



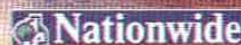
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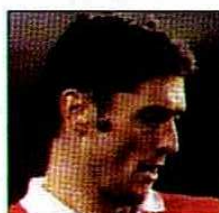
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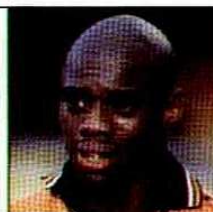
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# editor's welcome

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## Good afternoon and welcome to today's League Division One fixture against Manchester City.

Hopefully you've all arrived at the County Ground in good spirits and full health after the morning's jovial pranks! I've dropped one of my own into today's programme, so can you spot it? I know if you do them in the afternoon then the joke's on you, but it usually is anyway so I don't mind!

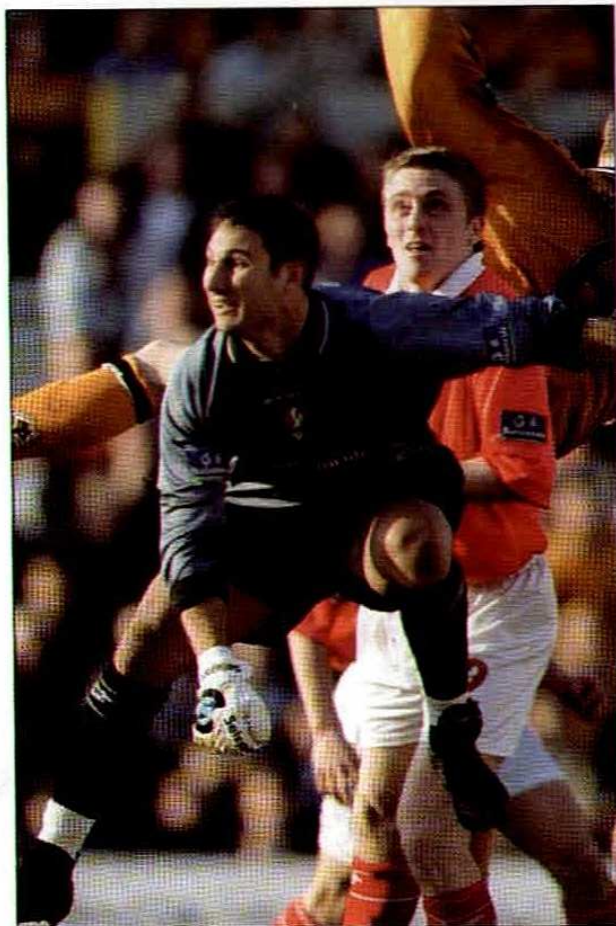
After the games against Charlton, Wolves, Norwich and Portsmouth, I think I'm right in saying that we are due a win today. The match away at Norwich City was one to remember and if you had any doubts over the lads' commitment to the cause then this performance should have set you straight. If we could perform like that week-in week-out then things could have been very different this season.

We lost the services of Chris Hay and Robin Hulbert prior to the deadline day but acquired Michael Meaker on loan from Bristol Rovers. We all know that Chris Hay is worth more than the initial £75,000 the Terrier's paid for him but we would have probably lost him for nothing in the summer anyway, so the cash should come in handy. By now we might have extended Wayne Gray's loan period with us, which was due to expire on Monday. I think Wayne has added a real bite to our attack and it was fantastic to see him net, although in vain, against Pompey. With his confidence up we might get a real display of what we know he is capable of. We could also have Giuliano Grazioli returning to the starting line up so our attacking options aren't looking too bad.

Swindon Town would like to welcome Joe Royle and all the players, staff and supporters of Manchester City that have travelled down from Lancashire.

The County Ground should look quite different this afternoon with those all too familiar red seats out of sight. Let's make it one to remember and cheer the lads on to another home victory.

Enjoy the match.



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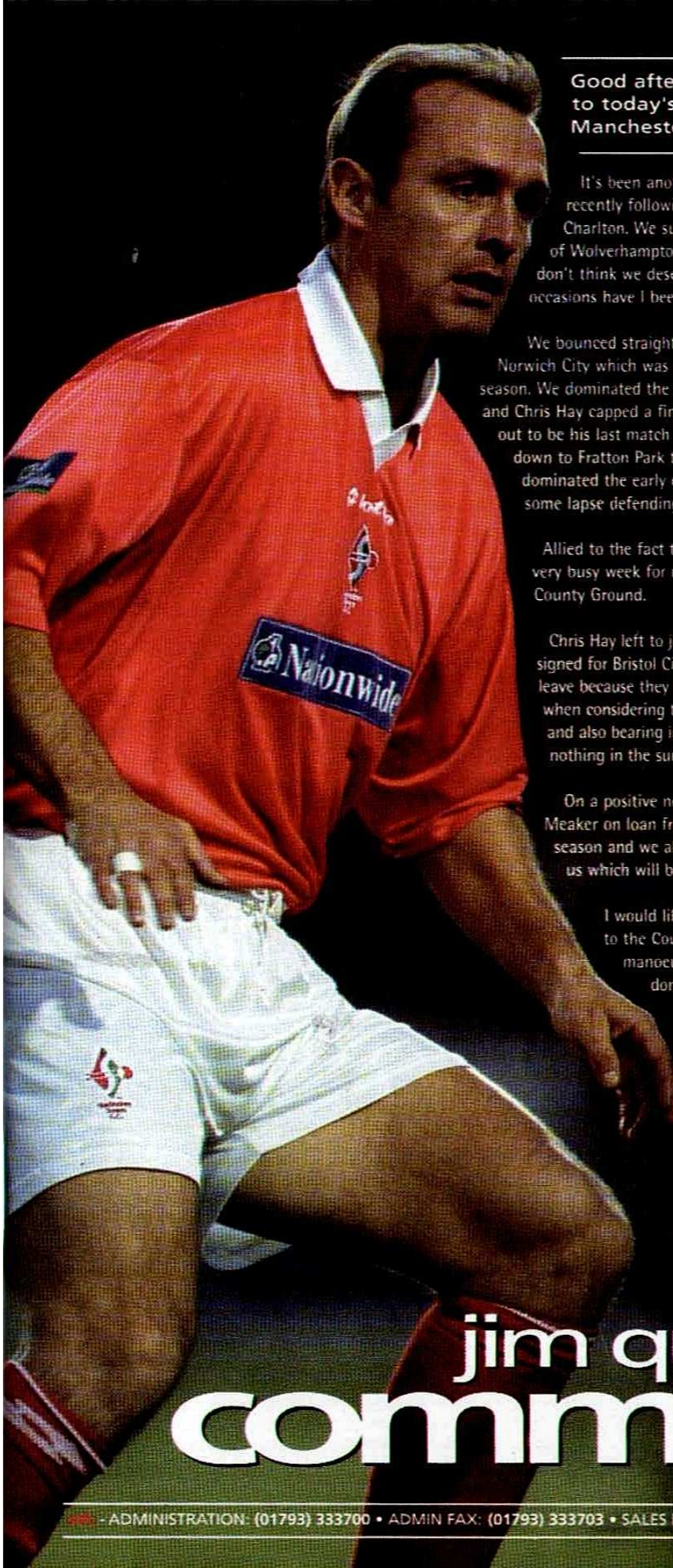
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Good afternoon and welcome  
to today's match against  
Manchester City.

It's been another topsey-turvy run of results for us recently following good wins against Huddersfield and Charlton. We suffered another home defeat at the hands of Wolverhampton Wanderers last time you were here. I don't think we deserved to lose that game, but on how many occasions have I been able to say that this season?

We bounced straight back with a fantastic victory away to Norwich City which was certainly our most convincing win this season. We dominated the game, gave very little away at the back and Chris Hay capped a fine display with two goals, in what turned out to be his last match in Swindon colours. We then travelled down to Fratton Park to play Pompey and although we dominated the early encounters, shot ourselves in the foot with some lapse defending and they put the match beyond us.

Allied to the fact that transfer deadline day passed, it was a very busy week for myself and the rest of the staff here at the County Ground.

Chris Hay left to join Huddersfield Town and Robin Hulbert signed for Bristol City. It was disappointing to see both lads leave because they have done a lot for this Club. However, when considering the position the Club is in at the minute and also bearing in mind we could have lost Chris for nothing in the summer, they both were good deals for us too.

On a positive note, we were able to bring in Michael Meaker on loan from Bristol Rovers until the end of the season and we also hope to extend Wayne Gray's stay with us which will be great news for the Club.

I would like to welcome Joe Royle and all his players to the County Ground for today's match. City are manoeuvring around runners-up spot and have done fantastically well this season. I'm certain there will be many City fans here today so it should make for a great atmosphere and a very tough match.



jim quinn's  
**comment**



# today's visitors

The blue half of Manchester are emerging, blinking from the darkest of shadows and dreaming once more of taking their place amongst the nation's elite.

Three and a half seasons ago, City departed the Premiership in their own inimitable style – playing out time by the corner flag in their final game, believing the draw they had earned was enough to survive. It wasn't and one of the most widely documented descents in British football was underway.

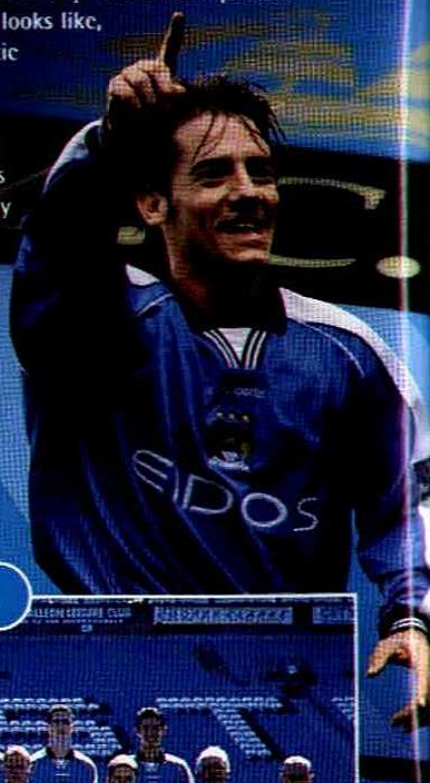
However, their renaissance got underway and despite remaining hard to beat throughout last season, too many draws scuppered their chances of automatic promotion. Nevertheless they made the play-offs and looked dead and buried when Gillingham led 2-0 in to the last minute. The rest as they say is history – possibly the most remarkable history in the club's existence – with two late, late goals taking the game to extra time and then penalties. Nicky Weaver's saves broke Kentish hearts and crystallised a turning point in City's fortunes from where they have yet to look back.

Not to put too fine a point on it, City have taken the First Division by storm, thumping Sheffield United 6-0 and disposing of Birmingham, Ipswich and Blackburn on

their way to top spot, a third of the way through the season. Joe Royle has swept away the dead wood, trimming a

professional rota of 54 players and introducing influential and committed professionals such as Andy Morrison, Mark Kennedy, Robert Taylor, Lee Mills and young Terry Cooke to the City cause. At the moment, things could hardly be going better as City jostle for position with Ipswich and Barnsley for, what looks like, the remaining automatic promotion place.

At the moment there seems no limit to City's progress and they really do have every chance of following in Watford's footsteps by winning promotion two seasons running. The smiles are back at Maine Road and just as importantly so is the success.



## Manchester City F.C.



**BACK ROW:** Jason Kneen, Craig Russell, Kevin Horlock, Kakhaber Tskhadadze, Murtaz Shelia, Richard Jobson, Danny Allsopp, Danny Granville, Mark Kennedy, Gary Mason. **MIDDLE ROW:** Ronnie Evans (Coach), Les Chapman (Coach), Shaun Holmes, Gerard Wiekens, Shaun Goater, Nick Fenton, Nick Weaver, Gareth Taylor, Tommy Wright, Lee Crooks, Tony Vaughan, Chris Greenacre, Alex Stepney (Coach), Roy Bailey (Physio). **FRONT ROW:** Asa Hartford (Coach), Shaun Wright-Phillips, Danny Tiatto, Alan Reilly, Michael Brown, Terry Cooke, Andy Morrison, Joe Royle (Manager), Ian Bishop, Paul Dickov, Richard Edghill, Jeff Whitley, Jim Whitley, Jamie Pollock, Willie Donachie (Head Coach).



# kevin horlock



birthplace	Belfast
date of birth	01.11.72
height	6ft
weight	12st
position	midfielder

## previous club records

club	games	goals
Swindon	184(15)	26
West Ham	trainee	-



Kevin Horlock became Frank Clark's first buy for the club when he signed from Swindon Town for £1.5m in January 1997.

A versatile player who usually plays at left-back or left-midfield, Kevin started his career as an apprentice at West Ham before making the move to the County Ground in the 1992/93 season. He was a virtual ever-present in the Swindon side during his time at the club, and his 16 goals during the 1995/96 alerted the attention of Frank Clark. A month after taking the hot seat at Maine Road Clark finally got his man, and Kevin made his debut for City in a 4-1 rout of Oxford in February, scoring his first goal for the club against Swindon Town later that month.

birthplace	Sheffield
date of birth	02.03.79
height	6ft 3ins
weight	13st 6lbs
position	goalkeeper

## previous club records

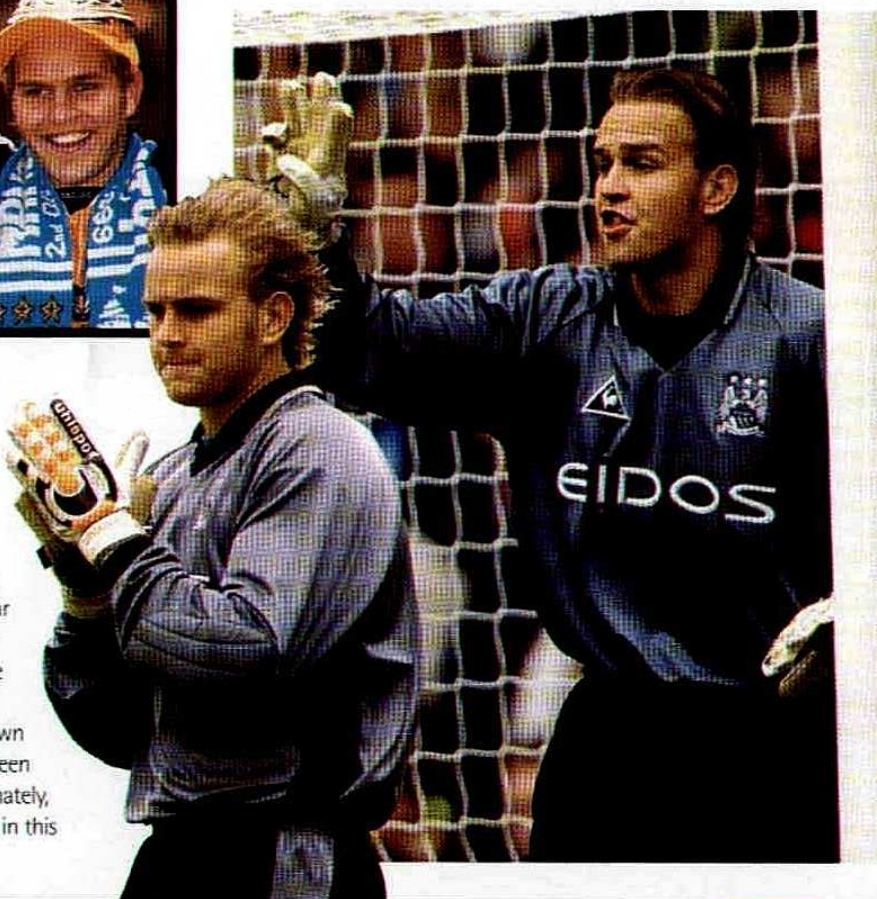
club	games	goals
Mansfield	1	-
-	-	-



# nicky weaver

When people remember the moment that City won promotion, they will think of the penalty shoot out at Wembley and the saves and celebration of Nicky Weaver.

He kept 26 clean sheets last season to break Alex Williams City record and so far has only conceded a handful of goals in Division One helping City to become one of the most defensively sound teams in England. Snapped up from Mansfield Town for only £100,000 in April 1997 he has been tipped for greater things including, ultimately, England caps. The future of goalkeeping in this country appears to be in safe hands.





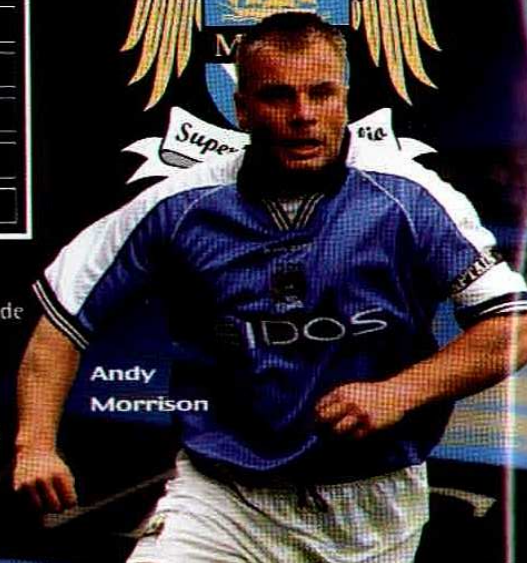
# the players

Danny Granville	
date of birth	19.01.75
height	5ft 11ins
weight	12st 5lbs
position	defender

Talented left sided defender, snapped up from Leeds United having failed to establish himself at Elland Road. Having begun his career at Cambridge United, he was snapped up Chelsea for £300,000, before moving to Leeds in 1997.

Richard Edghill	
date of birth	23.09.74
height	6ft 1ins
weight	13st 5lbs
position	defender

A product of City's youth development programme, he made his league debut against Wimbledon in 1993 and since then has played for England at Under 21 and B levels. He made 47 appearances for City last season celebrating a new four and a half year deal.



Andy Morrison

Andy Morrison	
date of birth	30.07.70
height	5ft 11ins
weight	13st 10lbs
position	defender

Previously with Blackburn, Plymouth and Blackpool, he was snapped up by City from Huddersfield in October 1998 for a paltry £80,000 — brought in to perform a never say die role in the heart of a depressed team. He made an instant impression, making 28 appearances last season.

Richard Jobson	
date of birth	09.04.63
height	6ft 1ins
weight	13st 5lbs
position	defender

Veteran defender who previously played under Joe Royle at Oldham during their most successful period. Following the Latics' relegation, he moved to Leeds but played only 26 games in two seasons due to injury and signed for Manchester City in early 1998.

Lee Crooks	
date of birth	14.01.78
height	6ft 1ins
weight	11st
position	midfielder

Made his full debut in 1996 having successfully come through City's youth and reserve teams. Signed schoolboy forms at 14 before attending the School of Excellence at Lilleshall, he then made his first team debut as an 18 year old in 1996.

Danny Tiatto	
date of birth	22.05.73
height	5ft 8ins
weight	11st 11lbs
position	defender

Tiatto signed for £300,000 from Swiss club, FC Baden in July 1998. He is viewed as the solution to the club's troublesome left back position. He is a natural attacking wing back with great pace, though he admits that he has to keep reminding himself that his first duty is to defend.

Mark Kennedy	
date of birth	15.04.76
height	6ft
weight	11st 8lbs
position	midfielder

Irish international winger who emerged at Millwall and secured a dream move to Liverpool in 1995. Restricted to substitute appearances he then signed for Wimbledon in April 1998. A year later he was signed by Joe Royle.

Ian Bishop	
date of birth	29.04.65
height	5ft 11ins
weight	11st 5lbs
position	midfielder

Experienced midfielder in his second spell at City. Made a name for himself at West Ham where he played a key role in their midfield. Having been a fans' favourite at Maine Road in the late 80's, he returned in March '98 and made 28 appearances last season.





#### Shaun Goater

**date of birth** 25.02.70

**height** 6ft 1ins

**weight** 11st 10lbs

**position** striker

Bermudan born forward who stepped up a division to join City in March 1998 from Bristol City, only to see the two sides swap divisions two months later. Initially made over 200 appearances for Rotherham and was City's top scorer last season with 21 goals.

#### Paul Dickov

**date of birth** 01.11.72

**height** 5ft 6ins

**weight** 11st 5lbs

**position** midfielder

Alan Ball's last signing, he moved from Arsenal to Main Road in August 1998. A Highbury trainee in the late 1980's, he made his full debut in 1993 before joining City three seasons later. Scored 14 goals last season, the last of which took the play-off final in to extra time.

#### Bob Taylor

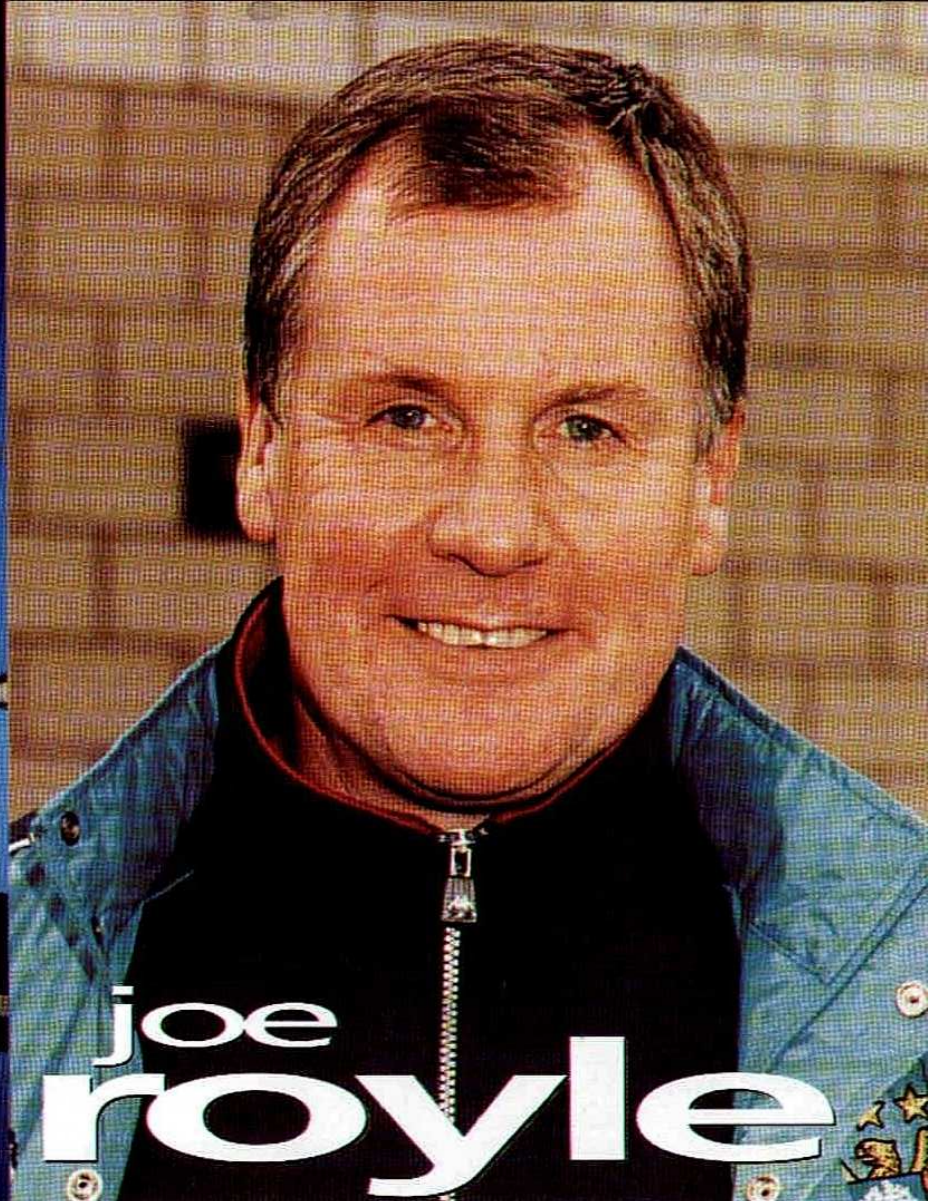
**date of birth** 30.04.71

**height** 6ft 1ins

**weight** 13st 8lbs

**position** striker

Known as "The Man who emptied Wembley" when he scored Gillingham's second goal in the Division 2 Wembley play off final in 1999 against Manchester City. Robert signed from Gillingham earlier this season for a £1.5m fee. He scored on his third appearance in a Blue shirt against Swindon.



Having retired from playing in 1982 following an illustrious career with Everton, Manchester City, Bristol City and Norwich, Royle took the manager's job at Oldham, whom he transformed from Second Division makeweights into Premiership stars and Cup heroes.

Two FA Cup semi finals and a League Cup final bore testament to his successful 10 year spell at Boundary Park and it was no surprise when his former club, Everton came in for him in 1994. In his first season he oversaw an FA Cup triumph, before guiding them to sixth the following season.

His departure the following season said more about Everton than it did about Royle and when Manchester City came in for him 11 months later, they made possibly their best decision for many a year. He wasn't able to keep them up, but then it never was going to be a quick fix at Maine Road. He stripped and rebuilt the club and guided them back in to the First Division – admittedly thanks to some fair winds as well as fine seamanship – and now presides over the club's finest spell in donkey's years, sitting near the summit of the Nationwide League.

It isn't necessarily 'the impossible job' but managing Manchester City has been beyond many of the game's bigger names in recent years. Only now are the smiles back on the faces of City's blue half and it is thanks in no small measure to the impact and influence of this man.



# express yourself

I started my professional career as a youngster at Queens Park Rangers where I played for four years.

I was then signed in an exchange deal with Simon Osborn and went to Reading for around £500,000 in the summer of 1995.

I couldn't agree terms for a new contract at Reading and left on a free transfer to join Bristol Rovers. I've been in and out of a successful side at Bristol Rovers this season, my problem is that Jon Holloway is not using wingers in his line up so that makes it harder for me to get a regular slot. At the moment I need to be playing full, competitive matches and when I heard that Jim Quinn was interested in signing me on loan I jumped at the chance. It was Jim that signed me at Reading so I know what he expects, how he likes to play, and I know he has a great desire to win.

I'm settling in very well because they are a great bunch of lads here at Swindon, plus I already knew a few of them before arriving which has helped. It is a difficult situation here at Swindon at the moment but I've found that everybody is determined to do their very best and we've all got to continue that until the end of the season and see what we can come up with.

This season I've been part of a successful side that could win the Second Division and in coming here, to a club that is threatened with relegation, I've haven't noticed any difference in the preparation or desire to win. It doesn't matter whether you are at the top or bottom because as a professional footballer you still have to do the job to the best of your ability and the boys here at Swindon are still as committed as ever.

# michael meaker





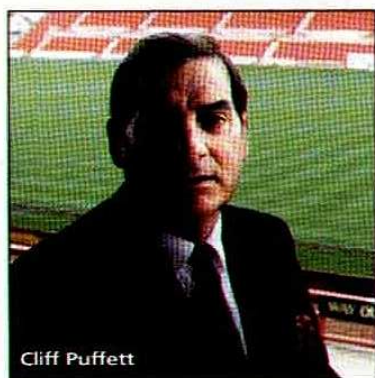
# Evening Advertiser

— at the heart of Swindon

By Matt  
Reeder,  
Sports  
Editor.

**ANOTHER roller-coaster week in the life of Swindon Town has left us wondering just where the future of the Club lies.**

Chairman Cliff Puffett, probably the most passionate chairman I have met, has said he is close to securing a deal to save the Club, and who knows as you are reading these notes maybe the deal has been done. He really has worked his socks



Cliff Puffett

off for this Club since taking over the reigns, like a poisoned chalice from former supremo Rikki Hunt. Mr Puffett did not want the publicity, he did not want the agro that goes with the position, but most of all he did not want to stand by and watch the Club go under. He has done more than anyone to try and get the Club back on an even keel. It would be disappointing if he did decide to call it a day and give up the role as chairman. A club needs a man with such emotion and passion at its helm. I spoke to Cliff at length after the Evening Advertiser fans' forum the other night and I can tell you that he was very upset with the way it had gone. While he was delighted that 250 people turned up, he had hoped for a more positive outcome and for more of a battle cry from the fans. Maybe the supporters have been through too much to give Mr Puffett any more. Maybe Cliff has asked for just an ounce too much of their flesh this time. One thing is for sure Cliff would only have asked the fans and done for the fans what he believed to be



the best for the Club. He wants to see Swindon flourish as much as the fanatic who sits in the Nationwide Stand and I can assure you that he will work flat out until that is the case. But he does need your help, and he needs it now. I hope Cliff does stay on as chairman, I hope he does secure this deal he has been working on and above all I hope Swindon get out of this mess. If they do then a huge amount of the credit must fall at the feet of our man Mr Puffett. Give him a chance and let him have a go at guiding us on the right lines. Come on Cliff most of us are right behind you.

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# express yourself

I twisted my ankle in the Norwich match which meant that I had to come off but fortunately it's nothing too serious, it just needs a bit of maintenance.

I've played the majority of the season in the reserve team and although we've been doing reasonably well, it's been fantastic to get a run of matches in the first team. It's like that in any team; you have to work hard and push for your place in the side. You can't beat playing in the first team and in the First Division because every week it's a big match against strong opposition and world-class players.

I have been lucky enough to be involved in some of the games we have won this season, two of which, Huddersfield and Norwich were reasonably comfortable and the Charlton win was backs to the wall stuff.

I usually play the role in behind the front two, which is my preferred role, but I've been asked to hold in the right midfield slot which I'm more than happy to do although I've never really played there before. It seems to have worked quite well because I've been seeing a lot of the ball and getting forward as much as possible to help the front players score goals so hopefully I can chip in with a few of my own.

My contract at Swindon Town is up this summer and at the moment it is just a case of waiting to see what happens. I can't say a lot more than that because of the financial situation at the Club but I hope to do enough to warrant a new contract here at Swindon Town or failing that, to impress enough to get offered something elsewhere.

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# focus on the youths

with Tom Jones



We played last Friday against Northampton where we travelled to a magnificent venue for the fixture, a private school, but unfortunately the pitch that we played on was very poor.

It wouldn't have been so bad but the rugby and hockey pitches around us were in immaculate condition.

The standard of the pitch made it very difficult to control the ball and then pass it accurately. Adding to that it was a very small pitch, probably only big enough for Under13s, but we got through it and won 3-2 in the end. Kevin Halliday scored the first and then, at 2-1 down, Alan Young scored twice to win the match.

We went behind on two occasions and I believe that it was one of those games that we would have lost earlier in the season. So it's very pleasing to see the progression of the boys' attitude and ability. Earlier this

season on that sort of pitch, if we'd lost a goal early in the match a few heads might have dropped and the game may have got away from us. I think we're beyond that stage now and the lads know that at times they can't play attractive football so they have to roll up their sleeves, be able to compete and that's what they're doing at the moment.

We're on a good run at the moment in this section of the league. The lads have put together some good performances and deserved the victories they've had and we now find ourselves at the top of the league rather than the bottom where we finished in the South West section.

They're continually progressing away from 'schoolboy' football and developing towards competing on a professional level, including preparing properly, doing things correctly and cutting out the silly mistakes that cost games. They have also come to grips with competing against 3rd year youth players on professional contracts. It has a lot to do with

Tom Jones at the helm!



the fact that our lads are in their first year and the continual good diet, constant training both on the pitch and in the gym is starting to take effect. The boys are getting stronger and more competitive all the time. Like we always say to them, you can have all the ability in the world but if you can't compete you won't last long on the ball.

As an overall update on the future of the youth team, we have spoken with the administrators and they have assured us that they are pro youth so that is a good sign. We're getting on with our jobs because I'm positive that there will be a Swindon Town for the long term and we're working hard to make sure that the whole club benefits from the youth set up.



There were noticeable performances by Chris Taylor and Matty Collins and you may remember it was about this time last year that we signed Chris Taylor out on the pitch before one of the matches at the County Ground. He has had an outstanding year so far and has come on tremendously well, even in one of his bad matches he is still the best player on the pitch! There is still plenty of work to do with him because at the moment he plays in behind the front two and that's all well and good now but we need to discipline

# centre of excellence

with Phil Cannon

Last weekend the Under 14s had a game against Torquay and because the Under 14s are now getting a reputation for being a very good passing team, Torquay worked tremendously hard to stop our lads playing attractive football but we came out 1-0 victors.

him so that he can adapt to a variety of positions. When we do pass him onto Tom Jones and he is then asked to play a different role he can do so easily. He's definitely got the ability to develop into a fantastic player and we'll do everything in our power to achieve that.

The Under 13s travelled away to Torquay which is a long journey for them and they won 2-1.

The Under 12s travelled to Swansea and lost 5-4 in a very entertaining match.

We're still working ever so hard to encourage our lads to be comfortable on the ball in every position. If you witnessed the England versus Holland Under 15s match last week you will have noticed how confident the

Dutch lads were with the ball at their feet. I thought they were moral victors over England even though they lost the match 1-0.

The evidence showed that we must develop kids that are comfortable in tight situations when they are being pressured by the opposition. They have to get used to that because it is no use, at that age, just pumping it forward because it will not serve them well when they develop as players.

It is now a prominent feature of the modern that game that the way a player receives the ball is crucial, so a lot of the time at the Centre we work on receiving the ball properly and one-on-one defending.

Too many kids in defensive positions rely too heavily on the covering player to do all the work rather than defending themselves.



## the editor talks with Adam Willis...

**Q** Last time we spoke for the programme you were working hard to get in the side, what was the key to your elevation to the first team?

**A** Over the last few months I've worked very hard in reserve games and pushed to get into the first team. I decided to do a lot more work in the gym and improve my physical presence and that seems to have worked because I feel much stronger.

**Q** Now you're in the side on merit, how does it feel?

**A** Football is always strange because you never know what's going to happen next. One minute you're in the stand watching matches and then circumstances arise through injuries etc and you have to take your chance when it does eventually come.

**Q** Now you've taken that chance, what is your impression of the matches you've played in?

**A** There have been some tough games while I've been in the side against some big sides in this division. We continue to struggle at home but we seem to travel well to difficult opposition – especially winning away at Charlton and Norwich. Last week's defeat at Portsmouth was very disappointing for me because, as a defender, to concede four goals not good. It was hard to take because as a defence unit recently we've played very well together. In some games the three of us at the back have become quite comfortable playing alongside one another.

**Q** Do you prefer playing in a three-man defence rather than a flat back four?

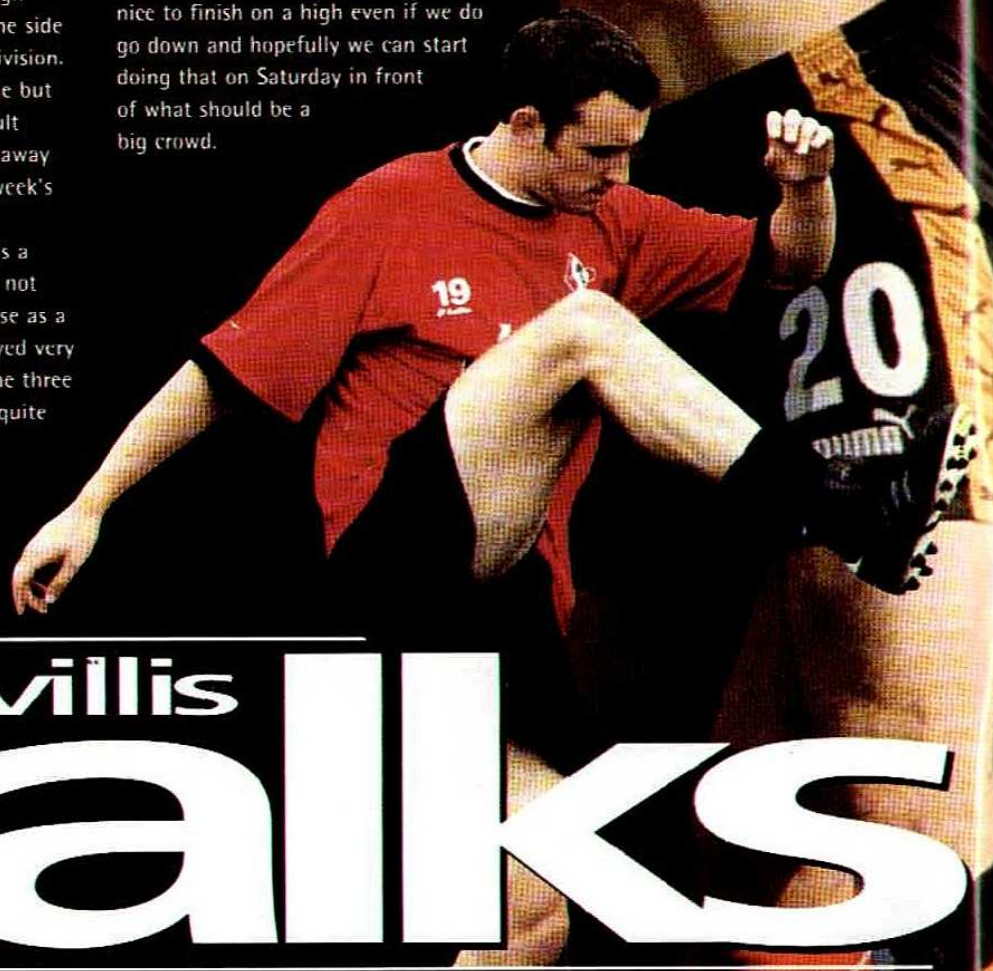
**A** Well, yeah because I'm playing! I've been playing in the middle of two very experienced professionals and it's a pleasure to do so. They talk to me constantly and keep me on my toes which is vitally important.

**Q** What do think the future holds for you?

**A** My contract is up at the end of the year and I'm not sure what's happening yet because of the situation the Club is in at the moment. I think I'm one of many who's contract is up, so whatever happens, happens.

**Q** How do you want to finish this season?

**A** The games are running out and we're still quite a few points adrift from safety so it's not looking too good at the moment. We just have to keep battling away and hopefully get a few more wins, it hasn't been a good season for the fans because there have been some real lows. It would be nice to finish on a high even if we do go down and hopefully we can start doing that on Saturday in front of what should be a big crowd.



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birthplace Nuneaton

date of birth 21.09.76

height 6ft 1

weight 12st 2

position Defender

## getting personal..

favourite film

The Godfather

favourite tv show

A Question of Sport

favourite band/musician

Diangelo

favourite sporting event ex.WC

Olympics

favourite footballer to watch

Bryan Robson

favourite food

Italian

favourite drink

Blackcurrant & Lemonade

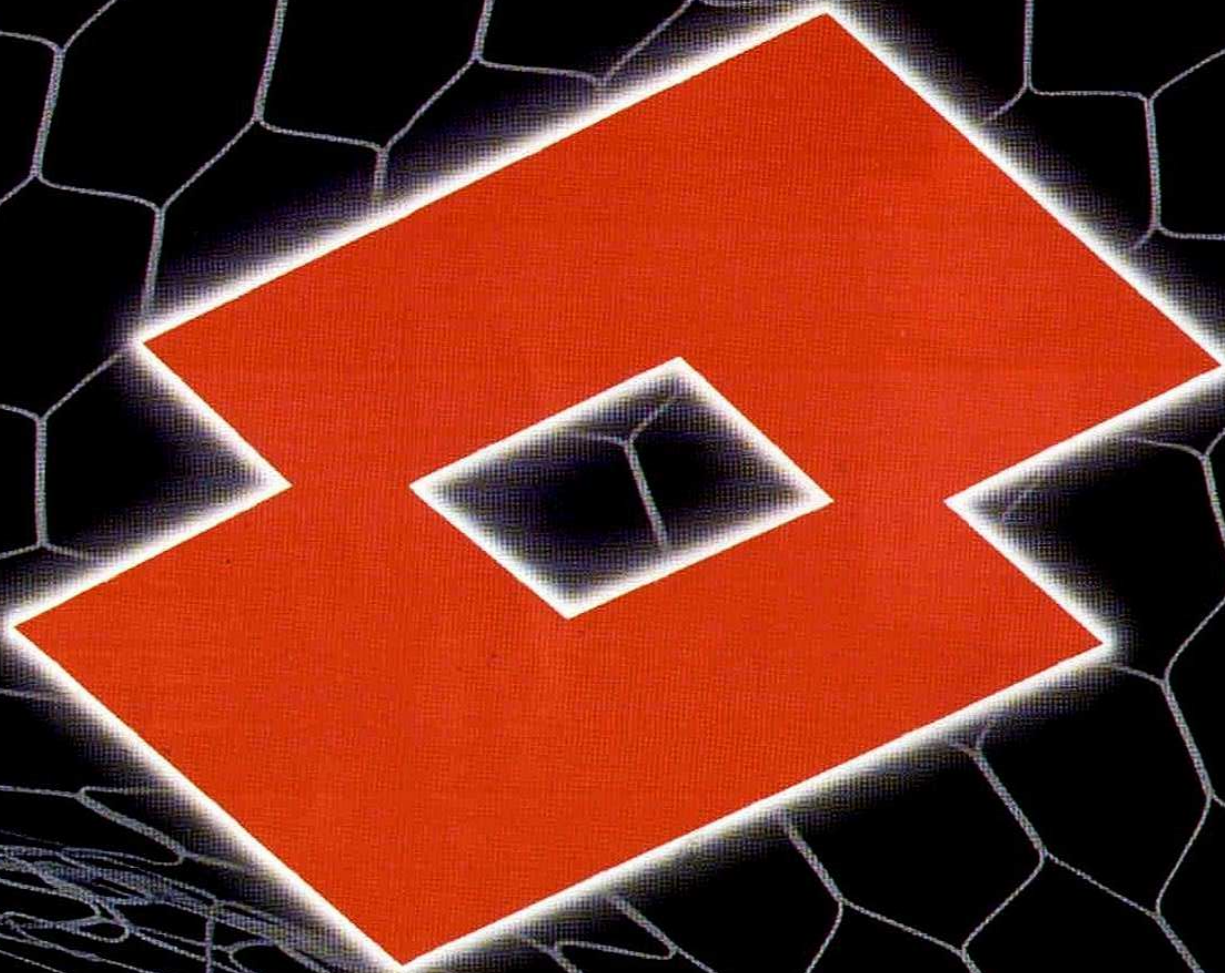
favourite hobbies

Music and shopping

favourite colour

Red





Italian Sports Design





**Some supporters have asked us to print the winning numbers for the lottery and we are happy to oblige. The first four winning numbers were 33, 151, 17 and 35. Is your entry in?**

The Vale and West Oxon Satellite Group held a meeting at their usual venue Hanney British Legion on Tuesday 29th February. Around 30 members attended and listened to Director Mike Spearman explain the duties of the Administrator within the Club. This presentation was followed by a general discussion and finally a quiz.

All supporters can look back at our date at the Valley with pride but none more than the Vale and West Oxon Group who had met and played a match against the Maidstone branch of the Charlton Supporters Club on the morning of the match.

The game was played at the Charlton training complex and although they lost the game 8-2, with 5 goals coming in the last

20 minutes, just when concentration was focussing on the afternoon events. Lunch was provided before moving onto the Valley, the rest, as they say is now history. Many thanks to Charlton for the way the group were treated throughout the day.

Today should see us selling our lottery tickets on a matchday basis for the first time. We are doing this as a trial to increase participation still further and see today, as an ideal opportunity. Ideally we would still like supporters to participate in advance, either by Bank standing order or cheque, as otherwise the operation becomes very labour intensive on matchdays. All supporters surely recognise how the successful lottery at Charlton helped our youth set up here at Swindon and if anyone is prepared to help by selling our tickets, or in other ways, please contact Roger Bunce on: 01865 820499.

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**The Prospect Hospice based at Wroughton was opened in 1985 to provide specialist palliative care to our local community.**

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- Spiritual Care provided by the volunteer Chaplaincy Team.
- Education providing a variety of courses and workshops aimed at helping health care workers develop specialists' palliative skills.
- Over 300 volunteers who take on a variety of essential roles throughout the organisation.
- Costs approx. £5000 a day (over £1.8 million a year)  
- Nearly 80% has to be found from voluntary source.



# in the community

with Clive Maguire, Jon Holloway and Luke Sharps

A warm welcome to you all for today's fixture versus Manchester City.

We would like to extend a warm Community Office welcome to our Saturday team club visitors Gary Smart and all his group from Frome Town, and also Tony Harrison and his group from Corsham Boys. We hope you all have a great day with us.

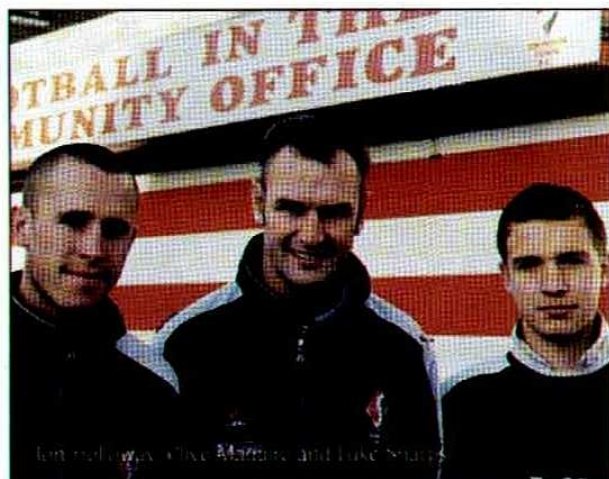


Congratulations are in order for Anthony Caccio, who we told you about in the Wolves programme, won through to the area Table Top finals in Bristol last month. He is now in the National Final at the Millennium Dome on April 11th. Anthony will be pitched against seven other youngsters from all over the country. I am sure you will join us in wishing him all the very best for the final.

We would also like to say well done to Normarsh who represented us gallantly in the area finals. Unfortunately, they didn't progress to the final stages, but well done.

Finally, pictured (right) is Thomas Lomas who celebrated his 8th birthday with us last week. Thomas, who has a famous brother in Steve Lomas, has not missed a coaching course here at the Club in three years. Well Done Thomas and keep up the good work!

Best Wishes,  
Clive, Jon and Luke.



Jon Holloway, Clive Maguire and Luke Sharps



Frome Town Boys Club

Anthony Caccio will be representing Swindon Town in the Final of the Smoby Table Football Championships 2000. A fantastic prize of a day out at the club of their choice, driven to the ground in a stretch limousine, awaits the overall winner. Ticket price reductions for entry to the Millennium Dome for anyone wishing to support Anthony on the day are available by telephoning 0870 606 2000 and quoting TAB. Good Luck to Anthony and let's hope that this year he comes back with the Smoby Table Football Championship Cup.

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Our Disco on March 17th was a great success. If you missed it, you missed a really good evening. Our grateful thanks to **Gareth Davies** who gave up his spare time to come along and help with our raffle and also present the lucky winner in our special draw for Executive tickets.

**We have two away FAMILY TRIPS booked for you at the moment, they are:**

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Once again we were disappointed with the turn out at Portsmouth, only a few managed to make the short journey! So come on you Robins, let's make an extra special effort for the last two remaining matches. **Daniel Mindak** was chosen as our Lucky Mascot for the day and Daniel had a great time, well done. Pictured here is a look at what's on offer for our Lucky Away mascots. This was taken in the Huddersfield dressing room earlier this season.



We would like to welcome **John Graham** and **Talgarth U13s** to today's game. They travelled up from Wales earlier today to play a match against our own Junior Robins at **Ridgeway School, Wroughton**. We hope they have a good day out with us. **Talgarth** is the home town of our own **Gareth Davies** and we would like to thank Gareth once again for arranging today's visit and for sponsoring it through his **Evening Advertiser** column.

**Julie Page** is now recruiting again for the Robinettes. If you are interested in being part of Julie's team you must be aged 13 and upwards. Julie will require quite a lot of spare time, so if you feel you can be a committed member and the Robinettes appeal to you, please give Julie a call on **01793 763349** for more information.

## today's lucky mascots



### Martha Robinson

This is 8-year-old Martha's second day as a Town mascot. She has attended most games this season and is hoping that she will bring the Town luck today. Her favourite players are **Charlie Griffin** and **Steve Mildenhall**.



### Luke Roddy

Luke is 11-years-old and attends **Ridgeway School**. He enjoys playing football, the guitar and using his computer. His favourite Town player is **Andy Williams**.



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.

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## away mascots

### Liam Mullen & Francesca Valley

Liam plays football for **Kirkham Juniors** and his favourite player is **Nicky Weaver**. His mum is from **Swindon**, where her family still live. **Francesca** is a keen swimmer and **Brownie** and her favourite player is **Shaun Goater**.

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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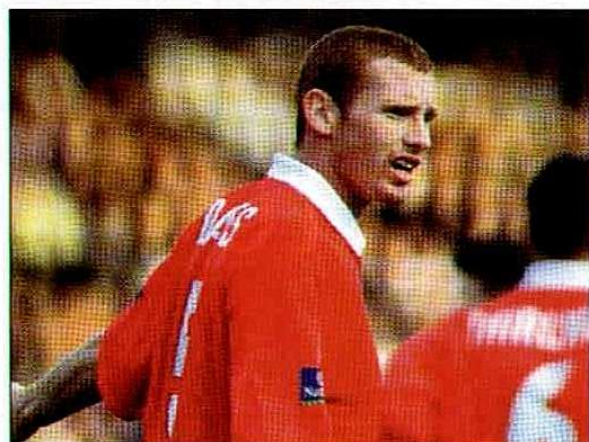


# the treatment room

with Dick Mackey



Gareth Davies has been with me everyday, both morning and afternoons going through the usual sort of format after an operation - mobilising techniques to get his knee moving again, swimming and working on his upper body in the gym using the weights.



The way he's progressing now, he should be fully fit come the end of the season but we won't take any chances playing him again. Once he's back to full fitness then he can continue that right through the close season and be ready for next season.

Frazer McHugh has a slight groin strain but that should be ok in a couple of days. Plus Scott Leitch got a bash on his eye which required a couple of stitches but he'll be ok for Saturday's match.



I've had a few others but they've been mainly transitory bits and pieces, nothing really too serious.

It has mainly been typical end of season injuries where it's an accumulation of knocks and strains after a hard season. We've only really got Gareth now who is unable to play because of injury so that is good news.

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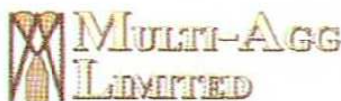
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0  
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## Mark Robinson 02



Playing Position  
Defender  
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35(2)  
99/00 1999 Goals  
0  
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## Gareth Hall 03



Playing Position  
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Signed From  
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33(1)  
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2  
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## Scott Leitch 04



Playing Position  
Midfielder  
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23(1)  
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0  
D.O.B. 06/10/69

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Playing Position  
Midfielder  
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Forward  
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99/00 1999 Goals  
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## Steve Mildenhall 18



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

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## Adam Willis 19



Playing Position  
Defender  
Signed From  
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5(6)  
99/00 1999 Goals  
0  
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## Sam Campagna 24



Playing Position  
Defender  
Signed From  
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1(2)  
99/00 1999 Goals  
0  
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## Frazer McHugh 25



Playing Position  
Midfielder  
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9(1)  
99/00 1999 Goals  
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## Nicky Burke 26



Playing Position  
Midfielder  
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0  
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0  
D.O.B. -

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## Jamie Mills 27



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

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**Jim Quinn** **40** **Manager**



Playing Position  
Manager  
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps  
2(6)  
99/00 1999 Goals  
0  
D.O.B. 18/12/59

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

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**Gareth Davies** **05**



Playing Position  
Defender  
Signed From  
Reading  
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps  
16(2)  
99/00 1999 Goals  
0  
D.O.B. 11/12/73

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**Bobby Howe** **07**



Playing Position  
Midfielder  
Signed From  
Nottingham Forest  
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps  
23(7)  
99/00 1999 Goals  
1  
D.O.B. 06/11/73

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**Jan Cheeseman**  
**Wantage**

**Giuliano Grazioli** **10**



Playing Position  
Forward  
Signed From  
Peterborough Utd.  
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps  
5(6)  
99/00 1999 Goals  
3  
D.O.B. 23/03/75

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**Alan Reeves** **12**



Playing Position  
Defender  
Signed From  
Wimbledon  
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps  
38  
99/00 1999 Goals  
1  
D.O.B. 19/11/67

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**Joe Molloy**

**Charlie Griffin** **20**



Playing Position  
Forward  
Signed From  
Chippenham Town  
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps  
1(15)  
99/00 1999 Goals  
0  
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**Sol Davis** **21**



Playing Position  
Defender  
Signed From  
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99/00 L'ge & Cup apps  
21(3)  
99/00 1999 Goals  
0  
D.O.B. 04/09/79

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**Rivaldo** **22**



Playing Position  
Forward  
Signed From  
Barcelona  
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps  
27  
99/00 1999 Goals  
58  
D.O.B. 01/04/00

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**Philippe Cuervo** **23**



Playing Position  
Midfielder  
Signed From  
Sodhaux (France)  
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps  
(6)  
99/00 1999 Goals  
0  
D.O.B. 13/08/69

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**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. -

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**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. 03.12.80

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**James Williams** **32**



Playing Position  
Defender  
Signed From  
STFC Youth  
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps  
14(7)  
99/00 1999 Goals  
0  
D.O.B. -

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**Andy Williams** **33**



Playing Position  
Defender  
Signed From  
Southampton  
99/00 L'ge & Cup apps  
30(3)  
99/00 1999 Goals  
1  
D.O.B. 08.10.77

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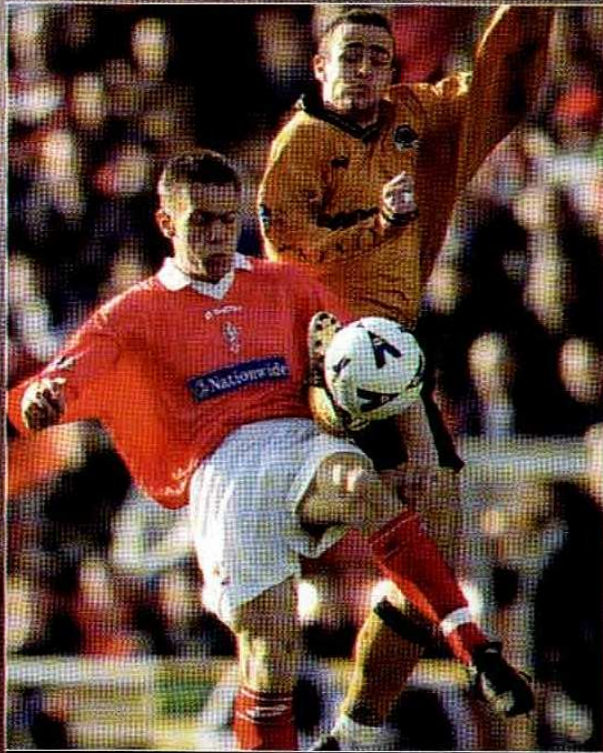


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Scott Leitch has been Captain Courageous at the County Ground this season as Jim Quinn's side have tried to stop the rot, and in recent weeks there has been a noticeable improvement in their performances, even if the right result has not always been forthcoming.

Jamie Pollock's Manchester City side have also got a stressful end to the campaign - but at the other end of the table. The Manchester City hardman will be hoping that he fails to repeat his amazing feat at the end of the 97-98 season when City were trying - in vain - to avoid the drop and the then Maine Road skipper scored arguably the most skilful own goal of all time.

This season Pollock has scored three at the right end of the pitch from a total of 23 strikes. Leitch has not

# head to head

## Scott Leitch v Jamie Pollock

been able to get forward as much but has one goal assist to his name and has a minor lead on Pollock when it comes to passing accuracy.

Pollock has not been a regular this season, and as a result he has often been forced into playing out of position on the flank rather than in the engine room. He has taken this role change in his stride as his 30 per cent crossing accuracy from 30 crosses suggests. His dribbling statistics suggest that he likes to run with the ball but could do with passing it sooner as his completion rate is only 72 percent which indicates that he tries to do it all himself to often and runs into trouble.

Both players are strong in the challenge but ultimately go for the ball as despite them notching 62 fouls between them Leitch has only two bookings and Pollock four, so neither have been suspended this season. Joe Royle will hope Pollock avoids another yellow as a suspension at this stage in the season would disrupt the squad.

Leitch will need to rally his troops after last week's disappointing result at Portsmouth as Town dominated the first half until Pompey's goal burst, proving that if they can get the first goal there could be a shock in store for the men from Maine Road.

**minutes on pitch:**  
**Leitch: 1,904**  
**Pollock: 1,332**

### goal attempts

	Leitch	Pollock
goals	0	3
shots on target (inc goals)	3	9
shots off target	7	10
blocked shots	6	4

### passing

	Leitch	Pollock
goal assists	1	0
total passes	665	659
pass completion	67%	66%

### crossing

	Leitch	Pollock
total crosses	19	30
cross completion	26%	30%

### dribbling

	Leitch	Pollock
dribbles & runs	10	39
dribble completion	80%	72%

### defending

	Leitch	Pollock
tackles made	50	41
tackles won	48%	49%
blocks	9	11
clearances	28	36
interceptions	2	5

### discipline

	Leitch	Pollock
fouls	32	30
offside	0	0
yellow cards	4	2
red cards	0	0

Statistics supplied by Carling Opta



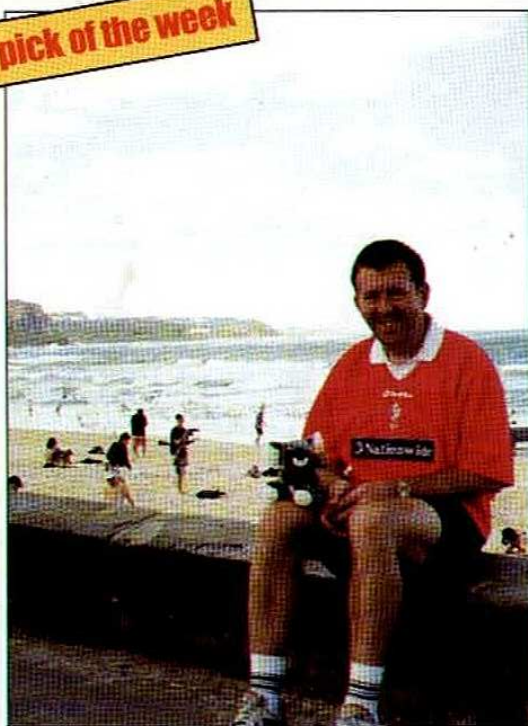
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## show yer colours!

pick of the week



### life's a beach

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### the maltese robins

Pictured here is Steve Barbara (centre) and friends John & Kim 'Showing their Colours' at Paceville, St. Julians. Steve was also a Town mascot earlier this season and plays football for Msida in Malta where he lives.

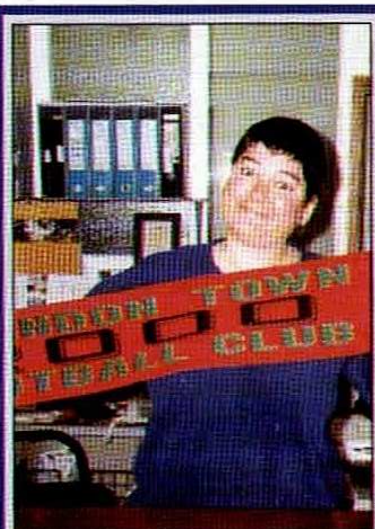


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### away from home!

Nigel Eady travelled to the Falkland Islands and came across the only Town fan in 2500 Islanders wearing her new strip proudly. Her name is Hillary Millet and she is 'Showing her Colours' at the Post Office she works in Stanley.



A sprint it has most certainly not been but after a process more convoluted than a Nassem Hamed boxing ring entry, the knock-out phase of the Champion's League has finally been reached.

There are very few who will be sorry to see the conclusion of the league section, a section which apart from a select number of games, has failed to inspire supporters across Europe. Many games have been played out in half empty stadiums as the supporters of many of the top European sides have let UEFA know what they think of the new format by voting with their feet.

The last set of qualifying games seemed to sum up the situation very aptly indeed. One only had to witness the second half stroll between Valencia and Manchester United to realise that Europe's premier competition was not designed for such dull fare. There have of course been exceptions. Manchester United's game against Fiorentina at Old Trafford will live long in the memory but games such as this have been few and far between.

Surely if 'The Champion's League' (already an extremely blurred definition given that the last two winners had not even been the champions of their own league the previous year) is to thrive it's format must be modified. Fewer games, more teams in a group with just one group phase would immediately relieve some of the strain on the players and would place greater emphasis on quality rather than quantity. The likelihood of this happening is however remote given that UEFA seem far more interested in finance than football. One can only hope that the final stages will be as rewarding and thrilling as the group stages have been tedious and long-winded.





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# looking ahead

Today we take a look at Swindon's next two fixtures. On Saturday we travel to Loftus Road to meet QPR then, on the following Saturday, we're home to Tranmere Rovers.

## Queens Park Rangers



### the lowdown...

After last season's brush with relegation the Hoops are in no danger of making a repeat of their last day survival. They've already recorded more points than their total last season and if they had not drawn so many games this season (16) could well be in with a shout of the play-off places. Now eleventh a late surge may still run them close.

### the reason to watch...

We met Rangers in our first game of the new Millennium and it turned out to be a bitter blow for all the Town faithful. An injury time strike by Richard Langley took all three points back to West London and robbed Swindon of a more than deserved point. It's always an

eventful trip to Loftus Road and hopefully this season will be no different, remember when Alan McDonald had to go in goal and we held out for an unlikely away victory?

### the last five meetings...

Swindon Town 0-1 Queens Park Rangers 03.01.00  
Queens Park Rangers 4-0 Swindon Town 20.03.99  
Swindon Town 3-1 Queens Park Rangers 31.10.98  
Queens Park Rangers 1-2 Swindon Town 14.03.98  
Swindon Town 3-1 Queens Park Rangers 05.11.97



### the player to watch...

Richard Langley is one of many rising stars at Loftus Road and will not be soon forgotten here at the County Ground after his late strike inflicted our first defeat of the New Year. Not bad for someone who was given his chance as a full professional when signed from Aylesbury United for just £25,000. A skilful and hard running playmaker who is now rated nearer the £1 million mark and has several Premiership watching his progress.

## Tranmere Rovers



### the lowdown...

For the whole of the 1990's Tranmere Rovers have defied the odds and cynics to become one of the mainstays in the First Division. This season they took it a step further and overcame numerous Premiership opponents to book themselves a place in this season's Worthington Cup Final and also an FA Cup quarterfinal berth, and although unsuccessful in both, have proven that on their day they are a match for any opponent.

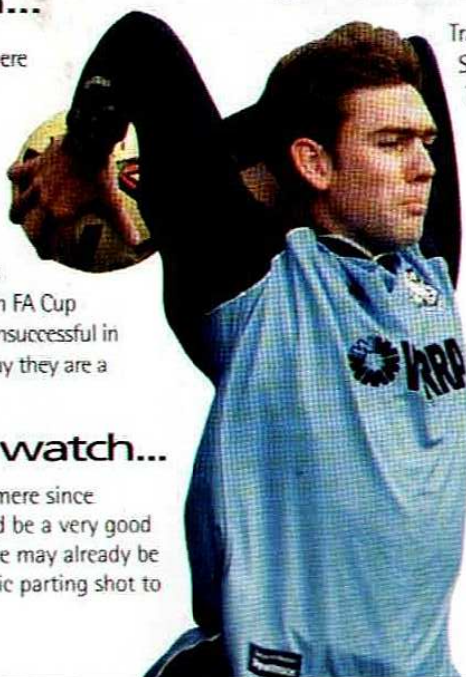
### the reason to watch...

The Town have not beaten Tranmere since September 1997 and now would be a very good time to end that run. Town's fate may already be sealed but it would be a fantastic parting shot to

the First Division if the Robins can go down fighting and take all three points in front of the home fans.

### the last five meetings...

Tranmere Rovers 3-1 Swindon Town 28.12.99  
Swindon Town 2-3 Tranmere Rovers 03.03.99  
Tranmere Rovers 0-0 Swindon Town 25.09.98  
Tranmere Rovers 3-0 Swindon Town 10.02.98  
Swindon Town 2-1 Tranmere Rovers 13.09.97



### the player to watch...

Dave Challinor signed for Rovers during the summer of 1994 from local non-league side Bromborough Pool. He won England Under 19 honours before turning down a University place to turn pro with Rovers. He now holds a place in the Guinness Book of Records for the longest throw (46 metres). His throwing arms have been a key factor in Rovers triumphs this season, utilising the aerial strength of former Town favourite Wayne Allison to great effect.



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## Premiership football

West Ham have revealed that they are set for talks with Lyon over a permanent move for Frederic Kanouté.

The 22-year-old turned on the style in front of the Upton Park faithful in last Sunday's demolition of Wimbledon. The young Frenchman, on loan until the end of the season, netted on his debut and went in to double figures in goal attempts. Cheers of "sign him up, sign him up" reverberated around Upton Park on Sunday and Hammers boss, Harry Redknapp admitted he didn't know whether or not they could afford to keep him.

Lyon have already rejected a £6 million offer from Monaco for the striker, but that's because they don't want to sell him to another French club.

Hammers' officials revealed: "We intend to have further discussions with his club and their representatives in the near future."

Frederic's debut will further increase his value and has also sparked interest from Italian giants AC Milan and Juventus.

Kanouté said: "I want to play in the Premiership and join a club permanently in the summer, but I don't know who it will be. I am very happy at West Ham and I am pleased to have signed for them. But it's too early to say whether I would join them permanently."

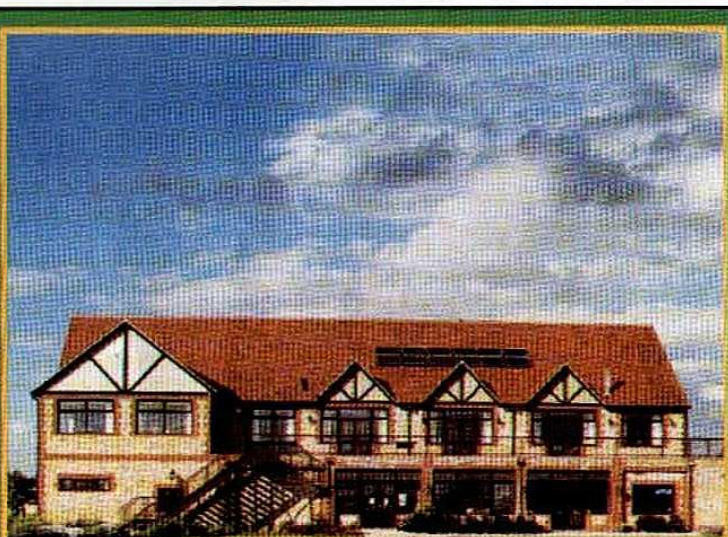
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Saturday 15th April - HOME

**Swindon Town v Tranmere**

Nationwide League Division One,

kick-off 3.00pm

Band C prices apply for this match



Saturday 29nd April - HOME

**Swindon Town v Barnsley**

Nationwide League Division One, kick-off 3.00pm

Band B prices apply for this match



## town ladies by Roger Reeves

**Swindon Town Ladies have taken maximum points from their last two South West Combination League matches.**

Playing away at Denham United the Town took an early lead through Holly Ashman. The Town were playing some neat football and Kim Reeves headed in Pam Laker's corner to give the Town a deserved 2-0 lead. The Town then let Denham back into the game and the sides were level at the break. The second half was much more even but Netti Wyness grabbed the winner in the 65th minute. Gemma Carter in the Town goal saved the day for the Town when dived full length to keep out a strong drive in the last minute. The Town then beat Yeovil Town 3-1. The Town fell behind mid-way through the first half but Leanne Taylor equalised

before half time. The Town scored twice in the second half through Katy Lemon and Leanne Taylor to take the points.

The Town reserves proved to be too strong for Newport Pagnell winning the match 5-0. The goalscorers were Denise Warburton (2), Michelle Rich, Nikki Relph and Sam Quinn.

Only the Town reserves have a fixture tomorrow afternoon when they play Chesham United in the semi-final of the Southern Region League Cup. This will be another tough test for the Town as Chesham are current League leaders and have completed the double over Town this season. The Town reserves are mainly youngsters in their first season of eleven a side football. To reach the semi-final the Town have beaten Denham United Reserves 7-0, Swindon Spitfires 2-0 and Risborough Rangers 3-0. The



Roger Reeves - Manager

### SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISTOL ROVERS	19	15	2	2	68	8	47
SWINDON TOWN	21	14	3	4	67	37	45
NEWPORT STRIKERS	17	14	0	3	66	15	42
CHELTHENHAM	19	13	2	4	54	22	41
SALTISH PILGRIMS	19	9	3	4	52	34	30
PORTSMOUTH	19	8	3	8	40	31	27
DENHAM UNITED	17	8	2	7	47	31	26
YEOVIL TOWN	19	8	2	9	46	41	26
OXFORD UNITED	22	6	4	12	41	55	22
BRISTOL CITY	17	5	2	10	32	62	17
SOUTHAMPTON	22	3	1	18	28	76	10
BATH CITY	22	1	1	20	14	143	4

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# away travel



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We then have just two away trips left this season, at Stockport on Easter Monday and at Sheffield United on the final day of the season - Sunday 7th May.

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## going dutch

Ipswich Town have bolstered their promotion-chasing squad with the addition of Dutch striker Martijn Reuser before last month's deadline day. Reuser has joined the East Anglia club until the end of the season, with a view to a permanent deal. Reuser was already on loan at Ajax where he came through the youth ranks, from his club, Vitesse Arnhem before George Burley made an approach.

Reuser was unveiled as the latest player to join Town's promotion challenge and the Dutch striker promptly made a huge impact on East Anglia, scoring the last minute winner against Fulham on his debut.

He has become an instant hit at Portman Road and the only problem now facing George Burley is the asking price of £5 million, which means Martijn Reuser will be priced out of Town's reach.

Their new Dutch hero insisted that if Town do win promotion then he would be more than happy to stay on in the Premiership. At present Reuser's contract situation is complicated, he is back at Ajax on loan after the Dutch giants had not received any payment from Vitesse Arnhem despite being there for two years, and with his first team opportunities at Ajax limited he jumped at the chance to join Ipswich.





# division one news

## no fox hunting



Norwich City are unlikely to make a summer move for former fans' favourite Ruel Fox, despite reports suggesting otherwise. Fox was poised to join the Canaries on loan prior to deadline day but a contractual problem meant that Fox would not be making a return to Carrow Road.

City were only interested in a loan deal as both the player's wages and transfer fee would be out of the Canaries budget, especially for a player who is past his best.

Norwich currently have four players on loan - defender Fernando Derveld, midfielders Des Hamilton and Garry Brady, plus striker Gaetano Giallanza.

City are more likely to snap up whichever one or two of that quartet impress them the most, as they would fit more easily into the club's budget.

## night crawler

Goalkeeper Russell Hoult is to appear in court after being arrested in a police crackdown on kerb-crawlers.

Hoult, 27, currently the subject of a proposed transfer deal from Derby County to Portsmouth, was stopped last month with several other men in a red light district of Derby.

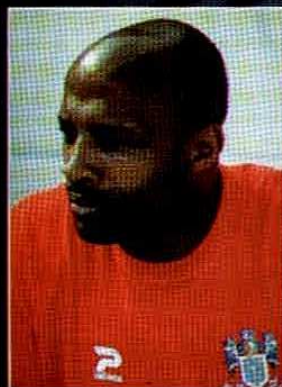
He was questioned, released on police bail, and is expected to appear in court next month.

A Derbyshire Police spokesman said: "We can confirm that three men have been summoned to appear at Derby Magistrates Court at a future date after they were stopped for alleged kerb-crawling in the Peartree area of Derby in February.

"Police are taking action against prostitutes and kerb-crawlers in response to complaints from local residents."



## nice one cyrille



Cyrille Regis has left the coaching staff at First Division strugglers West Brom. Former Hawthorns star Regis was in temporary charge of team affairs in the interim of Brian Little's departure from the club and Gary McGson's appointment as manager.

Regis, who gained five England caps in his career, said: "I feel that the ambitions I have will be better served by taking a break from West Bromwich Albion and moving to another club."

A West Brom statement read: "The club is naturally disappointed at the decision of one of its most popular employees to leave The Hawthorns, but wishes him well."

## ndah injury over



Former Town favourite George Ndah has given Wolves' promotion push a huge boost after he made a successful return to action after five months out with a broken leg.

Ndah, who suffered the injury at West Brom in October following his £1million move, played a full 90 minutes for the reserves in yesterday's 1-0 defeat at Grimsby.

"George did really well and showed flashes of his old self," said Wolves boss Colin Lee.

He is now expected to be named in the squad for Saturday's clash with play-off rivals Birmingham.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
CHARLTON	38	26	6	6	71	33	84
IPSWICH	39	20	11	8	59	37	71
BARNLEY	39	21	8	10	76	56	71
MAN CITY	38	20	9	9	60	36	69
HUDDERSFIELD	39	19	9	11	59	40	66
BIRMINGHAM	39	19	9	11	60	42	66
WOLVES	39	17	11	11	55	43	62
BOLTON	39	16	12	11	52	39	60
BLACKBURN	39	14	14	11	45	41	56
FULHAM	39	14	14	11	39	35	56
QPR	39	13	16	10	51	45	55
SHEFF UTD	39	13	11	15	55	57	50
NORWICH	39	12	13	14	39	43	49
TRANMERE	38	13	9	16	48	56	48
STOCKPORT	40	11	14	15	43	57	47
CRYSTAL PALACE	39	11	13	15	48	56	46
GRIMSBY	39	13	7	19	38	62	46
PORTSMOUTH	39	12	9	18	48	55	45
NOTTM FOREST	39	10	11	18	42	51	41
CREWE	39	11	8	20	37	53	41
WALSALL	39	9	12	18	43	62	39
WEST BROM	39	8	15	16	31	50	39
PORT VALE	37	6	12	19	40	55	30
SWINDON	39	6	11	22	30	65	29





Rosenborg Trondheim striker John Carew confirmed last week that he would move to Spanish first division club Valencia in the summer for a record Norwegian fee of at least £5.3 million.

"Several clubs have been in the picture, but Valencia have always been my first choice," he said in a statement.

"I've seen them on television and I was impressed. They're among the best in Spain, and I have a good chance of a fixed team place."

Carew, 20, impressed in Rosenborg's unlikely success in the Champion's League this season and it is not the first time he has been linked with Europe's top clubs. Several Premiership clubs nearly stepped in for Carew before he joined Rosenborg from Oslo club Valerenga where his tally of 38 goals in 58 matches alerted Europe's elite; Borussia Dortmund, PSV Eindhoven and Strasbourg were ready to sign the Norwegian international before talks broke down.

Valencia need a replacement for Claudio Lopez, tipped to be joining Lazio at the end of the season.

Carew will move from the Norwegian champions after the first part of Norway's league season, starting on April 8 and ending before the European Championship finals in June.

Carew, a tall, speedy striker, would be able to move to Valencia earlier if Rosenborg find a replacement - Rosenborg are in talks with striker Rune Lange of Tromso, who was top scorer in the Norwegian elite division last year.

Carew, born on September 5, 1979, said that only formalities remained of his transfer deal to Valencia. "I've not signed my personal conditions yet, but we have agreed."

"I'll have to speak English at first, and then gradually go over to a bit of Spanish. The only thing I can say so far is 'senoritas'," he said.







# the gripton factor

By Jon Gripton,  
breakfast presenter,  
BBC Wiltshire Sound

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**You can forgive Charlie Griffin a wry look down the M4 at his Chippenham colleagues this week, can't you?**

While he still struggles to make a big impression here at the County Ground, his former colleagues at Hardenhuish Park have the thrill and excitement of a historic trip to the Twin Towers to look forward to. Every game in Chippenham's progression to the FA Vase final has been bigger and better than the last. And seven days ago more than three thousand crowded in to the market town to cheer them all the way to Wembley Way. I hear our Charlie was in the crowd with his family and friends to watch the Bluebirds steal a late extra-time victory. And I can't help feeling a little bit sorry

for him - after all, which would you choose: an end of season struggle for survival in the First Division, or a glorious cup final appearance at Wembley, with all your friends, family, even your neighbours and work mates there cheering you on? It's the difference between a winning streak and a battle for survival. I wish Chippenham all the best for May the 6th.

And so back to County Ground matters. And Club chairman Cliff Puffett has been setting out his thoughts this week on the future pricing policy of tickets for Swindon. A commendable act but a strange one in my mind - because no Town fan is going to want to give serious attention yet to any prospect for next season except Division One football. While it may be realistic to think otherwise, while there are still points up

for grabs in the current campaign and while the fat lady is still tuning up for the sing-song, Mr Puffett should hold fire for a day or two. Preparations for next season's football at this stage should be rooted in Division One. And let's hope all the effort isn't wasted.

Finally as the sun starts to set on the campaign, thoughts should I suppose start turning to the end-of-season awards. It's hard, I suppose, when we haven't exactly performed as we may have hoped. However there are some creditable performances to look back on - and if you want to get your thoughts in nice and early, then the usual address applies.

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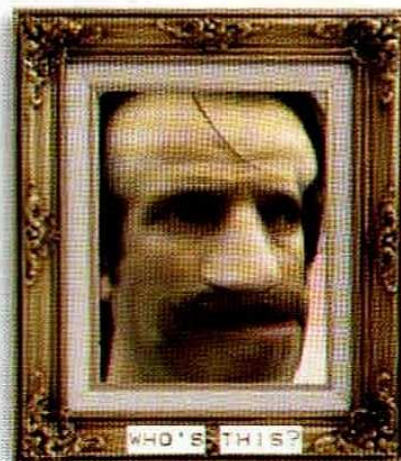
# half-time teasers

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



## quick quiz

- 1 Which Division Three team are nicknamed 'The Merry Millers'?
- 2 Which Nationwide League team are 'The Pilgrims'?
- 3 Name the Dr. Martens League club also nicknamed 'The Pilgrims'?
- 4 Which Scottish side play at Firhill?
- 5 Name the four other countries who were in England's Euro 2000 qualifying group?
- 6 And the five other teams in Scotland's group?
- 7 Who won the first European Championship finals in 1960?
- 8 Which striker scored 31 goals in Division One last season?
- 9 Name the team who avoided relegation to the Nationwide Conference at the end of 1998-99 by just one point?
- 10 In which season did Coventry City last play outside the top flight of English football?



## Where in the World?

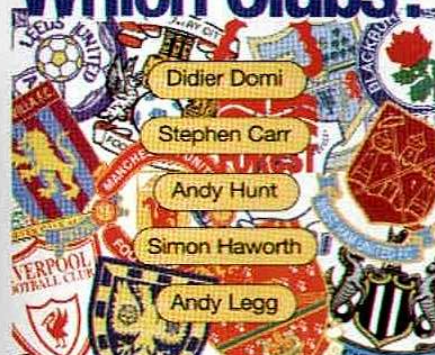
Which countries do they represent?

- 1 - Afan Lido
- 2 - Bylis
- 3 - Belshina
- 4 - Young Boys
- 5 - Kocaeli
- 6 - Alaves
- 7 - PAOK Salonika
- 8 - Mouscron
- 9 - Norrkoping
- 10 - Vasco da Gama

## goal mouth!



## Which Clubs?



**Answers:** Quick Quiz 1. Northampton 2. Plymouth Argyle 3. Bolton United 4. Patrick Thistle 5. Bulgaria, Luxembourg, Poland, Sweden 6. Bosnia, Estonia, Faroe, Lithuania, Czech Republic 7. USSR 8. Liam Hughes 9. Carlisle United 10. 1966-67.

**Name the Team?** Charlton, Blackburn, Nottingham Forest, Bury, Oxford, Bristol City, York, Northampton, Lincoln, Macclesfield, Scarborough.

**Which Clubs?** 1. Newcastle United 2. Spurs 3. Charlton Athletic 4. Wigan Athletic 5. Cardiff City 6. Wolves 7. Aston 8. Bayern 9. Switzerland 5. Turkey 6. Spain 7. Greece 8. Belgium 9. Sweden 10. Brazil.

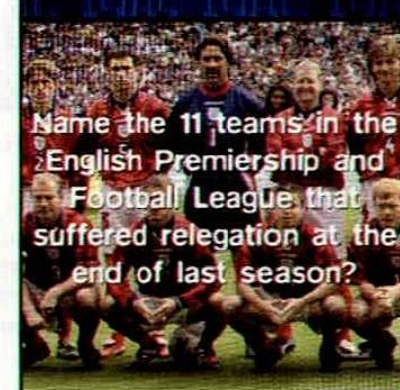
**Guess Who?** Mark Overmars.

**Who's This?** David Seaman.

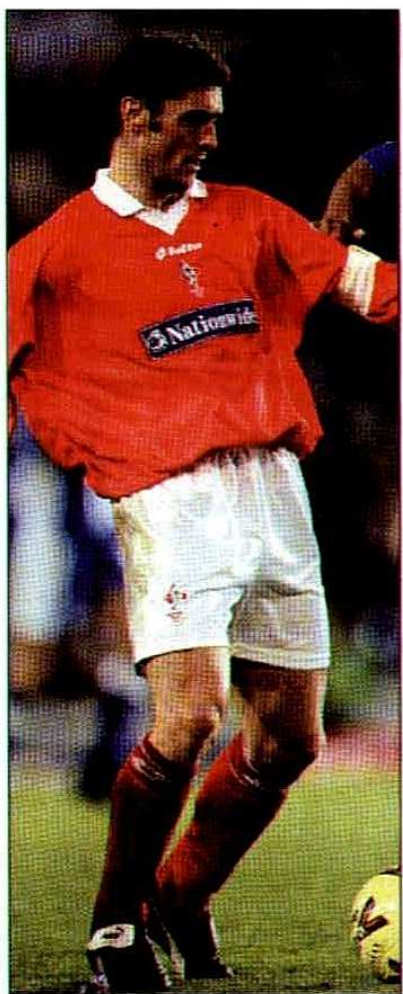
**Goal Mouth?** 1. Dennis Bergkamp 2. Bobby Robinson 3. Don Hutchison 4. Juninho.

## Name the Team

Name the 11 teams in the English Premiership and Football League that suffered relegation at the end of last season?







## captain's corner with Scott Leitch

**The lads were very disappointed after the home defeat against Wolves so were determined to make amends by having a real go at Norwich City on the Wednesday night.**

I thought the lads really took the game to the opposition and battered them for the entire 90 minutes. It was our most convincing win this season and the 2-0 score line didn't really do us justice because we dominated for long periods adding to the fact that they only had one shot on target. I think it was Frank's easiest game in professional football, certainly this season anyway!

After that great result we were very confident travelling to Fratton Park to play Portsmouth on the Saturday. We thought we had our defensive frailties sorted out but they came back to haunt us and a combination of good finishing and poor marking on our part took the game out of our reach even before half time. It was a fifteen-minute spell where we lost concentration and unfortunately Pompey made us pay for it. We came out for the second half determined to pull one or two back and for a while we had the better chances. In the end it turned out to be a fruitless task and in the last fifteen minutes we shot ourselves in the foot again and conceded another to make it a very disappointing afternoon against our local rivals.

There should be a big crowd against Manchester City with a great atmosphere and I know the players are really looking forward to it. If we can bounce back from this latest defeat like we did after Wolves, then to beat City and take the three points would be a fantastic scalp for us at this stage of the season.



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# TURNING BACK the clock

## John Trollope.

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

On the opening day of the 1960/61 season in a match at home to Halifax Town, Swindon Town fielded the youngest ever pair of full backs to appear together in the Football League. Sadly, the career of one of them, Terry Woollen, was to be cut short by a broken leg but the other was to go on to not only make a record number of appearances for Swindon Town, but to make a record number of appearances for one club in Football League history. During his first season in League football Trollope missed two matches but he was ever-present from the start of the 1961/62 season until 24th August 1968 when a broken arm at Hartlepool ended a magnificent run of 368 appearances. The run had included being part of the first ever Swindon squad to win promotion in 1963 and by the end of the season in which he sustained his broken arm Trollope was to add another promotion triumph not to mention a League Cup winners medal to his honours list.

In his early days John had most often attracted notice with last ditch clearances off the line but as his career progressed his overlaps with Don Rogers became a striking feature of Town's play and was to produce many goals. Managers came and went but John seemed to go on forever. After making a record 832nd appearance against Preston on 7th March 1978 he was intending

to retire but less than a month later an injury crisis saw him pressed back into service. He took over the role of Youth team manager and did not play at all in the 1979/80 season. The following campaign saw him called into the colours for the final time until after a 770th League appearance at Colchester on the 8th November 1980 he decided to concentrate his efforts on his managerial role. Although he was successful in helping Town avoid the drop that season, the following year saw Swindon slump into Division Four for the first time in their history. The familiar story of players signed on wages based on gate expectations in a higher division meant there was little money to spend. The ball did not run kindly and John found himself axed as manager. His huge magnanimity was shown in a letter he wrote to me after I had commiserated with him over his fate, "I still hope I can be useful to the Club in another role and that we will return to success for Swindon



which is what we all want."

His wish came true and he was to be an able Lieutenant as Assistant Manager to Lou Macari before returning to look after the Youth team which always seemed his great passion and the job in which he was happiest. John Trollope had given 37 years of service to Swindon before he was sacked as Youth team manager as Steve McMahon wanted to bring in his own people. It was sad that the Club did not see fit to mention his departure in the Club programme or wait and allow him to retire at the end of the season with the dignity he himself had always shown both on and off the pitch.

By Dick Mattick

## competition TIME

Q: Against which club did John Trollope make his final League appearance.

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...

How many League Clubs did Mike Summerbee play for?

Answer

5: Swindon Town, Manchester City, Burnley, Blackpool and Stockport C.

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# The Woman Who Knew Too Much!

**It's not that I'm against the information super highway, it's rather that I get the feeling I've missed my exit.**

It's so easy for people to send you an email with an explanation for absence, or unsolicited junk mail that you are forced to read. The sender knows you will eventually get it but not when. You can then go on for weeks back and forth at cross purposes. A lot of the info I get about soccer is unnecessary as I've already heard it on the radio or by word of mouth ages before it flickers onto my screen.

My complaint is that there is too much information from every source imaginable and we all know too much about everything.

A case in point is the after dinner speaker circuit on which you can hear a sporting personality in your area almost every week; there are so many of them at it, and I feel I must hear them all, but a great deal of the time I don't like all that they have say. It seems in the effort to be interesting they are prepared to spill the beans on anyone who crossed their path during their career. There comes a moment in everyone's life when an early hero is revealed as a human being with feet of clay and the great sense of disappointment and betrayal is not one you want repeated on a weekly basis. So I'm giving you notice chaps, I don't want to know! Maybe a great Spurs striker did pick his nose and ill treat his whippets, I'm not interested. Possibly my favourite goalkeeper had formed a close attachment to his Bootle landladies WXX flesh coloured double knit drawers, and everyone may have seen him in the dressing room caressing their gusset but its not a mental picture I want thank you. So what if the finest winger of the sixties had a half kilo a day cough candy twist habit and was a known loiterer at Pick Et Mix counters all over Batley, that's his business. There is always someone somewhere ready to stitch up their mates in a way that wasn't possible during the fifties and sixties.

Poor old Posh and Becks only have to glance at a bottle of Grecian 2000 and the imminent arrival of a grey hair is included in news bulletins everywhere. It can't be very long before someone sets up a web page featuring their washing line where anyone who cares can gaze for hours on end at Brooklyn's bits and Victoria's boob tubes.

It is also just a matter of time before a 'pay as you go' telephone line will patch you into your favourite club's dressing room to hear players discussing their contractual obligations. Interactive TV coverage will enable you to not only follow a player through the game but follow him home to see him on his sofa watching Blind Date and picking new wallpaper for the spare room.

If you have something to say it should be about yourself, not the people around you and I'm not that sure I'm in favour of that kind of soul bearing. There's a time and place for people to reveal their innermost feelings in public and that's not in the Winners Bar at Swindon Town, it's on the Jerry Springer show. The trouble is that by the time a soccer celeb' is ready to tell

the world their problems we already know them. As with reading the book and then watching the film the first version of events tends to be the one you enjoy most, which must be very galling when you reveal your lifelong secret only to have people say they preferred the version published by the Daily Star.

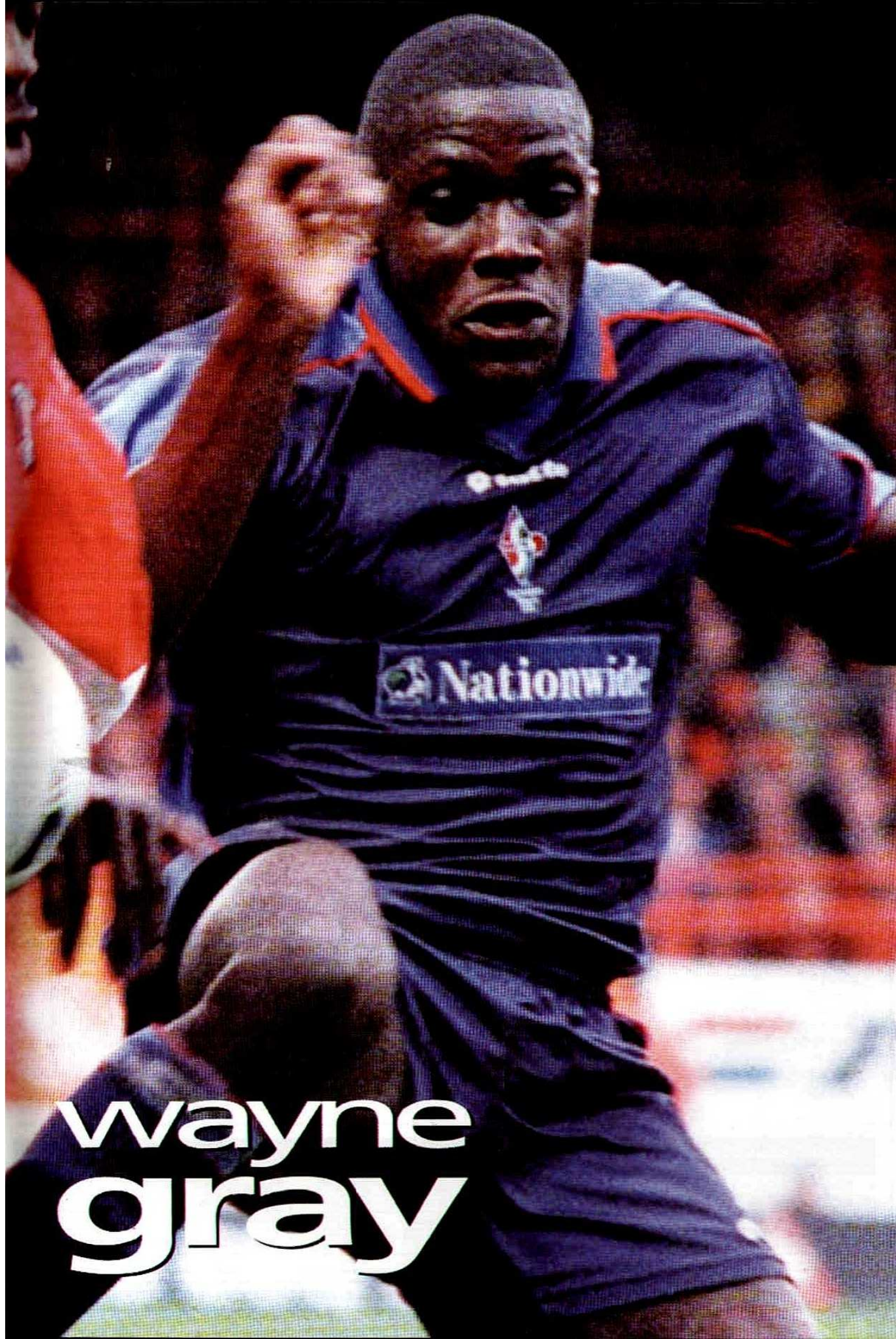
With football agents came the mobile phone ear accessory, beloved by Premier League players which enables them to conduct an interview in conference with their agent live on TV. As mobile phones will shortly include a TV screen they will be able to see themselves doing it, at the same time as the nation sees it. I have a strange feeling that we are about to use this sort of technology to achieve time travel and then we will not only know everything, but be able to travel back and actually see it happen. Imagine you could travel back to the sixties stop George Best taking that first drink and then make a living telling the story on the after dinner circuit.

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date	opponents	result	att.										
Sat Aug 7	Walsall (A)	0-0	6,437	TALIA	HULBERT (2)	HALL	WILLIAMS	ROBINSON	GOODEN	LEITCH	NDAH	WALTERS	
Tue Aug 10	Leyton Orient (WC1)1 (H)	0-1	3,587	TALIA	HULBERT (2)	HALL (2)	WILLIAMS	ROBINSON	DAVIS	LEITCH	NDAH	WALTERS	
Sun Aug 15	Ipswich (H)	1-4	6,195	TALIA	HULBERT (3)	HALL	WILLIAMS	ROBINSON (1)	TAYLOR	McHUGH	NDAH	HOWE	
Sat Aug 21	Crystal Palace (A)	2-1	12,726	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIES	HOWE	WALTERS	REEVES	NDAH	DAVIS	
Tue Aug 24	Leyton Orient (WC1)2 (A)	1-1 (1-2agg)	4,000	TALIA	ROBINSON (2)	HALL	DAVIES	REEVES	WALTERS	HOWE	NDAH (3)	DAVIS	
Sat Aug 28	West Brom (H)	1-2	6,565	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIES	REEVES (1)	WALTERS	HOWE	NDAH	DAVIS	
Mon Aug 30	Grimsby (A)	0-1	5,705	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIES	REEVES (1)	WALTERS	HOWE	NDAH	DAVIS (3)	
Sat Sep 11	Nott'm Forest (H)	0-0	8,203	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIES	REEVES	A WILLIAMS	THIRLWELL	HOWE	McHUGH	
Sat Sep 18	Crewe (A)	1-2	5,280	TALIA	ROBINSON (1)	HALL	DAVIES	REEVES	A WILLIAMS	THIRLWELL	HOWE	McHUGH	
Sat Sep 25	Port Vale (A)	0-2	4,629	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIES (1)	REEVES	A WILLIAMS	THIRLWELL	HOWE	McHUGH (2)	
Tues Sept 28	Blackburn (H)	2-1	7,354	GLASS	ROBINSON	WILLIS	REEVES	McHUGH (2)	HOWE	THIRLWELL	J WILLIAMS	A WILLIAMS	
Sat Oct 2	Bolton (H)	0-4	6,711	GLASS	ROBINSON	WILLIS	A WILLIAMS	REEVES	THIRLWELL	McHUGH (1)	HOWE (2)	J WILLIAMS (3)	
Sat Oct 9	Stockport (H)	1-1	5,318	GLASS	A WILLIAMS	HALL	DAVIES (1)	REEVES	GOODEN	THIRLWELL	HOWE	NDAH	
Sat Oct 16	Fulham (A)	0-1	13,715	GLASS	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIES	REEVES	A WILLIAMS	WALTERS	HOWE	THIRLWELL	
Tues Oct 19	Barnsley (A)	0-1	12,026	GLASS	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIES	REEVES	THIRLWELL	WALTERS	HOWE(2)	GOODEN (1)	
Sat Oct 23	Sheff Utd (H)	2-2	5,504	GLASS	J. WILLIAMS	HALL	DAVIES(4)	THIRLWELL	WALTERS(2)	DAVIS	GOODEN	HAY(2)	
Tues Oct 26	Port Vale (H)	2-1	5,703	GLASS	J. WILLIAMS(3)	HALL(4)	REEVES	THIRLWELL	HOWE	DAVIS	GOODEN	HAY	
Sat Oct 30	Bolton (A)	0-2	12,486	GLASS	J. WILLIAMS(4)	HALL	REEVES	THIRLWELL	COLLINS	DAVIS	GOODEN(3)	HAY	
Sat Nov 6	Huddersfield (A)	0-4	11,891	TALIA	WILLIS	HALL	REEVES(3)	THIRLWELL	COLLINS(4)	DAVIS	ROBINSON	HAY	
Fri Nov 12	Norwich (H)	0-0	7,405	TALIA	A. WILLIAMS	HALL(3)	REEVES	CARRICK	LEITCH(2)	DAVIS	ROBINSON	HAY	
Sat Nov 20	Wolverhampton (A)	1-1	19,917	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	REEVES	DAVIS	HOWE	LEITCH	CARRICK	A. WILLIAMS	
Tues Nov 23	Charlton (H)	1-2	6,515	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	REEVES	WILLIAMS	HOWE(2)	CARRICK	LEITCH	DAVIS	
Sat Nov 27	Birmingham (A)	1-1	22,620	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	REEVES	WILLIAMS	HOWE(1)	CARRICK	LEITCH(3)	DAVIS	
Sat Dec 4	Walsall (H)	1-1	7,186	MILDENHALL	ROBINSON	HALL	REEVES	WILLIAMS	HOWE(1)	CARRICK	LEITCH	DAVIS	
Sat Dec 11	Charlton (FAC 3)	(A)	1-2	MILDENHALL	ROBINSON	HALL	REEVES	A. WILLIAMS(2)	DAVIES(2)	GOODEN	LEITCH	COLLINS	
Sat Dec 18	Man City (A)	0-3	31,751	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	REEVES	A. WILLIAMS(4)	DAVIES(2)	GOODEN	LEITCH	COLLINS(1)	
Sun Dec 26	Portsmouth (H)	1-1	10,279	TALIA	J. WILLIAMS	HALL	REEVES	A. WILLIAMS	DAVIES(2)	DAVIS	LEITCH(4)	COLLINS(2)	
Tues Dec 28	Tranmere (A)	1-3	8,068	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	REEVES	A. WILLIAMS(4)	J WILLIAMS(3)	DAVIS	HOWE(3)	COLLINS	
Mon Jan 3	QPR (H)	0-1	9,460	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	REEVES	A. WILLIAMS	HULBERT(3)	DAVIS	LEITCH	COLLINS	
Sat Jan 15	Ipswich (A)	0-3	17,326	TALIA	ROBINSON (1)	HALL	REEVES	HULBERT (2)	A. WILLIAMS	HOWE	LEITCH	McHUGH	
Fri Jan 21	Crystal Palace (H)	2-4	5,214	TALIA	CAMPAGNA	HALL	REEVES	A. WILLIAMS	McHUGH	DAVIS(1)	LEITCH	COLLINS(2)	
Sat Jan 29	West Brom (A)	1-1	11,856	TALIA (1)	ROBINSON	DAVIES	REEVES	HALL	McHUGH (2)	LEITCH	COLLINS(3)	A. WILLIAMS	
Sat Feb 5	Grimsby (H)	0-1	5,784	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIES(3)	REEVES	HALL	HULBERT	LEITCH	COLLINS(2)	A. WILLIAMS	
Sat Feb 12	Blackburn (A)	0-0	16,938	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	REEVES	HALL	HOWE(2)	LEITCH	J. WILLIAMS	A. WILLIAMS	
Sat Feb 19	Birmingham (H)	1-4	7,591	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIES	REEVES(2)	HALL	DAVIS	LEITCH	J. WILLIAMS(1)	A. WILLIAMS	
Sat Feb 26	Crewe (H)	0-1	5,003	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIES	REEVES	HALL(4)	HOWE	LEITCH	COLLINS	A. WILLIAMS	
Sat Mar 4	Nott'm Forest (A)	1-3	19,748	TALIA	ROBINSON	LEITCH(1)	DAVIES	REEVES	DAVIS	COLLINS	A. WILLIAMS(2)	COWE	
Tues Mar 7	Huddersfield (H)	2-0	4,701	TALIA	ROBINSON	REEVES	WILLIS	DAVIS	COWE(1)	COLLINS	LEITCH	A. WILLIAMS	
Sat Mar 11	Charlton (A)	1-0	19,569	TALIA	ROBINSON	REEVES	WILLIS	J WILLIAMS(1)	COWE	COLLINS	LEITCH	A. WILLIAMS	
Sat Mar 18	Wolverhampton (H)	1-2	8,748	TALIA	ROBINSON	LEITCH(2)	REEVES	DAVIS	WILLIS	COLLINS	HAY	GRAY(3)	
Wed Mar 22	Norwich (A)	2-0	13,662	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL(2)	LEITCH	REEVES	COLLINS	COWE(4)	WILLIS	J WILLIAMS	
Sat Mar 25	Portsmouth (A)	1-4	15,305	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	REEVES	WILLIS	COLLINS(4)	J WILLIAMS(3)	LEITCH	MEAKER	
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

Chris Hay	9
Iffy Onuora	4
Giuliano Grazioli	3
Gareth Hall	2

### this season's top gates

Sun 26th Dec vs Portsmouth	10,279
Mon Jan 3rd vs Q.P.R.	9,460
Sat Mar 18th vs Wolves	8,748
Sat Sept 11th vs Nott'm Forest	8,203

### last four games

Portsmouth	LOST	4-1
Norwich City	WON	2-0
Wolves	LOST	2-1
Charlton Athletic	WON	1-0





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saturday april 1st 2000



KO 3.00pm vs man city



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## division one







TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Charlton	38	26	6	6	71	33	84
2. Ipswich	39	20	11	8	59	37	71
3. Barnsley	39	21	8	10	76	56	71
4. Man City	38	20	9	9	60	36	69
5. Huddersfield	39	19	9	11	59	40	66
6. Birmingham	39	19	9	11	60	42	66
7. Wolves	39	17	11	11	55	43	62
8. Bolton	39	16	12	11	52	39	60
9. Blackburn	39	14	14	11	45	41	56
10. Fulham	39	14	14	11	39	35	56
11. QPR	39	13	16	10	51	45	55
12. Sheff Utd	39	13	11	15	55	57	50
13. Norwich	39	12	13	14	39	43	49
14. Tranmere	38	13	9	16	48	56	48
15. Stockport	40	11	14	15	43	57	47
16. Crystal Palace	39	11	13	15	48	56	46
17. Grimsby	39	13	7	19	38	62	46
18. Portsmouth	39	12	9	18	48	55	45
19. Nottm Forest	39	10	11	18	42	51	41
20. Crewe	39	11	8	20	37	53	41
21. Walsall	39	9	12	18	43	62	39
22. West Brom	39	8	15	16	31	50	39
23. Port Vale	37	6	12	19	40	55	30
24. Swindon	39	6	11	22	30	65	29

## stfc first team appearances 1999/2000

player name:	squad number	league apps	cup apps	goals all comps	total apps
Frank Talia	1	26	2	-	28
Mark Robinson	2	34(2)	3	-	37(2)
Gareth Hall	3	33(1)	3	2	36(1)
Scott Leitch	4	23(1)	2	-	25(1)
Gareth Davies	5	14(2)	2	-	16(2)
Michael Carrick	-	7	-	2	7
Bobby Howe	7	24(7)	1(1)	1	25(8)
Iffy Onuora	-	16(5)	3	4	19(5)
Wayne Gray	9	6	0	1	6
Giuliano Grazioli	10	4(7)	2	3	6(7)
Michael Meaker	11	1	-	-	1
Ty Gooden	-	7(3)	1	1	8(3)
Alan Reeves	12	37	2	1	39
Bart Griemink	-	4	-	-	4
Jimmy Glass	-	8	-	-	8
Mark Walters	-	11(2)	2	2	13(2)
Chris Hay	-	27(5)	(2)	9	27(7)
Lee Collins	16	16(1)	1	1	17(1)
Steve Cowe	17	10(2)	-	-	10(2)
Steve Mildenhall	18	1(1)	1	-	2(1)
Adam Willis	19	9(6)	1(1)	-	10(7)
Charlie Griffin	20	1(13)	(2)	-	1(15)
Sol Davis	21	22(2)	2(1)	-	24(3)
Robin Hulbert	-	3(7)	2	-	5(7)
Philippe Cuervo	23	(6)	-	-	(6)
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	-	-	-	-
James Williams	32	13(9)	1	-	14(9)
Andy Williams	34	29(3)	1	1	30(3)
Jim Quinn	40	1(6)	1	-	2(6)

player in RED denotes scorer

number in brackets denotes player replaced ( )

						
		1	2	3	4	5
GRAZIOU (1)	ONUORA	GRIFFIN	TAYLOR	HOWE	REEVES	GLASS
GRAZIOU (1)	ONUORA	GRIFFIN	TAYLOR	HOWE	HAY	GLASS
GRAZIOU	ONUORA (2)	WALTERS	HAY	WILLIS	REEVES	GLASS
GRAZIOU (1)	ONUORA	HAY	WILLIS	HULBERT	WILLIAMS	GLASS
GRAZIOU (1)	ONUORA	HAY	WILLIS	MCHUGH	WILLIAMS	GLASS
HAY(2)	ONUORA	WILLIS	GRIFFIN	MCHUGH	WILLIAMS	GLASS
HAY	ONUORA (2)	WILLIAMS	GRIFFIN	MCHUGH	WILLIS	GLASS
NDAH	ONUORA (1)	GRIFFIN	DAVIS	WILLIAMS	WILLIS	GLASS
NDAH	ONUORA (2)	WALTERS	GRIFFIN	WILLIS	DAVIS	GLASS
NDAH	WALTERS	J WILLIAMS	ONUORA	WILLIS	DAVIS	GLASS
NDAH	WALTERS (1)	ONUORA	HULBERT (3)	GRAZIOU	DAVIS	FLANAGAN
ONUORA	WALTERS	HAY (1)	HULBERT (2)	GOODEN (3)	GRIFFIN	MILDENHALL
HAY (2)	WALTERS (3)	ROBINSON (1)	GRAZIOU (2)	ONUORA (3)	J WILLIAMS	TALIA
WOODEN (1)	NDAH	ONUORA (1)	J WILLIAMS	HAY	WILLIS	TALIA
NDAH(3)	A WILLIAMS	ONUORA(1)	HAY(2)	GRAZIOU(3)	J WILLIAMS	TALIA
A WILLIAMS(1)	ONUORA	HOWE	GRAZIOU	ROBINSON	WILLIS	TALIA
A WILLIAMS	ONUORA(2)	COLLINS	GRAZIOU	ROBINSON	WILLIS	TALIA
WILLIS	GRAZIOU(2)	MCHUGH	ONUORA	HOWE	COWE	TALIA
HOWE(2)	ONUORA	MCHUGH	J WILLIAMS	LEITCH	GRIFFIN	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	GRIFFIN	COLLINS	WILLIS	GLASS
QUINN	ONUORA	GOODEN	GRIFFIN	COLLINS	WILLIS	HULBERT
QUINN	ONUORA	MCHUGH	GRIFFIN	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
COWE (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)
HAY	MCCAMMON(5)	CAMPAGNA	HOWE	J. WILLIAMS	COWE (3)	QUINN
HAY	COWE(4)	CAMPAGNA	HULBERT	MCAREAVEY	GRIFIN	TALIA
HAY	COWE	GRIFIN(4)	WILLIS	MCAREAVEY	MCHUGH	TALIA
HAY	COWE(1)	QUINN	WILLIS	CUERVO	DAVIS	TALIA
GRAY	HAY	HOWE	CUERVO	WILLIS	MCAREAVEY	MILDENHALL
GRAY(2)	HAY	HOWE	GRIFIN	CUERVO	MCAREAVEY	MILDENHALL
GRAY(2)	HAY	HALL	GRIFIN	CUERVO	MCAREAVEY	MILDENHALL
COWE(4)	J.WILLIAMS	HALL	HOWE	GRAZIOU	A. WILLIAMS	MILDENHALL
GRAY(1)	HAY X2	GRAZIOU	DAVIS	CUERVO	A. WILLIAMS	MILDENHALL
COWE(1)	GRAY	GRAZIOU	DAVIS	CUERVO	A. WILLIAMS	MILDENHALL

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4	(c) Scott Leitch	Gerard Wiekens	4
5	Gareth Davies	Andy Morrison	5
7	Bobby Howe	Kevin Horlock	6
9	Wayne Gray	Spencer Prior	7
10	Giuliano Grazioli	Ian Bishop	8
11	Michael Meaker	Paul Dickov	9
12	Alan Reeves	Shaun Goater	10
16	Lee Collins	Tommy Wright	13
17	Steve Cowe	Craig Russell	15
18	Steve Mildenhall	Jamie Pollock	16
19	Adam Willis	Jim Whitley	17
20	Charlie Griffin	Jeff Whitley	18
21	Sol Davis	Danny Tiatto	19
23	Philippe Cuervo	Gary Mason	20
25	Frazer McHugh	Lee Peacock	24
32	James Williams	Richard Jobson	25
33	Andy Williams	Richard McKinney	26
40	Jim Quinn	Shaun Holmes	27
		Tony Grant	28
		Shaun Wright-Phillips	29
		Stephen Hodgson	30
		David Laycock	31
		Leon Mike	32
		Chris Killen	33
		Mark Kennedy	34
		Lee Mills	35
		Danny Granville	36
		Robert Taylor	37



Jim Quinn

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