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welcome to today's game

After a hectic festive fixture list, today we take a break from league action to entertain Vauxhall Conference side Stevenage Borough in the third round of the FA Cup.

Stevenage already have a league scalp to their name having beaten Third Division Cambridge United but today we aim to stop them in their tracks as Steve McMahon's team look to make progress along the glory trail.

Few can forget what happened to us in the third round of the competition this time last year as we created FA Cup history for the fastest sending off and went on to lose 3-0 at Everton.

On that day we were the outright underdogs but the boot is on the other foot this afternoon and here's hoping for

a thrilling encounter - with Swindon into the hat for the fourth round draw.

Next Sunday we return to the nitty gritty of First Division action with a trip to Crewe for a 1pm kick-off in front of the Sky Sports cameras.

Our next home game is against near neighbours Reading on Saturday January 17th when we'll be hoping for a similar result to the one we enjoyed against our other local rivals, Oxford.

Before that the Reserves have a home game to look forward to with Portsmouth visiting the County Ground on Wednesday January 14th (7.15pm).

Don't forget that the Club have set up a Park and Ride Service for every home game played on a Saturday with spaces for 1000 cars at Nationwide House and buses running every 20 minutes.

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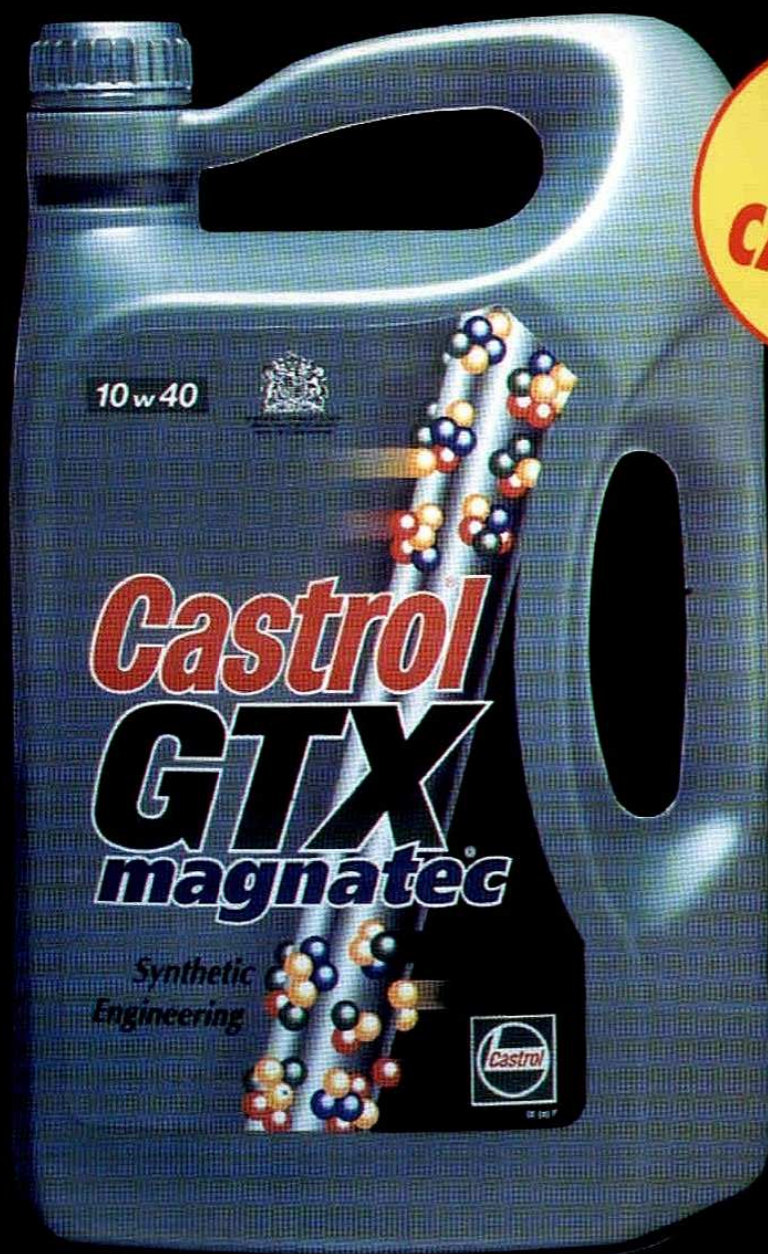
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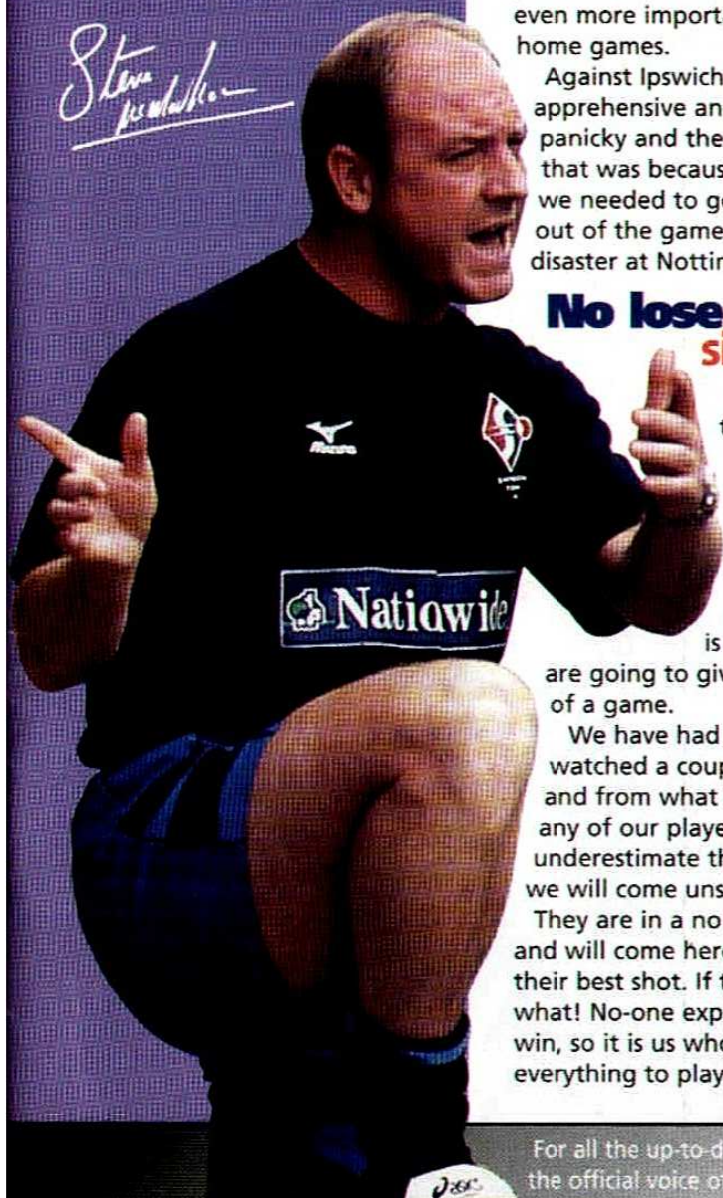
Next Sunday we go to Crewe Alexandra where we need to get back on track in front of the Sky Sports cameras.

We've slipped of late in the League and if we want to stay in touch with the top teams a win there is vital.

Once again your support would be much appreciated.

See you there!

Steve McMahon



Steve McMahon says

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Maybe the players have got a little bit complacent since we went top of the table but one thing is for sure - they have got to buck their ideas up!

It has been a disappointing Christmas for all concerned at the Club. Confidence has been lost and we just seem to have run out of ideas of late.

We have put pressure on ourselves by bad away performances which has made it even more important to win our home games.

Against Ipswich we looked apprehensive and a bit panicky and the reason for that was because we knew we needed to get something out of the game after the disaster at Nottingham Forest.

No lose situation

Today we take a break from the league to entertain Stevenage in the FA Cup and one thing is for sure - they are going to give us one hell of a game.

We have had them watched a couple of times and from what we've seen, if any of our players underestimate them - then we will come unstuck.

They are in a no lose situation and will come here and give it their best shot. If they lose so what! No-one expects them to win, so it is us who have everything to play for, we have

got to show some pride.

If I was a Stevenage player then I would be saying that now is a good time to play us.

But hopefully our players can respond to the criticism which they have deserved. They had a lot of plaudits at the start of the season when they were in flying form and when things are not going well they need to be told.

It is vital today that they go out and show how professional they are by booking our place in the fourth round of the cup.

Thompson blow

I'm sure you will see a few changes from the team that played Ipswich although one of those is enforced, with David Thompson now unavailable for three games.

He's unable to play in the FA Cup as he's on loan from Liverpool and unfortunately he will also miss the games against Crewe and Reading due to a two match suspension which is very disappointing for the lad.

As far as the injury situation goes we are slowly but surely getting everyone back to fitness, however Brian Borrows is probably another week away from playing after a knee ligament problem.

Playing for pride

The way we finished off 1997 I'm quite glad we are now into a new year.

Let's hope we can put our poor run of results behind us now and really push forward.

There is still an awful lot to play for and if we can get a bit of pride back initially and then build on that then I'm sure we will be alright.

today's visitors *The Boro* **Stevenage** **Borough**

This afternoon we extend a very warm welcome to the players, supporters and staff of Stevenage Borough Football Club to the County Ground.

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

Borough come to town today as one of the leading lights in the GM Vauxhall Conference - although they should perhaps by rights be a Football League club by now.

Two seasons ago - in 1995/96 - the Hertfordshire outfit were Champions of the Conference, which is generally seen as the 'Fourth Division' of the League. As Champions, they were automatically promoted. Right?

Wrong. Borough were denied a place in Division Three thanks to a controversial League ruling that decreed

that a non-League club's ground had to be up to certain standards way before the time they actually applied for election.

Stevenage failed to meet these exacting criteria, and were thus denied the elevation their efforts had earned. The only small consolation that the club can gain is that the subsequent court case did result in a slight relaxation of the Laws - some might say to make them fairer for the club seeking promotion.

But for all that, Stevenage have enjoyed a meteoric rise through to the pinnacle of the non-League pyramid. Formed as recently as 1976 - as simply Stevenage FC - the club are currently enjoying their fourth season in the semi-pro game's top flight.

The 'Borough' tag followed in 1980, when Stevenage moved to their Broadhall Way ground and had the local Borough Council as their landlords.

After a promising start to life in the lower Leagues, things really started to happen in 1990/91, when the current manager Paul Fairclough was appointed - and from there the fairytale really began.

Having tasted the glory of winning the GMVC Championship in 1995/96, Borough faced the unenviable - and ultimately unachievable - task of trying to retain their title last season.

They come to the County Ground today having disposed of Carshalton (5-0 after a replay) and Cambridge United (2-1 after a replay) in the competition proper so far.

We can rest assured that Paul Fairclough's bright young side will be looking to add a further League scalp to their collection this afternoon.



player profile *The Boro* **Stevenage** **Borough**

Goalkeepers

Des Gallagher

"Mr Stevenage", former England Semi-Professional international Des is fast approaching 300 senior appearances for Borough. Having begun with the Broadhall Way club, he returned in 1992/93, following a brief period on loan from Beazer Homes side Dunstable. A very popular player who has helped the club to much of its recent glory.

Richard Wilmot

A former Borough 'Player of the Year', Richard rejoined the Stevenage club in 1995/96 after a spell with near neighbours Hitchin Town. Having first played for the club in 1992, this highly-rated 'keeper left to join Scunthorpe United along with team-mate Neil Trebble during the 1992/93 campaign. He has also played for Halifax Town.

Defenders

Scott Cretton

'One of the longest serving players on the Borough staff, Scott has been with the club since first joining as a youth player more than seven years ago. The 1995/96 season was a particularly satisfying one for him, as he picked up no fewer than four winners' medals. In addition to his GMVC Championship-winning gong, Scott was also part of the Reserve side which won the Essex and Herts Border Combination as well as two cup

competitions. A bout of illness shortly before last season cost him his place in the side, and he has struggled for a regular berth ever since.

Steve Holden

Another England Semi-Pro international, Steve has tasted League football with Carlisle United and also played with Kettering and Rushden & Diamonds before moving to Stevenage.

Ryan Kirby

A former Arsenal apprentice, who also had experience with Doncaster Rovers, Ryan has proved to be a very popular addition to the Borough back-line since signing from Northampton Town in December 1996.

Jamie March

Previously with Premiership Leicester City, Jamie is a young man with a bright future and has impressed the Stevenage staff since his move from Kettering Town during the summer of 1997.

Robert Marshall

Joined Stevenage in a swap deal during the summer of 1997, after an impressive season with Kettering Town. He began with Watford before beginning his non-League career at Harrow Borough.

Darren Rogers

A skilful left-sided defender Darren missed almost the whole of 1996/97 with Second Division Walsall thanks to a cruciate injury. Recovered in time to play

in the final game of last season and after a handful of League and Coca-Cola Cup appearances this term, he moved to Broadhall Way in October. Hoping for a clean bill of health this year, he was also previously on the books at Birmingham City and West Brom.

Mark Smith

An England Semi-Pro international and Stevenage legend, Mark signed from Hitchin Town five seasons ago and is one of the most consistent and highly-rated players at the club and a previous 'Player of the Year'.

Mainly a defender, but versatile enough to fill in almost anywhere on the pitch - including in goal.

Robin Trott

A young defender who gained League experience with Gillingham and was voted 'Player of the Year' at Welling United in 1996/97 before moving to Borough during the close season.

Midfielders

Stuart Beever

At the time of writing, Stuart had found the net only once all season - but his solitary strike proved to be the 74th minute winner against Cambridge United in Round Two. Came of age in the GMVC Championship-winning side of 1995/96, and was awarded the 'Most Improved Player of the Year' title as a reward for his efforts. Having made his debut back in April 1993, he is fast



approaching 100 appearances for the club.

Neil Catlin

An attacking midfielder who is not afraid to have a go at goal, but has not been as prolific as he would like during Borough's disappointing League season so far. Reliable and consistent, he scored many important goals for the club last season, none more so than the winner in the FA Cup Second Round against Leyton Orient that set-up a glamour Third Round meeting with Birmingham City.

Darren Fenton

A hard-working player with a powerful shot, Darren was snapped up from Baldock Town after a brief pre-season trial at Broadhall Way.

Thomas Johansen

Like any self-respecting League club these days, Stevenage have an overseas star on their books. Thomas is a Norwegian midfielder who is studying at the University of Hertfordshire and who signed on at Broadhall Way in September 1997.

Steve Perkins

Signed for Borough after a successful trial period in October 1997 and has gone on to establish himself in the side as a goalscoring midfielder. Steve was previously with Plymouth Argyle, and scored one of Stevenage's goals in their 5-0 victory over Carshalton in the First Round Proper of this year's FA Cup.

Jason Soloman

Versatile midfielder who can play on either side of the park,

Jason loves to push forward and help his strikers. A former England Youth international, he joined the club from Fulham in February 1996 and has also played for Watford, Peterborough and Wycombe Wanderers. He scored on his Borough debut, v Stalybridge Celtic last season.

Forwards

Gary Crawshaw

Among Borough's leading scorers this season - he had netted six at the time of writing - Gary joined the Stripes from Hendon in January 1994 and proceeded to score the goals which took the club to the Diadora League title that season. Previously with Staines Town, Gary left Borough for a whistle-stop world tour, but re-signed with the Hertfordshire club when he returned to the country before the start of the 1996/97 campaign. He is Borough's penalty taker.

Tim Stevens

Current New Zealand international who played in several of his country's World Cup Qualifying games. Tim won the 1996/97 New Zealand League 'Player of the Year', 'Players' Player of the Year' and 'Golden Boot' awards before moving to Stevenage during the summer of 1997.

Paul Thompson

Highly-rated young striker who became Borough's record signing when he joined from Gateshead in the recent close season. Top scorer at Gateshead last term with 15 goals, he has -

at the time of writing - yet to find the net for Stevenage. Previously with Hartlepool United.

Neil Trebble

A prolific scorer at non-League level, Neil is - at the time of writing - Borough's equal top hit-man in the League this season with five strikes to his credit. He announced his arrival on the scene at Stevenage by scoring on his competitive debut for the club - and then went two better by notching a hat-trick in his first League game. Such exploits quickly got him noticed and, along with 'keeper Richard Wilmot - he signed for Football League club Scunthorpe in 1992/93. He also had pro experience with Preston and Scarborough before returning to Broadhall Way in March 1996.

Dean Wordsworth

A former Bromley and Crystal Palace striker who creates a lot of problems for opposing defences. Made a dream start to life in the Conference, scoring twice on his Borough debut, against Farnborough Town in November last year.





Paul Fairclough

the manager

The architect who constructed the bandwagon on which Stevenage's fortunes have ridden since 1990/91, Paul Fairclough is a legend at Broadhall Way.

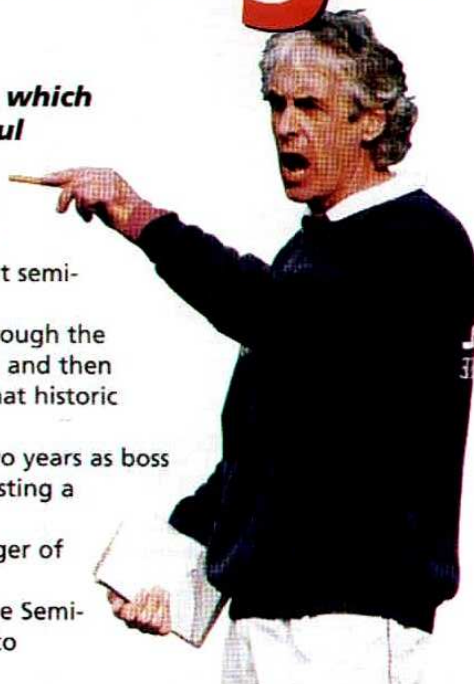
Now enjoying his eighth campaign at the Borough helm, Paul has taken the club from being an average non-League outfit to Champions of the Vauxhall Conference - the highest honour that semi-professional football in this country can offer.

Under his expert stewardship, Borough have catapulted up through the Diadora League, finishing as Champions of the Premier Division, and then launched an all-out assault on the Conference, culminating in that historic triumph but so cruelly denied League status.

Perhaps the most remarkable statistic is that during his first two years as boss at Stevenage, the club didn't lose a single home game - a run lasting a remarkable 44 matches, 42 of which were victories.

A Liverpoolian former schoolteacher, Paul was voted as 'Manager of the Year' in the GMVC in 1995/96.

Last season saw Fairclough lead the Broadhall Way outfit to the Semi-Final of the FA Trophy and the Third Round of the FA Cup (lost to Birmingham 2-0). They also finished third in the League table.



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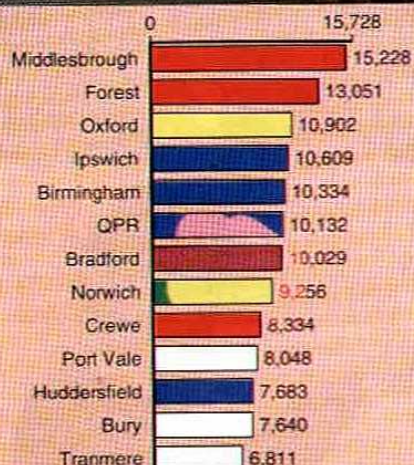
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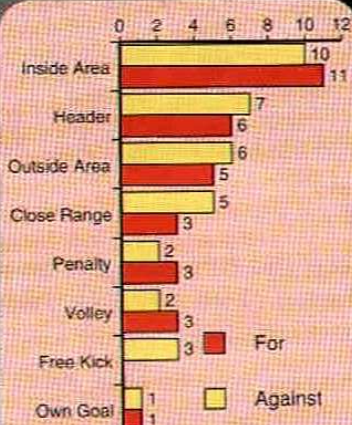
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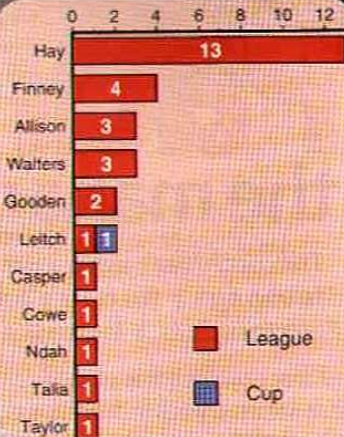


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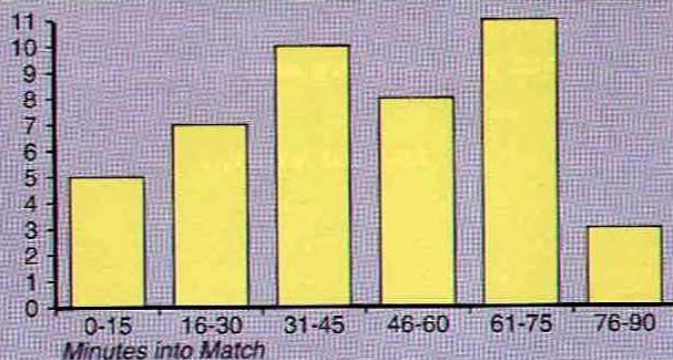


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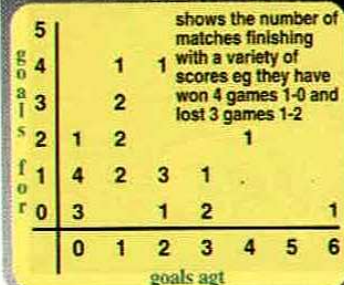
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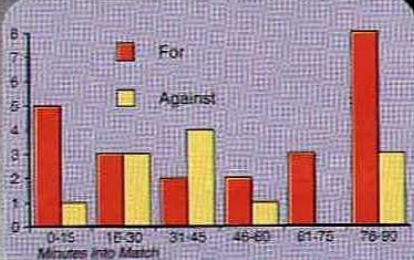
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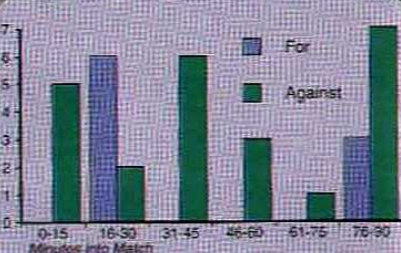
Swindon's results analysis



when goals were scored at home



when goals were scored away



looking back...

Dick Mattick looks back

5 YEARS AGO

That Swindon appear in the draw for the FA Cup Fourth Round is only due to the fact that their tie at Loftus Road is played on the Monday evening to allow television coverage.

10 YEARS AGO

Despite Bobby Barnes protesting that he was merely indicating to the linesman that he had had two goals disallowed, referee John Martin interpreted the Town winger's

With Colin Calderwood suspended, Town never quite mastered Les Ferdinand who scored with two headers in two minutes. Just three minutes later, in the 27th minute, Gary Penrice added a third goal which sent Rangers through, leaving Town

free to concentrate on gaining promotion. Marlow went down 5-1 having been drawn at home to Spurs, but decided to play at White Hart Lane. An Ian Wright hat trick helped Arsenal to a 3-1 win at Yeovil.

15 YEARS AGO

Bristol City's biggest crowd of the season turned up for the visit of Swindon in Division Four.

Howard Pritchard's 64th minute header seemed to have secured the points for Swindon but then all hell broke loose in the final minute. Alan Nicholls appeared to kick the ball out of Jimmy Allen's hands allowing Glyn Riley to tap the ball in. Incensed that the goal was allowed to stand, Town skipper Gary Emmanuel protested too

sign as an insulting gesture and sent him off in the 58th minute of the Town's Second Division fixture. Town overcame the disadvantage of being a man short thanks to two late goals by Steve White which earned them a 2-0 home win over Ron

Atkinson's West Brom. Non leaguers Sutton United put up a tremendous battle against Middlesbrough. They drew at Sutton and took Borough to extra time before going down to a goal by Kerr in the replay.

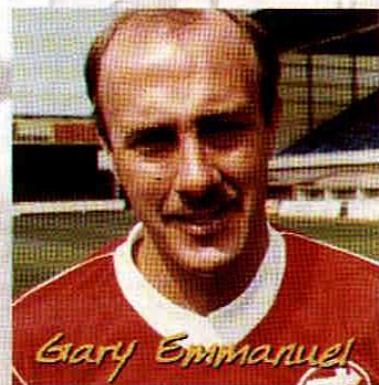
FLASH-BACK

Since joining the League in 1920 Swindon have been defeated in the FA Cup by non league opponents on five occasions.

Before the war they lost at Southall but the first time this happened in the post war era was in the 1953-4 season when Town were drawn to play Hastings United on their Pilots Field ground. A record crowd of 9,217, saw Hastings take the lead through an own goal after just two minutes. By half time they led 3-0 and although Ray Sampson scored his only Cup

fiercely and was sent off. For Swindon, lying fourth after the match, it was to be the incident that started a spell which saw them slip down the table. Bishops Cleeve drew 2-2 at Middlesbrough but lost the replay after going in front to two late goals by David Shearer. The other two non league teams in the third round, Weymouth and Worcester City, lost at Cambridge United and Coventry respectively. Arsenal threatened to ban TV cameras from

Highbury if football matches were televised live!



goal for Swindon, a further goal made the final score 4-1 to the Southern League side. It was another Southern League side which accounted for Swindon in the First Round in 1961. After a 2-2 draw at the County Ground, Swindon travelled to Rockingham Road to face a Kettering side that featured former England and Portsmouth centre half Jack Froggatt. After a goalless first half, Sam Burton in the Town goal conceded a penalty which Curran converted. A further Curran goal and another by Ritchie took the

Poppies into Round Two. Swindon's only third Round defeat by non league opponents was at the hands of Tooting and Mitcham who beat them 2-1 in a replay in 1976. The only time that Swindon have lost to opponents from outside the League at the County Ground was in 1964 when Dagenham won a First Round replay. Alan Mayes gave Town the lead in the 20th minute but Alan Campbell equalised in the second half and Whitton scored an extra time winner for the Gola League side.

FIXTURES 97/98			
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 1-3	
Sat Nov 15	Barnet	A 0-1	
MON NOV 17	BRISTOL ROVERS (FAYC)	H 1-1	
Sat Nov 22	Luton Town (LC3)	A 2-4	
Thur Nov 27	Bristol Rovers (FAYC) Rep A	0-0	
Swindon lost 10-9 on penalties			
SAT NOV 29	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H PP	
Sat Dec 06	Bristol City	A 3-0	
SAT DEC 13	BRISTOL CITY	H PP	
Sat Dec 20	Brentford	A 2-3	
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	

Home fixtures kick-off at 11.00am at the Nationwide Pavilion, Pippin Way - Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning.

FIXTURES 97/98			
West Country Television South West Counties Youth League			
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 1-1	
Nov 15	Bashley	A PP	
Nov 22	AFC Newport (LCR2)	A 1-2	
NOV 29	BRISTOL CITY	H PP	
Dec 06	Bristol City	A 1-1	
DEC 13	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 5-2	
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.

youth team focus

South East Counties League Division Two

Brentford Youth 3 Swindon Town Youth 2

Poor defending cost us dearly as we were beaten at Brentford although in the end we created enough chances to have got something out of the game.

With first choice 'keeper Anthony Betterton unavailable due to a virus, 16 year old Robert Lawes stood in for his debut and had no chance with any of the goals as he was left exposed by his defence.

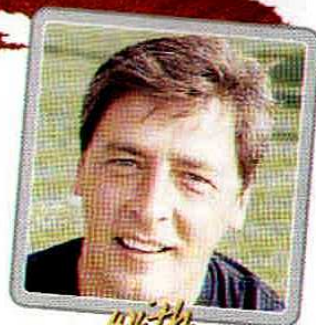
A free header from a set play after 15 minutes saw Brentford take the lead and more sloppiness at the back resulted in the home side's second goal.

An injury to Paul McAreavey didn't help our cause any but at least it gave recent signing Jason Donlon from Notts Forest, the chance to make his debut.

Early in the second half we had two opportunities to peg a goal back but Ricky Culbertson missed the target with a close range header and then neither he nor Alex Meechan were able to get the slight touch which was needed to steer in a cross by Sol Davis.

It was against the run of play when Brentford scored their third goal, again through poor defending by our back three.

With 20 minutes remaining, substitute Sam Campagna gave us hope with his first goal for the Youth team and when Nicky Burke's second strike in as many



with Tommy Wheelodon

appearances made it 3-2, we went flat out for the equaliser.

However we were unable to find a way through and were left with nothing to show for a good attacking display. It was just our defending which let us down.



Team: Lawes, Mills, Cairns, (Campagna), Hodson, Culbertson, Davis, Hulbert, MacDiarmid, McAreavey (Donlon, Thorne), Meechan, Burke.

NEXT HOME GAME

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES
Saturday 17th
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NEXT HOME GAME

SOUTH WEST COUNTIES
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Happy New Year to all you Junior Robin out there, and I hope it's a winning one at that! Now Christmas is over, it's time to get down to the serious business of football!!! and what a year '98 will be.

We start off with this FA Cup game against Stevenage Borough, so get behind the lads and let's start with a win! We had a very special occasion at the Birmingham match, Steve Weston came over from Australia to spend Christmas with family. Secretly plotting a surprise for him was his wife Sue and son Sam. Sue had been in touch with me for a couple of weeks planning this surprise visit to Swindon Town Football Club where Sam was one of the mascots for the day and dad got a big surprise when he was asked on to the pitch to meet his all time idol Steve McMahon.



Competition

Come on you Junior Robins, I need some more pictures for the Christmas competition, if you can't think what our favourite player had for Christmas then just draw your favourite player, my office walls are really boring, so your wonderful pictures will look great and brighten up my day every day!

mascots...mascots...

Today's mascots



Daniel Hunt is the second cousin of Ernie Hunt the ex goal scoring forward for Swindon Town. Daniel attends the Grange Junior School and his hobbies include playing and watching football, his favourite player is

Philippe Cuervo. Daniel will be 10 on the 15th of January.

Alex Hall will be 8 years old on Sunday 11th January. He attends Fairford Primary School and his hobbies are Football, Tennis, Swimming and Golf. Alex's favourite Town player is Fraser Digby.



Rockin' Robin SUPERHERO

swindon town ladies

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Nationwide



Back Row: (left to right)

Nadine Lloyd, Adelle Taylor, Vikki McCann, Kim Reeves, Jo Sharpe, Clare Wheeler, Leanne Taylor, Nikki Relph, Sharon Black.

Middle Row: (left to right)

Luisa Di Lella (Treasurer), Sarah Richardson, Pam Laker, Clare Tyson, Roger Reeves (Co- Manager), Kerie Garwood (Co- Manager), Tracy Mackeddie, Netti Wyness, Ashley Wiseman, Martin Wheeler (Chairman)

Front Row: (left to right)

Holly Ashman & Kate Lemon.

Swindon Town Ladies finished the year on the top of the Southern Region League Premier Division which is a big improvement on last season when they finished in the bottom half of the table.

With just two league defeats and over half of the league programme completed the Town will be hoping to finish among the honours next May. Next season will see the re-organisation of Women's football with the introduction of four new Combination Leagues.

Although the Town were knocked out of the FA Cup in the second round by Cardiff they are still in the League Cup and their current league form must make them one of the teams to be feared. Overall a good start to the season but still a long way to go.

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)	0-2 aet
SUN 9TH NOV	SOUTHAMPTON	3-1
Sun 16th Nov	Havant Town	10-1
SUN 23RD NOV	SOTON SAINTS	5-2
SUN 30TH NOV	LAUNTON	9-0
SUN 7TH DEC	SALISBURY CITY (League Cup)	11-0
Sun 14th Dec	Oxford United	2-1
SUN 11TH JAN	SWINDON SPITFIRES	H
Sun 18th Jan	Binfield	A
Sun 25th Jan	League Cup (2nd Rnd)	
15th 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

THE LEAGUE

Southern Region League Premier Division 1997-98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	12	10	0	2	57	20	30
Cheltenham	12	8	3	1	37	17	27
Reading Royals	9	8	1	0	48	7	25
Southampton	11	6	1	4	29	27	19
Swindon Spitfires	8	4	2	2	18	19	14
Portsmouth	9	4	2	3	14	13	14
Oxford United	11	4	1	6	20	24	13
Southampton Saints	13	2	2	9	19	39	8
Binfield	8	2	1	5	9	21	7
Launton	10	1	1	8	11	43	4
Havant Town	9	0	0	9	7	39	0

NEXT HOME GAME

**Sunday 11th
January 1998**

**Swindon
Spitfires**

action

replay



Forest

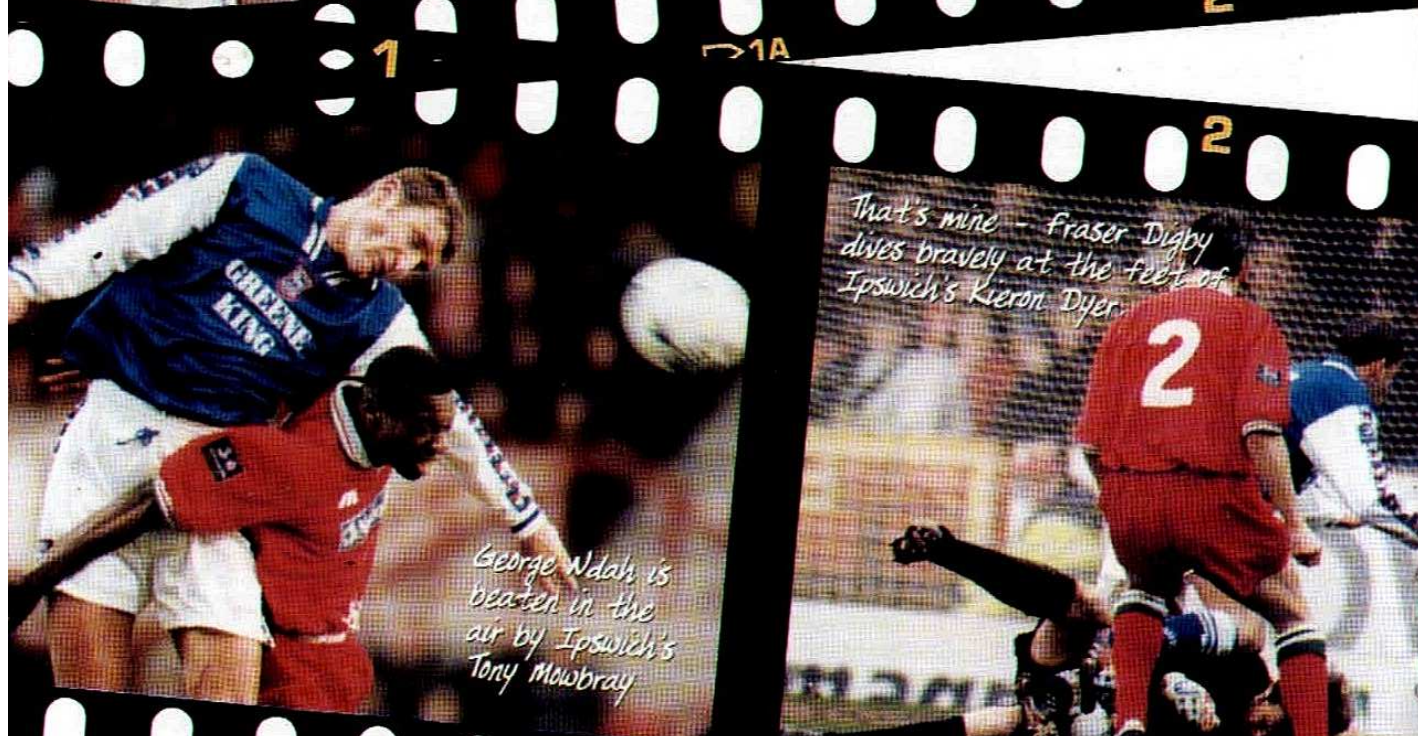


Ipswich



Feet flying - David Johnson challenges Alan McDonald

Sliding in Chris Hay tangles with Geraint Williams



George Ndah is beaten in the air by Ipswich's Tony Mowbray

That's mine - Fraser Digby dives bravely at the feet of Ipswich's Kieron Dyer

*Climbing high -
Craig Taylor leaps
above Forest
striker Pierre
Van Hooijdonk*

RESULT...

FRIDAY 26TH DECEMBER
NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE

**Notts Forest 3
Swindon Town 0**

SWINDON...

- 1 Fraser Digby
- 2 Brian Borrows (Drysedale 29)
- 3 Mark Robinson
- 4 Scott Leitch
- 5 Craig Taylor
- 6 Alan McDonald
- 7 David Thompson
- 8 Lee Collins
- 9 Steve Finney (Hay 55)
- 10 George Ndah
- 11 Ty Gooden

Sub not used: Mark Walters

FOREST...

Beasant, Lyttle, Rogers, Cooper, Chettle,
Johnson, Stone (Moore 88), Gemmill
(Armstrong 84), Van Hooijdonk,
Campbell, Woan (Bonalair 84)

RESULT...

SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER
NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE

**Swindon Town 0
Ipswich Town 2**

SWINDON...

- 1 Fraser Digby
- 2 Ian Culverhouse
- 3 Mark Robinson
- 4 Scott Leitch (Collins 67)
- 5 Frederic Darras (Taylor 51)
- 6 Alan McDonald
- 7 David Thompson
- 8 Mark Walters (Finney 76)
- 9 Chris Hay
- 10 George Ndah
- 11 Ty Gooden

All subs used

IPSWICH...

Wright, Stockwell, Taricco, Williams,
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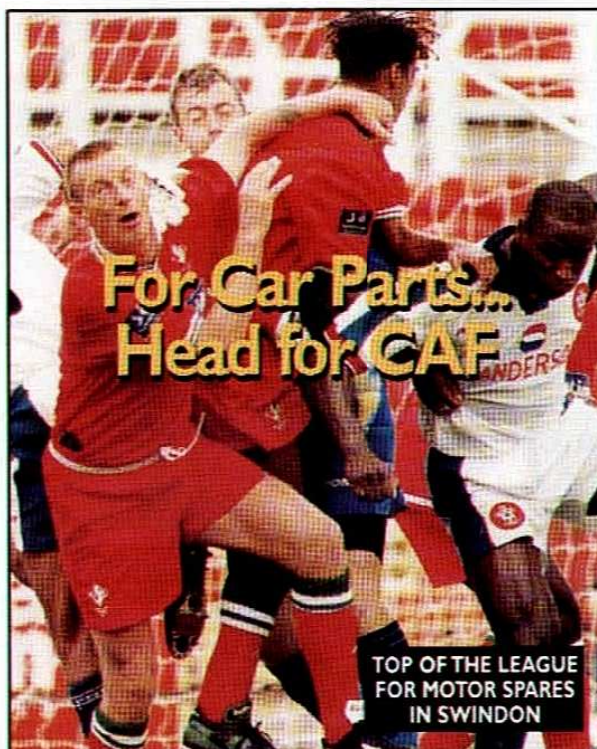
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Crewe Alexandra



Our next away trip is on Sunday January 11th when we take on Crewe Alexandra in front of the Sky Sports cameras.

Supporters are reminded that the game kicks off at 1pm and 900 seats are available priced £13 for adults, £10 for OAP's and £6.50 for Juniors.

Tickets for the following home matches are now on sale:



Reading, Saturday
January 17th, 3pm.



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January 28th, 7.45pm.



West Brom, Saturday
February 7th, 3pm.



Manchester City, Saturday
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Wolves, Wednesday
February 25th, 7.45pm.

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 January 14th the Reserves take on Portsmouth here at the County Ground (7.15pm).

Box Office Closure

The Box Office office will close early at 4pm on Monday January 5th for a system upgrade.

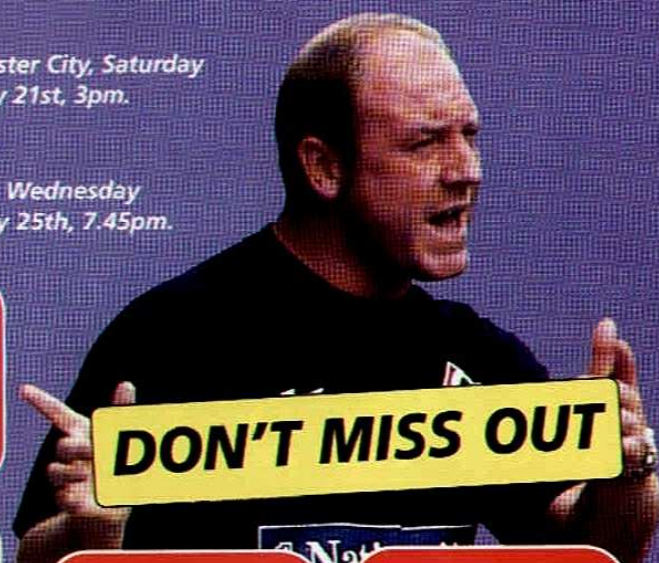
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on the road... travel...



Crewe Alexandra
Sunday January 11th
Kick-Off 1.00pm

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Going to Huddersfield
Saturday January 31st

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Did You Know?

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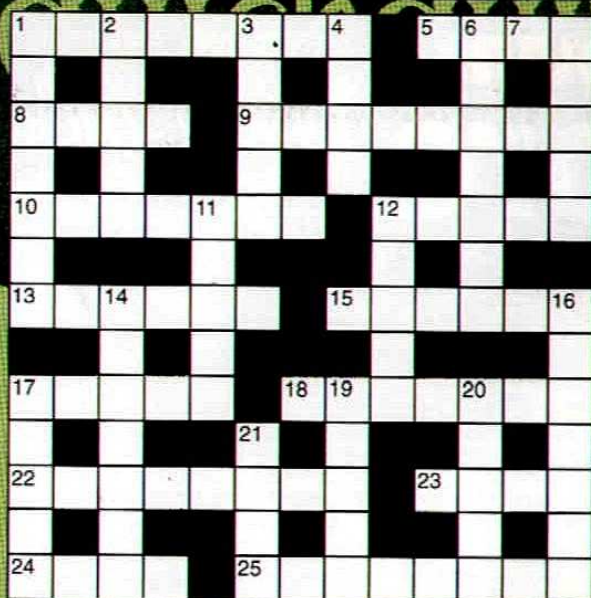
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clues across

1. Terry Butcher played for England through out these (8)
5. Jimmy Greaves won his first cup against them (4)
8. Nickname at Ibrox (4)
9. Big defender or large collection of programmes? (5-3)
10. Plays for West Ham (7)
12. They sing about this bird at The Valley (5)
13. Russian goalkeeper known as the Black Panther (6)
15. Playing well! (2-4)
17. Scottish Manager 1982/85 (5)
18. Has a tube station named after them (7)
22. Diego (8)
23. Any fixture is one (1-3)
24. See 7 down
25. England Goalkeeper 1907-1920 (3-5)

clues down

1. Park that's home for Stockport (7)
2. Andy Scottish goalkeeper (5)
3. Bury a team from Milan? (5)
4. Transfer bargain? (4)
6. Portuguese legend (7)
7. (and 24 across) West Ham ground (5-4)
11. Shows away supporters where to go? (1-4)
12. Club without own stadium does this (5)
14. First to score 100 goals in Premiership (7)
16. Alan who? Something to mull over! (7)
17. Commentator does at full time (3-2)
19. A kingdom found in real Madrid (5)
20. When team should give up? (5)
21. Crazy gang (4)

answers across
 1 EIGHTIES, 5 PERU, 8 GERS, 9 THICK SET, 10 LAMPARD, 12 ROBIN, 13 YASHIN, 15 ON FORM, 17 STEIN, 18 ARSENAL, 22 MARADONA, 23 A VIE, 24 PARK, 25 SAM HARDY

answers down
 1 EDGELEY, 2 GORAM, 3 INTER, 4 SNIP, 6 EUSEBIO, 7 UPTON, 11 A SIGN, 12 RENTS, 14 SHEARER, 16 MULLERY, 17 SUM UP, 19 REALM, 20 NEVER, 21 DONS



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Last game: Ipswich

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Nothing compares with the stimulation the FA Cup gives our domestic game.

No matter who the protagonists, what stage of the competition, the tingle is still the same. It is the most thrilling knock-out sporting event in the world. It is common practice in this commercial world of ours for people in the game to suggest that the ultimate test of a team is to win the Championship. This they say is a show of consistency and staying power. So it is, but who is to say that the qualities of a long distance runner are better than those of the sprinter. Was, for instance, Steve Coe or Steve Cram a better athlete than Linford Christie because they ran much further?

Of course not. All were super in their own spheres and that is why the winners of the FA Cup should not be down graded in comparison with the Champions.

The Cup, the brainchild of that remarkable doyen of the game C. W. Alcock whose name is inseparable from the development of Association Football, did more to promote the game than any other act. Like a thread of gold, Alcock's career ran through the weaving of the story of "Soccer" and his tall and dignified form strode the river of the game from its source.

It was Alcock who conceived the Cup principle, it was Alcock who captained the Wanderers to a 1-0 victory over the Royal Engineers in the first Final, at the Oval on 16 March 1872. Fifteen clubs had entered but withdrawals and byes meant that only 15 ties were played. Now, some 50,000 cup ties later, the Cup campaign spreads over nine months and involves nearly 700 matches.

Take Emley for example, the smallest of the minnows still left in the competition - they are away to West Ham United today. They entered the competition last September and have already completed eight games which is more than the eventual winners will probably participate in. If not involved in replays, a top club can reach the Final at Wembley in five ties.

The Cup is unique. It is the real test; a triumph of nerve, steel and character

that stretches the emotions, both on and off the field, beyond all rational bounds. How often have we heard managers and players refer to a crunch League game as their "Cup Final"? It is the ultimate test, the moment of truth, when the gauntlet has been thrown down and your life is on the line. Yes, to win the Cup might be a short sprint in terms of a season; but it can stimulate a lifetime of passion, emotion and memories, so why should it be devalued in terms of the League? In the latter decades of the nineteenth century, when the Association game was in its infancy and a bit beyond, the Cup - known then as the English Cup - was held in high esteem as the Blue Riband event of the game.

The game was elitist in its formative years and for the first ten years only six (southern) clubs contested the finals. But in 1882 the establishment was rocked to its foundations when Blackburn Rovers

became the first provincial club to intrude on the Kennington Oval party. The lads from the north lost 1-0 to the Old Etonians but this was a last defiant gesture before custody of the cup fell into professional hands. A year later Blackburn Olympic pipped the Old Etonians 2-1 to end the class demarcation.

Since then the competition has thrived on the unexpected as favourite after favourite has been vanquished by the unfashionable. Ask Cambridge United, the second round victims of our opponents today Stevenage, or Lincoln City who were blasted out in a penalty shoot-out by little Emley of the Unibond League.

Back in 1900 when Bury won through to a final against Southampton many in London were a little hazy as to the locality of Bury, never mind the football team. By the end of the final showdown at the Crystal Palace the capital knew all about the place, for the team had won the English Cup by 4-0.

The press went to town. Even the smallest detail was not overlooked and some of the information offered in the streets was mind bending. For instance, one ingenious chronicler set down the staple industry of Bury as "puddings." People asked, "What kind of puddings?" and those equally intelligent of the facts said, "Oh, you know, just puddings."

But perhaps industries matter little to the ordinary football fan; it is nothing to him maybe that puddings spelt prosperity in football. He is only interested in what tickles his own palate, the little bit of sauce, the relish of an exciting giant-killing act, as the underdogs take a bite out of the establishment.

The FA Cup is littered with such dramatic acts year after year.

To each and everyone of us there is a cherished memory which will remain with us forever. No doubt the Swindon fans who cheered Town to a 1-0 victory over Watford Rovers in our very first FA Cup engagement, in October 1886, held that dear. They would certainly not wish to remember the second round for we crashed 7-0 to the Swifts.

Our first real slaying of the powerful was achieved 89 years ago when after a goalless home draw with Sheffield United we beat them 3-2, after extra-time in the replay. Goals from Warburton, Tout and Johnston sealing this step in history.

Johnston and Warburton were on target again in a 2-1 victory over QPR but in the third round we lost 2-0 at Wolverhampton Wanderers. But our best was yet to come.

In the 1909-10 season, five goal Harold Fleming led the charge to the semi-final. Palace were beaten 3-1 away and home wins over Burnley 2-0, Tottenham Hotspur 3-2 (Fleming hat-trick) and Manchester City 2-0 earned us a semi-final meeting with Newcastle United. Ironically, it was staged at White Hart Lane and we lost 2-0.

In 1912 Swindon were again only a win away from a final. We lost 1-0 to Barnsley in a semi-final replay. Today the boot is on the other foot but we have a good record against non-league opponents counting amongst our victims some of the most famous cup giant-killers such as Yeovil Town, Hereford United and Tooting and Mitcham.

from the Colin Benson sidelines

see every goal



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Nationwide's Chief Executive Brian Davis said: "We've got lots of exciting ideas of how to celebrate our anniversary but we thought that it would be nice to start a little early by giving away a few seasonal gifts. We hope the footballs made welcome additional Christmas presents for some young football fans."



Pupils are Club's guests

Town boss Steve McMahon and his assistant Mike Walsh are pictured with pupils from Ridgeway School who were guests of the Club at the Birmingham game.

As part of the new partnership

between the Club and the School, the youngsters shown, were given free tickets for the game as part of an incentive scheme which has been set up to reward pupils for their academic efforts.



Table toppers!

The County Ground recently played host to the local final of the National Table Top Football competition as four youngsters battled it out for a place in the Regional finals.

in & around the county ground

The Gaffer Steve McMahon was a keen spectator as Anthony Robley, Joanne Bristow, Matthew Brickle and Matthew Sandy showed off their skills and in the end it was 11 year old Anthony Robley who came out on top.



The youngster who attends Wroughton Junior School will now represent Swindon in the South West Regional Finals.

And if he goes all the way to the National Final an amazing first prize could be his - four tickets for the World Cup Final in France!

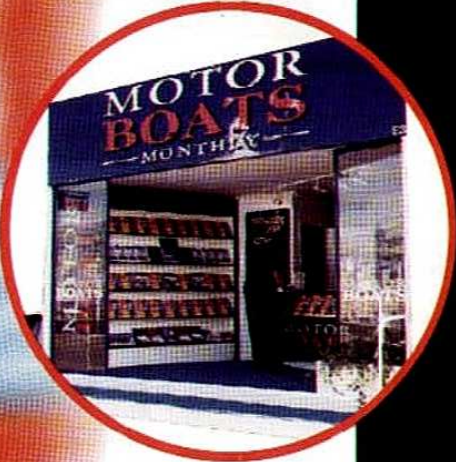
Cheque presentations

Members of the Rotary Club of Wootton Bassett & District raised a healthy sum from their annual Beaujolais event which included a Grand Draw to which Swindon Town donated one of the major prizes.

The main recipient of the cash were MacMillan Nurses who were given a cheque for £1500 prior to the Birmingham game by Clive Leavey and Dave Fenwick.

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Presentation Time

Watson Petroleum were Matchday Sponsors at the game against Birmingham City and Managing Director Anthony Watson is shown being

presented with a signed shirt by Town Chairman Rikki Hunt. Anthony Watson is also pictured with man of the match George Ndah.



There were five Matchball Sponsors for the Birmingham fixture and man of the match George Ndah is pictured handing over signed footballs to representatives from **Non-Stop Promotions, Lanbase, Glazpart, RDS International Projects Ltd** and **Chapman Warren**.



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Home midweek fixtures will kick-off at 7.45pm.
All dates and times of kick-off's are subject to change.



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**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
TABLE 1997/98 AS AT 29.12.97**

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
MIDDLESBROUGH	25	8	2	2	7	4	2	43	20	51
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	25	10	2	1	5	4	3	43	23	51
SHEFFIELD UNITED	25	9	3	0	3	7	3	40	25	46
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	25	9	2	1	4	3	6	46	34	44
SUNDERLAND	24	6	4	2	6	3	3	38	22	43
WOLVES	25	8	4	0	4	2	7	32	26	42
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	25	8	2	3	4	3	5	27	24	41
STOCKPORT COUNTY	25	8	4	0	3	1	9	43	35	38
SWINDON TOWN	25	8	3	2	3	2	7	32	36	38
BIRMINGHAM CITY	25	5	4	3	4	5	4	25	19	36
BRADFORD CITY	25	6	5	2	2	5	5	23	25	34
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	25	6	5	2	2	2	8	30	40	31
IPSWICH TOWN	24	4	3	4	3	6	4	29	26	30
NORWICH CITY	24	4	4	4	4	2	6	24	34	30
STOKE CITY	25	4	3	4	3	5	6	27	33	29
READING	25	5	3	5	2	5	5	24	37	29
OXFORD UNITED	25	5	4	3	2	2	9	30	35	27
PORT VALE	25	4	4	5	3	1	8	26	35	26
CREWE ALEXANDRA	25	3	2	8	4	2	6	28	40	25
MANCHESTER CITY	25	4	3	6	2	3	7	28	31	24
TRANMERE ROVERS	24	5	3	4	1	3	8	28	34	24
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	25	3	3	6	3	3	7	25	39	24
BURY	25	3	7	3	1	5	6	23	33	24
PORTSMOUTH	23	5	2	6	1	3	6	29	37	23



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**First Team Player
Appearances 97/98**

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
WAYNE ALLISON	16	3	2	0	18	3
BRIAN BORROWS	19	0	0	0	19	0
DARREN BULLOCK	12(5)	0	0	0	12(5)	0
CHRIS CASPER	8(1)	1	0	0	8(1)	1
LEE COLLINS	5(3)	0	0	0	5(3)	0
STEVE COWE	4(2)	1	1(1)	0	4(3)	1
PHILIPPE CUERVO	6(1)	0	2	0	8(1)	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	8(1)	0	0	0	8(1)	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	12(2)	0	2	0	14(2)	0
SOL DAVIS	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
FRASER DIGBY	22	0	1	0	23	0
JASON DRYSDALE	8(3)	0	2	0	10(3)	0
STEVE FINNEY	6(5)	4	1	0	7(5)	4
TY GOODEN	25	2	2	0	27	2
CHRIS HAY	17(3)	13	1	0	18(3)	13
ROBIN HULBERT	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
SCOTT LEITCH	15	1	2	1	17	2
STEVE MILDENHALL	1	0	0	0	1	0
ALAN McDONALD	21	1	2	0	23	1
STEVE McMAHON	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
ALEX MEECHAN	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
GEORGE NDAH	7	1	0	0	7	1
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	1(2)	0	0	0	1(2)	0
MARK ROBINSON	9(1)	0	1	0	10(1)	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	13(3)	2	0	0	13(3)	2
DAVID THOMPSON	7	0	0	0	7	0
MARK WALTERS	15(5)	3	1(1)	0	16(6)	3
TONY WARNER	2	0	0	0	2	0
KEVIN WATSON	10(1)	0	0	0	10(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	3-1	10,132
SAT NOV 8	BRADFORD CITY	H	1-0	10,030
Sat Nov 15	Stockport County (F.A. CUP 1)	A	2-4	7,694
SAT NOV 22	MIDDLESBROUGH	H	1-2	15,228
Fri Nov 28	Charlton Athletic	A	0-3	15,481
SAT DEC 6	OXFORD UNITED (F.A. Cup 2)	H	4-1	10,902
Sat Dec 13	Sheffield United	A	1-2	18,115
SAT DEC 20	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	1-1	10,XXX
Fri Dec 26	Nottingham Forest	A	0-3	26,500
SUN DEC 28	IPSWICH TOWN	H	0-2	10,609
SAT JAN 3	STEVENAGE BOROUGH (F.A. Cup 3)	H		
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
indicates player
replaced ()

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DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	ROBINSON	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY(9)	BULLOCK(8)	WALTERS
DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	ROBINSON	CUERVO	FINNEY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE(9)	WATSON	WALTERS(5)
DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	ROBINSON	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	FINNEY(9)	BULLOCK(8)	WALTERS(12)
DIGBY	DARRAS	BULLOCK	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE(9)	WATSON	MCMAHON(3)
TALIA	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	ELKINS	BULLOCK
DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	SMITH(4)	BULLOCK(3)
DIGBY	DARRAS	DRYSDALE	LEITCH	SEAGRAVES	MCDONALD	WALTERS	CUERVO	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	SMITH(5)	BULLOCK(4)
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)
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MILDENHALL	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	CASPER	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	HULBERT	ELKINS
DIGBY	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	MEECHAN	DAVIS(3)	PATTIMORE(8)
WARNER	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WATSON	DRYSDALE	HAY	COWE	GOODEN	MEECHAN	DAVIS	PATTIMORE(4)
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DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	THOMPSON	WATSON	FINNEY	NDAH	GOODEN	CULVERHOUSE	WARNER	WALTERS(10)
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Today's Result and Attendance

Swindon ☐ v ☐ Stevenage
Attendance



Referee:

Scott Mathieson (Stockport, Cheshire)



Assisted by:

L.C. Jones (Bournemouth)

R.G. Payne (Bedfordshire)

Reserve Official:

J. Humphries (Bristol)

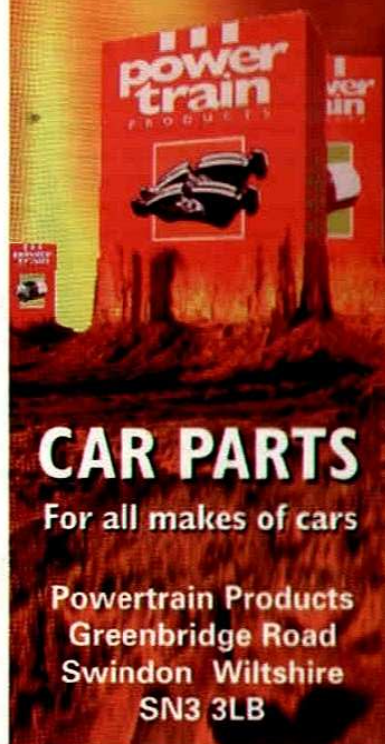
Scott Mathieson

A Joiner in the building trade, 34 year old Scott is married with two children aged 10 and 2. Started refereeing in Stockport and Cheshire Leagues and progressed through the Northern Premier League to the National List of Referees in 1994. Scott's interests include tennis and golf.



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