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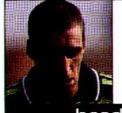
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Good afternoon and welcome to today's League Division One fixture against Fulham.

For those of you who can only attend home matches on a Saturday afternoon, last weekend will have been something of a shock. It was our first home win on a Saturday all season and I'm sure you will agree it was a long time coming. On the day the lads were superb, splendid up front and defiant at the back, one to remember.

At present we're still members of the First Division and hopefully we can make that last as long as possible, you never know, we might even be here next season! The Club is still waiting on an update for the proposed financial backing of Terry Brady and his group of investors. In our last programme next week the Club hopes to give you an accurate update of their current situation.

Please don't forget to send in your votes for this season's Player of the Year. The winner will be announced next Saturday prior to the match against Barnsley.

Swindon Town would like to welcome Karl-Heinz Riedle and all the players, staff and supporters of Fulham Football Club that have travelled from West London.

The fans have been terrific in recent weeks and it was great to see everybody cheering a win last Saturday despite the low gate. There should be a fantastic atmosphere today with plenty of Fulham supporters making the short trip down the M4. Let's hope the lads can get back-to-back wins on a Saturday afternoon here at the County Ground.

Enjoy the match.

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If anybody has a copy of the video of the 1969 League Cup Final between Swindon Town and Arsenal, please can they contact the Commercial Department on 01793 333718.

special guest

Today's special guest is Harry Fitchett.

Harry is celebrating his **75th Birthday** with us today and, to mark the occasion, he will take part in the pre-match formalities. Our referee George Cain has kindly agreed to take Harry under his wing before today's match. Harry will sit in on the referee's talk to his fellow officials prior to the match, lead the teams out onto the pitch and will also toss the coin for today's captains. Swindon Town Football Club would like to wish Harry, a life-long supporter, a very Happy Birthday and hope that he enjoys his day here with us at the County Ground.



Harry presents former Town player Martin Ling with an award.

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It was a fantastic game to be a part of last week and we really showed everyone at the County Ground what we are capable of.

We asked the lads to tighten up a bit on the previous week's performance and I thought they acquitted themselves magnificently for the entire 90 minutes. We knew they could have caused us a great deal of problems from set pieces but we coped very well and didn't give them the opportunities. The free kick from which they scored was very dubious and I doubt whether Alan Reeves could have done anything about it.

Certainly in all departments we were well worth
the three points and the annoying thing about this
result is that we all know we should have produced it,
especially at home, more often. One pleasing aspect was
that when we did go in front, we didn't get nervous or
look as if we were going to concede.

Charlie's been looking sharp in recent weeks, whether it was because Chris Hay left or not I don't know and he scored a good striker's goal last Saturday. He's been among the goals in the reserves all season and it's probably about time that he started making the step up. He got his chance and he's taken it well. I've had a look at Graz and Charlie up front and at the moment they're working well together, although we could do with another forward or two to push them even harder.

I was delighted that we scored three goals, especially as it was for the first time this season and the good thing was that all three forwards hit the target. It shows that we're heading in the right direction and, although we have lost forward players this season, other squad players have stepped up and filled the breach.

We survived for another week and all we can do again this week is go out and perform to the best of our ability and hope other results go our way. Fulham have also been ringing the changes after their promotion charge went off the rails but after last weeks 4–0 win they'll be up for this one today.

I would like to welcome Karl-Heinz Riedle, plus all his players and staff who have travelled from Craven Cottage.

Last week we had our lowest home league gate of the season which was disappointing because I'm sure all those who came, despite the weather, had a really good day at the County Ground. You really made yourselves heard and made a great game to be part of.

jim quinn's comment

today's Visitors

Whilst many clubs have undergone alterations and upgrades in their bid to join the elite of the Premiership, none has been quite so wholesale as the transformation that has seen Fulham grow from bankrupt Division Three club dicing with relegation from the league, to Division One powerhouse replete with established stars from these shores and beyond.

No nip here or tuck there for the Cottagers: their's has been a total body transplant.

Now, for the first time since Derby County's fans wrecked their chances in the last game of the 1982/83 season, Fulham are sniffing promotion to the top flight once again, backed by the millions of Harrods owner and club chairman Mohammed Al Fayed. On that fateful day 17 years ago, they needed a win at the Baseball Ground to secure promotion on the last day. Yet with three minutes still remaining and Fulham 2-1 down, the referee ended the game for safety reasons whilst Derby fans intent on invasion stood a dozen deep on the touchline.

From that moment on the dream went sour, a good team broke up and within 10 years Fulham were in the basement fighting for their lives. The intervention of Al Fayed in 1997 not only secured their future but also

offered a future beyond fans' wildest dreams.

They arrived in the First Division this season, having secured the Second Division title under the



stewardship of Chief Operating Officer, Kevin Keegan. When the lure of the England job proved too much for mighty mouse, Paul Bracewell, a man with playing experience at the highest level stepped into the breach. Although the season began promisingly enough, recent inconsistencies, especially in front of goal have seen them slip down the table and, subsequently, Bracewell was shown the door in favour of temporary managers Karl-Heinz Riedle and Roy Evans. Jean Tigana will then take the reigns this summer no matter what division although their faint promotion challenge was restored with a 4-0 demolition of Sheff Utd last week. It is vital though, with so many teams challenging for just four spots that they win consistently to secure their berth. Al Fayed expects results for his investment and with so many former Premiership players currently plying their trade by the Thames, many believe that a squad of this quality should

be gracing a higher stage.

It's easier said than done though and they will have to be at their best to secure promotion. A clear indication of the lough and competitive nature of this division.

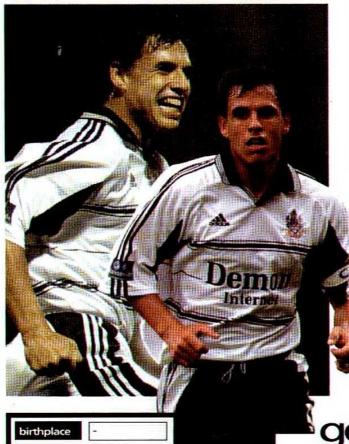
Fulham FC



BACK BOW: John Safako, Simon Morgan, Andy Melville, Geoff Horsfield, Zathiath Knight, Chris Coleman, Kit Symons, Ian McGuckin, Alan Nedson, Miloole Row: Chris Smith (Physiotherapist), Neil Smith, Gus Uhlenbeck, Kevin Betsy, Stan Collymore, Maik Taylor, Marcus Hahnemann, Paul Trollope, Steve Finnan, Stephan Hughes, Sean Davis, Alan Bevan (Kit Manager).

FRONT ROW: Steve McAnespie, Lee Clark, Paul Peschisolido, Steve Hayward, Rufus Brevett, Frank Sibley (Assistant Manger), Paul Bracewell (Manager), John Marshall (Coach), Wayne Collins, Ian Selley, Paul Brooker, Barry Hayles, Luke Cornwall.

chris coleman



birthplace Swansea date of birth 10.06.70 6ft 2ins height 13st 9lbs weight position defender previous club records dub games goals 31(1) C Palace 177(10) 195(1)

When Chris Coleman left Blackburn Rovers in the Premiership to join Second Division Fulham it could easily have been the biggest gamble for both Fulham and the man himself.

Having suffered with injuries, no-one was quite sure what kind of player they were getting. But this is one move that couldn't have worked out much better. His defensive mastery has been one of the key reasons why Fulham have continued to rise and the £2.1 million transfer fee now seems like a snip. Dangerous at set pieces and rock-like at the back, he is one of Fulham's most respected figures and makes strikers' jobs all the more difficult with his strength and astute reading of the game.

geoff horsfield

If Chris Coleman was a snip at £2.1 million, then there are no words to describe the value of Geoff Horsfield, one of this country's most improved forwards.

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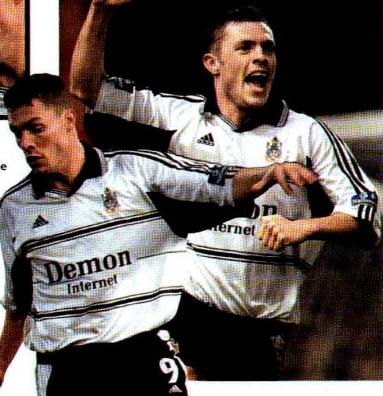
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When he signed for Fulham in October 1998 from Halifax, he cost the Cottagers a mere £300,000 and began repaying that meagre fee immediately with a goal on his debut against Walsall. He may be an 'old fashioned centre forward' in the words of Kevin Keegan, but this observation belies his skill on the ball, an ability to use both feet and an excellent turn of pace. His strength and no-nonsense approach are what serves him best though and it has helped him to some stunning goals.



players



German-born stopper, previously with Barnet and Southampton. He left the Dell for the Cottage in November 1997 and kept a club record 24 clean sheets last season.

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height	6ft 1i	n
weight	13st	
position	det	ender

Welsh international centre back who made his name with Sunderland, having previously played for Swansea, Oxford United and Bradford City on loan. He made his Fulham debut in September 1999.



	Kit S	ymons
date of I	oirth	08.03.71
height	6ft 3i	
weight	13st	
position	de	lender

Basingstoke born defender who made his name at Portsmouth before moving to Manchester City in a swap deal. He joined Fulham in the summer of 1998 and missed only one game last season.

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position	det	ender

Terrier-like Irish international full back who recently joined Fulham on a free transfer from Everton. Much travelled, he has previously been with Leeds, Swansea, Wimbiedon, Manchester City and Chefsea.

Steve	Finnan
date of birth	20.04.76
height 6ft	
weight	1115
position	dielder

Having Legan his career in nonleague tootball with Welling United, he then moved on to Birmingham and Notts County. He made his Fulham debut against Chesterfield in November 1998.

Kevin Ball		
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A talismanic player and captain at Sunderland, guiding them to promotion last season, he moved to Fulham for an undisclosed fee towards the end of last year, Previously with Portsmouth.

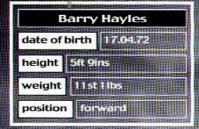


one of the division's best midfielders, he signed for Fulham in a £3 million deal during the summer from Sunderland. He made his name at Newcastle under Kevin Keegan before moving to Wearside.

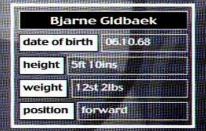
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Formerly with Derby County, he signed for Fulham in 1997 from Third Division Carlisle. He made his debut for the Cottagers in September 1997 and has made over 100 appearances for the club.





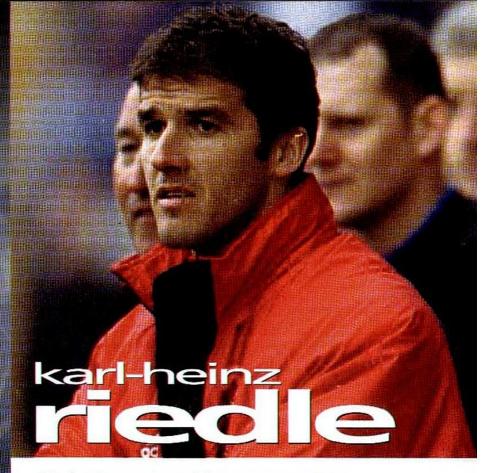
Bustling striker signed from Bristol Rovers during the 1998/99 promotion season. He began his career with Stevenage Borough and has now made over 50 appearances for Fulham.



Danish international forward, signed last month from Cheisea for £800,000. A much-travelled player having previously been with FC Copenhagen, Cologne and Kaiserslautern.



Hugely experienced German international who featured in Germany's 1990 World Cup triumph and scored twice in Borussia Dortmund's European Cup win in 1997. Formerly with Werder Bremen, Lazio and Liverpool.



The vastly experienced German International Karl-Heinz Riedle was appointed acting manager of Fulham Football Club following the departure of Paul Bracewell at the end of March.

Fulham had slipped well outside the play-off places and for ambitious Chairman Mohammed Al Fayed that wasn't good enough. It was long thought of as a temporary measure since Kevin Keegan left to be England coach because many believed the former Everton and Sunderland midfielder was not high-profile enough for one of English football's emerging noveau riche clubs.

Riedle was brought to England by the then Liverpool boss Roy Evans in the summer of 1997 after his two goals had defeated Juventus in the European Cup Final. Although with over 40 international caps to his name, competing with England internationals Robbie Fowler and Michael Owen he failed to stake a regular claim in the starting line-up. He joined Fulham last September for £200,000. A 5'10" striker renowned for his prowess in the air, he soon became a fans' favourite at Craven Cottage.

Riedle took no time in appointing Roy Evans as his assistant and it looked as if the pair would forge a new partnership throughout next season. However, earlier this month it was announced that former Monaco coach, Jean Tigana will take charge of the West London club on 1st of July 2000.

The former French international, who won the European Championships with France in 1980, has signed what is, potentially, a five-year contract. Tigana is a coach with a proven track record after guiding Monaco to the French championship and knocking Manchester United out of the Champions' League in 1997.

Riedle confirmed that he was happy to see Tigana appointed Fulham's fulltime boss. He still believes his place is on the pitch and that his goals can help guide Fulham into the Premiership.

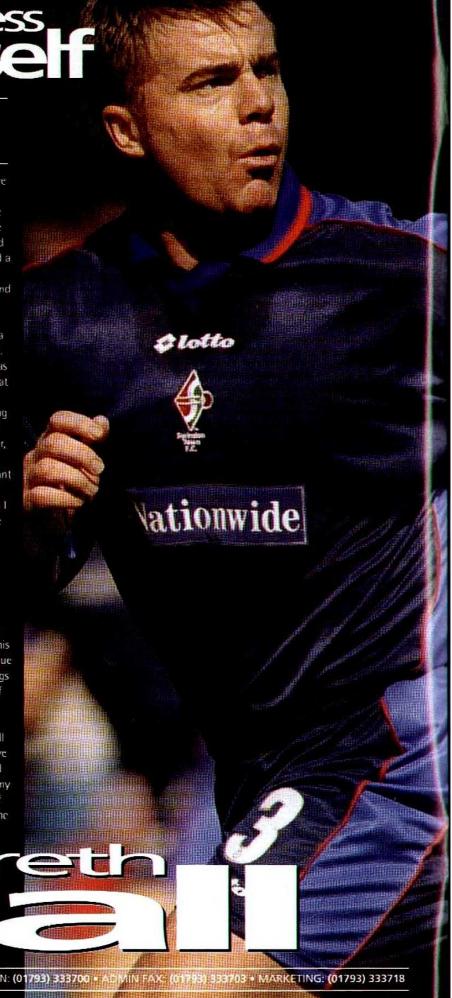
We had a fantastic result last Saturday and really deserved our win.

I was happy to be back in the side and we certainly gave it our all, and fortunately it went well for us on the day. The difference on Saturday was that we were able to take our chances and we scored three very good goals. It could have been more and we had a good goal disallowed.

In the first half we were really buzzing and looked as if we could score everytime we went forward. It was the first time we've scored three goals this season but it's just a shame that we couldn't keep a clean sheet. We were quite solid against a team that has been scoring goals all season. I thought that Alan was unlucky to have the handball awarded against him and from the resulting free kick they scored a deflected goal that Frank couldn't do anything about. However, the fact that we scored a few goals and took all three points was the most important thing. If we had produced this kind of performance on a regular basis this season I don't think we'd be in the situation we are in now. If we can finish this season with that in mind then it will be a good foundation for our next campaign.

It looks as if we will be relegated this season but we certainly won't give up on the matter of survival. It's been a difficult season but all the players know that every season is different. For the remainder of this season and into next, as long as we continue to improve, try our hardest and make things happen for us on the day, we're capable of bouncing straight back.

It looks as if a few things might change this close season, so hopefully the Club will come out all the better for next season. I've got another year left on my contract and I fully intend to see that out. I want to do my best for Swindon and, with a bit of luck, if we do go down help to get us back into the First Division, where we belong.



Evening Advertiser

- at the heart of Swindon

By Matt Reeder, Sports Editor.

I DIDN'T quite know what to do come 4.45pm last Saturday evening.

The 3-1 win over Tranmere totally threw me off the pace and I have to admit that I was stunned. I had almost forgotten what it was like to win a Saturday game at the County Ground.

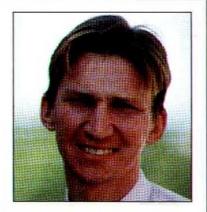
We had not seen the team win three points on a Saturday in front of the home faithful in almost a year, that is hard to take for any supporter. But not, seemingly, for the Swindon faithful. They are a special breed of supporter who really deserve some kind of medal for having to put up with what they have this season.

It can't have been easy following your team the length and breadth of the country, spending hundreds of pounds, just to see your team lose every week. The 19 game run without a win must have been the hardest part. But everyone stuck by the team and I know first-hand that manager Jim Quinn was delighted with the fact that you, the supporters, did not get on the players' backs, even when things did get a little rough.

Your support has been invaluable. I know because I've been to every match this season and every time I have been amazed with the level of vocal support you provide. I travel because I get paid to do it. You travel through sheer devotion to the team and that is something very special.

I would like to think that last week's win was for you lot, the fans who deserve some cheering-up. That win, coupled with the news that Terry Brady could be about to invest in the club, could just now make the whole season worthwhile.

Would you swap a mid-table finish and not have the prospect of financial



security and the hope of a much brighter future?

Now I just hope Jim Quinn and the boys can end the season on a high with four more wins, starting today against Fulham. We will still go down, but at least we will go down with a bit of the party atmosphere swilling around our ears.

You all deserve it, so go on, give yourselves a pat on the back and let's look forward to a new season, a new hope and a new era in the life of Swindon Town FC.

Come on you reds.

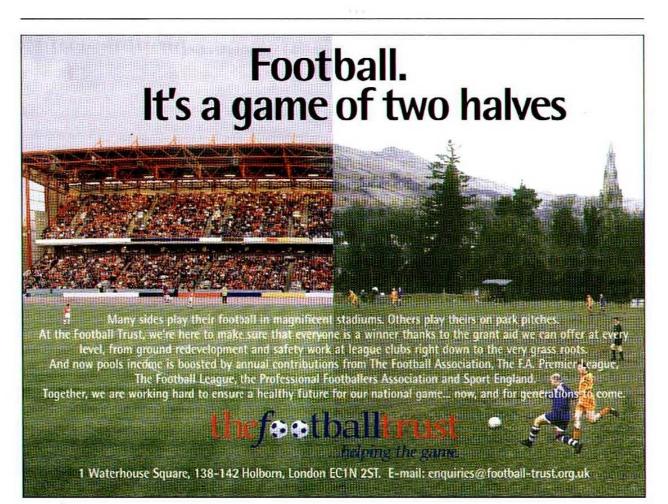
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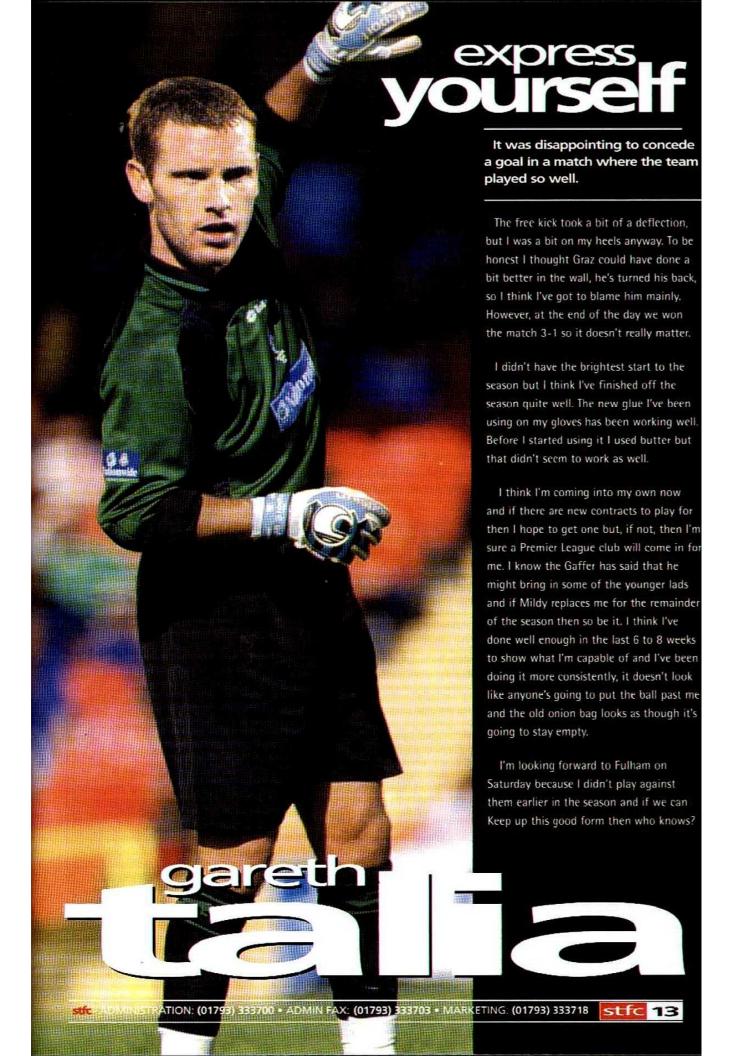
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Gillingham reserves Swindon Town reserves

We started the match very well and I was very pleased with our attitude. We had the lion's share of possession in the first half without really creating any clear-cut chances. We were tight defensively and in the middle third we were quite solid but we didn't capitalise on our dominance in the final third of the pitch.

After the half-time break we lost our shape slightly as well as a bit of our momentum. Gillingham came at us and went 1-0 up. We had to re-group after that and re-assert ourselves on the match, which I believe we did. Once more we pushed forward and as it turned out Brian McGlinchey, the scorer of Gillingham's goal, turned the ball into his own net to make it even.

To be honest, the 1-1 draw was a fair result because the opposition had the better of the second half after we dominated the first period without threatening to score many goals, which was the only disappointing aspect of the match.

We had young Adam Collier playing up front with Steve Cowe. It was Adam's first game in the reserve team after playing in the youth team all season. It was a big game for him because the step up is quite a big one and it was understandable that he struggled slightly. It was a good experience and sometimes you have to throw them in there, not only for us to have a look at them, but also, so they can have a look at what is expected of them. The pair didn't gel that well but we, perhaps, expected too much

from Adam although both worked very hard for the team.

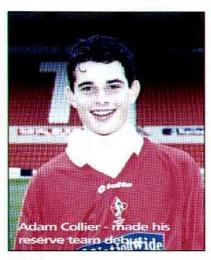
We've got two more games left in the Avon Insurance League; Colchester United at home next week and then Ipswich away. We hope to finish as high as possible but even now we can say that we've had a fairly successful season as a reserve team. We had a tremendous start, winning the first eleven games but it was four defeats in a row after the Christmas period that really cost us the league.

One of the most pleasing aspects has been the way that the younger players have come into the side and asserted themselves on the team, including Charlie Griffin, who scored a few for the reserves, went off the boil a bit, and then came back with a fantastic goal at Southend and is now delivering the goods in the first team.

Philippe Cuervo travelled to Hibernian in Scotland for a trial match. He asked the Gaffer for permission and Jim didn't have a problem with that. When Philippe returned from injury he looked sharp in the reserve team and hungry to play. However, he soon lost his appetite for the game and has taken a couple of steps backwards. I'm not sure why that is but this trial with Hibernian might give him the new challenge that he needs for his career to progress.







Reserve League Fixtures Season 1999/2000

Wed Aug 18	Cambridge Utd	4-0
WED SEPT 1	NORTHAMPTON T.	2-1
Wed Sept 8	Luton Town	1-0
Wed sept 22	BARNET	4-3
Tue Oct 05	Millwall	2-0
WED OCT 13	LEYTON ORIENT	1-0
WED OCT 27	FULHAM	2-2
Wed Nov 03	Bristol City	4-4
WED NOV 17	PORTSMOUTH	2-1
Wed Dec 08	Oxford United	2-0
Tue Dec 13	Q.P.R.	2-2
Wed Jan 12	Brighton & H.A.	0-1
WED Jan 19	BOURNEMOUTH	1-2
Wed Feb 02	Bristol Rovers	Lost
WED FEB 09	NORWICH CITY	0-4
WED MAR 08	WYCOMBE W.	4-2
WED MAR 15	PETERB'RO UTD	1-1
Wed Mar 29	Southend United	2-0
Wed Apr 12	Gillingham	1-1
Wed Apr 19	Highworth (N.W Pre	m Shield)
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focus on the with Tom Jones youths

Our last game was a couple of weeks ago against Barnet. We travelled down there where we were able to play on a very good surface, at Arsenal's training ground.

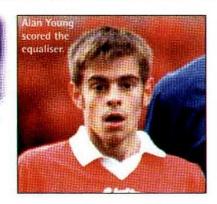
We didn't really get going in the first half and soon found ourselves 1-0 down. The second half was a completely different story and Alan Young equalised. After that we probably had enough chances to win several games because we were camped in their half for much of the second period. Unfortunately, on the day, we couldn't make them count and the match finished in a 1-1 draw.

It still leaves us top of the South East section of this league and there are

only two teams along with ourselves; Oxford and Shrewsbury who can win it now. We've got Oxford this weekend and if we win no-one-can catch us.

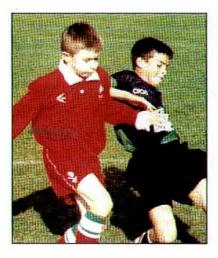
If we do then it will be a fantastic way to finish the season. We finished bottom of the South West section and to finish top of the South East would be a magnificent credit to the lads. It just shows how much you can learn, improve and develop as a player, even in only one season.

Alan Young and Bryan Smith are two of those players that have come on leaps and bounds this season and they travelled up to Celtic last week, along with Phil Cannon, to train with the Glasgow team's squad. They didn't disgrace themselves, training every day



with the first team. It was a fantastic experience for them, training with the likes of Berkovic, Viduka and Alan Stubbs. I'm sure they both got a great deal of confidence training with so many full international players.

At present they went up there for some experience but if anything comes of it then so be it. Every player has a value, no matter how old they are or what level they are. They are Swindon Town players but if Celtic came in and made the right offer then we'd have to listen but the same can be said for any player at this club.



It was the final round of matches this season and, typically, the pitches have just started to firm up and become easier to play on. We tend to work the wrong way round in Britain and play when the conditions are at their worst.

For this round of matches we changed things around a bit to give some of the lads a new experience. The players that have done well in their age group were moved up an age group and, in some cases, two.

The purpose of this was to give them a taste of a higher level of football and



I'd been away up North with Alan Young and Bryan Smith but I returned in time to travel with our Centre of Excellence sides to take on Bristol Rovers.

give them some idea of what to expect next season.

It's a difficult period now within the Centre because it is a time when we have to inform some of the kids that haven't done so well that they are not required to return next season. It is difficult because some of them have been with us for several years but we have to give other players the chance of making the grade and also keeping the standard high for those we are keeping on.

There will, no doubt, be some very disappointed lads out there but what we say to them is that clubs do make mistakes and we hope they can prove us wrong. The boys are so young that many of them have a number of years where they can either make their mark elsewhere or return

here at a later date when they have developed. We do operate a 'revolving door' policy here. For example, Alan Young was released when he was 13 years of age and went to play local football. He came back into the Centre and is now an England Under-16 international. Alan is the example we use to let the lads know that they shouldn't give up hope of becoming a professional footballer, it's up to them to prove us wrong.

It has happened in the past; the likes of Dennis Wise, David Platt, Andy Cole and Peter Beardsley are just a few international footballers that were rejected at an early age. If they have the right attitude and be positive about making it, then they have every chance in the future.

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the editor talks with Lee Collins...

It was an excellent result last week, what are your thoughts on the match?

Well first of all it was great to win at home on a Saturday afternoon because a lot of fans might not have seen us win at home all season and it's been a long time coming.

You were quick to a ball and hit a great challenge to set up the second goal, how did you pick that up?

To be honest I didn't really see what was on, I just hit the tackle as hard as I could so the ball could have ended up anywhere but luckily it went for us. Earlier this season it would have either gone into the stands or back towards our goal but I got the bit of luck the team needed.

During the summer last year your future at Swindon Town was somewhat undecided, would that be fair to say?

Yes, that's correct. Because of the injuries I had I wasn't playing that much and didn't have any form by which the Gaffer could assess me. I needed to back to fitness, play a few games and show everybody what I could do. It was only in pre-season of this campaign that I was able to do that and I must have done something right because I've been in the side for the most part.

You were sidelined by injury for the most part of last season and this season you've featured in the team but usually on the losing side.

How do you feel about this season personally?

It's been great to get a run in the side but as you say, it's usually been on the losing side and nobody likes losing. I have mixed feelings really and just hope that next season I can be playing regularly and winning matches.

Where do you go from here for the remainder of this season?

At the moment we still have a mathematical chance of staying up and, until that isn't the case, we have to try our hardest, as we have been, because you never know, stranger things have happened.

Your contract expires this summer, would you like to stay on at the Club?

definitely.
I'm enjoying my
time here at
Swindon and
although I'm
not sure what
the situation
is at the
moment,
I would
like to
continue as a Swindon

Town player.







collins

player



birthplace

Bellshill

date of birth

03.02.74

height

5ft 8ins

weight

10st 8lb

position

midfield

getting personal..

favourite film

The Godfather

favourite tv show

Ali G

favourite band/musician

A mixture of tastes

favourite sporting event ex.WC

the Olympics

favourite footballer to watch

Roy Keane

favourite food

Pasta

favourite drink

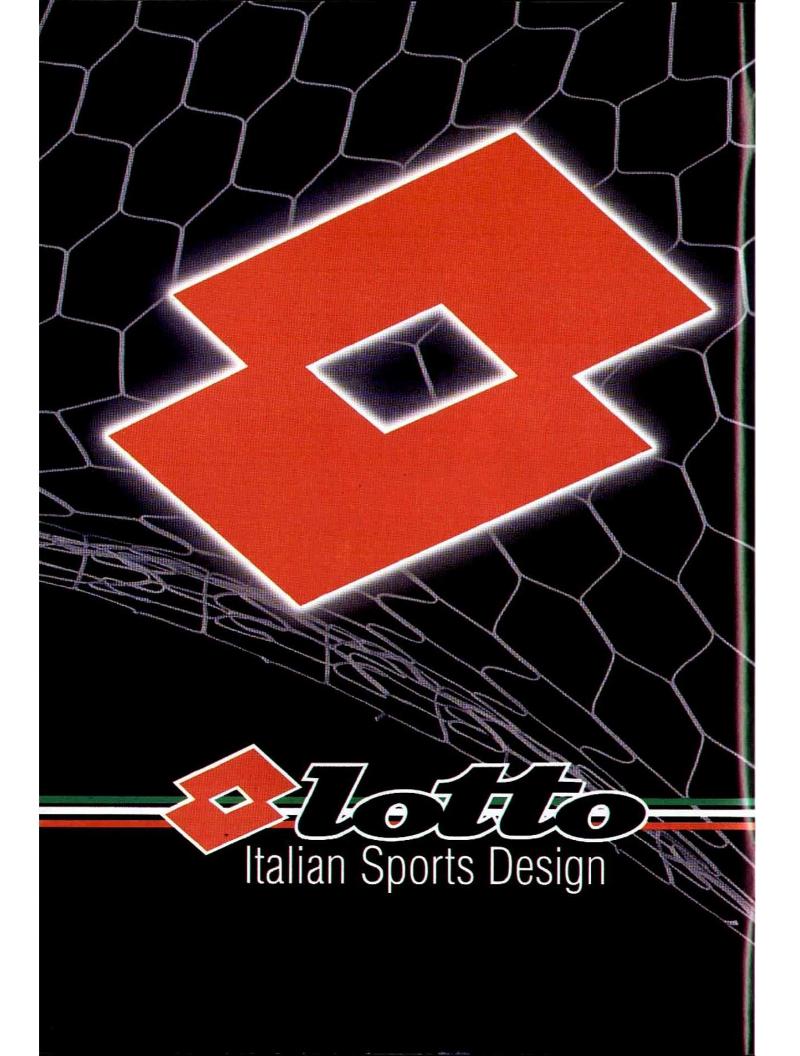
A cold Budweiser

favourite hobbies

Playing pool

favourite colour

Blue





Although our meeting with the Council took place before the Tranmere game, printing deadlines prevented us reporting details in that matchday programme.

For those who missed our handouts at that game we are repeating the full text of the joint press release issued at the conclusion of the meeting. The meeting was attended by Sue Bates, leader of the Council, Ian Thompson, Director of finance and property, and on behalf of the Supporters Club, Nigel Bennett and David Taylor.

COUNCIL RESPONDS TO STFC SUPPORTERS' PETITION

Swindon Borough Council and members of Swindon Town Supporters Club, after a 2-hour meeting at the Civic offices today, issued the following joint statement.

"The Council recognise the need to respond to the recent petition handed in by supporters requesting the sale of the County Ground freehold to the Football Club.

The Council stated that they were willing to discuss and negotiate with any party either on this or alternative proposals, such as

a relocation. The Council reiterated they would be visiting Kirklees Borough Council to learn how the partnership between that Council and the Town's Football and Rugby Club exists.

The Council is committed to completing the visit by the end of May and has confirmed that a report of their findings would be sent to the supporters' club. The Council recognises the value that the Football Club gives to the community and also the life and spirit it can bring to the Town, particularly when it is successful.

There is, therefore, a desire on the Council's part to move Football forward to ensure its long term future. At the same time, both parties recognise the Council has to work within its local government guidelines."

We were extremely pleased with the outcome of the meeting and will now keep an eye on events as they develop in coming months.

Our half time draw winner at the Tranmere match was Chris Brothers, ticket number 8 and the winning amount was £276. Please keep an eye open for sellers at today's match, or take the opportunity to pay in advance which ensures you have an entry in, whether you attend the match or not.

For all up to date information visit our website at www.stfc.ndo.co.uk/suppclub/index.htm Alternatively, search under 'this is wiltshire', click on Swindon Town, then click on news and views and this should bring you straight to our own link.

Good searching.





with clive maguire, jon holloway and Luke Sharps

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

Back in January this year we received a call from Ruth
De Wilton from Uffington United Junior Football Club.
Ruth told us that their clubhouse and changing rooms
had been broken into and their club footballs had all been
stolen. We were only too pleased to help the club out by
donating 10 new footballs to allow them to continue their
coaching sessions. Here you can se the lads showing off their
new footballs for the camera (right top).

The Grand Final of the Smoby Table Top Football Championship was held at the Millennium Dome, courtesy of Manpower, on April 11th 2000.

Anthony Cacchio represented Swindon Town and finished the day as the overall runner-up. Every game was keenly fought with Athony eventually losing to the new champion Peter Freeman of Grimsby Town in the very last match of the tournament. Anthony received a cheque to the value of £100 and a brand new Cyber Football Table from Smoby.

Everyone enjoyed a great day out at the Dome where Anthony played on the World's largest table Football, sited in the Work Zone.

Greendown Under 13 girls represented us at Bristol in the Adidas Predator Girls' Competition. They battled well but did not progress to the final stages.

And finally, we extend a warm welcome to our Saturday Team Club visitors who are Nick Tyler and his group from Marsh Gibbon Juniors and Peter Hancock who has brought three sides from Sarum Strikers who are pictured right. Let's hope you all have a great day with us.

Best Wishes, Clive, Jon and Luke.







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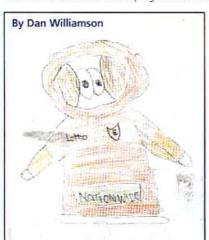
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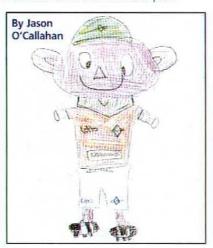
Monday - April 24th 2000 - STOCKPORT COUNTY so come on you Juniors,
it's our last trip this season, let's make it a good one!

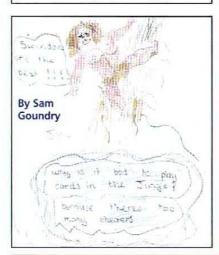
Julie Page is still recruiting for the Robinettes. If you are interested in being part of Julie's team you must be aged 13 and upwards. Julie will require quite a lot of your spare time so if you feel you can be a committed member and the Robinettes appeal to you, please give Julie a call on 01793 763349 for more information. Julie has a very keen future member for her Robinettes. Her name is Tasha Smith who celebrates her 11th Birthday on April 29th and her ambition is to dance with the Robinettes when she is older. Happy Birthday Tasha and good luck for the future.

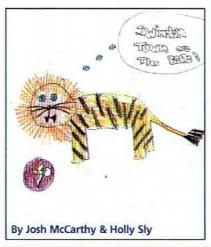
DONATIONS - Once again there has been no response to our appeal - **PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN**, no matter how small your contribution, it will help towards the cost to keep our Robins functional. Many thanks.

Pictured below are four of the runners-ups in the colouring competition. The winners were featured in last weeks programme vs Tanmere. Well done to all who took part.









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Booked: Jeff Kenna (20) foul

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5-6, 7-8 & 9 - 10 years

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Fri 5.00 - 6.00pm 7,8 & 9 years

6.00 - 7.00pm 10 - 11 years

the treatment with Dick Mackey room



At the moment it's the same old song.



Gareth Davies is continuing his recovery from his knee injury; swimming one day and weights the next. His injury has been complicated slightly by a 'bursa', which is a like a sack of fluid on the back of his knee. Sometimes you get this problem when fluid tracks into the back of the knee but it's getting better,

albeit slowly. It's pretty frustrating because the front of his knee where he actually had the operation is fine. He's always in good spirits and I believe he has kept busy doing interviews for Frank Talia (see page 13).

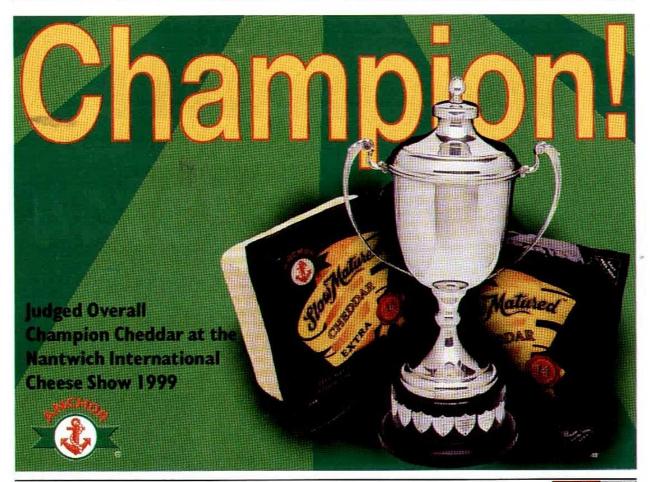
At the moment he can't do much running or walking so we're trying to keep his exercise levels on his knee very minimal. The only way you can drain the fluid is by controlled rest. We've had him walking in water with a little swimming. It's tricky because even minimal exercise can promote this problem further. We have

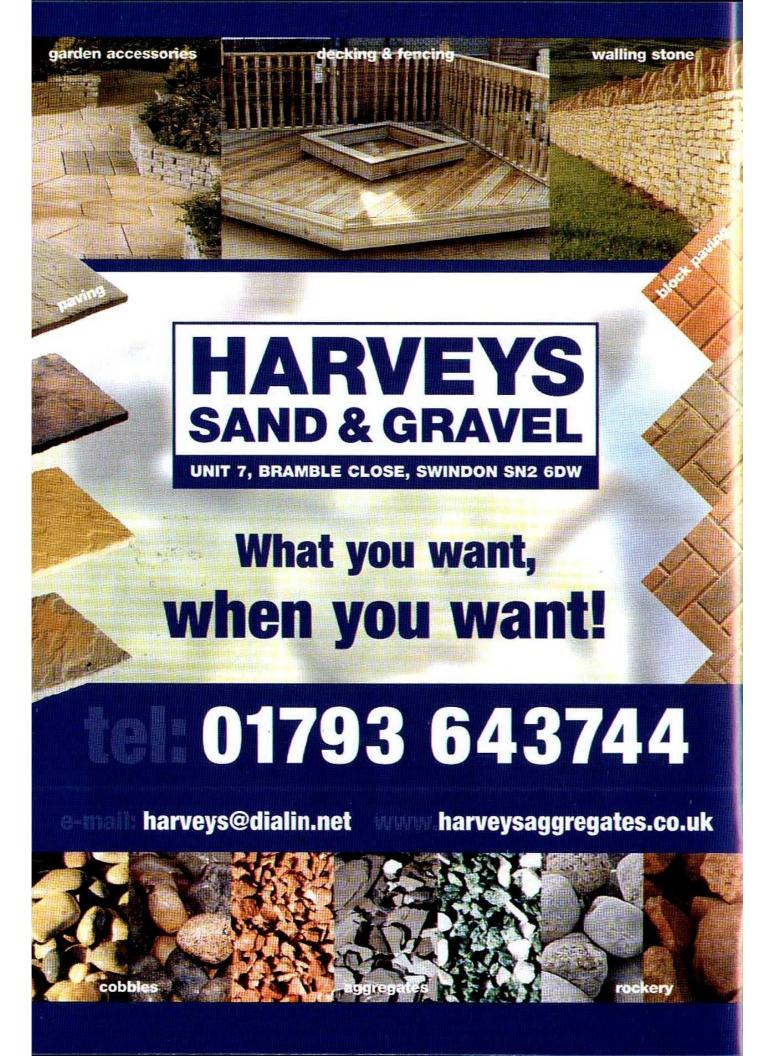
been able to work his upper body in the gym. We hope that this conservative program will lead to a reduction in the size of this problem in about a week's time.



I believe that **Charlie Griffin** was struggling a bit on Saturday but the rule is that they have to report to me first thing on Monday mornings if they have a problem. I haven't seen him so he should be fine.

I wasn't in on Sunday, which was probably the first time in about ten years, because I was invited to Wembley to take part in a celebrity football match prior to the Autowindscreens' Final. It was only 15 minutes each way but I thoroughly enjoyed it. There were one or two footballers in the side; Mick McCarthy and Bob Bolder to name two, plus a few celebrities like Chris Evans, Angus Deyton and Nick Berry. It was good to meet them along with the Soccer AM people and I had a very nice day out at Wembley.







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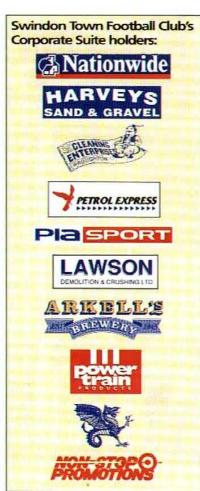
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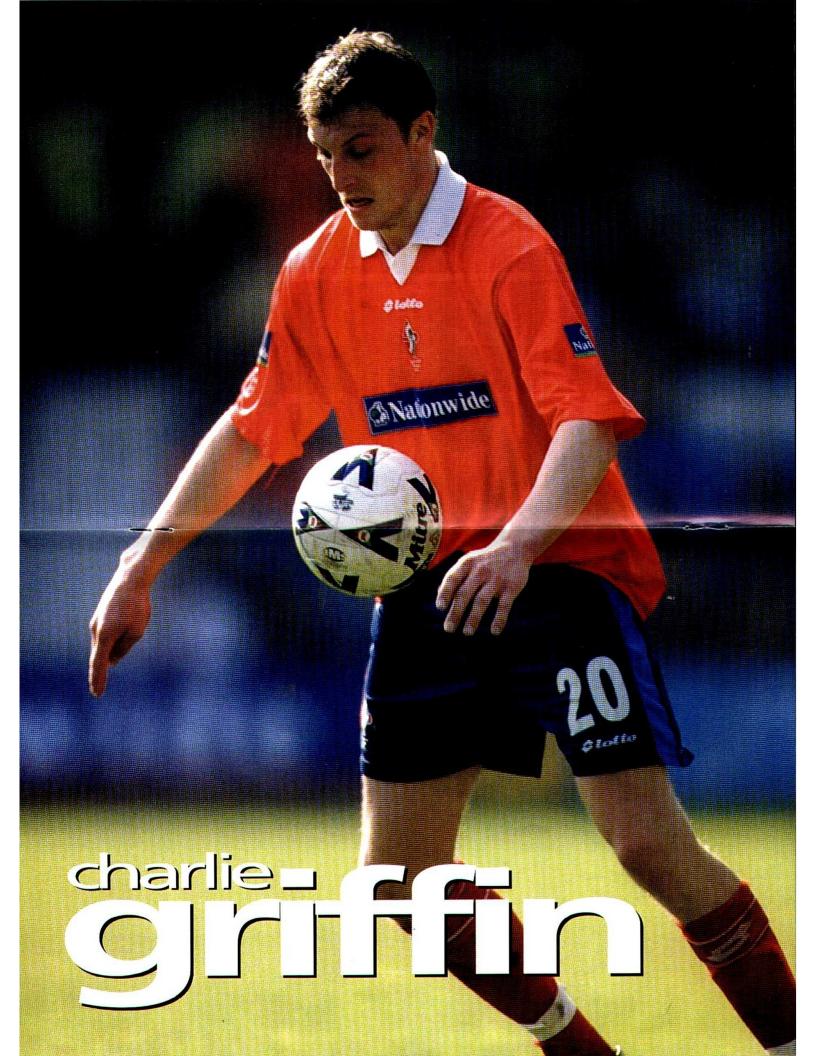


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Nationwide

Strapping centre-backs Alan Reeves and Andy Melville are in a select group of 92 Division One players who have played more then 3,000 minutes of league football this season - a group which represents just 13 per cent of the men who have played this season.

Dependable Reeves is virtually ever-present for the Robins this campaign and while he has been rock steady for Jimmy Quinn's men, he must surely now face the prospect of facing Division Two strikers next season.

So the ex-Wimbledon star will be relishing the prospect of playing the millionaires of Fulham, whose resources could not be more different to cash-strapped Swindon.

minutes on pitch: **Reeves: 3,445**

Melville: 3,231

Tackles and Blocks

Total Tackles Made	
Last Man Saving Tackles	
Tackles Won %	
Shots Blocked	

Reeves	Melville
79	73
0	2
48%	53%
90	71
22	24

Alan Reeves v Andy Melville

Distribution

	Reeves	Melville
Total Passes	1,180	1,155
Pass Completion	60%	66%

Given the differences in league positions, you might expect that Reeves would have made many more bread-and-butter clearances than his opponent Melville, but in fact Fulham have been up against it in many of their matches this term and the two players have made very similar numbers of blocks, interceptions and clearances.

> They have both seen plenty of the ball too, although Fulham's passing has been much more accurate as a team and Melville has done well to complete two-thirds of all his balls this season. Reeves' figure of 60 per cent is disappointing for a defender who will make plenty of short passes under no pressure over the course of a campaign.

> > Melville has been a useful threat going forward, too, scoring three goals from just three efforts on target! But Reeves has been rather more wayward, with only six of his 19 attempts testing goalkeepers and he so far has just the one goal to show for his efforts.

He's also had his fair share of disciplinary woe this term, conceding 74 fouls and racking up six bookings, but unlike his opponent he hasn't conceded a penalty and both men have avoided the red card.

Certainly these players rarely make the headlines, but they are a strong presence in their respective teams and could well have a bearing in where the points are heading this afternoon.

Going Forward

	Reeves	Melville
Goals	1	3
Shots on Target	6	3

Discipline

	Reeves	Melville
Total Fouls Conceded	74	34
Fouls in Danger Area	24%	15%
Penalties Conceded	0	1
Yellow Cards	6	4
Red Cards	0	0

Clearances

	Reeves	Melville
Clearances Made	333	317
Headed Clearances	216	212
Cleared Off The Line	0	0
Corners Conceded	32	35

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Why Not Visit the Harold Fleming bar...

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

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

show yer colours appeal

This season we have shown you the best bits from our not so bulging mailbag! We are sure you will agree that this feature is a lot of fun. We would dearly like to run this feature next season but we will need more and more of your great snaps. As many of you will be going on your hols this summer don't forget to pack your favourite Swindon Town gear, take a snap and send it in.

Get down to the club shop to see what's on offer for your summer wear!



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

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



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Town at the top!

Here is Ken Mackenzie, the saviour of the 'Show yer Colours' feature. He is pictured here 'Showing his Colours' again at Katoomba in the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ken for all the great pics he has sent in this season. Good work Ken!





The date has been circled in my diary for many months.

Circled in Red and written in bold black ink are the words England v Germany. I recently booked the day off work and attempted to persuade the majority of my friends to do the same. Unfortunately I was informed last week that taking a day off was far from necessary bearing in mind that the actual game did not kick off until 7.45p.m. Undeterred, I stubbornly refused to change my holiday plans, a game of this magnitude deserves a long build-up and if I can get to the pub at 11.00a.m. I believe I can give it the attention it deserves. could probably also catch a couple of group games throughout the course of the day and sing my heart out for Holland, Portugal, Spain - what the hell - maybe even Germany (unheard of in normal circumstances but acceptable during any major championship match not involving England).

It's tournaments like Euro 2000 that keep you going during the cold winter months with only the odd friendly against Eastern European opposition to stir the soul. I began predicting my Euro 2000 starting eleven some months ago and, as the time draws closer, I'm still no nearer to finalising my team, I veer uncontrollably from all-out attack with a nucleus of young superstars to a more balanced side including a mixture of experienced old heads and young bucks.

This is of course all part and parcel of a major tournament. I remember one of the highlights of World Cup '98 was picking the same team as Glenn Hoddle for the games against Colombia and Argentina. I still maintain that if Glenn had spent the weeks leading up to the competition sharing ideas

and tactics with myself then England would now be World Champions. The same went for his predecessors although I doubt Bobby Robson would have taken kindly to a nine-year old telling him what to do during World Cup '86. Ron Greenwood would probably have taken an even dimmer view of advice from a five year old in Spain '82.

So as the time draws near and anticipation grows I have compiled a little list of Euro 2000 essentials to help you through what will undoubtedly be a difficult time.

* Tabloid Newspapers - at least 3 a day in order to ingest as much hype, false hope and xenophobia as possible.

Euro 2000 Wallchart - The essential companion to any major tournament. Must be filled in religiously after every game to enable full analysis of forthcoming games - i.e. if Portugal win 1-0 against Romania and England heat Germany by the same score to finish level on points with Portugal with the same goal difference, how is the group winner decided? A quick glimpse at the small print on the wallchart will soon provide the answer.

Beer - In massive quantities can be used for a multitude of purposes, primarily drowning sorrows and as a celebratory aid. Can also be used as a shampoo substitute.

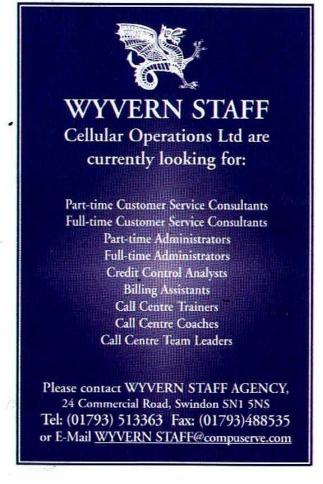
* A local pub with a huge screen - Enjoyment of major football matches is increased substantially by watching football in a large group on a screen the size of Bournemouth.

* And finally a sense of humour - The priceless ability to take everything Euro 2000 can throw at you and smile throughout will make the tournament a more memorable experience.

Anyway limust dash, I've got a few phone calls to make to some bloke called Keegan!







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On Easter Monday, we're away to Stockport County and the last home game of the season is against Barnsley.

Stockport County

the lowdown...

County started the season well but their lack of quality in depth has meant they have slipped back into 16th position. It is still a testament to Andy Kilner's management skills because, with the limited resources at his disposal, relegation could have been an eventuality. Kilner has got the best out of his more experienced players, making County a difficult side to beat.

the reason to watch...

Unfortunately, the only thing to play for in this match will be professional pride. Edgeley Park is a difficult ground for any team visit but, with our unpredictable away form, anything could happen.

the last five meetings...

Swindon Town 1-1 Stockport County 09.10.99 Stockport County 2-1 Swindon Town 09.03.99 Swindon Town 2-3 Stockport County 03.10.98 Swindon Town 1-1 Stockport County 21.03.98 Stockport County 4-2 Swindon Town 15.11.97

the player to watch...

lan Moore moved to Edgeley Park for a club record

midway through the 1998/99 season he has yet to show his very best form and goals have been too few and far between for County's liking.

However, two goals in County's memorable comeback against Crystal Palace last Saturday may be the confidence boost he needs to seriously make his mark in the First Division. He made his mark on a Barnsley player in a stamping incident earlier this season - it was seen live on Sky television and Moore will be appearing before an FA disciplinary hearing on April 26th.

Barnsley 📉

the lowdown...

Dave Bassett has been charged with the task of bringing the good times back to Barnsley - and he's making a pretty good job of it already.

Their glorious Premiership failure won more friends than points and with the departure of manager Danny Wilson to Sheffield Wednesday, it was left to fans' favourite John Hendrie to attempt an immediate bounce back to the top flight. They never once looked like achieving that aim and having finished 13th, Hendrie was replaced by the uncompromising Dave Bassett. Barnsley are settled in the top four and have no reason to presume that they can't give current automatic promotion front-runners Manchester City a good run for their money.

the reason to watch...

We played Barnsley in our last home

match last season and although Charlie Griffin got an early goal, his first for Swindon, Barnsley ran out comfortable winners. It's likely that this could be the County Ground's farewell to the First Division for a season at least, so let's make it a good one.

the last five meetings...

Barnsley 1-0 Swindon Town 19.10.99 Swindon Town 1-3 Barnsley 09.05.99 Barnsley 3-1 Swindon Town 19.01.99 Swindon Town 0-0 Barnsley 02.01.99 Barnsley 1-3 Swindon Town 19.12.98

the player to watch...

Darren Barnard was one of the biggest success stories of Barnsley's brief stay in the Premier League. He joined Barnsley from Bristol City in a £750,000 deal just days before they launched their top-flight campaign in 1997 and wasted little time in making an impact. A swashbuckling left wingback, he's a competent defender but also enjoys bursting into opposition territory to produce telling crosses or fierce shots on goal.



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on behalf of Team GB at the 2000 Olympic Games You are part of the team

Did you know that the British Olympics Association receives no Government or lottery financial assistance?

That is why during each Olympic year an Appeal is launched to raise funds to help send Team GB to the games. This year they are to be held in Sydney in September and the appeal target is set at £4 million.

As part of this target Swindon has taken up the challenge to raise £50,000. This is to be done through a series of events.

From today you will be able to take part in the Millennium Draw with tickets priced at £5 and the prize at £2000. Lloyds TSB, who are helping the British Olympic Association in the Appeal, will be selling the tickets and those who want the opportunity to take part should contact Caroline Cutting at Lloyds TSB, 5 High Street, Swindon.

The premier event is a dinner to be held at Swindon Town Football Club on the evening of 22nd June 2000 where we will be joined by athletes from sports both Olympic and professional. The evening promises to be thoroughly enjoyable with the added bonus of a chance to bid in an auction for some unique prizes. Keep and eye on the press for further details.

Joining us today are two athletes who, providing everything goes to plan, will be in the team to go to Sydney. Both of them have broken away from their rigorous training programmes to be with us today.

Guin Batten is the current British Record Holder of the women's 2km Scull. She competed at the Olympic games in Atlanta in 1996 and hopes to qualify in the Double Scull with her sister Miriam. She went to school in Wiltshire and was Captain of the Wiltshire Women's Athletic Team and played county hockey before deciding to concentrate on her rowing.

Jamie King is a local girl who has high hopes in the swimming. This will be Jaime's third Olympics, having competed in Barcelona '92 and Atlanta '96. She has had a good start to the year at the World Championships in Athens at her distance of 100m=200m breastroke and medley relays achieving a 5th and 8th place.

Please support the Appeal by participating in the events or perhaps buying one of the Millennium Draw tickets. Full details will be in the press shortly or contact Gerry Iles in the Thames Valley Appeal Office on 01367 860812 for further information. This is your chance to be part of the team.



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express yourself

I've had a very exciting time in the past few weeks.

I travelled up to Glasgow with Phil Cannon and Alan Young to train with the Celtic squad. It was a fantastic experience at a massive club. To train with so many world class internationals was a fantastic experience.

It has all stemmed from playing under Tom Jones in the Youth team. I'm still in my first year with the club and things have been going well. I made the step up and played for Alan McDonald in the

reserves and

although it was tough, I don't think I did too badly. I've played a few reserve team games now and I'm growing in confidence every time I play. It was a bit daunting playing alongside the Gaffer at the back but we soon developed a good understanding. He's a fantastic professional, talks to

you through the entire match which has helped me a lot.

Next season I hope to get more experience, develop as a player in any team here at Swindon and, with a bit of luck, make my debut in the first team and take it on from there.

My family are very happy with the way things have gone for me, I don't think they can believe it really!

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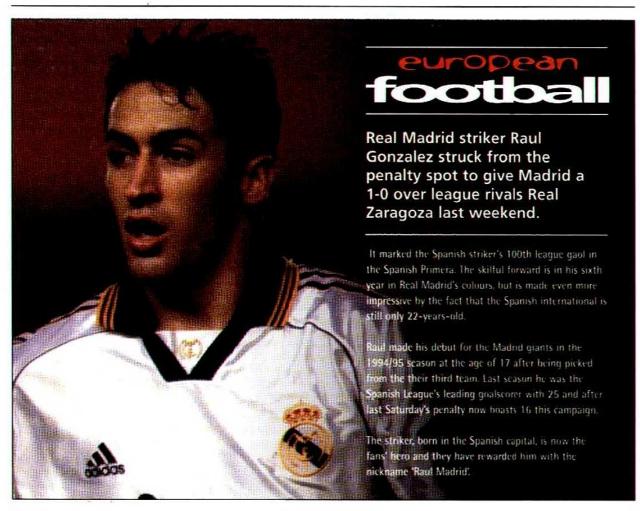


The Rotary Club of Swindon wish to sincerely thank everyone who has donated to their matchday charity collections at The County Ground this season. The response has been magnificent, as can be seen by the results below:

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1/4/00	Manchester City	Thamesdown .	Prospect Hospice	£452

Our final matchday collection is being made today, organised by the Wootton Bassett Rotary Club in aid of The Wessex Childrens' Hospice, a truly worthy cause. Once again, many thanks for your support throughout this season and please give generously to today's collection.





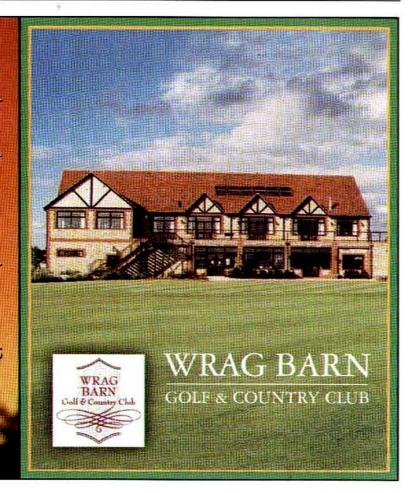
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town by Roger Reeves

The Town completed their South West Combination League programme with a 3-0 win over Denham United.

The Town went ahead midway through the first half, Pam Laker scoring from the penalty spot after Holly Ashman had been fouled. Within five minutes they had got another when an opposing defender turned Holly Ashman's cross into her own net. Pam Laker got the third just before the end.

The Town's Junior club, Coleview Junior Girls, have had a good season. They run an Under-10 team, two Under-12 and an Under-14 side. The Under-10's have won the Vale League and the Under-12 'A' side have won the Peter Houseman League and the

League Cup. The 'B' team will finish in the top three of the County. Nikki Watts has scored 103 goals this season and Katy Gumm 60. Next season the Under-14's are to play in the Vale and District league which includes the junior sides of Women's Premier League teams Arsenal, Reading Royals and Southampton Saints.

If anyone is interested in playing junior football contact John White on Swindon 824470. The team trains on Friday evenings at Park Sports Hall. To play senior football girls must be 14 before 1st September.

The Town's next game is on Sunday 30th April when they face Newport in the final of the 'Ambassador' South West Combination League Cup. This match will be played at Odd Down F.C., Bath.



Georgia Alcock representing the County & in her first season with the Town.

SOUTH WEST COMBINATION LEAGUE TABLE

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NEWPORT STRIKERS	20	15	1	3	73	16 49
SWINDON TOWN	22	15	3	4	70	37 48
CHELTENHAM	20	14	1	5	57	26 43
SALTISH PILGRIMS	21	11	3	7	63	38 36
DENHAM UNITED	20	9	2	9	49	40 29
PORTSMOUTH	21	8	5	8	41	32 29
YEOVIL TOWN	22	8	2	12	49	48 26
OXFORD UNITED	22	6	4	12	41	55 22
BRISTOL CITY	20	5	3	12	37	74 18
SOUTHAMPTON	22	3	1	18	28	76 9*
BATH CITY	22	1	1	20	14	143 4
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Welcome to this afternoon's visit by Fulham.

Bank Holiday football continues on Monday afternoon, when Stockport play hosts to the Town. There are still terraces at Edgeley Park, with payment of £13 at the turnstiles. Please note that there will be a limited buffet service on our coaches on this trip. The curtain comes down on the season at Bramall Lang on Sunday May 7th - when we will be making an early start for the 1.30pm kick-off in Sheffield.

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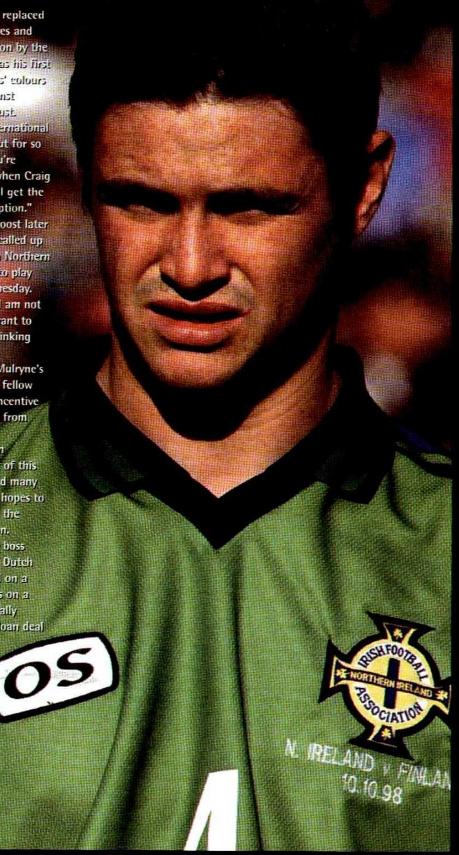
The Norwich City winger replaced Des Hamilton on 53 minutes and was given a standing ovation by the Carrow Road faithful, It was his first appearance in the Canaries' colours since breaking his leg against Blackburn Rovers fast August.

The Northern Ireland international said, "After having been out for so long, it's good to know you're appreciated and I'm sure when Craig Bellamy comes back he will get the same kind of brilliant reception."

He was given a further boost later in the week when he was called up for international duty with Northern Ireland by Sammy Mairoy to play against Hungary this Wednesday. McIlroy said of Mulryne: "I am not going to push him. I just want to show him that I am still thinking about him."

The Canaries hope that Mulryne's return to football will give fellow striker Craig Bellamy the incentive he needs to make a return from injury. Bellamy, a Welsh international, has also been sidelined for the most part of this season. He has also received many wall-wishes from fans and hopes to make a return to action in the closing stages of this season.

Meanwhile, Norwich City boss Bryan Hamilton has signed Dutch defender Fernando Derveld on a two-year contract. He joins on a free transfer, having originally arrived on a three-month loan deal on transfer deadline day,



Nationwide division one COVS

game over



Charlton winger Matty Holmes has been forced to retire with an ankle injury. The former Blackburn Rovers player moved to The Valley three years ago in a £350,000 deal. The 30-year-old only made 19 appearances for the Addicks but persistent ankle problems mean that he has lost his fight to remain a professional footballer. "I've spoken to my specialist and he says that there's a weakness on my left side which leaves me prone to injury in that leg. It's as a result of the broken leg, which has caused continuing problems over the last couple of years."

Boss Alan Curbishley commented: "It's very disappointing for Matt and equally so for the club. We never saw the best of him here, but we wish him all the best for the future."

unlucky break

West Bromwich Albion's prolific striker Lee Hughes has also been hit by injury. This season Hughes had scored 17 goals in the Baggies' fight against relegation. He has now been ruled out for the season after injuring a knee in the 1-1 draw at home to Ipswich on April 1. Initial scans showed no damage and further x-rays revealed a cracked tibia.

The 23-year-old should be fully recovered by next season but, at present, that will be of no comfort to West Brom manager Gary Megson with his sde only two points above relegation.



out of the woods



Nottingham Forest's Italian midfielder Gianluca Petrachi could return to Italy this summer. He was brought in last summer by boss David Platt to bolster Forest's title push, However, Forest never looked likely to figure in the promotion chase and the midfielder, not helped by persistent injuries, has rarely featured since the turn of the year. It has become apparent that he does not figure in Platt's plans and the Forest boss confirmed that he is available for transfer and his native country is his likely destination.

David Platt's team have also been hit by the news that former Town favourite Colin Calderwood suffered broken fibula and a dislocated ankle in Forest's 1-0 win at Birmingham. The break is not as serious as first thought but, at 35-years of age, it is now doubtful whether the former Town captain will resume his playing career. David Platt said: "The initial diagnosis was terrible but we've got reason to be much more optimistic having seen the x-rays," he explained, "Colin underwent his operation on Saturday evening and hopefully if all goes according to plan he should be back in time for the start of next season. Our thoughts are with him."

good morgan

Newcastle United boss Bobby Robson has sent scouts to check out Barnsley defender Chris Morgan, according to reports.

Morgan leaving would be a shock to the Reds faithful and a bigger surprise if he does leave for Newcastle but Robson wants more English blood in his team.

The defender has got a reputation of been a tough player and is valued at around £2 million but it is doubtful that Dave Bassett would be willing to part with Morgan.



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BARNSLEY	42	22	Ю	Ю	84	6	76
HUDDERSFIELD	42	20	H		60	40	71
BIRMINGHAM	42	20	10	15	6	43	70
WOLVES	42	18		8	57	46	65
BOLTON	42	17	В	15	60	48	64
FULHAM	42	16	15	1	45	36	63
BLACKBURN	42	5	5	15	52	44	60
QPR	42	14	16	15	55	50	58
NORWICH	42	В	14	15	42	46	53
SHEFF UTD	42	B	15	17	55	66	51
TRANMERE	41	В		17	51	61	50
PORTSMOUTH	42	В	10	19	5	59	49
GRIMSBY	42	B	10	19	39	63	49
FOREST	42	15	2	18	47	52	48
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HORIO SIL

Ronaldo's return to football was cut short by a recurrence of his knee injury that had already sidelined the Brazilian international for the last five months.

It took just six minutes, after coming on as a second-half substitute, for the former World Footballer of the Year to collapse in agony in Rome. His club, Inter Milan, was playing Lazio in the Italian Cup final first leg when Ronaldo joined the fray. Under no challenge and as the Brazilian started to weave through the opposition he fell clutching his right leg in agony. He was led away with his knee heavily strapped in a motorised cart. It was Ronaldo's first return to action since damaging his knee ligaments when he fell against Lecce on 21st Nov '99.

Lazio were victorious 2-1 but the match was overshadowed by Ronaldo's injury. Even Lazio coach Sven Goran Eriksson acknowledged the result was almost immaterial.

"The first thing we have to talk about is Ronaldo,"
he said when asked for his verdict on the match.
"I'm really, really sorry for him, for Inter and for football
in general. We all know who Ronaldo is. He's the
number one in the world. We know what he has
suffered since the World Cup over the last two
seasons. Even if he's an opponent, our feelings are
the same."

Inter Milan coach Marcelo Lippi said he feared for the worst as soon as Ronaldo fell to the ground without being challenged.

"We saw him do a couple of feints and then he went down with no-one near him. We knew immediately it was the same injury, on the same point of the knee where he had the operation.

"I honestly can't say what his condition is. It would be heart wrenching for any player, whether he were famous or not. This lad had put in a lot of hard work to get back, so for this to happen after just a few minutes is heart-wrenching."

Ronaldo underwent surgery for a rupture of the patella tendon in his right knee in Paris two days later and it will be a further seven to eight months before the 23-year-old can return to competitive action.



Last week I threw caution to the wind and offered to host a wild party at the full-time whistle - IF we did the unthinkable and managed our first Saturday afternoon win at the County Ground since they minted the florin.

Amazingly my offer of half a bag of twiglets was enough to inspire an amazing Town performance. Charlie Griffin deserves special mention, I feel, for a blinding 60 minute performance. This week my generosity knows no bounds. I'll double my full-time offer to a whole bag of savoury snacks - your choice - and I'll throw in a can of Tango. Let's hope we do it again for as far as I'm concerned, the season is never over until the fat lady sings, and unless I'm mistaken she hasn't even gone into make-up yet, so we could still pull off the unthinkable.

the gripton

By Jon Gripton, breakfast presenter, BBC Wiltshire Sound B B C WILTSHIRE SOUND

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While relegation is still something which we can avoid, what about the other great talking point - the re-naming of the Reds as the 'Brady Bunch'. Our spies tell us the man who makes it into the Sunday Times Rich List at Number 914 (worth a mere £30 million) is still in talks with the club and may yet sign on the dotted line. That in itself would leave me with a whole hod of questions to be answered, but I was interested by one telephone call I received at the office this week concerning the club's future. One die-hard Town fan - let's call him Robin - wrote to the County Ground, addressing his letter to one Mr T Brady. And it seems that when the said London printing entrepreneur visited us last week they passed the letter on. In it, our Robin listed some of his concerns for the future, and some of his concerns about the way this season has passed.

And lo-and-behold, when Robin's phone rang on Tuesday, guess who was on the other end of the line? I'm sure you're with me! Unfortunately Robin won't tell me exactly what Mr Brady had to say only that it was great to receive the call and he was now looking forward to a new season of inspiring football in Swindon! But how many other millionaires do you know who would give you a telephone call out of the blue if you dropped them a note through Royal Mail? I think that gesture in itself speaks volumes for Mr Brady and sets him apart from countless other money-men who have bought, or are buying, their way into a football.

As for me - well I've just finished writing my letters to Liz Hurley and Julia Roberts, I wonder if they will call?

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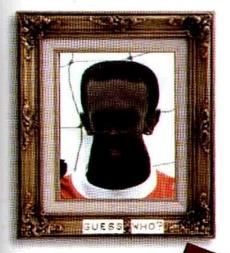
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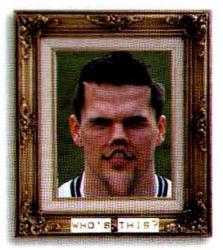


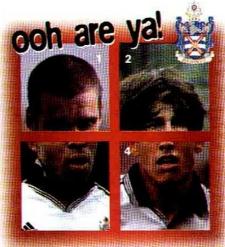
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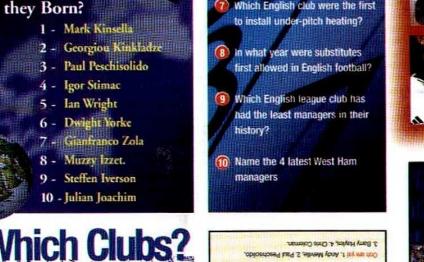
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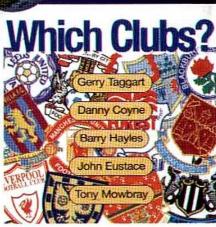
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- 2 On what date?
- 3 On 11th November 1987 Mark Hughes played two games. who for?
- 4 How many league games did Peter Bonetti play for Chelsea?
- (5) Which was the first British league club to install an artificial pitch?
- 6 When were Premiership squad numbers introduced?
- Which English club were the first





Name the











I thought the lads played exceptionally well last week in the win over Tranmere Rovers.

I felt the lads were very confident and from the start we dominated the match with Charlie Griffin pouncing to put us into a deserved lead on 15 minutes. When we've opened the scoring this season it has given us a boost and we have often gone on to get a good result. Lee and myself battled hard in the midfield and I thought the defence was terrific. With the exception of the free kick from which they scored, Iranmere didn't give us too many problems at the back but I think that was more to do with the way we handled them. A few of us know what Wayne Allison is capable of but, on the day, we kept him very quite.

It was the kind of solid performance we know we are well capable of, it's just a shame that we haven't been able to do it consistently. Consistency has been a big problem this season and I can't really put my finger of why we have beaten some of the promotion-chasing clubs and lost to those around us.

Today's match will be very tough, Fulham have been given a new lease of life with the change of management and will all be playing for their places. We gave them a close-run match at Craven Cottage earlier this season and, hopefully, we'll do the same today. However, we really need to improve our home form on Saturday afternoon's, only winning once at home on a Saturday afternoon is not good enough for a club like Swindon Town. If we can get another victory today then it will go some way to putting that right and, if results go our way again, we may survive for another week at least.



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Jock Jalker.

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

A chance meeting with Johnny Kidd, a Swindon forward, led to Scottish international Jock Walker joining Swindon. In Scotland, payment was very much by results with only £1 being paid if you won a match, 15 shillings for a draw and just 7 shillings and 6 pence if you lost. The prospect of the better pay in England led Jock to take up Johnny Kidd's suggestion of writing to Sam Allen to see if a place which could be found for him at Swindon. It was, and Jock moved South to the place which would be his home for most of the rest of his life. In Scotland he had played for Raith Rovers and then moved to Rangers. It was from the Ibrox club that he joined Swindon at the start of the 1907/08 campaign during which he was ever-present in the Swindon team which finished fifth in the Southern League. During this season he was injured while playing in a Cup tie against Sheffield United. Modern physios would probably be horrified that his treatment consisted of having whisky rubbed into the injured leg to deaden the pain.

He was one of the rocks of the defence which took Swindon into the semi-final of the FA or English Cup as it was then known. Jock also helped Swindon to the Southern League championship in 1910-11 after they had been runners-up for two consecutive seasons. Not particularly tall, he was compact

and muscular and a formidable opponent in the tackle. His exploits were such that The Athletic News, a sporting paper of the time, described him in poetical terms.

A light haired son of Beith Who southward came faring, A back of backs who nothing lacks Of courage and daring:

A credit to the land Of brose and bowf and whisky With but one fault He should cry "Halt" To methods somewhat risky

The "risky methods" was probably a reference to his habit of dribbling the ball out of trouble where as many full backs of the time relied on a hefty boot down the field. He won nine Scottish caps while with Swindon and was ever present in the Home International championships of 1911 to 1913. It was in 1913 after having made 214 Southern League appearances that he was



transferred to Middlesborough but the outbreak of World War One led him to quest for Swindon on a number of occasions. He returned South in 1921 joining Reading, with whom he ended his football career. When his footballing days were over he stood, unsuccessfully, for election to the Board of Directors and ran a fish and chip shop in Manchester Road where many fans sought pre or post-match nourishment.

By Dick Mattick

) Where was Jock Walker born?

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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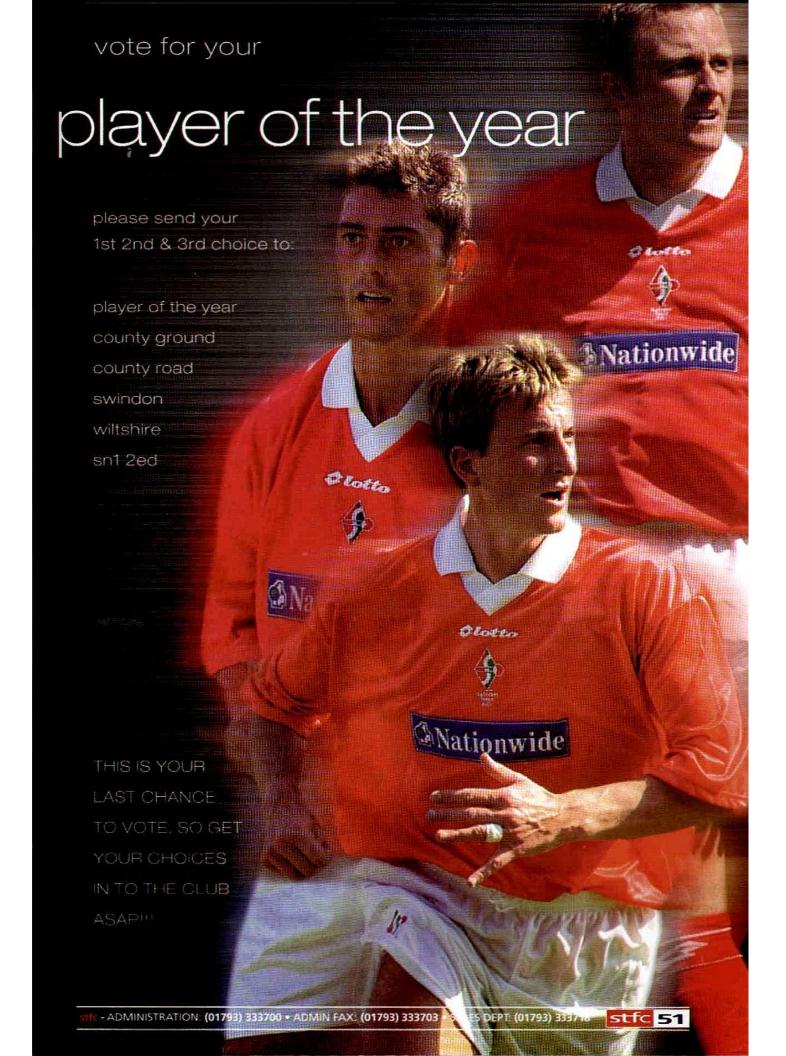


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It would be fair to say that I am not a great fan of what I see as greeting card celebrations.

I would hate it if we started to call Halloween and St. Patrick's Day holidays the way they do in America, in fact I have been quoted as saying the only person to celebrate Valentine's Day correctly was Al Capone, but I wouldn't go that far really. But I am about to make a ground-breaking suggestion (no pun intended Swindon fans): why don't we have a National Soccer Day Bank Holiday Friday.

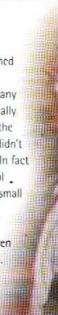
We could use it not only to promote extra support for clubs with a limited fan base (mostly Swindon Town really) but to honour footballing heros everywhere. Every club would have a game either Friday night or Sunday and all ex-players would come out on their home pitch the way all-time greats go into the ring on important boxing matches. School teams would play in allencompassing tournaments and mums, dads and younger children would be able to get a breath of fresh air before an afternoon of TV soccer and then Friday night live football. The general idea will be to unite towns and cities up and down the country to get together in their teams' colours and for the uninitiated to learn the songs. That's half the trouble really, if you don't go regularly you don't know the words of the club songs or know the players names and, if everyone went at least once a year, we regulars would not feel so inclined to sneer

I found this situation highlighted when I watched poor Bristol beaten at Wembley last week, so many people were not emotionally. involved with events on the field and Bristol players didn't get the lift they needed. In fact a lady behind us in Bristol _ colours explained to the small boy with her that 'City' wouldn't mind losing because they were all given a 'badge' each at the end. Plainly this lady needs a little football education, and

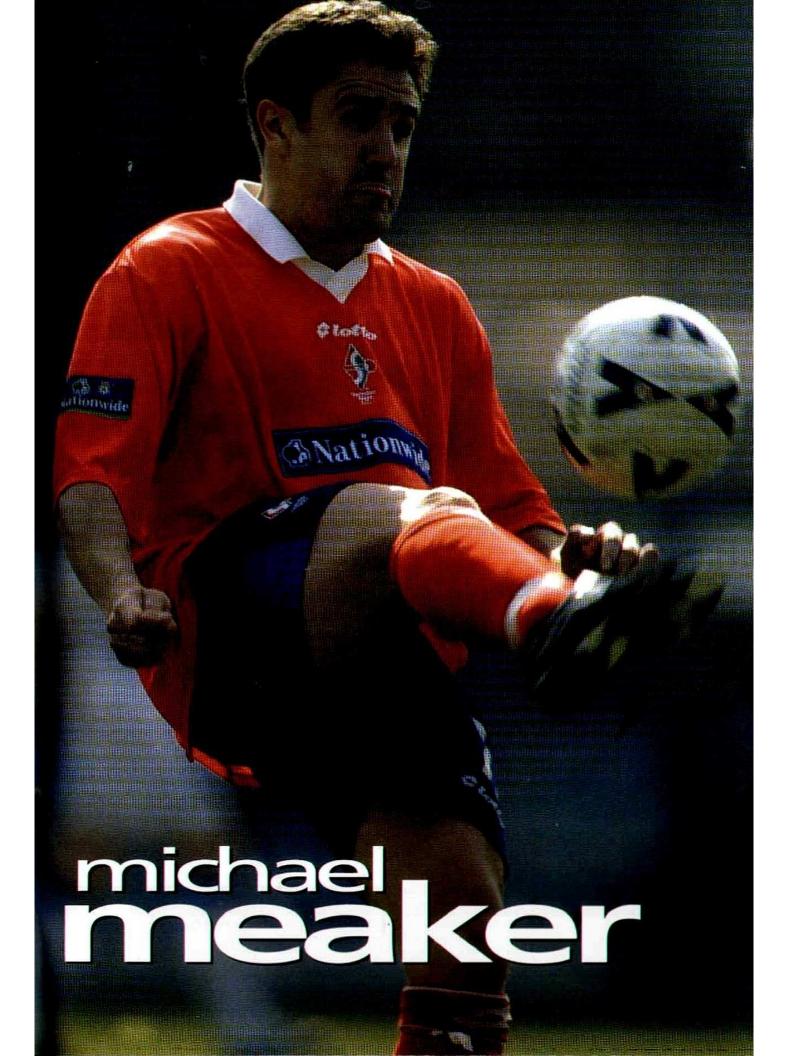
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could provide just that. I feel that football is part of our heritage and should be treated as such, we don't really have a national costume so team colours could fill this gap. It's colourful, unisex and available in all sizes and is guaranteed to unify communities. I'm sure I've often said that I feel great surges of affection for all other Swindon Fans, especially in these beleaguered times and I'm sure we'd all get on much better if we met more on the terraces.

I suppose what I'm saying is so many clubs are called 'United' that maybe this way we all could be instead of isolated groups whose culture and religion differs from the majority. Let's proffer a fixture list as an olive branch. This very special bank holiday would make the ideal back-drop for us to host the World Cup (every time) and Euro everything. Once we have established to the rest of the world that it is our birthright to host these competitions, they can have the Elgin Marbles and anything from the British Museum that our ancestors brought back as holiday momentos and we will have all of football's international finals. We will do all the historical stuff to re-enact great moments, have David Coleman look-alike competitions and we will adopt 'Motty' speak just for the day.



National Soccer Day



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Sat Aug 7	Walsall	(A)	0-0	6,437	TALIA	HULBERT (2)	HALL	WILLIAMS	ROBINSON	GOODEN	LETTCH	NDAH	W
Tue Aug 10 Sun Aug 15	Leyton Orient (WC1)1	(800)	0-1	3,587	TALIA	HULBERT (3)	HALL (7)	WILLIAMS	ROBINSON	DAVIS	LETTCH	NOAH	W
Sat Aug 21	a Allendaria	(H)	1-4	6,195	TALIA	HULBERT (3)	HALL	WILLIAMS	ROSINSON (1)	TAYLOR	McHUGH	NDAH	1
Tue Aug 24		(A)	2-1	12,726	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVES	HOWE	WALTERS	REEVES	NDAH	1
Sat Aug 28	Leyton Orient (WC1)2 West Brom	(H)	1-1 (1-2agg) 1-2	4,000 6,565	TALIA	ROBINSON (Z)	HALL	DAVIES	REEVES	WALTERS	HOWE	NDAH (3)	
Mon Aug 30	Grimsby	(A)	0-1	5,705	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIES	REEVES (1)	WALTERS	HOWE	NDAH	
Sat Sept 17		(H)	0-0	8,203	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIES	REEVES (1)	WALTERS	HOWE	HAGN	D
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Sat Sept 25	Long To Parlaments	(A)	0-2	4,629	TALIA	ROBINSON(1)	HALL	DAVIES	REEVES	A WILLIAMS	THIRLWELL	HOWE	м
Tues Sept 28		(H)	2-1	7,354	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIES (1)	REEVES	A WILLIAMS	THIRLWELL	HOWE	McI
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Sat Oct 16		(A)	0-1	13,715	GLASS	ROBINSON	HALL	DAVIES (1)	REEVES	GOODEN	THIRLWELL	HOWE	TH:
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Tues Oct 26		(H)	2-1	5,703	GLASS	J. WILLIAMS	HALL(4)	REEVES	THIRLWELL	WALTERS(2)	DAVIS	GOODEN	!
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Sat Nov 6		(A)	0-4	11, 891	TALIA	J.: WILLIAMS(4)	HALL	REEVES REEVES(E)	THIRLWELL	COLLINS(4)	DAVIS	GOODEN(3)	
Fri Nov 12	I	(H)	0-0	7,405	TALIA	A. WILLIAMS	HALL(3)	REEVES	CARRICK	LETTCH(2)	DAVIS	ROBINSON	
Sat Nov 20		(A)	1-1	19, 917	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	RECVES	DAVIS	HOWE	LETTCH	CARRICK	AV
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Sat Nov 27		(A)	1-1	22,620	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	REEVES	WILLIAMS	HOWE(1)	CARRICK	цепси(в)	
Sat Dec 4		(H)	1-1	7,186	MILDENHALL	ROBINSON	HALL	REEVES	WILLIAMS	HOWE(1)	CARRICK	LETTCH	
Sat Dec 11	Charlton (FAC 3)	(A)	1-2	10,939	MILDENHALL	ROBINSON	HALL	REEVES	A WILLIAMS(3)	DAVIES(2)	GOODEN	LEITCH	0
Sat Dec 18	Man City	(A)	0-3	31,751	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	REEVES	A. WILLIAMS(4)	DAVIES(2)	GOODEN	LEITCH	CO
Sun Dec 26	Portsmouth	(H)	1-1	10,279	TALIA	J. WILLIAMS	HALL	REEVES	A. WILLIAMS	DAVIES(2)	DAVIS	LE(TCH(4)	CO
Tues Dec 28	Tranmere	(A)	1-3	8,068	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	REEVES	A. WILLIAMS(4)	J.WILLIAM5(3)	DAVIS	HOWE(S)	0
Mon Jan 3	QPR	(H)	0-1	9,460	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL	REEVES	A. WILLIAMS	HULBERT(3)	DAVS	LEITCH	0
Sat Jan 15	Ipswich	(A)	0-3	17,326	TALIA	ROBINSON (1)	HAIL	REEVES	HULBERT (2)	A WILLIAMS	HOWE	LEITCH	M
Fri Jan 21	Crystal Palace	(H)	2-4	5,214	TALIA	CAMPAGNA	HALL	REEVES	A.WILLIAMS	MCHUGH	DAVIS(1)	LEITCH	CO
Sat Jan 29		(A)	1-1	11,856	TALIA (1)	ROBINSON	DAVIES	REEVES	HALL	MCHUGH (2)	LEITCH	COLLINS(3)	AV
Sat Feb 5		(H)	0-1	5,784	GRIEMINK	ROGINSON "	DAVIES(3)	RCEVES	HALL	HULBERT	LEITCH	COLLINS(2)	AV
Sat Feb 12	Blackburn	(A)	0-0	16,938	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIS	REEVES	HALL	HOWE(Z)	LETTCH	J. WILLIAMS	AV
Sat Feb 19		(H)	1-4	7,591	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIES	REEVES(2)	HALL	DAVIS	LEITCH	J. WILLIAMS(1)	AV
Sat Feb 26		(H)	0-1	5,003	GRIEMINK	ROBINSON	DAVIES	REEVES	HALL(4)	HOWE	LETTCH	COLLINS	AV
Sat Mar 4		(A)	1-3	19,748	TALIA	ROBINSON	LEITCH(1)	DAVIES	REEVES	DAVIS	COLLINS	A. WILLIAMS(2)	
Tues Mar 7	- Second	(H)	2-0	4,701	TALIA	ROBINSON	REEVES	WILLIS	DAVIS	COWE(1)	COLUNS	LETTCH	AV
Sat Mar 11		(A)	1-0	19,569	TALIA	ROBINSON	REEVES	WILLIS	J.WILLIAMS(1)	COWE	COLLINS	LEITCH	AW
Sat Mar 18	The second secon	(H)	1-2	8,748	TALIA	ROBINSON	LETTCH(Z)	REEVES	DAVIS	WILLIS	COLLINS	HAY	G
Wed Mar 22		(A)	2-0	13,662	TALIA	ROBINSON	HALL(Z)	LEITON	REEVES	COLLINS	COWE(4)	WILLS	A.W
Sat Mar 25	I TO THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE P	(A)	1-4	15,305	TALIA	ROSINSON	HALL	REEVES	WILLIS	COLUMN(4)	A. WILLIAMS(3)	LEITCH	M
Sat Apr 1		(H)	0-2	12,397	TALIA	ROBINSON	WILLIS	REEVES	HALL(2)	COLLINS	A. WILLIAMS	LEITCH	M
Sat Apr 8		(A)	1-2	12,633	TALIA	ROBINSON	WILLS	REEVES	A. WILLIAMS	COLLINS	LEITCH	MEAKER	C
Sat Apr 15		(H)	3-1	4,925	TALIA	ROBINSON	MILLIS	REEVES	A.WILLIAMS	COLLINS	TELLCH	MEAKER	1
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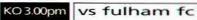
this season's top scorers	this season's top g	ates	last four games		
Chris Hay 10	Sat April 1st vs Man City	12,397	Tranmere Rovers	WON	3-1
Giuliano Grazioli 5	Sun 26th Dec vs Portsmouth	10,279	QPB	LOST	2-1
Iffy Onuora 4	Mon Jan 3rd vs Q.P.R.	9,460	Manchester City	LOST	2-0
Gareth Hall 2	Sat Mar 18th vs Wolves	8,748	Portsmouth	LOST	4-1



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Frank Talia	1	29	2		31
Mark Robinson	2	35(2)	3		38(2)
Gareth Hall	3	34(1)	3	2	38(1)
Scott Leitch	4	24(1)	2		26(1)
Gareth Davies	5	14(2)	2		16(2)
Michael Carrick		7	-	2	7
Bryan Smith	6				
Bobby Howe	7	24(7)	1(1)	1	25(8)
Iffy Onuora	-	16(5)	3	4	19(5)
Wayne Gray	9	8	0	2	8
Giuliano Grazioli	10	7(7)	2	5	9(7)
Michael Meaker	11	4			4
Ty Gooden	-	7(3)	1	1	8(3)
Alan Reeves	12	39	2	1	41
Bart Griemink		4	-		4
Jimmy Glass		8			8
Mark Walters		11(2)	2	2	13(2)
Chris Hay		27(5)	(2)	10	27(7)
Lee Collins	16	19(1)	1	1	20(1)
Steve Cowe	17	10(3)		-	10(3)
Steve Mildenhall	18	1(1)	1	-	2(1)
Adam Willis	19	12(6)	1(1)	-	13(7)
Charlie Griffin	20	3(13)	(2)	1	3(15)
Sol Davis	21	23(2)	2(1)	-	25(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	11(9)	1	-	12(9)
Andy Williams	33	34(1)	1	1	35(1)
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