

saturday feb 5th 2000



KO 3.00pm vs grimsby town

main sponsor



kit sponsor



SWINDON
TOWN
F.C.

swindon vs grimsby town



the official swindon town f.c. matchday magazine 1999-2000 season

issue no.15 - price £2.00

STRIKE NOW

**BOOT OUT
BANK CHARGES**

If you could tackle an account today, you could save time you open your Account today. It's free fees from us for having an account now and

NO OUT OF BANK CHARGE

If you could tackle an account that doesn't charge you every time you open your wallet - take on a Nationwide Current Account today. It's fee free. In fact we've scored a hat trick - no fees from us for using cash machines home or away, no fees for having an overdraft and no fees for banking on line. So, strike now and give your bank the Red Card.

DEMAND A NATIONWIDE CURRENT ACCOUNT

It pays to decide...



"I was delighted with our response to that and we bounced back with a goal of our own..."

jim quinn's comment **05**



"Gareth Hall goes head-to-head with the Mariners' Richard Smith"

head-to-head **31**

"The Mariners were promoted to the First Division via the play-off's in 1998..."



a closer look at the visitors **06**

around the ground 10

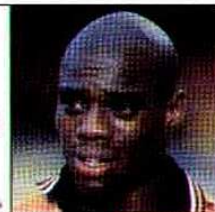
express yourself 13

football news 14

looking ahead 35

stfc results & fixtures 37

"Former Town Striker George Ndah has now had the plaster removed from his right leg..."



division one roundup **42&43**

match action 44 & 45

half-time teasers 47



"I was hardly getting any reserve matches and had to go on loan down to Salisbury..."

mildenhall talks **16/17**

supporters' club 19

community news 20



"Maurice Owen joined Swindon from Abingdon Town in 1946..."

history a-z **49**



"Frank Talia took a bit of a knock on his ankle in the match against West Brom..."

23 treatment room update

"Barcelona's Brazilian forward Rivaldo was named FIFA's World Player of the Year for 1999..."



world football **51**

commercial matters 25

kit sponsors 26 & 27

player poster 28 & 29

norman lightside 33

maz about football! 52

player poster 53

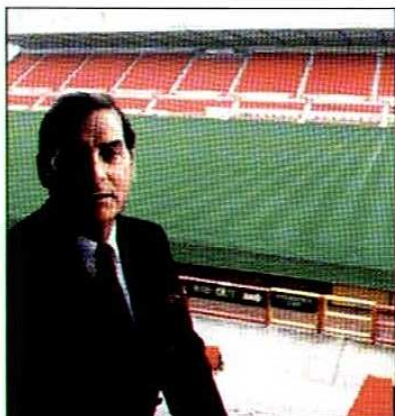
all the stats 54 & 55

today's squads 56

editor's welcome

MITEL
SEMICONDUCTOR
www.mitelsemi.com

The following press release was issued by the Club on Wednesday afternoon. Print deadlines have precluded us from including any further information.



Cliff Puffett, Chairman of Swindon Town Football Club and the Board of Directors, last week appointed Kroll Buchler-Phillips as Administrators.

Cliff explained that since the arrival of Bob Holt as Chief Executive at the beginning of the year, they have worked tirelessly to raise sufficient funds to ensure the financial stability and the long-term future of the Club. He confirmed that the Board and the Executive had made strenuous efforts to secure the necessary investment.

Cliff said, "Quite simply the projected profits for the next three years were insufficient to attract the necessary funds

required to implement the rescue plan."

The Company had been restructured by reducing overheads to a manageable level and all the major creditors had agreed to a revised schedule of payments. However the funds required immediately to meet the Club's current liabilities were not available. Consequently Cliff and the Board of Swindon Town F.C. had no choice but to work towards full re-organisation of the Club as the preferred route if League football were to remain at the County Ground.

Cliff added: "Time is of the essence in most business transactions and this is no exception. I am convinced the action the Board has taken is the most appropriate in the circumstances."

Puffett confirmed that all the staff at the Club had been informed of the situation. "They are committed to the Club and their enthusiasm and loyalty is an example to us all."

Today's Match

**Welcome to today's
League Division One match
against Grimsby Town.**

It's yet another 'must win' match here at the County Ground and three points today will go some way to dragging the Town closer to Portsmouth and Port Vale who have opened up an eight point gap

over us at the foot of the table.

Last week the Robins travelled to the midlands and once again came away with a creditable draw, securing Swindon's first point of the new century. West Brom were in a winless streak similar to ourselves so perhaps it was inevitable it would end as a draw. Swindon, in the second half, looked like the team that would go on and win the match but a sequence of good saves, fruitless finishing and the odd deflection meant that Town could not turn one point into three.

A questionable penalty decision had put West Brom in front but the lads rallied and Gareth Hall hit his second goal in two games to put the Town level.

Today we take on Grimsby who, in their last visit to the County Ground in April, were hit with goals by George Ndah and Ify Onuora in a 2-0 victory for the Town. However, the Mariners got their revenge earlier this season and were 1-0 victors. Alan Buckley's side are having a steady season but the recent £300,000 sale of Jack Lester to Nottingham Forest will not help matters. The Mariners record signing, Lee Ashcroft, will now bear the burden of scoring those all-important goals.

Swindon Town would like to welcome Alan Buckley, plus all the supporters, directors and staff who have travelled down from Lincolnshire.

Enjoy the match



ADMINISTRATION: (01793) 333700 • ADMINISTRATION FAX: (01793) 333703 • SALES DEPT: (01793) 333718
MARKETING FAX: (01793) 333719 • TICKET OFFICE: (01793) 333777 • TICKET OFFICE FAX: (01793) 333780
COMMUNITY OFFICE: (01793) 421303 • CLUB SUPERSTORE: (01793) 333778 • CONFERENCE & BANQUETING: (01793) 333741

Chairman: CLIFF PUFFETT

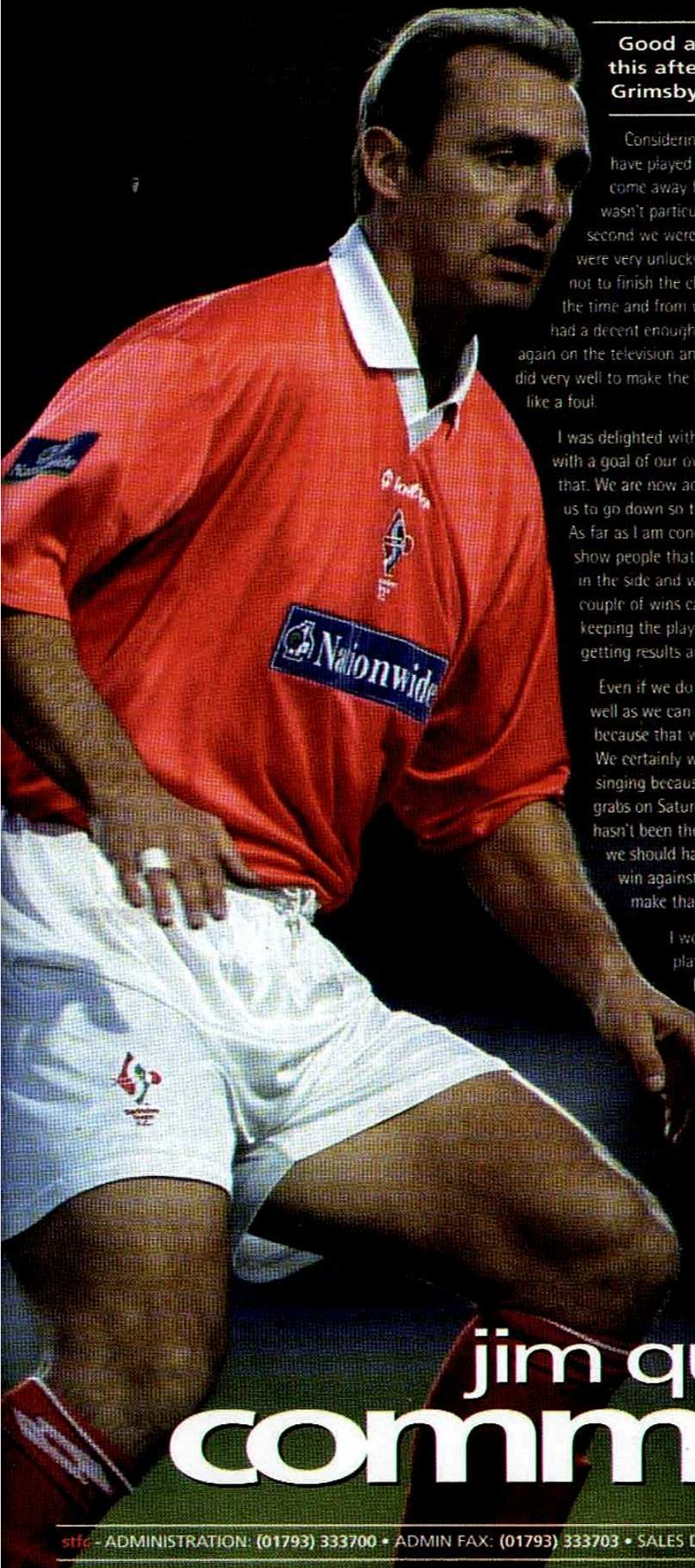
Directors: PETER ARCHER, WILLIE CARSON O.B.E., PETER GODWIN C.B.E., MICHAEL SPEARMAN,
Sir SETON WILLS Bt., JAMES WILLS.

Director of Finance: STEVE JONES • **Chief Executive:** BOB HOLT

Team Manager: JIM QUINN • **Assistant Coach:** ALAN McDONALD

Director of Coaching: JIMMY SHOULDER • **Youth Team Coach:** TOM JONES

Youth Development Officer: PHIL CANNON



Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's match against Grimsby Town.

Considering the results we've had recently in which we have played well and got nothing, we were pleased to come away from West Brom with a point. The first half wasn't particularly brilliant but I thought that in the second we were much the better side. Plus, I thought we were very unlucky to firstly, concede a penalty, and secondly not to finish the chances we had and win all three points. At the time and from where I was standing, I thought that they had a decent enough claim for a spot-kick. However, I've seen it again on the television and I've now changed my mind. Lee Hughes did very well to make the best of the situation and make it look like a foul.

I was delighted with our response to that and we bounced back with a goal of our own to show the sort of spirit necessary to do that. We are now adrift at the bottom and everybody expects us to go down so there is no pressure on us as far as that goes. As far as I am concerned we will go out onto the pitch and show people that we still have the belief and determination in the side and we will stick together. It's amazing what a couple of wins can do for confidence and part of my job is keeping the players nice and bright so they can focus on getting results and perform to the best of their abilities.

Even if we do not stay up, it's important that we do as well as we can and get some more wins under our belt because that will hold us in good stead for next season. We certainly will not give up until we hear the fat lady singing because again, there are three more points up for grabs on Saturday that we hope to take. Our home form hasn't been the best which has included six draws where we should have certainly won four of those. If we can win against Grimsby then that will give us a lift and make that away point last week feel even better.

I would like to welcome Alan Buckley and his players to the County Ground for today's game.

He's a very good manager in charge of a smaller club, like ourselves, and has them working very hard for each other so it should be a very interesting game.

THE LADS REALLY APPRECIATE
ALL YOUR SUPPORT



jim quinn's comment

today's visitors

A crippling casualty list ended any hopes Grimsby Town had of tasting promotion success for the second time in as many years. 'The Mariners' were promoted to the First Division via the play-off's in 1998 and for much of last term they looked to be on course for a similar success.

Alan Buckley's men remained in firm contention for a play-off spot until mid-March. But injuries to key players - including highly-rated midfielder Wayne Burnett - eventually took their toll on Buckley's small squad. A dip in fortunes in the final two months of the campaign saw them finish a highly creditable 11th.

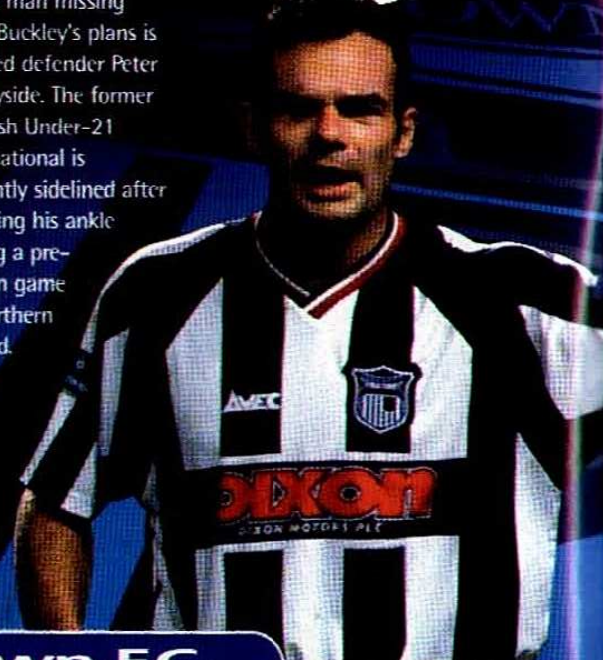
Buckley will, however, be looking to mount another promotion challenge over the coming months - although his squad still, on paper, looks somewhat slim. He has strengthened his resources by drafting in Bosman-inspired free transfers with proven Division One track records.

Welsh international goalkeeper Danny Coyne clocked-up more than 100 appearances for Tranmere and replaces as No.1 Aidan Davison, who was released.

Bradley Allen has been capped by England at Under-21 level and will add potency to Grimsby's front line. And there's no shortage of talent in the form of Burnett, record signing Lee

Ashcroft, Paul Groves, Kingsley Black, Richard Smith, Mark Lever and David Smith on the Blundell Park books.

One man missing from Buckley's plans is assured defender Peter Handyside. The former Scottish Under-21 international is currently sidelined after breaking his ankle during a pre-season game in Northern Ireland.



Grimsby Town F.C.



Back row - left to right: Ian Knight (Youth Team Coach), Paul Groves, Richard Smith, Steve Livingston, Steve Croudson, Danny Coyne, Andy Love, Mark Lever, Peter Handyside, Matthew McKenzie, Paul Mitchell (Physiotherapist).

Middle row - left to right: Mike Beilby (Kit Manager), Bradley Allen, Daryl Clare, Kingsley Black, Matthew Bloomer, Tony Gallimore, Lee Ashcroft, Stacy Coldicott, David Smith.

Front row - left to right: Danny Butterfield, Ben Chapman, Paul Goodhead, Matthew Oswin, John Cockerill (Assistant Manager), Alan Buckley (Manager), Adam Buckley, Kevin Donovan, Jack Lester, Wayne Burnett.

paul groves



birthplace	Derby
date of birth	28.02.66
height	5ft 11ins
weight	11st 5lb
position	midfield

previous club records

club	games	goals
West Brom	27(2)	4
Grimsby Town	183(1)	38
Blackpool	106(1)	21



Paul Groves will be looking to pick up this term where he left off in May - although that may prove difficult.

The 33 year-old Grimsby skipper led by example last season, producing a string of excellent midfield displays and topping the club's scoring charts with 14 League goals. He was also ever-present in Alan Buckley's side and was a deserving winner of the supporters' 'Player of the Year' award. Now he's looking to do it all again and, whether he enjoys the same level of success or not, he's almost certain to be a key figure in Buckley's plans over the coming months.

birthplace	Redditch
date of birth	29.04.74
height	5ft 11in
weight	11st 2lb
position	midfield

previous club records

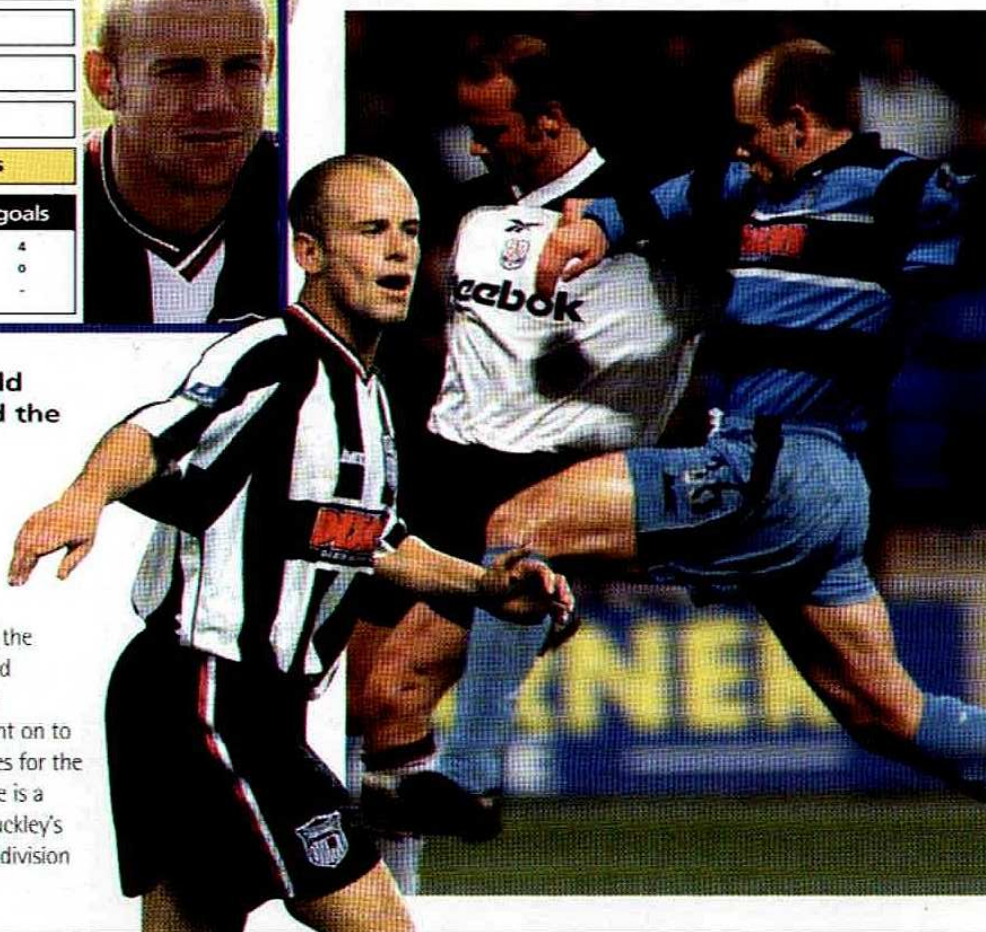
club	games	goals
West Brom	81(46)	4
Cardiff (loan)	6	0
-	-	-



-stacy coldicott

A versatile midfield player who joined the Mariners for £100,000 three days before the start of the new campaign.

Stacy started his career at the Hawthorns as a trainee and progressed through to the professional ranks and went on to make over 100 appearances for the Baggies scoring 4 goals. He is a valuable asset for Alan Buckley's squad adding further first division experience.



the players



Danny Coyne	
date of birth	27.08.73
height	5ft 11ins
weight	13st
position	goalkeeper

The Welsh international goalkeeper checked-in at Blundell Park this summer in a Bosman-inspired free transfer switch from Tranmere. The 25 year-old, who clocked-up more than 100 appearances for his previous club, has taken over the No.1 spot vacated by Aidan Davison.

Richard Smith	
date of birth	03.10.70
height	6ft
weight	13st 13lbs
position	defender

Put a lengthy injury lay-off behind him last season to re-establish himself in Alan Buckley's team. The 29 year-old central defender, who is strong in the air and fearless in the tackle, joined Grimsby from Leicester four years ago in a £100,000 switch after a successful loan spell.

John McDermott	
date of birth	03.01.69
height	5ft 7ins
weight	10st 6lbs
position	defender

The experienced right back is fast approaching Grimsby's record for the most number of League appearances, which currently stands at 450. Despite having to overcome a number of injury problems, he has been a huge asset to the club over the past 13 seasons.

Tony Gallimore	
date of birth	21.02.72
height	5ft 11ins
weight	12st 12ins
position	defender

Has given excellent service since arriving from Carlisle in March '96 in a £200,000 switch. A key member of Grimsby's back line, the former Stoke man made more than 40 appearances last season - at the end of which he signed a new contract.

Danny Butterfield	
date of birth	-
height	5ft 11ins
weight	10st 12lbs
position	defender

A rising star at Blundell Park, the former Grimsby trainee was voted 'Young Player of the Year' by the club's supporters last season. He has had plenty of first team experience as understudy to right back John McDermott and is being tipped for a bright future.

Mark Lever	
date of birth	29.03.70
height	6ft 3ins
weight	13st 5lbs
position	defender

The loyal central defender has been on Grimsby's books for 11 years and has clocked-up more than 300 appearances. However, he found his progress disrupted last season by competition for places and will be hoping to play a fuller role in the coming months.

Wayne Burnett	
date of birth	04.09.71
height	5ft 11ins
weight	12st 6lbs
position	midfielder

The skillful midfielder will forever be remembered by Grimsby fans for his 'Golden Goal' winner at Wembley in the 1998 Auto Windscreens Shield final. His appearances last season were limited by a groin injury but the £100,000 buy from Huddersfield will be looking to bounce back.

David Smith	
date of birth	29.03.68
height	5ft 8ins
weight	10st 6ins
position	midfielder

His Grimsby career could not have got off to a better start following his £200,000 switch from West Brom in 1988 - as he scored a 25-yard screamer just 18 minutes into his debut. A former England Under-21 international, he launched his career with Coventry and has also served Birmingham.

**Kevin Donovan**

date of birth 17.12.71

height 5ft 8ins

weight 11st 2lbs

position midfielder

He was hampered by a back injury last season which ruined his chances of topping the scoring charts for the second successive campaign. A quick skilful player, his dribbling skills and ability to provide pin-point crosses make him a handful for opposition full backs.

Bradley Allen

date of birth 18.11.72

height 5ft 11ins

weight 10st 7lbs

position forward

As a youngster he burst on to the scene at Queens Park Rangers but his career stalled after moving to Charlton - he scored nine goals in 40 appearances - and following his Bosman-inspired free move to Grimsby this summer, he'll be hoping for a change in fortunes.

Lee Ashcroft

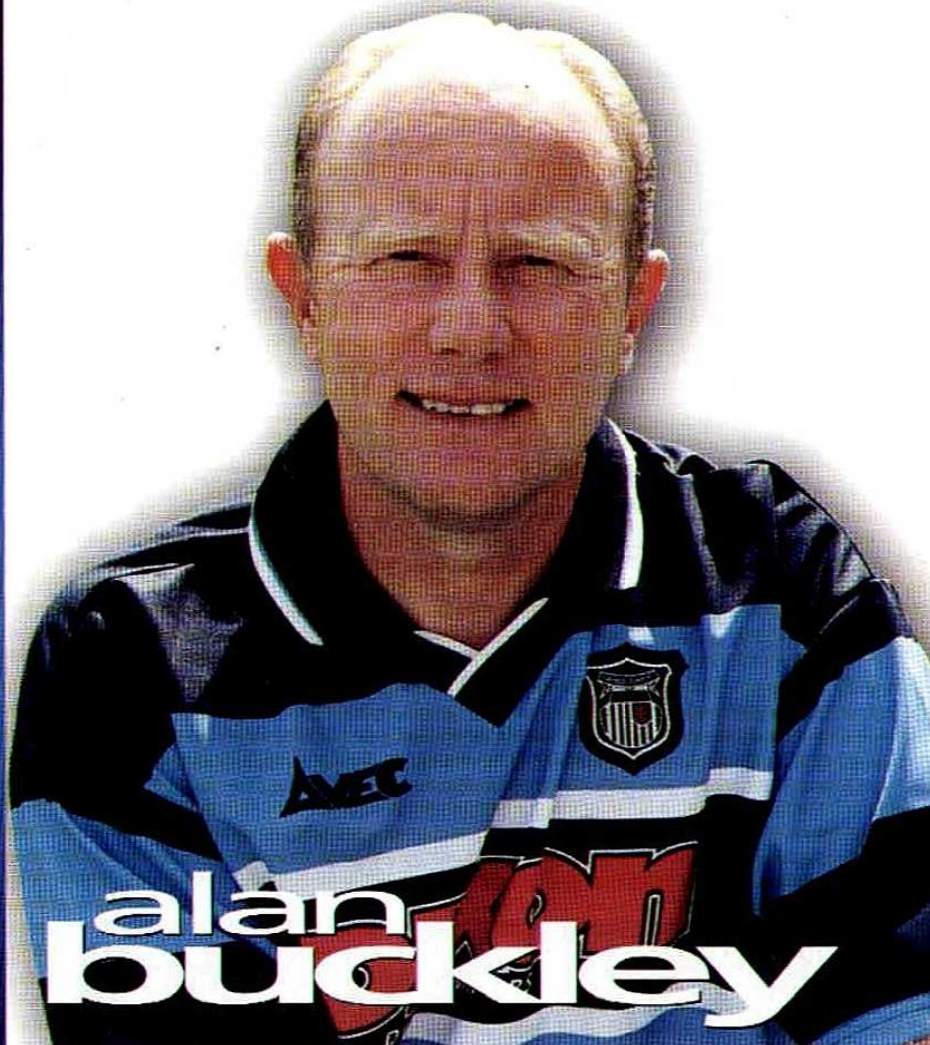
date of birth 07.09.72

height 5ft 10ins

weight 11st 10lbs

position forward

Grimsby's record signing, he moved to Blundell Park last summer in a £500,000 move from Preston. A pacy striker who can also operate in a wide position, he's a former England Under 21 international who served West Brom in between two spells with Preston.



Alan Buckley's place in Grimsby folklore is secure - thanks to English football's most famous landmark. Buckley, who is more than two years into his second spell in charge at Blundell Park, guided the Lincolnshire club to Wembley last year for the first time in their 120-year history.

But 'The Mariners' didn't settle for one appearance under the soon-to-be-demolished Twin Towers in '98. Instead, they made back-to-back trips to the capital to contest for both the Autowindcreens' Shield and a place in the First Division. Success came Grimsby's way in each game and Buckley's popularity among supporters soared to new heights. He consolidated his side's place in Division One last season and will no doubt be looking to mount another promotion challenge in the coming months. Nottinghamshire born and bred, he launched his career as a free-scoring striker with Nottingham Forest and went on to bag 183 goals in 465 League appearances for Forest, Walsall and Birmingham. Walsall, where he had two spells as a player, offered him a springboard into management and he got his first taste of success, leading the West Midlands club to promotion from the old Fourth Division in 1980. A spell in the hot-seat at Kettering preceded his appointment as Grimsby boss - for the first time - in 1988.

He secured successive promotions before quitting Blundell Park to launch a two-and-a-half year spell in charge of West Brom.

around the county ground



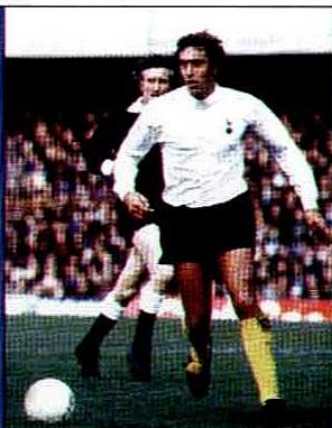
**forthcoming
events**



present an evening with
Martin Chivers

Monday 21st February
Doors open at 7.00pm

Evening starts at 8.00pm
Bar meals available



Tickets £5 call 01793 333718 to book your place.

***EVERY WEDNESDAY
ALL DRAUGHT &
BOTTLES £1.50**

***EVERY WEDNESDAY
SPECIAL BEER
PROMOTIONS....**

quiz night

GENERAL THEME

MONDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

£10.00 FOR A TABLE OF SIX.

**BOOK YOUR TABLE EARLY
TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.**

THE MILLENNIUM YEAR GOLF DAY

Tuesday 11th April 2000
Wray Barn Golf & Country Club, Highworth

for further information on all of these events
or tickets please contact Carol Salter or
Samantha Clift on (01793) 333700/741

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

**S.T.F.C.
present...
A Sporting
Club Dinner
with
Mike
Summerbee**



**Thursday 2ND
March 2000
Call the Sales
Department on
01793 333718
for further
details or
to book
your place**



Evening Advertiser

— at the heart of Swindon

By Matt
Reeder,
Sports
Editor.

So, crunch time is upon us once again - only this time things are a little worse than usual.

The mad scramble for points at the end of the season has come early for Swindon as they bid to make up for all their pre-Christmas misgivings in the space of the final four months of the campaign.

While the football season is often seen as something of a marathon, there is no doubt that Swindon have left themselves a lot to do and must now finish it off with one heck of a sprint.

Ten points adrift and with a goal difference of -29, shows just how bad the first half of the season has been for Jim Quinn's men.

The rub of the green has certainly been against them, but there have been more than a few poor performances along the way.

Now they must achieve what has already been described as a miracle, and earn 32 points out of the remaining 51 on offer.

While it is not an impossible task, even

the most optimistic of Town supporters would struggle to say it is a probable one.

Jim Quinn wants to see his side win six home games out of the remaining nine, that must surely involve a victory against today's visitors Grimsby Town.

While I have a great deal of time for the Mariners and respect the way they have survived on very little resources, this is a game Swindon Town simply must win if they are to kick-start the scramble for Division One survival.

When you see that the remaining home fixtures are against Birmingham, Crewe, Huddersfield, Wolves, Manchester City, Tranmere, Fulham and Barnsley, you begin to realise just how tough a task it is for the boys in red.

Six of those sides could realistically harbour hopes of a play-off place at the end of the season and Town have failed to beat any of these sides already this season. Indeed they have only gained two points out of a possible 24 against these sides.

I am not kidding myself in thinking survival is going to be an easy task. I don't think even Mr Quinn or the players are



expecting to stroll through to the end of the season and expect to be safe.

However, one thing is for sure, they will be giving their best in every game as they bid to make the dream of survival come true. And if, come May, they find themselves just one place and one point ahead of the drop zone then wouldn't that be the greatest escape since Michael Caine lead Pele and Bobby Moore out of the prison camps in war-torn Europe.

We can only dream.

www.footballnow.co.uk

footballNOW!

www.footballnow.co.uk

football at your fingertips

- All the information you would expect from a major football website
- Latest news from the Nationwide Conference to Internationals
- Air your views in "Fanfare" and "Upfront"

 Nationwide
FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Football. It's a game of two halves



Many sides play their football in magnificent stadiums. Others play theirs on park pitches. At the Football Trust, we're here to make sure that everyone is a winner thanks to the grant aid we can offer at every level, from ground redevelopment and safety work at league clubs right down to the very grass roots. And now pools income is boosted by annual contributions from The Football Association, The FA Premier League, The Football League, the Professional Footballers Association and Sport England. Together, we are working hard to ensure a healthy future for our national game... now, and for generations to come.

the football trust
helping the game

1 Waterhouse Square, 138-142 Holborn, London EC1N 2ST. E-mail: enquiries@football-trust.org.uk



The original
Football League
deserves the
best.

ULTIMAX
The world's
best football.

Catch more of the best at
www.mitre.com

Mitre ➤



express yourself

I was a bit disappointed with the result last week against West Brom but from a personal point of view I was very pleased to come through 90 minutes without feeling any problems.

Last week in training I started to feel good, as well as in the match against Westbury, and the Gaffer thought I did well enough to start on Saturday which was magnificent.

I was happy with my performance although I know I have more to give because I felt I was running at about 90% of my full fitness. It will probably be like that for the next couple of weeks but I'm doing extra sessions in the gym and hope that it makes a difference. My main priority is to play in every game until the end of the season and repay people for all their support. People have said that when I do play that I make a difference and that is good to know. We have all been disappointed with the injuries I've picked up and I hope that it has been just a bit of bad luck and that I can put them all behind me and get on with the business of playing football. The back four is very experienced and probably one of the best in the League but, as yet, we haven't had a settled side which makes things very difficult.

I enjoyed getting back into the swing of things but the manager has asked me to slightly change the way I play and maybe not go to ground as much as I have. I don't really think I have done that too much but I do enjoy a challenge. The Gaffer doesn't want to take the aggression out of me but just to channel it a bit more, although I did get booked - but it wasn't intentional.

Now I'm looking forward to Saturday and hopefully another 90 minutes of first team football. I've missed a lot of football this season but again I hope to show the fans what I'm capable of and get back to winning games.

gareth davies

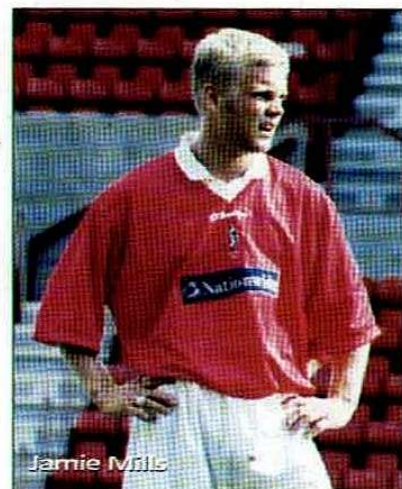
WILTSHIRE SHEILD

Westbury Utd 1
Swindon Town 6

Town survived an early scare to ease comfortably into the semi-finals of the Wiltshire Shield with a 6-1 win at Westbury.

Westbury took the lead on 23 minutes but Town roared back with goals from Cuervo (23), Cowe (47, 83), Alan Young (74), Gareth Davies (89) and Griffin in injury time.

Westbury took the lead in the 18th minute in controversial style when Mildenhall was adjudged to have fouled just outside the area despite seemingly having won the ball cleanly. Had it been a foul then he should have been red-carded, but after consulting his linesman the ref just booked him. Clearly unsettled by his booking he allowed the resulting free-kick to squirm under his body. Town were soon back on level terms when Cuervo was allowed a free header two minutes later, and the same player wasted the chance to give the visitors the lead in the 33rd minute when he could only direct another header straight into the ground.



Jamie Mills replaced Howe with 10 minutes of the first half remaining, and a couple of minutes later Wicks did well to tip over a powerful header from Griffin.

Forty seconds into the second half Stevie Cowe gave Town the lead with a low shot from the far right of the box, but it

wasn't until the last 20 minutes that fears of extra-time were dispelled.

First Alan Young slotted home from a Mills throw-in on 72 minutes, then 10 minutes later Davies headed home at the far post from Robinson's corner. With two minutes remaining Davies bagged his second from a near impossible angle on the bye-line and Charlie Griffin completed the rout in the last minute after his persistence won him the ball in the area.

Towards the end of the game Davies and Campagna had to be separated after a difference of opinion about something or other and had their handbags confiscated.

So Town go into the semi-final to face either Chippenham, Melksham or Highworth.

The teams lined up thus:

SWINDON: Mildenhall, Robinson, Hulbert, Willis, Davies, Campagna, Howe, Cuervo, Griffin, Young, Cowe. Subs Mills (for Howe 36), McSherry, Edwards.

WESTBURY: Wicks, Pearce, Munday, Tripp, Boughen, L Hellewell, Ranger, Hardman, Shaw, Perkins, A Hellewell. Subs Rose, Dowd, Wheeler.

League Table (STFC results up to 01.02.00)

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Swindon	13	9	2	2	26	14	29
Ipswich	10	8	2	0	29	12	26
Peterborough	13	7	3	3	28	14	24
Q.P.R.	11	7	2	2	26	12	23
Millwall	11	6	4	1	22	10	22
Fulham	11	6	3	2	17	10	21
Portsmouth	10	6	1	3	18	13	19
Norwich	12	3	6	3	17	14	15
Bournemouth	11	4	3	4	15	20	15
Oxford	12	4	2	6	21	23	14
Cambridge	12	4	2	6	13	18	14
Leyton Orient	11	4	2	5	16	24	14
Bristol City	7	3	3	1	13	10	12
Brighton	8	3	1	4	13	14	10
Gillingham	9	3	1	5	8	12	10
Bristol Rovers	9	2	3	4	15	14	9
Luton	12	2	3	7	13	23	9
Wycombe	9	2	1	6	8	19	7
Southend	10	2	1	7	12	26	7
Colchester	11	1	4	5	13	28	7
Northampton	9	1	3	5	12	18	6
Barnet	10	1	2	7	12	20	5



Robin Hulbert



Reserve League Fixtures Season 1999/2000

Wed Aug 18	Cambridge Utd	4-0
WED SEPT 1	NORTHAMPTON T.	2-1
Wed Sept 8	Luton Town	1-0
Wed sept 22	BARNET	4-3
Tue Oct 05	Millwall	2-0
WED OCT 13	LEYTON ORIENT	1-0
WED OCT 27	FULHAM	2-2
Wed Nov 03	Bristol City	4-4
WED NOV 17	PORTSMOUTH	2-1
Wed Dec 08	Oxford United	2-0
Tue Dec 13	Q.P.R.	2-2
Wed Jan 12	Brighton & H.A.	0-1
WED Jan 19	BOURNEMOUTH	1-2
Wed Feb 02	Bristol Rovers	7.30pm
WED FEB 09	NORWICH CITY	2.00PM
Wed Feb 23	Ipswich Town	7.00pm
WED MAR 01	COLCHESTER UTD	2.00PM
WED MAR 08	WYCOMBE W.	2.00PM
WED MAR 15	PETERB'RO UTD	2.00PM
Wed Mar 29	Southend United	7.45pm
Wed Apr 05	Gillingham	7.30pm

Cash at the turnstiles, Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.00. Free entry to season ticket holders & JS card holders. Kick-Off for home fixtures will be at 2.00pm.



the gripton factor

By Jon Gripton,
breakfast presenter,
BBC Wiltshire Sound

BBC WILTSHIRE SOUND
103.6, 104.3 & 103.5 FM

Hello and Happy New Year!

Yes I know it's the first weekend of February - but I've been away for a few weeks and couldn't be here. I've got a question for you this afternoon and I want honest answers: Is it 'all part of the big game atmosphere' to shout abuse at either a) the opposing team; b) the ref; or c) any members of your own team's line-up or board that you are unhappy with or just fancy poking fun at. Because I've decided that I don't think so!

Yes it's fine to laugh and cheer when an idiot misses a penalty. And shouting at a dubious decision by the linesman or referee is what you pay your money for.

But this week a number of issues have surfaced that need addressing. And it's time

for Gripton to get on his soap box and start a campaign for the year 2000.

LET'S GO BACK TO THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE TERRACES!

Quite often I'd like to applaud an inspiring piece of play by the opposition. But these days you need body armour and a quick check at who is sitting around you before you even smile, let alone murmur approval. And what happened during the 1950's that suddenly meant an end to football fans turning up on a Saturday afternoon in their best bib and tucker? Surely a crowd all wearing their best trilbys and tailored finery would mean an end to all the ill-manners?

Alan Shearer bore the brunt of it early this week - when he was booed relentlessly for 90 minutes as Newcastle dumped Blackburn Rovers out of the cup. His double gesture was a fine kick-start to my campaign to silence the Shearer jeerers et al.

And I see that the FA's David Davies is

backing me too (well sort of)! He believes action should be taken if a manager or club official has been found guilty of barracking the ref, or inciting hostility from his colleagues - which is often the cause of antagonism on the terraces.

I watched the American Superbowl with some admiration. No crowd trouble. No unsporting behaviour. Oh, if it could just be like that in the Premiership and lower leagues.

I'm not asking for us to switch off the passion or the commitment. Just cut down the bad language and the un-necessary ugly mugs' bawling.

Enjoy the afternoon,
Jon.

You can write to Jon Gripton with comments on the Gripton Factor or with messages for his BBC Wiltshire Sound breakfast show, Monday to Friday 6am - 9am, at: PO Box 1234, Swindon.



SWINDON TOWN F.C.

THE VENUE FOR YOUR NEEDS

Meetings & Conferences
Birthday Parties
Wedding Receptions
Special Events

For more information on Swindon Town's facilities or to book an event call *Brian Wood or Carol Salter* on:

01793 333741

the editor talks with Steve Mildenhall...

Q You went to Salisbury at the start of the season and did very well, did you enjoy your time there?

A Yes, that was my third spell on loan at Salisbury. I went in my first year as a professional, then again later in the second year. It does help as the Dr Martens League is a good standard and it gets you toughened up for League football. I did enjoy it there as they are a good bunch of lads and now I always look out for their results.

Q You came on for the second half against West Brom and gave away the penalty, how did you see the decision?

A The ball was played through to Lee Hughes who got on the end of it. I came out to close the angle down and slid down. I tried to pull out but the referee saw it as a penalty and it went against us. Fortunately, Gareth Hall scored a great goal that earned us the point.

Q It was a good performance as a whole, how disappointed were you not to win the game?

A Very, I watched the first half and was involved in the second and thought we were very unlucky not to have won the match. We hit the crossbar again and their keeper made some very good saves, especially from Gareth Hall. We just need a bit more luck and we can pick up some much-needed wins.

Q Jimmy Glass has left the Club which means that you are now, at the moment anyway, second choice

behind Frank, how do you feel about that situation?

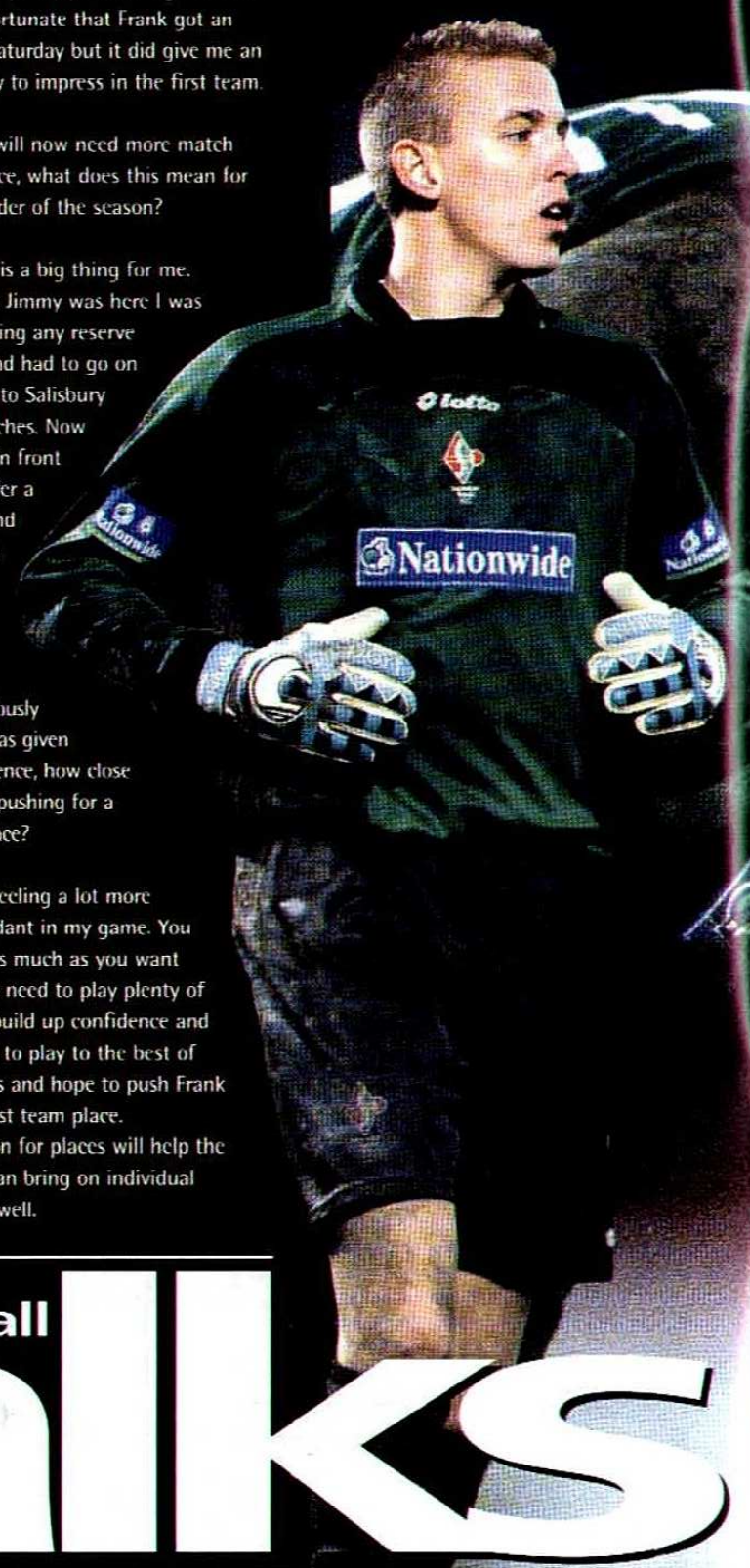
A OK, Jimmy wanted to secure first team football elsewhere, so that means it helps my position a great deal. It was unfortunate that Frank got an injury on Saturday but it did give me an opportunity to impress in the first team.

Q You will now need more match practice, what does this mean for the remainder of the season?

A That is a big thing for me. While Jimmy was here I was hardly getting any reserve matches and had to go on loan down to Salisbury to get matches. Now I can play in front of the Gaffer a lot more and try to push for a first team place.

Q Obviously this has given you confidence, how close are you to pushing for a starting place?

A I'm feeling a lot more confident in my game. You can train as much as you want but you do need to play plenty of games to build up confidence and I'm aiming to play to the best of my abilities and hope to push Frank for that first team place. Competition for places will help the club and can bring on individual players as well.



mildenhall talks



Steve Mabenhall

mildenhall

player stats



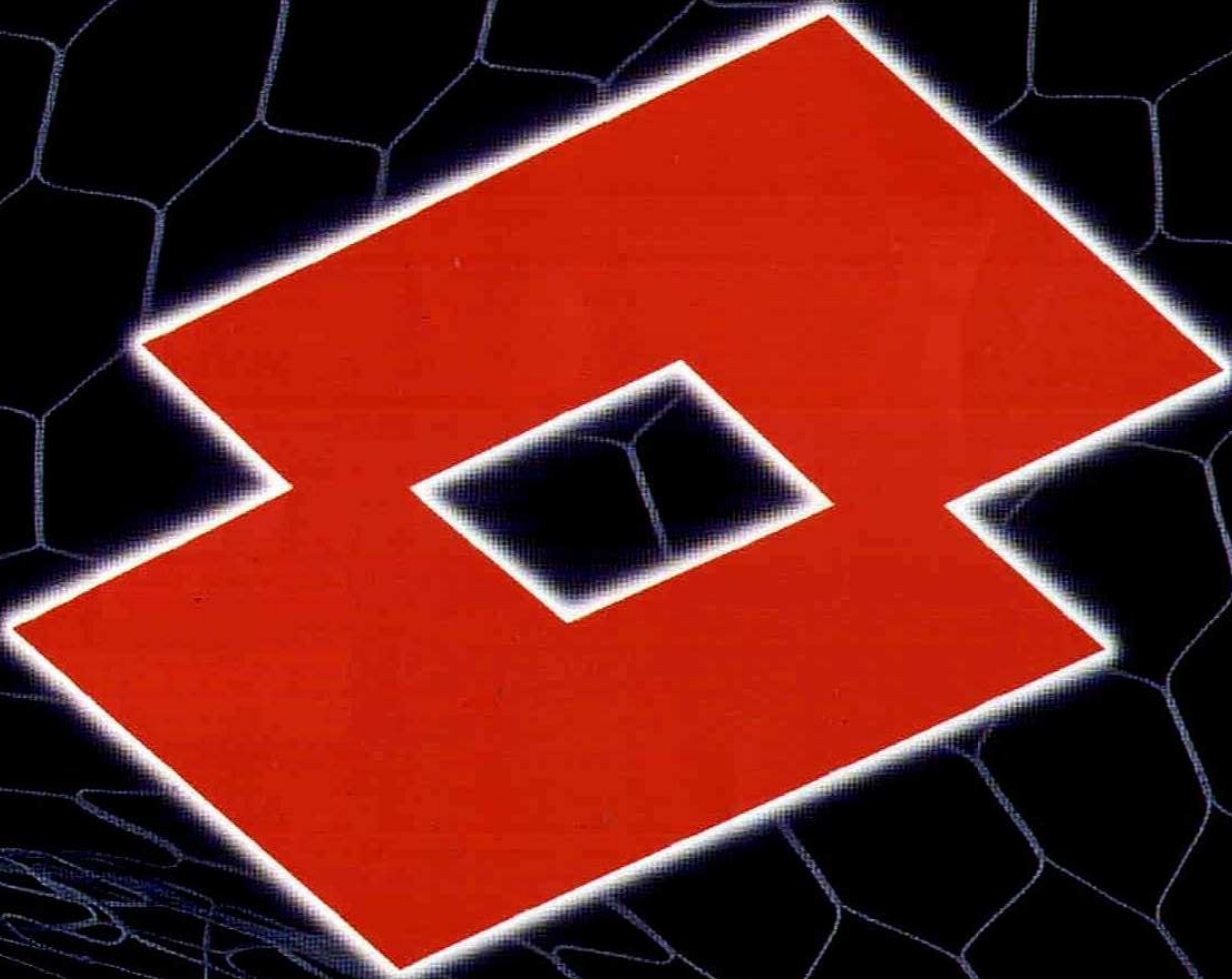
birthplace	Swindon
date of birth	13/05/78
height	6ft 5in
weight	13st 5lb
position	Goalkeeper

club records

club	games	goals
Salisbury	loan	-
Gloucester	loan	-
-	-	-

getting personal..

favourite film
Star Wars
favourite tv show
Only Fools And Horses
favourite band/musician
Stereophonics
favourite sporting event
Superbowl
favourite footballer
Rivaldo
favourite food
Pasta
favourite drink
Blackcurrant & Lemonade
favourite hobbies
Pool
favourite colour
Red



Italian Sports Design



**Please remember
to visit our website at
www.stfc.ndo.co.uk for new, old and
updated information.**

On the playing front we are in need of a victory, whilst in the background we have kept in close contact with the Football Club over the financial affairs which clearly have a significant impact on the well being of the Club.

It was with the background of the financial issues that we held an open meeting for all supporters, just before Christmas, to discuss ways we could help and also to help move our "million for the millennium" campaign forward. Although we would have to say that the meeting was not particularly well attended it was heartening to see that those who did come were keen to help and assist in any way possible. Our thanks must go to Shaun and the team from Wiltshire Sound and Ian Wilkinson from the Evening Advertiser who pledged their help.

On the evening 3 projects were confirmed - a major sponsored ride by one of our disabled supporters from the House of Commons back to the Ground, a petition to the local council asking for further support for the Football Club and finally our new supporters' lottery designed for simplicity. We hope this will enable anyone with any interest in the team to participate without the need to attend every home game, although naturally, we would wish that this would be the case.

Supporters may enter our lottery at a cost of just £6 per quarter (effectively 50p per week). The draw will give supporters an opportunity to win up to £2,000 and at the same time give a great boost to our aim of helping the Football Club through what we hope is a short-term period of difficulty, which can be overcome, if everyone works together. Application forms are available in the away travel office, are being handed out at today's game and can also be downloaded from our website. A form for photocopying also appeared in the last home match programme against Crystal Palace.

Contact tel no. 01793 825935 or 01747 840721

In person : Away Travel Office on matchdays.

HELP THE ROBINS REVIVAL AND BE A WINNER TOO!

Simply complete the application form and send it to: Revival 50/50 Draw, STFC Supporters Club, County Ground, Swindon. SN1 2ED

PART A

Yes, I would like to join the Robins Revival 50/50 Draw

Name:

Address:

Post Code: Tel:

PART B

YES..... I wish to pay by Standing Order

Please pay the sum immediately of £4 followed by Quarterly payments of £6 Payable on 1st April, 1st July, 1st October and 1st January until further notice.

To: Bank (please insert your Bank name followed by address)

Please make the above payments and credit the following account.

STFC Supporters Club - Robins revival draw a/c number 0312666 - Beneficiary Bank, Lloyds TSB, Swindon - Sort Code 30-98-41

From my account:-

Account name:

Account number:

PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE: (Bank use only)

I am over 16 years of age.

Signature: Date:

(Registered with the local authority under the Lottery & Amusements Act 1976).



in the community

with clive maguire and jon holloway



Today Jon and I are delighted to welcome some very distinguished guests for this important fixture against Grimsby Town.

We have been extremely busy over the past few weeks running the National competitions within our area. The Adidas Predator 8-a-side tournament group games have been completed with Normmarsh and Oliver Tompkins schools left to contest the final later this month here on the County Ground. These two schools have done really well to get to this stage as thirty three local schools entered the competition. The winners of the final will go on to represent the Town in the area finals, to be staged at Bristol in March - good luck to both teams.

The Adidas Predator girls' under-13's competition also proved a great success with Greendown and Braydon Forest winning through to the final. Again, this will be contested here and we will keep you posted when arrangements are finalised. Many thanks to Greendown School for allowing us the use of their Astro Turf facility to complete the group matches, and a big thank you to Graham and Kevin Barnes for refereeing all the games in such cold conditions and also to Tina Herring for her valuable admin. skills.

Our Smoby Monneret table-top football competition has started this week in a number of local primary schools during lunch hours. The children are really enjoying taking part and we will let you know the eventual winners as soon as the tournament has finished.

Jon and I were delighted to help out this week with Lesley Quirk who works for Home-Start Swindon, a support and befriending service for families with young children who are experiencing difficulties. Lesley has asked to borrow the Community van on Sunday in order to deliver some items of furniture, so good luck Lesley and all your staff.



Finally, Jon and I would like to pay tribute to a very brave little girl who we met at Christmas 1998 at the Princess Margaret Hospital when we visited with the players. Jessica Black (pictured above) sadly lost her fight for life in the summer of 1999 and her parents, Lorainne and Howard, have asked us to thank everybody who helped with fund-raising activities for Jessica.

Enjoy the game,
Clive and Jon.



Valentine's Day Roses Run



Monday 14th February 2000

A beautiful single stemmed red rose hand delivered to your loved one's place of work (in the Swindon area) for a £7.00 donation to Prospect

Please ring Suzanne on 01793 815142 for more details

Registered Charity No. 206002



Sponsors of the Saturday Team
Club Tel: 01793 432840



Swindon Town Football Club's Community Scheme is kindly supported by:



Raychem

Nationwide

PHH



The fixtures below are away trips organised for you and your family to travel to and enjoy a day out with us. These matches are organised on a RECIPROCAL BASIS ONLY. If you are interested in going to any of these matches on the Robins' coach PLEASE contact Annie or Paul, at S.A.S Travel at least one week prior to the match itself. See 'Away Travel' in the matchday programme for information BUT

We have four away family trips booked for you at the moment, they are:

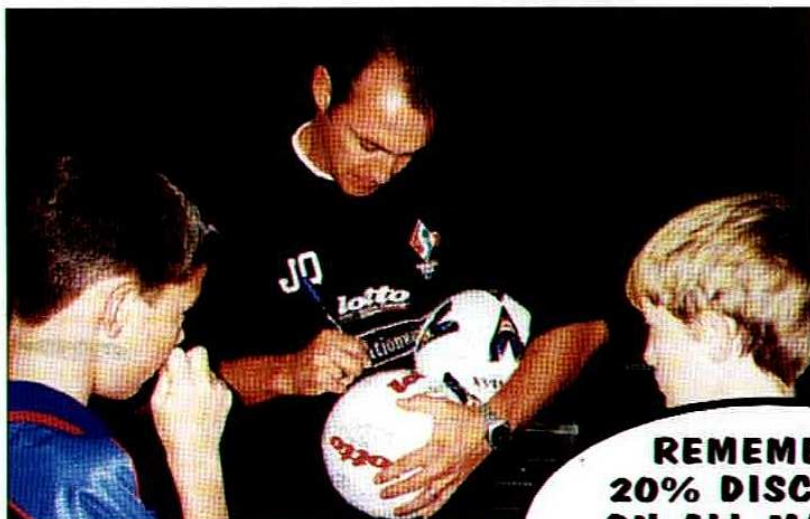
Saturday - February 12th 2000 - Blackburn
Tuesday - March 21st 2000 - Norwich City
Saturday - March 25th 2000 - Portsmouth
Monday - April 24th 2000 - Stockport County

REMEMBER they must have your booking at least one week before the match is played.

Donations

Once again we are appealing for any donations, however small, to contribute towards the costs to help

keep our Robins functional. The Robins are 'self sufficient' and receive no help from the Club towards their activities. Please contact a committee member if you can help.



**REMEMBER
20% DISCOUNT
ON ALL MASCOT
PACKAGES FOR
JUNIOR ROBINS**

today's lucky mascot



Ciaran Alstowe

Ciaran will be celebrating his sixth birthday on Tuesday and is today's lucky Town mascot. Ciaran attends Brinkworth Earl Danby Primary School and enjoys playing football, swimming and ski-ing in his spare time. His favourite Town player is Gareth Davies but he also enjoys watching David Batty and Iffy Onuora play.

This is YOUR PAGE
so send us anything
to do with S.T.F.C.,
pictures of your
favourite player,
poems, letters, jokes
and if we like them,
then we'll print them.

jointoday

Join STFC's Junior Robins and Robins club today!

The Benefits

JR's - 0 to 10 yrs,
R's - 11 to 16 yrs

What's in it for you?:

Away Travel - discounts on away games. Organised away travel with your very own coach. To book please contact SAS Travel.

Football Courses - Jr's and R's receive discount on football courses held in the school breaks, organised by the Community Office.

Football Training - exclusive to members. Jr's and R's receive training Monday evenings at the Oasis.

Rockin'Robin
sponsored by

SAINSBURY'S



R's & JR's contacts: Fran Brearley - 01993 213015. Richard Dunstan - 01993 703110. Julie Page - 01793 763349.
Kevin Hall - 01793 539457/333757. Kim Young - 01993 212645. George/Brenda Chadwick - 01672 520679. For any further details.



**CALL NOW TO
RECEIVE YOUR
FREE
COLOUR CATALOGUE**

THE COMPLETE SOLUTION IN
PROMOTIONAL MERCHANDISE


- Corporate Gifts
- Leisure Wear
- International sourcing
- Uniforms
- Event Merchandise
- On Pack Offers
- Full Service
Corporate Schemes
- Warehousing &
Fulfilment

**NON-STOP
PROMOTIONS**

MAKING YOUR GOOD NAME LOOK EVEN BETTER

Telephone: 01672 563030

Non-Stop Promotions & Marketing Ltd., Fordbrook Business Centre, Marlborough Road, Pewsey, Wiltshire, SN9 5NU.



WYVERN STAFF
Cellular Operations Ltd are
currently looking for:

Part-time Customer Service Consultants
Full-time Customer Service Consultants
Part-time Administrators
Full-time Administrators
Credit Control Analysts
Billing Assistants
Call Centre Trainers
Call Centre Coaches
Call Centre Team Leaders

Please contact WYVERN STAFF AGENCY,
24 Commercial Road, Swindon SN1 5NS
Tel: (01793) 513363 Fax: (01793) 488535
or E-Mail WYVERN STAFF@compuserve.com

BLOOR HOMES

Building for the future in...

Wiltshire, Somerset, Wales, Avon,
Warwickshire, Gloucestershire, Hereford
and Worcestershire

For details of our current developments
☎ 01793 513938
or Email hq@jsbloor.demon.co.uk

BLOOR HOMES

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Champion!

Judged Overall
Champion Cheddar at the
Nantwich International
Cheese Show 1999



news from the treatment room

with Dick Mackey



Giuliano Grazioli will go and see the specialist again tomorrow (01.02.00). He has been in but, unfortunately, a bout of bronchitis has hampered his progress. We should see him later in the week when he is fully recovered from that.

We can get him moving again and hopefully if the specialist gives us the go-ahead then we can start doing some full weight-bearing exercises like running. We can continue to do that for the majority of February and then look to get him in full training with a view for his return to the team in March.



Sol Davis didn't train last week because he's had a tendonitis problem. He will probably return to training later this week but we have to be very careful with patella tendonitis, it's difficult because you can't really do a lot with it so he'll be doing some swimming and upper-body work.

Frank Talia took a bit of a knock on his ankle in the match against West Brom. I don't think it will be too much of a problem and I hope to have him fit for Saturday's game against Grimsby.

The only other problems we've had is that a few of the players have suffered with flu symptoms. Again there isn't a lot we can do about it apart from sending them home to rest, keep warm and drink plenty of fluids. We don't really want them around the club in case it starts to spread and other players get it. Hopefully it should clear up in the next few days and they can return to training.



Valentines Day PROMOTION!

A **FREE** 'STFC' Mug
with Mens' Home/Away
Socks: **£7.99**



A **FREE** 'STFC' Mug
with every Bronx
hat: **£6.99**

Buy a Hat and Scarf
and get a 'Barry Army'
Flag **HALF PRICE!**



A **FREE** Scarf with
every Ladies' Fitted
T-Shirts: **£12.99**

Filled Mugs for Ladies/Gents **ONLY £10.00**



LADIES - mug, sticky bear, scrunchie, fashion necklace and phone card.

GENTS - mug, scarf, ice scraper and phone card.

All offers are valid for a limited period while stocks last - Designs may vary from those shown above

commercial matters



Good afternoon and welcome to today's Division One match against Grimsby Town. Today's matchball sponsors are David Wilson Homes

David Wilson Homes

We are delighted to welcome David Wilson Homes as our Matchball Sponsors for today's game against Grimsby Town.

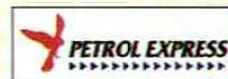
David Wilson Homes Southern and Trencherwood Homes are now based in Hungerford covering the Southern Region and expanding into new areas with several developments designed for the future. It is a very exciting time for the Southern Division who have secured many excellent opportunities.

Matchday

Buffet Offer

"Take a look at what we have to offer, see page 46 for details"

Swindon Town Football Club's Corporate Suite holders:



matchday crèche

In association with Swindon Borough Council & Swindon Childcarers



- Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis
- Saturdays only 1.30-5.00, £2.00 Ages 2-8
- Pre book by Friday before
- Telephones open from 8.30 to 5.00 (Mon - Fri)
- Presentation of ticket will be required
- The Crèche is based in 'Lifestyle' - in The Arkell's Stand



Contact:

Swindon Childcarers tel: (01793) 514055



swindon town kit sponsors

To sponsor a STFC player's kit for the 1999/2000 season call the STFC Commercial Dept. on 01793 333718

Frank Talia 01



Playing Position
Goalkeeper
Signed From
Blackburn Rovers
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
21
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 20/07/72

KIT SPONSORED BY

The two Peters

Mark Robinson 02



Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
Newcastle United
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
25(2)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 21/11/68

KIT SPONSORED BY

**Bob, Rosalind &
James Haville**

Gareth Hall 03



Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
Sunderland
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
27
99/00 1999 Goals
2
D.O.B. 12/03/69

KIT SPONSORED BY

**Global
Plants Ltd
01277 356909**

Scott Leitch 04



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
Harts (Scotland)
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
13(1)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 06/10/69

KIT SPONSORED BY

**John Young
Engineering**

Chris Hay 15



Playing Position
Forward
Signed From
Celtic (Scotland)
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
18(6)
99/00 1999 Goals
5
D.O.B. 28/08/74

KIT SPONSORED BY

**S.T.F.C.
Internet Club**
www.norris-family.freemove.co.uk

Lee Collins 16



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
Albion Rovers (Scot)
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
8(1)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 03/02/74

KIT SPONSORED BY

**KIT Sponsor Required
please call for details
(01793) 333718**

Steve Cowe 17



Playing Position
Forward
Signed From
Aston Villa
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
1(2)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. -

KIT SPONSORED BY

**KIT Sponsor Required
please call for details
(01793) 333718**

Steve Mildenhall 18



Playing Position
Goalkeeper
Signed From
STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
2(1)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 13/05/78

KIT SPONSORED BY

Gemma

Philippe Cuervo 23



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
Sochaux (France)
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
3
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 13/08/69

KIT SPONSORED BY

**Rachel &
Alistair**

Sam Campagna 24



Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
1(2)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. -

KIT SPONSORED BY

**Phil Campagna
Badsey Fields Nursery's Ltd
Fruit & Veg Growers &
Merchants**

Frazer McHugh 25



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
9(1)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. -

KIT SPONSORED BY

Evening Advertiser
— at the heart of Swindon

Nicky Burke 26



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
0
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. -

KIT SPONSORED BY

**KIT Sponsor Required
please call for details
(01793) 333718**

James Williams 32



Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
8(6)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. -

KIT SPONSORED BY

PETROL EXPRESS

Andy Williams 33



Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
Southampton
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
23
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 08.10.77

KIT SPONSORED BY

**S.T.F.C.
Travel Club**



Jim Quinn 40 Manager



Playing Position
Manager
Signed From
Reading
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
2(4)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 18/12/59

KIT SPONSORED BY

Barnes Coaches
Tel: (01672) 540330

Alan McDonald Ass't Coach



Playing Position
Assistant Coach
Signed From
Queens Park Rangers
D.O.B. 12/10/63

KIT SPONSORED BY

Pla SPORT
tel: 01635 35546

Gareth Davies 05



Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
Reading
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
12(1)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 11/12/73

KIT SPONSORED BY

Athelston Garage
Chippenham Ltd.
01249 655757

Bobby Howe 07



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
Nottingham Forest
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
21(3)
99/00 1999 Goals
1
D.O.B. 06/11/73

KIT SPONSORED BY

Jan & Adey
Wantage

Giuliano Grazioli 10



Playing Position
Forward
Signed From
Peterborough Utd.
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
5(3)
99/00 1999 Goals
3
D.O.B. 23/03/75

KIT SPONSORED BY

GJ Holtham
Plumbing & Heating
(01793) 823224

Alan Reeves 12



Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
Wimbledon
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
28
99/00 1999 Goals
1
D.O.B. 19/11/67

KIT SPONSORED BY

KIT Sponsor Required
please call for details
(01793) 333718

Adam Willis 19



Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
Aston Villa
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
4(6)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. -

KIT SPONSORED BY

Evening Advertiser
— at the heart of Swindon

Charlie Griffin 20



Playing Position
Forward
Signed From
Chippenham Town
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
1(11)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 25/05/79

KIT SPONSORED BY

Evening Advertiser
— at the heart of Swindon

Sol Davis 21



Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
16(2)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 04/09/79

KIT SPONSORED BY

Evening Advertiser
— at the heart of Swindon

Robin Hulbert 22



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
3(6)
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. 14/03/80

KIT SPONSORED BY

S.T.F.C.
Travel Club

Jamie Mills 27



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
0
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. -

KIT SPONSORED BY

Kevin & Graham
Barnes

Ricky Culbertson 28



Playing Position
Defender
Signed From
STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
0
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. -

KIT SPONSORED BY

KIT Sponsor Required
please call for details
(01793) 333718

Alan Flanagan 29



Playing Position
Goalkeeper
Signed From
STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
0
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. -

KIT SPONSORED BY

S.T.F.C.
Study Centre

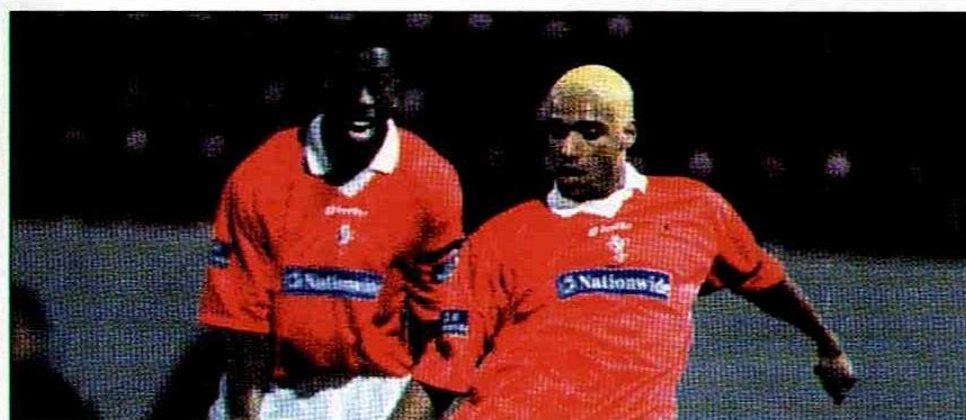
Paul McAreavey 30



Playing Position
Midfielder
Signed From
STFC Youth
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps
0
99/00 1999 Goals
0
D.O.B. -

KIT SPONSORED BY

KIT Sponsor Required
please call for details
(01793) 333718



Dick Mackey



STFC Physiotherapist

KIT SPONSORED BY

KIT Sponsor Required
please call for details
(01793) 333718



SWINDON
TOWN
F.C.



andy
williams

crazy offers

just keep on coming!

1st team home and away shirts **slashed!**



SWINDON
TOWN
F.C.

now only

£25

adults



now only

£20

juniors



£62.99

Vicenza Padded Jacket

Sizes: S, M, L, XL **£89.99**

Verona Rain Jacket

Sizes: S, M, L, XL **£54.99**



free stfc football
worth £12.99 with
this jacket

plus: spend
£50.00
and receive a free gift
voucher worth

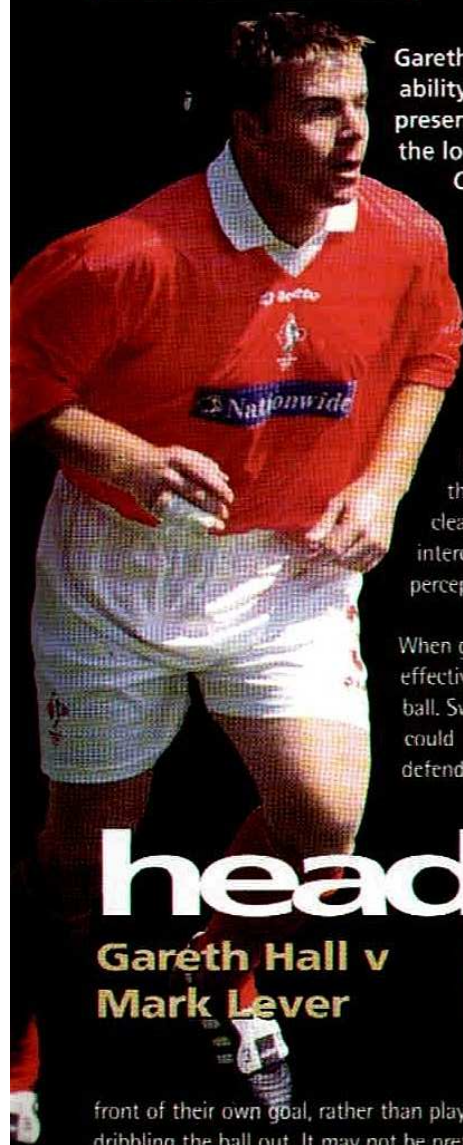
£5.00

• for a limited period only • no other discounts apply •

Credit Card Hotline: 01793 333 778
call now to place your order

a brand new feature for this season....

Nationwide Football League Statistics with Carling Opta



Gareth Hall may be best known for his ability as a left-sided defender, but at present opposing 'keepers had better be on the lookout for efforts from the former Chelsea man.

He has hit the back of the net twice in his last two matches for Swindon, in contrast to Grimsby's Mark Lever, who is yet to find the back of the net all season.

On more familiar ground at the back Hall has won 57 per cent of 46 tackles attempted and has made 200 clearances. Lever's dominance at the heart of the Mariners' defence has seen him clear his defensive lines 224 times, but he has intercepted only six passes in contrast to Hall's perceptive 22.

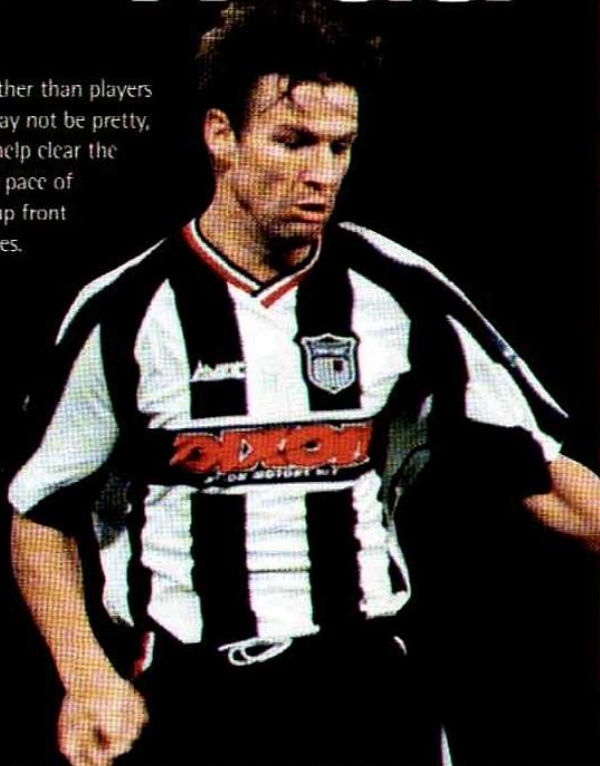
When given licence to come forward Hall and Lever effectively make progress when they dribble with the ball. Swindon's defensive record suggests that they could do with more direct action being taken by defenders to save them from giving the ball away in

head to head

Gareth Hall v Mark Lever

front of their own goal, rather than players dribbling the ball out. It may not be pretty, but a big boot away may help clear the danger, especially with the pace of loanee Mark McCammon up front to chase any long clearances.

Swindon will see this afternoon as the ideal opportunity to pick up three home points, but Lever's organised defence will work hard to deny any of Swindon's forwards a chance in the box - but will they give Hall as much attention?



minutes on pitch:

Hall: 2,237

Lever: 1,530

goal attempts

	Hall	Lever
goals	2	0
shots on target (inc goals)	4	0
shots off target	4	2
blocked shots	1	2

passing

	Hall	Lever
goal assists	4	0
total passes	739	424
pass completion	63%	57%

crossing

	Hall	Lever
total crosses	30	8
cross completion	47%	25%

dribbling

	Hall	Lever
dribbles & runs	29	9
dribble completion	90%	100%

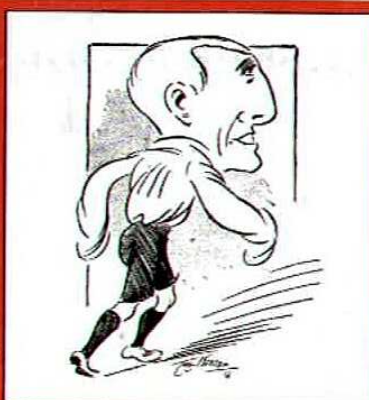
defending

	Hall	Lever
tackles made	46	28
tackles won	57%	36%
blocks	42	60
clearances	200	224
interceptions	22	6

discipline

	Hall	Lever
fouls	21	25
offside	0	0
yellow cards	2	6
red cards	0	0

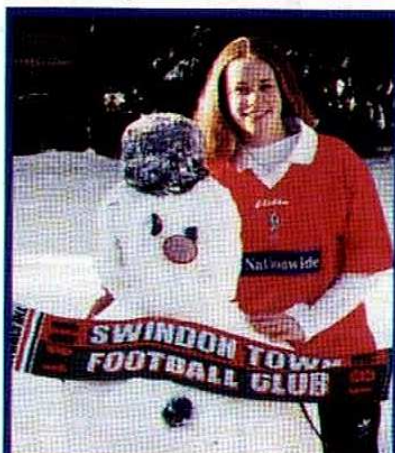
Statistics supplied by Carling Opta



Why Not Visit the Harold Fleming bar...

The newly-opened bar in the Arkells' Stand is a non-smoking area and open to any Arkells' Stand ticket holder before and after home games. Children under the age of 18 are permitted, provided they are accompanied by an adult.

This is the first bar within the concourse area, and we hope you enjoy the facility. We also hope that we are able to provide similar facilities in other concourse areas of the County Ground in the near future.



it's snow joke

Swindon Robin, Karyl Holmes is pictured here 'Showing her Colours' with Snowy during his brief spell in the country. He'll be back next year to cheer on the lads and will feel right at home on the Stratton Bank!

calling all fans!

this is your chance to get a mention in the proggy....

From match to match, on this page, we will be showing you all the best bits from our bulging mailbag. If you've got anything which you think we should publish then drop us a line (address below).

show yer colours!

pick of the week



show yer colours!

Don't forget to send us your top snaps featuring you in your STFC kit - Send them to:

STFC Matchday Magazine
c/o PIA Sport, The Litten,
Newtown Road, Newbury,
Berkshire, RG14 7BB.

is this margate?

Ryan Margate swaps his holiday home on the South East coast and 'Shows his Colours' against the amazing back-drop of Sydney Harbour Bridge where he saw in the new millennium. He left his friends Matty and Michelle (Town fans) out there and hopes to see them soon.

Margate, get back on that beach!



piste of the action

Pictured here are Swindon Town fans (left to right) Danny 'snoggin' Goggin, Darren Catlin, Kelvin 'Tractor' Jennings, Tim Pulleyn and Mark Pulleyn 'Showing their Colours' in the resort of Soldeau, Andorra.

'Tell me ma me ma what ever
will be will be I'm not coming
home for tea tell me ma me ma'.
The song that was often heard
around various European
grounds in the Merseyside
heyday of Everton and Liverpool
was heard again recently.

Although not in the opulent football
surroundings of Goodison or Anfield but
at Prenton Park home of Tranmere Rovers,
the pride of the Wirral and the North
West's sole representative in the 1999-
2000 Worthington Cup Final.

How refreshing to see a side from the
much maligned Nationwide league make it
to a Wembley Final and after their stirring
performances in the competition who
would be against them winning their way
through to the UEFA Cup. No more Crewe
and Walsall, for Tranmere there are bigger
fish to fry and these fish may be slightly
more exotic than the commonly consumed
Cod and Haddock.

John Aldridge should receive enormous
credit for the way he has led Tranmere
this season, a season which has also seen
them claim two significant FA Cup scalps
in West Ham and Sunderland. Tranmere's
immediate future was in serious doubt at
the start of the season with financial
problems looming large on the horizon.
This is of course a common situation in
the Nationwide league, the past few years
have seen a dramatic increase in the
number of clubs facing an uncertain
future. Many of these difficulties brought
on by extravagant spending in an attempt
to reach the promised land of the
Premiership - the land of mega-bucks and
glamour. Through shrewd husbandry of
resources however, Aldridge's side have
shown that it is possible to compete with
the big clubs.

The Worthington Cup maybe sniggered at
by the footballing superpowers but
anyone who witnessed the joyous scenes
at Prenton Park at the conclusion of the
semi-final tie will realise that this
tournament is still a worthy one. But for
the moment, debates about the worth of
the Worthington cup are the last thing on
Tranmere's mind, they're far too busy
planning their day out at Wembley. And
after Wembley who knows? Lobster,
Shark.....the options are endless.



Here at the County Ground we offer a number of corporate hospitality packages to suit all occasions.
For matchdays we offer the following:

Package for 10 - 40 guests in the 'Matchball' Suite.

- Three Course Meal including Coffee
- Behind the scenes tour (weekends only)
- Licensed Bar facility
- Complimentary Matchday Magazine
- Seats in the Executive Box
- Cover endorsement and editorial in the Matchday Magazine.
- Endorsement of sponsorship over the PA system
- Presentation of autographed football by 'Man of the Match'
- Half Time refreshments

Prices based on table of 10

A	Gold	£880.00
B	Silver	£780.00
C	Bronze	£680.00

Package for 20 - 40 guests in the 'Matchday' Suite

- Champagne reception
- Three course meal
- Seats in the Executive Box
- Front cover flash, editorial and full page ad in the Matchday Magazine
- Behind the scenes tour (weekends only)
- An opportunity to vote for your 'Man of the Match'
- Post-match presentations with your nominated 'Man of the Match'
- Two directors car park passes
- Acknowledgement over PA system
- Licensed cash bar facilities
- Complimentary Matchday Magazine for each of your guests

Prices based on 40 guests

A	Gold	£4150.00
B	Silver	£3500.00
C	Bronze	£3100.00

If you would like to book a table and discuss a suitable fixture.
Then please contact our Marketing Department on 01793 333 718

all are welcome @ the...



**the best way to enjoy
your matchday...**

for more information on Swindon Town's Winners
Lounge and future functions contact the STFC
Marketing Department on

01793 333718



looking ahead

Today we take a look at Swindon's next two fixtures. On Saturday we travel to Blackburn and on the following Saturday, we entertain Birmingham City here at the County Ground.

Blackburn



the lowdown...

Rovers' season has taken an upward turn and since the installation of Tony Parkes as boss Blackburn are back to winning ways which has taken the Lancashire to a more respectable 9th position and adding to that with a morale-boosting 1-0 win at Anfield to knock Liverpool out of the FA Cup. Parkes has done a fine job since taking over from Brian Kidd. However, his tenure at Ewood may be short-lived as Rovers multi-millionaire chairman Jack Walker is making an audacious attempt to prize Peter Reid away from Sunderland this summer.

the reason to watch...

Blackburn are one of the few teams we

can claim to have taken three points from this season. An exciting 2-1 win at the County Ground in September gave Swindon their first home win of the season. It will be a very tough task at Ewood but we have nothing to lose in these types of fixtures.

the last five meetings...

Swindon Town 2-1 Blackburn Rovers 28.09.99
Blackburn Rovers 2-0 Swindon Town 04.10.95
Swindon Town 2-3 Blackburn Rovers 20.09.95
Blackburn Rovers 3-1 Swindon Town 26.03.94
Swindon Town 1-3
Blackburn Rovers 02.10.93

the player to watch...

Egil Ostenstad came off the bench at the County Ground to claim Rovers' only goal. He moved to Ewood in a part-exchange with £7.5 million flop Kevin Davies to Southampton. He's now back to full fitness and the highly-rated Norwegian will be out to prove why he is regarded as one of the best strikers outside of the Premiership.



Birmingham



the lowdown...

An injury-ravaged season has made Birmingham's annual struggle to find consistent form all the more difficult. Despite the loss of several big-name performers, Trevor Francis' side have kept their promotion push alive and are currently lying in striking distance of the play-offs. If they can get players back from injury and continue their good end of season form, a play-off place is well within their grasp.

the reason to watch...

A last minute equaliser by Iffy Onuora at St Andrews in late November handed the Town a well-deserved and hard-earned away point. The Blues are still struggling to put back-to-back performances

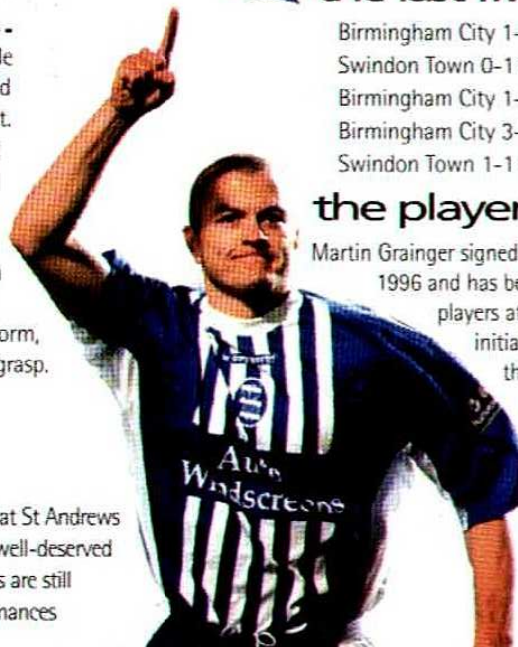
together and could come unstuck once more at the County Ground.

the last five meetings...

Birmingham City 1-1 Swindon Town 27.11.99
Swindon Town 0-1 Birmingham City 10.04.99
Birmingham City 1-1 Swindon Town 20.10.98
Birmingham City 3-0 Swindon Town 18.04.98
Swindon Town 1-1 Birmingham City 20.12.97

the player to watch...

Martin Grainger signed for Blues in a £400,000 deal in March 1996 and has become one of the most improved players at St Andrews in recent seasons after initially losing his place in the side. A defender that possesses both enthusiasm and aggression in equal measure and has no problems tuning those qualities into attack - it was Grainger who opened the scoring against Swindon earlier this season with a well-directed header. Grainger is a threat from dead-ball situations and causes problems with his long throw.



FootballNews MatchTicker

Welcome to FootballNews
connecting for LIVE updates

Scores and tables on the right refresh automatically every 60 seconds
Leagues tables updated on the fly every 15 seconds
Latest team news and match reports scroll above every 15 seconds
Live photos appear above for all major weekend and midweek matches
For extended coverage click "view" on any match
Individual match pages show scorers, yellow cards, red cards and betting stats

FootballNews covers 1,500+ matches every weekend,
from Premiership to county, including Champions League, UEFA Cup + European
FootballNews MatchTicker - what the Internet was invented for ...

div 1	Goal	QPR 1 - 0 Tranmere Rovers	Robert Steiner (2)
div 2	Goal	Oldham Athletic 0 - 1 Reading	Andy Gurney (9)
div 1	Flash	Walsall 0 - 0 Blackburn Rovers	Booked: Jeff Kenna (20) foul

Your time: 15:21:17

London time: 15:21:17



If you are interested in football, then the Swindon Town Soccer Centres are for you. Listed below are the times and the leisure centres where we will give you professional coaching, to help you enjoy your football even more.

Soccer Centre Venues January - February 2000

LINK CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

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

OASIS (Swindon Borough)

Monday 5.00 - 6.00pm 5 - 10 years

Saturday 9.00 - 10.00am 5 - 8 years
10.00 - 11.00am 5 - 8 years

HIGHWORTH (Swindon Borough)

Tuesday 4.00 - 5.00pm 5 - 6 years
5.00 - 6.00pm 7 - 8 years
Thursday 5.00 - 6.00pm 8 - 11 years

HAYDON (Swindon Borough)

Thursday 4.00 - 5.00pm 5 - 6 years
5.00 - 6.00pm 7 - 8 years
6.00 - 7.00pm 9 - 11 years

STRATTON

Monday 3.30 - 4.30pm 5 - 6 years
4.30 - 5.30pm 9 - 11 years
Weds 3.30 - 4.30pm 7 - 8 years
4.30 - 5.30pm 7 - 8 years
Friday 3.30 - 4.30pm 5 - 6 years

MARLBOROUGH

Weds 3.30 - 4.30pm 5 - 7 years
4.00 - 5.00pm 7 - 9 years
5.00 - 6.00pm 9 - 12 years

RIDGEWAY LEISURE CENTRE

Weds 5.00 - 6.00pm 5 - 7 years
6.00 - 7.00pm 8 - 11 years

CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE

Weds 5.30 - 6.30pm 9 - 11 years

FAIRFORD LEISURE CENTRE

Tues 5.00 - 6.00pm & 6.00 - 7.00pm
5-6, 7-8 & 9 - 10 years

BAMPTON NEW CENTRE (OXON)

Fri 5.00 - 6.00pm 7, 8 & 9 years
6.00 - 7.00pm 10 - 11 years

For more information about the following courses, please ring the Swindon Town Soccer Centre's Co-ordinator Jimmy Fraser on 01793 644777.

NB: Non Swindon Borough course prices may differ, please check with your Centre.



SWINDON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

stfc's complete guide to fixtures.results.stats



STFC Ladies South West Combination Season 1999/2000

Sun 5th Sept	Oxford United	3-2
Sun 12th Sept	Bristol City	4-2
Sun 10th Sept	Saltash Pilgrims	3-3
Sun 26th Sept	Southampton	2-0
Sun 3rd Oct	Portsmouth	3-2
Sun 10th Oct	Bristol Rovers FAC1	2-5
Sun 17th Oct	Bath City	14-0
Sun 24th Oct	League Cup 1st Round	
Sun 31st Oct	Bristol Rovers	0-4
Sun 7th Nov	FA Cup 2nd Round	
Sun 14th Nov	Yeovil Town	1-2
Sun 21st Nov	Cheltenham Town	3-2
Sun 28th Nov	Newport Strikers	1-3
Sun 5th Dec	Southampton	4-1
Sun 12th Dec	Denham United	P
Sun 19th Dec	Oxford United	P
Sun 9th Jan	Bristol Rovers	0-2
Sun 16th Jan	Saltash Pilgrims	H
Sun 23rd Jan	Southampton	2-2
Sun 30th Jan	Portsmouth	5-3
Sun 6th Feb	Bath City	5-1
Sun 13th Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
Sun 20th Feb	Yeovil Town	H
Sun 27th Feb	Cheltenham	A
Sun 5th Mar	League Cup Semi-final	
Sun 12th Mar	Newport Strikers	H
Sun 19th Mar	Denham United	A
Sun 30th Apr	League Cup Final	

Swindon Town Ladies (Home) South West Combination matches are played at the County Ground Extension and Kick-Off at 2.00pm.

The South West Counties Youth League Fixtures Season 1999/2000

Sat 21 Aug	Cirencester	3-1
Sat 28th Aug	Swansea City	3-4
Sat 4th Sept	Plymouth Argyle	0-1
Sat 11th Sept	Newport County	-
Sat 18th Sept	AFC Bournemouth	0-7
Sat 25th Sept	Trowbridge Town	5-3
Sat 2nd Oct	Yeovil Town	2-2
Sat 9th Oct	Bashley FC	3-0
Sat 16th Oct	Bath City	0-3
Sat 23rd Oct	Bristol Rovers	4-0
Sat 30th Oct	Cardiff City	2-0
Sat 6th Nov	Cardiff City	1-0
Sat 13th Nov	Cirencester	0-1
Sat 20th Nov	Swansea City	0-1
Sat 27th Nov	Plymouth Argyle	4-2
Sat 4th Dec	Newport County	P
Sat 11th Dec	AFC Bournemouth	1-1
Sat 18th Dec	Trowbridge Town	P
Sat 8th Jan	Yeovil Town	0-2
Sat 15th Jan	Bashley FC	4-0
Sat 22nd Jan	Bath City	3-2
Sat 5th Feb	Bristol Rovers	H

Swindon Town's (Home) South West Counties Youth League matches are played at Supermarine and Kick Off at 11.00am (subject to change without prior notice.)

The red band indicates the next home match for each of our sides.

The cream band indicates all home matches for each of our sides.

The Football League Youth Alliance Season 1999/2000



Sat 21 Aug	Cirencester	-
Sat 14th Aug	Plymouth Argyle	1-0
Sat 21st Aug	Torquay United	3-4
Sat 28th Aug	Swansea City	1-1
Sat 4th Sept	Cirencester	0-0
Sat 18th Sept	Exeter City	2-2
Sat 2nd Oct	Bristol Rovers	2-4
Sat 16th Oct	Cardiff City	2-4
Sat 23rd Oct	Plymouth Argyle (cup)	1-1
Sat 30th Oct	Cardiff City (cup)	1-1
Sat 6th Nov	Exeter City (cup)	3-0
Sat 20th Nov	Torquay United (cup)	5-4
Wed 24th Nov	Tottenham Hotspur(FAC)	0-3
Sat 27th Nov	Plymouth Argyle	2-3
Sat 4th Dec	Torquay United	1-5
Sat 11th Dec	Swansea City	2-3
Sat 8th Jan	Exeter City	4-0
Sat 15th Jan	Cirencester	0-2
Sat 22nd Jan	Cardiff City	1-0
Sat 29th Jan	Cup 2	0-1
Sat 5th Feb	Bristol Rovers	H
Wed 1st Mar	Cup Quarter Final	
Wed 22nd Mar	Cup Semi Final	
Sun 16th Apr	Cup Final	

Swindon Town's (Home) Football League Youth Alliance matches are played at Supermarine and Kick Off at 11.00am (subject to change without prior notice.)

Swindon Town Centre of Excellence Fixtures Season 1999/2000

Under 15s

Sun 22 Aug	Cardiff City	A
Sun 29 Aug	Bournemouth	H
Sun 05 Sept	West Brom	A
Sun 12 Sept	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sun 10 Sept	Cheltenham Town	A
Sun 26 Sept	Exeter City	H
Sun 17 Oct	Swansea City	A
Sun 24 Oct	Bristol Rovers	H
Sun 31 Oct	Cardiff City	H
Sun 7 Nov	Bournemouth	A
Sun 14 Nov	West Brom	H
Sun 21 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sun 28 Nov	Cheltenham Town	H
Sun 5 Dec	Exeter City	A
Sun 30 Jan	Swansea City	H
Sun 6 Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
Sun 13 Feb	Cardiff City	A
Sun 20 Feb	Bournemouth	H
Sun 27 Feb	West Brom	A
Sun 5 Mar	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sun 12 Mar	Cheltenham Town	H
Sun 19 Mar	Exeter City	H
Sun 09 Apr	Swansea City	A
Sun 16 Apr	Bristol Rovers	H

Under 14s

Sun 22 Aug	Cardiff City	A
Sun 29 Aug	Bournemouth	A
Sun 05 Sept	West Brom	H
Sun 12 Sept	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sun 10 Sept	Cheltenham Town	H
Sun 26 Sept	Exeter City	A
Sun 17 Oct	Swansea City	H
Sun 24 Oct	Bristol Rovers	H
Sun 31 Oct	Cardiff City	H
Sun 7 Nov	Bournemouth	H
Sun 14 Nov	West Brom	A
Sun 21 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sun 28 Nov	Cheltenham Town	A
Sun 5 Dec	Exeter City	H
Sun 23 Jan	Torquay Utd	A
Sun 30 Jan	Swansea City	H
Sun 6 Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
Sun 13 Feb	Cardiff City	A
Sun 20 Feb	Bournemouth	A
Sun 27 Feb	West Brom	H
Sun 5 Mar	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sun 12 Mar	Cheltenham Town	H
Sun 19 Mar	Exeter City	A
Sun 26 Mar	Torquay Utd	H
Sun 09 Apr	Swansea City	A
Sun 16 Apr	Bristol Rovers	H

Under 13s

Sun 22 Aug	Cardiff City	H
Sun 29 Aug	Bournemouth	A
Sun 5 Sept	West Brom	A
Sun 12 Sept	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sun 10 Sept	Cheltenham Town	H
Sun 26 Sept	Exeter City	A
Sun 3 Oct	Torquay United	A
Sun 17 Oct	Swansea City	H
Sun 24 Oct	Bristol Rovers	A
Sun 31 Oct	Cardiff City	A
Sun 7 Nov	Bournemouth	H
Sun 14 Nov	West Brom	H
Sun 21 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sun 28 Nov	Cheltenham Town	A
Sun 5 Dec	Exeter City	H
Sun 23 Jan	Torquay United	H
Sun 30 Jan	Swansea City	A
Sun 6 Feb	Bristol Rovers	H
Sun 13 Feb	Cardiff City	H
Sun 20 Feb	Bournemouth	A
Sun 27 Feb	West Brom	A
Sun 5 Mar	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sun 12 Mar	Cheltenham Town	H
Sun 19 Mar	Exeter City	A
Sun 26 Mar	Torquay United	A
Sun 9 Apr	Swansea City	H
Sun 16 Apr	Bristol Rovers	A

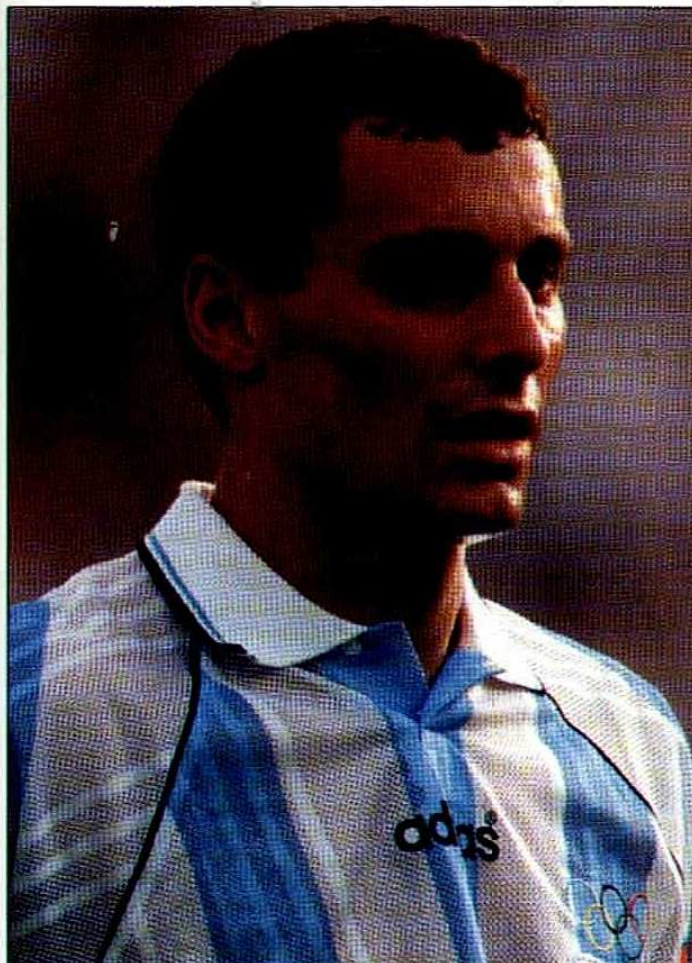
Under 12s

Sun 22 Aug	Cardiff City	H
Sun 29 Aug	Bournemouth	A
Sun 5 Sept	West Brom	A
Sun 12 Sept	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sun 17 Oct	Swansea City	H
Sun 24 Oct	Bristol Rovers	A
Sun 31 Oct	Cardiff City	A
Sun 7 Nov	Bournemouth	H
Sun 14 Nov	West Brom	H
Sun 21 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sun 5 Dec	Exeter City	A
Sun 30 Jan	Swansea City	A
Sun 6 Feb	Bristol Rovers	H
Sun 13 Feb	Cardiff City	H
Sun 20 Feb	Bournemouth	A
Sun 27 Feb	West Brom	A
Sun 5 Mar	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sun 19 Mar	Exeter City	H
Sun 9 Apr	Swansea City	H
Sun 16 Apr	Bristol Rovers	A



no penalties
just excellent results

tel: 01635 35599 • fax: 01635 845811 • isdn: 01635 521457



Premiership football

Newcastle boss Bobby Robson is aiming to sign two of South America's brightest stars for around £6 million in a bid to further revive the club's fortunes on Tyneside.

Robson has suffered the legacy of the two previous managers at St James' Park, Roud Gullit and Kenny Dalglish and has found transfer funds very hard to come by. However, Robson has persuaded Newcastle chiefs that Argentinian playmaker Christian Bassedas (pictured) and Paraguay's teenage star Diego Gavilan are well worth plundering the transfer kitty. Bassedas, who has 18 caps for his country is one of the rising stars of the South American game and will cost the Toon Army £4 million from Velez Sarsfield.

In addition, Robson has snapped up 19-year-old emerging Paraguayan star Gavilan on a two-year deal from club side Cerro Porteno. The fee is believed to be around the £2 million mark, which could prove a very shrewd piece of business if the young player realises his immense potential. He has been rated as one of the most exciting players of his generation and is very keen to parade his skills in the Premiership.

town ladies by Roger Reeves

The Town Ladies have had two wins and a draw and have moved up to joint top of the South West Combination League.

The Town travelled to face Bath City and won by five goals to one. Lowly Bath had taken an early lead before the Town started to find the net. Kim Reeves, Holly Ashman, Nadine Lloyd, Katy Lemon and Leanne Taylor got the goals. Another away trip and the Town were held to a disappointing 2-2 at Southampton. Nadine Lloyd got both of the Town's goals. The first home game of the new year gave Town a 5-3 victory over Portsmouth. Katy Lemon gave the Town an early lead by scoring in the first minute. Pompey hit back and equalised and then took the lead before Pam Laker put the sides level at the break. She put Town ahead

shortly after the interval but Pompey equalised. The game was won with two goals in two minutes - Kim Reeves helped in Laura Morgan's shot and Leanne Taylor headed in Holly Ashman's cross.

The Town Reserves were beaten 3-2 at Oxford with goals from Hayley Huckin and Debbie Arrowsmith. They then went on to thrash Thame 10-0 with Michelle Rich (4), Fiona Baldwin (2), Nikki Relph, Sam Quinn, Hayley Huckin and an own goal on the scoresheet. Goals from Michelle Rich (2), Nikki Relph and Louis Corcoran earned them a 4-4 draw with Wycombe Wanderers.

Tomorrow the Town travel to face Bristol City in the league having already beaten them 4-0 at home earlier in the season. The Town Reserves travel across the town to meet Swindon Spitfires in the Southern Region League Cup.



CLARE WHEELER has been awarded her County Cap following her tenth appearance for Wiltshire.

WITH OUR CHOICE, DEALS AND PRICES OUR CUSTOMERS REACH...

FEVER PITCH

EVERY WEEK

Because we endeavour to give you our best performance every single day of the week, make sure your goal is ARRIVA when buying your next car.

Our dealerships services includes:

**NEW CAR SALES • USED CAR SALES
VEHICLE HIRE • SERVICING • M.O.T. TESTING
PARTS • AND SO MUCH MORE...**



ARRIVA Ford Swindon
Fleming Way Roundabout, Swindon
Tel. 01793 520 002

SALES OPENING TIMES: Mon to Fri 8.30am till 7.00pm. Sat 8.30am till 5pm. Sun 10am till 4pm.

JOBS.JOBS.JOBS....

Temporary, Permanent & Contract



"THE TOTAL RECRUITMENT SOLUTION"

**PROBABLY SWINDON'S LARGEST
INDEPENDENT AGENCY!**

SWINDON • DEVIZES • BATH

01793 488909

Local Office: 11/12 Commercial
Road, Swindon, Wiltshire. SN1 5NF.
Fax: (01793) 495322



Call Centre

Telemarketing, Inbound & Outbound Telesales,
Customer Service



Office Personnel

WP/VDU, Secretarial, Reception, Clerical &
Administration



Industrial

Warehouse, Shop Floor, Forklift, Machine Operators,
Pickers & Packers



Hotel & Catering

Chefs, Waiting & Bar Staff, Kitchen Porters & Cleaners



Nursing

Hospital Aux & Nurses, Nursing Home Carers & RGN's

away travel



transporting swindon town fans into the new millennium

Welcome to this afternoon's visitors from Grimsby Town.

We have just one away fixture during February, that being to Ewood Park next weekend, when we take on Blackburn Rovers.

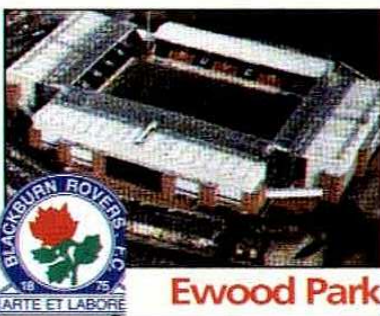
We then face a far more hectic period with four away trips in 21 days in March - to Forest, Charlton, Norwich and Portsmouth.

For all those having access to the internet, you can now find all SAS Travel information at <http://go.to/stfctravel>

SAT 12TH FEB 3.00 PM Blackburn

Nationwide League Division One

Adults: £15.00
O.A.P.'s: £10.00
Juniors: £8.00



Ewood Park

SAT 4TH MAR 3.00 PM Nott'm Forest

Nationwide League Division One

Adults: £19.00
O.A.P.'s: £10.00
Juniors: £10.00



FOREST The City Ground

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Depart COUNTY GROUND: 9.15AM
Depart ERMIN STREET: 9.30AM
Depart WEST SWINDON: 9.00AM

Adult Fare: £14.00
Under-15 Fare: £12.50

(*Supporters' Club Members receive a £0.50 discount on fares)

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Depart COUNTY GROUND: 10.15AM
Depart ERMIN STREET: 10.30AM
Depart WEST SWINDON: 10.00AM

Adult Fare: £11.50
Under-15 Fare: £10.00

(*Supporters' Club Members receive a £1 discount on fares)

- All major credit or debit cards accepted
- Hostess service hot/cold drinks and light refreshments
- All coaches non-smoking
- Statutory NO ALCOHOL rule applies

24hr Information Service
Tel: (01793) 825935

COUNTY GROUND BOOKING OFFICE
(Old Club Shop, off County Road)

Tel: (01793) 536757

Open Tue, Weds & Thurs: 10.00am - 2.00pm
Thursday evenings 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Saturday Matchdays 1.30pm - 2.45pm
Other Matchdays from 2 hours before K.O.

ticket office opening times

Monday - Friday..... 9.00am - 5.00pm
Saturday (non-matchdays)..... 10.00am - 4.00pm
Saturday (matchdays)..... 9.00am - Kick-Off
Midweek (matchdays)..... 9.00pm - Kick-Off

**Tickets for home matches go on general sale
four weeks before the match.**

handy hints...

the rough guide to ewood park



Club Name:

Blackburn Rovers

Address:

**Ewood Park, Blackburn,
BB2 4JF**

How to Contact:

Main Tel: 01254 698888
Ticket Office: 01254
Website: www.rovers.co.uk

Nickname:

Rovers

Club's Home Colours:

Blue & White Halved Shirts, White shorts

Stadium Stats:

Capacity: 31,300
Away Allocation: 2,500

Station:

Blackburn

Coach & Car Parking:

Various secure car parks
around Ewood

Eat & Drink:

Try The Fenhurst on Bolton Rd
or The Fox and Hounds on
Ewood Triangle, the latter
better for families.

the STFC Ticket office are pleased to accept...



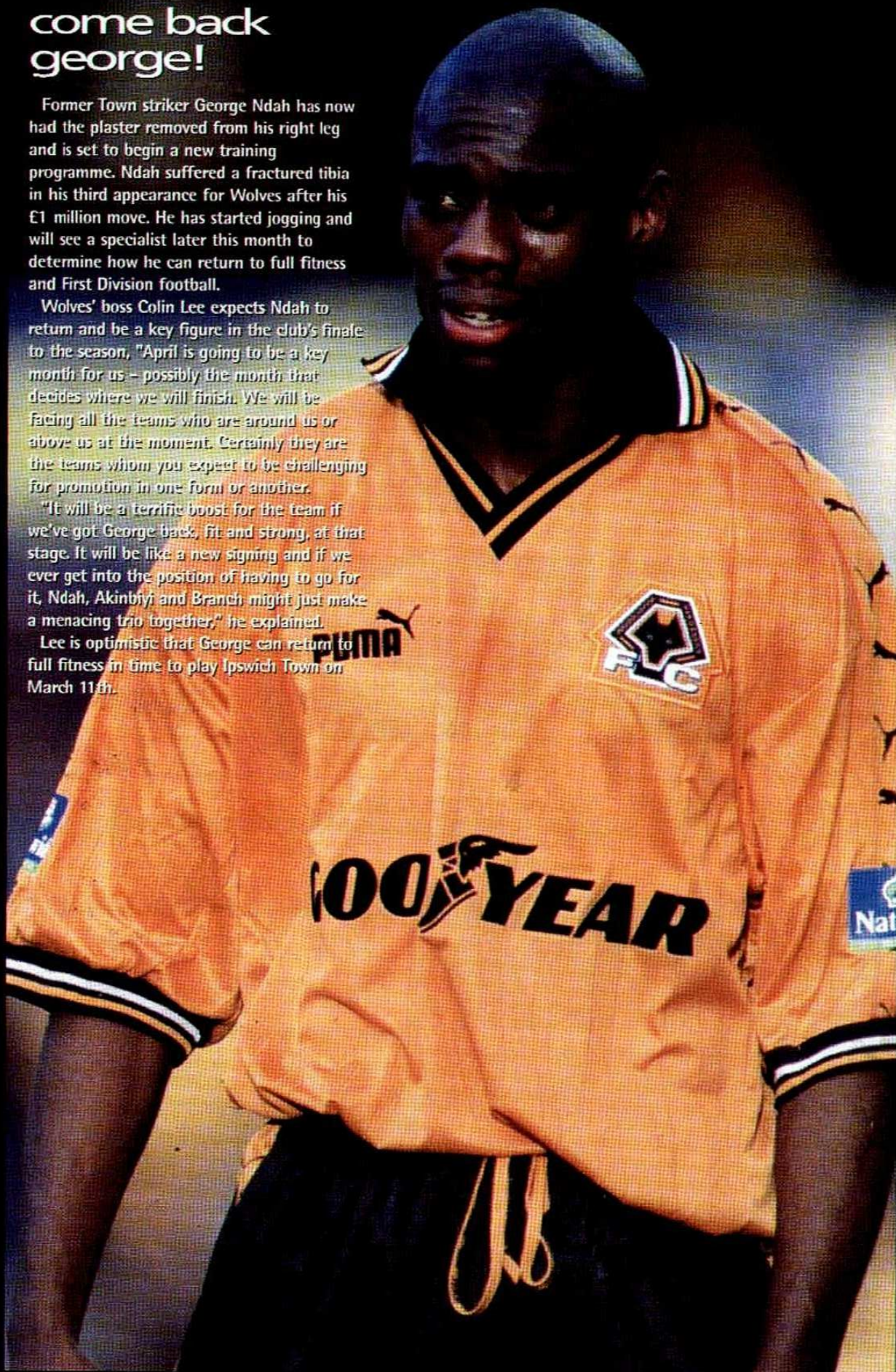
come back george!

Former Town striker George Ndah has now had the plaster removed from his right leg and is set to begin a new training programme. Ndah suffered a fractured tibia in his third appearance for Wolves after his £1 million move. He has started jogging and will see a specialist later this month to determine how he can return to full fitness and First Division football.

Wolves' boss Colin Lee expects Ndah to return and be a key figure in the club's finale to the season, "April is going to be a key month for us - possibly the month that decides where we will finish. We will be facing all the teams who are around us or above us at the moment. Certainly they are the teams whom you expect to be challenging for promotion in one form or another.

"It will be a terrific boost for the team if we've got George back, fit and strong, at that stage. It will be like a new signing and if we ever get into the position of having to go for it, Ndah, Akinbisi and Branch might just make a menacing trio together," he explained.

Lee is optimistic that George can return to full fitness in time to play Ipswich Town on March 11th.



cottage king



Eric Cantona could be on his way back to Britain as boss of First Division Fulham.

It has been reported that Harrods and Fulham owner Mohammed Al Fayed has been in talks with the Manchester United legend and could take over from Paul Bracewell this summer if he fails to win promotion.

Bracewell, who took over from Kevin Keegan last year, has seen his side's promotion challenge come off the rails as well as an FA Cup defeat to Tranmere. Al Fayed is well known for his liking of high-profile names and

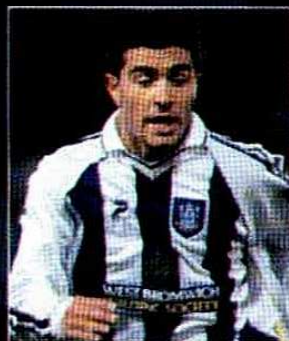
Cantona could be the perfect choice to lift the Cottagers into the Premiership spotlight. At present Fulham have dismissed the links as 'speculation' but Al Fayed has stunned us all before when recruiting current England coach Kevin Keegan.

no change

West Bromwich Albion's highly-rated Italian teenager Enzo Maresca has completed a £4.3m move to Juventus. It was perhaps good news for Town as the young midfielder had left before Saturday's match. He travelled to Turin for negotiations with the club over the weekend after Parma had previously been linked with the player. This deal will be fantastic news for the Baggies' directors as the club is currently losing around £30,000 per week. However, boss Brian Little is far from happy as he is not likely to see a penny of their record breaking sale.

Little is set to meet with the club's directors to find out exactly how much of Maresca's fee he will be handed to strengthen his struggling side. West Brom have gone 13 matches without victory and Little is well aware of the problems he now faces.

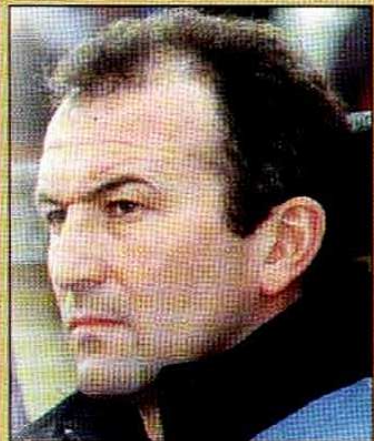
"You can't hide from the fact that we need new faces if we are to stay in this division" Little admitted. And after last week's draw with Swindon, he added "This is hopefully the last game we will play without a new face or two in the line-up."



elland probe



Norwegian midfielder Alfe Inge Haaland is the latest Leeds player to be linked with a move to Maine Road. Royle has already plundered David O'Leary's squad to sign Richard Jobson and Danny Granville to boost City's title challenge. Haaland has become disillusioned with life at Elland Road after discovering he does not figure in O'Leary's plans and a bid of around £1 million could prise the Norwegian away from the Premiership leaders.



pulis purrs

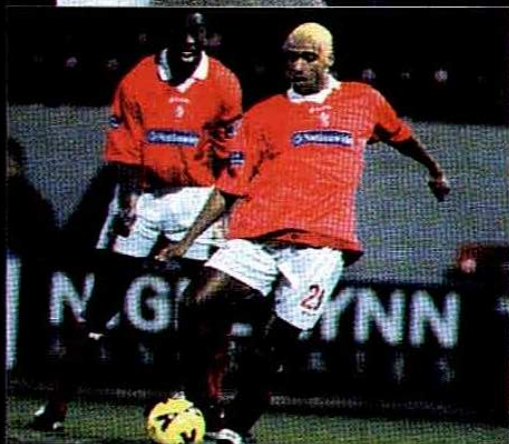
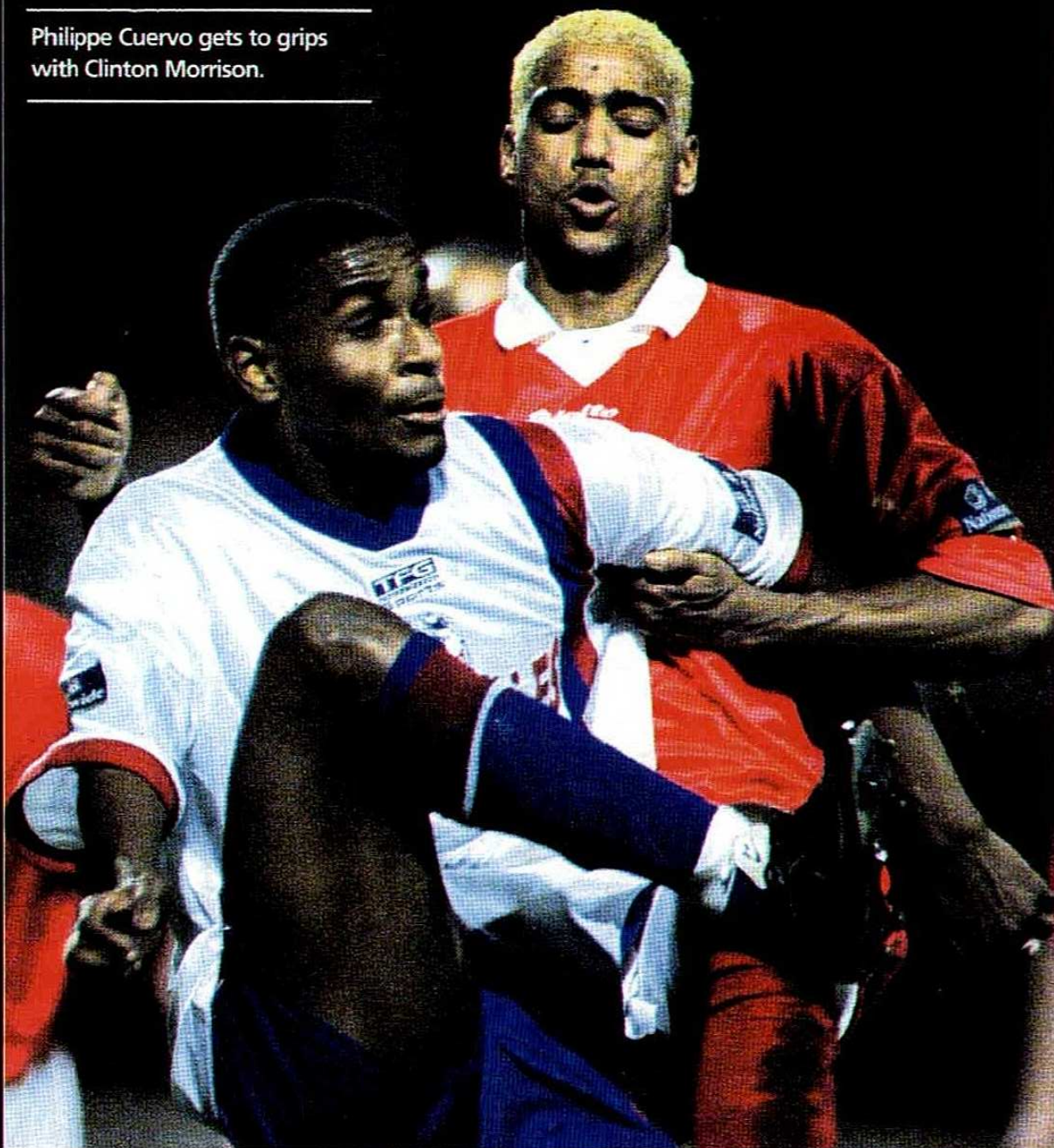
Journeyman striker Steve Claridge scored a hat-trick to give Portsmouth their first league win since October and leave Swindon eight points adrift at the foot of the table.

Pulis, who recently replaced Alan Ball as boss at Pompey after a short spell at Bristol City, said after the 3-0 win over promotion-chasing Barnsley: "It was a terrific team performance. Steve Claridge will get all the accolades but a great team spirit of togetherness was the key. The team is always more important than any individual.

"We worked on set-pieces in training this week and it paid off. The new goalkeeper did quite well and we had more belief and defended well. But there are one or two things we need to work on. We need to make some more signings. Barnsley brought on Bruce Dyer and Mike Sheron and we introduced a 16-year old."

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
CHARLTON	28	18	5	5	52	28	59
MAN CITY	28	17	4	7	44	22	55
BARNSELY	29	17	4	8	59	42	55
IPSWICH	29	15	9	5	48	29	54
HUDDERSFIELD	29	15	6	8	47	31	51
WOLVERHAMPTON	29	11	10	8	38	33	43
STOCKPORT	29	11	9	9	34	38	42
BIRMINGHAM	28	11	8	9	39	32	41
BLACKBURN	27	10	10	7	35	30	40
QPR	29	10	10	9	38	35	40
FULHAM	28	9	12	7	25	25	39
NORWICH	28	10	8	10	27	30	38
BOLTON	27	9	9	9	35	31	36
TRANMERE	28	10	6	12	37	38	36
CRYSTAL PALACE	29	9	9	11	42	47	36
SHEFF UTD	29	9	8	12	36	44	35
GRIMSBY	29	9	7	13	33	49	34
NOTTM FOREST	29	7	9	13	30	37	30
WEST BROM	29	5	15	9	25	33	30
CREWE	29	7	8	14	28	38	29
WALSALL	29	7	8	14	32	46	29
PORT VALE	27	6	9	12	3	37	27
PORTSMOUTH	29	6	9	14	34	45	27
SWINDON	29	3	10	16	21	50	19

Philippe Cuervo gets to grips
with Clinton Morrison.



Substitute Philippe Cuervo back in
action for the first team.



Scott Leitch finds space to
spread the play.



McCammion battles for
possession.

Swindon Town 2
Crystal Palace 4



Chris Hay takes on two Palace defenders.



On-loan striker Mark McCammon turns inside Andy Linighan

match facts

Date: Friday 21st January
Pitch: Good
Weather: Cold
Attendance: 5,214
Referee: F G Stretton (Poor)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Talia, Hall, Campagna, Reeves,
Williams, McHugh, Collins, Leitch,
Davis, Hay, McCammon.
Substitutes: Cuervo (for Collins, 68)
Williams (for Davis, 84)
Not Used: Cowe, Howe, Mildenhall

Shots on target:	Town 6, Palace 6
Shots off target:	Town 7, Palace 4
Free Kicks:	Town 16, Palace 10
Caught Offside:	Town 1, Palace 3
Corners:	Town 1, Palace 1
Town Bookings:	None

Early Palace pressure brought the best out of Frank Talia after 18 minutes. Morrison turned sharply in the box but Talia reacted quickly to stop his well-struck shot. The home team then pressed forward, creating chances of their own and a well-taken free kick by Gareth Hall was superbly headed beyond Digby by his defensive partner Alan Reeves to put Town ahead.

Palace hit back eight minutes later when Morrison beat his marker and fired a low shot into Talia's far corner.

After the break, two controversial goals in two minutes put the game out of Town's reach. From what looked like a foul on Frank Talia, Foster stabbed Palace in front. Then a foul that could have been awarded outside the penalty area resulted in Mullins netting the spot-kick.

Town fought back and their pressure resulted in an indirect free-kick which Hall slammed into the roof of the net. In the final minutes, as Town pushed for the equaliser, Morrison again broke away to score his second and the final goal of the game.

match action



OPTIPLAN
Fine Handmade Kitchens

from
The Manor Cabinet Company

FURNITURE DESIGNED AND MANUFACTURED PERSONALLY FOR YOU.

- Choose from our infinite range of cabinets and finishes to create an individually styled kitchen, bedroom, bathroom or home study.
- Our Designers will use their expertise to provide the ultimate solution based on your personal criteria and priorities.
- We use the finest materials combined with both traditional woodworking methods and modern technology to build high quality furniture.
- With our 30 years experience in the industry over 70% of our business is by customer recommendation.

Your satisfaction is our guarantee.

Kelvin Road • Green Bridge Industrial Estate • Swindon • Wiltshire • SN3 3JQ Tel: 01793 423478 • Fax: 01793 423312



SWINDON
TOWN
F.C.

Matchday

**Buffet
Offer**

*"We look forward to hearing
from you and we thank you for
your continued support."*

In a drive to offer more for our supporters, we would like to offer you the chance to enjoy our superb matchday hospitality facilities as we launch a new service. The Chairman, Cliff Puffett, and his fellow Directors would like the opportunity to welcome you as a special guest to the Matchday Buffet. You would enjoy an excellent day out here at the County Ground and experience the following:

Option of a pre-match ground tour
Top quality buffet served in the "Matchday Suite"
Seats in the Executive enclosure
Complimentary matchday magazine
Half-time refreshments served in the suite
Vote for and meet the "Man of the Match"
Cash bar facility in the suite

The 'Matchday Suite' is an ideal venue to enjoy a matchday in comfort & style or perhaps celebrate a special occasion. The dress code in the hospitality area is smart/casual, denim and trainers are not permitted.

Day memberships are offered to our supporters for £35 (inclusive of VAT) per person and are subject to availability. Unlike our Executive hospitality package the price is not banded as per the fixtures.

If you would like to book day memberships and experience our excellent hospitality & service, then please contact our Sales Department on 01793 333716/718.

You've got 15 minutes starting from.....NOW!

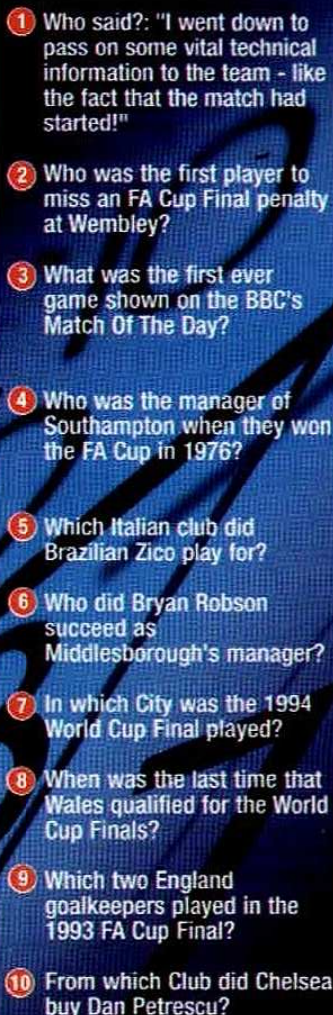


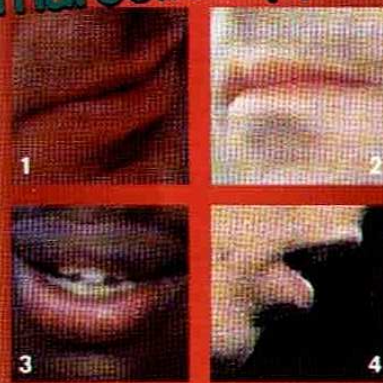
- 1 - Lommel
- 2 - VPS Baasa
- 3 - Hansa Rostock
- 4 - Sochaux
- 5 - Empoli
- 6 - Heerenveen
- 7 - Sogndal
- 8 - Brann
- 9 - Villarreal
- 10 - Hammarby IF



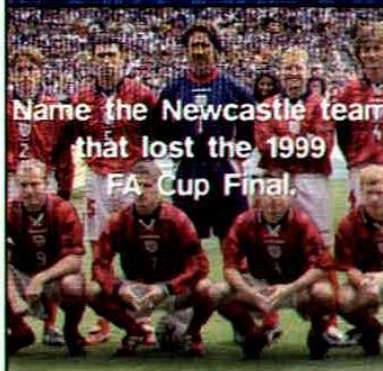
Which Clubs?



- 
- 1 Who said?: "I went down to pass on some vital technical information to the team - like the fact that the match had started!"
 - 2 Who was the first player to miss an FA Cup Final penalty at Wembley?
 - 3 What was the first ever game shown on the BBC's Match Of The Day?
 - 4 Who was the manager of Southampton when they won the FA Cup in 1976?
 - 5 Which Italian club did Brazilian Zico play for?
 - 6 Who did Bryan Robson succeed as Middlesbrough's manager?
 - 7 In which City was the 1994 World Cup Final played?
 - 8 When was the last time that Wales qualified for the World Cup Finals?
 - 9 Which two England goalkeepers played in the 1993 FA Cup Final?
 - 10 From which Club did Chelsea buy Dan Petrescu?



Name the Team



1. Steve McQueen
 2. Tony Puleo, 3. George Hahn,
 4. Steve McQueen
 5. Steve McQueen
 6. Steve McQueen
 7. Steve McQueen
 8. Steve McQueen
 9. Steve McQueen
 10. Steve McQueen
 11. Steve McQueen
 12. Steve McQueen
 13. Steve McQueen
 14. Steve McQueen
 15. Steve McQueen
 16. Steve McQueen
 17. Steve McQueen
 18. Steve McQueen
 19. Steve McQueen
 20. Steve McQueen
 21. Steve McQueen
 22. Steve McQueen
 23. Steve McQueen
 24. Steve McQueen
 25. Steve McQueen
 26. Steve McQueen
 27. Steve McQueen
 28. Steve McQueen
 29. Steve McQueen
 30. Steve McQueen
 31. Steve McQueen
 32. Steve McQueen
 33. Steve McQueen
 34. Steve McQueen
 35. Steve McQueen
 36. Steve McQueen
 37. Steve McQueen
 38. Steve McQueen
 39. Steve McQueen
 40. Steve McQueen
 41. Steve McQueen
 42. Steve McQueen
 43. Steve McQueen
 44. Steve McQueen
 45. Steve McQueen
 46. Steve McQueen
 47. Steve McQueen
 48. Steve McQueen
 49. Steve McQueen
 50. Steve McQueen
 51. Steve McQueen
 52. Steve McQueen
 53. Steve McQueen
 54. Steve McQueen
 55. Steve McQueen
 56. Steve McQueen
 57. Steve McQueen
 58. Steve McQueen
 59. Steve McQueen
 60. Steve McQueen
 61. Steve McQueen
 62. Steve McQueen
 63. Steve McQueen
 64. Steve McQueen
 65. Steve McQueen
 66. Steve McQueen
 67. Steve McQueen
 68. Steve McQueen
 69. Steve McQueen
 70. Steve McQueen
 71. Steve McQueen
 72. Steve McQueen
 73. Steve McQueen
 74. Steve McQueen
 75. Steve McQueen
 76. Steve McQueen
 77. Steve McQueen
 78. Steve McQueen
 79. Steve McQueen
 80. Steve McQueen
 81. Steve McQueen
 82. Steve McQueen
 83. Steve McQueen
 84. Steve McQueen
 85. Steve McQueen
 86. Steve McQueen
 87. Steve McQueen
 88. Steve McQueen
 89. Steve McQueen
 90. Steve McQueen
 91. Steve McQueen
 92. Steve McQueen
 93. Steve McQueen
 94. Steve McQueen
 95. Steve McQueen
 96. Steve McQueen
 97. Steve McQueen
 98. Steve McQueen
 99. Steve McQueen
 100. Steve McQueen



captain's with Scott Teitch corner

Although we were satisfied with a point at West Brom, the feeling amongst the players is that we did enough to win the game and should have taken all three points.

The penalty decision was very frustrating because it didn't look like a foul at the time. I've seen it again since and haven't changed my mind. The players picked themselves up and continued to play very well and were rewarded when Gareth Hall scored a very good equaliser, he could of even had another.

We stuck to our game plan and did what the manager asked us to do and it was working very well. We frustrated them in the first half and then in the second really took the game to the opposition and we could have scored a few goals. Once again we were very unlucky in front of goal - shots hit the crossbar and rebounded when they could have so easily gone in. We do need one of those to go in because it always seems to happen. We can't dwell

on that but I would look at it as two points dropped rather than a good away point.

We'll try to build on that good performance and carry it over into our home matches, where we should be winning more games than we have. We're now looking forward to the match against Grimsby and are positive that we can pick up all three points because it is well over due.



For the team with all the answers

MC² Financial Consultancy

Personal and Corporate Financial Guidance

Tel/Fax: 01635 36914

Email: mc2.practice@allieddunbar.co.uk

MELVIN CZAPALSKI BSC (Hons), MLIA (dip)

Certified in Financial Planning by the Chartered Insurance Institute
Senior Consultant

Allied Dunbar House, 65 London Road, Newbury Berkshire, RG14 1YA.

MC² Financial Consultancy is a trading name of MC Financial Services Ltd. MC Financial Services Ltd is an Appointed Representative only of the Allied Dunbar and Threadneedle Marketing Group, which is regulated by the Personal Investment Authority in relation to the life assurance and pension products of Allied Dunbar and the investment products of Threadneedle.

Professional advice for the life you don't yet know.



TURNING BACK the clock

Maurice Owen

Welcome to our A to Z of former Swindon Town players.
This week we take a look back at Maurice Owen.

Maurice Owen joined Swindon from Abingdon Town in 1946. His career could hardly have started more successfully as he bagged a hat-trick on his debut as Watford were crushed 5-0 at the County Ground. His success continued and his first 17 games produced a total of 16 goals including 4 in one match against Mansfield. Maurice had been a Chindit during the war and he showed the same bravery in leading the Town line as he had shown in the Jungle during WW2 and, although he was only in the team for half of the season, he finished as top scorer.

His power in the air, speed of foot and eye for the goal soon began to attract the attention of other clubs. Within a fortnight of a bid of £6,000 from Crystal Palace being rejected Norwich City offered double that amount. The Town directors finally agreed to his sale for £14,000 only for the deal to fall through as Maurice wanted to remain near to his home in Abingdon.

The 1951-2 season saw him notch 24 goals and his scoring exploits attracted international recognition when he appeared for the England B side against France in Paris. Had he been playing for a more fashionable or successful club he would have undoubtedly have earned

more international recognition. As it was, in five seasons out of six between 1950 and 1956, Maurice was the Town's leading scorer in a period during which 16th was the highest league position they attained.

During the 1957-8 season Maurice moved back to play at wing-half and he finished his career as a centre-half or full-back. His career ended on a high note when he captained Swindon to its first ever promotion and the respect he was held in by his fellow professionals is shown by the fact that Billy Wright, Tom Finney, Bobby Moore and John 'Budgie' Byrne turned out for an All Stars side in a testimonial that raised him £1,000. At the time of his retirement his 554 league appearances were a club record and to this day his 150 league and 14 cup goals place him fourth in the list of Town's all-time leading scorers.



When his playing days were over Maurice continued to serve the club in a number of capacities. He assisted with secretarial duties, helped out on the coaching side and finally took on the role of groundsman. A self-effacing man, when he finally retired he was asked by the directors what he would like to mark his many years of service, "A new bike would be nice" he replied. In later years some players of lesser ability would be asking for loyalty bonuses before they kicked a ball and it perhaps helps explain why the directors who gave Maurice what he asked for were seen as somewhat parsimonious.

By Dick Mattick

competition TIME

Q. How many goals in total did Owen score for Swindon in league and cup?

If you think you know - send your answers on a postcard to: History Competition, Swindon Town F.C., County Ground, County Road, Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 2ED.

The first correct entry received will win a great STFC Mystery Prize!

In the last programme we asked

"For which club did Ted Nash make his final appearances in the Football League?"

Answer
Crystal Palace F.C.
Winner
Bill Thackray
From Croydon

CLUB 2000

hobley drive, lower stratton

swindon

tel: 01793 333666

membership from
£15.00 per month

take your first
step call now

discounts available
for all ticket holders

fully equipped gym

sauna

steam room

swimming pool

jacuzzi

aerobics

aqua aerobics

circuit training

muscular endurance training

karate

solarium

crèche



SWINDON
TOWN
F.C.

present an
evening with

**Martin
Chivers**

Monday 21st

February

Doors open

at 7.00pm



Evening starts at 8.00pm
Bar meals available

Tickets £5 call 01793 333718
to book your place.

WIN WIN WIN A WEEKEND BREAK WITH SWINDON TOWN & JARVIS HOTELS



Swindon Town and Jarvis Hotels will be giving away a superb weekend break, free of charge to the lucky winner of this month's 'Lucky Break' draw. The draw will take place at an up-and-coming match here at the County Ground.

The weekend break is for two people for two nights and can be taken at any of the 63 Jarvis Hotels across the UK.

To enter the draw, you must be 18 or over. Simply send your business card or complete in full the entry form on the right.



it could be you!!!

Title..... Name.....
Occupation.....
Company..... Contact No.....
Address.....
Post Code.....
GOOD LUCK



Last month Barcelona's Brazilian forward Rivaldo was named FIFA's World Player of the Year for 1999.

Rivaldo had already picked up the European Footballer of the Year Award earlier in January after guiding Brazil to the Copa America title and Catalan giants Barcelona to the Spanish League title.

In a poll including 140 national team coaches the Brazilian superstar was placed at the number one spot by 91 of the world's leading experts.

In the end the contest between himself and David Beckham of Manchester United was not as close as some predicted. Both were in the frame for the highly coveted prize after having very successful seasons. Beckham came second with 18 leading trainers naming him their top player of 1999 and Argentine Gabriel Batistuta came third with five voting for the Fiorentina striker.

The award has been given eight times before. Veteran German Lothar Matthaeus won the first award in 1991 with French World Cup midfielder Zinedine Zidane taking the prize last year and this year 'ZZ' came fourth. Manchester United strike partners Andy Cole and Dwight Yorke also featured in FIFA's top ten best players of 1999.

Rivaldo was presented the trophy by Sepp Blatter in Brussels last month and in doing so became the third Brazilian to receive football's highest individual honour following Romario in 1994 and Ronaldo in 1996 and 1997.

Now all eyes will be watching with interest as Rivaldo seeks to sort out his future once and for all. In December he fell out with Barcelona's Dutch coach Luis Van Gaal and was left out of team. A whirlwind of transfer rumours soon followed - reportedly Lazio leading the chase with a £34 million bid and United's Sir Alex Ferguson also very keen.

However, Rivaldo's future at Barcelona is still undecided. 'I want to stay at Barcelona but when the coach and the president say the sort of things they have been saying recently, I have to consider the future,' he said at the ceremony. 'I have to think about what is best for myself, the team and the fans. I would be much happier if they came out straight and said I was staying because that is what I want to do.'



Understanding Football - Lesson 4

In the world of soccer, in order to escape the attention - and thereby the ridicule - of the media, it is better to be unremarkable, middle-of-the-road, indistinct and opinionless, without passion and definitely Home Counties.

This week has been a bumper 'pun-fun' one for the sports writers. Glenn Hoddle's got a new job and Gillingham have reached the last eight in the FA Cup for the first time in their history. The Fleet Street hacks will be sharpening their pencils and filling the empty hours before Kevin Keegan's next press conference with lots of stuff that not only did we not previously know - but, until we've read it, we won't even know we want to know!

Let's start with Gillingham. They have, until now, filled all the requirements of a club left well alone. They are mid-table, mid-league and in Kent. They don't nestle by a railway line as we do in Swindon or Crewe, nor does their town ring with the song of a male voice choir returning from the pit (Swansea, Cardiff or Wrexham). They're not going down to the sea in ships (Plymouth or Portsmouth) and they do not live by their wits and their nets (Grimsby and Hull). In fact all of the 'working-class cloth caps' and 'men of the soil' clap-trap that has hung around soccer like a seagull round a rubbish tip since the 50's will not apply to them. They are from 'Men of Kent' territory who number among their famous sons one 'Bungalow Bill' - escort of Joan Collins (retired). I wouldn't mind betting someone manages to get the words 'hop garden' in their copy before the quarter-finals. In the meantime everyone will be interviewed, from the striker's window-cleaner to the Chairman's charlady and the lady who makes the tea and washes the kit. Local bakers will be icing buns with blue and white and I bet we get a picture of a pet in club strip in some form or other.



It will, of course, be all good-natured fun and, unless the manager has a prison record or a mistress working on Ground Force or Ready Steady Cook, everybody will enjoy their five minutes of fame. Gillingham will become a famous giant-killer and have re-runs on Match of the Day of this, their greatest hour, ad infinitum.



Not so much fun for Glenn Hoddle. He made the bad mistakes of opting to manage his country, inheriting a surname like

Hoddle, having a friend who is a faith healer and, if all that weren't bad enough, being a born-again Christian. He is now acting manager of Southampton, nicknamed the 'Saints'.

Yes, you know what's coming. Headlines such as: "It takes a Saint to know a Saint", "Hoddle hobbles Le Tis" and "Lots more crosses at the Dell", backed up with the suspicion

that 'Glenn' (we are all mates now he's not England coach) must have done something bad in a previous life to have to make something of this lot. Win, lose or draw, in 2 or 3 weeks Eileen will be trotted out to give an opinion. If Southampton have a Media Relations Officer he would do well to offer a couple of the Gills' free hands-on treatments, at least it would take the heat off Glenn for a few weeks. The connection between Glenn and Gillingham's manager is, of course, that both have lost England jobs recently - Peter Taylor managed the under 21's and Glenn the first team, which by all the laws of 'underdogism' makes Peter Taylor a good bloke.

I wouldn't mind betting Graham Taylor thought he'd be OK with a middle-of-the-road name like his and having managed home counties' team Watford. But from the moment the Sun nicknamed him 'Turnip-head' it was down hill all the way. I remember him visiting The County Ground and saying to him: "Nice to see you at the County Ground, you're very welcome here". "Well it must be the only place in England that I am" he replied with a haunted look.

Maybe we all know how it feels to be attacked from all sides when doing your best Graham. Or maybe our senses have been numbed by the noise and reverberations of all the trains rushing by.

MAZ

reliant robinson

Started his career at West Bromwich Albion, joined Barnsley on a free in June 1986 and, such was his form there, that Newcastle snapped him up for £450,000 in March 1993. After losing his place in the first team through injury, Swindon paid a Club record £600,000 for his services in July 1994 and he has been a regular and consistent performer ever since. Mark can play at full-back, central defence and was also a success as a sweeper.



place of birth	Rochdale
date of birth	21.11.68
99/00 apps	27(2)
99/00 goals	0
position	defender

mark
robinson

1999/2000
season

the key...

FAC / WC
F.A. CUP - WORTHINGTON CUP

date	opponents	result	att.
Sat Aug 7	Walsall (A)	0-0	6,437
Tue Aug 10	Leyton Orient (WC1)1 (H)	0-1	3,587
Sun Aug 15	Ipswich (H)	1-4	6,195
Sat Aug 21	Crystal Palace (A)	2-1	12,726
Tue Aug 24	Leyton Orient (WC1)2 (A)	1-1 (1-2agg)	4,000
Sat Aug 28	West Brom (H)	1-2	6,565
Mon Aug 30	Grimsbly (A)	0-1	5,705
Sat Sept 11	Nott'm Forest (H)	0-0	8,203
Sat Sept 18	Crewe (A)	1-2	5,280
Sat Sept 25	Port Vale (A)	0-2	4,629
Tues Sept 28	Blackburn (H)	2-1	7,354
Sat Oct 2	Bolton (H)	0-4	6,711
Sat Oct 9	Stockport (H)	1-1	5,318
Sat Oct 16	Fulham (A)	0-1	13,715
Tues Oct 19	Barnsley (A)	0-1	12,026
Sat Oct 23	Sheff Utd (H)	2-2	5,504
Tues Oct 26	Port Vale (H)	2-1	5,703
Sat Oct 30	Bolton (A)	0-2	12,486
Sat Nov 6	Huddersfield (A)	0-4	11,891
Fri Nov 12	Norwich (H)	0-0	7,405
Sat Nov 20	Wolverhampton (A)	1-1	19,917
Tues Nov 23	Charlton (H)	1-2	6,515
Sat Nov 27	Birmingham (A)	1-1	22,620
Sat Dec 4	Walsall (H)	1-1	7,186
Sat Dec 11	Charlton (FAC 3) (A)	1-2	10,939
Sat Dec 18	Man City (A)	0-3	31,751
Sun Dec 26	Portsmouth (H)	1-1	10,279
Tues Dec 28	Tranmere (A)	1-3	8,068
Mon Jan 3	QPR (H)	0-1	9,460
Sat Jan 15	Ipswich (A)	0-3	17,326
Fri Jan 21	Crystal Palace (H)	2-4	5,214
Sat Jan 29	West Brom (A)	1-1	11,856
Sat Feb 5	Grimsbly (H)		
Sat Feb 12	Blackburn (A)		
Sat Feb 19	Birmingham (H)		
Sat Feb 26	Crewe (H)		
Sat Mar 4	Nott'm Forest (A)		
Tues Mar 7	Huddersfield (H)		
Sat Mar 11	Charlton (A)		
Sat Mar 18	Wolverhampton (H)		
Tues Mar 21	Norwich (A)		
Sat Mar 25	Portsmouth (A)		
Sat Apr 1	Man City (H)		
Sat Apr 8	QPR (A)		
Sat Apr 15	Tranmere (H)		
Sat Apr 22	Fulham (H)		
Mon Apr 24	Stockport (A)		
Sat Apr 29	Barnsley (H)		
Sun May 7	Sheff Utd (A)		

this season's top scorers		this season's top gates		last four games	
Chris Hay	5	Sun 26th Dec vs Portsmouth	10,279	West Brom	DREW 1-1
Iffy Onuora	4	Mon Jan 3rd vs Q.P.R.	9,460	Crystal Palace	LOST 2-4
Giuliano Grazioli	3	Sat Sept 11th vs Nott'm Forest	8,203	Ipswich Town	LOST 3-0
Gareth Hall	2	Fri Nov 12th vs Norwich City	7,405	Q.P.R.	LOST 1-0



front cover photograph...
Gareth Hall

saturday feb 5th 2000



KO 3.00pm vs grimsby town



Last updated 4/2/2000



division one








TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Charlton	28	18	5	5	52	28	59
Man City	28	17	4	7	44	22	55
Barnsley	29	17	4	8	59	42	55
Ipswich	29	15	9	5	48	29	54
Huddersfield	29	15	6	8	47	31	51
Wolverhampton	29	11	10	8	38	33	43
Stockport	29	11	9	9	34	38	42
Birmingham	28	11	8	9	39	32	41
Blackburn	27	10	10	7	35	30	40
QPR	29	10	10	9	38	35	40
Fulham	28	9	12	7	25	25	39
Norwich	28	10	8	10	27	30	38
Bolton	27	9	9	9	35	31	36
Tranmere	28	10	6	12	37	38	36
Crystal Palace	29	9	9	11	42	47	36
Sheff Utd	29	9	8	12	36	44	35
Grimsby	29	9	7	13	33	49	34
Nottm Forest	29	7	9	13	30	37	30
West Brom	29	5	15	9	25	33	30
Crewe	29	7	8	14	28	38	29
Walsall	29	7	8	14	32	46	29
Port Vale	27	6	9	12	31	37	27
Portsmouth	29	6	9	14	34	45	27
Swindon	29	3	10	16	21	50	19

stfc first team appearances 1999/2000

player name:	squad number	league apps	cup apps	goals all comps	total apps
Frank Talia	1	20	2	-	22
Mark Robinson	2	24(2)	3	-	27(2)
Gareth Hall	3	27	3	2	30
Scott Leitch	4	13(1)	2	-	15(1)
Gareth Davies	5	10(1)	2	-	12(1)
Michael Carrick	6	7	-	2	7
Bobby Howe	7	22(3)	1(1)	1	23(4)
Mark McCammon	8	3	-	-	3
Iffy Onuora	9	16(5)	3	4	19(5)
Giuliano Grazioli	10	4(4)	2	3	6(4)
Ty Gooden	11	7(3)	1	1	8(3)
Alan Reeves	12	27	2	1	29
Jimmy Glass	13	8	-	-	8
Mark Walters	14	11(2)	2	2	13(2)
Chris Hay	15	18(5)	(2)	5	18(7)
Lee Collins	16	8(1)	1	-	9(1)
Steve Cowe	17	1(2)	-	-	1(2)
Steve Mildenhall	18	1(1)	1	-	2(1)
Adam Willis	19	4(6)	1(1)	-	5(7)
Charlie Griffin	20	1(9)	(2)	-	1(11)
Sol Davis	21	17(1)	2(1)	-	19(2)
Robin Hulbert	22	2(6)	2	-	4(6)
Philippe Cuervo	23	(3)	-	-	(3)
Sam Campagna	24	1(2)	-	-	1(2)
Frazer McHugh	25	9(3)	(1)	-	9(4)
Nicky Burke	26	-	-	-	-
Jamie Mills	27	-	-	-	-
Ricky Culbertson	28	-	-	-	-
Alan Flanagan	29	-	-	-	-
Paul McAreavey	30	-	-	-	(1)
Alun Hughes	31	-	-	-	-
James Williams	32	7(8)	1	-	8(8)
Andy Williams	33	23	1	-	24
Jim Quinn	40	1(4)	1	-	2(4)

player in RED
denotes scorer

number in brackets
denotes player replaced()

						
		1	2	3	4	5
GRAZIOLO (1)	ONUORA	GRIFIN	TAYLOR	HOWE	REEVES	GLASS
GRAZIOLO (1)	ONUORA	GRIFIN	TAYLOR	HOWE	HAY	GLASS
GRAZIOLO (1)	ONUORA (2)	WALTERS	HAY	WILLIS	REEVES	GLASS
GRAZIOLO (1)	ONUORA	HAY	WILLIS	HULBERT	WILLIAMS	GLASS
GRAZIOLO (1)	ONUORA	HAY	WILLIS	MCHUGH	WILLIAMS	GLASS
HAY(2)	ONUORA	WILLIS	GRIFIN	MCHUGH	WILLIAMS	GLASS
HAY	ONUORA (2)	WILLIAMS	GRIFIN	MCHUGH	WILLIS	GLASS
NDIAH	ONUORA (1)	GRIFIN	DAVIS	WILLIAMS	WILLIS	GLASS
NDIAH	ONUORA (2)	WALTERS	GRIFIN	WILLIS	DAVIS	GLASS
NDIAH	WALTERS	J WILLIAMS	ONUORA	WILLIS	DAVIS	GLASS
NDIAH	WALTERS (1)	ONUORA	HULBERT (3)	GRAZIOLO	DAVIS	FLANAGAN
ONUORA	WALTERS	HAY (1)	HULBERT (2)	GOODEN (3)	GRIFIN	MILDENHALL
HAY (2)	WALTERS (3)	ROBINSON (1)	GRAZIOLO (2)	ONUORA (3)	J WILLIAMS	TALIA
GOODEN (1)	NDIAH	ONUORA (1)	J WILLIAMS	HAY	WILLIS	TALIA
NDIAH(3)	A WILLIAMS	ONUORA(1)	HAY(2)	GRAZIOLO(3)	J WILLIAMS	TALIA
WILLIAMS(1)	ONUORA	HOWE	GRAZIOLO	ROBINSON	WILLIS	TALIA
WILLIAMS	ONUORA(2)	COLLINS	GRAZIOLO	ROBINSON	WILLIS	TALIA
WILLIS	GRAZIOLO(2)	MCHUGH	ONUORA	HOWE	COWE	TALIA
HOWE(2)	ONUORA	MCHUGH	J WILLIAMS	LEITCH	GRIFIN	GLASS
HOWE	ONUORA(1)	QUINN	J WILLIAMS	WILLIS	MCHUGH	MILDENHALL
HAY	ONUORA(1)	QUINN	HULBERT	COLLINS	WILLIS	GLASS
HAY	ONUORA(1)	QUINN	HULBERT	WILLIS	COLLINS	MILDENHALL
HAY(2)	ONUORA	QUINN	GRIFIN	COLLINS	WILLIS	GLASS
QUINN	ONUORA	GOODEN	GRIFIN	COLLINS	WILLIS	HULBERT
QUINN	ONUORA	MCHUGH	GRIFIN	HAY	HULBERT	GLASS
GRIFIN	HAY	DAVIS	HOWE	J WILLIAMS	HULBERT	MILDENHALL
ONUORA	HAY	GRIFIN	WILLIS	CUERVO	HULBERT	MILDENHALL
ONUORA	HAY	GRIFIN	QUINN	CUERVO	HULBERT	CAMPAGNA
MCCAMMON(1)	HAY	GRIFIN	HOWE	MCHUGH	CAMPAGNA	MILDENHALL
OWE (3)	HAY	J WILLIAMS	CAMPAGNA	GRIFIN	MCAREAVEY	MILDENHALL
MCCAMMON	HAY	J WILLIAMS	CUERVO	HOWE	COWE	MILDENHALL
HAY	MCCAMMON	CAMPAGNA	CUERVO	HULBERT (2)	COWE (3)	MILDENHALL(1)

Designed and Produced by

PlaSPORT

ADVERTISING & MARKETING

Tel: 01635 35599 • Fax: 01635 845811

Editor: Daniel Prescott • Designer: Derrick Johnson





Alan Buckley

BIRMINGHAM CITY 3.00pm Kick-Off

