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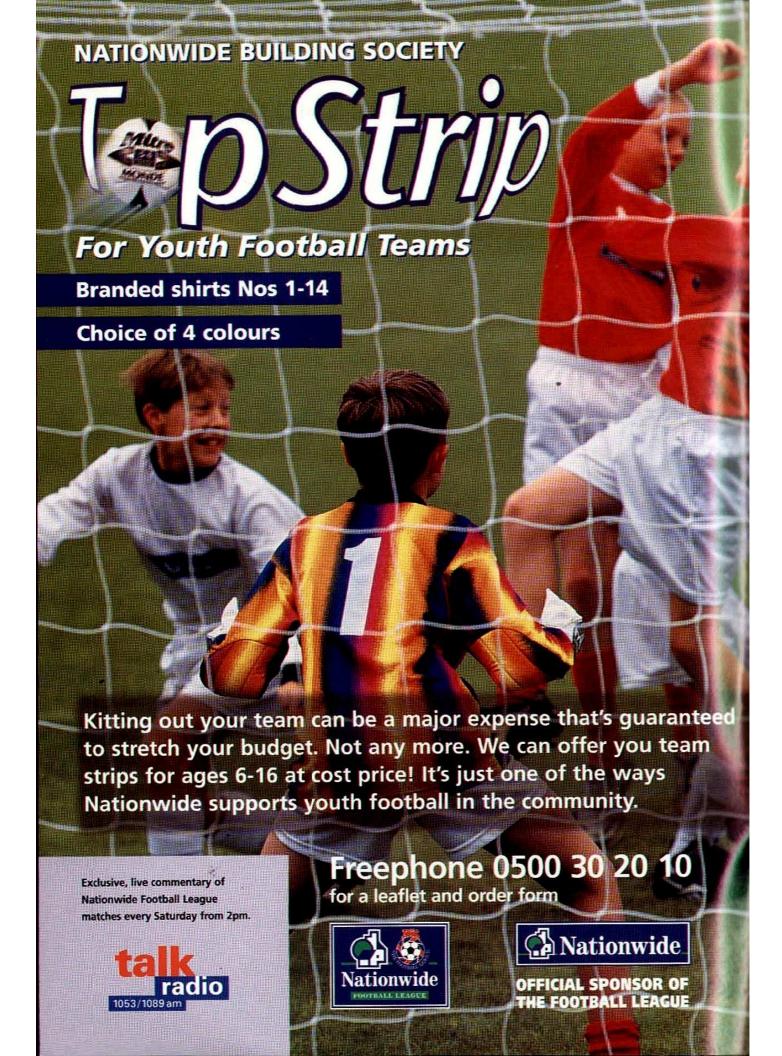




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## welcome to today's game

The last time we staged a local derby here at the County Ground, Oxford United were sent packing on the end of a 4-1 defeat.

Since then victories have been hard to come by but here's hoping we can get back on track this afternoon at the expense of our other near neighbours Reading.

Back in August we returned home from Elm Park with all three points after a tight 1-0 win which came courtesy of Chris Hay's first goal in Swindon's colours.

A repeat result this afternoon to complete our first league double would be just the tonic to get us off the rocks and stop that sinking feeling.

During the week the Royals found out how tough nonleague opponents can be in the FA Cup, as they were held to a 1-1 draw by Vauxhall Conference side Cheltenham.

Reading will be confident of finishing the job on home territory in the replay, but as we know to our cost,

Conference sides are capable of causing a few upsets.

Next Saturday (January 24th)

Next Saturday (January 24th) we pay a visit to the Pulse Stadium, Valley Parade to meet Bradford City in a re-arranged fixture.

This game was due to take place on Tuesday March 3rd but with neither side involved in the FA Cup, both parties agreed to bring the game forward to what would otherwise have been a blank Saturday.

Our next home game is on Wednesday January 28th when Peter Thorne returns to the County Ground with Stoke City (7.45pm kick-off) and a day later the Reserves have home advantage over Wimbledon in the Avon Insurance Combination (7.15pm).

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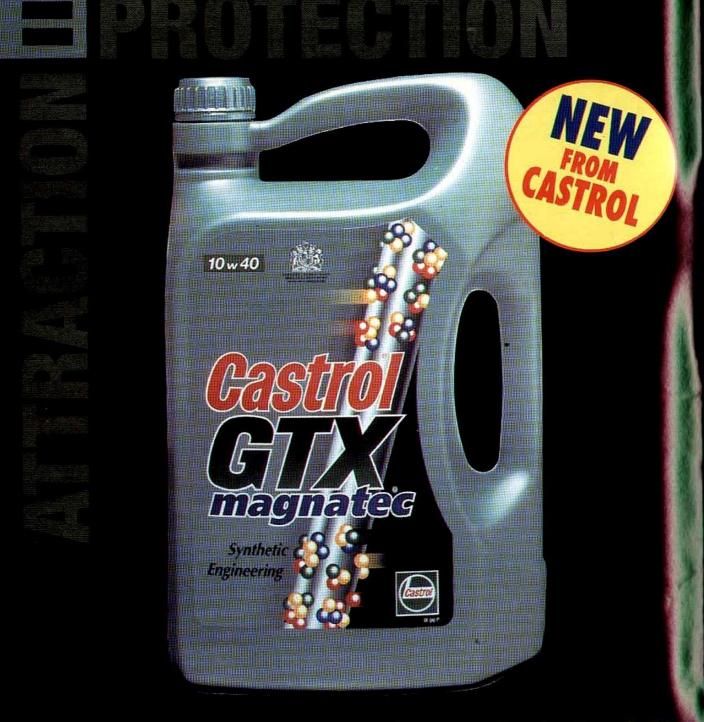
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Next Saturday we travel to Bradford City for a game which has been brought forward from March 3rd.

With both sides out of the FA Cup it made sense to switch the fixture and our aim is to get a good result today which in turn will boost our confidence for the trip to West Yorkshire.

Our next home game is a midweek match against Stoke on January 28th and by then let's hope

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we have started to climb back up towards the play-offs.



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It's plain for all to see what is wrong with us at the moment - a lack of confidence throughout the side.

No-one has been taking responsibility, players have got to want the ball more and the only way that will start to happen is by winning a game - so we must make sure that starts this afternoon against Reading.

We know we are still a good side but the time has come to really pull together and work extra hard. I was pleased with the work rate shown by individuals at Crewe last Sunday but the problem was we didn't work well enough as a team.

Hunting in packs will be the key to our success and that means everyone really grafting for each other.

**Strong** message

As you know, last week I made the decision to put eight players on the transfer list. That step was taken to send a message out that attitudes have got to be

right both on and off the pitch here at Swindon Town.

After a terrible run of results and that humiliating cup defeat by Stevenage, a hard line view had to be taken. And if any other players don't give me 100 per cent then they will also be on their way. That's not a threat, it's a promise. It's no good saying you are a pro and then acting in an irresponsible manner. We feel that the majority of the players now on the transfer list

have let themselves and the Club down. I know how disappointed you all felt after the Stevenage game but you couldn't have felt as hurt as I did.

## Hard work the key

The buck stops with me and I still feel we have got some real quality in our squad. You don't just suddenly become a bad team over the space of a few weeks.

But before that quality can shine through you have to battle and those battling qualities have been sadly lacking of late.

Everyone at the Club is working flat out to make Swindon Town a successful Club. We have had a few clear the air meetings with the players and our trip away last week helped rebuild the team spirit which seemed to have deserted us for a while. Since returning we've been busy on the phone trying to find a few more players and we could have a new face signed in time for today's game, which would give everyone a big lift.

## **Toughtest**

New signing or not, it won't be easy against a Reading side who have produced some solid displays over the past few weeks, although they were given a scare by Cheltenham in the cup during the week. In the league they've pulled away from the bottom after a slow start when their manager Terry Bullivant was still finding his feet at the Club.

He has now got them playing a lot better and has made some shrewd signings with the likes of Gareth Davies and Jason Bowen adding more strength in depth to their squad. Both teams will be going flat out for victory this afternoon with local pride at stake and it's important that we come out on top to put an end to our poor recent run.

# today's visitors The Royals Read of Free

This afternoon we extend a very warm welcome to the players, supporters and staff of Reading 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.

The well worn phrase 'curate's egg' would serve to sum up Reading's season so far - good in parts, rotten in others.

Under the stewardship of multi-millionaire backer John Madejski - he of the Auto Trader empire - Reading are seeing out their 101st and final season at Elm Park before moving to a purpose-built 25,000 all-seater new stadium. But dreams of "doing a Bolton" and christening their sparkling new ground in the Premiership seem unlikely after a shaky start which left the club in dire straits.

In a Royals disaster suitable for their namesakes at Buckingham Palace, it took seven matches for Terry Bullivant's side to record their first victory - a 2-1 win over neighbours Oxford you'll be glad to know - and even then the joy was short-lived, as Tranmere walloped the Elm Park club 6-0 in the very next match.

But that drubbing obviously provided a salutary lesson, and Reading quickly gathered their senses to embark on a seven match unbeaten run - albeit including five draws - which steadied the ship somewhat.

But if the league action has left Royals' fans scratching their heads, cup form has been a source of some pride. The visit of former manager Mark McGhee's Wolverhampton Wanderers in the Coca-Cola Cup will long be fondly remembered at Elm Park as the Royals - backed by a large and vociferous crowd anxious to get one over

on their erstwhile boss - sent the Wolves packing in no uncertain terms.

Indeed, Reading continued to impress in the Coca-Cola, eventually easing through to the Quarter-Final stage before finally falling by a disputed single goal at the hands of Middlesbrough in early January.

Last season's League meetings between our two sides produced one victory apiece - 2-0 to Reading at Elm Park, 3-1 to Town here at the County Ground - while the Robins have already triumphed 1-0 at Elm Park this season, back in early August.

We can rest assured that Terry Bullivant's troops will be anxious to redress the balance this afternoon.





## player profile The Royals





## Nicky Hammond

Former Robins player who was one of six goalkeepers used by Reading in the 1995/96 season, when he joined the club from Plymouth. A back injury kept him out of contention for much of last season, but he found time to help coach the. schoolboy 'keepers at Elm Park.

Born: Hornchurch, 07.09.67

Height: 6ft Weight: 11st 13lb

League record this season:

11 games, 0 goals Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
86/87	Arsenal	
86/87	Bristol R	3
86/87	Peterborough	-
86/87	Aberdeen	-
94/95	Swindon	67
95/96	Plymouth	4
96/97	Reading	6

## Steve Mautone

Tall, courageous goalkeeper who signed permanently for the Royals in March 1997, following a successful trial period with the club. He has been battling Nicky Hammond for the number one jersey at Elm Park this season.

Born: Myrtleford, Australia,

10.08.70

Height: 6ft 2in Weight: 13st 3lb

League record this season: 14/0 Honours: Australia Full caps

Club	Games
West Ham	1
Crewe	3
Reading	15
	West Ham Crewe

## Other Goalkeepers include:

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Sal Bibbo (from Sheff Utd,

## Andy Bernal

Capable playing anywhere across the back four - he even appeared in goal against Ipswich last term after Bobby Mihailov was sent-off - Andy is a tough-tackling defender who has skippered the Reading side on occasions. He was also sentoff three times last term, including two in successive matches early on.

Born: Canberra, Australia,

16.07.66

Height: 5ft 10in Weight: 12st 5lb

League record this season: 20/0 Honours: Australia Full caps

Era	Club	Games
93/94	Ipswich	9
96/97	Reading	108

## Martyn Booty

Combative attacking right-back who missed a big chunk of last season with two lengthy injury problems - firstly knee ligament damage and later a hernia. Allies tough-tackling to good distribution and leadership skills.

Born: Kirby Muxloe, 30.05.71

Height: 5ft 8in Weight: 11st 2lb

League record this season: 14/0

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
93/94	Coventry	5
95/96	Crewe	96
96/97	Reading	31

## (eith McPherson

Powerful central defender whose experience is a great asset at the back for the Royals.

Signed a new two-year contract with the club during the summer, having battled back from a serious pelvic injury that at one stage threatened to end his career.

Born: Greenwich, 11.09.63

Height: 5ft 10in Weight: 12st

League record this season: 22/0 Honours: FA Youth Cup 1981; Div Four title 1987; Div Two

title 1994

Era	Club	Games
85/86	West Ham	1
85/86	Cambridge	11
89/90	Northampton	182
96/97	Reading	232

## **Linvov Primus**

Cultured central defender who is also a threat at set-pieces. Ever-present for Barnet last season - for whom he was voted 'Player of the Year' - Reading won the race to snap up this promising youngster during the summer.

Born: Forest Gate, 14.09.73

Height: 6ft Weight: 13st 7lb

League record this season: 21/1

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
93/94	Charlton	4
96/97	Barnet	127

## Steve Swales

A pacey full-back with good tackling ability, Steve has blossomed under the managership of Terry Bullivant to become a regular in the Royals line-up this season.

Born: Whitby, 26.12.73 Height: 5ft 8in

Weight: 10st 3lb



League record this season: 20/1 Honours: None

Fra Club Games 94/95 Scarborough 54 96/97 Reading 12 Other Defenders include:

Gareth Davies (£100,00 from C. Palace Dec 1997), Paul Bodin, Barry Hunter, Dariusz Wdowczyk.



## **Darren Caskey**

Became comfortably Reading's most expensive signing when he joined from Spurs in February 1996. An FA School of Excellence graduate, he captained England Youths to the 1993 European Championship and has become a valuable member of the Royals' line-up thanks to his creative passing and solid tackling.

Born: Basildon, 21.08.74

Height: 5ft 8in Weight: 11st 9lb

League record this season: 12/0 Honours: England Schools,

Youth caps

 Era
 Club
 Games

 95/96
 Tottenham
 32

 95/96
 Watford
 6

 96/97
 Reading
 50

## Ray Houghton

The veteran of the Reading side, and now filling the combined role of player-coach. Ray was part of the Republic of Ireland side that narrowly failed to reach a third successive World Cup at France 98. Hard-working, and on his day still one of the finest passers of the ball in the First Division.

Born: Glasgow, 09.01.62

Height: 5ft 7in

Weight: 10st 10lb League record this season: 12/0 Honours: League Cup 1986, 1994; League title 1988, 1990;

Charity Shield 1988, 1990; FA Cup 1989, 1992; Rep of Ireland

Full caps

Era Club Games 81/82 West Ham 129 85/86 **Fulham** 87/88 Oxford 83 91/92 Liverpool 153 94/95 A.Villa 95 72 96/97 C.Palace

## James Lambert

Having come up through the ranks at Elm Park, James refused to sign professional until after he had finished his 'A' levels in 1992. A creative ball-player, he was voted the club's "Young Player of the Year" last season, and also signed a new long-term contract after a lengthy pay dispute midway through last season.

Born: Henley, 14.09.73

Height: 5ft 7in Weight: 11st 2lb

League record this season: 22/2

Honours: None

**Era Club Games** 96/97 Reading 90

## Michael Meaker

Moved to Elm Park in the same deal which took £1 million rated Simon Osborn to Loftus Road in the summer of 1995. Prone to inconsistency, he can be devastating on his day, when his pace and trickery on the ball combine to make him a difficult opponent.

Born: Greenford, 18.08.71

Height: 5ft 11in

Weight: 11st 5lb

League record this season: 13/0 Honours: Wales U21, Full caps

Era	Club	Games
91/92	QPR	9
91/92	Plymouth	4
94/95	QPR	25
96/97	Reading	46

## Phil Parkinson

A spirited and determined central midfield ball-winner whose never-say-die attitude makes him a real favourite with the Elm Park faithful. Despite a series of niggling injuries he still managed to rack up 24 League appearances last term, and become one of six players to captain the side.

Born: Chorley, 01.12.67

Height: 6ft Weight: 12st 9lb

League record this season: 20/0 Honours: Div Two title 1994

Era	Club	Games
87/88	Southampton	-
91/92	Bury	145
96/97	Reading	178

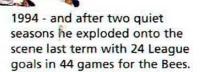
## Other Midfielders include:

Jason Bowen (£200,000 from B'ham Dec 1997); Byron Glasgow (ex-YTS); Ben Smith (former Arsenal YTS, initially joined Reading on work experience, signed pro April 1997).

## Forwards

## Carl Asaba

Big, strong frontman who broke Darren Caskey's Reading transfer record when he signed from Brentford during the summer of 1997. Combined studying at Middlesex University with playing non-League before joining Brentford in August



Born: London, 28.01.73 Height: 6ft 1in

Weight: 13st 7lb

League record this season: 21/5

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
94/95	Brentford	<del>-</del> ₩1
94/95	Colchester	12
96/97	Brentford	54

## Lee Hodges

A good ball player with a poacher's instinct in front of goal, Lee moved to Reading during the summer where he hooked up once more with former team-mate Linvoy Primus and ex-manager Terry Bullivant.

Born: Epping, 04.09.73

Height: 6ft Weight: 12st

League record this season: 17/4 Honours: England Youth caps

Era	Club	Games
92/93	Tottenham	4
92/93	Plymouth	7
93/94	Tottenham	-
93/94	Wycombe	4
96/97	Barnet	105
20/2/	Darriet	103

## Trevor Morley

Veteran goalscorer and current "Player of the Year" at Elm
Park, Trevor has recovered from a fractured skull to remain a potent threat in front of goal.
Skilful and fearless, he is an inspirational leader of the line for the Royals.

Born: Nottingham, 20.03.61

Height: 5ft 11in Weight: 12st 1lb

League record this season: 11/5 Honours: Div Four title 1987; England Semi-Pro caps

Era	Club	Games
87/88	Northampton	107
89/90	Man City	72
91/95	West Ham	178
96/97	Reading	54

## Neville Roach

Former Royals fan who has progressed through the junior ranks at the club and made his senior debut during the 1996/97 campaign. Announced his arrival in the first-team by scoring on his home debut against Oldham, with a delicate chip over the goalkeeper.

Born: Reading, 29.09.78

Height: 5ft 10in Weight: 11st 1lb

League record this season: 7/0

Honours: None

Era Club Games 96/97 Reading 3

## **Wartin Williams**

A promising youngster who likes to pass the ball and create openings for team-mates, but can also burst through from behind the front two to score goals himself. Has improved his finishing this season.

Born: Luton, 12.07.73 Height: 5ft 9in Weight: 11st 12lb

League record this season: 19/4

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
94/95	Luton	40
94/95	Colchester	3
96/97	Reading	44

## Terry Bullivant the manager

It would be true to say that many Reading fans were sceptical when Terry Bullivant was appointed during the summer of 1997 as successor to the Mick Gooding/Jimmy Quinn partnership which had managed the club for the previous three years.

But Bullivant - after a sticky start to the season - has settled well and pulled the club round to a respectable mid-table position at the time of writing.

A midfielder in his playing days, Terry made more than 100 senior appearances for Fulham before moving to Aston Villa for three seasons at a time when Villa won the League title and European Cup (1980/81 and 1981/82).

He spent one season at Charlton before seeing out his career at Brentford, with a brief spell on loan at Reading giving him his first taste of life at

Elm Park back in 1983/84, although he failed to start a game for the Royals in that

> period. Terry retraced his steps to begin his coaching career back at Fulham in 1988, serving under long-time boss Ray Harford (now QPR) at Craven Cottage.

Having been appointed firstteam coach at Barnet in 1994, Terry enjoyed two spells as manager of the Underhill side, succeeding both Ray Clemence and Alan Mullery in the job

> before making the move to Elm Park in June last year.

## STATS...STATS Swindon vs Reading

## who's played for Reading

	A	G	C	Previous Clubs
James Lambert	23	2	5	
14/9/73	7	1	1	
Carl Asaba	22		3(1)	Brentford Colchester (L)
28/1/73	7	3		
Keith McPherson	22		2	Northampton West Ham
11/9/63	6	1		Cambridge (L)
Andy Bernal	21		2(1)	Sydney Olympic
16/5/66 Austral	7			Ipswich Sporting Gijon
Linvoy Primus	21	1	2	Barnet Charlton
14/9/73	6			
Steve Swales	19(4)	1	2	Scarborough
26/12/73	7			
Phil Parkinson	19(1)		6	Bury Southampton
1/12/67	6	1		
Martin Williams	16(3)			Luton Colchester (L)
12/7/73	4(2)		1	
Lee Hodges	15(3)	A	1	Barnet Spurs Wycombe
4/9/73	6(1)			(L) Plymouth (L)
Martyn Booty	14(1)		3	Crewe Coventry
30/5/71	5(1)		3	
Steve Mautone	14			West Ham Crewe (L)
10/8/70	5			Canberra Cosmos
Michael Meaker	12(1)		9	QPR Plymouth (L)
18/8/71 Wal U21		1		
Nicky Hammond	12			Plymouth Swindon
7/9/67	3			Arsenal Aberdeen (L)
				Peterborough (L) Bristo
	4400			Rovers (L)
Ray Houghton	11(1)			Palace Villa Liverpool
9/1/62 Eire	5(1)			Oxford Fulham West
	4341			Ham Way Man
Trevor Morley	11(1)			Brann West Ham Man
20/3/61	3	2	52 VP 122	City Northampton
Darren Caskey	10(3)		2	Tottenham Watford (L)
21/8/74 Eng Yth	1177			Deleas Castiff ()
Gareth Davies 11/12/73 Wal U21	2			Palace Cardiff (L) Hereford
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Dariusz Wdowczyl 21/9/62 Poland				Centic Legia Warsaw
Paul Bodin	2(1)		(45	Swindon Palace
13/9/64 Wales			1482	Newcastle (L) Newport
IMPION WAICS				Cardiff
Stuart Lovell	1(3)			Valuati
9/1/72	1			
	1(2)			Birmingham Swansea
24/8/72 Wales	THE PARTY OF THE			United States
Byron Glasgow	42322554			
18/2/79	1(2)			
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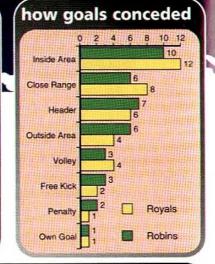
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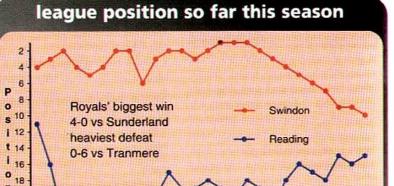
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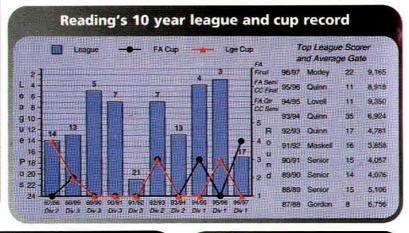
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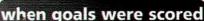
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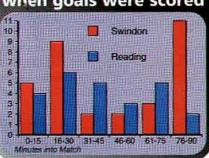
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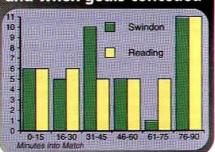
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## and when goals conceded

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## COLUMN TIME BY DISK MASTERS

## 5 YEARS AGO

Good goalkeeping by Bob Bolder helped Charlton obtain their sixth successive draw in the match at the County Ground. It was former Swindon player Gary Nelson who opened the scoring in the 11th minute when he followed up after a header rebounded off a post. Alan Curbishley, the Charlton manager, playing because of an

## 10 YEARS AGO

David Elleray did nothing to improve his popularity at the County Ground by abandoning Town's Second Division match with Bradford at the County Ground in the 73rd minute with

## 15 YEARS AGO

"As false as a £2 note" was Clive King's comment in the Evening Adver on Town's 3-0 defeat at Port Vale.

Paul Rideout had three good chances to put the Robins in front, including one which stuck in the mud on the goal line with the keeper beaten, before Ernie injury crisis, took a corner which enabled Alex Dyer to head the Londoner's second goal after 29 minutes.

Swindon hit back to level the scores by half time with Steve White setting up Nicky Summerbee in the 34th minute and Colin Calderwood heading home from Paul Bodin's corner six minutes later. Glen Hoddle had declared himself unfit after pulling a muscle in the warm up.

the home side leading 3-0.
Jimmy Quinn, Phil King and
Colin Calderwood were all
unhappy that their goals would
not count due to fog which had
forced the abandonment. Chris
Kamara's booking would still
count against him though.

Without his inspiration Town failed to get the win needed to lift them into the top six although they had the lions share of possession in the second half. Second Division Reading defeat Brighton & Hove Albion at Elm Park.

Midfielder Scott Taylor with two and Mick Gooding got the goals. Their team contained former Swindon striker Jimmy Quinn and on loan Adi Viveash.

On a happy note Chic Bates, now manager of Stoke joined Town's coaching staff. Reading who had been knocked out of the Cup on their own ground by a Matthew Le Tissier goal the previous week, were without a game in Division Two.

Moss deflected the ball past Jimmy Allan in the 28th minute. Swindon dominated the second half but failed to equalise.

Two goals by Bob Newton in the last quarter gave an even more unbelievable look to the score line.

Mark Matthews and Mike Doherty scored the goals that gave Reading a 2-1 home win over Bradford City.

It was their first league victory for over a month but the end of the season saw then slip down into Division Four.

The main reason for their decline was a pelvic injury to Kerry Dixon then the Third Division's leading scorer.

## FLASH-BACK

The points were shared in the Third Division derby at Reading in February 1982.

A 1-1 draw away would normally satisfy travelling fans but with Steve Death, the Reading goalkeeper, having walked out on the club 24 hours before and forced the Biscuit men to play unknown youngster Colin Court between the sticks, Swindon had hoped for better. A cross by Brian Hughes had found its way into the net under

the keeper in the 58th minute but 12 minutes from time, a challenge on Jimmy Allan by Neil Webb at a corner kick was allowed to go unpunished and the ball slipped from the keeper's hands into the Town net. Ken Beamish might well scored for Town but he hit the post when it seamed easier to score. Odd that had that goal gone in and Town won the match they might have stayed up and Beamish might never have been called upon to replace manager John Trollope during the following season.



## clary of the week



## January 7th

After the disaster against Stevenage in the FA Cup, something had to be done to stop the rot which had set in so the Gaffer announced that eight players had been put on the transfer list.

We felt that several players had not been showing the right attitude and decided that the time had come to send out a message that professionalism has got to be shown both on and off the pitch by everyone. The rest of the first team joined the coaching staff for a trip away as we wanted to get away from everything for a while and re-group. So we all travelled up to a hotel in Warrington on the Wednesday afternoon.



## January 8th

Everyone went out on the golf course as we spent a day relaxing and building up team spirit. Once again the Gaffer came out on top in the competition!



## January 9th

In the morning we we trained over at a local school where the conditions were a lot better than our own training pitch in Swindon which had been badly affected by the weather. We followed our usual training routines and everyone gave 100 per cent effort as we started to look ahead to the game against Crewe.



## January 10th

All the lads trained in the morning and they were given the afternoon off as myself and the Gaffer went to see a game each. In the evening we made our way to a hotel in Stoke in readiness for the match against Crewe the following day.



## January 11th

We were unable to get back to winning ways as we slipped to another disappointing defeat, going down 2-0 at Gresty Road.

I thought individually a lot of the players worked hard but as a team we were very ragged and it didn't look a good effort at all. We've got to want the ball more and I think that will start to come when we win a game.

It was nice to see Philippe
Cuervo come back and the
Gaffer pulled a surprise on
everybody by putting Philippe
on the bench because he had
not done any training with us. It
was good to get him on for half
an hour and we just hope he
hasn't had a reaction and can
start to play more of a part in
the first team from now on.

## January 13th

Youngster Michael Pattimore went in for an operation on his finger. He broke it recently and needed some extra work doing on it so he went under the surgeons knife.



## January 14th

As this programme went to print, preparations were well underway for the Reserve team game at home to Portsmouth. We were hoping to give the likes of Philippe Cuervo, Darren Bullock and Chris Hay some extra match practice as they had all missed training in recent weeks.

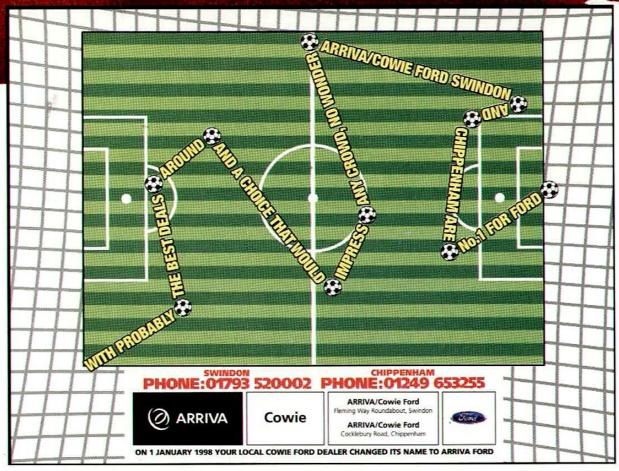
We were also getting prepared mentally for the visit of local rivals Reading. Things started to go wrong for us after the 3-0 defeat at Notts Forest which really knocked us sideways. Since then I don't think the confidence has returned and I think the time has now come for us to really pull our finger out, work together and get back to our passing game that we know we can play.



## January 12th

The first team were given a day off but everyone else was in as usual for training while the injured players were undergoing treatment.

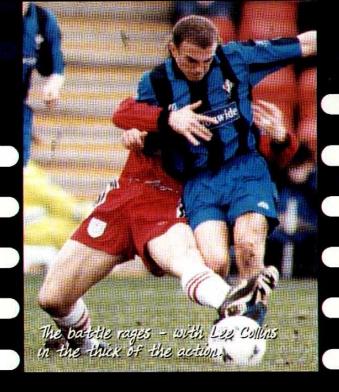


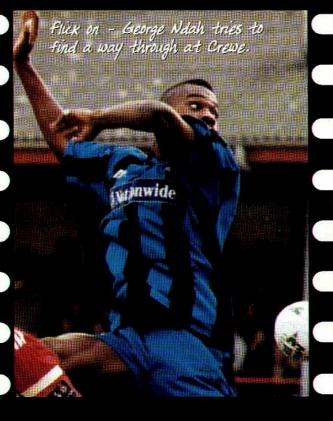
















SUNDAY JANUARY 11TH NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE

## Crewe Alexandra 2 Swindon Town 0

ATTENDANCE: 4,176



- Fraser Digby
- Brian Borrows
- Mark Robinson
- Kevin Watson
- Craig Taylor
- Alan McDonald (Finney 74)
- Darren Bullock (Cuervo 60)
- Lee Collins
- Chris Hay
- 🤷 George Ndah
- Ty Gooden

Sub not used: Culverhouse



Kearton, Bignot, Smith, Westwood, Walton, Charnock, Rivers (Street 65 mins), Whalley (Holsgrove 82 mins), Adebola, Johnson, Little. Sub not used: Foran.

## MATCH REPORT

Manager Steve McMahon was left wondering how he can turn the tide as Swindon slipped to defeat at Gresty Road.

After being humiliated in the FA Cup by Stevenage, Town were looking to bounce back with a three point haul at struggling Crewe but it rarely looked likely as they struggled to gel going forwards.

Only a last-gasp goal line clearance by Craig Taylor denied Crewe a half time lead but just two minutes into the second period, the home team finally edged ahead through Colin Little. The introduction of Frenchman Philippe Cuervo sparked new life into the visitors but Crewe put the issue beyond doubt six minutes from time when Kevin Street fired home from close range.

six minutes from time when Kevin
Street fired home from close range.
"There is a lack of confidence
throughout the side at the moment and
all we can do is keep working hard to
turn things around," said Town boss
Steve McMahon.





Avon Insurance Combination Division One.

## Swindon Town Reserves 4 Portsmouth Reserves 1

Steve Finney struck twice as the Reserves cruised to a comfortable home victory over Portsmouth.

Fielding a strong line-up I was expecting a solid display and that was what I got with the likes of Philippe Cuervo, Chris Hay and Darren Bullock all getting valuable match practise under their belts.

Alex Smith got us off to a flying start with a sweet left

foot shot after 15 minutes and Steve Finney made it 2-0 just before the break as he headed home a great cross by Cuervo.

Minutes into the second half, Finney was upended in the box and he stepped up to coolly slot home the resulting penalty.

Portsmouth pegged one back when Steve Mildenhall failed to hold a cross and Matthew Goodban was able to slide the ball into an empty net.

However Sol Davis completed a convincing win when he nodded home Smith's cross in the 63rd minute.

Team: Mildenhall, Smith, Davis, Cuervo (McAreavey 45), Bullock (Thorne 56), Elkins, Culverhouse, Hulbert, Hay (Meechan 80), Cowe, Finney.

# Thursday 29th January 1998 Wimbledon Kick-Off 7.15pm



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## West Country Television South West Counties Youth League

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Sept 05	Cheltenham Town	App
SEPT 13	CIRENCESTER TOWN	H 1-2
Sept 20	Exeter City	A12
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Oct 11	Plymouth Argyle	A15
OCT 18	SWANSEA CITY	H 0-3
OCT 25	YEOVIL TOWN	H 0-1
Nov 01	Torquay United	A 1-7
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Nov 15	Bashley	A PP
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## YOUTh team focus

South East Counties League Division Two

Luton Town Youth 0 Swindon Town Youth 1

The lads chalked up one of their best wins of the season as they returned from high-flying Luton with maximum points.

It was a good battling performance and if we can start to show this sort of form consistently then I will be delighted.

We played with a lot of authority and could have won more easily with a blatant penalty being turned down and a perfectly good goal disallowed.

It was just before half time when Paul McAreavey was pulled down in the box by two defenders, only for the referee to wave play on.

Mid-way through the second half a goal from a corner was disallowed for pushing and at that stage I thought it wasn't going to be our day.

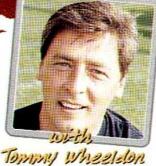
However with 15 minutes remaining, the lads continued hard work paid off when Sam Campagna fed Stuart Hodson and he in turn set up Robin Hulbert for a well taken winner.

Team: Betterton, Peters (Mills), Campagna, Hodson, Thorne, Davis, Hulbert, MacDiarmid, McAreavey, Meechan, Burke. Subs not used: Robinson, Donlon.

South West Counties Youth League

Swindon Town Youth 3 Cheltenham T. Youth 3

Town's Academy team made it three games



without defeat but they were not at their best in a game that they really should have won.

The first half was particularly poor with neither side able to string together many passes and although some stern words during the interval resulted in Swindon starting the second half in lively fashion, they went behind in the 55th minute due to poor defending.

Minutes later Town were back on terms following a fine strike by Alan Hughes with his shot crashing off both posts before nestling in the back of the net.

However a crucial mistake by



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Peter Gairns resulted in Cheltenham taking the lead again and when they grabbed a third, Swindon looked dead and buried.

In an attempt to change the course of the game, all three subs were used and an attacking formation was adopted.

These tactics saw Swindon seize the initiative and they clawed their way back to earn a point thanks to two goals in the last five minutes from Hughes and Kevin Campello.

But coach Clive Maguire had expected much more from the strong side he had sent out.

Team: Lawes, Taylor, Bennett, Farley, Cope, Cairns, Simpkins, Campello, O'Connell, Culbertson, Hughes. Subs used: Dix, Clayton, Masson.

## **Youth Team Player Appearances 97/98**

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ANTHONY BETTERTON	11	0 6 0 17		17	0			
NICK BURKE	3	2	0	0	3	2		
PETER CAIRNS	9(2)	0	6(1)	1	15(3)	1		
SAM CAMPAGNA	13(1)	1	8	0	21(1)	1		
KEVIN CAMPELLO	1	0	2(1)	0	3(1)	0		
DANNY CLAYTON	0	0	(1)	0	(1)	0		
GARETH COPE	(2)	0	(1)	0	(3)	0		
RICKY CULBERTSON	7(3)	0	7(2)	0	14(5)	1		
SOL DAVIS	8	1	3(1)	0	11(1)	1		
KEVIN DAVIES	1	0		0	2	0		
JASON DONLON	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0		
ALAN FLANNAGAN	2	0	1 1	0	3	0		
CHRIS FLOOD	0	0		0	1	0		
WESLEY GARTON	2	0	1	0	3	0		
STUART HODSON	15	1	9	1	24	2		
ALAN HUGHES	3(2)	0	2(4)	- 1	5(6)	10		
ROBIN HULBERT	8	3	8	1	16	4.0		
ROBERT LAWES	1	0	0	0	1	0		
PHIL MACDIARMID	10(1)	0	4(3)	0	14(4)	0		
NEIL MACKEY	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0		
PAUL MCAREAVEY	9(1)	30	5	2	14(1)	5		
IAN McSHERRY	8(3)	or I'v	5(1)	2	13(4)	3		
ALEX MEECHAN	13	9	8	3	21	12		
JAMIE MILLS	8(3)	2	- 6	0	14(3)	2		
CHRIS ORGAN	1	C	0	0	1	0		
CHRIS O'CONNELL	6(1)	1	2(1)	0	8(2)			
BRADLEY PETERS	8(1)		7(1)	1	15(2)	2		
DALE POTTINGER	(1)	0	(1)	0	(2)	0		
KARL ROBINSON	1(1)	0	4	0	5(1)	0		
LUKE SHARPS	(1)	0	1	0	1(1)	0		
MICHAEL TARRAN	0	0	1	0	1	0		
CARL TAYLOR	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)			
WAYNE THORNE	12(1)		8	0	20(1)			

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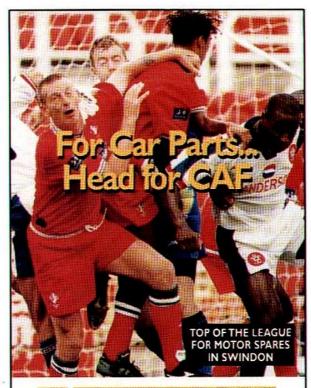
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with Clive & Jon

Today we would like to extend a very warm Community Office welcome to our Saturday Team Club visitors who are Heather Mitchell and her group from Park Kemble along with Nick Tyler and his lads from Marsh Gibbon.





Saturday Team Club Tel: 01793 432840



Clive Maguire

Holloway

We hope you all have an enjoyable time with us and will return again in the near future.

Our prestigious 8 a side tournament is now underway. The first heats took place at Greendown last Tuesday with the second heats on Tuesday January 20th and the quarter finals, again at Greendown, on January 27th.

A date for your diary will be the final of this competition which will be held here at the County Ground on Wednesday March 4th, before the Reserve team fixture against Chelsea

The National Community Office Somby Table Top Football Competition has proved a big success with all of the local regions now having a winner.

A total of 150 children aged from 5 to 11 took part in our local tournament with a very skilful young man from Wroughton called Anthony Robley emerging as our winner.

 Anthony, who is 11 years old, will now go on to represent Swindon Town Football Club in the national heats - and we wish him all the best.



Information about our forthcoming half term course in February is now available at reception with applications needed to be returned by Tuesday February 10th. So fill your forms in now and return them as soon as you can.

Today we have to finish on a very sad note. One of our top coaches Paul Scott, who has been a lifelong friend of Jon Holloway's, tragically lost his girlfriend Simone recently after she had battled against cancer for more than a year. Simone, who was only 24 years of age, passed away peacefully at Prospect Hospice, leaving behind a three year old daughter Shannon. Jon and I would like to extend our deepest condolences to Paul, Shannon and the rest of Simone's family.





Feb 23. Contact Tom Jones: 01793 644777.

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Thursday	5.00-6.00pm	9+ years











## MOR ROBINS



Did you know that if you are a Junior Robin you can travel to see the lads Free on the Park and Ride. For details call the box office on 01793 529000.

The Christmas disco was so successful that we are holding another one (not a Christmas one obviously!). It will be on the first Wednesday of March and again you Junior Robins get the best deal and go free, details will follow in your next newsletter - watch this space!

All of is here at STFC would like to say a big

thank you to David Jackson from Impact for providing tickets for the Earls Court Boat Show that went into the Raffle at the Junior Robins Christmas Disco, we would like to thank Les Smith Haulage for providing the signed shirt.

You could still lead the team out on the pitch to win, I still have places available for the evening match against Stoke City on Wednesday 28th January, so give me a call on 01793 532121 and I will send you all the details.

Sam Eddolls.

George Ndah

every match - keep it up Sam!

Sam is 12 years old and attends Burford School and Community

College. His hobbies are football

and golf and his two favourite players are Chris Hay and

Sam is a budding reporter

writing his own match reports after

## mascots...inasco

## **Today's** mascots

A big welcome to this afternoon's mascots.

Evening Advertiser Mascot.

Wow what a picture! Out of the hundreds of entrants for the Evening Advertiser competition to draw a Swindon Town Player, Rebecca Hussey won with her picture of Steve Finney.

Rebecca is 11 and atterids The John of Gaunt School in Trowbridge. Her hobbies are swimming, hockey, drama and STFC and her favourite player, you've guessed it, Steve Finney!

Congratulations Rebecca from all at STFC.



## Away mascots

## Dean Flockton.

Dean is 12 years old and he attends the Little Heath School. His hobbies are football, rugby and drawing. His favourite Reading player is Martin Williams.





Liam O'Flynn. Liam will be 8 on Friday 23rd January so many happy returns from all at STFC. Attending the Liansmead Primary School, Liam's favourite hobbies are football and tennis and his favourite player is Ty Gooden.

Kevin Brack. Kevin is the lucky winner of the mascot package prize at one of the Junior Robins Disco's Kevin is 9 years old and attends Mountford Junior School, His hobbies are football, cubs and swimming and loves being a Junior Robin! Kevin's favourite players are Kevin Watson and Fraser Digby.



James is 14 and plays football for Burahfield Boys FC. He attends Willink School and his favourite Reading player is James Lambert.



## Aaron Parfitt.

Aaron is 9 years old and attends Churchend Primary. His hobbies are playing in midfield for Barton Rovers and his favourite players are Nicky Hammond and Gareth Davies.



## tony horne's view from a far

"It was really all going too well this season, and we can still turn it around"

I am sorry but you can only tell it like it is: November 19 we are joint top - played 18 with 34 points.

Two months later we are mid table having played 26 with 38 points. In the interim we have scored seven and conceded 16...and that is just the league! I think that spells out the slump pretty well. It was really all going too well this season, and we can still turn it around, but I know that the fans who have seen this kind of stuff in every one of the last few years bar the season we holidayed in Division 2, recognise it for what it is:

This is freefall.

Newcastle United are doing the same in the Premiership and if they lose today they could be right down there with Barnsley. I know that it is gutwrenching especially when you consider how for the most part, we rode out that really bad autumnal injury crisis when Macca was even thinking of playing himself!

I blame myself totally! At the Sunderland match this season I was interviewed on the radio and I said that 'the great thing for Swindon was that already we had enough points to stay up and it won't be a struggle this year(!) but in fairness, it would be Sunderland who would make the Premiership next season.' At the time this was deemed crazy - they were calling for Peter Reid's head every week, and we were right up there but now look at the situation! My mystic meg qualities have never been so sharp. They are the team that are performing at the very highest level,

and its our old acquaintance Nicky Summerbee who is largely the provider. The only pleasure and consolation I take from this remark is that it shows that the lads can still turn it around, and there are a lot of games still to be played. As they say anything can happen - Boro got thumped 3-0 by a very impressive Charlton and Bryan Robson's side were showing signs that they might run away with it. One good result and you can be right back in there and I know everyone was hoping that the Steverage game would be the platform but alas, only the Devil knows what happened there. Macca was very honest afterwards and I thought quite admirable, considering it was the worst result in our history. Maybe this is the one today then maybe the slump can only be turned around when you get stuck in during a derby game.

Fingers crossed!



## centre of excellence

witch Phil Common

We faced a hectic schedule last Sunday because at 11am the Under 13's and Under 15's were in action away at Bristol City while at 1pm the Under 11's and Under 12's entertained Peterborough.

So for me it was a case of flying between Bristol and Swindon in order to see as much of the games as possible.

At Bristol the under 15's battled out a 1-1 scoreline in a good hard working display. They tried to play when in possession but also worked really hard when they lost the ball in an attempt to get it back.

A goal from Matthew Goodwin earned them a creditable draw.

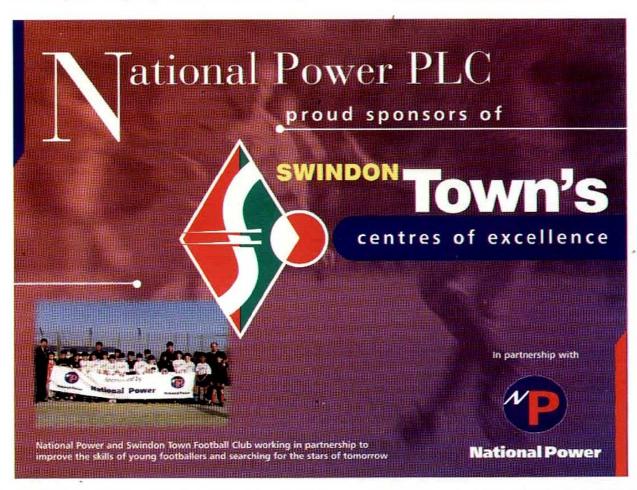
The Under 13's were given a hammering which was disappointing but it was hard for me to make a proper assessment as the opposition were a mixture of 13 and 14 year olds which was not revealed until after the game was over.

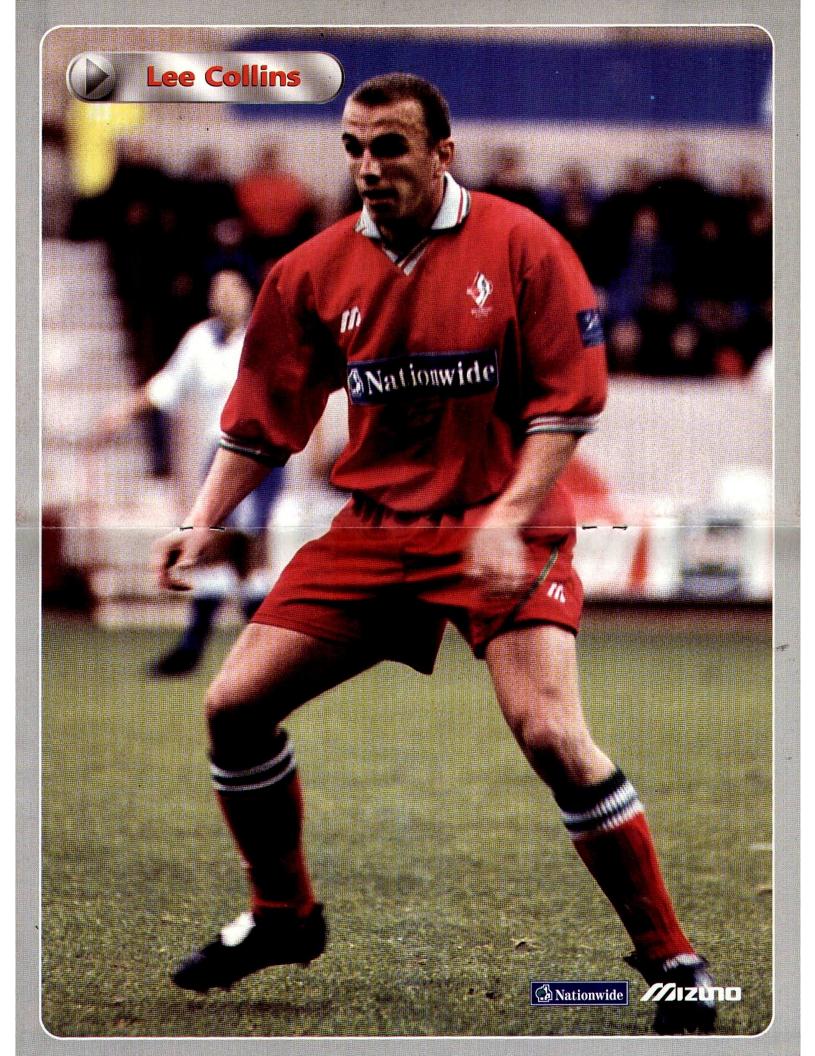
I just wish people would be honest about playing older boys down a year just as a matter of courtesy.

The Under 12 fixture against Peterborough was a joy to watch with some great football and even better goals. On target were Michael Pook and Karl Palmer who netted a splendid hat trick as the youngsters stormed to victory.



Spotting the stars of the future -Swindon Town's Centre of Excellence.





# swindon town







On Saturday January 24th we have a rearranged fixture away at Bradford City (3pm).

The game has been brought forward from Tuesday March 3rd and tickets are on sale priced £13 for adults and £8 for concessions.

 The following Wednesday, January 28th, we are back in action at the County Ground when Stoke City are the visitors (7.45pm kick-off) before we pay a visit to Huddersfield Town on Saturday January 31st (3pm).

Supporters can pay on the turnstiles at the Gardner Merchant (South Stand) with prices set at £11 for adults and E6 for juniors and OAP's.

Disabled facilities are available on the day, costing £7 for a wheelchair and the same price for a helper.

Tickets for the following home matches are now



West Bromwich Albion, Saturday February 7th,3pm.



Manchester City, Saturday February 21st, 3pm.



Wolverhampton Wanderers, Wednesday February 25th,



Don't forget 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 Thursday January 29th the Reserves take on Wimbledon here at the County Ground (7.15pm).



## Matchday Ticket Office

For Saturday matches throughout 1997, tickets will go on sale at 11am.

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Saturday Creche Swindon Childcarers run a Matchday Creche on Saturday's at the Lifestyle Centre. It is limited to 24 children aged between two and eight years of age. Each session runs from 1.30-5pm and costs just £2 per child. Places must be booked in advance by calling Ann Read on 01793 514055 between 9.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.



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With both teams having made an early exit from the F.A. Cup, Town travel to Yorkshire on two successive Saturdays - the first of which will be to face the Bantams at the Pulse Stadium



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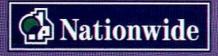












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## **Boss** launches park and ride

Town boss Steve
McMahon recently helped
launch a brand new Park
and Ride service which
makes it even easier for
supporters to get to and
from the County Ground
on matchdays.



The service is available for each and every home game played on a Saturday for the rest of the season. Parking, located at Nationwide House, Pipers Way is free and the cost of the bus ride is just 50p return, with children under five travelling free along with Junior Robins. Bus tokens are also accepted.

Announcing the scheme, the Club's Retail Sales Manager Jackie Kent said:

"We're delighted to get this scheme up and running and we are sure it will be well received by our supporters. It will make access to the County Ground on matchdays even easier."

The Club's main sponsors
Nationwide Building Society have
made 1000 car parking spaces
available on Saturday's at
Nationwide House.

Buses, courtesy of Stagecoach, depart from the car park every 20 minutes from 12.30pm until 2.30pm. After the game buses return to Nationwide House from the County Ground stop which is located at the Magic Roundabout towards Shrivenham Road from 4.45pm, every 20 minutes until 6pm.

The car park closes at 6.45pm.

## **Disabled** facilities

The Football Trust, in conjunction with McDonald's Restaurants Ltd, has published the results of a national survey of facilities for supporters with disabilities at Premiership, Football League and Scottish Premier Division grounds.

The research scheme was launched last February with the aim of highlighting those clubs providing the highest standards of facilities for their disabled supporters. We at Swindon Town are delighted to announce that the Club has one of the highest ratios of disabled places to able bodied in the whole country.

The report looks at how facilities have improved since the last survey in 1992 and what improvements are still required. The nature and extent of facilities for supporters with disabilities are also assessed with examples of good practice at professional clubs highlighted.

In conjunction with the survey, the Football Trust have launched their "National Guide to Disabled Football Supporters Facilities", a pocket size club-by-club guide to facilities.

The research and the guide provides an invaluable and enlightening source of information on the facilities currently on offer at grounds throughout the country.

Copies of the survey and the national guide are available free of charge by writing to: Philip French, Press and Public Affairs Manager, The Football Trust, Walkden House, 10 Melton Street, London NW1 2EB.
Tel: 0171 388 4504.

## **Lolly for Liden!**

Town steward Phil Skeates raised over £1000 for Liden Community Under 10's from a recent auction to which several of the Swindon players donated signed items.

Phil is pictured handing over the cheque for £1,336 to the team and joint managers lan Stevens and Les Boakes.



## **Helping Kenyan**

## cause

A shipment of Swindon Town team posters and Matchday Magazines were recently taken over to Kenya by members of the Royal Air Force, Lyneham.

They were used to help decorate the walls of the Kajiado Child Care Centre which is one of the charities supported by the squadron.



## **Game** Boy winner

Richard Blackford from Haydon Wick went home happy from the match against Ipswich as he won a Game Boy in our Kiosk promotion.

Anyone who spends £3.50 or more at selected kiosks is entered in a free draw to win some magnificent prizes.

Listen out for announcements over the tannoy at today's game. It could be you!

Ticket number 1313 won the Nest-Egg Half Time Draw at the F.A. Cup tie with Stevenage.

Mrs S.Mantel of Wyvern Close, Swindon, collected £574 to ease the pain of the outcome of this game. Even so, I am sure we are all quietly hoping that the Borough can pull off another cup shock in the 4th Round.

With only ten more games to play at the County Ground this season, there are only nine more opportunities to win the Hyundia Coupe i car. The draw will be made at around 2:30pm at the Sunderland game on Sunday 3rd May!

Our next quiz night is in the **Executive Suite on Thursday** 19th February, it is a four-a-side battle this time and entry forms are available from the Promotions Office, Superstore and Reception. Questions will on this occasion be about football in general.

Friday 13th March is the date of the Race Night to raise funds for Swindon Town Ladies F.C. Tickets costs £3 only and can be reserved by contacting Roger Reeves or myself.

We are introducing humour into the competitions for autographed footballs and this new venture starts today. Simply send in your caption for the

cartoon on this page by Friday 23rd January, marking your entry "Caption Competition." The judges for today's contest will be Matchday Magazine Editor Jason Harris and Youth Team Coach Tommy Wheeldon.





## TICHTIE DO By Chris Maughan MERILLA

## Carol hasn't been too well recently. Like her team, Swindon, she needs a lift.

Her friend and sporting foe, Nick will wear his Reading shirt with pride at the County Ground today. On occasions when one team sinks to a morale-boosting, gut-wrenching defeat, then a phone call is sure to follow. Its become something of a ritual. In recent weeks Carol has been on the receiving end of the Saturday evening calls. Cheerily, no doubt, Nick reached for the phone to salute Stevenage Borough's winning goal.

That weekend there wasn't much cheer for Steve McMahon. The Swindon manager toughed out the post-match round of interviews. No Emerson-style disappearing act for him. Four days later, still looking shell-shocked, McMahon faced the cameras and addressed the microphones again. He decided to push eight players towards pastures new.

"They've got to be professionals on and off the pitch," said McMahon.

"That has not been happening to a certain extent with some of the players. They have not been professional and they get paid a lot of money to do things properly. I feel that they have let themselves and the Club down." McMahon wasn't happy.

Less than 24 hours earlier the Reading manager had struggled to contain his anger and rage. Unlike McMahon, Terry Bullivant had no complaints about the discipline or dedication of his players. Quite the contrary. The Royals ran themselves into Elm Park in a brave bid to send Middlesbrough out of the Coca Cola Cup. Bryan Robson's side won the tie after a moment if muddled refereeing.

The official, George Cain, suggested some of the players should have showed "more professionalism" in the chaos which led to Boro's goal. Referees and professionalism - now there's a debate which is set to run. By the way, Mr Cain is a butcher. They used to be involved in the meat industry before that collapsed. Perhaps in the next century all butchers will become referees and they'll dispense justice with cleavers. Reports will be sent to a committee of mad cows who, by this stage, will be running the national game.

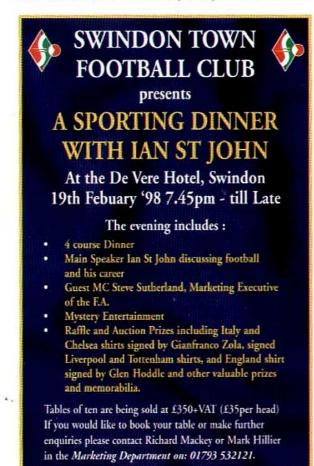
If the midweek was testing our collective sanity, the weekend was tortuous. Reading failed to bury a 10-man Bury side and Swindon folded live on Sky at Crewe. Disillusioned Robins' fans switching away from Sunday lunchtime affairs at Gresty Road may have plumped for Eastenders on BBC1, Italian footy on Channel 4, or Westminster Women

on ITV. Foreign Secretary Robin Cook's estranged wife was rattling on about something or other.

Affairs of an alternative nature!

There should, hopefully, be no shortage of passion here today. The neighbours arrive having sampled different levels of altitude in the division this season. Swindon have been sliding from the summit. Reading have climbed slowly from somewhere close to base camp. Both are in search of some inspiration. These derby games are rarely open, flowing matches. Supporters, commentators and players retreat behind predictable excuses. 'Its the result which really matters.' And, of course, it really does matter. Even so, we live with the hope that managers will urge their attacking players to run at defenders to set the pulses racing.

From whichever side the goals (yes, I'm an optimist) come, you'll be able to see them again on HTV, Central and - if you live in the Meridian TV region - on Meridian Tonight at 6pm on Monday. By then either Nick or Carol will have received a taunting phone-call, unless it finishes as a draw. Now that would help the phone bill!



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## **Ketine news**

Welcome to the County Ground for today's game against near neighbours Reading and I hope you enjoy the hospitality we have laid on for you this afternoon.

## later day Sponsors

Sponsoring the match today are GALA CLUB and it is a real pleasure to welcome their representatives and guests.

The GALA is Swindon's premier Bingo Club. Since its' opening in March 1997 over 250,000 visits have been made by people enjoying its facilities

and over £1,500,000 in prize money has been paid out. The Club is open to anyone over 18 who becomes a member and membership is free.

The Club has two bars, including "Copperfields" Pub in the Club with two TV's showing the latest sporting action and a Food Court. As well as Bingo every afternoon and evening the Club also hosts coulder caborat evenings with too international. regular cabaret evenings with top international stars such as The Three Degrees,
Showwaddywaddy and Bobby Davro among the

artists who have already appeared.

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This afternoon we have four Matchball sponsors and we would like to say a big thank you to Lanbase, McLean Homes South West Ltd, Trencherwood Homes and Heywood Insurance Brokers Ltd

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Littlecote Farm Partners were Matchday Sponsors for the recent game against Ipswich and the two

> partners, Sir Seton Wills and Alan Holland are pictured below. Seton is being presented with a signed, framed shirt by Town's Vice-Chairman Cliff



Puffett and Alan is shown handing over a bottle of champagne to man of the match George Ndah



Impact were Matchday Sponsors at the Stevenage game and David Jackson from *Impact* is shown being handed a signed, framed shirt by Town Chairman

Rikki Hunt as a thank you for his company's support.

David is also pictured handing man of the match Mark Walters his bottle of bubbly.













Sponsored by Ridgeway Hospital

Mark Walters could be available for selection today following treatment on an ankle injury sustained in the FA Cup tie against Stevenage.

He has progressed very well and as these notes were being finished we were all hoping Mark would be back in training with the first team squad.

Scott Leitch was also hoping to train at the end of the week although he will obviously be lacking match practice after being sidelined with flu and a calf injury since the Ipswich game.

Scott has been very unfortunate with injuries this season and has hardly trained on a regular basis. We are hoping this situation will now change and he can get a

solid couple of weeks work under his belt.

Goalkeeper Frank Talia saw a top knee specialist during the week and we hope he has at last received some good news regarding his knee complaint which has troubled him for so much of the season.

Defenders Jason Drysdale and Phil King have been nursing short term injuries and they have been working alongside Club captain Mark Seagraves, who is on the road to recovery from a pelvic injury.

After three months of complete rest, Mark has now begun his rehabilitation and the good news is that he has not suffered any sort of set-backs.

The next two to three weeks are vital for him but we hope he will come through and figure in a competitive game in the very near future.



I was looking forward to the chance to make some comments about how well Stevenage had played and how unlucky they were to have lost by four or five goals.

As it is I am still wearing my disguise to work every day and hoping that I can 'come out' after the Newcastle game!

Congratulations to Barry
Telling and the satellite group
which he co-ordinates up there
in the Midlands. Not only has
Barry launched the group this
year but now they are
sponsoring George Ndah's kit
for this season. Great job lads
any other supporters in the
Leicester/Warwick area
interested in joining Barry and
his group may contact him on
01455 292206.

The Shadow Board is very strongly committed to the satellite groups and all 'out-oftown' fans are welcome to contact the Shadow Board and we will either put you in touch with your local group or help you to start another! Just fill out a Shadow Board comment card or write to us at the County Ground. Soon it will be time for new elections to the Shadow Board. Watch out for full details in the next few weeks - in the meantime start thinking - what could I do for the Shadow Board and get ready to send your application. Finally, every team enjoys highs an lows. This season we have enjoyed both in very quick succession. Now is a time to give our 100 per cent support - what better way to get the season back on track than by putting a few goals past

Reading!!
Come on
Swindon
fans - let's
make plenty
of noise today and get right
behind the lads.

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Nigel Bennett
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Alexander Deacon
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Write to us at the Swindon Town Shadow Board at: P.O. Box 663, Swindon SN1 2NX.

## It's been quite an interesting time since we last met at the County Ground.

The Chinese swimmers have at long last been exposed as cheats; rugby has gone cannibalistic and England's hopes of staging the World Cup Finals in 2006 have been given a big boost by our major rivals, Germany; while Newcastle United did themselves no favours by trying to bully Stevenage to play their FA Cup tie at St James' Park.

Kenny Dalglish has denied they are scared of the non-leaguers who made the most of the galeforce wind to blow us away but don't believe him. The Tynesiders have so under achieved this season that all they have left in their sights is the FA Cup, and taking account of their current form **Stevenage** away is a veritable mine-field to cross.

The thing is they have made life even more difficult for themselves by whingeing and trying to undermine Stevenage's brave stance. Almost every neutral in the country is now backing the underdogs and that is a powerful current of public feeling to overcome.

You can bet there will be a lot of folk with a quid or two on little *Stevenage*. Playing the tie at *Newcastle* would have made it a betting non-event, with the Tynesiders an unbackable 1-9 favourite. But at Broadhall Way, *Newcastle* are only about 1-3 to win.

At the moment Kenny Dalglish is not getting it right on the field and his back-room boys would certainly benefit from a lesson or two in public relations. The Geordies came a lousy second to the part-timers in this respect and good luck to **Stevenage** for standing by their own fans and keeping the spirit of the Cup in tact. If they win through to the fifth round, or

even force a replay, they will benefit from the financial rewards they have given up for a chance of glory.

If Newcastle United failed their PR test then what about the sports of swimming and rugby. Both failed to deal with crucial issues last weekend with the result that they have done their respective associations a great deal of harm.



Who has been interested in the World Swimming Championships Down Under since FINA, swimming's world governing body, took no firm action over the discovery of growth hormones in the baggage of Yuan Yuan? Gunnar Werner, the FINA secretary, skated round the issue when what was needed was instant and positive action. The fact that the quantity involved was enough to supply the whole team should have been sufficient to suspend them all pending full dope tests.

Likewise Bath's response to the allegations of barbarism by one of their players was painfully inadequate. Ashley Rowden described biting an opponent as "the most heinous thing that could ever happen on a rugby field."

So why did Bath not come straight out and name the culprit who took a chunk out of Simon Fenn's ear? If the game of rugby was to save creditability there could be no other decision than an instant lifelong ban...To remain silent and huddled in closed-meetings when an immediate response was called for, only gave the impression that the Bath officials were more concerned with their own priorities than disposing justice.

Whatever the eventual outcomes, both swimming and rugby have suffered gravely from their reluctance to deal with major offences adequately. They join athletics and Formula One motor racing as sporting activities governed by commercial greed.

Organisations willing to forgo the sporting ethics upon which they were spawned for the almighty dollar. It is a dangerous road to travel.

In the light of this the Football Association's handling of the **Stevenage** affair deserves praise. They stood up for the principles of the Cup against the commercial clout of **Newcastle United**.

Our game received another boost from an unexpected source when Franz Beckenbauer called for *Germany* and *England* to cohost the 2006 World Cup Finals.

The former West German skipper and manager is the key figurehead of the *German* campaign to stage the tournament and his admission that the FA's strong bid has damaged their chances suggests we are gaining a significant psychological lead over our European rivals.

In my opinion an Anglo-German enterprise would cut no ice with anyone. Who would stage the final for example? And what of the travelling for teams and fans? It is a no go situation and would not interest FIFA in the slightest. They are already worried about the problems arising from the Korea-Japan joint venture.

It looks to me as if the FA will have the strongest bid for a *European* venue but I don't think we will get it. Rumblings at the top suggest FIFA are seriously considering altering the present formula of staging the finals alternatively in *Europe* and *South America*. They wish to acknowledge the game's global expansion and I believe will lean towards *South Africa*.

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## duesacross...

- 1. Goalkeepers love to keep one! (5-5)
- 8. Keen to become part of leg. (4)
- 9. Football's middlemen. (8)
- 10. A well known side in Liverpool? (6)
- 11. Sir Alf?
- (And 7 Down) Well practised manoeuvre (3-5)
- 13. Mansfield Town (5)
- 15. Game may be played on this edge (5)
- 17. A string that is often pulled in football (3)
- 19. Needs to be well marked in every game? (6)
- 21. To the manor born? (6)
- 23. Noisy responses to cost of supporters travel? (8)
- 24. You must take one to see away game (4)
- 25. Guaranteed when floodlights are on! (2-8)

## duesdown...

- 2. Some referees still are! (7)
- 3. Where penalties originate (5)
- 4. How playmaker delivers passes (6)
- Fans often call for extra this (6)
- 6. Hardly the way to describe groundsman (7)
- 7. See 12 Across
- 14. Brentford Park (7)
- Soil European cup ties played on sometimes (7)
- 17. They play at Tynecastle Park (6)
- John doesn't stop talking during the game! (6)
- 20. They fly by for older players. (5)
- 22. Ballboys do this a lot (5)

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23 FANFRES, 24 TRIP, 25 NO SUNSHINE.

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

Birmingham City	<ul> <li>Huddersfield Town</li> </ul>
Manchester City	Sunderland
Middlesbrough	Ipswich Town
Norwich City	Nottingham Forest
Oxford United	Charlton Athletic
Port Vale	Portsmouth
Q.P.R	Tranmere Rovers
Sheffield United	Wolves
Swindon Town	Reading
West Brom Albion	Crewe Alexandra



## UNSCRAMBLE THE TEAMS

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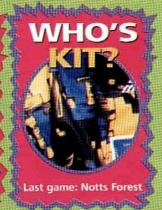
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- Alex Ferguson won the title in Scotland with which team?
- Ian Botham played in the Football League with which team?
- 3. Michael Lee was a top name in which sport?
- 4. Which top soccer player lost a finger to a lawn mower?
- 5. Who skippered England to their first rugby Grand Slam in 23 years?
- 6. Who scored with a header to take the F.A. Cup from Arsenal?
- A famous voice left the Test Match Special commentary box?
- 8. Dennis Lillee had a bat made of this substance.
- 9. Who made it 5 in a row at Wimbledon?
- 10. Name the Forest scorer in the European Cup Final win.

ANSWERS..... 1 ABENDREN, 6 TREVOR BROOKING, 7 JOHN ARLDET, 8 ALUMINIC 2 BILLY BEAUMONT, 6 TREVOR BROOKING, 7 JOHN ARLDET, 8 ALUMINIC 3 BILLY BEAUMONT, 6 TREVOR BROOKING, 7 JOHN ARLDET, 8 ALUMINIC







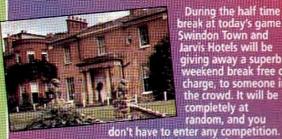
## CE in the crowd

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If it's your seat, come along with your ticket, to the Reception and ask for Louise Kaye and pick up your Free Jarvis Weekend Break voucher. It's as simple as that.

So listen out at the half-time break and you could be going on a superb weekend break with JARVIS FIOTELS.



## swindon town ladies

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by Roger Reeves

Swindon Town Ladies were made to fight all the way for their two goals to one victory away to Oxford United.

Nadine Lloyd put the Town ahead after a quarter of an hour when she converted a spot kick awarded after her goal-bound shot had been handled. United fought back and drew level five minutes later after a mix up in the Town's defence. Five minutes from half time Nadine Lloyd restored Town's lead after a neat build up between Netti Wyness and Leanne Taylor. The second half was a hard fought affair with neither side creating many clear cut chances but Town took full points and remain on top of the league.

The Wiltshire game against Somerset at Westbury which was to have included several Town players, was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch. No new date has been fixed yet.

Town recently travelled to the Portsmouth for the Regional Five-a-Side Tournament but were beaten by the eventual winners Southampton Saints in the Semi Final. Swindon did however take third place beating Denham in the play off of for losing semi finalists. The Youth side did better finishing runners up having been beaten by Southampton Saints in the final.

Tomorrow the Town travel to face Binfield in a Southern Region League Premier Division game. The Town won the home game by four goals to one so will be hoping to complete the double over the Berkshire side.

On Sunday 25th January the Ladies entertain Bracknell Town in the Second Round of the League Cup. The match will be played on the County Ground Extension and will Kick Off at 2.00pm.

Southern Region League Premier Division

## Oxford United 1 Swindon Town 2

Team: Jo Sharpe, Clare Wheeler, Netti Wyness, Sharon Black, Adelle Taylor, Kim Reeves, Tracey Mackeddie, Kerie Garwood, Clare Tyson, Nadine Lloyd, Leanne Taylor.

Sub Used: Vikki McCann Subs Not Used: Sara Privett & Sarah Richardson

Scorers: Nadine Lloyd (2).



Katie Lemon, one of the Town's promising youngsters.

APPE	ARAN	ICES
	APPS	GOALS
SHARON BLACK	14(1)	1
KERIE GARWOOD	6(6)	6
PAM LAKER	14	5
NADINE LLOYD	14	17
TRACEY MACKEDDIE	14	5
VIKKI McCANN	(2)	
KIM REEVES	15	14
SARAH RICHARDSON	(5)	
IO SHARPE	15	
ADELLE TAYLOR	9(4)	
LEANINE TAYLOR	15	18
CLARE TYSON	13(1)	1
CLARE WHEELER	9(3)	
CLAIRE WHITE	(1)	
ASHLEY WISEMAN	14	4
NETTI WYNESS	13	2

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## Southern Region League Premier Division

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## THE LEAGUE

## Southern Region League Premier Division 1997-98

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Cheltenham	13	8	3	2	38	19	27	
Southampton	12	7	1	4	37	27	22	
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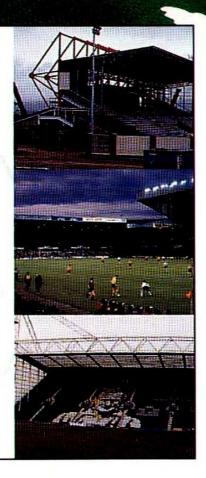
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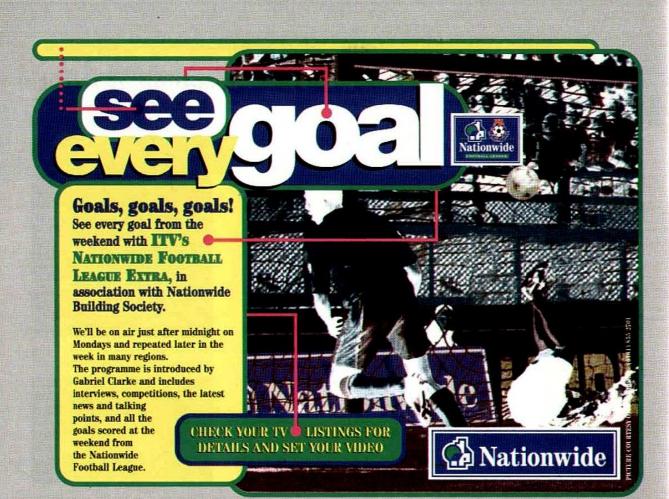


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Swindon Town Football Club will be looking just as good this season. Thanks to their exclusive Mizuno strip.















The big game in Division One this weekend is at Bramall Lane where Sheffield United take on Wolves.

The Blades have been promotion contenders all season but their fine away record was dented at *Sunderland* last week where they went down 4-2.

Former Town ace Jan Aage Fjortoft was missing with tonsillitis but should be back today as Sheffield United look to chalk up their 10th home win of the season against a Wolves side that is brimming with confidence after last Saturday's 5-0 demolition of Norwich City.

Dougie Freedman notched his first ever hat-trick for *Wolves* to extend his stats to eight goals in 15 games since a £800,000 move from *Crystal Palace*. The young Scot is hoping to win a place in Scotland's World Cup squad and to do that, needs to produce consistent performances.

But Wolves, who for so long were in the wilderness with the also-rans, now find themselves breathing down United's neck, only a point behind the Blades and with just one defeat in their last four away appearances. Victory at Bramall Lane would see their odds improve appreciably. Seems an obvious draw but I'll back Jan for a home win!

Talking of goal scorers,
Dutchman Pierre Van Hooijdonk
was at it again against *Port Vale*.
A 30-yard free-kick special and a
bundled 23rd strike of the
season were enough to secure a
2-1 victory for *Forest*. Today the
leaders will be expected to
maintain their three point lead
with a win at Carrow Road.

The Canaries had the stuffing knocked out of them at Molineux, 5-0 being their worst defeat of the season, Veteran goalkeeper Bryan Gunn was back for his first game of the season, ironically at the venue of his last appearance, in April, when he was again on the losing side.

So annoyed with his players at the break was manager Mike Walker that he sent them out six-minutes early for the re-start. They lost the second-half 1-0

Nationwide

By Colin Genson

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and might have had a penalty but such was the Gaffer's overall displeasure he ordered his players in for training on Sunday morning. Now nobody in their right mind would expect anything but a Forest victory but I'm going to stick my neck out and forecast a drawn game.

Middlesbrough lost ground at Charlton, where Alan Curbishley's red army continues to be invincible - well almost, they have lost one at home - and Boro lost ace Brazilian midfielder Emerson to Tenerife in midweek. But they should be good enough to see off the challenge of inconsistent Ipswich Town at the Cellnet Riverside Stadium.

Could be some game at St
Andrews' today. Birmingham
City and Huddersfield Town
rattled in 12 goals between
them last Saturday. The Blues hit
seven without reply at hapless
Stoke City while the Terriers,
who for much of the season
were more like hushpuppies,
came snapping back with a 5-1
defeat of Oxford United.

That was Town's seventh win in 12 matches, a run that has lifted them off the foot of the table and eased their relegation fears substantially. *Birmingham* are now up to 8th. But a goal feast today? Forget it. Go for a 0-0 draw.

Crewe shunted us into a siding last Sunday but could be derailed at the Hawthorns, though the Throstle has not been singing so loud since the departure of manager Ray Hartford to QPR. Former Oxford

United chief Denis Smith is
the new Albion boss and
still looking for his first
win. This should be it.
One of Mr Smith's former
clubs, Sunderland,
extended their unbeaten
run to 16 games last
Saturday with that 4-2
defeat of Sheffield United.
day they expect to improve

Today they expect to improve their challenge with a result at Maine Road and with *Man City's* current home form producing just four wins and six defeats, who would argue with them?

City manager Frank Clark celebrated his first year in one of the hottest seats in league football with a 3-0 victory at Portsmouth - their third League win on the road this season. But consistency has not been their fortune in a turbulent campaign though this success followed on a 2-0 triumph at Bradford City in the FA Cup.

Maybe it's the turning point who knows? Clark of course has been the subject of much negative speculation as to his future and I hope he sees the Wolves from the door. Ironically, it was following his success at Bradford that the Yorkshire club terminated the employment of ex-Swindon man Chris Kamara.

Oxford would seem to have a tougher task than Port Vale - home to Charlton and Portsmouth respectively; and QPR surely will get the better of goal-shy Tranmere.

























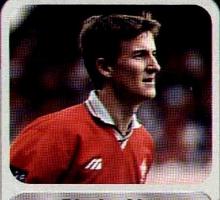








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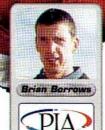


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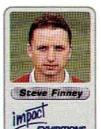


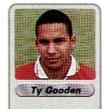
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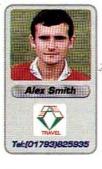
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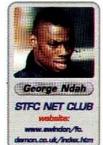


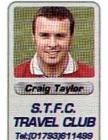
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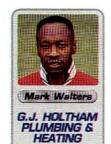


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## with Mark Seagraves

no two ways about it - we have been very poor over the past few weeks and we need to turn the corner, starting today against Reading.

We had a bit of a break last week when we all went away and that served a good purpose as it got all the lads together and gave us a chance to have a chat amongst ourselves.

Normally we just train and then go home and nobody gets the opportunity to get things off their chest. But we had a meeting with the management and then went away together and I'm sure that break from it all will soon start to pay dividends.

Everyone knows what has gone wrong and the time has come for everybody to pull in the same direction and help the Club push their way back up the table.

The main problem is confidence.

Eight weeks ago we were top of the league and there is no way that you can suddenly become and bad player or a bad team in such a short space of time. The only thing which is lacking at the moment is confidence and the only way to get that back is to pick-up a victory.



Looking back at the Stevenage game we were on a hiding to nothing. They were at their best, we were at our worst and they deserved to beat us. There can be no complaints, they were the better side and after that display we were aiming to put things right at Crewe. Unfortunately it didn't quite work out as planned and although the effort was there, we just didn't perform well as a team.

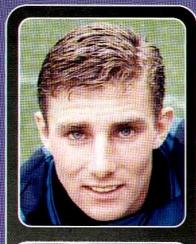


This afternoon we have got a local derby to look forward to and I've no doubt all the lads will be up for this one. It could be just the sort of game that we need to turn the tide. I've said many times before that it's not always about playing well, its about getting the right result and if we can get the three points today and then go to Bradford and pick up another good result, that will breed confidence.

The players are all determined to put things right. We are all in the same boat, we want to get promotion and we are still not out of it yet, so long as we can start to reproduce the form we showed earlier in the season.

Get behind us today because you can certainly play your part in helping to turn our fortunes around.







Date of birth: 8.5.71. Place of birth: Essex.

## School years

Secondary school attended: Victoria College, Jersey. Best subject at school: Maths. Worst subject at school: History.

Football team supported at school: Liverpool.
Football hero as a schoolboy:

Stuart Pearce.

Favourite football position at school: Full back.

Career probably taken up if not football: Something in the finance industry.

First match ever seen: Southamptor v Portsmouth 1986. At what age did you first attend matches:

15 years of age.

## Non

Favourite other sports:
Water sports.
Biggest influence on career:
Malcolm Crosby /
Steve McMahon.
Best match ever seen
(Live or TV): Liverpool v
Newcastle 1996.
Favourite football expert:
Alan Hansen.
Favourite country to watch:
Brazil
Highlight of career so far:
Becoming physio at STFC.
Biggest disappointment:
Relegation from First Division.
Choice Opponents in a

cup tie: Sunderland.

# Jonathan Frigg

A familiar face will be missing from Town's dugout this afternoon as Club physio Jonathan Trigg has moved on after four years in the treatment room.

The 26 year old has signed for First Division rivals Portsmouth where he will now attend their walking wounded, this after doing a superb job of patching up Swindon's injury victims since 1994.

It was as Football in the Community Officer that "Triggy" first got involved at the County Ground, having spent the previous three years at Sunderland where he was a regular in the Reserve side at full-back.

During that time he also studied to become a Sports Therapist, qualifying in 1992, which meant when his hopes of becoming a professional player came to an end, he was quick to grab the chance of staying involved in the professional game - in a medical capacity.

"I first came down from the north-east to take over the Football in the Community Scheme when Swindon had just joined the Premier League and that season was still one of the highs for me, being here to witness some entertaining games against top quality opposition. John Gorman then appointed me as physio shortly before his departure.

"Although when I took over as physio we had just been relegated from the Premiership and another low was to follow by dropping out of Division One, there was soon a massive high which I will never forget as we won the Second Division Championship in style." he said.

During his time at the Club Jonathan built up some strong relationships with the many players coming in and out of the treatment room and he became an "Agony Aunt" for many of them.

"Unfortunately players can pick up long term injuries which keep them out for a long length of time. Part of my job is to try and keep their heads up and get them back into the action as soon as possible.

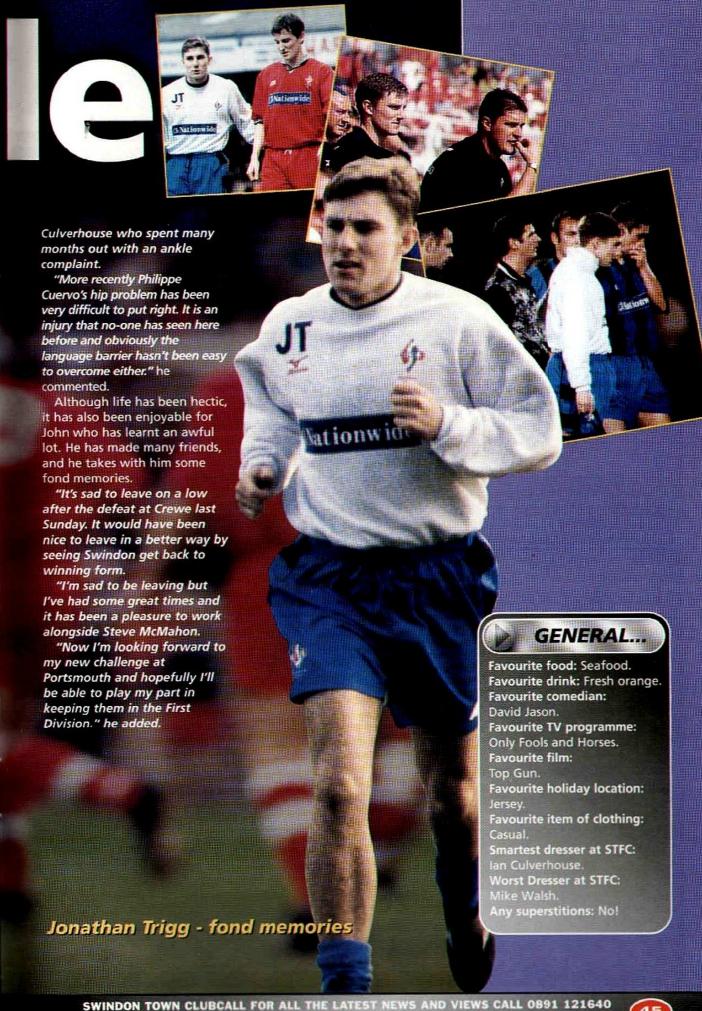
"I've had some real characters come in for treatment and have built up a good rapport with them. All I've tried to do is keep them going and show them there is some light at the end of the tunnel and that they are getting better gradually, day by day.

"Although they may not be able to return to training, as long as they can see an improvement daily, or even weekly, then it gives them something to aim for.

"When you are working with injured players over a space of time you tend to find out about all their problems, their home life, their girlfriends and anything else that might be going on. A lot of the time you are a shoulder to cry on."

Triggy has treated 100's of injuries over the years. Some just little niggles, others more serious which have required months of rehabilitation.

"One of the worst injuries witnessed was Mark Walters' knee problem which required surgery along with lan



## statistics 1997/98 season





All home Saturday fixtures will kick-off at 3.00pm. Home Sunday and Bank Holiday fixtures will kick-off as advertised. Home midweek fixtures will kick-off at 7.45pm. All dates and times of kick-off's are subject to change.



NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 TABLE 1997/98 AS AT 14,1,98

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CHARLTON ATHLETIC	26	10	2	1	4	3	6		34	47
SUNDERLAND	25	7	4	2	6	3	3		24	46
SHEFFIELD UNITED	26	9	3	0	3	7	4		29	46
WOLVES	26	9	4	0	4	2	7	37	26	45
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	-	8	2	3	4	4	5	27	24	42
BIRMINGHAM CITY	26	5	4	3	5	5	4	32	19	39
STOCKPORT COUNTY	26	8	4	1	3	1	9	44	37	38
SWINDON TOWN	26	8	3	2	3	2	8	32	37	38
BRADFORD CITY	26	6	5	2	3	5	5	25	26	37
NORWICH CITY	26	5	4	4	4	2	7	26	39	33
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	26	6	5	2	2	3	8	30	40	32
PSWICH TOWN	25	4	4	4	3	6	4	29	26	31
READING	26	5	4	5	2	5	5	25	38	30
STOKE CITY	26	4	3	5	3	5	6	27	40	29
CREWE ALEXANDRA	26	4	2	8	4	2	6	30	40	28
MANCHESTER CITY	26	4	3	6	3	3	7	31	31	27
OXFORD UNITED	26	5	4	3	2	2	10	31	40	27
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	26	4	3	6	3	3	7	30	40	27
PORT VALE	26	4	4	5	3	1	9		37	26
TRANMERE ROVERS	25	5	4	4	1	3	8	28	34	25
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PORTSMOUTH	25	5	2	7	1	3	7	29	42	23





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CHRIS CASPER	8(1)		0	0	8(1)	
LEE COLLINS	6(3)	0		0	7(3)	0
STEVE COWE	4(2)		(1)	0	4(3)	
PHILIPPE CUERVO	6(2)	0	District House	0	8(2)	9
IAN CULVERHOUSE	8(1)	0	Bath Bert	0	9(1)	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	12(2)	0	MIT 2010	0	14(2)	0
SOL DAVIS	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
FRASER DIGBY	23	0	2	0	25	0
JASON DRYSDALE	8(3)	9	2(1)	0	10(4)	0
STEVE FINNEY	6(6)	Hran	1(1)	0	7(7)	
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CHRIS HAY	18(3)	13	18117.Hami	0	20(3)	13
ROBIN HULBERT	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
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ALEX MEECHAN	(1)	0		0	(1) III	0
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MICHAEL PATTIMORE	(2)	9	0	0	(2)	9
MARK ROBINSON	10(1)	0	2	o	12(1)	0
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DAVID THOMPSON	744	0	0	0	7	Ð
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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	******
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	10,334
Fri Dec 26 Nottinghan 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 1-2	9,422
Sun Jan 11 Crewe Alexandra (1pm ) A 0-2	4,176
SAT JAN 17 READING H	
Sat Jan 24 Bradford City (F.A. CUP 4) A	
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	
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	
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DIGBY	BORROWS	COLLINS	LEITCH	TAYLOR	M:DONALD	WALTERS	WATSON	HAY 2	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	DRYSDALED	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	SMITHOU	ELKINS
MILDENHALL	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	CASPER	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	HULBERT	ELKIN5
DIGBY	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	MEECHAN	DAVISO)	PATTIMORE(8)
WARNER	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	LEITCH	TAYLOR	M:DONALD	WATSON	DRYSDALE	HAY	COWE	GOODEN	MEECHAN	DAVIS	PATTHMORE(4)
WARNER	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	LETTCH	TAYLOR	M:DONALD	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	COWE	GOODEN	FINNEY(S)	DRYSDALE	ROBINSON(3)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MIDONALD	THOMPSON	WATSON	FINNEY	NDAH	GOODEN	CULVERHOUS	WARNER	WALTERS(10)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	LEITCH	TAYLOR	McDONALD	THOMPSON	WATSON	FINNEY	NDAH	GOODEN	COWE(9)	BULLOCKO	CULVERHOUSE(4)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	BULLOCK	DARRAS	McDONALD	THOMPSON	WALTERS	RNNEY	NDAH	GOODEN	COWE	TAYLOR(8)	CUERVO(4)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	BULLOCK	DARRAS	McDONALD	THOMPSON	COLLINS	FINNEY	NDAH	GOODEN	COWE	TAYLOR(5)	WALTERS
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DIGBY	CULVERHOUS	E ROBINSON	LEITCH	DARKAS	McDONALD	THOMPSON	WALTERS	HAY	NDAH	GOODEN	FINNEY(B)	COLLINS(4)	TAYLOR(5)
DIGBY	CULVERHOUS	E ROBINSON	COLLINS	TAYLOR	M:DONALD	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	NDAH	GOODEN	FINNEY(7)		L DRYSDALE(8)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	WATSON	TAYLOR	McDONALD	BULLOCK	COLLINS	HAY	NDAH	GOODEN	FINNEY(6)	CULVERHOU	SE CUERVO(7)







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Management over the public
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by a loud signal to catch the
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FRASER DIGBY

BRIAN BORROWS

MARK ROBINSON

KEVIN WATSON

CRAIG TAYLOR

ALAN McDONALD

DARREN BULLOCK

LEE COLLINS

CHRIS HAY

GEORGE NDAH

TY GOODEN

TEAM MANAGER STEVE McMAHON

## Reading

NICKY HAMMOND

MARTYN BOOTY

STEVE SWALES

JAMES LAMBERT

ANDY BERNAL

**GARETH DAVIES** 

PHIL PARKINSON

LEE HODGES

STUART LOVELL

TREVOR MORLEY

JASON BOWEN

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TEAM MANAGER
TERRY BULLIVANT

## Referee

- Eddie Lomas (Manchester)
  Assisted by:
- D.S. Brammer (Weston-Super-Mare)
   L.C. JONES (Bournemouth)

Reserve Official:

K. Totterdell (Bristol)

## **Eddie Lomas**

Eddie is a 43 year old Trust Property Services Manager who is married with two teenage children. Began refereeing in 1974 and progressed from the Linesman's List to be promoted to the National Referees List in 1993. Has run the line in the European Champions Cup and Cup Winners Cup and was in charge of the 1996 Auto Windscreen Shield Final. Eddie's hobbies include golf, cycling and gardening.





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