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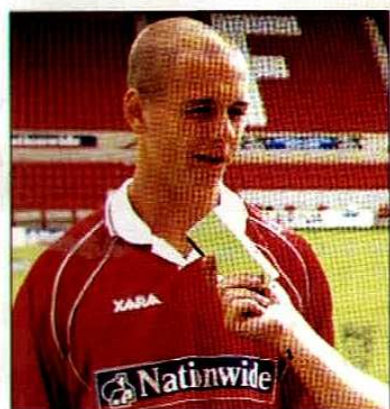
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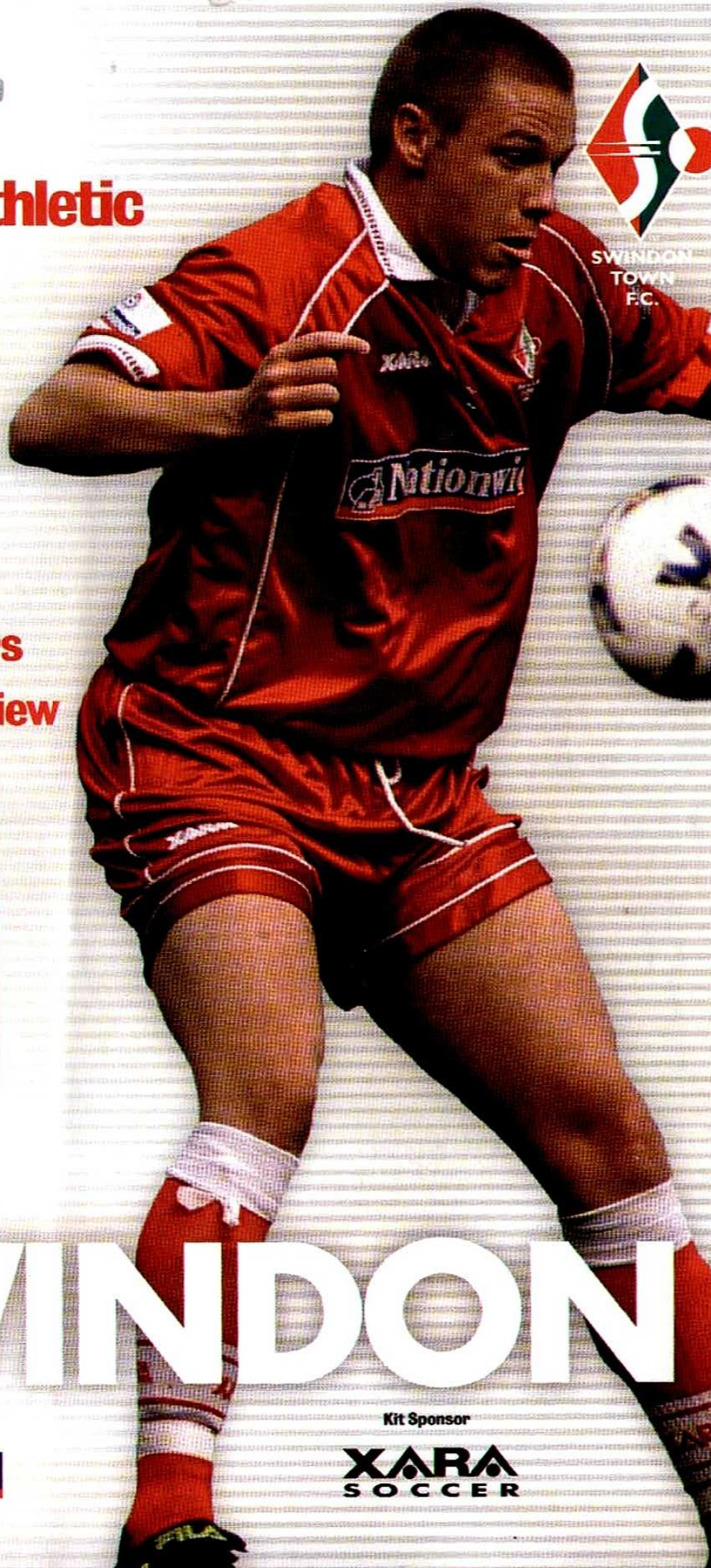
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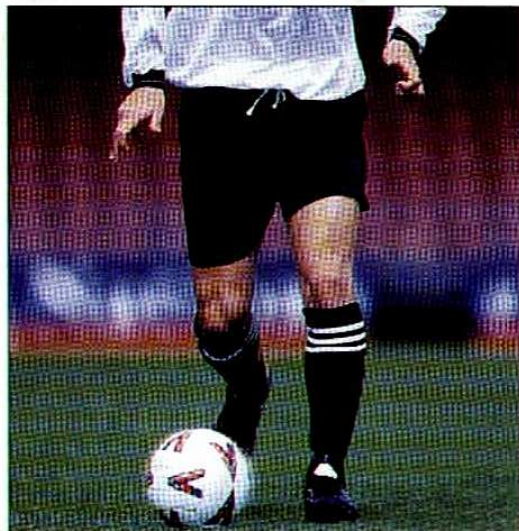
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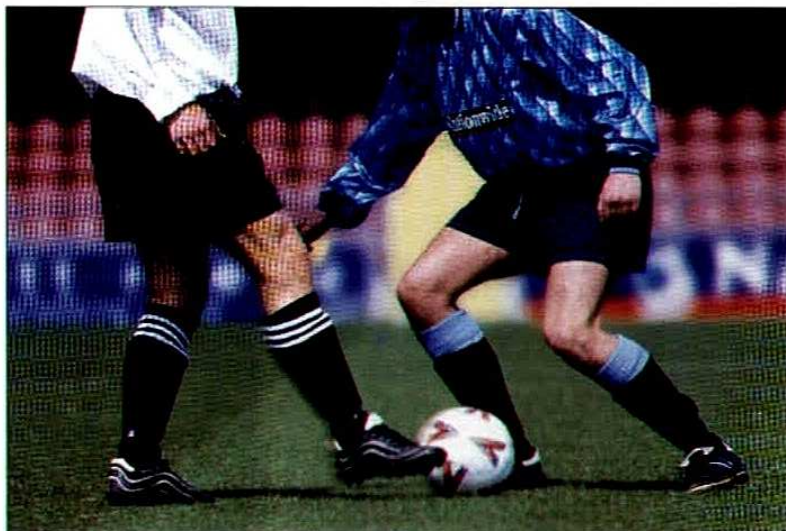


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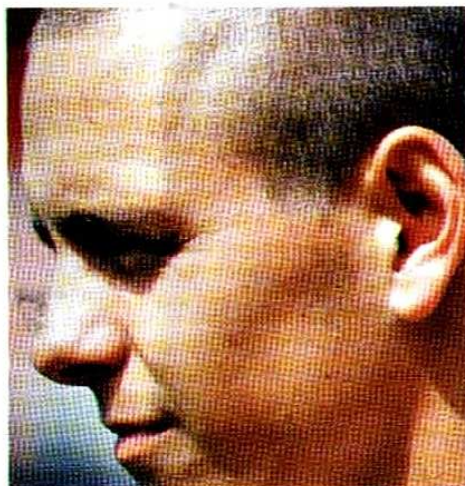
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A Warm Welcome:

Banging the drum

"It seems like a lifetime since our home league game against Walsall but since then we have certainly made plenty of improvements whilst on our travels."

Despite the disappointing defeats at Port Vale and Bournemouth the two results at Bristol City and Luton Town were so heartening for everyone who made it to the games.

The match at Ashton Gate showed how we can battle for points in what was a typical derby game and the Luton town match last weekend proved that going forward we are capable of scoring goals. I was particularly delighted with the way we came from behind against the Hatters and then nicked the points with a superb Martin Williams header midway through the second half.

Once again - on both visits - our travelling army of fans were in superb voice. Against Luton it was great to hear us out-roar their supporters. If we can transform that level of support back at our home games and encourage everyone to get involved I know we can turn the County Ground into a fortress.

I would love to see a band helping things along - a drummer and a couple of trumpets would certainly add to the atmosphere. At Portsmouth the home end creates such a fantastic noise it acts as an extra man on the field. If you would like to help us form our own Barmy Army band and increase the Red Roar - or you can play a musical instrument that will give the whole pace a lift, please give our commercial department a ring. Let's bang the drum for Colin and the boys and get everyone else in the league talking about the unique atmosphere at our ground.

This afternoon we welcome early season pacesetters Wigan Athletic in



what I and sure will be an intriguing match-up. New boss Bruce Rioch is as well known in the game as our own manager and I know he will have his side fired up. Wigan are a club who have benefited in recent years from the involvement of a new owner and they just missed out on promotion last season.

Dave Whelan, the owner of the JJB chain of sports stores has begun to wield his influence on both the football and rugby clubs in his hometown and they have recently moved into a brand new state-of-the-art stadium. What has been achieved there is something we are now aspiring to and I have no doubt that we too can achieve similar success.

So it's a warm welcome to Bruce and his team, and to the directors and supporters of Wigan to County Ground today. Let's make them all feel welcome but let's also make sure it is us who end up with the points.

Peter Rowe

Peter Rowe
Chief Executive

And They're Off!



On Sunday 24th September Rockin' Robin and Funky Fledgling got together with 50 other club mascots at Huntingdon Racecourse. They were involved in a furlong race with all the other mascots in the Club Mascot's Grand National. It was a great, fun day and there was an intensely competitive atmosphere! The eventual winner was Watford's 'Harry the Hornet'. Look out for Rockin' Robin's and Funky's report in next week's matchday magazine.



Local MP backs Town

As Chief Executive Peter Rowe highlighted in Tuesday night's programme notes, local MP Julia Drown is ready to back Swindon and other lower division clubs in their fight against the proposed changes to the transfer system.

The proposed change would see no fee exchanging hands when players move to another club when under contract. Miss Drown said: "We all know Swindon Town have been in a difficult financial position and we cannot afford for their situation to worsen. "I am pointing this out to the European Commissioner and calling on him to ensure a new scheme is developed that supports clubs like Swindon Town."



Young reward

After scoring four goals in Town's reserves this season manager Colin Todd gave teenager Alan Young his big chance in Town's 3-2 win against Luton Town last Saturday.

The 17-year-old has been in exceptional form for the reserves and came off the bench for the last half hour against the Hatters. The England Under-16 international did enough to show manager Colin Todd that he is capable of making the step up into the first team and is hoping to push for a starting place. Todd said: "I am pleased for Alan and it was good for him to get a bit of a game. I put him on really for him to show the older ones what was required. To get the ball down and keep it.. "He is only a young boy and it is unfair to praise him too highly at the moment. But the fact he is playing in the first team will tell you that he has got something going for him."

Out of Administration



Chairman Terry Brady has spoken of his delight after Town finally came out of administration last week.

Mr Brady and his consortium, Swindon Town Properties Ltd, will pay back more than £500,000 to Customs and Excise and the Inland Revenue. Brady said: "Everything was finalised on Monday and it feels great to finally be clear of administration once and for all."

Having a Ball...



The first Sporting Club Dinner of the season will take place on Wednesday 1st November in the Winners

Lounge with the guest speaker 1966 World Cup winner Alan Ball.

For more information see page 9 or call Brian Wood on 01793 333718.

Oo La La!...

Wootton Bassett & District Rotary Club invite you to a Beaujolais Evening at The County Ground.

This will be held in the Executive Suite on Saturday 18th November at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £10 to include a glass of Beaujolais Nouveau on arrival and buffet.

For more information see page 9 or call Brian Wood on 01793 333718.



Tuesday night was a big disappointment for everyone concerned at Swindon Town and we are all aiming to bounce back in our league match against Wigan today.

There was a great chance for us to progress in the League Cup and earn a decent tie in the third round, but unfortunately, the players did not perform in the first half and we were unable to pull things around in a much-improved second half display. I really do believe there is much we can take from that second half display and use it positively for today's match.

We have not won a game at the County Ground this season and the



only way we are going to get the home form sorted is by doing more of what we did in the second half on Tuesday night. I admit the urgency should have been there from the first kick but the players have got to want it badly enough. They didn't have that in the first half, but I think the fans will have seen us go at Tranmere in a positive manner for the second half without really looking like we are going to get a goal. They will have seen the

improvement and we have got to take a lot of satisfaction out of that.

We have got to start like that come 3pm this afternoon. We have not done too badly in the league recently and I want to see that urgency, I want people to take the game by the scruff of the neck, make it happen and work hard for it. I am sure we will get that today because this is another big game for us against a good side.



"They need to take the game to the opposition and look to make things happen."

Wigan narrowly missed out on promotion last season and my former Derby colleague Bruce Rioch will be keen to put them up there again this year for a crack at promotion to Division One. I said after the win at Luton last Saturday that we had three big games coming up. Tranmere was on Tuesday, Wigan is today and then next week we have the local derby against Oxford, a game which everyone will be looking forward to.

We have a good little run of away results under our belts after the enforced absence from the County Ground so it would be nice for us to continue that with two home wins in the next two matches. To do that, however, the players need to show that level of commitment, desire and passion that they have been

showing at places like Bristol City and Luton. That is very important for us to keep that level of consistency going. While we didn't get a shot on target during the game against Tranmere, I don't think John Aldridge's side, apart from their goal, were threatening at all either. We did get things right up front against Luton on Saturday but things were poor at the back. Against Tranmere we never really looked like conceding a goal but could not get things right going forward. If we can put it together in the way that we want then we could just get some joy.

We have played three home games, drawn one and lost two. While that is not the record that I would like, the only game which was alarming was the Walsall defeat. The

Tranmere match was not an alarming defeat by any means.

The only way the players will start getting home wins is by going about their jobs in the manner that they did in the second half of Tuesday night's match. They need to take the game to the opposition and look to make things happen. It has been a while since we were last here for a league match and there has been a great improvement since the Walsall defeat.

I hope you can sit back and enjoy watching the team this afternoon.

Enjoy the game
Colin Todd

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Goalscoring Head 2 Head

in the graphics below, Robins' figure is to the left with the goals scored indicated in red and Latics' to the right and scored in blue

Stats & Facts

Stats compiled by Football Information Services

Where



How



Top League Scorers



2 in 4 games Player's Goals 5 in 8 games
0.5 goals Ratio per Game 0.63 goals

| | | |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| 1 | Games Scored In | 3 |
| 0 | Games Scored 1st Goal | 2 |
| 0 | Games Scored 1 Goal | 2 |
| 1 | Games Scored 2 Goals | 0 |
| 0 | Games Scored 3 Goals | 1 |

IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)
0 (0pts) Games Won -> Draw 1 (2pts)
1 (3pts) Games Won -> Lost 1 (3pts)
0 (0pts) Games Drawn -> Lost 0 (0pts)
3 Number of points gained 5

SCORING SEQUENCES

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| 2 Games | 0 |
| 3 Games | 0 |
| Maximum Scoring Run | 1 game |

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| 2 Games | 2 |
| 3 Games | 0 |
| 4 Games | 0 |
| Maximum Dry Spell | 2 games |

Robins' Results

| SWINDON GOALS | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPOSITION GOALS | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | | | |
| | 3 | 2 | | | | | | |
| | 4 | | 1 | | | | | |
| | 5 | | | | | | | |
| | 6 | | | | | | | |
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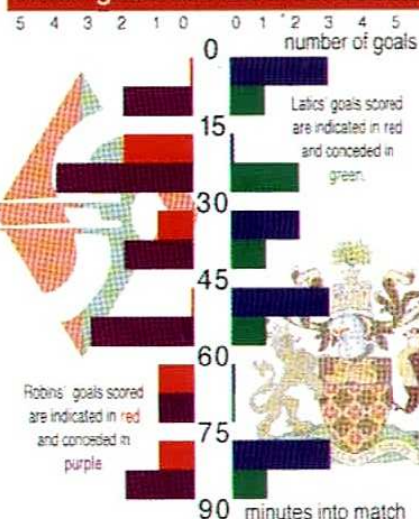
shows the number of results for each scoreline
eg. Swindon have lost 2 games 0-3

Latics' Results

| WIGAN GOALS | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPOSITION GOALS | 0 | 2 | 1 | | | | | |
| | 1 | | 2 | 2 | | | | |
| | 2 | 1 | | | | | | |
| | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | 4 | | | | | | | |
| | 5 | | | | | | | |
| | 6 | | | | | | | |
| | 7 | | | | | | | |

eg. Wigan have won 2 games 3-1 and lost 1 game 0-2

When goals scored & conceded



Average time of Scoring / Conceding

| | | |
|----------|--------------------|----------|
| 126 mins | All Goals for | 65 mins |
| 180 mins | Home Goals For | 45 mins |
| 113 mins | Away Goals For | 120 mins |
| 45 mins | All Goals Against | 120 mins |
| 45 mins | Home Goals Against | 120 mins |
| 45 mins | Away Goals Against | 120 mins |

Table shows average time taken for both teams to score and concede goals in home and away games

Results so far...Form Guide Comparison

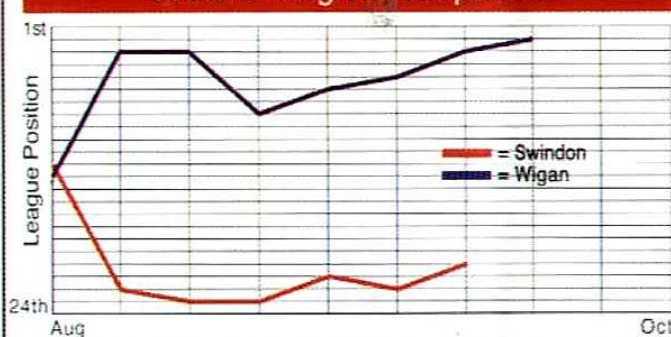
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| Robins | : D L L L W L W | F 5 A 14 Pts 7 |
| Latics | : D W W L W W D W | F 11 A 6 Pts 17 |

Form Guide shows results so far W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw. Most recent result to the right

Wigan Athletic's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

| | DIV | FAC | WC | LS | Gls | Ave Att |
|-------|-----|-----|----|----------------|-----|---------|
| 90/91 | 3 | 3 | 1 | Griffiths/Page | 12 | 2,883 |
| 91/92 | 2 | 3 | 2 | Worthington | 15 | 2,848 |
| 92/93 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Griffiths | 13 | 2,592 |
| 93/94 | 3 | 3 | 1 | Lyons | 11 | 1,897 |
| 94/95 | 3 | 2 | 2 | Lyons | 15 | 1,748 |
| 95/96 | 3 | 3 | 1 | Diaz | 10 | 2,856 |
| 96/97 | 3 | 1 | 1 | Jones | 31 | 3,899 |
| 97/98 | 2 | 3 | 1 | Lowe | 16 | 3,968 |
| 98/99 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Barlow | 19 | 4,250 |
| 99/00 | 2 | 3 | 2 | Barlow | 18 | 7,007 |

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The Latics...

Arriving at the County Ground brimming with confidence, Bruce Rioch's Wigan side will be looking to take three points home with them to Springfield Park today.

After narrowly missing out on promotion last season, they have started the new season where they left off and will be looking to move to the top of the division after today's results. The 'Latics' frontman Simon Haworth is flying and netted in last weekend's 2-1 win over Northampton and again in the cup in midweek. He is hoping to top his 20 goals of last season and if Wigan fail to secure a place in Division One, Bruce Rioch may well have a difficult job holding onto his talented striker.

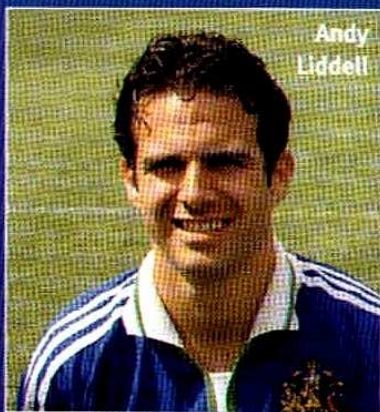
Both managers renew a friendship that goes back a long way and rekindles memories of their playing days at

Derby County under the guidance of a certain Mr. Brian Clough. A man of great influence indicating why both managers have been successful and are held in such high esteem within footballing circles. Wigan are one of the league's new boys in comparison to Swindon, having only entered the fray back in 1978. But have moved on very quickly, with a record attendance of 27,500 (unbelievably in a non league game of 1951) and a current squad packed with experience in the form of Andy Liddell, Neil Redfearn and our old favourite at the County Ground Alan McLoughlin. Let's hope that if Alan plays today there's a 1-0 home win. Courtesy of an own goal five minutes from the end by an act commonly known as old pals act!



ClubFACTS...

Name: Wigan Athletic
Nickname: Latics
Previous name: None
Ground: JJB Stadium
Capacity: 25, 000
Highest League Scorer (season):
 Greame Jones, 31, 1996-97



Andy Liddell

Liddell defies orders!

Wigan striker Andy Liddell is hoping that Latics' manager Bruce Rioch will lay off the former Barnsley man now that he has proved a point.

Last weekend's 25-yard screamer from Liddell against Northampton was something that Rioch was not advocating. The 28-year-old Wigan

forward explains, "The boss had been going on and on at me to get into the box and run at the opposition more. I had to smile when this one flew in from well outside the box." Rioch was ever gracious following his striker's feat,

"Andy's goal was fantastic, there was a good response from him."

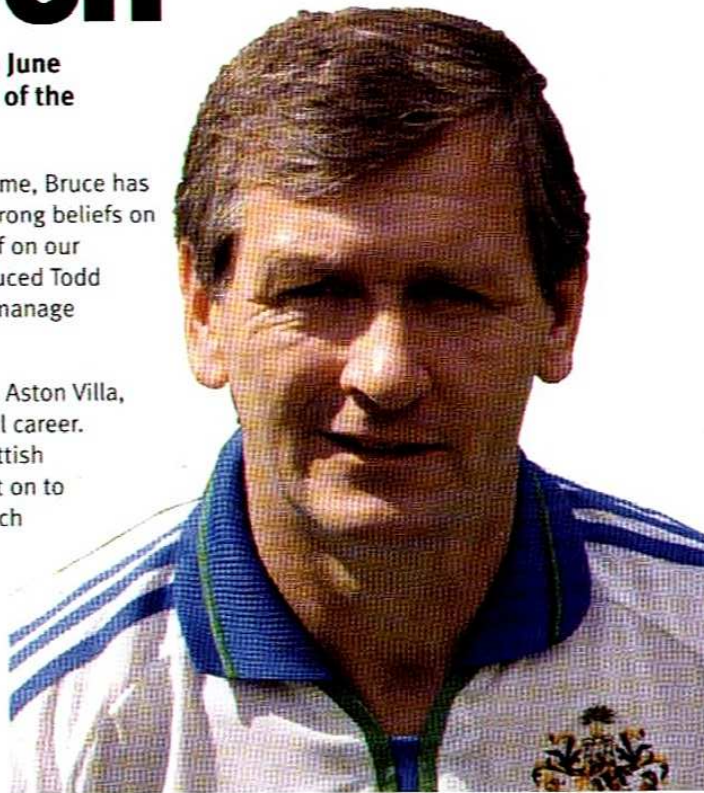
Bruce Rioch

Bruce was appointed manager of Wigan Athletic in June 2000 after John Benson stepped down at the end of the previous season.

A highly experienced and well respected figure within the game, Bruce has established a reputation as a strict disciplinarian who has strong beliefs on how the game should be played. Much of this has rubbed off on our present manager Colin Todd for it was Rioch that first introduced Todd to a coaching role at Middlesbrough - who Todd went on to manage when Rioch left.

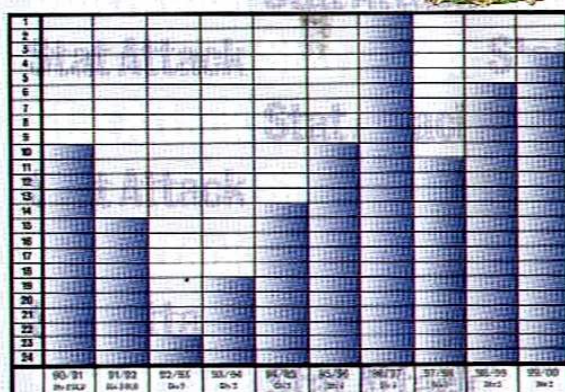
As a player, Bruce was a tough-tackling midfielder for Luton, Aston Villa, Derby, Everton, and Torquay where he started his managerial career. Renowned for his powerful left foot shooting he won 24 Scottish international caps before moving into management. He went on to manage Middlesbrough, Millwall, Bolton, Arsenal and Norwich before moving to the JJB.

During 1992 and 1995, as manager of Bolton Wanderers, Rioch took his side through two promotions and established Bolton as a team to be reckoned with. When Rioch left to take charge of Arsenal it was Colin Todd that once again took over the reins at Burnden Park. He has now been charged with the job of realising Wigan Athletic's Premiership dreams.



clubfacts...

Ten year record...



The last four meetings...

| | | | | |
|----------------|-----|----------------|-------------|------------|
| Swindon Town | 0-0 | Wigan Athletic | (DNV 2 OLD) | 11-05-1987 |
| Wigan Athletic | 2-3 | Swindon Town | (DNV 5 OLD) | 14-05-1987 |
| Wigan Athletic | 3-2 | Swindon Town | (DNV 3 OLD) | 28-03-1987 |
| Swindon Town | 3-1 | Wigan Athletic | (DNV 3 OLD) | 05-10-1986 |

Wigan Athletic

Full time results...

| | | | | |
|-------|-----|----------------|----------|-------------|
| Wigan | 7-2 | Scunthorpe | 12-03-82 | Record win |
| Wigan | 1-6 | Bristol Rovers | 03/03/90 | Record loss |

Club honours...

Division Three Champions 1996/97

Division Four Promoted 1981/92

Auto Windscreen Shield Winners 1999

Next five fixtures...

| | | | | |
|------------|--------------|----|-----------|---|
| Fri Oct 6 | Wigan | vs | Reading | H |
| Tue Oct 10 | Notts County | vs | Wigan | H |
| Tue Oct 17 | Bournemouth | vs | Wigan | A |
| Sat Oct 21 | Wigan | vs | Port Vale | A |
| Tue Oct 24 | Oxford Utd | vs | Wigan | H |

Top goalscorer's ...

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Simon Haworth | 6 |
| Andy Liddell | 4 |
| Ian Kilford | 2 |

Simon Haworth on form

At £600,000 Simon is the club's record signing, arriving from Coventry in October '98.

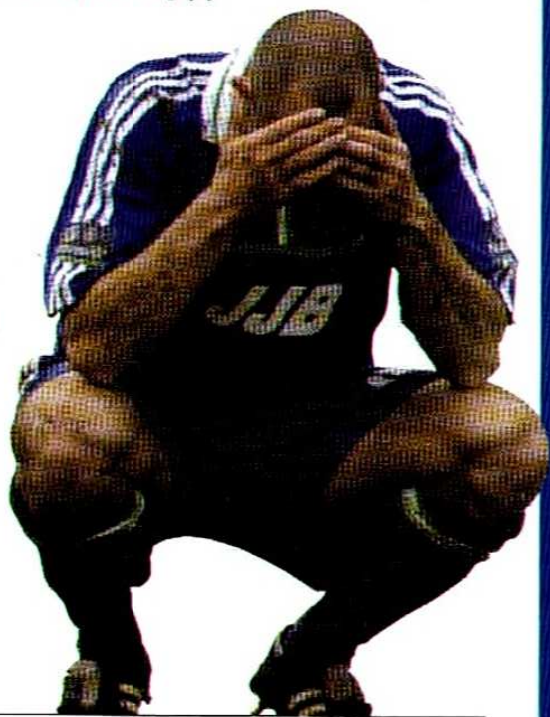
Capped 5 times for Wales, he also became a regular in the Under 21 team. Started his career with Cardiff City for whom he once scored the winner against Wigan. Scored the Latics' first-ever goal at the JJB, one of a total of 19 he scored last season.



Scott Green Mr Versatile...

Scott signed for Wigan in June 1997 from nearby Bolton Wanderers for a £300,000 fee.

Scored on his Wigan league debut but then went over 100 games before netting his second goal against Bournemouth last season. A versatile performer, he has played at right-back, right wing-back, central defender, centre forward and in midfield. Scott signed a new three-year contract in July 2000.



1 Roy Carroll



A then club record £350,000 was paid to Hull City to secure the services of this outstanding

young 'keeper. The usual first choice for his country, Northern Ireland, he is the most-capped player in the club's history. Missed out on the play-off final last season after an emergency operation to have his appendix removed.

2 Carl Bradshaw



Club captain and very much a leader on the pitch, he lifted the Auto Windscreens' Shield at Wembley last April. Carl is a

very versatile player who signed for the club in Oct '97. His favoured position is right-back though he can play in midfield, and famously played in goal for 35 minutes when Roy Carroll was stretchered off against Wycombe, a game which Wigan went on to win.

3 Kevin Sharp

Signed from Leeds United in Nov '95 for a then record £100,000. Canadian-born Kevin is the regular choice at left back having made over 160 appearances for the club. Kevin was sent off at Wembley last May in the play-off final against Gillingham for a second caution.

4 Pat McGibbon



Pat is a Northern Ireland international who signed from Manchester United in July '97 in a deal which finally cost Wigan £380,000. Famously scored

the goal against Colchester in 1977 that secured Wigan's promotion to Division Two, and got the last-ever League goal at Springfield Park. Signed a new two-year deal in July this year.

5 Stuart Balmer

A £200,000 capture from Charlton Athletic in Sept '98, Falkirk-born Stuart made over 200 appearances at The Valley and helped the London club gain promotion to the Premier League. He is a consistently solid performer at the heart of the defence who became the first player ever to be sent off at the JJB stadium for a deliberate handball versus Millwall.

6 Arjan De Zeeuw

Experienced Dutch centre-half who joined the club in July '99 from Barnsley. He helped them to promotion to the Premier League where he remained a regular in the starting line-up. Scored three goals last season and was controversially denied a fourth at Wembley when his goal-bound header crossed the line but was not allowed. Won the Players' 'Player of the Year' award last season.

7 Andy Liddell



Hard-working striker signed from Barnsley for a bargain £375,000 in Oct '98. Had spent his whole career at Oakwell and was part of the

side that took Barnsley to the Premier League. Won 11 Scottish Under 21 caps. His father Gary was a professional with Grimsby Town in the 1970's. Andy won the 1999/2000 'Player of the Year' award, voted by the Wigan fans.

8 Kevin Nicholls

Promising young midfielder signed in June '99 from Charlton Athletic - a deal which could net the Addicks up to £600,000. Kevin captained the England Under 12's side and came through the ranks at the Valley. Made only eight appearances last season because of a troublesome knee injury.

16 Roberto Martinez

Signed from Spanish Second Division side CF Balaguer in 1995, Roberto was the Latics' top scorer in his first season in England with 13 goals. Twice named in the PFA Division Three team he is the only one of Wigan's 'Three Amigos' still at the club.

18 Ian Kilford



Bristol-born Ian came to Wigan from Nottingham Forest in 1993 and is the club's longest serving player. Signed a new two-year deal at the

start of this season, he is a quick player with an eye for a goal and can also play in a variety of positions.

21 Brian McLoughlin

Scottish left winger who signed on a free transfer from Dundee United in the summer of 1999. Spent most of his career with Glasgow Celtic and has yet to make himself a regular in the starting line-up.

34 Alan McLoughlin



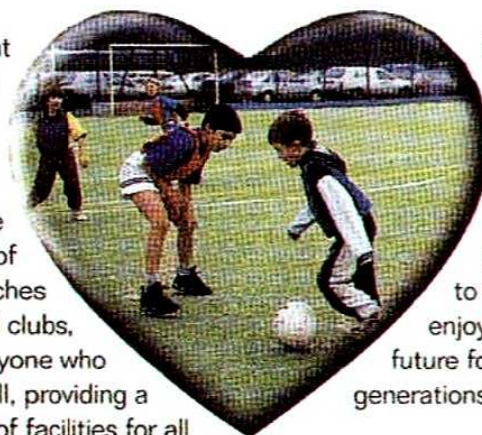
Former Town captain and Irish international midfielder who signed from Portsmouth for a fee of £260,000 in Dec '99. Alan spent 13

seasons at the County Ground before leaving for The Dell in 1990 for £1m. Alan scored after just 52 seconds of his third game for the Latics in the 2-0 victory over Gillingham.



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Charlie hits three

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We started the game slowly and didn't really get into the match for the first 15 minutes, we were a bit shaky up until then.

After that we asserted ourselves on the game and although we eventually won the match quite convincingly, we still could have had increased the margin of victory further. Cheltenham were not a bad side and they did try to match us for the first fifteen minutes and did cause us some problems. However,



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| Wed 16th Aug | Wycombe W. | 2.00 | 0-1 |
| Wed 11th Apr | Oxford United | 2.00 | 3-0 |
| Wed 30th Aug | Brighton | 2.00 | - |
| Wed 13th Sept | Bournemouth | 2.00 | 2-0 |
| Wed 20th Sept | Bristol Rovers | 2.00 | - |
| Wed 27th Sept | Cheltenham | 2.00 | 4-1 |
| Tues 3rd Oct | Norwich City | 7.30 | A |
| Wed 11th Oct | Colchester | 2.00 | A |
| Wed 1st Nov | Southend | 2.00 | H |
| Mon 6th Nov | Peterborough | 2.00 | A |
| Wed 15th Nov | Cambridge | 2.00 | H |
| Wed 29th Nov | Luton Town | 2.00 | H |
| Tues 5th Dec | Northampton | 2.00 | A |
| Wed 20th Dec | Barnet | 2.00 | A |
| Wed 10th Jan | Millwall | 2.00 | H |
| Wed 17th Jan | Leyton Orient | 2.00 | A |
| Wed 24th Jan | Gillingham | 2.00 | H |
| Wed 7th Feb | Q.P.R. | 2.00 | H |
| Tues 13th Feb | Crystal Palace | 7.30 | A |
| Wed 28th Feb | Reading | 2.00 | H |
| Wed 14th Mar | Brentford | 7.00 | A |
| Wed 21st Mar | Bristol City | 2.00 | H |
| Tues 27th Mar | Portsmouth | 7.00 | A |

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we stepped it up a gear after that and our forwards finished well to put the game beyond them.

It's hard to pick out individuals that played particularly well because the whole team contributed to a good match. It is the team that is working very hard for each other at the moment, especially when we haven't got the ball.

It was Charlie Griffin who opened the scoring and he went on to complete his hat-trick with Steve Cowe getting the remaining goal. Our finishing has been particularly good in recent weeks and I've also been impressed with the movement of the front players no matter who it's been.

Charlie has played well for us this season and he himself will admit that he is still coming to terms with the rigours of professional football. We've told him to be patient and positive. If he does that then he's certainly got the ability to improve and make the step up into the first team. Every time he scores a goal he is putting himself in contention so he has to keep doing that. Alan young is an example of a player that has done well in the reserves and was rewarded with a first team opportunity against Luton Town.



Malcolm Crosby

With the squad getting bigger all the time, first team opportunities will be harder and harder to come by so it's up to the lads to grab their chance when it comes.

Line ups

Swindon Town: Stephen Mildenhall, Gareth Hall, Kim Heiselberg, Jamie Mills, Sam Campagna, Antoine van der Linden, Alan Young, Paul McAreevey, Charlie Griffin, Steve Cowe, Andy Williams.
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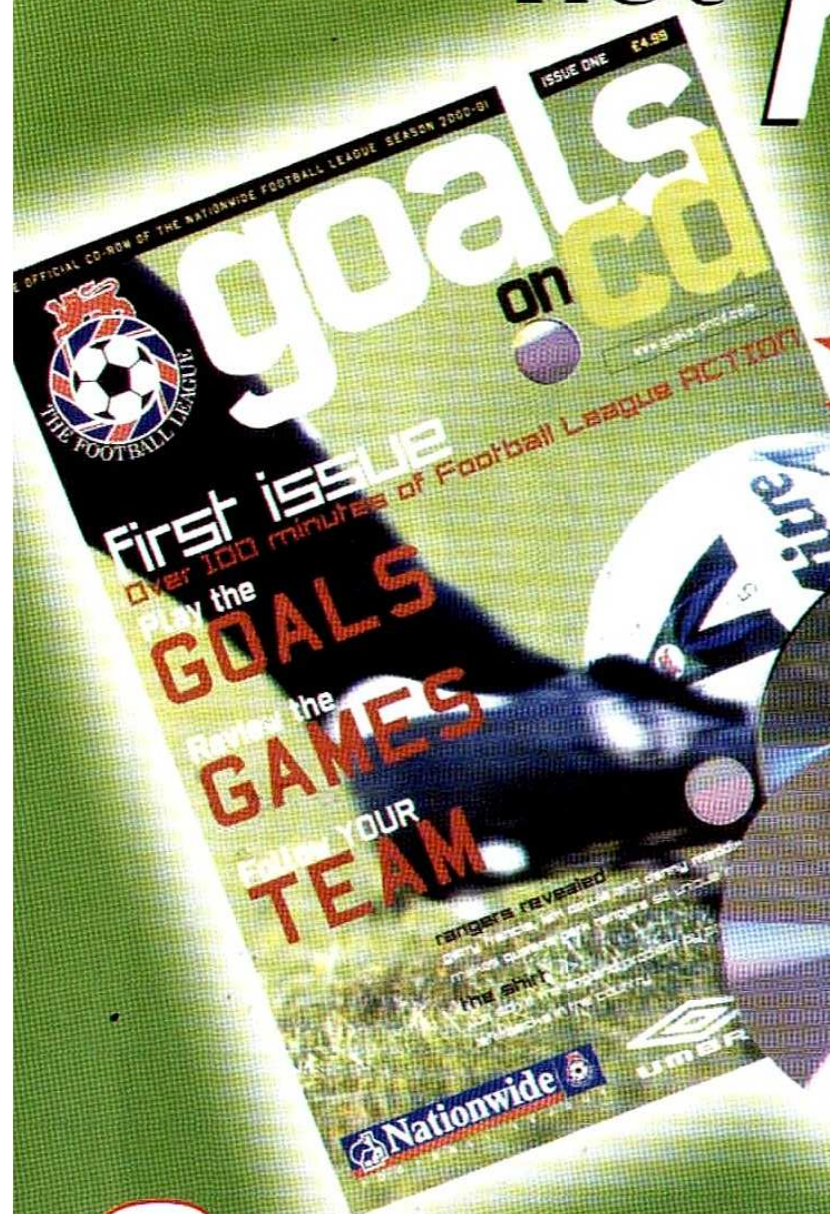
Cheltenham Town: Steve Benbow, Marc Richards, Lee Burby, Mike Jackson, Shane Duff, John Brough, Stuart Mitchinson, Bob Bloomer, Gareth Hopkins, Jason White, Russell Kelly.

Subs: Lloyd Vanson, James Brown, Andy Mitchel.

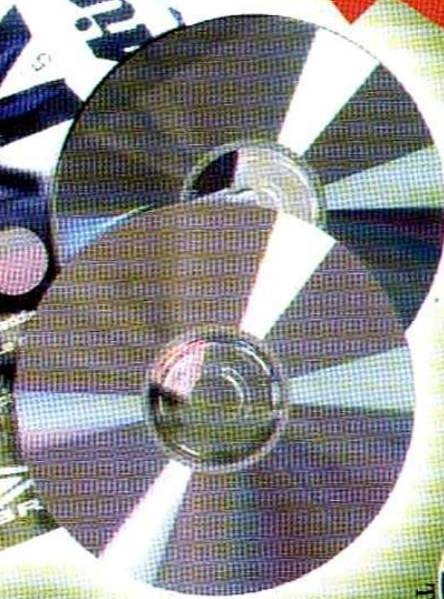


Charlie Griffin - netted a hat-trick

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Double defeat for youths at Swansea

Last weekend the U-17's entertained Swansea City at Allied Dunbar and the U-19's travelled to Swansea for their game.

Unfortunately the U-17's went down 4-2 and the U-19's 1-0.

I was with the U-19's at Swansea at what was a disappointing game. Both teams were poor from the start with the game decided by a mistake by one of our players.

Although we were short on players for the game due to injuries and Alan Young going with the first team, I was still looking for more commitment from some of our players. If players give their all

during games I don't mind but some lad's didn't so we need to address that for the next game.

The U-17's lost 4-2. It's an important time for these lads as it is their last year and decisions need to be made. We have been playing some of our U-15's in this league but have decided that it is time to play all the U-16's and give them every opportunity to succeed or fail in their quest to become professional footballers.

They need to take this opportunity with both hands if they are to succeed.

Phil Cannon

Youth Development Officer

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| Sat | 19th Aug | Exeter City | H | 2-0 |
| Sat | 26th Aug | Torquay Utd | A | |
| Sat | 2nd Sept | Oxford Utd | H | |
| Sat | 9th Sept | Bristol Rovers | A | 0-1 |
| Sat | 23rd Sept | Swansea City | A | 0-1 |
| Sat | 7th Oct | Cirencester A. | H | |
| Sat | 21st Oct | Cardiff City | A | |
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| Sat | 11th Nov | Exeter City | A | |
| Sat | 18th Nov | Torquay Utd | H | |
| Sat | 25th Nov | Oxford Utd | A | |
| Sat | 16th Dec | Bristol Rovers | H | |
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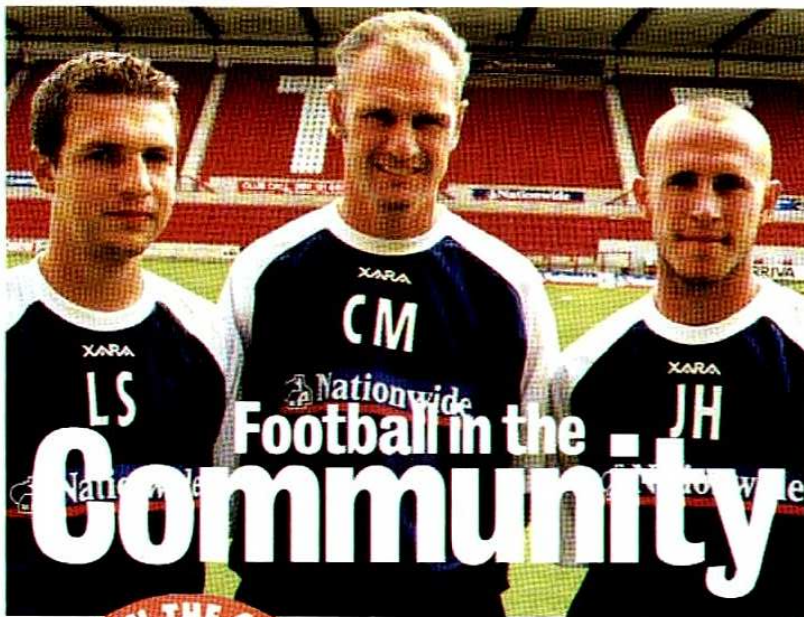
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Jon and I were very honoured to go over to Northern Ireland in the summer with Paul Cannon and the Centre of Excellence under 14's.

We met some great people in Portrush and Colraine and pictured here with the team is young Nathan Rhodes aged 8 and Jack Painter aged 6. The 2 Irish lads are the grandsons of Michael Painter and all three are avid STFC fans and are here today for the big game. We hope you enjoy yourselves with us -see you again soon.

Our Saturday team club visitors are here today, we give a warm community office welcome to Mark Somerset and his Ramsbury under 9's. Let's hope you bring us luck and we can bag all 3 points.

Finally Jon and I were delighted to support the charity event at the Blunsdon Stadium a couple of weeks ago where Lorraine Black arranged a pet racing afternoon to raise money

for children with leukemia. A grand sum of over £3,000 was raised on the day. Pictured here is Jeremy Beadle with a signed STFC ball which raised £50.00 towards the event.

Until next time - best wishes

Best wishes,
Clive, Jono and Luke



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Centre of Excellence

Last weekend the Centre of Excellence played their games against Bournemouth.

The U-12's and the U-13's played at our training ground, while the U-14's and U-15's travelled to Bournemouth. The conditions at both venues were awful with continuous rain all morning. Fortunately this did not stop the U-12's and U-13's putting on a good performance, the U-12's winning 2-0 with goals from Chris Allen and Tim Williams. I myself took the U-13's and they won 5-0. The



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performance from the lads was good and one of the most pleasing things to come out of the game was our clean sheet. This is something the lads have been working on. The back four were well marshalled by Leigh Mills and our young goalkeeper Jamie Morse. Our goal scorers were Sam Richards (1), Reece Holgate (1), Chopper Salter (1) and Luke Ballinger (2).

The U-14's were beaten 3-5. This was quite disappointing as with 10 minutes left we were 3-1 up. Our U-15's continued their good form

with a good performance where they were 4-1 winners.

There are no games for the Centre of Excellence this weekend as we are involved in our Inservice Regional Training for the Southwest Centre of Excellences. All of our coaches will be taken through the Emergency Aid Course as well as learning about Touchline Management. This is all to do with Howard Wilkinson, who sends out directives from the F.A. This will be very useful to us all.

To finish the notes today we would like to tell you that all of our games from the U-12's to U-19's on Saturday and Sunday take place at the Allied Dunbar Training Ground in Wanborough, and it would be great to see some of you there.

Swindon's Soccer Centres

Now that the summer holidays are over, the Soccer Centres are up and running. After the break it's great to be back. Anyone interested in joining the Soccer Centres should ring me at the club on **01793 644777**.

After a few meetings with Jackie Kent, ace commercial manager we have come up with a great offer for kids. At the Soccer Centres, all kids are entitled to **15% off the new Swindon Town shirt** which is fantastic, I hope you all take advantage of this.



I must say a big thank you to Francesca Fuoco and her staff at Service Point in Old Town, they have agreed to support the Soccer Centres, so whenever I need posters and flyers etc. they do everything for me. They have also designed a new letterhead for the Soccer Centres which is fantastic.

Also today I have invited Kieran Shail and his family to today's game. Kieran was involved in a terrible accident during the holidays where he was knocked off his bike. Kieran sustained some bad injuries including a broken arm, but this didn't deter

him from coming to his local soccer centre at Stratton last week. So I hope today's game will help cheer him up.

Enjoy today's game

Jimmy Fraser



Kieran Shail



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Man on the mic

There's something strange about going on holiday during the football season, it's not something I would do normally and not something I've done too many times before, however last week I was on holiday.

I was lapping up the sun, sea and 'Celtia' (the leading brand of lager in Tunisia) but my mind was hundreds of miles away in Bedfordshire, more to the point Kenilworth Road. Thankfully Tunisia is in the same time zone as Britain but the availability of pay 'phones isn't the same as in 'dear old Blighty'.

There I was lying on the beach, trying to avoid being burnt to a crisp, being constantly told to "wear a hat" or "your shoulders look red, put some lotion on them" or "why don't you move into the shade". However my safety or health was not important to me, I wanted to be at Kenilworth Road, or back in Wiltshire listening to the game on the radio, or even watching the



developments unfold on Ceefax!!!

Thankfully the girlfriend's mobile phone worked from North Africa, and I cunningly curtailed our day on the beach to return to the hotel to get the vital news. I punched in the numbers, the phone rang, my friend though wouldn't allow me to know the score just like that, he wanted me to suffer, like a man on death row.

After about the whole game being summed up in five minutes including which players had long sleeved shirts and which didn't!!!! He finally said... " and in the 91st minute... the referee... blew his whistle... for..." His words got

slower... but by this time I had worked out we had recorded our second three points of the season. This was finally confirmed, he then went on to tell me that Oxford had lost 5-0, which is almost as pleasing.

On to today's test, Wigan Athletic. Our only previous home league meeting with the Latics ended in a three one victory, almost 14 years ago. That was in the 'Today' league, (what ever happened to that newspaper), We then went on to defeat them in the first promotion play-offs in the same season.

More recently I was an 'honourary Latic' for the day last May, I saw their heartbreaking Wembley defeat in last season's play-offs when they were beaten by Gillingham. Despite being outnumbered by about 4 to 1 by the Gills they certainly made more noise and are a credit to their club. No doubt they'll be in good voice today, so let's make sure we raise the volume level this afternoon like we have on our travels and out-shout them today.

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“We all know we have to put on a good performance at home”

It's disappointing to be out of the cup. They got an early goal and sat back on their lead. It wasn't our best performance of the season by any means but it was only 1-0 and we felt we could always get something out of the game.

We started the game positively, not just relying on our away goal. Unfortunately, it went against us and as our attack broke down they hit us on the break and scored. We tried to break them down, especially in the second half, but they concentrated hard at the back and defended in numbers. It was frustrating and we have to learn how to break teams down when they've blatantly shut up shop.

We've been a bit inconsistent because we looked very dangerous on Saturday against Luton - as if we could score on every attack but against Tranmere we didn't ask their

goalkeeper a lot of questions. Still, we have to be positive and the way we kept possession and took the game to them in the second half gives us a lot of confidence. OK, we didn't make our possession count or have many chances but sometimes you have to give the opposition credit and say they defended well as a team.

It will be a tough test for us Saturday, Wigan are fancied to do well this season and have some experienced players in their squad. Their league form of late is very good but we won't let that worry us, we're more concerned with playing our own game and being confident that we can beat teams at home.

We certainly owe the fans one because they've been magnificent. It was disappointing that we couldn't give them something to cheer about on Tuesday night but they've been patient and I'm positive they won't

have to wait long. We all know we have to put on a good performance at home and there is no reason why we can't start on Saturday against Wigan.

Like all fans they want to see shots, crosses and teams being put on the rack. Like Tranmere Rovers teams will make it difficult for us, especially here at the County Ground, but if we can get in behind defences then the goals will come as they did against Luton Town. If we can put Tranmere aside and concentrate on the league we have to remember how well we played against Luton and try and carry that on into Saturday's game. Our home form to date hasn't been great but we can't get too worried about it because we've only played two league matches at home so far. If we start to capitalise on our home games in hand, things will look a lot better.

the verdict from the Tranmere defeat...

How they saw it

National www.Teamtalk.com

Last year's beaten finalists Tranmere are safely through to the third round after Scott Taylor's strike on 13 minutes settled the tie.

It was a comfortable game for the visitors with 'keeper John Achterberg never troubled during the game. Striker Taylor sealed the win for Tranmere when he slipped the ball one side of Alan Reeves and ran around the other before beating Swindon stopper Bart Griemink at his near post. New Swindon striker Martin Williams headed over a minute later but that was as close as the home side came to an equaliser.

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Many fans among the sparse crowd of 4,573 booed the side as they left the field, frustrated with the side and with referee Phil Taylor.

But nobody was blaming Town's latest let-down on the performance of the man in black. Aussie midfielder Mark Robertson was hauled off after only 44 minutes and defender Marko Tuomela was replaced during the break as Todd tried to inject some passion into his labouring side. With their first real effort of the match Tranmere tore through the heart of the Town defence with consummate ease. Tuomela missed a vital header and as the remaining defenders stood and watched, Taylor rounded Alan Reeves and fired low past Griemink.

Away www.tranmererovers.com

Tranmere side-stepped a potential banana skin as Scott Taylor's first-half goal sealed safe passage to the third round of the Worthington Cup after a 1-0 win at Swindon Town.

Scott Taylor's third goal of the season came from a neat move which saw Tranmere switch from defence to attack in an instant. Re-called Wayne Gill played a beautiful ball into Taylor's path and he drew 'keeper Bart Griemink before rolling the ball home. Rovers had created a number of chances in the opening twenty minutes with John Aldridge coming out on top in the tactical battle with Swindon counterpart Colin Todd. Paul Rideout hooked a shot wide from Gareth Roberts' seventh minute free-kick.



Players' views...



"I don't think it's a question of fearing playing at home, it's just a question of getting that first win under

our belt. We have only played here three times and we have a few young lads in the side."

Alan Reeves remains upbeat about the Town's home form and is convinced that the players can turn it around at the County Ground



"We were disappointed to go out of the cup, especially at this stage where it starts to get very exciting. From my point of

view, we have to start keeping clean sheets at home and then work from there. The talent is there in abundance but we need the confidence to produce it on the pitch."

Town's Man of the Match Sol Davis talks frankly after Tuesday night's cup defeat against Tranmere Rovers in the Worthington Cup

Alan Reeves

Sol Davis

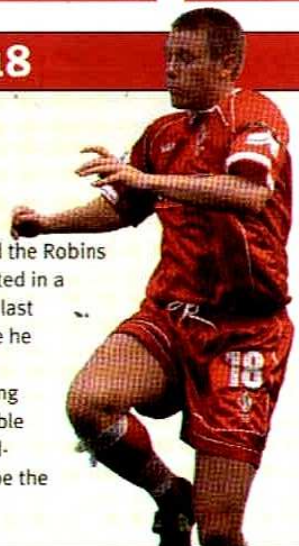
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Gary Alexander 18

Position: Forward
Born: 15/08/79, London
Height: 5 ft 10
Weight: 12. 6

Highly-rated 21-year-old who joined the Robins in early August from West Ham United in a £300,000 deal. Gary spent most of last season on loan at Exeter City where he made a big impression - scoring 16 goals in 20 appearances and keeping The Grecians out of relegation trouble in the process. A powerful and hard-working forward, Alexander could be the one to watch this season.



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Cannons' General Manager Nick Moreton is excited by the link-up and says: "We're delighted to be able to offer our facilities to Colin and the boys as part of their overall fitness programme but, more importantly, our offer to the fans also represents giving something to everyone involved with the club."

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Where to turn?

While things have not quite worked out as everyone had hoped for as we face our eighth league game of the campaign, I feel sure there are better days around the corner. This has been a disappointing start to the campaign for everyone and I, like the majority of Townies, was hoping for a dose of early success this season. There was real cause to feel excited about the new season and I still believe it would be premature to throw in the towel just yet. There have already been massive highs and lows. Bristol City and Luton Town just do not compare with Walsall and Bournemouth. But at least we saw good signs at Ashton Gate and Kenilworth Road and let's hope there is more of that to come. There is certainly plenty of time to get things right. Remember how

Manchester City struggled in Division Two when they were relegated. I sat in the post-match press conference at Maine Road last Christmas. Manager Joe Royle was delighted that his side had just stuffed us 3-0 and was talking about how exactly a year before they were sitting 18th in Division Two and had just lost at home. Of course, they are now in the Premier League as we all know and their amazing turn-around must give us all hope.

I received an interesting letter from a fan saying that it was my fault at the Evening Advertiser for hyping up the start of the season and giving everybody false hopes. I take issue with that entirely. Anybody who was here for the Southampton match or who saw the West Brom game will have seen a side full of confidence which everyone expected to be able to live and thrive in Division Two. Unfortunately the lads are struggling to meet those demands consistently at the moment. The excuse that the team need time to gel was a

legitimate one, I believe, and I also think there is credence in the argument that many of the players are untried at this level. I was told last week that the sooner Town realise they can't play football in Division Two the sooner the results will improve. He may have a point, but should we sacrifice our football style just because we are in a lower division? The fact is that Town's excuses are wearing thin and for some fans completely transparent. What they want from Swindon is more of the Bristol City style grit and determination and less of the Walsall, Bournemouth style capitulation. Before Tuesday night I would have said we were on the right track, now, I think we all need re-assuring again.

There is still hope, we must not be too downhearted. After all, wouldn't life be dull if Swindon won every match?

Matt Reeder
Sports Editor

Financial lifeline under threat...



The current debate over the transfer system is gathering momentum, as clubs like ours await the verdict on whether

the existing system should change.

I'm greatly encouraged by the news that the Premiership's club chairmen are concerned as to what impact any potential change would have on clubs like ours in the lower divisions. I hope the status quo is maintained; if

players were allowed to leave clubs when they feel like it ... and transfer fees abolished ... it will become impossible for many to survive. Imagine a Premiership club approaching one of your team's star players - for example, Matt Hewlett receives an approach from Southampton ... or ... Simon Haworth gets a call from Coventry. Hardly glamour clubs, but nevertheless, the chance to play with (and against) the best. No money changes hands, they just leave. The financial lifeline which helps us to survive is taken away.

It would also mean that when players like Ginola, Fowler and Collymore become unhappy just keeping the bench warm, as Collymore himself stressed in his written transfer request earlier

this week, they would be free to go elsewhere if they've had enough. No loyalty; agents would dominate ... and the heart of football in the lower divisions would be ripped out.

It's hard to imagine such a situation back in the seventies when today's opposing managers Colin Todd and Bruce Rioch were players under Brian Clough at Derby County. "Kevin Hector's agent is on the phone, Brian. He's fed up and is moving to Manchester United under new European legislation."

Oh, to be a fly on the wall.

Dan Chisholm
Breakfast presenter BBC Wiltshire Sound

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We have five NSPCC projects in Wiltshire

The Wiltshire Child Protection Centre in Melksham provides a range of child protection services including:

Assessments with children and families where children have or are believed to have suffered significant harm; assessment and treatment of young people who sexually harm others; consultation and training. Therapeutic work with children who have been abused is being developed and the team are now working with children who have experienced the effects of domestic violence. A Domestic Violence Development Worker appointment will mean considerable development in this area of work in conjunction with services already established in the county.

There are three Family Centres, at Calne, Tidworth and in North Swindon. These work with other agencies, the local community and volunteers to provide a range of services to support families within the communities and aim to

prevent harm occurring to children by identifying areas of stress at an early stage. Services include: Drop-In's which provide a place to make new friends and an opportunity to learn to share and play with other children; toddler groups, after school groups, Keep Safe Groups and Play Days. A range of group and individual activities are offered for children, parents and carers, including help with children with sleep or behaviour problems, Parenting Skills, play courses for parents and carers to explore and adapt play ideas to meet the individual needs of children, relaxation and stress management. Two centres have Toy Libraries and Early Years Workers are developing the work with very young children.

The Swindon Centre in Old Town concentrates on therapeutic work, helping the victims of sexual abuse to recover and face the future. They work with groups and individuals depending on the need and age of the child or young person concerned. They also work with the non-abusing carers, usually the mother or any other person who has been in the role of carer.

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Football Programmes Down The Years

A series of articles by the Editor of PROGRAMME MONTHLY & FOOTBALL COLLECTABLE magazine describing how programmes have changed over a century and a quarter of Association Football

4. Early FA Cup Finals

While the most important day in the football calendar has always been the FA Cup Final, for many decades the quality and frequency of its programmes were far behind those issued by clubs. Indeed, it was not until the late 1900's that the football authorities took some interest in FA Cup Final programmes, having previously stood back while outside publishers 'sponsored' matchday issues.

A number of 19th century Cup Final programmes were published by 'The People' newspaper. Printed locally, these Crystal Palace issues comprised a folded sheet with advertisements on one side, the People being prominent amongst sports outfitters; and team lines and more adverts on the reverse. They were sold as 'The only authorised programme' and so few have survived that they now fetch five figure sums at auction. Some doubts as to the 'only authorised' issue status of these programmes have been raised by the existence of another version of a 1901 Cup Final teamsheet. An

'Official Programme' for the Tottenham Hotspur v Sheffield United match, in the shape of a 7" x 5" blue card, has survived. This version is devoid of advertisements and one wonders if it was purely distributed to VIPs, as opposed to being on public sale.

The teamsheet for the 1904 'English Cup Tie' between Manchester City and Bolton Wanderers listed the players in two columns, and numbered them (1 to 22), re-introducing the original concept of a match programme - the identification of players by spectators. Curiously, the reverse side displayed the same names, and numbers, in 2-3-5 formation, along with the note: 'Any alteration taking place in the players' names, a board will be sent round the ground corresponding with numbers on the card.' It must have been a particularly large board to be seen by everyone in the 61,300 crowd at the old Crystal Palace ground. When Newcastle United played Bradford City at Crystal Palace in the 1911 Final, W.H. Smith & Sons issued a 'Souvenir Card' priced 1d. Colin Veitch of Newcastle United was

photographed on the front cover of this large folded sheet, with the team lines (un-numbered, in 2-3-5 formation) on the inside pages along with advertisements for 'The Yorkshire Evening Post Football Edition'; containing full report of the Cup Final, will be on sale to-night at King's Cross, St Pancras, Marylebone and Euston stations on the departure of special trains for the North.' The refusal of the Football Association to become involved in programme production has not helped in resolving this unofficial/official debate nearly a century later. Similarly with programmes for representative and international fixtures, which were left to the host club. It was not until the Cup Final moved to Stamford Bridge in 1920 that a single, definitive football programme began to be published for the FA Cup Final.

'Programme Monthly & Football Collectable' contains up to 150 pages each month on all aspects of programme collecting. The current edition is available priced £2.30 (inclusive of postage) from 46 Milton Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY1 1TL or send 9 x 1st class stamps.

the verdict from our trip
to Kenilworth Road...

How they saw it

National www.Teamtalk.com

David Duke and a Martin Williams brace secured Swindon a 3-2 victory at Luton Town, with Mark Stein and Liam George on target for the home side.

The Hatters had started brightly with Mark Stein registering his first League goal of the season. Colin Todd's men levelled with David Duke's shot which nestled in the far corner of Ovendale's net. Two goals in two minutes made the score 2-2 at half-time, with Luton old-boy Martin Williams scoring on his return to the club with an overhead kick, only for Liam George to convert from a tight angle on 42 minutes. Williams secured all three points with a powerful header.

Home www.thisisswindontown.co.uk

Martin Williams fired a spectacular double to give Town victory in a real thriller at Luton.

A scissor-kick volley and a thumping header showed Swindon's brilliant barmy army something they have been missing for far too long. While Town's forward play was possibly the best seen all season, they often looked clumsy and disorganised at the back against a dangerous looking Luton attack. Two sloppy goals almost cost Swindon dearly but they clung on for a much-needed victory. A win which means they have now lost only once in five away matches and one which lifts them up out of the early relegation candidates.

Away www.lutonfc.com

Oh no! Another home defeat, and one against a team that before kick-off was below us in the league table.

Some good play down the right enabled Stein to give Luton the lead on 13 minutes. Swindon's equaliser was well taken. Duke cut to the right and struck a 20 yarder into the bottom left corner of the net. Swindon then scored their second goal on 30 minutes when Martin Williams fired in a decent volley. Luton equalised with a few minutes left in the half - Stein setting up Liam to crack his effort past the advancing keeper. Swindon then nabbed the winner, a free kick from the right fired in by Keith O'Halloran with Williams again scoring with a glancing header.



Manager's views...



"We made things very difficult for ourselves. We weren't taking up the right positions in the first half.

It was a lot better after the interval when we got ourselves sorted out but there's room for improvement."

Town boss expresses his delight with the three points but believes that there is still room for improvement in the defence.



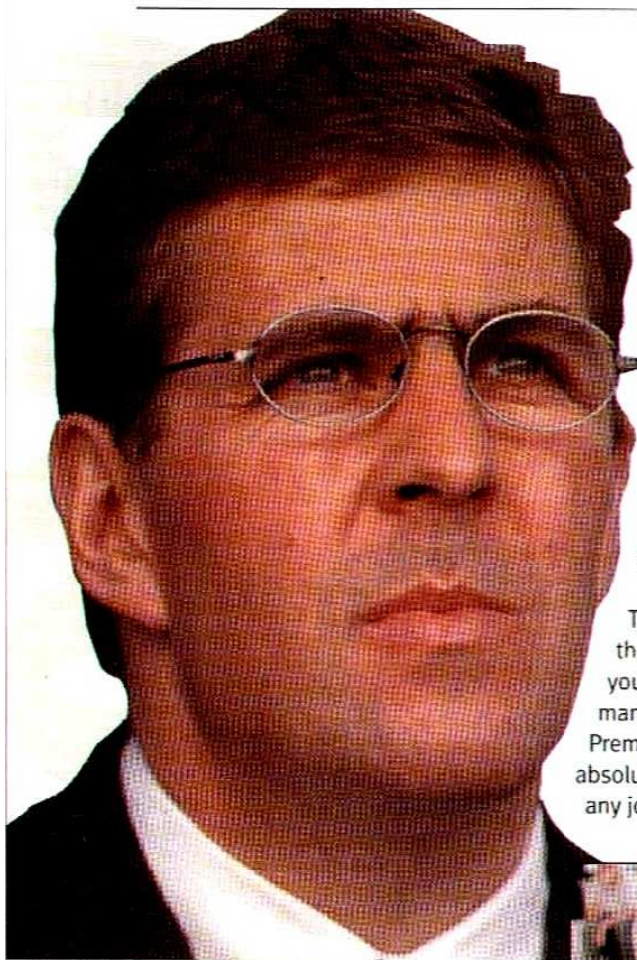
"The fans were disappointed and so am I. We gave goals away too easily. Mark Ovendale is one of the best

goalkeepers in the division and Nathan Abbey is a keeper with confidence but we have conceded 10 goals in three games and it's just not good enough."

Without a win in 10 games, Ricky Hill shows his disappointment with his side's defensive frailties that cost them 3 points again.

Colin Todd

Ricky Hill



Den deal for McGhee

Mark McGhee returned to management earlier this week when he took over at Second Division Millwall.

Former Reading, Leicester City and Wolves boss McGhee, had been out of management for nearly two years after leaving Molineaux. Joint managers Keith Stevens and Alan McLeary made way for the new appointment after being sacked the week previous.

The pair had taken Millwall to the play-offs last season but it was felt at the New Den that a new experienced manager could get more out of the young and talented squad. Ray Harford filled the void left by the departing management team and masterminded the Lion's Worthington Cup win over Premiership Ipswich Town and a 5-0 thrashing of Oxford. McGhee said: "I'm absolutely ecstatic to be back in the game but I would not have returned for any job. I had to really want to do it and I had a gut feeling for Millwall."

Ram raid

Derby County manager Jim Smith is tracking Walsall teenager Gary Birch. 19-year-old Birch may move to Pride Park before being a first team player at the Bescot Stadium. Derby County are reportedly ready to snap up the 19-year-old midfielder from the Saddlers if a fee can be agreed between the two clubs.



Butler has Royals pardon

Martin Butler notched a hat-trick in the 5-1 win against Swansea and revealed that a roasting from Reading manager Alan Pardew had helped him produce his sparkling performance. "I didn't do too well when we lost at Peterborough last week and the manager had some strong words to say after the game," admitted Butler. "So it was nice to respond with the third hat-trick of my career, even though the boss announced our 'keeper Phil Whitehead was the man-of-the-match."

London no go for Whittingham

Guy Whittingham's stay at Peterborough's London Road will not be extended after the former Aston Villa and Pompey striker only scored one goal during his loan spell. Boss Barry Fry originally intended to make the deal permanent but he believes Whittingham is no longer a good investment. The 35-year-old former soldier is believed to be having talks with Oxford about a possible move.



It's good to talk

Oxford manager Denis Smith held a crisis meeting with his players to establish what went wrong during their 5-0 pasting at the hands of Millwall.



The defeat left the U's firmly stuck at the bottom of the Second Division, with the worst away league record in English professional football conceding 18 goals in just five games. Smith is asking his young players to come out of their shells. He said: "Every time we have a meeting it's me talking or Mickey Lewis talking, the players are not talking." he added: "I like debate, I like people to tell me I'm wrong or this is wrong, because I listen, but what I can't do is read people's minds." All good news for the Town who entertain our local rivals next Sunday here at the County Ground.

Thorne back in the side



Former Town hit-man Peter Thorne grabbed Stoke City's equaliser in last weekend's 1-1 home draw against Rotherham after coming off the substitutes' bench.



The 27-year-old bustling centre forward had a knee operation during the summer and has been used sparingly in the early part of the season. City manager Gudjon Thordarson was happy with what

he saw commenting: "Peter did very well for his goal and I hope that can be the beginning of a good run for him. It's now very important to get him back to full fitness because Marvin will be out for a long time."



United Exchange

The drawn-out transfer of Lomana Tresor Lua was finally completed last week.

The Zaire-born forward changed United's - Colchester for Newcastle in a £2.25m deal. The news will come as a huge boost to all defences, especially QPR who Lua Lua ripped apart - scoring a hat-trick at Loftus Road earlier this season. However, Robson insisted that Lua Lua is not yet ready for a first team place. He added: "We only made a move for him because of other clubs interest in him and he isn't ready for first team football." Colchester Boss Steve Whitton admitted that the sale was inevitable. The total £2.25 million package will enable Colchester to develop their Layer Road ground and provide financial stability.

Slap on the wrist

Bristol City defender Gerard Lavin has been fined £1,000 for injuring a fan when he kicked a ball into the crowd in a 'fit of pique'.

Spectator Mark Stevens had to have his arm put in plaster after the ball was blasted at him from just 20 feet away at Reading's Madejski Stadium.

Judge Keith Bassingthwaite condemned 26-year-old Lavin, saying his "loss of control" was a dereliction of his duty as a sportsman in the public eye. Ian Acheson, prosecuting, said: "He kicked the ball at the hoardings in a fit of pique. He accepted the possibility that someone might be struck rather than the hoardings and, realising that, he struck the ball nonetheless."

Sentencing Lavin at Guildford Crown Court, the judge added: "This case is sad to see."

Professional footballers have a position as role models for young boys and young men. He was also banned for five matches by his club and the Football Association, fined £1,000 by Bristol and lost £1,500 in match bonuses.



FanScene

Town's show yer colours is back!



While travelling through the South Pacific recently, Town fan **Michael Piotrowski** bumped into a Port Vale fan in the Cook Islands and decided to 'Show their Colours'.

Naturally, they discussed relegation to Division Two and their prospects for the new season. Michael is now on his way through New Zealand and Australia but will be keeping in touch with the Town's progress.

In the sun

Here Gemma and Craig Lewington 'Show Their Colours' in Ceuta, a town in Morocco, North Africa.



Lands Ender

Pictured here is Terry Ponting 'Showing His Colours' at Lands End. He is a season ticket holder and has followed the Town for many years.



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Question Time!

1. Name the manager that appointed Colin Todd as his number two at both Middlesbrough and Bolton Wanderers and today manages our opponents - Wigan Athletic?
2. Which Wigan player pictured elsewhere in the programme is Wigan's record signing at £600,000, signed from Coventry City?
3. What was the score when we last played Wigan in 1987 in a division three (old) match?
4. Where do Wigan play their home matches?
5. From which Finnish club has defender Marko Tuomela joined the Town?



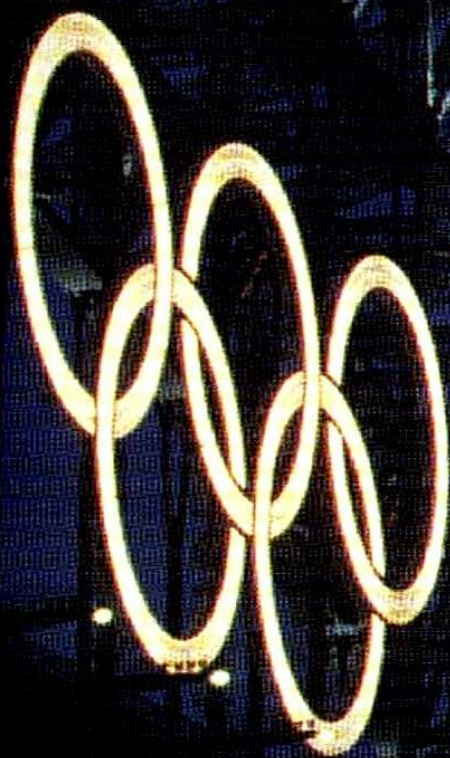
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Ooh are ya?



Answers:
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Question time: 1. Bruce Ritchie
2. Simon Howard 3. 0-0 4. 118 Stadium
5. Tromso



“it is worth remembering that for every David Beckham of this world there is an Eric the Eel”

As Eric the Eel and Paula the Crawler made their merry way to Olympic worst times in the 100m and 50m freestyle respectively it gave us all hope.

If these brave swimmers from Equatorial Guinea can compete in the Olympic-swimming gala after only learning to swim in January then there is every possibility that I can play up front for England and Scunthorpe United can win the Premiership. What other competition could offer competitors such as Eric and Paula to compete in a world class field, what other competition could embrace these achievements and turn these two into celebrities overnight.

Certainly the Football World Cup, European Championships and Copa America throw up surprises now and again, but the difference is that there is a rigorous qualifying tournament to separate the best from the rest for

these major finals. Eric and Paula benefited from the relatively new Olympic policy of allowing competitors from developing nations to compete without achieving the qualifying time. If it had taken them as long to achieve the qualifying time as it did for them to complete the race then Beijing 2008 would probably have been their best hope.

So whilst the majority of the media attention is focused on our footballing stars, with wage packets the size of their egos, it is worth remembering that for every David Beckham of this world there is an Eric the Eel. He may not have a Posh Spice or be deadly from dead ball situations but he has certainly brought a smile to the face of those who have been following the games. The fact that David Beckham could, in all probability, beat him in the 100m freestyle is neither here nor there.



Ladies goal fest!

The Town Ladies moved into fourth place in the South West Combination League with a five goals to nil victory over Saltash Pilgrims.

The Town had a good spell midway through the first half and bagged four goals. Kate Lemon got the first in the 18th minute and then two minutes later Holly Ashman scored after Leanne Taylor had rounded the 'keeper. Kim Reeves got a third and Tracy Peacock got her first goal for the club since signing from Lyneham. Tracy also scored again early in the second half to take the Town's goal tally to five. This was a good all round team performance against a strong side who had not previously been beaten.

The Town Reserves went goal-crazy in their Southern Region League game against Fleet Town. The Town won the match by ten goals to nil. Lucy Bailey bagged six and Hayley Sprules, Clare

Tyson, Sam Quinn and Hayley Huckin also hit the net. This was another good result by the Town reserves as they won their other game two nil against Thatcham Town. Lucy Bailey and Natalia Zarcinski were on target that day.

Tomorrow both sides are away, the first team travel to face Denham United in the South West Combination League and the reserves are at Burnham. On Sunday 8th October both sides are at home and play Yeovil Town and Alton United respectively. Both of these games will be played at the Ballrads Ash Ground at Wooton Bassett and will kick off at 2-00pm.

Roger Reeves

South West Combination League Fixtures 2000/2001

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|------|------|--------------------|-----|
| 3rd | Sept | Bristol City | 3-3 |
| 10th | Sept | Clevedon Town | 3-0 |
| 17th | Sept | Oxford United | A |
| 24th | Sept | Saltash Pilgrims | 5-0 |
| 1st | Oct | Denham United | A |
| 8th | Oct | Yeovil Town | H |
| 15th | Oct | Southampton | A |
| 22nd | Oct | Bristol Rovers | H |
| 29th | Oct | "AXA" FA Cup 1st | |
| 5th | Nov | Cheltenham Town | A |
| 12th | Nov | "AXA" FA Cup 2nd | |
| 19th | Nov | Denham United | H |
| 26th | Nov | Reading | A |
| 3rd | Dec | Denham United LC 2 | H |
| 10th | Dec | Portsmouth | H |
| 17th | Dec | Bristol City | H |
| 7th | Jan | Clevedon United | A |
| 14th | Jan | Oxford United | H |
| 21st | Jan | Saltash Pilgrims | A |
| 28th | Jan | Yeovil Town | A |
| 4th | Feb | Southampton | H |
| 11th | Feb | Bristol Rovers | A |
| 18th | Feb | Cheltenham Town | H |
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Matches from Memory

By Dick Mattick

1987 VS



The match was the first leg of the Third Division semi-final play-off, five goals were scored and fortunes swung dramatically.

Third placed Swindon and fourth placed Wigan had been drawn to meet, as at this time the third from bottom side in the league above was given a chance to save their skins. In this case it meant Sunderland, who in fact lost in the other semi-final to Gillingham who had scraped a play-off spot when a missed penalty saw Bristol City draws 1-1 with Swindon at Ashton Gate and missed out.

The game was only two minutes old when a twenty-yard shot by Chris Thompson gave Wigan the lead. Thirteen minutes later a free kick was taken Barry Knowles and Fraser Digby failed to hold on to the greasy ball. Bobby Campbell won the race for the loose ball and put the Lancashire side two up.

Although they were trailing 2-0, the travelling Swindon fans, that must have accounted for a good third of the crowd of 6,718 gave their team a tremendous reception as they came out for the second half. Digby made amends for his earlier error by taking a tremendous block to Paul Jewels blazing effort and Colin Calderwood tidied up the loose ball. It was a crucial turning point. Swindon were beginning to dominate the exchanges and a goal to narrow the margin in the second leg looked on the cards. It did not come until the 71st minute when, although Roy Tunks, who had

Asked to identify what is needed for a memorable match most people would mention an outcome of critical importance, plenty of goals and changing fortunes. When Swindon met Wigan Athletic at Springfield Park on the 14th May 1987 all three were present.

already foiled a Bamber attempt a minute earlier, managed to block Jimmy Quinn's effort - this time it was Bamber who met the rebound. The benefits of the army camp routines and runs up Liddington Hill inflicted on them by Lou Macari now began to reap their reward for The Robins. A free kick on the right was perfectly timed by Steve Berry to

“...the travelling Swindon fans must have accounted for a third of the crowd...”

find Jimmy Quinn rising among the defenders to head the ball in via the post. To have come from 2-0 down to nullify home advantage would have been enough for most teams but Town showed their killer instinct. Realising that the change in the tide of fortune had left Wigan physically and mentally drained they looked for more. Quinn found Mark Jones on the right and his centre was nodded home by Peter Coyne just two minutes from time. It was a great moment for Coyne who earlier in his career had been rejected by

Wigan but also for all the other Town players and supporters.

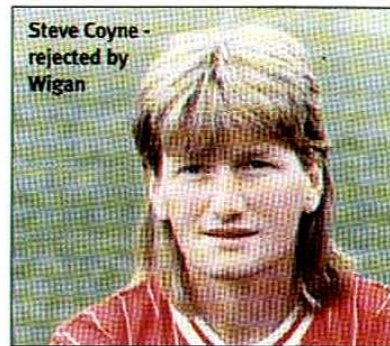
Manager Lou Macari rightly stressed it was only half time in the tie but the away leg was the real decider as a goalless draw at the County Ground took Town to the play-off final with Gillingham and eventually to a second consecutive promotion.

Teams:

Swindon: Digby, Hockaday, King, Jones, Parkin, Calderwood, Bamber, Kamara, Quinn, Coyne, Berry.

Wigan: Tunks, Butler, Knowles, Hamilton, Cribble, Beasley, Lowe, Thompson, Campbell, Jewell, Griffiths.
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Only two to report

Although we suffered a set back mid-week against John Aldridges Tranmere side, we once again came through unscathed physically and with no injuries to report.

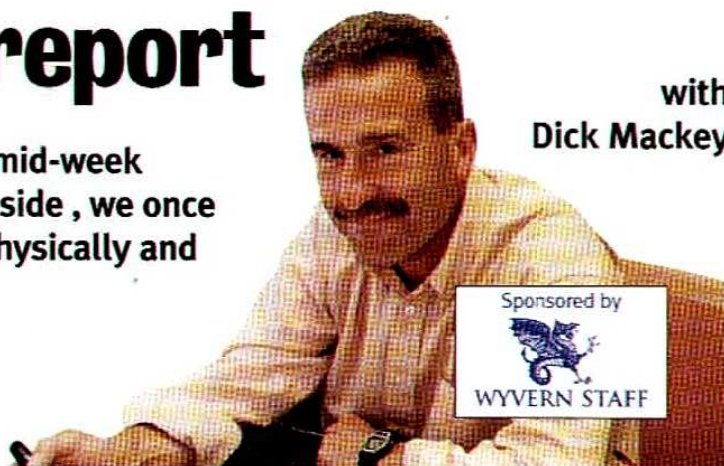
From experience I can relate this to our excellent pre-season programme and all the hard work put in by the lads.

The up-to-date report on long suffering Gareth Davis, after his recent exploratory operation where he had some debris cleared out from his knee, is that he is back to a 're-hab' position and probably a couple of stages away from where he was before the operation. However I can report that he has kept himself in a highly positive

frame of mind and is not in any discomfort. We will be monitoring Gareth closely over the next couple of days for any reaction.

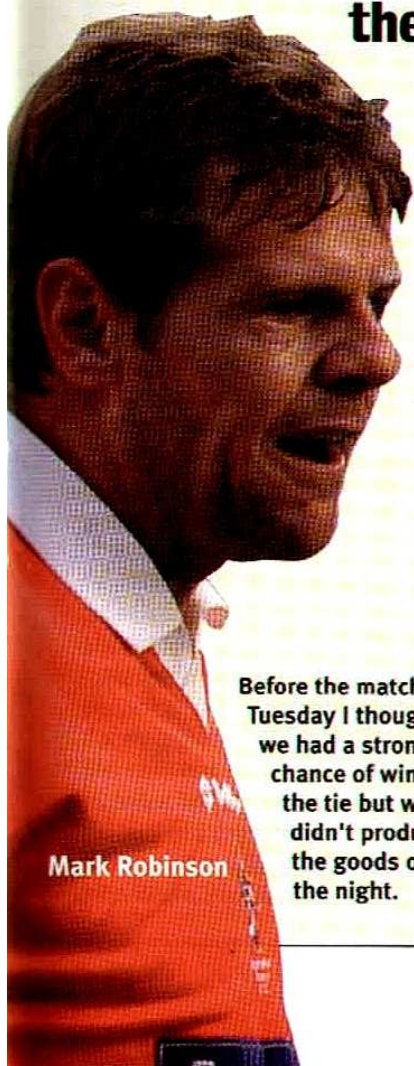
Bobby Howe is the only other slight worry at this stage. He suffered a rib problem two weeks ago after falling awkwardly during a game and then

aggravated the injury during training. We followed this up by taking x-rays, which confirmed my thoughts that we were dealing with a muscle problem. This has been a frustrating set-back which is now showing signs of progress and Bobby resumed some running two days before today's game.



with
Dick Mackey

"It's a big game for us and hopefully we can continue the league form of the previous Saturday."



Before the match on Tuesday I thought we had a strong chance of winning the tie but we didn't produce the goods on the night.

Mark Robinson

On reflection, I still believe they were there for the taking and, apart from their early goal, I don't think there was too much between the two sides. Tranmere are an experienced team and once they'd got the early goal it was going to be an uphill battle for us. We huffed and puffed and put a lot of effort in. However, Tranmere are a First Division side, they're no mugs and they were going to make it very hard for us to break them down.

We were much better in the second half but our composure on the ball let us down a bit. The quality final ball wasn't there and a lot of the time we made it very easy for their defence to head the ball away. I think that was the difference on the night, if we had produced better quality ball into the box then we might have got the rewards. It was frustrating not to get a shot on goal but the pressure was certainly there, we just couldn't break them down. It is always a

bonus if you win cup matches but at the moment that's all it is. It is the league that we are concerned with and we'll be getting back into it on Saturday against Wigan. It's a big game for us and hopefully we can continue the league form of the previous Saturday. It is all about the league and if we can put a couple of wins together we'll be looking down at teams and aiming higher at others. We're not playing with a huge amount of confidence in the league at the moment but if we can relax and play the football we know we are capable of then things will pick up.

We do need a win at home because we don't need to set another record like we did last season, I think that would be too much for the fans to bear. We hope that the fans will get behind us, I'm sure they will and there should be a few in the ground to make it a great atmosphere.

Five of the best:

The Bad Boys of Football...

Britain has always produced a certain type of player - the 'Hard Man'. Too many to mention them all but here's a quick look at Five of the Best....

5 VINNIE JONES

The former Wimbledon defender turned Hollywood actor had a reputation in the late 80's and early 90's as one of football's hardest players.

Such was his reputation, that he

has now been typecast as a violent gangster in cult films such as *Snatch* and *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*! Vinnie started life as the orchestrator of Wimbledon's infamous 'Crazy Gang'. During his days at Plough Lane, Jones was a no-nonsense, tough tackling defender who was regularly

found arguing with one of the opposing players and/or officials. His disciplinary record would make Patrick Vieira seem like a saint and many players dreaded squaring up to the cockney villain, hardly surprising when you look at the imposing figure pictured below, with crew-cut and the protruding veins on his forehead!

Yet, despite his aggressive reputation, Vinnie was a player who led by example as captain of Wimbledon and later Sheffield

United, Leeds and finally Wales. He would exemplify the pride and passion required by a skipper and he certainly added some much needed steel to the Welsh side.

4 STEVE MCMAHON

Former Town boss McMahon showed just how much of a disciplinarian he was when he arrived at the County Ground as player manager in 1994.

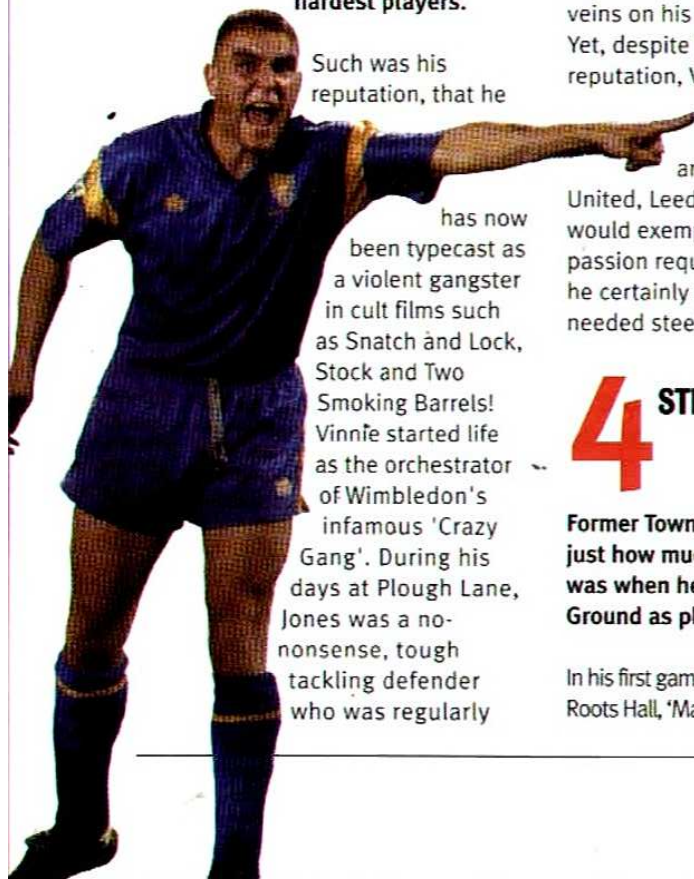
In his first game for the Town, away at Roots Hall, 'Macca' was given his marching

orders leaving the fans with an element of doubt about his ability to handle pressurised situations.

McMahon had spent much of the 80's terrorising opposing midfield's and defences for Liverpool after joining the Anfield club from Aston Villa. The balding midfield maestro was well known for bossing the middle of the park, but also for his tough challenges and constant arguing with the officials.

Nevertheless, his passion and commitment was clear for all to see. Although McMahon's arrival at the County Ground sparked feelings of optimism that he would bring some bite to the side, there was also an element of doubt, for his style of play had not been experienced before. In fact the closest Town had to a hard man before him was Luc Nijholt. His passion even got him sent off again, this time from the dugout in April 95; his arm waving antics became a familiar sight for Town fans.

It was well known that players who crossed him would do so at their peril, thus earning him a place in this issue's top five.



3 Dave Mackay



During his career with Spurs, which spanned almost a decade, Mackay made 268 league appearances, scoring 42 goals from midfield. He broke his left leg twice during that time, although what carnage he inflicted upon his opponents on those occasions (and others) is probably best not discussed here - he certainly didn't incur those injuries by tripping over whilst putting the cat out.

His finest season came in 1960-61 when he was a member of the Lillywhite's squad that achieved the famous league/cup double - a squad captained by the legendary Danny 'Sporting Shredded Wheat' Blanchflower. Other contemporaries included The 'G' Men - Jimmy Greaves and Alan Gilzean - the silky-smooth winger John White, Pat Jennings and Terry

Dyson. Dave was voted Scottish Footballer of the Year in 1958 and shared the English equivalent with Tony Book of Manchester City in 1969. Following the end of his playing career the wiry but stockily-built left-half replaced Brian Clough at the Baseball Ground as manager of Derby County and guided them to the League Championship in the 1974-75 season - a fitting finale to a truly magnificent footballing career. William John Bremner was born in Glasgow on December 9th, 1942. He joined Leeds United, as an amateur, in 1958 and signed professional forms at Elland Road in December 1959. He made his debut for Leeds at the age of 17 as a winger, partnered by a certain Don Revie - a man almost twice his age. He went on to play 585 league games, latterly in midfield, for Leeds and scored 90 goals for them in the process. Under the managership of Don Revie he played alongside the likes of Gary Sprake, Jackie Charlton, Norman 'Bites yer Legs' Hunter, Peter Lorimer, Allan 'Sniffer' Clarke, Johnny Giles and Andy Gray.

2 Billy Bremner

A fearless, uncompromising, ginger-haired character - small in stature - with a fiery temperament, he was not a man with any inclination to take prisoners, both he and Norman Hunter were a physical, defensive partnership that scared the pants off opposing midfielders and front men during the 60's and 70's.

Both of them, inevitably, became very familiar with the luxury of hot, long, solo baths ahead of their teammates on many a Saturday afternoon.

Indeed, Bremner has the honour of being one of the first domestic players to be sent off at Wembley, along with one Kevin Keegan, following a vigorously disputed matter of possession of the ball in

the 1974 FA Charity Shield. He made 54 international appearances for Scotland, scoring 3 goals, and his attitude for the game was ideally summed-up by the title of his autobiography - 'You get nowt for being second'. He was voted Footballer of the year in 1970, won two league championship medals (1968-69 and 1973-74), an FA Cup winners medal in 1972, a League Cup winners gong in 1968 and two UEFA Cup winners medals in 1968 and 1971.

He eventually moved on to Hull City (1976) and Doncaster Rovers (1979), and at the latter he had two spells as manager at Belle Vue.

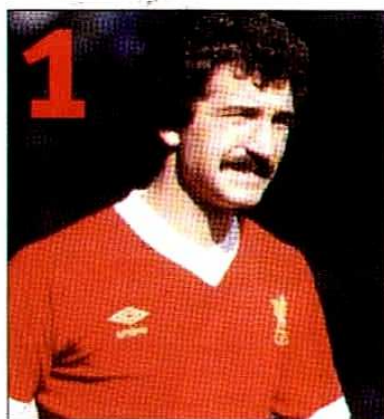
Billy Bremner died at the early age of 55 in 1997 but he remains, and always will, a sacred memory among the faithful at his his beloved Elland Road.



Five of the best:

This weeks winner, Graeme Souness, the Yosser Hughes of football...

Graeme Souness



Graeme Souness, although remembered for his steel and two-footed over the top tackling, was probably the most gifted footballer of our today's 'Five of the best'.

His ability to spray the ball around that successful Liverpool side of the late seventies, with either feet, was a vital ingredient for Bob Paisley's multi-talented team. He weighed in with a good tally of goals scored from

midfield and generally drove in from the edge of the box in spectacular style. Souness enjoyed his best moments at Liverpool with League, F.A. Cup and European success and this was followed by moves to Serie 'A' side Sampdoria before returning to his homeland as player-manager of Glasgow Rangers.

Souness' tough Scottish upbringing was certainly to hold him in great store in those old Division One days, competing with, and more than often coming out on top of, his rivals for that central midfield possession. However, there were a trio of players in that Liverpool changing room with Souness, in the form of Kenny Dalglish and Alan Hansen, who formed a clique and were forever 'on a wind up' with the rest of the team, in particular poor fellow Scot Steve Nicol, who took the brunt of their humour in fine style. Graeme Souness took his role in football dead

serious. But he will be forever immortalised in his T.V. appearance alongside Sammy Lee as themselves next to that well-known actor Bernard Hill, more easily remembered as Yosser Hughes. Those cherished lines "You look like me" by Yosser to Souness showed everyone a more light-hearted side to his dour demeanour.

After his playing days were finished he could not resist taking on the high-pressure role of management. This took him back to his native Scotland with Glasgow Rangers, followed by Liverpool, Southampton and Galatasaray. However his type of intensity nearly became his downfall when he suffered a heart attack needing open-heart surgery. But with typical Souness determination he has overcome adversity to remain in management with Blackburn Rovers and is looking to take them into the Premiership once more.

Oxford United Football Club



(HOME) Sunday 8th October 2.00pm

Picture: Joey Beauchamp

If there were a silver lining to the dark cloud that loomed over Town's 1999/2000 relegation campaign, it was the prospect of meeting up with our old adversaries Oxford United, Reading, both the Bristol sides and even Wycombe Wanderers.



Certainly from a financial point of view the signs were good as fans and sponsors alike eagerly anticipated the passion of each clash.

It will be a great weekend for football fans - on the Saturday we can enjoy watching Michael Owen run rings around the German's in

the vital World Cup qualifier and then, if that isn't enough, we meet the U's on Sunday here at the County Ground.

One we know we have to watch is one-time Town winger Joey Beauchamp. This tricky winger started his career with Oxford United before going on his search to find a club big enough to fulfil all his potential and ambitions. This search took him back to Oxford United via West Ham United and, of course, a stop-off at the County Ground. It was the Town who were the big losers in this transfer merry-go-round and in the end Swindon took a massive loss for Joey to re-join his hometown club.



Oldham Athletic Football Club



(AWAY) Saturday 14th October 3.00pm

Picture: Carlo Corazzin

A strong run of form towards the end of last season handed Andy Ritchie's side a comfortable mid-table finish. Confidence was high at Boundary Park and this season couldn't have started better for them with a comprehensive 4-1 victory over Port Vale on the opening day.



However, things have not gone so well since and Oldham have not won in the league since. Hopefully, by the time this fixture rears its head Swindon will be looking good in mid-table and eyeing the prospect of a trip to Oldham with some confidence. Former prolific Latics' goalscorer Andy Ritchie

(who notched over 100 goals after joining in 1987) will be happy with the form of Canadian international Carlo Corazzin.

The much-travelled striker moved from Northampton Town on a free transfer during the summer and has hit two goals in his eight opening matches for the struggling side.

The 28-year-old striker also had successful spells with Cambridge and Plymouth after moving to England from his Canadian side Vancouver 86 in 1993. He has now scored over 100 league goals in the lower divisions.



Swindon Town FC Box Office



Watch this space for all you need to know about forthcoming matches.

Oxford United Football Club (HOME)

Sunday 8th October 2.00pm

Nationwide League Division 2 fixture at The County Ground.

THIS MATCH IS CURRENTLY NOT ALL TICKET, ALTHOUGH IT MAY CHANGE ON POLICE ADVICE

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £15 - 18
Concessions: £8 - 10
Juniors: £4 - 5



Oldham Athletic Football Club (AWAY)

Saturday 14th October 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division 2 fixture at Boundary Park.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £15
Concessions: £7
Juniors: £7



Swansea City Football Club (AWAY)

Tuesday 17th October 7.45pm

- Nationwide League Division 2 fixture at Vetch Field. Ticket prices to be confirmed.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: tbc
Concessions: tbc
Juniors: tbc



Bristol Rovers Football Club (HOME)

Saturday 21st October 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division 2 fixture at The County Ground. Tickets for this match are now on general sale.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £15 - 18
Concessions: £8 - 10
Juniors: £4 - 5



Millwall Football Club (HOME)

Tuesday 24th October 7.45pm

Nationwide League Division 2 fixture at The County Ground. Tickets for this match are now on general sale.

Matchday Prices From:

Adults: £15 - 18
Concessions: £8 - 10
Juniors: £4 - 5



Notts County Football Club (AWAY)

Saturday 28th October 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division 2 fixture at The County Ground. Tickets for this match are now on general sale.

Matchday Prices From:

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Town travel to Boundary Park to face struggling second division Oldham Athletic. After last week's away win at Kenilworth Road we can be optimistic on our travels. Home teams come at us when we're away and it gives

our attack the chance to get in behind the defence. Then, only three days later, we cross the border to Wales to meet the Swans. Ticket prices for this match are to be confirmed so check next week's matchday magazine.



Oldham Athletic Football Club, Boundary Park

Ground Capacity: 13,500
Club Nickname: The Latics

Oldham Athletic FC



Nationwide League Division Two

Saturday 14th October 3.00pm

Adults: £15
Concessions: £7
Juniors: £7

Travel Information

Depart **COUNTY GROUND:** 09.00
Depart **ERMIN STREET:** 09.15
Depart **WEST SWINDON:** 08.45

Adult Fare: £15
Under-15 Fare: £13.50

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



Swansea City Football Club, Vetch Field

Stadium Capacity: 10,400
Club Nickname: Swans

Swansea City FC



Nationwide League Division Two

Tuesday 17th October 7.45pm

Adults: £TBC
Concessions: £TBC
Juniors: £TBC

Travel Information

Depart **COUNTY GROUND:** 15.00
Depart **ERMIN STREET:** 15.15
Depart **WEST SWINDON:** 14.45

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Our LUCKY MASCOT was Callum McKecknie who was chosen from the Robin's who travelled on our coach.

Don't forget to be a Junior, all you need to do is register with the Supporters' Club to get your Membership Card and PERSONAL NUMBER and £3 will enable you to have FREE matchday tickets - you only pay for your coach fare on the away trips we are able to book for you. Being a Season Ticket holder DOES NOT automatically register you as a Junior - you have to register and pay £3 to join.

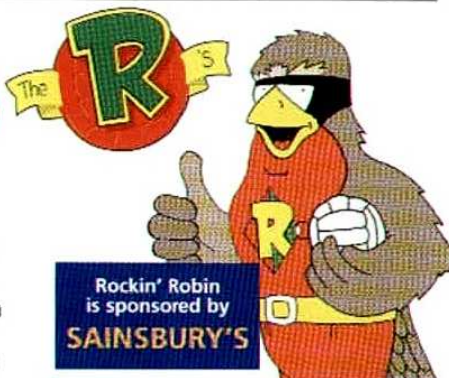
Our next trip away hopefully will be against NOTTS COUNTY on Saturday

October 28th 2000, so come on, GET REGISTERED.

A limited number of ADULT TICKETS will be available at no cost. Adults can travel with the Juniors. If we can fill a coach for Juniors we may be able to go early and arrange to play Notts County juniors in the mornings prior to the match in the afternoon, making a really good day out. PLEASE BOOK EARLY so any arrangements can be made with Notts County. 24 hour information for trips on: 01793 825935 OR RING ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER on the telephone numbers shown.

We hope the Disco on Sunday 22nd October will be a great success, so make a note to come along to a good evening. Committee members you may need to contact:

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Swindon Town Football Club Supporters' Club



For supporters who were unable to come on Tuesday we are delighted to announce that the winner of the half-time draw at the Walsall match, which seems an age ago now, was **Mr S. Davey**. He and a friend had joined the subscription scheme that very day and promptly won the sum of **£270**.

The draw, which is now sponsored by the **Evening Advertiser**, returns today and tickets may be purchased on a matchday from our sellers. Alternatively subscribers may join for up to 24 matches by completing an application form, available on our website or from committee members on a matchday.

We were delighted that **Willie Penman** joined us to make the draw at half time against Walsall and today we are just as pleased to have unearthed another star from a previous era that saw service with both Clubs locked in combat today.

We are extremely grateful to **Arnold Darcy** who is making a welcome return to the County Ground today and we are sure that all supporters will welcome him generously as he makes the draw at half time.

Membership of the Supporters' Club remains open to all Town fans and **you can join by completing the application form** by downloading from our website or by picking up an application form from our committee members on matchdays who can be found within the office, which also houses the away travel organisation, on matchdays. Please ask for details of the benefits that our members enjoy.

Membership costs just **£5** for adults, **£3** for concessions and **£15** for family membership, which allows up to 5 people to join providing there are 2 children (under 18).

On the news front, members may look out for an information sheet/newsletter, which will be produced before Christmas, and we are currently working on two other projects which are in their infancy.

Firstly, we are waiting to finalise dates for an **open forum**, which will give supporters an opportunity to meet the key players in the running of the football club. This will be run as a question and answer session.

Secondly, we intend to hold an informal **social evening**, which will include an evening's entertainment based on Swindon Town. As well as being fun-based it will give supporters a chance to mingle and enjoy the company of fellow supporters. More details and specifics later.

Don't forget to visit our website at <http://go.to/swindontown> for up-to-date news and information.

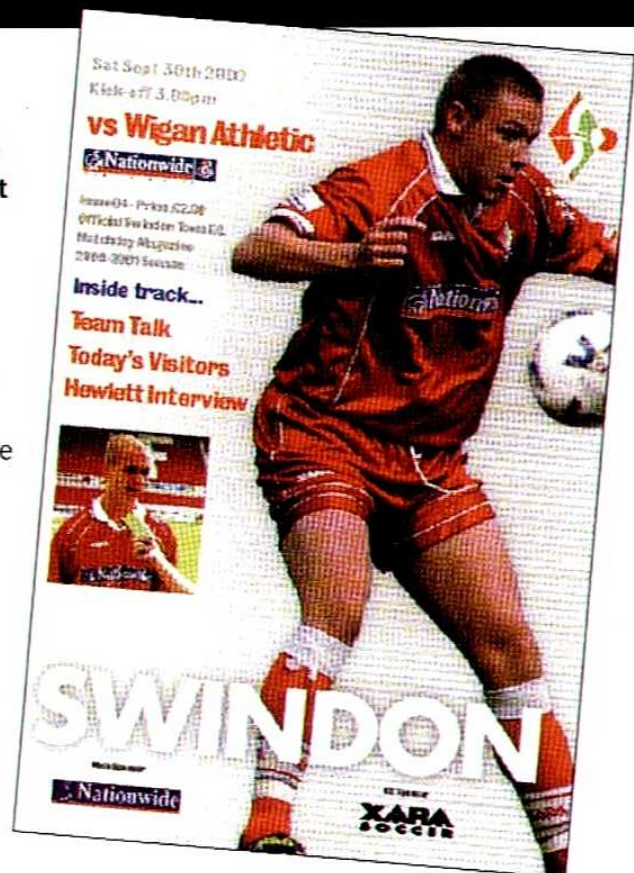
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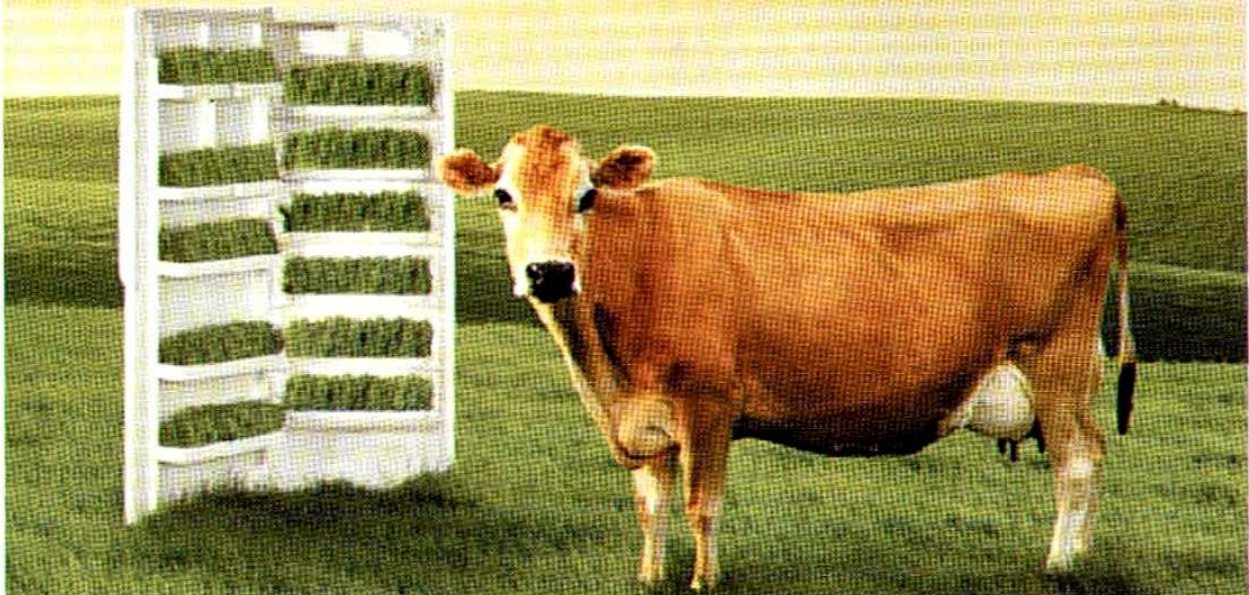


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Week in pictures

A look back at this weeks sporting moments with...



Thursday 21st

British Canoeist Paul Ratcliffe proudly holds the silver medal he won in the mens' canoe C1.



Saturday 23rd

Steve Redgrave celebrates his fifth gold medal in as many olympics, possibly making him the world's greatest Olympian.



Friday 22nd

Joanne Goode and Simon Archer win Britain's first Olympic medal in Badminton with the bronze.



Sunday 24th

Denise Lewis wins another gold for Britain in the Heptathlon.



Tuesday 26th

Viduka celebrates his goal in Leeds' 6-0 win over Basiktas that silenced their critics



Monday 25th

Jonathan Edwards adds to the tally of golds for Great Britain with a triple jump of over 17 metres.



Wednesday 27th

Dean Macey moves into a silver medal position in the Decathlon after five disciplines.





'What goes around comes around...'

Nick John takes a look down memory lane and suggests that things might not be all bad for Colin Todd's men...

This weekend thirty five years ago, Stanley Matthews had recently become the 1st professional footballer to be knighted, Muhammed Ali was about to defeat Floyd Patterson and retain his World Heavyweight Championship title and Swindon Town F.C. were 9 games into a new season, having been relegated from the old Division 2 only five months previously.

"And your point?" I hear you say. Well, hold on one second, let's examine exactly what was happening down at the County Ground all those years ago in more detail. To begin with, we note that the reserves were looking a strong outfit and had travelled the opposite direction to the 1st team and secured promotion to Division 1 of the Football Combination, taking Chelsea reserves to the cleaners in their previous weekend's home fixture of September 11th 1965, duly winning 6-2 in front of an attendance of 3,500 (can you

imagine that amount of people turning up for a reserve game now?).

The first team began the season well, but were showing signs of inconsistency after losing Mike Summerbee to Manchester City and Ernie Hunt to Wolves in pre-season and slipping to 9th position after 10 games.

Now, along comes some interesting parallels thrown up by football's trivia and pointing out that Colin Todd's team are actually on their way to a rich vein of form spanning the next decade.

To begin with Danny Williams was brought in to replace Bert Head for the start of the 65-66 season (shades of Colin Todd for Jimmy Quinn) and immediately signed goalkeeper Peter Downsborough from Halifax Town to replace Tony Hicks (Griemink for Talia). This was followed closely by securing contracts for Joe Butler from Newcastle Utd and Mel Nurse from

Swansea. Mr Williams was now regularly playing Roger Smart and Rod Thomas, having both come of age, alongside two survivors of the previous season - the legendary Don Rogers and John Trollope. Considering the financial restraints, this was followed by Williams signing Stan Harland, Frank Burrows, Peter Noble, Willie Penman, John Smith and Don Heath over the course of the next two seasons. The equivalent of Colin Todd's wholesale changes of today's world.

Which of those heroes of yesteryear relate to the present squad - well I'm not too sure. Perhaps Danny Invincible is to be the next Don Rogers or Marko Tuomela a Stan Harland of the future, who knows? But if the old saying 'what goes around comes around' is true, then the trophy cabinet over the next five years will be filled with equivalent silverware from a promotion, a League Cup win and an Anglo-Italian cup final win.

Around the Grounds...

As The Town take on Wigan Athletic this afternoon at the County Ground, we take a sneak preview at what's going on elsewhere around the grounds in Division Two...

Ron Noades has ruled out any big money transfers quashing hopes of a move for Torquay's Tony Bedeau. Mark McCammon is doubtful with an injury.



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Boss Sean O'Driscoll is looking for his side to score more goals to life them up the table, this despite last week's 3-0 victory.

Rovers continued their unbeaten record last week with a 3-0 victory over Cambridge at the Abbey Stadium and should win today against strugglers Luton



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More woe for Ricky Hill as Teenage striker Tresor Kandol is facing prison after missing a second court appearance for train fare evasion.

Following Lua Lua's move to Newcastle, Colchester will be hoping that keeper Tony Brown plays like he did last week. The U's will miss him today against Stoke



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On loan Marvin Robinson is definitely out with Thordarson, who, along with Bjarni Gudjonsson, picked up a knock last week.

Northampton boss Kevin Wilson is confident that Richard Dryden will be fit for action for the Cobblers' clash against Wrexham today. Jamie Forrester also returns



v



Debutant Moroccan defender Emad Bouanane should start again after his impressive performance on Saturday despite the side's defeat.

The Latics are giving a trial to ex-Watford player Colin Pluck. The 22-year-old left-sided defender has arrived at Boundary Park via Iceland and should play today.



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Off the pitch ructions involving manager Roy McFarland will have to be put behind them as they entertain and look to get back to winning ways.

Veteran striker Guy Whittingham was locked in talks with Oxford at the weekend. His arrival would be welcomed with the U's at the bottom.



v



Lee Peacock is ready to give City a boost ahead of today's derby clash with Oxford. The £600,000 striker is set to return following a calf injury.

Posh boss Barry Fry is concerned that all Peterborough's goals from open play have come from strikers, and fears his forwards may get burnt out.



v



Millwall have named former Wolves boss Mark McGhee as their new manager, and he has signed a two year contract at The Den.

Brian Horton insists he will not walk away from Vale Park despite fans chanting for his head after Saturday's 2-0 away defeat at Bury.



v



More joy for high-flying Wycombe with defender Mark Rogers being called into Canada's squad for their World Cup qualifier against Panama in October.

Rotherham may have to pay a club record fee to sign striker Alan Lee from Burnley. The young striker made his debut for the Millers in Saturday's game at Stoke.



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The only worry for boss Alan Pardew at the moment is that the Royal's fans will be expecting four or five goals a game after their recent prolific form.

Swansea's adopted Welshman Matthew Bound has been called up into the Wales squad for the forthcoming World Cup qualifiers with Norway and Poland.



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Boss Preece may be forced to bring in a new face with Baichung Bhutia away on international duty for India.

Walsall will check on the fitness of winger Darren Wrack ahead of today's game against Notts County



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Manager Jocky Scott may bring in loan stars Nick Fenton and Colin Cramb.

Statistics 2000/2001...

STFC Fact-files...

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The Key...

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F.A.CUP-WORTHINGTON CUP

Date Opponents Result Attn Pos

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|---------------|---------------------|---|-----|--------|----|----------|-----------|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| SAT AUG 12TH | COLCHESTER UTD | H | 0-0 | 7,296 | 9 | GRIEMINK | ROBINSON | DAVIS | ALEXANDER | INVINCIBLE | DUKES(1) | O'HALLORAN | REEVES | GRAZIANI |
| SAT AUG 19TH | READING | A | 0-2 | 14,134 | 20 | GRIEMINK | DAVIS | REEVES | WILLIS | ROBINSON | HEWLETT | INVINCIBLE | O'HALLORAN | ALEXANDER |
| TUE AUG 22ND | EXETER CITY WC1 (1) | H | 1-1 | 5,193 | - | GRIEMINK | COBIAN | HEISELBERG | ALEXANDER | HOWE | DUKE(2) | O'HALLORAN | REEVES | GRAZIANI |
| SAT AUG 26TH | WALSALL | H | 1-4 | 5,492 | 24 | GRIEMINK | COBIAN | HEISELBERG(1) | VAN DER LINDEN | REEVES | O'HALLORAN | HOWE | HEWLETT | INVINCIBLE |
| MON AUG 28TH | PORT VALE | A | 0-3 | 3,926 | 24 | GRIEMINK | ROBINSON | WILLIS | O'HALLORAN(2) | DUKE | REEVES | HOWE | COWE | HEWLETT |
| TUE SEPT 5TH | EXETER CITY WC1 (2) | A | 2-1 | 2,825 | - | GRIEMINK | ROBINSON | WILLIS | O'HALLORAN(2) | INVINCIBLE | DUKE(1) | HOWE | M WILLIAMS(2) | REEVES |
| SAT SEPT 9TH | BRISTOL CITY | A | 1-0 | 10,110 | 21 | GRIEMINK | ROBINSON | WILLIS | O'HALLORAN(2) | INVINCIBLE | DUKE(1) | HOWE | M WILLIAMS(2) | REEVES |
| TUE SEPT 12TH | BOURNEMOUTH | A | 0-3 | 3,673 | 22 | GRIEMINK | DAVIS | REEVES | WILLIS | ROBINSON | DUKE | HEWLETT | HOWE | INVINCIBLE |
| TUE SEPT 19TH | TRANMERE WC2 (1) | A | 1-1 | 4,289 | - | GRIEMINK | COBIAN(1) | TOOMELA | O'HALLORAN | ROBERTSON(2) | DUKES | HEWLETT | M WILLIAMS | REEVES |
| SAT SEPT 23RD | LUTON TOWN | A | 2-3 | 4,933 | 20 | GRIEMINK | ALEXANDER | COBIAN(1) | DUKES(2) | DAVIS | REEVES | TOOMELA | M WILLIAMS(2) | O'HALLORAN |
| TUE SEPT 26TH | TRANMERE ROVERS | H | 0-1 | 4,753 | - | GRIEMINK | DAVIS | REEVES | ROBINSON | DUKE | O'HALLORAN | HEWLETT | ALEXANDER(3) | WILLIAMS |
| SAT SEPT 30TH | WIGAN ATH. | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SUN OCT 8TH | OXFORD UTD | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT OCT 14TH | OLDHAM ATH. | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TUE OCT 17TH | SWANSEA CITY | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT OCT 21ST | BRISTOL ROVERS | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TUE OCT 24TH | MILLWALL | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT OCT 28TH | NOTTS COUNTY | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT NOV 4TH | WYCOMBE W. | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TUE NOV 7TH | WREXHAM | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT NOV 11TH | PETERBOROUGH UTD | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT NOV 18TH | FA CUP 1ST RND | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT NOV 25TH | STOKE CITY | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT DEC 2ND | NORTHAMPTON TOWN | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT DEC 9TH | FA CUP 2ND RND | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT DEC 16TH | ROTHERHAM UTD | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT DEC 23RD | BURY | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TUE DEC 26TH | BRENTFORD | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT DEC 30TH | READING | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MON JAN 1ST | WALSALL | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT JAN 6TH | COLCHESTER UTD | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT JAN 13TH | PORT VALE | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT JAN 20TH | BRENTFORD | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT JAN 27TH | BURY | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SUN FEB 4TH | WREXHAM | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT FEB 10TH | BRISTOL CITY | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT FEB 17TH | CAMBRIDGE UTD | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TUE FEB 20TH | BOURNEMOUTH | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT FEB 24TH | LUTON TOWN | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT MAR 3RD | WIGAN ATH. | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TUE MAR 6TH | OLDHAM ATH. | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT MAR 10TH | OXFORD UTD | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT MAR 17TH | SWANSEA CITY | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT MAR 24TH | BRISTOL ROVERS | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT MAR 31ST | ROTHERHAM UTD | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT APR 7TH | NORTHAMPTON TOWN | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT APR 14TH | MILLWALL | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MON APR 16TH | NOTTS COUNTY | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT APR 21ST | WYCOMBE W. | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT APR 28TH | PETERBOROUGH UTD | H | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT MAY 5TH | STOKE CITY | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |

CAMBRIDGE UTD H TBA

Top Scorers 2000/2001...

MARTIN WILLIAMS
DANNY INVINCIBLE
ALAN REEVES
BOBBY HOWE, DAVID DUKE

2
2
2
1

Top Gates 2000/2001...

COLCHESTER UNITED
WALSALL
EXETER CITY
TRANMERE ROVERS

7,296
5,492
5,193
4,753







Last Four Matches...

TRANMERE ROVERS 26TH SEPT H L 0-1
LUTON TOWN 23RD SEPT A W 3-2
TRANMERE ROVERS 19TH SEPT A D 1-1
BOURNEMOUTH 12TH SEPT A L 0-3

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH 2000 3.00PM
VS WIGAN ATHLETICPLAYER IN RED
DENOTES SCORERNUMBER IN BRACKETS
DENOTES PLAYER REPLACED()

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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| WILLIS | HEWLETT | MILDENHALL | HOWE(1) | COWE(2) | GRIFFIN | COBIAN |
| GRAZIOLI(1) | DUKE(2) | MILDENHALL | HOWE(1) | GRIFFIN(2) | VAN DER LINDEN | COBIAN |
| VAN DER LINDEN | HEWLETT | MILDENHALL | COWE(1) | WILLIAMS(2) | GRIFFIN | ROBINSON |
| GRAZIOLI | ALEXANDER | MILDENHALL | DAVIS(1) | GRIFFIN | WILLIS | DUKE |
| GRIFFIN(1) | DAVIS | MILDENHALL | GRAZIOLI(1) | WILLIAMS(2) | COBIAN | VAN DER LINDEN |
| DAVIS | HEWLETT | MILDENHALL | ROBERTSON(1) | GRAZIOLI(2) | COWE | COBIAN |
| DAVIS | HEWLETT | MILDENHALL | GRAZIOLI(1) | ROBERTSON | COBIAN | VAN DER LINDEN |
| O'HALLORAN | M WILLIAMS | MILDENHALL | TUOMELA(1) | GRAZIOLI(2) | COBIAN | |
| DAVIS | ALEXANDER | MILDENHALL | ROBINSON(1) | WILLIAMS(2) | VAN DER LINDEN | GRAZIOLI |
| HEWLETT | ROBERTSON(3) | MILDENHALL | ROBINSON(1) | INVINCIBLE(2) | YOUNG(3) | GRAZIOLI |
| TUOMELA(2) | ROBERTSON(1) | MILDENHALL | INVINCIBLE(1) | WILLIS(2) | GRAZIOLI(3) | COBIAN |

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LAST UPDATED 25/09/2000

| TEAM | PLD | W | D | L | F | A | PTS |
|----------------|-----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| WALSALL | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 10 | 20 |
| WIGAN | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 6 | 17 |
| BURY | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 17 |
| READING | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 20 | 9 | 16 |
| WYCOMBE | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 15 |
| CAMBRIDGE | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 7 | 14 |
| ROTHERHAM | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 14 | 14 |
| BRISTOL ROVERS | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 14 | 6 | 13 |
| MILLWALL | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 7 | 13 |
| STOKE CITY | 8 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 7 | 13 |
| NORTHAMPTON | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 13 |
| COLCHESTER | 9 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 11 |
| SWANSEA | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 11 |
| NOTTS COUNTY | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| PETERBOROUGH | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 12 | 11 |
| BOURNEMOUTH | 8 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| PORT VALE | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 8 |
| BRENTFORD | 8 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 14 | 8 |
| WREXHAM | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 7 |
| SWINDON | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 7 |
| LUTON | 9 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 14 | 6 |
| OLDHAM | 9 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 19 | 6 |
| BRISTOL CITY | 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| OXFORD UTD | 9 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 21 | 4 |

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Appearances 2000/2001

| PLAYER NAME: | SQUAD NO.S | LEAGUE APPS. | CUP APPS. | TOTAL APPS. | GOALS ALL COMPS. |
|------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| BART GRIEMINK | 1 | 7 | 4 | 11 | - |
| MARK ROBINSON | 2 | 5(1) | 2(1) | 7(2) | - |
| SOL DAVIS | 3 | 4(1) | 3(1) | 7(2) | - |
| MATTHEW HEWLETT | 4 | 7 | 4 | 11 | - |
| ADAM WILLIS | 5 | 5 | 1(1) | 6(1) | - |
| ANTOINE VAN DER LINDEN | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - |
| KEITH O'HALLORAN | 7 | 7 | 4 | 11 | - |
| BOBBY HOWE | 8 | 4(2) | 2 | 6(2) | 1 |
| CHARLIE GRIFFIN | 9 | (1) | - | (1) | - |
| GIULIANO GRAZIOLI | 10 | 3(2) | 1(3) | 4(5) | - |
| DAVID DUKE | 11 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 1 |
| JUAN COBIAN | 12 | 2 | 2 | 4 | - |
| STEVE COWE | 14 | 1(1) | (1) | 1(2) | - |
| ANDY WILLIAMS | 15 | (1) | (2) | (3) | - |
| KIM HEISELBERG | 16 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - |
| DANIEL INVINCIBLE | 17 | 5(1) | 1(1) | 6(2) | 2 |
| GARY ALEXANDER | 18 | 4 | 3 | 7 | - |
| MARK ROBERTSON | 19 | 1 | 2(1) | 3(1) | - |
| FRAZER MCHUGH | 20 | - | - | - | - |
| GARETH DAVIES | 21 | (1) | - | (1) | - |
| ALAN REEVES | 22 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 2 |
| STEVE MILDENHALL | 23 | - | - | - | - |
| MARTIN WILLIAMS | 24 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| MARKO TUOMELA | 25 | 1(1) | 2 | 3(1) | - |
| ALAN YOUNG | 26 | (1) | - | (1) | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - |

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the squads



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Swindon Town

The Squad

| | |
|----|------------------------|
| 1 | Bart Griemink |
| 2 | Mark Robinson |
| 3 | Sol Davis |
| 4 | Matthew Hewlett |
| 5 | Adam Willis |
| 6 | Antoine van der Linden |
| 7 | Keith O'Halloran |
| 8 | Bobby Howe |
| 9 | Charlie Griffin |
| 10 | Giuliano Grazioli |
| 11 | David Duke |
| 12 | Juan Cobian |
| 14 | Steve Cowe |
| 15 | Andy Williams |
| 16 | Kim Heiselberg |
| 17 | Daniel Invincibile |
| 18 | Gary Alexander |
| 19 | Mark Robertson |
| 20 | Frazer McHugh |
| 21 | Gareth Davies |
| 22 | Alan Reeves |
| 23 | Steve Mildenhall |
| 24 | Martin Williams |
| 25 | Marko Tuomela |
| 26 | Alan Young |

The Manager

Colin Todd



Wigan Athletic

The Squad

| | |
|----|------------------|
| 1 | Roy Carroll |
| 2 | Carl Bradshaw |
| 4 | Pat McGibbon |
| 5 | Stuart Balmer |
| 6 | Arjan De Zeeuw |
| 7 | Andy Liddell |
| 8 | Kevin Nicholls |
| 9 | Simon Haworth |
| 10 | Lee Ashcroft |
| 11 | Gino Padula |
| 12 | Neil Roberts |
| 13 | Derek Stillie |
| 14 | Scott Green |
| 16 | Roberto Martinez |
| 17 | Hugh Dickinson |
| 18 | Ian Kilford |
| 20 | Andy Porter |
| 21 | Brian McLoughlin |
| 22 | Darren Sheridan |
| 23 | Andrew Morris |
| 24 | paul Mitchell |
| 28 | Francis McMahon |
| 32 | Neil Redfearn |
| 34 | Alan McLoughlin |

The Manager

Bruce Rioch

Clarion
CAR AUDIO & BEYOND

Match Officials

Referee

P. E. Alcock

Assistant 1

R. East

Assistant 2

F. L. Gagan

4th Official

R. Desmond

Match Facts...

Half-Time Score

Full-Time Score

Attendance

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League Division Two VS Oxford United