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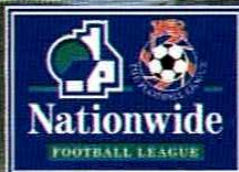
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welcome to today's game

Three matches unbeaten and we're back on the right road again. Confidence with the team is high and we're looking to the dizzy heights of the play-offs, what a difference five points can make!

The point against Huddersfield was a good one, a hard game but we battled well against a side wanting to lift themselves away from the relegation danger zone. Luckily, "The Chief" missed a few good chances, but Chris Hay also missed a golden opportunity as he rounded the keeper early on.

Special mention also has to go to Steve Mildenhall. The "Rookie" keeper stepped in to replace the ill Fraser Digby and stopped Huddersfield taking the points (with a little help from the woodwork). This means he has kept a clean sheet in all three of his first team appearances this season, long may it continue.

Earlier that week we faced Stoke City at the County Ground, the game saw the return of former Swindon favourite Chris Kamara.

Like the Huddersfield game it was a gritty affair with chances going begging at both ends.

But the unlikely hero was Mark

Robinson. On a night when the floodlights failed "Robbo" proved there was light at the end of the tunnel by driving in a superb twenty yard effort that had the keeper beat all ends up. He doesn't net many, but when he does, they're goals to remember.

Our visitors today are West Bromwich Albion, a team hoping to make the play-offs. They have recently undergone a managerial change with the appointment of Denis Smith, from local rivals Oxford. The Baggies are a big team, with a large following, that have never really reached their potential. We earned a draw with them away from home earlier this season and we can expect another tough ninety minutes today.

The reserves beat Wimbledon 3-1 midweek with a good team showing, their next game at the County Ground is against Southampton on Wednesday 11th February, kick-Off at 7.15pm. Tickets should be purchased from the Advance Ticket Office before making your way to the turnstiles.

Swindon's away fixture at Tranmere has been rescheduled for Tuesday February 10th, kick-Off at 7.45pm. The match has been switched from February 14th because Tranmere have a F.A. Cup game.

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NEXT MATCH Tuesday 10th
February vs
Tranmere Rovers

I expect no favours from the visiting team today we managed a respectful draw with them earlier in the season this afternoon's game will be equally as tight. Recent performances have seen us improve game by game. If we keep that up we're in with a good shout today. Again, I'd like applaud the fans.

The results may not have been going our way, but you've stuck with it. Hopefully we can return the favour today by putting on a good show.



Steve McMahon says

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Coming away with a point from Huddersfield you have to be happy.

They looked dangerous at the start of the second half and we could have gone one down but, luckily for us, Wayne Allison didn't have his shooting boots on.

What pleased me most again was the players attitude, when you've got your back against the wall, as we did against Huddersfield, it is up to the whole team to defend, and that is exactly what we did. It may not always be pretty football but that was the kind of result that would slip away from us a few weeks ago.

I was also encouraged by Chris Hay who battled all game, he did everything right but score, Jason Drysdale also came in to the squad and did a good job for the us. Overall, I was pleased to see a workmanlike team performance where we're starting to look more solid and regain some much needed confidence.

Great to win

As for the game against Stoke I think I speak for everybody when I say it was a great relief to win. The three points make a huge difference to the team, it shows us even when we're not at our best we can still get the three points.

The first half wasn't great with Peter Thorne missing a golden opportunity to get one back on his old teammates. Our main problem for the first forty five minutes was that we gave them too much time on the ball.

We upped the tempo in the second half pressuring every pass

and this caused them difficulties, we were starting to win second balls and we closed down their space.

Steve Finney missed a great chance and David Thompson should have had a penalty but still we plugged away.

Finally, when we thought it wasn't going to be our day, Robbo broke free down the right and sent home a curling 20 yard effort.

Steve Mildenhall also deserves special mention for stepping into the breach at short notice to replace the bed-ridden Digby. Although for much of the game he had little to do, Mildenhall pulled off some good saves when it mattered.

Thompson Returns

David Thompson has played exceptionally well during his loan period at Swindon, and has shown himself to be one to watch. Unfortunately we were unable to secure another month's loan due to Liverpool needing cover for the injured Jamie Redknapp. Of course, we wish "Tommo" all the best for the future.

Welcome Onboard

As one leaves so others join us. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Dick Mackey and Dave Moore at the club as our two full-time physio's. Physio duties at Swindon for the youth, reserve and first team has always been more than a one man job. I'm sure together they'll look after the squad well.

Today we play a strong West Brom side that are in the hunt for a play-off position. I'd like to congratulate Denis Smith on his new appointment as the "Baggies" manager. Denis and myself have had many tussles when he was manager of Oxford United, I wish him well in his new post.

today's visitors *The Baggies* West Bromwich Albion

This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and staff of West Bromwich Albion Football Club to the County Ground for today's Nationwide League Division One match.

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

Erstwhile leaders of the First Division, the Baggies enjoyed a tremendous start to the 1997/98 campaign as they went undefeated for the first six games - including four wins.

The good form faltered slightly after that, but returned in late October with a run of five wins and a draw, launching Albion back into contention once more.

Sadly for Baggies fans, though, it proved a false dawn and when manager Ray Harford - who had

only been in the post for nine months - moved to London for a new challenge with Queen's Park Rangers the side suffered a worrying slump in form, caused in no small part by the uncertainty which always arises with major personnel changes.

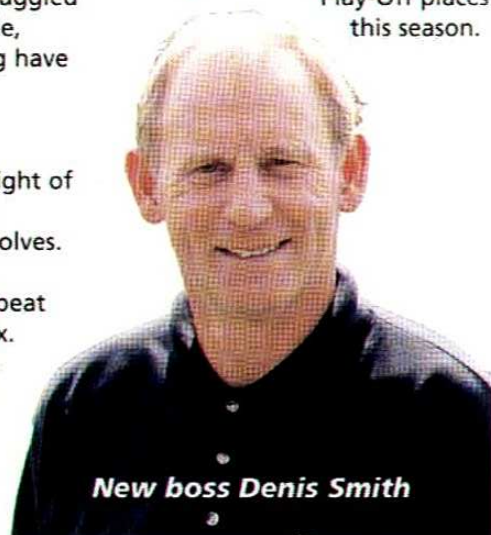
New boss Denis Smith is a proven performer in his own right, but so far he has struggled to get to grips with his side, who at the time of writing have only won once under his stewardship.

That victory came last Saturday, much to the delight of Baggies fans, in the Black Country 'derby' against Wolves. Andy Hunt scored the all important goal as Albion beat their rivals 1-0 at Molineux.

Part of the reason for Albion's poor recent record must go back to the ultra-cautious Harford, who concentrated his efforts

mainly on defence. But Smith is an altogether different animal, and seems sure to put out more attack-minded sides.

It is far from doom and gloom at The Hawthorns, however, at the time of writing they lie in 7th place in the First Division, and are still more than capable of launching an assault on the Play-Off places this season.



New boss Denis Smith

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West Bromwich Albion Football Club 1997/98

player profile *The Baggies*



West Bromwich Albion

Goalkeepers

Paul Crichton

Suffered a loss of confidence midway through last season, was replaced by Alan Miller and has yet to regain his place in the first-team. A good shot-stopper with quick reflexes.

Born: Pontefract, 03.10.68
Height: 6ft
Weight: 12st 5lb
League record this season: 0 games, 0 goals
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
86/87	Nottm For	-
86/87	Notts Co	5
86/87	Darlington	5
86/87	Peterborough	4
87/88	Nottm For	-
87/88	Darlington	3
87/88	Swindon	4
87/88	Rotherham	6
88/89	Nottm For	-
88/89	Torquay	13
89/90	Peterborough	47
92/93	Doncaster	77
96/97	Grimsby	133
96/97	West Brom	30

Alan Miller

The first ever player to have two loan spells at Albion, when he arrived second time in 1996/97 he was immediately introduced to the first-team, and quickly signed a permanent contract. Big presence at the back and ever-present at the time of writing.

Born: Epping, 29.03.70
Height: 6ft 3in
Weight: 14st 8lb
League record this season: 29/0
Honours: FA Youth Cup 1988; ECWC 1994; Div One title 1995; England Schools, U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
88/89	Arsenal	-
88/89	Plymouth	13
91/92	Arsenal	-
91/92	West Brom	3
91/92	Birmingham	15
93/94	Arsenal	8
96/97	Middlesbrough	57
96/97	Huddersfield	-
96/97	Grimsby	3
96/97	West Brom	12

Other goalkeepers include: Gary Germaine (ex-YTS, Scotland U21 caps); Chris Adamson (ex-YTS).

Defenders

Daryl Burgess

Quick and strong in the tackle, Daryl struggled with injury for the early part of last season. Can play right-back, centre-half or sweeper.

Born: Birmingham, 24.01.71
Height: 5ft 11in
Weight: 12st 4lb
League record this season: 20/0
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
96/97	West Brom	256

Matt Carbon

Versatile youngster who is probably at his best in the centre of defence and is equally comfortable distributing the ball with his feet or powering clear with his head. Originally turned down personal terms at The Hawthorns, but changed his mind and signed on the dotted line in late January. Made his debut in the 3-2 defeat to Ipswich just a couple of days later.

Born: Nottingham, 08.06.75
Height: 6ft 2in
Weight: 14st
League record this season: 6/0

(including 4/0 for Derby)
Honours: England U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
95/96	Lincoln	69
97/98	Derby	20

Paul Holmes

Utility player who is at his best as an over-lapping right-back. Good technique and strong on the ball he is a real danger going forward with his surging runs.

Born: Stocksbridge, 18.02.68
Height: 5ft 10in
Weight: 11st 3lb
League record this season: 21/0
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
87/88	Doncaster	47
91/92	Torquay	138
92/93	Birmingham	12
95/96	Everton	21
96/97	West Brom	56

Paul Mardon

Tore a thigh muscle early in 1996/97 and consequently missed much of the season, although he has made a welcome return to action in the current campaign. Also capable of playing midfield.

Born: Bristol, 14.09.69
Height: 6ft
Weight: 12st
League record this season: 18/1
Honours: Wales Full cap

Era	Club	Games
90/91	Bristol C.	42
90/91	Doncaster	3
93/94	Birmingham	64
96/97	West Brom	103

Shaun Murphy

A consistent and reliable defender in Notts Co's back-line over the last three seasons, it was a surprise when he was allowed to join Albion in February 1996.



Alan Müller



Andy Hunt

Born: Sydney, Australia, 05.11.70
Height: 6ft 1in
Weight: 12st
League record this season: 7/1
Honours: Anglo-Italian Cup 1995; Olympic bronze medal 1996; Australia U21, Full caps

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Notts Co	109
96/97	West Brom	17

Shane Nicholson

A serious leg injury ruled this naturally left-footed full-back out of contention for much of last season but is another player to have shaken off the effects of long-term injury and return to the fold in 1997/98.

Born: Newark, 03.06.70
Height: 5ft 10in
Weight: 11st
League record this season: 12/0
Honours: GMVC title 1988

Era	Club	Games
91/92	Lincoln 133	
95/96	Derby	74
96/97	West Brom	36

Paul Raven

Strong in the air and a tough man to beat on the ground, Paul was a regular at the back for the Baggies last season, when he played alongside five different central defensive partners.

Born: Salisbury, 28.07.70
Height: 6ft 1in
Weight: 12st 11lb
League record this season: 8/0
Honours: England Schools, Youth caps

Era	Club	Games
88/89	Doncaster	52
91/92	West Brom	30
91/92	Doncaster	7
96/97	West Brom	182

Other defenders include: Andy McDermott (from QPR, Mar 1997, £400,000)

Midfielders

Peter Butler

Tough-tackling and hard-working central midfielder who likes to be in the thick of the action at all times. Widely experienced, he is also an accomplished passer of the ball.

Born: Halifax, 27.08.66
Height: 5ft 9in
Weight: 11st 11lb
League record this season: 26/0
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
85/86	Huddersfield	5
85/86	Cambridge	14
86/87	Bury	11
87/88	Cambridge	55
91/92	Southend	142
91/92	Huddersfield	7
94/95	West Ham	70
95/96	Notts Co	20
95/96	Grimsby	3
95/96	West Brom	9
96/97	West Brom	17

Stacy Coldicott

A determined and aggressive central midfielder who battles hard but has failed to hold down a regular first-team spot over the last couple of seasons.

Born: Worcester, 29.04.74
Height: 5ft 8in
Weight: 11st 4lb
League record this season: 14/0
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
96/97	West Brom	82
96/97	Cardiff 6	

Sean Flynn

Hard-working right-sided midfielder who can also play at the back and who has flitted in and out of the starting line-up for the Baggies this term. Moved from Premiership Derby on 8th August 1997 but suffered a

groin strain against Ipswich at the end of January and a subsequent hernia operation looks likely to keep him out of action for at least one month.

Born: Birmingham, 13.03.68
Height: 5ft 8in
Weight: 11st 9lb
League record this season: 23/1
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
94/95	Coventry	97
96/97	Derby	59
96/97	Stoke	5

Ian Hamilton

The Baggies' current 'Player of the Year', Ian is the playmaker in the middle for Albion. Likes to push forward and get amongst the goals, although his return has been fairly modest so far this season.

Born: Stevenage, 14.12.67
Height: 5ft 9in
Weight: 11st 3lb
League record this season: 29/1
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
87/88	Southampton	-
88/89	Cambridge	24
91/92	Scunthorpe	145
96/97	West Brom	203

Richard Sneekes

All action central midfielder who rediscovered his goal touch in the second-half of 1996/97 to confirm his status as a Hawthorns cult-hero. Ever-present at the time of writing.

Born: Amsterdam, 30.10.68
Height: 5ft 11in
Weight: 12st 3lb
League record this season: 29/3
Honours: Holland Youth, U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
87/88	Ajax	3
88/89	Volendam	31



92/93	For. Sittard	126
95/96	Bolton	55
96/97	West Brom	58

Other midfielders include:

Dean Bennett, Dave Gilbert and Graham Potter.

Forwards

Micky Evans

Capable of playing through the middle or wide on the right, Micky is a highly-rated young striker who crashed in four goals to help Southampton avoid relegation last season, but didn't fit into the plans of new boss Dave Jones this term and moved to Albion in October 1997.

Born: Plymouth, 01.01.73
Height: 6ft
Weight: 13st 4lb
League record this season: 18/0

(including 10/0 for Southampton)

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
92/93	Plymouth	40
92/93	Blackburn	-
96/97	Plymouth	123
96/97	Southampton	12

Lee Hughes

Former Baggies junior who won the 'Predator Award' for his scoring exploits in the GM Vauxhall Conference last season. He has supported Albion all his life and was delighted to move to The Hawthorns during the summer of 1997, where he has struck up a fine partnership with Andy Hunt.

Born: Birmingham, 22.05.76
Height: 5ft 10in
Weight: 11st 6lb
League record this season: 23/5
Honours: None

Andy Hunt

Despite not having a great

season in 1996/97, Andy still hit double-figures for the fourth successive season and ended as Albion's leading scorer - a position he holds again this season. Some recently discovered Austrian ancestry has persuaded him to try for World Cup football with the country. Ever-present at the time of writing.

Born: Thurrock, 09.06.70
Height: 6ft
Weight: 12st
League record this season: 29/12
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
92/93	Newcastle	43
92/93	West Brom	10
96/97	West Brom	164

Kevin Kilbane

Exciting left-sided winger who became Albion's first £1 million player when he transferred from Preston in July 1997 and has been tipped for great things.

Denis Smith the manager

Former Oxford manager Denis Smith was appointed to The Hawthorns' hot-seat in succession to Ray Harford recently and celebrated a long-awaited first triumph with his new club last Saturday.

An accomplished manager with a good track record, Smith is sure to give the Baggies faithful plenty more to cheer about in the future. Born in Stoke in 1947, Smith was a tough, no-nonsense central defender who was the linchpin of his hometown side for many years. He played more the 450 games for the Potters and helped them to the League Cup in 1972 and also to promotion to the top flight in 1978/79. He had a brief loan spell at York City in 1982 and was subsequently appointed player/manager there for 1982/83. In his first season in the York hot-seat the Club finished seventh, but by the end of the following campaign they had won the old Fourth Division Championship with a then record

101 points (superseded, of course, by Swindon's 102 points two years later). Sunderland paid York £20,000 in compensation when Smith moved to Roker Park in June 1987 and he was the man who led the Wearsiders back from the dead with two promotions, from the old Third Division to the First, before being replaced by Malcolm Crosby in December 1991 following a poor run of results, culminating, ironically enough, in a 3-0 defeat at Oxford. After a brief spell at Bristol City he moved to the Manor Ground in September 1993, following the departure of Brian Horton.

Relegation followed in his first season with Oxford, but 1995/96 saw the Club regain their First Division status after clinching the second automatic promotion spot.

Last season, despite operating on a shoestring budget, Smith kept his side in Play-Off contention for much of the campaign, before they eventually finished in 17th spot.

Not surprisingly, though, when the Albion job became available Smith was willing to move away from a club plagued by crippling financial problems.



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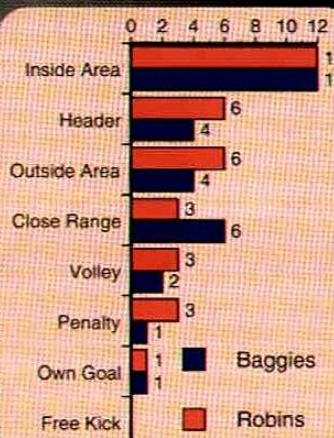
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	A	G	C	Previous Clubs
Andy Hunt	29	12		Newcastle Kettering
9/6/70	6	1		
Alan Miller	29			Middlesboro Grimsby
29/3/70 Eng U21	6			(L) Huddersfield (L)
				Arsenal Birmingham (L)
				Plymouth (L)
Richard Sneekes	29	3		Bolton Fortuna Sittard
30/10/68 Holl U21	7	3		Volendam Ajax
Kevin Kilbane	25(1)	2	1	Preston
1/2/77 Eire	7	1		
Peter Butler	24(2)	3		Notts County Grimsby
27/8/66	3(2)	2		(L) West Ham Southend
				Cambridge Bury
				Huddersfield
Ian Hamilton	22(7)	1	6	Scunthorpe Cambridge
14/12/67	5(2)	1		Southampton
Paul Holmes	21	2		Everton Birmingham
18/2/68	5			Torquay Doncaster
Sean Flynn	20(3)	1	2	Derby Stoke (L)
13/3/68	4(1)			Coventry Halesowen
Daryl Burgess	20	2(1)		
24/1/71	3	1		
David Smith	18(4)			Birmingham
29/3/68 Eng U21	3			Bournemouth (L)
				Coventry
Paul Mardon	18	1	2	Birmingham Doncaster
14/9/69 Wales	2			(L) Bristol City
Shane Nicholson	12	2		Derby Lincoln
3/3/70	4	2		
Paul Raven	8	2		Doncaster
28/7/70 Eng Yth	4	1		
Andrew McDermott	7			QPR
24/3/77	2	1		
Shaun Murphy	7	1		Notts County Perth
5/11/70	3			Italia
Tony Dobson	6(4)	1		Portsmouth Peterboro
5/2/69 Eng U21	2(2)	1		(L) Oxford (L)
				Blackburn Coventry
Bob Taylor	5(1)			Bristol City Leeds
3/2/67	3	1		
Lee Hughes	4(19)	5	2	Kidderminster
2/8/76 Eng Sp	2(2)			
Stacy Coldicott	4(10)	1		Cardiff (L)
29/4/74	1(1)			
Mike Evans	2(7)	1		Southampton Plymouth
1/1/73	1(1)			Blackburn (L)
Matt Carbon	2	1		Derby Lincoln
8/6/75 Eng U21				

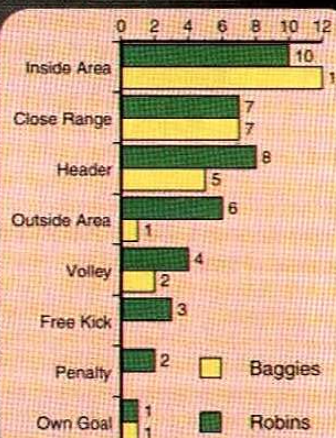
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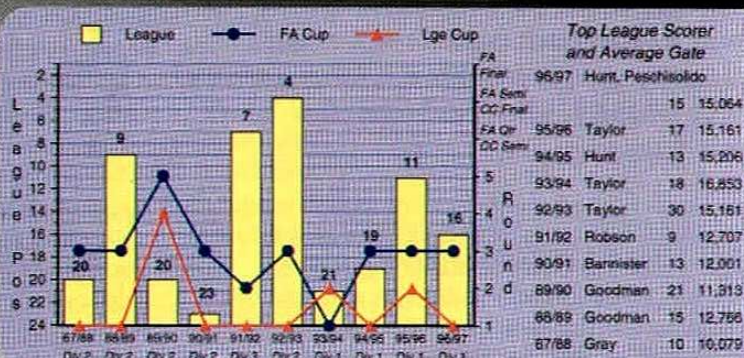
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league position so far this season



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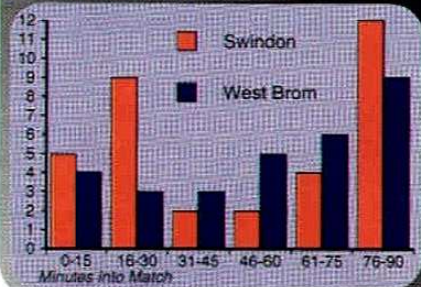


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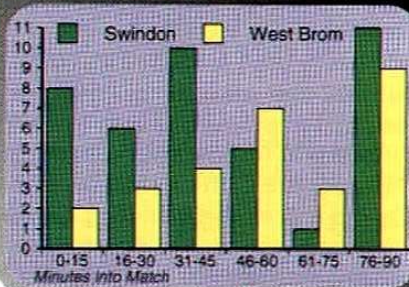
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when goals were scored



and when goals conceded



looking back...

Dick Mattick looks back

5 YEARS AGO

Despite conceding two first half penalties Swindon defeated Sunderland at Roker Park. The first taken by Gordon Armstrong was saved by Fraser Digby in the 12th minute, while the second, for which time in the first half was extended, was missed by Kevin Ball. Swindon tied up the

points 10 minutes into the second half when Paul Bodin fired home a left foot shot for his third goal in three games. A first half goal by Bob Taylor is not enough to stop the Baggies slipping to a 2-1 defeat at Blackpool. Although Bob Taylor scores 30 goals in the season no other West Brom player reaches

double figures and they miss out on an automatic promotion spot. There is joy at Wembley however when a 3-0 win over Port Vale lifts them into Division One. Manchester City's Steve McMahon sustains a groin injury against Queens Park Rangers an injury which keeps him out for the rest of the season.

10 YEARS AGO

Despite a flying start when Dave Bamber swept home a cross by Dave Hockaday, Swindon failed to complete a double over Middlesbrough in their Division One match at the County Ground. Tony Mowbray headed an equaliser for Boro in

the 27th minute and that was the way the score stayed. This was largely due to the goalkeepers. Stephen Pears pulled out a fine save in the 76th minute for the visitors while Fraser Digby, returning after a three month absence with a broken thumb, foiled

Gary Hamilton with an acrobatic leap five minutes from time. A Colin Anderson goal is the only one in Albion's home victory over Shrewsbury Town. The Baggies finish 20th just avoiding having to take part in the play offs to avoid relegation to Division Three.

15 YEARS AGO

Crewe, aided by a strong wind, were quick to set about the demolition of Swindon at Gresty Road. Just when it looked like Swindon had a lucky escape in the 12th minute when the ball rebounded off the cross bar,

Russell Lewis dived full length to head into his own net. Steve Edwards who had only signed from Oldham the previous week made it 2-0 after twenty minutes and when Tony Cliss scored a third for the Alex. Two minutes later Swindon, who

failed to manage a shot in the first half hour, were well and truly sunk. Nicky Cross scored the goal that secures West Brom a home draw with Stoke City in Division One. Former Town striker Peter Eastoe is also in the Baggies line up.

FLASH-BACK

When Swindon travelled to the Hawthorns on 3rd February 1973 they had already accounted for the hopes of one team from the second city with their 2-0 win at the County Ground in the previous round. It had taken Albion six hours to secure their place in Round Four in a marathon battle with Nottingham Forest. Swindon opened brightly pressing the Midland side into mistakes and Ray Treacy forced a fine save from Peter Latchford. It was Albion who struck first, when a centre by Willie Johnston was

headed home by Tony Brown. Asa Hartford, who looked the most skilful player on the pitch, laid on a second goal just minutes from half time when he found Len Cantello who hit a shot from 25 yards. The diving Jimmy Allan got a hand to the ball but was unable to stop it finding the net. The second half saw Swindon playing with great heart and pressing to reduce the arrears. In Tommy Jenkins and Dave Moss they had two dangerous wingers and the latter came close when a long range header shaved the bar. This was to be the closest Town

came to a goal for although they fought with a great deal of pride and no little skill they could never quite match the skill of Don Howe's First Division team.



Russell Lewis

Mike Walsh's diary of the week



Monday

26th January

All the players were in for training today. They were obviously in good spirits after the draw with Bradford and Hay's injury time goal. The lads felt like they had won the F.A. Cup with the result, we all agreed it was the best and most important point we could get.



Tuesday

27th January

We worked on a few set pieces in today's session. With Fraser off ill it meant we only had one keeper in Mildenhall, we played some possession football in small teams. The BR Ground has gone to mud so we've moved our training site to Supermarine. The facilities are better and the lads enjoyed playing on a bit of grass instead of knee deep in mud. Again, the atmosphere was good, the only worry was Fraser Digby who was out with the flu.

Wednesday

28th January

Had a light work out in the

morning to loosen up the muscles. Then we travelled to our local hotel for the Pre-Match meal. At 12.30pm the players disappear up to their rooms for the afternoon for "feet up" and a relax. At 5.30pm the lads had tea and toast then travelled back to the County Ground.

As it turns out Fraser Digby isn't able to play, the virus he had kept him under the weather so we tell Steve Mildenhall this is his big chance. "Mildy" takes a bit of stick from the lads, and prepares for the game.

In the end it was scrappy game. Robinson's goal gave us a much needed win with his first goal of the season but we know we can play better. We feel that four points from two games is good but we've still more to prove.



Thursday

29th January

Reserves played Wimbledon at home. The team produced a very creditable performance from both the pro's and the youngsters. The dons were really up for the game, so it was great to see the goals going in. It was especially pleasing to see Steve Cowe get one.

Friday

30th January

We trained in the morning, then Pasta and Chicken at midday then it was off to Huddersfield to prepare for the game the following day.

Saturday

31st January

We had our usual Saturday morning walk that was followed by the Pre-Match dinner. Got to Huddersfield's ground which we all agreed looked very impressive and prepared for the game.

First half against the Terriers I thought we did really well, a gritty, battling match. Second half we had a dodgy fifteen minutes where the "Chief" could've sent us home with nothing, but he failed to convert his chances and we scrapped a good point.

Also this week it has been great to welcome Dick Mackey and Dave Moore as the new Physio's. Dave Moore is a long-time friend so it is particularly nice to renew our relationship at Swindon.



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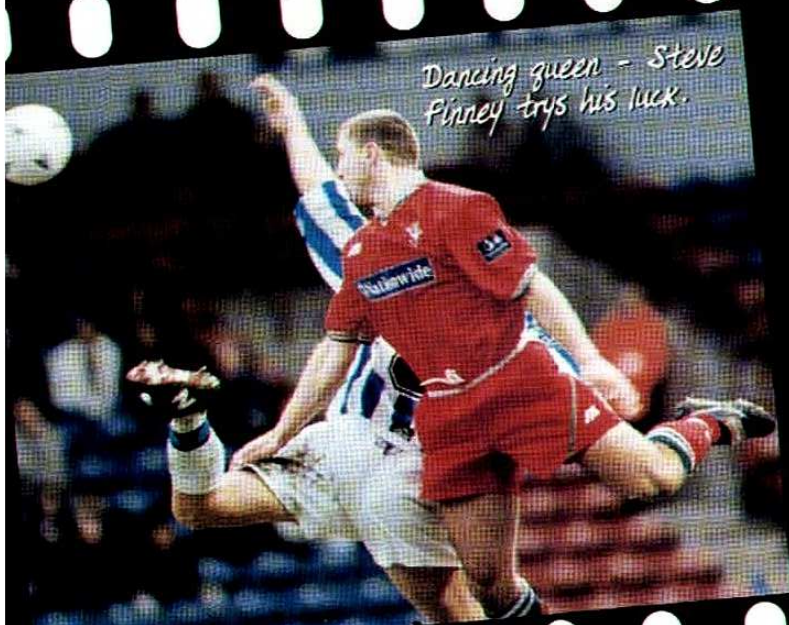
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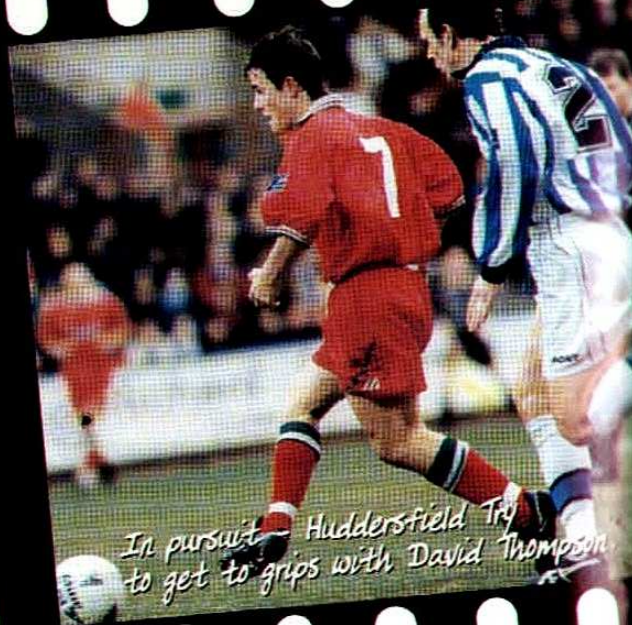
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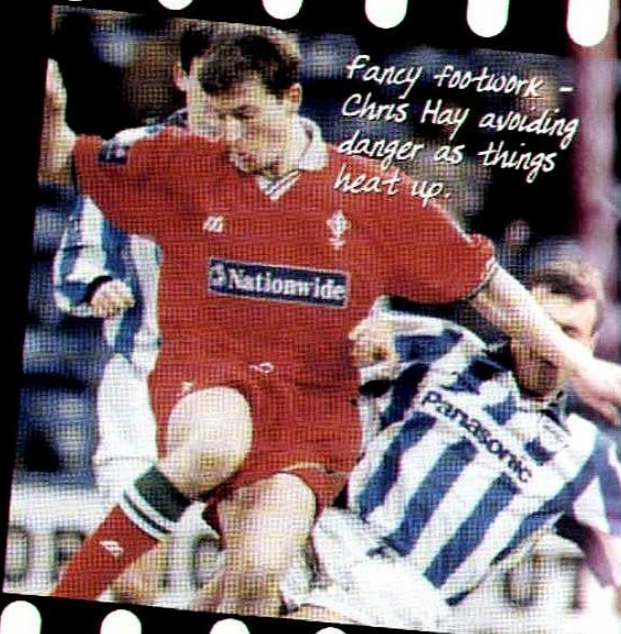
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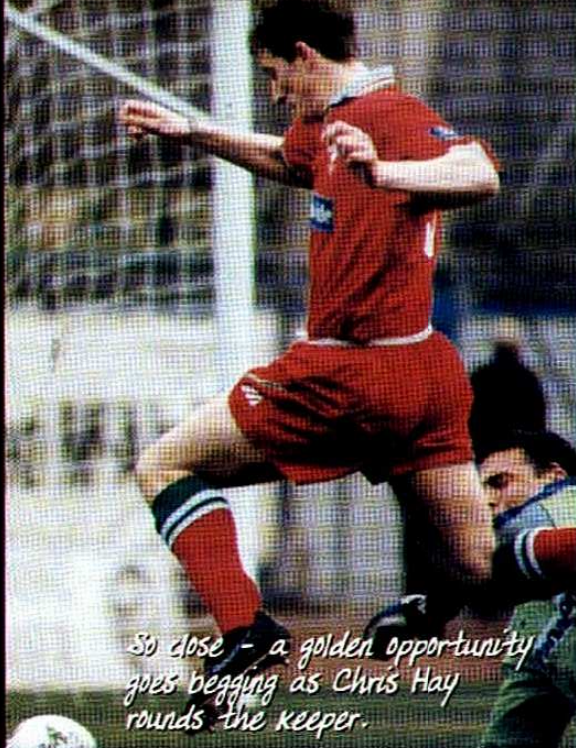
In pursuit - Huddersfield try to get to grips with David Thompson.



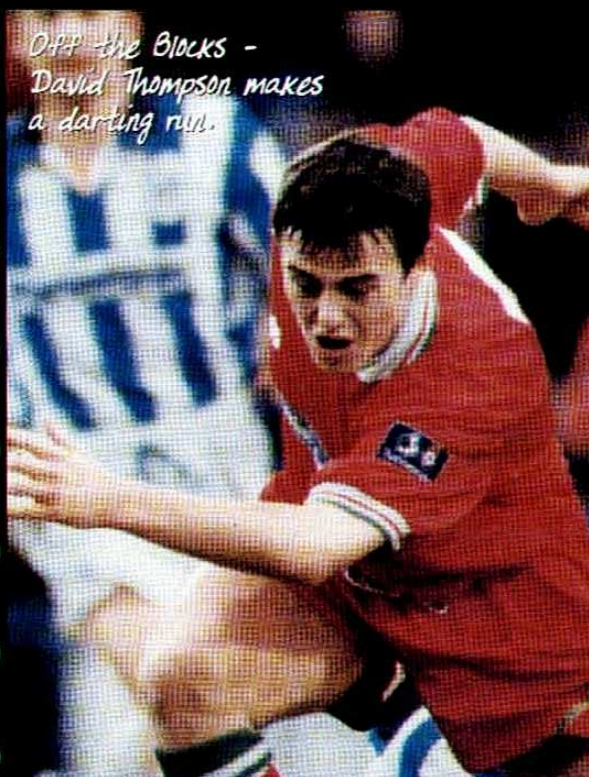
Jason Drysdale - jumps in to block a shot at Huddersfield.



Fancy footwork - Chris Hay avoiding danger as things heat up.



So close - a golden opportunity goes begging as Chris Hay rounds the keeper.



Off the blocks - David Thompson makes a darting run.



RESULT...

SATURDAY JANUARY 31ST
NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE

**Huddersfield 0
Swindon Town 0**

ATTENDANCE: 10,028

SWINDON...

- 1 Steve Mildenhall
- 2 Brian Borrows
- 3 Mark Robinson
- 4 Scott Leitch
- 5 Craig Taylor
- 6 Lee Collins (Cuervo 90)
- 7 David Thompson
- 8 Bobby Howe
- 9 Chris Hay
- 10 Steve Finney
- 11 Jason Drysdale (McDonald 72)

Sub not used: Steve Cowe

MATCH REPORT

Town looked to gain three points over Huddersfield and our old friend Wayne Allison, when they took on 'The Terriers' on a typically cold Yorkshire afternoon at the McAlpine Stadium. The game proved to be a battle which ended in stale-mate much to the travelling fans and Steve McMahon's disappointment. But what a valuable point it may prove to be on our continued fight for a promotion spot.

Chris Hay saw our closest chance go begging as he skipped around the Huddersfield keeper, Harper, only to see the ball slide wide of the goal. Huddersfield were looking good for a win but after hitting the woodwork twice in succession their hopes began to fade, to the joy of the Swindon contingent. Despite the home side having 13 attempts at goal, only two managed to breach the Towns rear guard, of which Steve Mildenhall managed to deal with comfortably in the absence of Fraser Digby. Steve McMahon and the lads will now be relishing the journey back to the County Ground for the home game against West Brom and the chance to stay on track with 3 points in a home victory.

reserve round-up

with Ross MacLaren



Avon Insurance Combination Division One.

**Swindon Town Reserves 3
Wimbledon Reserves 1**

After a defeat at Norwich last week we needed to bounce back with a good performance and that's exactly what the lads gave me with a win over Wimbledon.

The lads worked hard straight from the kick-off and forced the dons into conceding a corner. Kevin Watson swung it in from the left where Stuart Hodson met it with a great header that sent the ball in the back

of the net.

But we couldn't capitalise on this and some sloppy defending gifted Wimbledon a goal. A weak back pass by Kevin Watson and their forward snuck in and took it round Mildenhall for an equaliser.

With the game all square the team needed to knuckle down and put some passing together. But we struggled with the way Wimbledon played, they worked very hard to get everybody behind the ball which meant we didn't have time to settle.

To combat this we changed things around second half. We pushed young Hulbert out on the right hand side and moved Ian Culverhouse back to sweeper. Within a minute the change paid off with Cully switching play to Steve Cowe

who sent a shot rifling under the keeper's body to give us the lead again.

McAreavy came on for Scott Leitch with about 25 minutes to go, his fresh legs were the telling factor as he scored his first goal for the reserve team. A low cross from the left which Wimbledon failed to clear and

NEXT HOME GAME

**Wednesday 11th
February 1998**

Southampton

Kick-Off 7.15pm

FIXTURES 97/98

Avon Insurance Combination Div 1

Tue Aug 12	Crystal Palace	A 1-2
WED AUG 20	TOTTENHAM	A 0-2
Thur Aug 28	West Ham United	A 0-1
WED SEP 10	CHALTON ATHLETIC	H 0-1
Mon Sep 15	Brighton & H.A.	A 2-0
THU SEP 25	NORWICH CITY	H 1-2
Wed Oct 01	Portsmouth	A 2-0
Wed Oct 08	Wimbledon	A 0-3
WED OCT 15	IPSWICH TOWN	H 1-1
WED OCT 29	ARSENAL	H 0-3
Mon Nov 03	Chelsea	A 2-5
WED NOV 12	OXFORD UNITED	H 5-1
Thur Nov 20	QPR	A 2-3
MON NOV 24	MILLWALL	H 1-1
WED DEC 03	WEST HAM UNITED	H 3-1
Mon Dec 08	Luton Town	A 0-6
Wed Dec 10	Watford	A PP
WED DEC 17	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H PP
Wed Jan 07	Chalton Athletic	A PP
WED JAN 14	PORTSMOUTH	H 4-1
Thur Jan 22	Norwich City	A 1-2
THUR JAN 29	WIMBLEDON	H 3-1
Wed Feb 04	Ipswich Town	A 7.00
WED FEB 11	SOUTHAMPTON	H 7.15
Wed Feb 19	Millwall	A 2.00
WED MAR 04	CHELSEA	H 7.15
Tue Mar 10	Arsenal	A 2.00
Wed Mar 18	Oxford United	A 7.30
MON MAR 16	LUTON TOWN	H 7.15
WED MAR 25	CRYSTAL PALACE	H 7.15
WED APR 01	Q.P.R.	H 7.15
Wed Apr 08	Southampton	A 7.30
Wed Apr 15	Tottenham	A 7.30
WED APR 22	WATFORD	H 7.15

All home fixtures are to be played at The County Ground and will kick-off at the time indicated above.
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Reserve Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.
STEPHEN BENNETT	1(2)	0	0	0	1(2)	0
ANTHONY BETTERTON	3	0	0	0	3	0
DARREN BULLOCK	9	0	0	0	9	0
PETER CAIRNS	1	0	0	0	1	0
NICKY BURKE	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
SAM CAMPAGNA	1(4)	1	0	0	1(4)	1
STEVE COWE	14	3	0	0	14	3
LEE COLLINS	10	0	0	0	10	0
PHILIPPE CUERVO	3	0	0	0	3	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	10	0	0	0	10	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	4	0	0	0	4	0
SOL DAVIS	7(3)	1	0	0	7(3)	1
JASON DRYSDALE	3	0	0	0	3	0
GARY ELKINS	15	3	0	0	15	3
ALEX FINLAYSON	(3)	0	0	0	(3)	0
STEVE FINNEY	8	5	0	0	8	5
CHRIS HAY	2	1	0	0	2	1
STUART HODSON	6(1)	2	0	0	6(1)	2
PETER HOLCROFT	9	1	0	0	9	1
ALUN HUGHES	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
ROBIN HULBERT	7(5)	0	0	0	7(5)	0
SCOTT LEITCH	2	0	0	0	2	0
PHIL KING	2	0	0	0	2	0
PHIL MACDIARMID	2(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
PAUL MCAREAVY	1(7)	1	0	0	1(7)	1
ALAN MCDONALD	1	0	0	0	1	0
STEVE MCMAHON	2	0	0	0	2	0
IAN MCSHERRY	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
ALEX MEECHAN	7(8)	2	0	0	7(8)	2
STEVE MILDENHALL	9	0	0	0	9	0
JAMIE MILLS	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	9(2)	0	0	0	9(2)	0
BRADLEY PETERS	2	0	0	0	2	0
CHRIS PRICE (TRIALIST)	1	0	0	0	1	0
MARK QUAYLE (TRIALIST)	6	3	0	0	6	3
MARK ROBINSON	2	0	0	0	2	0
MARK SEAGRAVES	2	1	0	0	2	1
ALEX SMITH	15	2	0	0	15	2
FRANK TALIA	7	0	0	0	7	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	3	0	0	0	3	0
WAYNE THORNE	5(6)	0	0	0	5(6)	0
MARK WALTERS	5	1	0	0	5	1
KEVIN WATSON	9	0	0	0	9	0

the youngster was the first to react, hitting home from five yards.

The only disappointment during a solid performance was a back injury to Darren Bullock that could keep him out of the squad for a week.

On a brighter note, it was great to see the two youngsters, Hodson and McAreavey, make a mark for themselves. That's what reserve football is about, the experienced pro's helping out and supporting the YTS lads. I was delighted with the overall performance and the attitude shown by the players.

Team: Mildenhall, Culverhouse, Elkins, Leitch (McAreavey 65), Hodson, McDonald, Watson, Bullock (Thorne 70), Cowe (Burke 85), Meechan, Hulbert,



Stuart Hodson



Steve Cowe

NEXT AWAY GAME

Wednesday 18th
February 1998

Millwall

Kick-Off 7.30pm

THE LEAGUE

Avon Insurance Combination Div 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Arsenal	21	14	5	2	54	16	47	+38
Tottenham H.	19	13	4	2	40	18	43	+22
Charlton Athletic	18	12	4	2	40	11	40	+29
Norwich City	23	8	8	7	24	27	32	-03
Crystal Palace	19	10	0	9	29	26	30	+03
Oxford United	21	8	6	7	32	40	30	-08
Southampton	20	7	8	5	33	24	29	+09
Wimbledon	21	8	5	8	28	25	29	+03
Millwall	22	8	5	9	21	32	29	-11
Q.P.R.	21	8	4	9	33	28	28	+05
Portsmouth	21	6	6	9	23	28	24	-05
Luton Town	19	6	4	9	26	29	22	-03
Ipswich Town	18	5	6	7	28	36	21	-08
Watford	18	5	6	7	17	29	21	-12
SWINDON TOWN	19	6	2	11	28	36	20	-08
Chelsea	22	4	8	10	28	39	20	-11
West Ham United	18	5	3	10	19	34	18	-15
Brighton & H.A.	16	1	4	11	13	38	7	-25



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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 PP
Sat	Jan 10	Luton Town	A 1-0
SAT	JAN 17	READING	H 2-0
SAT	JAN 31	COLCHESTER UNITED	H 0-2
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, Pipers Way. Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning.

south east

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 PP
JAN 10	CHELTEHAM TOWN	H 3-3
Jan 17	Cirencester Town	A 0-5
JAN 24	EXETER CITY	H 1-3
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.
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youth team focus



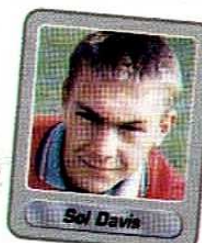
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South East Counties League Division Two

Swindon Town Youth 0 Colchester Youth 2

We were beaten by the better team on Saturday as we crashed to a 2-0 home defeat at the hands of Colchester.

Paul McAreavey and Sol Davis had to come off due to injury while Robin Hulbert travelled with the first team, but this is not to make excuses. Colchester deserved their win because, once again, we allowed inconsistency to creep in.



When players are unavailable for selection or when they come off injured it's an uphill struggle but it is up to the fringe players to come on and prove themselves, on this occasion they did not do this. The only players who showed some class were Wayne Thorne and Phil MacDiarmid.

Team: Kearney, Peters, Mills, Thorne, Culberson (Cairns, 55) Davis (Robinson, 48), McHugh, MacDiarmid, McAreavey (Hughes, 50), Burke, Meechan.

We never looked comfortable on the ball as the away team put us under pressure. This pressure told as the lads fell behind after only seven minutes when a shot was cruelly deflected over trialist keeper Martin Kearney.

In the second half we increased the work rate slightly but at this level simply upping the tempo isn't enough, you have to show a bit of quality.

We suffered a double blow as both McAreavey and Davis limped off with injuries after just five minutes of the restart. We chased the game during the second half but fell victim to a quick Colchester counterattack that resulted in the away side's second, putting the game out of our reach.

NEXT HOME GAME

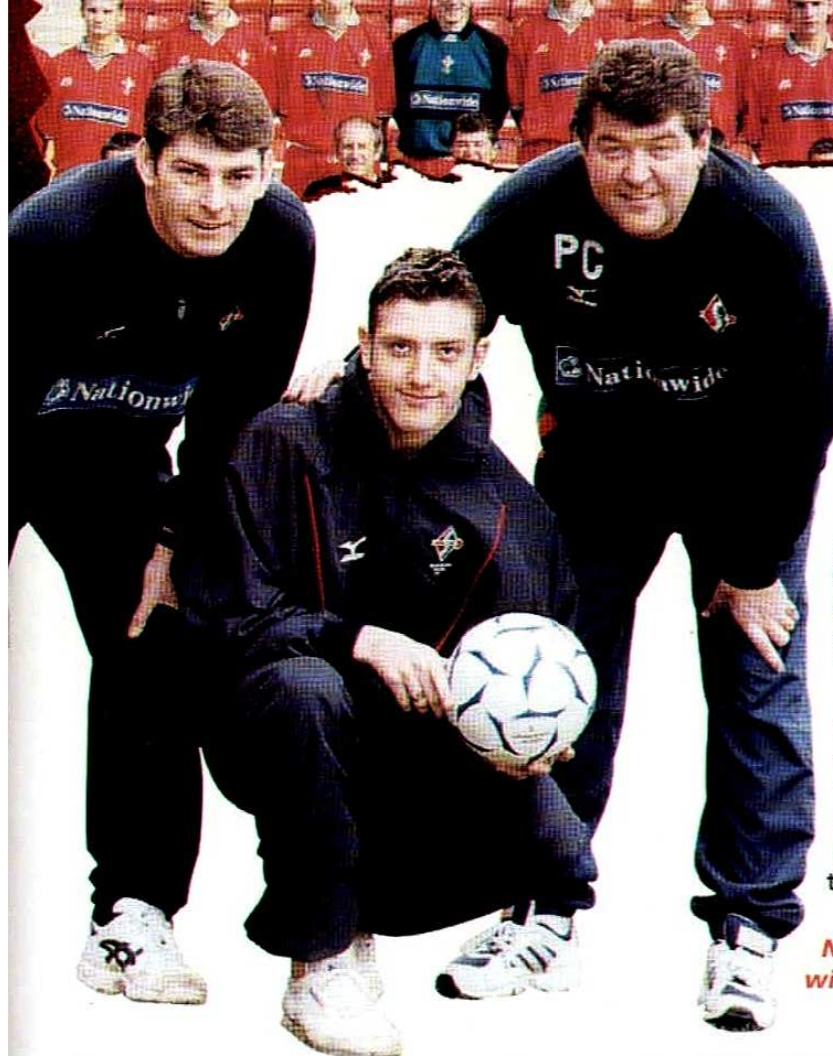
**SOUTH EAST COUNTIES
Saturday 14th
February 1998**

**Colchester
Rovers
Kick-Off 11am**

NEXT HOME GAME

**SOUTH WEST COUNTIES
Saturday 28th
February 1998**

**Torquay
United
Kick-Off 11am**



Always looking to strengthen the side we've recently signed Fraser McHugh, a young lad from Nottingham.

He's an attacking midfielder and has signed on a one and a half year YTS contract at the club.

Clubs like Manchester City, Leeds United and Leicester had all shown an interest but Youth Development Officer, Phil Cannon snapped up the promising youngster. I've seen him play and he looks like he'll fit in with our "pass and move" style of football.

Between the ages of eleven and fourteen Fraser trained at Lilleshall with the England Schools and after this he had spells with Leeds and Sheffield Wednesday. We hope he'll prove to be a good prospect for the future.

New youth signing Fraser McHugh with Tommy Jones & Phil Cannon.

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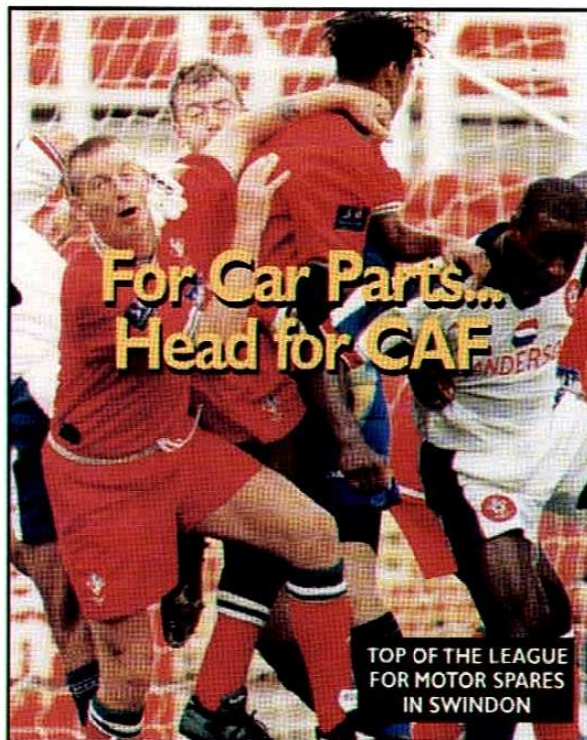
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community scheme news

with Clive & Jon

Good evening to you all for today's game against West Brom.

Tuesday 27th January 1998 saw us complete the last heat stages of this years 8-a-side tournament out on the artificial pitches at Greendown.

It proved to be a very exciting couple of hours with Wanborough and Wroughton eventually winning through to the final. This will be played at the County Ground before the Swindon Vs Chelsea reserve fixture on Wednesday 4th March 1998.

Two nail-biting semi-finals were witnessed by a good sized crowd. The first semi was between Grange and Wroughton and with the scores at 1-1 after normal time we went into a penalty shoot out with Wroughton winning after sudden death.

Wanborough then took the field against Haydon Wick, again it went to sudden death penalties with Wanborough coming out on top.

The standard of play this year was first-class and both Wroughton and Wanborough have done well to reach this stage, showing themselves to be the best out of the twenty four sides that originally started the tournament. We would like to thank everybody who has taken part in making the event such a success.

Jon and I would also like to thank our referees Sean Clarke and Graeme and Kevin Barnes, who officiated at all of the heat games. In addition to the referees a special "Community Office" thank you must go to Judith Kitson who withstood the arctic conditions to ensure the competition ran smoothly, which it certainly did, so many thanks to Judith.

If you have not yet booked your place on our half-time course, please get your forms in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. You can get the forms from Main Reception at the ground, which is half way down the Arkell's Stand. The dates for the half-term courses are: 17th, 18th and 19th of February and they will be held here at the County Ground.



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**Clive
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**Jon
Holloway**

Finally, we extend a warm welcome to our Saturday team club guests today who are Mrs Scott, organiser of South Cerney Cub Scouts and Gilly Roberts with her group from Ashton Keynes. We hope you have a great day and bring us luck and a victory over W.B.A.

Till next time, best wishes

Clive and Jon



The new courses start on
Feb 23. Contact Tom
Jones: 01793 644777.

VENUES - (FEB-MARCH)

LINK CENTRE		
Monday	5.30-6.30pm	5 - 6 & 9 - 11 years
Thursday	4.30-5.30pm	5 years
	5.30-6.30pm	7 - 8 years
OASIS		
Wednesday	5.00-6.00pm	8+ years
Saturday	9.00-10.00am	5 - 8 years
	10.00-11.00am	5 - 8 years
STRATTON		
Monday	3.30-4.30pm	5 - 6 years
	4.30-5.30pm	9 - 11 years
Wednesday	3.30-4.30pm	7 - 8 years
	4.30-5.30pm	7 - 8 years
MARLBOROUGH		
Wednesday	4.00-5.00pm	5 - 6 years
	5.00-6.00pm	11 - 16 years
HIGHWORTH		
Tuesday	4.00-5.00pm	5 - 6 years
	5.00-6.00pm	7 - 8 years
Thursday	5.00-6.00pm	9+ years

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What a game against Stoke! It was great to hear the whole of the County Ground behind the lads on a very cold and dark - (darker than it should have been!) - evening.



It was a long trip to Huddersfield but worth every mile! The lads worked hard and it was a well earned point to come away with. Will you be shouting for the lads on March 14th at the QPR match? Give me a call to book that all important place on the Junior Robins coach. 01793 532121.

Mothers Day at the County Ground

Why not bring Mum out on her special day to sample the delights of Swindon Town Football Club, she will be welcomed with a Bucks Fizz reception then taken on a ground tour to see behind the scenes! Awaiting her return will be a three course meal inc. coffee and mints. All for the amazing price of £12 per adult and £7. per Junior Robin. To book your Mothers Day meal please call Brian or Chris on 01793 533121.

To join the Junior Robins or become a mascot ring the Marketing Dept on: 01793 532121

mascots...mascots...

Today's mascot



David Shirley is our first mascot for today's game against 'The Baggies'. David is 10 years old and attends Grange Junior School. He likes Maths and P.E. and Swims for the Tigersharks. Favourite player, our very own Fraser Digby.

Daniel Morgan enjoys playing football for his local team as well as cycling and Club Camping. He attends Hopes Hill C.P. School, is 9 years old and is football crazy! (aren't we all?). Daniel's favourite player is our top scorer Chris Hay.



Kelly Howard is 11 years old and enjoys Hockey, Art and Rollerblading, she also tells me she enjoys making and eating pancakes! She's not the only one! Kelly is another fan of Fraser Digby and she attends Farmers school in Fairford.



Nicholas Newman is Kelly's cousin and is STFC's mascot as a late Christmas present so Happy Christmas Nicholas! He enjoys Rollerblading, music, computer games and improving his soccer skills. Nicholas is 8 years old and attends Wroughton Junior School and to add to Fraser's list of fans, Nicholas is another one!

Sarah Taylor is The 'Baggies' mascot. She is 12 years old and enjoys Football and Swimming and attends Willingsworth High School. Sarah's favourite players are Shaun Murphy and Alan Miller. A big welcome to the County Ground Sarah!



Rockin' Robin SUPERHERO

tony horne's view from a far

"At this stage the smart money would be on Forest, Sunderland and Boro to go up"

I took a browse over the fixture list a few weeks back and saw a danger zone in the distance.

I saw the upcoming clashes against Reading, Stoke and Huddersfield and wondered if the ghosts of yesteryear would be sticking the knife in: namely Bodin and Hammond at Reading. Thorne at Stoke and Allison at Huddersfield. The results of course, were mixed and thankfully, none of our old boys did the dirty on us, but I am now scanning the fixture list to see when the return Oxford match is, to see if the ghost of Joey B may yet still strike...thankfully it is not until April. I think we have an all clear today against West Brom, but don't breathe too easily just yet as Horlock and Manchester City are only a fortnight away - have we really sent so many decent Town players on their way in the last two years?

Today's game will be a dogfight - and whilst there is no mistake the fact that we have honestly not performed for 2 1/2 months and have thrown away a lot of the good early work, nothing is yet certain in this division. A win today and we leapfrog WBA. We have scored more goals than them but we are not in the hunt

like they are, unless something happens today. All it takes is a little run because teams are letting themselves

down all over the place at the moment. Nottingham Forest did the unthinkable last week and lost at home to Oxford and Sheffield United should be home and dry by now but are clearly the draw specialists, as pools' fans will have observed. How a team as good as they, can be so high in the league and then manage to have drawn 12 of their matches, (their win count is 13) is beyond me, and Nigel Spackman, who is after all, the guy that has just sold two strikers, must be thinking 'We are going to miss out'. Losing as few matches as the Blades have, you have to say that they don't have the bottle and can't finish the job. At this stage the smart money would be on Forest, Sunderland and Boro to go up, though Charlton have won many plaudits in this campaign and will be unlucky to miss out. Though, it may do them a favour because you would back them to come back down again next time around. That said, if I took Forest and Sunderland as my automatic choices, everybody knows that absolutely anything can happen when it comes to the play-offs. If you finish season in style and end up 6th, even though you could be 12 points behind the third-placed team, and then you do the business at Wembley, that has to be our best shot at it.

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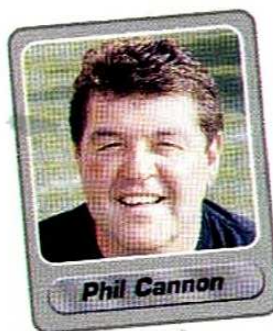
With no games last weekend I took the chance to get out and about watching games all over the country.

I spent three days in Newcastle watching games at County level and then two days in Manchester and Liverpool. It was very informative and I saw some great levels of ability.

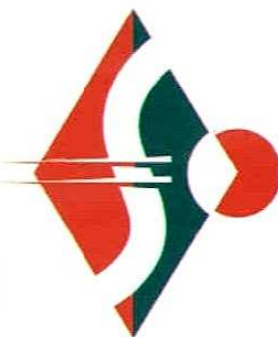
Of course we would all like to spot the next Robbie Fowler, but these trips are about more than scouting. It is important that we keep tabs on boys football all over the country and the standards being set by the top clubs. This type of observation provides a good yard-stick with which to measure the talents of our own lads in Swindon.

Everybody at Swindon would like to be in the Premiership but getting there, and staying there is not just about a good first team. To stay at the highest level you must have younger players of quality to bring through the ranks. It is even more important at a club like Swindon, where we cannot always afford to buy in the players we would like, that we can point to our youngsters

and say "yes they are as good as the top clubs". We may not quite be at this stage yet, but we are certainly moving in the right direction.



Phil Cannon



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Tranmere



Rearranged Fixture Details

The game between Tranmere and Swindon at Prenton Park originally set for the 14th February has now been rescheduled for Tuesday 10th Feb 1998. Kick-off 7.45pm.

The game has been rearranged due to Tranmere Rover's involvement in the F.A. Cup. Tickets for this away fixture will be distributed on a "pay on the day" basis at Prenton Park. Ticket prices are as follows:

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Tickets for the following home matches are now on sale:



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7.45pm.



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 Wednesday 11th February the Reserves take on Southampton here at the County Ground (7.15pm).

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Park & Ride

Parking is free at Nationwide House and a return ticket for the bus journey is only 50p (kids under 5 and Junior Robins travel free). The first buses depart Nationwide House at 12.30pm then every 20 minutes thereafter through to the final bus at 2.30pm. After the game the first buses depart the County Ground at 4.45pm then every 20 minutes thereafter through to the final bus at 6.00pm. The Bus Stop is located at the Magic Roundabout, towards Shrivenham Road. Why not give it a try at the next home game against West Brom on Saturday February 7th.



on the road... travel...



Tranmere Rovers
Tuesday February 10th
Kick-Off 7.45pm

With Rovers still involved in the F.A. Cup, next Saturday's Nationwide League visit to Prenton Park has been brought forward four days.



Port Vale
Tuesday February 17th
Kick-Off 7.45pm

The Town will then be on the road again seven days later, for a trip to face Port Vale in the Potteries.

Travelling by Road...

Tranmere Rovers - Take the A419/A417 to join the M5 at Junction 11a. Travel northbound via the M5/M6 leaving the M6 at Junction 20 to join the M56 (signposted Chester). Leave the M56 at Junction 15 to join the M53 (Birkenhead). Leave the M53 at junction 4 and take the fourth exit off the roundabout on to the B5151 Mount Road. At the twin roundabouts, continue along Mount Road into Storeton Road and turn right at Prenton Road West.

Port Vale - Leave M6 at Junction 15. Take the A500, then the A53 (signposted Leek). Travel through Cobridge, straight over the lights at the junction of the A50 then turn left into Sandbach Road. Continue to the top of the hill at Small Thorne. Turn left at the roundabout on to the A527 (High Lane). Go straight on at the next two roundabouts, then turn left into Hamil Road.

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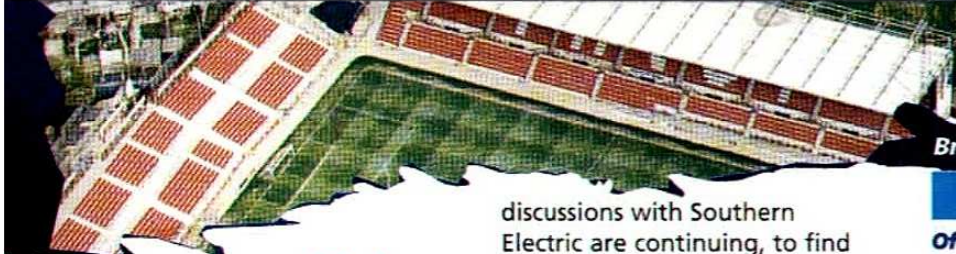
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Finetime Club launches German night

To launch the new Finetime Club that will be providing evenings out with a difference in Swindon, we are holding a German Night on April 11th at the County Ground.

The evening starts at 7.00pm in the Supporters Club with each person receiving a free Bavarian Glass which is filled up with "bier" once at the bar for free! The fun filled evening will see entertainment provided by Der Bier Barons Ompah Band along with Party games such as "musical towels on chairs", with a disco to finish off the night. Food will be provided "German Style" and tickets are available at £20.00 each via Richard Mackey in the Marketing Office on Tel: 01793 532121

Put a Penny in the Meter

Those of you who were at our last home game against Stoke City undoubtedly noticed the dimming of the flood lights here at the County Ground and wondered what was happening.

The power failure hit twice prior to kick-off and our Stadium Crew were kept busy to give us a light at the end of the tunnel. Enquiries have gone on all this week and Southern Electric have been called in to shed some light on the matter.

Our Stadium Manager, Mike Hughes, said "We are in the process of testing all of our electrical equipment here at the ground, so far everything seems to be in order and our

discussions with Southern Electric are continuing, to find out if this was a mains supply problem. Given the result on the night it could be that we now switch off the lights in the changing room prior to kick-off!

in & around the county ground

The Starlight Foundation

Alan Collins was our mascot at the game against Stoke City. He got the chance to lead the team out on to the pitch thanks to the Starlight Foundation.

You may well have heard about the organisation that makes dreams come true for seriously ill children all over the UK. We were delighted that we could help and that Alan had a great day.

For more details on the Starlight Foundation please telephone 0171 430 1642

Sporting Dinner

Swindon Town Football Club are presenting a Sporting Dinner on Thursday 19th February at the De Vere Hotel, Swindon.

The evening commences at 7.45pm and features as guest speaker ex-Liverpool player and TV pundit Ian St John.

In addition, the evening includes a four course meal, football auction, guest MC Steve Sutherland, Chief Marketing Executive of the Football League

The Chairman's Challenge

In June of this year our very own Chairman Rikki Hunt embarks on his next polar challenge accompanied by Geoffrey McGonigle who is attempting to become the first disabled person to walk to the Magnetic North Pole and fly the flag for disabled worldwide and "Swindon for City Status".

The Sealegs- Mitchemp Expedition 1998 is the first attempt on the Magnetic North Pole by a disabled person and sponsors are currently being sought for this worthy cause.

All donations are welcome in any form and anyone that would like further information should contact Rikki Hunt on 01793 422742.



Rikki Hunt on expedition to the Magnetic North Pole in June 1996.

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Despite the bitterly cold evening and the low attendance that it caused at the Stoke City game, Mrs. R. Amor of Cricklade Road, Swindon, enjoyed a warm glow at half time.

This welcome blush of incandescence was provided by number 3182 on the Nest-Egg ticket that our winner purchased from outside the Superstore. Whilst the pay-out ran parallel with the low attendance, Mrs. Amor was very satisfied with the £453 payout. When a member of her family won the draw a couple of seasons ago the prize was, in fact £1,000. That, of course, was before the midweek national lottery came in and everyone got excited about winning £10 twice every twenty seven months! With regard to lotteries, we are shortly introducing a brand new concept to replace our existing Moonraker Chase Ticket. Initial reactions to the innovative principle are more than stimulating. Even so, despite the thick layer of buoyancy, any form of fund-raising activity

is only as good as its availability.

We urgently need to increase our agency force in the field and the hunt is now on for new recruits. Canvassers are also required. I cannot list here the benefits of being an agent or canvasser as I would not be able to handle the long queues on Monday morning! But if you give me a ring or leave your details with reception, I shall reveal all when I speak to you. Due to our Sporting Dinner on Thursday 19th February, our next Quiz Night has been switched to Thursday 19th March. Entry forms are now available at the Promotions Office, Superstore. Will the "Swindon Travellers" captained by Mike Skinner be able to add the trophy to the one they won on Swindon Town's history last year? Or will your team step in and prove that knowledge on one aspect of the game is totally inadequate when it comes to being true champions? Will "girl power" get itself involved and leave the all-male teams wondering what happened? There are three race nights scheduled during the nine weeks commencing Friday 20th February. The first one is

being run by Clive Maguire and Jon Holloway from our Community Office. It is to raise funds for the Prospect Hospice and I am honoured to have been invited to present it. The second occasion is on Friday 13th March when the beneficiary will be Swindon Town Ladies F.C. Roger Reeves has asked me to front this one also, following the huge success of 1997. Details of the one in April, along with future events, can be obtained from the Promotions Office.

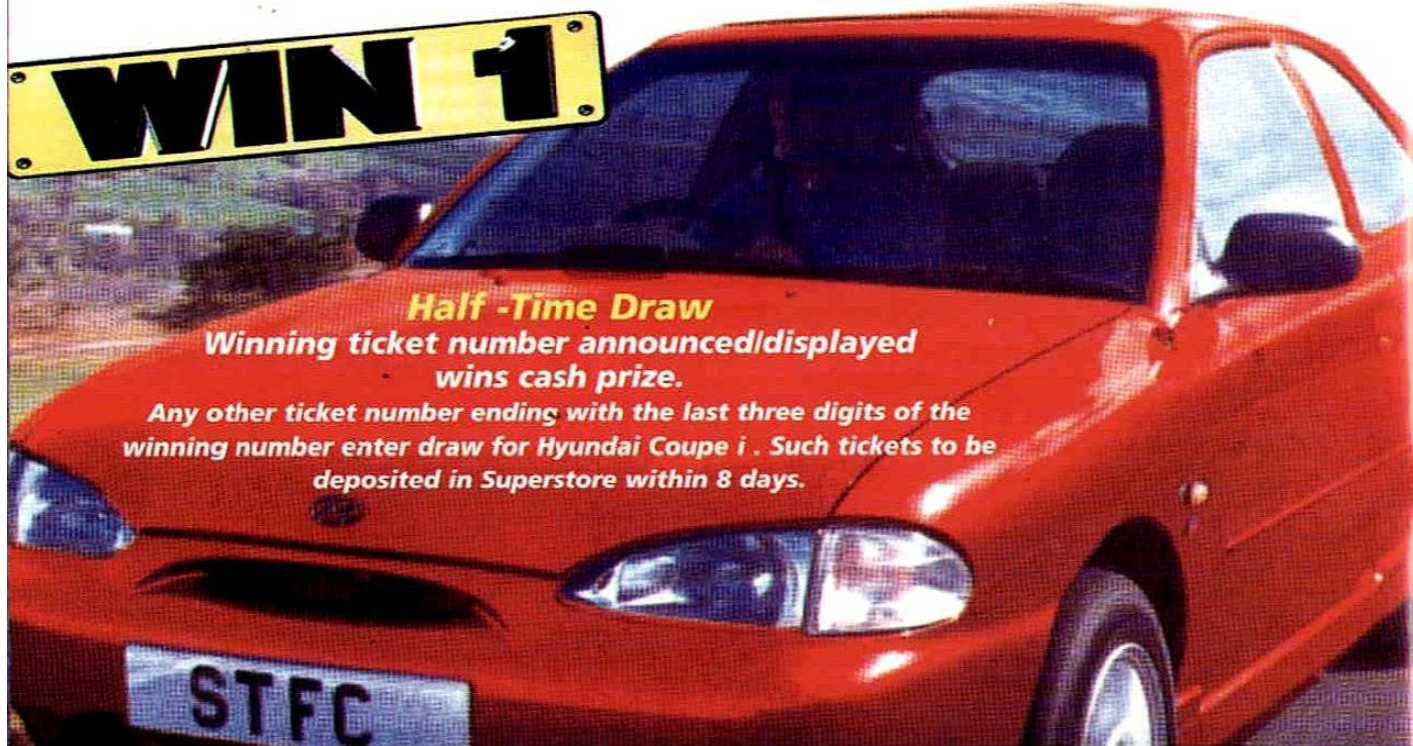
It is difficult to discuss today's visitors from The Hawthorns without recalling the name of Jeff Astle. And it is that name which leads me into this week's competition for a signed football. What I want to know is why the press had a field day when Jeff Astle was helped from the plane when it touched down in Mexico for the 1970 World Cup. Why was it necessary for Jeff to be helped from the aircraft? Answers on a postcard please, with your name and address marked for my attention. The closing date is Friday 13th February By First Class Post! (Why not send in your Quiz Night entry form at the same time!)

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from the pressbox



by
Steve Rumble

The cowardly assault of a linesman at Portsmouth's Fratton Park no doubt had some publicity seeking politicians itching to get on their soap-boxes to recommend their own brand of outdated, draconian anti-hooligan measures.

Thankfully, most of the media quite rightly reported the incident as it was - a vicious attack perpetrated by one extremely sad and violent individual. But undoubtedly the behaviour of fans up and down the land will be under close scrutiny, particularly with the world cup finals just months away.

Portsmouth could well be fined if the FA decide the club did not take adequate security measures. But what really could Pompey have done to prevent the lunacy of one misguided individual?

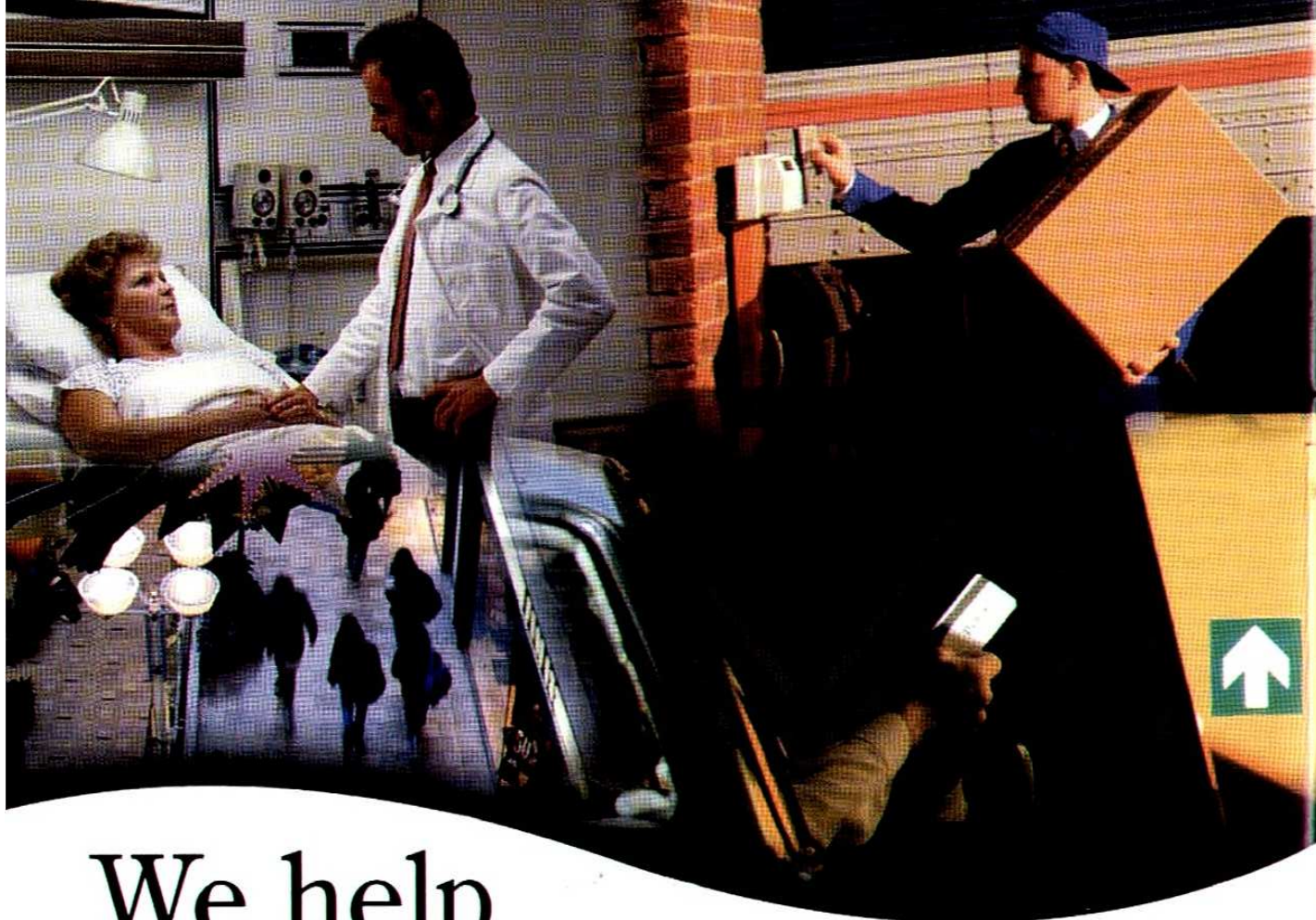
More police? Okay, there was only one officer on duty inside the ground but suppose there had been 100. Even that number could not guarantee the playing area being free of spectators for a whole afternoon. More stewards? There were plenty at Portsmouth but they have no legal powers and their role is primarily to ensure crowd safety. Bring back fences? Simply not an option, as a sunny Sheffield day in April, 1989 horrifically showed. It's also worth noting that football grounds are now far more pleasant places to visit since the fences came down. Ban visiting fans? Clubs like Swindon rely heavily on gate receipts and banning the 3,000 fans that the likes of Manchester City and Nottingham Forest bring would seriously affect income. The unique atmosphere of English football would also

be lost, as the failed Luton experiment proved.

The real answer is for fans to take responsibility for their own actions. In England we are lucky enough to be able to go to most grounds and enjoy a match without having to peer through wire fences. And, with the exception of some fixtures, the police presence at grounds is fairly minimal. Facilities are better than ever and fans have been trusted, to a certain degree, to police themselves. Sure, ground improvements have been partly financed by supporters through increased admission prices, but the close proximity of English fans to the pitch is a privilege that is the envy of supporters abroad.

Top ref David Ellerey is demanding that police and stewards take tougher action with fans who come onto the pitch, but there is a very fine line between over-exuberance and aggressive, threatening behaviour. Mini pitch invasions with excited supporters celebrating on the touchline close to the players is a common sight. Very different from the Fratton Park incident, but a trend that must stop if fans want to continue to enjoy an unrestricted view of the match. The message is simple. Get behind your team - South standers won't need telling this - enjoy your football but don't abuse the freedom that makes going to football now so much better than the dark ages of the 1980's.





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with Julian Wetherall

marketing news

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Presentation Time

Clark Holt, Commercial Solicitors were Matchday Sponsors for the recent game against Stoke City.

Pictured here is Richard Holt being presented with a signed, framed shirt, by Club Chairman Rikki Hunt. Richard Clarke is also



shown presenting a bottle of Champagne to Man of the Match to Mark Robinson.



Allied Dunbar, Coopers & Lybrand, Blick Plc and **Britvic** where matchball sponsors for the Stoke game. Pictured below is representatives and guests of all four organisations being presented with signed footballs by Man of the Match Mark Robinson.



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With the full-time appointment of Dave Moore and Dick Mackey, the new Physio team is now in place. Today they talk through the current injuries and what they hope to achieve at Swindon.

It was good to see George Ndah back training Monday. Although he is only doing a light work out it shows he's on the road to recovery from his inflammatory knee problem.

Mark Seagraves continues to make good progress from his pelvic injury after a week of specialist help at Lilleshall. He is now at the stage where he can step up his fitness work. "Ziggy" has shown a lot of patience and determination to get back on the pitch, a true pro.

Frank Talia is now in his second week of

recovery after the "key-hole" surgery on his knee and is making good progress.

More recently, Darren Bullock has sustained a lower back injury during the reserve game against Wimbledon. After seeing a specialist it was decided he had a sprained back and would have to rest it for a week.

As a team of physio's we hope to provide more support for all injured players. Having two physio's means we can also look to different preventive treatments. If we can cut down on the number of strains and pulls suffered by players the squad can remain strong throughout the season.

We will also be examining a whole host of other areas that can give us the edge over the opposing team. Over the next few weeks we will be featuring what these areas are and how they can improve the players performance.



the shadow board

There is still time to make a difference! Come on Swindon fans, it really is time to speak out and to be heard!!

There are three things happening and we want all Swindon fans to be a big part of them - don't be part of the famous silent majority any longer!

Firstly, we are beginning the search for new Shadow Board members for next season. Our rules say that three members retire each year which means that there is room for three new Shad's in the summer. Let us know if you would like to join and contribute to the future of our great Club.

Secondly we are planning the

next Shadow Board Open Forum. Let us know if you would like the Open Forum in your area. Fill out a comments card if you have a great idea for the venue - we look forward to hearing from you.

Thirdly we will be making a submission to the Football Taskforce. Let us have your comments and suggestions for David Mellor and his merry men so that we can include as many points of view as possible.

And finally this week a big apology to Barry Telling and the Swindon fans who surf the net. In the Reading program we highlighted George Ndah's kit sponsorship, but unfortunately we had our wires crossed! We are happy to put the record straight and congratulate the

Swindon Net Club - Town fans who network using the internet - on their support for George. Great job net surfers and lets hope that we have three more points to celebrate today.



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



Glenn Hoddle's selection for next Wednesday's friendly international against Chile, at Wembley, provided just one or two surprises though in the main the squad is as expected.

With David Seaman out of the running because of a damaged finger the return of Tim Flowers was almost inevitable and with Nigel Martyn also available England will be as strong as they could be in this department whichever goalkeeper Glenn eventually selects.

The England coach said some time ago that he would give everyone a chance to prove their worth in the national side and that he would also be looking at one or two surprise players. Surely one of these is Dion Dublin, the **Coventry City** striker, who though having a good time with the Sky Blues I must confess does not strike me as an international candidate, Dion, who will be 29 in April, is big strong and awkward but does he have the touch and pace to compete at this level? I suppose these are the questions Glenn hopes to find the answers to and there is only one way of achieving this and that is by playing him.

Likewise the same applies to Liverpool's wonder kid Michael Owen. If he plays he will become the second youngest player to represent England this century and the third youngest of all time.

Owen will be 18 years and 59 days old on Wednesday - 24

days younger than the great Duncan Edwards was when he made his England debut against Scotland in April 1955. England won that one 1-2. The Busby Babe was one of the greatest talents of all time and scored twice from wing-half, and hit the post, against Denmark in 1956. Alas, as many of you will have seen last Sunday's TV

a match for England when he popped in two against Ireland in 1882.

Sheffield United centre-forward Arthur Samuel Brown, known as "Boy" Brown, played in the 2-2 draw with Wales at **Wrexham** in February 1904 when still only 18. He scored in his second and final England outing two years later in Belfast when England beat Ireland 7-0

There have been other teenage internationals of course including Jimmy Greaves and Alan Ball but Greaves was 19 years 36 days old when he was introduced in 1959 against Peru and World Cup winner Ball was just three days short of 20 when making his bow against Yugoslavia.

These are the youngest England caps:

Prinsep (Clapham Rovers)
17 years 252 days
Rostron (Darwen)
17 years 311 days
Owen* (Liverpool)
18 years 59 days
Edwards (Man United)
18 years 183 days
Brown J (Blackburn Rov.)
18 years 210 days
Brown A (Sheff United)
18 years 328 days

*If he plays against Chile on Wednesday.

With just six games in which to prepare his world Cup squad Glenn does not have too much leeway and it seems logical that he will give both Owen and Dublin an airing against Chile. This suggestion is further enhanced by his hunt that Alan Shearer will not start the game but may be a substitute.

from the *Colin Benson* sidelines

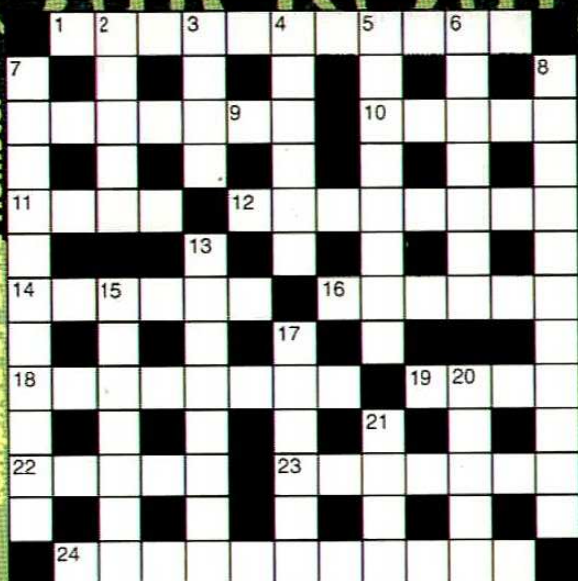
tribute. 'The Busby Babes: End of a Dream,' Duncan was killed in the Munich air disaster along with eight team mates and 15 other passenger, including the great Frank Swift when returning from a European Cup tie in Yugoslavia. Edwards was 21 and had 18 caps (5 goals).

The youngest ever England debutante was a half-back who played for **Clapham Rovers**. James Frederick McLeod Prinsep, born in India, was just 17 years 252 days old when he helped England beat Scotland 5-4 in April 1879. It was his only cap though he was selected to play against Scotland in 1882 but had to withdraw through injury.

Another 17-year-old was Darwen star Thurston "Tot" Rostron, a five-foot forward who collected the first of his two caps in a 1-0 defeat by Wales in February 1881.

Blackburn Rovers centre-forward James Brown was 18 when he won the first of his five caps in that same international against Wales. He scored three times for England and was, before Edwards, the only teenager to score twice in

compiled by Dave Hollister



clues across...

1. Soccer wouldn't survive without them (11)
9. Scored five hat-tricks for England (7)
10. Sheringham takes one to bed? (5)
11. A Hunter cut short? (4)
12. Marc of Arsenal (8)
14. Scottish goalkeeper who played for Swindon (6)
16. Fans stand for this at Wembley (6)
18. Capped 102 times for Scotland
19. Portsmouth now have a new one (4)
22. Millwall Lions change to reveal these (5)
23. They play 840 yards from Anfield (7)
24. Reason for clubs new strip? (1-3-7)

clues down...

2. Chairman of club may be this (5)
3. Singular of Barnsley nickname (4)
4. Fans await team coach to do this (6)
5. Reasons for goal in injury time? (4-4)
6. The road to the County Ground? (3-4)
7. Introduced to management at Swindon (5-6)
8. Asst referee has to do it in both halves (3-4-4)
13. Needed to watch match of the day (5-3)
15. They play at Brockville Park (7)
17. Defences can be caught thus on occasions (6)
20. Player became dramatic to win free kick (5)
21. This post sounds close to the far one (4)

answers across...
 1 FOOTBALLERS, 9 LINEKER, 10 TEDDY, 11 NORM, 12 OVERMARS, 14 HAFFY, 16 ANTHEM, 18 DALGLISH, 19 BALL, 22 LIONS, 23 EVERTON, 24 A KIT UPGRADE.
answers down...
 2 OWNER, 3 TYKE, 4 ARRIVE, 5 LATE RUNS, 6 RED PATH, 7 GLENN HODDLE, 8 EYE SAME LINE, 13 TILLY SET, 15 FALKIRK, 17 ASLEEP, 20 ACTED, 21 NEAR.

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Reading			Tranmere Rovers
Sheffield United			Oxford United
Stoke City			Ipswich Town
Swindon Town			West Bromwich Albion
Wolves			Sunderland

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Eight Referees at the County Ground in the 80's

ANSWERS
 DAVSON, VAMES, HOBBINS, FOAKES, SHAPPEL, LEOPARD, BUSH, JACKETT

SPORT-IN YEAR 1977

1. Virginia Wade won the Wimbledon Ladies Singles Final by beating which player in the final?
2. Who scored 174 for England in the Centenary Test in Melbourne?
3. Which footballer retired after 824 League games and 19 appearances for England?
4. Red Rum won the Grand National. How many wins was this?
5. Who joined Liverpool from Celtic for £400,000?
6. Mike Hazelwood was a top name in which sport?
7. Who became the first black footballer to be chosen for England at any level?
8. Which manager said he had been punished for falling in love?
9. Who 'signed off' in front of 70,000 fans and played for both teams in the game?
10. Who moved to spurs after 13 years at Arsenal?

ANSWERS.....
1. BETTY STOVE, 2. DEREK RANDALL, 3. TERRY PAINE, 4. THREE, 5. KENNY DALGLISH, 6. WATER SKIING, 7. L. CUNNINGHAM, 8. TOMMY DOCHERTY, 9. PETER, 10. PAT JENNINGS.



WHO'S THIS?

Last game: Craig Taylor

WHO'S KIT?



Last game: Bradford City

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by Roger Reeves



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The Town progressed in the League Cup but lost top place in the Southern Region League Premier Division.

Bracknell Town withdrew from the League Cup which gave the Town an easy passage into the Round Three but another Sunday without a game. The draw for the next round will not be made until later in the month.

The home clash with Reading Royals saw the Town lose out by the odd goal in three. Reading took the lead with the game just 58 seconds old and added a second in the 16th minute. From then on both sides created few chances and Town keeper Jo Sharpe and her Reading counterpart were able to deal comfortably with any shots that were on target.

With the game into injury time the Town were awarded an indirect free kick when the Royal's keeper was adjudged to have held onto the ball too long. Nadine Lloyd took the kick and played the ball to Pam Laker who rifled it into the roof of the net. The goal came too late and despite a Town rally they were not able to get the equaliser.

Please support the Race Night on Friday 13th March in the Executive Club. "Saddle Up" at 7-30pm with Dave Hollister Clerk of the Course. Tickets at £3 can be obtained from Dave or any of the girls.

Tomorrow we travel to Portsmouth for a league fixture. In the home game Pompey won by two goals to one so the Town will be keen to put last Sunday's result behind them and get revenge for that earlier reversal.

Southern Region League Premier Division.

**Swindon Town 1
Reading Royals 2**

Team: Jo Sharpe : Vikki McCann, Clare Wheeler, Netti Wyness, Clare Tyson: Ashley Wiseman, Kim Reeves, Pam Laker, Kerie Garwood: Nadine Lloyd, Leanne Taylor.

Subs Used - Tracey Mackeddle
Not Used - Sara Privett & Sara Richardson

Scorer: Pam Laker



Kim Reeves

APPEARANCES

	APPS	GOALS
SHARON BLACK	14(1)	1
KERIE GARWOOD	7(6)	6
PAM LAKER	15	6
NADINE LLOYD	15	17
TRACEY MACKEDDIE	14(1)	5
VIKKI MCCANN	1(2)	-
KIM REEVES	16	14
SARAH RICHARDSON	(5)	-
JO SHARPE	16	-
ADELLE TAYLOR	9(4)	-
LEANNE TAYLOR	16	18
CLARE TYSON	14(1)	1
CLARE WHEELER	10(3)	-
CLAIRE WHITE	(1)	-
ASHLEY WISEMAN	15	4
NETTI WYNESS	14	2

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	BINFELD	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	11-0
Sun 14th Dec	Oxford United	2-1
Sun 25th Jan	BRACKNELL TOWN (LC2nd) walk over	
15T FEB	READING ROYALS	1-2
18th Feb	Portsmouth	A
15th Feb	Cheltenham	A
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Southern Region League Premier Division 1997-98

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Reading Royals	11	10	1	0	54	8	31
Swindon Town	13	10	0	3	58	22	30
Cheltenham	14	9	3	2	42	19	30
Southampton	13	8	1	4	39	28	25
Portsmouth	11	5	2	4	17	16	17
Oxford United	14	4	3	7	23	28	15
Swindon Spitfires	10	4	3	3	20	25	15
Southampton Saints	16	4	2	10	25	44	14
Launton	13	3	2	8	19	46	11
Binfield	9	2	1	6	11	27	7
Havant Town	12	0	0	12	9	54	0

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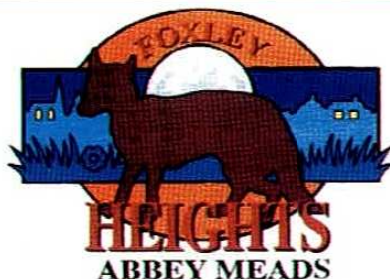
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Swindon Town FC

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

I see our old mate Joey Beauchamp instigated the shock of the day last weekend when he scored twice to put the skids under Nottingham Forest on their own patch.

Oxford United's 3-1 victory was only the second home League defeat suffered this season by Forest.

Now the 26-year-old former England Under-21 winger says he wants to play in the Premiership, but with whom? He got home-sick just 10-miles down the motorway when he joined *West Ham United* before coming to the County Ground...There's no question about his ability it is his application that will make managers think twice.

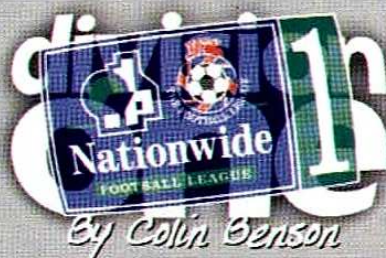
Still, he got Malcolm Shotton's managerial career off to a flying start with *Oxford* and today they face another serious challenge at *Sheffield United*. I suspect that prior to these two games the new *Oxford* boss would have settled for two points so anything more is a bonus.

The Blades, involved in an FA Cup replay with Ipswich in midweek, have slipped to fifth place following last week's 1-1 draw with bottom of the table *Portsmouth* who are hoping to shock Forest this afternoon - but expect an away win. They played defender Shaun Derry, a £700,000 signing from *Notts County*, but it seems they are paying for selling top strikers Brian Deane and Jan Aage Fjortoft.

Middlesbrough, my tip for the championship, made ground on Forest with a 2-1 win at *Stoke* on Sunday to lift them within two points of the leaders with a game in hand and they could be in poll position now themselves if they won Wednesday night's home game with *Tranmere*. Whatever the position they are involved in the match of the day

at *Birmingham City*.

The Blues boast the best defensive record in Division One with only 22 goals conceded in 29 games, and only eight let in at home. But *Boro*, with eight wins and four draws, have the best away record and the second best away scoring tally. This game looks such a draw banker it is almost certain to end in a winner - but for whom?



The most prolific scorers away from home are third placed *Charlton* with 24 goals.

Bradford City, beaten at *Ipswich* last week, are their hosts this afternoon and though they might not keep a clean sheet they should be due a home win.

Sunderland bounced back from their shock defeat at *Norwich* to beat *Port Vale* 4-2 with striker Daniele Dichio, signed from *Sampdoria* for £750,000, still on the bench. The arrival of the former *QPR* star has brought the best out of Niall Quinn who demonstrated his determination to keep his place with the goal of the game. Little Kevin Phillips slotted in his 19th goal of the season and it must be said that with strike power of this quality they have to be serious contenders for promotion.

Just how serious we will know after today's visit to *Molineux*. You never want to tangle with a wounded wolf and Mark McGhee's men are as sore as they will ever be after losing at home to their local rivals West Brom. Incidentally, it was McGhee's 100th League game in charge of *Wolves*, but it was Andy Hunt's 13th goal of the season that proved unlucky and

to rub salt into the wounds it was only *Albion's* second win in 11 games. *Wolves v Sunderland?* Possibly another draw.

As mentioned earlier, bottom club *Pompey* play hosts to Forest while second from the bottom *Bury* are home to *Port Vale*. *Bury's* outstanding home record has been blown away by five defeats and seven draws. They have now gone 15 games without a win but picked up a valuable point in a 0-0 draw at *Charlton*. Paul Dalglish, son of Kenny, on loan for the remainder of the season is set to make his home debut.

Manchester City are still trying to claw their way out of the nightmare that has them dangling in 20th position.

A trip to Carrow Road looks a difficult one particularly as *Norwich City* have taken the scalps of *Forest* and *Sunderland* in their last two home games, but then lost at *Crewe*.


The Canaries seem to trip themselves up against the less fancied sides and this, together with rumours of Darren Eadie's pending departure to a Premiership club, suggests City might squeeze a point. *Huddersfield Town* fans are hoping Wayne Allison will regain his scoring touch in time to beat play-off chasing *Stockport* this afternoon. The Terriers are due a win.

The big question at *Reading*, where *Tranmere* are the visitors, is will there be any goals? You see Rovers maintained a clean sheet for the seventh successive match against *Man City* and registered an all-time League record of five consecutive goalless draws.

Crewe have had a marvellous January with four wins; *QPR* are still failing to get the best from their team. Two new additions to the Rangers team are Ian Dowie and Keith Rowland from *West Ham* but can they spark a home win? Finally, *Ipswich* at *Stoke* - look for a draw.



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The away game at Bradford was the turning point.

They had a lot of chances that they missed, Fraser played out of his skin and then seven minutes into stoppage time Chris Hay pulls out the equaliser.

Seconds from defeat we get the draw and you can literally feel the tide turning for the lads. More importantly we've shown we can build on this display with a great result at the County Ground against Stoke and a solid showing away to Huddersfield.

I think any team would be happy coming away with a point from the McAlpine Stadium. What we have seen is that the team has stopped conceding goals and with talented players like Hay and Finney you know you can always nick a goal, as shown at Bradford.

Looking back over the last few weeks it is difficult to pin point

why we stopped performing. Like others have said it is largely due to confidence. The determination and effort has never been in doubt and the team spirit has never been a problem but if one or two players lose a bit of self belief it does change things.

the captain's comment

Anyway, turning the corner, turning the tide, whatever you want to call it, it's great to get some points under our belt.

Now we can look forward to future games. Today's game is going to be tough, above us in the table, West Brom are looking to sustain their play-off position and no doubt they'll be looking for a result. We drew with them away earlier in the season so we know what to expect, a hard-fought




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ninety minutes. But as long as we keep improving from one game to the next we stand a good chance. After today's games we have two away fixtures, first we travel to Prenton Park to play Tranmere Rovers and then it's on to Port Vale. These two games will be a real test with both Vale and Tranmere looking to battle their way out of the relegation zone. Are next home game is against Manchester City with the likes of Kinkladze and Rosler. A run of games like this proves that there is no such thing as an easy match.

Finally, I'd just like to welcome on board our two new physio's Dick Mackey and Dave Moore. Having been injured for much of this season I'm sure they won't mind me saying I hope I see as little of them as possible!

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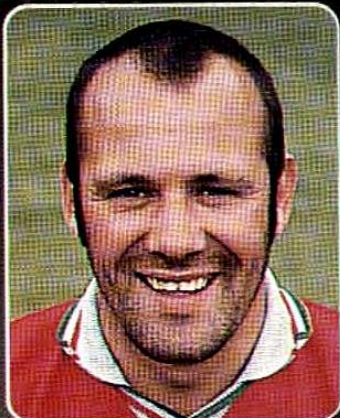
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FACT FILE...

Name: Darren Bullock
Date of birth: 12-2-69.
Place of birth: Worcester.

School years

Secondary school attended:
Samual Suthell Secondary.
Best subject at school:
English.
Worst subject at school:
Maths.
Football team supported at
school: Liverpool.
Football hero as a schoolboy:
Bryan Robson.
Favourite football position at
school: Midfield.
Career probably taken up if
not football: "I don't know".
First match ever seen:
West Brom vs Liverpool.
At what age did you first
attend matches:
12 years of age.

Now

Favourite other sports:
Fishing and golf.
Biggest influence on career:
My family.
Best match ever seen
(Live or TV): Liverpool vs
Newcastle (1996)
Favourite football expert:
Alan Hansen.
Favourite country to watch:
Brazil.
Highlight of career so far:
Playing at Wembley twice.
Biggest disappointment:
Not coming into the
game earlier.
Choice Opponents in a
cup tie: Liverpool.

close-up profi Darren Bullock

Darren Bullock is a much feared aggressive midfielder who has enjoyed success with Huddersfield and now hopes to repeat this at Swindon, but the Town star has an unlikely background for a footballer.

Up to the age of 24 Bullock was playing Non-League football and cleaning windows with his Dad until he got the big break.

He moved From Nuneaton Borough in the Vauxhall Conference to Huddersfield in November 1993 for £55,000. Here he spent five successful years as a regular first team choice. "I have great memories of Huddersfield" says Darren "I went from Non-league to pro and it was here that I learnt my trade as a footballer. You had to grow up very fast and realise you have to give 100 per cent with work rate and effort".

His only major regret is that he didn't go into football earlier. "I should have listened to what people were saying to me" says Bullock "I sometimes wonder what a different player I might have been, but that's life, you learn from your mistakes".

Bullock refers to this period of his career as the highlight: two play-offs, two trips to Wembley and scoring on a regular basis. He scored 20 goals in 156 games for the Terriers. He also had a great rapport with the fans

affectionately known as "Psycho". Bullock smiles, "I can't imagine why".

But that's all history, Bullock is now focussed on his job at Swindon. The tough midfielder signed a three and a half year deal in February 1997 after a £400,000 move from Huddersfield and netted on his debut for Swindon against Birmingham City on February 26th.

But after a great start he is aware that as a player he still has a lot to prove in front of the County Ground faithful.

He said "It's still early stages for me at Swindon and I know I've got to prove my worth. I'm improving my fitness all the time and want to get a run of first team appearances. My best times at Swindon are yet to come".

When asked why Swindon have suffered this recent losing streak Bullock puts it down to the player confidence. "Because we were at the top of the league earlier in the season there is an expectation that you will win every game.

"I think that got to us a bit, you only have to lose a couple of games and then you begin to feel the pressure, especially when the fans want to win so much. When you get in that situation it is difficult to turn it round, but I think we've done that now."

There can be no denying Darren Bullock has a lot to offer Swindon with his strength and

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aggression in midfield, his will to win and a proven goal scoring record.

And if Bullock is anything to go by Swindon should be on the up. He said *"I believe Swindon is a club with a great future, we could well be knocking on the Premiership's door at the end of the season, if we make the play-offs, and I plan to be there in the thick of it!"* Alan Shearer watch out.

Darren Bullock - always ready to give 100%

GENERAL...

Favourite food: Chicken.
Favourite drink: Lager.
Favourite comedy: Only Fools And Horses.
Favourite TV programme: Any nature programmes.
Favourite film: The Full Monty
Favourite film star: Eddie Murphy.
Favourite holiday location: Greece.
Favourite item of clothing: Jeans.
Smartest dresser at STFC: Scott Leitch.
Worst Dresser at STFC: Alan McDonald.

statistics 1997/98 season



West Brom



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.



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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
TABLE 1997/98 AS AT 04.02.98

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	29	11	2	2	6	4	4	47	28	57
MIDDLESBROUGH	28	8	3	2	8	4	3	46	25	55
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	29	10	3	1	5	4	6	53	37	52
SUNDERLAND	28	8	4	2	7	3	4	48	28	52
SHEFFIELD UNITED	29	10	4	0	3	8	4	45	31	51
WOLVES	29	9	4	1	5	2	8	40	29	48
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	29	8	2	5	5	4	5	30	28	45
STOCKPORT COUNTY	29	9	4	1	4	1	10	48	41	44
BIRMINGHAM CITY	29	6	5	3	5	5	5	36	22	43
SWINDON TOWN	30	9	3	3	3	4	8	34	41	43
BRADFORD CITY	30	7	6	2	3	5	7	32	32	41
NORWICH CITY	29	7	4	4	4	2	8	29	41	39
IPSWICH TOWN	28	5	4	4	4	7	4	35	40	38
CREWE ALEXANDRA	29	5	2	8	6	2	6	33	42	37
READING	29	6	4	5	3	5	6	43	50	36
OXFORD UNITED	29	6	4	4	3	2	10	47	43	33
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	29	6	6	3	2	3	9	30	43	33
STOKE CITY	29	5	3	6	3	5	7	30	44	32
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	29	4	4	6	3	5	7	31	41	30
MANCHESTER CITY	29	4	4	7	3	4	7	33	34	29
PORT VALE	29	5	4	6	3	1	10	33	45	29
TRANMERE ROVERS	27	5	5	4	1	4	8	28	34	27
BURY	29	3	7	5	1	7	6	25	38	26
PORTSMOUTH	28	5	3	7	1	3	9	31	46	24



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First Team Player
Appearances 97/98

Player Name	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
WAYNE ALLISON	16	3	2	0	18	3
BRAN BORROWS	24	0	0	0	24	0
DARREN BULLOCK	14(5)	0	0	0	14(5)	0
CHRIS CASPER	8(1)	1	0	0	8(1)	1
LEE COLLINS	9(4)	0	1	0	10(4)	0
STEVE COWE	4(3)	1	1(1)	0	5(4)	1
PHILIPPE CUERVO	9(3)	0	2	0	11(3)	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	8(1)	0	1	0	9(1)	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	12(2)	0	2	0	14(2)	0
SOL DAVIS	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
FRASER DIGBY	25	0	2	0	27	0
JASON DRYSDALE	10(3)	0	2(1)	0	12(4)	0
STEVE FINNEY	10(6)	4	1(1)	0	11(7)	4
TY GOODEN	28	2	3	0	31	2
CHRIS HAY	22(3)	14	2	0	24(3)	14
BOBBY HOWE	4	0	0	0	4	0
ROBIN HULBERT	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
SCOTT LEITCH	16(1)	1	2	1	18(1)	2
STEVE MILDENHALL	3	0	0	0	3	0
ALAN McDONALD	23(2)	1	3	0	26(2)	1
STEVE McMAHON	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
ALEX MEECHAN	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
GEORGE NDAH	8	1	1	0	9	1
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	2(2)	0	0	0	2(2)	0
MARK ROBINSON	14(1)	1	2	0	16(1)	1
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	18(3)	2	1	0	19(3)	2
DAVID THOMPSON	10	0	0	0	10	0
MARK WALTERS	15(5)	3	2(1)	1	17(6)	4
TONY WARNER	2	0	0	0	2	0
KEVIN WATSON	11(2)	0	1	0	12(2)	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	10,334
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	1-2	9,422
Sun Jan 11	Crewe Alexandra (1pm)	A	0-2	4,176
SAT JAN 17	READING	H	0-2	9,500
Sat Jan 24	Bradford City (F.A. CUP 4)	A	1-1	15,130
WED JAN 28	STOKE CITY	H	1-0	6,683
Sat Jan 31	Huddersfield Town	A	0-0	10,028
SAT FEB 7	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H		
Tue Feb 10	Tranmere Rovers	A		
Sat Feb 14	(F.A. Cup 5)			
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		
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)
DIGBY	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	CASPER	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	SMITH(8)	ELKINS
MILDENHALL	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	CASPER	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	ALLISON	GOODEN	COWE	HULBERT	ELKINS
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)
WARNER	BORROWS	CULVERHOUSE	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	COWE	GOODEN	FINNEY(9)	DRYSDALE	ROBINSON(3)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	THOMPSON	WATSON	FINNEY	NDAH	GOODEN	CULVERHOUSE	WARNER	WALTERS(10)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	THOMPSON	WATSON	FINNEY	NDAH	GOODEN	COWE(9)	BULLOCK(7)	CULVERHOUSE(4)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	BULLOCK	DARRAS	MCDONALD	THOMPSON	WALTERS	FINNEY	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	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	COLLINS	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	NDAH	GOODEN	FINNEY(7)	MILDENHALL	DRYSDALE(8)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	WATSON	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	BULLOCK	COLLINS	HAY	NDAH	GOODEN	FINNEY(5)	CULVERHOUSE	CUERVO(7)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	CUERVO	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	GOODEN	COLLINS(5)	CULVERHOUSE	WATSON(4)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	THOMPSON	TAYLOR	COLLINS	CUERVO	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	GOODEN	COWE(7)	MCDONALD(6)	LEITCH
MILDENHALL	BORROWS	ROBINSON	THOMPSON	TAYLOR	COLLINS	CUERVO	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	DRYSDALE	COWE	MCDONALD	LEITCH(11)
MILDENHALL	BORROWS	ROBINSON	LEITCH	TAYLOR	COLLINS	THOMPSON	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	DRYSDALE	COWE	MCDONALD(11)	CUERVO(10)

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STEVE MILDENHALL
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CRAIG TAYLOR
LEE COLLINS
KEVIN WATSON
BOBBY HOWE
CHRIS HAY
STEVE FINNEY
JASON DRYSDALE
TEAM MANAGER STEVE McMAHON



West Bromwich Albion

ALAN MILLER
PAUL HOLMES
SHANE NICHOLSON
RICHARD SNEEKES
SHAUN MURPHY
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**Today's Result
and Attendance**

Swindon v West Brom

Attendance

Referee:
M. R. Halsey

Assisted by:
J. R. Harris
B. L. Baker

Reserve Official:
D. Smith

Mark Halsey
Mark is a 36 year old Driver who is married with two young boys. He began Refereeing in the Herts County League in October 1989 and progressed to become a Premier linesman in 1994, Mark became a full Nationwide League referee in the 96/97 season. Marks interests outside of refereeing include Cricket, Squash and playing in goal as he was a semi professional keeper prior to taking up refereeing.

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