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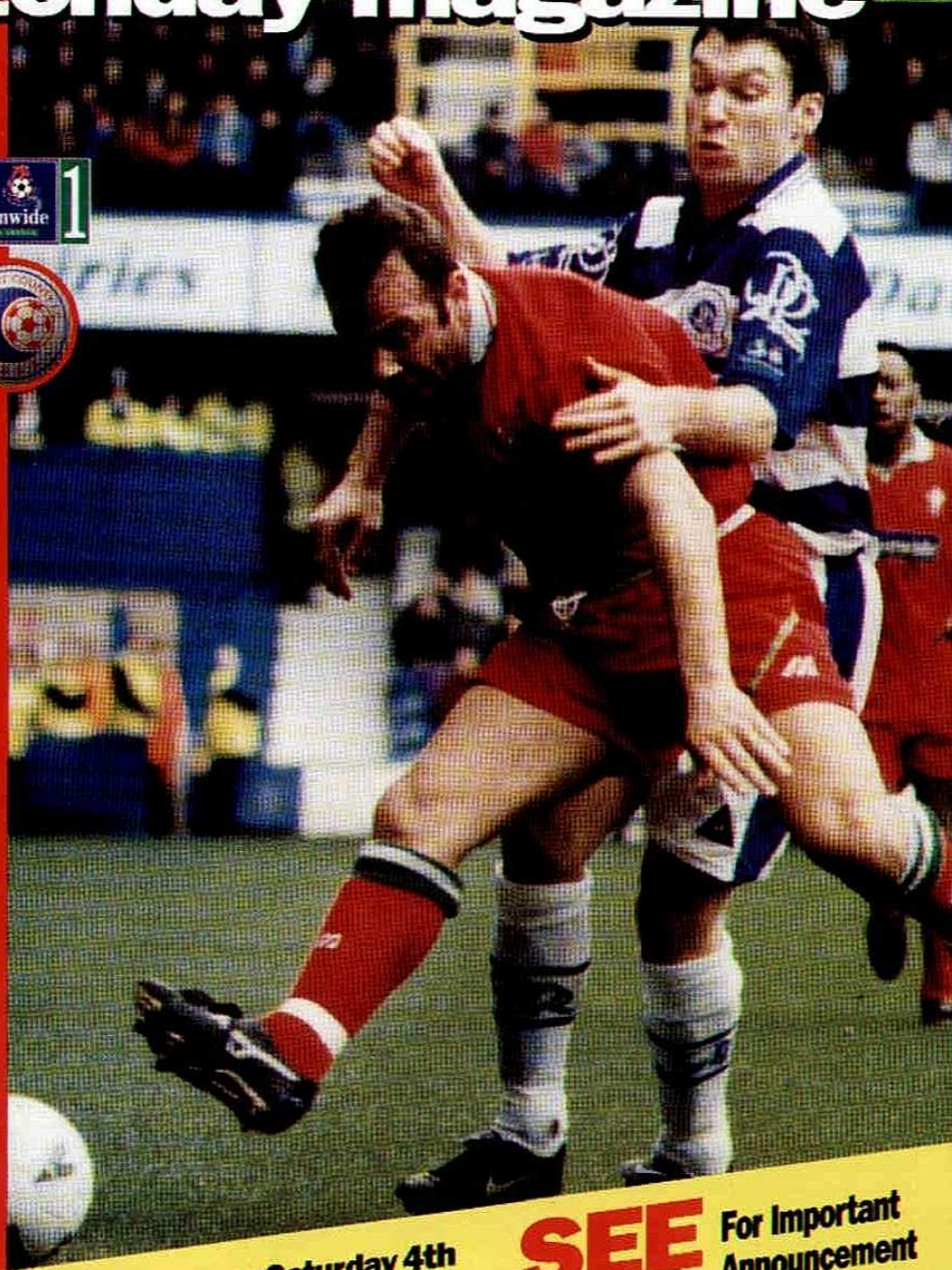
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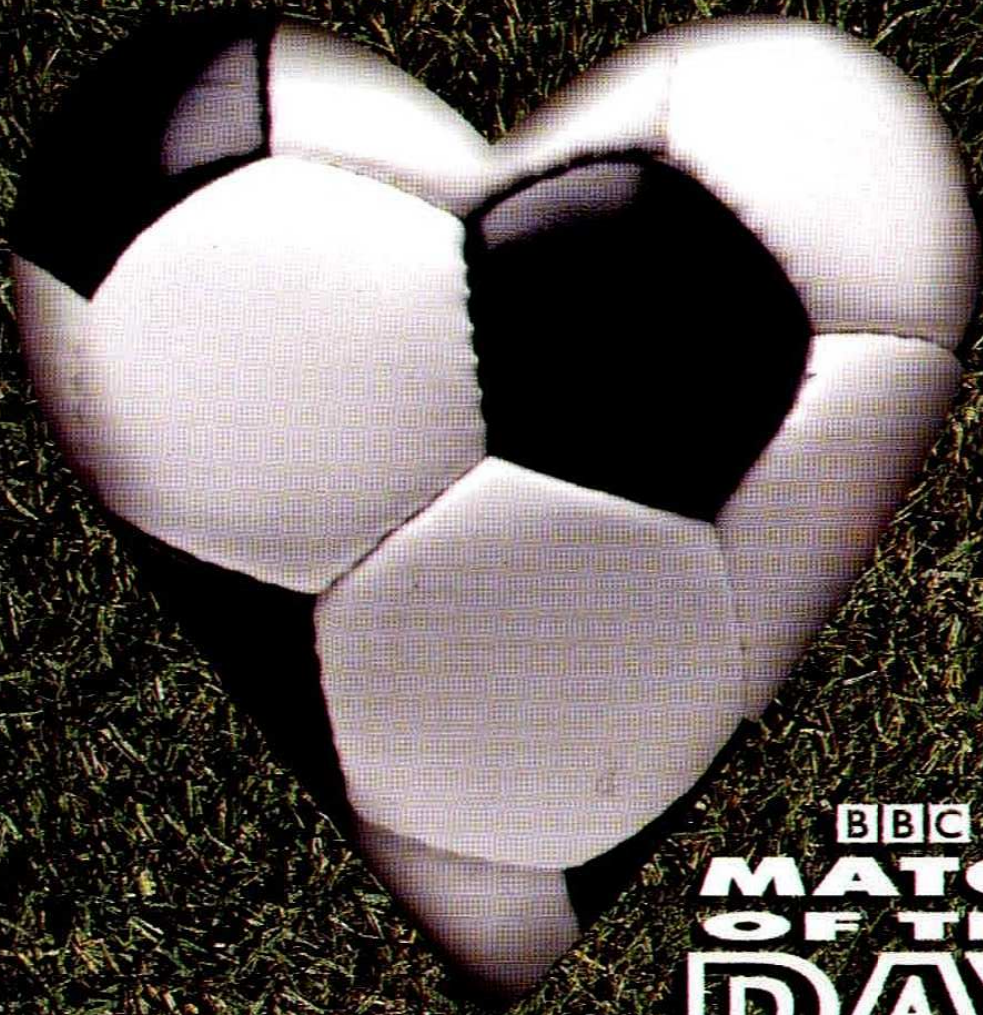
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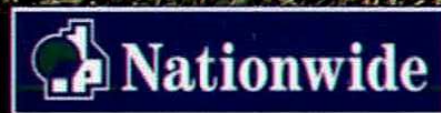
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welcome to today's game

Today we would like to welcome all the players, officials and supporters of Stockport County.

Today they join us for a game days after one of the most exciting goal-less draws you're every likely to see.

No one can deny that there hasn't been a real change in form and atmosphere at the Club and we hope it will all continue until the end of the season.

The Wolves game was full of great football, mostly played by Swindon. In the first half we controlled the tempo of the game, but we just didn't look clinical enough.

In the second period we started to really penetrate Wolves. Iffy was flicking the ball on to Chris Hay who, brought on as a sub, showed some great skills and strength and was unlucky not to score.

Cuervo, Walters and Gooden were beating their men every time and banging in great crosses that we just couldn't finish. But the boys did everybody proud with their

effort, its now up to the fans to get behind them once again.

The last two weeks have seen so many important changes to the team it is not surprising things have changed one way or another. Iffy and Kerslake are now on board and both jumped straight into the first team.

This was a gamble but Steve McMahon got it right and we can now talk about a great away win and a exciting draw at home instead of churning out the same spiel about *"it'll be the next game we turn the corner"*.

Of course more important than making it easy to write, it dispels any fears of relegation and also increases the thought that "just maybe we could make the..." no, we mustn't say it.

Looking at our run in to the close of the season we'll be facing Stockport today, then Charlton, Sheffield Utd and Sunderland all challenging for either play-offs or outright promotion. To face teams like this we'll have to continue improving our form to give ourselves a real chance of beating these teams.

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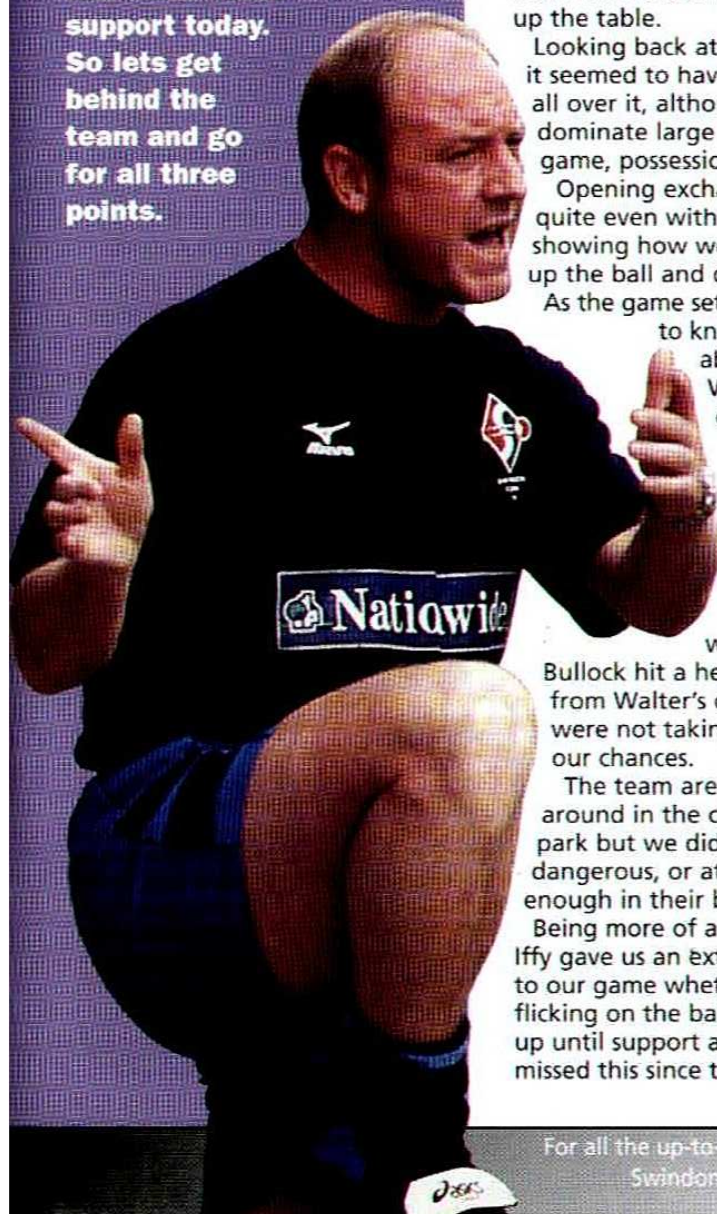


**The Liquid
Engineers**

NEXT MATCH Saturday 4th April vs Charlton Ath.

After Wednesday's thriller against Wolves we're looking to capitalise on our current form by getting the three points against play-off hopefuls Stockport County. New signings Iffy Onuora and David Kerslake have given us all a big boost and the rest of the team seem to be reaching the form of our early season success.

After great support for the lads I'm looking for the same vocal support today. So let's get behind the team and go for all three points.



Steve McMahon says

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Nil-nil it may have been, but you'll never see a more exciting, committed game of football as you did against Wolves on Wednesday Night.

We may not have won, but I was delighted with the way the lads played.

Good performance

You can go on all night complaining we should've won but we didn't, now we get down to the business of moving up the table.

Looking back at the first half, it seemed to have draw written all over it, although we did dominate large chunks of the game, possession wise.

Opening exchanges were quite even with Ifem Onuora showing how well he can hold up the ball and distribute it.

As the game settled we began to knock the ball about while Wolves played off the break.

In the 28th minute Ndah showed a great touch to Leitch who belted the ball high and wide, then

Bullock hit a header just wide from Walter's corner. We just were not taking our chances.

The team are passing around in the centre of the park but we didn't look dangerous, or attacking enough in their box.

Being more of a target man, Iffy gave us an extra dimension to our game whether he's flicking on the ball or holding it up until support arrives- we've missed this since the "Chief" left,

now hopefully the gap is filled.

But it was the second half play that set the game on fire. Chance after chance went our way. Chris Hay came on and did very well, he worked hard pressurising Wolves' defenders and found enough space to get a few shots in.

Then the floodgates seemed to open, Chris Hay hit the post, Iffy had a header cleared off the line, then Ty followed up the rebound that was sent just wide.

Kerslake and Cuervo were supplying good service into the danger areas but still we couldn't break the deadlock.

Although we deserved the win, the whole team played well, with each man doing his job. On Wednesday we showed that on our day we can play as good as, and better than, a lot of the teams above us.

Great away win

After a great away win at QPR, another three points would have been superb, but the point will have to do.

Now we want a repeat performance from the squad for today's game against Stockport County with the same attitude and heart.

Stockport are currently looking for a play-off position so they'll be up for today's match as much as we are. They're right up there with Wolves, this highlights what a tough run we've got to contend with into the end of the season. But we're ready to battle right down to the wire to give ourselves an outside chance of a play-off position.

As we continue to look for every win we can and improve on our last home game, so today's visitors Stockport will be looking to snatch away the three points. There is no doubt about it, today's match is going to be tight.

today's visitors *The Hatters*

Stockport County

This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and staff of Stockport County Football Club to the County Ground for this Nationwide League Division One match.

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

The surprise package of last season, Stockport County can lay claim to a similar title this time around, having continued the current campaign in much the same vein as they finished the last - winning games and upsetting supposedly superior opposition.

They are currently sitting on the fringe of the First Division Play-Off places having lost just twice at home all season, a 2-1 reverse at the hands of Bradford in early January followed by a 1-0 defeat at the hands of in-form Ipswich last Saturday. Their

record on the road - just three victories and nine defeats in 13 games - leaves a little more to be desired.

County took English football by storm last season, with their exploits in the Coca-Cola Cup - in particular - making people sit up and take notice. They knocked out Premiership clubs Blackburn, West Ham and Southampton, as well as Division One Sheffield United, on the way to a Semi-Final showdown with Middlesbrough. And they went within a whisker of winning that as well, before eventually succumbing in a replay to Bryan Robson's multi-million pound team.

Add to that the small measure of reaching the Fourth Round of the FA Cup, the Northern Final of the Autoglass Trophy and, of course, runners-up spot in Division Two and you can see that 1996/97 was a pretty successful season for County.

The departure of inspirational manager Dave Jones - the mastermind behind County's most successful ever season - was a blow, and Jones' subsequent plundering of goalkeeper Paul Jones and striker Lee Todd from Edgeley Park got the 1997/98 campaign off on the wrong foot.

Many bookmakers had Stockport down as one of their red-hot favourites for the drop, but the arrival of Gary Megson as team boss kept the good times rolling.

When our two teams met up at Edgeley Park back in November, County ran out 4-2 winners thanks to goals from Paul Cook, Martin McIntosh and Alun Armstrong (2).

Armstrong has now moved on to Middlesbrough, and Robins' boss Steve McMahon will be hoping that with him went Stockport's chances of a repeat performance this afternoon.



Stockport County F.C.





Stockport County

Goalkeepers

Eric Nixon

Vastly experienced 'keeper who was signed in August as County prepared for their assault on the First Division. Played in all four divisions in the same season in 1986/87.

Born: Manchester, 04.10.62

Height: 6ft 4in

Weight: 14st

League record this season:

35 games, 0 goals

Honours: Leyland Daf Cup 1990

Era	Club	Games
83/84 - 86/87	Man City	33
86/87	Wolves	16
86/87	Bradford	3
86/87	South'ton	4
86/87	Carlisle	16
87/88	Man City	25
87/88	Tranmere	8
95/96	Blackpool	20
96/97	Tranmere	25
96/97	Bradford	12

Ian Gray

Highly-rated youngster who was ever-present for Rochdale last season and moved to County during the summer. Good on crosses with excellent handling skills.

Born: Manchester, 25.02.75

Height: 6ft 2in

Weight: 13st

League record this season: 3/0

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
94/95	Rochdale	12

Defenders

Sean Connelly

Attacking right-back who scored his first ever League goal this season when he netted in the

1-1 draw with Middlesbrough back in September. A fully qualified physiotherapist he is able to play anywhere across the back four and has missed just one game so far this season.

Born: Sheffield, 26.06.70

Height: 5ft 10in

Weight: 11st 10lb

League record this season: 37/2

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
91/92 - 96/97	Stockport	166

Tony Dinning

Mainly used from the subs bench last season, but a lot more regular this time around. Tony is a versatile player who can operate in central defence or as a deep-lying midfielder.

Born: Wallsend, 12.04.75

Height: 5ft 11in

Weight: 12st

League record this season: 30/4

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
94/95 - 96/97	Stockport	70

Mike Flynn

Ever-present in the League for the last two seasons, Mike is County's inspirational skipper. He has a dangerous long throw.

Born: Oldham, 23.02.69

Height: 6ft

Weight: 11st 2lb

League record this season: 26/1

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
86/87 - 88/89	Oldham	40
89/90 - 92/93	Preston	136
92/93 - 96/97	Stockport	191

Jim Gannon

The Hatters' longest-serving player, Jim has recently signed a

new three year contract at the club which will bring up ten years loyal service at Edgeley Park for this south Londoner.

Born: Southwark, 07.09.68

Height: 6ft 2in

Weight: 13st

League record this season: 36/1

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
89/90	Halifax	2
89/90 - 93/94	Stockport	172
93/94	Notts Co	2
94/95 - 96/97	Stockport	108

Martin McIntosh

Towering central defender who was snapped up from the lower reaches of the Scottish League during the summer and looks a good buy for Gary Megson's side. Scored the second of his two goals this season in County's 4-2 victory over Swindon back in November.

Born: Glasgow, 19.03.71

Height: 6ft 3in

Weight: 12st 5lb

League record this season: 31/2

Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
93/94 - 96/97	Hamilton	99

Damon Searle

A highly-rated left-sided wing-back or full-back, Damon was snapped up by ex-County boss Dave Jones in the summer of 1996 and has proved a solid addition to the squad.

Born: Cardiff, 26.10.71

Height: 5ft 11in

Weight: 10st 4lb

League record this season: 26/0

Honours: Welsh Cup 1992, 1993;

Div Three title 1993; Wales

Youth, U21, 'B' caps



Sean Connelly



Mike Flynn

Era	Club	Games
90/91 - 95/96	Cardiff	234
96/97	Stockport	10

Colin Woodthorpe

Left-sided defender who became Gary Megson's first signing as County boss in July 1997, having previously played with Megson at Norwich.

Born: Ellesmere Port, 13.01.69
Height: 5ft 11in
Weight: 11st 8lb
League record this season: 25/0
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
86/87 - 89/90	Chester	155
90/91 - 93/94	Norwich	43
94/95 - 96/97	Aberdeen	48

Other Defenders include:
 Nelson De Costa.

Midfielders

Tom Bennett

Creative and hard-working central midfielder who pulled the strings for County during 1996/97's glorious promotion campaign.

Born: Falkirk, 12.12.69
Height: 5ft 11in
Weight: 11st 8lb
League record this season: 27/1
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
88/89 - 94/95	Wolves	115
95/96 - 96/97	Stockport	67

Paul Cook

A left-sided schemer with a powerful shot, Paul has struggled with injuries over recent seasons, but is still a quality player who can unlock

opposition defences with a carefully weighted pass. Dead-ball specialist.

Born: Liverpool, 22.06.67
Height: 5ft 11in
Weight: 11st
League record this season: 29/3 (including 9/0 for Tranmere)
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
84/85 - 87/88	Wigan	73
88/89 - 89/90	Norwich	6
89/90 - 93/94	Wolves	193
94/95 - 95/96	Coventry	37
95/96 - 97/98	Tranmere	60

Kevin Cooper

After a successful loan spell at Edgeley Park last term, this left-sided midfielder signed permanently in July 1997.

Born: Derby, 08.02.75
Height: 5ft 7in
Weight: 10st 7lb
League record this season: 32/4
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
93/94 - 96/97	Derby	2
96/97	Stockport	12

Kieron Durkan

Makes up for a perceived lack of pace with his excellent ball skills and crossing ability from the right. Also likes to shoot from distance, but has struggled for a regular place in the side this season.

Born: Chester, 01.12.73
Height: 5ft 10in
Weight: 10st 5lb
League record this season: 7/1
Honours: Welsh Cup 1995; Rep of Ireland U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
91/92 - 95/96	Wrexham	50
95/96 - 96/97	Stockport	57

Other Midfielders include:
 Manuel Charana.

Forwards

Brett Angell

Now in his second spell at Edgeley Park the free-scoring Brett has established himself as one of the First Division's most potent threats this season, when he has missed just one game so far.

Born: Marlborough, 20.08.68
Height: 6ft 2in
Weight: 13st 10lb
League record this season: 37/16
Honours: None

Era	Club	Games
88/89 - 89/90	Stockport	70
90/91 - 93/94	Southend	103
93/94	Everton	1
93/94	Southend	12
93/94 - 94/95	Everton	19
94/95 - 95/96	Sunderland	10
95/96	Sheff Utd	6
95/96	WBA	3
96/97	Stockport	34

Chris Byrne

Dangerous young striker who moved to Stockport in November, after a handful of appearances at Sunderland. His first senior goal for County came in the 90th minute of a 3-2 defeat at the hands of West Brom in December and he scored a double in the recent 5-1 triumph over Reading at Edgeley Park. Last season he scored 10 goals in 18 games for Macclesfield as the Silkmen won the Vauxhall Conference.

Born: Hulme, 09.02.75
Height: 5ft 9in
Weight: 10st 2lb
League record this season: 25/4
Honours: None



Era	Club	Games
93/94	Crewe	-
97/98	Sunderland	-

Andy Mutch

Andy formed a lethal partnership with Steve Bull at Wolves in the late-1980s and was a driving force behind the club's two promotion successes of that period. A great favourite with the Hatters' crowd, he was something of a 'super sub' for the club last term, coming off the bench no fewer than 18 times and scoring four important goals.

Born: Liverpool, 28.12.63
Height: 5ft 10in
Weight: 11st
League record this season: 19/1
Honours: Div Four title 1988; Div Three title 1989; Sherpa Van

Trophy 1988;
England U21, 'B' caps

Era	Club	Games
85/86 - 92/93	Wolves	289
93/94 - 95/96	Swindon	50
95/96	Wigan	7
95/96 - 96/97	Stockport	44

Other Forwards include:
Luis Cavaco, Vassilios Kalogeracos



Gary Megson the manager

Following the shock departure of Dave Jones to Southampton in July 1997, newly-promoted Stockport moved swiftly to appoint the former Norwich and Blackpool boss Gary Megson to the Edgeley Park hot-seat.

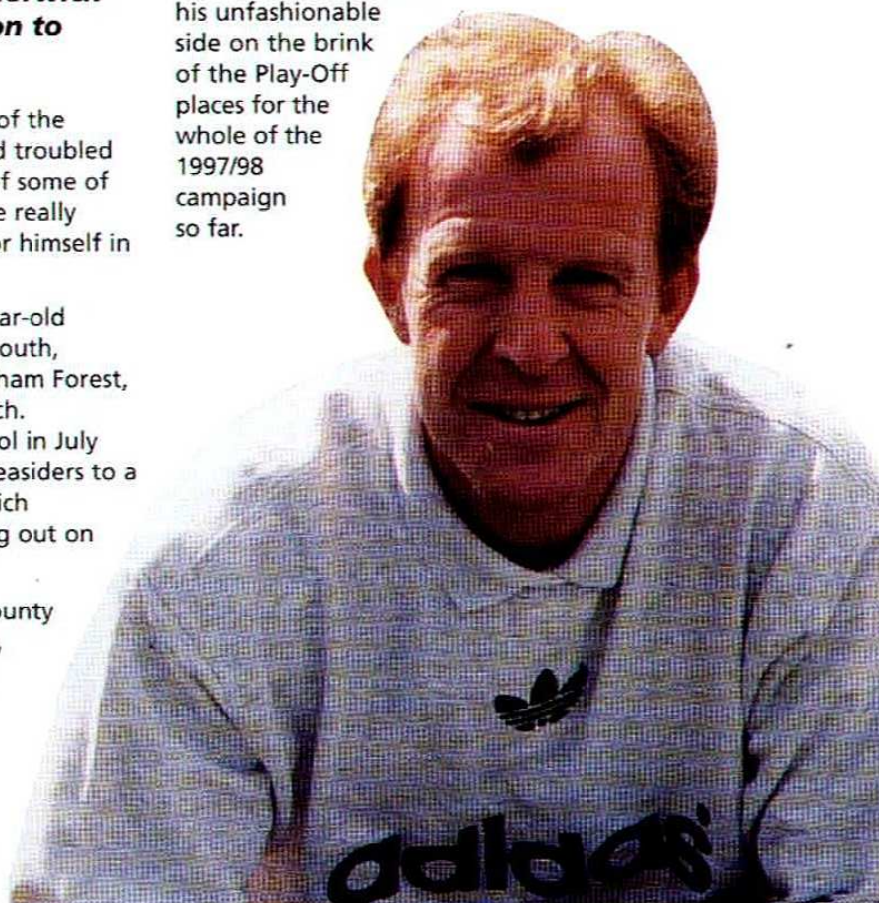
Widely seen as something of a scholar of the game, Megson had suffered a brief and troubled spell in charge at Carrow Road - seen of some of his finest playing achievements - before really starting to make a managerial name for himself in the hot-seat at Blackpool.

In a high-level playing career the 38-year-old former midfielder turned out for Plymouth, Everton, Sheffield Wednesday, Nottingham Forest, Newcastle, Manchester City and Norwich. He was appointed manager at Blackpool in July 1996 and, after a shaky start, led the Seasiders to a superb run of results in mid-season which culminated in the club narrowly missing out on a Play-Off place last season.

When Dave Jones, the man who led County on their remarkable 1996/97 campaign, decided to step up to the Premiership after negotiating the club's rise to Division One it was Megson who was offered the unenviable task of following in a legend's footsteps.

His task was made all the harder by Jones' subsequent poaching of two

of the club's leading stars from last term - goalkeeper Paul Jones and defender Lee Todd - but he has done a remarkable job at the helm at Edgeley Park, keeping his unfashionable side on the brink of the Play-Off places for the whole of the 1997/98 campaign so far.



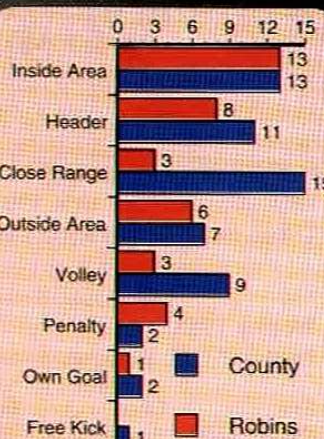
who's played for Stockport

	A	G	C	Previous Clubs
Brett Angell	37	16	4	Sunderland West Brom
20/8/68	6	5	1(1)	(L) Sheff Utd (L)
				Everton Southend
				Stockport Derby
				Cheltenham Portsmouth
Sean Connelly	37	2		
26/6/70	6		1	
Eric Nixon	35	1		Tranmere Bradford (L)
4/10/62	4			Blackpool (L) Man City
				Carlisle (L) Wolves (L)
				Southampton (L)
Jim Gannon	31(5)	1	1	Notts County (L) Halifax
7/3/68	6	2		Sheff Utd Dundalk
Martin McIntosh	31	2	6	Hamilton
19/3/71	4		1(1)	
Tom Bennett	27	1	4	Wolves Villa
12/12/69	6	2		
Mike Flynn	26	1	3	Preston Norwich
23/2/69	3	1	1	Oldham
Kevin Cooper	25(7)	4	5	Derby
8/2/75	5(1)	1		
Tony Dinning	24(6)	4	7	Newcastle
12/4/75	4(2)	1	1	
Damon Searle	23(3)	2		Cardiff
26/10/71				Wales U212
Colin Woodthorpe	23(2)	6		Aberdeen Norwich
13/1/69	4	1		Chester
Paul Cook	20	3	3	Tranmere Coventry
22/6/67	1	1		Wolves Norwich Wigan
Chris Byrne	13(5)	4	2	Sunderland
9/2/75	1(1)	2		Macclesfield
Steven Grant	7(2)	3		Shamrock Rovers
14/4/77				
Kieron Durkan	5(2)	1		Wrexham
1/12/73				Eire U21 1(1)
Wayne Phillips	4(4)			Wrexham
15/12/70				
Ian Gray	3			Rochdale Oldham
25/2/75	2	1		
Andy Mutch	2(17)	2		Swindon Wigan (L)
28/12/63	Eng B	1(2)	2	Wolves Southport
Simon Travis	2(9)	2		Torquay
22/3/77		(2)		
Martin Nash	(8)			Vancouver
27/12/75	Canada			

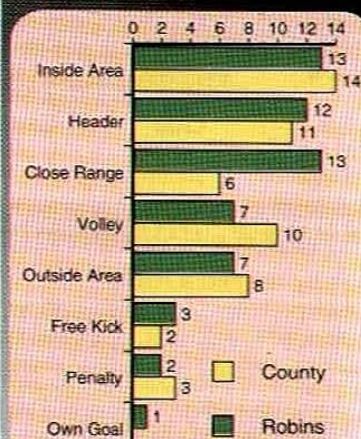
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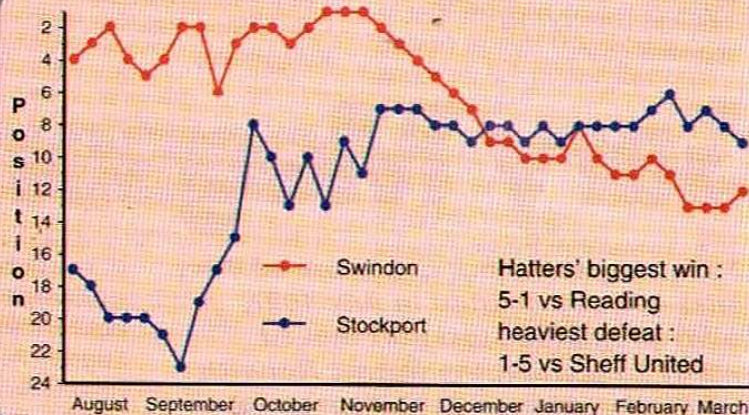
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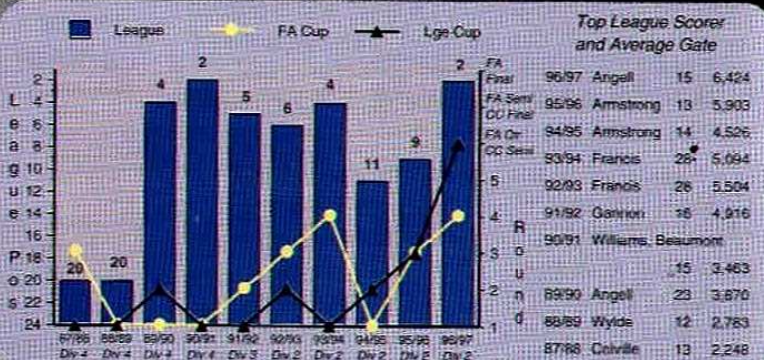
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league position so far this season



Stockport's 10 year League and Cup record



Top League Scorer and Average Gate

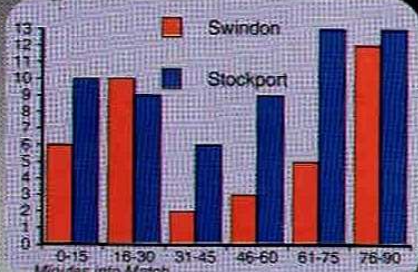
Season	Player	Goals	Avg Gate
96/97	Angell	15	6,424
95/96	Armstrong	13	5,903
94/95	Armstrong	14	4,526
93/94	Francis	26	5,094
92/93	Francis	26	5,504
91/92	Gannon	16	4,916
90/91	Williams, Beaumont	15	3,463
89/90	Angell	23	3,670
88/89	Wyde	12	2,783
87/88	Collins	13	2,248

Stockport's results analysis

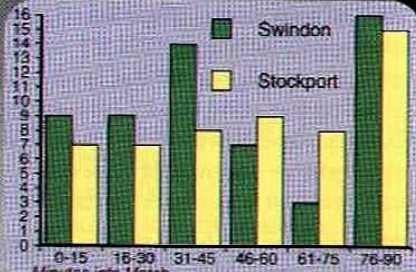
goals agt	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
goals for	0	1	4	3	4	1	2	1
draws	0	1	4	3	6	1	2	1
losses	3	3	4	1				
total	6	5	1					

shows the number of matches finishing with a variety of scores, eg they have won 3 games 3-0 and lost 4 games 0-1

when goals were scored



and when goals conceded



looking back...

Dick Mattick looks back

5 YEARS AGO

If the football was not of the best quality at least Town took a point from their match at Luton. This was largely thanks to a fine display of goal keeping form Fraser Digby. There were chants

from the travelling Swindon fans of *"What's it like to have no balls"* after the game was brought a brief halt due to all the footballs having been kicked over the stand. Two goals from Duffield and a Jim Gannon penalty give County a 3-2 win

over Preston at Deepdale. They finished the season 6th in Division Two. Without leading scorer Kevin Francis, they miss out in the play offs losing 2-1 on aggregate when Martin Foyle scores the only goal in the away leg at Port Vale.

10 YEARS AGO

A 74th minute equaliser was enough to earn Town a draw at Maine Road. Swindon, who had been forced to employ leading scorer Jimmy Quinn as a central defender due to their long injury list had fallen behind to a 54th minutes goal when a Paul

Stewart header slithered through Fraser Digby's hands. The result leaves Swindon in 12th position in the old Second Division with 49 points from 33 games. The style of play of Lou Macari's team came in for criticism from his former boss Tommy Docherty who said

"all they do is hammer the ball forward." Goals by Bob Colville and Andy Hodgkinson give Stockport a 2-0 home victory over Burnley in Division Four. In a disappointing season, Colville is the only player whose goal tally reaches double figures and County finish 20th.

15 YEARS AGO

Chairman Cecil Green said the County Ground boo boys would not drive either him or manager John Trollope out, after 2,815, Towns smallest gate of the season, turned up to see Town

lose 2-1 at home to Darlington. A near post header from Andy Rowland following a corner kick gave Swindon a 12th minute lead but Jimmy Allan punched the ball into his own net in the 40th minute and 7 minutes into the second half a 25 yarder by

Dave McLean gave the Quakers victory. Mike Power and Dean Emerson score for Stockport in front id a disappointing home crowd of just 2,036. It is enough to earn them a draw with Bristol City. County end the season in 16th place in Division Four.

FLASH-BACK

"Our win today was as much due to the fans as to the players" said Lou Macari after they bounced back from a 1-0 home defeat by Port Vale to beat Stockport County 4-0 on 27th October 1984. Go out and attack from the start was the instruction the manager had given the Swindon team and they certainly responded well. There was more than one stroke of good fortune in Town's first goal. Midfielder Paul Batty looked offside when he broke away in the 19th minute and after a scramble in the goalmouth the ball broke back to him to allow him to put Swindon in front. A fine cross by Garry Nelson was deflected in by

Peter Coyne in the 28th minute. County rallied in the second half but after 58 minutes it was Town manager Lou Macari who controlled the ball skilfully before cracking home Town's third goal. The scoring was completed when Alan Mayes notched his ninth goal of the season in the 68th minute. The match marked the end of Brighton right back Chris Ramsey's loan spell with the club although he was later to return to Swindon on a permanent basis. The teams had been level on points at the start of the season but the win lifted Swindon to 14th position in Division Four. Had Town scored one more goal in this match they would have won the £250

award as the Division's leading scorers but just missed out to Northampton Town who had scored 12 goals in the month like Swindon but had got eight of them away from home.



Paul Batty

Mike Walsh's diary of the week



Sunday

15th March

A nice day off after a job well done at Loftus Road. Although the injured had to report in for treatment.



Monday

16th March

Spirits have always been high in training, but you could tell we won on Saturday. This atmosphere was added to by some new faces. Iffy and Kerslake were with us and added a new dimension to the work-out. The lads responded to a hard work-out, with plenty of medium pace running and then some short sprints. After this we broke into teams of three and played small sided games with the emphasis on two touch and plenty of movement.

Tuesday

17th March

Some of the squad were taken up Lawn Woods to be put through their paces while the rest of the lads took part in a more relaxed session due to tomorrow's game against

Wolves. We worked on set plays "for" and "against" then did some steady jogging to keep the team relaxed and supple.

Wednesday

18th March

You've got to be careful on the day of an evening game, with training you don't want to do too much but it has to have an effect. We took the squad over to Supermarine and did a bit of running and a few team games. After this we had a talk about tonight's games, looking at tactics and how to exploit our opponents. The lads were very responsive and we were all confident we could do something against Wolves. After this it was back to the hotel for Pasta, beans and chicken, to load up on carbohydrates, then its time "feet up" and relax.

We were quite pleased with the first half. Against a quality outfit like Wolves we had almost all the possession, carved out some good moves and looked lively we just lacked that killer touch that could've got us a goal.

But it was the second half that was packed with so much incident. We created numerous chances, had penalty appeals turned down, hit the post, had shots cleared off the line but we

seemed destined not to score.

The lads never lost belief though, right down to the dying seconds we continued to attack, and construct some good openings.

After the game the lads were disappointed not to get a result. But as we said to the players in the dressing room, they gave it their all and got a point from a good side- you have to be happy with that.



Thursday

19th March

After such a gruelling ninety minutes that the squad faced last night they took a deserved rest day. The only exception were the injured who were in for some treatment.

Friday

20th March

With so many games packed into a short space of time training is more about keeping relaxed and long warm ups rather than any real fitness work. We did some gentle running and some small games of 3 against 3 to keep the players sharp.

After this it was back to the County Ground for Pasta, Beans and Chicken followed by strict orders of "feet up" and early night for the first team.



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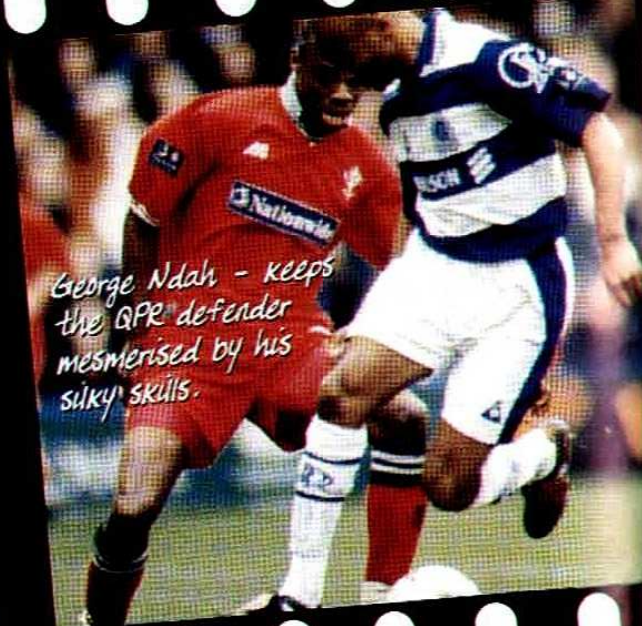
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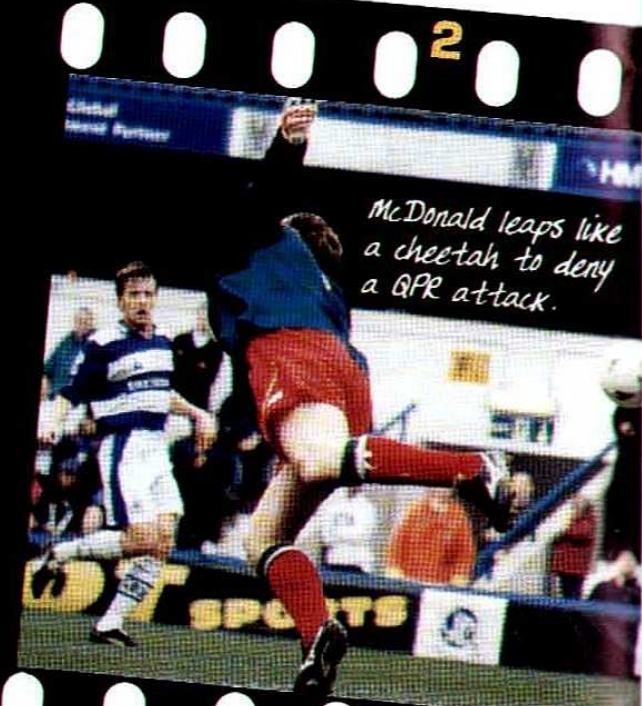
New boy Kertake gets on with the job against QPR's Iain Dowie.



George Ndah - keeps the QPR defender mesmerised by his silky skills.



Lee Collins - puts in a crunching tackle at Loftus Road.



McDonald leaps like a cheetah to deny a QPR attack.



Ifeanyi Onuora - making his presence felt in his first game for the Town.



Alan McDonald - after a game of goalkeeping heroics he salutes the tremendous support of travelling fans.



RESULT...

SATURDAY MARCH 14TH
NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE

Q.P.R. 1
Swindon Town 2

ATTENDANCE: 13,486

SWINDON...

- 1 Fraser Digby
- 2 David Kerslake
- 3 Brian Borrows
- 4 Alan McDonald
- 5 Darren Bullock
- 6 Lee Collins
- 7 Mark Walters (Howe, 88)
- 8 Scott Leitch
- 9 Ifem Onuora
- 10 George Ndah (Elliott, 88)
- 11 Ty Gooden

Subs not used: Steve Cowie

MATCH REPORT

Swindon stormed to a well deserved 2-1 victory that lifts the club back up to mid-table. The Town started brightly, but it was QPR who took the lead in the ninth minute. A good move from Kevin Gallen and Mike Sheron out wide that was finished off by Quashie.

But Swindon did not look disheartened and continued to control the game. This persistence paid off when the lightening quick Ndah broke free from his marker only to be brought in the box. The ref awarded a penalty without hesitation which Walters duly converted. At 1-1 Swindon looked the more solid of the two teams. This was put in jeopardy when referee Alan Butler decided to send off Fraser Digby for handling the ball outside his area.

With no sub keeper on the bench McDonald bravely volunteered to put on the goalkeepers jersey and soon proved he was up to the job by denying Paul Bruce a goal at point blank range. In the dying seconds of the first half, Swindon fans got what they wanted so much: a winning goal.

Ifeanyi Onuora scoring on his debut with a terrific diving header to put the Town 2-1 up. Swindon continued to dominate the second half with outstanding displays from Leitch and Collins in midfield. Overall, a great three points that lifted the spirits of players and fans alike.

reserve round-up

with Ross MacLaren



With no fixtures recently I thought I'd pen a few words about the progress of the players and the importance of reserve football at any club.

Of course on a Saturday at 3pm the only thing we're all thinking is how are the first team going to get on. But the reserve team is also a vital aspect to the way we work the players.

Reserve football is a good place to give players a chance to regain match fitness after injury, before moving back into first team action. Or a place for out of form players to show the Boss what they can do.

Reserve football gives us the chance to let the youth players taste the pro game. Only last week young Carl Robinson, only sixteen, stepped out against Arsenal, and did himself no harm in the process. Players like Burke, McAreevey, Thorne from the Youth Team and Bennet from the Academy are the same. You can't expect a youth team player to step into Nationwide Division One, this is where they get used to the pace, strength and awareness.

We will be putting more of the Youth Team into the Reserves as the season gets near its end to have a closer look at the lads before we make decisions about their future- this is why reserve football is central to the progression of players.

Reserve Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gl's.	Apps.	Gl's.	Apps.	Gl's.
STEPHEN BENNETT	1(2)	0	0	0	1(2)	0
ANTHONY BESTERTON	3	0	0	0	3	0
DARREN BULLOCK	12	0	0	0	12	0
PETER CAIRNS	1	0	0	0	1	0
NICKY BURKE	(3)	0	0	0	(3)	0
SAM CAMPAGNA	1(5)	1	0	0	1(5)	1
STEVE COWE	16	3	0	0	16	3
LEE COLLINGS	10	0	0	0	10	0
PHILIPPE CUERVO	5	1	0	0	5	1
IAN CULVERHOUSE	12	0	0	0	12	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	4	0	0	0	4	0
SOL DAVIS	8(3)	1	0	0	8(3)	1
FRASER DIGBY	2	0	0	0	2	0
JASON DRYSDALE	3	0	0	0	3	0
STUART ELLIOTT (TRIALIST)	1	1	0	0	1	1
GARY ELKINS	20(1)	3	0	0	20(1)	3
ALEX FINLAYSON	3(3)	0	0	0	3(3)	0
STEVE FINNEY	8	5	0	0	8	5
CHRIS HAY	3	1	0	0	3	1
STUART HODSON	7(4)	3	0	0	7(4)	3
PETER HOLCROFT	11	1	0	0	11	1
ALLAN HUGHES	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
ROBIN HULBERT	11(5)	0	0	0	11(5)	0
SCOTT LEITCH	2	0	0	0	2	0
PHIL KING	6	0	0	0	6	0
PHIL MACDIARMID	(3)	0	0	0	(3)	0
PAUL MCALEAVEY	2(9)	1	0	0	2(9)	1
ALAN McDONALD	5	0	0	0	5	0
MCHUGH	(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	11(9)	4	0	0	11(9)	4
STEVE MILDENHALL	13	0	0	0	13	0
JAMIE MILLS	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	10(2)	0	0	0	10(2)	0
BRADLEY PETERS	3	1	0	0	3	1
MARK QUAYLE (TRIALIST)	6	3	0	0	6	3
MARK ROBINSON	3	0	0	0	3	0
MARK SEAGRAVES	3	1	0	0	3	1
ALEX SMITH	15	2	0	0	15	2
FRANK TALLA	7	0	0	0	7	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	3	0	0	0	3	0
WAYNE THORNE	7(8)	0	0	0	7(8)	0
MARK WALTERS	9	3	0	0	9	3
KEVIN WATSON	14	0	0	0	14	0

NEXT HOME GAME

**Wednesday 25th
March 1998**

**Crystal
Palace**

Kick-Off 7.15pm

NEXT AWAY GAME

**Wednesday 8th
April 1998**

Southampton

Kick-Off 7.30pm

FIXTURES 97/98

Avon Insurance Combination Div 1

Tue Aug 12	Crystal Palace	A 1-2
WED AUG 20	TOTTENHAM	H 0-2
Thur Aug 28	West Ham United	A 0-1
WED SEP 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 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 1-3
WED FEB 11	SOUTHAMPTON	H 0-1
Wed Feb 14	Oxford United	A 1-1
Wed Feb 18	Millwall	A 1-4
WED FEB 25	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H 6-1
WED MAR 04	CHELSEA	H 1-2
Tue Mar 10	Arsenal	A 0-3
MON MAR 16	LUTON TOWN	H PP
WED MAR 25	CRYSTAL PALACE	H 7-15
TUE MAR 31	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

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THE LEAGUE

Avon Insurance Combination Div 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Arsenal	26	17	7	2	62	19	58	+43
Charlton Athletic	22	16	4	2	55	11	52	+44
Tottenham H.	23	15	5	3	47	20	50	+27
Norwich City	28	11	9	8	35	37	42	-02
Oxford United	27	10	8	9	39	50	38	-11
Southampton	24	9	9	6	41	30	36	+11
Q.P.R.	27	9	9	9	41	35	36	+06
Wimbledon	26	10	6	10	32	29	36	+03
Millwall	26	10	5	11	30	35	35	-05
Crystal Palace	25	11	1	13	34	35	34	-01
Portsmouth	25	9	6	10	34	34	33	00
Ipswich Town	24	8	7	9	36	45	31	-09
Chelsea	27	7	9	11	36	47	30	-10
Luton Town	24	7	7	10	31	34	28	-03
SWINDON TOWN	26	7	3	16	38	51	24	-13
Watford	23	5	8	10	24	41	23	-17
West Ham United	24	5	6	13	26	45	21	-19
Brighton & H.A.	22	1	6	15	18	62	9	-44



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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 1-3
SAT	FEB 14	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 0-4
Sat	Feb 21	Wycombe Wndrs.	A 0-1
SAT	FEB 28	WIMBLEDON	H 1-0
SAT	MAR 07	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H P-P
Sat	Mar 14	Oxford United	A p-p
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 0-2
Feb 14	Swansea City	A 0-2
Feb 21	Yeovil Town	A 0-1
FEB 28	TORQUAY UNITED	H PP
Mar 07	AFC Newport	A
MAR 14	BASHLEY	H 3-2

Home fixtures kick-off at 11.00am - and Wednesday fixtures kick-off at 2.00pm. At the Nationwide Pavilion, Pipers Way - Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning.

south west

youth team focus



with
Tommy Wheelodon

South East Counties League

Oxford Utd Youth 1

Swindon Town Youth 3

A good all round performance from the Youth Team that saw us beat local rivals Oxford.

We could have gone 1-0 down early on if it wasn't for trialist goalkeeper Attwell making a fine save. The lad has done well, keeping us in the game when it could have gone either way.

As the first half progressed we began to take control of the game with Wayne Thorne and Phil MacDiarmid doing well in midfield. This possession told, when Alun Hughes was one on one with the keeper, slotted it past him, it hit the post and Jason Donlon followed in with a good header from the rebound to put us 1-0 up after 25 minutes.

Shortly after this we scored our second. A great move, with Frazer McHugh bombing down the line, putting a good cross into the box for Alun Hughes to head towards goal, but it deflected off of one of their defenders for an own goal.

With 35 minutes gone, 2-0 up I was delighted with the way the team were knocking the ball about. We could have scored a few more if penalty decisions had gone our way.

The half-time team talk was basically, keep playing the same football, and stay tight because we knew Oxford would come out all guns blazing for the second half.

We pushed on for a third goal and it nearly came shortly after the restart. Frazer McHugh has

hit a blistering twenty shot that has rattled off the cross bar, Alex Meechan then hit the rebound against the post for Alun Hughes to finally shoot wide.

The third goal came after good work down the left which saw Donlon lob the keeper from 25 yards for Alex Meechan to finish it off from close in.

We continued to play some lovely stuff and we could've netted a hat full with Wayne Thorne hitting the bar, Meechan hitting the post, and another penalty appeal turned down.

Unfortunately it wasn't to be clean sheet for the young trialist when Oxford scored from a corner. The cross wasn't cleared and they poked it home in the scuffle.

NEXT GAME

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES
Saturday 28th
March 1998

Brighton & HA

Kick-Off 11am

NEXT GAME

SOUTH WEST COUNTIES
Monday 23rd
March 1998

Cardiff

Kick-Off 11.00am



But we were in control. It was a local derby, and I was pleased with the lads effort and attitude. When we didn't have the ball we pressed them, when we did have it, we looked very constructive. You can't ask for more than that.

We played a 4-4-2 which is a different formation to what we usually use, and the team adapted to that very well. The two wide men McHugh and Donlon were supplying good service into the danger areas, Wayne Thorne was the exceptional player, but each and every lad did his job.

Team: Attwell, Mills, Campagna, Hodson, Davis, McHugh, Thorne, MacDiarmid, Donlon, Meechan, Hughes. Subs: Peters, Burke, Culbertson



FACT FILE...

Name: Ricky Culbertson
Date of birth: 10.8.80.
Birthplace: Ballymena, N. Ireland.
Position: Centre half / centre forward
Previous Clubs: Man Utd, Glasgow Rangers, Norwich City
International honours: Northern Ireland Youth skipper
Biggest influence on career: Family and best friend
Favourite professional player: Ally McCoist
Future aims: To become a professional footballer at any level

south east counties

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
LUTON TOWN	23	14	6	3	61	23	48	+38
BRISTOL CITY	22	14	5	3	47	27	47	+20
BRENTFORD	24	12	8	4	45	31	44	+14
WYCOMBE W.	22	9	9	4	33	21	36	+12
SOUTHAMPTON	24	10	5	9	50	46	35	+04
WIMBLEDON	22	10	3	9	40	40	33	00
OXFORD UNITED	23	10	3	10	43	51	33	-08
COLCHESTER UTD	23	8	8	7	36	33	32	+03
SWINDON TOWN	21	9	2	10	32	34	29	-02
BARNET	26	7	7	12	43	52	28	-09
BRISTOL ROVERS	24	7	5	12	44	47	26	-03
READING	22	7	5	10	31	37	26	-06
BOURNEMOUTH	25	6	8	11	34	50	26	-16
TOTTENHAM H.	23	6	4	13	27	44	22	-17
BRIGHTON & H.A.	22	2	6	14	22	52	12	-30

south west counties

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
PLYMOUTH	19	13	6	0	46	13	45
EXETER CITY	17	14	0	3	60	21	42
CARDIFF CITY	20	14	0	6	57	21	42
SWANSEA CITY	19	13	1	5	55	28	40
CIRENCESTER	17	11	2	4	38	23	35
TORQUAY UNITED	15	8	2	5	45	31	26
CHELtenham	18	7	3	8	29	40	24
BRISTOL CITY	18	5	3	10	23	47	18
NEWPORT A.F.C.	19	4	5	10	22	43	17
BASHLEY	19	4	3	12	27	50	15
BRISTOL ROVERS	29	5	0	15	22	56	15
YEOVIL TOWN	21	5	0	16	19	53	15
SWINDON TOWN	18	3	3	12	24	41	12

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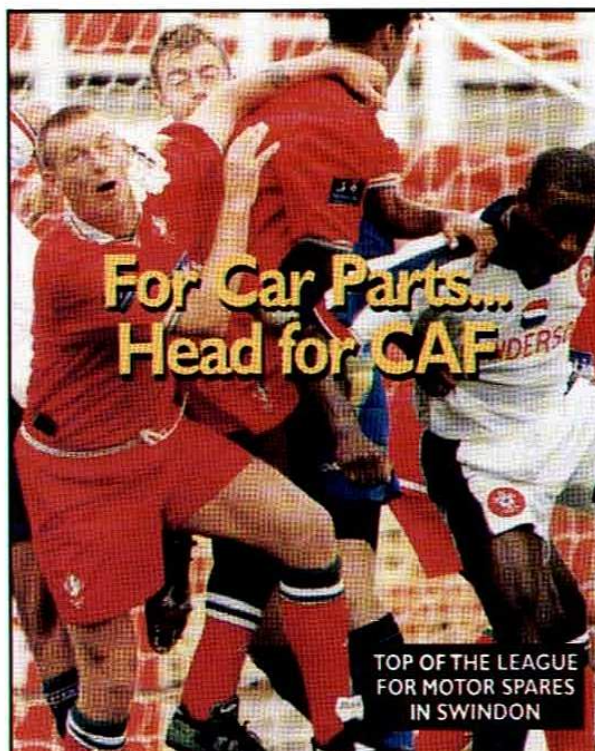
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community scheme news

with Clive & Jon

Good Evening everybody, and an especially warm welcome to Mr Mounty and his group from Trowbridge Tigers.

Lets hope you all bring us luck today and help us net three points against QPR.

Jon and I have been busy coaching in Primary Schools in Aldbourne, Pewsey and the Marlborough areas. We have been putting the children through their paces, to give them an insight into what we do on our School Funweek Courses. We have been frantically distributing all of our information in these schools to encourage the children to join our course at St. Johns School at Easter Half Term. If anybody would be interested please contact Jon or I in the Community Office for further details.

For all you local supporters and regular attenders on our courses here at the club, a quick reminder that you must get your applications back to us as soon as possible for the Easter Course here on the 7th, 8th and 9th April. Places are limited and as we always state, it is a first come first serve basis.

For any of our adult readers that may be interested in getting involved in the coaching side of things, we would be very interested in hearing from you. If you possess an FA preliminary Coaching Badge or a Leaders Certificate please contact us or Tom Jones on 01793 644777 for an informal interview.

During our last course in February, when we had a staggering 134 children attend, we ran our annual "Design A Mothers Day Card" competition sponsored by Wagon Wheels. The standard of entries was absolutely first class. Jon and I had the unenviable task of going through the piles of cards entered and pick a winner. After a great deal of deliberation, we picked the overall winner who was Ryan McCarthy aged 5. Ryan's Mum receives a bouquet of flowers today which will be presented to her on the pitch before the kick-off.

Well done Ryan, we bet your Mum is really proud of you. Also a big well done to all you people who entered and made the competition so enjoyable.

Well until the next time! Best wishes Clive and Jon.



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You will have to excuse the fact that we've had a game since then, but what a day we had at QPR!!!

We set off on the Junior Robin coach in nervously high spirits, and made good time until we got to the stand-still in London. James Parsons was the lucky mascot for the day and George Chadwick and myself took him to meet the other mascots and go on a tour of the QPR ground. And what a lucky mascot he turned out to be!

I have to admit my heart sank when QPR scored that first goal and I peered through fingers as Mark took the penalty - I was a nervous wreck! Things got rather heated at this point as Fraser got sent off, we just couldn't believe it, but when Iffy scored the second goal the barmy army went wild and both George and Iffy ran to the Swindon supporters.

It was a long second half, made even longer by the extra 5 mins at the end! but we did it and

what a way to welcome Iffy to our megga Swindon Town Team!

So if you don't want to miss the next one get on the phone to me and book your seat for the **Birmingham** game on Saturday April 18th. Tickets are £13 for adults and £8 for Juniors and my number is **01793 532121**.

Had any ideas on your name? Just think, you could be the one to rename the Junior Robins, and what a prize. It could Fraser's Gloves, Ty's socks or Iffy's shirt signed and framed. So get those ideas into me as soon as possible.

Ross's Reserves will be playing again Wednesday 25th March, so put it in your dairy and get yourselves to the County Ground. It's free to you and only you so get down to the Ground and watch some megga football.

mascots...mascots...

Today's mascots



Gareth Little

Our mascot for today is 10 year old Gareth Little. Gareth attends Ferndale Junior School and likes Football and Rollerblading. His favourite player is Chris Hay.

Samuel Angell

is the Stockport mascot for today. He is 8 years old and attends Fittleworth First School in West Sussex. Samuel likes playing football, Cricket and Horse Riding and his favourite players are Brett Angell, Teddy Sheringham and Peter Schmeichel.



Welcome to the County Ground this afternoon boys, have a wonderful time.



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Last weekend the under 13's, under 14's and under 15's were all in action last weekend against the respective Reading Teams.

The under 13's went 1-0 down to our local rivals. It was a very close game, the boys did well but we didn't take our chances. Our boys missed a penalty to square the game, but looking on the positive side it was a good showing by the team.

The under 14's put on a great showing, away from home, against a strong Reading side. We've been looking to strengthen this group of lads over the past few months and I think we're starting to slowly get there. They knocked the ball about quite well and worked hard, putting in plenty of commitment. This team have been entered for the Milk Cup in July, so it needs to be up to scratch if there going to be representing STFC in this prestigious event.

The under 15's continued won 3-2 at home. Goals



Phil Cannon

came from Les Bishop, Adam Collier and Alan Young getting the all important winning goal.

Again, a good performance by the boys who were determined to win and it showed. This group have come on well recently we hope their progress will continue as the season moves on.

This weekend we entertain Southampton's under 13's and under 14's at the BR Ground. Kick-off is 11am on Sunday 22nd March 1998. Anyone is welcome to attend, it is always nice for the kids to get plenty of support.

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Swindon Town v
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(3pm) Home



Sat 11th Apr
Oxford Utd v
Swindon Town
(3pm) Away

The Oxford match will be all ticket game. Ticket prices as follows: Terrace: Adults £10 Cons £6, 1,500 terrace tickets available. Seats: Adults £13 Cons £9, 400 seats available.



Mon 13th Apr
Swindon Town v
Sheffield United
(3pm) Home



Sat 18th Apr
Birmingham City
v Swindon Town
(3pm) Away

Birmingham are still unsure which part of the ground to allocate us at the present time. Either the paddock area 800 seats in advance prices at £14. Or the upper tier priced at £16 payable on the day. Unfortunately Birmingham do not offer concession prices.



Sat 25th Apr
Norwich City v
Swindon Town
(3pm) Away

500 seats available in advance. Adults prices at £12 Cons £7.



Sun 3rd May
Swindon Town v
Sunderland
(13.30pm) Home

The last game of the season against Sunderland on Sunday May 3rd 1.30pm Kick-Off is an all ticket match.

So all supporters wishing to attend this game will need to get their tickets in advance from the Advanced Ticket Office.

DON'T MISS OUT!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to games being televised all games on the last day of the season in Division One will kick-off at 1.30pm. Please also remember, this is an all ticket game so buy your ticket early- they're on sale now!

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on the road... travel...



Oxford United
Saturday April 11th
Kick-Off 3.00pm

Lets hope we can do the double over our local rivals! With the end of the season drawing near here is your chance to follow the Town away and give them your support.

THIS GAME HAS NOW BEEN MADE AN ALL TICKET MATCH.



Going to Birmingham...
Saturday April 18th
Kick-Off 3.00pm

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Toothill School, Swindon

Finetime German Night Launch

To Launch the new Finetime Club that will be providing nights 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 01793 532121

in & around the county ground

A Journey back to the 70's

Half time entertainment is provided by Lionel Vinyl, the 70's character from Cairo's Nightclub.

He will be getting on down with the Robinettes and then doing his own version of the Village People song YMCA called STFC- SO YOU'VE ALL GOT TO JOIN IN!!!

The Friday Club

If you want to increase the client base of your company, and have an entertaining lunch, why not join the Swindon Town Football Club Friday Lunch Club. See Marketing Page for details.

The first lunch is on Friday 3rd April 1998. The guest speaker is Steve Sutherland from the Football League, with an additional presentation by our programme designers PIA.

Happy 40th Birthday

Pictured below is Mr Chick celebrating his 40th birthday. It was made extra special by getting a surprise meeting with Swindon boss Steve McMahon.

Mr Chick is an avid Swindon fan whose birthday treat was set up by his wife Shirley.



Fans Meet the Boss

The picture below shows Chris Moore, his two sons Robert and Andrew and their friend Darren Hesketh.

They are all Town fans who got the chance to meet Steve McMahon and be presented with a signed ball before our game against Manchester City.



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by Dave Hollister



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WHEN ALL YOU WANT IS EVERYTHING

What is pressure?

I ask that question because I am about to blame it - in respect of meeting deadlines - for not having Wednesday evenings half-time draw winners details occupying this space. But surely that would be an abuse of the English Language.

Pressure has to be, above all else, struggling to survive. But I cannot recall the local media producing a banner headline that screamed out **"Promotions Office Fails To Meet Programme Deadline."** In fact, if I did not admit to it, no-one would be any the wiser! Nonetheless, let's give some thought to those who have been under pressure in recent weeks. The players for instance have been under pressure from the moment they pull on the red shirts. Steve McMahon faces it from the first time his phone rings when he enters his office on a Monday morning. It is not self-inflicted. It is

perpetrated by outside influences...in these cases by the press and the public. But why should it be? The guy who has a bad day in the office or factory doesn't get phone calls about it or bad write-ups in the press. **"Hang on,"** I hear you cry, **"it's different when you are in the public eye!"** Why is it? If anyone is giving everything they've got to their task, doing the best they can with available resources, why should they be put under pressure by others?

When Fraser Digby was cruelly sent off at QPR last Saturday, the true meaning of pressure was brought to bear. But what happened? The fans cast aside any negative ideas they may have had and became 100% supportive. Their wonderful warmth and encouragement lifted the players to almost unattainable heights as they produced a faultless

performance. Can you think of any better reason why, this afternoon and for the rest of the season, this blending of passion and belief is not our obligation to each other?

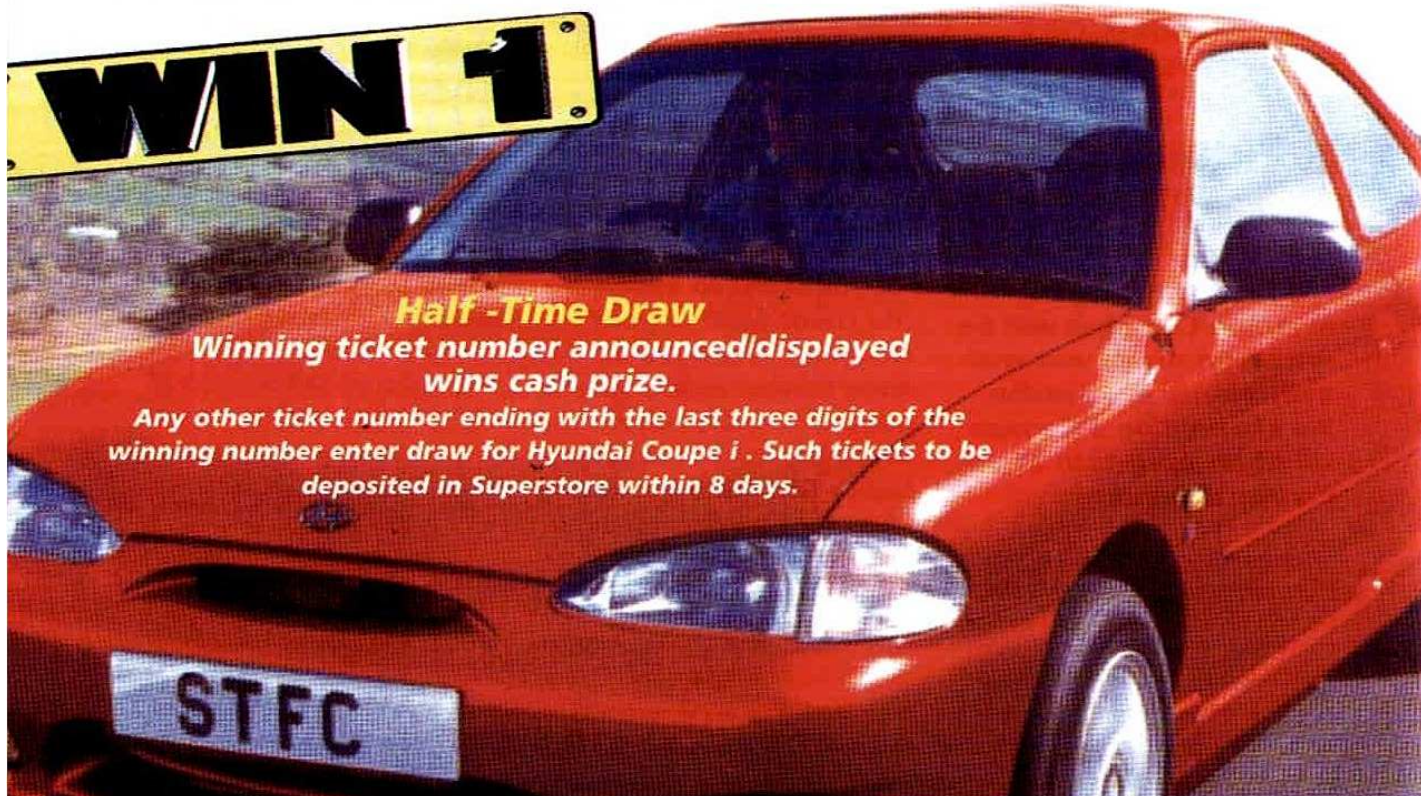
The answer to the **"Who am I?"** poser in the Pompey programme was Nat Lofthouse. The first correct answer drawn was sent in by Harvey Thomas of Savernake Street, Swindon. A signed football awaits you at the promotions office, Harvey congratulations. Here is today's version. **"I am referred to as the architect of Real Madrids domination of European football in the late 50's and early 60's. We won the European Cup five years in succession and I scored in every final including a hat-trick in 1960."** Answers by Friday 27th March please for another signed ball.



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from the press box

By Gary Tate
ComTel
Communications with Vision

Can I welcome the players, management and supporters of Stockport County to the County Ground. The side has really done well since returning to Division One after 60 years and I wish them well for the future.

I fondly remember their last visit here when Swindon collected the Division Two Championship trophy. The game itself was a non-event but the celebrations after the match were something to behold, with the trophy held aloft and paraded around the ground. Being the last game of the season the majority of promotion and relegation battles that year had already been decided. This season is very much different so I thought I would share my thoughts on who will be moving from one Division to another by what ever means.

The Premiership looked to be going Manchester United's way a few weeks ago but with the battle hotting up between the lads from Old Trafford and Arsenal I'm not going to stick my neck out and tip the Gunners to just pip Ferguson's boys to the title. As for the foot of the table Palace look certain for the drop and with Barnsley carving out results in recent weeks Bolton and Tottenham look set to join them.

Forest and Middlesbrough look ready for an immediate return to the big time and I think Ipswich will join them via the play-offs. The drop into Division Two is more difficult to predict! Stoke City look likely contenders along, dare I say it, with Manchester City and Port Vale.

Local rivals Bristol City and Watford have led Division Two all season so there won't be any

shocks when they move up a Division and watch out for Northampton in the play-offs. What a mouth watering prospect next season!!! Tottenham Hotspur versus Northampton Town.

As for relegations, perm any from nine sides with Southend, Brunley, Caslisle and Luton Town my choice.

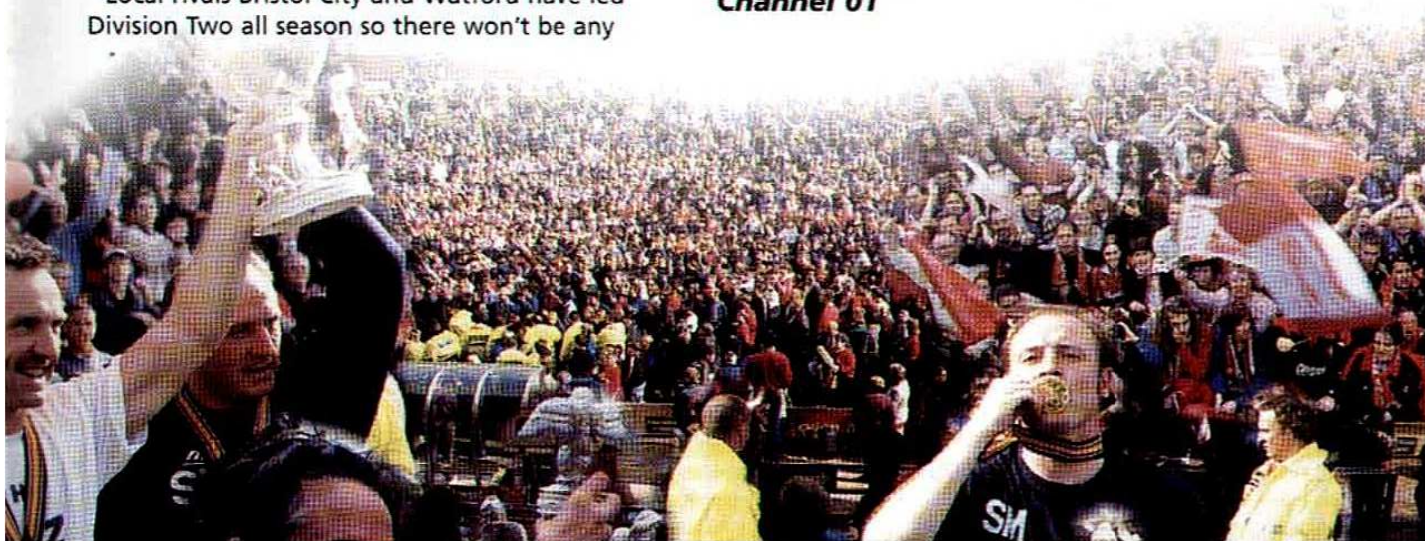
Coming up from Division Three Notts County must be odds-on favourites with the possibility of breaking the Town's record of 102 points in a season, way back in 1985/86. Torquay United along with newcomers Macclesfield could join them with Lincoln City coming through the play-offs. Sadly for Doncaster Rovers there is no hope of them remaining in the League but who will replace them? I'm into fantasy football and hope Halifax Town regain their league status by winning the Vauxhall conference.

Whatever happens you can rest assured both Swindon Town and Stockport County will be doing battle again next season in Division One. Enjoy today's game and here's hoping for the right result for Town, a 4-2 reversal would be nice!

Gary Tate reports on Swindon Town for Swindon's local channel.

You can hear his views on Monday nights result roundup and Friday's Weekend Preview every week.

Programme times are 5pm, 6.45pm, 7.45pm, 9.45pm and 11.45pm on Comtel, Channel 01



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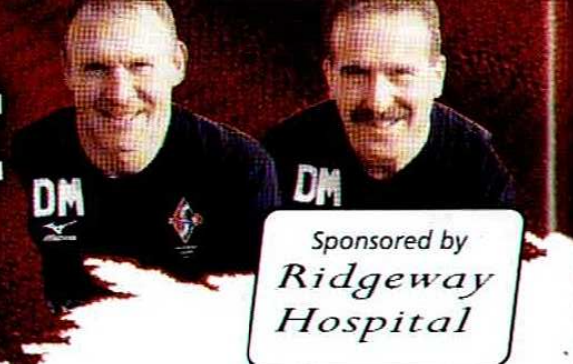
Annual Membership is £25.00, with an additional cost of £12.50 each time you attend a Luncheon. If you want to join then please call Richard Mackey in the Marketing Department on **01793 532121**.

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As this programme goes to print we're in the position of having four players injured: Seagraves, King, Talia and Culverhouse.

"Cully" will hopefully get the all clear from the specialist and will resume the training with the rest of the squad next week after overcoming his ankle injury. He has worked very hard over the last few weeks to get his fitness back and recover, so he can break back into the squad. Seagraves, after a frustrating calf injury, should also resume training next week.

Phil King is working hard to recovery from a niggling ankle injury while Frank Talia continues to be frustrated by the recurrence of his knee injury.



New Approaches:

Despite always looking for new and interesting methods of treatment and training, sometimes the old fashioned ways are the best. For example, we will always encourage a "culture of running" at Swindon Town FC.

If you live in the town centre you will often see small groups of players running medium to long distances. It has never been the most popular form of training with the lads but it is still one of the best. We often take the team up Lawn Woods to do some gruelling hill work and lapping. On the sloped gradient, we can maximise the heart rate and improve stamina which are both important for a player's ninety minutes.

the shadowboard

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Charlton Heights, Wantage

Toothill School, Swindon

Lets hope for a great game and three points to move back into the top half of the table. Lets also hope that our young fans enjoy a super day at the Club today and come back for more Swindon action. And kids - please bring your friends!!

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



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What A Win at Loftus Road. Iffy Onuora making a scoring debut following his £12,000 transfer from Gillingham and former QPR centre-back Alan McDonald putting on a super show in goal after the ludicrous sending-off of Fraser Digby.

It makes you wonder what this game is coming to when your goalkeeper is sent-off for handling the ball. I mean, surely that is what he is supposed to do isn't it?

Referee Alan Butler didn't agree, he judged that Fraser was outside his area yet all the players, and that includes those of **QPR** who were in the area or close by, agreed that Fraser was inside the 18-yard line.

The thing is if it is such a close call as that, and there is no deliberate intention by the goalkeeper to bend the rules, then surely the referee should call upon his own grey-matter and common sense rather than reach for the red card.

You know, I do believe many whistlers often lose the plot. They forget we are in the entertainment business and that the fans who pay big money these days to watch their teams in action want to see a fair contest between 22 men.

Of course the red card is needed to control players who persistently infringe the rules and for those who intimidate with violence. But come on let's not destroy the fabric of the game, which still is remember a physical contact sport, by ruling by the card instead of the head.

I'm not sure whether it is the game's governing bodies or the referees themselves who should be brought to book but most definitely the matter needs to be addressed and quickly.

Not only is every team in the country crippled by the loss of injured players but by the added dimension of suspensions. Yes we are seeing more yellow cards than ever before in a game that is about as clean as it has ever been and those factors do not add up.

The trouble is referees have been told to play it strictly by the book. It's either black or white, there is no room for grey. But football is not like that. The very nature of a contest that has one man with a

from the Colin Benson sidelines

ball and another trying to get it off him means that there is bound to be physical contact somewhere along the road and the inevitable miss-times tackles. But not every one deserves a yellow card.

I have no problem with outlawing the tackle from behind or with the concept that creative players should be protected from the hatchet men. But for pit's sake let's have some feeling about the game. We need referees who can tune in, empathise with the players, and control games, not by the book, but through understanding and feeling.

Anyway, the upshot of it all at Loftus Road was we were left without a goalie and 70 minutes to play. In stepped big All to put in the gloves and a five-star performance to maintain a clean-sheet. Indeed, as the game progressed so his confidence grew and in the end he was looking as dominant as his former Rangers colleague David Seaman and the great England men who preceded him like Chris Woods and Phil Parkes.

Yes, they know their goalkeepers at Loftus Road and the crowd's appreciation of Alan's contribution said it all. Actually, that sending-off incident possibly worked in our favour. The sense of injustice seemed to galvanise the lads into a determined frame of mind. The fighting spirit of the underdog came through vividly and if we can repeat that determination this afternoon then look out **Stockport**.

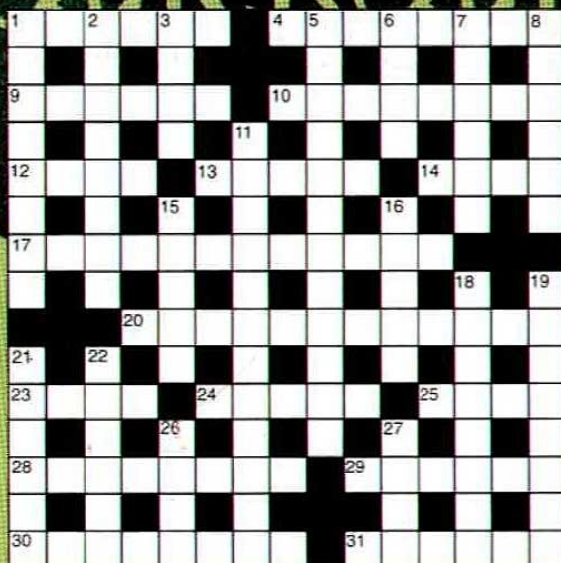
While on the subject of goalkeeping one has to say that Alan's performance between the sticks last Saturday compared favourably with that of **Manchester United's** Danish international custodian. I wonder what you made of Peter Schmeichel's indiscipline in the 1-0 defeat by **Arsenal** at Old Trafford on Saturday morning?

Perhaps that was the trouble. It might well have been too early - he was probably sleep-walking when he went careering up to the **Arsenal** penalty area. We know he believes he's Peter the Great, but what has he doing up there? If Bergkamp had had the energy to hit a long ball he could have made it 2-0 to the **Gunners**.

As it is, not only did **Man Utd** lose a very important game to their nearest rivals in the Premiership race but they also lost Schmeichel's services for several weeks when he crocked himself trying to tackle. Talk about self-inflicted wounds it really was a truly amateurish move that could cost United dearly.



Ifem Onuora with his new boss Steve McMahon



clues across...

1. In goal is a mix-up for this David (6)
4. Columbian missed by Newcastle fans (8)
9. The Grecians (6)
10. They play at Links Park (8)
12. Kit merchandisers (4)
13. Spurs boss (5)
14. George who lived up to his name (4)
17. All matches start here (6-6)
20. Supporters of village teams (12)
23. They are at home at Easter Road (4)
24. Goalie retains anything he finds? (5)
25. McCoist never goes down a blind one (4-4)
28. World Cup Final could be one (4-4)
29. Hits the target for Arsenal? (6)
30. One of many at Southern Utd (8)
31. All clubs long to be these (6)

clues down...

1. Always ahead of Moreton (8)
2. All-time Holland great (8)
3. They play in the Vauxhall Conference (4)
5. Smaller clubs need these to survive (12)
6. Struggling teams get in these (4)
7. A free kick is often this (6)
8. Players make no secret of theirs (6)
11. Friendly matches allow teams to (8-4)
15. Goals are often scored on one (5)
16. Often responsible for a booking (5)
18. He appears regularly in Match of the Day (3-5)
19. Wingers do this to get ahead (3-5)
21. They run around at Gay Meadow (6)
22. Striker who takes his shirt off when scoring? (1-5)
26. Good football relies on this spirit (4)
27. Welsh striker found in Peru shanty (4)

answers across...

1. GINOLA, 4. ASPILLA, 9. EXETER, 10. MONTROSE, 12. NIKE, 13. GROSS, 14. BEST, 17. CENTRE CIRCLE, 20. PARISHIONERS, 23. HIBBS, 24. KEEPS, 25. ALLY, 28. EUROEPIC, 29. GUNNER, 30. SHRIMPER, 31. CHAMPS.

answers down...

1. GREENOCK, 2. NEESKENS, 3. LEEK, 5. SPONSORSHIP, 6. RUTS, 7. LOOPED, 8. AGENTS, 11. PRACTICE LIVE, 15. BREAK, 16. ELBOW, 18. DES LYNAM, 19. USE YARDS, 21. SHREVS, 22. A BARER, 26. TEAM, 27. RUSH.

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

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Bury			Oxford United
Crewe Alexandra			Charlton Athletic
Ipswich Town			Wolves
Manchester City			Sheffield United
Middlesbrough			Norwich City
Reading			Huddersfield Town
Stoke City			Q.P.R.
Sunderland			Portsmouth
Swindon Town			Stockport County
Tranmere Rovers			Bradford City
West Bromwich Albion			Port Vale

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10 Italian players

Answers: 1. GINOLA, 2. NEESKENS, 3. LEEK, 4. ASPILLA, 5. SPONSORSHIP, 6. RUTS, 7. LOOPED, 8. AGENTS, 9. EXETER, 10. MONTROSE, 11. PRACTICE LIVE, 12. NIKE, 13. GROSS, 14. BEST, 15. BREAK, 16. ELBOW, 17. CENTRE CIRCLE, 18. DES LYNAM, 19. USE YARDS, 20. PARISHIONERS, 21. SHREVS, 22. A BARER, 23. HIBBS, 24. KEEPS, 25. ALLY, 26. TEAM, 27. RUSH, 28. EUROEPIC, 29. GUNNER, 30. SHRIMPER, 31. CHAMPS.

WHO AM I?

1. I was born in Worcester on the 12th Feb 1969. I am a combative midfield powerhouse who has also played for Huddersfield.

I once used to be a window cleaner and was scouted whilst playing for non league side Nuneaton...

2. I was born in Liverpool on the 20th Dec 1960. I made my name at Coventry as a fullback where I made over 400 League Appearances for the club. I have also enjoyed spells at Everton and Bolton Wanderers.

3. I was born in Hackney on the 3rd Jan 1974. I am a midfielder who scored my first ever football League goal against Southend in the season of 1996/7. I enjoyed four years at White Hart Lane at the beginning of my career.

4. I was born in Rochdale on 21st Nov 1968. I am best known for being a defender although I have played in various other positions as well. I began my career at West Brom, and have also played for Barnsley and Newcastle. I scored my first goal for my present club against Stoke City earlier this season.

ANSWERS.....
1. MARK ROBINSON
2. BRIAN ROBSON
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4. PAVEL SUTLOV



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Last game: Ty Gooden

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Last game: Celtic

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swindon town ladies

by Roger Reeves

the Town Ladies went back to the top of the Southern Region Premier Division with a five goals to two victory at Southampton.

Leanne Taylor put the Town ahead in the fifth when she latched onto Pam Laker's through ball. In the 26th minute Southampton drew level but within a minute Nadine Lloyd had put the Town ahead again. Nadine Lloyd added another before the interval.

Ashley Wiseman scored a fourth for the Town before Leanne Taylor took the Town's tally to five. Southampton scored a second three minutes from time. This was a good allround team performance with the Town playing some neat passing football.

The Town have nine players selected for the Wiltshire County squad to face Somerset in the South West Counties Championship. Ashley Wiseman, Clare Wheeler, Pam Laker, Leanne Taylor, Nadine Lloyd, Kim Reeves, Netti Wyness, Kerie Garwood and Adelle Taylor have all been called up. In the previous game Wiltshire beat Gloucestershire seven one with the Town's Nadine Lloyd getting a first half hat trick.

Tomorrow the Town entertain Oxford United in the Quarter Final of the League Cup. The Town have beaten the "Us" twice in the league; winning two one away and two weeks ago, four three at home. Both games were evenly contested, as should be tomorrow's cup tie. The match will be played on the County Ground Extension and Kick Off at 2-00pm, so come along and give the girls some support.

Southern Region League Premier Division.

Southampton 2 Swindon Town 5

Team : Jo Sharpe: Adelle Taylor, Clare Wheeler, Netti Wyness, Clare Tyson, Ashley Wiseman, Kim Reeves, Pam Laker, Tracy Mackeddie, Nadine Lloyd, Leanne Taylor.

Subs Used - Kerie Garwood

Not Used - Sara Privett & Vikki McCann

Scorers: Nadine Lloyd (2), Leanne Taylor (2) & Ashley Wiseman
eddie & Adelle Taylor

Photo - Pam Laker, who found the net in the match at Cheltenham.



APPEARANCES

	APPS	GOALS
SHARON BLACK	16(2)	1
KERIE GARWOOD	9(7)	6
PAM LAKER	19	8
NADINE LLOYD	19	21
TRACEY MACKEDDIE	16(2)	5
VIKKI MCCANN	4(2)	-
KIM REEVES	19	14
SARAH RICHARDSON	(5)	-
JO SHARPE	20	-
ADELLE TAYLOR	10(5)	-
LEANNE TAYLOR	20	21
CLARE TYSON	17(1)	1
CLARE WHEELER	14(3)	-
CLAIRE WHITE	(1)	-
ASHLEY WISEMAN	19	6
NETTI WYNESS	18	2

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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 (FA CUP R3)	11-0
Sun 14th Dec	Oxford United	2-1
Sun 25th Jan	BRACKNELL TOWN (LC 2nd)	mark over
SUN 1ST FEB	READING ROYALS	1-2
Sun 8th Feb	Portsmouth	2-1
Sun 22nd Feb	Cheltenham	1-2
SUN 8TH MAR	OXFORD UNITED	4-3
Sun 15th Mar	Southampton	5-2
SUN 22ND MAR	OXFORD UNITED (LC 3rd)	H
TBA	Swindon Spitfires	A
	SWINDON SPITFIRES	H
	Binfield	A

THE LEAGUE

Southern Region League Premier Division 1997-98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	17	13	0	4	70	30	39
Reading Royals	13	12	1	0	59	9	37
Cheltenham	18	11	3	4	47	23	36
Southampton	15	8	1	6	41	35	25
Oxford United	18	7	3	8	31	33	24
Portsmouth	14	6	2	6	24	22	20
Southampton Saints	19	6	2	11	32	46	20
Swindon Spitfires	13	5	4	4	24	31	19
Binfield	15	4	2	9	16	33	14
Launton	16	3	3	10	23	56	12
Havant Town	15	1	1	14	12	61	4

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Sunday 22th March 1998

Oxford United
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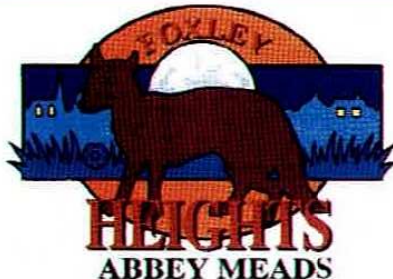
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The nationwide Football League Championship is far from settled as too is the relegation issues while there is even more uncertainty about who will secure qualification for the playoffs. So all in all the season is still bubbling with prospects and possibilities for most clubs.

Last Saturday's brave victory at **Queens Park Rangers** certainly kept our promotion hopes alive after a dismal run. The injection of a new face and the spirit shown all-round helping stimulate a positive attitude throughout the Club.

The top two automatic promotion places are out of reach now but there is a great opportunity for us to squeeze back into the top six and thus win the right to contest the playoffs. It is all about getting our act together again and reproducing the form that took us to the top in the early stages of this campaign.

And it really is in our own hands because, starting with **Wolves** last Wednesday, the majority of our remaining fixtures are against clubs who stand between us and the top six places. Thus the onus is on us to beat the likes of **Stockport County**, who are ninth with 54 points, and not only hoist ourselves up a rung or two but drag them back.

Consequently the games against **Stockport, Charlton, Sheffield United, Birmingham City** and **Sunderland** are more like six pointers to us.

The match of the day this afternoon is undoubtedly **Birmingham City v Forest**.

A draw will be good enough to keep **Forest** top of the table but it would suit our cause better if they could take all three points.

Evidence points to a low scoring draw here for the Blues have netted fewer goals in front of their own fans than any other side in the top nine. **Forest** are the lowest scoring side away in the top seven.



By Colin Benson

As **Middlesbrough** do not play until tomorrow - when they should beat **Norwich City** at the Cellnet, **Sunderland** have the chance to join them tonight in joint second place on 61 points. On paper it would seem a formality from a home game against lowly **Portsmouth** but the Pompey chimes are beginning to peel out in joy once again as new manager Alan Ball rings the changes.

"**Bally**" has lifted Pompey five rungs up the relegation ladder and last week's goalless draw with **Middlesbrough** stretched their unbeaten run, under him, to seven games. They could have won it too had former Town play-maker Alan McLoughlin not fluffed a penalty.

Nothing but maximum points will satisfy **Charlton** at **Crewe**, the only side besides **Man City** to lose 10 games at home this season, but there will be no predictions for **Ipswich Town**, who extended their unbeaten run to 14 games with the 1-0

win at **Stockport**, as they play hosts to **Wolves**.

Ipswich are the in-form team in the Division and with strikers of the calibre of David Johnson - he netted his 25th goal at **Stockport** - and Alex Mathie in attack are a handful for any side. But **Wolves**, though blowing hot and cold, can never be disregarded though their away record is nothing like as impressive as it was last season.

Sheffield United's 4-0 win over Reading last week suggested that the **Blades** are back to their sharpest yet the score line belies the truth of a rather shoddy performance. The Bramall Lane outfit remain, in my opinion, the most likely to drop out of the top six having sold Jan Aage Fjortoft and uncle Tom Copley and all...They are away to **Manchester City** this afternoon where anything but a win will be seen as failure.

You know **West Brom** have not won at home since Denis Smith was appointed manager on Christmas Eve. Well they won't get a much better chance than this afternoon when they play host to a **Port Vale** side that has lost 11 on the road and conceded 32 goals.

Our hopes are with John Rudge's team and for John Aldridge whose **Tranmere Rovers** take on **Bradford City**. It would also be nice if Chris Kamara's **Stoke** would overcome **QPR**. Nothing personal you understand it would just strengthen our position.

Finally, **Bury v Oxford** pits two sides together who have lost only one of their last six games. Indeed both figure in the top five on current form with three wins and two draws each. *Has to be a draw!*



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with Mark Seagraves

If the last few weeks have taught us anything, it is that football can be the best game in the world one day and the worst game the next.

After a gut wrenching loss to Portsmouth in the dying seconds of the game the lads came back to pick themselves up and get a great win at Loftus Road against QPR.

On the back of this we all pushed to get a result against Wolves, but after throwing everything at the goal bar the kitchen sink all we get is a draw.

But the lads will continue to battle in every game and I'm sure we'll get a break soon.

Iffy Onuora has been a big part of our change in form he's helped us hold up the ball in the

oppositions half and also win balls in the air.

But let us not forget David Kerslake, in two games he has already shown us what a class act he is, getting down the by-line and whipping in quick crosses.

the captain's comment

Looking back at the game you could see the importance of the two new signings, but it was the all round team effort that was so pleasing. There was not a single player who didn't want it on Wednesday, epitomised by the battling work of Collins and Bullock.

The win at QPR was a great relief and changed the



atmosphere a bit at the club. Before, we were working hard but getting nothing from it, now we feel we have turned the corner and can't wait for the next game to come around to improve on our last display.

Looking at today's fixture you realise that it will be another difficult affair. When you're Stockport County and chasing the play-offs, every point is precious and you'll do anything to win. But we're also in no mind to give up any points with there still being a chance we could make the play-offs.

So lets get behind lads, like you did against Wolves, and go for an important home victory.

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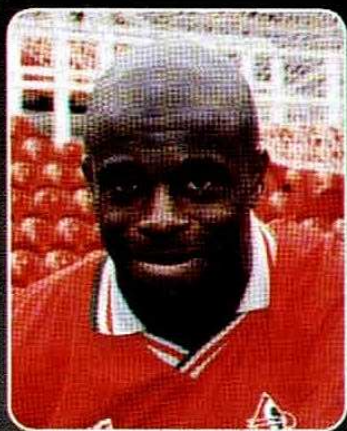
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Name: Ifem Onuora
Date of birth: 28/7/67.
Place of birth: Glasgow.

School years

Secondary school attended:
Sacred Heart, Liverpool
Best subject at school: English
Worst subject at school: Maths
Football team supported at school: Everton
Football hero as a schoolboy: Cyril Regis

Favourite football position at school: Striker

Career taken up if not football: Journalism

First match ever seen:
Everton Vs Sheffield Utd
At what age did you first attend matches:
9 years of age.

Now

Favourite other sport:
Boxing
Biggest influence on career:
Ewan Hand
(ex-Huddersfield Manager)
Best match ever seen
(Live or TV): Inter Milan
Vs Barcelona
Favourite football expert:
Andy Grey.
Favourite country to watch:
Brazil.

Highlight of career so far:
Signing for Swindon Town
Biggest disappointment:
I've lost in the
play-offs twice.
Choice Opponents in a
cup tie: Man Utd at
Old Trafford

close-up profit Ifem Onuora

Ifem Onuora, or "Iffy" got off to a dream start in his first game for Swindon by scoring a brilliant diving header that gave us the three points against QPR.

"I was delighted to score on my debut" said Iffy. "More importantly we won the game and played well, that is what really counts."

But Onuora is no ordinary footballer, he came into the professional game at the late age of 21, and has a degree in Economics from Bradford University. He played semi-pro and college football while studying then signed for Huddersfield after he completed the course. So was it a difficult decision to go into the professional game?

"Not really, as soon as I was aware that a few clubs were interested, I jumped at the chance. Even when I was at college all I used to do was play football, my degree was secondary" said Iffy.

Huddersfield eventually snapped up the young graduate where Iffy spent five successful years. At this time he also bumped into Town favourite Darren Bullock.

"I really enjoyed my period at Huddersfield I scored some goals, played well in the first team with the likes of "Bully" who is still as tough now as he was then."

After proving he could play at this level Onuora moved on to

Mansfield Town where he spent a disappointing time due to injury that kept him out of action. But after getting himself fit again at the end of his second season with the club, Gillingham came in with a bid and Onuora was on the move once more.

In his first season with Second Division Gillingham, Onuora found form once again and scored 23 goals in 48 appearances.

"My time at Gillingham was great, I was back to full fitness, playing well and scoring goals. I didn't score as many goals the next season because I was often played out of position, stuck out wide."

My best position is as a striker, pushing up on the last man, winning things in the air and getting goals."

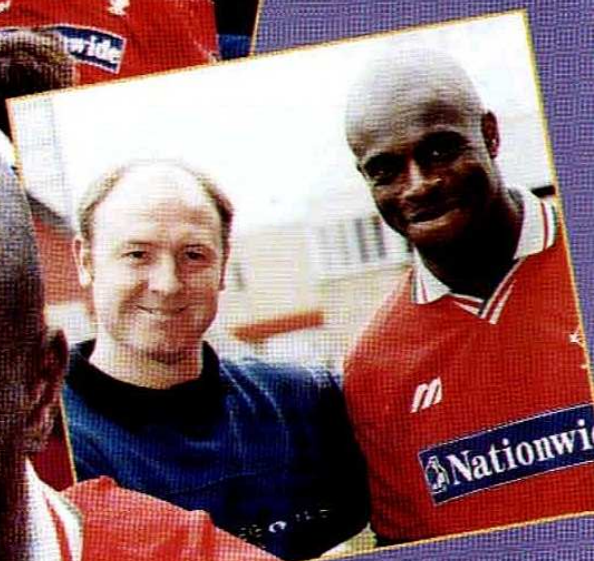
And this is exactly why Swindon boss Steve McMahon signed him on Friday 13th March 1998 on a three and a half year contract.

"I'm settling in okay, the team are a good bunch of lads and the set-up is good, I think I'll be a lot happier when my family have moved down."

It must've been hard coming straight into the first team after one day, but Iffy seems to take it in his stride.

"At least going straight in for the QPR game didn't give me time to think. There was no baggage for me about previous results, when we last won or

Ie



whatever, you just go out and play.

"And I really enjoyed it. The pace of the game was a bit quicker than what I've been used to, but it was great to be part of a big match. It was like a Boy's Own storyline when Alan McDonald had to go in goal after Fraser was sent off."

Steve McMahon signed Iffy as a target man, similar to Wayne Allison and in his first game it was clear he and George Ndah could work well off of one another.

"It was great to play with George. He has such pace and movement. I think he's been a player Swindon have missed, just as much as Allison" said Onuora.

One thing is sure, new signing Onuora is under no illusion about the task ahead of him and the rest of the team.

"This league is really tough" said Iffy. "With teams like Sunderland and Middlesbrough this season and maybe the likes of Spurs and Everton next season, the smaller club will struggle. Sunderland get gates of thirty thousand, smaller clubs like ours only get around ten thousand. That said we always have a chance. Barnsley have proven that with the right team, the right manager and the right back up you can go all the way".

**Ifem Onuora -
a positive start.**

GENERAL...

Favourite food: chicken & rice
Favourite drink: Orange Juice
Favourite comedy: Frasier
Favourite TV programme: the same
Favourite film: Pulp Fiction
Favourite film star: Rober De Niro
Favourite holiday location: New York
Favourite item of clothing: My football boots
Smartest dresser at STFC: George Ndah
Worst Dresser at STFC: Darren Bullock

statistics 1997/98 season



Stockport County



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 19.03.98

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	37	14	2	3	8	6	4	63	33	74
MIDDLESBROUGH	37	13	3	2	8	6	5	61	36	72
SUNDERLAND	37	10	6	2	10	4	5	68	39	70
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	37	12	5	1	6	4	9	69	47	63
IPSWICH TOWN	37	9	4	4	7	9	4	60	38	61
SHEFFIELD UNITED	35	13	4	1	3	9	5	54	37	61
BIRMINGHAM CITY	38	8	6	4	7	8	5	50	31	59
WOLVES	36	11	5	3	5	3	9	45	36	56
STOCKPORT COUNTY	38	12	5	2	4	1	14	60	54	54
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	38	8	5	6	6	5	8	37	43	52
BRADFORD CITY	38	9	8	2	3	6	10	38	39	50
SWINDON TOWN	39	9	4	6	5	4	11	38	58	50
OXFORD UNITED	37	9	5	4	4	3	12	50	51	47
CREWE ALEXANDRA	38	7	2	10	7	3	9	45	54	47
NORWICH CITY	38	7	8	5	4	4	10	37	57	45
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	38	8	7	5	2	6	10	43	53	43
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	38	7	4	8	4	5	10	42	57	42
BURY	38	5	9	5	3	9	7	35	46	42
PORT VALE	38	6	6	8	5	2	11	44	54	41
PORTSMOUTH	37	7	5	8	4	3	10	30	51	41
TRANMERE ROVERS	36	6	6	5	4	4	11	37	45	40
MANCHESTER CITY	38	5	4	10	5	5	9	42	46	39
READING	37	7	4	8	3	5	10	36	63	39
STOKE CITY	38	5	5	8	3	8	9	36	57	37



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First Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name	League	Cup	Total
WAYNE ALLISON	16	3	19
BRIAN BORROWS	33	0	33
DARREN BULLOCK	19(5)	0	19(5)
L.E. COLLINS	18(4)	1	19(4)
STEVE COWE	7(7)	2	9(8)
PHILIPPE CUERVO	12(6)	0	12(6)
IAN CULVERHOUSE	9(2)	0	10(2)
FREDERIC DARRAS	12(2)	0	12(2)
SOL DAVIS	(1)	0	(1)
FRASER DIGBY	31	0	31
JASON DRYSDALE	11(3)	0	11(3)
STUART ELLIOTT	7(1)	0	7(1)
STEVE FINNEY	16(7)	4	20(11)
TY GOODEN	34	2	36
CHRIS HAY	27(5)	14	41
BOBBY HOWE	9(3)	0	9(3)
ROBIN HULBERT	(1)	0	(1)
DAVID KERSLAKE	3	0	3
SCOTT LEITCH	24(1)	1	25(2)
STEVE MILDENHALL	4	0	4
ALAN McDONALD	26(5)	1	27(6)
STEVE MCMAHON	(1)	0	(1)
ALEX MEECHAN	(1)	0	(1)
GEORGE NDAH	10	1	11
IFERM ONUORA	2	1	3
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	(2)	0	(2)
MARK ROBINSON	21(1)	1	22(2)
MARK SEAGRAVES	5	0	5
ALEX SMITH	2(3)	0	2(3)
FRANK TALIA	2	0	2
CRAIG TAYLOR	25(3)	2	27(5)
MARK WALTERS	19(9)	4	23(13)
TONY WARNER	2	0	2
KEVIN WATSON	11(4)	0	11(4)

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 0-2	9,861
Tue Feb 10	Tranmere Rovers	A 0-3	5,288
Sat Feb 14	(F.A. Cup 5)		
Tue Feb 17	Port Vale	A 1-0	5,925
SAT FEB 21	MANCHESTER CITY	H 1-3	12,280
Sat Feb 28	Bury	A 0-1	5,002
SAT MAR 7	PORTSMOUTH (F.A. CUP 6)	H 0-1	9,100
Wed Mar 11	Middlesbrough	A 0-6	29,581
Sat Mar 14	Queens Park Rangers	A 2-1	13,486
WED MAR 18	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H 0-0	7,771
SAT MAR 21	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	
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
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	THOMPSON	WALTERS	FINNEY	NDAH	GOODEN	HAY(9)	COLLINS(8)	DARRAS(10)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	LEITCH	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	THOMPSON	COLLINS	FINNEY	NDAH	GOODEN	HAY(8)	DRYSDALE(2)	WALTERS
DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	LEITCH	DARRAS	MCDONALD	THOMPSON	WALTERS	HAY	NDAH	GOODEN	FINNEY(8)	COLLINS(4)	TAYLOR(5)
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(6)	CULVERHOUSE	CUERVO(7)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	CUERVO	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	GOODEN	COLLINS(8)	CULVERHOUSE	WATSON(4)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	THOMPSON	TAYLOR	COLLINS	CUERVO	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	GOODEN	COWE(7)	MCDONALD(5)	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)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	LEITCH	TAYLOR	COLLINS	CUERVO	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	GOODEN	COWE(9)	WATSON(7)	CULVERHOUSE(11)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	LEITCH	TAYLOR	COLLINS	CULVERHOUSE	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	CUERVO	COWE(9)	WATSON(7)	WALTERS(11)
DIGBY	ROBINSON	BORROWS	LEITCH	TAYLOR	COLLINS	BULLOCK	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	DRYSDALE	COWE(9)	CUERVO(11)	WALTERS(1)
MILDENHALL	ROBINSON	BORROWS	LEITCH	TAYLOR	COLLINS	BULLOCK	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	ELLIOTT	COWE(10)	MCDONALD(9)	WALTERS(11)
TALIA	ROBINSON	BORROWS	MCDONALD	TAYLOR	COLLINS	BULLOCK	HOWE	COWE	FINNEY	GOODEN	WALTERS(10)	KING	CUERVO(8)
TALIA	ROBINSON	BORROWS	LEITCH	TAYLOR	COLLINS	WALTERS	CUERVO	FINNEY	COWE	GOODEN	HAY	MCDONALD	HOWE
DIGBY	ROBINSON	BORROWS	LEITCH	TAYLOR	COLLINS	KERSLAKE	WALTERS	HAY	COWE	GOODEN	FINNEY	MCDONALD	HOWE
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BORROWS	MCDONALD	BULLOCK	COLLINS	WALTERS	LEITCH	ONUORA	NDAH	GOODEN	COWE	ELLIOTT(10)	HOWE(7)
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BORROWS	MCDONALD	BULLOCK	COLLINS	WALTERS	LEITCH	ONUORA	NDAH	GOODEN	HAY(10)	ROBINSON	CUERVO(8)

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Swindon Town

FRASER DIGBY	1
DAVID KERSLAKE	2
BRIAN BORROWS	3
ALAN McDONALD	4
DARREN BULLOCK	5
LEE COLLINS	6
MARK WALTERS	7
SCOTT LEITCH	8
IFEM ONUORA	9
GEORGE NDAH	10
TY GOODEN	11
	12
	13
	14
TEAM MANAGER STEVE McMAHON	

Stockport County

ERIC NIXON
SEAN CONNELLY
DAMON SEARLE
WAYNE PHILLIPS
MIKE FLYNN
MARTIN McINTOSH
COLIN WOODTHORPE
PAUL COOK
BRETT ANGELL
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Today's Result and Attendance

Swindon v Stockport Co.
Attendance



Referee:

D. Orr

Assisted by:



R. R. Maynard



W. A. Toms

Reserve Official:

I. Hailstone

David Orr

David is a 44 year old Civil Engineer who is married with two boys aged 16 & 13. He began Refereeing in 1979 in Lancs League and progressed to become a Football League Linesman in 1987. David then went on to become a Football League Referee in 1993. During David's refereeing career he has been a reserve referee for the 97 Auto Windscreens Shield Final between Carlisle United Vs Colchester United. His hobbies include travelling, classical music and DIY.

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