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"Against All Odds"

I have to admit I just love going to The Valley ground of Charlton's. They are for me, what the game is all about, a super club in every sense of the word.



The minute you walk into the stadium you are greeted from every official on show with a warmth and special 'feel at home welcome', it really is something else.

It was also amusing to hear the pre-match banter in the Boardroom on their anticipation of clinching a record for them of 13 games without defeat and inflicting upon us probably the final death of our reign in Division One.

I said to Willie Carson just before we took our seats "what do you think of our chances then Willie?". He said "you never know, there's nearly 20,000 people here that expect them to win and we expect to lose, but you never know in this game."

 I whispered back to him that "we will either win 1 - 0 or lose by 6", never really dreaming my prediction would come true until Steve Cowe's shot wriggled through the keepers hands in the fifth minute. I have to say the gesture made by Charlton at half time of the £2,000 gift towards our Youth Team and the way their fans applauded our lads off the field, really made it a day of heroes - both sides were the biggest winners of the day. The top club in the Division showing humility towards a club in hard times has to go down as a remarkable example to all involved.

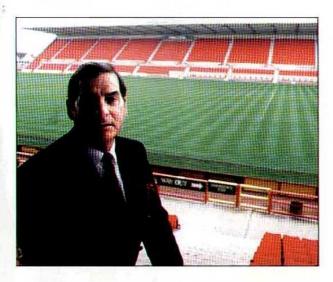
Thank you - Charlton - may you get what you deserve, a long and fruitful stay in the Premier League, your model is one that I will be doing my best to follow.

Whilst I am 'dishing out bouquets' I want to express a big vote of thanks to our away supporters who really have been 'showing the faith' lately - great stuff and great support.

Thank you!

Enjoy the match.

Cliff Puffett



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Good Afternoon and welcome to today's match against Wolverhampton Wanderers. I've certainly realised the difference between winning and losing a football match in these past couple of weeks. We've had two fantastic wins and it would be nice if time could stand still for a little while! The atmosphere at the Club has been tremendous since the victory over Huddersfield and then, once more, away to Charlton last Saturday. We definitely deserved a change of luck after all the effort everybody has put in. We've worked hard at times and for one reason or another not got the reward. In our last two games we've worked ever so hard as a team; defending well, stopping the opposition scoring has been the main tactic and we are very pleased with the results. Against Huddersfield we played some very good football and looked threatening going forward. We looked as though we might score more goals than we did and I was surprised that we didn't seal the win sooner. At The Valley we got a break in our favour early on when their keeper made a mistake conceding the only goal of the match. We've made enough mistakes of our own this season, so for once, we'll take them when they go our way. Our defence was tested for the rest of the match but we defended very well and got a fantastic result. It just goes to show what you can achieve when you all stick together, have a belief in each other and that's what the lads have done. There isn't a magic formula that gets you these results, although, we have changed our system slightly in that we are pushing three men forward and tucking the two wide players in when the opposition have the ball. This keeps us solid in the middle and, at the same time, we have plenty of cover at the back. It's worked well for the last two games and I see no reason to change it. Another plus point from these matches is that because people are playing so well, there is competition for places. At the moment, the lads who aren't in the team have to make sure that when they are called upon, they come in and do a good job. Adam Willis and Steve Cowe have come into the side and now have their places in the side on merit. They've performed ever so well and now it's up to them to stay in the team. Steve Cowe has worked his socks off for the team, as has Chris Hay recently. All credit to the players who have done tremendously well over the past few games, including the Forest match when we were still the better side. I would like to welcome Colin Lee and all his players to the County Ground for today's match. Wolves are another team trying to get into the play-offs and it will be a very hard match. We've shown that when we're up for it and on our mettle we have a good chance of winning the match and we'll be aiming for again that today. The fans have been great and it was fantastic to hear you cheering wins for a change, let's hope we can get another one here today. quinn's - ADMINISTRATION: (01793) 333700 • ADMIN FAX: (01793) 333703 • SALES DEPT: (01793) 333718 stfc

today's Visitors

Having suffered the ignominy of two seasons in Division Four, it is now 10 seasons since consecutive promotions returned Wolves to the old Second Division.

Their Third Division Championship triumph in 1989 suggested an impressive momentum destined surely to propel the Old Gold all the way back to the top flight. 10 years later though and with only Portsmouth having remained in this division longer, Wolves are still trying to find the formula. Graham Turner, Graham Taylor and Mark McGhee have all had their chance without ever surmounting the final hurdle and now, courtesy of the latter's dismissal halfway through last season, Colin Lee is charged with what is fast becoming the impossible dream.

The club's owner and benefactor Jack Heyward, whilst never having ploughed Al Fayed or Walkeresque sums into his childhood heroes, has still stumped up enough cash over the seasons to expect some kind of return beyond a couple of play-off appearances and an FA Cup semi-final. He has overseen the development of Molineux — a run down, two sided laughing stock at the turn of the decade — into one of the country's most strikingly impressive stadia but has seen his contributions to player rebuilding squandered on staff lacking the necessary 'right stuff' to aid their escape from the Nationwide League.

It is a sign of Wolves' stature within the game that despite having played their football outside the top



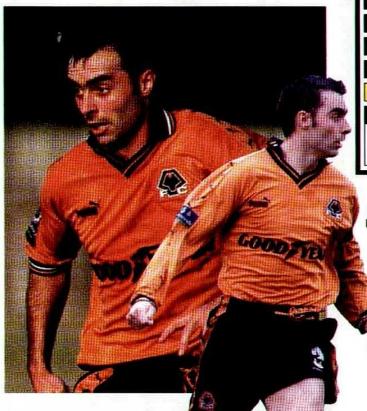
flight for 15 years now, they are still regarded as one of the nation's traditional big clubs. But with so much money flowing through the game and winding it's way down to the First Division — where some clubs will do and spend anything to get out — the task is becoming harder and harder. There are more than enough big fish to fill the top six and leave a few more disappointed besides and with the loss of Steve Bull to retirement, Dean Richards to Southampton via Jean Marc Bosman and Robbie Keane to Coventry, Wolves fans may be forgiven for thinking that their chances are poorer than ever.

Whether it will be enough remains to be seen but there were enough signs last season that Lee was on the verge of finding a successful formula and if his new signings can gel, Lee's blend of silk and steel may finally be on the verge of progression. Having suffered in the spotlight of expectation for so long it would be ironic (and no surprise) if in a season where other teams are grabbing all the attention, Wolves were able to sneak over the fence under cover of darkness. They certainly are due their chance.



BACK ROW: Barry Holmes (physio), Mark Jones, Darren Bazeley, Steve Sedgley, Adrian Williams, Gordon Simms, Robert Niestroj,
Kevin O'Leary (physio). MIDDLE ROW: Taff Davies (kit man), Lee Naylor, Keith Andrews, Adam Proudlock, Matt Murray,
Haavard Flo, Neil Emblen, Mike Stowell, Robbie Keane (now with Coventry City), Stephen Hackett, Steve Corica, Terry Connor (coach).
FRONT ROW: Simon Osborn, Kevin Muscat, Paul Simpson, Paul Loughlin, John Ward (assistant manager), Keith Curle, Colin Lee (manager).
Seamus Crowe, Ryan Green, Andy Sinton, Carl Robinson.

darren bazeley



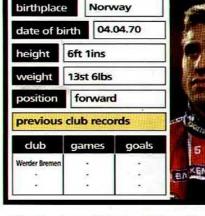
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Darren Bazeley helped Watford clinch a place in the top flight and is now setting his sights on doing the same for Wolves.

The versatile star, who can operate either on the right side of midfield or at right wing back, played more than 30 games for Graham Taylor's line-up before opting to leave on a free transfer.

He's no stranger to Colin Lee, having made his first team debut for Watford back in 1990 when the Wolves boss was temporarily in charge at Vicarage Road.

haavard **flo**



The brother of Chelsea's Tore Andre, this tall Norwegian striker was signed by Wolves from Werder Bremen last January after protracted negotiations, having made an impact in the World Cup.

On his debut as he made a quiet start, but soon showed his qualities in the air, scoring against Arsenal in the FA Cup. Despite making a 16th appearance for Norway, he did not score in his first seven league games in England.

He scored Wolves' late equaliser against Swindon earlier this season and while deputising for suspended Ade Akinbiyi scored both goals in last week's 2–1 win over Ipswich Town.



players



The longest serving player in the Wolves squad, he also holds the record for the most clean sheets kept by a Molineux goalkeeper, exceeding Phil Parkes' 110. The former Everton star has provided excellent value for money as a £250,000 signing and is currently in his testimonial season.

Kevin Muscat	
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Weight 11st 7lbs	
defender defender	

The Australian international was a key figure for Wolves last season and was named 'Player of the Year.' He performed at both left and right back and only missed games through suspension and an unusual injury, which required an operation to repair shattered bones in his hands.

K	eitch Curle
date of b	14.11.63
height	6ft
weight	12st 7lbs
position	defender

A solid figure at the heart of the Wolves defence, he put in regular 'Man of the Match' performances last season and is the club captain and penalty taker. A vastly experienced performer – who won three full England caps in the early '90s – he signed a new two-year contract in the summer.



His early career at Molineux was disrupted by injury setbacks but he has since become a first team regular, either operating in the centre of defence or midfield. An experienced star, he collected an F.A. Cup winners medal with Tottenham and has also been capped by England at U21 level.

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A product of the Molineux youth policy, he made his first team debut during the 1996-97 season and has since blossomed into a cultured midfielder. Capped by Wales at 'B' international level, he's now firmly established as a key member of Colin Lee's Wolves side.

Pa	aul Simpson		
date of t	26.07.66		
height 5ft 8ins			
weight 11st 11lbs			
position	midfielder		

Experienced performer who lists Man City, Oxford and Derby among his former clubs. Joined Wolves in a £75,000 deal almost two years ago after a loan spell at Molineux. Headed out on loan to Walsall last season and during the summer he signed a new two-year contract.



Andy Sinton			
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position	mic	dfielder	

Joined Wolves during the summer from Spurs on a free transfer.
Capped 12 times by England, he finds himself working with Colin Lee for the second time in his career.
The Molineux boss was youth coach at Brentford when Sinton was making a name for himself.

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A £900,000 signing from Queens Park Rangers four years ago, he has had injury problems since moving to Molineux. However, the former Crystal Palace and Reading star's creative midfield skills have made him an influential playmaker in the side.





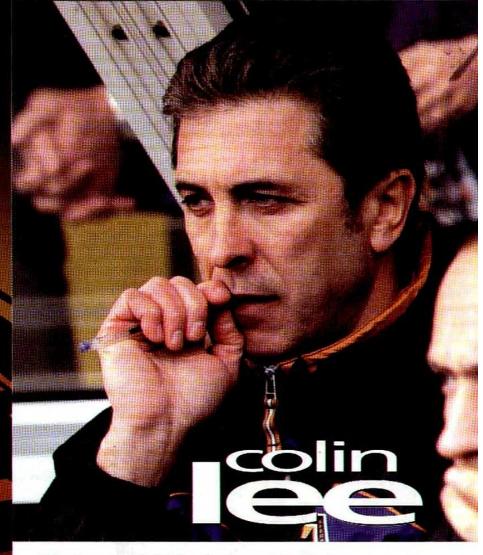
The Australian international's early Wolves career was blighted by a cruciate ligament injury which forced him to spend many months on the sidelines. Has represented his country in the Olympics and launched his career in this country in the East Midlands with Leicester.



Returned to Wolves in May '98 less than seven months after leaving Molineux to join Crystal Palace for £2million. Equally at home in midfield or the centre of defence, he was a late developer and rose from the non-league ranks to make his debut for Millwall at the age of 22.

Ade Akinbiyi	
date of birth 10.10.74	
height 6ft 1 ins	
weight 13st 9lbs	Ī
position striker	Ī

A club record E3.5million was paid to secure the services of the much-admired striker from Bristol City earlier this season. He topped the scoring charts at Ashton Gate last season with 23 League and Cup goals and will be expected to fill the void at Molineux left by the departure of Robbie Keane.



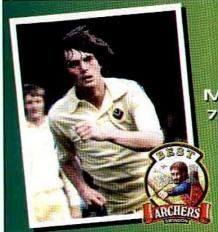
'The impossible job' or 'poisoned chalice' are phrases often associated with particular managerial roles in this country that seem to offer nothing but the unbearable weight of expectation and a history of inglorious failure.

When Mark McGhee became the fifth consecutive manager unable to fulfil his task of returning Wolves to the top flight, you knew it would take a brave man to step into the breach, especially with the prospect of losing the legendary Steve Bull to injury and the irrepressible Robbie Keane to the Premiership. Yet Colin Lee took over with a singleminded coolness that belied the enormous pressures such a job can bring. His first game in charge saw Wolves score six goals away from home and come the end of the season, the 'caretaker' tag was replaced with a two year deal, having done enough to impress Jack Heyward that he was the man to take the club forward. Whether he can succeed where others have failed remains to be seen, but so far the signs are good.

Lee has graduated to this position having spent much of his recent career as number two to McGhee at Leicester and Reading before coming to the Molineux. Before that he played and made a name for Spurs and Chelseabefore moving in to coaching at Watford and Brentford. After a high profile playing career he was quite prepared to serve his coaching apprenticeship and did so studiously. But having spent all this time in the shadows of others, he has now merged to take full charge of one of Britain's most famous teams, prepeared and undaunted and with every chance of achieving success.

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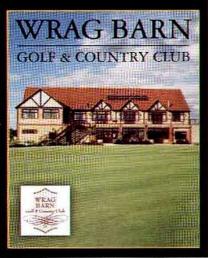
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- at the heart of Swindon

By Matt Reeder, Sports Editor.

There was something of a strange air about The Valley on Saturday, March 11th.

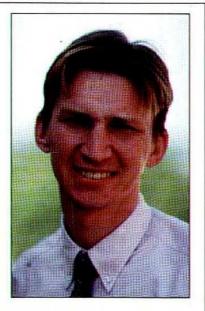
Something was not quite right as the players took to the field and the fans settled into their red plastic seats. You could sense something was going to happen, something out of the ordinary, something shocking and something which those who were there could feast on for months to come. Yes Swindon actually won the game.



For those who were there it was a day never to be forgotten. It was a special kind of occasion that will go down in the folklore of Swindon Town. From the very moment Steve Cowe's perfectly placed cross, complete with a bit of top spin, was flung over into the area, to the moment when Frank Talia palmed away Svensson's last minute volley, the whole 90 minutes was quite simply outstanding.

The lead up to the game should have given away the plot. Charlton were searching for their 13th win on the trot while Swindon had won just once in 20 games. Charlton had a leading scorer with 20 goals, Swindon had scored just about 20 all season. Charlton are going to be playing Premiership football next season. Swindon will be lucky if they are still in Division One.

All the national media before the game were interested in how Charlton were going to extend their long run. After 90 minutes they were scrambling around to



find any information they could on these upstarts from Wilthsire. "Where is Swindon?" one cried. "Somewhere on the M4" came the reply. "Are they going out of business?" "Doesn't Don Rogers still play for them?" It was, for a change, nice to see Swindon hitting the headlines for the right reasons. Let's hope there are more days like it in the near future.

Come on you reds. Matt Reeder

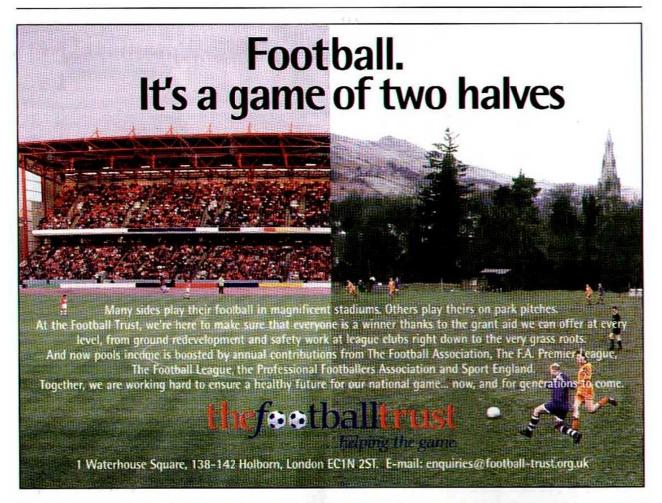
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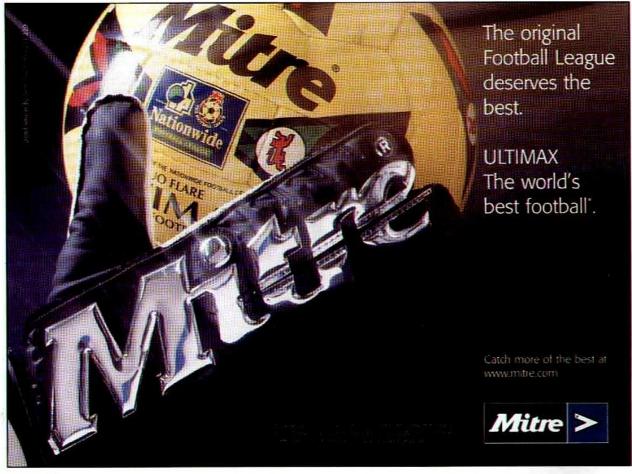
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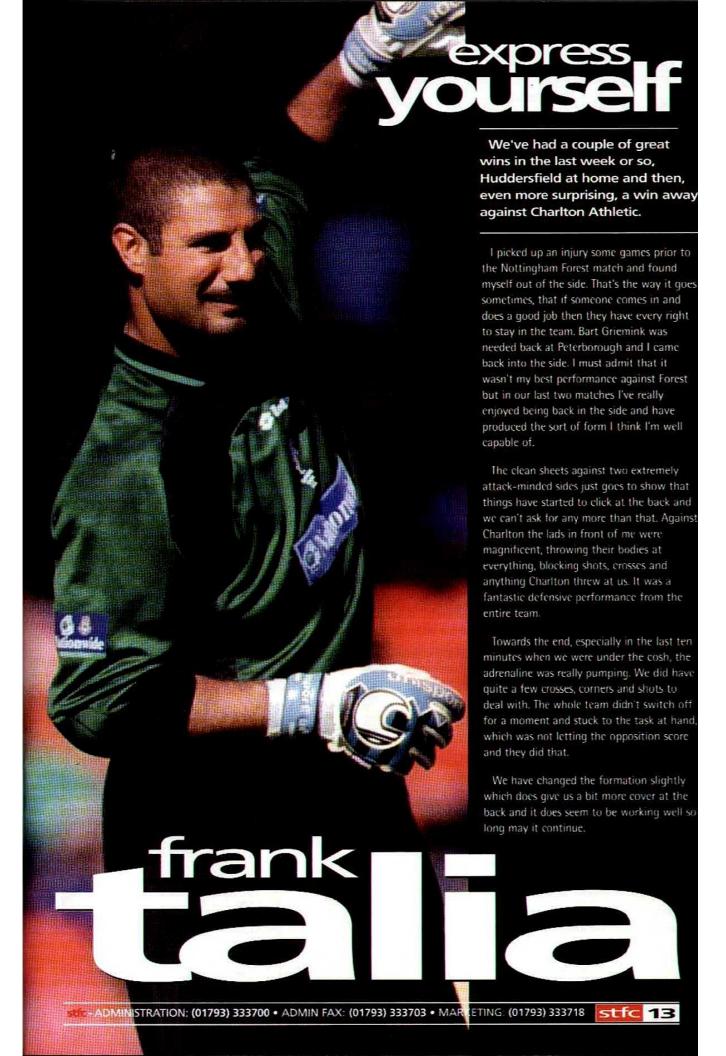
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Swindon Town reserves 4 Wycombe Wanderers reserves 2

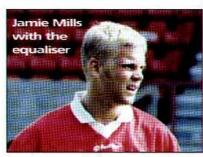
We played very well last week against Wycombe and it was good to get back to winning ways, we had lost the previous four matches. The lads showed a lot more commitment and could have even scored more goals to make this win more convincing.

Swindon Town reserves 1 Peterborough United reserves 1

We stared the match with a nice mixture of youth and experience - the Gaffer was sweeper, Gareth Hall returned after his ealf injury, Giuliano Grazioli played his first full 90 minutes for a long time and Sol Davis and Bobby Howe were back after suspension. The youth players that started the match, Bryan Smith performed very well at the back and Alan Young started up with Graz, worked tirelessly off the ball and could have even scored a couple of goals. The pair have been doing very well for themselves and we're pleased to give them their chance at a higher level.

We were a little disappointed with our performance in the first half and Peterborough deservedly took the lead. Steve Mildenhall made a couple of outstanding saves that kept us in the match early on and our marking was poor for the goal we conceded. It's very difficult to lift a team that have started slowly but we came in at half time and discussed where we were going wrong. I thought we defended a little too deep in the first half and we were very stretched across the entire pitch. We tightened up at the back, pushing further up the pitch, maintained

a higher tempo and started taking the game to them which then created chances in behind them. With about 15 minutes remaining substitute Jamie Mills popped up on the end of a great ball in from Alan Young to score the equaliser. After that we had chances to win the game, but after our first half performance, a draw was a fair result.



The important thing as far as Giuliano is concerned is that the timing of his return to the first team squad has to be right. As I've mentioned Giuliano played the full 90 minutes after the 25 he had last week and he'll probably be a bit sore after that because he's worked very hard. We have to give him a chance to regain his match fitness before we rush him back into action in the first team.

League Table (STFC results up to 14.03.00)

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lpswich	15	10	3	2	37	22	33
SWINDON	17	10	3	4	31	22	33
fulham	15	8	3	4	25	15	27
Bristol City	13	7	5	1	24	14	26
P'borough	18	7	5	6	32	23	26
Cambridge	17	7	4	6	32	27	25
Norwich.	17	6	6	5	25	17	24
B'mouth	16	7	3	6	21	25	24
Portsmouth	14	7	2	5	21	19	23
Bristol R.	15	5	6	4	21	17	21
Leyton O.	16	6	3	7	23	33	21
Gillingham	14	5	2	7	16	27	17
Brighton	13	5	1	7	23	21	16
Colchester	15	4	4	7	20	32	16
Oxford	18	4	3	11	25	39	15
Luton	18	3	4	11	16	30	13
N'hampton	13	3	3	7.	16	24	12
Barnet	15	2	4	9	15	24	10
Southend	15	3	1	11	19	39	10
Wycombe	13	2	2	9	14	30	8



Reserve League Fixtures Season 1999/2000

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	Wed Sept 8	Luton Town	1-0
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	Tue Oct 05	Millwall	2-0
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	Wed Nov 03	Bristol City	4-4
	WED NOV 17	PORTSMOUTH	2-1
201107	Wed Dec 08	Oxford United	2-0
	Tue Dec 13	Q.P.R.	2-2
E	Wed Jan 12	Brighton & H.A.	0-1
	WED Jan 19	BOURNEMOUTH	1-2
	Wed Feb 02	Bristol Rovers	Lost
	WED FEB 09	NORWICH CITY	0-4
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focus on the with Tom Jones YOUTHS

Alan Young won his first international cap for England when he came on as a substitute for the Under 16s against Andorra.

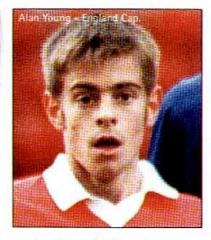
He went on for the last 30 minutes in a match that England won 8-0. He assured me that he nearly scored a goal and that he was happy with his own performance. The England Under 16s did win through the qualifiers and they now go to Israel at the end of April until the second week of May when the finals will be held. Obviously, Alan will have to wait and see if he is selected for the squad to play in the finals and we're all very hopeful that he will be.

He must have done extremely well in the training sessions upon linking up with the squad because, at first, he was only a standhy but then to keep people out of the team and play 30 minutes is a marvellous achievement. It will give him a huge boost in confidence because the management team obviously thought that he could handle the pressure on

that level. The England Under 16s also travel to Trinidad before the finals to play in a tournament and if he gets the chance to go on that it will look very good for his chances of being selected for the European finals.

The Youth 'A' side played against Circnecster Academy a couple of weeks ago and drew the match 2-2. We were 2-0 up in that game and it could have been more after the first 20 minutes. All credit to Circnecster, they battled their way back into the match and probably deserved the draw by the end. Circnecster have become our bogic side this season, I know their manager Dave Hockaday really well from when we both played for the Iown and there is a little local rivalry there. Plus, a lot of the players we let go usually go on to play for Circnecster, so they always have a point to prove.

We're still looking at the bigger picture and trying to develop our younger players so that they can then go on and play professional football for Swindon Town, it doesn't all rest



on a local fixture with Cirencester.

On the other hand we do like to win and last Saturday we beat Southend 1-0 in the Allied Youth League, which now puts up top of our section. I'm very pleased with their progress since Christmas and they have come to terms with the difference in standard of football. Adam Collier scored the goal following a mix-up in the opposition defence and Adam tapped into the empty net. All season we haven't had a problem scoring goals, we just concede too many. On this oceasion it was the opposite way around. It emphasises how we are working hard to get it right all over the pitch.



centre of with Phil Cannon CACCE LENCE

A piece of good news from the Centre of Excellence is that Justine McKay who visited Manchester United to compete in a Skills Challenge won the competition.

Justine is a great prospect and is very happy here at Swindon Town, although, if Manchester United want to offer £1 million for him then we're all ears!

Justine plays a year above his age group in the Under 14s, plus, we're looking to take him to the Milk Cup tournament later this year. We want to give him the chance to progress quickly and that's why we're letting him have a 'look over the fence' to see if he can do it. So far, he's handled every step up very well.

Last week the Under 13s, 14s and 15s played against Cheltenham Town who are new to the Centre of Excellence set up this season. They are in a similar position to us in that they are scouring around to find better facilities for their boys to use.

We both concurred that excellence boys should be playing on excellent surface s and at the moment, we can't say that. Presently the pitches up at Super marine are very worn and churned up. It's a problem when they are in constant use and after so many games being played on a Saturday, by the time we arrive on a Sunday, they are an absolute pudding! It's very hard to ask the kids to do things when the surface makes it extremely difficult to even control the ball.

I'm not really worried about indoor 60 by 40 Astroturf facilities, just decent grass pitches and adequate changing facilities whereby you can be proud to welcome a visiting club. In the four years that I've been here we've been to around 12 different venues in the Town trying to find the best facilities. We are happy with the facilities at Supermarine but the pitches have not received the preparation for a Sunday that they have for a Saturday.

I watched our Under 14s and they worked very hard at trying to do the correct things on an uneven pitch. It was a 1-1 draw as Cheltenham scored a penalty in the final seconds. We were disappointed because we had long spells when our keeper didn't have a touch.

At the moment we need to find some more defenders for the Centre because, at present, all the scouts are finding midfielders and forwards. Admittedly, defenders are not very easy to spot at a young age because, if they do tend to be bigger, you'll find that they do not move as well because of their size and their co-ordination is out a little. They are out there and hopefully we can pick up a few.

Finally, I would like to thank Charlton and in particular Steve Sutherland for their generous donation of £2000 towards our trip to the Milk Cup tournament during the summer. The money is very-much appreciated and will offer our players a great experience.

the editor talks with Alan Young...

You seem to be riding on the crest of a wave at the moment, how have you coped with all that's happened to you lately?

I'm really enjoying my football at the moment. Playing for the England Under 16 side was a fantastic honour and now I'm back at Swindon starting up front for the reserves, it's been fantastic.

It all started when you were selected for the Youth Alliance select XI for the match in Southampton, how pleased with that experience were you alone?

It was a match between players from different clubs in the South West area at the Dell. It was a good experience for me and luckily I performed well and was eventually selected for the England Under 16 side.

How did you get the call up?

On the Wednesday I was called in to the office to see Tom Jones and he told me that I had been selected as a standby for the England squad. I was pleased with that recognition but then on the Thursday night I got the call asking me to meet up with the squad.

What were your first thoughts on receiving the news?

I couldn't believe it, I looked at my mum and dad and my mum started to cry. We were all delighted.

What happened then?

I travelled to stay at a five star hotel in Maidenhead the night before, trained at Bisham Abbey in the morning and flew out to Luxembourg in the afternoon.

You were standby one minute and then playing the last 30 minutes in the match the next; did you impress the coaches in training?

We had a lot of practice matches in the training sessions, working on game situations. I secred a few goals in those and did enough to merit a place on the bench against Andorra. Ihere was around 35 minutes left and Ray Clemence called me over and said, "you're going on". To get my first cap was very pleasing plus, I also got to keep my shirt so I will get that framed.

What's on the horizon for you next?

There is an England tour to Trinidad next week, however, a squad of 21 went to Luxembourg but only 18 are going on the tour, so I'll just have to wait and see if I get the call for that. Ultimately, this season I would like to be selected for the European finals, which are being held in Israel in May. I've spoken with the manager and he said that I did my prospects no harm at all and that was great to hear.

You just started up front for the reserve team and played very well, how are you finding the higher standard of football?

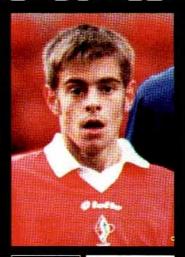
I was still quite tired from the trip to Luxembourg but when I found out I was starting that soon disappeared and I really enjoyed playing the full 90 minutes. Now I want to get on with club football and do as well as I can here at Swindon Town.







young



birthplace

Swindon

date of birth

12.08.83

height

weight

9st 6

5ft 6

position

Forward

getting personal..

favourite film

Shawshank Redemption

favourite tv show

Only Fools and Horses

favourite band/musician

Robbie Williams

favourite sporting event ex.WC

Olympics

favourite footballer to watch

David Beckham

favourite food

Chinese

favourite drink

Orange and Lemonade

favourite hobbies

Golf

favourite colour

Red





We are able to confirm that the petition that we collected recently was duly delivered to the Borough Council at the Civic Offices and many of you may have read about this in the local press.

Furthermore, our request for a meeting with the Council has been approved and it is planned at this time to hold this during April. A report will be given just as soon as the meeting has taken place.

It was a magnificent gesture by Charlton Athletic to donate the proceeds of their half time draw to our youth set up to assist them in raising sufficient funds to compete in some tournaments later in the year together with Charlton. Our own fund raising, half time 50/50 draw, has now been running for a few weeks and we have seen a gradual increase in participants.

To try to keep matters relatively simple from the administrative point of view, there are a variety of ways which supporters can pay in advance for their entries allowing them to pay anything from 4 to 24 matches in advance at £1 per match. This was intended to avoid the need to recruit matchday sales agents and keep our costs to a minimum. This is always subject to review as we seek to maximise the financial support that we can give the Football Club and we are considering offering a matchday payment at the Manchester City game. Keep an eye open if you are not yet participating. If Charlton can make their gesture hopefully more of our supporters will follow.

For up to date information please visit our website http://www.stfc.ndo.co.uk/suppclub/index.htm.

Full details of the draw including application forms and details of winners are available, indeed this medium has already encouraged overseas entries.

First 3 winners:

Pamela Romain, Bill Birnie and Steve Bennett.

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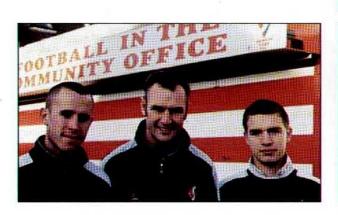
A warm welcome to you all for today's fixture versus Wolverhampton Wanderers.

It has been a really exciting couple of weeks within the Community Office. Firstly, we witnessed a great game between Normarsh and Oliver Tomkins who contested the annual 8-a-side final last week here on the pitch. Normarsh eventually battled through with a 2-0 win and now go on to represent the Club at the area finals in Bristol. The girls Under 13s final was also an exciting affair with Greendown taking on Braydon Forest. Greendown won again, reclaiming the title for the 2nd year running. The girls area finals are scheduled for next month which are also venue for Bristol. We will keep you all posted on how the two teams do at the next stage. Also special thanks to Dave Turner of BORA Marketing Brochure Design in South Marston for a kind donation towards the cost of the trophies.

Today we have great pleasure in welcoming Gill Scott and her scout group from South Cerney, Clive Smith and all the lads from Cricklade Town Juniors and, last but not least, Matthew Rushton and his group from Pewsey. All the above are here on the Saturday Team Club and we hope they have a great day with us.

Finally, congratulations to Anthony Cachio from Grange Junior School who won our Table Top football competition here at the Club last Thursday. Anthony did extremely well beating seven other finalists who proved to be very tough opposition for him. Anthony also goes on to the area finals in Bristol and I am sure, along with us, you wish him all the very best for the final.

Best Wishes,
Clive, Jon and Luke.











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Saturday - March 25th 2000 - PORTSMOUTH

Saturday - April 8th - QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Monday - April 24th 2000 - STOCKPORT COUNTY

*This match has now been changed from Tuesday to a Wednesday. Any Robins wanting tickets for this night game ONLY should contact RICHARD DUNSTAN, Tel no. 01993 70311. Reciprocal tickets are available whether you are travelling by car or coach.

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Our next away trip after the NORWICH match is to PORTSMOUTH, which isn't too far for all you Juniors to travel. We always have a really good day with Pompey's Juniors, so COME ON lets make a really extra special effort and see if we can get a full coach this time. PLEASE BOOK EARLY

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today's lucky **mascots**



Ben Curtis

Ben is 9-years-old and lives in Wroughton. He attends Wroughton Junior School and in his spare time he enjoys playing football, go-karting and using his computer. His favourite Town player is Giuliano Grazioli and hopes that he will play as well as his hero Michael Owen.

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Helen is 10-years-old and celebrated her birthday earlier this month. She attends Greenmeadow Primary School. Her hobbies include music, swimming and computing. Her favourite Swindon player was George Ndah but now her allegiance is with Chris Hay. Helen's dad, Ross, is the tunnel supervisor on matchdays!

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.

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treatment with Gareth Davies room



The problem with my knee stems back to when I first injured it in October.

I had a scan then but it didn't show that much, certainly nothing that was worth operating on. After playing, some mornings I felt ok and other times it was very uncomfortable.

A few weeks ago I twisted the knee again in the match against Forest and I think it finally took its toll, ballooning to twice its size straight away. I had seen Dr. Ivory the Thursday prior to that match and another scan didn't reveal anymore. However, I couldn't walk on the Sunday and it wasn't until Dr Ivory then operated on the Tuesday that we realised that I had torn my cartilage and the bone was also very badly bruised.

It looks as though I may be out of action for the remainder of the season which is very disappointing but in the week since the op I have felt very strong. I am optimistic about my recovery although, at the moment, I don't want to put a time-scale on it. If I can get fit and ready to play before the end of the season then that will be a bonus.

I have been resting a little but I still need to work the muscles around the injury so there isn't too much wastage. I am a bit sore when walking around but, as far as I am concerned, everything is

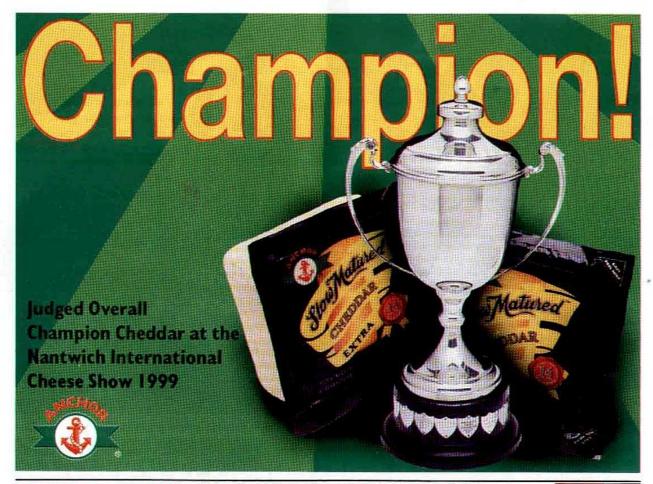
already ahead of schedule and I'm very pleased about that.

All of next week I'll be getting together with Dick and putting it through its paces and see where I'm at.

On the football side of things everything has been great and as I wrote in my Evening Advertiser column, I think we've found the missing link!

These wins have been a long time coming and I think it just typifies the determination of everybody to turn it around. We have started to cut out the individual errors, which haven't helped us, combined with a bit of luck. After the season we've had it's about time something went our way because, with the exception of a couple of games, the hard work has been there for all to see and we've all been disappointed with matches where we have been beaten but deserved to get something out of them.

On paper other teams look at us and see that we have a small squad of senior players but have a good number of young players coming through. It won't frighten a lot of the big clubs with the larger squads but we believe in ourselves and we think that we are good enough to stay in this division. I'm sure all the lads are working very hard to make sure that happens.



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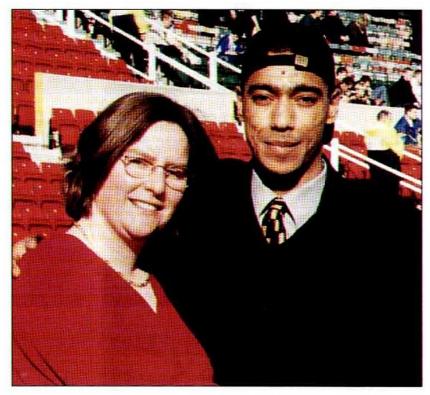
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The Swindon Town home fixture against Birmingham, back in February proved to be an exciting one for Rachel Jones of Sale, Manchester.



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taken! Rachel has now moved to the good old USA but has promised to try and follow the exploits of her favourite player, and of course, Swindon Town FC. On behalf of the Club we would like to wish her all the very best in her new life.

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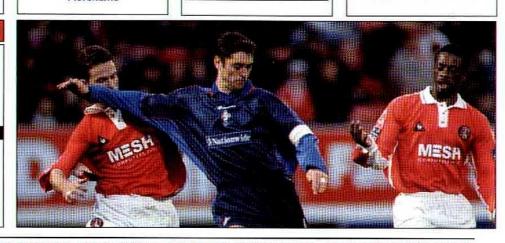




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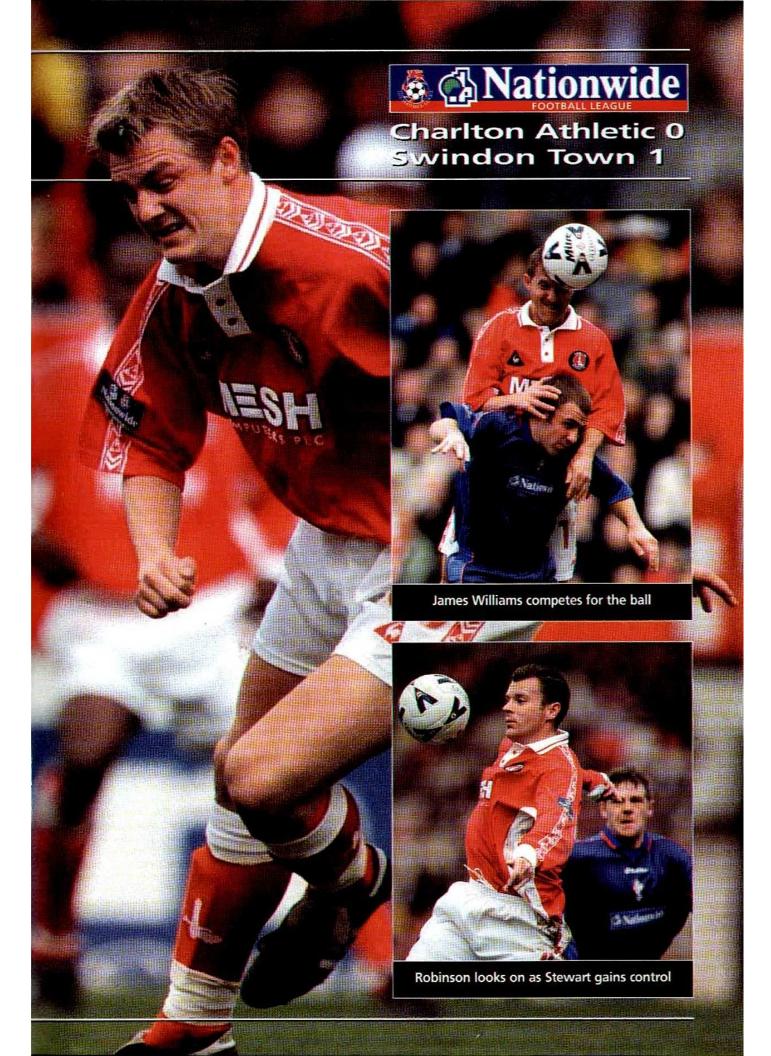


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today's special

Today's special mascot is Selina Birt. She will be following in her mothers footsteps this afternoon and leading the team out on to the field.

Selina's mother is Carol Birt who led the team out for the 1969 League Cup Final at Wembley. Carol still works at Swindon Town and has fond memories of taking the field before the match and hopes that Selina's memories of today will last as long. Selina will be carrying the same teddy that Carol took on the pitch with Town's captain Stan Harland 31 years ago. Carol said, "I would like to wish Selina good luck and hope she enjoys the day as much os I did all those years ago. I hope the lucky red & white teddy brings Swindon Town good luck too."

Selina is 8-years-old and attends Westlea County Primary School. In her spare time she enjoys all forms of dancing, going to Brownies, and of course, supporting Swindon Town. Her favourite Town player is captain Scott Leitch who won her affection when he made a special appearance at her birthday party.

Good Luck and enjoy your day.





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Nationwide Football League Statistics with Carling Opta

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Swindon's return to winning form in the last two matches has coincided with the return of 23-year-old Adam Willis to Town's defence after a spell on the sidelines since November.

And the former Coventry trainee must be wondering what might have been had he been playing throughout the last few months, during which Swindon went 19 games without a Nationwide League win.

That is in the past though, all Willis and his Swindon team-mates

should be worrying about now is securing another three points in their quest to pull off the most unlikely of escapes in their bid to avoid Division Two next season.

nead to Adam Willis v Keith Curle

Today's game is likely to be another tough one though, with Wolves visiting the County Ground on the back of a 2-1 win over Ipswich last weekend and with their play-off hopes very much alive.

In Wolves' defence, skipper Keith Curle is a man with far more experience than Willis but a similar hunger to win. The veteran centre-half, who played for

England in Euro '92, has lost none of his zest for the game and is still one of the most fiery and recognisable figures in Division One.

The stats from Opta show that both Willis and Curle have strength, not only in defensive areas, but going forward too.

Curle, who has played far more football this season than Willis, has superior records in most areas of play, completing 367 clearances and sliding in to 76 tackles with a 70 per cent success ratio.

Willis, despite being a tall defender, likes the ball at his feet and has completed all of his seven dribbles with the ball this season, while 60 per cent of his 200 passes have also been a success.

The contribution of the stoppers will be crucial in deciding where the points go this afternoon, with the teams needing them for very different reasons.

minutes on pitch: Willis: 741 Curle: 3,064

goal attempts

	Willis	Curle
goals	0	1
shots on target (inc goals)	0	1
shots off target	0	0
blocked shots	0	1

passing

	Willis	Curle
goal assists	0	0
total passes	200	1133
pass completion	60%	76%

crossing

	Willis	Curle
total crosses	3	23
cross completion	33%	30%

dribbling

	Willis	Curle
dribbles & runs	7	59
dribble completion	100%	98%

defending

	Willis	Curle
tackles made	13	76
tackles won	38%	70%
blocks	12	76
clearances	47	367
interceptions	3	57

discipline

	Willis	Curle
fouls	5	5
offside	0	0
yellow cards	2	7
red cards	0	0

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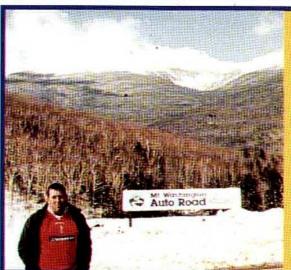
From match to match, on this page, we will be showing you all the best bits from our bulging mailbag. If you've got anything which you think we should publish then drop us a line (address below).

show yer colours!



Pictured here is Jamie
Broadfield. He is 'Showing
his Colours' at Universal
Studios, Florida. Jamie is
3-years-old and is already
a keen Town follower
despite the fact he lives in
Kent. He was out in Florida
earlier this month scouting
new talent for Jim Quinn,
although, I'm not sure if
these two are really what
we're looking for!

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Derrick or Del-boy as he is known is pictured 'Showing his Colours' in the 'White Mountains' New Hampshire USA, while on a skiing holiday in February. Derrick is the Town's matchday magazine designer and was keen to get his piccy in.



Attention!

due to unforeseen circumstances the Harold Fleming Bar will be dosed on the 1st April

Keep the faith

Dear Editor,

Dedicated to all the Town fans that have been absolutely brilliant throughout the season. They deserve some recognition for their loyal support in such difficult times.

A cold wet day on the stand, Another heavy loss to fate, The red seats are becoming empty, There's no more crowds at the gate.

But there's a group of special people, From Wiltshire and beyond, That still come to this special place, To feel that certain bond.

They travel with such hope, Amidst frustration and despair, Waiting patiently for that win, And damning those that don't care.

And these people show such faith, For their dub in all its strife, Never giving up on their team, Never surrendering the fight.

For in their hearts they believe, And belief will see them through, And together from the stands, They'll sing the bad times through.

So come on Swindon's faithful, Let's keep this club alive, And together with our support, The Robins will survive....

Miss A. Robin



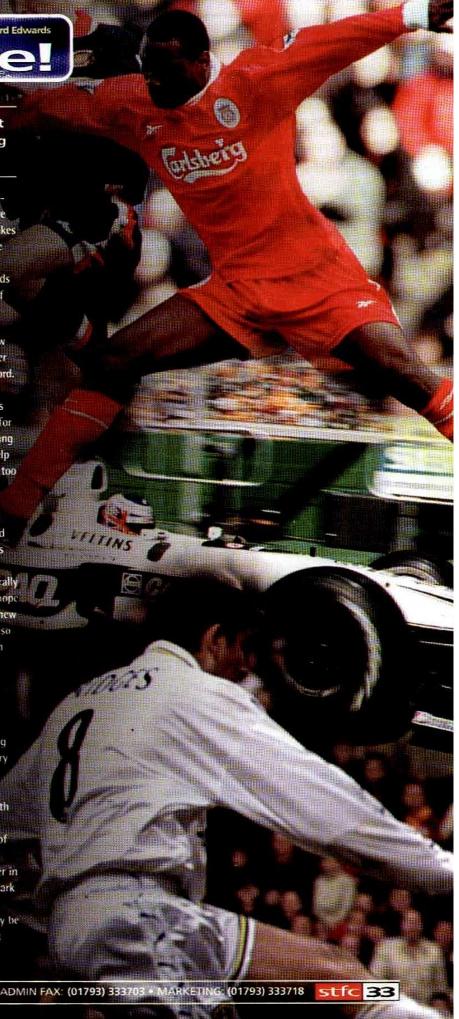
The world of professional sport is increasingly becoming a young mans domain.

Witness the events of the past week, 22-yearold Emile Heskey made his predicted £11m move to Liverpool and 21-year-old Jenson Button makes his formula one debut for BMW Williams in the Melbourne Grand Prix. 21-year-old Michael Bridges also scores the two goals that keep Leeds in touch with Manchester United at the head of the Premier League.

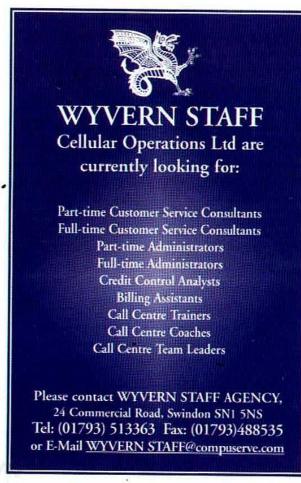
On the flip side, Neville Southall struck a blow for the older generation making his first Premier League appearance in over two years for Bradford. Looking slightly portly but still displaying the reflexes that made him one of English football's best ever goalkeepers, he could not be faulted for his display. But after watching a section on young footballers on BBC Breakfasts news I cannot help but wonder if everything is coming just a little too soon for the younger generation.

As I tucked into my traditional early morning fare of Fruitabix (an innovative little cereal) and toast I watched a piece on the Premier League's new junior competition. Players no taller than gnomes ran around tackling, passing and generally playing to a far higher level than I could ever hope to achieve. The interviews with these budding new David Beckhams and Andy Cole also registered so many cliches that it became apparent that Alan Shearer had also had a significant effect on these youngsters.

Strolling around in their replica shirts they looked every inch Premier League stars of the future, but you could almost sense the lingering presence of scouts sniffing around the periphery dreaming of lucrative packages to lure these young lads to the Premier League club of their dreams. They will not be short of offers and with young players with no league experience now costing anything up to E1 million, the players of tomorrow will not be short of opportunities or money. It is however hard to imagine any player in the modern era approaching the 1000 game mark reached recently by Tony Ford of Rochdale, Grimsby, Carlisle.....the list goes on. Loyalty may be an admirable concept but in the cut and thrust world of football it comes at a price







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Today we take a look at Swindon's next two fixtures.

On Wednesday we travel to Carrow Road to meet Norwich then, on the following Saturday, we're of to Portsmouth.

Norvich City

the lowdown...

Earlier this week Norwich manager Bruce Rioch parted company with the Canaries after winning only one of their last 11 games. The decision was by mutual concent between Rioch and the club and his departure comes two years after he took on the job. Norwich have asked their Director of Football and former N.Ireland coach Bryan Hamilton to take over the role until the end of the season. Norwich City started this season brightly and looked as if they may challenge for a play-off spot before Christmas but this latest poor run of form has seen them drop out of the promotion race.

the reason to watch...

A 0-0 draw at the County Ground earlier this season came on a Friday night. Jim Quinn came on for the final push and nearly sealed a win but his shot rebounded off the crossbar. It's a long journey to Carrow Road, but hopefully with Town's rejuvenated form, it may well be worth the trip.

the last five meetings...

Swindon Town 0-0 Norwich City 12.11.99 Norwich City 2-1 Swindon Town 01.05.99 Swindon Town 1-1 Norwich City 05.12.98 Norwich City 5-0 Swindon Town 25.04.98 Swindon Town 1-0 Norwich City 25.10.97

the player to watch...

Darel broke through into the Norwich first team last season and did more than enough to suggest he could soon become a permanent fixture. Highly rated by everyone in the Carrow Road managerial team, he signed a four and a half year professional contract when he was only 17 and he extended that by a year in May 1999 to tie him to the Canaries until 2002.

Portsmouth

the lowdown...

Pompey manager Tony Pulis left near neighbours Bristol City to take the reigns at Fratton Park. New owner Milan Mandaric has opened his cheque and Pulis signed Kevin Harper from Derby for £300,000 and Justin Edinburgh for £200,000 from Spurs in a desperate bid to beat the dreaded relegation to the second division. Pompey's.

the reason to watch...

It's always a fantastic atmosphere when we play Portsmouth and this season has been no exception. A 1-1 draw on Boxing Day made for a very exciting match, only a late strike by Steve Claridge denied Town all three points after Chris Hay had put us in the lead. It's sure to be a very exciting match with everything to play for and well worth the short trip down to Fratton Park.

the last five meetings...

Swindon Town 1-1 Portsmouth 26.12.99 Swindon Town 3-3 Portsmouth 20.02.99 Portsmouth 5-2 Swindon Town 12.09.98 Swindon Town 0-1 Portsmouth 07.03.98 Portsmouth 0-1 Swindon Town 31,10.97

Mans

the player to watch...

Steve Claridge is in a rich vein of form and has scored all but one of Pompey's goals since Christmas, including one at the County Ground. The much-travelled striker is revelling in his role as fans favourite at the club he supported as a boy and is also scoring the goals that could keep Portsmouth out of the relegation fight. His late winner against Nottingham Forest last weekend was his 12th of the season, but like so many others this campaign, it snatched vital points

many others this campaign, it snatched vital points that the team's performance did not warrant. His fine performances are set to be rewarded by Tony Pulis with a new contract. However, he could also find himself in hot water with the FA over an alleged bet he made on himself scoring a hat-trick against Barnsley, which he duly did. If only Chris hay was a betting man!

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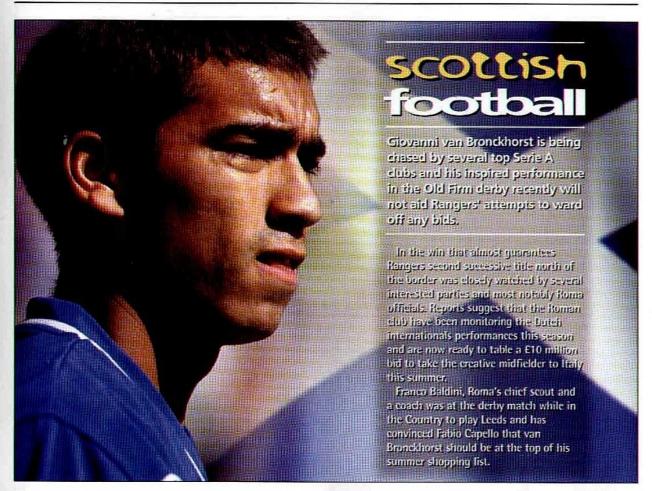
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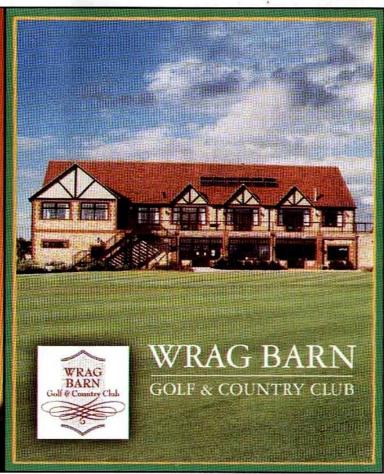


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Saturday 25th March - AWAY

Portsmouth v Swindon Town

Nationwide League Division One, kick-off 3.00pm 500 seating tickets available in advance

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Saturday 22nd April - HOME Swindon Town v Fulhar

Nationwide League Division One, kick-off 3.00pm

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We also have tickets on sale now for our last home fixture:

Swindon Town V Barnsley Band B







The Town Ladies notched second place in the South West Combination League and a Cup final spot.

TheOTown made the long trip to Cornwall to face Saltash Pilgrims in the semi final of the 'Ambassador' South West Combination League Cup. In the 12th minute Pam Laker smacked home a 35-yard free-kick to put the Town ahead. The home side however, scored twice before the break. After the restart the game continued as a close fought battle but in the 73rd minute Kim Reeves put the sides level. Six minutes later Pam Laker and Holly Ashman combined to create the opening for Leanne Taylor to get the all-important third. The Town will now face Newport in the final at the end of the season. -

In the League the Town defeated championship favourites Newport strikers 2-0. The first half was goalless with both defences keeping a tight grip on the opposing forwards. Two goals in a three-minute spell ensured that the Town took all three points. Leanne Taylor was fouled in the penalty area and Pam Laker gave the Welsh keeper no chance with the resulting spot kick. Minutes later Pam Laker added a second with a 25-yard shot that dropped just inside the near post.

Tomorrow the Town travel to face Denham United in a league fixture. Although there are only three league games remaining the two sides have not met previously. The Town reserves are at home and play Newport Pagnell Utd in the Southern Region League. This match will be played at Ridgeway School and will kick off at 2.00pm.



PAM LAKER who got those two important goals against Newport

SOUTH WEST COMBINATION **LEAGUE TABLE (TOP 5)**

	2	w	D	T	F	A	Pts
BRISTOL ROVERS	18	14	2	2	63	8	44
SWINDON TOWN	19	12	3	4	61	34	39
CHELTENHAM	17	12	1	4	52	22	37
NEWPORT STRIKERS	14	12	0	2	57	13	36
SALTISH PILGRIMS	17	8	3	6	40	28	27

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After a stunning victory at The Valley last weekend, we have two chances to collect more away points in the coming week.

On Wednesday we face the long journey to Carrow Road, where the Town take on Norwich City. There are no advance tickets for this fixture. Then on Saturday we are sure to have a good turn-out for the much shorter trip to Fratton Park.

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Club Name:

Carrow Road

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How to Contact:

Main Tel: 01603 760760 Ticket Office: 01603 761661 Web: www.canaries.co.uk

Nickname:

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Club's Home Colours:

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Stadium Stats:

Capacity: 21,994 Away Allocation: 1,741

Station:

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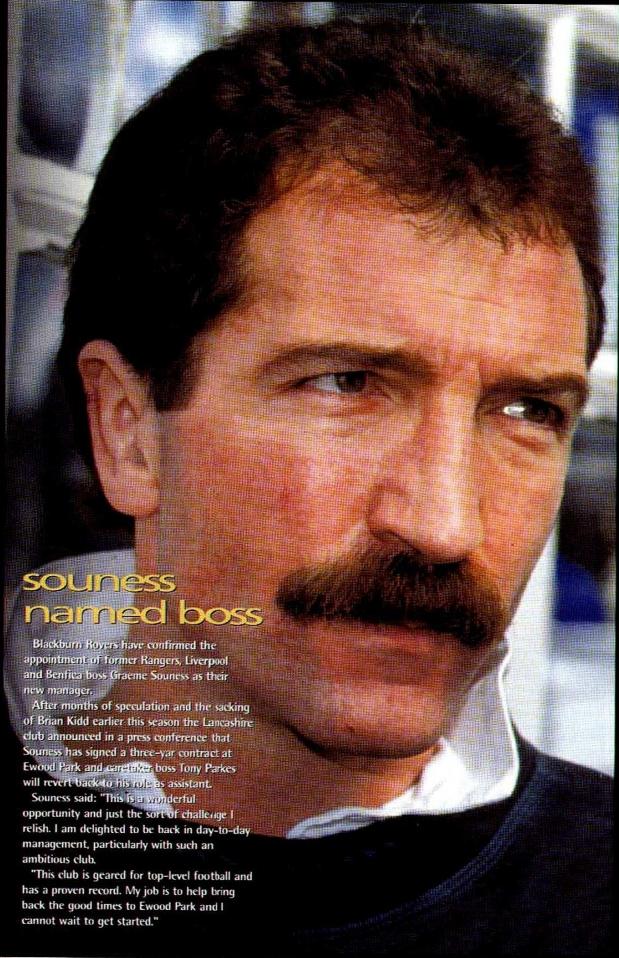
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taylor rejected



Manchester City's Gareth Taylor has joined Queens Park Rangers on a month's loan after failing to force his way back into Joe Royle's plans. Taylor returned to City after a months loan at Walsall and was expected to make that move permanent. However, Rangers need more cover up front due to injuries and should now link up with fellow loanee Mikkel Beck who has extended his loan spell at Loftus Road.

Meanwhile Manchester City have signed Bradford striker Lee Mills on loan until the end of the

season. The 29-year-old centre-forward scored 23 league goals during the Bantams' promotion-winning season last term.

rioch flies the nest

Next week's opponents Norwich City have parted company with manager Bruce Rioch, His team had won just one of their last 11 matches and his contract at Carrow Road was ended by 'agreement'. Rioch had been in charge at Norwich for two season and the former Bolton and Arsenal boss had guided the Canaries to 9th position in the League just last season.



decision time



Manchester United defender John Curtis has a big decision to make. His loan spell with Barnsley expires at the end of the current campaign and after being such a big-hit at Oakwell the England Under 21 international must decide whether to make the move permanently.

With his first team opportunities at Old Trafford drying up he switched to Barnsley and is enjoying life there, he said: "I'm grateful to everyone at Barnsley and Manchester United for giving me the opportunity. Sir Alex Ferguson would demand around £1 million for his

young defender who was expected to go on to great things during his youth days at United.

claridge clincher

Portsmouth chairman Milan Mandaric is to discuss a new deal with Steve Claridge to keep him at the club.

The veteran striker wants to extend his current deal which runs out at the end of next season.

Mandaric said: "I'm more than willing to sit down and talk. I don't know what he needs but we'll see what we can do."

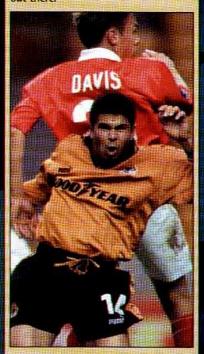


corica

Wolves are to sell Australian international midfielder Steve Corica to Japanese side Hiroshima.

Corica would have been able to leave Wolves as a free agent in the summer when his contract expired, but the Molineux club will now receive an undisclosed six-figure fee.

The 26-year-old will fly to Japan this week to sign a two-year contract, and Wolves manager Colin Lee said: "Steve has made his mind up about the move and it will suit him out there."



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BARNSLEY	36	19	8	9	71	53	65
MAN CITY	35	19	7	9	55	35	64
BIRMINGHAM	36	17	9	10	55	39	60
HUDDERSFIELD	36	16	9	- 8	53	39	57
WOLVERHAMPTON	36	15	Ю		49	40	55
FULHAM	36	14	В	9	37	31	55
GPR	36	12	15	9	46	40	51
BOLTON	35	B	1	1	47	38	50
BLACKBURN	36	15	B		4	39	49
SHEFF UTD	36	15	-	В	53	53	47
TRANMERE	35	8	7	15	46	52	46
GRIMSBY	36	B	7	16	38	54	45
NORWICH	36	11	15	3	35	39	45
STOCKPORT	36	1	1	14	39	52	44
CRYSTAL PALACE	36	10	15	14	46	54	42
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PORTSMOUTH	36	9	9	18	39	53	36
WALSALL	36	8	II	17	38	57	35
PORT VALE	34	6	H	D	37	50	29
SWINDON	36	5	11	50	26	59	26

world football

Former Town star Fitzroy
Simpson has stated his
intention to continue his
international career with
Jamaica although, so far, he
has put his Hearts career
ahead of the 'Reggae Boys'.

Fitz starred in Jamaica's 1998 World
Cup qualification rounds and also the
finals itself, but while many of his fellow
professionals left the Scottish Premier
League in Febraury to compete in the Gold
Cup, Simpson remained at Hearts to 'settle
in' following his move north of the border
from Portsmouth.

Simpson is dedicated to making a success of his move to Tynecastle and, at the moment, a first team place is a priority.

'I felt it was important, having come to a new club, to try and establish myself,' he said.

He continued: 'But I'm not at the stage where I no longer want to play international football. I would still love to be involved in another World Cup campaign and I'll be involved in the qualifying campaign, which I think starts at the end of the season.

'If we were to make it to the finals in Japan and South Korea in 2002 then I might well call it a day after that,

'I've captained Jamaica on many occasions and we are in a rebuilding process with the association looking for a new manager.'

Fitz is playing well for Jim Jefferies' side and is finding life in the Scottish Premier very competitive, adding: 'I am finding that, in midfield, there's not a lot of difference between the teams.

'Obviously one or two players stand out but a lot of it is based on hard graft and some genius up front. Let's just say you certainly know you have played 90 minutes in Scotland.'





Am I dreaming? Did the tooth fairy creep up on me last week and launch into a blistering attack rather than take away my molars - leaving me in a dream-like coma?

Did all the pennies I've thrown into wishing wells strike lucky? Or is it the withered, fading four-leafed clover that has been in my pocket for the last two months?

Or maybe the green shoots of Spring have sprung. Maybe our boys have simply decided that the practical joke is over, and that after kidding us all since August, now is the time to reward our faith. Whatever. The midweek win against Huddersfield was a marvellous

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occasion. Like winning the lottery - only better. Like a mad summer's carnival on a winter's evening. And it was Jimmy Quinn who provided the bubbly. I feel sorry for the many who decided to give it a miss. Because for me it was the best game of the season so far. We played like we were top of the table. Well maybe not. But it felt like it. And after Saturday's win at Charlton maybe we should be. I know it wasn't the greatest of goals, but they all count don't they?

And it's given many a Swindon fan a new surge of interest. Like a shot of Viagra after a year of celibacy. Or Elton John's amazing new head of hair. Suddenly we're champions again and it feels great.

So can we climb out of the relegation zone? Well I'm not a great betting man,

but it has to be worth a wager. And if you're flush after the Cheltenham festival this week, then the odds must be good for the Town to do a Wayne Bobbitt and survive the chop! But backing the Town down at the County Ground is just as important as we all know. The Reds have showed us they can do it. Let's show them we can do it too. It's great that we're not being thrown to the Wolves for slaughter today. In fact, I'm betting on another surprise by 4-45.

Enjoy the game.

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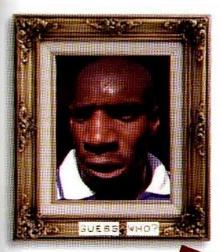
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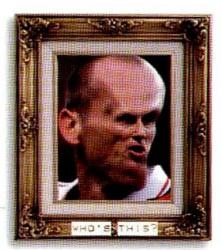


quick quiz On what date will this year's FA Cup final be played?

- Which team won the 1998-99
- In which month did the preliminary rounds for this season's FA Cup start?

Combination League?

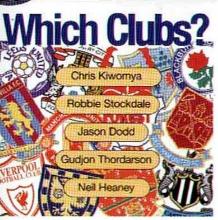
- Which two Scottish league teams lost only three matches
- In which year was the first FA Cup final held?
- 6 Name the winners of the first FA Cup after the Second World War?
- Which team did Wigan defeat in last season's Auto Windscreens Shield final?
- Name the two finalists in the 1998-99 Worthington Cup?
- In which year did Manchester United first win the league title?
- 10 How may times have Manchester City won the FA Cup?







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We've had a couple of fantastic wins and for me, it's especially pleasing to see the younger lads enjoying these wins.

They are part of a team that beat two very good sides in this division and their smiling faces are definitely a welcome sight.

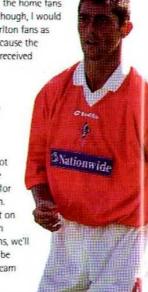
In the Huddersfield match we definitely had more possession and the better of the scoring chances throughout. We worked extremely hard as a team off the ball and thoroughly deserved the win. It was a great night and despite the fact it was one of the lowest crowds we've had this season, it was a fantastic atmosphere and the fans really made it a pleasure to play.

The entire Club has been given a real lift and everything seems to be a little better, including the sunshine at training. We must have done something right last week!

At the Valley we put in a real team effort. We got our rewards early on with a fortunate goal, but after that the back three and the goalkeeper were magnificent and kept a clean sheet. We pressured them high up the pitch starting from Chris Hay and ending right at the back.

Everybody expected Chariton to win the game and it was like a party atmosphere amongst the home fans before the match. Although, I would like to thank the Chariton fans as well as the Town's because the standing ovation we received from both sets of supporters after the match was terrific, probably a first in my career.

Saturday's match against Wolves will not be any easier becuase Wolves always make for very tough opposition. Hopefully, we can put on another good show in front of the home fans, we'll certainly continue to be confident, work as a team and give it our all.



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

Mike Summerbee was born in Cheltenham and was the son of George Summerbee who had played League football for Preston North End. Part of the first wave of youngsters introduced by Bert Head, who had the vision to see that Youth was the only way forward for a club of limited resources like Swindon, Mike made his debut for Swindon in a home match with Bournemouth, which saw Willie Marshall and Arnold Darcy score the goals in a victory.

Summerbee appeared in the centre forward position rather than on the right wing where he was to form a formidable partnership with Ernie Hunt, Mike was Ernie's lodger in Rodbourne and one wonders how managers of today would have reacted to the pairs habit of engaging in impromptu kick-abouts with the local youngsters in Mannington Rec. Summerbee had the speed to outpace full backs and elbows sharp enough to deter any untoward aggression. Not that he needed much help in this direction as the touchline in those days was very close to the crowds and full backs who up ended him were likely to face a blow from an umbrella from a crowd which supported the home grown players with enthusiasm seldom seen today.

During the season in which Swindon won their first ever League promotion Summerbee made 37 appearances and,

although his personal tally was only six, his crosses set up countless goals for the likes of Jack Smith and Cliff Jackson.

Having helped Swindon into Division Two and to storm to the top of it in the opening weeks of the season Summerbee began to attract the notice of bigger clubs. The bright start faded and the following season, 1964/65, although Summerbee enjoyed personal success being Town's top scorer with 13 and Swindon's Player of the Year, Town were relegated.

A familiar combination of falling gates and a player anxious to prove himself at a higher level led a Board meeting to decide to accept the best price on offer for him and £31,000 paid by the canny Joe Mercer was to see him go on to a League Championship, FA Cup and European Cup Winners triumphs with Manchester City.

In all he was at Maine Road for



ten years during which time he was capped six times by England. After this he went on to play for two other Lancashire clubs: Burnley and Blackpool. His final League appearances were made for Stockport County where he filled the role of player manager. In his entire 716 league appearances were to produce 92 goals.

Having retired from football Summerbee went into business making hand made shirts an occupation which gave him time at weekends to make frequent visits to Swindon to see his son, Nicky Summerbee playing his old dub.

By Dick Mattick

How many League dubs did Mike Summerbee play for?

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.

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ruud decision



Chelsea have scaled-down their attempts to sign PSV's hotshot Ruud Van Nistelrooy. Boss Gianluca Vialli is hesitant to break the Bristish transfer record to land the Dutch league's new wonder-boy because he does not want to "bankrupt" the club. As previously reported, a number of Europe's top sides have been tracking Nistelrooy but his £18 million price-tag has proved to be one leap the London club are not about to take. Vialli said: "Prices have gone crazy. When you talk about top players you are being asked to pay twice the price you were just one year ago. "He is an outstanding striker and a great prospect but I do not want to bankrupt Chelsea. We are looking for good, affordable players."

reid need

Celtic's reported attempts to lure Peter Reid away from Sunderland have been rubbished by both Reid and club officials. John Barnes was sacked last month in his first year in charge at Parkhead and Reid quickly became one of the front runners for the vacant position. Reid has slammed the reports because he is more than happy at the Stadium of Light and said, "The stories are just rubbish. The fact is that we have done terrifically well at Sunderland over the last few seasons. I'm very proud of how far we've come in that time and I'm very



happy here." Wearsiders' chairman Bob Murray is also confident he can hold onto his manager. Murray said: "Sunderland is Peter's destiny. He's the manager but he can be the chairman, chief executive or any title he wants. I don't see any reason to want to leave this club."

carbone offer



Benito Carbone is still yet to sign a contract that will keep him at Villa Park past this summer. His current short-term contract expires at the end of the season and if Villa boss John Gregory does not get the Italian to put pen to paper before this months transfer deadline, he could lose his scrivces altogether when he leaves on a Bosman. It is rumoured that the Italians wage demands are proving a stumbling block but Gregory is hopeful that these difficulties can be sorted out by March 23rd.

The Villa boss said: "If we haven't got everything signed and sealed by next Thursday's transfer deadline there's a real threat he could go and play for someone else next season. "What Beni is asking is not astronomical but he still has to lower his sights a bit."

anfield exodus

Liverpool's £11 million purchase of Emile Heskey from Leicester has ignited speculatiojn that several big names at Anfield could be on their way out as Gerard Houllier continues his major overhaul on Merseyside. Now Jamie Redknapp and Robbie Fowler, captain and vice-captain have been linked with transfers to North London rivals Spurs and Arsenal respectively, but an Anfield spokesman said "There are absolutely no plans whatsoever to sell either Robbie, Michael or Jamie Redknapp. This is all about building the best, strongest squad possible to compete in Europe and The World... and one designed to motivate and win"



euell be sorry

Wimbledon's England Under 21 international Jason Euell has shocked the London club and slapped in a transfer request. Euell,23, is believed to be disillusioned with life at Selhurst Park because he feels the club lack ambition. Dons boss Egil Olsen is having one of the hardest jobs in football at the moment while he attempts to salvage Wimbledon's season and, just as importantly, hang on to his talented young stars. The transfer request came days after the the Dons accepted Spurs' offer for John Hartson and although the deal fell through, Euell felt it was time for him to get out too. Jason Euell is believed to be valued at around £8 million, with Spurs likely to express an interest after previously being linked with the player in the past.

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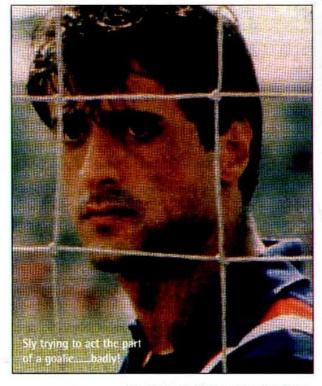
It can't have been easy for Steve Sutherland this week.

His Chairman offers Swindon a helping hand and Steve and Phil Cannon organise the half time draw proceeds to be directed to our Youth Team's Milk Cup fund. The flourish to be handed over to Willy Carson who then thanks all concerned for the cheque, the three points and we gleefully leave The Valley with both. But as with all proper football people Steve has seen the funny side of the situation. Despite all the ribbing at his end, when I spoke to him, his first questions were about everybody's health and welfare at Swindon and hopes present problems are soon alleviated. That's what they so often get wrong in the media - grudge sells papers but goodwill seldom does. The world of soccer is never portrayed as having a heart, it's only ever about money, ego and spite.

Have you ever watched a TV series about a club that wasn't laughably inaccurate and under-researched? Having spent a fortune digitally enhancing the crowd to give the correct feel of thousands in team colours (instead of 20 extras pushed into a corner wearing new bobble hats and miming badly to pre-recorded chants as they used to). They computerise the field of play building in real professional players to give the game shape and form, even recruiting actors for main parts who can at least trap a ball and dribble to give the whole thing authenticity. They then ruin everything by allowing a waitress to wander into a losing dressing room at half time to enquire if the young wing back, on his debut, has seen his best mate since last

night's party? The manager turns to her and asks "I'm sorry Louise is there a problem? Only I'm trying to talk to the team here." Picture the manager as Peter Reid for example, even allowing for colour language, it isn't believable is it.



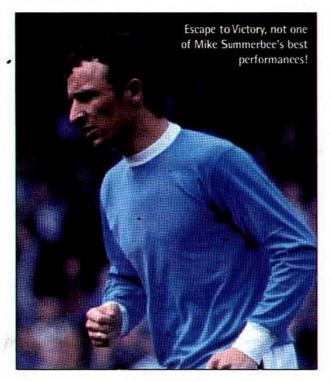


It was a great night recently when Mike Summerbee spoke at a Sporting Club Dinner. He talked about his career, the great characters in the game and lots of salty aside and one liners made at the expense of someone who had unwittingly made a football faux pas. But what I want to know is why didn't he point out to the director of Escape to Victory? In my opinion, one of the

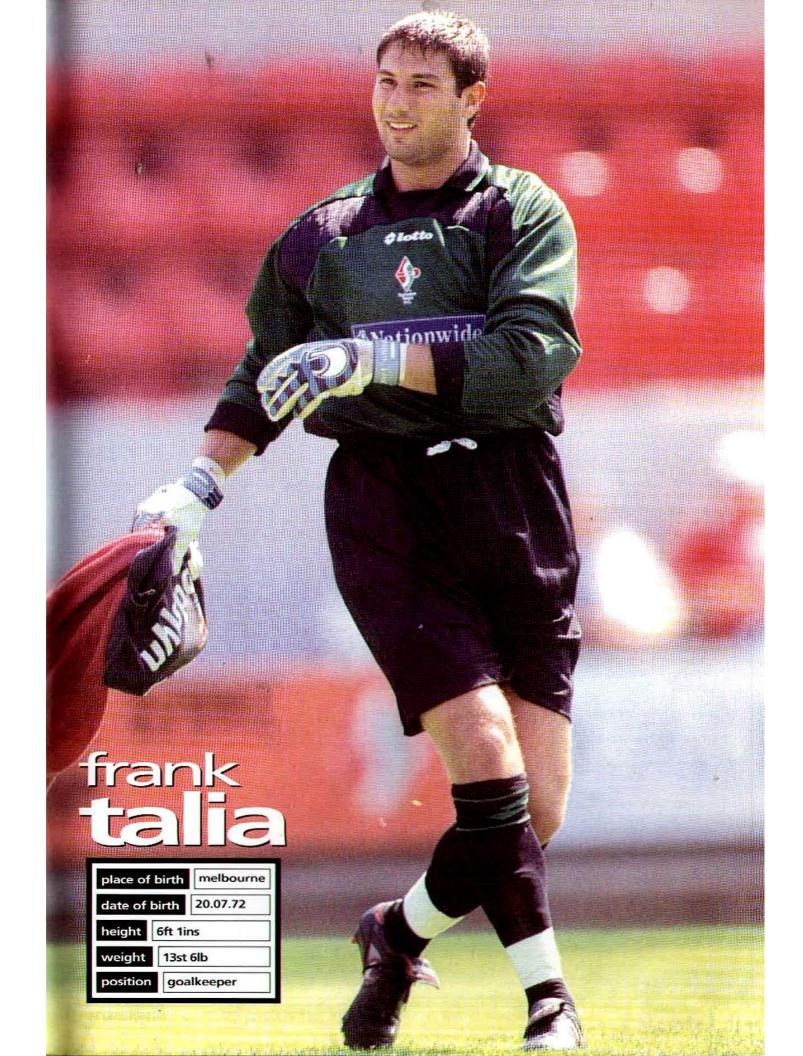
worst films featuring soccer of all time. Why didn't the Germans spot Sylvester Stallone and Michael Caine's ineptitude in the first three minutes of the game, shoot them both and end the film and our misery much earlier? It must be one of two great unanswered cinema questions like, who was Dick Van Dykes accent coach in Mary Poppins and why didn't Julie Andrews tell him how bad it was? Even as a young women I knew that 'United', an early soccer soap opera, frequently got it wrong.

I've never seen a goalkeeper like Sly in a full wig before. Goalies wore flat caps in those days and the actor concerned presented a ludicrous figure too old and fat anyway. Corsets may be fine for Julias Caesar at the National under a flowing togo, but in the skimpy shorts and shirts of the sixties you could see every whale bone!

Sylvester Stallone postured between the sticks looking at the entire world like Harpo Marx, only taking himself more seriously. It's odd how you can always tell an impostor by the way they wear the kit, or the way you can always tell an empty suitcase no matter how hard they try to act it full. The only accurate thing on the subject I've ever seen was the day a Slade Prison XI played a showbiz XI in Porridge. No one of any note showed up, but then it was just actors playing actors playing footballers.







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Scott Leitch	4	20(1)	2		22(1)
Gareth Davies	5	14(1)	2		16(1)
Michael Carrick		7		2	7
Bobby Howe	7	24(6)	1(1)	1	25(7)
Iffy Onuora		16(5)	3	4	19(5)
Wayne Gray	9	3	0	0	3
Giuliano Grazioli	10	4(4)	2	3	6(4)
Ty Gooden		7(3)	1	1	8(3)
Alan Reeves	12	34	2	1	36
Bart Griemink		4	-	-	4
Jimmy Glass	I I ke	8	-	*	8
Mark Walters		11(2)	2	2	13(2)
Chris Hay	15	25(5)	(2)	7	25(7)
Lee Collins	16	13(1)	1	1	14(1)
Steve Cowe	17	7(2)		-	7(2)
Steve Mildenhall	18	1(1)	1		2(1)
Adam Willis	19	6(6)	1(1)		7(7)
Charlie Griffin	20	1(13)	(2)		1(15)
Sol Davis	21	21(2)	2(1)		23(3)
Robin Hulbert	22	3(7)	2		5(7)
Philippe Cuervo	23	(5)	-	-	(5)
Sam Campagna	24	1(2)	-	-	1(2)
Frazer McHugh	25	9(3)	(1)		9(4)
Nicky Burke	26	-			
Jamie Mills	27	-			-
Alan Flanagan	29				
Paul McAreavey	30	-	- 5		
James Williams	32	10(9)	1		11(9)
Andy Williams	34	29	1		30
Jim Quinn	40	1(6)	1		2(6)



squads



0	Frank Talia)(Mike Stowell	0
2	Mark Robinson)	Kevin Muscat	2
3-(Gareth Hall)	Darren Bazeley	3
4	(c) Scott Leitch	$) \overline{C}$	Carl Robinson	-4
5	Gareth Davies)	Keith Curle	5
0	Bobby Howe	$) \bigcirc$	Neil Emblen	6
9-(Wayne Gray)	Paul Simpson	7
0	Giuliano Grazioli)	Simon Osborn	-8
B (Alan Reeves)(Haavard Flo	9
1	Chris Hay)(Ade Akinbiyi	10
(III)	Lee Collins		Andy Sinton	
0	Steve Cowe	\bigcirc	Lee Naylor	12
	Steve Mildenhall)	Matt Murray	
1	Adam Willis		Steve Corica)-14
a	Charlie Griffin)	Steve Sedgley)-15
D 20-(Sol Davis)	Robert Niestroj	16
22 -(Robin Hulbert	\bigcirc	Mark Jones)-17
3	Philippe Cuervo		Ryan Green)-18
29 -(Frazer McHugh)	Adrian Williams	19
1	James Williams		Michael Branch)-20
33 -(Andy Williams	\bigcirc	Keith Andrews	21
(Jim Quinn		Colin Larkin)-22
		\bigcirc	Ludovic Pollet	23
0			Scott Taylor	29
0		\bigcirc	Gordon Simms	25
		\bigcirc	George Ndah	25
9	- E		Michael Oakes)-27
O (\bigcirc	Shane Tudor	28
	MA C		Joleon Lescott)-23
	ZALV.C	\bigcirc	Andrew Petterson	30
		\bigcirc		(
	Jim Quinn		Colin Lee	

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Sat 1st April 2000, our next home league game vs MANCHESTER CITY 3.00pm Kick-Off





match... **Stats**

the officials

Referee: G Poll
Assistant Referees:

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L W Probert
A D Sainsbury
Fourth Official: B Malone



half-time score

full-time score

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