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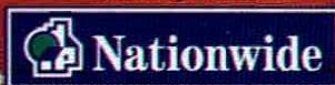
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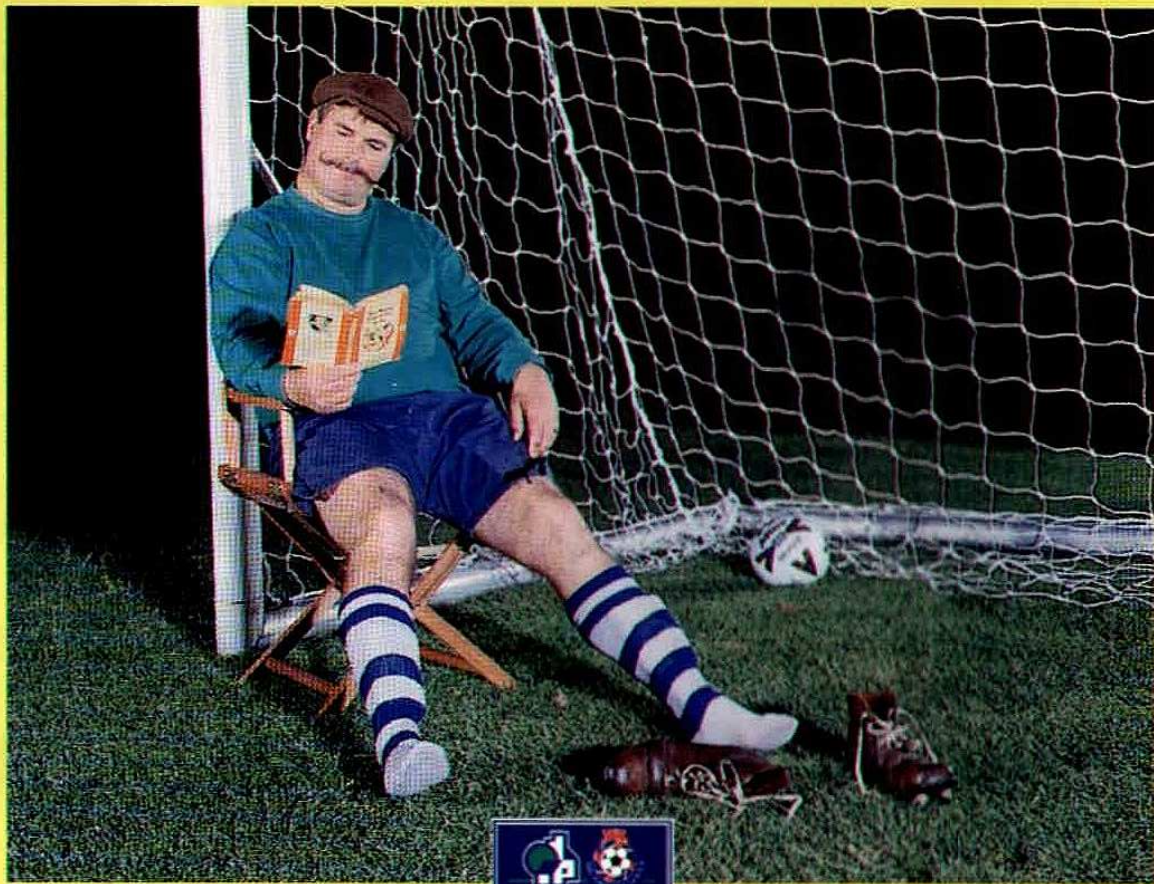


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# Welcome to the county ground...

**Today we welcome a Club whose season so far has, to some extent, mirrored ours.**

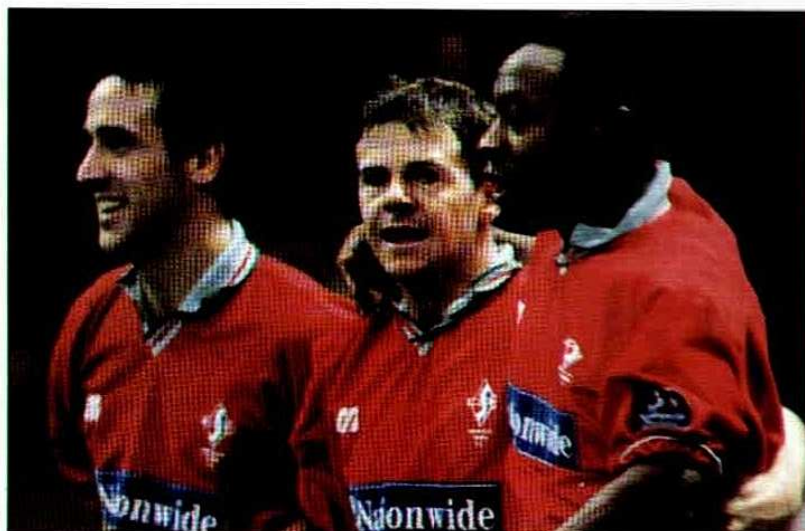
At the start of this campaign both were under intense pressure to raise their game and produce the football and win the games as their fans demanded. In contrast, up until recently both endured painfully disappointing results. The final outcome from that period, of course, was a change in management, first Steve McMahon from Swindon and shortly after Mark McGhee from Wolves.

Both left an initially exciting but ultimately hollow feel to their times in charge. Replacing them and continuing the parallels between the two clubs continue are former colleagues Jim Quinn and Colin Lee.

The Town boss is on record as highly praising the coaching skills of Lee, and the pair have experienced a similar turnaround of fortunes. Over the last two months both have recorded three wins and three losses, with further games being drawn. Naturally, the two managers share the intention to bring in

new faces to their playing staff, and perhaps this is where the likeness ends. Swindon have begun the task of trawling through the bargain-basement reaches of non-league football whilst Wolverhampton enjoy greater riches, and as this goes to press the rumour is that Lee may delve into the transfer market in time for today's game.

Judging by the counter fixture way back in August this year we could be in for the perfect Boxing Day clash. Back on that sunny Saturday afternoon Wolves edged a tight match by the single goal, and Town returned down the M5 disappointed in a big way. All the more reason why our players should be up for today's game and put on a display fitting to see out the year here at the County Ground, particularly after losing the unbeaten run we had until the last home match. No Town fans present today will need reminding of the heavy defeat put on us by Bradford City two weeks ago. It happened to be the same opposition that despatched Wolves last week at the Pulse Stadium. Colin Lee does not need much more of an incentive than to eradicate the memory of the Bantams as we did last Saturday to really get his players in gear. We wish the directors, staff, players and fans of Wolves a safe return up the M5.



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# Jim Quinn

## gives his view...

**Hello everybody and welcome to today's massive game against Wolverhampton Wanderers. I hope you all had a great Christmas.**

The week before Christmas was made all the sweeter by getting three away points at Barnsley. Our away form hasn't been the best so to go to Oakwell and win, while scoring three goals is a great achievement by the lads.

Looking back at the game, I felt the whole side performed extremely well. I watched Barnsley turnover Huddersfield 7-0 the week before and I was positive I didn't want that to happen to us. When teams like Barnsley win by seven goals other sides sit up and take notice. They give them respect and defend a bit deeper, which can be frustrating for both teams and fans.

After the disappointing result last week Barnsley probably thought they only had to turn up to win, but we showed them we are a much better side than they gave us credit for.

I keep saying to the lads, there are only a couple of teams that are better than anyone else, the rest of the league is made up of sides that are on a par. We showed Barnsley that with a mix of adventure and quality defending you can beat the top sides.

**"Looking back at the game, I felt the whole side performed extremely well"**

When we travel away, there is no point in just defending; the plan was that when we've got the ball you have to make good use of it. And we did exactly that in the first half. I thought we were terrific going forward and we looked great in defence, especially Craig Taylor who really led the line at the back.

We made it more difficult for ourselves in the second half. Being 3-0 up at half-time you think the game is won, so you naturally sit back and take the pressure a bit but the lads defended the second half well.

I made a number of changes for the game bringing in Craig Taylor, Bobby Howe, Chris Hay and Robin Hulbert. Those lads that came in, worked very hard and showed tremendous commitment. It also creates more competition in the squad, which is good for the whole club.

All the players had a kick up the backside after the Bradford result and

they have responded in the best possible way by getting the three points.

Our players have been working very hard for each other. They responded to what I've been saying over the last few weeks and shown a great attitude. If we take this belief into today's game we are sure to give Wolves a run for their money.

I would like to welcome everybody from Wolverhampton today, especially their manager Colin Lee. Colin was the assistant manager when I was at Reading, and in my view he is one of the best coaches around. I'm sure he'll be doing his best to make it difficult for us, and this will really make for a cracking game.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. Since I've come back to Swindon as manager the fans have been superb and made me feel very welcome. I hope we can repay your support by continuing to move up the table as we hit 1999.

There can be no better way to kick-start the season than by winning on Boxing Day, so lets hear plenty of noise for today's important game.

### NEXT MATCH

(AWAY) **BRISTOL CITY**

**Mon 28th Dec 1998**



Nothing like a local derby to get the excitement going. Why not join the red army making the short journey down the M4 and support the team.





# Today's visitors **WOLVES**

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

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

With a 100 per cent record and not a goal conceded in their first four League games, it looked like 1998/99 could be the season that Wolves finally shook off that long-lasting 'sleeping giants' tag.

But subsequent patchy form - including defeats at Port Vale, Huddersfield, Portsmouth, Palace and Ipswich - has seen them slip away from the leading pack for the time being at least.

It's been a doze of Rip van Winkle proportions for the Black Country outfit, which likes to see itself as amongst the country's great clubs but has been out of the top flight for fifteen years and counting.

The Wolves story should be a lesson to all clubs. In 1983/84 they were in the old Division One and enjoying life amongst the game's elite - but just three years later they had crashed to Division Four and were struggling against mounting debts and serious disillusionment.

Since then, of course, millionaire owner Sir Jack Hayward has stepped in and rebuilt the club, and the state-of-the-art Molineux of today is unrecognisable from the almost derelict stadium of 1986.

On the field, too, things have changed dramatically, with a series of managers charged with bringing the good times back to this proud club. Last in the chair was Mark McGhee, who was appointed in December 1995. McGhee spent the ensuing time - and around £40m of Sir Jack's money - constructing a new-look Wolves side, but to no avail. McGhee finally parted company with the club just a few weeks ago, leaving his erstwhile assistant, Colin Lee, in the Molineux hot-seat.

In his first match in charge, Lee inspired his troops to a thumping 6-1 win at Bristol City, and at the time of writing the Wolves have lost just once since, in a run of seven games.

With the quality of players at their disposal, and the finances generated by average gates this season of more than 21,000 - it is difficult to understand why Wolves have been in the doldrums for so long.

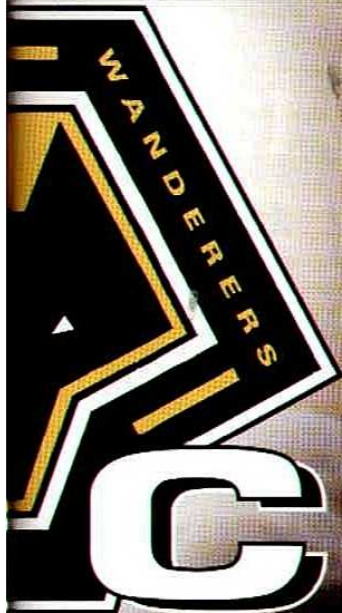
Players such as teenage goalscoring sensation Robbie Keane, long-term loanee David Connolly and, of course, the evergreen Steve Bull continue to score goals at one end, whilst a backline consisting of the likes of goalkeeper Mike Stowell, the highly-rated Dean Richards and ex-England man Keith Curle ensure that defensively they are extremely tough too.

Swindon travelled to Molineux back in mid-August and came away on the end of a 1-0 defeat, thanks to a penalty scored by Keith Curle. Iffy Onuora, George Ndah and Co. Will be anxious to avenge that defeat this afternoon and give Town fans a Christmas present to remember.



**Central Defender:  
DEAN RICHARDS**





# The team WOLVES

## MIKE STOWELL

POSITION: **Goalkeeper**

BORN: **19.04.65**

AGE: **33**

HEIGHT: **6ft 2in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Everton**

Highly-regarded shot-stopper who made a tremendous double save from an Ipswich penalty-kick and follow-up last season. A bout of gastric flu caused him to miss a chunk of last season, but he is ever-present once more in 1998/99.

## KEITH CURLE

POSITION: **Central Defender**

BORN: **14.11.63**

AGE: **35**

HEIGHT: **6ft**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Man City**

The current 'Player of the Season' for Wolves, Keith was outstanding last year and has again shown his value to the side this term, chipping in three League goals from central defence. A former England international, Keith is club captain and penalty-taker. His experience is invaluable.

## KEVIN MUSCAT

POSITION: **Full-back**

BORN: **07.08.73**

AGE: **25**

HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **C.Palace**

A highly competitive right-back, Kevin moved to Molineux along with

Neil Emblen as part of the deal that took Jamie Smith to Selhurst Park. Likes to push forward and join his attack, but over-zealous tackling has resulted in a number of suspensions for this Australian international.

## LEE NAYLOR

POSITION: **Full-back**

BORN: **19.03.80**

AGE: **18**

HEIGHT: **5ft 8in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **YTS**

One of the teenage finds of last season for Mark McGhee - alongside striker Robbie Keane - Lee is a promising left-back who is cool and clam on the ball and likes to get forward and put crosses in. He has become a first-team regular this term and looks set for a long run in the side.

## DEAN RICHARDS

POSITION: **Central Defender**

BORN: **09.06.74**

AGE: **24**

HEIGHT: **6ft 2in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Bradford**

A former England U21 skipper, Dean remains Wolves' record signing at £1.3m and seems to have fully recovered from the knee problems which kept him out of action for more than a year. A classy defender on his day, he is also prone to lapses in concentration which can prove costly.

## STEVE SEDGLEY

POSITION: **Utility**

BORN: **26.05.68**

AGE: **30**

HEIGHT: **6ft 1in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Ipswich**

Former Ipswich Town favourite who moved to Wolves on the eve of the 1997/98 season as part of the deal which took Mark Venus and £300,000

to Portman Road. A former Tottenham and England U21 star, Steve is equally happy in central defence or midfield and is an accomplished passer of the ball who can also score goals.

## MARK ATKINS

POSITION: **Midfield**

BORN: **14.08.68**

AGE: **30**

HEIGHT: **6ft 1in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Blackburn**

A versatile performer who can operate in midfield or at the back, Mark has become something of a squad player at Molineux despite a spell as club captain last term. He began with Scunthorpe before moving to Blackburn where he won a Premier League Champions' medal. He cost £1m when he transferred to Wolves in September 1995.

## STEVE CORICA

POSITION: **Midfield**

BORN: **24.03.73**

AGE: **25**

HEIGHT: **5ft 8in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **Leicester**

Cultured Australian international who has suffered terribly with injury over the past two seasons; two cruciate ligament operations halting his progress. Has enjoyed a welcome return to fitness to figure prominently in 1998/99.

## NEIL EMBLEN

POSITION: **Midfield**

BORN: **19.06.71**

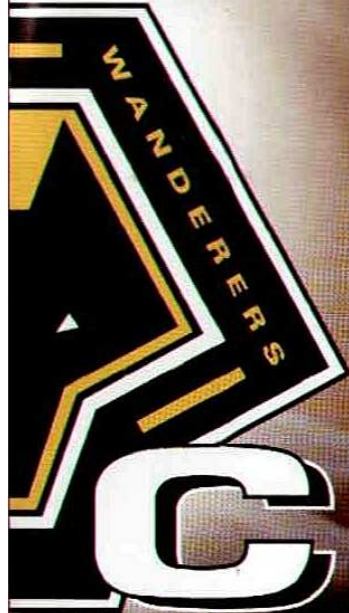
AGE: **27**

HEIGHT: **6ft 1in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **C.Palace**

Along with Kevin Muscat, Neil moved to Wolves as part of the deal that took full-back Jamie Smith to south London. He had moved to Palace only seven





# The team WOLVES

months earlier for £2m, but the Eagles still owed around £900,000 on the original deal and allowed the player to return to Molineux instead. A classy ball-player he is happy in defence or midfield.

## DARREN FERGUSON

POSITION: **Midfield**  
BORN: **09.02.72**  
AGE: **26**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Man Utd**

Back in action after a hernia operation last February, this Scotland U21 international is a neat and tidy midfield man who provides a valuable link job for Wolves. The son of Man Utd manager Alex Ferguson, he began his career at Old Trafford before moving to Molineux for £250,000 in January 1994.

## FERNANDO GOMEZ

POSITION: **Midfield**  
BORN: **11.09.65**  
AGE: **33**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Valencia, Spa**

A Spanish international, Fernando moved to England on a free transfer in August 1998, having previously spent his entire career with hometown club Valencia. He has adapted well to the English game, and scored his first goal in the 2-2 draw with Stockport in August.

## DAVID CONNOLLY

POSITION: **Forward**  
BORN: **06.06.77**

AGE: **21**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 8in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Feyenoord, Hol**

A bright and skilful striker who was originally signed by Mark McGhee on Transfer Deadline Day March 1998, but was subsequently refused international clearance to play. After a summer of careful negotiations with his Dutch club, this Republic of Ireland international was signed on a 12 month loan deal, with a view to a permanent transfer after that. Ironically, his first goals of the season came the week after McGhee was dismissed - when he scored four in a 6-1 win at Bristol City.

## ROBBIE KEANE

POSITION: **Forward**  
BORN: **08.07.80**  
AGE: **18**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 9in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **From YTS**

Burst onto the scene last season, scoring twice on his debut, and has since taken the game by storm. Already a Full international for the Republic of Ireland and Wolves' leading scorer this season, he has now fully recovered from a freak knee injury sustained when bending to pick up his TV remote control earlier in the season. To complete a memorable season, Robbie was also picked in the PFA Divisional XI for 1997/98.

## GUY WHITTINGHAM

POSITION: **Forward**  
BORN: **10.11.64**  
AGE: **34**  
HEIGHT: **5ft 10in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **Sheff Wed-loan**

Now nearing the end of his second month on loan at Molineux, Guy is an experienced 'target man' who can always be relied upon to give his all for the team. Happiest as a striker, he

has frequently been used as a right-sided midfielder by Sheffield Wednesday over the last couple of seasons, and his commitment and work ethic have made him a valuable asset in either position. Formerly with Portsmouth, he has also played for Aston Villa.

## DOMINIC FOLEY

POSITION: **Forward**  
BORN: **07.07.76**  
AGE: **22**  
HEIGHT: **6ft 1in**  
PREVIOUS CLUB: **St. James' Gate**

A Republic of Ireland U21 international, Dominic was in and out of the team last season, struggling for a place behind the likes of Robbie Keane, Don Goodman, Dougie Freedman and Steve Bull. A hard-working player with a powerful touch he has scored twice in five outings so far this term.

### Other squad members include:

Ryan Green (defender), Robert Niestroj (midfield), Adrian Williams (defender), Paul Simpson (midfield) Michael Gilkes (midfield), Simon Osborn (midfield), Carl Robinson (midfield).

(Details correct at 17.12.98)





# The manager

# COLIN LEE

**Wolves are a club who expect success, and Mark McGhee was a manager who got longer to deliver it than most believed he would.**

But, after almost three full years in the post, Sir Jack Hayward's Premiership dream was no closer to being realised and McGhee had to go.

But who would be the man to replace him in one of the most demanding of jobs outside the top flight? Big names were bandied about. Roy Evans was available, as was Roy Hodgson, so who would be the next leader of the Wolves pack?

In the end, the Molineux board opted for continuity and appointed McGhee's erstwhile assistant, Colin Lee, to the post, initially in a caretaker capacity.

Lee's return to senior management - he had previously been in charge at Watford - was the stuff of dreams. Just days after McGhee's departure, Lee masterminded a crushing 6-1 victory over Bristol City at Ashton Gate and this was followed by wins over Sheffield United and Birmingham, and a draw with Norwich. Three weeks after being named temporary boss, Lee lost the 'caretaker' tag.

Lee began his playing career as a striker, with hometown club Torquay United receiving a record fee of £60,000 when he

signed for Tottenham in October 1977.

He helped Spurs to promotion in 1977/78 and went on to score 21 goals in 71 League games for the White Hart Lane outfit before transferring to Chelsea for £200,000 in January 1980. Four years later, having developed into a sound and solid full-back, he helped the Blues to the Second Division Championship.

After scoring twice in the 1986 Full Members' Cup Final at Wembley - when Chelsea beat Man City 5-4 in a thrilling game - Lee moved to Brentford in July 1987 where he finished his playing career and took up a role as Youth Development Officer.

He guided the Bees to the FA Youth Cup Semi-Final before being head-hunted to become the new Watford manager, in succession to Steve Harrison, in March 1990.

But after a disastrous eight months in charge he was sacked and later linked up with his fellow ex-Bristol City youth teamer Mark McGhee at Reading. He followed McGhee to Leicester and then Wolves, before succeeding his former boss in the Molineux hot-seat.



## STEVE BULL

POSITION: **Forward**

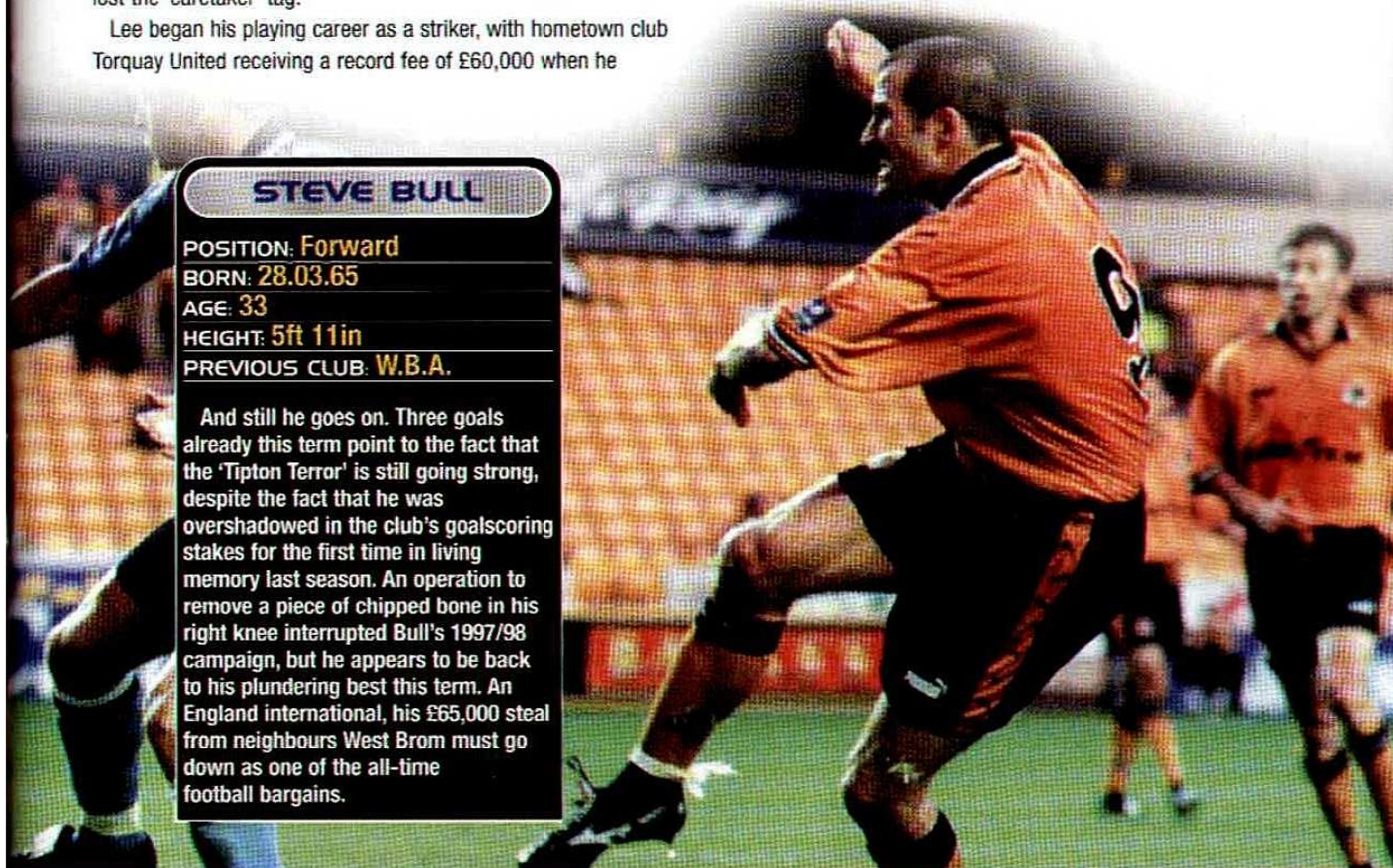
BORN: **28.03.65**

AGE: **33**

HEIGHT: **5ft 11in**

PREVIOUS CLUB: **W.B.A.**

And still he goes on. Three goals already this term point to the fact that the 'Tipton Terror' is still going strong, despite the fact that he was overshadowed in the club's goalscoring stakes for the first time in living memory last season. An operation to remove a piece of chipped bone in his right knee interrupted Bull's 1997/98 campaign, but he appears to be back to his plundering best this term. An England international, his £65,000 steal from neighbours West Brom must go down as one of the all-time football bargains.





# Ross Tilling's SWINDON TOWN dream team...

Ross is a civil servant and is married to Janet, with two children Helen and Mark. He has been a Swindon fan since 1955.

Manager: Lou Macari.

I have been a Swindon supporter since 1955 when I watched the games on my Dad's shoulders in the Shrivenham Road Stand.

This team features some of the great players at the County Ground. And because I used to be a match official for over twenty years I have also had the pleasure to be on the same pitch as some of them.

The team combines a good mix of players from different periods. Horsfield and Shearer will get plenty of goals while Digby and Co. at the back will make sure none go in at the other end.

In the 40 years I have watched Swindon I have known no other club that has been promoted, relegated and visited Wembley on so many occasions. So here is hoping that Jim Quinn can bring about some much needed stability and deserved success.

And I apologise to the fine players, both current and ex, that have been left out!

**ON THE BENCH:** Charlie Henry, Dave Bamber, Alan McLoughlin.



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# PAGES from the past...

## GLENN HODDLE WRITES DEC 1991...

We learnt a lot from our visit to Ayresome Park.

Middlesbrough were a hard working team who closed us down and made it difficult for us to play. Add to this the backing of a passionate crowd and it was no surprise that they were one up at half time. Frankly, when they added a second goal, I did not give much for our chances. Many teams would have been in for a hiding. Middlesbrough are probably the best team we have played this season but we passed a test of character. It does not matter if you are the best passing team in the country you need a bit of grit and resilience in matches like this. Fitzroy, who has since been named the November Barclays Young Player of the Month for the Southern region, put us back in the game with a real humdinger and Duncan Shearer gave us a share of the points. With any of twelve teams in with a chance of promotion to Division One we have to aim for three points from every match but despite this, I feel it was a great result as it denied one of our rivals two points from a home fixture.

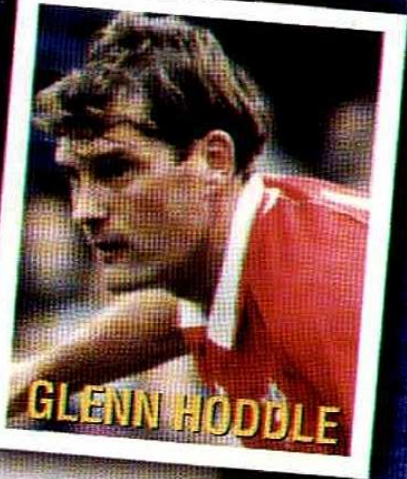
Having played so well it was disappointing to lose out at home in our Rumbelows Cup match with Crystal Palace. Nicky Hammond's throw out led to Micky Hazard being caught in possession on the edge of his own area and despite a splendid tackle by our skipper Colin Calderwood the ball broke to Andy Gray who got what turned out to be the game's only goal. There were a few nasty things going on in the second half but we played well enough to get an equaliser only to be foiled by Nigel Martin who had an excellent game in the Palace goal.

We should not forget the importance of a good reserve side to any club's ambitions so it is good to see Andy Rowland's team continues to climb up the Neville Ovenden Combination. Despite going a goal down to a strong Norwich side they fought back to win a fine free kick from Paul Trollope and a looping header from Shaun Close.

Today's visitors Ipswich Town will be another stern test of our right to be considered promotion candidates. Remember your backing is priceless and could make the difference between promotion and failure so cheer the lads on today and in our next away match against Bristol City.

Can I remind all our young supporters about the Football Fun Day we are running during the Christmas holiday. For just £5 you will get a full day of coaching and five-a-side matches and a free ticket for our match against Millwall.

Finally, can I take this opportunity on behalf of us all at the County Ground to wish you all a happy New Year..



GLENN HODDLE

### Quiz question:

On Christmas Day 1930 Swindon won 4-1 at home and lost 6-1 away on Boxing Day against the same opponents. Who were they?

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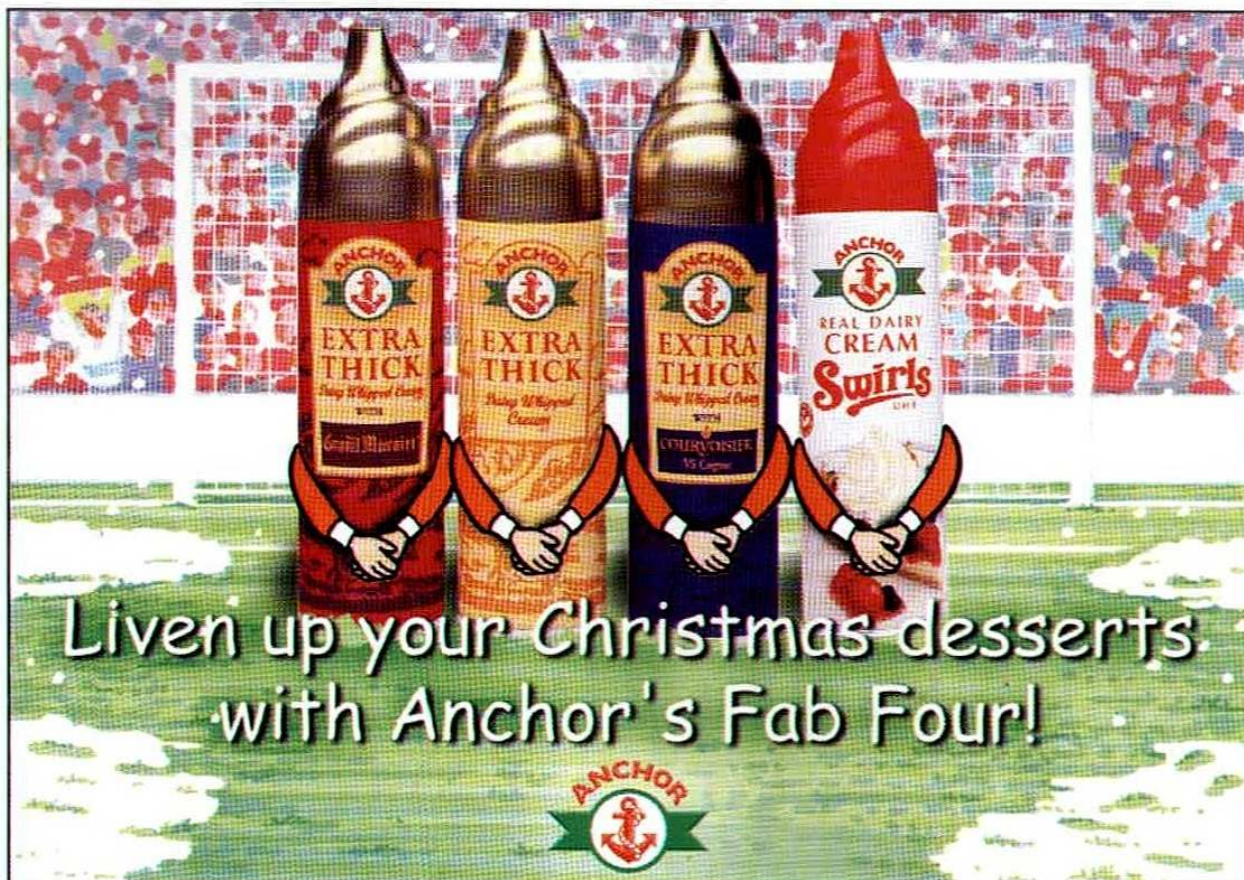
In the Cup match against Aldershot mentioned in the last article, two Swindon players scored hat tricks. Who were they?

**Answer...**

Howard Pritchard and Andy Rowland

compiled by Dick Mattick





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# Mike Walsh's

## weekly diary... Nov - Dec

### Monday 30th

I've spent many years training with and coaching players and one thing that never changes is that you have to really drill things into them.

But when you work all week on something and the players don't put it into practice on a Saturday it can be very frustrating. You can use our last game against Grimsby as an example. After telling the players to be alert and sharp, we were caught napping in the first ten minutes- and from this moment of hesitation Grimsby scored the only goal of the game.

With this incident fresh in the mind, today was all about getting the lads focussed and concentrating. Either functional work on the pitch or simple team races can do this. By varying instructions and the rules of each game the players have to listen to us, and watch what is happening around them. It was a good session to start the week with.

### Tuesday 1st

All the lads were in training for a session of running.

As soon as we told the players to wear flats the usual moans and groans can be heard. There is nothing like a hard graft to improve a bit of fitness and we worked the first team very hard. After some distance work we finished the morning off with some sprints. For most of the pro's the afternoon was spent working on their coaching badges with FA advisers. This is an important step for the players who want to go into coaching, for the others it is simply a case of increasing their knowledge of the game, which is no bad thing.

### Wednesday 2nd

Today we had the pleasure of watching our reserve team get back to winning ways with a fine 3-2 win over Reading.

In freezing conditions I felt we dominated play with Darren Bullock bossing midfield. Craig Taylor had a steady game and scored a good goal, which pleased Jim and myself. We had an interesting mix of pro's and youth players who worked as a unit and earned the win.

### Thursday 3rd

Those playing in last night's reserve game were rested (and given the chance to thaw out) while the rest of the first team were in for training.

We had the pleasure of working on the County Ground pitch today. This means we can take advantage of excellent conditions, despite the wet and wintry weather. Jem Fox, our Groundsman has done a top class job over the last few weeks by maintaining the pitch to such a high standard. We didn't waste the opportunity and completed a lengthy session working on half a pitch with our first team defensive line and different attacking options. We also looked at switching play from left to right by using Frank Talia as an extra man. This worked well and gives us a few more options.

### Friday 4th

Tomorrow we face Norwich City for what is another tough game.

Their forward line of Bellamy and Roberts has been reeking havoc against every team they play so our defence will have to be strong. After a light session of running and stretching, it was back to the County Ground for pasta and chicken. After this the players were sent home with strict instructions just to put their feet up and relax.





# Football round-up

**Dave Norris brings you all the latest football news...**

## First Team Latest

**It's been a long week for everyone involved at the County Ground.**

The last home first team game against Bradford was a miserable affair which curtailed our hopes that the mini-revival under Jim Quinn was irrepressibly strong. This was followed by news on Monday afternoon that the Club is being fined £20,000 by a Football Association Disciplinary Commission. Anyone who knows our parlous financial status would've felt the impact of that blow as much as the loss to Bradford. The same three day period this week, however, has brought just the opposite kinds of news. Three stunning points were picked up stylishly against one of the best teams in Division One, and Sky TV announce they are to cover a second Swindon match for season 1998/99, which coincidentally will net the club £20,000.

The significance of these extremes and what occurred between them may be an important factor in influencing the remaining fixtures in the new year.

It was as much the poor quality of the display against Bradford as the result that disappointed Jim Quinn. The team did not perform to the standards newly expected of them in all departments. The manager held the team back after the game for a few choice words for them to think over the weekend. On top of that Quinn was left with four more yellow cards and one straight red, and with Sol Davis picking another caution, his 5th, the following game his options again become limited. He responded on Monday morning with his Christmas itinerary for the players, which sees them enjoying just one day off throughout the entire seasonal period. This includes more intensive training and tactical sessions on several occasions, including Christmas and New Year's days.

Quinn went on to wield the axe for our away trip to Barnsley. Willis, Watson and

**"Three stunning points were picked up stylishly against one of the best teams in Division One"**





Walters gave way to Hulbert, Howe and Hay, with Taylor stepping into the shoes of Brian Borrows. This helped to ensure the team is experiencing its most major period of player rotation for almost 5 years. Since Quinn's arrival only 4 players fit and available have failed to make an appearance in the first team, and this includes goalkeeper Steve Mildenhall, and of these all 4 have been selected alternatively for the reserves. Quinn has further drafted in Neale Fenn (on loan) plus Sam Campagna (Youth Trainee) as well as bleeding Frazer McHugh (YT) in his travelling squad to Crewe.

We will soon be able to add one more name to this list. Since our last home game Swindon has formally reached an agreement with Chippenham Town for their in-form striker Charlie Griffin. Griffin was the fourth player given a chance to impress in the reserves by Jim Quinn since he joined, but the first to seize it with conviction. In a deal negotiated by Chairman Rikki Hunt Swindon secured advantageous financial terms in return for Griffin's continual service at Hardenhuish Park for some further months. He is due to register with his hometown club before the end of the current campaign.

## Reserve Update



**After a dismal start to the season the reserves have begun to show some impressive form recently.**

The last four games have resulted in a draw and three wins, leaving Town 4 points off a position in the top half of the table with

as many as 3 games in hand. This mid-week's away trip to Portsmouth was called off due to the state of Pompey's pitch, thereby denying Mark Walters his first reserve cap this season. Quinn included 6 other 1st team regulars as he sought to exorcise the indisciplines of the previous weekend.

## Youth Team News

**With the disappointments of that Bradford game in mind the highlight over the past week days is arguably the victory of the Youth Team at Elland Road against a much-fancied Leeds United in the Time FA Youth Cup.**



Leeds were runners up in the same competition last season, and won in the year before. Their youth structure has recently won a high profile and accolades for the promotion of some of their youngest players into their 1st team. Still, after holding them to a draw the previous week, our youths were confident of pulling off a shock result. After dominating the game, they managed to do just that thanks to an 85 minute winner by captain Frazer McHugh. The goal was all the sweeter for McHugh since he was once released by Leeds as a schoolboy. Youth Team Manager has this past fortnight sported the widest grin at



the County Ground, with his boast that "We've just beaten what I would consider to be the Manchester United of youth football." And who should Town pull for the next round of the Cup? An away tie to either Manchester United or Everton! We await Tom's remarks should he manage to get a result in the next round... To celebrate Tom took his Yts for a morning of well-deserved but bruising paintballing in a local Forest.

## Soccer Centres

**The run-up to Christmas has also brought good cheer to Jim Fraser and his Soccer Centres.**

His courses run in conjunction with the school term, and the first two this year have been successful beyond expectation. Around 400 children, both girls and boys, have now participated in the scheme which promotes involvement in Swindon Town and football as a sport to all skill levels. Jim and his other coaches have been pleasantly surprised by the reaction so far: "After speaking to all my coaches they have all said that a great attitude has been shown by the kids, as well as skill and ability, which is excellent to hear." Jim and the Club would like to thank his coaches for their dedication, as well as the staff at the leisure centres and, of course, the kids themselves. Courses recommence in the new year; for more information please call the Soccer Centres number on 644777.

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**Dear Santa**

Look, I know this letter is a day late, but I figure a chap like you who normally only does one day of work a year can cope with a few hours of overtime.

I know it's the time of year for goodwill to all men, and I appreciate you're probably exhausted after carrying all those Furbys in your magic sleigh all day yesterday.

But it's not as if I'm asking the earth- just a few sprinklings of magic dust here at the County Ground today and for the next couple of weeks would be enough.

So here's my present list Mr Christmas- see what you can do for me, eh?

A signed and sealed contract from the local council, allowing the Chairman of STFC to carry through his plans to develop the County Ground into a super stadium.

Two tickets for next May's FA Cup Final- Swindon Town Vs Manchester United/

Another visit to the County Ground by Gaby Roslin- but next time make it on a sweltering hot Saturday afternoon!

A Copy of the song "She'll Be Coming Round The Mountain" (yes folks, we are still trying to find it!)

A heater for the PA Announcer's Box!

A Manager of the Year award- and a 1999 free from player injury worries for Jim Quinn.

A new anorak and multi-pack of Wagon Wheels for the BBC Wiltshire Sound Sports Editor Shaun Hodgetts (and get him a hairstyle while you at it, Santa)

Oh, and Emma Nobles phone number.

I hope you are having a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas, and will have a prosperous 1999.

**Enjoy the game.**

## This is your chance to join an exciting new venture **the official S.T.F.C.** **SUPPORTERS' CLUB**

**We would like to open today's notes with an update on the issue of away travel.**

We sought proposals and ideas as to how travel could be arranged as we plan to look to one travel organisation which would be recognised as the Official carrier of Swindon supporters. There has been an encouraging response and the responses are under consideration at present. By early in the new year we hope that we will be in a position to confirm arrangements. It is the intention that the away travel will provide a first class service at reasonable cost, with regular checks on the quality of service provided. It is also the intention to provide travel facilities to disabled as well as able bodied supporters.

We reported in the 1st programme that the second meeting of The Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire satellite group was taking place 8th December at Royal British Legion in

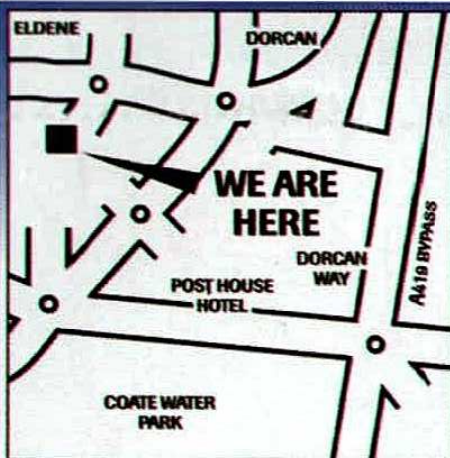
Hanney. The event was attended by around 50 supporters and on behalf of the Football Club by Jim Quinn and Mike Walsh. The first part of the evening was devoted to a question and answer session with Jim and Mike and this lasted for just over an hour.

This was followed by a short break with refreshments and a raffle and the second half of the meeting was turned over to planning the Groups operation and future activities. Plans are already afoot for a race night, a "Wembley" evening showing the 69 final verses Arsenal and also a satellite group away trip.

If you wish to have any more information on the above group or indeed any help in setting up a similar group in your own Town or Village please contact Roger Bunce on **01865 820499**.

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DAVE MOORE AND DICK MACKEY'S

# TREATMENT room

**When you work at getting the lads back out there on the park it is always great to see those once injured do well.**

Our last game against Barnsley is a good example. Bobby Howe, Chris Hay and Craig Taylor have all recently been stuck in the Treatment Room but last Saturday they gave the type of performance that suggests they are fully match fit and ready for action.

Back to those still needing treatment starting with David Kerslake. He has been doing plenty of good running and we feel it is time to move his recovery up a gear. We now want to get him kicking footballs. This is an important milestone in his recovery and we're hoping to get him back in action as soon as possible.

Lee Collins is working hard with his shoulder injury. For Lee every day is a step forward which means that his progress is swift. With the help of the De Vere Hotel "Taz" has been able to improve the rotation of the shoulder by using their pool facilities.

Captain Brian Borrows has been making impressive steps forward in his attempt to shake off his hamstring strain. He has

been putting in some excellent running work which has been aided by exercises to help build up the strength of the hamstring.

Philippe Cuervo has been ordered to get plenty of rest. He has had stitches removed from his ankle and a lighter cast put on his leg. All he can do now is be patient and let the injury settle down.

Ty Gooden has been flying in treatment. He has been running and sprinting with impressive speed. We are testing his injury by getting him to do plenty of explosive work: going from standing still to a full sprint. We have been working hard to get him fit and are currently hopeful that we're not far off.

On a happier note, we have said goodbye to Jim Glass, Phil King and Alan Reeves as they have all now rejoined training. With the busy Christmas period upon us we want to get as many pro's as fit as possible. Having these three back in training is a good step towards this.

## THANKYOU

We would like to thank The Link Centre for the use of their swimming facilities.



**PHYSIO DICK MACKEY TREATS IAN MCSHERRY**



# COMMUNITY NEWS

**As we see the end to another great year here at Swindon Town I thought it would be nice to do a brief review of what we've been up to.**

Myself and Jon have been working hard all season to get kids involved with Swindon Town. We have had more success with our three-day Soccer Courses during school holidays. The kids get the chance to enjoy some top notch coaching and make plenty of friends. The emphasis is on fun and the courses are open to anybody. During the summer courses we had the pleasure of having a few of the Swindon Town players join in with the youngsters for a kick about. However, these were not as memorable as the courses we ran in the autumn- who can forget the cold, wind and rain!? But fair play to the kids that joined in, they carried on regardless and had a great time.

Other coaching courses we have done include our after-school clubs in Swindon and the surrounding area. We have built this up and have been coaching in the region of 200 children every week.

As well as the Soccer Courses we have had great success with the Saturday Team Club. This gives local kids teams the chance to enjoy some soccer coaching on the morning of Swindon Town home games, then have bite to eat followed by tickets for the Big Match itself. We have seen so many teams over the past months and they all have said what a great day it is. If your team would like to take

advantage of the Saturday Team Club please ring 01793 421303.

As well as coaching we have enjoyed organising a number charity events. One of the best of the last 12 months has to be our Charity Penalty Competition at Wroughton School that took place on the 9th October. 100 kids turned up to test their penalty shooting ability against none other than STFC's Funky Fledgling. Thanks once again to Leigh Woolard for all her help with that great afternoon.

More recently the STFC Community Office have had the pleasure of donating £2,000 to Swindon & District League for sponsorship of their mini Soccer Leagues. We have signed an exciting two-year deal and the league will be called the Swindon & District STFC League.

This year has also seen the development of an exciting new Birthday Party Event. This gives children the chance to enjoy their birthday at STFC with coaching, tour of the County Ground and goodie bags. They have been a great success, for more information please contact Luke Sharps on 01793 421303.

With so much going on it's no wonder that time just flies by and now we're at the end of another year! Still, I hope you all have a great Christmas and Happy New Year.

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I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas Day, did Santa bring you everything you wanted?

I have asked for a late pressie, today's 3 points in the sack - I mean bag! (and Barnsley's and Sheffield's etc. etc.).

'Robinettes'.

They have been working really hard and I am sure you will enjoy watching them today - welcome back girls!



Today sees the second card in the set of 12 Collectables here at the County Ground. You should have all picked up your 'Alan Reeves' card at the Bradford game, Alan says on his card "Take care of your bike. Lock it or lose it." Today you can collect the Alan McDonald card by asking a Police Officer. They will be handing them out around the ground, so get collecting.

We welcome Wolves today and especially Wolfie. Funky has been looking forward to seeing his pal again, so lets give a big cheer when you see them! And we welcome back the



## MATCHDAY MASCOTS

### RICHARD HALL

Richard is 12 years old and attends Matravers School. His hobbies are Football Tennis and Rugby and his favourite player is Philippe. Richard told me he has all his faith in Swindon doing well this season - we all have Richard!



### JADE WOODHOUSE

Jade is 7 years old and attends Drove Primary School in Swindon. Her main hobbies are Football and her favourite player is Scott Leitch - good choice Jade!



### STEPHEN CROSS

Stephen is the Wolves mascot this afternoon. He is 11 years old and lives in Moreton-in-the-Marsh. His favourite player is Steve Bull and because of this his nickname is 'Bully'. Stephen told me 'I've always wanted to walk

out with the Wolves team, thank you for making my dream come true' -we aim to please Stephen.

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# looking ahead

Your essential guide to the next three Swindon games



**AWAY**

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE  
MONDAY 28 DEC  
12.00PM KICK-OFF**

## The Lowdown

Director of Coaching, Benny Lennartsson, has not had the easiest of starts since his take-over of Bristol City.

They have been on the receiving end of some real thumpings but have recently turned over Sheffield United 2-0. So they could be hitting a run of form as we enter the busy Christmas period. Local derbies are always special games. The home encounter was a real belter; this promises to be just the same.

## A Reason to Watch

A Bristol derby always throws up a few moments of drama.

At the County Ground we were down to ten men and had a blood-drenched 'keeper between the sticks. Who knows what this game will produce?

## The Connection

Swindon youth Alex Meehan is now plying his trade at City, and obviously big Shaun Taylor is a favourite with their home fans.

## Quinn's Verdict

They are a club desperate for points at the moment, so it is going to be a hard encounter. They have plenty of pace in attack so we'll have our work cut out at the back. But we've beaten them once this year and we can do it again. We are hoping for plenty of vocal support, so who not make the trip down the M4?

## Latest Ticket News

This match is ALL TICKET for Swindon supporters. 1,700 tickets are available for this match, these are priced at Adults £14.00, OAPs and students £11.00, and Juniors £9.00. This area of seating is unreserved, but all seats have no backs to them.



**HOME**

**FA CUP ROUND 3  
SATURDAY 02 JAN  
3.00PM KICK-OFF**

## The Lowdown

The FA Cup always guarantees plenty of drama and our last encounter with the side was a great victory so the two teams will know each other well.

Barnsley are a side that can topple any side in our division and after a tough battle with them last Saturday, the players will have to be at their best if they want to progress to the next round. But with home advantage there is no reason why we can't beat the South Yorkshire side again.

## A Reason to Watch

There can be no better way to celebrate the New Year (and get over the hangover) than by beating Barnsley and going through to the next round of the FA Cup. It will also be a chance to recapture some confidence after a disappointing result against Bradford in our last home game.

## The Connection

Town defender Mark Robinson played at Barnsley from 1986 to 1993. Such was his form that he was soon snatched up by Newcastle United for £450,000.

## Quinn's Verdict

The club could really do with a good cup run and we'll have to beat sides like Barnsley if we are going to make it happen. The players have been working hard over Christmas and will no doubt want to get further in the competition than last year, so they'll be well up for it.

## Latest Ticket News

Tickets are now on sale for this match. Normal advance and match day ticket prices apply for this match. There will be no free children tickets for this game, due to FA regulations, these will be priced at £5.00. Season ticket holders have up until Saturday 26th December to claim their seat.



**AWAY**

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE  
SATURDAY 09 JAN  
3.00PM KICK-OFF**

## The Lowdown

Sheffield United have not had the easiest of times recently.

As well as losing striker Dean Saunders they have been hit by injury after injury which has seen them slide into midtable obscurity. A club of their size should be up at the top battling for promotion, but manager Steve Bruce has not been able to get the best from his team. There is no doubt that they are a side with much promise and will undoubtedly be tough opposition for Swindon Town.

## A Reason to Watch

There is an obvious edge to this game after what took place at the start of the season.

Both sides will be wanting to put that behind them and go for the win so it will be a fascinating encounter.

## The Connection

Like Swindon Sheffield United have enjoyed the services of Norwegian international Jan Aage Fjortoft.

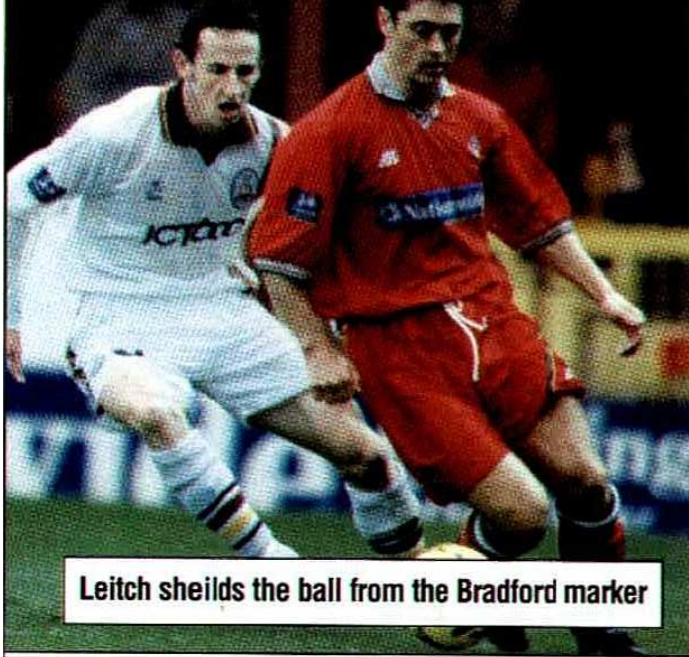
## Quinn's Verdict

This is another tough side with a point to prove. They have some excellent players and look particularly dangerous in attack. But with home advantage I don't think we should be looking to defend too deep, we should be getting forward and causing them problems as we attack.

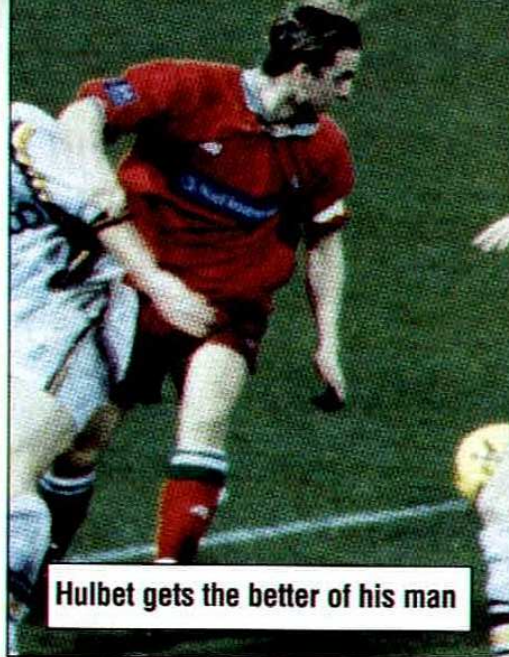
## Latest Ticket News

Tickets for this game are now on sale at the Advanced Day Ticket Office. Tel 01793 529000.





Leitch shields the ball from the Bradford marker



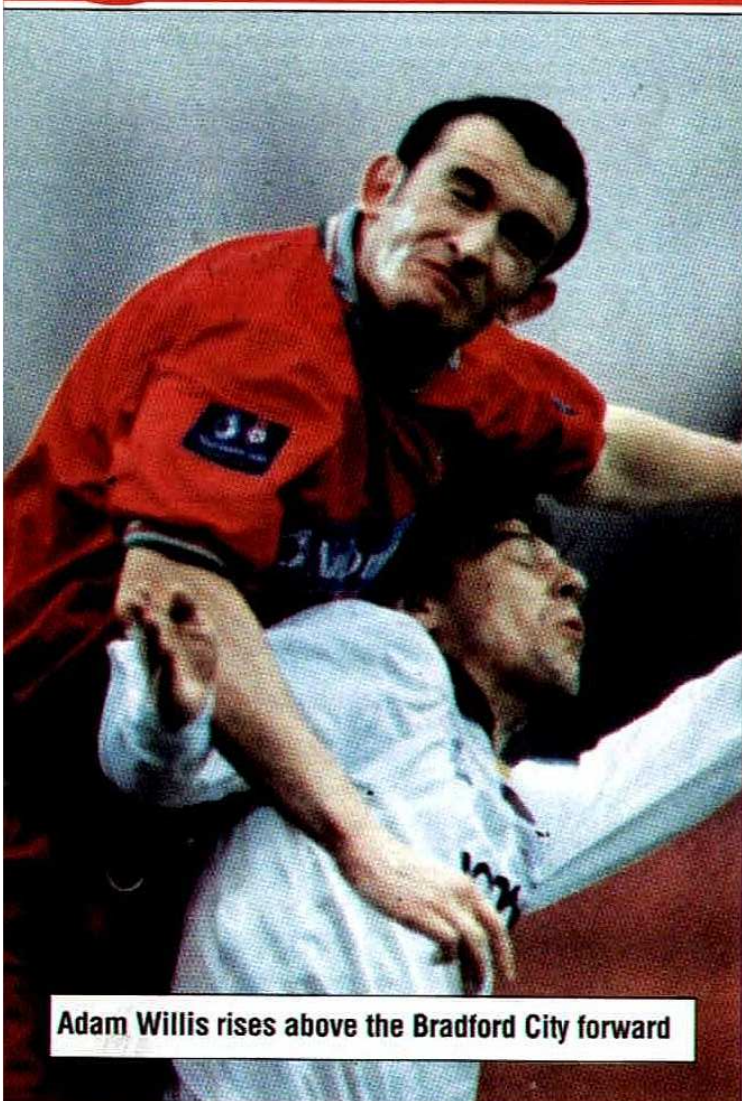
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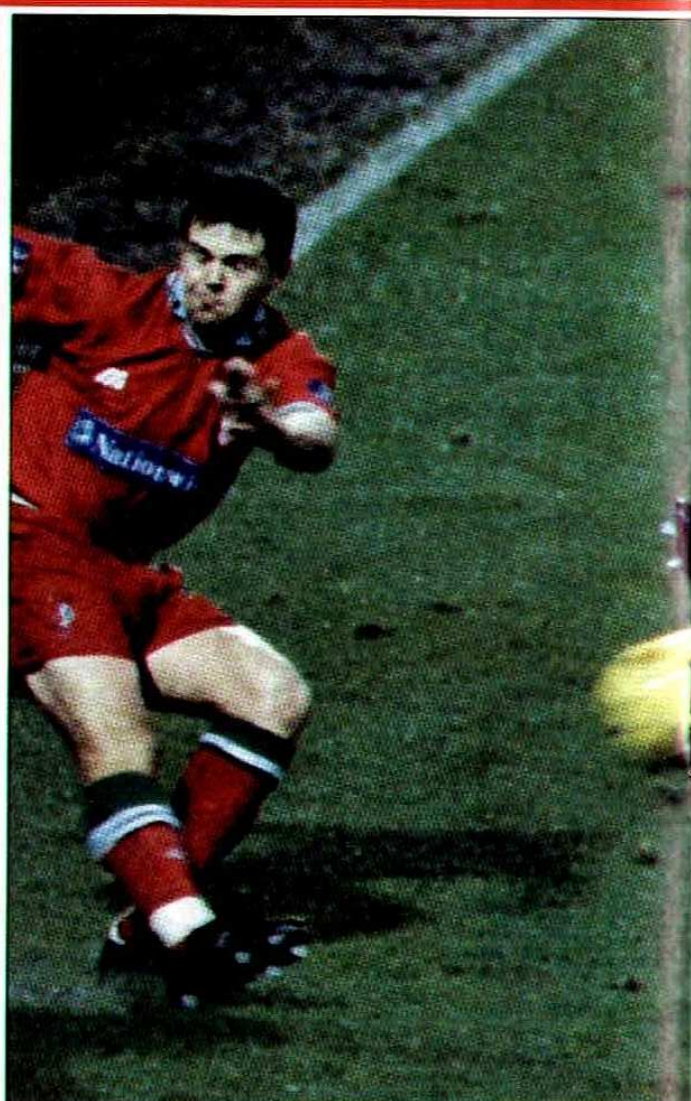
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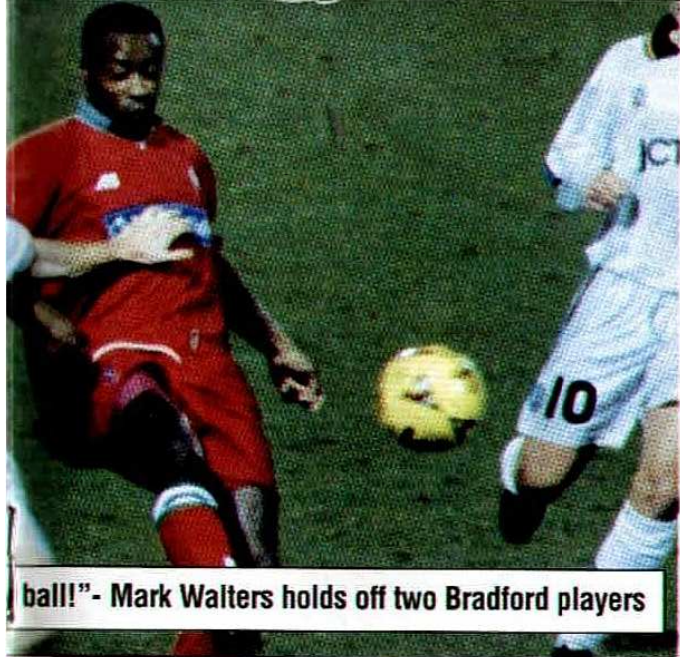
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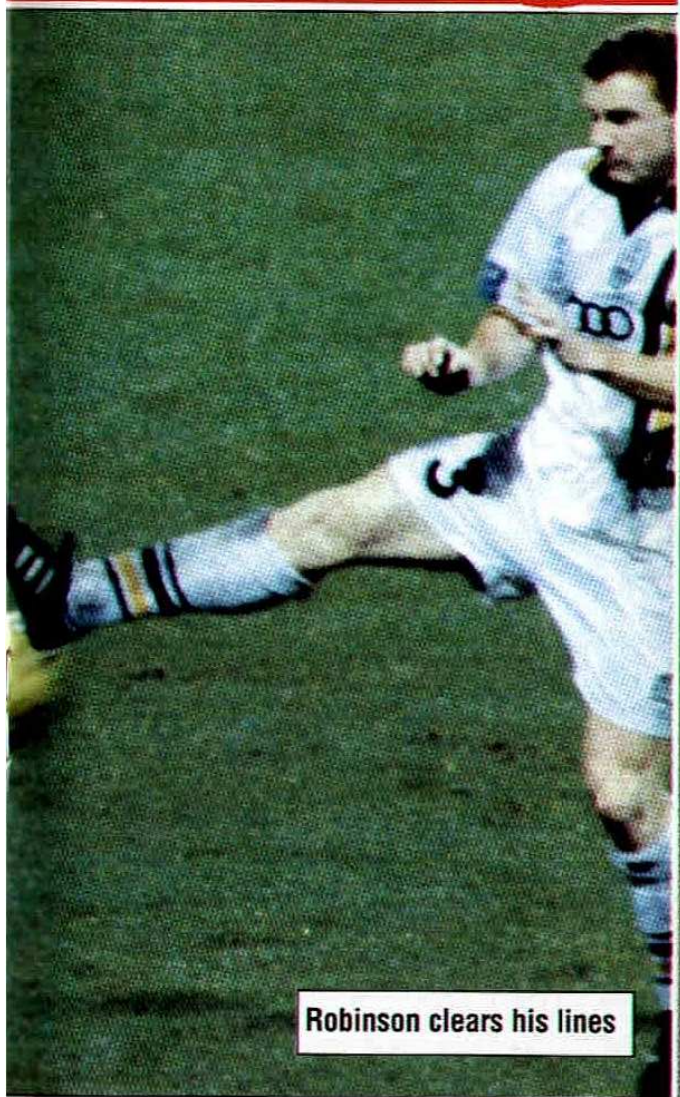
Adam Willis rises above the Bradford City forward







ball!" - Mark Walters holds off two Bradford players



Robinson clears his lines

## TEAM LINE UP

- 1 FRANK TALIA
  - 2 MARK ROBINSON
  - 3 GARETH HALL
  - 4 SCOTT LEITCH
  - 5 ADAM WILLIS
  - 6 BRIAN BORROWS
  - 7 MARK WALTERS
  - 8 KEVIN WATSON
  - 9 IFFY ONUORA ★
  - 10 NEALE FENN
  - 11 SOL DAVIS
- 
- 12 CHRIS HAY NOT USED
  - 13 ROBIN HULBERT (BORROWS, 33)
  - 14 CRAIG TAYLOR (ROBINSON, 79)

## MAN OF THE MATCH

### ★ IFFY ONUORA ★



This was hardly a vintage display from Town, but Iffy came out of the encounter with plenty of credit. He worked very hard in attack to create chances and held up the ball well. He helped out in defense when Swindon were under pressure. Iffy also gave us all hope when he scored a great goal after only three minutes.



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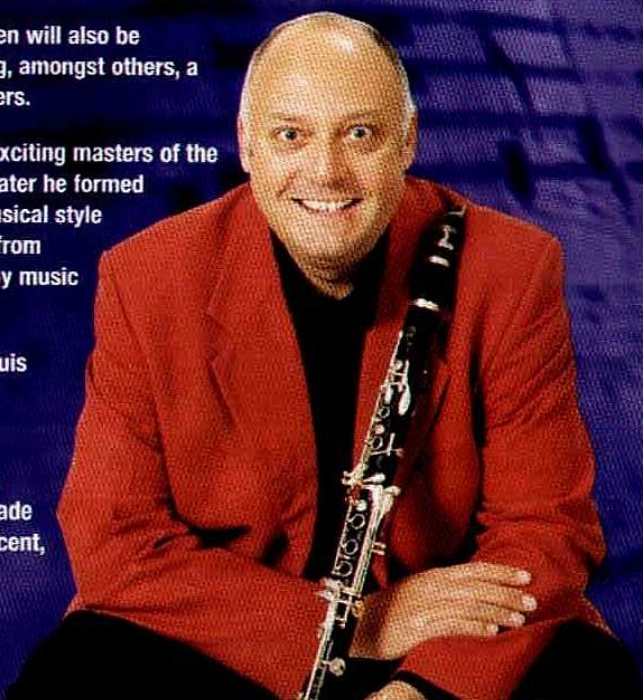
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"I bet the County Ground is full of items that Father Christmas brought down the chimney"

## Steve Sutherland: Director of Commercial Activities

### How did yesterday go?

If you are like me you enjoy all the build up to the actual day; the present buying, the endless parties, the sending and receiving of cards, putting up your tree and decorations, singing carols, seeing the Blue Peter advent candle being lit, watching "The Great Escape" and "The Sound of Music" on the telly, even giving your dustman a tip (because if you don't your rubbish will be all over your front garden the following week!), all this goes to make the build up to Christmas so special. Then the big day comes. You open all your presents, watch Noel Edmonds (it's always Noel Edmonds, why is that?) and then you either go off to relatives that you haven't seen since last Christmas or they come to you. Then with obligatory stupid paper hat on your head, it's food and drink all the way followed by the Queen's Speech and the 'Only Fools & Horses' Christmas special or a repeat of the 1979 Morecambe &

Wise Christmas Show. By the time you have done all this, eaten everything in the house and drunk more than you ever do at any other time of the year (just to be sociable of course), what you are desperate for is to get out of the house and get to the football ground for the Boxing Day match. You can't wait can you? It's the game everyone wants to come to which is why, Boxing Day fixtures are so well attended. However, and it happens at all grounds, not just here, why is it that football club caterers still put turkey on the menu for these matches? I always enjoy these occasions for all the reasons I've mentioned, people are so up for the match. Out come all the new Christmas presents; come on, hands up, how many of you are wearing your new jumper, or socks, or underpants? What about the dodgy aftershave that your girlfriend bought you or the overpowering perfume that no-one has ever heard of that your boyfriend thought you would love or (and I've been here before)

the cardigan that your Auntie personally knitted for you that was modelled on the postman because "he looks like the same size as you!" Yes, I bet the County Ground is full of items that Father Christmas brought down the chimney yesterday (no-one has ever satisfactorily explained to me how he manages in a flat with central heating!).

So replete from your excesses of yesterday, looking good and smelling wonderful, sit back, enjoy today's match and let's hope that our boys can provide you with their own Christmas present - three points.

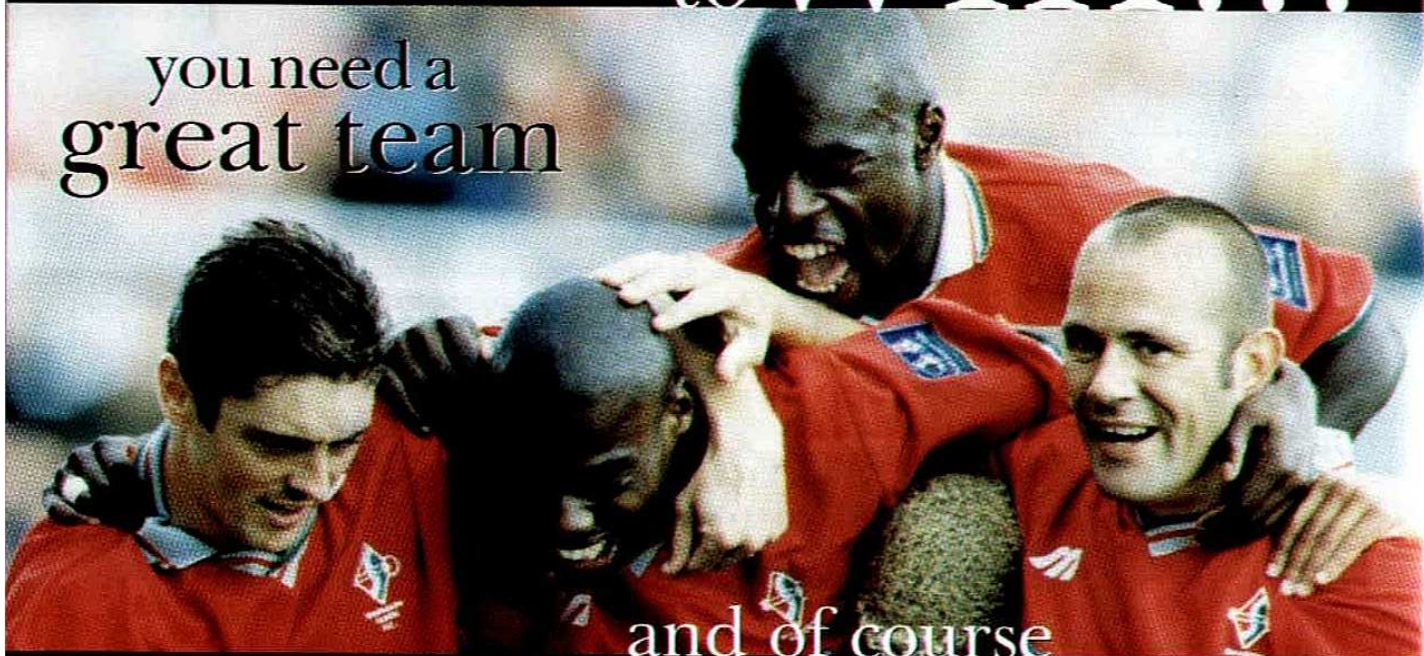
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# all around the world

By Colin Benson

**ASIA** Is in an uproar following FIFA's decision to give them only two qualifying places in the 2002 World Cup Finals. This was decided by the governing body in view of the fact that they already have two representatives qualified in host nations Japan and South Korea who are co-hosting the competition and thus are included automatically.

Now the Asian nations are threatening to boycott the competition in protest. Kuwait's Sheik Ahmad al-Saber said that such a move, in which he hoped the co-hosts would line up behind and support, would mean there would be no World Cup in Asia.

Can't say that fills us with horror. It would give England the opportunity to stage it for sure and would probably be a stronger competition with more European nations included.

**BRAZIL** Have something to shout about five months after their disastrous collapse in Paris....Ronaldo, the world's most gifted striker who was a shadow in the Final against France seems to have overcome his mystery illness and is now back to his best in Serie A. Having only played four full matches from August to mid-December he is again gracing the Inter Milan shirt. That's bad news for Man U fans. United take on Inter in the Champions League in March.

**ENGLAND** English football, indeed world football, was rocked to the core by the sudden resignation of the Football Association's chief administrator Graham Kelly. It is a most disturbing development emphasising the fact that though the FA appoints professionals at the top, the strings are still pulled by the ageing amateurs who make the countless committees and sub committees that make the whole organisation unwieldy.

Glenn Kirtan seems the ideal replacement. The chief organiser of Euro 96 he is a football man but is now doing such a good job for the marketing giants ISL in Switzerland he might not be in too much of a hurry to rush back to Lancaster Gate. If the other leading contenders David Davies is currently occupying the seat and looking to make it permanent. But he is not a football man and it would, in my opinion, be a bad move.

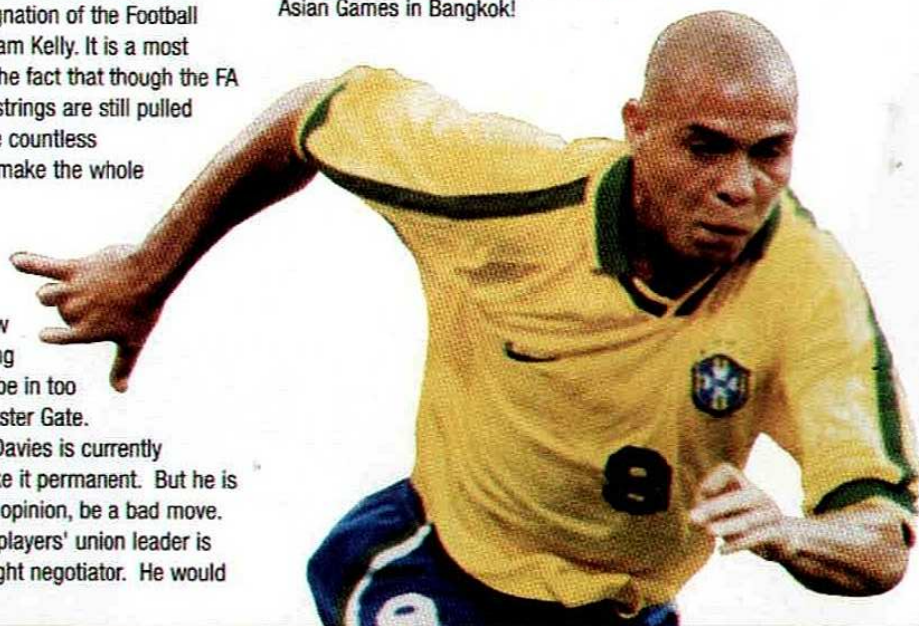
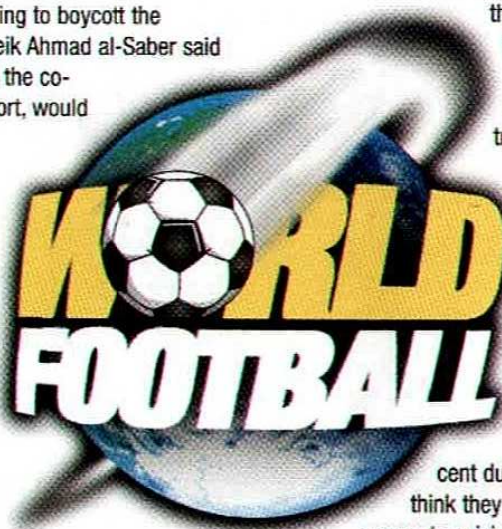
Gordon Taylor, the highly successful players' union leader is an ex-player and a forceful and forthright negotiator. He would

seem to have the ideal qualifications. But Gordon has never shirked mincing his words and has often upset important FA officials.

Whoever gets the job, it is to be hoped that they will be strong enough to cut out the outdated structure that forms the power bases of the FA. The game has changed over the past 100 years in marketing and finances and it is time the governing body installed a system geared to the multi-million business they are trying to run.

**FRANCE** World Cup winning goalkeeper Fabien Barthes has just made a million. No the flamboyant custodian has not signed a new deal with his club Monaco but gathered this windfall from his endorsement of McDonalds hamburgers in TV ads. His bald pate evidently helped rocket the sales of Big Macs in France by 40 per cent during the Finals...And to think the French think they have one on us Brits when it comes to cuisine!

**THAILAND** In the wake of Graham Kelly's departure from the FA controversy surrounded the revelation that the FA had sent Peter Withe to Thailand to coach the national team. It was claimed this was a goodwill gesture to try and attract Thai support for England's World Cup 2006 bid...I wonder what response we will get now following Thailand's 3-0 defeat by China in the third place play-off at the Asian Games in Bangkok!







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# the BUSINESS



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## ADAMS SET FOR HAPPY NEW YEAR

Arsenal captain Tony Adams could be playing again early in the New Year after getting the green light to start training just after Christmas.



The 32-year-old England centre half will have had a clear one-month break since taking an emergency rest cure for the back complaint

that threatened to end his career. Manager Arsene Wenger is much more optimistic about his team's chance of retaining the Premiership title as injury problems ease. Cocks recovering

"Anything is still possible," he said. "Now we are in much better shape than a few weeks ago after getting most of our players back. Tony is nearly ready again. We will not rush him back, but he saw a specialist on Friday and was told he could start training next Monday."

Wenger said it was possible Adams would be ready in time for the FA Cup tie at Preston on January 4, but more likely the following home match against Liverpool. Sunshine treatment

Adams has had a break in Florida and a special epidural injection to try to clear up the back muscle inflammation which has bothered him for nearly two years. Last season, he was out from mid-December to late January, but returned just after Arsenal had begun to turn the corner following a dismal run of pre-Christmas form. Arsenal's 3-1 victory over Leeds on Sunday ended a similarly barren spell of five League games without a win.



### TODAY'S PREMIER FIXTURES

ARSENAL	VS	WEST HAM
BLACKBURN	VS	ASTON VILLA
COVENTRY	VS	TOTTENHAM
EVERTON	VS	DERBY CO.
MAN UNITED	VS	NOTT'M FOREST
MIDDLESBROUGH	VS	LIVERPOOL
NEWCASTLE	VS	LEEDS UTD
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## ROUND-UP

### UNREST BOILS OVER AT ST JAMES PARK

A fiery annual meeting of Newcastle United football club has seen shareholders reject the reinstatement of disgraced directors Freddie Shepherd and Douglas Hall to the board.



A clear majority on the floor of the meeting opposed their re-election in a show-of-hands vote forcing chief executive Freddie Fletcher to call a formal poll of all shareholders.

However, with Mr Shepherd and Mr Hall themselves major shareholders, this vote is expected to approve their re-appointment.

Meanwhile, shareholders and fans were told that nothing will happen regarding any proposed takeover before next spring at the earliest.

Hew Williams reports from the Newcastle news conference Last week, Newcastle admitted that it had struck a deal for a potential sale of the club to US cable group NTL which immediately took an initial 6.3% stake in the Magpies.

The meeting erupted a number of times with Mr Fletcher forced to repeatedly call for order as shareholders loudly heckled those on the podium. Several shareholders shouted "it's a stitch-up" over the re-election issue.

## FOOTBALLERS CHARGED AFTER XMAS PARTY

Two West Ham United footballers have been charged in connection with an alleged incident at the Premiership club's Christmas party.



Neil Ruddock and Trevor Sinclair will appear in court in Romford, east London, on Tuesday with a third man, youth worker Richard Nelson. They were arrested on Monday night after police went to the Hammers' party - a 70s fancy dress night at Secrets nightclub in Romford. Ex-England defender Ruddock, 30, of Formby, Liverpool, is charged with affray under the Public Order Act, and was alleged to have thrown a glass bottle at a Mini car being driven by beauty therapist Belinda Knowles, 19. Sinclair, 25, of Chigwell, Essex, was charged with causing criminal damage to the car. Nelson, 33, from Brockley, south London, was charged with using threatening words and behaviour. The men were questioned at Romford police station until early on Monday morning before being charged and given police bail. Ruddock, 30, a central defender, is a popular figure among Upton Park fans. He joined West Ham from Liverpool in July on a three-year deal. Sinclair, 25, moved from Queens Park Rangers to West Ham in a £2m deal.



### FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
ASTON VILLA	18	10	6	2	28	17	36
CHELSEA	18	8	9	1	29	17	33
MAN UTD	18	8	7	3	36	23	31
MIDDLESBROUGH	18	7	9	2	30	21	30
LEEDS	18	7	8	3	29	17	29
ARSENAL	18	7	8	3	20	11	29
WEST HAM	18	8	5	5	22	22	29
WIMBLEDON	18	7	5	6	23	29	26
LIVERPOOL	18	7	4	7	29	22	25
NEWCASTLE	18	6	6	6	22	21	24
LEICESTER	18	6	6	6	21	20	24
DERBY CO.	18	5	9	4	18	17	24
TOTTENHAM	18	6	5	7	28	23	23
SHEFF WED	18	6	4	8	20	19	22
EVERTON	18	5	7	6	12	17	22
CHARLTON	18	3	7	8	22	28	16
COVENTRY	18	4	4	10	15	26	16
BLACKBURN	18	3	5	10	17	26	14
SOUTHAMPTON	18	3	4	11	15	35	13
NOTT'M FOREST	18	2	6	10	17	32	12





## QUICK QUIZ?

1. Which Norwich player scored the last goal in front of the Kop at Anfield before it became an all-seater Stand?
2. Which Ground has an Arthur Wait Stand?
3. Which British Club play their games at Tannadice Park?
4. Where was the 1984 League Cup final replayed, when Liverpool beat Everton 1-0?
5. When did Wembley Stadium first introduce Floodlights?
6. Which club plays at Glanford Park?
7. There are two grounds in England which each share their names with two clubs. Who are the teams?
8. Whose Stadium is the Racehorse Ground?
9. Where did England play their third place play-off in the 1990 World Cup?
10. Which club ground's nearest railway station is Castle station?

Answers: 1. Jeremy Goss 2. Selhurst Park 3. Dundee United 4. Maine Road 5. 1955 6. Scunthorpe 7. Newcastle and Exeter 8. St. James's Park 9. Wrexham 10. Bury 11. Northampton.

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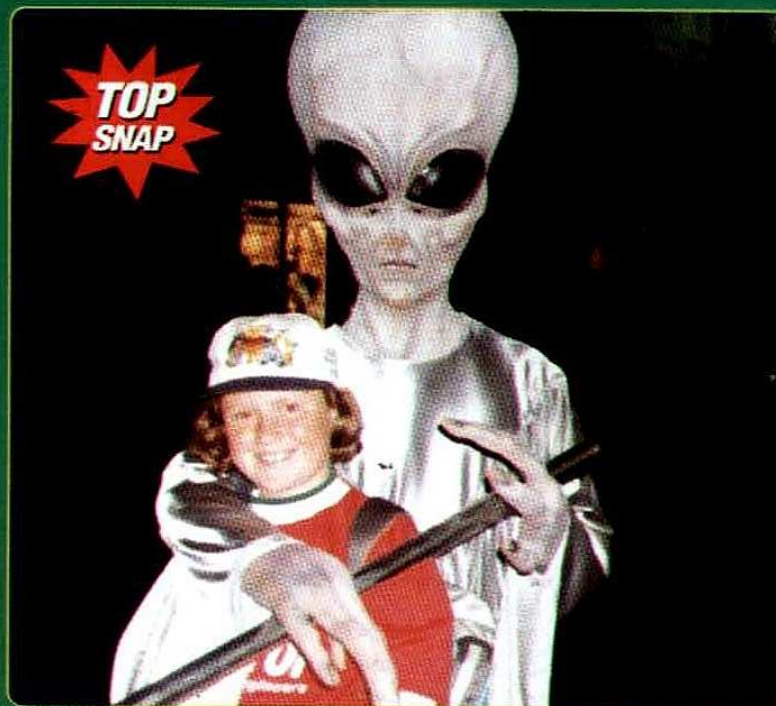
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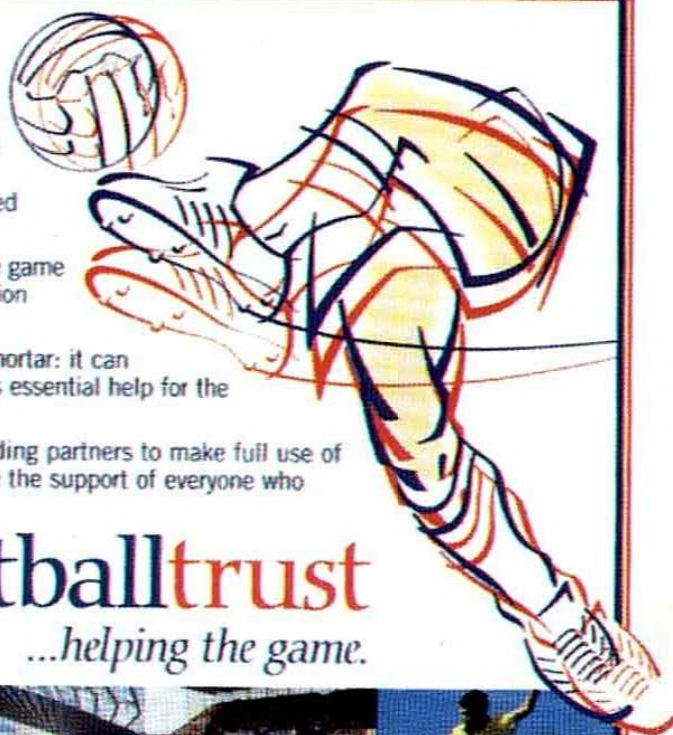
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## LEE PLANNING SPENDING SPREE

Today's opponents Wolves have insisted that they have no plans to make major changes to their side's formation but will bring in new players.



Colin Lee hopes to sign at least one new player this week as he has been pursuing a mystery target for the last month. He said: "I don't need to change the team completely. But if I could add just one or two it would help the side and the results."

## FUMACA JOINS BLUES PROMOTION PUSH

Birmingham's 'Boy from Brazil' will start training with his new team-mates at St. Andrews this week.



Midfielder Fumaca, whose full name is Jose Rodriguez Alves Antunes, has joined Birmingham in an extended loan deal from the Brazilian side Catunese. Birmingham have an option to sign the 22-year-old on a permanent basis if he impresses during his stay at St Andrew's.

## HUGHES CALLS FOR CONSISTENCY

West Brom's leading scorer Lee Hughes has admitted that the team have got to find some consistency - and quickly.



Albion have only managed to put back to back wins together in the League once this season and that was back in August. The 24-goal striker said: "We seem to be winning one game and then losing the next. We need to put a run of results together."



## NATIONWIDE DIVISION 1 ROUND-UP

### GERRY AIMS TO BE A STEINER SIGNER

QPR boss Gerry Francis wants to keep on-loan Rob Steiner, who salvaged a 1-1 draw against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park, but admits he might not have the cash.



The Rangers boss knows he could have his hands tied by financial problems at Loftus Road when the Bradford striker ends his loan in the New Year. But Steiner gave the London club a reminder of his worth coming off the bench to earn a 1-1 draw for Rangers with a 76th-minute equaliser. The strike levelled matters in an entertaining and passionate London derby after Simon Rodger had given the Eagles the lead. Francis said: "I'd probably like to keep him (Steiner) but we'll have to see what is in the kitty. I haven't been able to sign anybody and it's a small squad but the players have worked hard on the training pitch." Francis thought his side had done enough to win the game but was happy with a point as Palace slumped to their seventh league game without a win. "It would have been a travesty if we'd lost the game," claimed Francis. "We've drawn the game and I'm disappointed. We should have had three points but it is a difficult place to come. They've got a good record here and we've gone away with a point. It's a step in the right direction." Palace's first-team coach Terry Fenwick was also happy to get a point from the clash. His Palace side only showed their best form in a 20-minute period straight after the half-time break. Fenwick said: "It's not what we wanted from the game but we've got to be happy with the draw after a performance like that."

## NAYLOR READY TO TAKE IPSWICH CHANCE

Ipswich Town striker Richard Naylor knows that he needs to perform well to catch manager George Burley's eye.



The 21-year-old scored Town's winner in the victory at Sheffield United but is aware he is only playing because David Johnson and James Scowcroft are out. Naylor said: "I know I need to take my chance in the side, and I'm really happy to have got the goal."

### Nationwide Division One Fixtures 26/12/98

BIRMINGHAM	vs	SHEFF UTD
BOLTON	vs	BRADFORD
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HUDDERSFIELD	vs	GRIMSBY
IPSWICH	vs	PORTSMOUTH
OXFORD	vs	CRYSTAL PALACE
Q.P.R.	vs	NORWICH
STOCKPORT	vs	BARNLEY
SWINDON	vs	WOLVES
TRANMERE	vs	SUNDERLAND
WATFORD	vs	BRISTOL CITY
WEST BROM	vs	PORT VALE

### Nationwide League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
SUNDERLAND	24	15	8	1	53	15	53
IPSWICH	24	13	6	5	33	15	45
BRADFORD	23	12	4	7	42	27	40
WATFORD	24	11	7	6	42	35	40
NORWICH	23	11	7	5	39	30	40
BOLTON	23	10	9	4	44	32	39
BIRMINGHAM	24	11	6	7	37	24	39
HUDDERSFIELD	24	11	5	8	35	40	38
GRIMSBY	24	11	5	8	30	27	38
WEST BROM	24	10	4	10	43	40	34
SHEFF UTD	24	9	7	8	37	40	34
WOLVES	24	9	7	8	34	26	34
BARNLEY	24	7	9	8	35	33	30
CRYSTAL PALACE	23	8	6	9	33	39	30
STOCKPORT	24	6	11	7	30	31	29
BURY	24	7	7	10	20	28	28
SWINDON	24	7	6	11	34	40	27
TRANMERE	24	5	12	7	31	35	27
QPR	24	7	5	12	26	34	26
PORT VALE	24	7	4	13	27	45	25
PORTSMOUTH	24	6	6	12	32	39	24
OXFORD	24	6	5	13	26	45	23
BRISTOL CITY	24	4	8	12	34	52	20
CREWE	24	3	6	15	24	49	15

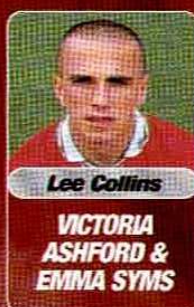


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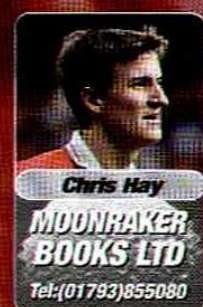


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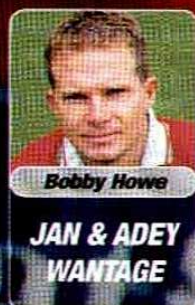
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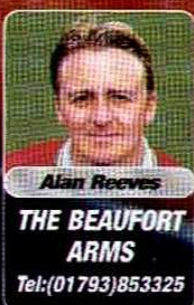
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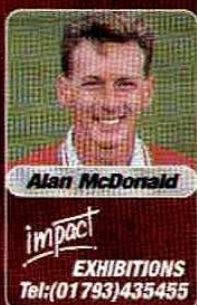
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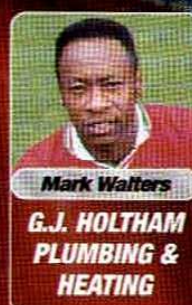
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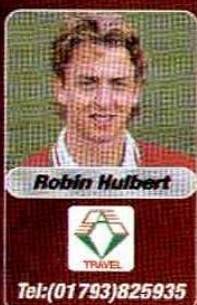
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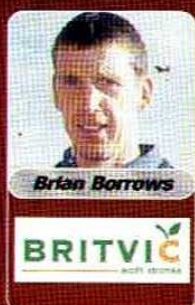
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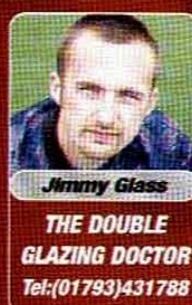
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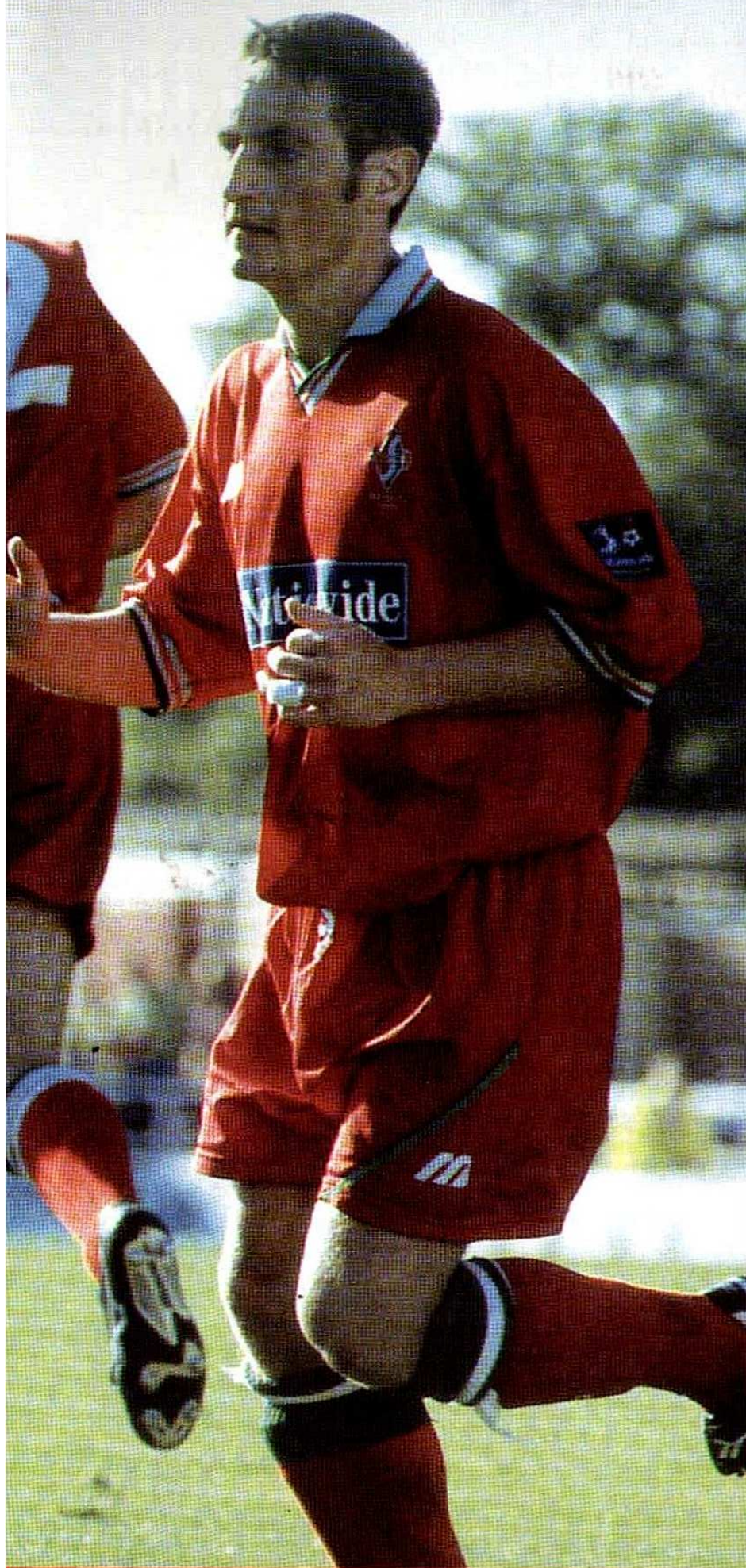


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# Jimmy Glass

**FORTY THREE**





**Q. With the arrival of Jim Quinn it's been interesting to look at the affect on the club's strikers.**

A. Yeah, if you play with him he's still a quality player. You can see why he's done so well throughout his career. I've played with him in the reserves up front and in training and you just hope to learn from someone like that.



**Q. Does the assistant manager also don shorts and boots for training?**

A. Every now and then Walshy gets involved, but he can't get about much these days you know...



**Q. Have they changed training much since Jim Quinn's arrival?**

A. Definitely. Training has stepped up a lot. The manager has brought in his own ideas which are very different to Steve McMahon's. The lads do seem a lot fitter. I'm personally training harder than ever, trying to get back in the squad.



**Q. Any guess on when you'll get back?**

A. You've just got to plug away and hope the gaffer selects you at some stage. It's not just me, we're all in the same boat. There's lots of competition for places here and I'm pushing as hard as I can. Having said that, you can't argue with George and Iffy at the moment, and then Chris Hay has started to play a bit again. My last full game was at Bolton and I'd love to get back more than anything.



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**Q. In the meantime it's the reserves.**

A. That's right. The reserves will never make up for First Division football - you do lose a bit of sharpness. This has been my bleakest year so far at Swindon, but you've got to take it on board and hopefully something will come off for you. At least I'm not injured so I can fight for my place. The reserves is a kind of shop window for you to show the manager what you can do, and I am regular in that team so I can't complain really. So long as you're there and you're playing well you never know when you'll be called upon. We've already had quite a few injuries and suspensions, so you just have to be ready.



**Q. So there is a silver lining to another player being suspended?**

A. Well it may offer you a chance, yes. George was out the other week and that could've fallen to myself or Bobby Howe or Chris Hay. But really you don't think of it in those terms, you're never glad for an injury or ban to fall on another player. The most there is in the dressing room is a bit of ribbing from the others if you are suspended. Just ask Darren Bullock!



**Q. Do you train mostly with the reserve players?**

A. No, not at all. There are some restrictions, like just after games when players may be rested if they were in the

line-up, but that's natural. The squad sticks together as much as it can apart from that. Anyway, you never really know you might be chosen for the team for the next game, and then there could be last-minute injuries. It's important that the players train together when they can, for morale as well as fitness levels.



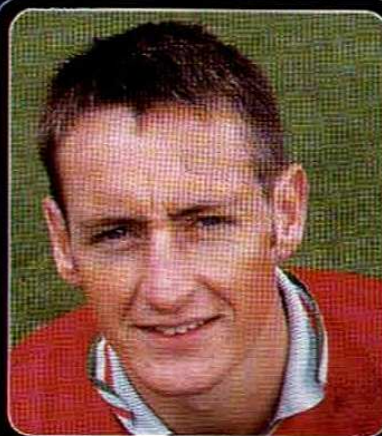
**Q. What hobbies do you have to take you mind off work?**

A. I play quite a bit of golf in the summer, which is really relaxing.



**Q. Ambitions for 1999?**

A. To get back in the first team and recapture my form. I believe that overall the club's turned the corner. We're looking livelier and fitter. I hope to play a part in carrying that on.



**Steve Cowe**

**FACT FILE**

Did you ever feel your career had gone pear-shaped?

Not exactly pear-shaped but obviously it's a frustrating time at the minute.

Best dressed at STFC?

George Ndah.

Worst dressed at STFC?

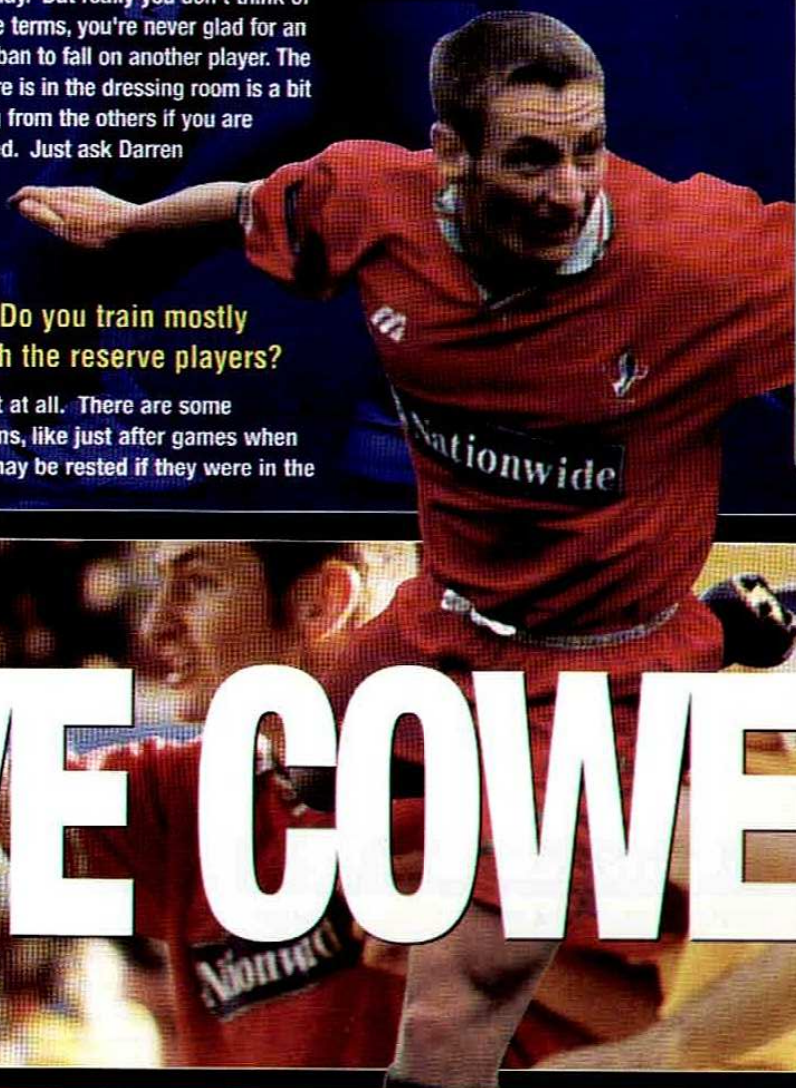
Walshy.

You house is on fire, what is the first material possession you rescue?

2nd Division Winners Medal.

Sum up Steve Cowe in three words?

An absolute giant!



**WE COWE**





## the swindon fact files

## the key:

FAC = F.A. CUP  
WC = WORTHINGTON CUP

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sat Aug 08	Sheffield United A	1-2	15,937	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	GOODEN	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
WED AUG 12	WYCOMBE W. WC1 (1) H	2-1	4,682	GLASS	ROBINSON	HALL	GOODEN	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	5,501	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	2-2	8,967	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	WATSON	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT OCT 31	QUEENS PARK RANGERS H	3-1	8,500	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIS	REEVES	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Nov 07	Crewe Alexandra A	2-0	4,469	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIS	WILLIS	BORROWS	HULBERT
Sat Nov 14	Bradford City A	0-3	14,897	TALIA	TAYLOR	HALL	DAVIS	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT NOV 21	CRYSTAL PALACE H	2-0	11,718	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIS	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Nov 28	Grimsby Town A	0-1	8,657	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIS	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT DEC 05	NORWICH CITY (FA.C2) H	1-1	9,262	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
SAT DEC 12	BRADFORD CITY H	1-4	7,447	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	WILLIS	BORROWS	WALTERS
Sat Dec 19	Barnsley A	3-1	15,342	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	LEITCH	TAYLOR	HULBERT	HOWE
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	BARNLEY H									
Sat May 22	F.A. Cup Final									

### THIS SEASON'S TOP SCORERS

IFFY ONUORA	14
MARK WALTERS	8
GEORGE NDAH	7
GARETH HALL	2
DARREN BULLOCK	1

### THIS SEASON'S TOP GATES

SAT 21 <sup>ST</sup> NOV VS CRYSTAL PALACE	11,718
SAT 15 <sup>TH</sup> AUG VS SUNDERLAND	10,207
SAT 5 <sup>TH</sup> DEC VS NORWICH CITY	9,262
SAT 24 <sup>TH</sup> OCT VS W.B.A.	8,967

### LAST FOUR GAMES

BARNLEY	A	WON 3-1
BRADFORD	H	LOST 4-1
NORWICH CITY	H	DREW 1-1
GRIMSBY	A	LOST 1-0



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PLAYER IN RED  
DENOTES SCORER

NUMBER IN BRACKETS  
DENOTES PLAYER REPLACED ( )

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
HAY	ONDURA	BULLOCK	NDAH	DAVIS (8)	CUERVO	TAYLOR
HAY	ONDURA	BULLOCK	NDAH	KERSLAKE	WATSON(8)	TAYLOR
NDAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	DAVIS	HAY	CUERVO(4)
NDAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY (4)	CUERVO (11)	GLASS
NDAH	HAY	BULLOCK	GOODEN	ONDURA(8)	ROBINSON	CUERVO (4)
NDAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY	DAVIS	CUERVO (9)
NDAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	COWE	DAVIS(3)	ROBINSON
NDAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HULBERT(4)	COWE	DAVIS(6)
NDAH (2)	ONDURA (2)	BULLOCK	GOODEN	ROBINSON	WILLIS	WATSON
NDAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	ROBINSON(10)	COWE	WILLIS
NDAH	COWE	BULLOCK	GOODEN	TAYLOR	HOWE	WATSON
NDAH	CUERVO	BULLOCK	GOODEN	WATSON	TAYLOR	COWE(9)
COWE	CUERVO	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HOWE(8)	ONDURA(9)	WATSON
WILLIS	ONDURA	NDAH	GOODEN	BULLOCK	HALL	CUERVO(10)
NDAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	CUERVO	WATSON	WILLIS
NDAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY(9)	WATSON(10)	DAVIS(4)
NDAH	ONDURA	BULLOCK	GOODEN	HAY(9)	WATSON(5)	CUERVO
NDAH	ONDURA	LEITCH	GOODEN	HAY(8)	DAVIS	CUERVO
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WATSON	ONDURA	FENN	GOODEN	HULBERT(7)	CAMPAGNA	COWE
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WATSON	ONDURA	NDAH	DAVIS	HAY	HULBERT(6)	BULLOCK(2)
HAY	ONDURA(2)	NDAH	DAVIS	WALTERS(8)	WATSON	BULLOCK(6)

## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
SUNDERLAND	24	15	8	1	53	15	53
IPSWICH	24	13	6	5	33	15	45
BRADFORD	23	12	4	7	42	27	40
WATFORD	24	11	7	6	42	35	40
NORWICH	23	11	7	5	39	30	40
BOLTON	23	10	9	4	44	32	39
BIRMINGHAM	24	11	6	7	37	24	39
HUDDERSFIELD	24	11	5	8	35	40	38
GRIMSBY	24	11	5	8	30	27	38
WEST BROM	24	10	4	10	43	40	34
SHEFF UTD	24	9	7	8	37	40	34
WOLVES	24	9	7	8	34	26	34
BARNLEY	24	7	9	8	35	33	30
CRYSTAL PALACE	23	8	6	9	33	39	30
STOCKPORT	24	6	11	7	30	31	29
BURY	24	7	7	10	20	28	28
SWINDON	24	7	6	11	34	40	27
TRANMERE	24	5	12	7	31	35	27
QPR	24	7	5	12	26	34	26
PORT VALE	24	7	4	13	27	45	25
PORTSMOUTH	24	6	6	12	32	39	24
OXFORD	24	6	5	13	26	45	23
BRISTOL CITY	24	4	8	12	34	52	20
CREWE	24	3	6	15	24	49	15

## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES 98/99

Player Name:	LEAGUE	W.C	FAC	Gls.
	Apps.	Apps.	Apps.	
BRIAN BORROWS	24	1	0	0
DARREN BULLOCK	16(5)	1	0	1
SAM CAMPAGNA	0	(1)	0	0
LEE COLLINS	0	0	0	0
STEVE COWE	2(1)	0	0	0
PHILLIPPE CUERVO	2(4)	0	0	0
SOL DAVIS	13(1)	0	0	0
NEALE FENN	3	1	0	0
JIMMY GLASS	1	1	0	0
TY GOODEN	21	1	0	1
GARETH HALL	22	1	0	2
CHRIS HAY	4(5)	1	0	1
BOBBY HOWE	1(2)	0	0	0
ROBIN HULBERT	3(5)	0	0	0
DAVID KERSLAKE	7	0	0	0
SCOTT LEITCH	13(1)	0	0	0
ALAN McDONALD	0	0	0	0
STEVE MILDENHALL	0	0	0	0
GEORGE NDAH	18(1)	0	0	7
IFEM ONUORA	21(2)	1	0	14
ALAN REEVES	16	(1)	0	1
MARK ROBINSON	17(1)	1	0	0
FRANK TALIA	23	1	0	0
CRAIG TAYLOR	2(2)	0	0	0
MARK WALTERS	23(1)	1	0	8
KEVIN WATSON	7(4)	(1)	0	0
ADAM WILLIS	9	0	0	0

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# MATCH..... STATS



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**Mr F.G. Stretton**

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Assistant Referees:

**Mr M.J. North** (red trim)

**Mr D.R. Spicer** (yellow/red)

## match facts

Half-Time Score

Full-Time Score

Today's Attendance



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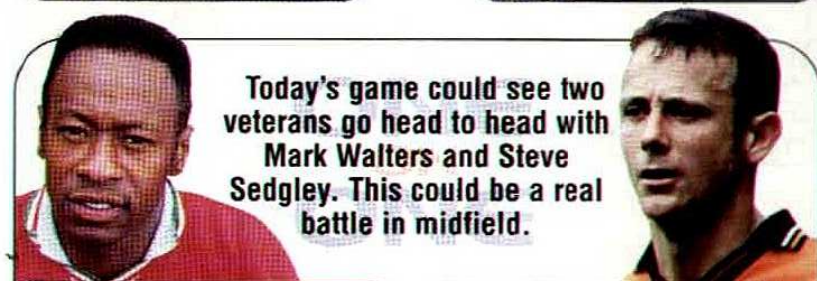
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# TODAY'S TEAMS.....



FRANK TALIA	1	MIKE STOWELL
MARK ROBINSON	2	MARK ATKINS
GARETH HALL	3	LEE NAYLOR
SCOTT LEITCH	4	DEAN RICHARDS
CRAIG TAYLOR	5	STEVE SEDGLEY
ROBIN HULBERT	6	KEITH CURLE
BOBBY HOWE	7	STEVE CORICA
CHRIS HAY	8	CARL ROBINSON
IFEM ONUORA	9	DAVID CONNELLY
GOERGE NDAH	10	ROBBIE KEANE
SOL DAVIS	11	NEIL EMBLEN
MARK WALTERS	12	GUY WHITTINGHAM
KEVIN WATSON	13	MICHAEL GILKES
DARREN BULLOCK	14	KEVIN MUSCAT
TEAM MANAGER JIM QUINN		TEAM MANAGER COLIN LEE



Today's game could see two veterans go head to head with Mark Walters and Steve Sedgley. This could be a real battle in midfield.



## NEXT HOME MATCH

Sat 2nd January 1999  
F.A.Cup 3rd Round  
3.00pm kick off VS **BARNLEY**

Swindon Town Football Club, County Ground, County Road, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN1 2ED.