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# Welcome to the County Ground

Tonight we will see the first ball kicked in anger at the County Ground as we face Wycombe Wanderers in the first round of the newly titled Worthington Cup.

A good cup run would go down very nicely at the start of the season, so this game is as important as any.

The Pre-season is now behind us and the general opinion is that things look promising. The first few games were a bit sloppy, but after the Tour of Ireland the lads came back with some purpose in their stride. This was much in evidence when we faced Leicester City. New boys Gareth Hall and Alan Reeves looked accomplished at the back, supported up by some confident work by Jimmy Glass.

Town started with plenty of purpose, Hay and Onuora leading the line against quality defenders Elliott and Kaamark. Walters showed all his class scoring a great goal: a controlled shot with the outside of his right boot which Keller had no chance of reaching. This was Walters fifth goal in pre-season and suggests that, far from maintaining sparks of his old form, he is playing better than ever.

We continued to create chances, but it was Leicester who finally won the game as the players lost a bit of concentration in the last ten minutes. Overall, Town played well throughout and showed plenty of encouraging signs for the season ahead.

But we didn't get off to the best of starts against Sheffield United, losing 2-1. The Blades are a quality outfit and to expect a win was asking a lot, but a draw would have been an excellent way of chalking up the first League point of the season.

Travelling fans will know that it was a mixed game. We played beneath ourselves for the first 45 and then came to life in the second- what ever Steve

McMahon said at half-time, it worked. Although our only goal of the game was a Sheffield United own goal, we created plenty of chance, and in the last 15 minutes came very close to grabbing the draw. Ndah headed a good chance over the bar and Bullock watched in despair as his powerful header was cleared off the line.

Tonight we welcome the fans, officials and players of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club. The game is likely to be a real battle with both sides wanting a cup run and with it the chance to face the country's biggest sides.

Although Wycombe only finished 14th in Division Two last season they are always capable of causing an upset. Over the summer they've signed Danny Bulman from non-league Ashford Town, and teenage central defender Lee Holsgrove, from Millwall.

Their player to watch is Maurice Harkin, an 18-year-old who looks very comfortable playing against good sides. There are also rumours that Premiership Clubs are keeping tabs on this gifted youngster.

Closer to home it is our own promising youth players who have been making the headlines with England U-18 Robin Hulbert and Fraser McHugh. McHugh had his first taste of the big time when he came on as a sub against Leicester and looked lively and confident working in the centre of midfield - definitely one to watch. So lets have everybody getting behind the lads as they go for the first win of the Season.

Everybody at Swindon Town would like to pass on the sincerest condolences to the family and friends of loyal Swindon fan Maurice Alfred Pennell who passed away recently. Maurice was an avid supporter of 45 years standing and he will be missed by all who knew him. Maurice and his wife Barbara were both season ticket holders and they followed the Town home and away for many years.

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# vs Wycombe Wanderers

August 12th 1998

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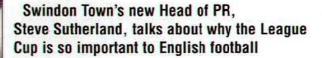
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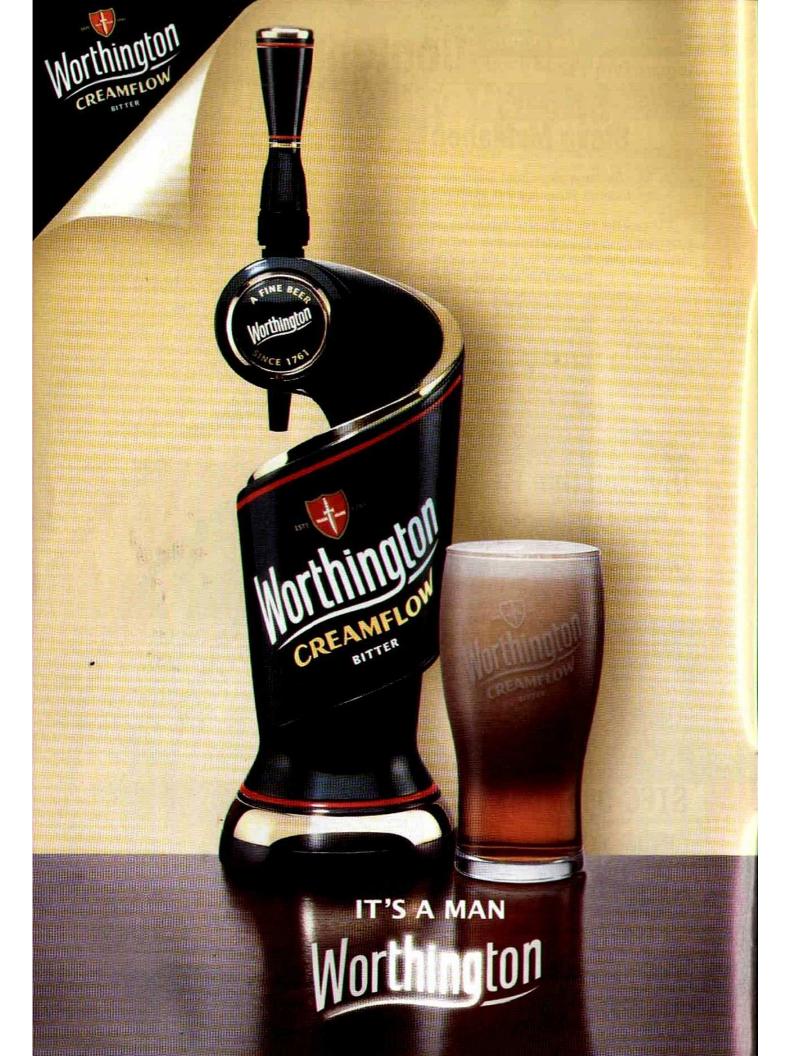


# STFC Open Day

Features an open training session led by Steve McMahon and his staff, players and coaching staff meet the fans, Kramer hit the right note with the new Club song and we reveal a new mascot who is a bit "Funky"?!







# NEXT MATCH

Steve McMahon's view (HOME)

# SUNDERLAND Sat 15th Aug 1998



"On Saturday we face one of the toughest teams in the league.

Sunderland will bring plenty of travelling fans so its up to us to try and match that. Make sure you come for what promises to be a real belter of a game"

# Manager STEVE McCVAHON

After a long wait, here we are tonight to see the first competitive game of a new Season at the County Ground.

Although the League is obviously our main concern, a good cup run is what every manager hopes for, to bring in some extra money to the Club and to get the chance of coming up against the Premiership big boys.

So as we face
Wycombe Wanderers
tonight you can
guarantee we will be
focussed on getting
off to the best
possible start.

However, a good start was one thing we didn't have on Saturday as we faced Sheffield United.

I knew that if we let
Sheffield dictate the pace
of the game we would
struggle to penetrate them
so I decided to play a three
man forward line to get the Blades
on the "back foot" and get them
worrying about us rather than the other
way around.

But throughout the first half we just didn't play with enough confidence. We expected the Blades to really

come at us for the first ten minutes and the defensive line of Borrows.

Hall, Reeves and Robinson was containing their front two well.

This good work was undone by some sloppy defending from a corner. The ball came over and it was a glancing header that left Frank Talia with little chance. This was especially frustrating because we've been working hard on defending from set-plays.

Then to go two down from a free-kick into injury time of the first half was a real sickener. Frank held his hands up to that one, but the whole team have got to accept responsibility for the performance on show up to half-time.

To pull an old footballing cliche out of the bag this was really a game of two halves. The team came out for the second period with a lot more purpose.

We started to show more of the ball to Walters and Gooden began to break from midfield into attacking positions. This possession paid off when Holdsworth belted the ball into his own net after some tricky play from Walters.

I don't care how the come, at this point a goal was just what we needed. We continued to pile on the pressure. Bully had a header cleared off the line and Iffy had a good shout for a penalty turned down in the dying minutes.

It just wasn't our day, but there were plenty of positives to gleam from the disappointing result. I asked the team to up the tempo in the second half and they responded to this. The new boys Reeves and Hall are settling into their positions well.

Bullock put in another characteristic performance- he kept battling all the way, working hard in midfield. Credit also has to go to George Ndah. He has missed much of the pre-season due to his injury but he worked his socks off and had a couple of good chances.

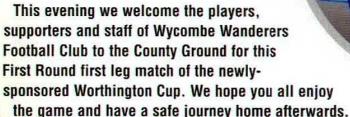
If we can reproduce that second half performance again tonight then we'll see how well Swindon can play.

The team always appreciates your vocal support so lets hear plenty of noise as we take to the pitch tonight.

"Waiting for the season to start is always difficult for a manager",

# Today's visitors

WAGO W BE WANDERERS



Wanderers come to Town today having got their new League campaign off on the wrong-foot with a 0-1 home reverse at the hands of Luton Town on the season's opening day. Still, it was a more auspicious beginning than in 1997/98, when they crashed 2-5 at Wigan in the opener, before rallying to third in the table by mid-September.

Impressive form - including four goals struck in victories style against Southend and Blackpool - led to early talk of a play-off place for Wanderers, but it proved too much to expect as a mid-season slump saw them drop to 19th place before finally steadying to finish in a comfortable 14th spot. Part of the trouble could be attributed to John Gregory's unscheduled February departure to Aston Villa, and the subsequent upheaval always associated with such a drastic move. Could be, but for one important factor - results.

With Youth coach Neil Smillie installed in the managerial hot-seat - at least on a temporary basis - Wycombe lost only two of their last 12 games. An impressive return by anybody's standards, and included within that run was a 5-1 walloping of Plymouth Argyle.

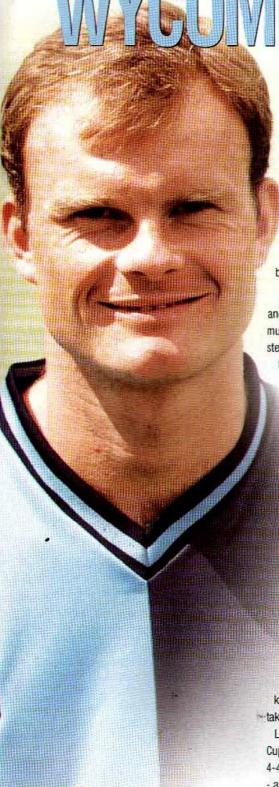
Wanderers' main problem appears to be a fairly familiar one. A small squad makes injury problems tricky to cope with, and a lack of sufficient funds makes it almost impossible to bolster that squad with anything but Youth recruits. One such find has been the teenager Mo Harkin, who was a revelation last season, but even with the ink barely dry on a contract stretching to 2001 there are already whispers of Premiership moves afoot for the fleet-footed Harkin.

Otherwise, Neil Smillie's summer recruitment campaign consisted of Danny Bulman from non-League Ashford, and free transfers Lee Holsgrove and Chris Vinnicombe.

But tonight, of course, is all about the 'magic' of the cup, and Wycombe will be keen to earn a satisfactory result here at the County Ground this evening, and then takes Town back to their tightly-packed Adams Park ground in a fortnight's time.

Last season they crashed out of the same competition - then titled the Coca-Cola Cup of course - at the first hurdle, losing 6-5 on aggregate to Fulham after a cracking 4-4 draw at Craven Cottage. This year they will certainly be hoping to progress further - and maybe grab a few higher division scalps along the way.

Let's hope that Steve McMahon's troops can make sure that tonight is not their night.



Centre Forward -

Keith Scott



MARTIN TAYLOR

PREVIOUS CLUB: Demy County

Signed on a free from Pride Park

after a brief loan spell with Wycombe

last season, keeping 18 clean sheets

JASON COUSINS

PREVIOUS CLUB: Brentford

Currently in his eighth season at

transfer in July 1991 and has now made more than 350 appearances for

the club. Strong in the air and

Wycombe, Jason was signed on a free

MICHAEL FORSYTH

at the end of 1996/97. Was outstanding

POSITION. Goalkeeper

BORN: 09.12.66

AGE: 31

HEIGHT 6ft

for Wanderers.

POSITION: Defender

BORN: 01,10,70

HEIGHT: 5ft 11in

AG€: 27

# The team WYCOMBEW/ANDERES

January. Highly experienced, he has been capped by England at Youth, U21 and 'B' level and also spent several years with Derby County.

### JASON KAVANAGH

POSITION: Defender

BORN: 23.11.71

AGE: 26

HEIGHT: 5ft 9in

PREVIOUS CLUB Deray County

Another former Derby player, Jason came direct from the Baseball Ground in a 20,000 deaf in November 1996. Able to play on either flank, he is a natural in the wing-back role.

# PAUL McCARTHY

POSITION: Central Defender

BORN: 04.08.71

AGE 27

HEIGHT 611 10in

PREVIOUS CLUB Brighton & HA

An U21 international for the Republic of Ireland (10 caps), Paul is a strong player who likes to play with the ball at his feet. Club captain at Adams Park, he missed the final 10 games of 1997/98 following a hernia operation.

# powerful on the ground. POSIT

Position: Defender

Born: 20.03.66

Ag∈: 32

Height: 5ft 11in

Previous Club: Notts County

A reliable left-sided defender, Michael missed a large chunk of last season following a hamstring injury in

### **NICKY MOHAN**

POSITION: Central Defender BORN: 06.10.70

AGE: 27

HEIGHT: 6ft 1in

PREVIOUS CLUB: Bradford City

Formerly with Middlesbrough and Leicester, Nicky is a dominant figure at the back for Wanderers, where his strength in the air makes him a valuable addition to the squad. He cost the club 80,000 when he signed in October 1997.

# CHRIS VINNICOMBE

POSITION: Central Defender

BORN: 20.10.70

AGE: 27

HEIGHT: 5ft 8in

PREVIOUS CLUB: Burnley

Former Glasgow Rangers and England U21 player who was snapped up during the summer after refusing a new contract at Turf Moor. Made his debut for Wanderers in the season's opener at home to Luton Town.

### STEVE BROWN

POSITION: Midfield

BORN: 06.07.66

AGE: 32

HEIGHT: 6ft 1in

PREVIOUS CLUB: Northampton Town

Former Northampton skipper who moved to Adams Park for £40,000 in February 1994. Skillful left-sided player who even stood-in at goalkeeper against Chesterfield last season. Offered a free transfer during the summer.

### DAVE CARROLL

POSITION: Midfield

BORN: 20.09.66

AGE: 31

HEIGHT 6ft

PREVIOUS CLUB: None

Hard-running, right-sided midfielder who enjoyed a well-earned Testimonial match against Leicester City last season. Spotted by Wycombe playing for Ruislip Manor, he began as a trainee with Fulham before slipping out of League football. Signed a new two year contract in July 1998.

# The team WYCOMBEWAANDERERS

since. A versatile central midfielder, he can also play up front. Was voted the club's 'Player of the Year' last season after coming back from yet another injury.

pacey with a good right foot shot. Scored three goals in his first three games for Wanderers, but was subsequently dropped and struggled to win back a regular place in the side.

### JOHN CORNFORTH

POSITION: Midfield

BORN: 07.10.67

AGE: 80

HEIGHT: 6ft 1 in

PREVIOUS CLUB Birmingham City

Welsh international (2 caps) and the man who makes Wycombe tick in the midfield. An excellent passer of the ball, he is also dangerous from deadball situations. Signed for 50,000 in December 1996.

### MO HARKIN

POSITION: Midfield/winger

BORN: 16.08.79

AGE: 18

HEIGHT 5ft 10in

PREVIOUS CLUB: None

Highly-rated Northern Ireland Youth international who celebrates his 19th birthday next week. A two-footed, attacking midfielder who loves to run at defences, he is already attracting admiring glances from Premiership clubs.

### KEITH RYAN

POSITION: Midfield

BORN: 25.06.70

AGE 28

HEIGHT 5ft 11in

PREVIOUS CLUB: None

Joined Wanderers from Berkhamsted Town in the summer of 1990 and has suffered with a series of knee and back injuries almost ever

### MICHAEL SIMPSON

POSITION Midfield

BORN: 28.02.71

AG€ 27

HEIGHT: 5ft 9in

PREVIOUS CLUB: Notts County

Right-sided midfielder who likes to nun at defenders and is an excellent passer of the ball. Cost just 50,000 when he signed in December 1996, but has struggled to break up the established midfield partnership of Dave Carroll and Steve Brown at Adams Park.

### STEVE McGAVIN

POSITION: Forward

BORN 24.01.69

AGE: 29

HEIGHT 5ft 9in

PREVIOUS CLUB: Birmingham City

Former Ipswich Town trainee who slipped out of League football with Sudbury Town and Colchester - then GMVC - before bouncing back to the big time with Birmingham City in January 1994, in a transfer worth 150,000. Moved to Wycombe for 140,000 14 months later. Likes to play a link role between midfield and forwards.

### PAUL READ

POSITION: Forward

BORN: 25.09.73

AGE: 24

HEIGHT: 5ft 11in

PREVIOUS CLUB: Arsenal

Signed from the Gunners for 35,000 in January 1997, Paul is a former England Schools international who is

### KEITH SCOTT

POSITION: Forward

BORN: 09.06.67

AGE: 31

HEIGHT 6ff 3in

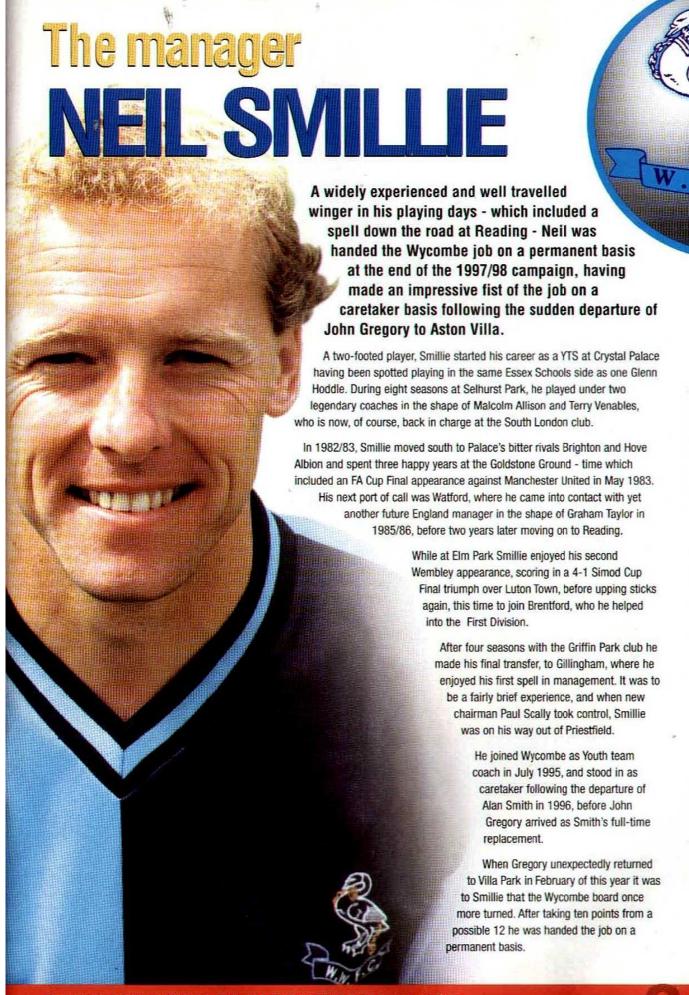
PREVIOUS CLUB: Norwich City

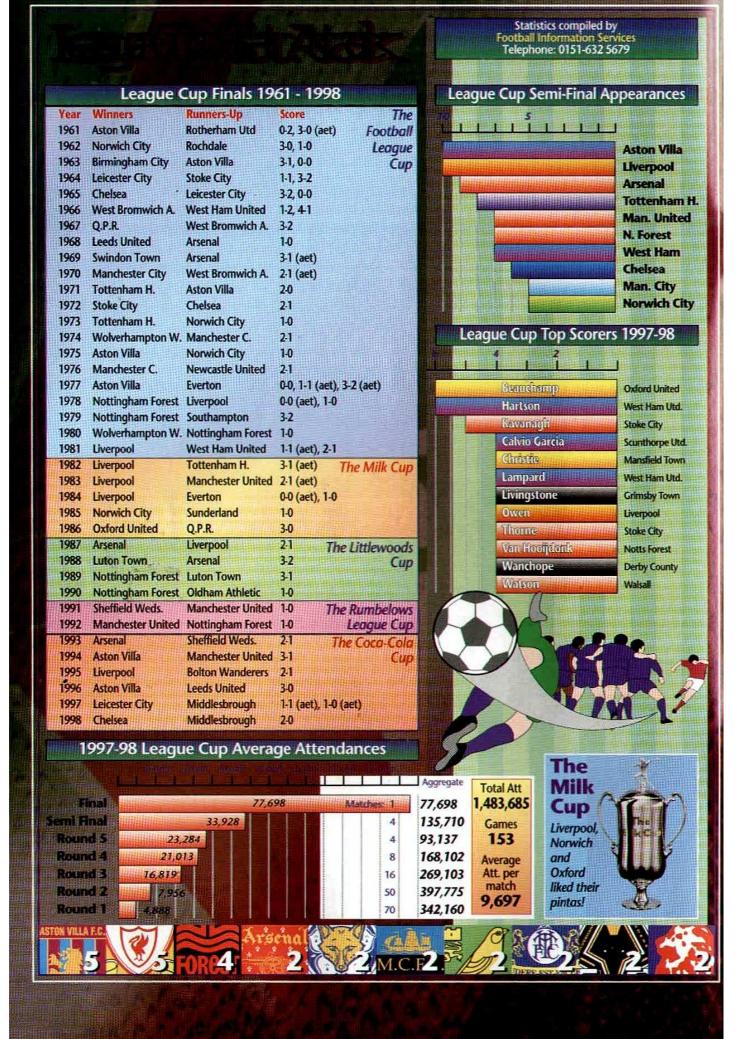
Experienced and well-travelled target man who has also played for Lincoln, Stoke, Bournemouth, Watford and, of course, Swindon Town. Currently in his second spell at Adams Park. As many Town fans will remember, Keith is excellent in the air and he managed 12 goals in an injury-hit season in 1997/98.

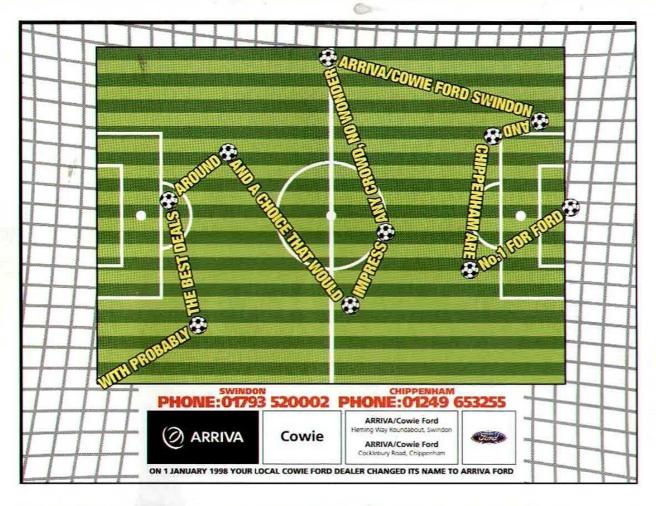
### Other Squad members include:

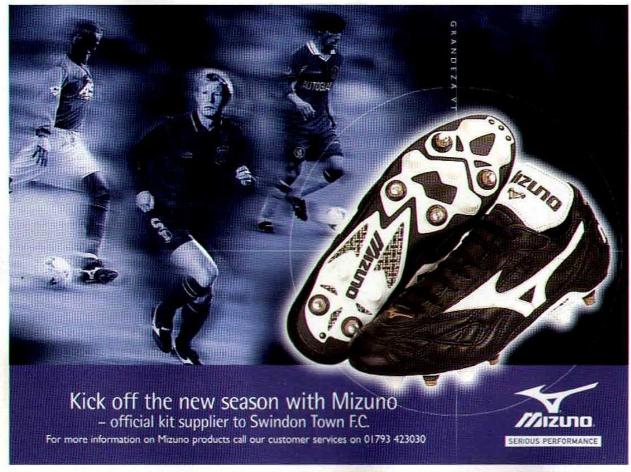
Alan Beeton (defender): Lee Holsgrove (defender): Gary Wraight (midfielder); Aaron Patton (midfielder); Mark Stallard (forward).

















Mark Walter Walters' stu against Leic



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# **HOW THEY PLAYED**

- JIMMY GLASS had a fairly good game looking confident with crosses
- MARK ROBINSON a steady game on the right and knoked in some good crosses
- GARETH HALL looked accomplished playing at the back. Rarely did the forwards get the better of him.
- KEVIN WATSON worked hard and showed one or two creative touches in midfield
- ALAN REEVES showed all his experience to to keep Marshall quiet
- 6 BRIAN BORROWS a trademark sold display from the the skipper
- MARK WALTERS the midfield maestro ran the show and scored a great goal our Man of the Match
- CHRIS HAY showed a few sparks of how dangerous he can be when running at Leicester's defence
- Sheffield United with his strength had a busy game.
- DARREN BULLOCK battled well in midfield to stop Leicester's attacks
- TY GOODEN caused problems with his pace and got to the by-line to knock in some telling crosses

FRANK TALIA (for Glass, 45)
FRAZER MCHUGH (for Watson, 53)
SOL DAVIS (for Robinson, 70)
PHILLIPE CUERVO (for Gooden, 70))
CRAIG TAYLOR (not used)

The opposition line-up

LEICESTER CITY: Keller, Suray (Guppy,
26), Kaamark, Elliot, Naish, Izzet (Wilson,
45), Campbell, Fenton (Oakes, 82),
Marshall, Ullathorne



















# **Wenger Looks East**





Arsenal Boss Arsene
Wenger has been in talks
with the Japanese officials
about about becoming the
the coach of Japan's
national side.

Wenger has one year left to run on his contract with the Premiership giants and has stated that he would like to return to Japanese football, where he had so much success as Coach of Nagoya Granmpus Eight in the 95/96 season.

Staying with the Gunners, Wenger has secured the transfer of Argentinian defender Nelson Vivas from Lugano Vivas has 32 caps for his country and played in all but one of his countries

# **Bought On a Wim?**

games in the World Cup Finals.





Dutch World Cup here Wim Jonk is rumoured to be on his way to the Premiership.

Everton, Forest and Newcastle have all had a close look at the talented midfielder. But it is Sheffield Wednesday who are the most likely to sign Jonk, who has 41 caps, for around £2 million.

### Collymore could be back





After the scandal surrounding the incident in a Paris bar during France 98 Stan Collymore looks set to return to the Premiership despite injury problems.

The gifted Aston Villa forward, who has had as many trials on as off the pitch, appears to have recovered well from a thigh injury picked up during a pre-season game against Peterborough.

If all goes well Stan should be available for selection for Villa's opening game against Everton.

# PREMIERSHIP



# ROUNDEUP



### Van is an Unhappy Man!





Talented centre forward Pierre Van Hooijdonk seems no closer to resolving problems at Nottingham Forest.

The World Cup star has been unsettled since the sale of his partner up front, Kevin Campbell. The dynamic duo bagged 57 goals between them last season and without Cambell. Pierre feels that it will be hard work in the Premiership- up front on his own!

Cambell was sold to the Turkish side Trabzonspor, and as one great player leaves so Pierre, Forests' other leading light, appears destined to depart the City Ground.

# **Hendry Heads Home**





After weeks of speculation Scotland's World Cup skipper is heading back across the border to join Glasgow Rangers.

The move from Blackburn to Rangers has been subject to heated debate about the final price (Rangers offering £2.5 Million while Rovers wanted £4 million), both Clubs having now settled for....

But money was not on the mind of Hendry who maintains the transfer was for personal reasons- so he can be closer to his family.





















# NATIONWIDE LEAGUE CROWDS UP

The opening weekend of the Nationwide League season saw the highest crowd figures in 20 years. Matches from the first three divisions pulled in a massive 350,000.



# **Digby goes to Palace**





After weeks of speculation Swindon Town stalwart Fraser Digby has signed for recently relegated Crystal Palace.

But with the reliable Kevin Miller already at Palace there have to be doubts about whether Digby will get in the starting line-up. Only Terry Venables and his right hand man (and ex-Swindon defender) Terry Fenwick know the answer.

# Port Un-Vale new signing





After last seasons dramatic escape from Division Two football, Port Vale's John Rudge seems adamant that it won't happen again.

Peter Beadle is the latest signing for £300,000 from Second Division Bristol Rovers. Rudge has injected a lot of youth in his side over the summer by signing Man City youngster Brian MGlinchey and Scunthorpe full-back Michael Walsh.

# **Eadie Stays**





**England B International** Darren Eadie is set to stay at Norwich after signing an extension to his contract.

The exciting young winger has signed a two year extension that will keep him at CarrowRoad until 2002.

But question marks still hover over the Canaries as fans wait to see if newly installed Manager Bruce Rioch will be able to work with their new director of football Bryan Hamilton

# **Close Scrutiny on Kieron**

lpswich defender Kieron Dyer is on the shopping lists of Premiership clubs for the coming season.



Under-21 International Dyer, who can play as either full-back or midfield, is viewed as one of the leading lights outside the Premiership, Ipswich also have promising youngsters such as keeper Richard Wright, James Scowcroft and former Man United youth player David Johnson, Town Boss George Burley will need to work hard to keep such talanted players at Portman Road

### Clark injury Mars first Win

Sunderland got off to the best possible starts to a new campaign with



a 1-0 win over QPR. But this win was over shadowed by an injury to talented midfielder Lee Clark.

Clark was stretchered off the field of play and taken to hospital with a suspected broken ankle. The injury cam as a result of a late challenge by QPR's Keith Rowland.

### Mixu on the Move

Finnish international Mixu Paatelainen



could be on his way out of Molineux as Wolves boss Mark McGhee tries to streamline his squad.

Paatelainen, who joined Wolves las summer from Bolton for £200,000 h already been linked with a move Preston. McGhee has already sold Dougle Freedman to Nottingham Fore and Jason Roberts to Bristol Rovers.



Nationwide Division One Fixtures 15/8/98

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CREWE ALEX.	□ A2 □	BARNSLEY
HUDDERSFIELD	□vs□	PORT VALE
IPSWICH TOWN	N2	BURY
OXFORD UTD	Uvs U	WOLVES
QPR	□ vs □	BRISTOL CITY
STOCKPORT CO.	□vs □	NORWICH CITY
TRANMERE	□vs□	PORTSMOUTH
WATFORD	Us U	BRADFORD CITY
WEST BROM	Uv\$	SHEFFIELD UTD
	SUNDAY GAM	E
BIRMINGHAM	□ vs □	CRYSTAL PALACE















# Suther's SAYS

The Worthington Cup was officially launched last week at venues in London and Manchester and I have to admit that after 7 years of being involved in organising sponsorship launches for the Football League, it was strange for me to attend a meeting like this on the "other side of the fence" as a club representative.

The fact that Bass Brewers have put their backing to The League Cup is a massive boost to The Football League and it safeguards the future of, arguably, The League's most important competition. Why do I say that? Quite simply the revenue generated by the Cup amounts to over £15 million in net gate receipts but perhaps more importantly, The League Cup forms the main component of The Football League's £25 million per annum television contract with Sky Television.

It was for these reasons that The Football League

# Head of PR Steve Sutherland looks at why the League Cup is still vital to the game...



successfully fought so hard last season to regain the European place for the winners after this right was taken away by UEFA. UEFA's contention was that as the FA Premier League had refused to reduce to 18 clubs, one European place should be removed and it was The League Cup that lost out. Of course, without a European 'carrot' the attraction of The League Cup to the 'big' Clubs was diminished, putting al risk the future of the Competition and, ultimately, The League. Fortunately, UEFA were forced to reinstate the European place and the winners of The Worthington Cup are now guaranteed entry into the UEFA Cup for at least 3 years.

The advent of the new 'identity' of The League Cup coincided with a change to the format of the competition which sees the introduction of seeding in the First Round. This is designed to give 'lower' division clubs an opportunity early in the season to play one of the Country's leading clubs.

Having been directly involved with the politics surrounding this competition last season- i.e. the bad headlines, big clubs fielding 'weakened' sides, loss of the European place etc- I am delighted that The League Cup's future has been assured by this link with Worthington. At long last it



seems that this competition's value and standing in the game is now recognised and it was tremendous to see the very high profile support for the Worthington Cup at the launch from such key footballing figures as Alex Ferguson, Arsene Wenger, Gordon Taylor, the Chief Executive of the PFA and Gianluca Vialli.

So, after all the talking, glitzy launches and press releases, tonight the Worthington Cup really gets going. The League Cup has a special place in the hearts of Swindon Town Football Club, please remember this tonight and get behind the team for what should be an interesting clash with our near neighbours. Wycombe Wanderers.

If you see me in the bar after the game, mine's a pint - of Worthington of course!

Stan Harland proudly shows off the Football League Cup won by Swindon Town in 1969.

# OPEN DAY-1998

# **Steve McMahon**

The Gaffer takes time out to talk to disabled supporters at Swindon Town's recent open day.



# Funky unveiled

Here he is! Swindon Town's newest recruit was unveiled at the open day. He proved very popular with the younger visitors and will be a welcome addition to the County Ground.



# training session

First Team coach, Mike Walsh, held an open training session at the open day to give fans an insight into how the lads are put through their paces.



# STFC's new theme tune

Swindon band 'Kramer' sing the official anthem of Swindon Town "Singing Out For Swindon".

Fans please note, there will be another live performance of this song before the Sunderland game!!





# DAVE HOLLISTER'S STFE



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WHEN ALL YOU WANT IS EVERYTHING

Whichford Hyundai, delighted with the outcome of last seasons involvement with the club, have not hesitated in linking another new car to this terms half-time draw.

The photograph below shows Phillip Peters of Lydiard Millicent collecting the car he won last season from the Kennedy Drive showrooms.

Whichfords' principal dealer Cyril Carpenter - flanked by Phil and myself - is seen handing over the keys at the presentation. This time next year ITCOULD BE YOU in the photograph. Please read on!

This years draw is called "Golden Harvest". There are three cash prizes instead of one last time. But instead of just one in every hundred tickets qualifying for the car draw it will be up to three in every ten! This is because ANY OTHER ticket number ending with the same digit as ANY ONE of the three cash-winning tickets will secure entry. (See reverse of the tickets for details.)

### NO SUBSTITUTE!

No matter what size of screen you watched the World Cup games on, you must admit it was no

> substitute for the real thing. Admittedly, it

with the true-to-life atmosphere of being at a real live game began and ended with the team news. Television can never provide true supporters with what they really want and will never reward the smaller clubs as true supporters do. For the perfect example, let us return to Friday 28th November 1997. The Charlton Vs Swindon fixture was "live" on Sky TV and it was hardly a warm evening. Even so, it was a complete sell-out! AND LOOK WHERE CHARLTON ATHLETIC ARE NOW!

It wasn't television that made it happen for our fellow "Robins" at the Valley...it was PASSIONATE SUPPORT from those who love THEIR club! This game took place in the first half of the season, so it was not a case of "so-called" Charlton fans "jumping on the bandwagon". They were there throughout the season, providing the music for the players to dance to. This underlines the fact that players and fans cannot be separated in interest or divided in

purpose. Just reflect on all "our"

past glories of which there are many. None were achieved in a County Ground that produced a level of sound permissible in a reference library!

We are still looking for the owner of Golden Harvest Leicester City friendly.



# WIN WORTHINGTON CUP TICKETS

OR A WORTHINGTON GIFT PACK

# The Worthington Capenext round's on us...

... even if your team doesn't make it through! To celebrate the launch of the Worthington Cup, we're giving you a chance to win either Second Round tickets, or a Worthington Cup gift pack, which includes four cans of Worthington Creamflow bitter. Just answer this question and you could be a Worthington winner!

Q Which manager said before the 1990 League Cup Final: "The only person certain of boarding the coach for the Final is Albert Kershaw, and he'll be driving it!"

A. Harry Redknapp B. Brian Clough C. Danny Wilson

### THE PRIZES

One pair of tickets are available for BOTH legs of ALL 24 Second Round Worthington Cup fixtures - that's 48 fans winning a total of 96 tickets.

Prize winners who'd prefer a Worthington Cup gift pack will receive four cans of Worthington Creamflow Bitter, a document bag and a T-Shirt. We've got 48 gift packs to give away.

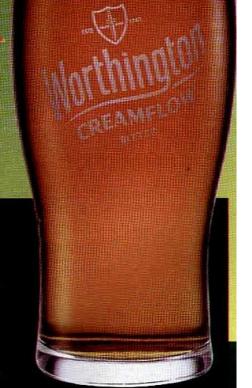
### SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE ANSWER?

# CALL US NOW ON 0171- 292 5235

(Calls should cost no more than 25p). Please give us your name, age, address, daytime telephone number and the team you support.

### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

1.) All entrants must be over 18 2.) All competition entries must be received by 31/08/98 3.) A total of 100 winners will be drawn at random 4.) Each winner can only claim one prize 5.) The first randomly drawn name will get the first choice of prize and so on until the 100th winner 6.) Choice of prize depends on availability 7.) Editor's decision is final.



# IT'S A FAN THING

Julian Wetherall's

# MARATINGNEWS

Today we are delighted to welcome our Matchball Sponsor, Impact, to tonight's game against Wycombe Wanderers.

# **Impact**

Impact are the International Exhibition Stand, Design and Contract specialists who are based in Okus Trading Estate, Swindon. They undertake the entire project from initial briefing to completion all over mainland Europe as well as the Far East and the USA. Impact have well equipped workshops, full computer

based graphic production, extensive storage options and a comprehensive fitting and transport division giving a total solution for corporate purchasing of exhibition and display products. Recent expansion has included a specialist sign division incorporating sports ground signage, corporate livery, retail and point of sale. For more information please contact David Jackson on 01793 435455.

If you are interested Sponsoring a Matchday or Match Ball at Swindon Town this season contact the Marketing Team on (01793) 532121.

# Why not entertain your clients at Swindon Town this season?



# **Matchday Sponsorship**

Matchday Sponsorship offers a very powerful package of benefits that enables your company to maximise on a wide range of promotional and hospitality opportunities.

# **Matchball Sponsorship**

Our Match Ball Sponsorship package offers a unique opportunity for you to create your own occasion in a personal and relaxed atmosphere and is guaranteed to make a big impression on you and your guests.





# **Executive Membership**

The Executive Suite is an ideal venue for Corporate entertainment or simply for enjoying football in comfort and style.

Are you looking for a venue that is located in the centre of town, but with ample free car-parking? Are you looking for a venue that offers the highest standard of service but at competitive prices?

Then why not consider Swindon Town Football Club - Swindon's unique venue.

For more information please call: 01793 532121

Marketing Department, Swindon Town FC. County Ground Road, Swindon, SN1 2ED.

# THE SWINDON TOWN SUPERSTORE

# YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT!

SALE STARTS: Wed 12th August - 9.00am SALE FINISHES: Sat 15th August - 5.15pm

WE ARE PLEASED TO ACCEPT







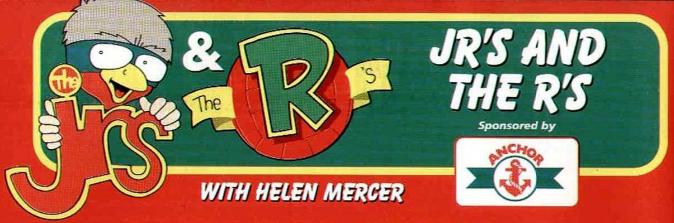


# OPENING HOURS

Mon - Fri: 9.00am - 6.00pm

Non matchday Sat: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Matchdays: 9.30am - Then after the game



Here we go with our first evening match of the season, the Worthington Cup first round, first leg, and welcome to all the Wycombe Wanderers Juniors this evening.

### JR'S & R'S WELCOME PACKS

The Jrs & R's packs will be ready for collection from the Sunderland game, if you are a season ticket holder, you will need to produce your season ticket to claim your pack, and complete the form at the kiosk. If you are not a season ticket holder, we will have your name at the kiosk with your packs for collection. Don't worry if you are not attending the Sunderland game as the packs will be available all season!

### RADIO ROBIN

Radio Robin kicked off last Friday, 6.30pm BBC Wiltshire Sound, you can hear it again this Saturday as a special treat ( it is normally the first Friday and second Saturday) between 1pm and 2pm. Listen to the latest news from behind the scenes, what's happening in the treatment room and that burning question - did the Gaffer like school dinners? You won't believe some of the questions I asked him this is one programme not to be missed. This programme gives you the opportunity to interview your favourite player, or have a 'fix it'. Write in to me and tell me why I should fix it for you. Shaun may call you up, so when the phone rings don't say 'Hello sing 'Singing out for Swindon' and you could will a spot prize.

Is it a bird...
is it a plans...
no it's Swindon's
NEW mascot 'FUNKY FLEDGLING

### **AWAY TRIPS**

Don't forget to book your trip to Wolves, we will be taking Funky on this trip, and we will be Singing out for Swindon all the way! It could be your chance to be an away mascot for the day too. The costings for all the trips are as follows and you can book your places at the Jr's & R's klosk at home matches or write to me at the club.

	Adults	Juniors
Wolves Sat 22nd Aug.	£14	€9
Portsmouth Sat 12th Sept.	£14	€8
Watford Sat 27th Feb.	£14	83
QPR Sat 20th March	£14	£8
Crystal Palace Sat 17th April	£15	£10
Norwich Sat 1st May	£18	£13

If you wish to book all 6 of the trips the junior price is £49!

Have a wonderful evening Jr's & R's, and sing as loud as you can for the lads!



# 1st team fixtures



### F.A. CUP WORTHINGTON CUP

Sat	Aug	08	Sheffield United	A 1
WED	AUG	12	WYCOMBE W. WC1 (1)	H
SAT	AUG	15	SUNDERLAND	H
Tue	Aug	18	Wycombe W. WC1 (2)	A
Sal	Aug	22		A
SAT	AUG	29	PORT VALE	H
Mon		31	Bury	A
SAT	SEPT	05	BRISTOL CITY*	H
WED	SEPT	09	OXFORD UNITED*	H
Sat	Sept	12	Portsmouth	A
SAT	SEPT	19	WATFORD	H
Fri	Sept	100	Tranmere Rovers	A
Tue	Sept	29	Bolton Wanderers	A
SAT	OCT	03	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H
SAT	OCT	10	HUDDERSFIELD T.	ii.
Sat	Oct	17	Ipswich Town	A
Tue	Oct	20	Birmingham City	Ä
SAT	OCT	24	W.B.A.	4
SAT	OCT	31	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	Н
Sat	Nov	07	Crewe Alexandra	A
Sat	Nov	14	Bradford City (FA.C1)	Ä
SAT	NOV	21	CRYSTAL PALACE	H
Sat	Nov	28	Grimsby Town	A
SAT	DEC	05	NORWICH CITY (FA.C2)	н
SAT	DEC	12	BRADFORD CITY	H
Sat	Dec	19	Barnsley	A
SAT	DEC	26	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H
Mon	Dec	28	Bristol City	A
Sat	Jan	02	(FA.C3)	
SAT	JAN	09	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H
Sat	Jan	16	Port Vale	A
Sat	Jan	23	(FA.C4)	
SAT	JAN	30	BURY	H
Sat	Feb	06	Sunderland	A
Sat	Feb	13	Oxford Utd (FA.C5)	A
SAT	FEB	20	PORTSMOUTH	H
Sat	Feb	27	Watford	A
WED	MAR	03	TRANMERE ROVERS	Н
SAT	MAR	06	BOLTON W. (FA.C6)	H
Tue	Mar	09	Stockport County	A
SAT	MAR	13	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H
Sat	Mar	20	Queens Park Rangers	A
Sat	Mar	27	W.B.A	A
SAT	APR	03	IPSWICH TOWN	H
Mon	Apr	05	Huddersfield Town	A
SAT	APR	10	BIRMINGHAM C. (FA.CSF)	H
Sal	Apr	17	Crystal Palace	A
SAT	APR	24	GRIMSBY TOWN	H
Sat	May	01	Norwich City	A
SUN	MAY	09	BARNSLEY	H
Sat	May	22	F.A. Cup Final	

Fixtures and Kick-Off times are subject to alteration for Television purposes and other League requirements. All Saturday home matches Kick-Off at 3pm. All home evening matches Kick-Off at 7.45pm

Tickets for these games will not be on sale on the day of the match

# reserve fixtures

ì	Wed	Aug	19	Barnet	A	
	WED	AUG	26	FULHAM	H	
	WED	SEPT	02	Q.P.R.	H	
	Wed	Sept	16	Wycombe W.	A	
	WED	SEPT	23	LUTON TOWN	H	
	WED		30	GILLINGHAM	H	
	Wed	Oct	07	Watford	A	
	WED	OCT	14	OXFORD UTD	H	
	WED	OCT	28	PETERBOROUGH U	H	
ı	Mon	Nov	02	Northampton T.	A	
	WED	NOV	18	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	
ı	Wed	Nov	25	Cambridge Utd	A	
ı	WED	DEC	02	READING	H	
ı	Wed	Dec	16	Portsmouth	A	
ı	Wed	Jan	06	Crystal Palace	A	
ı	WED	JAN	13	BRENTFORD	H	
ı	Wed	Jan	20	Ipswich Town	A	
ı	WED	FEB	03		H	
ı	Wed	Feb	10	Colchester Utd	A	
ı	WED	FEB	24	WEST HAM UTD	H	
ı	Wed	Mar	10		A	
ı	WED	MAR	17	ARSENAL	H	
ı	Wed	mar	24	Chariton Ath.	A	
	WEB	MAR	31	CHELSEA	H	
ı	Wed	Apr	07		A	
ĺ	WED	APR	34		H	
ı	Wed	Apr	21	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A	

All home matches are to be played at the County Ground kick-off time 7.15pm. Kick-off times are subject to change without accounts to the change

# first team appearances 1997/98

PLAYER NAME:	APPS.	GLS.
WAYNE ALLISON	18	3
<b>BRIAN BORROWS</b>	39	0
DARREN BULLOCK	25(5)	0
LEE COLLINS	23(4)	1
STEVE COWE	8(10)	2
PHILIPPE CUERVO	15(9)	0
IAN CULVERHOUSE	10(2)	0
FREDERIC DARRAS	14(2)	0
SOL DAVIS	4(1)	0
FRASER DIGBY	39	0
JASON DRYSDALE	13(4)	0
STUART ELLIOTT	1(1)	0
STEVE FINNEY	18(8)	4
TY GOODEN	41(1)	2
CHRIS HAY	32(6)	14
BOBBY HOWE	9(3)	0
ROBIN HULBERT	(1)	0
DAVID KERSLAKE	9	0
SCOTT LEITCH	27(1)	2
STEVE MILDENHALL	4	0
ALAN MCDONALD	32(5)	2
STEVE MCMAHON	(1)	0
ALEX MEECHAN	(1)	0
GEORGE NDAH	15	1
IFERM ONUORA	5	1
MICHAEL PATTIMORE	(2)	0
MARK ROBINSON	27(1)	1
MARK SEAGRAVES	7	0
ALEX SMITH	2(3)	0
FRANK TALIA	3	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	29(4)	2
MARK WALTERS	26(11)	5
TONY WARNER	2	0
KEVIN WATSON	14(4)	0

# youth fixtures

## South East Counties League Division 2

	Aug		Deffict	
SAT	AUG	15	BRENTFORD	- 1
Sat	Aug	22	AFC Bournemouth	10
WED	AUG	29	BRIGHTON & H.A.	
Sat	Sep	05	<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	
	SEP		OXFORD SMITED	ī
	Sep		Reading	4
SAT	SEP	26	WYCOMBE W.	
	Oct		Gillingham	
	OCT		LEYTON ORIENT	
	Oct		Portsmouth	
	OCT		CAMBRIDGE UNITED	TOTAL T
	Oct		Colchester United	100000
	NOV		LUTON TOWN	
		14		
Sat			Brentford	
SAT			BOURNEMOUTH	
SAT			SOUTHEND UNITED	
CAT	DEC	12	BARNET	
			Brighton & H.A.	
	JAN		BRISTOL ROVERS	
	Jan		Oxford United	
		23		
	Jan		Wycombe Wndrs.	
SAT		30	GILLINGHAM	
Sat				
			leyton Orient	
SAT			PORTSMOUTH	A
	feb	CHESCHI !	Cambridge United	
SAT		86	COLUMESTER UNITE	A
Set	Mar	18	Luton Town	

Home fixtures kick-off at 11.00am at the Nationwide Pavilion, Pipers Way -Kick-Off times are subject to change

# youth fixtures

### SWEB South West Counties Youth League

vv	1111	CO TOMES ACES	, see
Aug	22	Cirencester Town	A
ALL	29	CHELTENHAM TOWN	H
Sept	05	Plymouth Argyle	A
SEPT	12	EXETER CITY	A
Sept	19	AFC Newport	A
SEPT	26	YEOVIL TOWN	H
Oct	03	League Cup - Round 1	
Oct	17	Torquey United	A
OCT	24	BATH CITY	H
Oct	31	Swansea City	A
HOY	67	RASHLEY	H
Nov	14	Bristol Rovers	A
Nov	21	League Cup - Round 2	
BOV	28	CARDIFF CITY	
Dec	05	Cardiff City	A
DEC	12	CIRCHCESTER TOWN	8
Dec	19	Cheitenham Town	A
JAN	(63	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H
Jan	16	Exeter City	A
HAL	23	AFC NEWPORT	H
Jan	30	Yeavil Town	五 4 元 4 元
FEB	13	TORQUAY UNITED	35
Feb	20	Bath City	A
FEB	27	SWANSEA CITY	H
Mar	06	Bashley	A
RAM	13	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Mar	20	League Cup - Semi Finals	
Mar	27	League Cup - Final	

Home fixtures kick-off at 11.00am - and Wednesday fixtures kick-off at 2.00pm. At Allied Bunbar Centre or the BR Ground - Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning. Please see future Matchday Magazine issues for the latest information on all Swindon Town Football Club fixtures



# the officials

# Referee: Mr Andew Hall

Andrew is an Air Conditioning
Engineer and commenced
refereeing in 1987.
He became a panel referee in
1995 and was promoted to
Football League status in
1997. He has assisted in an
Auto Windscreens Semi-Final
and his hobbies include
playing Water Polo for
Sutton Coldfield.

Assistant Referees:

Mr S.L Gagen Mr K.J Hawkes

match facts

**Half-Time Score** 

**Full-Time Score** 

Today's Attendance



# TODAY'S TEAMS....



JIMMY GLASS MARTIN TAYLOR	
FRANK TALIA JASON COUSINS	
STEVE MILDENHALL MICHEAL FORSYTH	
CRAIG TAYLOR JASON KAVANAGH	
MARK ROBINSON PAUL McCARTHY	
BRIAN BORROWS NICKY MOHAN	
ALAN McDONALD CHRIS VINNICOMBE	
ALAN REEVES STEVE BROWN	
ADAMS WILLIS O DAVE CARROLL	
DAVID KERSLAKE O JOHN CORNFORTH	
GARETH HALL OM MO HARKIN	
TY GOODEN KEITH RYAN	
SOL DAVIS MICHEAL SIMPSON	
DARREN BULLOCK STEVE McGAVIN	
BOBBY HOWE PAUL READ	
PHILIPPE CUERVO KEITH SCOTT	
KEVIN WATSON O MARK STALLARD	
ROBIN HULBERT	
SCOTT LEITCH	
LEE COLLINS	
MARK WALTERS	
GEORGE NDAH	
IFEM ONUORA	
CHRIS HAY	
STEVE COWE	

# NEXT HOME MATCH...

Sat 15th Aug 1998 Nationwide League Div 1 3.00pm kick off VS **SUNDERLAND** 

