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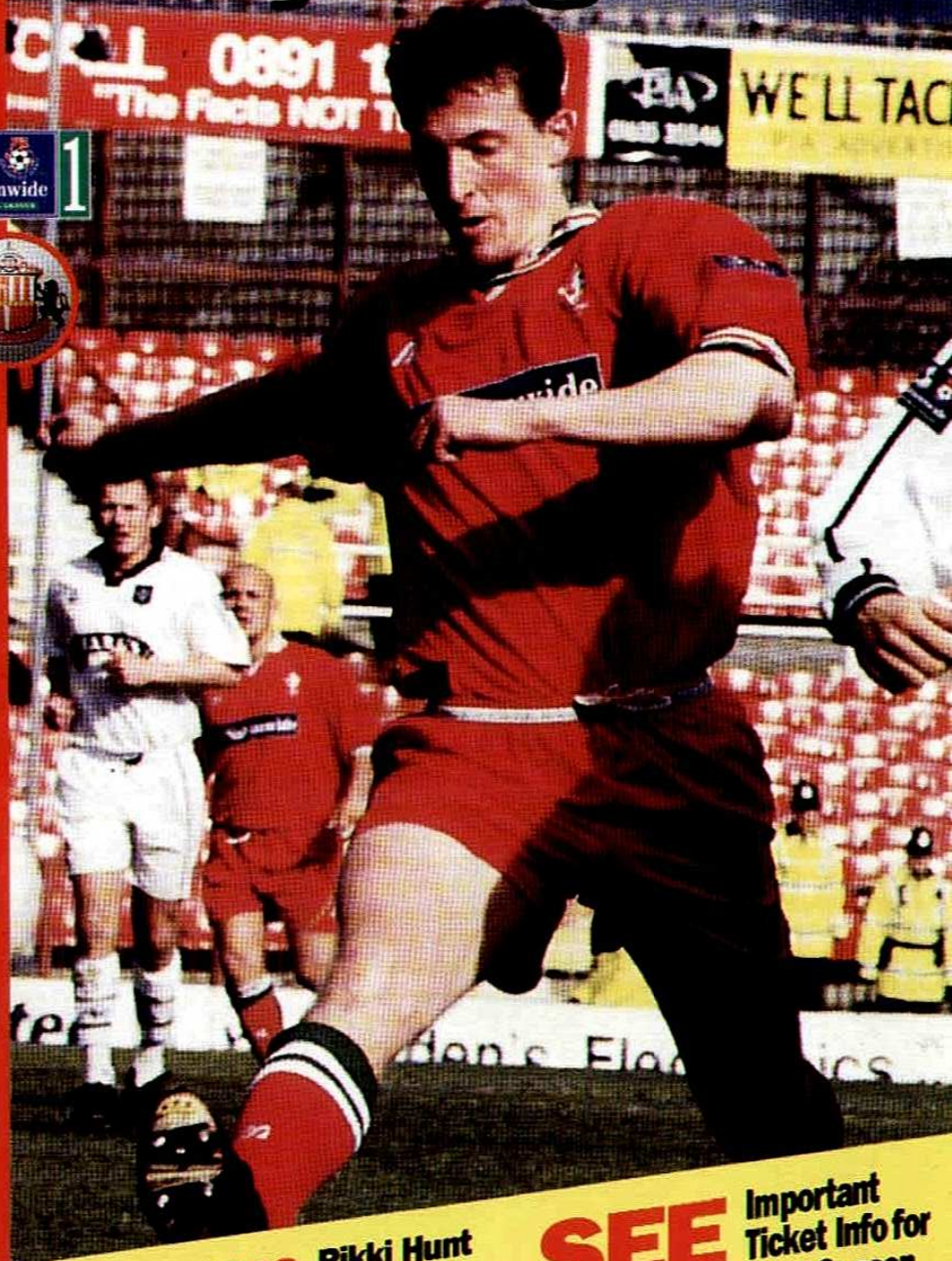
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## CHAIRMAN'S END OF SEASON MESSAGE:

### "Next Season we Must Deliver"

**As another season draws to a close you cannot help but think back to the dizzy heights of top of the League.**

Around November last year Swindon were flying high, now we languish in the bottom half of the Division, in "no-mans land" with neither the play-offs or relegation to stir the blood.

Nobody likes to say it, but that is where we are.

Half way through the season we lost the plot and we have got to do something about it- from me to each and every employee.

The time has come to deliver the goods, and this is what I believe we will do, on and off the pitch. Why else would we be bringing a whole new team to market the Club? Why else would we be bringing in new players to improve the team? It is because we believe what we're doing.

When you've got a Manager like Steve McMahon you cannot help but believe in the ultimate success of the Club. His heart and his passion are second to none, he has the ambition to take Swindon to the Premiership and I think he's the type of manager to do it.

And I know its frustrating as a fan, sat watching defeat after defeat, God knows I've felt the same but wanting to change the manager or chanting for me and Steve to leave is a backward step.

As a Club we've got to move forward with what we have, and in Steve McMahon we have a Manager who has the ability and commitment to make Swindon Town a success.

We're a small Club in terms of resources but a big Club in terms of ambition. It is this gap

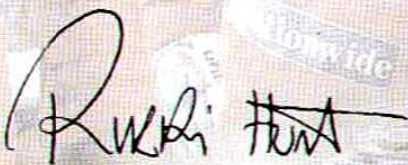
between what we have and what we want that causes frustration. In a way I'm glad fans get frustrated because it shows you have the same ambition as me: to get Swindon into the Premiership. But to achieve this what we need is time and your support.

Any Club will tell you that success is linked to the attendance figures you get, this is why we need you, the fan, to stand by us. Football stadiums across the land are at capacity week after week on the strength of a dream:

**"That maybe this season we can do it".** Come August we'll be back again, cheering on the Town and this time we'll be trying our damndest to make the dream a reality.

On behalf of us all at Swindon Town Football Club, thank you for your support throughout the season and have a great summer.

**See you in August.**



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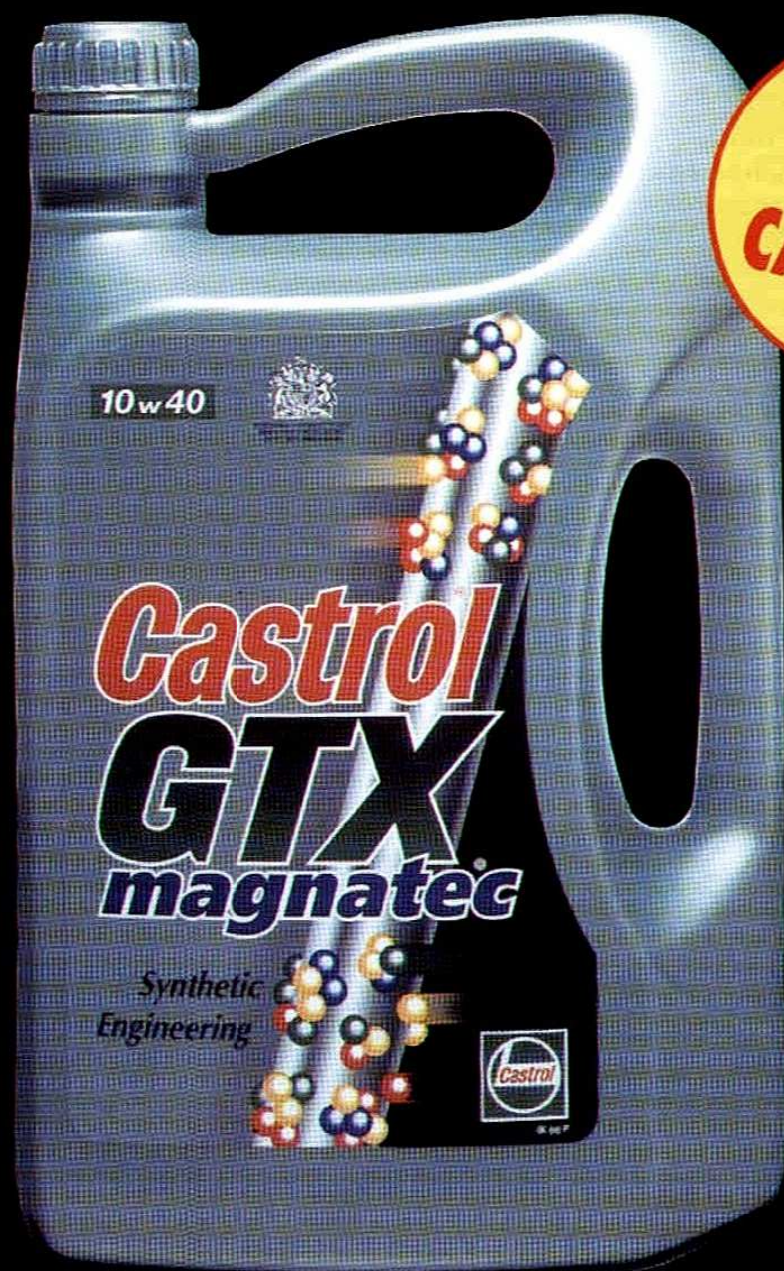
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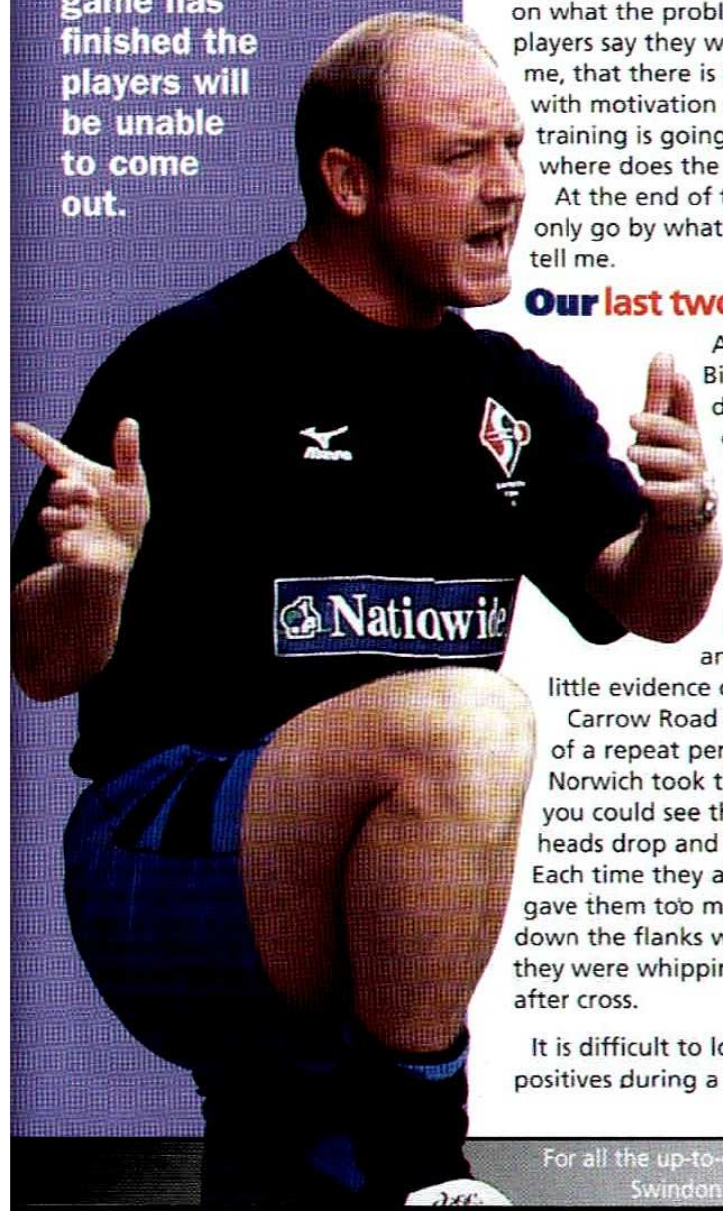


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## AT THE END OF THE MATCH

At the end of today's game the players and coaching staff of Swindon Town will come back out on to pitch and will go around the ground to say thank you for your support this season. All fans must remain in their seats while this is happening. If any person comes on to the pitch once the game has finished the players will be unable to come out.



# Steve McMahon says

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**After two poor results against Norwich and Birmingham the end of the season can't come quick enough.**

It is clear that changes need to be made and come close season I shall be looking closely at what has gone wrong and where the squad needs to be strengthened.

What is often most frustrating when things are not going are way is that I can't put my finger on what the problem is. The players say they want to play for me, that there is no problem with motivation and that training is going well, so where does the doubt rest?

At the end of the day I can only go by what the players tell me.

### Our last two Games

Against Birmingham we defended too deep and didn't create chances when we attacked. We lost our shape in midfield, and there was

little evidence of any effort.

Carrow Road was the scene of a repeat performance. Norwich took the lead and you could see the players heads drop and we folded. Each time they attacked we gave them too much time down the flanks which meant they were whipping in cross after cross.

It is difficult to look at the positives during a bad run, but I

have to salute the form of young Sol Davies. At 17 he's come into a side that isn't playing well and can take heart from two good performances. We all hope this form continues next season.

### Today's game

Today we are facing Sunderland for what is the biggest game of the season.

They've been playing well all year and have a fine Manager in Peter Reid. It is a pleasure to welcome my old friend to the County Ground today. But, whatever they may think, we will not be giving them an easy ride. We may not have as much to play for, but I certainly don't want to finish the season on a low.

What the lads need to do is put the last few games out of their mind, go out and play the game. The pressure is all on Sunderland so we have nothing to lose as the underdogs.

### It's been tough

I know this season has been tough for all concerned, and I'm as frustrated as any fan that we haven't done better. But I can sleep at night knowing I've done the best job I can with the resources available.

Our current position is not satisfactory and I will change it, but I need time to bring in some new faces. Throughout my playing career I was a winner, I hate losing and I'm not about to start making a habit of it now.

I can't change what has gone, all I can do is draw a line under the past few months, learn from it and look to the future.



today's visitors *The Rokerites*

# Sunderland

***This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and staff of Sunderland Football Club to the County Ground for our final Nationwide League Division One match of the current season.***

Peter Reid's side from the Stadium of Light have enjoyed a tremendous season so far, but defeat at fellow promotion hopefuls Ipswich on Tuesday night dented their hopes of snatching the second automatic promotion place off North East rivals Middlesbrough.

To put things into perspective, however, that turnaround at Portman Road was only Sunderland's third defeat in 33 matches - no mean record.

Their 'goals for' column - so important in the Nationwide League - is also heavily in credit. It is no coincidence that they are the Football League's highest

scorers this season. Young Kevin Phillips - a bargain buy for £700,000 from Watford during last summer - has been in blistering form up front and his double against Stoke City last weekend took his tally for the season to an impressive 30 in all competitions.

He is aided and abetted in the goalscoring department by wide midfielder Allan Johnston, the experienced ex-Arsenal and Man City front-man Niall Quinn and ex-Newcastle United player Lee Clark, who has won over the Wearside supporters with some driving performances in the midfield.

A recent addition to the side, in a bid to strengthen that forward line still further, was former England U21 striker Daniele Dichio, who returned from an unhappy spell in Italy to join the Sunderland promotion hunt in January of this year. Dichio has yet to register his first


goal for the club however.

Manager Peter Reid refused to be rattled by the shock of relegation from the Premiership last season, and he vowed to give the town's supporters something to cheer about once again in 1997/98.

He has certainly achieved that, even if that elusive second spot in the table appears to be slipping away from their grasp.

They will be without the highly-rated left-side wing-back Martin Gray today, as the player is currently serving a three-match ban after picking up a red card in the recent match against West Brom at The Hawthorns.

Steve McMahon and Peter Reid are old foes from their Liverpool and Everton days, but we're sure that Steve will be wishing his former adversary the best of luck in the upcoming Play-Off games...if they miss that second promotion spot, of course.



A group photograph of the Sunderland Football Club team and staff. The players are arranged in three rows, wearing their red and white striped home kit. The staff members are in the back row, wearing various colored jackets. The photo is set against a background of red stadium seating. Below the photo is a black banner with the text 'LAMBTON'S' in large white letters. To the left of the banner is a circular logo for 'LAMBTON'S' and to the right is the Sunderland Football Club crest. Below the banner, the text 'Sunderland Football Club' is written in white.

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# Sunderland

## Goalkeepers

### Lionel Perez

Excellent and unorthodox shot-stopper who is a cult hero on Wearside. He got his chance in the first-team thanks to a leg injury sustained by Tony Coton - and has kept his place ever since. Ever-present this season.

**Born:** Bagnois, France, 24.04.67

**Height:** 5ft 11in

**Weight:** 13st 4lb

**League record this season:** 45/0

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
96/97	Sunderland	29

**Other Goalkeepers include:**

Tony Coton, Luke Weaver.

## Defenders

### Jody Craddock

Cambridge's 'Player of the Year' for last season, Jody attracted the attention of a host of higher division clubs with some excellent displays in central defence. Powerful in the air he has been a regular in Peter Reid's backline.

**Born:** Redditch, 25.07.75

**Height:** 6ft 2in

**Weight:** 12st 2lb

**League record this season:** 31/0

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
93/94 - 96/97	Cambridge	145

### Michael Gray

Versatile left-sided player who can operate in midfield or as a wing-back. Released by Man Utd as a youngster, he moved to his hometown club and has

been a revelation. Quick and skilful, he loves to push forward. He will miss today's game through suspension, following the first red card of his career, received against West Brom recently.

**Born:** Sunderland, 03.08.74

**Height:** 5ft 7in

**Weight:** 10st 8lb

**League record this season:** 44/2

**Honours:** Div One title 1996;

Football League Rep XI

Era	Club	Games
92/93 - 96/97	Sunderland	145

### Darren Holloway

Young central defender who has broken into the Sunderland first-team this season and has been outstanding in the push for promotion.

**Born:** Bishop Auckland, 03.10.77

**Height:** 6ft 2in

**Weight:** 12st 1lb

**League record this season:** 31/0

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
95/96 - 96/97	Sunderland	-

### Chris Makin

One of several Sunderland players to have returned to British football with the club. Has great stamina and can play on either flank and in midfield.

**Born:** Manchester, 08.05.73

**Height:** 5ft 10in

**Weight:** 10st 6lb

**League record this season:** 24/0

**Honours:** England Schools,

Youth, U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
91/92 - 92/93	Oldham	-
92/93	Wigan	15
93/94 - 95/96	Oldham	94

### Richard Ord

Left-sided centre-back who

enjoyed a Testimonial season for Sunderland last term, although missed his big game with injury. Has thrived under Peter Reid and is one of the best defenders in the division.

**Born:** Easington, 03.03.69

**Height:** 6ft 2in

**Weight:** 13st 3lb

**League record this season:** 14/0

**Honours:** England U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
87/88 - 89/90	Sunderland	49
89/90	York	3
90/91 - 96/97	Sunderland	180

**Other Defenders include:**

Gareth Hall, Paul

Heckingbottom, Martin Scott.

## Midfielders

### Kevin Ball

Club captain who is a highly committed performer. Voted Player of the Year at Sunderland for 1996/97, he has adapted well to a central midfield role, having spent much of his career in defence.

**Born:** Hastings, 12.11.64

**Height:** 5ft 9in

**Weight:** 11st 6lb

**League record this season:** 30/3

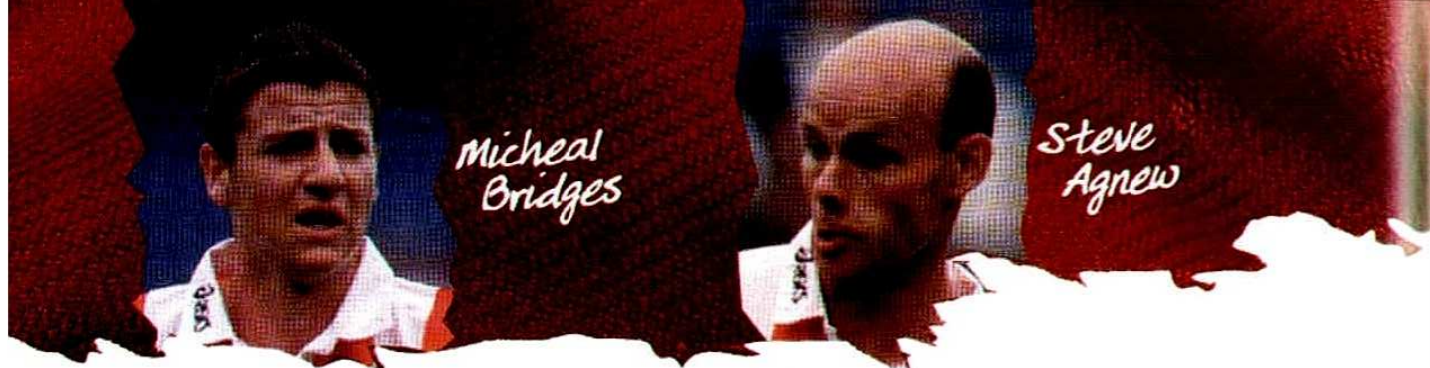
**Honours:** Div One title 1996

Era	Club	Games
83/84 - 89/90	Portsmouth	105
90/91 - 96/97	Sunderland	255

### Lee Clark

Classy midfielder who became Sunderland's record signing when he joined from his boyhood heroes Newcastle during the summer of 1997. Was called up to the Full England squad for Le Tournoi last year, and is still on the fringes of Glenn Hoddle's plans





*Micheal  
Bridges*

*Steve  
Agnew*

Ever-present this season.

**Born:** Wallsend, 27.10.72

**Height:** 5ft 7in

**Weight:** 11st 7lb

**League record this season:** 45/13

**Honours:** Div One title 1993;

England Schools, Youth,

U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
89/90 - 96/97	Newcastle	195

### Alex Rae

A highly competitive midfielder with a powerful shot who is very popular with the supporters. Also an accomplished penalty taker.

**Born:** Glasgow, 30.09.69

**Height:** 5ft 9in

**Weight:** 11st 12lb

**League record this season:** 29/3

**Honours:** Scotland U21, 'B' caps

Era	Club	Games
87/88 - 89/90	Falkirk 83	20
90/91 - 95/96	Millwall	218
96/97	Sunderland	23

### Nicky Summerbee

Son of former Man City legend Mike Summerbee and a great favourite here at the County Ground over the years. Nicky arrived at the Stadium of Light in November 1997. Hard-running midfielder with a powerful shot.

**Born:** Altrincham, 26.08.71

**Height:** 5ft 11in

**Weight:** 12st 8lb

**League record this season:** 33/3

**Honours:** England U21, 'B' caps

Era	Club	Games
89/90 - 93/94	Swindon	112
94/95 - 97/98	Man City	131

### Darren Williams

Hard-working midfielder who gained valuable experience in

the Premiership last season and has become a vital part of Peter Reid's plans this term.

**Born:** Middlesbrough, 28.04.77

**Height:** 5ft 8in

**Weight:** 11st

**League record this season:** 35/2

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
94/95 - 96/97	York	20
96/97	Sunderland	11

**Other Midfielders include:**  
Steve Agnew

## Forwards

### Michael Bridges

Local born front-man who is currently one of the hottest properties in the game. Good at holding the ball up, he also boasts good pace and skill.

**Born:** Whitley Bay, 05.08.78

**Height:** 6ft

**Weight:** 11st

**League record this season:** 8/1

**Honours:** England Schools, Youth, U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
95/96 - 96/97	Sunderland	40

### Daniele Dichio

Target man striker who returned to England with Sunderland in January of this year after a brief and unhappy spell in Italy. He joined Sampdoria under the Bosman Ruling, but failed to settle and was loaned out to Serie A new-boys Lecce before coming back to the land of his birth.

**Born:** Hammersmith, 19.10.74

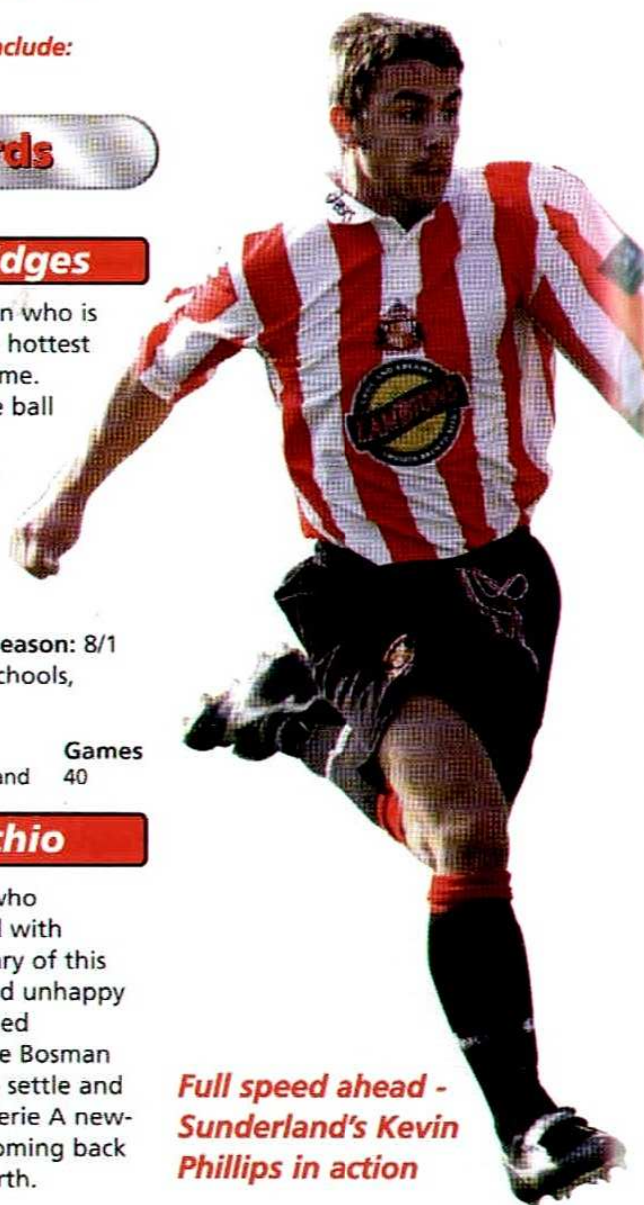
**Height:** 6ft 3in

**Weight:** 12st 3lb

**League record this season:** 12/0

**Honours:** England Schools, U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
93/94	Barnet	9
94/95 - 96/97	QPR	75



**Full speed ahead -  
Sunderland's Kevin  
Phillips in action**





### Niall Quinn

Scored twice on his full debut for Sunderland last term - but was then injured and missed the vast majority of the campaign as the club were relegated. Expert in the air, but also good on the ground where his hold up play is first-class.

**Born:** Dublin, 06.10.66

**Height:** 6ft 4in

**Weight:** 12st 4lb

**League record this season:** 35/14

**Honours:** League Cup 1987; Rep of Ireland Schools, Youth, U21, U23, 'B', Full caps

Era	Club	Games
83/84 - 89/90	Arsenal	67
89/90 - 95/96	Man City	203
96/97	Sunderland	12

### Alan Johnston

Dangerous winger who scored the last ever goal at Roker Park and has reached double figures this season. Earned the nickname 'Magic' at Hearts, after a superb solo hat-trick against Rangers.

**Born:** Glasgow, 14.12.73

**Height:** 5ft 9in

**Weight:** 10st 7lb

**League record this season:** 39/11

**Honours:** Scotland U21 caps

Era	Club	Games
91/92 - 95/96	Hearts	84
96/97	Rennes, Fra	23
96/97	Sunderland	6

### Kevin Phillips

Former Town target who has been in electrifying form this season and is Sunderland's top scorer. Has fully recovered from a cracked shin suffered last season.

**Born:** Hitchin, 25.07.73

**Height:** 5ft 7in

**Weight:** 11st

**League record this season:** 42/27

**Honours:** None

Era	Club	Games
94/95 - 96/97	Watford	59

#### Other Forwards include:

Sam Aston, John Mullin, Stefano Santini, Martin Smith.

# Peter Reid the manager

**Reid was appointed to the Roker Park hot-seat in March 1995, in succession to Mick Buxton, who had in turn replaced former Town favourite Terry Butcher.**

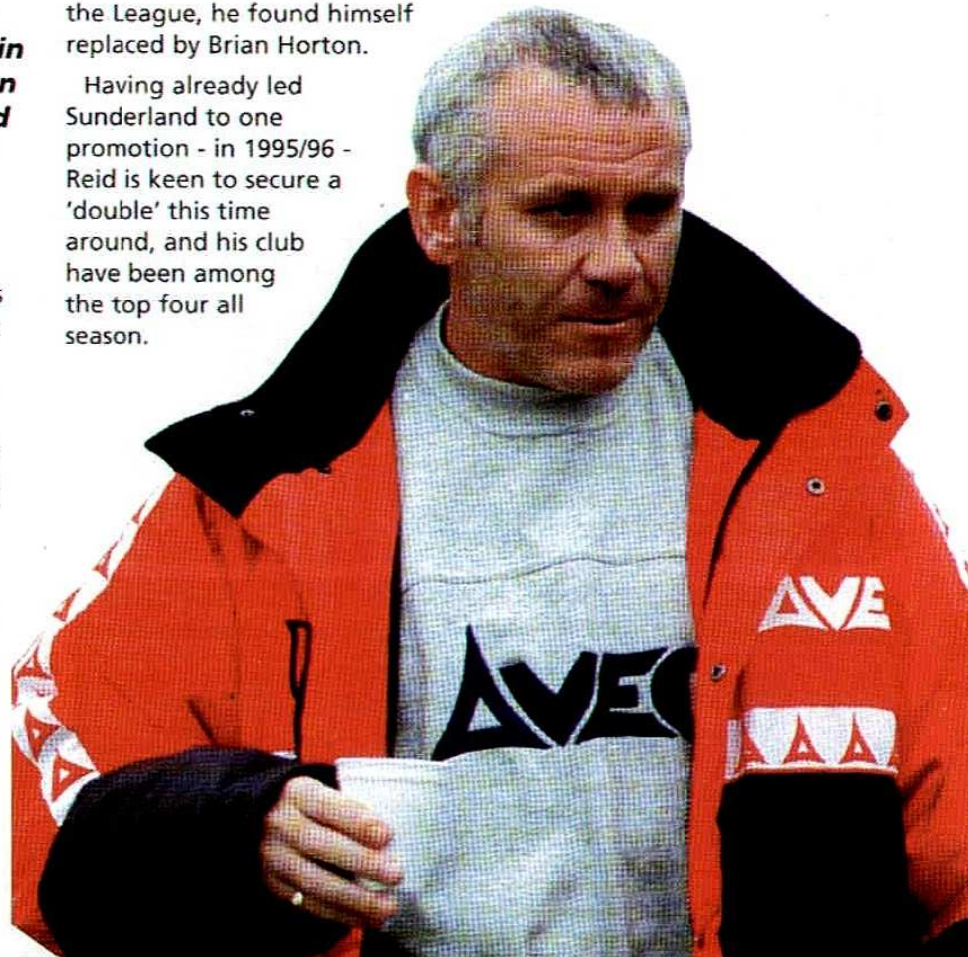
A former England international, with 13 Full caps to his credit, he twice won the League title at Everton, with whom he also played in three successive FA Cup Finals, a League Cup Final and won the European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1985.

The tenacious Reid also represented Bolton, QPR, Manchester City, Southampton, Notts County and Bury during a successful playing career.

He managed Manchester City for nearly three years between November 1990 and August 1993, but despite twice leading the sky blues to fifth place in

the League, he found himself replaced by Brian Horton.

Having already led Sunderland to one promotion - in 1995/96 - Reid is keen to secure a 'double' this time around, and his club have been among the top four all season.



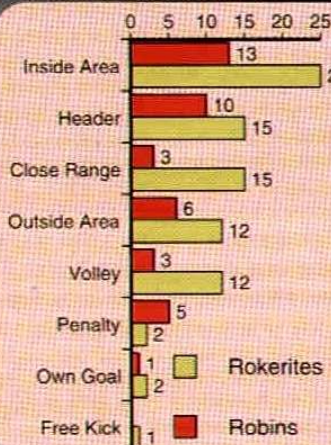


## who's played for Sunderland

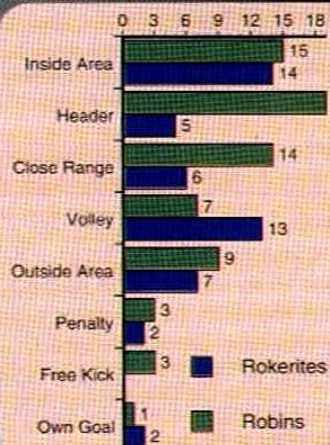
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Lee Clark	45	13	4	Newcastle
27/10/72 Eng U21	3			
Lionel Perez	45			Bordeaux Nimes
28/4/67	3			
Michael Gray	44	2	4(1)	
3/8/74	5			
Kevin Phillips	41(1)	27	4	Watford
25/7/73 Eng B	2	4		
Allan Johnston	37(2)	11	3	Rennes Hearts
14/12/73 Scot U21	4			Tynecastle BC
Darren Williams	34(1)	2	4(1)	York
28/4/77 Eng B	4	1	1	
Niall Quinn	33(2)	14	2	Man City Arsenal
6/10/66 Eire	2	1		
Darren Holloway	31		6	
3/10/77 Eng U21	2	1		
Jody Craddock	30(1)	4		Cambridge
25/7/75	5			
Kevin Ball	26(2)	3	3	Portsmouth
12/11/64	2(1)			
Alex Rae	24(5)	3	6(1)	Millwall Falkirk
30/9/69 Scot U21	3(1)	1	1	
Chris Makin	22(2)	4		Marseille Oldham
8/5/73 Eng U21	4	1		Wigan
Nicky Summerbee	21(3)	3		Man City Swindon
26/8/71 Eng U21	2	2		
Richard Ord	13(1)	2		York (L)
3/3/70 Eng U21				
Martin Smith	11(5)	2		
13/11/74 Eng U21	1(1)	1		
Andy Melville	10	1	2	Oxford Swansea
29/11/68 Wales				
Martin Scott	8	3		Bristol City Rotherham
7/1/68	3			Forest (L)
Michael Bridges	6(2)	1		
5/8/76 Eng U21	2	1		
Chris Byrne	4(4)			Macclesfield
9/2/75	1(1)			
Steve Agnew	3			Leicester Blackburn
9/11/65	1			Portsmouth (L)
				Barnsley
Daniele Dichio	1(11)	2		Sampdoria QPR Barnet
19/10/74 Eng U21				(L)
John Mullin	1(5)			Burnley
11/8/75				
Sam Aiston	1(2)			Chester (L) Newcastle
25/11/76 Eng Sch				
Gareth Hall	1(1)			Chelsea
12/3/69 Wales				
Chris Lumsdon	1			
age 20				
Paul Bracewell	(1)			Newcastle Everton
19/7/62 England	2			Stoke

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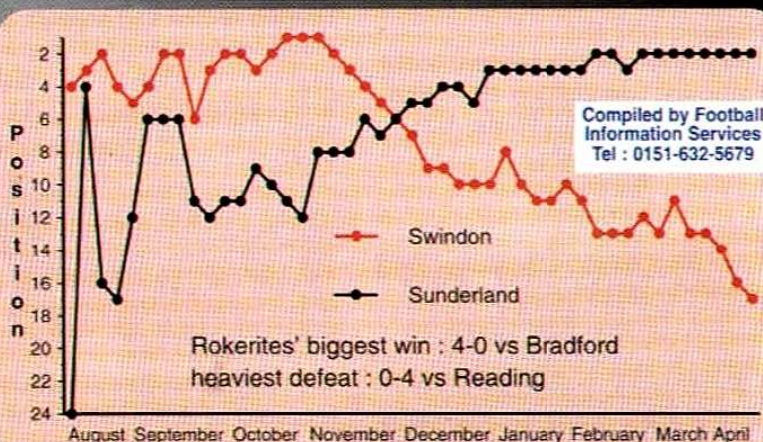
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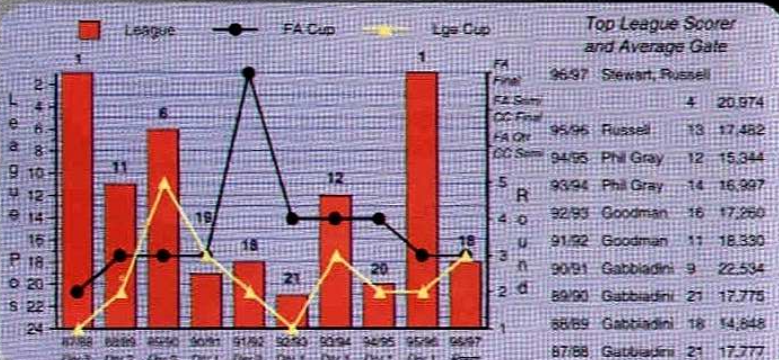
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## league position so far this season



## Sunderland's 10 year League and Cup record

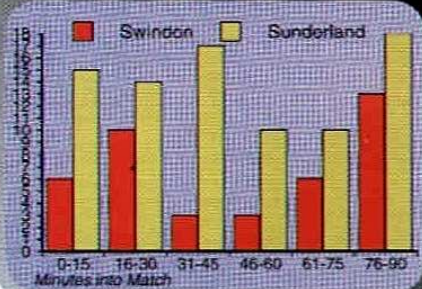


## Sunderland's results analysis

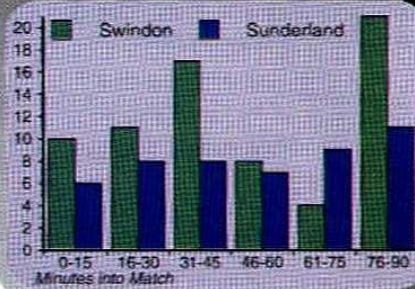
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2	3	4	2					
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shows the number of matches finishing with a variety of scores, eg they have won 3 games 2-0 and lost 2 games 1-3

## when goals were scored



## and when goals conceded





# looking back...

*Dick Mattuck looks back*

## 5 YEARS AGO

Superior finishing was the main reason for West Ham's 3-1 win at the County Ground. Trevor Morley set them on their way with a goal two minutes before half time and Clive Allen, son of the former Swindon boss Les Allen, made it two seven minutes after coming on

as a half time sub. A shot by Brian Marwood ran loose and allowed Micky Hazard to pull one back for Town, but as Swindon pushed forward for an equaliser another West Ham sub Kenny Brown got the Londoners third. The win made West Ham favourites for automatic promotion to the Premiership but Swindon were still well placed for

a play off spot. Despite a goal by Brian Atkinson Sunderland lose 2-1 at Tranmere. They also lose their final game at Notts County as well but cling on to First Division status as both Brentford and Cambridge lose as well. Cwmbran Town's 1-0 win at Llanelli means they join Manchester United as British representatives in the European Cup.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Swindon's final away trip in their first season back in Division Two ended in disappointment at Bournemouth. Kieran O'Regan and substitute Steve White both had goals disallowed for offside while a penalty by Mark

Newsome and a second goal by Shaun Close give Harry Redknapp's team their third victory in seven days and ensured Second Division survival. Nearly 30,000 are at Roker Park to see a penalty by John McPhail and further goals from Gordon Armstrong and Eric Gates give

Sunderland a 3-1 win over Northampton Town. A further win at Rotherham in their final game leaves the Wearsiders worthy champions, 9 points clear of Brighton at the top of Division Two.

## 15 YEARS AGO

Swindon's final home game of their first ever season in Division Four burst into life in the final three minutes. First, winger Howard Pritchard cut inside to fire home from 25 yards, and then, Jimmy Quinn ran on to a long clearance from Jimmy Allan and steered a header over the

Stockport keeper. Pretty things The Jewellery Firm, took over as Youth team sponsors. Thankfully for the players they did not want to have the name put on the shirts. Goals by Ian Atkins and Leighton James earn Sunderland a draw at Roker Park in their First Division fixture. In a disappointing

season they finish 16th with only England Under 21 player Gary Rowell reaching double figures in goalscoring terms with 16. Oxford City Council offer Oxford a site for a new stadium as they attempt to dissuade Robert Maxwell from merging with Reading and moving to Didcot.

## FLASH-BACK

It was on Monday 28th May 1990 that Swindon reached the old First Division after 109 years of trying. Their opponents that day were Sunderland and for five minutes at the start of the game it looked as though the Wearsiders would triumph. Marco Gabbiadini and Eric Gates both threatened the Swindon goal before Ossie Ardiles side settled. Once they did though they began to dominate the game. Alan McLoughlin, the cutting edge of Ardiles midfield diamond

formation scored in the 26th minute. In truth, it was a fortunate goal as it took a deflection off Gary Bennett, the Sunderland skipper and looped over Tony Norman in the Sunderland goal. Several Sunderland fans were honest enough to admit that Swindon could have scored five but the fact they did not was down to superb keeping by the Welshman Norman. Swindon's second Wembley win was to prove a hollow one. Having broken the 11th commandment over illegal payments, Swindon

were demoted within ten days. The Wembley victory however meant it was demotion to Division Two not Three and three years later Town returned to the twin towers to seize a Premiership place.





# Mike Walsh's diary of the week



## Monday

**20th April**

After a bad result at Birmingham the general feeling was that we sat too deep and let them come at us. We also missed the likes of Ndah and Onuora up front. Despite Saturday's disappointments, the squad responded well to training today. We worked in small groups, keeping players on their toes with shuttles and sprints followed by some lapping of the pitch. After this we had some games of three against three, keeping the team sharp with plenty of one touch.

## Tuesday

**21st April**

Good news on the horizon in that Iffy Onuora may be back in the first team before the end of the season. Despite his fractured cheekbone we may be able to get him back in action thanks to a Paul Gascoigne style face mask. Since his injury he has been unable to train with the squad because any physical contact could worsen the injury.

The rest of the squad worked hard today. With plenty of running work and team games, spirits are quite high.

## Wednesday

**22nd April**

The Reserves played Watford today but turned in a poor performance. Quite a few of the players didn't put in the effort, and when that happens you're

going to take a hammering, as they did, getting beat 4-2. Aside from this, the match gave myself and the "Gaffer" an opportunity to have a look at Eddie Turkington, a trialist from Liverpool. We watched him closely but felt there wasn't much he could offer us at this moment.

## Thursday

**23rd April**

We started the build-up to the Norwich game today with sessions of sprinting and ball work. After this we looked at possible threats in match situations and worked at keeping a tight line in defence.

## Friday

**24th April**

The day before the game we kept to the same routine so the lads feel settled and relaxed. A shorter session in the morning where we worked on set pieces, then it was back to the County Ground for, what the Physio's call "carbohydrate loading" but what I call lunch. After this it was straight on the coach and off to Norwich.

## Saturday

**25th April**

We took the lads for a walk in the morning to get the legs loose and then it was back to the hotel for tea and toast and then "feet up" before the game.

After the game we were all a bit shell shocked to crash out 5-0 to Norwich. But then that is the

price you pay for completely sloppy defending. And not just once, time after time we caved in when Norwich attacked us. Adams and Llewellyn were given far too much room, and were allowed to attack us down the flanks. In the second half Cowe gave us a bit more invention up front and it required a full-stretch save from Marshall to deny us a goal.

In the Dressing Room the "Gaffer" asked a few searching questions about what the players wanted and what the problems are but after a game like that we just wanted to go home and start again on Monday.

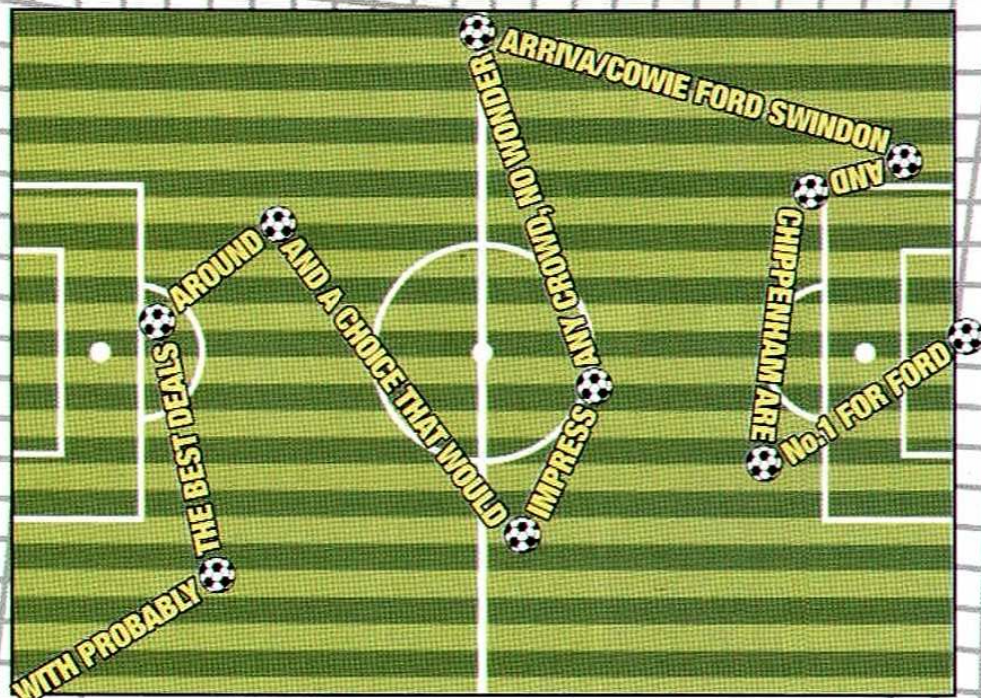


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# action

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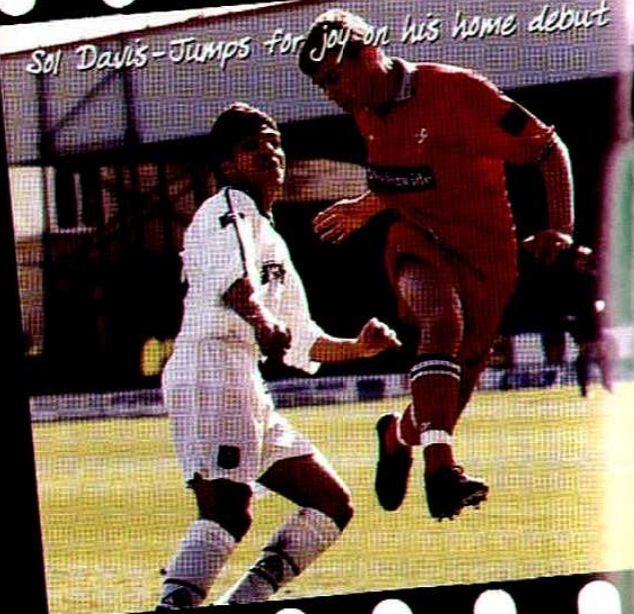
Sheff Utd



Brian Borrows - Swoops to conquer



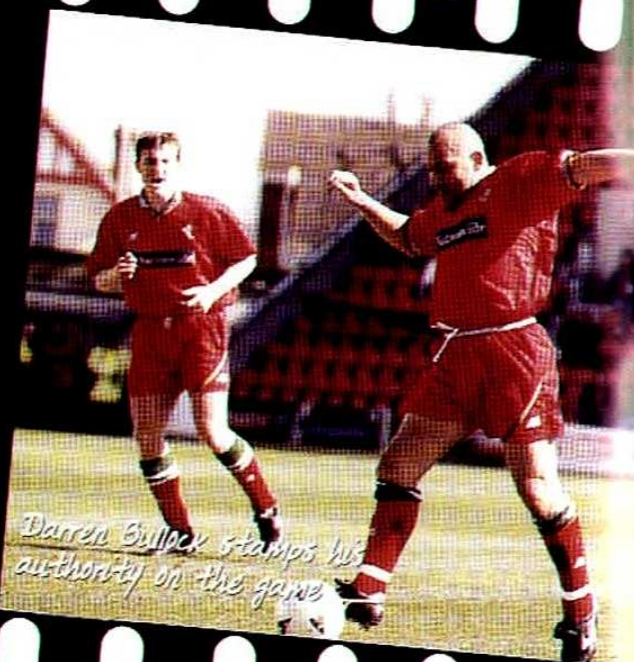
Sol Davis - Jumps for joy on his home debut



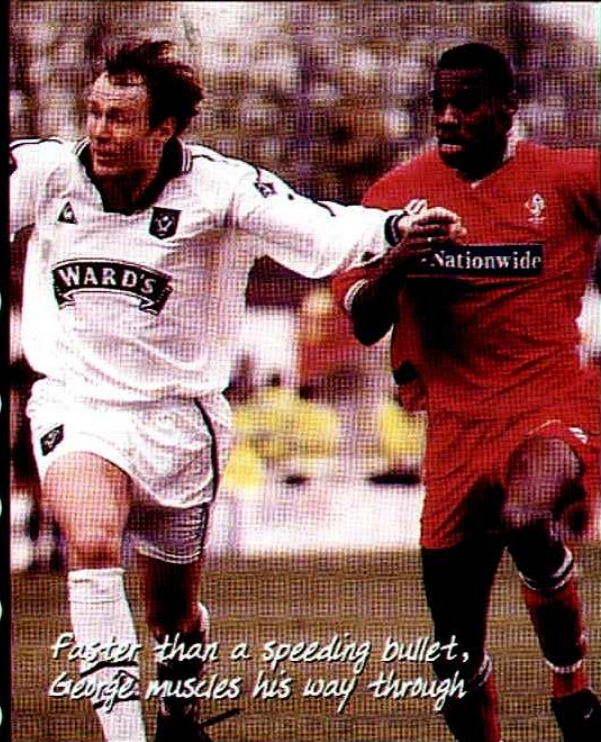
George Ndash mixes it in the box



Darren Bullock stamps his authority on the game







*Faster than a speeding bullet,  
George muscled his way through*



*Saunders takes a fancy  
to Ty Gooden's shirt*



## RESULT...

MONDAY APRIL 13TH  
NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE

**Swindon Town 1  
Sheffield Utd. 1**

ATTENDANCE: 7,125

## SWINDON...

- 1 Fraser Digby
- 2 David Kerslake
- 3 Sol Davis
- 4 Craig Taylor
- 5 Darren Bullock
- 6 Brian Borrows
- 7 Mark Walters
- 8 Lee Collins (Phillipe Cuervo 64)
- 9 Chris Hay
- 10 George Ndah
- 11 Ty Gooden

Subs not used:  
Steve Cowe, Mark Robinson

## MATCH REPORT

Even Bullock's newlook shaven head wasn't enough to turn over Sheffield in a reasonable game that saw the points shared.

Town didn't get off to the best of starts with Brian Borrows yellow carded for a challenge on Grahame Stuart.

Minutes later Ndah came close to giving us the lead, but couldn't quite latch on to Walter's cross.

But we made up for this minutes later when Walters scored a rare headed goal. Ty Gooden did well down the flank to whip in a teasing cross and it was "Wally" who was first off the mark, diving to smash the ball home.

Just before half-time Swindon crafted their best move of the afternoon.

Hay, Walters and Ndah were all involved in this creative attack, but it was Bullock who wasted the chance, blasting over from close range.

Then, minutes after Taylor hit the post the Blades equalised. Portuguese striker Marcelo lost his marker and looped a header over the helpless Digby.

In the dying seconds Chris Hay, who looked a lot livelier today, scuffed a shot wide that could have bagged the points for Swindon but it wasn't our day.

Overall, a good result against a side pushing for the play-offs, but Town have to start taking their chances if they want to stop the bad run of results.



# reserve round-up

with Ross MacLaren



## Swindon Town Reserves 2 Watford Reserves 4

**The team slumped to a 4-2 loss against Watford with a performance that can only be described as lacking commitment.**

We got off to a nightmare start with Watford scoring twice with only 25 minutes gone, after bad defending by trialist Eddie Turkington. This was especially disappointing for a lad we were hoping would show a good standard of ability.

After conceding the two goals, we began to knock the ball and looked creative in attack. This possession paid off when we got one back through promising youth team player Paul McAreavey. The youngster did well, reacting first in a goal-mouth scramble.

The second half saw Watford take control as they continued to punish us for some sloppy defending and assailed our goal to take a 4-1 lead.

One of the bright points of the game was the performance of the young wing-back Jason

Donlon. At the age of 16, he was one of the better players. He swung in a great cross that Finney headed home to improve the scoreline slightly.

Philippe Cuervo had a great chance to throw us a life line but headed McHugh's corner over the crossbar. After this it was clear it wouldn't be our night.

I don't mind the odd mistake, but this was an example of what happens when you don't put in the effort. There was little determination shown by the players and I won't except this.

Trialist, Eddie Turkington did okay. We had a good look at him but feel that signing the lad wouldn't improve the squad in any significant way.

## Reserve Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name:	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.
STEPHEN BENNETT	1(2)	0	0	0	1(2)	0
ANTHONY BETTERTON	3	0	0	0	3	0
DARREN BULLOCK	13	0	0	0	13	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	18	4	0	0	18	4
LEE COLLINS	10	0	0	0	10	0
PHILIPPE CUERVO	5	1	0	0	5	1
IAN CULVERHOUSE	14	0	0	0	14	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	4	0	0	0	4	0
COL DAVIS	9(3)	1	0	0	9(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	10	5	0	0	10	5
CHRIS HAY	3	1	0	0	3	1
STUART HODSON	8(4)	3	0	0	8(4)	3
PETER HOLCROFT	11	1	0	0	11	1
BOBBY HOWE	1	0	0	0	1	0
ALUN 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 McAREAVEY	3(10)	1	0	0	3(10)	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	12(9)	5	0	0	12(9)	5
STEVE MILDENHALL	15	0	0	0	15	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
TRAVIS QUAYLE (TRIALIST)	6	3	0	0	6	3
MARK ROBINSON	5	0	0	0	5	0
MARK SEAGRAVES	4	1	0	0	4	1
FRANK TALJA	2	0	0	0	2	0
CRIS TAYLOR	4	0	0	0	4	0
WAYNE THORNE	7(8)	0	0	0	7(8)	0
MARK WALTERS	9	3	0	0	9	3
KEVIN WATSON	16	1	0	0	16	1
ADAM WALLIS (TRIALIST)	1	0	0	0	1	0

## 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	Chilton 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 P-P
Wed Mar 25	CRYSTAL PALACE	H 2-1
Tue Mar 31	Q.P.R.	H 1-0
Wed Apr 08	Southampton	A 7-30
Wed Apr 15	Tottenham	A 2-6
Wed Apr 22	WATFORD	H 2-4

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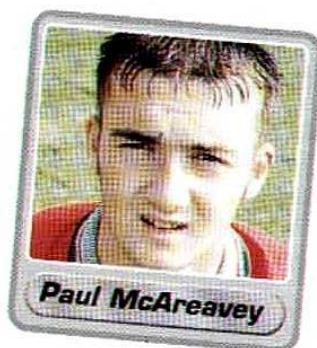


Looking at the positives, all the younger lads did well.

They make a few mistakes, but we expect that from the kids, on the whole they always wanted the ball and did the right things. Despite the result I have to be pleased with that.

At the end of the day this is what reserve team football is all about. Giving the kids a chance to move up a step and experience the change in pace and strength that you won't get at Youth team level.

This season we have been delighted with the way the younger players, such as Alex Meechan, have responded to reserve football and expect this attitude to continue next season.



**Paul McAreavey**



**Alex Meechan**

## THE LEAGUE

### Avon Insurance Combination Div 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Charlton Athletic	26	20	04	02	63	13	64	+50
Tottenham H.	28	19	06	03	64	25	63	+39
Arsenal	29	17	08	04	64	23	59	+41
Norwich City	33	11	13	09	40	44	46	-04
Southampton	29	11	12	06	50	34	45	+16
Crystal Palace	29	13	02	14	41	38	41	+03
Wimbledon	31	11	08	12	39	37	41	+02
Millwall	29	12	05	12	34	37	41	-03
Oxford United	30	10	08	12	39	58	38	-19
Q.P.R.	29	09	10	10	42	37	37	+05
Portsmouth	29	10	07	12	37	39	37	-02
Ipswich Town	30	09	10	11	42	54	37	-12
Luton Town	27	09	08	10	36	36	35	00
Chelsea	30	07	11	12	38	51	32	-13
<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-16</b>
Watford	27	06	10	11	27	45	28	-18
West Ham United	27	06	07	14	30	50	25	-20
Brighton & H.A.	27	01	08	18	21	70	11	-49



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### South East Counties League Division 2

SAT	AUG 09	BRENTFORD	H 2-2
Sat	Aug 16	Southampton	A 1-2
SAT	AUG 23	LUTON TOWN	H 2-4
WED	AUG 27	CARDIFF CITY (JFC1)	H 3-3
Sat	Aug 30	Reading	A 3-1
Tue	Sep 9	Cardiff City (JFC1 Rep)	A 0-3
SAT	SEP 13	PORTSMOUTH (LC1)	H 1-0
WED	SEP 17	P'BORO UTD (MYC1)	H 1-1
Sat	Sep 20	Colchester United	A 2-1
SAT	SEP 27	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H 4-2
Tue	Sep 30	P'boro Utd (MYC1 Rep)	A 2-1
Sat	Oct 04	Bristol Rovers	A 1-1
SAT	OCT 11	WYCOMBE W.	H 1-0
Tue	Oct 14	Notts Forest (MYC2)	A 1-2
SAT	OCT 18	BRISTOL ROVERS (LC2)	H 2-0
Sat	Oct 25	Wimbledon	A 2-4
Sat	Nov 01	Tottenham Hotspur	A 3-0
SAT	NOV 08	OXFORD UNITED	H 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	Dec 06	Bristol City	A 3-0
Sat	Dec 20	Brentford	A 2-3
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 14	Oxford United	A p-p
SAT	MAR 21	BARNET	H 5-3
Sat	Mar 28	Brighton & H.A.	A 4-2
SAT	APR 04	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H
SAT	APR 18	SOUTHAMPTON	H 1-0
SAT	APR 25	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H 0-1
SAT	MAY 02	BRISTOL CITY	H

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

## FIXTURES 97/98

### West Country Television South West Counties Youth League

Aug 23	Bristol Rovers	A 4-2
AUG 30	CARDIFF CITY	H 2-3
Sept 06	Cheltenham Town	A p-p
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 p-p
Nov 22	AFC Newport (LCR2)	A 1-2
NOV 29	BRISTOL CITY	H p-p
Dec 06	Bristol City	A 1-1
DEC 13	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 5-2
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 p-p
Mar 07	AFC Newport	A p-p
MAR 14	BASHLEY	H 3-2
Mar 23	Cardiff City	A 0-1

Home fixtures kick-off at 11.00am - and Wednesday fixtures kick-off at 2.00pm. At Allied Dunbar Centre or the BR Ground - Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning.

# youth team focus



with  
*Tommy Wheelodon*

**As you may have read in the local press we recently won the Kastel Cup in Belgium.**

It was a great trip for the lads as they completed a clean sweep by taking the individual awards as well. Skipper Wayne Thorne (defender/midfield) was voted the player's player of the tournament, while striker Alex Meechan finished as the competition's leading scorer with 8 goals, including two hat-tricks.

The international youth tournament attracted 16 teams in all. It was played over three days (April 11-13) at Kasterlee in Belgium.

Swindon eased through their 4-team qualifying group with wins over **Oevel (1-0: MacDiarmid)**, **Olen (4-0: Meechan 3, Martin)** and hosts **Kasterlee (3-0, Meechan, McHugh, Burke)**.

Quarter-final success against **Buul (1-0: Martin)** and a comfortable semi-final victory over **Branddonk (5-0, Burke 4, Meechan)** meant the boys had reached the final with a 100 per cent record and no goals conceded.

Danish side **Freja Randers** provided the opposition in the final and took an early lead. Goals by Sam Campagna and Alex Meechan made it 2-1 in our favour before the Danes levelled from a long range free kick. But skipper Wayne Thorne was on target just before half time to give us a 3-2 lead at the break.

We dominated the second half with Meechan adding two more to complete his hat-trick before Lee Martin rounded off the scoring in style with a stunning strike.

Final score - **Swindon 6 (Meechan 3, Campagna, Thorne, Martin) Freja Randers 2.**

We're delighted to have won the tournament and done it in such style. And I'm especially pleased with the three schoolboys - Lee Martin, Craig McRobbie and James Williams - who'll be signing YTS forms with us next season.

The team hope to parade the trophy before today's game so give them a cheer.

### SWINDON TRIO CALLED UP FOR INTERNATIONAL HONOURS

Three of the youth team have been called up by Northern Ireland. Midfielder **Paul McAreavey**, who travelled with the first team to Birmingham on two weeks ago, and centrebacks **Ricky Culbertson** and **Peter Cairns** have been selected for an Under-17 training camp at Lilleshall next month.

The five-day get-together includes two matches - against a British Universities team Sunday, May 10) and a Wolves XI (Tuesday, May 12).

The training camp is part of the Irish Football Association's preparation for next season's European Under-18 Qualifying matches against Wales, Moldova and Azerbaijan, which are to be played in Wales in August.

Culbertson was the Irish skipper in the European Championships at Under-16 level in 1996 and McAreavey was also a regular in the squad. For Cairns, this represents a first international call-up.

It is always nice to see the lads progress like this, all three deserve the accolade for working so hard during this season.





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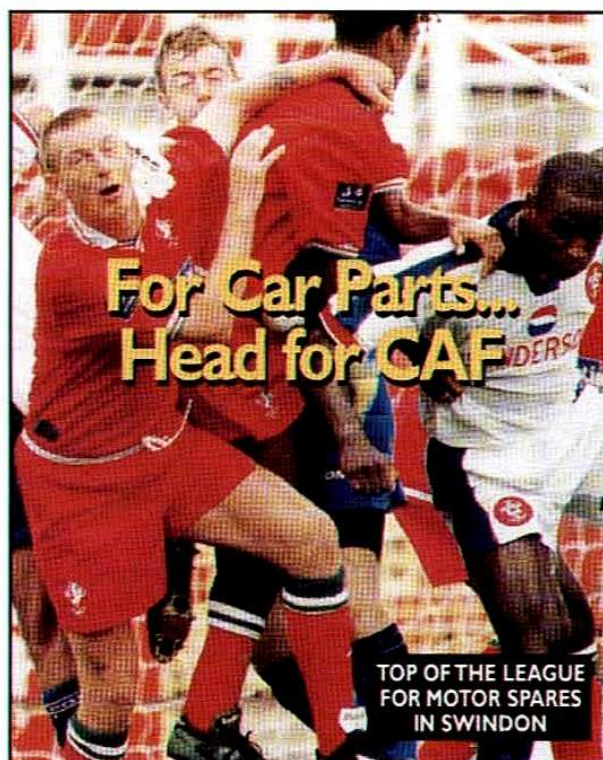
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# community scheme news

with Clive & Jon

The last day of the season is finally upon us and has attracted our largest gate of the season as everyone wants to see the giants of the North East, Sunderland in action.

Shaw and Whitley Boys have taken advantage of this by booking our final Matchday Coaching Programme of the season. Dave Wiltshire has brought along his group today and lets hope they have a great Sunday with us.

Again, our Saturday Team Club has proved to be a great success this season. Jon and I would like to extend a special thank you to Walter Koza from the Bread Basket who has done us proud by sponsoring the event and providing the catering services throughout the season. Once again, many thanks Walter and lets hope next season you'll be supporting us once more.

We also need to extend our gratitude to New College who hire their excellent facilities to us, which enables us to accommodate the groups at each home game. The Caretaker is always there making sure things run smoothly, so thanks very much.

Whitson is fast approaching, so please get your forms back to us a.s.a.p. The dates for the course here at the Club are the 26th, 27th and 28th May 1998. So please kids, jog your parents memories about those forms as it does make our lives easier to get them sooner rather than later.

As Jon and I have already mentioned we are travelling further afield this summer for our courses. We will be running two courses per week from the end of July to the beginning of September. We will be going to Hungerford, Box, Marlborough, Chippenham, Cirencester, Greendown and of course there will be three courses at the County Ground over the summer period. Jon and I are hoping to coach in as many schools as possible in these areas to enable us to distribute all the course information. So keep your eyes open for details.

For all the latest info on the sessions we will be running in your area you can give us a call on on 421303 and we will gladly post you an application form.

For all you people coming on the Whitson course we are pleased to announce we're running an extra day on Friday 29th May 1998, when we will be taking 40 of you to the P.G.A. Golf Day in Southampton. There will be some Premier League stars on show, plus there will be some football coaching clinics at the course if you want to join



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in. We can only offer this day to 40 people, so we are operating on a first come first serve basis. There will be an additional cost for this, so for further details give us a ring on the Community Office number.

Finally we would like to thank you all for your continued support, so have a great summer and lets hope we can bring the World Cup back from France. Until next season, the very best to you all

Clive and Jon.



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**VENUES - (APRIL - MAY)**

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

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# JUNIOR ROBINS

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***I feel quite sad today as it's the last game of the season, however saying that what a megga game this is going to be!***

Welcome to all the Junior Sunderland supporters especially Peter Kane their official mascot for the day.

I do apologise to all the Junior Robins for the lack of newsletter this month, I am changing things slightly and it's taking a little longer than I

anticipated - you will be amazed at the results! So please bare with me. The new Junior package will be available from mid July I will be contacting you all with the details. We are looking at a new, all improved Junior membership, new name, new pack, you won't want to miss it!

I will be in touch with you all for 'Summertime Fun events' and look forward to seeing you at the start of the new season.

*Thank you for all your support.*

## mascots...mascots...

### Today's mascots



**Scott & Vikki James**

Scott is 12 years old and attends the Ridgeway School in Wroughton. His hobbies are Football and Swimming and his favourite Town player is our very own Fraser.



Vikki is 10 years old and attends the Toothill Primary School. Her hobbies are Swimming and Roller Blading and her favourite Town player is...guess who - Fraser



**Steven Nesbitt**

Steven won the last competition in the Evening Advertiser, so well done Steven and welcome to the County Ground! Steven attends the Tyldard Millicent School and enjoys Football, Reading and Swimming when he's not doing competitions. Steven's fave player is, yet again, Fraser.



**Stefan and Lewis Tyrie**

Stefan is 9 years old and was born in Sunderland, but I hasten to add is a devoted STFC supporter! (I should think so too!) He attends St Bartholomew's school in Wootton Bassett. Stefan's hobbies are Football, Karate and Ice Hockey and he is yet another Digby fanatic.

Lewis is 5 years old and attends St Bartholomew's school in Wootton Bassett. His hobbies are Football and videos and Lewis has trouble with his

relatives, they keep buying him Sunderland Kits! (I have been told they never come out of the draw!) Lewis's favourite player is George Ndah and his ambition is to play for Leeds United (that's Lewis not George!)



**Ian Gregory**

Ian is 12 years old and attends the Severn Vale School in Quedgeley in Glos. Ian plays midfield for Hardwicke Rangers under 13's and also football, Rugby and Cricket for his school. His favourite player is Darren Bullock and Ian is a Junior Robin.



**Robert Goodright**

Robert is 8 years old and this mascot package is a birthday pressie for him for his 9th Birthday on 14th June. (Happy Birthday to then Robert) He attends the Rodbourne Cheney County Primary School and his favourite Town player is Chris Hay. Robert tells me he doesn't like school much but loves Football and Chocolate - I can relate to that Robert!

### Away mascots



**Peter Kane**

Peter is 6 years old and he has 3 favourite players, Lionel Perez, Michael Gray and Kevin Phillips. Kevin's hobbies are Football, riding his bike, football and more football. - we totally understand how you feel Peter!

***I think today's game has the record number of mascot's! Welcome one and all and if you are interested in becoming a mascot for next season then give me a call on 01793 532121.***



# Arthur's Travels

BBC Wiltshire Sound's Arthur Hunt recounts some of the many stories about his trips to report on Swindon's away games.



**We make the short trip up the A420 to near neighbours Oxford United. For obvious reasons, Shaun says park the car away from the Ground.**

Little did we know it was going to be a two mile trek with all the equipment to carry as well.

Once we get inside the Manor Ground I realise that this will be the second time this season that we've had to buy our own programmes and tea. And if this wasn't enough there isn't a Wagon Wheel in sight- Radio Journalism is not as glamorous as people think.

On top of that we lose to our local rivals in a game easily forgotten.

After this, myself and Shaun had an eventful trip to St Andrews,

plus we were planning to broadcast from the Match of the Day Live Exhibition at the NEC.

We arrived at St Andrews at 11am, unload the equipment and then dash to the NEC. You could probably spend a whole day taking everything in at the Exhibition- we have an hour and a half! It's now 25 minutes to kick-off and we are broadcasting somewhere on the A45. It's a first for Shaun as he has never arrived at a game when the players are out on the pitch before he's arrived. Things did not get any better as the afternoon went on.

Carrow Road was a depressing trip. The only thing I learnt was the way to Great Yarmouth. Norwich have a massive car park, but do you think they'd let me park in it?

And with that the season was over for our away trips. Over the months we have seen Swindon top the table at Portsmouth and fall flat with defeat at Manchester City. Truly a campaign of mixed fortunes. With the last away game over I'm starting to suffer from motorway withdrawal symptoms and I miss the cheap tea we used to get. I loved every minute of it, and cannot wait for August when the fun and madness will start all over again. My thanks to all the players and especially the Gaffer for putting up with me pestering them for interviews after the games.

Who knows where next season will take us!

Stay tuned to BBC Wiltshire Sound throughout the summer for the latest "first".



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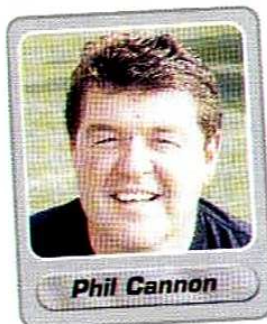
*with Phil Cannon*

**The curtain has come down on another season, but there is plenty going on over the summer with all our teams involved in tours to different parts of the British Isles.**

Next year's Youth Trainee intake is nearly complete with seven places still vacant. James Bitner, a young goalkeeper, is being taken on, he's a local lad so it's great to see him do well. James has already played in the Youth Team and has represented Wiltshire County.

We also have three "Geordies" joining the ranks. Dave Ratcliffe, who is an ex-Leicester player, Lee Martin an ex-Newcastle player and Craig McRobbie who chose Swindon Town over Crystal Palace. All these lads have been carefully monitored by our North East scout Robin Framer.

Scott Evens is a Welsh boy who has been with us for the last two years, he is a member of the Welsh Development squad.



**Phil Cannon**

Also joining us is James Williams from Liverpool. James played for Merseyside U-16 and was offered YT forms with Tranmere Rovers, but decided to come to STFC.

James has had a very successful year for his school team, Bluecoat School. Last Sunday they won the National U-16 Goodyear and Channel 4 competition played at Wolves' ground, out of 3,000 teams that entered.

They now go and play Bolonga Youth Team in Italy before the Seria A game against Lazio on 17th May. Channel 4 are showing highlights of the game, next week on Football Gazette Saturday 23rd May. Good luck James and all at Bluecoat School.

On a sadder note one of our U-15 lads Adam Collier had the misfortune of breaking his leg last Sunday. He was playing against Plymouth on their Home Park pitch when it happened. I would just like to wish him a speedy and complete recovery and look forward to seeing him back soon.

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# FOOTBALL'S CUP

## Watch all the World Cup action

### GROUP A

Wednesday June 10 (4.30pm) Saint-Denis  
**Brazil** ☐ ☐ **Scotland**  
 Wednesday June 10 (8.00pm) Montpellier  
**Morocco** ☐ ☐ **Norway**  
 Tuesday June 16 (4.30pm) Bordeaux  
**Scotland** ☐ ☐ **Norway**  
 Tuesday June 16 (8.00pm) Nantes  
**Brazil** ☐ ☐ **Morocco**  
 Tuesday June 23 (8.00pm) Marseilles  
**Brazil** ☐ ☐ **Norway**  
 Tuesday June 23 (8.00pm) Saint-Etienne  
**Scotland** ☐ ☐ **Morocco**

COUNTRY	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts

### GROUP E

Saturday June 13 (4.30pm) Lyon  
**S.Korea** ☐ ☐ **Mexico**  
 Saturday June 13 (8.00pm) Saint-Denis  
**Holland** ☐ ☐ **Belgium**  
 Saturday June 20 (1.30pm) Bordeaux  
**Belgium** ☐ ☐ **Mexico**  
 Saturday June 20 (8.00pm) Marseilles  
**Holland** ☐ ☐ **S.Korea**  
 Thursday June 25 (3.00pm) Saint-Etienne  
**Holland** ☐ ☐ **Mexico**  
 Thursday June 25 (3.00pm) Paris  
**Belgium** ☐ ☐ **S.Korea**

COUNTRY	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts

### GROUP B

Thursday June 11 (4.30pm) Bordeaux  
**Italy** ☐ ☐ **Chile**  
 Thursday June 11 (8.00pm) Toulouse  
**Cameroon** ☐ ☐ **Austria**  
 Wednesday June 17 (4.30pm) Saint-Etienne  
**Chile** ☐ ☐ **Austria**  
 Wednesday June 17 (8.00pm) Montpellier  
**Italy** ☐ ☐ **Cameroon**  
 Tuesday June 23 (3.00pm) Saint-Denis  
**Italy** ☐ ☐ **Austria**  
 Tuesday June 23 (3.00pm) Nantes  
**Chile** ☐ ☐ **Cameroon**

COUNTRY	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts

### GROUP F

Sunday June 14 (1.30pm) Saint-Etienne  
**Yugoslavia** ☐ ☐ **Iran**  
 Monday June 15 (8.00pm) Paris  
**Germany** ☐ ☐ **USA**  
 Sunday June 21 (4.30pm) Lens  
**Germany** ☐ ☐ **Yugoslavia**  
 Sunday June 21 (8.00pm) Lyon  
**USA** ☐ ☐ **Iran**  
 Thursday June 25 (8.00pm) Montpellier  
**Germany** ☐ ☐ **Iran**  
 Thursday June 25 (8.00pm) Nantes  
**USA** ☐ ☐ **Yugoslavia**

COUNTRY	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts

### GROUP C

Friday June 12 (4.30pm) Lens  
**S.Arabia** ☐ ☐ **Denmark**  
 Friday June 12 (8.00pm) Marseilles  
**France** ☐ ☐ **S.Africa**  
 Thursday June 18 (4.30pm) Toulouse  
**S.Africa** ☐ ☐ **Denmark**  
 Thursday June 18 (8.00pm) Saint-Denis  
**France** ☐ ☐ **S.Arabia**  
 Wednesday June 24 (3.00pm) Lens  
**France** ☐ ☐ **Denmark**  
 Wednesday June 24 (3.00pm) Toulouse  
**S.Africa** ☐ ☐ **S.Arabia**

COUNTRY	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts

### GROUP G

Monday June 15 (1.30pm) Marseilles  
**England** ☐ ☐ **Tunisia**  
 Monday June 15 (4.30pm) Lyon  
**Romania** ☐ ☐ **Columbia**  
 Monday June 22 (4.30pm) Montpellier  
**Columbia** ☐ ☐ **Tunisia**  
 Monday June 22 (8.00pm) Toulouse  
**Romania** ☐ ☐ **England**  
 Friday June 26 (8.00pm) Saint-Denis  
**Romania** ☐ ☐ **Tunisia**  
 Friday June 26 (8.00pm) Lens  
**Columbia** ☐ ☐ **England**

COUNTRY	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts

### GROUP D

Friday June 12 (1.30pm) Montpellier  
**Paraguay** ☐ ☐ **Bulgaria**  
 Saturday June 13 (1.30pm) Nantes  
**Spain** ☐ ☐ **Nigeria**  
 Friday June 19 (4.30pm) Paris  
**Nigeria** ☐ ☐ **Bulgaria**  
 Friday June 19 (8.00pm) Saint-Etienne  
**Spain** ☐ ☐ **Paraguay**  
 Wednesday June 24 (8.00pm) Lens  
**Spain** ☐ ☐ **Bulgaria**  
 Wednesday June 24 (8.00pm) Toulouse  
**Nigeria** ☐ ☐ **Paraguay**

COUNTRY	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts

### GROUP H

Sunday June 14 (4.30pm) Toulouse  
**Argentina** ☐ ☐ **Japan**  
 Sunday June 14 (8.00pm) Lens  
**Jamaica** ☐ ☐ **Croatia**  
 Saturday June 20 (4.30pm) Nantes  
**Japan** ☐ ☐ **Croatia**  
 Sunday June 21 (1.30pm) Paris  
**Argentina** ☐ ☐ **Jamaica**  
 Friday June 26 (3.00pm) Lens  
**Argentina** ☐ ☐ **Croatia**  
 Friday June 26 (3.00pm) Lyons  
**Japan** ☐ ☐ **Jamaica**

COUNTRY	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts

Winners A

MATCH 1 - Sat 27 Jun (8.00pm) Paris

Runners up B

Winners B

MATCH 2 - Sat 27 Jun (3.30pm) Marseilles

Runners up A

Winners C

MATCH 3 - Sun 28 Jun (3.30pm) Lens

Runners up D

Winners D

MATCH 4 - Sun 28 Jun (8.00pm) Saint-Denis

Runners up C

Winners E

MATCH 5 - Mon 29 Jun (8.00pm) Toulouse

Runners up F

Winners F

MATCH 6 - Mon 29 Jun (3.30pm) Montpellier

Runners up E

Winners G

MATCH 7 - Tue 30 Jun (3.30pm) Bordeaux

Runners up H

Winners H

MATCH 8 - Tue 30 Jun (8.00pm) Saint-Etienne

Runners up G

### QUARTER FINALS

Winners 1

MATCH A - Fri 3 July (8.00pm) Nantes

Winners 4

Winners 2

MATCH B - Fri 3 July (3.30pm) Saint-Denis

Winners 3

Winners 5

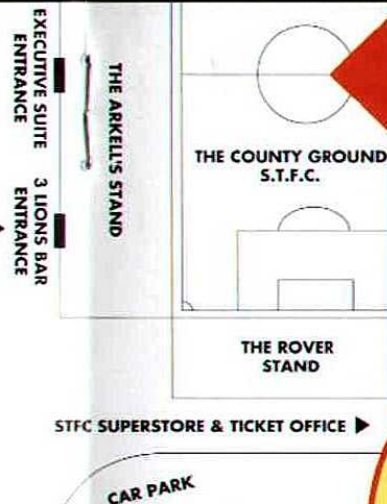
MATCH C - Sat 4 July (3.30pm) Marseilles

Winners 8

Winners 6

MATCH D - Sat 4 July (8.00pm) Saint-Denis

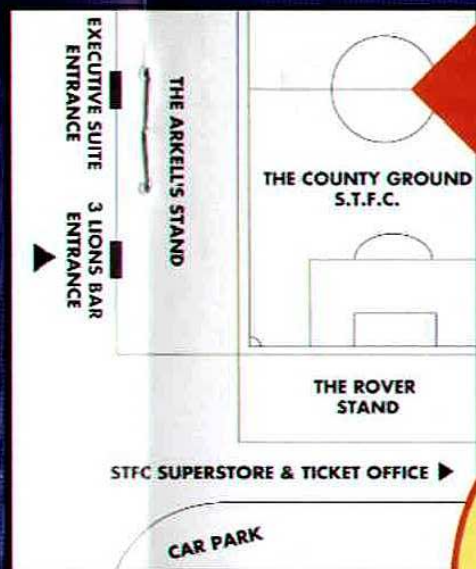
Winners 7





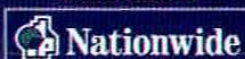
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Winners 1

**MATCH A - Fri 3 July (8.00pm) Nantes**

Winners 4

Winners 2

**MATCH B - Fri 3 July (3.30pm) Saint-Denis**

Winners 3

Winners 5

**MATCH C - Sat 4 July (3.30pm) Marseilles**

Winners 8

Winners 6

**MATCH D - Sat 4 July (8.00pm) Saint-Denis**

Winners 7

### SEMI-FINALS

Winners A

**Tuesday 7 July (8.00pm) Marseilles**

Winners C

Winners B

**Wednesday 8 July (8.00pm) Saint-Denis**

Winners D

### THE WORLD CUP FINAL

Semi-Final Winners

**Sunday 12 July (8.00pm) Saint-Denis**

Semi-Final Winners

### 3rd/4th PLACE PLAY-OFF

Semi-Final Losers

**Saturday 11 July (8.00pm) Paris**

Semi-Final Losers






# the ticket office

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## Season Ticket Prices 1998/99



### To All Supporters

**Firstly thank you for your support during this season.**

We have a fabulous opportunity for next season and you can take advantage of it - **FREE KIDS TICKETS ANYWHERE IN THE GROUND**. This offer has been put together to help us achieve our strategy of building tomorrow's supporter base. And this has got to be the most exciting opportunity ever to be offered by a football club. To take advantage of it you simply need to bring your kids to the ground when you buy your ticket as we will need their full details.

If you are looking to become a new Season Ticket holder, free junior places are only available with a full priced ticket.

We have made this offer of free kid's places in all good faith and we would respectfully ask all supporters to acknowledge this as this is the club's future. I would ask all supporters to only take the seats that they need. Any unreasonable requests will be refused.

Next season will once again see quality teams visiting the County Ground and only Season Ticket holders are guaranteed to see all of the action.

Thank you once again for your support. Season Ticket Holders are the heart of the club and it is you that make the difference.

**I look forward to seeing you and your kids at the ground again next season.**



**Rikki Hunt**  
Chairman, Swindon Town Football Club

### How to apply

If you are already a Season Ticket holder you will automatically be sent a renewal letter and your seats will be reserved until 1st July this is also the last date that you can take advantage of our instalment plan.

Remember, if you want to take advantage of free kid's tickets you must bring them with you to the

ground when you buy. If you are currently "land-locked" by other Season Ticket holders you may have to move seats to get your kids sat alongside you. So renew quickly to be sure of getting the best choice.

**New requests are very straightforward.**

If you would like to take advantage of free kids places simply visit the ground with your kids and make your selection. Free kids places are only available with an adult ticket. No application form is needed, just pop into the Ticket Office and you can take away your Season Card there and then! If you don't require free kids places, why not post your application of buy your ticket over the phone using your credit/debit card. We will process your application and post your Season Card the same day. Phone the Credit Card Line Tel: **01793 529000**

Existing Season Ticket holders' seat will be reserved until 1st July 1998.

### The Benefits

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- 4 Season Ticket holder specific turnstiles available in each stand - less queuing and faster entry.
- 5 23 home games and the first round of the Coca-Cola Cup included in the price.
- 6 Free entry to Family Night Reserve Football fixtures
- 7 Priority booking on away tickets when an allocation is limited.
- 8 Free membership of the Junior Robins with all Junior Season Tickets.





# Season Ticket Prices 1998/99



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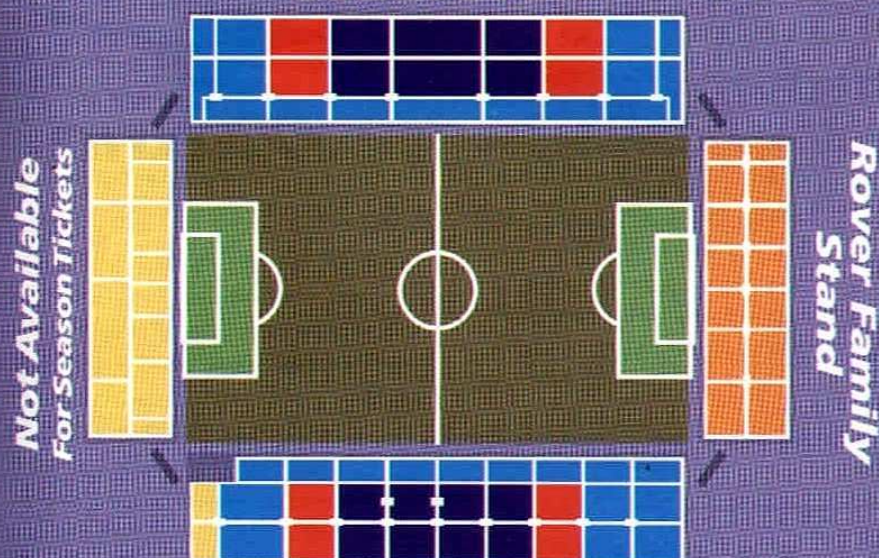
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Registered Disabled includes helper	£198.00	£216.08	£27.01	£217.00	£9.50	£10.00
Juniors aged 15 & under	FREE	N/A	N/A	FREE	FREE	FREE
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Adults	£328.00	£355.83	£44.48	£356.00	£16.00	£16.50
OAP's / Students & Borough of Swindon Gold Card Holders	£208.00	£226.83	£28.35	£227.00	£10.00	£10.50
Registered Disabled includes helper	£208.00	£226.83	£28.35	£227.00	£10.00	£10.50
Juniors aged 15 & under	FREE	N/A	N/A	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>CENTRE/BLOCK</b>						
Adults	£348.00	£377.33	£47.17	£377.00	£17.00	£17.50
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Registered Disabled includes helper	£218.00	£237.58	£29.70	£238.00	£10.50	£11.00
Juniors aged 15 & under	FREE	N/A	N/A	FREE	FREE	FREE

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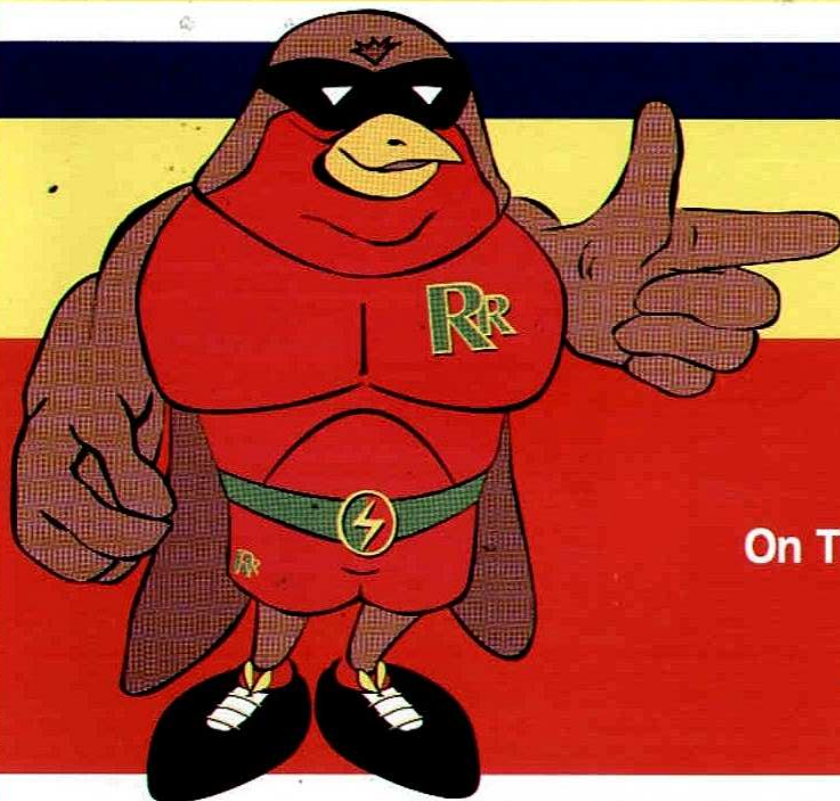
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## They're not fooling around

***Congratulations to former Miss Thamesdown Sarah Rossiter, who married Richard Howe in Hong Kong on April 1st!***

She's a Swindon fan, while he supports today's opponents Sunderland. Both are at the County Ground today as guests of Swindon Town.

Let's hope the result - whichever way it goes - does not affect their wedded bliss.

## Welcome to Dutch Visitors

***We are very pleased to welcome the players and officials of the Dordrecht 90 F.C. Youth Team.***

They play in the Dutch First Division and are on a short tour playing against teams from Swindon and Cirencester Soccer Academies and are also visiting the Bristol Rovers v Brentford game.

The group is led by former Dutch international and P.S.V. player Michel Valke. We hope our Dutch guests enjoy a great day of football.

## Swindon Town Disabled Supporters

***The group would like to thank Dick Mackey for attending the meeting on the 7th of April and giving such an interesting talk on the role of a physio.***

The next meeting of the Group will be in the Supporters Lounge on the 5th May at 7.15pm. This will be the last meeting of the season which we have asked Fraser Digby to guest speak at.

Depending on how other matches go, today's game could be crucial for the Sunderland

supporters. The members of the Swindon Town Disabled Supporters Group would like to wish all supporters an enjoyable day at the County Ground.

## Swindon Town programme fair

***STFC are presenting their 20th annual Football Programme Fair. It will take place in the Supporters Club at the County Ground on Saturday 16th May from 10.00am to 1.00pm.***

Admission is free and it always proves to be an interesting day for Football Programme enthusiasts.

# in & around the county ground

## FA Umbro Trophy Final 97/98

***The FA Umbro Trophy final takes place at Wembley Stadium on Sunday 17th May, kick-off is 3.00pm.***

The game features local side Cheltenham Town taking on Southport. Tickets are priced £16, £13 and £8 and are available from the clubs of the two finalists, although you must apply before 5th May 1998.

## McMahon to play in Charity game

***Robins F.C. a team from the Gloucester Sunday League will be playing a Steve McMahon Select XI on Sunday 10th May, kick-off 11am.***

The game has been organised by

Swindon Town's Catering Manager Brian Wood to raise money for MacMillan Nurses. To support this worthy cause why not come down to the County Ground next Sunday and watch the Coaching Staff parade their silky skills. Admission by programme at a cost of £2.

## Young Player of the Year

***This award is selected by local journalists who worked with the late Clive King.***

The player may be selected on the basis of his performance during the season, not always in the first

team, for a particularly outstanding performance or for potential shown. The chosen player will be presented with the Clive King Memorial Trophy, together with a replica to keep, kindly donated by Don Rogers Sports.

Clive, who wrote for the Evening Advertiser for much of that time, was the leading authority on Swindon Town and was greatly respected in press boxes throughout the country for his professionalism and wit.

Today the trophy will be presented by local freelance football writer Chris Scott who worked closely with Clive for many years.

## Man on the Mic

***Our new MC for matchday entertainment and presentations is The Bill star Micky Ambrose.***

Micky is an ex-Charlton player and has choreographed football scenes for Eastenders, Casualty and the film Fiver Pitch.

Micky is also a sports commentator on Sky Sports Saturday Show and has been playing P.C. Micky Tate on The Bill for the last year.



# winning ways

by Dave Hollister



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**Gregory Taylor of Stratton had no trouble finding the promotions office to collect his half-time draw winnings after the Sheffield United fixture.**

He had previously located it - for the same reason - during season 1996/97! His lucky ticket on this second occasion was No. 9241 and his prize was £423. This game in question saw the last qualifying draw for the brand new Hyundai car. This draw takes place at half-time kick-off and it is amazing that only 68% of the qualifying tickets have been submitted. That's good news for those who did make the required provisions. Every ticket in the draw has less than a 300-1 chance of winning the Hyundai Coupe. That must be the best odds ever available for such a fantastic prize! Good luck if your ticket is in the hat!

The poser that asked who was the

first recorded player to wear coloured boots attracted only a handful of correct answers. The first one drawn out came from **Tim Westcott** of Swindon who you may have seen on television in a variety of quiz shows.

The correct answer was Herbert Chapman. Chapman is of course remembered as Arsenal's greatest manager. It must be revealed, however, that he was on Swindon Town's books as a player in 1899. He came to the club from Grimsby on the 2nd May ninety nine years ago but departed six months later to Sheppey United in Kent. As a manager at Highbury he did several things that were considered, at that time, as somewhat eccentric. He experimented with numbers on players' backs, tried rubber studs in the boots and even had an attempt at floodlighting.

He was even the first to try out white footballs. Despite all this and although it is not recorded anywhere, playing for Swindon

Town was surely his **"greatest achievement!"**

I know we have the World Cup to look forward to but the last day of the season is always a sad occasion for me. Weekends without watching Swindon Town are like being on a golf course without any clubs. Nonetheless, my sincere thanks to everyone who has supported our products during the season either by buying or selling.

Next year's half-time draw will actually be conducted live on the pitch and will include extra matchday prizes. Extra sellers will be recruited and this applies to every aspect of the promotions office activities. So if you think you can add power to our elbow and extra cash to our winners, please contact me as soon as you can. You'll be well pleased with the benefits on offer and better off because of them.

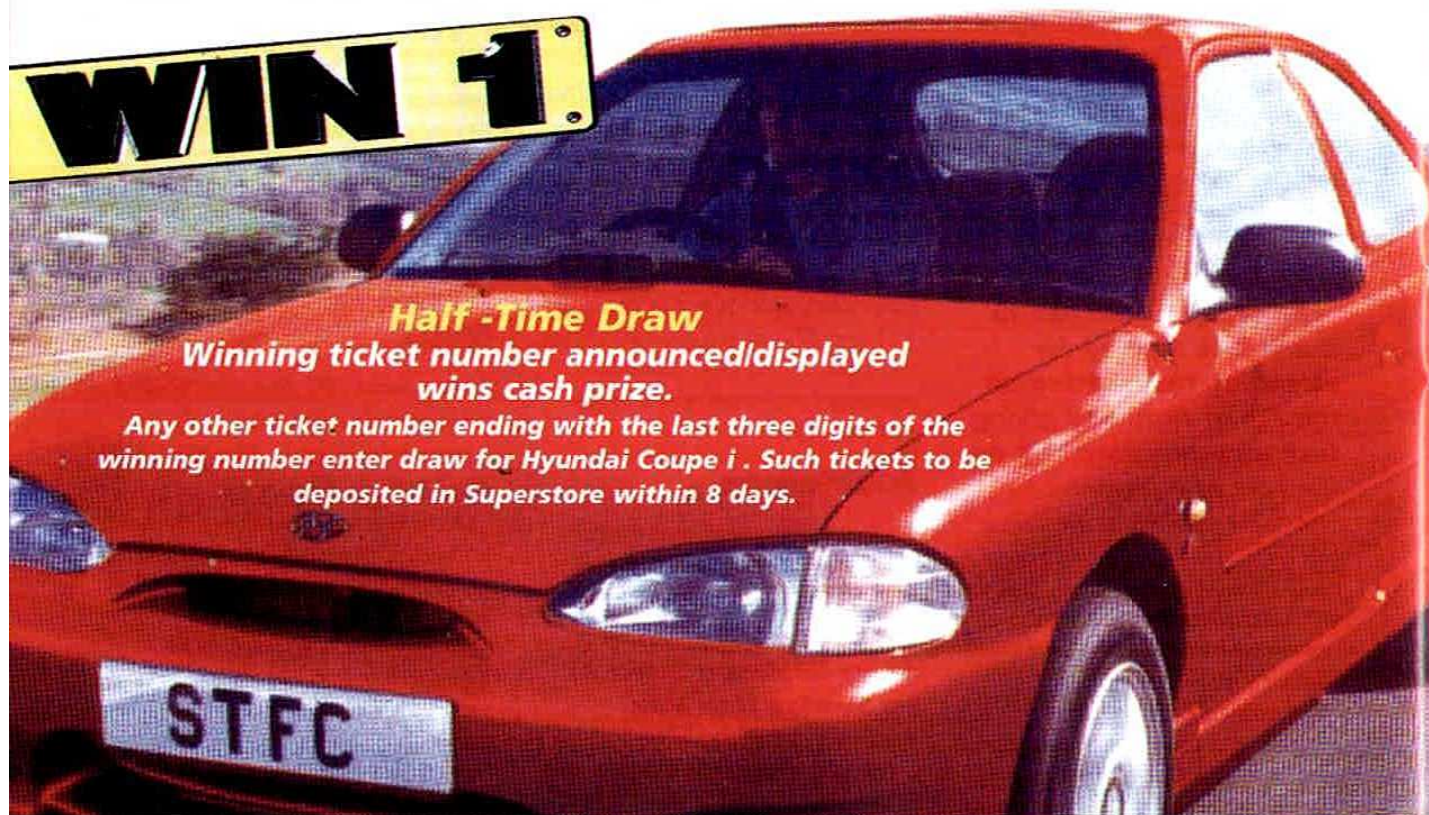
**Enjoy your summer and roll on August!**

# WIN 1

### Half-Time Draw

**Winning ticket number announced/displayed wins cash prize.**

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# from the press box



***Can I welcome, on behalf of Swindon's Local Channel, the players, supporters and management of Sunderland to the County Ground for what promises to be a match of commitment and passion.***

It hardly seems five minutes since Crewe Alexandra arrived on 9th August to start the 97/98 campaign and here we are with the last game of the season and the World Cup to look forward to.

It's certainly been a season full of ups and downs. Knocked out of both cup competitions at the first hurdle; humiliating defeats at Manchester City, Middlesbrough and last week at Norwich City. The slide from top spot in the division to our current position of 17th, 21 defeats to date and 71 goals conceded.

***But it has not been all doom and gloom.***

The positive approach by the club to re-imburse season ticket holders shows guts and ambition. It may not have payed off this season, but I'm sure it will in the future. Steve Mildenhall's heroic performance against Portsmouth - I still wince everytime I recall the incident. The sweet taste of victory, by 4-1, over arch rivals Oxford United here at the County Ground in December and spoiling Stoke City's party at their new stadium.

Visiting the Stadium of Light, home of opponents today. Brian Borrow's arrival from Coventry City and that Chris Hay hat trick against Port Vale.

As much as the slide down the table was a low, to reach the top spot on our recourses was a challenging goal.

Finally - You the local supporters. We may not be pulling the biggest crowds in the league but we certainly have some of the most passionate and vocal in Division One.

Enjoy today's game and for the final time this season, please give the lads all your loudest support.

As for France '98, England versus

Scotland for the World Cup final?

There's hope! See you next season when the campaign kicks off on the 8th of August.

*By Gary Tate*

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# marketing news

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## Matchball Sponsors

Today we have have four Matchball Sponsors and we hope that the officials and guests of **THAMES WATER, CLARION, MCLEAN HOMES** and **LUNDIE MARKETING** have a thoroughly entertaining day.

**Thames Water** are pleased to sponsor today's Matchball and have supported the "Robins" throughout the season. They have over 300 Swindon Town supporters working at their Customer Centre in Kembrey Park and Depots at Barnfield and Highworth. **Thames Water** wish the players and management team the best of luck for next season.

Swindon-based **Clarion (GB) Limited** are really on the ball when it comes to superb car radios and audio equipment. And, as regular Matchball Sponsors, **Clarion** are in perfect tune with Swindon Town.

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## Presentation Time

**Grosvenor Casinos** were Matchday Sponsors for our last game against Sheffield United. Pictured here is Man of the Match Sol Davies being presented with a bottle of bubbly by a **Grosvenor** Representative.



**Grosvenor** are also pictured being presented with a signed, framed shirt by Club Chairman Rikki Hunt.

**Houlders Insurance** and **Ian Cheeseman** were Matchball Sponsors for the Sheffield United game and representatives and guests of both organisations are picture here being given signed balls by Man of the Match Sol Davies as a memento of their day.



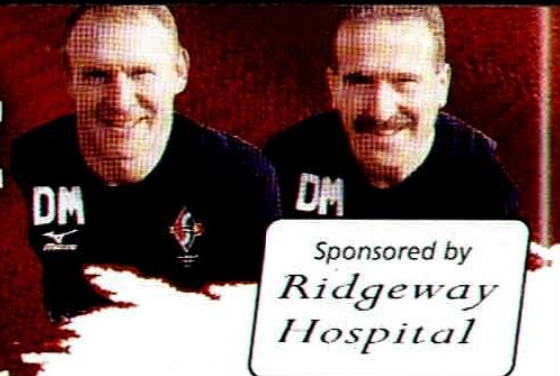
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# treatment room

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**This week's treatment has been busy with the normal "in's" and "outs" as we try to get as many of the squad fit for the last week of the season.**

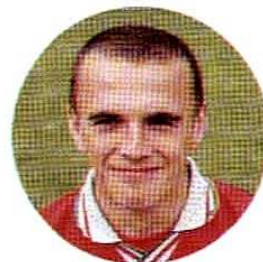
Starting with good news, it was great to see Iffy Onuora back in action after we feared he wouldn't play again this season. Thanks to a special mask, Iffy can rejoin the first team, despite the injury to his cheekbone.

Mark Seagraves is in the first stages of recovery from the knee surgery he underwent. This means plenty of rest with some light upper body work.

Scott Leitch is another player who needs plenty of rest. He has suffered an adductor tear in the groin region which means that he'll have to sit out of the action to aid his recovery.

Ty Gooden has received the surgery to his ankle which should clear the reoccurring ankle injury which has troubled him during the season. Again, plenty of rest is the order of the day.

Currently being treated for his shoulder injury, Lee Collins, has undergone sessions of laser and ultra sound to assist the repair of the damaged ligaments. In addition to this we have kept Lee ticking over with plenty of running work.



## the shadowboard



**Well, here we are at the end of another season.**

A season which promised so much in the autumn when we stood on top of the table. Now we can look forward to a fresh start in August after a summer cheering England in the World Cup.

But first we can have a real influence on the promotion race by finishing the season on a high today against Sunderland. Lets go lads - three points today will wrap-up this rollercoaster season in the best possible way.

The Shadow Board have also finished the season on a high. The

open Forum attracted over 100 fans to Calne Football Club. In particular all of the fans present appreciated Rikki Hunt's idea that the Club might give free children's season tickets with adult tickets next season. The Shadow Board will always applaud the Board for moves to give true, regular supporters better value for money.

Sheila Maslin, our chairman, together with David Taylor and Nigel Bennett met with the David Mellor's Football Taskforce. The Taskforce were given a full briefing of our activities and have copies of our Brochures, newsletters and program notes. Our Club is to be congratulated - the Taskforce is looking at ways to communicate more effectively with fans and Swindon is a great example of the way forward.

Happy holidays to all Town fans - see you in August!!


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***It's the final League match of the season today but if you think it's all over then you are definitely mistaken.***

***Far from it, in fact this is only the beginning of a summer of wall to wall football.***

Next we have the play-offs, and England's World Cup warm-ups, to be followed by the main course of the World Cup live from France. What's it matter that all those seats in Marseilles, that should have English bottoms on them, will be occupied by disinterested French people when we kick-off our campaign against Morocco?

"This isn't a tournament for the English" snaps Platini who suggests that the World Cup is France's party for the whole world and not just for whinging Anglos. They say that it is the French tax payers who will foot the bill for staging the tournament and therefore they should have the majority of the tickets.

What Bunkum. Hasn't anyone told them that if you hold a party then you invite your guests. The French, unfortunately, see it as a family affair and have manipulated the distribution of invitations so that it becomes their own intimate celebration with the rest of us left on the outside looking in.

The French organisers have rightly been condemned for the way they have handled ticket arrangements, but FIFA too

should shoulder much of the responsibility. It was crass stupidity in the first place to award the tournament to a nation that firstly does not have a stadia with the capacities to cater for the inevitable

## from the *Colin Benson* sidelines

demand; and secondly does not have much of a native following for the game. You just have to look at the attendance figures in the French League to ascertain that reality.

Let's face it France is not exactly the most passionate football country. I mean look at Paris. The capital only has one top club, Paris St Germain. Compare that to London which supports a dozen League clubs.

So worried are they about the lack of official support they are going to get down in the South of France. The Football Association sent out an advanced party to Marseilles this week to try and stimulate an interest in England amongst the local inhabitants. No doubt a well meaning exercise in an endeavour to stoke up some physical active backing for our boys. But surely one that will fall on deaf ears.

How successful such Public Relations exercises are will be heard (or not heard as the case maybe) from the stands after the all important games. But don't expect much. The English are not top of any popularity poll in France and since

Agincourt never have been if the truth be told.

Anyway, the crux of the matter is that the competing nations, or to be more precise their supporters, can go and jump in the channel as far as Platini and his colleagues are concerned...nice one Michel.

Talking of the World Cup the Brazilians have issued an informative guide for their fans on how to support the national team. One instruction is that if you go to the toilet during a match and Brazil score then you are to remain on the throne for the remainder of the game!

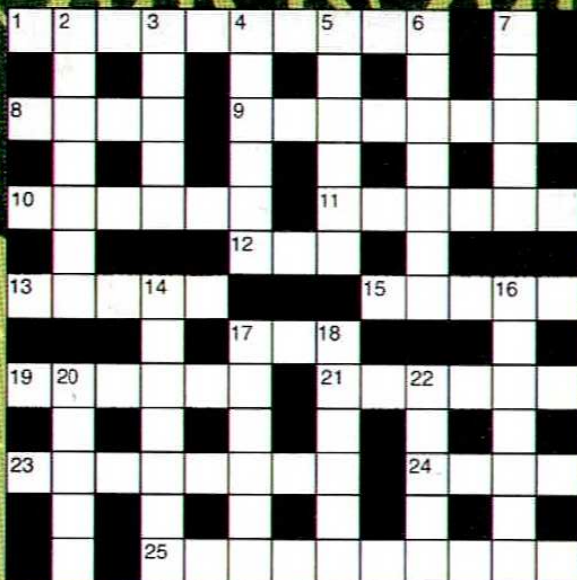
This is not punishment for having the gall to miss some of the play but the logic of a people whose life is governed by superstition. And superstition in Brazil can stoop to alarming depths. One club President would not let his team go onto the field until his dog had urinated on each players boots...I can tell you those boys needed more than just odour eaters in their soles.

I suppose the England team can be grateful that Glenn has only introduced them to Eileen Drewery! No, be serious. Glenn is no stranger to mind therapists, Spurs employed a sports psychologist to help prepare the team in the early 1980's and in actual fact Brazil have introduced them on their backroom staff since the 1970's. So Mr Hoddle's initiative is nothing new, just another positive step towards preparing England for the trials ahead.

***Have a super summer.***



compiled by Dave Hollister



## clues across...

1. Bygone Spanish superstar related to Father Christmas? (10)
8. Brazilian star of 1958 World Cup. (4)
9. Have supplied more Northern Ireland internationals than any other club. (8)
10. Where footballs ups and down occur (6)
11. How schemer treats most tackles (6)
12. Despite the shirts Manchester United are certainly not in this! (3)
13. Every penalty is taken in these. (5)
15. A Hart linked with Mansfield Town (5)
17. If it touches ball it's declared hands! (3)
19. He only appears in Match of the Day! (6)
21. When players report back for training (2-4)
23. Sports Minister during 1990 World Cup (4)
24. Edson Arantes do Nascimento (4)
25. Wide man unable to run! (4-6)

## clues down...

2. Unable to commit any so-called professional fouls? (7)
3. Instructions from dugout are voiced with a strong one! (5)
4. Gerd... West German star of the '70's. (6)
5. Ground not owned is probably this (6)
6. Alf Ramseys' description of Argentina in the 1996 World Cup (7)
7. Goalmouth Scramble (5)
14. They paid £7.5m for Dutchman Denis (7)
16. Leicester City play in this (3-4)
17. Played throughout World Cup? (6)
18. Fishy club in surprise F.A. Cup run? (6)
20. Used to measure a pass? (1-4)
22. They have only played England once and that was at Wembley (5)

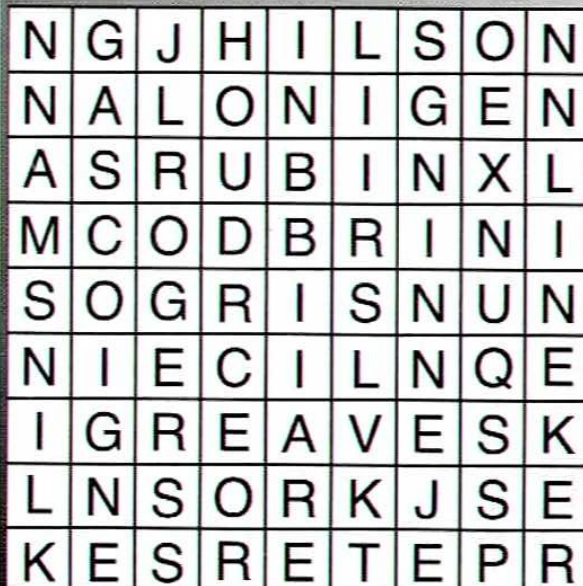
**answers across...**  
 1. SANTAMARIA, 8. VALA, 9. LITFIELD, 10. LEAGUE, 11. EVADES, 12. RED, 13. AREAS, 15. ASTAG, 17. ARM, 19. HANSEN, 21. IN JULY, 23. MOYNIHAN, 24. PELE, 25. LAAME WINGER.  
**answers down...**  
 2. AMATEUR, 3. TWANG, 4. MULLER, 5. RENTED, 6. ANIMALS, 7. MEKE, 14. ARSENAL, 16. ALL BLUE, 17. ANTHEM, 18. MINNOW, 20. A FOOT, 22. JAPAN.

## MYSTIC nut-meg PREDICT THE SCORE

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

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

## wordsearch



8 Tottenham Internationals  
(Past & Present)

ANSWERS  
 1. KEMP, 2. GERRARD, 3. GARGOING, 4. JENNINGS, 5. KENNEDY, 6. LINDSEY, 7. PETERS, 8. GUNDA.



## WORLD CUP QUICK QUIZ

1. Who was the top goalscorer in the 1990 World Cup?
2. Who was Brazil's captain in the 1970 World Cup?
3. Which manager led England to Glory in the 1966 World Cup Final at Wembley?
4. Which Team beat Defending Champions Argentina in the opening match of the 1990 World Cup finals?
5. Which manager recieved a one-match touchline ban and a £10,000 fine from FIFA in the 1994 finals?
6. Which German captain has lost in two World Cup finals?
7. Which team did Scotland beat 2-1 in the group stages of the 1990 World Cup?

ANSWERS...  
1. CAMERGON, 2. JACK CHARLTON, 3. KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE, 4. SWEDEN, 5. SALVATORE SCHILLACI, 6. CARLOS ALBERTO, 7. SIR ALE BAAHSEY



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Last game: Darren Bullock

**WHO'S KIT?**



Last game: Gillingham

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

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





# swindon town ladies

by Roger Reeves

**The Town Ladies can look back over a much improved season than their previous one, their first in the top flight.**

The Town need just one point from their three games to secure second spot in the league. A second round exit from FA Cup in a thrilling clash with Cardiff County that went to extra time was complemented by reaching the final of the League Cup where a disappointing performance left the Town in the runners up place.

Off the field we are grateful to Dave Hollister and his team for the Race Night and the sponsors Thomond Computer Services, Chappels Estate Agents, Computer Helpline, Pyramid Print, Pilbeam & Co and Europrint plus the main sponsor Early Learning.

We also thank Nationwide Building Society for their sponsorship and Swindon Town for their support.

Finally we very much appreciate your interest and support and hope that it will continue in 1998 - 99.

## APPEARANCES

	APPS	GOALS
SHARON BLACK	18(3)	1
KERIE GARWOOD	11(8)	7
PAM LAKER	22	10
NADINE LLOYD	22	24
TRACEY MACKEDDIE	17(2)	5
VIKKI McCANN	6(3)	-
KIM REEVES	22	14
SARAH RICHARDSON	(5)	-
JO SHARPE	21(1)	-
ADELLE TAYLOR	13(5)	-
LEANNE TAYLOR	23	21
CLARE TYSON	18(1)	1
CLARE WHEELER	17(3)	-
CLAIRE WHITE	(1)	-
ASHLEY WISEMAN	22	6
NETTI WYNESS	21	2

OWN GOALS 1

## THE LEAGUE

### Southern Region League Premier Division 1997-98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading Royals	19	16	3	0	75	14	51
Swindon Town	17	13	0	4	70	30	39
Cheltenham	20	12	3	5	56	27	39
Southampton	19	9	2	7	48	39	29
Swindon Spitfires	17	8	4	5	34	38	28
Portsmouth	17	7	3	7	34	27	24
Oxford United	20	7	3	10	31	40	24
Southampton Saints	20	7	2	11	36	46	23
Launton	20	6	3	11	32	63	21
Binfield	19	4	2	13	19	52	14
Havant Town	19	1	1	17	13	76	4

## FIXTURES 97/98

### Southern Region League Premier Division

SUN 31ST AUG	HAVANT TOWN	5-1
Sun 7th Sept	Southampton Saints	6-4
Sun 14th Sept	Launton	5-0
Sun 28th Sept	Freeway (FA Cup R1)	6-0
SUN 5TH OCT	BINFIELD	4-1
Sun 12th Oct	Reading Royals	2-5
SUN 19TH OCT	PORTSMOUTH	1-2
SUN 26TH OCT	CHELTHENHAM	5-2
SUN 2ND NOV	CARDIFF C. (FA CUP R2)	0-2 aet
SUN 9TH NOV	SOUTHAMPTON	3-1
Sun 16th Nov	Havant Town	10-1
SUN 23RD NOV	SOTON SAINTS	5-2
SUN 30TH NOV	LAUNTON	9-0
SUN 7TH DEC	SALISBURY CITY	11-0
Sun 14th Dec	Oxford United	2-1
Sun 25th Jan	BRACKNELL TOWN (LC 2nd)	1-2
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)	2-2eta
	Swindon won 4-2 on pens	
SUN 5TH APR	SOTON SAINTS (LC SF)	4-2
SUN 26TH APR	CHELTHENHAM (LC final)	0-3
TBA	Swindon Spitfires	A
	SWINDON SPITFIRES	H
	Binfield	A

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Swindon Spitfires





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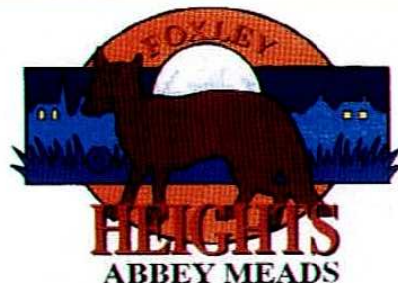
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SERIOUS PERFORMANCE

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**So to the Climax of another great season of Nationwide Football League action.**

The good news is there's no last relegation worries for us; the bad news is that though we are involved in the promotion and play-off drama that will unfold this afternoon the outcome will not affect us ...We are playing First Division football again next season, and that, though possibly disappointing after the great start we had, is an achievement in itself.

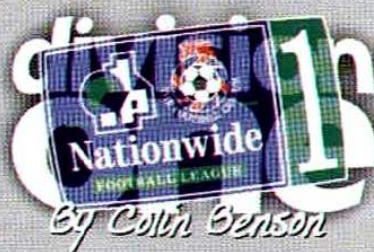
It looks like the battle for that second automatic promotion slot behind **Nottingham Forest**, between **Sunderland** and **Middlesbrough**, is going to the Cellnet, **Boro** clear favorites following **Ipswich Town's** 2-0 win over **Sunderland** which confirmed **Forest's** promotion. **Boro** will be expecting maximum points on home soil against **Oxford United** who have lost 14 of their 22 away games in which they have conceded 40 goals.

You can't really see Merson and company slipping up on this one can you? Particularly the way fortune seems to be favouring them. Ask John Rudge, whose struggling **Port Vale** dominated last week's meeting with Bryan Robson's team but got nothing but heartache and a 1-0 defeat. One thing we do know is that Town fans will be rooting for **Boro**, not because of any particular affiliation with them, but simply because it's **Oxford**! While **Sunderland** fans will be rooting wholeheartedly for the U's.

Talking about local rivals it's goodbye **Reading**; relegated after last Sunday's 1-0 defeat at **Nottingham Forest**...makes you weep doesn't it? Well maybe not. But who will join them?

Now this is an intriguing one to unravel but more of that later. First let's wrap up the battle for the play-offs.

We know that either **Middlesbrough** or **Sunderland** are involved along with **Charlton**, who despite a marvellous run of eight consecutive wins will probably just miss out on a top two finish. They travel to **Birmingham City**, who could still maintain an outside interest themselves, but **Charlton** have proved to be a better side than the Blues and should win.



As to the **Blues** in the frame that all depended on **Sheffield United's** progress this week. If the **Blades** managed four points from their trips to **Tranmere** on Tuesday and **Crewe** on Thursday then the door is firmly slammed in Trevor Francis's face. They stuttered to a 3-3 draw at **Tranmere** on Tuesday evening but did they beat **Crewe** on Thursday. If not then there is everything to play for this afternoon, with **Sheffield United** possibly on a sticky wicket at **Stockport**.

But apart from all the ifs and buts at the promotion end of the ladder the biggest media interest today will be focused on the relegation story. Will **Manchester City** be relegated to Division Two?

It's an amazing situation that no one really thought would come to pass. Even when they were doing so badly at the turn of the year it was assumed that

the Maine Road club had the resources to avoid disaster. But what a battle it is going to be at **Stoke**.

The picture is this. **Reading** are down and it is between **Port Vale** (46 points), **Portsmouth** (46 points), **Stoke** (46 points) and **Manchester City** (45 points) as to who will be the two clubs to join them.

It couldn't be tighter and **Stoke** are the only contenders with home advantage:

**Stoke City v Manchester City**  
Home: WB D5 L9 28F 30A  
Away: W5 D6 L11 23F 29A

**Huddersfield v Port Vale**  
Home: W9 D5 L8 28F 24A  
Away: W5 D4 L13 27F 42A

**Bradford City v Portsmouth**  
Home: W10 D9 L3 25F 20A  
Away: W4 D4 L14 20F 32A


On the evidence of **Port Vale's** form against **Boro** last week they surely will do enough at **Huddersfield** to survive. The Terriers have lost to **Norwich** (5-0) and **Portsmouth** (3-0) and beaten **West Brom** (1-0) in the last two weeks. I go for a **Vale** win.

There were smiles all round at Fratton Park last Saturday when **Pompey** cased out of the bottom three. A "win that almost certainly keeps them in the First Division," was how their victory over **Huddersfield** was described... But I feel this was premature elation. I think **Bradford City** will beat them; **Crewe** will draw with **Man City** and Alan Ball, who took city down and **Portsmouth** down last time they were relegated, will draw the short straw again.


My tips for Div Two are **Portsmouth**, **Man City** and **Reading**.



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*with Mark Seagraves*

***So here we are, the last game of the season and we face the mighty Sunderland for what promises to be a fitting climax to the campaign.***

It is just shame that only one of today's two teams is pushing for promotion. But this season hasn't gone our way so we'll have to contend ourselves by saying that next season the team will make sure it is up there in the thick of things.

Back to recent games and it's true to say we've been playing badly. As a professional footballer it never gets any easier to swallow a 5-0 defeat whether your playing. Even worse when you're sitting on the sidelines, injured, wishing you could play.

Before Norwich we were

beaten by Birmingham. Even away from home you don't expect a result as bad as 3-0 but that's what happened. The eleven on the park just haven't been playing their best. What makes it doubly frustrating is the fact that the squad is full of such gifted players. we all know what we're

## the captain's comment

capable of but we haven't lived up to the potential.

Today we face a side that have enjoyed a season of success in their magnificent Stadium of Light. If anything we should try and learn from the way Sunderland have bounced back from Premiership relegation. When things were not going



their way they've battled hard to put themselves back amongst the big boys. With a bad run behind us Swindon should hope to make the same recovery by making next season one in which we answer some of our critics and prove what we can do.

We know today is going to be tough, after losing to Norwich you would think it a certainty that Sunderland will turn us over but I know this much, the team believes in itself and come 3 O' clock the lads will be trying to give you something to remember in the ensuing months. Have a great summer and thanks for your support, see you next season.

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## SWINDON FOR CITY STATUS

Soon after Swindon was granted unitary status and became a Borough in its own right again, a group was formed to press for Swindon to become a city.

The last city to be created was Sunderland, our opponents today. That was in 1992, marking the 40th anniversary of the Queen's accession.

The Swindon City Status Group is currently preparing a submission, hoping that the Monarch, advised by the Home Secretary, will decide to create a new city to mark the Millennium.

The Group's chairman, Michael Doe said: "We don't know whether the next new city will be created at the Millennium or at the jubilee of the Queen's accession in 2002, but we're determined that Swindon will be at the top of the list."

Geoffrey McGonigle's attempt to become the first disabled person to walk to the Magnetic North Pole is helping to fly the flag in the "Swindon for City Status" campaign.

Before today's game, The mayor of Swindon and Michael Doe, who is attending as Chair of the "Swindon for City status" campaign, will hand over a flag to Geoffrey, Bruce and Rikki who will carry it with them to the Magnetic North Pole. In addition Rikki Hunt will be continuing his tradition of taking a Swindon Town flag with him each time he goes on an expedition.

# Geoffrey McGonigle Sealegs and Expedition

**Geoffrey McGonigle will step into the record books next month - with a little help from Swindon Town chairman Rikki Hunt.**

Swindon born and bred, 53-year-old Geoffrey is determined to get into the Guinness Book of Records by becoming the first disabled person to walk to the Magnetic North Pole.

The Sealegs - Mitchemp Expedition 1998 has two main objectives:

- \* To raise awareness of just what the disabled can achieve, providing an inspiration to able-bodied people and the disabled alike,

- \* Putting the "Swindon for City Status" campaign into the national and international arena.

This ground-breaking trip was conceived by Rikki Hunt, who has experience in mountaineering and skiing in the Arctic.

Swindon Town's chairman will lead a 6-man expedition team, which also includes the veteran polar explorer, David Hemplemann-Adams and Geoffrey's carer Bruce Merrett.

But it will be the presence and the persistence of Geoffrey McGonigle which will make this trip unique.

Rikki Hunt said: "I believe that if more people focus on their ability and not their disability, they would always achieve their goals -

and that's exactly what Geoffrey is doing.

"His achievement will help to raise the profile of the disabled community as well as flying the flag for Swindon's attempt to achieve City status."

Scheduled to leave for the Arctic Circle at the beginning of June, Geoffrey and his support team face numerous challenges.

As well as having to survive in temperatures as low as -50 degrees Centigrade, the team will also have to contend with obstacles ranging from ferocious polar bears to melting sea ice.

This incredible and treacherous journey will start from the sea ice off Bathurst Island, heading northward and expecting to reach a successful conclusion at the Magnetic North Pole.

Included among the team is a cameraman, who will be filming the trip for Central Television.

Geoffrey's expedition will also raise funds for Sealegs and the Mitchemp Trust - as well as other Swindon-based charities.

Any individual or company wishing to make a donation may do so by contacting Vicky Groom on 01793-422742.

## GEOFFREY MCGONIGLE

Geoffrey McGonigle was selected as the ideal candidate to make this incredible journey after serving as a crew member on the STS Lord Nelson during a tall ship voyage for disabled people.



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He faced up to that particular challenge by demonstrating great enthusiasm, determination and skill.

But it was only after careful consideration and assessment by his carer, Bruce Merrett, and the local social services, that this ambitious Arctic expedition was given the go-ahead.

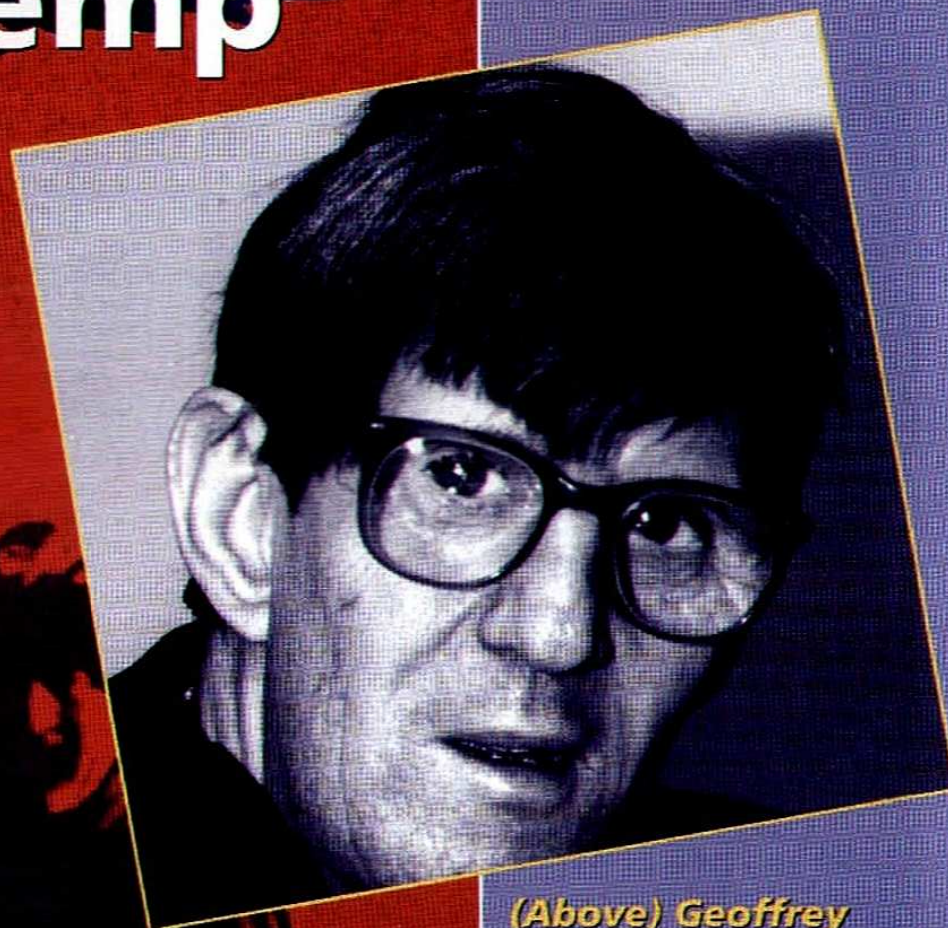
Born in Swindon in 1945, Geoffrey still lives and works in the local area.

A head injury suffered in a car accident has left him with a number of physical and learning disabilities.

But for the last eight years, he has attended a part-time rehabilitation unit and now lives an independent life in the Swindon community supported by social services. He also has a job at a sheltered employment centre, where he carries out assembly work and packing tasks.

Next month's bid to walk to the Magnetic North Pole represents by far the biggest challenge of Geoffrey's life, yet his confidence in making the trip a success is unremitting.

His endeavour will not only help to further boost his own esteem, but will also act as a shining example to us all of the capabilities of the disabled community.



*(Above) Geoffrey gets set for his big adventure*





# statistics 1997/98 season



**Sunderland**



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 30.04.98

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	45	18	2	3	10	7	5	81	41	93
MIDDLESBROUGH	45	16	4	2	10	6	7	73	40	88
SUNDERLAND	45	14	7	2	11	5	6	84	49	87
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	45	17	5	1	9	4	9	80	49	87
IPSWICH TOWN	45	13	5	4	9	9	5	74	41	80
SHEFFIELD UNITED	44	16	5	2	3	12	6	68	51	74
BIRMINGHAM CITY	45	10	7	5	9	9	5	59	35	73
WOLVES	45	13	6	4	5	5	12	56	51	65
STOCKPORT COUNTY	45	13	6	3	5	2	16	70	69	62
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	45	9	7	6	7	5	11	49	55	60
OXFORD UNITED	45	12	6	5	4	4	12	59	60	58
BRADFORD CITY	45	10	9	3	4	6	13	45	56	57
CREWE ALEXANDRA	44	9	2	11	8	3	11	54	61	56
TRANMERE ROVERS	45	8	8	6	5	6	12	52	56	53
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	45	9	5	8	5	6	12	50	68	53
NORWICH CITY	45	9	8	6	4	5	13	51	69	52
SWINDON TOWN	45	9	6	7	5	4	14	41	71	52
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	45	8	9	5	2	10	11	51	62	49
BURY	45	7	10	6	3	9	10	41	58	49
PORT VALE	45	7	6	10	5	4	13	52	66	46
PORTSMOUTH	45	8	6	9	4	4	14	48	62	46
STOKE CITY	45	8	5	9	3	8	12	42	69	46
MANCHESTER CITY	45	6	6	7	5	6	11	51	55	45
READING	45	8	4	10	3	5	15	39	77	42



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## First Team Player Appearances 97/98

Player Name	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps	GS	Apps	GS	Apps	GS
WAYNE ALLISON	16	3	2	0	18	3
BRIAN BORROWS	39	0	0	0	39	0
DARREN BULLOCK	25(5)	0	0	0	25(5)	0
LEE COLLINS	22(4)	1	1	0	23(4)	1
STEVE COWE	7(9)	2	(1)	0	8(10)	2
PHILIPPE CUERVO	13(9)	0	2	0	15(9)	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	9(2)	0	1	0	10(2)	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	12(2)	0	2	0	14(2)	0
SOL DAVIS	4(1)	0	0	0	4(1)	0
FRASER DIGBY	37	0	2	0	39	0
JASON DRYSDALE	11(3)	0	2(1)	0	13(4)	0
STUART ELLIOTT	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
STEVE FINNEY	17(7)	4	1(1)	0	18(8)	4
TY GOODEN	38(1)	2	3	0	41(1)	2
CHRIS HAY	30(6)	14	2	0	32(6)	14
BOBBY HOWE	9(3)	0	0	0	9(3)	0
ROBIN HULBERT	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
DAVID KERSLAKE	9	0	0	0	9	0
SCOTT LEITCH	25(1)	1	2	1	27(1)	2
STEVE MILDENHALL	4	0	0	0	4	0
ALAN McDONALD	29(5)	2	3	0	32(5)	2
STEVE McMAHON	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
ALEX MEECHAN	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0
GEORGE NDAH	14	1	1	0	15	1
IFERM ONUORA	5	1	0	0	5	1
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	(2)	0	0	0	(2)	0
MARK ROBINSON	25(1)	1	2	0	27(1)	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	5	0	2	0	7	0
ALEX SMITH	2(3)	0	0	0	2(3)	0
FRANK TALIA	2	0	1	0	3	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	28(4)	2	1	0	29(4)	2
MARK WALTERS	24(10)	4	2(1)	1	26(11)	5
TONY WARNER	2	0	0	0	2	0
KEVIN WATSON	13(4)	0	1	0	14(4)	0

Date Opponents Res Att.

SAT AUG 9	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	2-0	8,334
WED AUG 13	WATFORD CCC 1 (1)	H	0-2	6,271
Sat Aug 16	Reading	A	1-0	9,338
SAT AUG 23	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	1-1	7,683
Tues Aug 26	Watford CCC 1 (2)	A	1-1	7,712
Sat Aug 30	Stoke City	A	2-1	23,000
Tues Sep 2	Ipswich Town	A	1-2	11,246
SUN SEP 7	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H	0-0	13,051
SAT SEP 13	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	2-1	6,811
Sat Sep 20	West Bromwich Albion	A	0-0	16,237
Sat Sep 27	Manchester City	A	0-6	26,646
SAT OCT 4	PORT VALE	H	4-2	8,076
SAT OCT 11	BURY	H	3-1	7,998
Sat Oct 18	Wolverhampton W.	A	1-3	21,794
Tue Oct 21	Sunderland	A	0-0	27,553
SAT OCT 25	NORWICH CITY	H	1-0	9,842
Fri Oct 31	Portsmouth	A	1-0	8,707
WED NOV 5	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	3-1	10,132
SAT NOV 8	BRADFORD CITY	H	1-0	10,030
Sat Nov 15	Stockport County (F.A. CUP 1)	A	2-4	7,694
SAT NOV 22	MIDDLESBROUGH	H	1-2	15,228
Fri Nov 28	Charlton Athletic	A	0-3	15,481
SAT DEC 6	OXFORD UNITED (F.A. Cup 2)	H	4-1	10,902
Sat Dec 13	Sheffield United	A	1-2	18,115
SAT DEC 20	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	1-1	10,334
Fri Dec 26	Nottingham Forest	A	0-3	26,500
SUN DEC 28	IPSWICH TOWN	H	0-2	10,609
SAT JAN 3	STEVENAGE BOROUGH (F.A. Cup 3)	H	1-2	9,422
Sun Jan 11	Crewe Alexandra (1pm)	A	0-2	4,176
SAT JAN 17	READING	H	0-2	9,500
Sat Jan 24	Bradford City (F.A. CUP 4)	A	1-1	15,130
WED JAN 28	STOKE CITY	H	1-0	6,683
Sat Jan 31	Huddersfield Town	A	0-0	10,028
SAT FEB 7	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H	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	1-1	6,684
SAT APR 4	CHARLTON ATHLETIC (F.A. Cup SF)	H	0-1	7,845
Sat Apr 11	Oxford United	A	1-2	8,005
MON APR 13	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	1-1	7,125
Sat Apr 18	Birmingham City	A	0-3	17,016
Sat Apr 25	Norwich City	A	0-5	18,443
SUN MAY 3	SUNDERLAND	H		
Sat May 16	F.A. Cup Final - Arsenal vs Newcastle United.			

### 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	CULVERHOUSE	ROBINSON	COLLINS	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	WATSON	WALTERS	HAY	NDAH	GOODEN	FINNEY(7)	MILDENHALL	DRYSDALE(8)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	WATSON	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	BULLOCK	COLLINS	HAY	NDAH	GOODEN	FINNEY(5)	CULVERHOUSE	CUERVO(7)
DIGBY	BORROWS	ROBINSON	BULLOCK	TAYLOR	MCDONALD	CUERVO	HOWE	HAY	FINNEY	GOODEN	COLLINS(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)
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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)
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BORROWS	MCDONALD	BULLOCK	COLLINS	WALTERS	CUERVO	ONUORA	HAY	GOODEN	COWE	ROBINSON	HOWE
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BORROWS	MCDONALD	BULLOCK	ROBINSON	WALTERS	LEITCH	ONUORA	NDAH	GOODEN	HAY	WATSON	CUERVO(6)
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	DAVIS	MCDONALD	BULLOCK	BORROWS	ROBINSON	WATSON	COLLINS	NDAH	GOODEN	HAY(7)	TAYLOR(4)	WALTERS(8)
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## Today's Result and Attendance

Swindon v Sunderland  
Attendance



Referee:

M.E. Pierce

Assisted by:



D. J. Hine



D. R. Spicer

Reserve Official:

M. Mazonowicz

## Michael Pierce

Michael is a 46 year old Transport Manager who is married with two children aged 17 & 16. He began refereeing in 1967 in the Hants League and progressed to become a Football League Referee in 1989. Michael's hobbies include most sports especially Cricket. Michael has also been a Linesman in FA and UEFA Cup Finals.

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