed manager Stewart Houston from Highbury, moving to QPR in July 1997 after three seasons understudying the likes of David Seaman and John Lukic. Ever-present for the Hoops so far this term.

Born: London, 30.10.71

Height: 6ft 1in

Weight: 13st 11lb

League record this season:

13 games, 0 goals

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Arsenal	1

Tony Roberts

Loyal Rangers stopper who possesses good shot-stopping skills and a powerful kick. Having spent all his career in the shadows of 'keepers such as David Seaman, Jan Stejskal and Jurgen Sommer at Loftus Road, he is currently playing second fiddle to summer signing Lee Harper.

Born: Bangor, 04.08.69

Height: 6ft

Weight: 13st 11lb

League record this season:

0 games, 0 goals

Honours: Wales Youth, U21, 'B', Full caps

Era	Club	Games
96/97	QPR	112

Other Goalkeepers include:

Paul Hart (ex-YTS); Richard Hurst (ex-YTS)

Defenders

Rufus Brevett

After several years on the fringe at Rangers, Rufus earned a regular place in the starting line-up last season, when he missed just two games throughout the campaign. Strong in the tackle and happy to push forward.

Born: Derby, 24.09.69

Height: 5ft 8in

Weight: 11st 9lb

League record this season:

13 games, 0 goals

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
90/91	Doncaster	109
96/97	QPR	129

Danny Maddix

A solid right-sided defender who is an excellent man-marker and powerful in the air, Danny has fully recovered from a foot injury two years ago which threatened to wreck his career.

Born: Ashford, 11.10.67

Height: 5ft 11in

Weight: 11st 7lb

League record this season:

12 games, 1 goal

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
86/87	Tottenham	-
86/87	Southend	2
96/97	QPR	213

Steve Morrow

The Rangers captain, Steve originally joined the club on loan in March 1997 but quickly made the move permanent. A regular in the Northern Ireland side, his experience lends

stability to the side whether playing in the centre of defence, at left-back, or in midfield.

Born: Bangor, 02.07.70

Height: 6ft

Weight: 11st 3lb

League record this season:

12 games, 1 goal

Honours: FA Youth Cup 1988;

League Cup 1993; ECWC 1994;

N.Ireland Schools, Youth, U23,

'B', Full caps

Era	Club	Games
89/90	Arsenal	-
90/91	Reading	10
91/92	Arsenal	2
91/92	Watford	8
91/92	Reading	3
91/92	Barnet	1
96/97	Arsenal	60
96/97	QPR	5

Mark Perry

Promising young right-sided defender who has been called up for training with the Full England squad. A good passer of the ball, he also reads the game well.

Born: Perivale, 19.10.78

Height: 5ft 10in

Weight: 11st 3lb

League record this season:

3 games, 0 goals

Honours: England Schools, Youth caps

Era	Club	Games
96/97	QPR	2

Karl Ready

Versatile enough to play anywhere across the back four, Karl has progressed to the stage where he was voted the club's 'Players' Player of the Year' for last season. Scored his first goal of the season in the recent 2-0 victory over Man City.



Born: Neath, 14.08.72
Height: 6ft 1in
Weight: 13st 3lb
League record this season:
 7 games, 1 goal
Honours: Wales Schools, U21, 'B', Full caps

Era	Club	Games
96/97	QPR	90

Matthew Rose

A former Youth team skipper at Highbury, left-sided central defender Matt made his Rangers debut in the opening match of the current season, at home to Ipswich Town. A strong tackler with good distribution skills.

Born: Dartford, 24.09.75
Height: 5ft 11in
Weight: 11st 1lb
League record this season:
 11 games, 0 goals
Honours: FA Youth Cup 1994; England U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Arsenal	5

Steve Yates

- A hard-working full-back who can operate on either flank and is now fully recovered from the injury which saw him sidelined for five months of last season.

Born: Bristol, 29.01.70
Height: 5ft 11in
Weight: 12st 2lb
League record this season:
 4 games, 0 goals
Honours: Div Three title 1990

Era	Club	Games
93/94	Bristol R.	197
96/97	QPR	98

Other Defenders include:

David Bardsley (From Oxford), Trevor Challis, Karl Owen, Chris Plummer (ex-YTS, England Youth, U21 caps); David Whittle (ex-YTS).

Midfielders

Simon Barker

A reliable and hard-working central midfielder who is currently enjoying a well-earned Testimonial season at Loftus Road.

Born: Farnworth, 04.11.64
Height: 5ft 9in
Weight: 11st 7lb
League record this season:
 9 games, 0 goals
Honours: Full Members' Cup 1987; England U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
87/88	Blackburn	182
96/97	QPR	292

Paul Murray

Voted QPR's 'Young Player of the Year' for last season, this midfielder is a composed player who is always able to find time and space on the ball. Made his England U21 debut in February this year.

Born: Carlisle, 31.08.76
Height: 5ft 9in
Weight: 10st 5lb
League record this season:
 13 games, 1 goal
Honours: England Youth, U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
95/96	Carlisle	41
96/97	QPR	33

Gavin Peacock

Now in his second spell at Loftus Road, Gavin likes to operate 'in the hole' behind the two front men, where he can make and take scoring chances. An experienced player who is very comfortable on the ball.

Born: Eltham, 18.11.67
Height: 5ft 8in
Weight: 11st 8in
League record this season:
 13 games, 3 goals
Honours: Div One title 1993; England Schools, Youth caps; Football League Rep XI

Era	Club	Games
87/88	QPR	17
88/89	Gillingham	70
90/91	Bournemouth	56
92/93	Newcastle	105
96/97	Chelsea	103
96/97	QPR	27

Nigel Quashie

Deceptively powerful going forward, Nigel is a player of whom much is expected. Illness and then injury have cost him much of the last couple of seasons, but he has been tipped for big things.

Born: Nunhead, 20.07.78
Height: 5ft 9in
Weight: 11st
League record this season:
 7 games, 0 goals
Honours: England Youth, U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
96/97	QPR	24

Other Midfielders include:

Matt Brazier (ex-YTS); Mark Graham (ex-YTS, N.Ireland 'B' caps); Frazer Murray (ex-YTS).

Forwards

Kevin Gallen

Highly-rated young striker who sustained a knee injury early in 1996/97 which ruled him out for much of the campaign. A powerful and predatory front-man, he has since seen his chances at the club limited by the arrival of Mike Sheron and John Spencer.



Born: Chiswick, 21.09.75

Height: 5ft 11in

Weight: 12st 10lb

League record this season:

4 games, 0 goals

Honours: England Schools,

Youth, U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
96/97	QPR	69

Mike Sheron

Became Rangers' joint-record buy when he joined in July 1997. Pushed forward from midfield into a striking role at Stoke, he has established himself as one of the Nationwide League's leading strikers over the last couple of seasons.

Born: Liverpool, 11.01.72

Height: 5ft 9in

Weight: 11st 13lb

League record this season:

9 games, 3 goals

Honours: England U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
90/91	Man City	-
90/91	Bury	5
93/94	Man City	100
95/96	Norwich	28
96/97	Stoke	69

Trevor Sinclair

One of the most prodigiously talented players outside the Premiership, and a constant target for transfer speculation, Trevor is a player who can turn a match with a moment of magic. He scooped BBC TV's 'Match of the Day Goal of the Season' for 1996/97 thanks to an extraordinary overhead kick from outside the penalty area.

Born: Dulwich, 02.03.73

Height: 5ft 10in

Weight: 12st 5lb

League record this season:

13 games, 3 goals

Honours: England Youth, U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
92/93	Blackpool	112
96/97	QPR	141

John Spencer

Livewire striker with a great touch and who is adept at turning defenders inside the area to create shooting angles. Always liable to pop up and create chances, he is one of the First Division's most potent threats. He was the QPR supporters' 'Player of the Year' for last season.

Born: Glasgow, 11.09.70

Height: 5ft 6in

Weight: 11st 5lb

League record this season:

13 games, 4 goals

Honours: Scotland Schools, Youth, U21, Full caps

Era	Club	Games
88/89	Rangers	-
88/89	Morton	4
91/92	Rangers	13
96/97	Chelsea	103
96/97	QPR	25

Other Forwards include:

Paul Bruce, Lee Charles, Richard Graham, Richard Langley, Rik Lopez, Mario Lusardi, Michael Mahoney-Johnson, Wayne Purser, Steve Slade.

Stewart Houston the manager

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

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

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

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

Destined to miss out on Wembley glory, Houston tore his ankle ligaments a

fortnight before the 1977 FA Cup Final, losing his place to Arthur Albiston, who subsequently - and very sportingly - offered his winners' medal to Houston.

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

He joined the Arsenal backroom staff in 1990 and, as assistant to George Graham, played a big role in the club's recent domestic and

European successes. After two successful spells as caretaker boss at Highbury, however, Houston became disillusioned with the Gunners and jumped at the chance to replace Ray Wilkins in the QPR hot-seat early last season.

Despite bringing in quality players of the likes of John Spencer and Gavin Peacock, Houston was unable to lift Rangers into Play-Off contention last term - but he is determined to be up there and challenging this time around.



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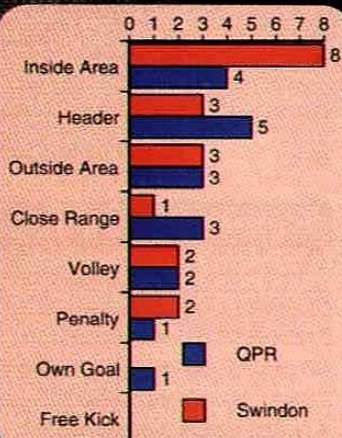
Rangers' Roll Call

	A	G	C	Previous Clubs
Rufus Brevett	14	5		Doncaster
24/9/69	2			
Lee Harper	14			Arsenal
30/10/71	2			
Gavin Peacock	14	3	1	Chelsea Bournemouth
18/11/67 Eng Yth	2	1		Newcastle Gillingham
John Spencer	13(1)	4	1	Chelsea Rangers Lai
11/9/70 Scotland	1			Sun Morton
Danny Maddix	13	1	2	Southend (L)
11/10/67	1	1		Tottenham
Steve Morrow	13	1	1	Arsenal Reading (L)
2/7/70 N Ire	2			Watford (L) Barnet (L)
Paul Murray	13	1	2	Carlisle
31/8/76 Eng U21	2	1		
Trevor Sinclair	12(2)	3	2	Blackpool
2/3/73 Eng U21	2			
Matthew Rose	11(1)			Arsenal
24/9/75 Eng U21	2	1		
Mike Sheron	10	3		Stoke Norwich Man
11/1/72 Eng U21				City Bury (L)
Simon Barker	7(3)	1	2	Blackburn
4/11/64 Eng U21	2	1		
Karl Ready	7(1)	1	1	
14/8/72 Wales				
Nigel Quashie	6(1)	1		
20/7/78 Eng U21				
Kevin Gallen	3(2)			
21/11/73 Eng U21	1(1)			
Mark Perry	2(1)			
19/10/78 Eng Yth	2			
Steve Siade	1(8)			Brentford (L)
6/10/75 Eng U21	1(1)			Tottenham
Matthew Brazier	1(1)			
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Steve Yates	(5)			Bristol Rovers
29/1/70				
Mark Graham				
24/10/74	(1)			

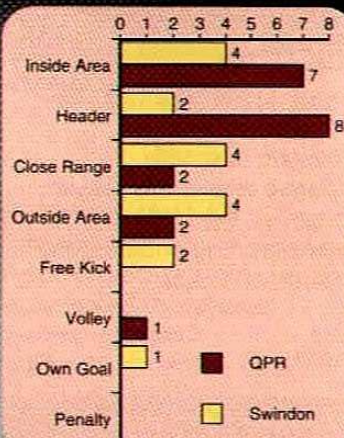
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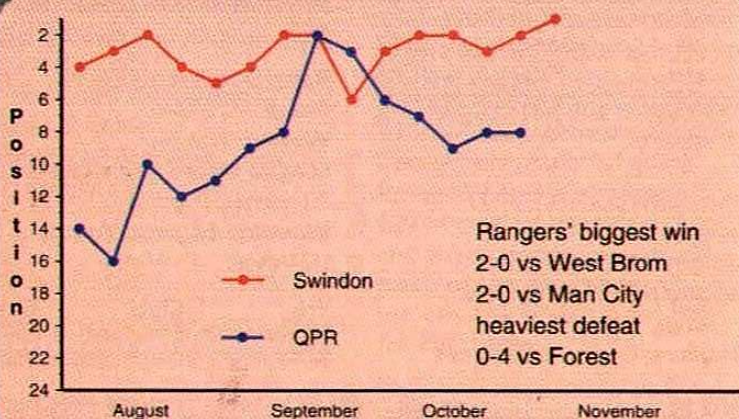
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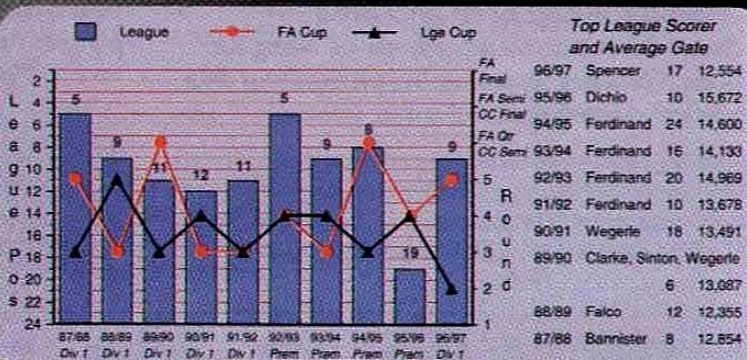
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Q.P.R.'s 10 year league and cup record

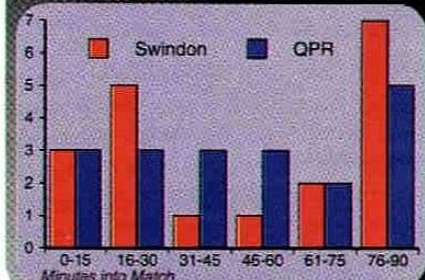


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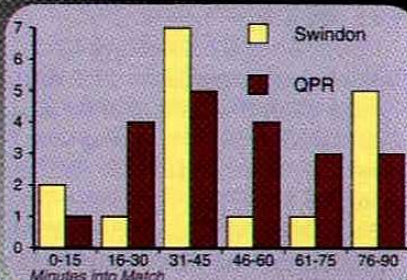
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Goals	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
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D	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
L	0	1	2	1	0	0	0

when goals were scored



and when goals conceded



looking back...

Dick Mattick looks back

5 YEARS AGO

"We did not start playing until we were two down" was Glenn Hoddle's comment as Brentford became only the second First Division side to stop Glenn Hoddle's side scoring in the evening fixture at the County Ground. Shaun Taylor, who claimed to have heard a whistle,

hesitated and Gary Blissett was able to score with a low shot in the 19th minute. Lee Luscombe made it two with a narrow angled shot 12 minutes later. Despite a much better second half performance, which saw Craig Maskell miss a penalty and Dave Mitchell have a goal disallowed for offside, that was the way the score stayed. Goals

by Ray Wilkins and Bradley Allen helped Queens Park Rangers to a 2-0 win over Aston Villa in their Premiership clash at Loftus Road. Rangers' striker Les Ferdinand was called into the England squad for the match against Turkey. Stoke City and former Town Manager, Lou Macari was cleared of running an illegal bookmakers.

10 YEARS AGO

Jimmy Quinn's 34th minute headed goal, a remarkable eighth goal in Town's Littlewoods Cup campaign in only the third round, cancelled out a Mark Morris goal to leave the scores level at the interval of a replay match at Vicarage Road. Sloppy defending in the second half saw the Town lose the chance of a trip to Maine Road and possible revenge on the team that had defeated them 4-3 at the County Ground just days

earlier. Hammond failed to hold a fierce drive by Gary Porter in the first minute of the second half and when Hodges' free kick curled into the Town net after 66 minutes, the tie looked over. Swindon fought back, reducing the deficit through Steve Foley in the 74th minute and might well have equalised had referee Gerald Ashby had a clearer view of Kenny Jackett's tackle on Dave Bamber. Sadly, three minutes from time Dave Hockaday was dispossessed

trying to start an attack and Malcolm Allan scored to make the scoreline more flattering than the Hornets really deserved. Despite the presence of David Seamen in goal and Alan McDonald at centre back, Rangers could only draw at home to Watford, a result that saw them drop to third position in the First Division. Terry Butcher became the fourth player to be charged by the police following incidents in the Rangers vs Celtic match.

15 YEARS AGO

Tranmere Rovers, managed by Bryan Hamilton, equalised twice but eventually went down 4-2 at the County Ground, a result that lifted Town up to fourth in Division Four. Town's goals included two penalties by Paul Rideout but the pick was Andy Rowland's magnificent lob over former Robin Scott Enderby in

the Tranmere goal. Terry Venables' team earned a point from Rotherham. It was one of 85 points they gained in a season which saw them finish as Second Division Champions, ten points clear of second placed Wolverhampton. Tony Sealy with 16 goals was their leading scorer.



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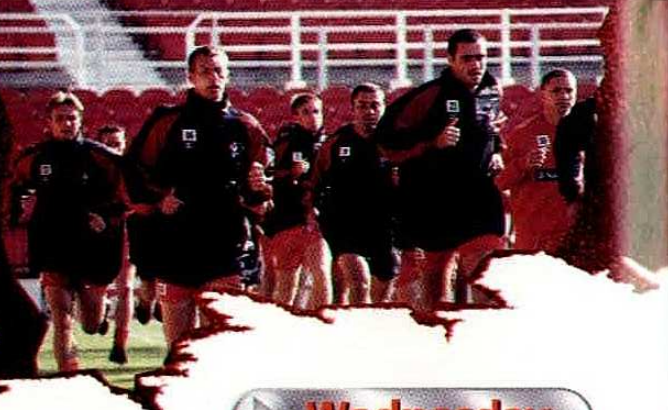
It was 24th November 1993 when Swindon managed to register their first ever Premiership victory. It came at the 16th attempt. With Les Ferdinand already looking dangerous, Queens Park Rangers must have thought it was their night when Town were reduced

to ten men. Whether referee Gerald Ashby understood Dutch or Luc Nijholt slipped into Anglo Saxon the Town midfielder found himself sent off for foul and abusive language after questioning the award of a free kick. Having only ten men seemed to lift the pressure from Town. The only goal came after 37 minutes when Andy Mutch

headed down a Paul Bodin cross to Keith Scott who made it two goals in two games since joining Town from Wycombe Wanderers. After this Swindon played sensible possession football.

Adrian Whitbread and Shaun Taylor were outstanding in defence and Town clung on for an historic win.

Mike Walsh's diary of the week



Thursday

October 23rd

Having been given the previous day off, the players were all back in for training as we started to plot the downfall of Saturday's opponents Norwich.

Even though our injury problems were not getting any better, we had been given a lot of confidence from the 0-0 draw at Sunderland and knew that the same level of commitment against Norwich would stand us in good stead.

Friday

October 24th

We had our usual Friday routine with a lively session out on the training field followed by a pasta meal afterwards.

The lads took time out to sign the mountain of footballs and shirts for charity while myself and the Gaffer were kept busy by the many press who wanted to get our thoughts on the big game the next day.

Saturday

October 25th

As expected, the match against Mike Walker's Norwich was a tough one and with the game remaining goalless going into the last 10 minutes, we knew it was going to take something special to break the deadlock.

And as those of you who were here will know Chris Hay came up with a spectacular goal which was enough to give us the three points.

The lad just can't stop scoring at the moment and there seemed little danger as he ran

at the defence some 30 yards out. But he then unleashed an unstoppable long range chip which brought everyone, including us on the bench, to their feet.

Sunday

October 26th

Again the Sunday papers were giving Chris Hay raving reports and deservedly so, but I was pleased with the way the whole team played and to keep another clean sheet was just what we had hoped for.

Monday

October 27th

On the injury front, Alan McDonald was making a good recovery from his calf problem and he was already looking ahead to Friday's game at Portsmouth, hoping he would be fit enough to make a return. Failing that he had his heart set on being ready for the visit of Queens Park Rangers. No surprise there as they are of course his former club.

Tuesday

October 28th

The big news surrounded the Chief Wayne Allison who was having talks about a possible move to struggling Huddersfield Town. Both Clubs had a greed a fee for the Chief whose contract is up in the Summer but Wayne could not agree personal terms and so remained very much a Swindon Town player.

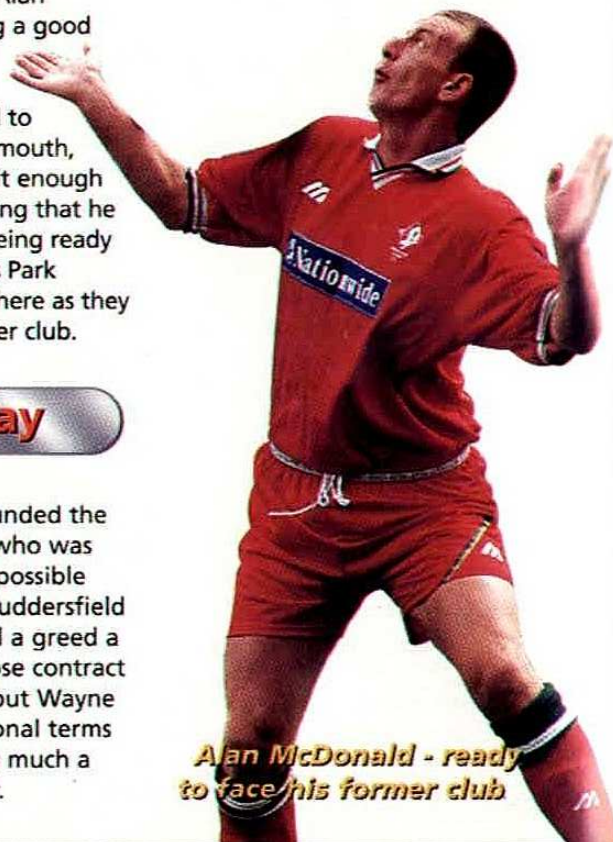
Wednesday

October 29th

It was a big day for the Reserves who faced mighty Arsenal in the Avon Insurance Combination in front of nearly 3000 spectators. Although our inexperienced side battled hard, they were no match for the Gunners who fielded the likes of John Lukic, David Platt, Giles Grimandi and England Under 21 International Stephen Hughes.

We had a close look at a couple of trialists in that game, namely Stuart Quinn who was recently released by Liverpool, and Mark Quayle who is on a week to week contract at Everton.

We decided not to keep Stuart but want to have another look at Mark and will invite him back in the near future.



Alan McDonald - ready to face his former club

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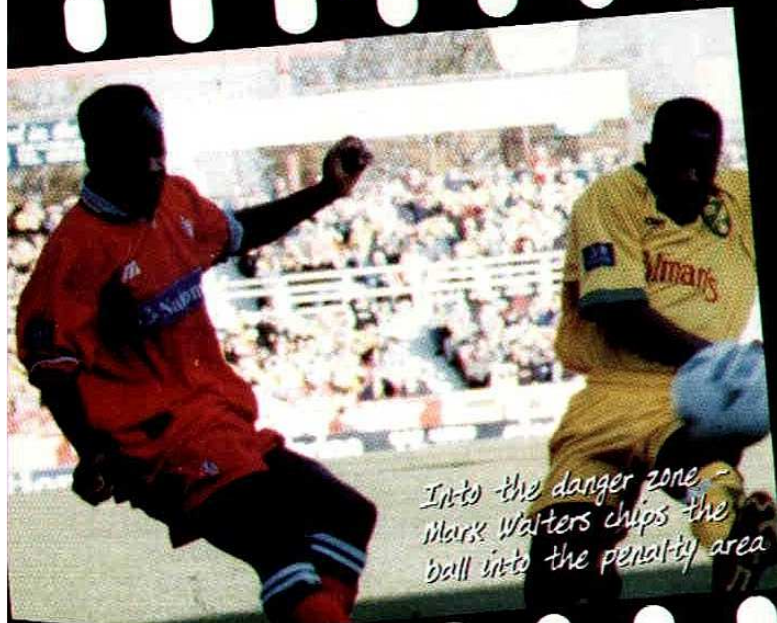
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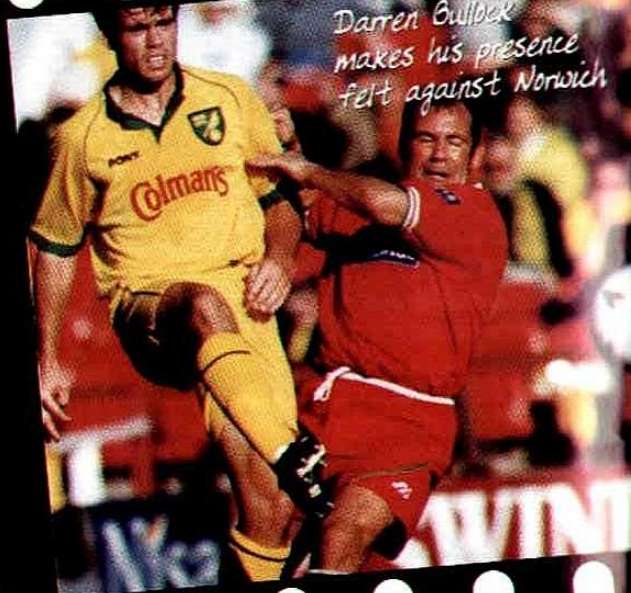
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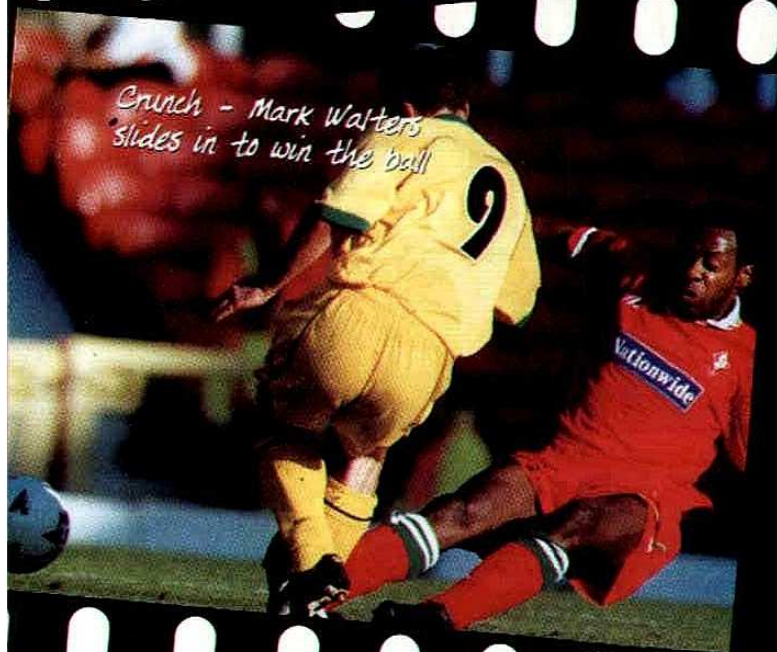
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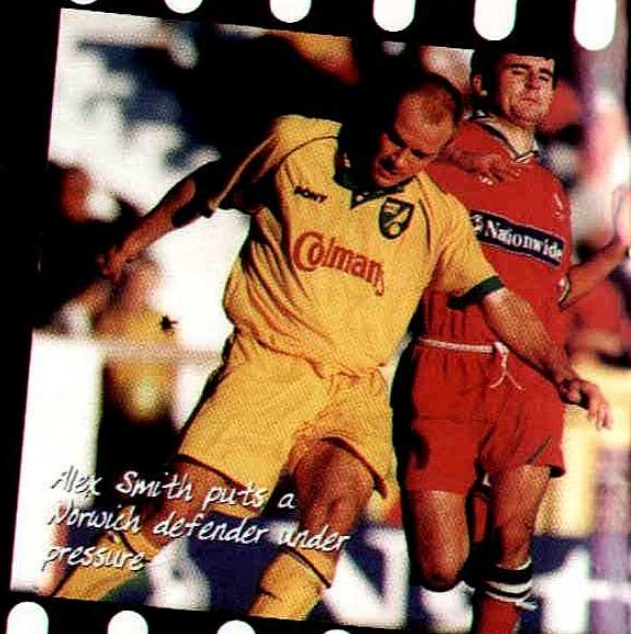
Into the danger zone - Mark Walters chips the ball into the penalty area



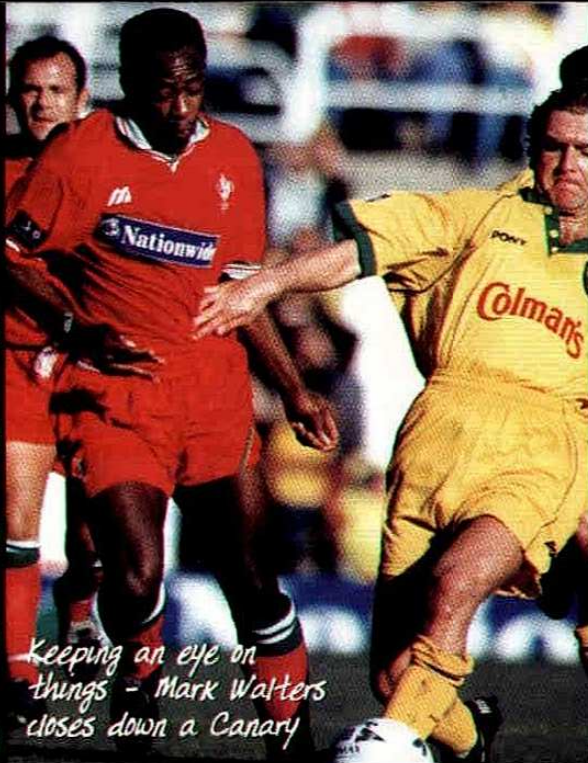
Darren Bullock makes his presence felt against Norwich



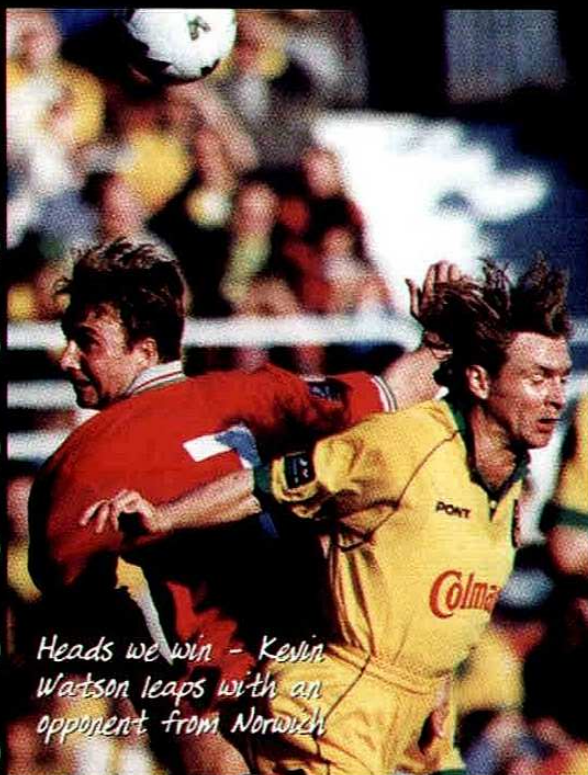
Crunch - Mark Walters slides in to win the ball



Alex Smith puts a Norwich defender under pressure



Keeping an eye on things - Mark Walters closes down a Canary



Heads we win - Kevin Watson leaps with an opponent from Norwich



RESULT...

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER
NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE

**Swindon Town 1
Norwich City 0**

Attendance 9,842

TEAM...

- 1 Fraser Digby
- 2 Brian Borrows
- 3 Ian Culverhouse
- 4 Darren Bullock
- 5 Craig Taylor
- 6 Chris Casper
- 7 Kevin Watson
- 8 Mark Walters (Alex Smith 88 mins)
- 9 Chris Hay
- 10 Wayne Allison
- 11 Ty Gooden

Subs not used: Steve Cowe,
Gary Elkins.

MATCH REPORT

Hot shot Chris Hay clinched three more points for Swindon with a stunning late strike at the County Ground.

With the game seemingly heading for a 0-0 draw, Hay chipped in the winner from 25 yards to take his personal tally for the season to 10 and lift Swindon back up into second spot in the table.

Hay had several chances early in the game but was unable to find the target and the closest Swindon came to scoring was when a wonderful chip by Mark Walters hit the cross bar.

Norwich had opportunities but Fraser Digby pulled off several important saves before Hay had the crowd on their feet with a goal out of nothing.

"Strikers are a dying breed and managers just can't find them any more so to get Chris Hay for the price we did is great business. He seems to be able to score from anywhere," said Town boss Steve McMahon.

Norwich team:

Andy Marshall, Karl Simpson (Rob Newman 87 mins), Daryl Sutch, Peter Grant, Kevin Scott, Matt Jackson, Neil Adams, Robert Fleck (Adrian Cooté 25 mins), Mike Milligan, Craig Bellamy, Adrian Forbes (Danny Mills 58).

reserve round-up

with Ross MacLaren



Avon Insurance Combination Division One.

Swindon Town Reserves 0 Arsenal Reserves 3

A star-studded Arsenal team packed too much punch for our young and inexperienced line-up but saying that we gave a good account of ourselves in what was always going to be a very tough game.

Playing against the likes of David Platt, Giles Grimandi and Stephen Hughes could have been daunting to say the least but our youngsters stuck at their task well and all credit to them for that.

We made quite a bright start and although

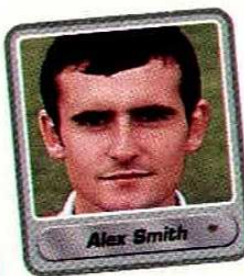
Arsenal striker Jehad Muntasser went close twice with a shot and a header, we managed to keep them out for the first 20 minutes.

However the game then turned completely in the space of a couple of minutes as England Under 21 International Stephen Hughes struck twice to put the Gunners in complete control.

His first was a blistering free kick into the far corner from the edge of the penalty area and

before we had a chance to recover from that, a corner was only half cleared and Hughes pounced to hammer home a half volley from 20 yards.

Just before the interval Matthew Wicks got in behind our defence but lobbed a shot over



but we were still facing a difficult second half.

The second half saw Arsenal pile on more pressure as we failed to pass the ball very well and it took a good save low down by Steve Mildenhall to deny Alberto Mendez in the 55th minute.

However Mildenhall was only able to parry a fierce shot by Stephen Hughes in the 64th minute and

this allowed Muntasser to tap the loose ball into an empty net for Arsenal's third. The closest we came to scoring was when trialist Mark Quayle, a 19 year old striker from Everton, saw a header from a corner beaten out by John Lukic but that apart there was little for the Arsenal keeper to worry about.



Reserve Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name:	League	Cup	Total
Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.
STEPHEN BENNETT	(2)	0	(2)
DARREN BULLOCK	5	0	5
SAM CAMPAGNA	(2)	0	(2)
STEVE COWE	8	1	9
LEE COLLINS	8	0	8
IAN CULVERHOUSE	4	0	4
FREDERIC DARRAS	2	0	2
SOL DAVIS	2(1)	0	2(1)
JASON DRYSDALE	1	0	1
GARY ELKINS	10	0	10
ALEX FINLAYSON	(2)	0	(2)
STEVE FINNEY	6	2	8
CHRIS HAY	1	1	2
STUART HODSON	(1)	0	(1)
PETER HOLCROFT	5	0	5
ROBIN HULBERT	2(2)	0	2(2)
HASSAN KACHLOUL (TRIALIST)	1	1	2
PHIL KING	2	0	2
STEPHANE LEONI (TRIALIST)	1	0	1
PAUL MCAREAVEY	1(1)	0	1(1)
STEVE MCMAHON	2	0	2
IAN MCSHERRY	(1)	0	(1)
ALEX MEECHAN	3(3)	0	3(3)
STEVE MILDENHALL	5	0	5
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	6(2)	0	6(2)
MARK QUAYLE (TRIALIST)	1	0	1
STUART QUINN (TRIALIST)	2	0	2
MARK SEAGRAVES	2	1	3
ALEX SMITH	9	1	10
FRANK TALLIA	5	0	5
CRAG TAYLOR	2	0	2
WAYNE THORNE	3(3)	0	3(3)
MARK WALTERS	3	0	3
KEVIN WATSON	7	0	7
FAYCAL YAHIA (TRIALIST)	1	0	1

FIXTURES 97/98

Avon Insurance Combination Div 1

Tue Aug 12	Crystal Palace	A 1-2
WED AUG 20	TOTTENHAM	H 0-2
Thur Aug 28	West Ham United	A 0-1
WED SEP 03	LUTON TOWN	H PP
WED SEP 10	CHALTON ATHLETIC	H 0-1
Mon Sep 15	Brighton & H.A.	A 2-0
THU SEP 25	NORWICH CITY	H 1-2
Wed Oct 01	Portsmouth	A 2-0
Wed Oct 08	Wimbledon	A 0-3
WED OCT 15	IPSWICH TOWN	H 1-1
Wed Oct 22	Watford	A PP
WED OCT 29	ARSENAL	H 0-3
Mon Nov 03	Chelsea	A 7-00
WED NOV 12	OXFORD UNITED	H 7-15
Thur Nov 20	QPR	A 7-00
WED NOV 25	MILLWALL	H 7-15
WED DEC 03	WEST HAM UNITED	H 7-15
Mon Dec 08	Luton Town	A 7-00
WED DEC 17	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H 7-15
Wed Jan 07	Chalton Athletic	A 2-00
WED JAN 14	PORTSMOUTH	H 7-15
Thur Jan 22	Norwich City	A 7-30
THUR JAN 29	WIMBLEDON	H 7-15
Wed Feb 04	Ipswich Town	A 7-00
WED FEB 11	SOUTHAMPTON	H 7-15
Wed Feb 18	Millwall	A 2-00
WED MAR 04	CHELSEA	H 7-15
Tue Mar 10	Arsenal	A 2-00
Wed Mar 18	Oxford United	A 7-30
WED MAR 25	CRYSTAL PALACE	H 7-15
WED APR 01	Q.R.R.	H 7-15
Wed Apr 08	Southampton	A 7-30
Wed Apr 15	Tottenham	A 7-30
WED APR 22	WATFORD	H 7-15

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Arsenal showed their class throughout and kept the ball very well but I was a little disappointed with the way we gave the ball away.

Saying that our youngsters did quite well and hopefully they will learn from the experience of playing against a very powerful outfit.

Finally a quick word about the crowd which was a magnificent 2,835. Thanks for your support and I hope you will all come back to support us again.

Team: Mildenhall, Quinn, Davis (Bennett), Hulbert, Pattimore, Elkins (Hodson), Thorne, Holcroft, Cowe (Meechan), Quayle, Smith.

NEXT HOME GAME

**Wednesday 12th
November 1997**

**Oxford
United**

Kick-Off 7.15pm

NEXT AWAY GAME

**Thursday 20th
November 1997**

Q.P.R.

Kick-Off 7.00pm

THE LEAGUE

Avon Insurance Combination Div 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Arsenal	12	8	3	1	35	9	27	+26
Tottenham H.	12	8	2	2	22	14	26	+08
Southampton	12	6	4	2	25	12	22	+13
Charlton Athletic	10	7	1	2	27	8	22	+19
Crystal Palace	12	7	0	5	21	17	21	+04
Wimbledon	12	5	3	4	17	9	16	+08
Portsmouth	11	4	5	2	14	10	17	+04
Oxford United	12	4	5	3	19	22	17	-03
Norwich City	12	4	5	3	13	17	17	-04
Millwall	11	4	3	4	12	17	15	-05
Q.P.R.	12	3	4	5	15	14	13	+01
Watford	12	3	4	5	12	22	13	-10
Ipswich Town	12	2	5	5	15	24	11	-09
West Ham United	12	3	2	7	14	25	11	-11
Eston Town	9	2	3	4	9	14	9	-05
Chelsea	12	1	5	6	11	22	8	-11
SWINDON TOWN	10	2	1	7	7	15	7	-8
Brighton & H.A.	11	1	3	7	11	28	6	-17



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South East Counties League Division 2

SAT	AUG 09	BRENTFORD	H 2-2
Sat	Aug 16	Southampton	A 1-2
SAT	AUG 23	LUTON TOWN	H 2-4
WED	AUG 27	CARDIFF CITY (JFC1)	H 3-3
Sat	Aug 30	Reading	A 3-1
Tue	Sep 9	Cardiff City (JFC1 Rep)	A 0-3
SAT	SEP 13	PORTSMOUTH (LC1)	H 1-0
WED	SEP 17	P'BORO UTD (MYC1)	H 1-1
Sat	Sep 20	Colchester United	A 2-1
SAT	SEP 27	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H 4-2
Tue	Sep 30	P'boro Utd (MYC1 Rep)	A 2-1
Sat	Oct 04	Bristol Rovers	A 1-1
SAT	OCT 11	WYCOMBE W.	H 1-0
Tue	Oct 14	Notts Forest (MYC2)	A 1-2
SAT	OCT 18	BRISTOL ROVERS (LC2)	H 2-0
Sat	Oct 25	Wimbledon	A 2-4
Sat	Nov 01	Tottenham Hotspur	A 3-0
SAT	NOV 08	OXFORD UNITED	H
Sat	Nov 15	Barnet	A
MON	NOV 17	BRISTOL ROVERS (FAYC)	H
Sat	Nov 22	Luton Town (LC3)	A
SAT	NOV 29	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H
Sat	Dec 06	Bristol City	A
SAT	DEC 13	BRISTOL CITY	H
Sat	Dec 20	Brentford	A
SAT	JAN 03	SOUTHAMPTON	H
Sat	Jan 10	Luton Town	A
SAT	JAN 17	READING	H
SAT	JAN 31	COLCHESTER UNITED	H
Sat	Feb 07	AFC Bournemouth	A
SAT	FEB 14	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Sat	Feb 21	Wycombe Wndrs.	A
SAT	FEB 28	WIMBLEDON	H
SAT	MAR 07	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H
Sat	Mar 14	Oxford United	A
SAT	MAR 21	BARNET	H
Sat	Mar 28	Brighton & H.A.	A

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south east

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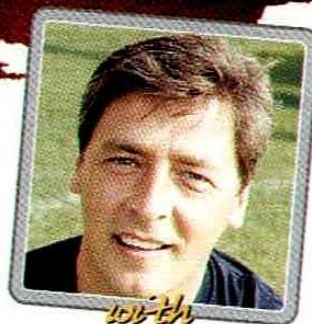
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Aug 23	Bristol Rovers	A 4-2
AUG 30	CARDIFF CITY	H 2-3
Sept 06	Cheltenham Town	A pp
SEPT 13	CIRENCESTER TOWN	H 1-2
Sept 20	Exeter City	A 1-2
OCT 09	SWANSEA CITY (LC R1)	H 2-1
Oct 11	Plymouth Argyle	A 1-5
OCT 18	SWANSEA CITY	H 0-3
OCT 25	YEOVIL TOWN	H 0-1
Nov 01	Torquay United	A 1-2
NOV 08	AFC NEWPORT	H
Nov 15	Bashley	A
NOV 22	(LEAGUE CUP ROUND 2)	
NOV 29	BRISTOL CITY	H
Dec 06	Bristol City	A
DEC 13	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Jan 03	Cardiff City	A
JAN 10	CHELTEHAM TOWN	H
Jan 17	Cirencester Town	A
JAN 24	EXETER CITY	H
Jan 31	Hereford United	A
FEB 07	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H
Feb 14	Swansea City	A
Feb 21	Yeovil Town	A
FEB 28	TORQUAY UNITED	H
Mar 07	AFC Newport	A
NOV 02	BASHLEY	H

All home Saturday fixtures kick-off at 11.00am - Wednesday fixtures kick-off at 2.00pm. At the British Rail Ground. Kick-off times are subject to change without prior warning.

south west

youth team focus



with
Tommy Wheelodon

South East Counties League Division Two

Wimbledon Youth 4 Swindon Town Youth 2

We never really recovered from a poor start which saw us fall 2-0 behind after only 18 minutes.

The first goal came after a mistake by South African trialist goalkeeper Kevin Davies who dropped a cross which led to a simple tap-in. The second came following a mix up between Davies and Stuart Hodson which left us with a tough uphill battle.

A 25 yard strike just before the break by Wayne Thorne put us back in touch but we missed several other chances to score with Alex Meechan the main culprit.

We went into the second half confident of turning things around but another unforced error at the back meant Wimbledon were gifted a 3-1 lead.

A 72nd minute strike by Meechan gave us renewed hope as we pushed hard for the equaliser with Phil MacDiarmid and Stuart Hodson hitting the woodwork.

Wimbledon sealed victory with the last kick of the game to leave me disappointed with the performance.

We had been doing quite well up until this game but it is now a case of getting back to basics and let's hope the lads learn from their mistakes.

Team: Davies, Davis, Campagna, Cairns, Hodson (Cope), Bennett, Mills, Thorne, MacDiarmid, Meechan, McSherry (Culbertson).

South West Counties

Swindon Town Youth 0 Yeovil Town Youth 1

Despite dominating large chunks of this game, Swindon's Academy team were unable to find the net and ended up going down to the only goal.

Yeovil started the stronger but Swindon came back well and Neil Dix was unfortunate not to open his account with two near misses.

In the second half Swindon piled on the pressure and on the hour a good move down the right resulted in Carl Taylor's cross being headed against the bar by Dix. The rebound fell to Dix again who saw his volley crash back off the woodwork.

To rub salt into the wounds Yeovil then broke away to score the only goal of the game against the run of play and leave Swindon with nothing to show for a gutsy display.

On a more positive note trialists Justice Muze and Alex Masson both gave good performances.

Team: Betterton, Taylor, O'Connell, Sharps, Simpkins, Mackie, Masson, Hughes, Muze, Dix, Sperti. Subs: Brogden, Kimber, Pottinger.

south east counties

	P	W	D	L	F	APTS.	GD
LUTON TOWN	10	7	1	2	33	12	+21
BRENTFORD	9	4	4	1	18	10	+8
SOUTHAMPTON	10	5	1	4	26	18	-03
TOTTENHAM H.	10	5	1	4	15	18	-03
BRISTOL CITY	8	4	3	1	17	13	+04
SWINDON TOWN	9	4	2	3	18	17	+01
COLCHESTER UTD.	10	4	2	4	17	17	00
WYCOMBE W.	8	3	3	2	14	9	+05
BRISTOL ROVERS	9	3	3	3	23	20	+03
WIMBLEDON	6	3	3	2	16	19	-03
OXFORD UNITED	9	4	0	5	19	25	-06
BARNET	10	2	3	5	16	24	-08
A.E.C. B'MOUTH	10	1	4	5	16	23	-07
READING	9	1	3	5	10	21	-11
BRIGHTON	9	1	3	5	11	23	-12



Alex Meechan



FACT FILE...

Name: Paul McAreavey
Date of birth: 3.12.80
Birthplace: Belfast
Position: Midfield
Previous Clubs: None
International honours:
5 caps for Northern Ireland
Biggest influence on career: Family
Favourite player: Roy Keane
Future aims: To play for Celtic.

Youth Team Player Appearances 97/98

	League		Cup		Total	
Player Name:	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.
STEVE BENNETT	3	1	2(1)	0	5(1)	1
ANTHONY BETTERTON	7	0	4	0	11	0
PETER CAIRNS	5(2)	0	3(1)	0	8(3)	0
SAM CAMPAGNA	10	0	7	0	17	0
GARETH COPE	(1)	0	(1)	0	(2)	0
RICKY CULBERTSON	4(3)	0	5(1)	0	9(4)	1
SOL DAVIS	5	1	(1)	0	5(1)	1
KEVIN DAVIES	1	0	1	0	2	0
ALAN FLANNAGAN	2	0	1	0	3	0
WESLEY GARTON	2	0	1	0	3	0
STUART HODSON	10	1	7	1	17	2
ALAN HUGHES	2(1)	0	1(3)	0	3(4)	0
ROBIN HULBERT	5	2	5	1	10	3
PHIL MACDIARMID	5(1)	0	2(2)	0	7(3)	0
PAUL McAREAVEY	5	2	3	2	8	4
IAN McSHERRY	6(3)	1	5(1)	2	11(4)	3
ALEX MEECHAN	10	8	6	3	16	11
JAMIE MILLS	4(2)	1	4	0	8(2)	1
CHRIS ORGAN	1	0	0	0	1	0
CHRIS O'CONNELL	6(1)	1	2(1)	0	8(2)	1
BRADLEY PETERS	6(1)	1	6	0	12(1)	1
KARL ROBINSON	1(1)	0	4	0	5(1)	0
MICHAEL TARRAN	0	0	1	0	1	0
WAYNE THORNE	10	1	7	0	17	1
CARL TAYLOR	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0

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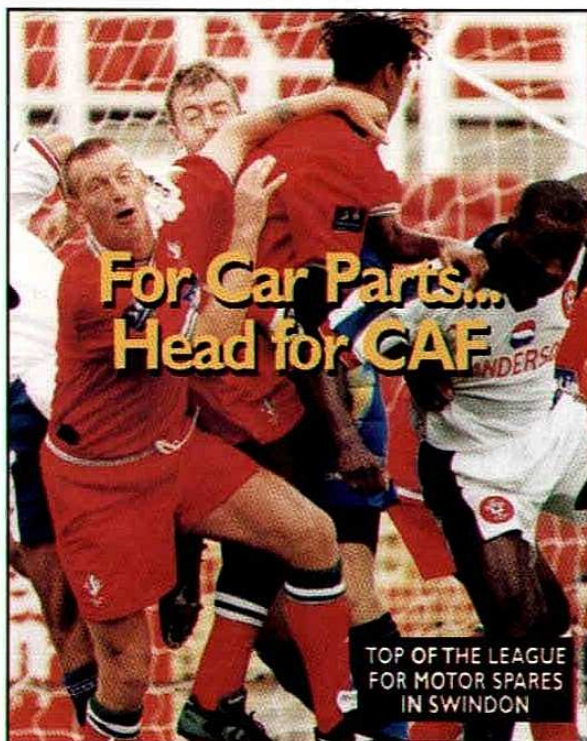
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community scheme news

with Clive & Jon

Dry, sunny but freezing conditions did not put off the 140 participants in our October Half Term Funweeks last week.

One hundred of you took part here at the County Ground with Jon Holloway supervising the 40 who braved the elements at Marlborough.

A brilliant three days was had by all and all the coaches, to whom we are really grateful for their support, commented on the excellent behaviour and commitment of all those who took part.

It was lovely to see so many familiar faces matched with a few new youngsters who have joined the 100's who seem to appear from nowhere when we run these weeks.

Credit to you and to your parents who all dig deep into their pockets to make sure you can attend our Funweeks. Let's hope we can continue the high standards into next year when our next course is booked for February Half Term week.

Pictured are representatives from Autowindcreens who presented match balls to all the schools who took part in our area 6 a side tournament before last week's game against Norwich. Jon and I would like to thank all the schools who took part and well done to all the teachers who stood out in the freezing cold during February and March. Bradon Forest reached the national final at Wembley Stadium so well done to them and thanks to Paul and Elliot from Autowindcreens for making the presentations.

Finally congratulations to Jon Holloway and his partner Jayne on the birth of their little boy. Alfie-John weighed in at 7lb 4oz.



Clive
Maguire

Jon
Holloway



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Good evening to all our young supporters for tonight's game against Queens Park Rangers.

There is always something a little bit special about playing under the floodlights so get behind the lads tonight and let's really make it a party atmosphere.

Firework festival

I hope you enjoy our very own firework display tonight which has been laid on courtesy of our main sponsor Nationwide Building Society.

Let's hope the action is just as spectacular when kick-off time arrives and we all go home happy after another Town triumph!

Away visit

Well done to all those Junior Robins who made the trip down to Fratton Park last Friday for the live Sky game against Portsmouth.

Didn't the lads battle well and congratulations to you for really getting behind the team and inspiring them to victory.

The next Junior Robins coach trip is on Saturday December 13th when we travel to Sheffield United

for a First Division fixture.

The price will be £10 for Juniors and £15 for adults and more details can be obtained by ringing the Marketing Department on 01793 532121.

Matchday mascots

Pictured with the team captain's and officials are the mascots from our last home game against Norwich City.

It proved to be a great day out for William Raikes-May, Abbey Hayes, Lewis Hayes and of course Gerry Woodvine who at the age of 53 showed that it is not just a youngsters' dream to lead the team out onto the pitch at the County Ground.



mascots...mascots...

Today's mascots

Ten year old **Michael Wells** lives in Calne where he attends St Dunstan School. His favourite Swindon Town player is Fraser Digby and his hobbies include trampolining and fishing.

Joining Michael as our Matchday Mascot is 11 year old **David Wells** whose favourite player is also Fraser Digby. David, who goes to Calder House school in Colerne, is another keen trampolinist but he also likes skateboarding.

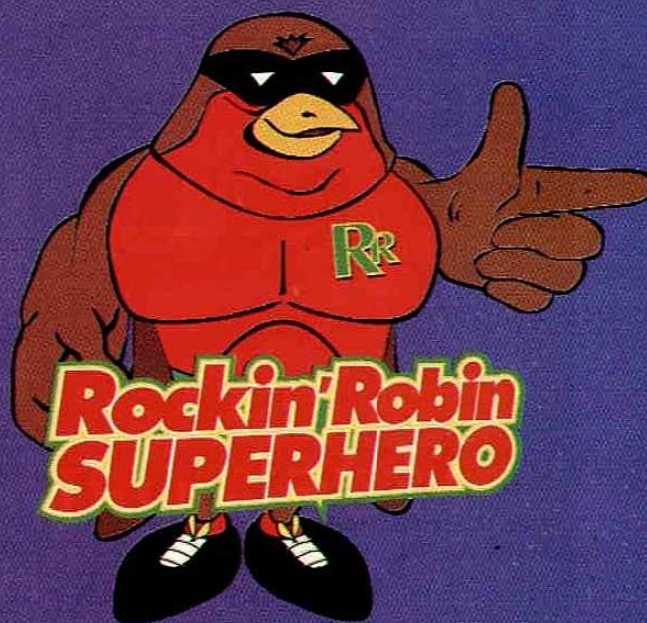
We hope you both enjoy your day out at the County Ground.

a fine goalscoring record, she shouldn't have too many problems!

Emma's favourite player is Danny Maddix.



Leading the Queens Park Rangers team out tonight as their official mascot is 13 year old **Emma Delves** who lives in Camberley, Surrey. Emma has been playing football for six years and last year helped her team win the league and cup by scoring 60 goals! Her main ambition is to play for QPR Ladies and with such



tony horne's view from a far



Our current form is exceptional for two reasons -

Steve McMahon must see more bodies on the treatment table at the moment than he does on the training pitch, and secondly, even though this is a much improved, spineful, Swindon Town, you still fear at the back of your mind that one bad result could lead to two or three.

So far it is not to be, and after the hard-earned point at Sunderland, you felt that five years of misfortune were turning around when Chris Hay scored one of the great County Ground goals last week in a game that most had given up on. Is this really the season, where we do not collapse away from home, and we steal goals

out of nothing.....so far it's only us chasing Nottingham Forest.

This season makes me laugh a great deal: only this week, a good pal of mine Jon Driscoll, was saying on the radio that "Manchester City could pull themselves out of the bottom three if they won....." Here is a club, for whom being a manager seems to be a 'poisoned chalice', with one of the biggest grounds in our division, in one of the great footballing cities in the world, with the world class Kinkladze playing for them, and they are doing nothing at the moment. To think how Nicky Summerbee and Kevin Horlock left for Maine Road in search of greatness and whilst the latter is an international and certainly a good player their dreams will not have been fulfilled

and they are not part of a Frank Clark renaissance just yet.

To put it bluntly, they are at the opposite end of the table to us, the club they fled. Whilst I acknowledge that many of the Sky games are chosen well in advance, the previous comments should give the satellite boys a bit of a nudge when it comes to picking the rest of the TV games for this year. Am I not the only one who finds it shocking that the second placed team in the league only made their first Sky appearance in the Portsmouth game last Friday?

Maybe they thought this was going to be a bottom of the table decider?

Think again because we are on the rise and better value for money than Wolves and Manchester City put together!

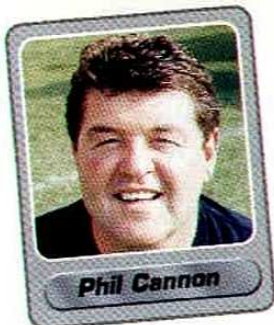
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It was a long way to travel for the boys from Plymouth but they seemed to thoroughly enjoy the experience and both sets of players produced some quality performances. I'm sure there are some stars of the future in the making at both clubs.

All the games were entertaining to watch with goals flying in all over the place.

I would like to thank all the parents who helped with the food and drinks for well over 100 boys.

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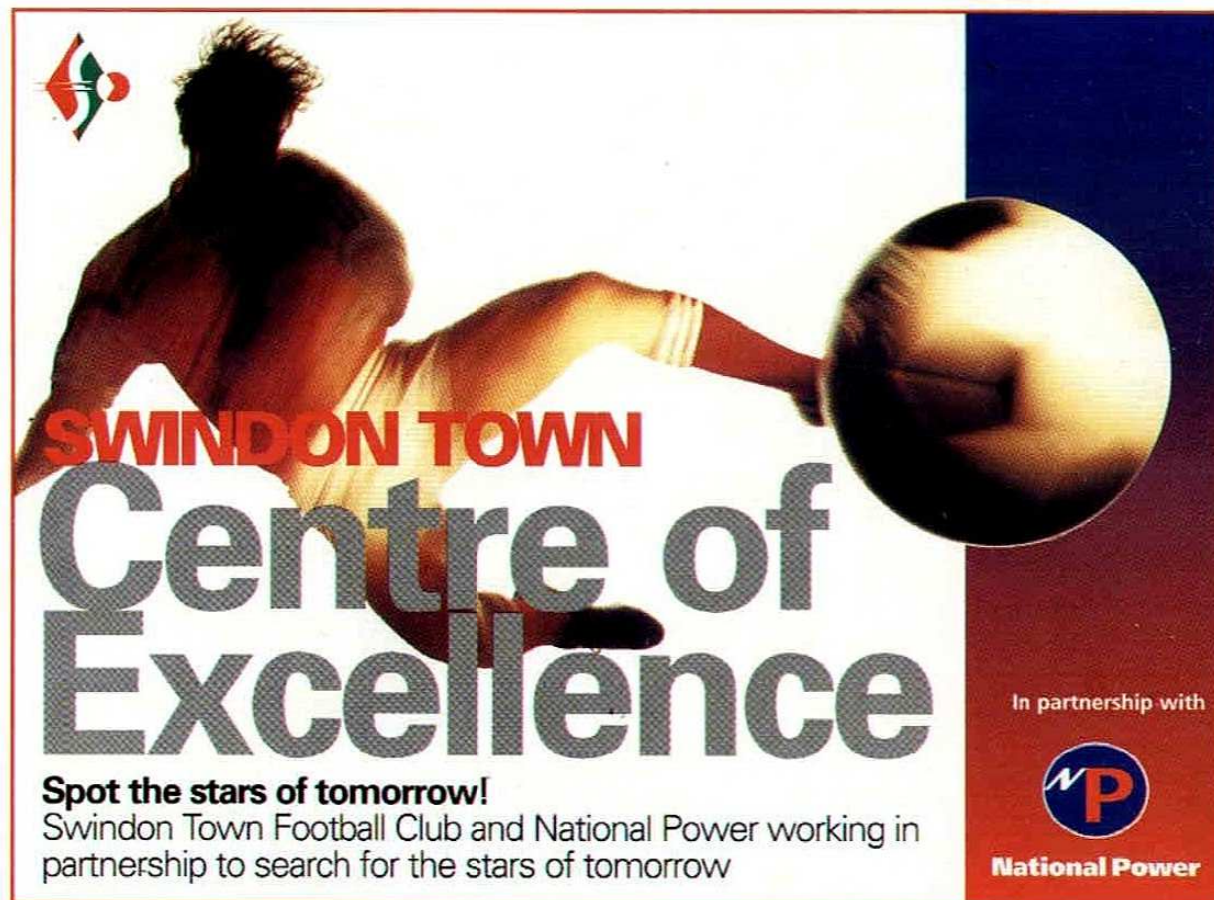
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Stockport C.



On Saturday November 15th we pay a visit to Stockport County (3pm) where only 300 seats are available.

Ticket prices to sit or stand on the terraces are £12 for adults and £6 for concessions if purchased in advance although there are no concessions on the day of the game.

Tickets for the following home matches are now on sale:



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Saturday December 6th, 3pm.

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Don't forget

that tickets for Reserve team games are on sale at the advance box office up until 7.30pm on matchdays.

Tickets cost £4 for adults and £1 concessions with free admission for season ticket holders and Junior Robins.

On Wednesday November 12th the Reserves take on local rivals Oxford United here at the County Ground (7.15pm).

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Matchday Ticket Office:
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on the road... travel...



Stockport
Saturday November 15th
Kick-Off 3.00pm

Town will be looking to add to their three away League victories to date with another at Edgeley Park - where County are as yet unbeaten.

Marlborough-born Brett Angell will be one of the danger men in the Stockport camp.



Going to Charlton...
Friday November 28th
Kick-Off 7.45pm

All your travel details for this trip to The Valley will appear in Saturday's matchday magazine

Travelling by Road...

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Did You Know?

The last meeting between the two clubs - on the final day of 1995/96 - was the first time that Stockport had avoided defeat at the County Ground in eight visits. The game ended goalless.



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Last season our publication was very highly commended and only just missed out on the top Programme of the Season Awards but we're aiming to go one better this year and Programme Monthly feels we have got a great chance.

They said: "The Swindon Town programme has always looked beautiful, but has missed that little extra to propel it amongst the awards - this season's substantial issue could change all that. The top quality print and design is still there, along with more to read. There are a number of club-based features to inform and general articles from outside contributors to entertain. Good value for money in today's market and a very attractive programme." Praise indeed from the so called experts!



The 10p Challenge

Mansfield Town fan Brian Evans is at the County Ground today for "The 10p Challenge".

He aims to see all the Mansfield games this season, home and away, but he also intends to see a home game of all 92 league clubs.

Impossible? Maybe it will be, but Brian isn't one who likes a challenge to be easy, as you will appreciate when I tell you that he lives in Brighton, which means a 400 mile round trip for a home game!

He does however have experience on his side. In the 1984/85 season, he attempted the same challenge. On that occasion he visited all 92 league grounds but missed just one game at Mansfield. Now he is ready to try again, but this time he will be raising money for charity on his travels.

Tonight's match against QPR will be Brian's 60th game of the season and included in that is last Friday's fixture at Portsmouth.

If you would like to help Brian achieve his challenge and support charity at the same time, you can send a cheque or postal order to HECOTS (Health Education and Care of the Terminally Sick).

Please send donations to HECOTS Charity Fund, P.O. Box 2944, Brighton, BN2 1DS.

Exec presentation

Executive member Glynis Sly presented striker Chris Hay with a meal for two at the Jewel in the Crown after he was voted as the Executive Members Player of the Month for October.

And there was a surprise in store for Glynis as she was also handed a couple of gifts in the form of a Swindon Town video and signed, framed photo after being the lucky winner drawn out of a hat to make the presentation.



In & around the county ground

Kit handed over

Pictured below is Community Officer Clive Maguire presenting the Club's old yellow away strip to Malcolm Coombs, manager of the Swindon Schools Under 15 team.



The kit has been donated by the Community Office and will be used as the team's change strip this season.

Magazine well received

The latest edition of Programme Monthly has

Gerry's day to remember

For the game against Norwich we had a big kid leading the team out onto the field as 53 year old Gerry Woodvine was one of our Matchday Mascots.

Gerry, who has followed Swindon Town since 1959 had a wonderful day and it goes to show that it is not just the youngsters who can have their dreams turned into reality here at the County Ground.



winning ways

by Dave Hollister



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WHEN ALL YOU WANT IS EVERYTHING

WIN 1

Not only did the referee for the Norwich game come from Hertfordshire... so did our Nest-Egg winner on that day!

The man in the middle was **Mark Halsey** whilst our draw winner was **John Harvey**. They carry very similar surnames but that is where the resemblance concludes. For John did not get a yellow card when we took his name! Instead we gave him a cheque for £638 in return for ticket number 3045. In fact, we did what no referee could ever do - send someone off happy!

The first correct answer to the brainteaser in the Norwich programme was submitted by

Ralph Austin of Chipping Norton. It was **Arthur Horsfield** who was the top goal scorer prior to the game with Norwich on 1st November 1969. An autographed football awaits Ralph in the Promotions Office.

There are no questions to be asked this evening as they are being preserved for the Masterminds Quiz on Thursday 20th November. It's not too late to enter your team of six. It's a pen and paper format so there is no need to fear stage fright. The trophy for the winning team and the six for team members have been generously donated by **Tony Radway** of Wootton Bassett.

The prize in our Christmas Draw this year is a festive party for ten in our Executive Suite. The prize includes three course meals, entertainment, plus £100 in the till for refreshments of a flowing nature. The winner will be given two weeks in which to organise his or her nine selected associates from family, friends and neighbours. There will be 100 other ebullient party-goers at the function so a great night is guaranteed! So for just 50p, you can give yourself and your friends a remarkable kick-off to Christmas! Tickets are available from the Promotions Office and Superstore. Why not help us sell them!

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from the press box *by Chris Scott*

I suppose if there is one subject likely to unite all football fans, it's referee's decisions and the way their favourite team has suffered because of them. It's always been that way, at least it used to be until referees decisions started to be overturned by officials watching videos.

Football is not always known for keeping up to date but the coming of Sky TV in particular has highlighted too many dodgy decisions, given in good faith by referees at the time, only to find later that the ball did or didn't cross the line, the scorer was or was not offside, the foul by the defender was or wasn't inside the box and so on. How many players are sent off only for the referee to change his mind a few days later because the replay found him out. A recorded caution rather than a sending off doesn't help the team who lost a player for the rest of the game because of the officials genuine mistake. With a third official controversial incidents can be replayed a split second after they happen and the facts are then available for a correct decision to be made. The official in charge can still use his judgment to decide, but at least he can have the facts for really important incidents which vitally affect the course of the game. The argument that ***"it's bound to be right because the ref gave it"*** doesn't stand up now because decisions are changed after the game.!! And any hope that the unwritten law 18 ***"use common sense"*** can help has been submerged under explicit instruction from above.

We do expect a lot from our referees. David Ellery said

recently ***"They are after all only human beings"***. I am asking the question Do we really expect too much? Surely we ought to give every possible help now that refs are expected to clones of the FIFA manual. I am very sorry to see that personality in a referee seems to be discouraged, a smile a joke, the right word which calms a potentially nasty situation seems to be exchanged for a yellow or red card. Gone forever, it seems, are the styles of such as Jack Taylor, Clive Thomas and for anyone as old as me, Mervyn Griffiths. Wouldn't it be better to give the referee some help at the time with a third official (or should it be assistant these days) up in the stand equipped with video replay equipment to adjudicate quickly and accurately on difficult decisions? This works well in cricket, it could work just as well in our sport.

How referees are selected is too big a question to go into here, perhaps another time but should there not be some ***"Fast track"*** promotion for those who are likely to make it to the top? Experience is also a big factor but just as important is the ability to handle people. Like a player, class and ability in a referee can be spotted very early. Can the game get some weight behind training players in top football to become referees well before they finish playing and then promote the good ones quickly? Why not publish referees markings, better still why not get the customers involved in some way in marking them? With an assessor sat in the stand you get just one man's opinion. It's all very well for top refs and players to deplore the abuse heaped on officials but how much has been

done to remove the reasons. I'm on the refs and players side, as well as the fans side - surely they all want the same thing- correct decisions. Referees are daily subjected to verbal abuse from many sections of the game, wouldn't it be better to get rid of some of the reasons why mistakes are made. Football does itself no favours by refusing to face up to this problem and its responsibilities in this area. The cash is there to at least try to improve the standards. How about trying the sin bin for a season to see if it would work? There is no compassion shown to the player who loses form and I can see no reason why referees should not be dropped if they fall below an acceptable standard. After all refereeing is only a lucrative hobby to our officials. Should we have full time officials? That's altogether a different debate for another time. Just a final thought. What would managers talk about and journalists write about after the game if we didn't have so many questionable decisions? More on the game maybe? More about the players? Oh! Of course we could go back to the old fashioned way of accepting decisions come what may and forgetting about videos and reversing decisions.



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with Julian Wetherall

marketing news

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PIA Advertising and Marketing were Matchday Sponsors for the game against Norwich City and Man of the Match Chris Hay is pictured handing over a signed, framed shirt to **PIA's** representatives Nick Prescott and Derrick Johnson as

a thank you for their continued support.



Derrick Johnson is also pictured handing over a bottle of bubbly to Man of the Match Chris Hay.



Wyvern Staff Agency, **Sutech** and **Commerzbank** were the Matchball Sponsors for the Norwich game and representatives and guests of

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signed footballs as a memento of their day by Man of the Match Chris Hay.



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Defender Alan McDonald returned to training this week after recovering from a calf injury and I'm pleased to say that he will be available for selection for tonight's game against Queens Park Rangers.

There is also a chance that Scott Leitch could be in contention tonight. He will have a late fitness test before being considered after making good progress from a torn left ham string.

Another player who is recovering well is Mark Robinson who has been out for some time after hurting his left knee in a training accident.

"Robbo" will return to training later this week. Meanwhile



defender Jason Drysdale could be back on the training ground by the end of this week or the beginning of next. He's been struggling with an injury to his left calf.



Fraser Digby missed last Friday's game at Portsmouth after tearing muscles in his chest during a training session last Thursday. He could be out for the next couple of weeks which is obviously a big blow.

Frederic Darras has been missing

for the past couple of weeks with a similar problem to the one Ian Culverhouse had.

Freddie will be having an injection into his left ankle this week in the hope of settling the activity in his joint down. If the injection doesn't work though, he could face surgery. The



other players currently sidelined are Mark Seagraves, Philippe Cuervo, Frank Talia who will all be out for the foreseeable future.

I'll talk about Steve Mildenhall's injury on Saturday!

the shadow board

Come on Swindon fans - who would have predicted a top two position at the end of October??

If we tell the truth, if we are honest, the answer must be very few of us. The achievement by Steve and the boys is absolutely fantastic, especially in view of the turmoil in defence.

The injury problems have been horrendous and it is a great credit to the team that they have been overcome.

Personally, I think that one of the best achievements so far this season has been to bounce back after the Maine Road massacre.

The season could have easily fallen apart after such a dent to our confidence but it hasn't. Great job Swindon!!!

Today we welcome QPR to the

County Ground. QPR have an affectionate spot in the memory of all the Swindon fans. Who could ever forget the night of our first Premier League victory? Who could ever forget the crazy events of that night with Luc Nijholt sent off and ten men holding on for three points?

Keith Scott, recently arrived from Wycombe, scored the all important goal and I drove home that night with a broad smile on my face. Apart from our three points - reason enough to smile - my grin was due to overhearing two disgruntled QPR fans heading for the car park.

Well, they said, it was bad enough to travel away and lose, but to lose to Swindon..... I thought of those fans again later in that same season

when we completed our one and only Premier League double.

Let's hope for a similar outcome this season.

We are still looking for more input from our out of town fans - let us know where you live and we can link you with one of our satellite groups.

Good luck to Steve and the boys for three more points tonight.

Go for it lads!!

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Association Football has been seeing red again following two controversial refereeing decisions last week which resulted in players being dismissed from the field.

The fact that the most prominence has been given to the least significant of the two incidents merely reflects the media's total obsession with Premiership football at the expense of the Nationwide Football League. For while a few photographs described the background to the sending-off of Nottingham Forest goalkeeper Dave Beasant, full pages were devoted to the hands on incident which resulted in Paul Durkin red carding Arsenal's French midfielder player Emmanuel Petit.

Let's take the Arsenal man first. He was dismissed for putting both hands on the referee's chest when disputing a decision. I watched the game live on TV and have no argument with the referee's action. Durkin believes he was manhandled and so he was.

Sky TV pundit Andy Gray has led the protest claiming that referees today have lost their common sense. He tried to suggest on air that Petit only put his hands on the match official to stop the referee running into him and added to his argument by showing an earlier incident in the same game when another Arsenal player grabbed Mr Durkin's shoulder from behind.

The fact that you can cite another example of a blatant

disregard for the rules clearly does not make the subsequent indiscretion legal. The player physically assaulted the referee and to my mind got his just desert.

Mr Durkin made the point that he stood by his decision. He claimed: *"It goes beyond what he did to me. The other 30,000 referees in this country look up to referees in the Premier League for guidance. If we allow people to get away with the man handling of officials then it sets a precedent for the rest of football"*.

from the *Colin Benson* sidelines

A good point and one that will be supported by all those brave fellows who take up the whistle on a Sunday morning on the fields around Wiltshire, and way beyond. If the FA was seen to be weak in this instance it would take all the authority away from local association when dealing with similar disciplinary cases.

A very important point then in regard to the game as a whole, but back to the issue concerning Forest custodian David Beasant. Why I suggest that his demise is more significant is twofold. Firstly he was clearly not guilty of committing a foul, a matter which has now been accepted by the referee John Brandwood. Secondly the referee's action totally changed the course of the game and virtually handed Reading a point, they never looked capable of winning.

The Petit sending-off was in the 83rd minute of Arsenal's goalless draw with Aston Villa and had no bearing on the final outcome at all. But Beasant's early bath cost Nottingham Forest two points which at the end of the season could be the difference between Premiership and Nationwide Football League football.

Forest were comfortably leading 2-0 and looking hungry for more goals when Reading's Martin Williams found himself in a one on one with Beasant. The keeper rushed out to challenge and Williams lost

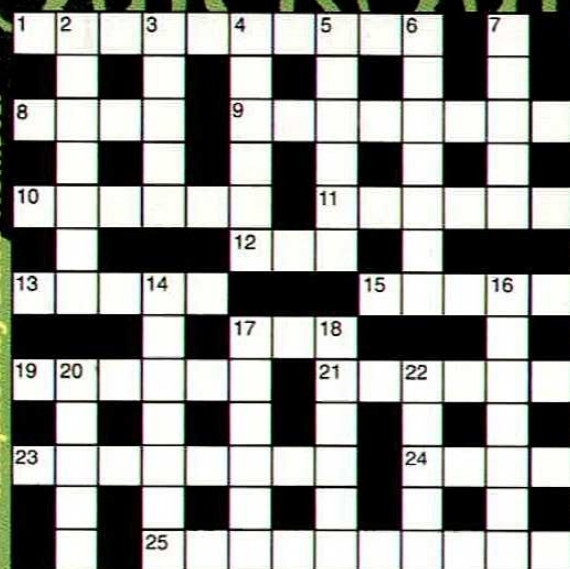
control of the ball, the goalkeeper turned away to try and avoid contact with the attacker. But Williams ran into him and actually stood on his foot as they met.

Mr Brandwood saw it as a professional foul, sent Beasant off, and handed Reading a lifeline from the penalty spot. Centre-half Steve Chettle took over the gloves and conceded the penalty and two other goals in a 3-3 draw.

It was compelling viewing I must admit but hardly justice on the day. The referee's reversal on reviewing the incident on video means the slate is wiped clean for the former England goalkeeper who had never been sent-off before. He will not be suspended which is good and just but it still does not bring Forest back the two points that they lost.

They could be so significant next May when the final reckoning comes. If Forest miss out by two points or less you can bet they will not be sending John Brandwood a Christmas Card. But we just might!

compiled by Dave Hollister



clues across...

1. Swedish Champions (10)
8. Team Captain (4)
9. Pre-season combat (8)
10. Mentioned in every fixture (6)
11. Full side (6)
12. Turf (3)
13. Game surely does this at the Riverside? (6)
15. Unmarked winger says this with raised arms (2-3)
17. International honour (3)
19. A minute to go? End must be this! (2-4)
21. Oldham nickname (6)
23. Ken Bates is certainly this (8)
24. Defence that is closely, this never gets tangled! (4)
25. Nicky Butt's birthplace (10)

clues down...

2. Barnsley's home (7)
3. Accompanies supporters dreams (5)
4. Scores and returns to centre (2-4)
5. Torquay and Cambridge both are (6)
6. They have shooting practice at Highbury (7)
7. Many a one takes place in goalmouth (5)
14. Mark Hughes' birthplace (7)
16. Team that keeps working is one of these (7)
17. Fulham's Cottage (6)
18. Most cups are based on one (6)
22. Barnsley's nickname (5)

answers across...
 1 GOTHEBURG, 8 SKIP, 9 FRIENDLY, 10 VERSUS, 11 ELEVEN, 12 SOD, 13 FLOWS, 15 USE ME, 17 CAP, 19 IS NEAR, 21 LATICS, 23 UNSHAVEN, 24 KNIT, 25 MANCHESTER.

answers down...
 2 OAKWELL, 3 HOPES, 4 NO FUSS, 5 UNITED, 6 GUNNERS, 7 MELLE, 14 WREXHAM, 16 MACHINE, 17 CRAVEN, 18 PLINTH, 22 TYKES.

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See if you can predict today's results....

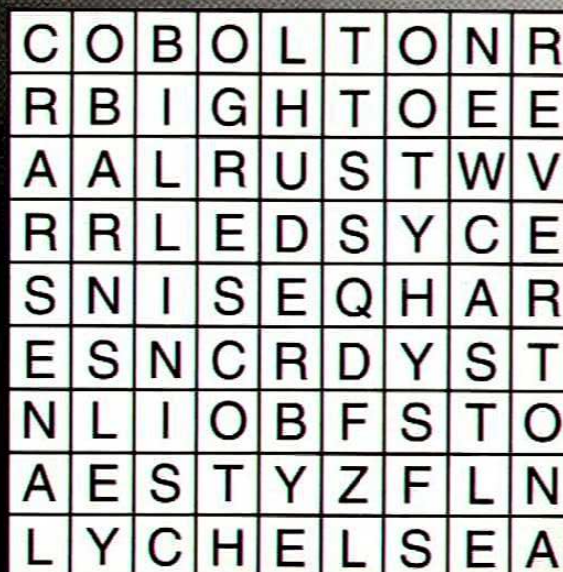
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9 Premiership Teams

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SPORT-IN YEAR 1964

1. Which Briton became European Footballer of the year?
2. Who won Olympic Gold in the two man bobsleigh?
3. Which famous horse beat Mill House to win the 1964 Hennessey Gold Cup?
4. Which famous overseas cricketer was knighted?
5. The world's leading amateur win the mens singles at Wimbledon. Who was he?
6. Which footballer retired at the age of 39 after 764 league games for one team?
7. A legendary Wolves manager was sacked. Who was he?
8. Which F.A.Cup winner also took 64 wickets for Worcestershire as they won the County Championship?
9. Which jockey won his first Derby aged 50?
10. Who became the youngest player to play in an F.A.Cup Final playing for which team?

9 SCOTIE BREASLEY, 10 HOWARD KENDALL OF PRESTON.
5 BOY EMERSON, 6 JIMMY DICKINSON, 7 STAN CULIS, 8 JIM STANDEN,
1 DENIS LAW, 2 NASH AND DIXON, 3 ARKLE, 4 FRANK WORELL.

ANSWERS.....



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Last game: Lee Collins

**WHO'S
KIT?**



Last game: Norwich

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swindon town ladies

by Roger Reeves



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Swindon Town Ladies have had a mixed couple of weeks with a defeat by mid table Portsmouth and a victory over top of the league Cheltenham.

In the game against Portsmouth, the Town had the better of the first half but were unable to find the net. Pompey took the lead in the 67th minute but within three minutes the Town drew level when Ashley Wiseman crashed the ball into the roof of the net after the keeper had done well to save Nadine Lloyd's shot. With fifteen minutes remaining Portsmouth scored following a mix up in the Town defence. Town fought back but were unable to score again. These were the first home points that the Town had dropped this season. The following week Swindon entertained Cheltenham who took the lead in the 6th minute. Full back Clare Tyson got the equaliser and Kim Reeves headed in Pam Laker's flag kick to give Town a half time lead. Cheltenham drew level in the 60th minute and it was not until the last ten minutes that Swindon secured the points. Nadine Lloyd put the Town ahead and then Leanne Taylor was brought down in the box and Pam Laker converted the resulting spot kick. With almost the last kick of the game Pam Laker added a fifth. This was Cheltenham's first defeat of the season and knocked them off the top of the league.

Photo: Clare Tyson, the Town's left back, who got on the scoresheet in the match against Cheltenham

Southern Region League Premier Division

Swindon Town 1 Portsmouth 2

Team: Jo Sharpe, Adelle Taylor, Netti Wyness, Sharon Black, Clare Tyson, Ashley Wiseman, Pam Laker, Kim Reeves, Kerie Garwood Nadine Lloyd, Leanne Taylor.

Subs used: Clare Wheeler.

Not Used: Tracy Mackeddie & Sarah Richardson.

Scorers: Ashley Wiseman.

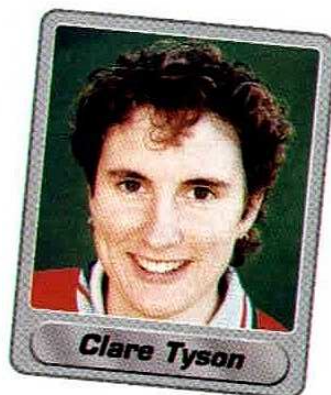
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FIXTURES 97/98

Southern Region League Premier Division

SUN 31ST AUG	HAVANT TOWN	5-1
Sun 7th Sept	Southampton Saints	6-4
Sun 14th Sept	Launton	5-0
Sun 28th Sept	Freeway (FA Cup R1)	6-0
SUN 5TH OCT	BINFIELD	4-1
Sun 12th Oct	Reading Royals	2-5
SUN 19TH OCT	PORTSMOUTH	1-2
SUN 26TH OCT	CHELTHENHAM	5-2
SUN 2ND NOV	CARDIFF C. (FA CUP R2)	H
SUN 5TH NOV	SOUTHAMPTON	H
Sun 16th Nov	Havant Town	A
SUN 23RD NOV	SOTON SAINTS	H
SUN 30TH NOV	LAUNTON	H
Sun 7th Dec	League Cup (1st Rnd)	
SUN 11TH JAN	SWINDON SPITFIRES	H
Sun 18th Jan	Binfield	A
Sun 25th Jan	League Cup (2nd Rnd)	
1ST FEB	READING ROYALS	H
8th Feb	Portsmouth	A
15th Feb	Cheltenham	A
22ND FEB	OXFORD UNITED	H
1st Mar	Southampton	A
TBA	Swindon Spitfires	A
TBA	Oxford United	A

THE LEAGUE

Southern Region League Premier Division 1997-98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	8	6	0	2	24	16	18
Cheltenham	8	5	2	1	24	14	17
Reading Royals	6	5	1	0	29	6	16
Swindon Town	7	5	0	2	28	15	15
Swindon Spitfires	7	4	2	1	16	16	14
Portsmouth	7	3	2	2	12	12	11
Oxford United	6	3	0	3	14	12	9
Launton	7	1	1	5	11	27	4
Southampton Saints	8	1	0	7	11	21	3
Binfield	6	1	0	5	6	20	3
Havant Town	6	0	0	6	5	21	0

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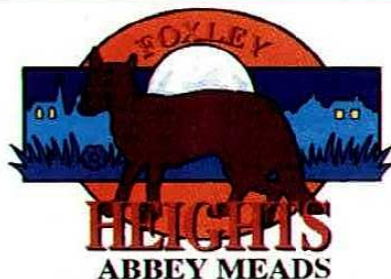
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Swindon Town Football Club will be looking just as good this season. Thanks to their exclusive Mizuno strip.

Two big First Division games provide vital flash points on this Guy Fawkes night.

Our meeting with **QPR** is probably the more enticing as it features two clubs with Premiership ambitions and thus the result will be significant to the top of the table positions. The **Middlesbrough Portsmouth** game on the other hand combines the elements of promotion and relegation.

Let us look at this game. **Middlesbrough**, relegated from the Premiership last season after investing millions in foreign players, against **Portsmouth**, managed by our former defender Terry Fenwick and fast establishing itself as a nursery for Australian youngsters.

Boro of course have now parted company with Italian striker Ravanelli, who really took them for a ride, and perhaps the most outstanding individual in the Premiership last season, the Brazilian Juninho. But with coffers seemingly bulging to the hilt they invested heavily on replacing them with **Arsenal's** Paul Merson and **Aston Villa's** midfield general Andy Townsend the principle replacements.

If money is the root of success in this business then **Middlesbrough** must reap the reward of promotion; and quite honestly they would seem to be the best equipped club to achieve this end. But as we know big money has not always brought big rewards in football, though it does obviously help.

Despite their pedigree it has been far from a smooth start for

Middlesbrough and inevitably, as it seems is now common practice, when results are not favourable, the media began to spread rumours of discontent in the Cellnet Riverside camp. Merson was reported to be disillusioned and anxious to return south. Emerson too, it was suggested, was about to get on his bike again.

The Brazilian midfielder has been the subject of a £4 million bid from **Benfica**, and that is something manager Bryan Robson obviously has to mull



By Colin Benson

over, but the lad himself has made no transfer requests.

Personally, I think people get carried away by titles. The fact Emerson is a Brazilian suggests to many writers that he should be outstandingly brilliant all the time. They do not allow for the fact that he is a very young player still learning his trade.

Anyway, **Boro** have begun to string some results together and last week's 3-0 defeat of **Huddersfield** tucked them in just behind us in the First Division table. There is no doubt that they have strength in depth that no other Division One club can match. The 2-1 victory over Port Vale was achieved with ten players sidelined through injury or international commitments.

It is funny how times change isn't it... Just a few years ago I

remember chatting with Lennie Lawrence who was then the manager at Ayresome Park. His **Boro** side were a little off the pace for promotion from the old Second Division, and he was bemoaning the fact that no one else in the Division could compete with **Blackburn Rovers**. He accused them of buying promotion on the back of Jack Walker's millions.

As for **Pompey**, they are seemingly at the other end of the financial scale in keeping with the majority of clubs in the Nationwide Football League.

The Oz connection stems from owner Terry Venables' role as Australia's national team coach (he is said to be paid £200,000 a year for that honour).


Robbie Enes, a 22 year old midfielder player, is the latest capture, the deal costing **Portsmouth** a modest £175,000. He was initially refused a work permit but because his mother is from Portugal, Enes was able to apply for Portuguese citizenship and so enter England on a European passport.

Terry Fenwick has been under fire from his fans because of the team's dreadful form, they finished October second from the bottom, but Venables wrote an open letter backing his coach.

It was good to see former Town midfield star Fitzroy Simpson back in action against us last week after being away on World Cup duty with Jamaica. But "**Fitz**" and his colleagues will do well to take a point this evening. You have got to go with the money and take **Middlesbrough** to win. Look at it this way, Emerson or Enes.... who would you back?



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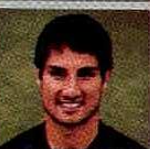
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It didn't last for long but wasn't it nice to be top of the pile after last Friday's 1-0 win at Fratton Park.

Of course Notts Forest went back into top spot after their win on Saturday but we are still very nicely placed and with two home games in a row we have the perfect opportunity to build on the solid foundations we have already laid.

Looking at the game at Portsmouth, there was no doubt that we were the better team in the first half. We were under the cosh after half time but we managed to hold on for a superb away win.

Steve Mildenhall did a brilliant job in goal, making some vital saves and then carrying on through the pain barrier after taking a nasty whack where it hurts! He showed a lot of courage and all credit to him for that. There's no doubt he is going

to be quite sore for a while now! At the other end Chris Hay continued his rich vein of form with yet another match winning goal and it's quite frightening the way he is finding the net with such regularity - but long may it continue. Overall it was a great away win against a team who desperately needed a result and if we can continue to

the captain's comment

believe in ourselves then there is no reason why we can't continue our charge at the top. Keeping clean sheets has been the key to our recent run. Not conceding breeds confidence and as the old cliché goes, if you don't concede you don't lose.

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Several pundits are saying that we could be the surprise package this season - let's hope that is the case.

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FACT FILE...

Date of birth: 24.1.74.

Place of birth: Plymouth.

School years

Secondary school attended: Lipson school.

Best subject at school: Maths.

Worst subject at school: English.

Football team supported at school: Man United

Football hero as a schoolboy: Glenn Hoddle.

Favourite football position at school: Midfield.

Career probably taken up if not football: Chef.

First League match ever seen: Plymouth v Watford.

At what age did you first attend matches: 6 years.

Now

Favourite other sport: Golf.

Biggest influence on career: Family.

Best match ever seen (Live or TV): Swindon v Leicester Play-Off Final.

Favourite football expert: Ruud Gullit.

Favourite country to watch: Brazil.

Highlight of career: Debut for Swindon.

Biggest disappointment: Getting injured pre-season.

Choice Opponents in a cup tie: Liverpool at Anfield.

close-up profit *Craig Taylor*

Trying to follow in the footsteps of your big brother can often prove to be a daunting task - but Craig Taylor is most certainly taking it in his stride!

Craig, the younger brother of former Town defender Shaun, has already made quite an impact at the County Ground and few will forget his dream debut against Port Vale when he marked his first senior game for Swindon with a stunning long range goal.

"It is always nice to score but to hit the net from 35 yards on my debut was tremendous. I should have scored with a header in the next game so two goals in two games would have been nice but I was pleased to get off the mark." he commented.

But Craig wasn't brought in from non league Dorchester for £25,000 to score goals, he was signed to help shore up the defence and if his performances so far are anything to go by then the Plymouth born defender has done exactly that.

"I'm a centre half and my main priority is to help keep the goals out but I like to go up for corners and set pieces and if I can score five or six goals this season then that will be a big help to the team."

It's early days in Craig's Swindon Town career but he's delighted with the way things are going for him. However it hasn't all been plain sailing and he suffered a major blow just before the start of the season.

"Everything was looking good during the pre-season friendlies. I was playing well and thought I stood a chance of starting the campaign in the team but when we were playing against my former club Dorchester, I felt a bit of a twinge in my groin."

"I went to see the specialist and I was told I had a hernia which meant I was out for the first four weeks of the season."

"It took me a few weeks to regain my fitness and I played a couple of Reserve games, then suddenly I was called up into the first team to face Port Vale."

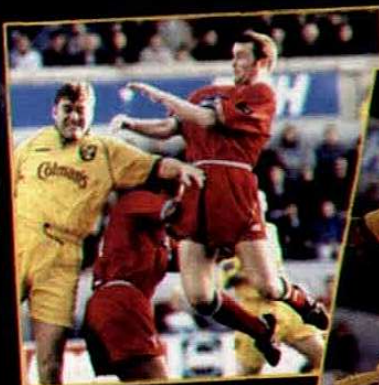
With the likes of Mark Seagraves, Mark Robinson and Ian Culverhouse all out injured and loan signing Chris Casper missing with a chest infection, Craig was told he would be starting against Port Vale which came as something of a surprise.

"To be honest I probably came back a couple of games earlier than I should have done. Obviously I wanted to play but I think the Gaffer wanted me to get a few more Reserve team games under my belt but in the end he had no choice but to put me in and since then everything seems to have slotted into place for me."

"Obviously we have had a lot of injuries of late, particularly in defence but I feel that the way I have been playing, I've been doing enough to stay in the team and hopefully, even when everyone else is fit, I will keep my place."

Craig has already shown that he has got all the attributes which make up a good

e



defender and Steve McMahon believes he has the potential to be an even better player than his older brother.

Like his brother, Craig is dominant in the air but he is also pretty useful with the ball at his feet and isn't afraid to get stuck in where it hurts.

It all sounds pretty familiar to Town fans who worshiped Shaun during his time at the County Ground but Craig doesn't really like to compare himself to his brother.

"People always ask me if I'm similar to Shaun and I don't really like to make a comparison. But I suppose it is inevitable because we both play in the same position.

"We're both pretty good in the air although I would say that Shaun is probably a bit better in that department than me.

"Yes we are similar in some aspects but in others we are very different," he added.

But Craig is the first to admit that Shaun has had a big influence on his career.

"I talk to him after every game I play and he tells me how he is doing as well. I see him nearly every day and it is good to be able to speak to someone who has got so much experience in the game."

Craig has played against his brother once while Shaun was at Swindon and Craig was playing for Exeter but they have never been in the same team.

"It's quite strange really because when I joined Exeter as a YTS player he left and then when I came to Swindon he had moved on so we've never had the chance to play in the

same team or even train together."

So while Shaun is reaching the twilight of his marvellous career, Craig is just beginning to catch the eye after spells at Exeter, Crewe (on loan), Bath City and Dorchester Town.

He admits it has been tough adjusting to playing in Division One and there were a few who thought he would be out of his depth - but Craig is proving those doubters wrong. And he feels he can play at an even higher level.

"You have to believe that you can play at a higher level and I think I can, hopefully with Swindon Town," he said.

Craig Taylor - solid as a rock!

GENERAL...

- Favourite Food:**
Pasta, chicken.
- Favourite Drink:**
Sparkling water.
- Favourite Comedian:**
Chubby Brown.
- Favourite TV Programme:**
Friends.
- Favourite film:**
Shawshank Redemption.
- Favourite Film Star:**
Cameron Diaz.
- Favourite holiday location:**
Spain.
- Favourite item of clothing:**
White T-shirt.
- Smartest dresser at STFC:**
Me!
- Worst Dresser at STFC:**
"Robbo".
- Any superstitions:**
Left boot on first!

statistics 1997/98 season



Q.P.R.



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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 TABLE 1997/98 AS AT 3.11.97

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	14	6	1	1	3	2	1	24	11	30
SWINDON TOWN	15	5	2	0	3	2	3	19	17	28
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	14	4	2	1	3	2	2	30	18	25
SHEFFIELD UNITED	12	5	2	0	2	2	1	20	10	25
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	14	4	1	1	3	3	2	17	12	25
MIDDLESBROUGH	13	4	0	2	3	3	1	23	13	24
BRADFORD CITY	14	4	3	1	2	3	1	16	14	24
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	14	4	2	1	2	2	3	19	20	22
WOLVES	15	5	3	0	1	1	5	18	16	22
SUNDERLAND	14	3	2	2	3	1	3	20	18	21
BIRMINGHAM CITY	15	3	2	2	2	4	2	17	12	21
STOKE CITY	14	3	1	2	3	2	3	16	17	21
STOCKPORT COUNTY	15	4	4	0	1	1	5	23	22	20
PORT VALE	15	4	3	1	1	1	5	19	18	19
BURY	15	2	4	1	1	3	4	17	23	16
NORWICH CITY	14	2	3	3	2	1	3	11	21	16
CREWE ALEXANDRA	15	1	2	4	3	1	4	18	23	15
OXFORD UNITED	15	3	2	3	1	1	5	18	23	15
READING	15	2	2	3	1	4	3	16	24	15
MANCHESTER CITY	14	2	3	2	1	2	4	17	16	14
IPSWICH TOWN	13	3	1	1	0	4	4	13	16	14
TRANMERE ROVERS	14	3	1	2	0	2	6	20	22	12
PORTSMOUTH	14	2	2	4	0	2	4	16	23	10
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	15	1	3	4	0	2	5	11	29	8



First Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gs.	Apps.	Gs.	Apps.	Gs.
WAYNE ALLISON	15	3	2	0	17	3
BRIAN BORROWS	10	0	0	0	10	0
DARREN BULLOCK	8(4)	0	0	0	8(4)	0
CHRIS CASPER	8(1)	1	0	0	8(1)	1
LEE COLLINS	3(1)	0	0	0	3(1)	0
STEVE COWE	2(1)	0	(1)	0	2(2)	0
PHILIPPE CUERVO	6	0	2	0	8	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	4	0	0	0	4	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	9(1)	0	2	0	11(1)	0
FRASER DIGBY	14	0	1	0	15	0
JASON DRYSDALE	7(2)	0	2	0	9(2)	0
STEVE FINNEY	(3)	1	1	0	1(3)	1
TY. GOODEN	15	1	2	0	17	1
CHRIS HAY	13(1)	11	1	0	14(1)	11
ROBIN HULBERT	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
SCOTT LEITCH	9	0	2	1	11	1
STEVE MILDENHALL	1	0	0	0	1	0
ALAN McDONALD	11	0	2	0	13	0
STEVE McMAHON	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
ALEX MEECHAN	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
MARK ROBINSON	2	0	1	0	3	0
MARK SEAGRAVES	5	0	2	0	7	0
ALEX SMITH	2(3)	0	0	0	2(3)	0
FRANK TALIA	0	0	1	0	1	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	6	1	0	0	6	1
MARK WALTERS	10(4)	1	1(1)	0	11(5)	1
KEVIN WATSON	5(1)	0	0	0	5(1)	0

Date Opponents Res Att.

SAT AUG 9	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	2-0	8,334
WED AUG 13	WATFORD CCC 1 (1)	H	0-2	6,271
Sat Aug 16	Reading	A	1-0	9,338
SAT AUG 23	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	1-1	7,683
Tues Aug 26	Watford CCC 1 (2)	A	1-1	7,712
Sat Aug 30	Stoke City	A	2-1	23,000
Tues Sep 2	Ipswich Town	A	1-2	11,246
SUN SEP 7	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H	0-0	13,051
SAT SEP 13	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	2-1	6,811
Sat Sep 20	West Bromwich Albion	A	0-0	16,237
Sat Sep 27	Manchester City	A	0-6	26,646
SAT OCT 4	PORT VALE	H	4-2	8,076
SAT OCT 11	BURY	H	3-1	7,998
Sat Oct 18	Wolverhampton W.	A	1-3	21,794
Tue Oct 21	Sunderland	A	0-0	27,553
SAT OCT 25	NORWICH CITY	H	1-0	9,842
Fri Oct 31	Portsmouth	A	1-0	8,707
WED NOV 5	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H		
SAT NOV 8	BRADFORD CITY	H		
Sat Nov 15	Stockport County (F.A. CUP 1)	A		
SAT NOV 22	MIDDLESBROUGH	H		
Fri Nov 28	Charlton Athletic	A		
SAT DEC 6	OXFORD UNITED (F.A. Cup 2)	H		
Sat Dec 13	Sheffield United	A		
SAT DEC 20	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H		
Fri Dec 26	Nottingham Forest	A		
SUN DEC 28	IPSWICH TOWN	H		
Sat Jan 3	(F.A. CUP 3)			
Sun Jan 11	Crewe Alexandra (1pm)	A		
SAT JAN 17	READING	H		
Sat Jan 24	(F.A. CUP 4)			
WED JAN 28	STOKE CITY	H		
Sat Jan 31	Huddersfield Town	A		
SAT FEB 7	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H		
Sat Feb 14	Tranmere Rovers (F.A. Cup 5)	A		
Tue Feb 17	Port Vale	A		
SAT FEB 21	MANCHESTER CITY	H		
WED FEB 25	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H		
Sat Feb 28	Bury	A		
Tue Mar 3	Bradford City	A		
SAT MAR 7	PORTSMOUTH (F.A. CUP 6)	H		
Sat Mar 14	Queens Park Rangers	A		
SAT MAR 21	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H		
Sat Mar 28	Middlesbrough	A		
SAT APR 4	CHARLTON ATHLETIC (F.A. Cup SF)	H		
Sat Apr 11	Oxford United	A		
MON APR 13	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H		
Sat Apr 18	Birmingham City	A		
Sat Apr 25	Norwich City	A		
SUN MAY 3	SUNDERLAND	H		
Sat May 16	F.A. Cup Final			

Stats table key

FAC = F.A. Cup
C.C.C = Coca-Cola Cup
* After Extra Time
^ Indicates own goal

Substitutes Used

number in brackets
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TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	ELKINS	BULLOCK
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DIGBY	DARRAS	BORROWS	BULLOCK	CASPER	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	DRYSDALE	WATSON	McAREAVEY
DIGBY	DARRAS	BORROWS	BULLOCK	CASPER	MCDONALD	WALTERS	DRYSDALE	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY(9)	WATSON(7)	SMITH
DIGBY	DARRAS	BORROWS	BULLOCK	CASPER	MCDONALD	SMITH	DRYSDALE	COWE	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY	COLLINS	SEAGRAVES
DIGBY	DARRAS	BORROWS	BULLOCK	CASPER	MCDONALD	SMITH	LEITCH	COWE	ALLISON	GOODEN	HAY(9)	DRYSDALE(2)	WALTERS(7)
DIGBY	DRYSDALE	BORROWS	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WALTERS	WATSON	HAY 3	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	COLLINS(8)	DARRAS(2)
DIGBY	BORROWS	COLLINS	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WALTERS	WATSON	HAY 2	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	DRYSDALE(7)	CASPER(6)
DIGBY	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	LEITCH	TAYLOR	CASPER	WALTERS	COLLINS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	HULBERT(4)	MEECHAN(7)
DIGBY	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	CASPER	WATSON	COLLINS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	HULBERT	WALTERS(7)
DIGBY	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	CASPER	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	SMITH(8)	ELKINS
MILDENHALL	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	CASPER	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	HULBERT	ELKINS

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Today's Result and Attendance

Swindon **v** Q.P.R.
Attendance



Referee:

David Pugh (Wirral, Merseyside)

Assisted by:

A.C. Howells (West Glamorgan)

K.A. Woolmer (Northampton)

Reserve Official:

J Humphries (Bristol)

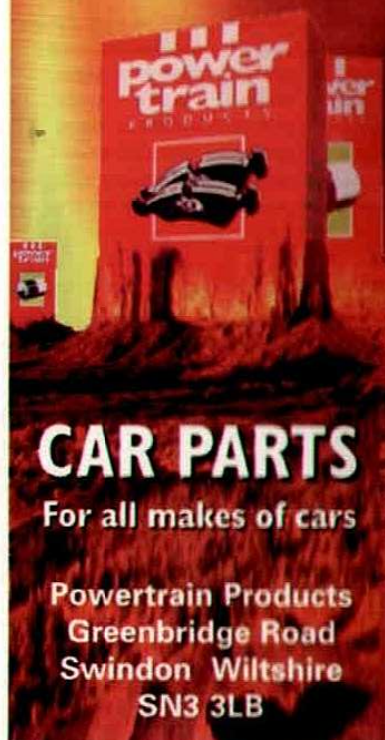
David Pugh

David is a 42 year old Project Manager who is married with two teenage children. He started refereeing in 1986 and progressed to the Football League via the West Cheshire League, Unibond League and Panel League. He now likes to instruct referees and new recruits after attending a first year course at Lincoln. David's hobbies include keeping fit, cycling, reading and listening to all types of music.

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