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Welcome to the County Ground

**If you arrived early enough
you have probably enjoyed
watching Gaby Roslin and her
contestants filming a scene
from the BBC gameshow
"Whatever You Want".**

And before you all start joking that Gaby is the most attractive thing you've seen at the County Ground all season, please let me remind you of our convincing 3-0 win over League leader's Huddersfield.

This is what can happen when we play well. This is just what we did with Walters, Ndah, Gooden and Onuora all playing their part in tormenting the Huddersfield defence. What was even more of a relief was the clean sheet. Recent games have seen us go down due to silly defending, yet against Huddersfield we looked organised.

I think we'll put that down to the presence of new man Jim Quinn. After only a week in charge he has extended training times to work on the teams' weaknesses and has cut out the three deadly sins of football - sex, alcohol and shopping!?!

Life at Swindon is anything but dull and with rumours of a ban on a trip to Tesco's flying around, it is not surprising.

The funny thing was the Gaffer never said it. Nevertheless, it was fascinating to watch the national media actually become interested in Swindon Town for five minutes with reports in The Daily Mail and a feature on Sky Sports - just because Jim Quinn mentioned shopping.

Every fan of the club likes to see their team on TV so perhaps next week we could ask Jim to say he will be banning knitting - Sky Sports would be down like a shot to cover that one!

Today we welcome the fans, officials and players of West Bromwich Albion Football Club. I'm sure that fans and players alike are still smarting from the 3-2 home defeat at the hands of Sunderland. The Baggies go 2-0 up and all is well in the world, then out of nowhere the Rokerites find another gear and turn the game on its head.

Football is a cruel, funny old game. West Brom fans will know this as much as any set of football fanatics. Only this week a cursory glance at a West Brom Web Site (and a very good one at that called "West Brom Boing Boing!") revealed that WIMBLEDON

owner Sam Hammam was considering a sensational move to merge West Bromwich Albion with the Dons.

Midlands sources have revealed there has been secret contact between Hammam and a senior Albion director. The new outfit would become the West Bromwich Dons?! Another example of how things off the pitch can overshadow events on the park.

Anyway its back to reality today for this tough fixture with West Brom. Swindon have proven themselves a tough team to beat and the lads will need all the support you can give as we go for the three points this afternoon.

I'm off to Tesco's and don't tell Jim!



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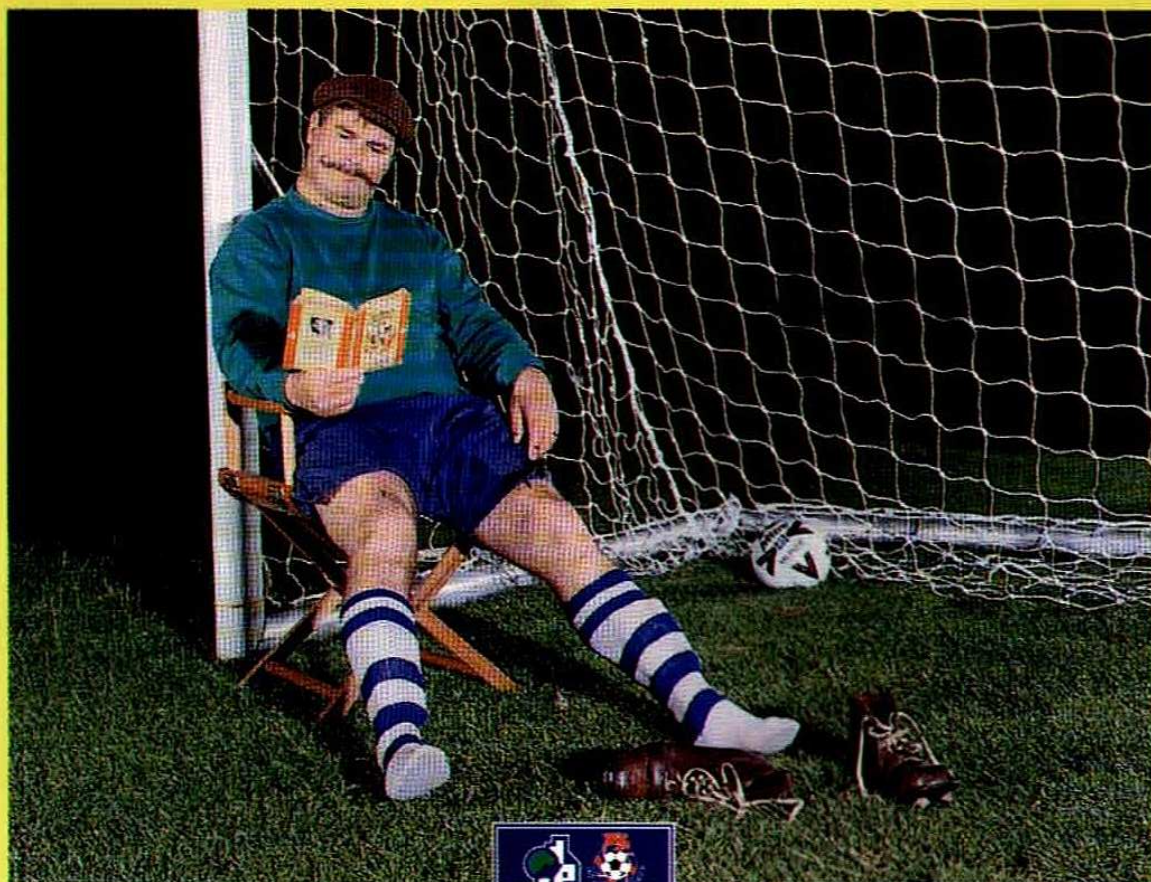
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Jim QUINN

gives his view...

Well here we are for my third home game at Swindon and already things seem to be improving.

The players have responded well to training, we've had great support from the fans and the local paper has stopped mentioning the ban on shopping!

Seriously though, I really am delighted with the effort the players have put in since I've started.

Mike Walsh and myself have extended training times so we can work on fitness and improving the weaknesses in the side.

With Iffy and George doing so well up front it was clear that our defence was the problem- we conceded too many goals. But we kept a good clean sheet against Huddersfield and we restricted the lethal pairing of Adebola and Ndlovu to one goal away to Birmingham. This is a tremendous achievement from the lads and I hope it will continue.

Much of this is to do with the fine displays of Frank Talia between the sticks. He pulled off some great saves against Huddersfield and kept us in the game at Birmingham.

Looking closer out our last few games I felt there was a lot to be positive about. Our last home game saw us attack well and defend with commitment. What was even better was that

we played entertaining football for large parts of the game.

Against Ipswich I think we faced the best side so far this term. They are very quick up front and their movement off the ball was phenomenal. I was disappointed with our first half showing, but after the break the players responded well to what I said and looked more lively. I felt the players had a little bit of the fear factor because we all knew that Ipswich are a good side and we gave them too much respect.

We knew we had our work cut out for us with the away trip to Birmingham. If someone had told me we would come away from this match with a point I would have been happy. But on the night I felt we were unlucky not to take three points.

Marsden opened the scoring for Birmingham with a very lucky deflected shot. We came back from that well and looked dangerous in attack and in the 74th minute we got what we deserved. Davis knocked a good ball into Gooden and Ty unleashed a tremendous shot, all of 25 yards, that left their keeper with no chance.

In the dying minutes George raced through on goal, but was brought down so we had to settle for a share of the points.

As well as being pleased with what was happening on the pitch I also have to say a big thank you to the travelling fans on Tuesday night. The 300 or 400 that made the trip chanted throughout the game and got behind the players 100%. On occasions it was only the Swindon fans that could be heard at St Andrew's.

Now things are going well but we must make sure that we keep our feet firmly on the ground as we look to turn things around.

Today is yet another game against top opposition. I'd like to welcome Denis Smith and his side for this tough encounter. I'm sure many of you watched the thrilling game the Baggies played against Sunderland. Despite losing, they showed what a good side they are. Few teams can say they have gone 2 up against Peter Reid's outfit.

What we need this afternoon is plenty of noise from the home faithful to lift the lads. When we can hear you singing it really makes the difference, so let's raise the roof and go for three points.

NEXT MATCH

Jim Quinn's view
(HOME)

Q.P.R.

Sat 31st October 1998



It'll be a tough game against Gerry Francis' side, but we'll be going for the three points next Saturday.





Today's visitors **WEST BROM**

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

We hope you all enjoy the game and have a safe journey home afterwards.

Undefeated in their first four games of the current campaign, the Baggies were the early pace-setters in Division One, recording impressive wins over Sheffield United, Port Vale and Norwich in the process.

But they were brought back down to earth with a nasty bump by a 5-1 hammering at Grimsby and have since struggled to recapture that early form, although a recent 4-1 thrashing of Watford points to things moving in the right direction.

Very much the star of the season so far has been 22-year-old former Kidderminster Harriers' striker Lee Hughes who has scored 13 goals in just 12 League games so far in 1998/99.

Hughes was plucked from the Vauxhall Conference in May 1997, having netted a remarkable 34 goals in 30 games in the 1996/97 campaign. An Albion fan as a boy, he quickly settled into life at the higher level, becoming the Baggies' joint top scorer last season with 14 senior goals and looking well set to comfortably overhaul that total this time around.

Albion supporters will be hoping that 1998/99 doesn't go the same way as last season for them, when a mercurial start under Ray Harford was followed by a disappointing tenth place finish, well off the Play-Off pace.

But Harford's departure in December 1997 paved the way for the arrival of former Oxford boss Denis Smith, who quickly took stock and started to rebuild the club's ailing youth system, as well as appointing a new diet and fitness expert and adopting a more attack-minded approach for the first team.

Alongside the prolific Hughes, Albion can call on the services of James Quinn - no relation - a pacey and skilful striker who once scored 50 goals in a single season for Birmingham City's youth team.

Winger Kevin Kilbane, a Republic of Ireland U21 cap who was signed from Preston for a club record £1m in June 1997, is another flair player who gets the Hawthorns crowd on the edge of their seats.

With Richard Sneekes once more providing the drive from midfield, after falling out of favour last season, and the signing of former Bolton striker Fabian de Freitas, there is certainly no shortage of threats going forward.

In addition the return from long-term injury of defensive pair Paul Raven and Paul Mardon has been the equivalent of signing two new players for Denis Smith, and has given Albion a strength in depth at the back that was sometimes lacking last season.

Matt Carbon and Micky Evans scored the goals for Albion when they beat Swindon 2-0 here at the County Ground last season, and the Robins will be keen to avenge that defeat this afternoon.



The team WEST BROM

CHRIS ADAMSON

POSITION: Goalkeeper
BORN: 04.11.78
AGE: 19
HEIGHT: 5ft 11in
PREVIOUS CLUB: None

Young 'keeper who has come up through the ranks at The Hawthorns and was given a first-team debut by Denis Smith in April. Made a nervous start, but his agility and safe handling bode well for the future.

PAUL CRICHTON

POSITION: Goalkeeper
BORN: 03.10.68
AGE: 30
HEIGHT: 6ft 1in
PREVIOUS CLUB: Grimsby Town

Well travelled player who followed former boss Alan Buckley from Grimsby in September 1996. Injuries and the good form of Alan Miller kept Paul on the bench last season, but he managed a couple of games and had a spell on loan at Aston Villa.

ALAN MILLER

POSITION: Goalkeeper
BORN: 29.03.70
AGE: 28
HEIGHT: 6ft 3in
PREVIOUS CLUB: Middlesbrough

A £400,000 signing in March 1997, former England U21 international Alan is very much first choice at The Hawthorns. Required a hernia

operation towards the end of last season, but still picked up the Club's Player of the Year award and was also voted onto the PFA's Division One Representative XI by his fellow pros. Began with Arsenal and has also played for Plymouth (loan), West Brom (loan), Birmingham (loan), Middlesbrough and Grimsby (loan).

DARYL BURGESS

POSITION: Defender
BORN: 24.01.71
AGE: 27
HEIGHT: 5ft 11in
PREVIOUS CLUB: None

Versatile player who operated at right-back, centre-half and sweeper for the Baggies last season, when he was again one of the club's most consistent performers. Now in his tenth year with Albion, he is a powerful and competitive opponent who missed chunks of last season with injury.

MATT CARBON

POSITION: Central Defender
BORN: 08.06.75
AGE: 23
HEIGHT: 6ft 2in
PREVIOUS CLUB: Derby County

Cool, calm and collected centre-back who became Albion's most expensive defender when he signed for £800,000 in January 1998. An England U21 international, he is strong in the air but likes to play the ball out from the back.

ANDY McDERMOTT

POSITION: Full-back
BORN: 24.03.77
AGE: 21
HEIGHT: 5ft 9in
PREVIOUS CLUB: QPR

Quick and versatile right-sided defender, who shared the full-back role with Paul Holmes last season. Composed on the ball and capable of playing in midfield if required he was arrived at QPR via the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

PAUL MARDON

POSITION: Central Defender
BORN: 14.09.69
AGE: 29
HEIGHT: 6ft
PREVIOUS CLUB: B'ham City

Solid central defender who has suffered an injury nightmare over the last couple of seasons, but appears to be back to full fitness in 1998/99. A Wales international he cost Albion £400,000 when he signed in November 1993.

JASON VAN BLERK

POSITION: Full-back
BORN: 16.03.68
AGE: 30
HEIGHT: 6ft 1in
PREVIOUS CLUB: Man City

Jason began his career in England when he signed for Millwall from Dutch club Go Ahead Eagles for £300,000 in September 1994. An Australian international, he is able to operate at left-back or in midfield and is a strong and forceful player who likes to push forward.

MARIO BORTOLAZZI

POSITION: Midfield
BORN: 10.01.65
AGE: 33
HEIGHT: 5ft 10in
PREVIOUS CLUB: Genoa, Italy

Formerly with Mantova, Fiorentina, Milan, Parma, Verona and Atalanta,



The team WEST BROM

Mario moved to the Baggies after a short trial period in August 1998. A veteran of more than 300 appearances in Serie A, he also helped Genoa beat Port Vale in the 1996 Anglo-Italian Cup Final.

SEAN FLYNN

POSITION: **Midfield**
BORN: 13.03.68
AGE: 30
HEIGHT: 5ft 8in
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Derby County**

A hard-working, right-sided midfielder who covers a lot of ground and has become a firm favourite at The Hawthorns since signing for £260,000 in August 1997. Likes to shoot from distance.

ENZO MARESCA

POSITION: **Midfield**
BORN: 10.02.80
AGE: 18
HEIGHT: 5ft 10in
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Cagliari, Italy**

Enzo was a summer signing from Italy, he is a highly-rated midfielder who has captained his country's Youth squads at U16 and U18 level. Seen more as one for the future, he has been named in national coach Dino Zoff's 40-strong squad for qualifying for Euro 2000.

RICHARD SNEEKES

POSITION: **Midfield**
BORN: 30.10.68
AGE: 29
HEIGHT: 5ft 11in
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Bolton**

Not at his best during the latter part of 1997/98 - when he was often asked to play up front alongside Lee Hughes - Sneekes is a midfield driving force for Albion. Able to both break up opposition moves and to create openings for his own side, he likes to get forward into goalscoring positions where his powerful shot comes into play. Albion paid £400,000 to tempt him from Bolton in March 1996.

MARK ANGEL

POSITION: **Forward**
BORN: 23.08.75
AGE: 23
HEIGHT: 5ft 8in
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Oxford United**

Followed manager Denis Smith from Oxford during the summer, after a disappointing season with the Manor Ground club in 1997/98. A skilful wide player with a good shot, he began with Sunderland and is happy playing on either flank, although he prefers cutting in from the right. Suffered a badly torn thigh muscle last season.

FABIEN DE FREITAS

POSITION: **Forward**
BORN: 28.07.72
AGE: 26
HEIGHT: 5ft 11in
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Osasuna, Spain**

Former Bolton striker who signed a three-year contract with the Baggies in August 1998 - and promptly celebrated by scoring both goals in a 2-0 win over Norwich City, managed by his former Trotters boss Bruce Rioch. A Dutch U21 international, his direct approach and eye for goal have already made him popular at The Hawthorns.

MICKY EVANS

POSITION: **Forward**
BORN: 01.01.73

AGE: 25
HEIGHT: 6ft
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Southampton**

A £750,000 signing from the Premiership in October 1997, Micky is a powerful and pacey front-man who will be hoping for good things in 1998/99. Struck with a series of injuries last season, he has yet to make much of an impact at The Hawthorns. A Republic of Ireland international.

JIMMY QUINN

POSITION: **Forward**
BORN: 15.12.74
AGE: 23
HEIGHT: 6ft 1in
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Blackpool**

An exciting and speedy Northern Ireland international, Jimmy's partnership with Lee Hughes and Fabien de Freitas has caused defences all sorts of problems this season. A £500,000 signing, he can play wide on the right or through the centre and has made quite an impact since arriving at The Hawthorns.

Other squad members include: Paul Raven, Shaun Murphy, Paul Holmes, Graham Potter, Brian Quailley, Lee Hughes, Kevin Kilbane.



The manager DENIS SMITH

Former Oxford manager Denis Smith was appointed to The Hawthorns' hot-seat in succession to Ray Harford in December 1997.

Born in Stoke in 1947, Smith was a tough, no-nonsense central defender who was the linchpin of his hometown side for many years. He played more the 450 games for the Potters and helped them to the League Cup in 1972 and also to promotion to the top flight in 1978/79.

He had a brief loan spell at York City in 1982 and was subsequently appointed player/manager there for 1982/83. In his first season in charge at Bootham Crescent, York finished seventh, but by the end of the following campaign they had won the old Fourth Division Championship with a then record 101 points (since superseded, of course, by Swindon's 102 points two years later).

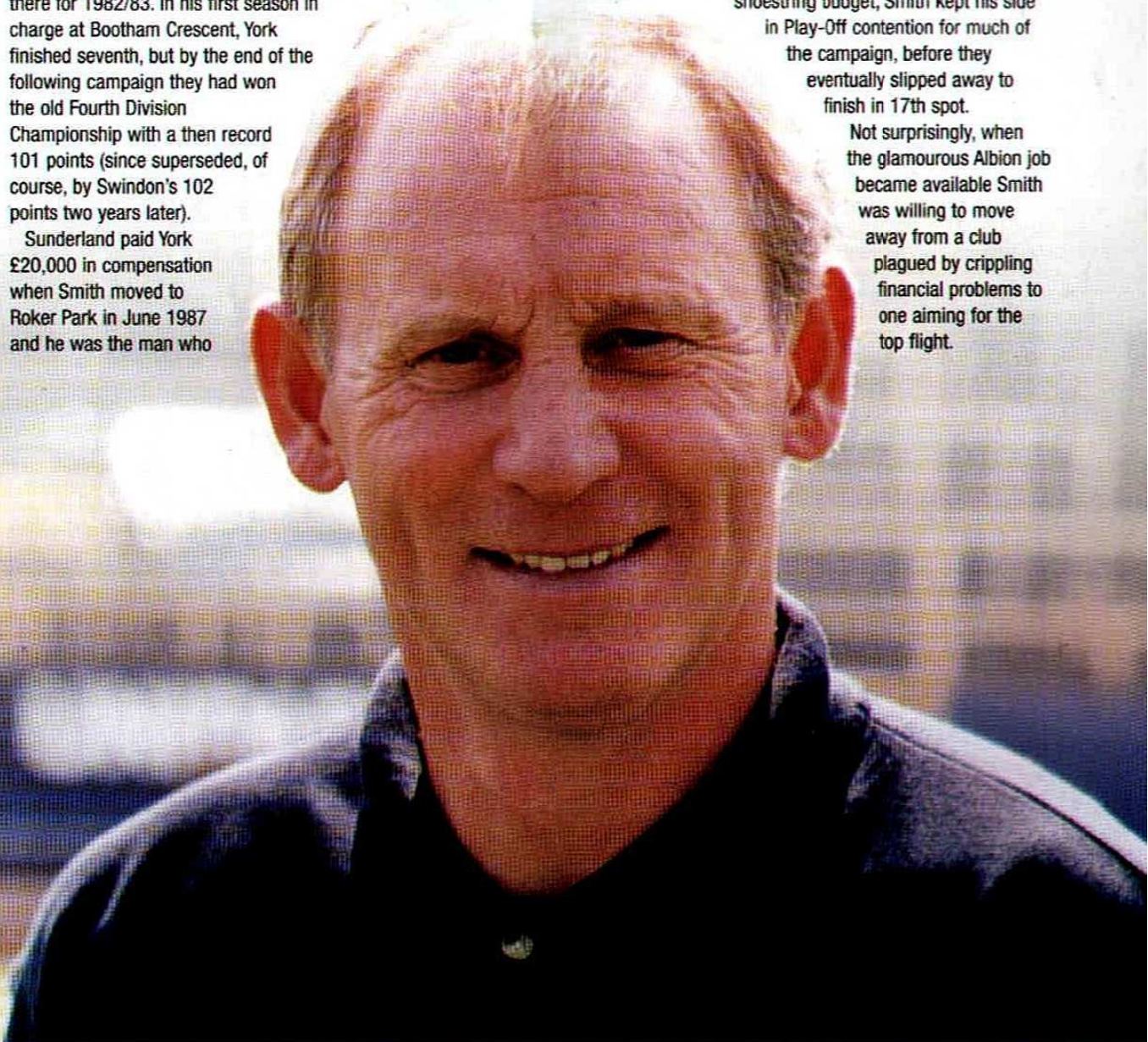
Sunderland paid York £20,000 in compensation when Smith moved to Roker Park in June 1987 and he was the man who

led the Wearsiders back from the dead with two promotions, from the old Third Division to the First, before being replaced by Malcolm Crosby in December 1991 following a poor run of results, culminating, ironically enough, in a 3-0 defeat at Oxford.

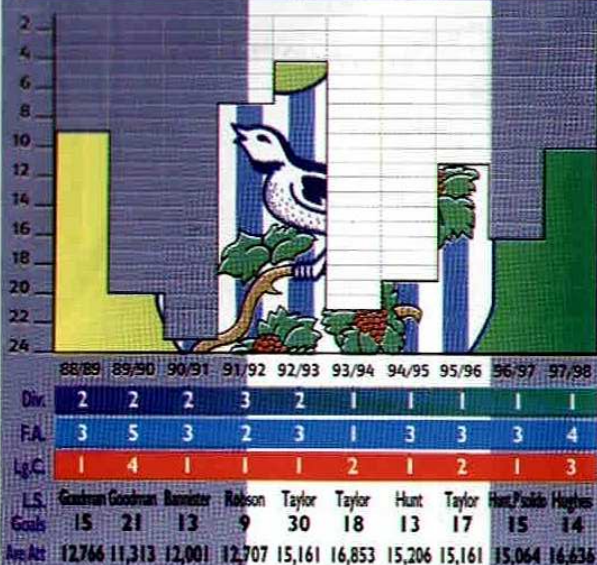
After a brief spell at Bristol City he moved to the Manor Ground in September 1993, following the departure of Brian Horton. Relegation followed in his first season with Oxford, but 1995/96 saw the club regain their First Division status after clinching the second automatic promotion spot.

In 1996/97, despite operating on a shoestring budget, Smith kept his side in Play-Off contention for much of the campaign, before they eventually slipped away to finish in 17th spot.

Not surprisingly, when the glamorous Albion job became available Smith was willing to move away from a club plagued by crippling financial problems to one aiming for the top flight.



West Brom's last ten years - the full record



When West Brom have scored goals... and conceded them



BAGGIES' BAD BOYS

van Blerk...4
Flynn...2
Hughes...2
McDermott...2
Bortolazzi...1
Mardon...1
Maresca...1
Quinn...1
Carson...1

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ROBINS' ROGUES

Bullock...7
Reeves...4
Walters...4
Leitch...3
Kidd...3
Borrows...2
Kerlake...2
Davis...1
Gordon...1
Hulbert...1
Robinson...1

League Positions throughout the season



Last 6 League Results ..

Sunderland H 2-3
Watford H 4-1
Oxford A 0-3
Stockport A 2-2
Bradford H 0-2
Bristol City A 3-1

When Swindon have scored goals... and conceded them



Who's played for West Brom this season...

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
		Apps	Goals					
Lee Hughes	F	12	13	22	5'10"	11'06"	Kidderminster	Eng Sp
Alan Miller	G	12		28	6'3"	14'08"	Middlesbrough	Eng U21
James Quinn	F	12	2	23	6'1"	12'10"	Blackpool	N Ire
Matt Carson	D	11	1	23	6'2"	12'05"	Derby	Eng U21
Sean Flynn	M	11	1	30	5'8"	11'08"	Derby	
Kevin Kilbane	M	11	3	21	6'0"	12'07"	Preston	Eire
Jason van Blerk	D	11		30	6'1"	13'00"	Man City	Australi
Richard Sneekes	M	10(1)	2	29	5'11"	12'03"	Bolton	Holl U21
Paul Mardon	D	8(3)		29	6'0"	11'10"	Birmingham	Wales
Shaun Murphy	D	7(2)		27	6'1"	12'00"	Notts County	
Fabian De Freitas	F	6(4)	3	26	6'1"	12'09"	Ossuna	
Andy McDermott	D	6		21	5'9"	11'03"	QPR	
Mike Evans	F	5		25	6'0"	13'05"	Southampton	
Paul Raven	D	5		28	6'1"	12'11"	Doncaster	Eng Yth
Mario Bortolazzi	M	4(5)		33	5'10"	11'00"	Genoa	
Mark Angel	M	1(2)		23	5'10"	11'07"	Oxford	
Enzo Maresca	M	(3)		18	5'10"	11'02"	Cagliari	Italy U18
Daryl Burgess	D	(2)		27	5'11"	12'04"		
Graham Potter	D	(1)		23	6'1"	11'12"	Southampton	
Paul Crichton	G			30	6'1"	12'02"	Grimsby	
Adam Oliver	M			17	5'7"	10'02"		
Brian Quailley	F			20	6'0"	12'10"		

How The Baggies have scored goals... and conceded them

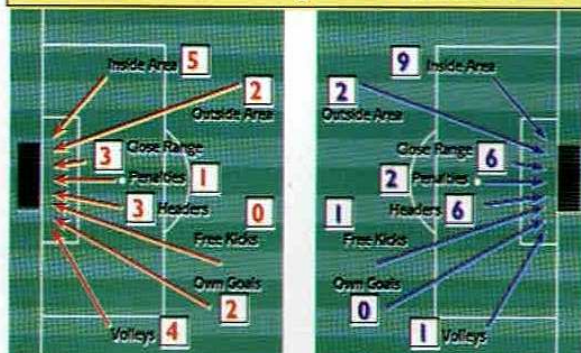


Robins v Baggies

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West Bromwich	2	1	3	11	12	7	LWLWLW

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How Swindon have scored goals... and conceded them



PAGES from the past...

TED VIZARD WRITES, OCTOBER 1938...

Sadly, today we will be without Eddie Jones who sustained a broken nose in the Southern Section Cup reply which we lost 2-3 to Exeter here at the County Ground.

Eddie sustained the injury in the first minute but gamely battled until the loss of blood from his injury proved too much. The fact that Peter McWilliam of Tottenham, Tom Parker of Southampton and Harry Storer of Coventry City were among the spectators at this match shows how the form of our lads is attracting nationwide attention. We do not intend to give our players away though. Can I crush the rumour that Ben Morton will be going to Sunderland. John Cochrane, the Sunderland manager, has expressed interest in Ben but not at the price we would require to part with a man who has already scored 9 goals this season. Ben was the club's first £1,000 signing and having waited for 17 matches for him to score a goal for us we shall not rush to sell now he has found his shooting boots.

The gate of less than 2,000 for the Exeter match was disappointing and reflects the problems of afternoon kick offs in week days when most people are at work. It may be that this is a competition whose days are numbered.

Hopefully, today we can build on the great result we achieved at Southend last Saturday. Frank Wildman had a great game in goal, but after the match David Jack the Shrimpers' manager said "It was Flower who beat us." Jones and Lucas had brought us back into the game with goals in quick succession but it was Alan Fowler's goal that won us the match. Everyone was expecting a pass to the right when he shot home from fully twenty yards. It was great to see Bob Jefferson, the right winger from Town's Cup semi and Sam Allen would still be talking about the good old days. Bob has been coaching on the continent but hopes to be paying a visit to Swindon soon to look up his old colleagues.

Today sees us with a chance to move to the top of the table, if both Newport and Aldershot slip up. So get behind the lads as your encouragement can make all the difference. Last season we shared 6 goals with today's visitors Mansfield in the equivalent fixture so there should be no shortage of excitement. Later this month Sam Allen will be representing the club at the 75th Anniversary banquet of the Football Association. How nice it would be if we could send



THE GROUNDED MORTON WATCHED THIS SHOT STRIKE THE POST IN A MATCH WITH GILLINGHAM IN 1938

him to the celebrations with the team to which he has devoted his lifetime sitting on top of the table.

A new innovation will be seen today as part of the directors' "Comfort for All" campaign. Seat cushions will be available for hire at a cost of 2d. Not only will this improve the comfort of spectators but as our Treasurer, Mr Hamilton, has observed it will also help our position at the bank. We must try to make the most of the resources we possess at the County Ground and to this end Mr Hamilton is to engage in talks to see if we can get a Gas Proof shelter constructed on the South side of the ground.

Quiz question:

Alan Fowler, who was Swindon's top scorer in the 1934/5 and 1937/8 seasons, was killed in action during World War II. Who were the two other Town players who lost their lives while serving in the forces during World War II?

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Last game's question

Which former Huddersfield striker helped Swindon out on the coaching side during their last season in the Premiership?

Answer...

Frank Worthington

compiled by Dick Mattick

MIKE WALSH'S

weekly diary... Oct

Monday 5th

Unfortunately, Saturday's game didn't turn out to be the dream start that Jim Quinn and the rest of us had hoped for.

We took a good early lead, but Stockport are a tough, competitive side and proved as much when they began to dominate things in the second half.

In many ways that game showed myself and the Gaffer what we already knew, that our defence is leaking far too many goals. Although we lost I think we can take heart from the performance of Scott Leitch. He showed excellent work and controlled the centre of midfield for large parts of the match. And it was his sweeping passes that often dissected their back four.

Putting the defeat out of our minds it was back to training today. This is the Gaffer's first real chance to have a look at the lads at work and to start bringing in his ideas. The session lasted longer than usual with much of it being spent on tightening the defence. We did this in different scenarios of five against five, encouraging the defenders to cover each other.

Tuesday 6th

The lads have responded very well to the new approaches the Gaffer has been taking and already they seem a bit sharper.

Today we worked on taking this sharpness a stage further. We left the balls in the bags and worked on short sprints to improve the players acceleration over 10 yards.

Wednesday 7th

The whole squad was in for a good long session at Supermarine.

We set up a practice game of eleven a-side and stopped it now and again to mark some points and show the lads how to improve their shape.

Thursday 8th

As the game is on Friday night we treat today like a normal pre-match day.

This involves a light session concentrating on set pieces and some jogging. After this it was back to the ground for chicken, pasta and jacket potatoes.

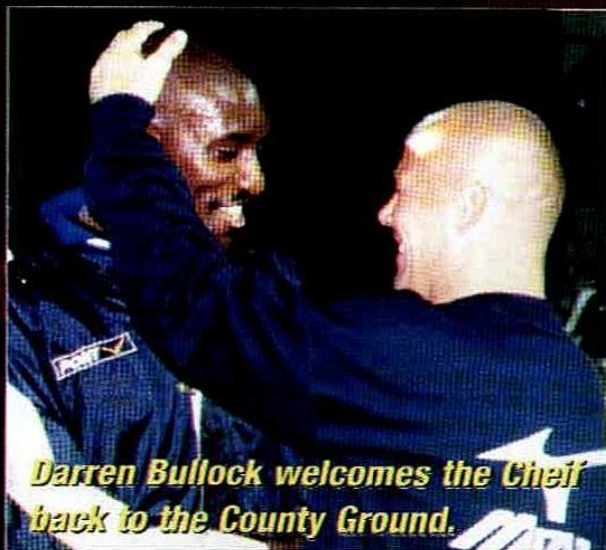
Friday 9th

On the day of a game we ask the players to put their feet up and rest (even if it means no shopping!!).

This gives me the chance to reflect on the first week with our new manager. The most pleasing thing has been the response of the players. All week the sessions have lasted longer than normal as we try to rectify the mistakes.

This hard work paid off well against Huddersfield. Let's not forget that they are top of the League and on form. To turn them over 3-0 was a great result for the lads, and credit must go to the whole side as each man did their job.

Frank Talia's confidence grew as the game went on and by the end we felt you couldn't fire a bullet past him. Walters was on top form and had the beating of his marker every time. The response of the fans also deserves mention. On a wet and windy Friday night they came in their thousands and created one of the best atmospheres at a home game all season. I know this gave the players a lift and helped them secure the win.



Darren Bullock welcomes the Chief back to the County Ground.



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FIXTURES 98/99

Avon Insurance Combination League Div 1

Wed Aug 19	Barnet	5-1
Wed Aug 26	FULHAM	1-4
Wed SEPT 02	Q.P.R.	5-0
Wed SEPT 16	Wycombe W.	P-P
Wed SEPT 23	LUTON TOWN	0-1
Wed SEPT 30	GILLINGHAM	1-2
Wed Oct 07	Watford	0-0
Wed OCT 14	OXFORD UTD	0-1
Wed OCT 26	PETERBOROUGH U.	H
Mon Nov 02	Northampton T.	A
Wed NOV 19	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H
Wed Nov 25	Cambridge Utd	A
Wed DEC 02	READING	H
Wed Dec 16	Portsmouth	A
Wed Jan 06	Crystal Palace	A
Wed JAN 13	BRENTFORD	H
Wed Jan 20	Ipswich Town	A
Wed FEB 03	NORWICH CITY	H
Wed Feb 10	Colchester Utd	A
Wed FEB 24	WEST HAM UTD	H
Wed Mar 10	Tottenham H.	A
Wed MAR 17	ARSENAL	H
Wed Mar 24	Charlton Ath.	A
Wed MAR 31	CHELSEA	H
Wed Apr 07	Wimbledon	A
Wed APR 14	SOUTHAMPTON	H
Wed Apr 21	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A

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LEAGUE 98/99

Avon Insurance Combination League Div 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Luton Town	8	5	2	1	17	10	17	+07
Southampton	8	5	1	2	21	8	16	+13
Charlton Athletic	7	5	1	1	14	6	16	+08
Q.P.R.	7	4	3	0	16	6	15	+10
Peterborough	6	5	0	3	19	12	15	+07
Watford	7	4	2	1	13	3	14	+12
Brighton & H.A.	8	4	2	2	10	13	14	-03
Arsenal	5	4	1	1	14	5	13	+09
Bournemouth	8	4	1	3	14	13	13	+01
Portsmouth	8	4	1	3	14	14	13	00
Ipswich Town	8	3	3	2	14	13	12	+01
Crystal Palace	9	3	2	4	22	19	11	+03
Norwich City	7	3	2	2	5	5	11	+01
Chelsea	7	3	1	3	9	10	10	-01
Fulham	6	2	3	1	11	7	9	+04
Millwall	6	2	3	1	11	7	8	+03
Oxford United	7	3	0	4	10	11	9	-01
West Ham United	5	2	2	2	10	8	8	+02
Northampton	7	2	2	3	4	6	6	-02
Barnet	8	2	2	4	12	23	8	-11
Wimbledon	7	1	4	2	7	10	7	-10
Cambridge	6	2	1	3	6	12	7	-06
Colchester	9	2	1	6	9	20	7	-11
Tottenham H.	5	2	0	4	4	8	6	-04
Brentford	6	1	2	3	8	11	5	-03
Reading	8	1	2	5	8	17	5	-09
Gillingham	8	1	2	5	6	15	5	-09
SWINDON TOWN	7	1	1	5	7	14	4	-07
Wycombe	7	1	1	5	6	17	4	-11



Alan McDonald Reports:
Wednesday 7th October 1998

WATFORD 0
SWINDON TOWN 0

Despite the windy conditions, the lads gave a fine team performance against a good Watford side.

It really was a game of two halves as they dominated the first while we came back at them in the second.

The first half was all about work rate. We were under pressure for long spells of the first 45 but the team battled well and frustrated the Watford attacks. It was particularly pleasing to see such good defending from youngsters such as Campagna and McHugh. The more experienced defenders, such as Taylor and Hall also deserve credit.

We created a few chances of our own, working off the break, but these were few and far between, we just couldn't break the deadlock.

The second half was a different story. We moved up a gear and began controlling the midfield. Darren Bullock began to assert himself on the opposition, making it very difficult for Watford to settle.

As we pushed forward more chances came our way and it was nippy forward Steve Cowe that nearly opened the scoring for us. He worked himself into a good position and knocked in a fine effort, but it just wasn't our night.

With 25 minutes to go I pulled off the Gaffer, Darren Bullock and Gareth Hall, but we continued to force the pace. It was the skill and hard work of both Hulbert and Holcroft that was making the difference.

At the end of the night we didn't get the goal the squad deserved but there was plenty to be pleased about. I felt the experienced players set a good example for the younger lads. Overall, it was a solid performance with the added bonus of a clean sheet.

Team: Glass, McHugh, Hall (Burke, 65), Watson, Campagna, Taylor, Hulbert, Bullock (McAreavey, 65), Quinn (Donlon, 65), Cowe, Holcroft.

NEXT HOME MATCH

Wednesday 28th
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YOUTH TEAM REVIEW



Tom Jones Reports:

Saturday 19th September 1998

**SWINDON YOUTH 3
LINCOLN YOUTH 0**

Midland Youth Cup

Recently we've been playing well but not getting the deserved result.

Tonight, however, the lads turned it on and scored three great goals to take us through to the next round of the Midland Youth Cup.

We kicked-off in good dry conditions and almost immediately got our noses in front. After only fifteen minutes Jason Donlon had given us the lead when he volleyed home a good cross from Brad Peters.

This was really good for the lads because it has been a while since we've taken an early lead and this lifted their spirits.

And 35 minutes later we went one better as we scored a second. It was youngster Alan Young, playing three years above himself, who scored number two. Sam Campagna hit a good ball into the box, Burke nodded it down and Young did ever so well to finish it off.

Coming in 2-0 up at half time meant we could control the game and needn't make too many changes. The only threat Lincoln did provide was from dead ball situations because they were a big side.

In all fairness to the opposition, they came out for the second half really fired up and they had a bit of a go at us. We weathered that and eventually got our passing game going again with Jamie Mills doing well in the centre of midfield.

From this play Alan Young ended up

scoring a brilliant individual goal. He made a bit of space for himself from a throw, flicked the ball over his marker's head, got round the other side of him and smashed it into the bottom left hand corner.

It was great to see Young score two and proves the adage "if you're good enough you're old enough".

Overall, I felt it was a good team display, and I would struggle to pick out any player that didn't do his job. Most importantly it was nice to see us knock in some goals and get the win that our approach play deserves.

Team: Bittner, Peters, Donlon, Williams, Campagna, Culbertson, Mills, McHugh, Young, Burke, McAreavey.
Subs: Dix, McRobie, Jeffery.

SWINDON TOWN YOUTHS
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**South East Counties
NEXT HOME MATCH**

**Saturday 24th
October 1998**

Cambridge Utd

Kick-Off 11.00am

FIXTURES 98/99

South East Counties League Division 2

Sat Aug 08	Barnet	0-1
SAT AUG 15	BRENTFORD	2-0
Sat Aug 22	AFC Bournemouth	2-0
WED AUG 29	BRIGHTON & H.A.	1-0
Sat Sep 05	Bristol Rovers	1-1
SAT SEP 12	OXFORD UNITED	0-0
Sat Sep 19	Reading	2-2
SAT SEP 26	WYCOMBE W.	1-2
Sat Oct 03	Gillingham	4-0
SAT OCT 10	LEYTON ORIENT	0-2
Sat Oct 17	Portsmouth	2-0
SAT OCT 24	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H
Sat Oct 31	Colchester United	A
SAT NOV 07	LUTON TOWN	H
Sat Nov 14	Southend United	A
Sat Nov 21	Brentford	A
SAT NOV 28	BOURNEMOUTH	H
SAT DEC 05	SOUTHEND UNITED	H
SAT DEC 12	BARNET	H
Sat Jan 02	Brighton & H.A.	A
SAT JAN 09	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Sat Jan 16	Oxford United	A
SAT JAN 23	READING	H
Sat Jan 30	Wycombe Wdhrs.	A
SAT FEB 06	GILLINGHAM	H
Sat Feb 13	Ieyton Orient	A
SAT FEB 20	PORTSMOUTH	H
Sat Feb 27	Cambridge United	A
SAT MAR 06	COLCHESTER UNITED	H
Sat Mar 13	Luton Town	A

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

FIXTURES 98/99

SWEB South West Counties Youth League

Aug 22	Gloucester Town	2-0
AUG 29	CHELTENHAM TOWN	2-0
Sept 05	Plymouth Argyle	6-1
SEPT 12	EXETER CITY	1-4
Sept 19	AFC Newports	2-0
SEPT 26	YEovil TOWN	5-1
Oct 03	League Cup - Round 1	0-2
Oct 17	Torquay United	5-1
OCT 24	BATH CITY	H
Oct 31	Swansea City	A
NOV 07	BASHLEY	H
Nov 14	Bristol Rovers	A
Nov 21	League Cup - Round 2	
NOV 28	CARDIFF CITY	H
Dec 05	Cardiff City	A
DEC 12	CHELTENHAM TOWN	H
Dec 19	Cheltenham Town	A
JAN 09	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H
Jan 16	Exeter City	A
JAN 23	AFC NEWPORT	H
Jan 30	Yeovil Town	A
FEB 13	TORQUAY UNITED	H
Feb 20	Bath City	A
FEB 27	SWANSEA CITY	H
Mar 06	Bashley	A
MAR 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 Dunbar Centre or the SW Ground - Kick-Off times are subject to change without prior warning.

STFC CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



Last week we only had two Centre of Excellence games. These were the under 13's and 14's combined against Bristol Rovers and the under 15's and under 16's combined against Bristol Rovers.

Bristol Rovers only operate two teams per week which means a number of our lads had to be left out. We don't allow our boys to play Youth Football after 12 years of age so a lot of players were left twiddling their thumbs.

Next week we concentrate on our babies, these include our under 10's, under 11's and under 12's. On Monday we entertain Portsmouth and Wednesday we will be travelling to Reading with the same age groups.

On Thursday we hold under 14's trials and Friday trials for for the under 11's. This is an ideal chance to

WITH PHIL CANNON

have a look at recommended young players from the local area. Competition is stiff and the standard is high, it will be an interesting few evenings. So there is a busy half term week ahead for everybody.



I would also like make a special mention to one of our goalkeepers at the Centre of Excellence.

Paul Titcombe has been in hospital with a bad virus and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

We are now a few weeks into the new season and things are going well. The Centre is training all the kids in terms of skill and fitness, while the matches prepare them for the type of work that is expected of them if they move on to a higher level.

Over the coming weeks the teams will travel the country taking on the best around and I've no doubt that we can match anyone. The teams are already finding their feet and playing some great football- long may it continue.

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Welcome to all fans for today's game against West Bromwich Albion. As you may have heard or read in the local media, we have decided to wind-up the Shadow Board.

But this does not mean that the fans will be losing a voice. Myself and other members of the Shadow Board are making up a working party to establish an official Supporter's Club for Swindon Town.

Firstly, we would like to thank all those past members of the Shadow Board who have worked so hard to make it a success- without them we wouldn't be where we are today.

We will continue to meet the fans on matchdays and at fans forums until the Supporter's Club is up and running.

This will be an affiliated organisation that will support fans and continue the work that the Shadow Board has started with regards to reaching our out-of-town fans and communicating the issues of the fans to the club.

Most importantly of all I would like to ask all fans of the club that have ideas and opinions on how the Supporter's Club should be organised to write to me. If you would like to join the working party that is setting up this exciting new venture please write to myself David Taylor C/O Swindon Town FC, County Ground, Swindon, Wilts, SN1 2ED.

It is our intention that we have a blank piece of paper to work on this project so we are open minded to all ideas that you the supporter may have. No matter what involvement you may have had in the past at the Club we need the skills of the supporters to make this a success.



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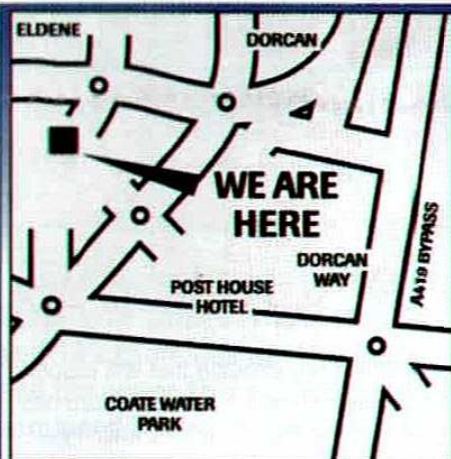
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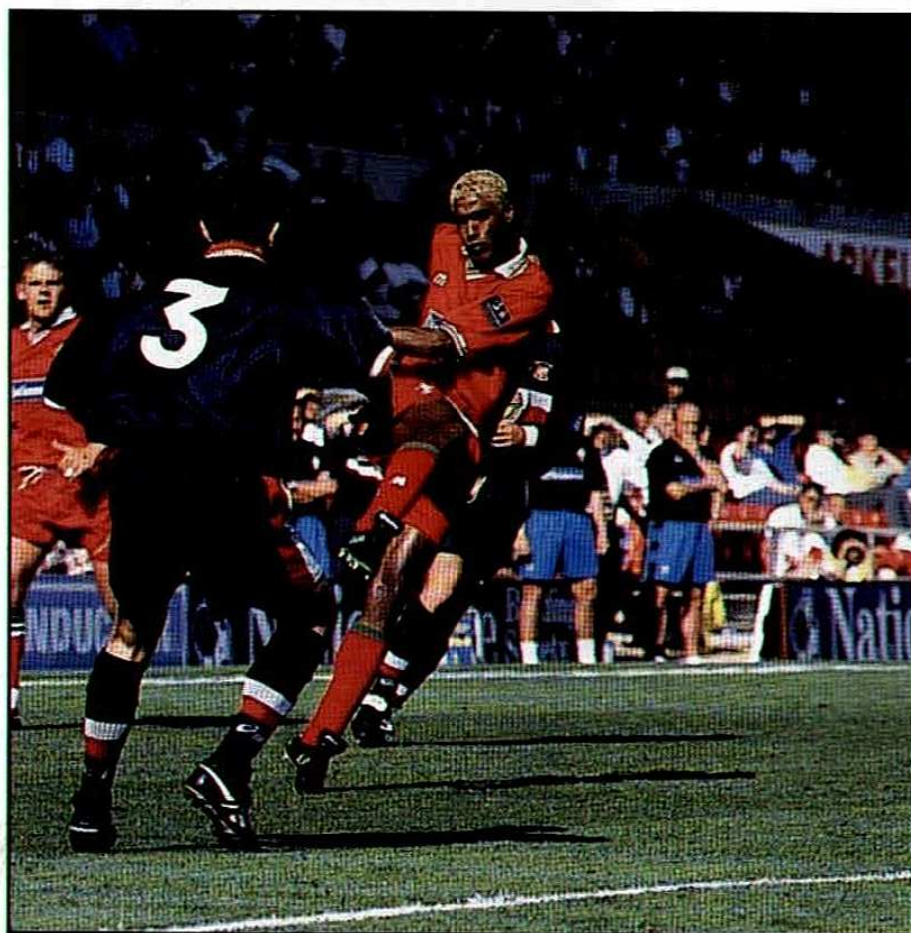
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SOCCER CENTRES

WITH JIMMY FRASER



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For those of you kids who are from the Haydon Wick area please take note. I have had a meeting with the Swindon Borough Council this week and hopefully your Soccer Centre at the Haydon Centre will be very shortly. If you want any further information on any of the above you can call me at the club on 01793 644777.

Hello kids and welcome to this afternoon's game against West Bromwich Albion.

The Soccer Centres are now in full swing and I'm happy to report that everyone is having a great time. The kids that come along are improving their football and having lots of fun - I can't think of anything better than that.

If you have not attended the Soccer Centres then you are missing out! See the details on the right for times and venues for next week's Centres.



SWINDON TOWN
SOCCER CENTRES

Don't forget, if you are a Junior Robin there are special sessions on Monday at the Oasis.

Venues (SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER)

LINK CENTRE

Monday	4.30-5.30pm	5-6 & 9-11yrs
Thursday	4.30-5.30pm	5 years
	5.30-6.30pm	7-8 years

OASIS

Monday	4.30-5.30pm	Junior Robins
	5.00-6.00pm	Junior Robins
Wednesday	5.00-6.00pm	7+ yrs Girls only
Saturday	9.00-10.00am	5-8 years
	10.00-11.00am	5-8 years

RIDGEWAY LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday	5.00-6.00pm	5-7 years
	6.00-7.00pm	8-11 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	3.30-4.30pm	5 yrs and over
	4.00-5.00pm	5-11 years
	5.00-6.00pm	11-16 years

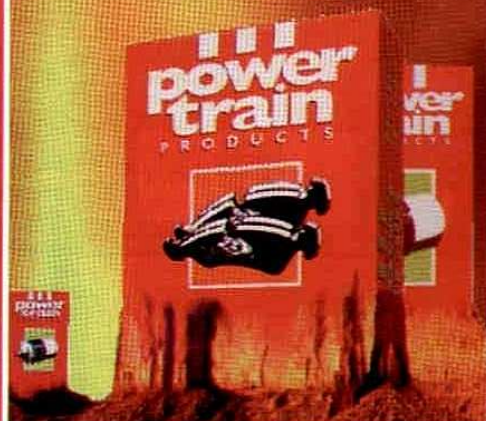
HIGHWORTH

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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COMMUNITY NEWS

Hello to all you kids and welcome to today's game against West Bromwich Albion.

We watched last weekend's 3-2 thriller between our opponents and Sunderland, here's hoping today's game is just as exciting- and the result goes our way!

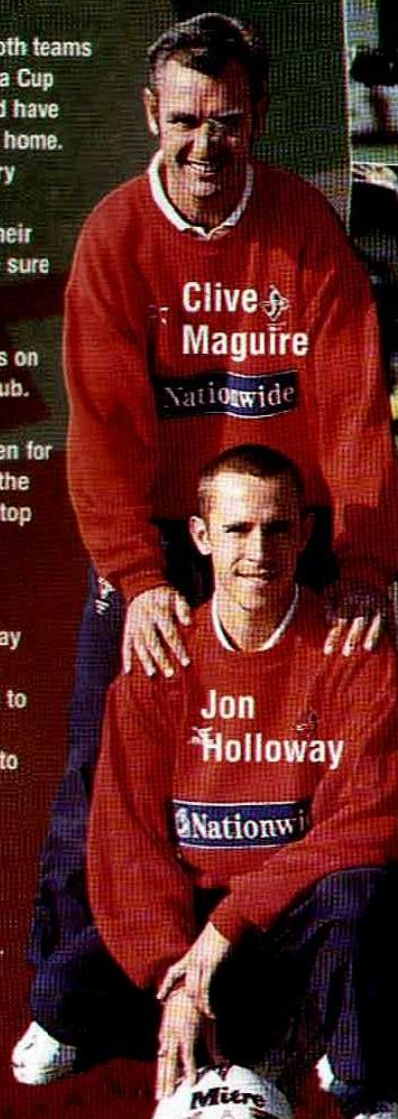
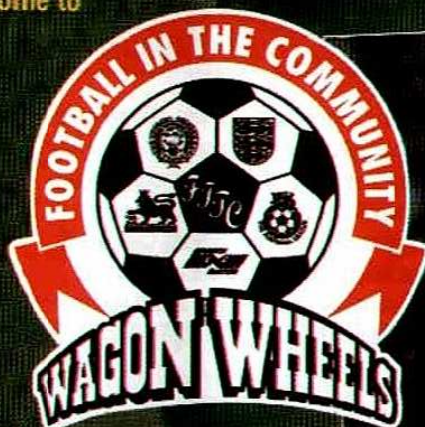
Today we entertain our Saturday team club, a huge group of just over 100 people. It's a specially warm welcome to my village team "Wroughton under 11's" who share their visit today with "Golden Valley Rangers" who are from Cirencester. Both teams met while participating in the Coca Cola Cup tournament in Holland this summer and have stayed in close contact since returning home. We'd like to give a big thank you to Gary Bremage, Dave Hunt of Wroughton and Richard Sharp from Golden Valley for their hard work in arranging the visit. We're sure you will enjoy a great day with us!

We do have a few last remaining gaps on the fixture list for our Saturday team club. So if you know anyone who would be interested in bringing a group of children for a special day out, just give us a call in the office. It is a great chance to get some top notch coaching and enjoy a day out at Swindon Town Football Club.

We are now only a couple of days away from our half term course and with the numbers that have registered, it is sure to be another fun filled course. If you're coming on the course we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, if not, keep practising those skills.

Until next time.

Jon & Clive



What a result against our old friend the Cheif!

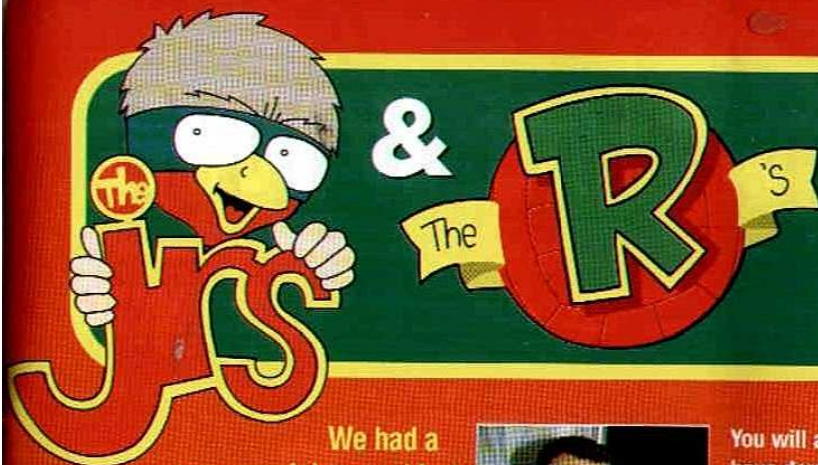


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We had a very special mascot last game - Lewis Quinn, and here he is pictured with his dad!

We also had the two presentations of the football books to Michelle Maull and Stephen Gee, by their favourite players Jimmy Glass and Frank Talia.



You will also have double the chance of being called up to sing either 'Singing out for Swindon' or 'The mighty Quinn' - there is no excuse for not knowing either of them! If you want to be a part of the Jr's or R's all you need to do is fill out the form and take it to the kiosk in the side of the Arkells stand, and you too could be a part of 'Radio Robin'.

Jr's and R's Coaching

The coaching for the Jr's has been really well attended. I spoke to Jimmy Frazer and he told me the coaches are really pleased with the turn out and all the Jr's are having a great time on a Monday evenings at the Oasis. We are changing things slightly though - instead of paying your £2 on the night, you will need to enrol and pay for the full term and this can be done at the reception at the Oasis Leisure Centre.

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the 11-16 years age group's training as there is a distinct lack of interest, so it will not continue in the new term. However if you are interested please contact Jimmy on 01793 644777 and if we get enough interest we will resume training in the near future. Don't forget to give Gaby a wave this afternoon. Gaby needs lots of noise before the game so come on you juniors, let's 'raise the roof'!



If you remember, Michelle and Stephen took part in Robin Radio and they receive these football books with the compliments of BBC Wiltshire Sound. You can now listen to Radio Robin twice a month, the first and third Friday at 6.30pm. Dick and Dave will be coming to you with all the up-to-date news on our players, who's fit and who's not.



MATCHDAY MASCOTS



Today's mascot for Swindon Town is **TOM GOODEY**.

Tom is 12 years old, and his birthday was the 6th October. Tom was brought to the ground in a white stretch Limo with seven of his friends. He had absolutely no idea he is the Swindon Town mascot, so from all of us at Swindon Town 'Happy Birthday

Tom'. Tom's hobbies are Football - he plays for Highworth under 12's and is captain for the second year running. He also enjoys Swimming, Skating and Rugby and he attends Ridgeway School. His favourite player is George Ndah.



West Brom Mascot.

Today's mascot from West Brom is **CHRISTOPHER POWELL**.

Christopher is 8 years old and attends The Ocker Hill Junior School in Tipton. Christopher's hobbies are Football, Beavers and Swimming and his favourite players are Lee Hughes and Alan Miller.

Welcome to the County Ground Chris.

If you fancy being a Swindon Town Mascot, give me a call on 01793 532121 and I will send you all the details. You can get 10 per cent off if you are a Junior Member.

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SWINDON **view**

Friday 9th October 1998 7.45pm kick off
SWINDON 3 HUDDERSFIELD 0

League leader's Huddersfield were toppled by Quinn's mighty Swindon in a performance that combined work rate skill and some great football.

And we hardly had enough time to settle into our seats before Iffy Onuora opened the scoring for Swindon. The wind and rain was lashing down, but it didn't stop Iffy converting Walters' deep cross after only 48 seconds. Minutes later it was Swindon again on the attack. Iffy did well to block the keeper's clearance and the ball fell to George Ndah who raced in on goal. But Huddersfield's keeper closed the angle well and blocked Ndah's effort.

Huddersfield are a team that have matched the best sides in the League yet they appeared shell-shocked by the way we started the game with so much commitment. The opposition managed only a couple of half chances while Mark Walters was running their defence ragged with his tricky skills and probing crosses. But it wasn't just Walters. Gooden, Onuora and Ndah were all seeing plenty of the ball and creating chances. It wasn't long before our lead was extended. Leitch found Gooden out on the left who turned well and laid the ball off to Walters. With plenty of time to pick his spot Walters knocked in a cross/shot that wrong footed the keeper and floated in. Whether it was a cross or shot is up for debate, but what couldn't be argued is that Swindon deserved their 2-0 lead.

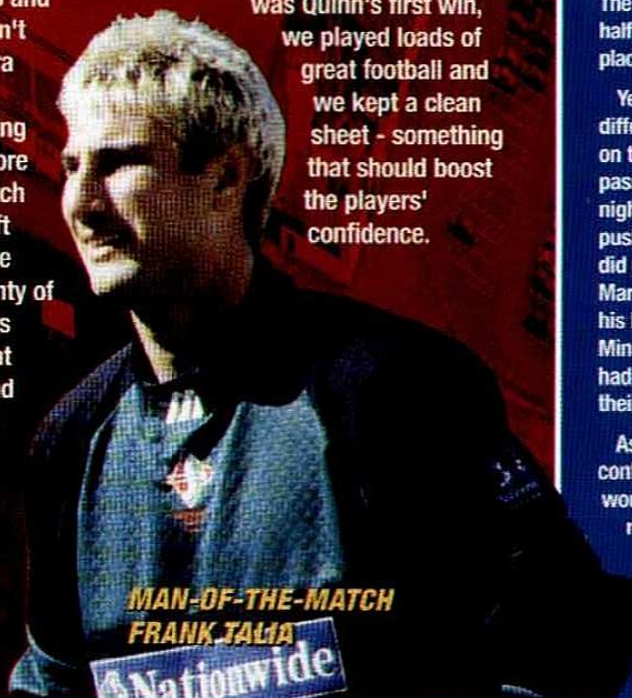
Nevertheless, the chances just kept coming. Minutes later Swindon

created what was arguably the best move of the game. Leitch hit a great pass to Walters who played a simple ball to Robinson, who was overlapping on the right. 'Robbo' whipped in the perfect cross for Walters to head home, but his effort was well saved by the keeper.

It was from the resulting corner that Huddersfield old boy Darren Bullock popped up to put the game beyond Huddersfield's reach. Gooden hit a low ball into the box and Bullock pounced on the bobbling ball and fired it into the roof of the net.

At 3-0 we were by far the better side going forward but the second half was all about keeper Frank Talia. As Huddersfield started to find their feet Talia was called upon to make a string of top class saves. The best of them a double save denying both Browning and Barnes as they turned up the heat.

A great result for the lads for plenty of different reasons: It was Quinn's first win, we played loads of great football and we kept a clean sheet - something that should boost the players' confidence.



VIEW FROM HUDDERSFIELD TOWN



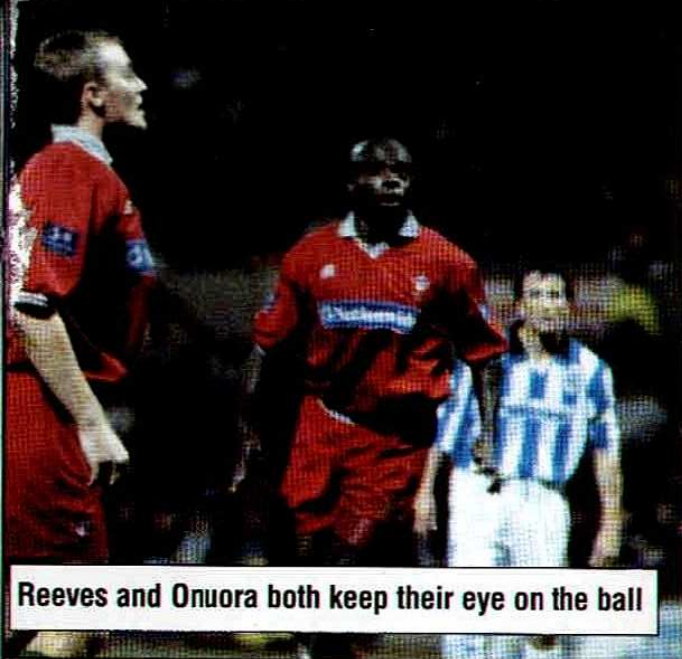
After watching Huddersfield work so hard to climb to the top of the League it was gutting to watch us lose to a Swindon side for whom we just didn't have enough respect.

With our boys high flying at the top they obviously thought today's game would be a walk over, but the home side proved they were nothing of the sort. Less than a minute gone and we were 1-0 down. This was the early warning we failed to recognise. And for the opening 15 minutes they were the only side in it. Our best chance came from a long ball by Horne. Their keeper was exposed and had to head outside his area, the ball fell kindly to Johnson, but he missed the open goal by a yard.

If we had scored then it might have been a different story, but instead we sat back and let them come at us. It was no surprise that at half time the game was all but over at 3-0. The Gaffer, Peter Jackson, made a change at half time bringing on forward Paul Barnes in place of ex-Man Utd defendermley.

Yet the extra attacker didn't make a lot of difference. That said we were celebrating on the 51st minute when Allison shot passed their keeper. It obviously wasn't our night because the ref disallowed it for a push on Swindon's defender. After this we did get our shape back. On 68 minutes Marcus Stewart found a bit of space but his low shot was parried by their keeper. Minutes later Browning and Barnes both had chances to spoil Swindon's party but their keeper was there again to deny us.

As the seconds ticked away we continued to push for a goal, but it just wouldn't go in for us. Huddersfield were not at their best and were taken by surprise by the speed at which Swindon attacked us - I only hope we've learnt our lesson for the rest of the season.



Reeves and Onuora both keep their eye on the ball



This picture could simply be titled:
"A defender's worst nightmare"!



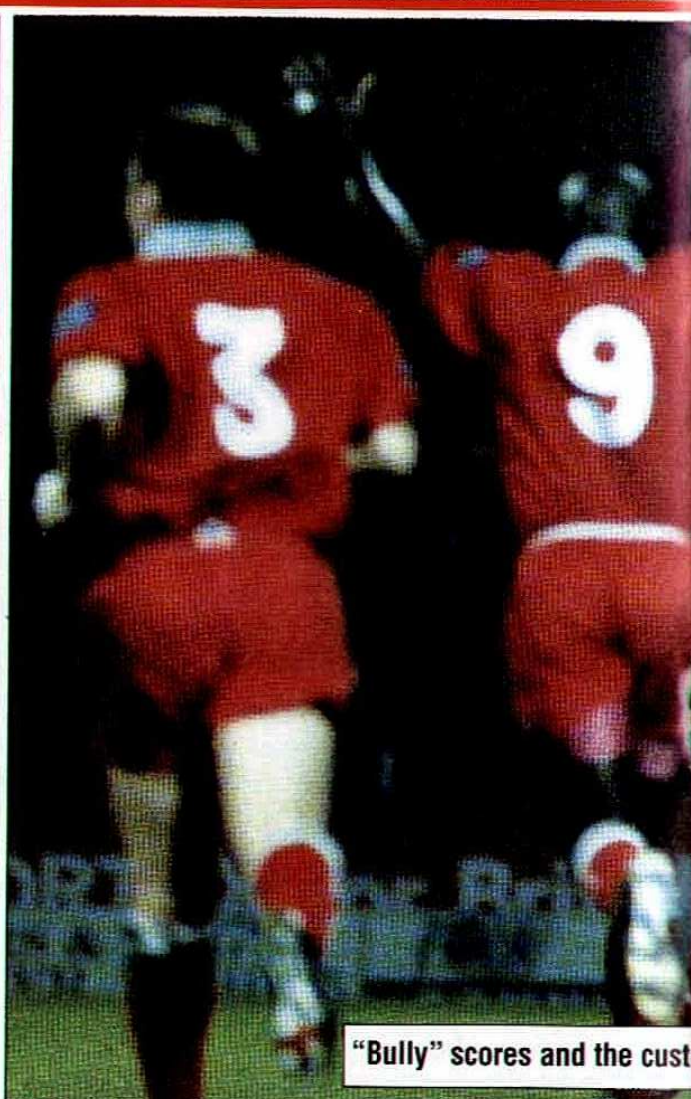
Iffy goes for goal



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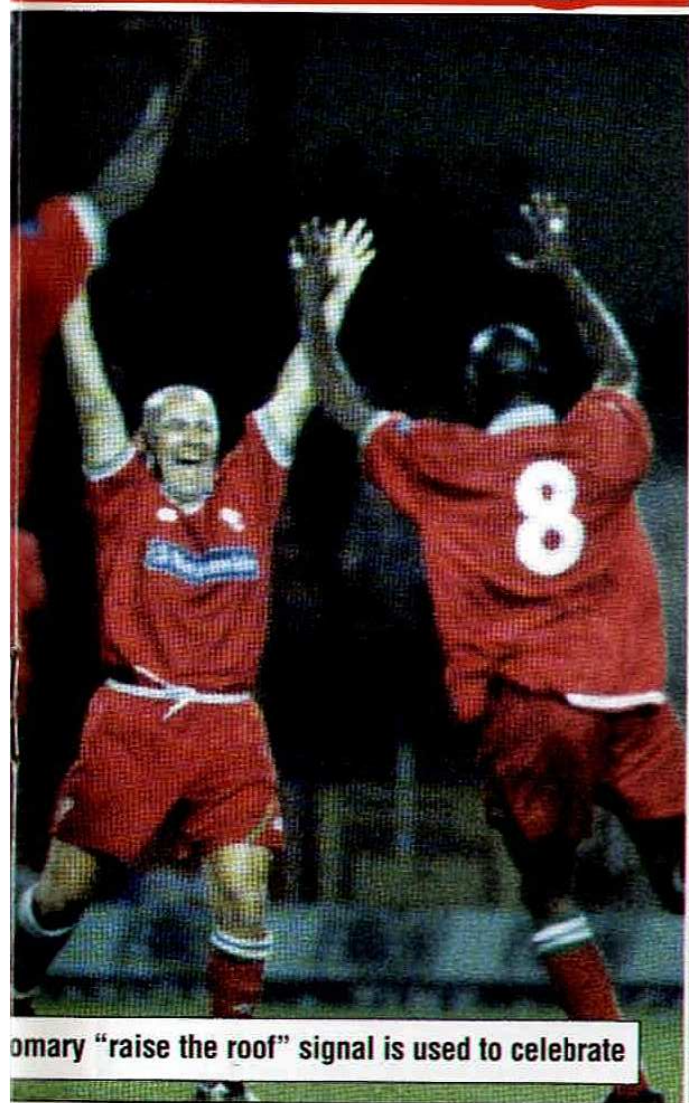
Iffy in the thick of things again!



"Bully" scores and the cust



Goal in the first half



Primary "raise the roof" signal is used to celebrate

TEAM LINE UP

- 1 **FRANK TALIA** ⚔
- 2 **MARK ROBINSON**
- 3 **GARETH HALL**
- 4 **SCOTT LEITCH**
- 5 **ALAN REEVES**
- 6 **BRIAN BORROWS**
- 7 **MARK WALTERS**
- 8 **GEORGE NDAH**
- 9 **IFFY ONUORA**
- 10 **DARREN BULLOCK**
- 11 **TY GOODEN**
- 12 **PHILLIPE CUERVO**
- 13 **KEVIN WATSON**
- 14 **ADAM WILLIS**

MAN OF THE MATCH

⚔ **FRANK TALIA** ⚔



After a tough start to the season, tonight's game has reminded Swindon fans what a great keeper Frank Talia is. Although he didn't have too much to do in the first half it was during the second 45 that Talia excelled himself. He made a number of top-draw saves denying Huddersfield's attackers. There were two or three occasions when Talia was the only reason we maintained the all important clean sheet we needed. He should now be able to build on this display and continue to improve.

Our next two away days take us to Crewe and Bradford - sure to be two exciting trips!



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**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE
SATURDAY 7 NOV
3.00PM KICK-OFF**

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BRADFORD

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE
SATURDAY 14 NOV
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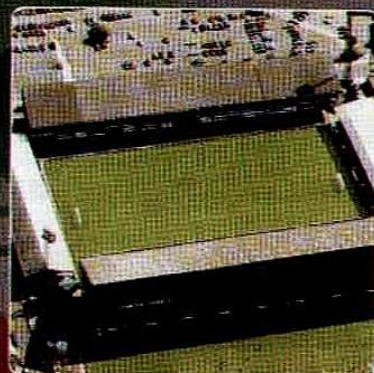
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Our next away game sees us travel to Crewe. Why not join the ever-growing army of travelling fans and make the trip.

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SATURDAY 31 OCT
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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE
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WHAT'S on at swindon



a look at what's on at the County Ground

JEANS FOR GENES DAY....

On Friday 9th October, players and staff from Swindon Town swapped their usual kit for a pair of jeans to raise funds for this year's national Jeans for Genes Day.

Led by Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity, the Jeans for Genes Appeal asked everyone across the UK to wear jeans for the day and give just £1 to help raise £2 million for research into genetic disorders which affect children. Funds also help provide support services for affected children and their families.

In the UK, one baby in every 30 is born with a genetic disorder or other birth defect. There are over 4,000 recognised genetic disorders, including cystic fibrosis, haemophilia, sickle cell and muscular dystrophy, and funds are needed to enable research projects around the country to develop treatments and cures for them. Helen Mercer from Swindon Town said "We were delighted to take part in this year's Jeans for Genes Appeal, we raised loads of cash and also had a bit of fun during the day."



"WHATEVER YOU WANT" HERE AT THE COUNTY GROUND TODAY....

The County Ground will have a starring role in the next series of Gaby Roslin's hit BBC1 show "Whatever You Want" as the cameras come to film a step on

the road to fulfilling one lucky couple's dreams.

The next series of Gaby's Saturday night show, in which people compete to win their dream prize, will feature couples battling it out to win a trip around the world! The series will start with thirteen couples and each week people will be knocked out until two pairs battle it out on the final show. Gaby and her team will be here today from 2pm to play round five of Whatever You Want's brand new game "Wherever You Want" - right here on the pitch! The spectacular will see six couples battling it out to reach the next round, with one unlucky couple being eliminated. The winning couples will be one step closer to the trip of a lifetime.

Gaby and the "Whatever You Want" competitors are counting on big support from Swindon Town fans to show the 7 million peak - time viewers that we can really make some noise so come in to the ground early and be able to say that you were there!

WEAR YOUR POPPY WITH PRIDE - A MESSAGE FROM FLT. LT. JOHN NICHOL

Today as you watch your heroes playing to win, I would like to mention another team playing an "away game"

.... The men and women who not only protect our country's interests but who also play their part in UN peacekeeping forces, wherever they may be. It's only a few years ago that I was a member of that team, flying a Tornado in the Gulf War. As many of you will recall, my partner and I were "sent off", so to speak, by a missile fired by Iraq's ground forces, eventually to be paraded as POW's on the world's television screens. Before being shot down and

captured, we both enjoyed a kick - about with the guys in our squadron. Football has the power to take your mind off things for a moment and think about all those men and women who, over the course of this century and right up to the present day, have paid or are ready to pay the price for our freedom. I would like you to think about the organisation that exists to help them in so many different ways, The Royal British Legion.

To me, the Legion means Caring with a capital C. The Legion spares no effort to make sure that those who have served in the Armed Forces and their families can be given help when they need it, either through illness and infirmity or a crisis in their personal circumstances. Around 300,000 people a year call on the Legion for help.

The Poppy is the symbol of Remembrance and reminds us of our pledge always to help those people. When you buy a poppy you really are helping....and by wearing a poppy you are showing that you care.

I want to thank the Clubs and supporters who've allowed today's launch of the Poppy Appeal to take place at football grounds all over the country. Most of all, I would like to thank you for caring enough to wear a poppy. Please wear it, like me, with great pride.



Suthers SAYS

"We are simply trying to ensure that we move with the times"

Once again, if you read the press you would think that this Club has a complete disregard for its supporters.

"Swindon boot out it's Supporter's Club" is the type of headline we witnessed last week, in reference to our radical decision to make our lounges accessible to as many of our fans as possible!

Once again I found myself being interviewed by Central Television justifying why we have taken such a drastic step as this! Why were we banning our own fans from using the lounges? Why doesn't the Club want a Supporter's Club? Quite honestly the fact that I had to answer such ridiculous questions in the first place disappointed me. The simple fact is this. To use our lounges on matchdays and in the evenings throughout the week you had to be a member of the Swindon Town Supporters Social Club. From the QPR match this no longer applies. What was known as the Social Club Lounge will now be available for all Swindon fans before and after each match. Whether you are with your mates or bringing your family you will

be able to use this facility free of charge from the QPR game. Obviously there will be a limit to the number of people we can legally allow in to the lounge, and therefore the message to our fans is 'come early'.

No one has been banned, and to even suggest as much was at best silly and at worst mischievous. Members of the Social Club as was can now enjoy the use of the lounge without having to pay a membership fee for the privilege and they will now be joined by their fellow Swindon supporters. The bottom line is that this Club has to maximise all of it's commercial activities and having restricted use of our own facilities was plain daft. I would also like to correct the rather inaccurate report in last Sunday's Express which suggested that I was going to allow away fans into the lounge as well. Yeah sure, good research that by the Express. As someone who actively worked with the Clubs on ensuring that the demands of the Taylor Report were complied with, I'm likely to totally disregard segregation policies now that

I am back at a Club, aren't I!

Having checked with the National Federation of Football Supporters Clubs I would also point out that this Club does not have a recognised, affiliated Supporter's Club. This hopefully will be addressed now that the members of the Shadow Board, led by David Taylor, have decided to refocus their efforts and to form a committee to investigate fully how such a Club can be launched and established.

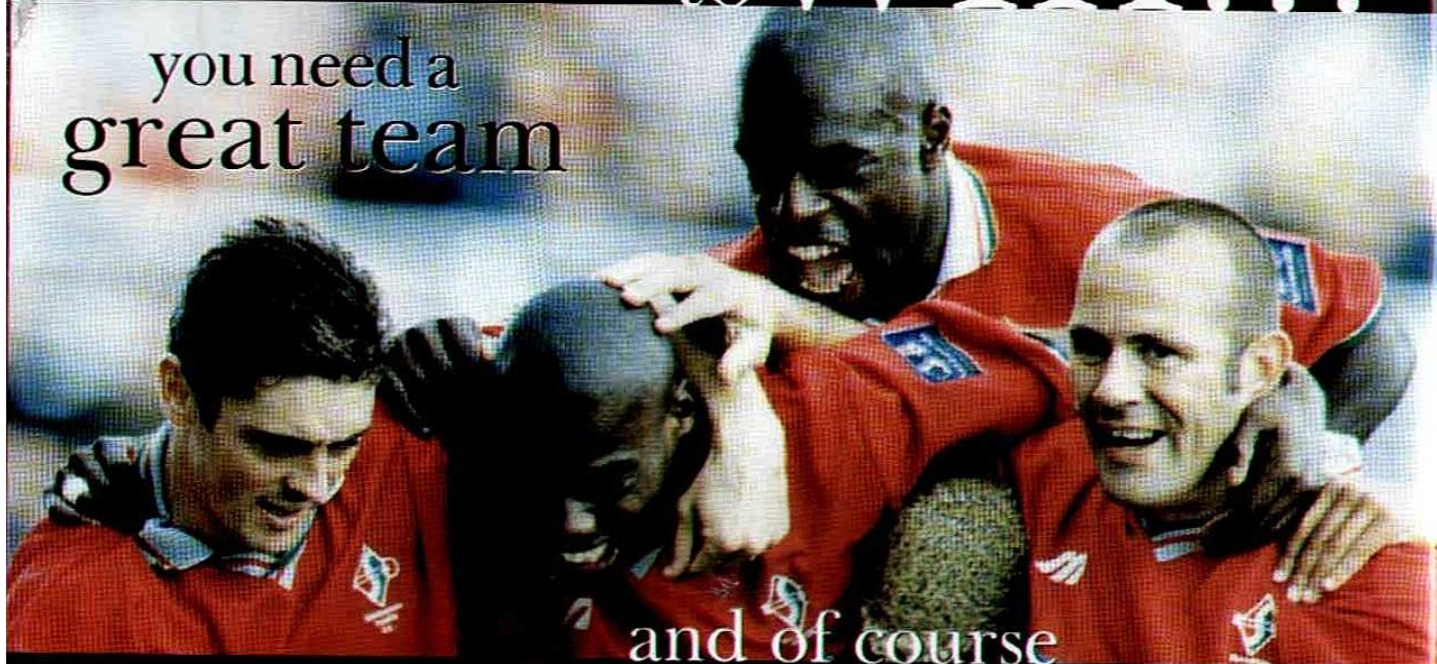
My final comment on this is that please do not be so quick to believe that all of the decisions taken at this Club are designed to inconvenience and antagonise our fans. We are simply trying to ensure that we move with the times to enable us to compete, both on and off the field. The most difficult thing to deal with in life is change but change this Club must if we do not want to be left behind when the big shake-up happens.

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By Colin Benson

ALBANIA Striker Igle Tare could have shot himself into the National League following his goal against Norway in last week's Euro 2000 qualifying tie. Wolves manager McGhee was impressed and was considering making a £1m bid to take him to Molineux.

CROATIA It's the end of the road for their international goalkeeper Brazen Ladie who has announced his retirement from international football after collecting a record 50 caps for Croatia. What is it with these goalkeepers? Jim Leighton has also quit Scotland in mid-season.

ENGLAND have filled the breach following the ban on them playing Yugoslavia in a friendly match at Wembley. Glenn Hoddle's boys will now take on the Czech Republic on November 18th. No doubt Scotland boss Craig Brown will be one of the most interested parties as it looks like the Czechs and the Scots will fight it out for top spot in their Euro qualifying group. The Czechs come to Glasgow next March.

Meanwhile our former boss has received support from the Managers' Association, led by former Arsenal and Nottingham Forest inside-forward John Barnwell. They have told Glenn to ride out the current hostility shown to him by the media.

EUROPE Another reminder of how big business is controlling our game came last week when the Marketing company in charge of the Champions League wanted Arsenal to rename themselves Arsenal of London. The marketing moguls might not know where the Gunners are based but you can bet your bottom dollar that football fans worldwide know what the name Arsenal stands for.

FRANCE Star striker Stephane Guivarch has had a rough ride of late. After failing to impress in the World Cup finals he was brought to Newcastle United by Kenny Dalglish where his disappointment has continued as he has failed to win a first-team place at St James Park. Now Ruud Gullitt is trying to flog

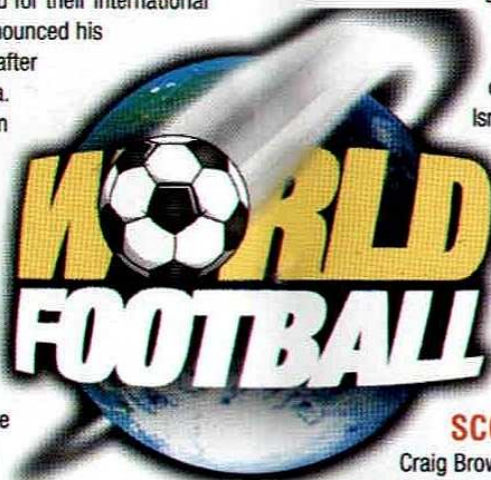
him to Glasgow Rangers but Freddie Fletcher is insisting they recoup the full £3.5 million Mr Dalglish invested in the Frenchman.

ISRAEL International midfielders Alan Hazan and Egil Berkovich returned to England from last week's Euro 2000 action with mixed feelings. Hazan, who plays for Watford in the Nationwide League Division One, was full of beans after scoring from 18 yards to give Israel the lead against Spain. It didn't last as Spain ran out 2-1 winners but it was a moment to savour. Berkovich has a real headache however. Following the unsavoury incident when team-mate(?) John Hartson kicked him in the head in a training game he wants to quit West Ham. But Hammer's boss Harry Redknapp insists he is staying at Upton Park.

SCOTLAND International team manager Craig Brown has been drafted onto the board of the new Scottish Institute of Sport along with British Lions coach Ian McGreechan.

SPAIN This week Europe has been thrilled by the latest rounds of European cup competition but one man who was not keen to participate was Valencia's Croatian striker Goran Vlaovic. He asked coach Claudio Ranieri not to include him in the squad for the UEFA Cup tie against Liverpool despite being cleared to play by the club doctor two weeks ago. Vlaovic, who had surgery on a groin at the start of the season, was expected to make his comeback against Athletic Bilbao in the Spanish League last Saturday week but he complained "I've got the strength but I'm short of the rhythm, speed and reaction that a striker needs in front of goal".

USA International Claudio Reyna is another so-called star with a problem. He exploded with indignation when coach Wolfgang Wolf left him out of the VA Wolfsburg side, currently bottom of the German First Division, against Kaiserslautern, and demanded a transfer. "I'm not interested in what's going on here," bleated Reyna. Well he should. Perhaps he has failed to appreciate that he is also responsible for his club's demise at the foot of the Bundesliga table.



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Iffy Onuora
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Hello everybody and welcome to today's game against West Bromwich Albion. We hope that our sponsors have a great day here at the club.

Just a word on our Sporting Club Dinner which took place at the DeVere Hotel on 8th October 1998. We managed to raise over £5,000 so a big thank you to all those who came along. Don't forget to watch this space for our next event.

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TREATMENT room

The last few weeks have been the busiest we've seen recently.

Every game seems to bring in new and different injuries to treat. The game against Birmingham on Tuesday was no different.

There was plenty of praise dished out after the game at St Andrews but we must not forget our brave striker, Ify Onuora. He took a nasty tackle on the shin and came in at half time requiring three stitches to the bleeding wound. Despite the stitches, Ify played on in the second half without complaint.

Other injuries from Birmingham include Adam Willis. Adam landed awkwardly in the latter stages of the first half and did not reappear after the break. After closer examination we found he had sprained his ankle so we didn't want to take the chance. At the time of going to press all Adam can do is rest up and

hope the ankle recovers for today's game.

Now on to the longer term injuries. David Kerslake has been working hard in the gym with a fitness regime that has included rowing, biking and swimming. There has been no reaction to this work but we mustn't rush things with an injury such as this.

Scottish midfielder Lee Collins gets closer every day rejoining training. After the shoulder surgery he has had to rest for a number of weeks but from Friday we will be working closely with him. We will start slowly with gravity assisted exercises on the recovering joint to improve it's movement and strength.

There is good news this week for two of our long-term injured.

Bobby Howe has recovered from his medial ligament injury and is back training. The same can be said for veteran full back, Phil King - he has overcome the calf strain and is back on the training pitch.

It is good to see the two experienced lads back available for action.



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Robbo Stays With Boro

The former midfielder, who has guided 'Boro to third in the Premier League table, has tied himself to the club until the year 2003.



Robson took charge of the club after leaving Manchester United four years ago and since then has led them to promotion from Division One twice and three cup finals.

But it has been a far from easy job at times, with Italian striker Fabrizio Ravanelli and Brazilian midfielder Emerson giving Robson headaches during their spells at the club.

Paul Gascoigne's stress and drink problems have made most of the headlines recently, but Robson has offered him full support in his battle to put his life in order before resuming his career. "The chairman has been a different class ever since I came to the club. He has done everything he promised. In fact everyone here wants to succeed," said Robson. "We have a fantastic stadium, a world-class training ground and a great squad of players." Robson has been linked with the England job, if and when current coach Glenn Hoddle decides to step down.

Liverpool Boss Attacks Ince Probe

The Football Association has come under fire from Liverpool's joint-boss Roy Evans over its continuing disciplinary inquiry into midfielder Paul Ince after his sending off in Stockholm.



He has already been banned for three games by Europe's governing body, UEFA, after being sent off in England's 2-1 defeat by Sweden.

But the FA are concerned by a V-sign gesture allegedly made by Ince as he walked off the pitch.

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ROUND-UP

'Call Me' Offer To O'Neill

The question of whether Leicester manager Martin O'Neill has become no clearer since Monday night's game between Tottenham and Leicester.



Martin O'Neill said he made the match against Spurs his highest priority and the Leeds chairman Peter Ridsdale says he will listen to what O'Neill has to say if he calls to inquire about the vacant post at Elland Road.

Leicester, who have refused Leeds permission to talk to their manager, warned fans to expect an announcement before Monday's game but it never came.

The match saw George Graham, the man who began this latest Premiership managerial saga by leaving Leeds, pick his first Tottenham team and lose 2-1.

Ridsdale has set a deadline of Wednesday for a decision from O'Neill, and is now reported to have urged him to phone him and "hang the consequences".

Such a call would be in breach of the League Managers' Association guidelines but Sir Rodney Walker, chairman of Leicester City plc, is prepared to give the United chairman the benefit of the doubt.

"I've seen that report but I haven't as yet been able to verify whether the account is an accurate reflection of what Mr Ridsdale said," said Sir Rodney on Monday morning.

"I can confirm that a meeting took place yesterday between myself, Mr John Elsom (the Leicester club chairman) and Martin O'Neill and I expect some announcement to be made ahead of the game against Tottenham."

However this may not end the uncertainty. "It would be wrong to speculate," said Sir Rodney, who added: "I am hopeful that the matter will be resolved in the next day or two."

Graham Tips Campbell For Top

Tottenham defender Sol Campbell ran out as captain in Monday night's 2-1 defeat against Leicester city.



To add to the privilege Spurs boss George Graham put Campbell forward as a future captain of his country.

"Sol could be an England captain one day" said Graham. "He is someone who leads by example. I was very impressed with his performance during the World Cup, and he was arguably the man of the match in the game against Bulgaria last week."

Graham is expected to take at least one month before spending any of the £20million available for transfers. He has already been linked with Blackburn striker Chris Sutton, whom he once tried to buy from Norwich during his Highbury days.



TODAY'S PREMIER FIXTURES

ASTON VILLA	vs	LEICESTER
CHARLTON	vs	WEST HAM
DERBY CO	vs	MAN UTD
LIVERPOOL	vs	NOTT'M FOREST
SHEFF WED	vs	EVERTON
SOUTHAMPTON	vs	COVENTRY
TOTTENHAM	vs	NEWCASTLE
WIMBLEDON	vs	MIDDLESBROUGH

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BLACKBURN vs ARSENAL

SUNDAY FIXTURE 3.00PM KICK-OFF

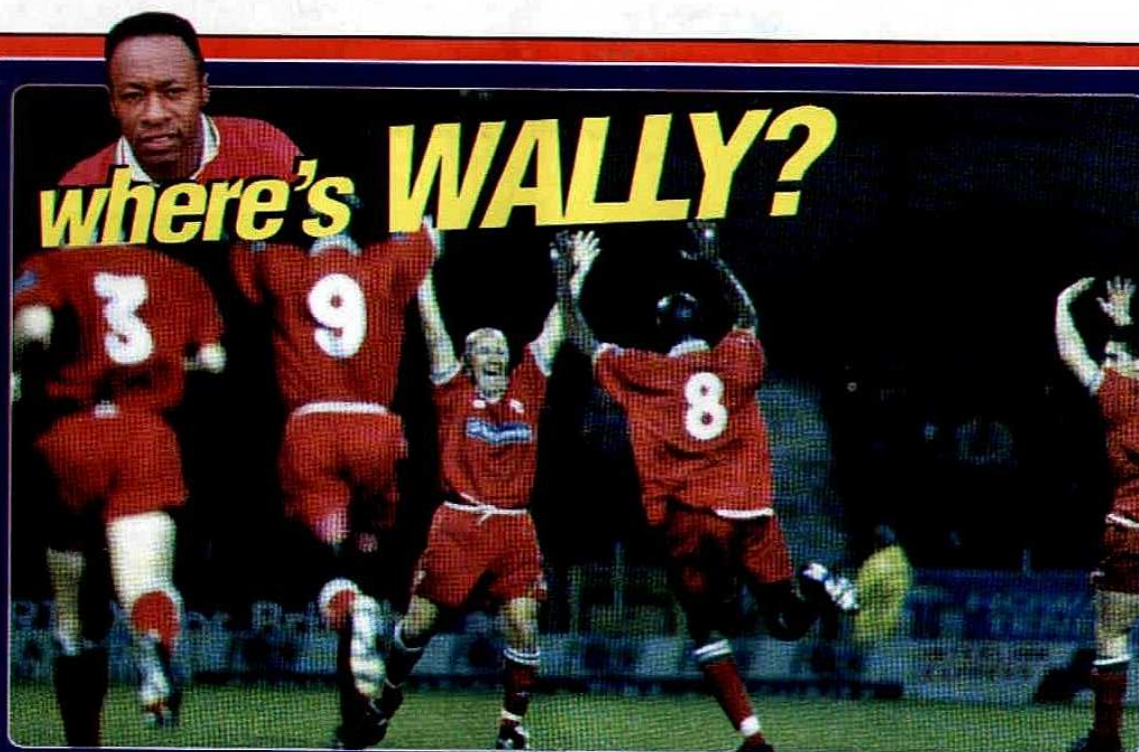
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CHELSEA	8	4	3	1	13	9	15
ARSENAL	9	3	5	1	10	4	14
NEWCASTLE	9	4	2	3	15	11	14
LIVERPOOL	9	3	4	2	13	10	13
WEST HAM	9	3	4	2	7	8	13
LEEDS	9	2	6	1	9	6	12
DERBY	9	3	3	3	7	6	12
LEICESTER	9	3	3	3	9	9	12
WIMBLEDON	9	3	3	3	13	16	12
EVERTON	9	2	5	2	6	6	11
TOTTENHAM	9	3	2	4	10	16	11
CHARLTON	9	2	4	3	13	12	10
SHEFF WED	9	3	0	6	8	10	9
BLACKBURN	9	2	2	5	9	12	8
NOTT'M FOREST	9	2	2	5	6	11	8
COVENTRY	9	2	2	5	6	14	8
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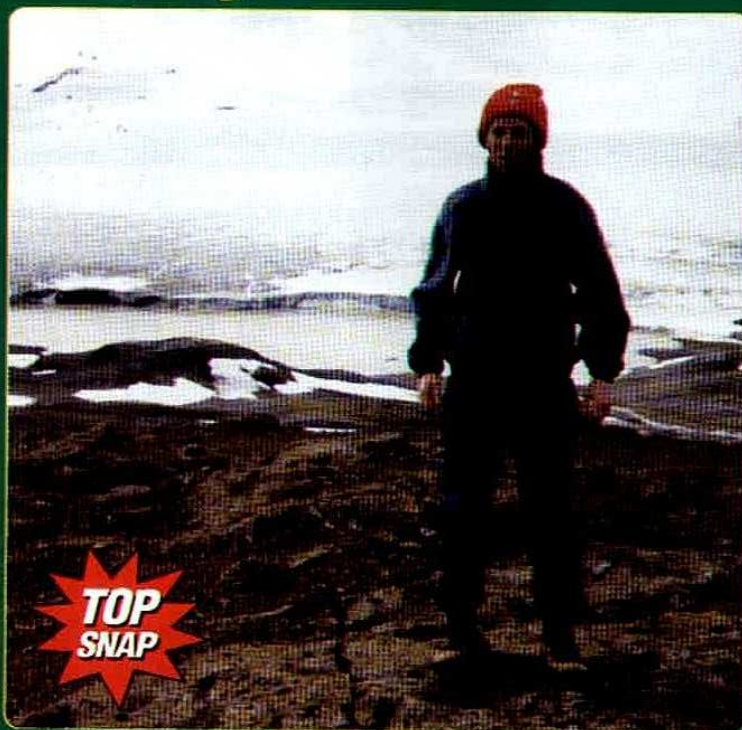


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SWINDON TOWN Ladies



by Roger Reeves

PORTSMOUTH 2 SWINDON TOWN 2

The Town Ladies shared four goals and the points with Portsmouth in a South West Combination League match played on the South Coast.

Nadine Lloyd gave the Town a deserved half-time lead when her 20 yard shot flew into the far corner of the net after she had been put clear by Adelle Taylor. Pompey hit back in the second half and scored twice to take the lead. With ten minutes remaining Kim Reeves squeezed the ball just inside the far post from Annie Nichol's cross.

The Town Reserves found life difficult against high-flying Risborough Rangers. The young Town side were beaten by nine goals to one. Tracy Mackeddie got the Town's goal when she headed in Helen Cooper's cross.

In the Southern Region League Cup the Town Reserves do not feature in the Preliminary Round and have been drawn away to Oxford United in the First Round.

Tomorrow both sides are at home. At 12 noon the Reserves will play a Southern Regional League match against Chesham United. Chesham are in fourth place in the League, one point behind the Town. At 2-30 the Town will meet Cheltenham in a South West Combination League game. Last season the Town beat the Gloucestershire side by five goals to two at home but lost out by the odd goal in the away game. The two sides met in the final of the Southern Region League Cup but three goals without reply took the Cup to Cheltenham. Both games will be played on the County Ground Extension.



Clare Wheeler - A solid player for the Town Ladies

FIXTURES 98/99

South West Combination League

SUN 6TH SEPT	OXFORD UNITED	2-3
Sun 13th Sept	Bristol Rovers	3-1
SUN 20TH SEPT	SHERBOURNE	7-1
Sun 27th Sept	(FA Cup R1) Newport	2-1
Sun 4th Oct	Portsmouth	2-2
SUN 11TH OCT	DENHAM UNITED	POST
Sun 18th Oct	Swindon Spitfires	A
SUN 25TH OCT	CHELTHENHAM	H
Sun 1st Nov	(FA Cup R2)	
Sun 8th Nov	Bath City	A
SUN 15TH NOV	BRISTOL CITY	H
Sun 22nd Nov	Saltash Pilgrims	A
Sun 29th Nov	Cardiff County	A
Sun 6th Dec	(League Cup)	
Sun 13th Dec	Oxford United	A
SUN 10TH JAN	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Sun 24th Jan	Sherbourne	A
SUN 31ST JAN	PORTSMOUTH	H
Sun 7th Feb	Denham United	A
SUN 14TH FEB	SWINDON SPITFIRES	H
Sun 28th Feb	Cheltenham	A
SUN 7TH MAR	BATH CITY	H
Sun 14th Mar	Bristol City	A
SUN 21ST MAR	SALTASH PILGRIMS	H
SUN 28TH MAR	CARDIFF COUNTY	H

FIXTURES 98/99

Southern Region League Northern Division

Sun 6th Sept	Tring Town	4-4
Sun 20th Sept	Witney Town	2-1
Sun 4th Oct	Risborough Rovers	1-0
SUN 25TH OCT	CHESHAM UNITED	H
Sun 1st Nov	Bushey Rangers	A
SUN 31ST JAN	NEWPORT P. UTD	H
Sun 22nd Nov	Oxford Utd (LCR1)	A
Sun 29th Nov	Oxford United	A
SUN 13TH DEC	RISBOROUGH R.	H
Sun 10th Jan	chesham united	A
SUN 24TH JAN	BUSHEY RANGERS	H
SUN 31ST JAN	TRING TOWN	H
Sun 7th Feb	Newport Pagnell Utd	A
SUN 28TH FEB	OXFORD UTD	H
SUN 7TH MAR	WITNEY TOWN	H

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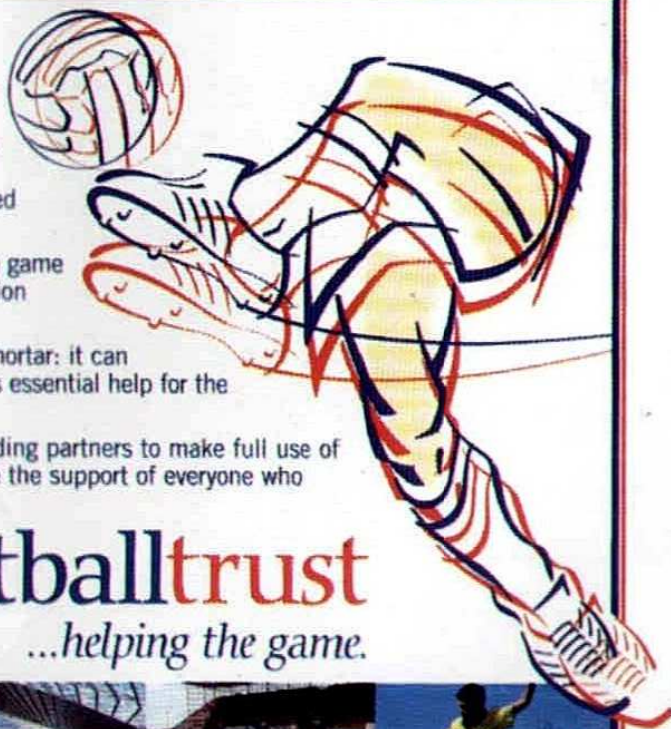
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QPR Hail Francis' Second Coming

New boss Gerry Francis can help Queens Park Rangers banish the memories of "past mistakes" and lead the way to a top-flight future, Loftus Road chairman Chris Wright has promised the west London club's fans.

Wright, endorsing Francis' own contention that his appointment will spell the end of "First Division mediocrity", hailed the new manager and director of football's second spell in charge as a watershed turn of events for QPR. Announcing Francis as replacement for Ray Harford, Wright said: "I don't think this club has been very well run for several years. Before we came in it was run very badly, and we've made lots of mistakes. But I have brought in Gerry Francis, and he has blue-and-white-hooped blood. He lives and breathes QPR. He is an absolutely top-class manager, and the long-standing QPR connection is a bonus. Gerry has a fantastic record as a manager, and there's no other possible person who can give QPR what he can." Francis himself was also in ebullient mood yesterday, saying: "Although I'm not setting any targets, I'm not here to keep this club in First Division mediocrity. QPR should be in the Premiership, and in time that's where we intend to be." Francis, a QPR player, captain and manager over a period of 17 years, has signed a contract for the remainder of this season and for two more years. He added: "Over the past 11 months I've turned down flat 12 offers of work. If it hadn't been QPR who came in, I'd still be out of the game but I've got a soft spot for this club. It was a very difficult decision. I had to think long and hard about it because as we all know the club's in a very sticky position financially and it'll take lots of hard work to turn things round. But I'm not a saviour who can change things round immediately. It may well be that players will have to be sold to balance things out but without the finances there's no stable base to go forward. There'll be no big-name signings but we need to rebuild. We need results, wins, which will hopefully bring the crowds back." Wright applauded Francis for his decision, adding: "Gerry has been remarkably brave in putting his reputation on the line. People think of the present and the future and not past records so it has taken great courage to come back."

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1 NATIONWIDE DIVISION 1 ROUND-UP

Canaries Get In Shape

Delia Smith's Norwich may have been turned over by Crystal Palace last Saturday but the club is leading the way with sports science.

As a major shareholder Smith has introduced her own chef and healthy eating at Carrow Road. But she has now taken the unprecedented step of installing a psychologist, physiologist, nutritionist and sports scientist who monitor all training on a £30,000 video analysis machine. Even the players are wearing heart rate monitors to record data during matches. However, this high-tech training seems to be doing little for the results as Norwich currently sit in midtable.

Ready To Sell Jansen

The £5million rated striker Matt Jansen could be about to leave Crystal Palace as the club admits they are ready to sell him.

The news will interest a number of Premiership managers including Manchester United boss Alex Ferguson, who has twice been turned down for the 20-year-old. Only three months ago Jansen signed a deal to keep him at Selhurst Park for six years. But Venables would be happy to cash in on his biggest asset if the right offer came along. Jansen is an England Under 21 who was signed from Carlisle United in February. He also scored twice in last Saturday's 5-1 demolition of Norwich.

Stevens To Call It A Day

Former Everton, Glasgow Rangers, Tranmere and England defender Gary Stevens has been forced to retire from football by a leg injury.

Stevens, 35, played over 500 appearances in his 18-year professional career and won 46 caps for England, including the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico. "It is sad and frustrating after playing and being active for so long," Stevens said. But Barrow-born Stevens is now furthering his career on a PFA-run degree course in physiotherapy at Salford University. "I'm a mature student! I'm back at university and hopefully I will be able to stay in the game in that capacity," Stevens said.

Nationwide League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
HUDDERSFIELD	14	8	2	4	20	17	26
BIRMINGHAM	15	7	4	4	20	14	25
SUNDERLAND	12	6	6	0	28	9	24
WATFORD	14	7	2	5	22	22	23
GRIMSBY	14	6	4	4	19	15	22
IPSWICH	13	6	4	3	18	8	22
BOLTON	12	5	6	1	27	19	21
BRADFORD	14	6	3	5	23	18	21
CRYSTAL PALACE	12	6	2	4	20	19	20
SHEFF UTD	14	5	5	4	20	21	20
NORWICH	12	6	2	4	18	20	20
PORT VALE	14	6	2	6	14	22	20
BURY	15	5	5	5	11	12	20
WOLVES	13	5	3	5	16	13	18
WEST BROM	12	5	2	5	25	23	17
PORTSMOUTH	15	4	5	6	23	23	17
STOCKPORT	14	3	8	3	17	19	17
BARNLEY	14	3	6	5	17	21	15
TRANMERE	13	3	6	4	14	19	15
SWINDON	15	3	4	8	20	27	13
OXFORD	15	3	4	8	18	28	13
BRISTOL CITY	15	2	6	7	23	30	12
CREWE	13	2	4	7	16	24	10
QPR	12	2	3	7	10	20	9

Nationwide Division One Fixtures 29/8/98

BARNLEY	vs	PORTSMOUTH
BRADFORD	vs	CRYSTAL PALACE
CREWE	vs	TRANMERE
NORWICH CITY	vs	HUDDERSFIELD
OXFORD UTD	vs	SHEFF UTD
STOCKPORT CO.	vs	IPSWICH
SUNDERLAND	vs	BURY
SWINDON	vs	WEST BROM
WATFORD	vs	PORT VALE
WOLVES	vs	GRIMSBY

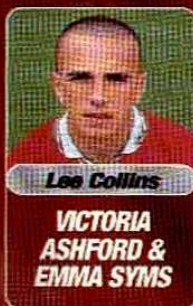
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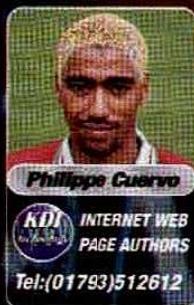
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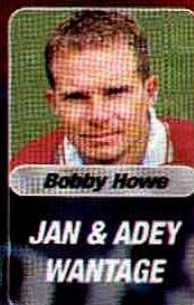


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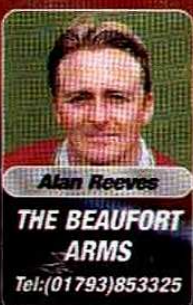
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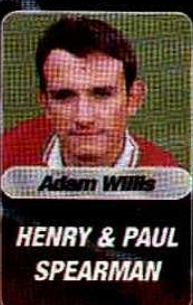
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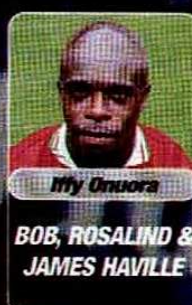
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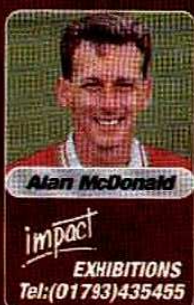
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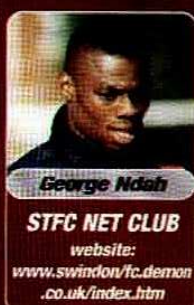


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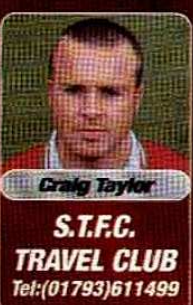


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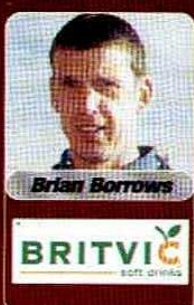
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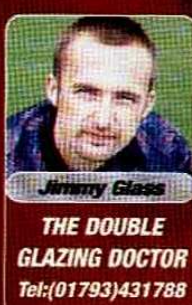
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ALAN REEVES

As one of the more senior members of the squad no one needs to tell me how fortunate we are to be professional footballers.

Not everyone can afford to have the job they love but, like most players, I've wanted to play the game since I was old enough to put on a pair of boots. Even in a job like this, though, there are aspects which aren't so enjoyable. This past week I've had to sit out a game due to suspension. Instead of training with the squad in Ipswich and putting my feet up in the hotel I've endured extra long training sessions with the physio back at the County Ground. It's become well known that Jim Quinn wants to raise the level of our fitness, and - lucky me - this is most definitely the case if you miss a game because of suspension. The only plus point was that I was free to go shopping on Friday evening for the first time since the new gaffer has taken over!

Like most supporters I ended up listening to the Ipswich game on the radio, courtesy of

Shaun Hodgetts and his expert summarizer, Jimmy Glass (it's been Jimmy's pleasure, the last couple of games, to award Frank Talia man of the match - good move Jimmy!).

The narrow scoreline made it even harder to take that I was missing the game. You never really know if you would've made a difference, but it's so frustrating to listen to the team and not be able to help out. By the sound of it, I think we would've struggled on the day against Ipswich, even if I appeared as a 12th player. The manager was quick to point out a few things Monday morning, especially with regards to confidence. Whilst spirits are high in the camp the results have been disappointing so far this season and they naturally have an effect. He basically told us that the talent is there and that we should regard his arrival as the start of a new season.

Bullock is another player who has had to sit out a game due to suspension but he came back well in our 3-0 win over Huddersfield. Bully attacked that game like a man

possessed, and fully deserved his goal and accolades. Let's hope that we can focus on those strengths and climb our way back up the League. Starting today!



Alan Reeves

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FORTY THREE



Q. Explain how your position at Swindon Town has changed over the last few months?

A. It came about before Steve McMahon left. Ross Maclaren was made redundant and myself and Brian Borrows were asked if we would help him and Mike Walsh with the reserves, which we were more than happy to do. Then obviously Jim Quinn has come and Brian is still playing first team football, so I've been asked to look after the reserves on my own which is great because it gives me the chance to gain valuable coaching experience.



Q. Do you rule yourself out from playing again?

A. Not at all, as well as coaching I've been working hard in training to get my fitness back and I'll definitely be playing again. I'll probably be picking myself in the reserves within the next few weeks. The injury I picked up has taken me longer to overcome than I thought but I'm getting fitter every day.



Q. Do you think you'll find it difficult to play and manage the reserves at the same time?

A. Not really, when you're on the pitch you can see what is going on and often help more with plenty of talking and organising. Of course I won't see the whole game because I'm involved in it, but Mike Walsh or the Gaffer can be there as well to watch from the sidelines.



Q. How have you found the transition from being a player to a coach?

A. There is always a big difference between the changing room and the

ALA

Coach's Room. But I must say over the last three weeks I've learnt probably more than in 19 years as a player about the actual organisation of a club and the hard work that goes on behind the scenes after the players have left the ground. It has been good, it has certainly opened my eyes to what it takes to be a coach at a professional club.



Q. You're also doing a bit of work with QPR?

A. That came about after a phone call asking me if I would like to run the under 15 Academy side. I checked it out with the gaffer and it was fine. I coach them on Monday and Wednesday evenings and take their games on Sunday. This just gives me another bit of experience in looking after a team.



Q. What are your hopes for the next few seasons?

A. I'm hoping to retire as a player at the end of the season. Football has a funny old way of going and I want to hang my boots up on a big rusty nail and that will be it. I've had a good innings as a player, now I want to move into coaching and management.



Q. The QPR job has been in the headlines recently, would you ever fancy that job?

A. When Ray Harford left QPR people were asking me would I apply. But I have to be totally honest and say that I don't feel I have anywhere near enough experience for a job of that size. I need to learn from the inside of clubs and I have this chance with Swindon to do that, and this will stand me in good stead for the future.



Q Finally, your views on Swindon's season?

A. The players always have a boost when a new manager comes in because they buck their ideas up. Jim's come in and done a lot of work with them and done a good job. Mike Walsh is here as well and added a bit of stability to the changes that have been going on. I think the main thing is to get a good finish in the League this year and that will give Jim and the players a base to build on for the following season. From there we can organise pre-season with a fresh squad and look to bigger things.



Alan McDonald

FACT FILE

Born: 12.10.63, Belfast

Playing career: Spent his entire career at Queens Park Rangers. Alan made his first move - to the County Ground during the summer of 1997 in a two-year deal.

Position: A highly committed defender used to playing as a centreback.

Internationals: 53 Northern Ireland International Caps to his name, many of them as skipper.

Famous Footballing Moments: Forget playing against Brazil in the World Cup! Alan will be remembered for his return to Loftus Road as a player, when he had to don the keeper's jersey and made a number of outstanding saves to keep us in the game!

NIM McDONALD

THE SEASON SO FAR

1998/99

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Sat Aug 08	Sheffield United A	1-2	15,937	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	GODDEN	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
WED AUG 12	WYCOMBE W. WC1 (1) H	2-1	4,682	GLASS	ROBINSON	HALL	GODDEN	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT AUG 15	SUNDERLAND H	1-1	10,207	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Tue Aug 18	Wycombe W. WC1 (2) A	0-2	2,478	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	WATSON	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Aug 22	Wolverhampton W. A	0-1	21,537	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	DAVIS	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT AUG 29	PORT VALE H	1-1	7,800	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	HULBERT	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Mon Aug 31	Bury A	0-3	4,513	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	HULBERT	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT SEPT 05	BRISTOL CITY* H	3-2	8,537	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
WED SEPT 09	OXFORD UNITED* H	4-1	8,305	GLASS	KERSLAKE	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Sept 12	Portsmouth A	2-5	10,105	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT SEPT 19	WATFORD H	1-4	8,781	TALIA	KERSLAKE	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Fri Sept 25	Tranmere Rovers A	0-0	5,581	TALIA	ROBINSON	WILLIS	DAVIS	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Tue Sept 29	Bolton Wanderers A	1-2	16,497	TALIA	ROBINSON	WILLIS	DAVIS	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT OCT 03	STOCKPORT COUNTY H	2-3	7,961	TALIA	ROBINSON	DAVIS	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
FRI OCT 09	HUDDERSFIELD T. H	3-0	8,316	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Oct 17	Ipswich Town A	0-1	13,212	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
Tue Oct 20	Birmingham City A	1-1	19,485	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIS	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT OCT 24	W.B.A. H									
SAT OCT 31	QUEENS PARK RANGERS H									
Sat Nov 07	Crewe Alexandra A									
Sat Nov 14	Bradford City (FA.C1) A									
SAT NOV 21	CRYSTAL PALACE H									
Sat Nov 28	Grimsby Town A									
SAT DEC 05	NORWICH CITY (FA.C2) H									
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 H									
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									
Sat Apr 17	Crystal Palace A									
SAT APR 24	GRIMSBY TOWN H									
Sat May 01	Norwich City A									
SUN MAY 09	BARNSELY H									
Sat May 22	F.A. Cup Final									

THIS SEASON'S TOP SCORERS

IFFY ONUORA	8
GEORGE NDAH	6
MARK WALTERS	3
DARREN BULLOCK	1
TY GODDEN	1

LAST SEASON'S TOP GATES

SUN 3 RD MAY VS SUNDERLAND	15,740
SAT 22 ND NOV VS MIDDLESBROUGH	15,228
SUN 7 TH SEPT VS NOTT'M FOREST	13,051
SAT 21 ST FEB VS MANCHESTER CITY	12,280

LAST FOUR GAMES

BIRMINGHAM CITY	A	DREW 1-0
IPSWICH TOWN	A	LOST 1-0
HUDERSFIELD	H	WON 3-0
STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	LOST 3-2

FRONT COVER PHOTO... MARK WALTERS



PLAYER IN RED
DENOTES SCORER

NUMBER IN BRACKETS
DENOTES PLAYER REPLACED ()

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
HAY	ONDURA	BULLOCK	NOAH	DAVIS (8)	CUERVO	TAYLOR
HAY	ONDURA	BULLOCK	NOAH	KERSLAKE	WATSON(8)	TAYLOR
NOAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	DAVIS	HAY	CUERVO(4)
NOAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY (4)	CUERVO (11)	GLASS
NOAH	HAY	BULLOCK	GOODEN	ONDURA(8)	ROBINSON	CUERVO (4)
NOAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY	DAVIS	CUERVO (9)
NOAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	COWE	DAVIS(3)	ROBINSON
NOAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	MULBERT(4)	COWE	DAVIS(6)
NOAH (2)	ONDURA (2)	BULLOCK	GOODEN	ROBINSON	WILLIS	WATSON
NOAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	ROBINSON(10)	COWE	WILLIS
NOAH	COWE	BULLOCK	GOODEN	TAYLOR	HOWE	WATSON
NOAH	CUERVO	BULLOCK	GOODEN	WATSON	TAYLOR	COWE(8)
WILLIS	CUERVO	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HOWE(8)	ONDURA(8)	WATSON
WILLIS	ONDURA	NOAH	GOODEN	BULLOCK	HALL	CUERVO(10)
NOAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	CUERVO	WATSON	WILLIS
NOAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY(9)	WATSON(10)	DAVIS(4)
NOAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY(9)	WATSON(5)	CUERVO

the GRIPTON factor

By our matchday announcer JON GRIPTON of BBC Wiltshire Sound



Week-in and week-out we expect our footballing heroes to brave all weathers, dive in for crunch tackles, and keep their minds free from the crippling injuries that can so easily end careers.

All in the name of victory! But how about those 90-minute men that have come a cropper with no chance of claiming they did it in the name of team pride and the quest for victory? This week's Daily Telegraph featured the red-faced XI... whose injuries could only be put down to mishap or mayhem!

Robbie Keane, the £5 million Wolves striker, needed a cartilage operation this week after injuring his knee bending over to pick up a TV remote control!

Aston Villa's Alan Wright had to sell his gleaming Ferrari sports car, after developing a knee problem due to the position of the accelerator pedal!

Tottenham's Alan Nielsen was delighted with the birth of his newborn daughter, until she poked him in the eye and he had to miss two matches.

And Chelsea goalkeeper Dave Beasant was forced to rest from the game for nearly a month - after dropping a bowl of salad cream on his foot!

Much has been said about the changing face of football in recent years.

There's been a welcome back to the family; bright new stadiums, millions of pounds of sponsorship and 'The County Ground experience!'

Now the latest evidence of how importantly the game and those who attend the matches are viewed by the nation - football grounds are being targeted today to launch the annual major fund-raising campaign for Remembrance Day.

Last year, Dame Vera Lynn teamed up with Ginger, Sporty, Scary, Baby and Posh - the Spice Girls - to launch the money raiser for ex-servicemen and women and their families, which went on to collect a record total of £17 million.

This time around, the Royal British Legion have agreed that all English professional clubs will take part in the launch. A recorded message from Match of the Day presenter Des Lynam will be played before all of this weekend's 46 Premiership and League matches followed by a minute's silence.

Please listen to the message - and show your respects.

Jon

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MATCH..... STATS



the officials

Referee:
Mr R. Styles

Robert Styles is 34, and works as a company director. Robert is married with three children. He started refereeing in 1987 and progressed to become a Football League Linesman in 1994. In 1996, Robert was promoted to the League Referee's Panel. His hobbies include all sports.

Assistant Referees:

Mr R. J. Melinn
Mr K.R. Torrance

match facts

Half-Time Score

Full-Time Score

Today's Attendance



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TODAY'S TEAMS.....



JIMMY GLASS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CHRIS ADAMSON
FRANK TALIA	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PAUL CRICHTON
STEVE MILDENHALL	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	ALAN MILLER
CRAIG TAYLOR	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	DARYL BURGESS
MARK ROBINSON	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PAUL HOLMES
BRIAN BORROWS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	MATT CARBON
ALAN McDONALD	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	ANDY McDERMOTT
ALAN REEVES	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PAUL MARDON
ADAM WILLIS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SHAUN MURPHY
DAVID KERSLAKE	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PAUL RAVEN
GARETH HALL	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	JASON VAN BLERK
TY GOODEN	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	MARIO BORTOLAZZI
SOL DAVIS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	GRAHAM POTTER
DARREN BULLOCK	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SEAN FLYNN
BOBBY HOWE	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	ENZO MARESCA
PHILIPPE CUERVO	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	RICHARD SNEEKES
KEVIN WATSON	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	MARK ANGEL
ROBIN HULBERT	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	FABIEN DE FREITAS
SCOTT LEITCH	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	MICKY EVANS
LEE COLLINS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	LEE HUGHES
MARK WALTERS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	KEVIN KILBANE
GEORGE NDAH	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	JIMMY QUINN
IFEM ONUORA	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	BRIAN QUAILEY
CHRIS HAY	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
STEVE COWE	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

NEXT HOME MATCH...

Sat 31st October 1998
Nationwide League Div 1
3.00pm kick off VS Q.P.R.

